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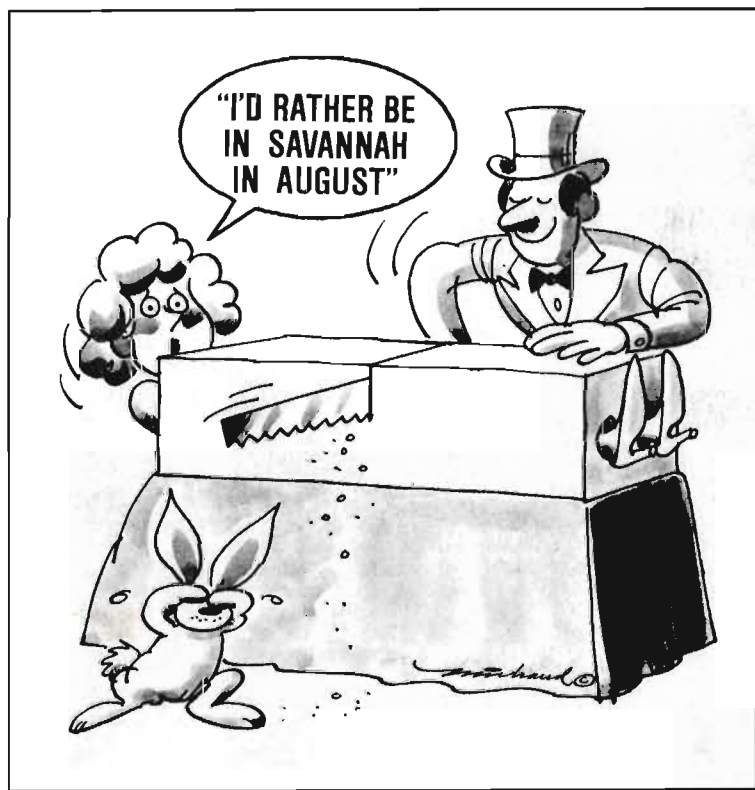
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While he, and we, are celebrating in Savannah, he, LEO "Doc" CREAMER, (G 21st '42-'45), of 2114 Fairhaven, St. Louis, MO, will be celebrating his 75 years. We'll celebrate with you, Doc.

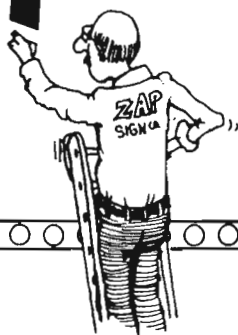


We try to avoid controversy as assiduously as a tax audit. Thus we give you this one just as BILL and Lois MULLINS, (C 13th F '42-'44), of 3412 Loganview, Baltimore, MD sent it to us. It's the late VIC BACKER, on the left, JOE DAWSON in his WW II regalia, and our Prexy CHESTER ANDREZAK, on the right. This was taken at B II last August.



These astute looking soldiers are part of a new program initiated by Maj.Gen. JOHN R. GALVIN (center). The Commanding General's Writing Award Program has been started to recognize soldiers who have had articles published in military publications. The award is a pen set with monogrammed name plate.

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For our two cover photos in this issue, we are indebted to ROGER A. ROCKENBACH, JR. of R1 Box 255, Cable, Wis. Reading left to right, it's TONY FARO, ROGER and "Spike". The scene is one of the Sentani Airstrips at Hollandia. G of the 21st had been detailed to guard Gen. Eichelberger's plane (in the background). Just who stole all of the Coca Cola in the plane has never been made too clear but a morning report of the day shows that Spike was reduced (yet again?) from sergeant to private. As Spike loves to sing, "Things go better with Coke."



And in this corner, wearing purple tights, JAMES M. "SPIKE" O'DONNELL of G of the 21st. Taken at Hollandia in the summer of '44.



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## ON CAMERA

Terrific item recently received from BILL PEACOCK, (A 21st & Div.Hq. '45-'46), of 3701 Kirby, Houston, TX. Here it is just as Bill wrote it:

"Recently I was having lunch with a friend and fellow realtor named Charles Harthon. He said that thirty-eight years ago on that date he was at Parang Mindinao, and went on remembering how blue the sky was, how green the water and the jungle was, etc., etc. In fact, he said, his memory of that particular beautiful morning was one of the most pleasant he has of his WW II time.

"My memory of that same day was cuttin' cutting out of LST 775 in an 'Alligator' Amphib and being scared ----less, not knowing that we would only find two/three Japs when we hit the beach. I really didn't have the time and/or inclination to appreciate the beauties of nature.

"So I asked, 'Where in the hell were you that morning?'

"His reply, 'Oh I was pilot on one of the B-24's that was giving you air cover that a.m., and we had a ball; no fighters, no ack ack, really delightful occasion!'

"I guess it's like the fly said as he walked across the mirror, 'It all depends on how you look at it.'

We agree, Bill. We remember that morning well. And it was along about noontime that BILL VERBECK was shot. Recall that?

# ....Boom!!!!

Maj.Gen. JOHN R. GALVIN will receive a third star and a corps command assignment this summer, it has been reported.

The date for the transfer of command of the Division has not been announced, but Army sources said mid-July is a good possibility.

An announcement said that he will be replaced by Maj.Gen. N. Norman Schwarzkopf, who is now director of Military Personnel Management, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at the Pentagon.

Galvin's promotion to lieutenant general will come with assignments as commander of VII Corps, composed of two divisions and a cavalry regiment, in Europe. In 1975-78, Galvin was chief of staff and division support commander of the 3rd Infantry Division, a component of VII Corps.

In another European assignment, Galvin was assistant division commander of the 8th Infantry Division, which he left for an assignment to the Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Va. Galvin's replacement as ADC of the 8th Division was Schwarzkopf.

Galvin, 53, arrived at Fort Stewart on June 1, 1981. During his command of Fort Stewart and the Division, the Division was developed as the "heavy force" of the Rapid Deployment Force, received new weapons such as the M60A3 tank and the "Improved TOW" antitank missile launcher, and conducted intensive training at domestic and overseas sites, including participation in Bright Star exercises in Egypt in 1982.

Schwarzkopf is a 1956 graduate of U.S. Military Academy at West Point and is a native of Trenton, NJ. He will be accompanied to Fort Stewart by his wife, Brenda, and their three children.



DON CARPENTER, (A 6th Tk., '51-'52), of Chelini Tr. Ct., Wise River, MT, would welcome a "Hi" from any of the 6th Tk. crowd.

A Golden Oldie: Women started using cosmetics in the Middle Ages. That's still when they use them the most -- the middle ages.

Don't forget to send in an item or two about yourself, your family, whatever.



# TART, TASTY, AND FILLED WITH MEMORIES OF GOOD TIMES WITH GOOD FRIENDS.

HARMON and Gladys MOORE, (724th Ord. '53-'55), of 8538 Sylvan, Riverside, CA, received an article from their son. They sent it along to us. It was written by a M/Sgt. Mike Mason and appeared in Soldiers. We've shortened it a bit but have tried to retain the best of its good humor. It's about the Army's doing away with ye old helmet which is now in its 41st year. It may well prove to have been the best gadget the Army ever produced. At any rate, Mason was saying, "So long, ol' pot." It went like this:

They're doing away with my popcorn popper. At least that's what I like to think of it as. Some people like to think of it as a helmet, and it serves passably as such.

The Army is replacing the steel pot with the Kevlar helmet. It too is a good piece of equipment, but it's definitely not suitable for popcorn popping.

Now, you might ask how I came to think of a steel pot as a popcorn popper.

"Pot, steel, M-1," we can't overlook its many other uses. It does make a pretty good bean cooker, too.

All you need is someone at home who sends whatever you ask for, no matter how dumb it seems. That's how you get a package of dried beans. Then call for mortar illumination at least three times one night. That serves two purposes:

First, you can read your letter from home, if it's not too long, or you read fast.

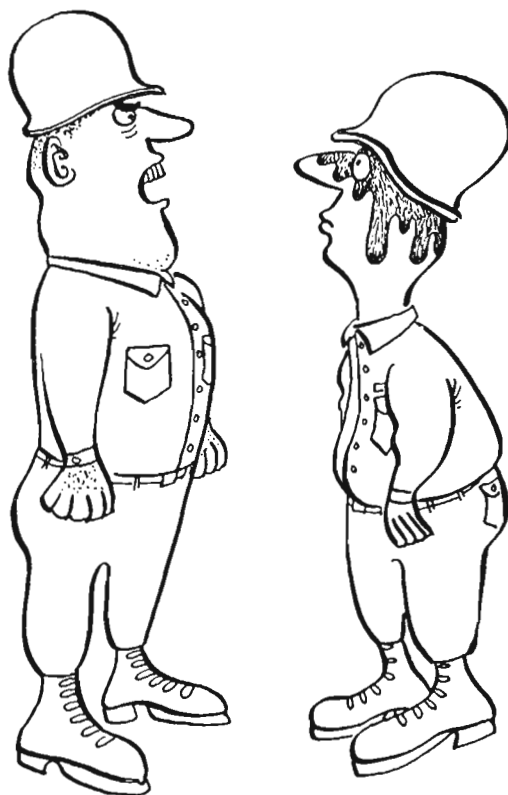
Second, it leaves the mortar section with at least one empty wooden illumination-round box and some empty metal illumination-round containers.

At first daylight, scrounge the box and one of the metal containers. Use the container to soak the beans overnight. Using your feet and an entrenching tool or machete, kick apart and cut up the box. While the beans are soaking, requisition a can of good old greasy GI bacon from a kindly mess sergeant or an unguarded mess tent.

Beans cook a lot more slowly than popcorn, so it's best not to use the fingertip method of holding the pot. Figure out a way to suspend it over the fire you've built from the ammo box pieces. After a few hours, feast on a nice pot of greasy beans.

The beans may taste of soap a little: The residue of countless shaves never completely comes off the pot. You may also spot what looks like little flecks

of OD helmet paint on the beans. Don't worry. They probably won't kill you any sooner than tetanus bacteria from the rust spots on the inside of the pot. Just keep telling yourself that it's better than "Cs" and chances are you'll believe it.



"NORD, ARE YOU HIDING CHOCOLATE BARS IN YOUR HELMET LINER, AGAIN?"

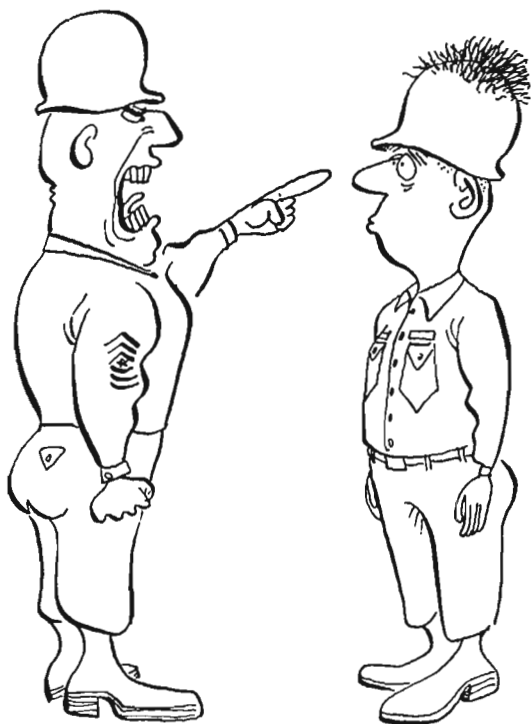
Of course, the uses of the steel pot as a wash basin, bucket for dousing fires or bailing out flooded fighting positions are wellknown. So are its uses as a seat, pillow and nutcracker. It also makes a fair tent-peg pounder and chock for a brakeless truck or trailer. And let's not forget the times many of us have to dig in with it because we decided to travel light on a routine patrol. Leaving your entrenching tool behind is the surest way to ensure bumping into the point man of a battalion of bad guys.

The new Kevlar helmet could serve some of these purposes. But with the built-in webbing, it doesn't make a real good wash basin or bucket. Besides, combat and field duty are uncomfortable enough. Why add wearing a helmet with wet yucky webbing?

The new helmet is a little too thick to make a good shovel, but I imagine it would work surprisingly well if enough folks were shooting at you. It's shape, much like the German World War II helmet, offers more protection, but makes it a slightly less stable seat. With a little practice, you could get used to it, though.

Because the Kevlar helmet comes in three sizes, it fits a little better. And, because it's made of a fiberglass-like material, it doesn't rust. Admirable though those traits may be, a couple of

"DON'T EXPLAIN IT  
JUST SHAVE IT!"



lesser-appreciated steel pot functions will soon go the way of the M-1 thumb. (If you don't know what an M-1 thumb is, find an old soldier and ask him.)

Wearing a steel pot has long given soldiers something to do with one of their hands while running for cover. One hand is enough for carrying an Army gun, so the otherwise unused hand has traditionally held the helmet on.

A non-rusting helmet will also sound the death knell of an already dying art -- helmet painting. Painting scratched and slightly rusting helmets has long been good for keeping an entire company busy for at least three afternoons. The time-honored sequence of events goes like this:

Day One: Paint all helmets. Day Two: Repaint all helmets because you used the wrong shade of paint on Day One. Day Three: Repaint all helmets, because you used glossy instead of flat paint on Day Two.

The supply sergeant could always get paint, but never paint brushes. So, steel pot painting was also a good way for soldiers to thin out their shaving brush collections. Each time you went to a new unit you had to get a new shaving brush for your footlocker display. The one you used in your old unit never had the same color handle prescribed by your new unit. If you didn't use them as paint brushes occasionally, you wouldn't have room for anything else in your duffel bag.



"WE'LL GO USE THE CHAPLAIN'S!"

Perhaps, though, the passing of helmet painting will spur the revival of another dying Army art form -- rock painting. It's a longshot, but we nostalgia buffs can always hope.

Despite its drawbacks, though, the Kevlar helmet is reputed to give better protection against harmful flying objects. I've tested the steel pot's ability to withstand AK-47 bullets (Result: one 7.62mm hole in pot and liner, three minor holes in head from the splattered bullet) and grenade fragments (Result: one small but unsettling hole in pot and liner, none in head). I'll take the testing people's word on the protection of the Kevlar helmet.

On top of all that, I just read something that makes giving up the steel pot easier. FM 21-15 -- that's the one on care and cleaning of personal equipment -- says: Don't cook in the pot because heat can weaken it. Don't dig with it because that scrapes the camouflage off. And don't sit on it because that can break the strap loops off.

Now that I can't plead ignorance about the use and abuse of the steel pot, I'd have to change my ways anyway. Just think, though: If I had read that field manual a long time ago, I might even have three less holes in my head.

# ABOUT TOWN

BOB and Catherine NOLAN, (21st '42-'45), our Life Member #8 by the way, made Scotland last August. Hawaii next May. Great!

## Correspondence

HAROLD FRITZ, (B 34th '40-'45), has moved to 15 Lyons, Springfield, N.J. Was recently visited by LOU and Eileen BROWN from Oklahoma, visiting their son and daughter-in-law, DANNY and Jane CUOMO, joined the 4some for one festive evening.

## PANORAMA

Guess Who Came to Dinner: RUCKER and Jane FORD, (F 21 '43-'45), of 2344 Sunderland, Maitland, FL, recently dropped in on CHARLEY and Clara JAMESON, (F & AT 21st '44-'45), of Bridgewater, VA. "Wonderful gathering" is the report.

## ON THE SCENE

3 new members - all Gimlets -- from Augusta, GA in one mail -- JACK E. HOBBS, (Div.Hq. '49-'51 & B 21st '51-'51), of 3008 Claudia, JACK M. LEFLER, (K 21st '53-'54 and POW), of 2521 Blueberry, and BERNARD U. PORTER, (21st) of 3315 Sandpiper. We'll expect to see each of you in Savannah in August, you Augustians. Augustians? Can that be right?

From Convention Chairman HARRY RUBIN and lovely Dee comes the word -- from Tahiti, no less -- and then on to N.Z. and Australia -- "We may not come back." You wonderful people had better be back, come August.

ART TOWNSLEY, (H 21st '40-'43), of 1331 Belmont, Mesquite, TX, is looking for LOUIS PASCAL, likewise once of "H of the Gimlets" fame. Any ideas?

## Front & Center

PAUL "Swede" NELSON, (G 21 '42-'45), of RR 4, Box 12, Forsyth, MO, missed S.L. Lela took on a pacemaker in April. Suffered a cardiac arrest in July. Reports Swede, "She is better now, recovering slowly." You both have our warmest good wishes. Swede is blind; you may know. How about a cheer-upper card for Swede and Lela?

## R.S.V.P.

New member thanks to JIM ERWIN. It's Lt.Col. CHARLES W. NEWCOMB, (21st '50-'51). Charley and Betty are at 9365 SW 181, Miami, FL. He's Mgr. Corporate Services, Cordis Corp. We're happy to have you aboard Charles and Betty.

## Love Letters

Let the mind wander, we like to say -- and so too does STAN KAISER, Div.Arty., of 30 Whitney, Quincy, MA. Writes our favorite D.M.D.: "The pangs of conscience are biting deeply and searing my soul so I am moved to at last send along my contribution to the finest Division Assn. on this earth. There is an extra ten in here for one reason or another. If you have a couple of lapel pins in your drawer somewhere, sending them on to me will be much appreciated. In my mind's eye, I can clearly see us, a detachment of 'old soldiers' standing on the reviewing stand in the 27th quadrangle while the 25th or 27th passed in review at Schofield. There is one final detail that I want to carry out before they sound 'Taps' over me and that is to stand one more retreat at Schofield. Someday, before it is too late, I'm going to do it. When I'm standing at attention as the flag is being brought down, I will give it the best salute I know how and all the while will be thinking and remembering about all the men of the 24th who have 'faded away' and those who are still answering roll call."

Joined: WELDON HESTER, the Red Cross man for the 34th on Leyte, Mindoro, Bataan, Corregidor and Mindanao. He and Anne are at 10414 US 301 South, Riverview, FL.

# LET'S TALK

Hospitalized: Lt.Col. JAMES B. MOUNT (21st 8/50-11/51), of 8106 Deer Forest, San Antonio, TX. We have no other information. Jim never writes us.



**Butter Crunch,  
Chocolate Chip,  
Maple Swirl . . .**

Help! Help! We're trying to locate Lt.Col. JOHN P. WETHERHOLT (724th Ord. 8/50-4/51) and Lt.Col. CHARLES J. HAHN, (724th Ord. 5/51-10/51). JOHN A. VENEZIA, (724th '50-'51), of 9 Valley View, Rockaway, NJ wants to know. He has tried the Pentagon and St.Louis with no results -- which doesn't surprise us. We've been up against those two stumbling blocks for over 35 years. Be patient, Johnny -- one of our gang out there will see your cry and will come forward.

## Off the Wall

CHARLEY MORGAN wants to contact MARSHALL W. GARRETT who was wounded on Mindanao. Charley's at 106 East Vine, Liberty, IN 47353.

## By George, I Think He's Got It

License plate on car of retired drill sergeant: "HUP 234."



"TELL 36 HE DIDN'T HAVE TO GET HUFFY ABOUT IT!"

Savannah, where the colony of Georgia was settled 250 years ago last Feb. 12, has been leading in the state's celebration. Remember your 5th grade History? Gen.James Edward Oglethorpe first landed at Savannah.



ROSCOE CLAXON, (724 Ord. '43-'45), of Stamping Ground, KY, tells of addressing a high school class in Stamping Ground. "All my success in life," he told the kids, "I owe to one thing - pluck, pluck, and more pluck." One towhead in the back of the room stood up and said, "That's great, Mr. Claxon. But will you please tell us something about who to pluck and how?"

## Members write

JIM MOYER, (F 21, '40-'44), of 8401 Running Mill, Barnhart, MO 63012, was one of the 87 who sent us news clips on JIM GARNER receiving his Purple Heart 32 years after the wound. Thank you, fellas.

Grandson, Robert Marshall COLLETTE, born to "Bud" and Jean, on April 15, 1983. Congratulations, grandfolks.



"They want him to use his leave and he can't think of anywhere he wants to go."



# YOUR DUES ARE NEEDED

Nice letter from newly-joined ZANLY CAMPF (Cn. 19th '43-'45), of 806 San Jacinto, Corona, Cal. Says Zanly:

"I am a new member and have just received my first issue of the Taro Leaf.

"A very good, close friend, RAY TATMAN, was kind enough to enlist and pay for my first membership.

"As usual, he is still taking care of me. He started watching out for me when I joined the outfit -- He took me under his wing. A lot of fear left me that day. With other things beside the enemy to be afraid of he put me at ease, and made a better soldier and man of me.

At a time and place like that it is nice to have someone like him around. Ray is

now retired and living in VA and occasionally we talk on the phone.

"I want to take this opportunity to let you know how much I enjoyed the 'Taro Leaf'.

"I'm going to try to make Savannah, but if not I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone well, and I know they will have a good time. I really envy the ones that will attend, but am happy they are able to do so.

"Kenwood, it is a pleasure to be a member."

Nice letter, Zan; thank you.

And they continue to roll in. Have you yet sent us yours?

Yard Bird -- lower than a private  
SOP -- standard operating procedure  
Nightmare -- sexology session sponsored by the pill pushers

Field Manual -- the comic book  
Rock Happy -- been on Wahoo too long and chasing butterflies

Maggie's Drawers -- the waving flag when you missed the whole target

We still have a "sale" running. It's for Maj.Gen. AUBREY "Red" NEWMAN's book, "Follow Me." Paper copies for \$7.95 and we pay the postage. We're one outfit that doesn't curse you with "plus \$1.50 postage." You know about the book -- army recollections and anecdotes. It's priceless. And Red's famous Follow Me poster is in color on the cover. Oh yes -- almost forgot -- in case you want a copy, write Ken Ross at 120 Maple St. - Rm. 207, Springfield, MA 01103. Wanna know something? We have only 18 copies left. And it looks like when these are gone, we've had it.

A handsome, successful, totally bald man was being interviewed by a reporter. "Have any of your childhood dreams been realized?" he was asked.

"Only one," he replied. "When my mother would shampoo and groom my hair, I used to wish I didn't have any."

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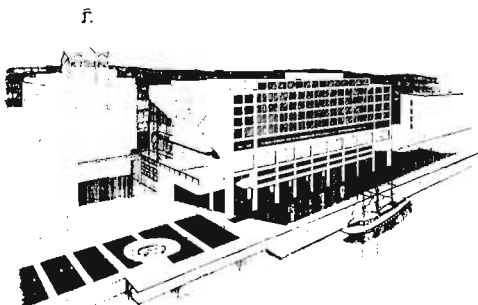
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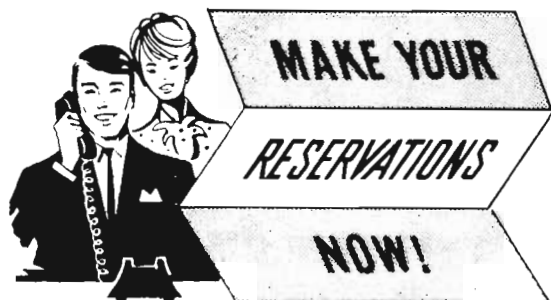
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We were asked by Prof. Frank MacShave if we could help him in writing a story of the late James Jones, the old F Co., 27th Inf. man who went on to fame and glory as an author. We've reported our own effort of a few years ago to see if we couldn't get a fire going with James Jones. It failed although we recall that he sent us an autographed picture, "To all men of the 24th", which we used as a cover story for one of our issues. But J.J. professed to know no 24th men and so there the matter died.

Now comes his would be biographer and asks if we'll insert this notice in our next issue and we are most happy to oblige. Here goes:

"JAMES JONES, author of From Here to Eternity, The Thin Red Line, The Pistol, Whistle: Anyone who served with Jones during 1939-44 in the Hawaiian Division or the 25th Infantry Division (27th Infantry Regiment) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; or Guadalcanal; Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee; or Camp Campbell, Kentucky. Please contact Jones' official biographer, Frank MacShane, 404 Dodge, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027."



JESSE FOSTER, (E 19th and 24th MP '40-'43), of 6608 Powhatan, Riverdale, MD, was recovering nicely from a heart problem when, wham, he's back in IC again. Daisy reports that this one is not as bad as the first one. She'll keep us posted. A card to Jesse at his home would do wonders. We've yet to meet a person who has more enthusiasm for this Association than Jesse. And Jesse had just written to us: "I'm bringing my wife, daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter to Savannah. Reservations have been confirmed." You'll make it, Jesse, if our prayers are answered.

Brig.Gen. LESTER WHEELER is home, in Alexandria, VA, recovering slowly from extensive Walter Reed surgery. Six inches of aorta had to be replaced -- an aneurism. Four days of IC, then finally home. Very weak and thin, reports his beloved Dottie, and he knows that recovery will be slow. Adds Dottie: "Les joins me in thanking our dear friends of the Association for their beautiful azalea which we continue to enjoy here at home." We do try to get a remembrance in to our sickrooms when and if we know in time. And this year, our florist is smiling. You can card Les at 2108 Stirrup Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308

JOSEPH A. CENGA (AT Co. 19th '40-'44), 206 Cedric Rd., Centerville, MA 02632, is recouping from surgery. Removed a spot on a lung. Says he feels great. Suggests that everyone whoever smoked have his lungs Xrayed. Good suggestion, Joe. It should be done just as regularly as McDonald's serves hamburgers.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

New Address: OTTO M. WRIGHT,  
(L 34th, '42-'45), Rt. 2, Box 583,  
Fredericktown, MO.

The 5th Div.Assoc. meets at the  
Ramada Inn, Niagara Falls, NY next  
Sept. 2, 3 and 4. Where are we going?  
Is anyone giving our next site any  
thought?

We have a fine letter from Bob Hesse,  
President of the 66th Div.Assoc. They  
started with 10 members in 1969, are now  
at 1900. We started 24 years earlier  
and only have 1611 members. They had  
600 at their last reunion.

The men of the 24th call it Combat  
Comaraderie, the fraternity of the  
foxhole. And that's what will impel us  
to return this year to Savannah.

BILL WEIDLE, (F 21st '40-'42), of  
1095 Byberry, Cornwells Heights, PA,  
sends us this one  
of the late JOCK  
CLIFFORD when he  
was a Schofield  
Captain commanding  
H 21st. Thanks  
Bill for remembering  
a great soldier.  
Bill, by the way,  
went to the 25th  
Div. in '42 and saw  
action on Guadal-  
canal, Solomons,  
Sasseville, New  
Georgia, and Arundel.  
Bill says he never  
lost his nickname  
as "The Gimlet".



A couple of issues back, we referred  
to WW II as the war which we won and  
Korea as the war --. We left it blank.  
DAVID LOMAX, (5th RCT '51-'52), of  
1225 Hayworth, Port Charlotte, FL  
answers, in a most polite way, that  
Korea was "the war we won -- I know, I  
was there." We're with you all the way,  
Dave. When we wrote it, Dave, we felt  
much like the pregnant woman looking out  
to sea, expecting her sailor to return.

Here's one who wonders "whatever  
happened to M of the 19th" BENTON D.  
COLEMAN, (M 19th '40-'42). Benny was  
Cadre'd to Canton I. building on  
airstrip and radio station. Then he  
went on to the 33rd and later the 38th  
before discharge in '45. He'd like to  
hear from any of the M 19th crowd.  
We'll try, Benny, we'll try.

Dr. ALBERT B. KITCHEN, (A 21st '50-  
'51), of 2713 Smith Creek, Augusta, GA  
is Professor of History at Paine College  
in Augusta. Al retired as a Lt.Col.  
in '70, obtained his Ph.D. in History  
from Auburn U. and then became a Prof.  
at Paine. We're proud of you, Al.

New address: RAY SANCHEZ (D 21st,  
'50-'51), Box 40366, Santa Barbara, CA.

CHARLES MORGAN of 106 E. Vine,  
Liberty, IN, writes: "I am looking for  
Marshall W. Garrett, from Indiana.  
Also James H. Lewanduske, from Detroit,  
MI. Both are Purple Heart. Both were  
in "E" Company 21st. Any ideas?

The world is spending \$550 billion  
per annum on arms -- twice as much as  
it spends on food, five times as much  
as it spends on housing. Ridiculous,  
isn't it?

A Congressional commission recently  
issued a report on the relocation and  
internment of 120,000 Japanese-American  
citizens and resident aliens in WW II  
calling it "a grave injustice, a move  
motivated by "racial prejudice, war  
hysteria, and failure of political  
leadership" and not by military consider-  
ations. The last time we expressed an  
opinion on this subject, our ears were  
boxed. This time we say nothing. The  
bleeding hearts have won again.

The report received a decidedly mixed  
reception. Ron Ikejiri, a Washington  
representative of the Japanese American  
Citizens League, a San Francisco-based  
group that lobbied Congress to authorize  
the inquiry, said he was "very pleased"  
by the report's critique of American  
political leaders and institutions of  
that era.

Others, however, expressed indignation  
about the study. John J. McCloy, a  
lawyer in New York who served as  
Assistant Secretary of War under Roose-  
velt, called the report "a shocking  
outrage."

"The reputations of many honorable  
men responsible for the nation's security  
during the war, many of whom are dead  
and cannot defend themselves, have been  
assailed," he said. "The report's  
conclusions are well and good in hind-  
sight, but none of us had that at the  
time."

You Know You're Getting Older When:  
The little old gray-haired lady you help  
across the street is your wife!

# WHAT'S NEW

From Caldwell, OH - 1020½ North St., to be precise -- comes mail from GERALD A. WILLEY (HQ 3rd Div., '51-'53) It's a news clipping about the Maj.Gen. WILLIAM F. DEAN suspension bridge spanning the Kaskaskia River in IL near Carlyle, Bill's native town. Thank you Gerry.

*bits & pieces*

Someone called us -- about Feb. 20th-- from Texas. We were awakened from a sound sleep. We didn't catch the name or the complaint. Had to do with a check which hasn't cleared. Will the party drop us a note and repeat the problem? Sorry 'bout that.

## SWEET AND SOUR

Misspelling in last issue. Oops! We're sorry. We called him TONY BUDNPANE, Gimlet of '40 - '42 days. It's TONY BUONPANE. Our apologies, Tony.

## Happiness

Eye surgery for RODNEY STOCK, (TK 34th '55-'56), of 4551 Azalea, Reno, NV. Is recovering.

# GALLERY

BOB SCOTT, (Hq. 34th '42-'45), of 3001 N. 43rd, Waco, TX, has thoughtfully sent us dues for GILBERT HEABERLIN of 307 Wildwood, Daingerfield, TX, 75638. Bob - technically, he's George, but he's called Bob -- is Secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Waco and is Grand Sr. Warden of the Grand Lodge of TX. Gil was I & R Plt. Leader in Hq.Co. 34th. After Blak, became C.O. of A Co. Earned a Silver Star at Zig-Zag Pass. Boy, are we glad to have Gil in. Thanks, Bob.

VA may face a crisis when it comes to providing medical care for the country's 28.5 million former military folks. In the next few years, most of the 11.5 million veterans of WW II will turn 65, the year when they become automatically eligible for free medical care at VA hospitals.

# INVITE

"In some future issue, would you state that BILL PEACOCK, a lil ole realtor in 3701 Kirby, Houston, TX would like to hear from anyone from A of the 21st in the '44-'46 era." Those are the exact words of Bill Peacock. He also threw a bouquet our way but we're too d----- modest to quote it. At any rate, Bill, it was appreciated indeed.

## FOR THE RECORD

ELLSWORTH MILLS, (724 Ord. '42-'45), of RFD 2, Perry, IA, reports that his good wife Pauline has been hospitalized since year's end. Is "improving with time". We're looking forward to seeing you foks in Savannah, Ell and Pauline.

## Letters To The Editor

We were thoughtfully postcarded from Jamaica by STEVE and Belle STEVENSON for which our thanks. These wonderful folks sure do take the good trips.

# The Laff-a-Bits

You could smell it coming. After "M\*A\*S\*H" comes "Aftermath", a new CBS series next fall -- a comedy to be set in a stateside veteran's hospital after the Korean War. Say it isn't so.

# GRACIAS.

JESSE L. FOSTER, (E 19th '40-'43), of 6608 Powhatan, Riverdale, MD, recovering from heart attack. Daisy called to give us the bad news. We flowered him at hospital -- in your name. They were both grateful. Progress is steady. Mind your Dr., Jess.

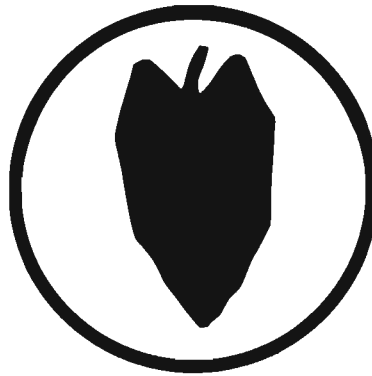
# ARIGATO.

Talked with MIKE MOCHAK, (D19th '42-'45), at 1143 Walnut, Springdale, PA. He is progressing -- slowly but surely. Why not pick up a phone and call him -- or Alice, Tel. 412-274-5292. They'd appreciate it.



**ATTENTION WW II & KOREA & OTHER VETS  
OF THE  
24TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
REUNION — AUGUST 18, 19, 20 in 1983  
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA**

**Bring your family! Come join the fun!**



Maybe *your* "old buddies" are already among the many vets who are members of the 24th Infantry Division Association! All units of the division are represented in the membership . . . WWII vets who were with the 24th from Hawaii to Japan and Korea vets who fought from Pusan to the Yalu! And at Fort Stewart, active duty soldiers are members also!

The 24th Division is now at Ft. Stewart, Georgia, outside Savannah, its official home, and is now being maintained in its proud tradition, full strength and combat ready.

For further details of the reunion, August 18 - 20, in 1983 and of association membership, the officers invite your contact. Reunion activities are based on good family fun and fellowship and we welcome members to bring their families.

May we see you at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Savannah, Georgia, August 18 - 20, 1983.

For further information, contact:

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Box 774  
Hinesville, GA 31313

Secretary-Treasurer-Editor: KENWOOD ROSS  
120 Maple St., Springfield, MA 01103  
Tel. 413-733-3194



## Pour Your Heart Out

Good quotes from C.W. "Bill" MENNINGER of 5009 N. LaMadera, El Monte, CA: "WALTER and Rose CHRISTIANSON, an old friend and former comrade (34th in Japan and Korea - then the 21st) just left to go back to British Columbia, after a visit here. We had a great time telling lies and other war stories. Incidentally, in looking through one of your old issues, I noticed a mention that the 25th was putting out a book called 'Lightning Forward' and was reminded of a crack my driver made in Korea. One time, when we drove past the Division C.P., he saw the sign that said 'DANGER FORWARD.' He said, 'Hell, where else would it be?' I hadn't been so moved since I read 'Cinderella.'"



"I need a couple guys what don't owe me no money fer a little routine patrol."

## HOOK, LINE AND STINKER

FRANK SKINNER (11th F '50-'51), of 4706 Tenth, LAX, says he spotted a news item about the "1st Bn., 11th Field Artillery" being in Panama for training but based in Ft. Lewis, Wash. Anyone got any ideas as to what's up. Frankly, Frank, and we're being perfectly Frank, D/A has got us completely confused as to the whereabouts of some of our old units. We'll see if anyone springs with a clue, Frankie. Don't panic.

## Members write

Write "Bud" and Jean COLLETTE (5th RCT '51-'52), of 6 Cattail, Irvine, CA, as follows:

"After our California Reunion of 2 years ago, I have been asked by several of our members who attended to: 'Do it again and soon.' I told all of them it is a lot of work and that I would help them put one on in their city but they want me to spearhead it again.

"There has also been talk or questions asking if we could form a California or Western States Chapter. I said we will have to check.

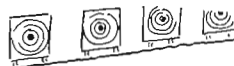
"We here in California have some 120 members. If we include Washington, Oregon, Nevada and Arizona we would have 168 Association members all very close. This way we could have a Western Reunion every year or every other year and keep it within our five states.

"We in no way are trying to discourage any association member from going to our national 24th Infantry Division Association convention, but to bring our Western States members a little closer together.

"If we don't have the full blessing from our National Officers of our 24th Infantry Division Association, this whole idea will be dropped.

"Please let me know.

"Yours in comradeship,  
Bud."



"I DON'T CARE HOW MANY BULLSEYES YOU GET WITH EACH SHOT. IT'S GOTTA GO !"

# Star Tracks

All Taro Leafers are invited to attend the 36th annual convention 18-21 August 1983 at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Hotel in Savannah, GA. Everything that has been planned to date indicates that this will be one of the best reunions yet.

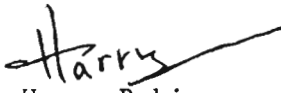
The Hyatt Regency is a new hotel and is perfectly designed to make our reunion a success. It is located on the Savannah River, and you can sit in your room, or the lounge, and watch ocean-going ships pass by a mere hundred yards away. Numerous fine restaurants, curio shops, and grog houses are on River Street, a stones-throw away from the hotel. Captain Sam's tour boat, the "Waving Girl", is moored next to the hotel and he gives a great boat tour of the harbor. The hotel is located in the heart of Savannah's Historic District and many fine tours of the historic homes are available.

The Commanding General of the Division has promised us an interesting day with the troops at Fort Stewart. It will feature helicopter flights from Hunter Army Air Field in Savannah to Fort Stewart and return.

We are working hard to make your 1983 Reunion interesting and pleasurable.

Hope to see all of you in Savannah in August.

Sincerely,

  
Harry Rubin,  
Convention Chairman

BILL SANDERSON is recouping nicely from a slight ticker problem. Happened in Tampa while Bill and Alice were motoring between NC and TX with way stops in AL and FL. Ye Gods, how these people get around. They were visited in Tampa by Maj.Gen. and Mrs. AUBREY S. NEWMAN, PAUL and Dottie WISECUP, C.G. HANLIN, and JOHN and Hilda KLUMP.

RUSS DENNY, (C 21 '40-'44), of 250 S. Westwind, Melbourne, FL, recouping from hospital bout with glaucoma. Was visited by FRED KLINGBAIL, (19 & 21 '40-'45), of 217 Linwood, Stevens Point, WI. These two hadn't seen each other in 40 years. Eureka!!

Maj.Gen. nominee KENNETH C. LEUER, Assistant Commandant, Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga., has been named Assistant Chief of Staff, C-C/J-3, Eighth Army/United Nations Command

DICK WATSON, (2 Bn Med. 19th), said, at BII, that he'd like to see a list of the present-day Division units. Dick, here you are:

1st Brigade  
2nd Bn., 21st Inf.  
2nd Bn., 34th Inf.  
2nd Bn., 70th Armor

2nd Brigade  
2nd Bn., 19th Inf.  
3rd Bn., 19th Inf.  
5th Bn., 32nd Armor

Div. Artillery  
Btry. G, 333 FA Bn.  
1st Bn. 35th FA  
2nd Bn. 35th FA  
1st Bn. 13th FA

Div. Support Command  
24th Adj.Gen.Co.  
24th Finance Co.  
24th Med. Bn.  
24th Supply & Trans. Bn.  
724th Ord. Maint.Bn.  
91st Chem. Co.

3rd Eng. Bn.

5th Bn. 52nd Air Defense Artillery

24th Combat Aviation Bn.

24th Mil. Police Co.

Hq. & Hq. Co. 24th Inf. Div.  
(Mechanized)

24th Sig. Bn.

124th Mil. Intelligence Bn.

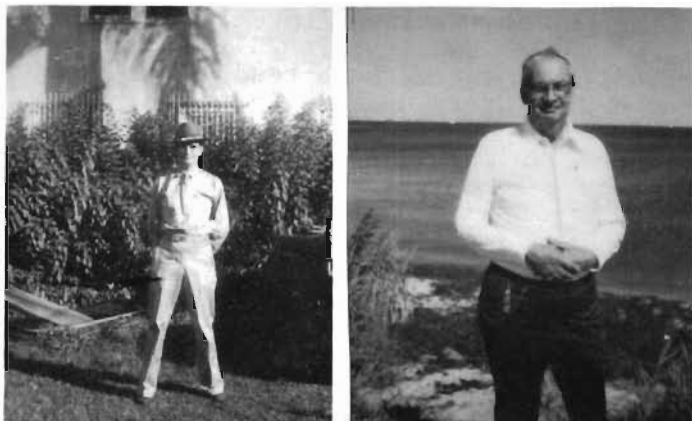
2nd Squadron 9th Cavalry

Ada COCHRAN, 1003 Tyler Court, Waldorf, MD 20601 is looking for anyone who served with the 3rd Eng. or 6th Tk.Bn. in '49-'51.

In the middle of our Savannah meeting in August, anyone want to bring his clubs and enter into a tournament? CHARLEY GAZZARA is anxious to arrange for such, if there is any interest.

Let us say "Welcome aboard" to BG RICHARD H. SHARP as ADC. Gen.Sharp reported in on Feb. 11th, having last previously served as C/S, 5th Inf.Div. (Mec.) at Polk.

JOE DAWSON of 17500 Stout, Detroit, MI, anxious to split the cost of a motor trip to Savannah and back. Anyone interested? Contact Joe directly.



JOHNNY ROBINSON, (C 19th '42-'45), of 359 I St., Brawley, CA 92227, sends along a '42 picture when he was on DS in the 19th PX at Schofield, in his Co. C uniform A, and more recently, '82, on a trip to NJ.

## The Last Waltz

LEE B. LIST, our Membership Chairman is going "through the chairs" of the American Legion -- or is it "through the hats"? Is now 4th Div. Sgt.-at-Arms. This entitles him to wear a white hat -- and there are only 32 white hats in the Div. Bully, Lee!!!

**YOU'LL  
NEVER  
FORGET  
THE  
SERVICE.**

Don't forget, we're looking for contributions to our collection of GI slang, nicknames and other Army jargon. These have come in since our last request:

Sweepers man your brooms

The smoking lamp is lighted

When in Savannah, here's another one to take a peek at -- the Ballastone Inn on East Oglethorpe St. It represents Southern gracious living. On cheery days, breakfast is served in a sunny garden amid a welter of wisteria and Savannah holly.

## Savannah, Georgia ///// August 18, 19 & 20, 1983 Hyatt Regency Hotel //

We're getting questions about the program for Savannah.

Well, first off, there'll be no program for Thursday, Aug. 18th. Get it? No program. Oh there'll be the early bird arrivals. Some will have been in camp since Sunday or Monday. That's okay, of course. That's their business. All we're saying is that there will be no organized program for Thursday. Okay? All together now -- NO PROGRAM FOR THURSDAY.

Those who do come may want to partake of the boat ride around Savannah Harbor. The dock is only 50 yards from the hotel and the harbor is really something. Surprisingly busy.

Or if you like, tours of the historical spots in the city can be arranged.

Savannah is a lovely city, by the way -- in case you've never been there.

Come Friday, Aug. 19th, we all take off for Hunter AFB adjacent Savannah from where we'll be helicoptered to Stewart for a day in the field with one's own unit including lunch with them or if the ladies would prefer and likely they will a tour of the post ending with a lunch at the Officer's Club. Then back to the hotel to get ready for a luau at the hotel with music by the Division's dance band.

Then Saturday, Aug. 20th, is business meeting time in the a.m. whilst the gals do a walking tour of River Street. Incidentally Harry Rubin says "there are zillions of fabulous restaurants on River St." We think he's slightly overcooking this one. How about 21 Harry, or 20? Zillions???

The 6 o'clock hour is our happy hour with cocktails to precede our formal banquet and Memorial Service.

And while we're about it, lads and lassies, please be sure to bring a business suit or an evening dress for the Saturday night festivities. We go, not quite formal, but the next thing to it. What we're trying to say is that we don't go to our Memorial Service looking like a bunch of slob.

Dancing follows the after-dinner speeches -- and incidentally, Harry promises the shortest list of the shortest speeches in the Association's history. Pull that off, Harry, and we'll give you a plaque.

Then comes Sunday -- the grand finale -- sweet goodbyes -- so longs - alohoas -- farewells.



Eastern reports that there are still seats available for association members who wish to attend the meeting in Savannah. Call the special 800 number, 800-327-1295 (in FL 800-432-1217), book your reservation, and take advantage of the special fares Eastern offers our members traveling to Savannah. Make sure you identify yourself to the agent answering the phone who will work with you to make sure you receive the best possible fare. A word to the wise -- Savannah and nearby Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, are extremely popular vacation spots and August is a big vacation month. The location and the time of year make the most desirable flights difficult to get. Call now for reservations. Eastern continues to offer their special discount to association members. We look forward to seeing you in Savannah.

Now a "Sr. Citizen" (aren't we all?) is WALTER R. PARRISH, (A 24 Med. '42-'45), of 4317 Hampshire, Hampstead, MD. Walt had a John Deere dealership for 30 years. Best of our wishes go out to you and Frances, Walter. See you both in Baltimore in August.

BUD COLLETTE (5th RCT), never stops interesting new folks on our Assoc. He has recently brought in:

FRANKLIN D. HAAS, Rt. 1, Box 210, Hudson, N.C. 28638. Co. "L", 5th RCT, 1950-51 (Korea). Wife: Vera.

JESS MARQUEZ, Shadow Mountain, Apt. D-8, El Paso, TX 79912. Co. "D", 21st Inf., 1942-45 (WW II). Wife: June.

**DON'T FORGET  
YOUR DUES  
ARE NEEDED**



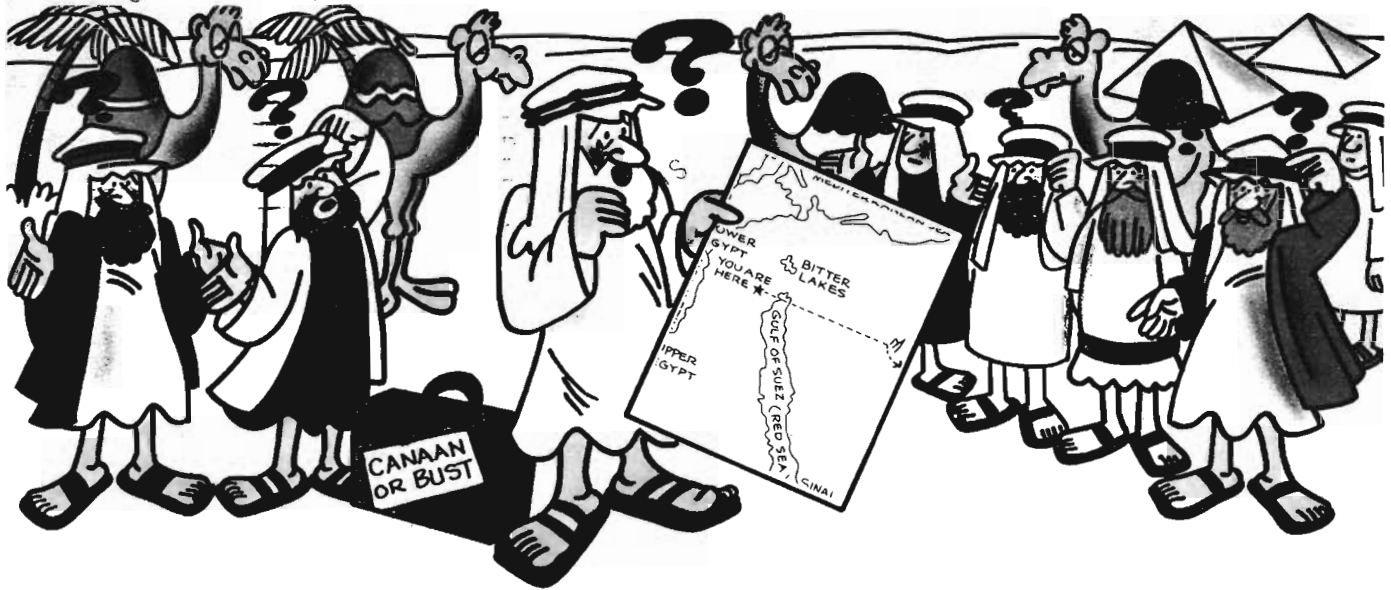
In Savannah -- the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace. The house, a fine example of English Regency architecture (1818), was blended with the Victorian additions in 1886. The property was first occupied in August, 1733. This property, operated by the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. since 1958, is also a museum of historical memorabilia of the founder of Girl Scouting.

FLOYD EYLER, (I & L 21st '42-'44), of 234 Strickler, Waynesboro, Pa., is one who has sent in his \$20 for our History, out in the spring. Only about 700 have paid. That's less than half of the membership. Remember, no tickee, no shirtee.

Another new retiree -- they're piling up like the leaves of autumn. This one is GLENN "Doug" WAGNER, (Sv. 19 '44-'45), of Box 11, Shaftsbury, Mich. He was a Sr. Eng. with the Mich. Dept. of Transportation. Says to "anyone passing through" that they'd be welcome to "stop in and have a coffee or a cold one." First thing we gotta do is find Shaftsbury on the map, Doug.

We have about 65 requests reading "When the History is finished, don't forget to reserve a copy for me." MANUEL ALVARADO, (A 19th '48-'50) of 650 Elm, Seaside, CA, is a case in point. Here's the pitch. When we go to press, we go on the basis of copies actually paid for as of that date. So if you want a copy, we'll need your \$20.00 now. Okay, Manny?

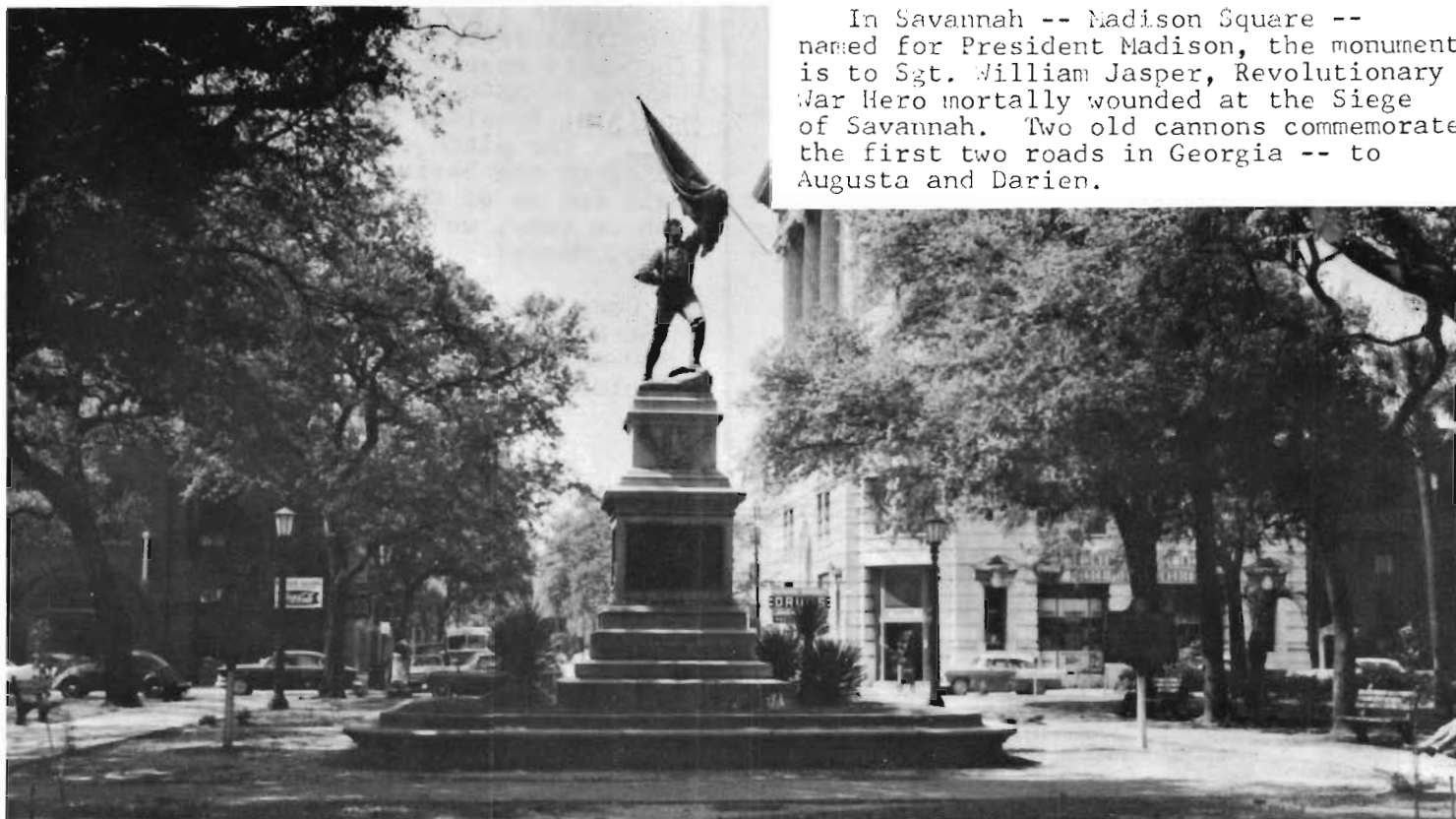
Dues gratefully received from MIKE BONCZYK, (E 19th '42-'45), of 8940 California, South Gate, Cal. Mike's a welder. Thanks again, Mike.



**If Moses had been a Taro Leafer He wouldn't have spent 40 years roaming the desert!**

**But you can have the edge Moses didn't have by keeping The Ten Commandments of the 24th . . .**

- I. Thou shall go to Savannah in August**
- II. Thou shall have a good time**
- III. Thou shall meet old friends**
- IV. Thou shall meet new ones**
- V. Thou shall tell others to meet you there**
- VI. Thou shall . . . etc., etc., etc.**



In Savannah -- Madison Square -- named for President Madison, the monument is to Sgt. William Jasper, Revolutionary War Hero mortally wounded at the Siege of Savannah. Two old cannons commemorate the first two roads in Georgia -- to Augusta and Darien.

Our hard-slugging Membership Chairman LEE LIST has found HUGH RUCKDESCHEL, (5th RCT '52-'53), living at 10085 Gulf, Treasure Island, FL with good wife, Janet and the "kids" -- Michael, Martin, Teresa and Tammi. Says Hugh: "I'm glad to have finally found you people" -- to which we reply: "We ain't been hidin', Hugh."

"Driving. Didya ever notice that anyone going slower than you is an idiot? And anyone going faster is a MANIAC."

Write CHARLEY GAZZARA at Box 225, Ancora, Br., Hammonton, NJ, if you like his idea of some kind of a golf tournament while we're all at Savannah.

New address for RALPH HANSON, (A Btry 26 AAA '51-'52). Try 2349 Allied, Madison, WI.

If you're reading our mail, over our shoulder, then you may have caught this nice one:

"Please accept my \$100.00 check for my Life Membership. I was in K-19th in Korea and also a POW from 23 Apr. '51 to 16 Aug. '53. Sincerely,

ALFRED G. BROWN,  
Rt. #1 - Box 444, Hanover, PA."

We've sent this trial balloon up before and for the life of us, we can't recall how it sailed. Seems as though some said "Yes" and some said "No". The question is: Did it happen?

JOHN FRANK MCKENNEY, of 14 Lake, Millbury, MA, is the one who is asking now.

Frank writes: "Does anyone remember in Hollandia that we received a month's pay from the Dutch government -- along with our regular pay? Sometimes I think I dreamed this. Then again I find myself telling myself that it really did happen. Maybe someone will remember."

There you are, Frankie -- and we'll give you the score on the "yeah's" and "nay's".

BILL BOYDEN, (H&S, 3rd Eng. '49-'51), of 201 Old Taunton, Norton, MA, minces no words. He steps right up, slaps down \$100, and, bingo becomes Life Member #426. He writes:

"I receive the Taro Leaf with open arms and read it from cover to cover. I feel kind of left out as not too many 3rd Engineers are members. We were 'eager beavers' but I guess not in joining the association. Keep up the good work."

The RASNIC brothers, BILL and OTIS are both Life Members of our Association. Terrific!!!

# Sequel

The paratroopers put out a paper called "Static Line". In it we spotted a letter by one G. "Lou" FORD of 832 Middle, Chambersburg, PA. He tells how he was the victim of a reorganization of the 506th and ended up being sent to Meade. Let's pick up his story with that:

"I was sent to Ft. Meade, attached to 34th Inf. Regt. P.O.E. (of which the 34th Inf. Regt. has a stained glass window at the Post Chapel named in its honor). I was shipped to Schofield for placement with an Ordnance Co. at the foot of the Pali Cliffs. I also went to Ranger School at Schofield Barracks under Col. Delasque who did things with bare bayonets and live ammo, one hell of a leader.

"The 24th was not a full Division in 1943. When they called for volunteers to make it up, I jumped with both feet. We were sent to Rock Hampton for combat readiness. I was attached to Hq. 3rd Bn 34th as a 37 mm Anti-tank platoon gunner. We went to Good Enough for the jumpoff into Hollandia, (the 34th led the way), the 34th was called upon again to relieve the 19th Regt. on Biak where the Japs were using Anti-Aircraft weaponry which were on top of the cliffs firing down our throats. Even the LDVP's and others in the water caught hell coming in, we (the 34th) managed to secure the Island. Back to New Guinea to get ready for the Philippines, by luck of the draw the 34th got the task of spearheading the beach landing onto Leyte, Oct. 20, 1944 (which was supposed to be hurricane season, but it didn't hit until 3 days later), when I was in Tacloban. The 3rd Bn. was supposed to have landed on Blue Beach, but landed on Red instead. I came off the ramp of the LCPV and dropped into a shell-hole under water thinking I'd had it. I managed to get up to the high-water line next to a palm tree where I took time to clean the sand and water from my M-1. I had time to look around, up and down the beach, I saw no signs of anyone, anywhere, being pinned down, although only being able to see 200 yds. both ways up and down the beach. 30 to 50 yds. inland 3 pill-boxes were knocked out by the 34th in my area. Two hours later MacArthur came ashore with the Philippine President (for publicity). I was sitting on top of one of the pill-boxes and someone on one of the others said, "watch this," with that he cut loose with a Thompson Sub-machine gun. MacArthur said, "I have returned," he turned and got the hell off of Leyte (the 34th again). One month later,

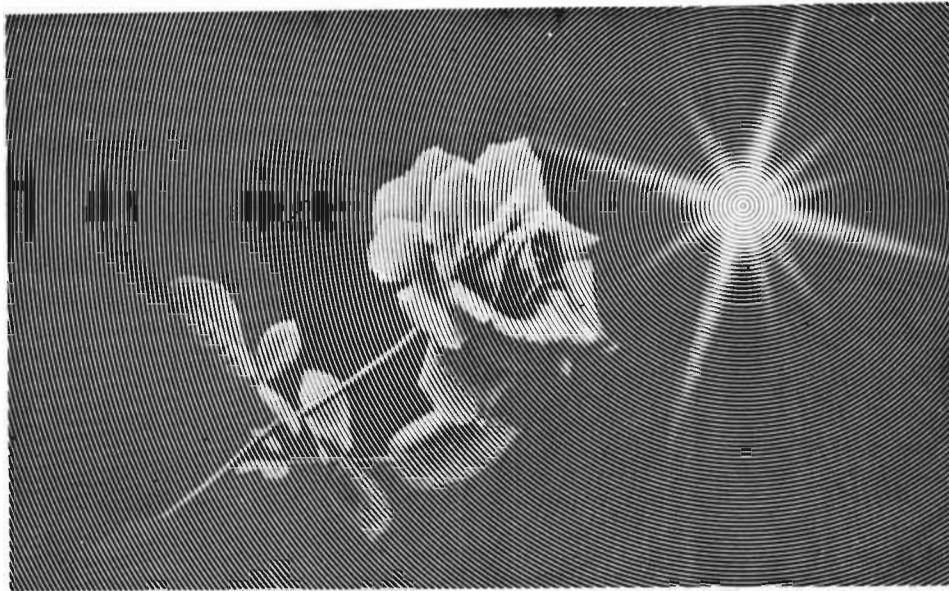


Writes JOHNNY MORRISON, (D 21st '41-'44), of 54 Chelsea, Mt. Sinai, NY 11766, "His nibs taken by ED VOSO. We're in a gulch near Thompson's Corners on 12-8-41. How many remember that helmet? LEO AGUILAR, (D 21st '40-'45) having a tough time healthwise. Cards would be nice. He's at 400 S. Canosa Ct., Denver, Colo." Johnny, by the way, threw in a nice contribution to help pay for some postage. Thanks, Johnny. Leo, by the way, was on the "great" boxing team run by Capt. Mocci. D Co. had Leo, Sabala and Punchy Williams on the team.

Thanksgiving, we linked up with the 77th on the other side. The 34th was pulled back and we went to Lingayin Gulf and Cavite on the western side from Bataan where Co. A 34th went through Zig Zag Pass to Bataan. The 34th jumped off again and came back around to secure Bataan and then a few of us from the 34th were selected to go into Corregidor under the 503rd. You talk about errors, those pilots who flashed those go lights for that jump really blew it. I was in the first wave, we got about 100 yards when the right rear wheel of the jeep caught a land mine (there were 30 mines in a 50 by 50 ft. area), it blew the hell out of the jeep, the 37 mm gun landed on top of me, there were 4 of us, nobody got killed, I was the worst of all.

"I was medically discharged July 7, 1945, rated at 50 percent. Out of 9 separate combat engagements I never once saw or heard of any guys in the 34th that backed off or failed to spearhead. They didn't have to follow anyone. Time and again we were called upon to assist another regiment, or pull someone's chestnuts out of the fire. The 34th had a proud record."





Time goes on, as one by one they fall by the wayside, leaving only remembrances. To those of us who shared a part of our lives with them, the memories will always be with us, to relive over and over again as we continue down life's narrow road. Let us cherish the companionship and association of those still remaining for through such fraternal friendships come tomorrow's fond recollections.

Strange, wasn't it, that so little space was given to the death of Robert T. Stevens, former Secretary of the Army under President DWIGHT EISENHOWER, (19th), when he passed to his reward last Jan. 31st in Edison, NJ.

In '54, Mr. Stevens defended Army officers from what he saw as slanderous attacks from Communist-accuser Sen. Joseph McCarthy. When McCarthy alleged security leaks at Monmouth and Kilmer and questioned the patriotism of our own Maj. Gen. RALPH ZWICKER, Stevens was the chief witness for the Army. His appearance at the televised hearings was seen as an important step in bringing McCarthy's prominence to an end.

Deceased: RAY WEST on Feb. 22, 1983 after a long illness. Ray lived at 812 Missouri, Joplin, MO.

RITA BACKER has been deeply touched by all of the warmth and affection recently showered upon her. She is "exceedingly grateful."

We are late in reporting the passing of Patricia WEIDLE, the beloved wife of BILL WEIDLE, (F 21st '40-'42), of 1095 Byberry, Cornwells Heights, PA. Bill lost his son, Robert in '70 -- in 'Nam with the Americal. Bill, you have been hit hard. We feel for you.

From JACK FINAN comes this news: "I'm sorry to inform you that JOHN T. (Steady) JACKSON passed away November 23rd at 3:35 a.m. According to Elizabeth, his heart simply gave out. They learned in August that he had severe blockages in all arteries, but his heart was too weak for an operation. They went to five doctors in all, besides their family doctor. None could help.

Deceased: HOWARD G. LIST, beloved brother of Membership Chairman LEE B. LIST on Feb. 26, 1983.

Deceased: CHARLES S. HERRING, (C 21st '50-'51), of 9077E. Suva St., Downey, CA. Charley also served with the 34th.

Deceased: TOM BANGERT (I 21st '46-'48), of 1125 Garden, Fort Wayne, IN.

We report the death of DOMINICK "Rico" MONTO, (G 34th '42-'45), of Elmwood Park, NJ. Surviving are his wife, Louise, a son, Frank, of Haledon, NJ, two daughters, Carol Puzio, of Bricktown, NJ, and Kathy Ledoux, of Sailorsburg, PA and seven grandchildren.

We've asked HAROLD FRITZ, (B 34th '40-'45), of 15 Lyons, Springfield, NJ to write this one and he has obliged us beautifully and for same, we say "Thank you, Harold".

"I write with much sorrow in my heart. We have lost another member, VINCENT "Vinnie" CIMMINO. His untimely death came on April 15, 1983. Just a short time before this we had spoken on the telephone, and Vinnie indicated to me that he definitely wanted to be included in our plans for Savannah.

"As his former first sergeant, I am sure I utter the sentiments of all B 34th members who knew this fine soldier when I say, "thanks Vinnie for all the proud moments you added to the history of our fine unit". Vinnie was just like the rest of us young fellows in the 1940's when we were stationed at Schofield. He loved his good time on pass in Honolulu. In fact to the point of it almost costing him the shot at the welterweight title of Schofield. I finally had to restrict him to the post and, under the supervision of Sergeant Danny Cuomo, who took care of his training, Vinnie went on to win by a TKO, the welterweight championship of Schofield for 1941-42. Shortly after, he also volunteered for that top secret mission of trying to reach our beleaguered troops in the Philippines. That mission was called off by the fall of Corregidor. Again, in November of 1944 on Kilay Ridge in the Ormoc Valley, Leyte Island, Sergeant Cimmino's squad was chosen to accompany our Company Commander, Capt. Brian B. Walker in an attempt to cross the valley and make contact with the encircled 3rd Battalion of the 34th. This important contact was made without the loss of a man and eventually enabled the 3rd Battalion to evacuate their sick and wounded. Sergeant Cimmino went on to Mindanao where a serious Japanese mortar wound to his right hand put an end to whatever plans Vinnie had to continue, at the end of the conflict, what most certainly would have proven to be a promising career in boxing.

"In closing, I can only say it was an honor and privilege to serve with this fine soldier.

"Sincerely, HAROLD FRITZ, CW-2 USA, Ret., Company B, 34th Inf. 1940-45."

CHARLEY ROBINSON, (Hq.Co. 19th, E 19th, 724th '58-'69), died quite suddenly last Feb. 13th in a Columbus, hospital. Johnnye Robinson sent us this notice from her home at 434 Wickham, Columbus, GA 31907:



Charlie Robinson

## Youth Leader Robinson Dies

A military man who turned to volunteer youth service, Sgt. 1st Class Charlie Robinson, 61, of 434 Wickham Drive, Columbus, died Sunday at Martin Army Hospital.

Robinson was born April 6, 1921, in West Point, Miss., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Robinson. He retired in 1972 from the Army after 30 years that included service in Europe during World War II, the Korean and Vietnam wars.

After retiring, he became an assistant scoutmaster for St. Anne's Catholic Church Boy Scout Troop 98 and was its scoutmaster when he died. His scouting awards included the Scouters' Key.

Troop 98 committee chairman Benjamin Ranieri said Robinson also put new life into the Cub Scout program and began a program for scouts to visit homes for the elderly.

He was a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus, for which he was program director for youth and religious activities. He was an usher and lector of St. Benedict Catholic Church.

Survivors besides his mother, Bertha Moody of Columbus, Miss., include his wife, Johnnye; son, 1st Lt. Frederic C. Robinson of Germany; a sister, Willie Circus of West Point, Ga.; two brothers, James Robinson of Chicago and Herman Nolan of Lorain, Ohio.

Sadly do we report the death of WILLIAM V. DAVIDSON, (Div.Hq. '41-'45), of Clarkesboro, NJ on 4/7/83. He is survived by his lovely wife, Lorna Leah, and daughter, Barbara, Box 206, Swedesboro, NJ 08085.

JOE and Margaret PEYTON and WALTER CUNNINGHAM represented us at the BILL DAVIDSON funeral.

Joe sent us this notice which appeared in Bill's local paper:

**WILLIAM V. DAVIDSON**

Former Swedesboro Councilman William V. Davidson, 71, of Clarkesboro died Friday at Underwood-Memorial Hospital, Woodbury.

He was born and lived most of his life in Swedesboro where he owned the J.J. Davidson Jr. Produce Co. He served on the council from 1953 to 1955. Mr. Davidson retired from the U.S. Army after serving in World War II in the 24th Infantry Division.

Surviving are his wife, Lorna; a daughter, Barbara L. Jowett of Swedesboro; his mother, Mrs. Ellen Davidson of Swedesboro; a sister, Ann Elmore of Phoenix, Ariz.; and two grandchildren.

The Rev. Lee Powers will officiate at a memorial service 11 a.m. Monday in Trinity Episcopal Church, Kings Highway and Church Street, Swedesboro.

Contributions may be made to the church's memorial fund. Arrangements are by the Pettit-McBride Funeral Home, Paulsboro.



Chaplain JOE PEYTON on the death of CHARLIE ROBINSON:

"Another blow was the notice on Charlie. I got to know Charlie while on a visit south with my son Tom. Robbie was a K of C member...Boy Scout Leader... and a wonderful volunteer. I am so happy he made Baltimore II. I remarked to Margaret "he looked bad" but never expected that to be our last meeting. I called his home when I was in Columbus, GA during the past Christmas Season. Charlie was not at home (volunteering somewhere), but I spoke to his wife, Johnnye."

Died: M/Sgt. WARREN W. TURNER (D 19 '40-'44; Korea '50-'51; M21 Germany '67), of 3906 Capers, Columbia, SC on 4-15-83.

Funeral services for Warren W. Turner, of 3906 Capers Ave., will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Calvary Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. George E. Turbeville. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park with full military honors and Masonic rites.

The family will receive friends tomorrow between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., at the Dunbar Funeral Home, Devine Street Chapel.

Mr. Turner, 64, died yesterday at Moncrief Army Hospital.

Born in Florence, Ind., he was a son of the late Lawrence and Susie Scudder Turner.

He was retired from the Army after 31 years of service. Mr. Turner was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He was a Mason in Florence, Ind., and a member of Calvary Baptist Church, the Jamil Temple and the Columbia Shrine No. 6 Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem. He was a past patron of Shandon Eastern Star 193 and the Magnolia Court No. 5, Order of the Amaranth.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Marian Swan Turner; sons, James W. Turner of Spartanburg, Lawrence D. Turner of Columbia and Eugene B. Turner of Greenville; daughters, Mrs. Otis (Susie) Hembree of Pauline and Miss Audry S. Turner of Ridgeway; brothers, Harry Turner of California, Stanley and Larry Turner of Florence, Ind., and Lionel and Franklin Turner and Paul Scudder of Rising Sun, Ind.; sisters, Miss Wilma Turner of Florence, Mrs. Paul Koons of Rising Sun, Mrs. Albert Waltz of North Vernon, Ind., and Mrs. Judy Maddox of Madison, Ind. and grandchildren.