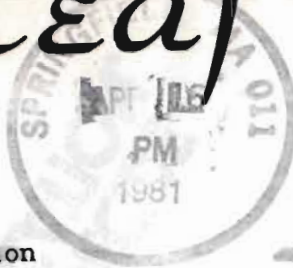
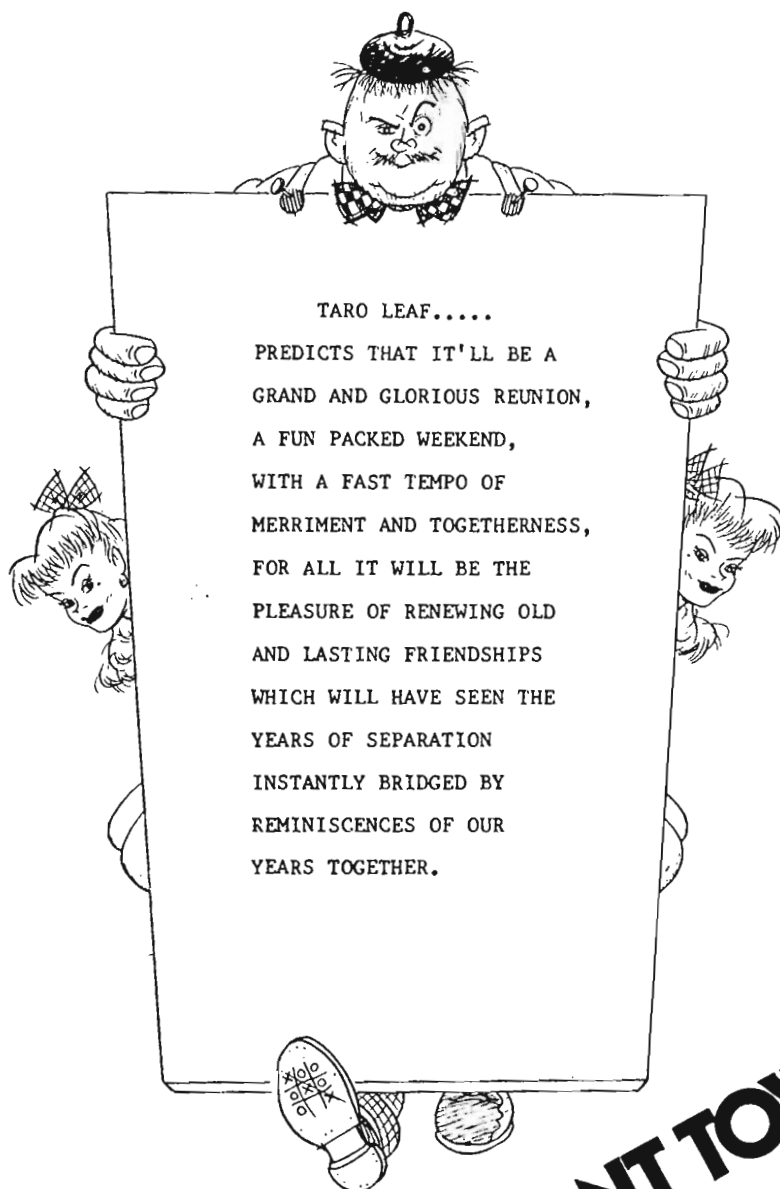


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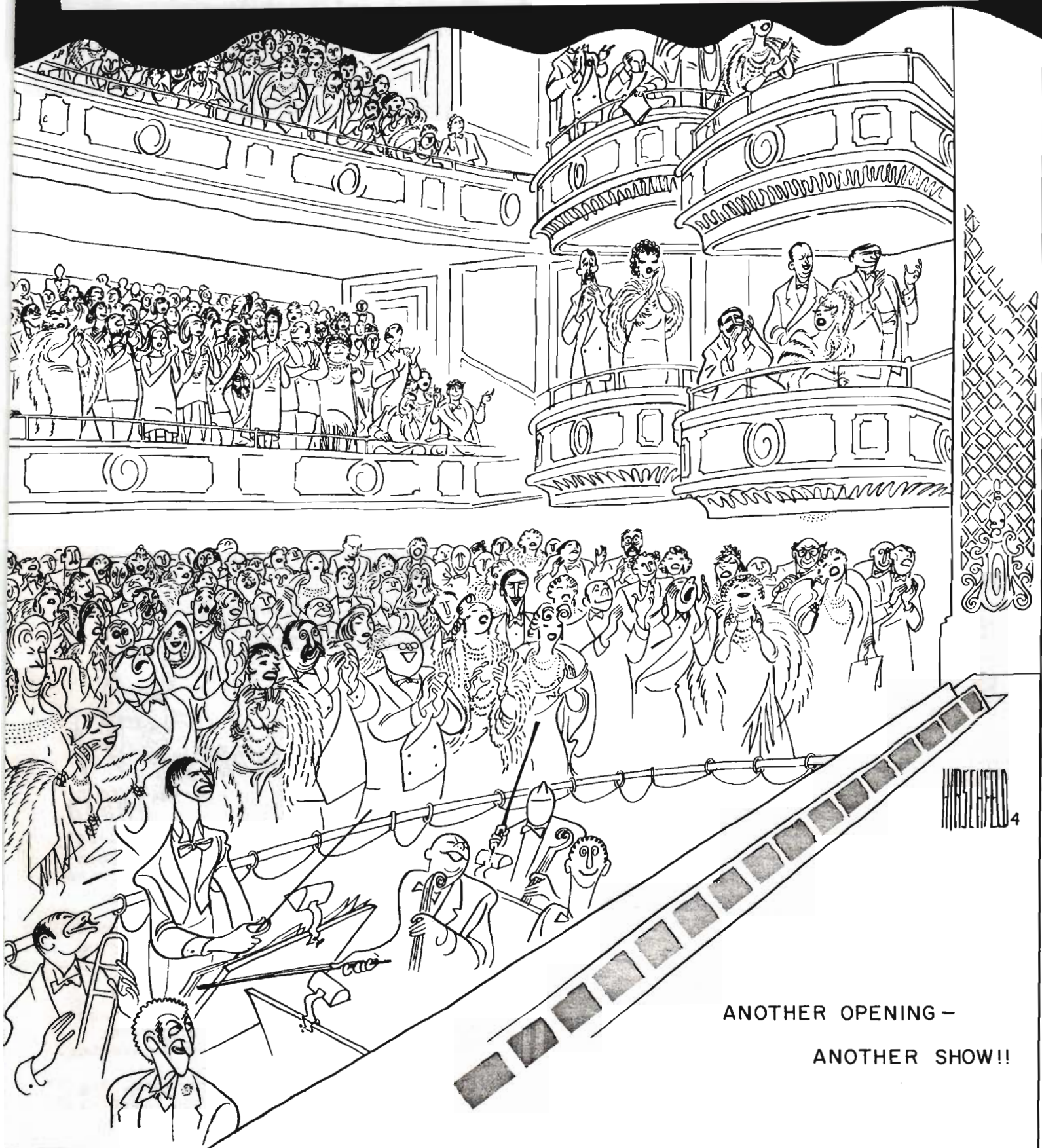


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PREDICTS THAT IT'LL BE A  
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The Division History covering 1941-1980 will be released just as soon as the Editor, who is writing it, can finish it. The cost — \$20 per copy. Only members will be allowed to purchase copies.

## MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS

Letters? Do we get letters?

Here's from one written by

LEROY ATKINS:

"Who does the printing of the Association letterhead? Don't know what the price is, but think we could at least have the division seal added as part of the heading. Being a printer for 33 years, this just happens to be my opinion."

Okay, this is an old complaint. The letterheads are printed by the one who prints our paper. We go the cheapest route possible. \$14 per 1000, but only in a bona fide effort to hold down expense. That's all!!!

We do have a supply of "good" stationery, complete with the insignia in all its glory, which we use for special occasions.

Don't know that this answer will satisfy, Roy, but it's the best we can come up with.

KEN PATE, (E-19th '42-'45), of 1205 Sunset, Burlington, Iowa, never knew we existed until a couple of weeks ago. Now he knows. How often we get that story. Ken just sent us about 20 names of E 19th buddies who likewise are now in the process of being informed. That you can depend upon.



Meet BILL NICHOLS, (G 21st '52; Hq.Co. 2nd Bn. 19th '64), of 537 Alabama, Birmingham, AL. This was when Bill was 215# in Korea. Now he's a slim 160#.

Adds Bill:

"I'd like to submit the following:

THINGS I COULD HAVE BEEN  
(and the reasons I wasn't)

1. I could have been a surgeon but I was too much of a cut up.
2. I could have been a tailor but I was needled out of it.
3. I could have been a policeman but I copped out.
4. I could have been a dairy farmer but I didn't have enough pull.
5. I could have been a golfer but I didn't have enough drive.

There are more, but I'll save them for later."

Save them for St.Louis, Bill. Look forward to seeing you there!



TOM MINNELLA, (Sv. & K 34th '43-'45), will be with us in August, if the Good Lord's willing and the crick don't rise. He and Margaret should; they live at 3271 Ivanhoe - in St.Louis. Tom operates the power plant at the airport. He'll greet you there if you're flying in.

WALT MORRISON, (24th MP '48-'51), of Millinocket, Maine, in real estate and insurance, says you're getting older when you look forward to a dull evening.

See you in St.Louis? Thursday, Aug.13 to Sunday Aug. 16? St.Louis' Stouffers? Rates \$40 single; \$50 double.

# LETTERS

We had gone to press, when the news that follows came to hand.

First, we were info'ed on a letter from Fort Stewart to Mrs. ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF, the widow of the late Major General, Division Commander from 12/44 to 12/45. The letter tells the story:

"One of the oldest traditions of the United States Army is to honor those service members, in an appropriate manner, who have distinguished themselves through outstanding service to their country and the United States Army. Major General ROSCOE B. WOODRUFF was such an individual.

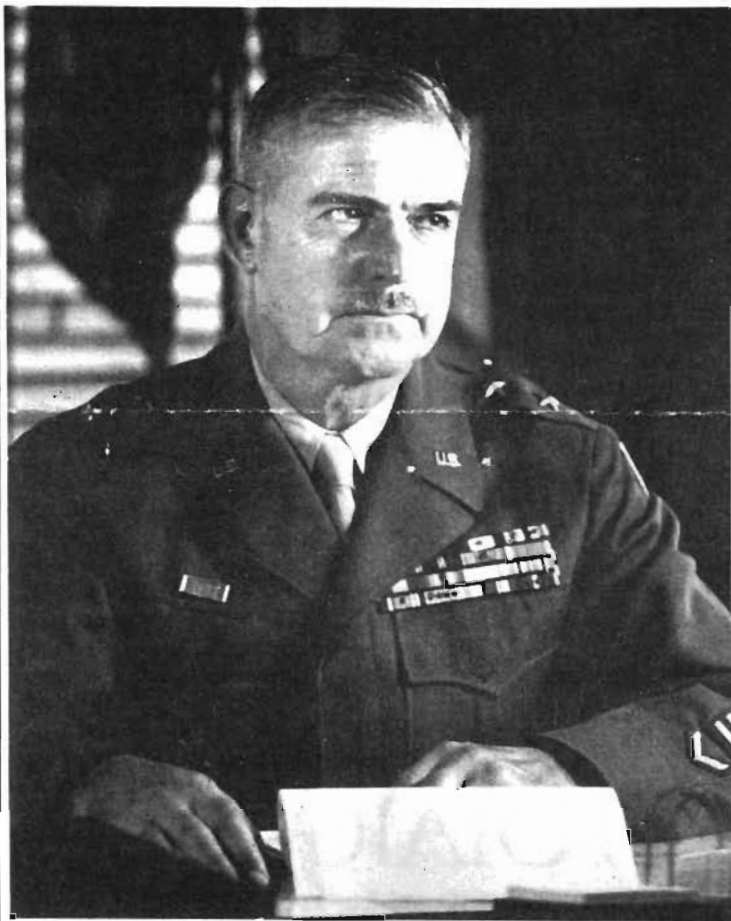
"I am proud to announce that Major General WOODRUFF has been selected to be memorialized by naming the Fort Stewart main post theater in his memory. The theater will be known as "Woodruff Theater." A dedication ceremony is being planned for 22 April 1981 at 1400. You are cordially invited to attend the dedication ceremony or visit Fort Stewart at any time."

In her positively - and usual - gracious style, Mrs. Woodruff responded thusly:

"Your recent letter of March 16th, informing me that your main post theater will be dedicated in the memory of my late husband, Major General Woodruff, came as a complete, wonderful surprise! Words rather fail me at this time, but rest assured that this significant honor will be shared not only by myself but all the members of my immediate family.

"It is with regret that I must inform you that due to my advanced years and physical condition I will not be able to accept your kind invitation to attend the dedication ceremonies on April 22nd. Believe me, though, I will be very much there in mind and spirit on that date! Should there be any official photographs or newspaper clippings of the ceremonies I would appreciate so much receiving such copies as might be available to share with my children and grandchildren as this will truly be an occasion to remember for many lifetimes.

"In closing, I must confess that your letter brought back with nostalgia and



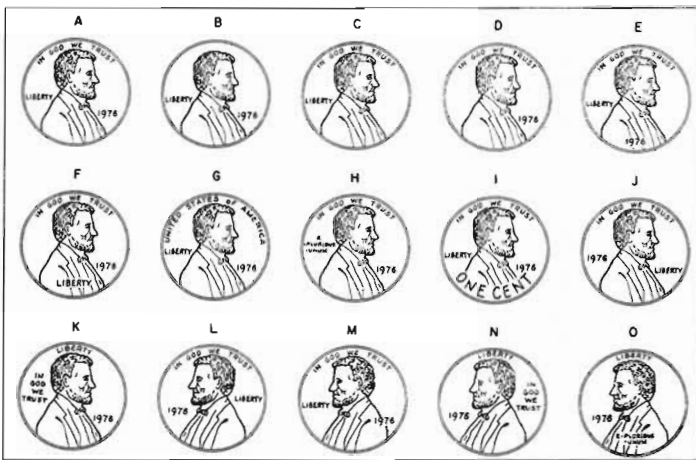
*Major General R. B. Woodruff*

a host of wonderful recollections and memories. As an 'Army Brat' . . . now with over '91 years of service for longevity' I can recall vividly my years of stationing before the turn of the century with my father (a Colonel of Cavalry) on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines. In 1945, 'Woody' and the 24th Division, many decades later, under some difficult conditions bravely pushed across Mindanao in the same areas as I lived as a youngster. 'V' for 'Victory' in those days was no idle boast by all the good men of the division!

"Again, deep and sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness in writing . . . I trust you will in time share this letter with your division commander, General Cochran.

"Warmly and sincerely,  
"MRS. R.B. (Alice) WOODRUFF."

We'll feature the publicity on this important event in our next issue. Meantime we are happy and proud that Division has seen fit to honor the memory of General "Woody" in this way.



One big problem with memory is that people don't observe well in the first place. For example, take the penny. What do you recollect? Which drawing is accurate? Don't cheat now!

Life Member NICK MARASCO, (L 34th '43-'45), of 22 Paper Mill, Honeoye Falls, N.Y., reports a recent Florida trip where he met with L.G.HICKS (GA), Maj.Gen. AUBREY NEWMAN (Sarasota), C.G.HANLIN (Largo), and LEONARD SPOONMORE (Winter Garden). Give us addresses on Hicks and Spoonmore, will you please, Nick?

## MEET & POTATOES

Meat and potatoes it is, from DON CUBBISON, (52F '41-'42), of 1311 Weaver, Clearwater, FL, who writes:

"I am greatly indebted to PAUL FRASER for enrolling me in the 24th Inf. Div. Assoc. I was unaware of its existence. Am greatly impressed.

"He and I and the remainder of B-52 FA shared Pearl Harbor Day and, then, months of boredom in the pineapple fields above Wailua.

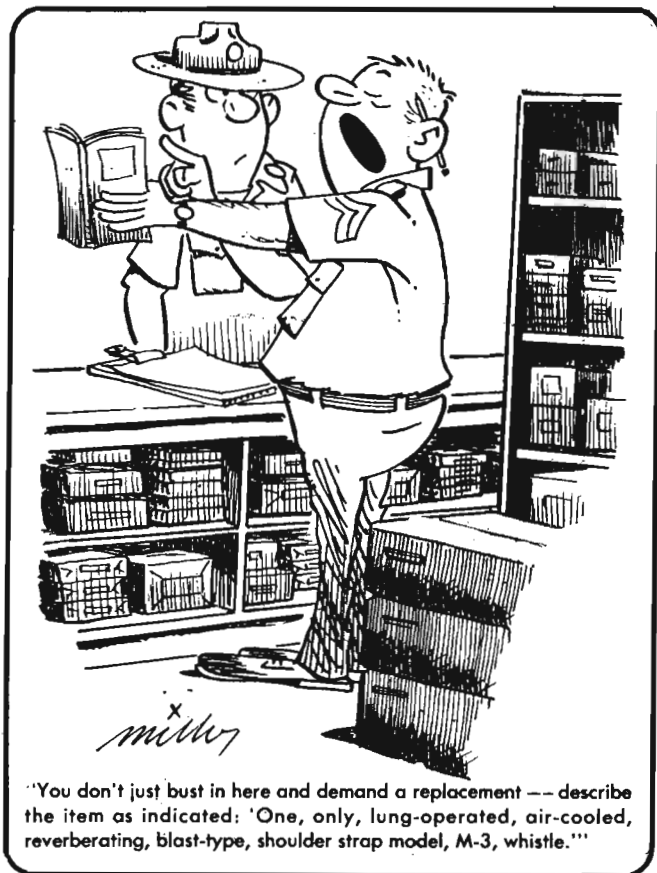
"Back at Schofield, slit trenches had been dug in front yards and my two children learned to put on gas masks and drive into the trench. The eldest, Don III, is now Command Sergeant Major of the 1st Brigade, 24 Infantry Div., at Fort Stewart. The second generation takes over and I hereby enroll him in the association.

"Have had a phone call from NEAL HUFF, B-19, here in Clearwater and a postcard from Kate and FRITZ WEBER as a result of my name appearing in Taro Leaf. Good luck - and regards to all.

Don Cubbison."

Appreciate the good words, Don.

Want "in" for Wahoo in Dec. - BOB and Betty PARNCUTT, (F 34 '44-'45), of 5202 F, Philadelphia.

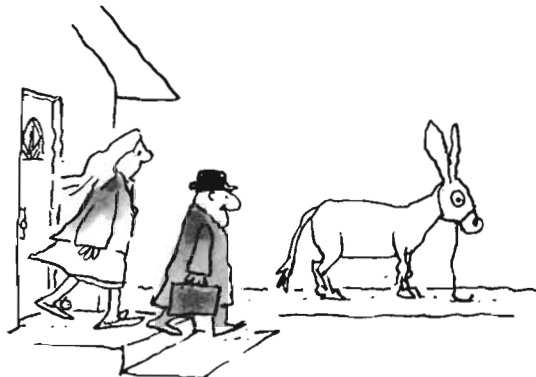


Life Member 418. It's BERNARD COHEN, (E 21st '44-'45), of 2131 Wallace, Bronx, N.Y. Bernie sends in \$100 in one grand lump. Has a problem. Complained of foot problems on Mindoro. Last 8 years have been "the worst as far as my feet go." V.A. calls it fallen arches; "not service connected." Adds Bernie, "Perhaps someone in Easy Company (1st Pl., 3rd Sq.), will remember my troubles back on Mindoro so as to help me prove what I say is true." Let's hear it, anyone in Easy Co.

Everybody makes mistakes. Take General Motors.

The experts there were puzzled when their Chevrolet Nova - which was doing big business in the States - bombed in Latin America.

Ah, ha, then they learned "Nova" had a special meaning in colloquial Spanish: "Does not go."



## A QUIZ

1. Where in the world can you re-hash your military stories with your old buddies?

2. How does a 24th Division man spell St. Louis, Mo. with only three letters?

(See answers to QUIZ at bottom of page.)

JOE MCKEON comes up with a dandy. Here's what he writes: "I've had for some time, but never brought up and that is, why couldn't the local committee for the Reunions visit the local Veteran's Hospital, ascertain the names of former members of the 24th Division and invite them to visit with us. They could be scheduled to arrive near the end of our business meeting, be introduced to the membership and spend the day in our hospitality room, where they could swap lies with the rest of us. I don't think the cost would be too high. Surely a couple of cases of beer and a couple of bottles of booze would take care of it, plus we could get a couple of trays of food for them to munch on. An additional dollar in the Registration fee would cover most of the cost and I am sure that some of the other fellows would join me in throwing in enough to see that there was the wherewithal for them to enjoy themselves. I don't know, maybe you folks have talked about it before and have decided it would not be a good idea, so it's only a thought.

We like the idea. Let's ask GERRY LIEBER to gumshoe this one with the local V.A. Hospital and give us a telephoned report sometime in May or June as to the possibilities here. It's a great idea, Joe. Many thanks. Will you catch the punt, Gerry, and run it back?



## ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. At St. Louis, Mo. next mid-August.

2. F-U-N



"No, general, the crazy lieutenant or the stupid major isn't here, but the thickheaded captain is."

Here's a whoop-and-a-holler for Reno, Nev. in '82. Read it just as C.W. FRANKLIN, (B 19th & 724 Ord. '51), of Cedar Tree Farm, Milford, Cal. wrote it:

"Can I put in a plug for holding the convention in '82 at Reno, Nevada? Why Reno? Well, I have a lot of hungry animals to feed and that is about as far as I can go before they get hungry again.

"Oh! I remember reading Dale Carnegie way back in the Second War. He says don't tell people why you want something, but tell 'em why they want the same thing.

"Okay, why do you want the 1982 convention to be in Reno? I think your reason is financial. Most places, it costs money to attend a convention - not in Reno!!! Reno pays you to attend. It's not a handout exactly; you have to go through some formalities. You go to the crap table to pay for your transportation. Then, maybe a few hands of blackjack to pay for your dinner. Then, some chuck-a-luck for your bed. After that, you're free to meet with the guys for the convention. Hey! You're really smart!

"In comradeship, C.W."





Stolen from a movie magazine; we read anything. But we clipped this one for obvious reasons.

# Happy Birthday, James Garner

On April 4 James Garner celebrates his 53rd birthday. Decade by decade here is a look at his life



**1932:** At four he charmed all the women in Norman, Okla.



**1945:** At 17 he left home to join the Merchant Marine.



**1951:** He fought in Korea, later became a model, then an actor.



**1962:** TV's long-running series *Maverick* made him a star.



**1976:** His own TV series *The Rockford Files* made him very rich.



**1981:** This fall he's back on TV in his old role as *Bret Maverick*.

SAM MAY, Life Member 265, (13th F '42-'45), writes from China Grove Cotton Mills, China Grove, N.C. - Sam's President, yes **PRESIDENT** - that he's had a little bout with melanoma.



Life Member 393 - that's JOHN T. BRADY, (C 21st '40-'43), of 1026 Chartiers, Pittsburgh, Pa. Johnny heard about us at a P.H.S.A. bash. Met Veep DALLAS DICK. Came to our Pittsburgh party last year. And already is a paid up lifer. We're happy you're with us, Johnny.

It's a new address - "5 acres in the country" - for JESSE R. HILL, (Med. 21st '50-'51). Try Rt. 4, Box 148A in Waynesboro, Ga. - that'll reach him.

GEORGE TOMINAGA, (C 13th F '47-'51) of 3105 S. Alma, San Pedro, Cal., tells us a story on Jim Frey, the manager of the Kansas City Royals. When he was managing Bluefield, W.Va. in the Appalachian League, he thought it was a big deal. He was sorely deflated, when someone at a party asked little Cindy Frey what her daddy did. "I don't know," answered Cindy. "All I ever see him do is spit." And watch Jim's spit this year; he's going to go the full distance with that club. They're red hot.





# it's terrific...

A letter from BILL SHOWEN, (21st '41-'43; 24 Rec'n '43-'44), of 1911 Francis, Waukesha, Wis., is always full of meat. Witness these paragraphs from his latest:

"The 'Old Spice' television commercials may be misleading. An older daughter gave the product to me for Christmas. After daily use of this 'after shave', I have yet to find a single young lady who will come up and take my arm as they do in the commercials. Of course, I must admit that I do not look quite like those young fellows on television either.

"Justice Burger recently stated that crime in the streets threatens the very fabric of American life. We have often heard that the elderly are prisoners in their own homes. Perhaps it's the community, but I must confess I have been walking every night for three years and not once have I been molested by any young women.

"In 1841, in a court in McHenry, IL, Judge Thomas Ford (Governor of Illinois 1842-46) acknowledged that the maxim of the law is that ninety and nine guilty escape before one innocent be convicted. But he added, 'The trouble here is that the ninety-nine have already escaped.' One who didn't escape was a 'Judy' in Indiana who was electrocuted in the electric chair last night. But he would have, had it not been for his own wish. Today we permit the convicted to escape because of trivial errors by law enforcement, prosecutors, etc. I suppose this might be legally correct but I am certain the people who wrote the constitution and the Bill of Rights did not intend for this interpretation."

C.W. "Bill" MENNINGER (34th and 21st - Korea), of 5009 LaMadera, El Monte, Calif., is Membership Chairman of the Orange chapter of the American Ex-Prisoners of War. If you want any info on this organization, call Bill at 213-444-2689 or 443-2892.

GERRY and Belle STEVENSON celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on board the SS Norway on March 17th. Cruised to St. Thomas. Marilyn and Tony had made it before them so they copied them. Terrific ship, great cruise, all report.

Of our annual get-together, Maj. Gen. A.S. "Red" NEWMAN, (34th, Div.Hq. '41-'45) says: "Most veterans have never attended their unit reunions, thus have missed an experience in patriotism and friendship like no other."

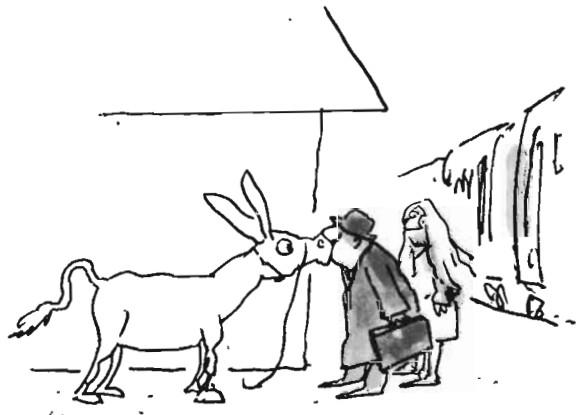


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RUSS HAGERMAN, (11F '45-'47) winters at 2712 14th Ave., Ruskin, FL and summers at 3021 Cabot, Lansing, MI. He tells about once being in a strange town and feeling ill. He asked the hotel clerk if he could recommend a good doctor. The clerk told him there was one right next door. "Is he a real good doctor?" inquired Russ. Came the reply, "You bet he is. Even if you were at death's door, he'd pull you through."



Mail comes back on CHARLIE TEWELL (L 21st '42-'45). Damned shame, Life Member too. We've been sending it to 3915 Henderson St., Hannibal, Mo. Tom Sawyer would have fits, if he knew.

Dues in again from one of our oldest members - JOE DAIGLE, (24th Sig. '42-'45), of 419 Louisiana, Port Allen, La. Joe and Evelyn, we ask you, can you possibly make our August "clambake"? Says Joe: "At a garage sale, you get the pick of the litter." How true, Joe.

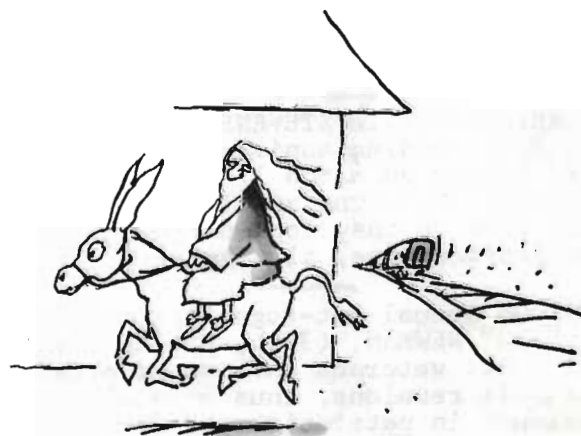
"One fascinating facet of reunions is that you never know who you will run into next, reminding you of some shared combat experience." Those are the meaningful words of Maj.Gen. AUBREY S. "Red" NEWMAN in describing a 24th Convention.

It's a new address for KERMIT FARNSWORTH, (F & Hq.Co. 2nd Bn. 21st '40-'45), of Box 1493, Fallon, Nev. He's looking for ham operators in the Assoc. He's W7WLV.

Mail in from MEREDITH REYNOLDS, (C 21st 6/50-6/51), of 918 Farwell, Columbus, Ga. He writes:

"Really enjoy the Taro Leaf. Every once in awhile I run across a name of one of the members of Co. C 21st which was commanded by Lt. (Later Col. WYRICK). July and August 1950, was a desperate time (loaded with danger) for the whole Co. I remember one very funny incident from those days that demonstrates how coolness under enemy fire can turn confusion to orderliness. Some of your readers might remember a similar incident. The first platoon (commanded by Lt. LOREN CHAMBERS) dug in on a low hill near Chochiwan, engaged in a fight lasting from dawn until late afternoon. In danger of being overrun we were ordered to withdraw. Reluctant to expose ourselves to enemy fire, Chambers saved the day. With bullets whizzing around his head, he yelled for covering fire from the four point two mortars, only to be told that the forward observer had no communication with his unit. Surveying the situation as if he was sightseeing, he wondered aloud if there was any possibility of getting air support, only to be told that communication had been lost with the air to ground observer. Shaking his head he yelled what about some artillery fire? Back came the reply that contact had been lost with the artillery. Looking around again he grinned and broke everyone up when he said, 'Has anybody got a camera? I'd like to take a picture of this crap.' His cool handling of the situation and comic disregard for the attacking force's shooting ability saved the day and enabled the platoon to withdraw with minimum casualties."

JOHNNY TENEYCK, (Hq. 19th '39-'42), of 1173 W. 20th, Laurel, MS is a P.O. man. He spells Mississippi "Ms". He says you're getting older when you sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going. Funny thing. P.O. changed old familiar "Miss." to "Ms.", yet is going to 9 digit zips. You figure it out!



Stouffer's was a little late with its reservation cards. Another case of retrieving the dummy from Harry, our favorite printer, and setting up two more pages anew. Oh well.

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
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We've been flooded with what we call "late mail," that is mail which clearly begs for inclusion in the issue which we sent to the printer just 4 hours ago. So back comes the proof while we set it up anew to include, among other items, this one of L Co., 21st party goers who met in late February at Benning. Lum says, "I'll send the names later. Oh great, Lum, just great. But we're going to press with it anyway, names or no.





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Gentlemen:

On behalf of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, I am extremely pleased to join with our residents, City Government, our International Convention Center, hotels and attractions, and our Convention & Visitors Bureau in extending to the 24th Infantry Division our warmest invitation to hold its 1982 Reunion in Niagara Falls, New York.

Not only does our City have the physical facilities to meet or exceed all the requirements for you to hold a highly successful Reunion but we have also something that no other United States convention city can offer --- the majestic Falls themselves, one of the world's top visitor attractions.

Should you select Niagara Falls for your Reunion you can count on the fullest support and cooperation of this City. We will do everything within our power to insure you of a most successful and enjoyable visit.

I sincerely hope our invitation will be accepted and that we will have the privilege of hosting the 1982 Reunion of the 24th Infantry Division Association.

Sincerely,

*Michael C. O'Laughlin*  
MICHAEL C. O'LAUGHLIN  
Mayor



KENNY FENTNER of 1251 Smith, E. Amherst, N.Y., will make another try at St. Louis for Niagara Falls as our '82 convention site. The Mayor of the city has extended himself, as you can see, as have others. Looks like these folks are dead serious. We like that.

# Niagara Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau

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December 15, 1980

Mr. Kenneth Fentner  
1251 Smith Road  
East Amherst, N.Y. 14051

RE: 24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Dear Ken:

It was a pleasure meeting with you, Doris, Fred and Rose Luchterland recently, and discussing the annual Reunion of the 24th Infantry Division Association. I'm sure you will agree, with the natural beauty of the 7th wonder of the world as a background, and the excellent meeting facilities of the Niagara Hilton Hotel, we can provide an excellent atmosphere for old buddies and their families to get-together.

Niagara Falls, U.S.A, the veteran capitol of the east, hosting over 50 reunions annually, enthusiastically supports you and the other local members in extending an invitation to host the 1982 reunion over the dates of August 12-15th. Should Niagara Falls be selected as the site for 1982, this Bureau will provide you with experienced registration personnel and equipment such as badges, badge holders, bulletin (jumbo) typewriters and cash boxes, publicity assistance and materials for attendance building promotion. In short, we will do everything possible to help insure you of a highly successful and enjoyable reunion.

Ken, I look forward to working with you, Fred and the other local members over the coming months, as we prepare our presentation package for the next convention in St. Louis. As you requested, I will forward each month, information on updated events, attractions, etc., so that you can keep your fine group informed as to what they can enjoy when they meet in Niagara Falls.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or write at any time.

Sincerely,

*Bob*

Robert J. Cunningham  
Sales Representative



Always good to hear from RAY and Sophia FIES, (H 21st '43-'44) of 3714 Romig, Reiffon, Pa. Ray gave up a leg to Breakneck Ridge, you will remember. Great guy. Loyal Association man.

Where are we going next year? Have you given it a thought? Will you go to St. Louis prepared to make a pitch?

ED OLENDER, (I-21st '42-'42 C34th '50-'51; L19th '50-'51), of Springtown, Tillson, N.Y., says you're getting older when your knees buckle and your belt won't.

A moron got a job with a hamburger stand and right away his hands were full. Someone told him to hold the mustard.



**HE'D  
RATHER  
BE**

**RIGHT!**

RUSS JONES, (Div.Hq. '41-'45), of Box 262, Averill Park, NY, says you know you're growing older when the little gray-haired lady you help across the street is your wife.

**BLA, BLA,  
BLA, BLA.**

BILL SHOWNEN favors us from time to time with a fish story. Here's his latest:

"George decided to train a fish to live out of water. He caught a trout and kept it in a tank. Then he gradually trained it by keeping it out of the tank for a short while, lengthening the time as the weeks went by. Finally, the trout became quite accustomed to life out of water, and a very happy relationship developed. In the evening, George would sit reading with the trout curled up at his feet, or they would go for walks. It was on such a walk that tragedy struck. As they strolled along the river bank, the trout slipped on some mud, fell in the river, and was drowned."



*The Echo  
of an interesting  
woman*

A few words spoken by the late Ella Grasso, former Governor of Connecticut, to a recent graduating class at Mt. Holyoke College, of which she was an alumnus, still ring in our ears. She was telling the kids that today's leader must be a humanist. She went on:

"This, after all is the point of your education -- to place human interests and ideals at the heart of your existence."

"You are doing this if you are able to see life in all its folly with a Don Quixote, and its whimsy with an Ogden Nash; to appreciate the ordered world of an Arnold Toynbee, the perspective of a Barbara Tuchman, the beauty of a Shelley and a Keats; to understand the torment of a Sylvia Plath, the Poignant imagery of a Vonnegut, the inhuman cruelty in the personal relationships of an Edward Albee; to admit that unmusical music hurts your ears and that the falseness of some contemporary art blinds your eyes; and, yes, to know the fantastic 'little people' of a Tolkien."

"To see, to recognize, to understand -- that is the spirit of humanism... It will teach you how to live and how to bring life to the world about you."



BILL and Marie BRASWELL (B 19th '44-'45), at 5200 Eulace, Jacksonville, FL, say you're getting older when your back goes out more than you do.

**WINDOW SEAT**

WARFIELD SHIPLET, (24th QM '49-'50), of 1350 Old Route 1, Oxford, Pa., answers a question we raised a couple of issues ago: "The old full field pack weighed 98 pounds, and don't forget the 11# M-1. I should know, I carried both for 7 years." Warfield was ETO in WW II-80th Division. Enlisted again in '49 and ended up with the 24th QM in Kokura. On into Korea. Was MIA for 14 days. Shot up, came home and discharged in 1952. Good report, Warfield.

# Plus One.



In which we present RUSSELL WEST, (K 19th '44-'45), of 1412 12th, Monroe, Wis. - because Russ sent it to us, that's why. This was taken at Rockhampton. Russ was an EM in the 32nd, through the Buna-Gona mess. Then to Australia, OCS, and then us. Was shot up on Mindanao. Hospitalized 4 months. Then out. Married 40 years. 2 sons. 1 dghtr. 9 grandchildren. Russ runs a unit repair shop. Repairs automotive parts. Asks that we print this and happily we oblige:

## SOLDIER

I was that which others did not want to be,  
I went where others feared to go,  
and did what others failed to do.  
I asked nothing from those who gave nothing, and reluctantly accepted the thought of eternal loneliness -- should I fail.  
I have seen the face of terror; felt the stinging cold of fear; and enjoyed the sweet taste of a moment's love.  
I have cried, pained, and hoped -- but most of all, I have lived times others would say were best forgotten.  
At least someday I will be able to say that I was proud of what I was -- a soldier.

The dates for our bash? Stouffer's St. Louis next August 13 - 16.

# WAVE-MAKING

We have been asked to print this:

The BOLDUCS are very grateful for the many letters of encouragement from our friends.

Wish we could write all of you. Please accept our thanks.

LUCIEN and Antoinette BOLDUC.  
2825 W. 32nd Av.  
Denver, Col. 80211

# EASY DOES IT!

C. RUCKER and Jane FORD are "definitely interested" in the Hawaiian trip. They're (F 21 '43-'45) living at 2344 Sunderland, Maitland, FL.



Anxious to hear from bandmen of the '41-'51 period is PACIFICO ABENOJA of 145 Warren, Pittsburg, Cal. He was with the 19th Band at Schofield. Then he went to the Div. Band and in '44 went to the 34th for the Leyte show. State-side for a bit and by '49 he's back with the Div. band in Kokura and on into Korea. Would love to hear from any bandmen.

Mail returned from LAURY RICHARD, (A 19th '48-'51), of 4004 Richland, Metairie, La. Where are you, Laury?



Forty years later, we find ourselves swept up in a wave of nostalgia. It is rehashed in books, movies and magazines.

So are we going back come December?

Why does the fascination persist? One theory often advanced is that we miss the national unity of purpose that sustained us then. The world was somehow simpler then, the argument goes. The enemy was obvious; the cause unquestionably just.

Then, our choice lay not between black and white. It was not an easy, clean-cut decision between good and evil, but that kind of choice encountered so frequently in life...between two evils.

We were making up our minds to choose the one which promised the most for the future between the rigors of war and the defeat of all civil liberties, the certainty of spiritual slavery.

So let's go back to Wahoo for recollections of that long-gone war - and the part we played in it.

Something extraordinary happened to our lives, something we need now to come to terms with, something that changed everything then.

Let's revisit that we might better learn what it all meant and be refreshed by it.

Signal, won't you please, if a trip back to the --- ----- Rock holds any interest for you. It's only some 30 weeks away.



"Sir, I think you've got the wrong idea about Ranger school."

FRANK MANKOWSKI, (C 21st '40-'41), of 29 Lincoln, Kings Park, N.Y., wants to go back to Pearl and Schofield in December. He's asking for our plans. Our plans are to run our own charter if we can get at least 75 to sign up. Signal that you'd like to be included in the 75 and we'll start the wheels to churning with prices, dates, etc.

WOULD YOU WANT TO BE WITH US IN DECEMBER IF WE GO TO HAWAII??????  
We will need your intentions as soon as possible.

How interesting to us, and we hope to you as well, to read the responses which one of our news items will provoke. The "Cocky" Page story is a case in point. EDWARD J. VOSO, (D21st '39-'42), of 1815 Sweetwater, Spring Valley, Cal., recalls it in this tender way:

"As an old Gimlet, Co. D - 21st Inf., I was on guard duty many times with Cocky. He was one of our regimental buglers along with another character I fondly remember by the name of McGurk.

"The nickname 'Cocky' came from his mannerisms, attitude and walk. He was slender, proud and had a 'head-held-high' strut. Everyone, to include the regimental commander, called him 'Cocky' - I'm convinced Page forgot his own first name!

"How well I remember many evenings, leaning against the bannister, looking into our quadrangle watching the slow accumulation of old soldiers moving into position to watch and listen to an 'artist' blow Tattoo and finally Taps. The notes floated out over our barracks. His tone was mellow perfect and the chill of listening to Taps kept us in place visualizing the notes drifting into space and never quite hearing the silence. No one could blow a bugle like Cocky Page.

"I recall the story that he received a Congressional promotion to PFC and only an act of Congress could demote him. Because of that, he refused promotions to higher rank as that would nullify the Congressional 'protection' he had. The reason he received the PFC promotion is fuzzy in my mind. He may have been the first to blow Taps over the Unknown Soldiers Site or the end of World War I, I'm not sure.

"Someday I expect to be at the Pearly Gates listening to Reveille blown like it's never been blown before.

"Cocky, you are not forgotten!

"Sincerely, ED VOSO."

Thank you, Ed Voso.

CARL WAGENFUEHRER, (3rd Eng. '42-'45), now of 1609 Kimber, Glen Burnie, Md., says: "It's great to have the President of this fine Association from Baltimore." We think so too Carl - missed you and Maria in Pittsburgh.



# Worthy of note

Remember our item (last issue) on "Cocky" PAGE? Concerning it, in the mail came this warm and tender letter from WILLIAM KELLER. We're printing it just as Bill wrote it. It will move you, we feel sure. Take it away, Bill:

"As always I read my latest issue of Taro Leaf from cover to cover as soon as I received it yesterday.

"I noticed JOHN BRADY's remarks about "Cocky" PAGE. He was Pfc. JOHN G. PAGE, bugler, but everyone knew him as Cocky Page. Being in A Co. 21st from '39 to '42, I had the pleasure of serving with Cocky until his end in Oct. '42. I don't know if you could call Cocky's nipping a problem. He never got drunk, never got nasty, and was never any trouble. He was the most cheerful guy in the Company. His only problem was having a sufficient supply to drink. He never drank whiskey, only Bay-Rum and Aqua-Velvet as his second choice. He drank every bottle of shaving lotion I ever bought. But, he was no chisler. One way or another, he paid me for every bottle he got. Cocky befriended every recruit that came into A Co. and was a help to them in many ways whereas some of the older men were unapproachable. His friendship was sincere and came from his heart. It wasn't given in exchange for a drink. Cocky blew the last Recall in France

after War I. Because of his age and his drinking habit, the company decided Cocky should be discharged and sent back to the Old Soldier's Home. Cocky said, "No,"; he couldn't go back to the Old Soldier's Home while his country was at war. We returned to Schofield for a few days R & R in Oct. '42 and were having breakfast when Cocky committed suicide upstairs. He had dressed himself in his Class A uniform and was wearing all his medals when he laid down on his bunk and pulled the trigger. Attached to the head of his bunk was a small American flag; at the foot was a God Bless America banner. He was a truly wonderful person and I'm sure anyone who really knew him will never forget him.

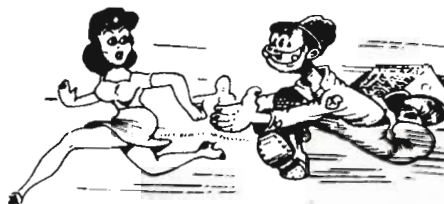
"Ken, thanks to the Taro Leaf, DAVE LOPERA and I have located each other and are renewing an old friendship by mail. He lives in Anaheim, Calif. and I'm in Reading, Pa. We served together in Co.A, 21st from '39 to '42. Now we are trying to get information on HARRY BILLS and HAROLD WHITAKER who served with us in A 21st. Can anyone help us?

"Hope to see you in St.Louis,

"Sincerely yours,  
WILLIAM N.KELLER."

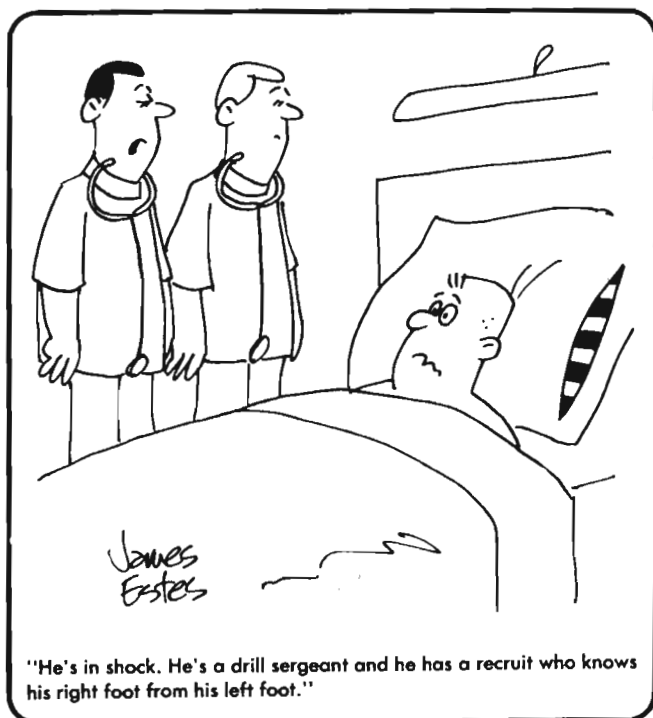
FRED DALLOWITZ, (H 19th '42-'45), of 3227 California, Peoria, IL, says Houston and Milwaukee in October. He and Guida are interested in that Hawaiian trip, too. We're working on it folks.

ED SHIRLEY, (24 Sig. '42-'44), of 14529 LaPorte, Midlothian, IL, sent in dues for AL HAMMOND of 22 E.Gibson, Stockton, Calif. How's that for friendship? As Yogi Berra says, "You can observe a lot by watching."



A minister recently announced that there are 726 different kinds of sin. He is now being besieged with requests for the list, mostly from folks who think they're missing something!

Second payment on Life Membership just received from BILL KELLER, (A 21st '39-'42), of 1022 Whitner, Reading, Pa. Bill, did you locate JIM "Grimp" MOODEY or ELMER BLALOCK, both A Co. Gimlets? Anyone out there have a line on either one for Bill?



"He's in shock. He's a drill sergeant and he has a recruit who knows his right foot from his left foot."

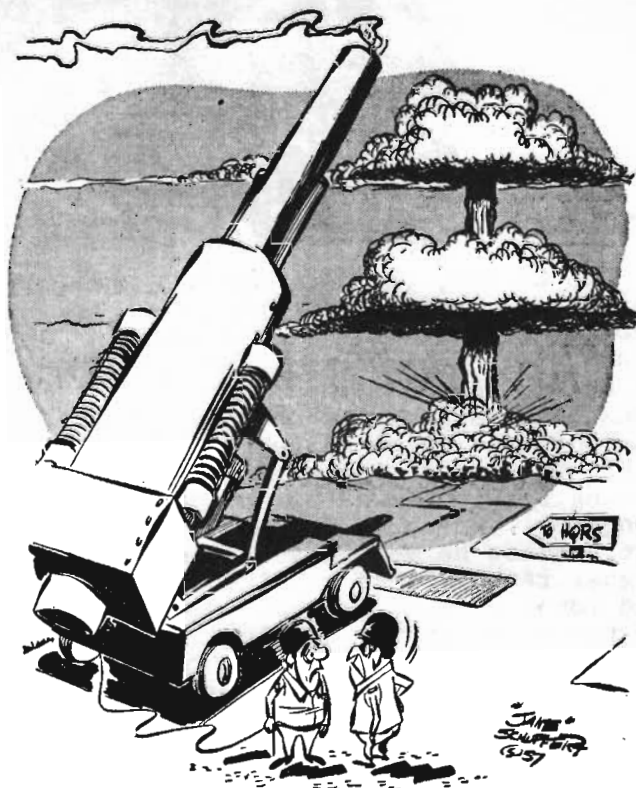
# ...do we get letters!

More on M.A.S.H. And this will be the Last Word.

LEROY ATKINS, of Brewster, MA writes again:

"Well, I am glad to see that you finally found someone who holds the same derogatory views of M\*A\*S\*H as you do. I am glad that I was not in the same outfit in Korea as was your latest letter writer. I had fun, as I recall. Not ever having been in a M\*A\*S\*H outfit, how can we say how they acted, or reacted, to all the death and dying around them every day? Sure, Klinger is over exaggerated, but after all, it is a comedy. Henry Morgan plays the role of the compassionate, sometimes amusing, commanding officer to perfection. I know, because I had a similar person as my commanding officer, and I loved him for it. As far as subordinate officers are concerned, although their actions were not quite as drastic as on M\*A\*S\*H, I served under several who were, to put it mildly, amusing. So don't tell me that you have never seen any unit like the one portrayed. I was in one, which had a lot of funny and compassionate happenings. As far as actions in a M\*A\*S\*H go, they had nurses. We didn't, so we really cannot comment on that aspect of it without firsthand knowledge.

"But, I can relate mostly to similar events that happened to us, as portrayed on that show. The episode about the changing over of script and the fact that the Korean black market had it before the GI's did rings a bell. The episode about a gung ho officer is familiar. The episodes about Koreans or more especially Korean children and the compassion shown them by our servicemen strike home. The episode about GI's marrying Korean girls, numerous episodes about the black market, episodes about combatting the cold and the elements, the references to the food (all bad), all are recognizable. And I could point out more. One must admit that he can see a similarity in how these events are portrayed. But, here they are portrayed against the backdrop of a medical unit and not an infantry unit. If they had tried to do this with an infantry unit, the show would not have survived. Give credit to Richard Hooker, who wrote the novel, to Tracy Keenan Wynn who authored the Oscar-winning screen play, and to Alan Alda



"I didn't know it was loaded."

and the many other fine writers who turn out the scripts for the show.

"I agree with your letter writer, 'Peal' was terrible, an exercise in over-acting and under achieving. But what does he have to say about the original movie 'From Here To Eternity'?

"I don't know how the military is placed in an unfavorable light here. As I said before, many events depicted actually took place; maybe in a lesser light, but nevertheless, they happened. I say that many of the actual conditions portrayed were accurate, and the sets come as close to the way it was as possible.

"As far as behavior is concerned, I had officers who behaved not up to par all the time, as did the enlisted men. But being stuck in that God-forsaken place over a long period of time, how would you act? And don't tell me you would be GI for 24 hours of the day. If you were, you would be crazy before long. And a lot of GI's would bear me out on this.

"But, since you seem determined to put the show in some kind of an unfavorable light for some reason, let it go at that, before I end up writing my next letter on asbestos.

"So, if you want to express an editorial opinion, do that under the proper heading as most newspapers and publications do. Until the next time.

LEROY ATKINS"

Good chewing, LeRoy. We are adequately spanked. Can't wait to see the next show - fruitcake and all.





BOB CHURCH, (B 21st '40-'43), of 1551 Christine, Madison Heights, Mich., is another one who writes with emotion concerning "Cocky" Page. Writes Bob: "I knew 'Cocky'. I can add a little for JOHN BRADY's information but I can't guarantee it to be correct. 'Cocky' was a PFC 6th Class specialist. This rating having been bestowed by an Act of Congress. He could not be 'busted' to Pvt. unless he was first promoted to a higher rank. Since he liked the 'sauce' and found himself in the 'dog-house' much of the time, there was never too good a chance of that happening. 'Cocky' was supposed to have played 'Taps' at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier under circumstances which resulted in the rank he had bestowed on him. I doubt if he was old enough to have werved in WW I. He was considerably older than a lot of us but I don't think by more than 10 years. 'Cocky' was the bugler who had officers, their wives and families along with enlisted men hanging around the 21st sallyport to hear 'Taps' whenever he was Bugler of the Guard. I have seen more than one G.I. with tears in his eyes and heard the CG send guys off to their bunks with a voice that just didn't have the old snap in it.

"'Cocky' was a proud little guy and clearly loved the army, the U.S. and the 21st Inf. He was in 'A' Co. from the time I first knew him until his death. He killed himself when his company commander ordered him sent State Side as being too old for combat, when the first rumors of the Division being shipped out of Oahu came along. (I would say he died sometime in 1942.) I heard that he had taken his rifle, crawled into his wall locker and with his toe pushed the trigger and blew the top of his head off. I never saw the body until it was carried out of the barracks and then it was completely covered. I did hear the shot and did grieve, with many many of his friends and buddies.

"Carol and I are making plans for St. Louis in August.

"Tarolly yours,  
BOB CHURCH LM #152."

JOE PEYTON writes: "Glad to see PHIL 'Doc' HOSTETTER get a plug in T.L. Great guy. How well I remember the jungle joice party we had to celebrate the surrender of the Nips."

One of the disadvantages of publishing a magazine is early deadlines; during the harrowing weeks between sending an issue off to the printer, and the appearance of the magazine on the newsstands, or in the subscriber's mailbox, an editor bites his nails and hopes nothing will happen to make him look foolish. He tries to take precautions by avoiding extravagant predictions and hedging his bets in fast-moving situations, but every once in a while the boom falls. How well we know!!!

JIM MCREYNOLDS, (H 19th - Hq. 2nd Bn. 19th '43-'46 & '50-'51), is now "home", after 30 years, at 4308 Warren, Birmingham, Ala. Jim just sent in \$100 to become Life Member 396.

FRANK L. DAVIS, (Hq. Btry 52nd F '41-'44), of 12312 NE 4th, Vancouver, Wash., recovering slowly from a serious illness. Take care of him, Lila.

The pilot turned on the intercom and told the passengers: "I have some good news and some bad news. The bad news is that we have a hijacker aboard the plane. The good news is that he wants to go to the French Riviera."

Picky WALT CUNNINGHAM loves to tell the story about the soldier in Div.Hq.Co. He had no first and second names, only initials. R.D.Jones was his real name. So Army would have a rule for handling this, you can bet. Instead of R.D. they would add "only" after the R and "only" after the D on every listing where poor Jonesy's name appeared. Result? "Ronly Donly Jones."



"HOW DO YOU SAY 'BOOI' IN JAPANESE?"



LEROY ATKINS, the M.A.S.H. enthusiast, also has the hots about our 1982 convention being held on Cape Cod. He lives there, don't you see. Says Roy: "There is a Dunphy's and a Sheraton Regal in Hyannis, a Sheraton in Eastham, a Holiday Inn and the Provincetown Inn in Provincetown. My only suggestion is that accommodations should be made at least six to eight months in advance. All of these locations are about half an hour apart driving. You, of course, would have to put up with traffic, but that's something they have all over. And, of course, there are beaches, shopping, tours, golf, tennis, and a myriad of things to do in your off time. And, of course, you will be away from the oppressive heat of the cities in the summertime. I don't know whether you should print this or not, until more of the details are worked out. After all, there is still ample time. I will be glad to send along brochures of the local Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade, and any other information that I can get that you might need."

There's your pitch, Roy. Cape Cod, anyone? 'Tis a beautiful part of U.S.A.



"THEY ALL GOT OVER 110 IN THE I.Q. TEST—  
SO WE'RE TAKING THEM TO OFFICERS' CANDIDATE SCHOOL."

Hawaii-bound, come December, Mr. and Mrs. WOODSON TUCKER, (Div.Hq. '41-'44), of 53 Tomino, Hot Springs Village, Ark., say they're interested.

Someone wanted the address of the Military Order of the Caraboa. It's Suite 600N, 7315 Wisconsin, Bethesda, MD. Sorry I lost track of who wanted this.

At St.Louis, don't be bashful. Step forward and introduce yourself. We're a friendly bunch.

## What's the good of having a convention if nobody can get there?

Of course, anybody can get anywhere today. So we'll see you in St.Louis in August, won't we?

The other day, President WALTER CUNNINGHAM called us about something or other. He had called the day before and we were explaining that we'd been down in New Jersey for the day. As always, WC was good for a rejoinder. Said he: "Ugh! You remind me of the story of the shipwrecked sailor. He was drifting along on a bit of flotsam - or maybe it was jetsam - As he passed a small fishing boat, he yelled 'Where am I?' 'You're off New Jersey; want some help?' came the reply. 'No thanks, I think I'll drift a little farther', yelled the sailor."

Division's 40th birthday lies ahead - October first. Let's celebrate it a few weeks later in Hawaii, where it all began.

Mail returned from Noblesville, Ind., where Life Member #70, CARROLL L. WHITE, (L 34th) used to live. We had him at RR #3, Box 93E. Anyone hear from Carroll?

BERNIE LENSKEY, (C 52F '41-'45), of 1777 NE 177th, N.Miami Beach, FL, has got the hots for our proposed Wahoo excursion come December.

Hawaii in December. JOE and Margaret PEYTON are GO.

VIRGIL ANDERSON, (21st '48-'50), of Lakeside, Granite Falls, NC, reports that the 81st Div. got the "Red Carpet" treatment at the Hickory, NC Ramada Inn last fall. Highly recommends it in case we're looking.

CHARLIE ROBINSON, (Hq. 19th '58-'62, 724th & E 19th '58-'69), of 434 Wickham, Columbus, GA reports that he's getting stronger every day. That's good news to us, Charlie. His son, Frederic, has his commission and is on duty at Knox. Charlie's "real proud".

Bring to St.Louis plenty of Hawaiian shirts and muu-muus. We go informal for everything but the Saturday night banquet. Then we dress up. Business attire is the norm. That means coats and neckties.

Headquarters 3rd Battalion of Engineers,

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas,

November 6, 1911.

SPECIAL ORDERS

NO. 83.

Upon the recommendation of the company commander the following reduction is hereby made in Company "K", viz.

To be 2nd class Private:

Corporal Thomas B. Hammill.

By order of Captain Lukesh:

*Douglas MacArthur*  
Captain, Corps of Engineers,

Adjutant.

AL SOUSA, (3rd Eng. '41-'45), of 3672 Woodlawn, Honolulu, thoughtfully sends us a Xerox of the above Special Orders along with these fine words:

"The last issue of 'Taro Leaf' shows a good picture of General MacArthur and Irving taken 30 years ago.

"A fellow doubted that General MacArthur ever served in the 3rd Engineers. He became a believer when he read the enclosed Special Orders No. 83 signed by Douglas MacArthur on November 6, 1911. I have the original copy, which I liberated before we left Schofield.

"Remember the heaps of paper we had to destroy before leaving? Well, I salvaged this one from the files of 3rd Engineers headquarters.

"You may need this Xerox copy to convince a doubter.

Aloha Nui Loa, Al Sousa."

RALPH CARTER, (C 19th) of Avondale, PA, says you're getting older when your children begin to look middle-aged.



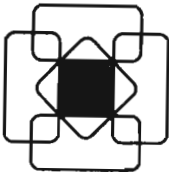
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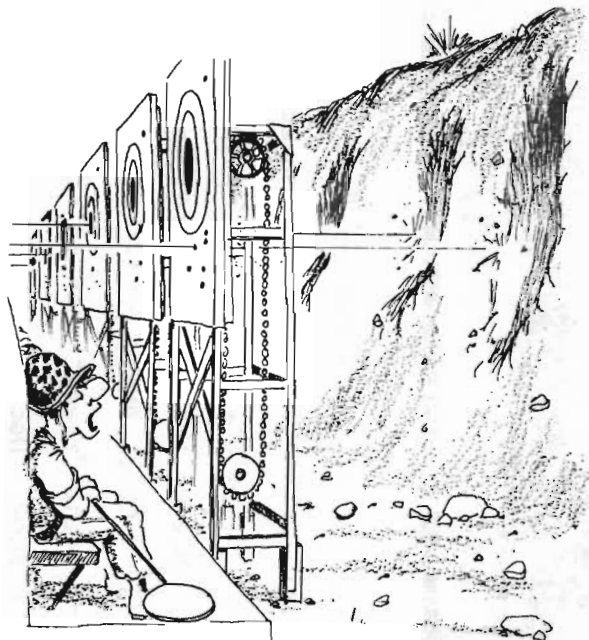
Wait'll you get to St.Louis and see "Doc" PHIL HOSTETTER's display of his WW II and occupation pictures. He's gathering them together now, mounting them for display purposes, and adding appropriate captions. We don't know how he'll caption this one taken in Kochi, Kyushu. But wait a minute! Phil was a 19th medic -- and medics did have to check those places. Okay, Phil, you're cleared -- but it was close!!! Chicks always did have a finger on the "ready" when it came to explanations. Come to St.Louis and enjoy the complete show. Doc is going to no little expense to make it a dandy exhibit.







Down the aisle it was for BLAIR GARD, (E 21st '45-'46). No it was Hope who went down the aisle. Blair was there waiting for her; you know the way they do it. Yes Blair and Hope are now married and our best wishes go to Rt. 2, Box 90, Winchester, Ohio, the new address.



"...Kinda makes me wonder how we won every war we wuz in."

JOHN MORRISON's better half, Virginia, came up with an idea. Oh fudge, let Johnny explain it. Here's how he wrote it:

"Just want to pass along a good tip received from the wife.

"I was looking at my Regimental Crest one day and Ginny said, 'Why don't you make it into a pin?' I did. It sure has gotten more attention and questions. The Gimlet tool and snake with arrows I know, but I forgot what the tree stands for. Any ideas?"

John's D-21st, 3/41-10/44, and resides at 54 Chelsea, Mt. Sinai, N.Y.

We'll try to run down the story, Johnny, but one of the boys out there may beat us to it.

**\* MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS \***

Words from JOE MCKEON: "On the matter of JOSEPH M. SILVA who was killed on 19 Aug. 1950. I was 1st Sgt. of HHC 2d Bn, 19th from about 31 July into 1951. As I recall it, we were sent down to the south coast of Korea about the 25th of July and we stayed there long enough to have the 25th Division complete its entry into the area, then we were shuffled north along the Naktong River, helping the 2nd Division units in the process. I feel sure that this was prior to 15 August and about that time it seems to me that we moved to a position just southeast of Taegu, where we sat for awhile. As you may know, we had had the crap knocked out of us by 20 July, had been on the move almost constantly for a month, had no heavy armament or weapons, had no idea of what our strength was, so the good people in charge said, 'Let's have them sit down and get things straightened out.' I do not think that the 2nd Bn was actually engaged with the enemy on 19 Aug. I have been contacted by ELMER MCKEEHAN who is now living in South Carolina. Elmer joined us around the 31st of July (and I think it was near Chinju). He brought me a list of the names of the Replacements that had come with him -- I think there was 20 of them. And that is another one of the problems of the time -- we got any number of replacements but in many instances no one ever got to know the names of the people who were sent in. I remember Personnel said that a certain guy had been killed while with us. Luckily I had Elmer's list and I told them that they were mistaken and I read off the names of all of my replacements and that shut them up for awhile. Then they came back and said that another guy had been under my control when he had been killed. Again I had to tell them that I personally had driven that guy to the railroad station at Taejon and had turned him over to the Medics for evacuation. I even told them the name of the Medical man involved. They didn't like it, but had to accept it. It seems that all those people had been on a train which the NK's had trapped in a tunnel outside of Taejon around 19 July. If Elmer has any info, I'll have him send it along."

We await the word, Joe. Deep thanks.

The LAST thing we'll tell you is that the food at Stouffers in St. Louis is good.

There are at least 7 good reasons why folks are happy with the place:

1. Their drinks are man-sized
2. Their portions are generous
3. Their prices are reasonable
4. Their menu is varied
5. Their service is friendly
6. Their atmosphere is comfortable
7. Their food is good!!!



# Last Word

Issues ago we took a healthy swipe at the Postal Service, a favorite target. Over the many years, Taro Leaf and the Postal Service have been at swords' points a myriad number of times. Typically of anyone running afoul of government, we lost every battle. But to get back to our last poke at the little fellas in blue - or is it grey - who carry those brown bags and are afraid of dogs. HOWARD BRUNO, (Hq. 1st bn., 34th '44-'45) wrote us as follows:

"Your article hurt this retired letter carrier deeply when you said, 'Those chaps are perfectly capable of screwing up the mails by themselves.' Please don't put ALL the blame on the personnel of the service. By and large, the average carrier on the street and the clerk in the office does his best to get the mail delivered. The biggest share of the problem you mentioned are caused by management's policy of speed-up (don't take time to look in a city directory or phone book etc.) and their Central Mark-Up system whereby address changes are put in a computer and after one year are removed from same. Before this CMU program, a carrier kept a notebook with address changes good for two years but one didn't remove any pages from the book until there got to be too many pages for the binder so generally one could go back for several years to get an old change of address. Also this method enabled a carrier to call on his memory for a long gone patron. Also management in the early 70's began a program to 'brainwash' new employees to discontinue the concept of faithfulness to the patron and replaced it with a program of disconcern, go gaster, and make a profit for the Service at all costs. I'm sure the average citizen would as soon see Congress appropriate a subsidy for the Postal Service and receive good old fashioned service in return as compared to the present day 'service' with its problems. Excuse my



Our thanks go to C.T. "Bart" BARTHOLOMEW (Photo section '50-'51), of Santa Rosa, Cal. who has sent us this one of Gen. MATTHEW B. RIDGEWAY inspecting the 19th.

## HOUSECALL

Today's Tip: If you want to make sure your mail is strictly confidential, seal your envelopes with egg white. It makes them impossible to steam open.

And that's no yolk.

## when the going gets rough.

JOSEPH F. KELLEY, (19th '51-'53), of 109 Walnut, Stoughton, MA, says you're getting older when your pacemaker makes the garage door go up when you watch a pretty girl go by.

Thoughtful telephone call from good friend RUSSELL ARNOLD, (24 MP '45-'47), of 3999 Rt. 55, Urbana, Ohio. Russ reports that Zelpha is fine and the boys - Mark, through college, John in for his Masters, and Scott, thinking he wants to be a farmer. Russ called on ELMER VAN ZANT, the old time PM, in Augusta, GA a year or so ago. Says Van is 78 - 78???? - and working every day in the Augusta Courthouse. Don't write Van, you'll spoil your record. Good to know you're well and happy. But 78???? Wow!!!

tirade but I felt it in order under the circumstances.

Yours in comradeship,  
Howard J. Bruno."

Howard, you rang our bell - but then, the postman always rings twice. Nothing personal, fella.

Of course, we had to throw this one in. Another chapter in the life of Gentleman Jim. It'll likely reproduce poorly, but you'll get the drift:

JIM MURPHY, (AT 21st '43-'45), of 237 Desmond, Rochester, N.Y., saw red when he read this one and asked us to reprint it. Happily we oblige:

## Garner gets teed off



James Garner is restrained by spectators and heckler is held in choke-hold during altercation.

### *Actor allegedly punches out heckler at Crosby golf tournament*

PEBBLE BEACH (AP) — Actor James Garner allegedly punched a Laguna Beach man who witnesses say had been heckling him yesterday during the last round of the Bing Crosby Pro-Am golf tournament.

Garner, star of "The Rockford Files" television program, said, however, that he only pushed the man after he thought the man was going to hit him.

According to a report filed with the Monterey County Sheriff's Department by William Stewart 33, Garner came up to him and hit him in the right cheek with a right cross.

"It knocked me out," he told reporters. No charges had been filed.

Spectators said Stewart had been heckling Garner during the round and Garner went up to the

crowd after the round.

"Who's the drunk with the big mouth?" Garner asked, according to Jeff Whitmer, 14, a leader board carrier.

Whitmer said after a brief exchange, Stewart asked, "Why don't you pop (hit) me?"

Garner replied, "Do you want me to?" said Whitmer, and when Stewart said yes, Garner did.

Garner later told reporter Alex Hullinicki of the Monterey Peninsula Herald he thought the man was going to punch him.

"The man grabbed my right hand and was twisting my thumb... He drew back. I didn't mean to hurt him; kind of pushed him, that's all," Garner said. Garner played during the tournament with the professional winner, 23-year-old John Cook.

**DAYTON**—An IUE local leader has protested the U.S. Army's purchase of 40 Japanese-made trucks at a time when thousands of auto workers he represents are laid off.

The protest by Local 801 President Bart Campbell was vigorously supported by IUE Secretary-Treasurer Bill Bywater. Campbell wrote Col. Richard Kattar, commander at Fort Devens, Mass.:

"This communication is to inform you that I saw the News Release where your Headquarters purchased 40 Datsun Trucks at \$7,500 each for a total of \$300,000.

"I would like to state that I represent 12,000 workers at the Chevrolet and Delco Airconditioning Divisions of General Motors in the Dayton, Ohio, area. Some 6,000 are on layoff, without benefits, which expired after one year from their layoff date. The devastating jolt to our jobs has been **Foreign Imports!**

"I have always believed that our tax dollars were spent to pay the Military Divisions to protect America, **not support our enemies.**

"I, nor my members, cannot believe this happened. We often wonder who won World War Two, us or the Japanese.

"In closing, I would like to suggest that this never happen again. Further, that you and your superiors **boycott Foreign Imports!** Your job may be next."

Bywater called the Army's purchase of the Japanese-made trucks unbelievable. "Does our Army really believe that American workers can't make trucks? Maybe they should start registering Japanese for the draft instead of Americans," he said.

New address for BILL HARLOS (724th Ord. '50-'51). It's Box 283, Gosport, Ind. Bill's a land surveyor.

RUSS DENNY, (C 21st '40-'44), of 685 Lemon Grove, West Melbourne, FL, asks if he's paid up. To Aug. 1, 1981, Russ is fresh out of hospital - amputation of right big toe. Mending well. Grateful for many thoughtful remembrances from our membership. That's the name of the game, Russ.

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**The Spirit of St. Louis**  
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## *Be Thou At Peace*

Regretfully do we report the passing of MILTON SKELLY, (Div.Hq. '45-'48), of Brooklyn, N.Y. We have no further information. Milton was a particular friend. His ways were unusual and/or different, but a real salt-of-the-earth friend. We're on the hunt for more details on the how of Milt's crossing the river.

KEN PATE reports that his E-19th buddy, RAYMOND DIE CAMILLO, was killed in a boating accident in Utah last August.

JOE PEYTON alerts us to the death of the late Fr. CHRIS BERLO's sister, Mrs. Caroline Koch. She passed away in a nursing home in February.

Sadly do we report the passing of CHARLES R. CRAW, (L 34th 3/41-10/44), Livingston, N.J. We remember so clearly the happy reunion at Pittsburgh last year when Chuck met once again with Maj.Gen. AUBREY "Red" NEWMAN with whom he had shared a Nip mortar shell at Jaro in October of '44. The Association was represented at Chuck's funeral by a floral piece.

Chuck had been a printer for the E.F. Fitch Co. in New York City for 15 years before retiring.

Surviving are Ruth, his wife, Mrs. Margaret Gruenz, his daughter, and Mrs. Ethel Craw, his mother.

**WHAT TO SAY  
WHEN SOMEONE ASKS  
WHAT YOU'RE DOING  
THIS SUMMER.**

YOUR  
BEST  
CONVENTION  
EVER  
IS ABOUT  
TO  
UNFOLD