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The President's Page

or, "What's Dutch Got To Say?"

- *** All my adult life I have been watching newly elected Presidents get up and say exactly the same thing, namely how honored they are to have been elected. Now I come along and the first thing that comes to my mind is, "how honored I am to have been elected."
- *** Great reunion in Minneapolis. Unfortunately the Master of Ceremonies dropped the ball a few times, such as forgetting to introduce the Head Table. The only excuse available is that he just got out of the hospital.



- *** Leaving the reunion hotel Margo and I came to the parking lot and found the battery dead in our car. It turns out someone tried to steal it and set off the alarm, which ran until the battery went dead. No big deal; called the AAA, got a jump-start and we were on our way. They must not have many Jeeps in Minneapolis -- every thief on this part of the country knows better than to try to steal a Jeep.
- *** In a nutshell the important items of business done in Minneapolis were: Office of 2nd VP eliminated, the amendments to the Constitution to require incorporation did not pass, "Directory Chairman" position replaced by "Historian," with Joe McKeon getting the job, and Little Rock selected as the 1998 reunion city. Also, great reports were given by Membership Chairman Wally Kuhner and Sec/Tres Rudy Mullins.
- *** Looks like the History Book will be out the middle of next year. They still need more pictures.
- *** Next reunion will be in Colorado Springs, 17-20 September. It will be our Association's 50th "Golden" reunion. In honor of this event some special gift will be given to each member that attends. As of now the thinking is an etched, crystal glass. Also, I'd like to see the crest of every unit of the 24th displayed in the Hospitality Room and at the banquet. (In color and about 18 inches long will do nicely.) The guys of the 19th are already working on theirs.



24th Infantry Division Association



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT (DELAYED FROM PREVIOUS ISSUE)

I have received several inquiries from Association members concerning the cover of the TARO LEAF that shows the Presidential Unit Citation (PUC) as one of the division's awards and if the division received the award for its World War II actions.

The entire division did receive a Presidential Unit Citation for battle action in Korea but the division did not receive the PUC for World War II. The division did receive a Philippine Presidential Unit Citation for the period 17 October 1944 to 4 July 1945. (A later amendment changed the dates from 17 October 1944 to 3 September 1945)

During World War II several individual units of the division received the Presidetial Unit Citation. The 1st Battalion of the 34th Infantry and the 2nd Battalion of the 19th Infantry received the award for action on Leyte, Cannon Company of the 21st was awarded the PUC for action in the Battle of Manila and the Third Battalion of the 34th received the award for its actions in the retaking of Corregidor from the Japanese. Later the entire 21st Regiment was cited for action on Leyte and the 19th Regiment was cited for action on both Leyte and Mindanao.

The division also has received two Korean Presidential Unit Citations for its combat service during the Korean War.

Included as an attachment to this correspondence is a listing of the lineage and the honors our Victory division has received for its service to our country during time of war.

KOKES

EARLWIN C. OKLAIRE (21ST INF)
SAYS HE JUST COULD'NT RESIST
SENDING THIS ONE IN.

"AN EDITOR OF A MILITARY NEWS MAGAZINE WAS TIED TO A STAKE, AS A KEITLE WAS BUBBLING FERIOUSLY NEAR BY. YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME HE COMPLAINED TO THE CHIEF CANNIBAL, I'M THE EDITOR OF A HIGHLY RESPECTED MILITARY NEWS MAGAZINE IN THE UNITED STATES. THE CHIEF SMILED AND REPLIED, TONIGHT YOU WILL BE EDITOR IN CHIEF!"

Down from the hill, neath the clear place skies, he lies.
In the memoire chill, thaving closed has eyes, and dies.

Solder over 1 at.
Clothes cakes with mud,
and Basin
His allow marching feet.
Rest new stilled.
God withou

(Written 1957 by Ed Ryun - 19th Inf. Page 25th Inf. Div.)

ROCK OF CHICKAMAUGA

Rick of Chickamauga, 19th Infantry Rick of Chickamauga, 19th Infantry Rick of the Land and sea known over land and sea

Then forward move her banners on down through history hail to the Queen of Buttles The 19th Infantry!

(In May 1950 Capt. Robert Miller, HQ Co. ordered his men to memorize the above)



William R. English, Co. H. 19th Inf '49-'51, 4622 Dean Drive, Wilmington, NC 28405. Ph 910-791-5168, writes "keep the T.L. coming, enjoy it very much. Please inform members of Dog Co. 19th Inf. Regt. that Ray H. Hanchey died 7/26/96. He was a POW 1950-51. Address Rt. 2, Wallace, NC 28466."

Floyd G. Sendmeyer New Life Member #1598(Div Arty 58-59) P.O. Box 88010 Indianapolis, IN 46208, Ph 317-842-3435 writes, "Some of the best memories and experiences of my life (Great Outfit) not a combat soldier like most of you, but very proud of my association with the 24th and past military experiences". Were proud to have you with us Floyd!!

Floyd Eyler (I&L 21st '42-'44), 23-4 Strickler Av. Waynesboro, PA 17268-1863, writes that since he will be 93 on 27 December he is unable to join us at the reunion this year. Floyd also sent a clipping from a past newsletter:

You think you've got troubles? Listen to FLOYD EYLER (I & L 21st) out in Waynesboro, PA. In the last few months, he's had 3 hemmoraging duodenal ulcers plus mumps plus a bad kidney. He sold the gas station after 37 years - unable to work. Cleovesta is with Waynesboro Knitting. Says Floyd, "Wonderful people in our little town. They've given me 32 pints of blood." We're pulling the you, Floyd.

I think Floyd deserves a B'Day card so mark your calender and send him one. By the Way, Floyd has been a member of and paid dues every year since 1950.

To Cot. Lindsey P. Henderson, Co. 1. 21st Inf., 111 E. 49th St., Savannah, GA 32405-2133. Thanks for the wonderful cond. Makes this job worthwhile and its a real pleasure to serve great people like we have. I wish you a speedy recovery and God willing a complete recovery.

To Dick Lewis, Treasurer, 5th RCT a big thank you for all your help in recruiting. There was an error in Herb Carlson's obituary. He was President in 1990-91 NOT 1991-1992. Thanks to Al McAdoo for bringing this to my attention.

Alvin L. Sebring Life Member #1567tCo. L 21st Inf and Div. Finance '50-'51) 11930 FM 3311. Tyler, TX 75708, Ph 903-877-3510, would like to hear from Lec O. Wines or from anyone who knows of the whereabouts of Lee.

Notes From The Secretary/Treasurer(Continued)

From James T. Colonico, 109 Dogwood Pt., San Ramon CA 94583(Oct.1937-Mar.1940). He writes that he would like to re-entist in the Association. He joined Hq Btry 13th F.A. at Schofield Barracks on Oct. 6, 1937 and was discharged on Mar. 27, 1940. When war started be went back on Apr. 7, 1942, but in the Air Force(then, "Air Corps) at Hickman Field. Discharged on Oct. 18, 1945.

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

Members who had their pictures taken by Reunion Services at the Minneapolis Reunion are encouraged to contact them and arrange to place your order. Only the pictures purchased will appear in the reunion album. You may contact them at Reunion Services, P.O. Drawer 759, Theodore, AL 36590(Ph.1-800-846-6335.

Charles D. Ploof. Co. L 19th Inf. Regt. 1951, wants to know if Col. James B. Jones Co. L. 19th Inf. Regt was the one and same Company Commander he had in May 1951 and until he left in Nov. 1951. Don says he was Platoon Leader 3d Ph. and 2nd Platoon leader during that time. Don wrote a very long story but we just don't have the room to put it in this issue.

Received word that Neil Huff (19th Inf.Regt) had a stroke in August. Neil lives at 3700 N. Capital St N.W., Washington, D.C. Ph 202-726-8136. Neil would appreciate hearing from you.

Jerry Olivo 21st Inf. Regt. 2 Maxim. Mr., 5000 field, WI 53045 had planned on attending the Minneapolis reunion but had to cancel dueso illness.

H. Gordon Behrel 19th Inf. Regr. (3/44 to 12/45) 845 Maple Av Downers Grove. IL 32179, joined association in "49 or 50 and worklers what the age of the oldest member is? Says he knows its not him, he's only 73.

Virgil C. Green, H.19 Aug. 50 -September 51, P.O. Box 35078 Palm Coast, FL 32135-0758 Ph 904-445-4580 is looking for information on the whereabouts of old friend Curtis E. Dodson S-2 2nd Bn 19th Inf. Can anyone help Virgil get in touch with Curtis?

From Clarence Merkely B Btry 52nd FA Bn (5.4-46) wishes to congratulate us for the magazine. Clarence also reported that his wife of 55 years passed away on July 19th. God Bless you, Clarence.

Notes From The Secretary/Treasurer(Continued)

Ray Sanchez D 21st 50-57 from P.O. Box 40306 Santa Barbara, CA 93140 writes that he and Jack Calderon got together during their annual Korean War Vet BBQ and over a cup of coffee talked about getting a mini-reunion together to go along with this BBQ and lo and behold just by word of mouth some Taro Leafers and their wives dropped in, a total of 17 altogether. Ray is life member #474.

Dear Rodolph,

I am writing to tell you how much I appreciate what you are doing for "The Victory Division" and how "The Taro Leaf" expresses the sentiments of the fighting men who are still living and the honor it gives to those who gave their lives for our great country. I really love to read the stories that are in "The Taro Leaf" and the jokes and cartoons as well; just to live again the bitter and the sweet that humans go through in the process of protecting the right to have freedom in our daily lives is enough in itself plus all the other benefits "The Taro Leaf" provides. I also appreciate the many noble efforts of Kenwood Ross and all the other men and or women that have had a part in the making of so great and unique a magazine that appeals to our hearts. If the story about Romblon is published I will forever be thankful to you as I then will have those lasting memories to leave to my children and grandchildren in printed form in one of the finest magazines in the world. I also appreciate you sending it to the book, in making, about our history in WWIJ.

Thanks again and keep on keeping on,

Your friend. Roy H. Welch

From Ellis Schwartz 21st Inf. Regt (4/38-10/40) 209 Fair St #1 Traverse City, MI 49686; Ph 616-946-4319. Writes that he served in Co. E 21st Inf. Regt when it was the Hawaiian Division. He still is in hopes of finding a name that he will recognize one of these days. He's 76 and still going strong. Hang in there Ellis!!

From L.L. Freeman Co. C. 34th (Oct. 44-Feb. 45) 6220 N. Grand, Gladstone, MO 64118-4148; Ph 816-453-5893; Well here i am late with dues again. But I am going to eliminate that problem by going life member. I attended reunions in St. Louis and Columbus. OH in the fifties. Was going to go to Colorado Springs in '93 but my high school 50th was the same week end. So I went to the school reunion. Remet my high school sweetheart(the one I should of asked to wait for me). We were both widowed and were married Thanksgiving '93 and been on the go ever since. We were in Greece at reunion time in '94. Also went to the Philippines for the reinactment of the Leyte invasion. Went to the 34th Regt reunion in Coco Beach FL last year. We took a trailer

Notes From The Secretary/Treasurer(Continued)

and pulled the Alcan Highway, gone six weeks. This year its R&R (remove and repair). I had open heart surgery in May and cataract and lens replacement in August and Betty is having dental work. But we are going to be in Minneapolis September 4.

From W. Clarence Sisley Med Det 19th Inf. Regt (42-45) 2509 W. Calle Tonala, Tucson, AZ 85745 is curious to know if anyone has ever mentioned of being in the toothless battalion of 200 at Schofield Barracks during the date 1942 or early 1943 eating meals of mashed potatoes and gravy while they were writing to be fitted for their new teeth. Clarence says he was the one sweeping up the teeth as they were being pulled.

From William Kral 21st Inf. Regt (43-45) 3 Mayfield, St. Peters, MO 63376, would like to hear from anyone who knew him in Hq Co. 2nd BN 21st Inf. Also still waiting to hear from John Hummer. Please call or write him. Ph is 314-278-4053.

From Jimm Lillie B Btry 11th F.A. BN (7/50-9/50). In the latest issue of the Taro Leaf, I read a note from John Heard regarding the 11th F.A. Bn. I was with B Btry, and I remember with pride the first shots fired by our Battery. That first day on the line we knocked out 5 tanks. In doing so we ruined the tube on that gun we fired so many rounds out of it. Five bronze stars were awarded for that action. I was stationed in Japan with the 90th F.A. Bn., I was one of two thousand troops who were sent down to the 24th from the 7th, 1st Cav. and the 25th. I spent one night in their barracks and shipped out to Korea with them. But I don't remember the date that we landed in Korea, maybe somebody could tell me that date. I just know it was in the first week of July. I really enjoy receiving the Taro Leaf. Keep up the good work.

From Patrick D. O'Connell Co. L. 34th Inf. Regt (Jan-45-Aug. 45) 7127 North 79th St., Scottsdale, AZ 85258. Ph 602-948-7854. Would like to locate Ph. Sgt. Lewis Downey of Muskegon, MI (1945 address).

From A.J. Silverstein E. 21st (46-46). 89 Harding Dr., New Rochelle, NY 10801. All is looking for M/Sgt. Calvin C. Creison from Winston-Salem. N.C. or anyone who knows his whereabouts. Last he heard he was rushed to Korea during the early days of the War. Might have spent years as POW.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER KENWOOD ROSS BY DUTCH NELSEN

At the banquet in Minneapolis, Kenwood Ross delivered a very moving and powerful speech. There has been an almost universal demand for copies of it. Rather than undergo the time and cost of reproducing and mailing it to so many members we are reproducing it here so everyone can read it.

Introduction: Kenwood Ross was born and raised in Springfield, Massachusetts. He entered the Army from ROTC in 1937. During WWII he commanded the 724th Ordnance Battalion and was the 24th Division Ordnance Officer. In October, 1945 at Mindanao he and about six others sat on some Palm logs and worked out plans for a 24th Infantry Division Association. Thus Ken is a Charter Member and was President in 1952. He is also the first recipient of the Verbeck Award.

For 45 years Ken was the Secretary/Treasurer of this organization, and also the Editor of The Taro Leaf. In the keeping of this Association alive and well it is unlikely that anyone has done more, or given of himself more, than Kenwood Ross.



SPEECH BY KENWOOD ROSS, BANQUET, 49TH REUNION, MINNEAPOLIS, 7 SEPTEMBER 1996

It was with you I lived my greatest moments. It is of you I have my greatest memories. I am pleased and honored to be so indulged by old friends. I am abidingly grateful.

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As I look out into your faces, I am reminded once anew of the great diversities represented here. I am put in mind of the Bishop of Birmingham who, on the dedication of a large railway terminal in Birmingham, said something like this:

You have done a great thing here in building this terminal. You have brought 4 great people together-

The Englishman who loves his bible and his beer,
The Welshman who prays on Sunday and on his neighbors
the rest of the week,
The Scotchman who keeps the sabbath and everything
else he can lay his hands on, and
The Irishman who doesn't know what he wants - but will
never be happy until he gets it.

War has brought us together. The 24th Infantry Division has brought us together. A subject for tonight was neverindicated to me, wherefore I assume that I may ramble on - which I intend to do, with a few rambling thoughts. And then I'm going to sit down, to witness the item of primary interest this evening, the presentation in a few minutes of the WILLIAM JORDAN VERBECK AWARD, this Association's highest honor.

The Verbeck Award and its meaning was pretty well covered in the last Taro Leaf, wherefor I'll not belabor the story except to offer the reminder that it is awarded to the member best showing real rolled-up-sleeve effort in furthering the best interests of the Association.

But I do have one story on my friend, Bill Verbeck, that I'd like to share. It was a story told and retold by Jimmy Lester, the Division CG following Roscow Woodruff. It was Lester's story of his one and only conversation with General Yamashita, the "Butcher of the Philippines". Between sessions of Yamashita's trial in Manila, where Lester was a court member, Lester found a moment in which to speak to the Butcher and ask of him this pregnant question: "When did Japan lose the war?" And Yamashita's answer: "The War of Japan was lost in the Campaign of the Philippines, and the Campaign of the Philippines was lost in the Battle of Leyte, and the Battle of Leyte was lost in the skirmish on Breakneck Ridge, and the skirmish on Breakneck Ridge was lost to your Colonel Verbeck." Even the foe had utmost respect for Bill Verbeck. And that is part of the reason why we, from time-to-time, award to one of our number, the VERBECK AWARD - our highest honor.

Safe to say that in its 55 year history, over half-million men have worn the Taro Leaf. That's not outrageous pontification - that's a distinct mathematical possibility.

West Point has its Long Grey Line. We have our own long line - made up of those who didn't come back - the likes of Jock Clifford, Carl Dodd, Jim Diamond, Mitchel Red Cloud, and thousands more. And made up, too, of those who did come back only to pass on here at home - the likes of Red Newman, Bob Ender, Bob Duff, Lee List, Ed Henry and thousands more. And made up, too, of thousands more, fortunate enough to still be with us, some fortunate enough even to be gathered here tonight. Each one of us can be proud of that lone line. Each of us marches in it.

And now a little something which may strike a raw nerve. Everywhere I go, I manage to ask questions of veterans whom I meet. A nagging feeling has haunted me - has grown in its ghostlike quality as the years have passed me by. So I like to ask: "What is your greatest criticism of your life in combat?" One answer comes back more or less consistently. That answer, in one form or another, goes like this: "That I never knew where I was, where I'd been, where I was going." Not many weeks ago, sometime in the spring, I received a call from Ben Wahle. Ben was asking if I could produce a decent map of Leyte. He was running his own refresher course on his route from Red Beach to Breakneck Ridge. He had often wondered about it since "44 when he made that lonely hike, how he'd so often wondered at that very time: "Where am I? Where is it? Where have I been? Where am I going? What had bothered Ben at the time was his total lack of understanding of the simple geography involved - a typical complaint of the soldier.

I visited Charley Card down in Texas not long ago. As we reministed, that same idea kept popping up. Said Charley, "It was so often a case of simply not knowing where I was, where I'd been in the last few hours, where I was going tomorrow." How many of you, in the dark and quiet of a night, in some God forsaken spot, 10,000 miles from home, have laid down your weary head, looked up at the stars above, and asked that simplest of questions, "Where am I?" I have no panacea for what we might do about it. It's a little late now. But I daresay I have struck a chord.

I recently visited the halfsize model of the Vietnam War Memorial when it came to my town. I had visited the real one on the Mall in the shadow of the Lincoln Memorial - but I had to see the traveling model. Once again I was mesmerized. I tried to wrap my mind around the megatonnage of violence, carnage and ruined lives that it represented. I was overwhelmed again with a sense of mankind's utter wickedness. A young man, standing beside me, looked my way and started complaining about a recent news item in which it was implied that the Vietnam Vets were "either suckers or psychos". I didn't tell him that the secretary of defense, these men had fought for back then, has now declared that he was not a believer in the cause for which he had assigned these men to their destiny. Nor did I remind him that a draft age kid from Arkansas, who held out in England to dodge his duty, white these men were fighting, is now the commander in chief. Jonathan Swift called war, "That mad game the world so loves to play." Can you think of anything more insane, more ridiculous - more cruel - more wasteful than war? You know. You've been there.

A thought on aging - our aging. You might share with me the idea of establishing a resting place for our 24th memorabilia - all for the desideratum that, upon our demise, it not be thrown into the discard by some non-thinking daughter or grandson. Such memorabilia - and likely each one of us has at least something to remember war's unpleasantness by - a pistol, a sword, a flag, a photograph, or whatever - and those somethings might be gathered together and preserved - not to be lost to mankind. Dutch and I discussed this possibility. He went so far so far as to offer his storage facility in Colorado Springs as a temporary resting place. I recently made a token shipment to him - and am planning on sending more. We might toss the idea around and see if any interest is generated, if we should go forward with the idea.

In the meantime, I might update you on the 300 book library with which we gifted the museum at Stewart a few years ago. Immediately we fearned of the reflagging, we asked for its return, having this depository idea in mind. I had looked for those books on two different visits to the Museum - and was told that the books were boxed and in storage - as there wasn't room for their display. That seemed reason enough to request the return of those books once the 24th was no longer a presence at Ft. Stewart. It looked, for the span of a minute or two, as though Division would return that shipment to us, but alas it is likely now that it is not to be.

We are hearing much on revisionism these days. Consider this comment made by Golo Mann, the great German historian. He was being interviewed in Switzerland back in 1959, having just published a most worthy history of the Thirty Years' War. He was asked why, being so familiar with recent German history, he hadn't written about WW II. Said he, "There are no refugees from the Thirty Years' War."

Suppose we put history on the shelf and publish nothing more about our wars until 2045 or 2050. At that centenary, when all historians then living, will never have been around in 1945 or 1950, they can fight a bloodless academic war without the intrusive oversight of those of us who were. Then as revisionists seem want to do, they can revise the truth as they will without any repercussion from any of us. There are those among us today who want to rewrite the histories of the '40's and '50's. A worst example of such is the ongoing effort to revise history of the 24th Infantry Regiment in Korea. The dispute over the performance of the 24th Regiment began with the publication in 1961 of the first volume of the Army's official history of the Korean War: "South to the appraisal of the 24th Regiment, describing numerous instances of cowardice and desertion. Led by one David Carlisle, a West Point graduate, black veterans demanded that the Army prepare a new history. H1987, the Army announced that the Center of Military History would begin a definitive review of the performance of the 24th Infantry Regiment in Korea. That history has been in preparation for nine years. Publication of its report, titled "Black Soldier, White Army", is due for publication in late summer - along about now. Watch for the release of that report. Watch for the revisionism. Of more recent vintage is the current effort to find 6 candidates for the

Medal of Honor, allegedly earned during Korea and/or Vietnam which candidates are to be black, it is ordained. That's revisionism - and our government is playing the game.

Just 60 years ago, FDR said: "This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with destiny." And so it came to pass. What a generation was ours! What a destiny was ours! And now 50 or 60 years later, some of us hold to the contention that the people have forgotten who and what we were. But I think it's less a case of forgetting and more a case of not wanting to remember - and caring even less. It's a case of the high probability of the improbable. The forgetters have us outnumbered. The best thing Americans do is forget. And what is most disheartening is that what we forget best is our record in war.

Had we not so fully forgotten WW I in the '20's and '30's, we may never had a Pearl Harbor. Had we not demobilized so quickly and so fully after the atomization of Hiroshima, there very well may never have been a Korean War. Try this illuminating exercise - an exercise in futility probably, but illuminating nonetheless. Find yourself a young high schooler - preferably one loaded down with an armful of books - hopefully the night's homework. And ask to borrow his book on U.S. history. If you have the time, review the cavalier manner in which the period 1941 - 1953 is treated. Forget? Americans don't even try to remember - couldn't care less. Sometime ago, I mentioned in one of my last issues of Taro Leaf, about chancing to intercept three young high schoolers, one a senior, two juniors. Casually, having noted a bit of indifference to the subject at hand. I asked: "Ever hear of General MacArthur?" Three total and complete blanks. Forget? They never even learned to remember. And tonight we are met to remember. The shadows are lengthening. As Division's birthdays multiply, we are growing old-together. The stories which we commemorate help us to grow old gracefully. Those stories are known to each of you. They need no profuse panegyrics. They are the stories of the American soldier at war. We remember - even if the rest of the world does not. That is one reason why we have come together once anew - at Minneapolis - to remember. We are satisfying a wish - to remember. We are satisfying a duty - to remember.

No speaker could stand on this platform - at this time - without making mention of the demise of the Division. How could they do this to us? What bold audacity! What balderdash! Downsizing of our Army long has been a tradition - we do it periodically and we do it so well - so quickly and so completely. And then we pay the price; each time we do it. We did it after WW I. We did it after WW II - in fact. if we hadn't done it, there very well may never have been a Korean War. The question has been: "If we downsize, what units will survive?" The basis for the decision was turned over to the Army's Center for Military History.

Having screwed up the earlier regimental affiliations within the Army, they were a poor choice for the job this time. Remember earlier, when the 19th, 21st and 34th Regiments quietly disappeared from the Division T/O? Thank the boys in the Center for Military History for that. They have an abysmal sense of history. Why sack our Division with its glorious history? First into WW II. Last out. First into Korea. Last out. With its protracted history in ETO - the Berlin Wall - wild incursion into Lebanon - and parts of us into Granada, Panama, Somalia, Haiti, and, yes, Bosnia. And, of course, the brilliant record of McCaffrey's dash in Desert Storm. Moving farther and faster than any mechanized force in military history, in just 100 hours of battle. We've been down this road before - brought home from ETO in '71 only to be melted into the Big Red One - and now this melting into the Third. We've been treated as a veritable yo-yo.

What about tradition? Heraldry is defined as that which is genetically transmitted from parent to offspring - as in the British army where you served in the Queens Cameron Highlanders, for example, because your father, your grandfather, and your great grandfather before you, were Cameron Highlanders. Not so in our Army - no passing on by inheritance or by reason of birth. In our Army, no transmission of qualities from ancestor to descendent like this revered British mechanism. And there's seemingly valid reason to suspect that most in the Pentagon bureaucracy do not give a continental damn, for the history, the tradition, the lineage, the heraldry of their Army's units. And I might bring you proof of that charge a little closer to home and remind you that most of our division commanders have had little, genuine, deep down devotion to the 24th, its history, or its legends. As for the division commanders - 39 of them - and I've dealt with each and every one of them - only 6 of them have really exhibited what I call rich loyalty, abiding love, deep down devotion - and I could name them for you - in fact, I think I shall: Fred Irving, Roscoe Woodruff. Don Rosenblum, Jim Vaught, Barry McCaffrey and Joe

DeFrancisco. No deep rooted, down in the gut affection for the 24th from any of the other 33 - lots of sweet talk at each change of command ceremony - and then you could kiss those two stars goodbye forever.

A half million men or more have worn the Taro Leaf - and only a mere handful ever joined this Association. A sorry statistic. Let's not be too hard on the forgetters. Our very own Taro Leafers can, and do, forget. Shouldn't we reduce our level of cynicism to about what is possible - and normal - in the arena of human relationships? Forget the forgetters. If you want to talk short memory - or no memory at all - consider the 18,000 Taro Leafers who went to Saudi Arabia for the defeat of Iraq - and how many of them are members of this Association? Only 8 including Barry McCaffrey. Even our very own are forgetters. Waste no more time on the forgetters! Most Americans are forgetters - and what do they seem best able to forget? War - and everything that war implies. Save your own memory; it is precious to you. Forget nothing!

See the images drawn through the flow of your own memory - of the terror in the faces of your fellows - the one one your right, the one on your left - of those who didn't make it, only to become the "Children of Yesterday". Let those images run through your mind, meticulously, remembering everything, forgetting nothing. The physical images are inscribed in your mind, even though the generations since have rolled, remembering little, if any at all. In the indifferent spaces of your heart, try to find room to dance again. Never forget the many of our brethren remaining today as part of the dust of some Asian Pacific hell-hole until the end of time.

You survived - came home - to five some more. In your heart, you know that what you did was right. Take time to smell the roses, I implore you. The twilight shadows are deepening. It is a phrase that sums up the discovery that the things we take for granted are the things that, in the end, give us the most satisfaction and allow us to say we had a good life. Years ago, you faced the possibility of dying - and at an early age too. The difference between then and now is that, then, you had to ignore death in order to do your job. But you survived that misery - and came home. So now while there yet is a little time - smell a flower - look at a sunset - find serenity in contemplation of nature and the natural order of the world. You did what was right then - and you survived. You served. You did your part. Hold your head high. You'll not forget - even though all others will. Be proud - and be happy. You earned it:

Thank you!!

PAUL NARSON 48-62 187th St. Flushing, NY 11365, was with 1st BG/21st Inf. 24th Div. at Warner, Kasserne Munich, Germany 3/60 - 9/62 would like to hear from anyone who knew him or served during the same time.

IRA T. DEFOOR 1407 Kendolph Denton. TX 76205-6937, was with the Div. Special Services during the big war. While in Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea he was put in charge of constructing a 24' x 40' stage for the Bob Hope USO tour. He didn't see the Bob Hope show as he was sent back to the states but, would like to know if anyone has a photograph of the stage, he would gladly pay someone for a negative or print.



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900 Korean War POWs Abandoned

The following appeared in the Colorado Springs daily paper on September 17. Not as a banner headline, but nearly buried on page 9. There have been no follow-up articles on it -- this, it appears, is all we are going to hear of the matter.

Aside from getting physically sick when I read it, and that it was stuck on page 9, the thing that really bothers me is: where is the great outcry of public rage over this? There is none. Just like the Korean War itself, the American public views the entire matter with complete apathy.

Pay particular attention to the last paragraph.

Dutch Nelsen President

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17, 1996

GAZETTE TELEGRAPH

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NATION

U.S. knew Korea kept some POWs

Hundreds alive at end of war, papers show

New York Times News Service
WASHINGTON — Newly declassified documents show that the United States knew immediately after the Korean War that North Korea had failed to turn over hundreds of American prisoners known to be alive at the end of the war, adding to growing speculation that American prisoners might still be alive and in custody there.

The documents, obtained from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and other government depositories by a congressional committee, show that the Pentagon knew in December 1953 that more than 900 American troops were alive at the end of the war but were never released by the North Koreans.

The documents may only deepen the mystery over the fate of Americans still considered missing from the Korean War. In June, a Defense Department intelligence analyst testified that on the basis of "a recent flurry" of "very compelling reports," he believed that as many as 15 Americans were still being held prisoner in North Korea.

While not dismissing the analyst's report entirely, the Defense Department has said that it has no clear evidence that any Americans are being held against their will in North Korea although it has pledged to continue to investigate.

The North Korean government has said that it is not holding any Americans.

The documents were obtained by the House National Security subcommittee on military personnel. Congressional investigators said much of the information was confirmed by a former aide to President Dwight Eisenhower, Col. Phillip Corso.

In a statement prepared for delivery before the House panel today, Corso, who is retired, said: "In the past, I have tried to tell Congress the fact that in 1953, 500 sick and wounded American prisoners were within 10 miles of the prisoner-exchange point at Panmunjom but were never exchanged." Panmunjom was the site of peace negotiations.

Historians of the Korean War have suggested that the Eisenhower administration chose not to make public much of its intelligence on the issue of missing Americans for fear of whipping up war hysteria among Americans who would have demanded that the prisoners be returned home. "In a nuclear age, Eisenhower could not risk telling the Russians or the Chinese that we're willing to go to all-out war to get our prisoners back," said Al Santoli, a congressional investigator.

24th Infantry Division Association

October 09, 1996

From the Desk of your Reunion Coordinator

In case any of you are wondering why we picked Little Rock, Arkansas for our 1998 reunion site, here is the straight skinny.

After visiting or having contact with seven cities. Little Rock was the city that had the most to offer. It is safe. Airport friendly, economical and the Excelsior Hotel where we will be staying is a great hotel with an excellent rate of \$65.00 per night. I have been in contact with the Air Force Base in Little Rock (largest C-130 base in the free world) and plans for an air show are under way.

The other six cities that were considered were Albuquerque. N.M. (another top reunion choice), Providence RI. Stanford, CT, Valley Forge, PA, Oklahoma City, OK, and Philadelphia, PA. Some of these cities were not airport friendly and the Hotels in most were not large enough to accommodate the number of rooms we would need. That's why the selection of Little Rock.

In the near future I will be looking for a Reunion Chairman for Little Rock. So if any of you dog faces who live in the area would be interested in the job, please get on the EE 8 and talk to me. You can also reach me at the address below,

Don Barrett, Reunion Coordinator 2854 Pinckard Ave Redondo Beach CA 90278 310-370-2095

First to Fight Victory!

MUSEUM

John Porter (HQ - 21st) serves as a volunteer in the Armstrong City Museum in Claude. TX. Through John Porter's efforts a portion of the museum is devoted to the US Army, primarily the 24th Inf. Div. It anyone has any 24th Inf. memorabilia or artifacts that you would like to see put on permanent display, please contact: John Porter, 401 Wilson St. Claude, TX 79019.

John Porter should be commended for his efforts to keep the 24th Int. Div. alive. So many great divisions, once deactivated or reflagged are forgotten by the general public. Through the efforts of men like John Porter the 24th will always five.

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UPDATE ON AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

The Fiscal Year 1996 National Defense Authorization Act was enacted into law on 10 Feb. 1996 and addresses award of the Purple Heart to former prisoners of war, a new authority to award decorations recognizing acts of valor performed in combat during the Vietnam Conflict, the case of military intelligence personnel prevented by secrecy from being considered for decorations and awards and extension of time limits for submission or upgrading of awards. Requests and recommendations for these awards for Army personnel must be submitted to the Commander, PERSCOM, ATTN: TAPC-PDA (Military Awards Branch), 200 Stovall St., Alexandria, VA 22331-0471. Additionally, in their deliberations, Congressional Conferees indicated that the burden and costs for researching and assembling documentation to support requested awards and decorations shall rest with the requester. Potential sources of information and documentation include. Commander, U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Center, ATTN: ARPC-VSE-A, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132-5000, Director, National Records & Administration Center, ATTN, NCP-MA, 9700 Page Blvd., St., Louis, MO 63132-5200, Washington National Records Center, 8601 Adelphi Rd., College Park, MD 20740-6001 and National Archives & Records Administration, Library and Printed Archives Branch, 8th and Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20408.

Section 521 of Public law 104-106 provides that the current criteria for award of the Purple Heart (PH) shall also apply to former Prisoners of War (POW) who were held prior to 25 April 1962 and suffered wounds or injunes at the hands of their captors. Former POWs or their next of kin may request award of the PH by submitting a written request which must include, at a minimum, verification of POW status and documentation of the wound or injury, e.g. repatriation medical examination, separation document or a sworn statement from a witness attesting to the incident that caused the wound or injury. Currently there is no time restriction on submitting requests for award of the PH under the provisions of this section.

Section 522 of Public Law 104-106 allows for the submission of valor awards for U.S. Armed Forces personnel who were on active duty in the Southeast Asia Theater of Operations during the Vietnam era, i.e., 15 March 1962 to 28 January 1973, inclusive Requests must be submitted no later than 9 February 1997.

Section 523 of Public Law 104-106 allows for submission of awards for Military Intelligence personnel who were on active duty between 1 Jan. 1940 and 31 Dec 1990, who, because of the secrecy of their mission, were unable to receive award recognition. These award recommendations can be for an act, achievement, or service. Requests must be based on operations that were officially sanctioned to secrecy and should be accompanied by documents which identify the officially registered, now declassified, mission, operation or program. Requests will be subject to ventication by the military intelligence community. Requests must be submitted no later than 9 February 1997.

Section 526 of Public law 104-106 allows for the submission or upgrading of awards for either an individual or a unit that would otherwise not be authorized based upon time limitations previously established by law. These awards can be for an act achievement or service and must be referred to the Army by a Member of Congress. There is currently no time limitation on submissions covered by this section.

Each request submitted under the authority of section 522, 523 and 526 above must be initiated on DA Form 638 (Recommendation for Award) and include a proposed citation and an original or reconstructed narrative of the action(s) performed by the soldier being recommended. Requests should be accompanied with sworn affidavits, eyewitness statements, certificates and documents corroborating the actions or events. Comoborating evidence is best provided by former commanders, leaders and fellow comrades on the scene at the time of the valorous act(s), amplified by extracts of unit sketches, records, maps, diagrams and photographs and medical documentation, as appropriate, which support the award recommendation. Once received and upon review, the Service Secretary will make a determination as to the merit of approval of the award or presentation of the decoration, or any other determination necessary to comply with the provisions of the statute.

Source: Awards Branch, U.S. Army PERSCOM

For the TL: Anyone desiring a Unit Cividon (on one side only) official in size, shape and color may contact Tom Cochran at 615-647-4703 (home) or 502 798-5581 or 5048 (office) or write to Tom at 535 Paula Drive, Clarksville, TN 37042-6150. Cost is \$25.00 each (does not include S&H), but Tom would be happy to have them made and bring to remiion in Colorado Symps next September, or mail to you at his expense with refund for postage.

Also for the TL: "RAKKASAN REUNION" The 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team will celebrate their 16th annual remnen at the Sheraton Colorado Springs Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 18 thru 24 August 1997. All for mer Rakkasans and present active duty Rakkasans and their guests are invited to attend. For further information, contact Bill Somers at 719-574-5530 or "Jazz" Jaznach at 804-492-4882



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Many Prisoners Were 'Lost' in Forgotten War

But one daring private made sure about 500 fallen American POWs are accounted for.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Through four harsh summers and three brutal winters in North Korea, the "Tiger Group" of American POWs wasted away. Some froze. Others were executed.

In all, about 500 of the original 758 captives died. Secretly, one survivor recorded each loss.

He is Wayne "Johnsue" Johnson, an 18-year-old private first class at the front for six days when North Koreans captured him and hundreds of soldiers of the Army's 24th Infantry Division in July 1950 near Chochiwon. South Korea,

Now 64 and living in Phoenix, Ariz.. Johnson talks uneasily of how he defiantly documented death for more than three years as a prisoner of war. It was a painful experience, which left permanent physical and psychological scars on the young man from Lima, Ohio.

In tiny handwriting, he clandestinely recorded each death, including about 100 during a nine-day "death march" in November 1950 along the Yalu River. Most were soldiers. Some were civilians, a few nuns, a Korean boy the guys cailed Johnny.

His captors forbade record-keeping, but Johnson quietly persisted. When the war's end brought freedom, he smuggled out his notes in a toothpaste tube.

If Johnson had not chronicled the death occurring around him, no one would have: more than 8,100 Americans are listed as unaccount-

ed for from the 1950-53 Korean War. All are presumed dead, but their bodies were not found.

In August, the Army awarded Johnson the Silver Star, one of the U.S. military's most prestigious honors, in a long-delayed salute to his courage and ingenuity.

That his deed went officially unrewarded for more than four decades is an example of how thoroughly the United States tried to forget a war that took more than 50,000 American lives and ended in unsatisfying stalemate.

On scraps of paper carefully hidden from prison guards. Johnson wrote down each failen comrade's name, tank. Army unit, date of death and hometown. There was no room for details or explanations: just cold, bare facts.

Just cold, pare facts.

"... William Griffith, F. 34.

11-1-50, Pittsburgh, Pa." "F" was
Johnson's designator for private
lirst class; 34 meant the 34th Infantry Regiment.

On and on it goes.

First on Johnson's initial list were three or four fellow prisoners killed by an American warplane that strated the small building in which they were held shortly after being captured. Stirred by the frightening, fatal wounds those men suffered. Johnson decided he should keep track of the deaths.

About 1½ years later the "Tiger Group," as they called themselves, was put in a POW camp along the Yalu River. In October 1951, Johnson copied his notes scriobled on scrap paper onto a few small sheets he stole from the camo's Chinese guards. He used stolen ink, which



Wayne Johnson recently received the silver star for gallantry for smuggling this list out of Korea.

he mixed with soot to make it last longer. A stolen pen point was attached to a piece of sugar cane.

When he wasn't adding to the list, Johnson kept it in a mud wall of his prison shack until a guard found it. Johnson recalls the Chinese camp commander's reaction.

"He threatened me. He hit me with the outt of his pistol." Johnson said. The officer pummeled Johnson about the neck, arms and head with a stiff leather whip and assured him he would never return home if he broke the rules again.

Unbeknownst to the Chinese,

however, Johnson had kept a second copy of his list hidden in an empty space beneath his shack's floor, His chronicing went on.

In August 1953, the Red Cross gave prisoners being repatriated the next day a small green cloth bag of toiletries that included a metal tube of toothpaste. Johnson washed out the toothpaste, rolled up his list and hid it in the tube. Soon he was aboard the USS Black, headed across the Pacific for home.

headed across the Pacific for home. "The List," as Johnson's tattered tabulation of tragedy has been dubbed, came to light in the Defense Department after Sgt. Victoria Bingham, an Army researcher dealing with Korean War POWs, heard what Johnson did.

Officials at Bingham's office, which accounts for servicemen missing from the Korean and other wars, are using Johnson's list to cross-check their database.

Larry Greer, spokesman for the Defense POW-MIA Office, said the list has enabled the Pentagon to determine for the first time that some men listed as missing had been prisoners of war.

Johnson still is haunted by memories. He said he frequently relives a particularly horrifying moment of the 1950 death march.

On the morning of Nov. 1, a North Korean colonel the prisoners called "Tiger" halted the procession. He climbed atop a dirt mound and ordered 1st Lt. Cordus Thornton of Dallas to join him.

"He put his pistol to (Thornton's) head and shot him," Johnson said. "That stays with you a long time."



್^{/9&್ತ್}50th Anniversary

J D and Janie Henley. Marana residents since 1969, will be married 50 years May 21, 1996. Mr. Henley received a Purple Heart during World War It and retired from Silverbell Mine in 1981. Mrs. Henley devoted her time to being a homemaker, raising her own

and several other children. The Henleys have been involved in many community activities and organizations

including the Marana Volunteer Fire Department and the Marana Community Food Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Henley had seven children, with five surviving: Mr & Mrs. Ronald Manley of Picture Rocks. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Henley, Retha Yarbrough, Janie Darnell, and Stephen Henley, all Marana residents. The Henleys have 10 grandchildren, several step-

grandchildren and one great-grandson. Jamie Roller De Wenle Please join in a celebration of JD and Janie's life together will be held on Sunday, May 19. from 1-5 p.m. at the Halberg Center, 15790 W. Silverbell Rd. Refreshments only will be served and no gifts are requested.



Dear Rudy:

I have not written you to thank you for your help getting a small article into the Legion Magazine. April 1996. I believe it was probably your putting in a good word or a nice letter to the editor that the message was finally put in print. If you need some refreshing of memory as to what I am referring to look at first article under "In Search Of" in magazine of April 1996.

I was never told by anyone who should have I nown what was the reason for sending a 24th Signal Co. officer and either 6 or 7 of his operators of radios to a remote S.P. Island in late 1943. We joined about 50 or so Nawyanen, mostly officers on Fergusson Island at the time. We spent I would estimate 60 or longer days there. We could have assembled a rather good softball team as that was our main source of exercise, and entertaument for the entire period. My Lt. was rather a poor speciman of a ball player and he wanted so bad to become better. He asked me to give him some additional practice learning to field ground and fly balls. I stood in the shade and batted him practice balls!! An hour or two after our ball games ended!! Stiff remained a T/5 till I rotated after Leyte Landing!!

I, of course, know his name. Lt. Lingle and the names of four of us other six army men but no sailors names at all! I became quite close to two young sailors who were sent with myself and Sgt. Crockett into the jungle and told to take all the aramo we wished to carry but go very light on any food stuff. Sgt. Crockett was gone when the two sailors and I woke the first A.M. Left us a note telling us to do what we wished but he was going to attempt to walk completely around Fergusson Island and would see us back at our home base in about 2 weeks or so. He managed to get around the Island and back to base camp but as I recall nearer 4 weeks than 2! The C.O. of our small camp gave the reason for his sending us four was get used to living off the jungle. The two sailors and I stayed out ten days or two weeks and did alright. We discovered that first night a well built little shack built about 3 foot above ground on a nice sandy beach. Very clean and we surmised it had been built by Aussie missionaries maybe to teach native "Fuzzy Wuzzie" children English and civilized ways before the war. All we ever saw on the island beside the very primitive camp the Navy had was several native villages a short way back into the jungle. No advanced agriculture even of any kind. Foot what the natives had such as bananas, yams and some other edible plants. I have studied what I could in late years thru National Geographic Magazines and some of T.V. viewing on LP.B. stations.

Saw some of the fowl on T.V. that the natives leaved laid their eggs in a compost pile of leaves and small twigs for a period of years. The heat of the compost pile incubated the eggs and the young foraged for themselves when they hatched. When fully grown this bird weighed I would guess 3 to 4 lbs and could fly thro the trees for short distances also up like our ring-necked pheasants can, rather fast and disappear rather quickly. We, the 2 sailors and myself, hunted 2 at a time leaving one at shack to guard our surplus equipment and scant supplies. Never saw any humans other than "fuzzie-wuzzies" but could not be certain there were no Japx!! We always managed to shoot a bird or two for meat and traded what we could to natives for yants and etc. Don't believe any of us gained any weight but did not starve!! It was quite an experience as well as our other landings were later at Hollandia and Leyte.

In 1996 I drove from Iowa to Middletown. Ohio after 52 years and looked up a Rolf. Hall who was one of 6 who was with me and Crockett on Fergusson late '43. Sgt. Hall and I and toks of others from 24th Division made Leyte October 20, 1942 also Hollandia New Guinea earlier in '44. Sgt. Crockett did not return from Fergusson to 24th Sig. Co. as Lt. Lingle, Sgt. Hall and myself and 2 or 3 others did when we left Fergusson Island. I have made writing contact with Sgt. Crockett and he has sent me copies of his service highlights since Fergusson island. It is totly amazing what the man did. Started as an Army private when 24th Signal Co. was first foroict back in Schoffield T.H. early 1941. Pearl Harbor survivor and discharged in 1945 as a tech, sgt. In six months or less re-enlisted, but into Air Force and rose to Master, therefore, 2 more years, total I befieve 23 years service. I feel with my letter writing and other methods such as our letter in Legion Magazine, we have encouraged at least a few more old 24th Signal Co. in an outlend our reunious and join our association. Just so disappointed in past years that the Signal Co. is so poorly represented at the reunious I have attended. Now the 19th, 21st, and 34th Inf. really turn out!! After retirement and having time to read the book, "Children of Yesterday" and the time my own radio arew spent with the three different leannables on Leyte especially. I can see why!!

Glenn Behrends

24th Inf. Div. Assoc. Taro Leaf Editor

20th Sept. 1996

Dear Bob.

Well now you all have gotten this newsletter down to a science and it is by far NO#1. You and all who help with it get an A+. A few notes, some personal, others for general membership.. Bob, wrote you before about you in 6th Tk Bn, am looking for anyone who was at Pusan Perimeter and the Nakton River days.. Also looking for one tanker from 6th Tk Bn, Ethawaldo Reverria from NY City, think he was with A Co.??? May have been there before you and gone don't know, we went through basic together and saw him once when 6th Tk first came over to support Corp.

Bob, has any thought been given to getting a WEB page on computer net for the Taro Leaf or the 24th IDA???? Do you guys use PC's and anyway of linking up with all of us who have PC's..??? K know most in our age group are not into PC's but it sure is a way to communicate and fast..Can help get it started.. and still am interested in finding a way to send articles to you via the computer. do you have and or use one??

Had a great visit with Charlie Johnson. Ohio. A Co 34th Inf. 49-50 Korea. He and I told stories and lies for a day and a half. He is sending in the "mug" shots...no NO# in front of photos..First time driving car in over a year. Was a bit much for the "Old Sgt" but thought it out and well worth the trip about 1000 miles in all..over tour day weekend. Well that's it. Have enclosed two shorten stories from my book, hope you'll put in some time soon.

David Baiffie. 3-4th Tk Co. "old sgt."

Dear Dave.

I have longed to get on the net but, I do not have the time at the present, maybe next year after I retire? HaHa. I do have a computer and use it very much when it is up and running. I just got it fixed (the controller board went out, now I have to reload all the programs on the hard drive. My computer system consists of a 486/66mhz Svga- 8 Meg ram 1.2 Gigabyte HD, 2 speed CD-ROM 14.2 Modem. I plan on changing the CD to an 8 speed and the Modem to a 28.6 then I can think about getting on the net. Maybe we could all get on the net. I know that several members do sign on.

The Association and Members owe Doctor Phil Hostetter a great debt of appreciation for the many fine photographs that he has presented to the Taro Leaf over the many years. Even though he has done mostly black and white, when called on to do color he has answered the call and done his usual fine job. Thanks Phil. The Editor would like to collect a photo of each member(facial) in order to have them on file for the purpose of Taps notification. Many others and myself have seen members but cannot put a name to the face. It would also help in the publication of the photographs in the Taro Leaf.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HAROLD AND DIANE

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR TIRELESS EFFORTS IN MAKING THIS BEST REUNION YET.

S/JIM HILL, PRES. 1995-96

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

A special thanks to Rudy and Yvonne Mullins, their support, advice, and encouragement gave us the strength to keep going on. Without Yvonne's countless hours on the phone with Diane keeping the computer in-sink, we would have been in a lot of trouble. I still think it would have been cheaper to have Yvonne move to Minnesota or vice versa!!

To Joe McKeon, thank you so much for purchasing the crystal for the reunion (during your trip to Ireland)

To Joseph Hofrichter for the Memorial service at the Memorial Banquet.

To Kenwood Ross for being our keynote speaker at the Memorial Banquet. Thank you!

To Francis Whittman for crocheting the afghan and pillow for the Ladies Breakfast, and again to Rudy and Yvonne Mullins for donating the quilt rack. Thanks to all of you.

A special thanks to Chapter #1 Korean War Vets for working at the registration table. We couldn't have done it without you.

Many thanks to Donna Montgomery for arranging all the flowers at the Memorial Banquet. They were beautiful.

To the Radisson South Hotel and staff, Thank you for a job well done!!

A Special thanks to Jolene Hawkins, and Margi Willmert; through their efficiency and detailed planning, this event ran smoothly and without a hitch!!

A big thank you to Sam Thompson, Metro Connections, for keeping all tours running like clock work.

My gratitude to Donna Montgomery and Sylvia Benson, "Auntie Lena", they were the entertainment at the Ladies Breakfast. This must have been one terrifiic party, as I'm still getting calls and letters from some ladies stating this was the highlight of the reunion. Leaves me wondering what us men missed!

To the best committee anyone could ask for; they put in countless hours without one bit of hesitation, always willing to help; and in most cases insisting on it. Our heartfelt thanks go to: Bob Smith, Lydia Riddle, Ed and Dolores Otto. Leo and Mary Kay Toninato, Bruce and Kathryn Spencer, Fran and Marge Lockwood, Don Montgomery, Bill Henninger, Bob Walker, Al and Anne Bernstein. Lawrence Johnson, Harlan and Carol Schwerin., and Louetta Payne.

To Orville Jones, the hospitality room could not have ran without you. From early morning to late at night it was you who kept the coffee hot and the snack table filled at all times. You're one in a million. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

To our children, grandchildren, and friends. Thank you for being there whenever we needed your help.

Last but not least, a big thank you to my wife. Diane, who kept this reunion organized and gave this event her complete attention and detail at all times. Believe me, this was a joint effort. I couldn't have done it without her. She was always there with her strength and support. Without her this reunion could never have been the success that it was.

What makes a reunion successful is the membership. In my opinion we have the greatest group of men any organization could ever ask for A special thank you to all the wives and guests who attended.

Thank You All!!

96 Reunion Chairman

TO OUR MEMBERS: The following comments are part of the after action report submitted by the Reunion Chairman to the Executive Committee and the Association Officers. This is information that the general membership does not get to see and which I feel they should if any corrections are ever to be realized. Rudy PROBLEM TREAS AND OTHER COMMENTS:

- As in the past, on site registrations and last minute cancellations continues to be a pain. We were lucky that the Convention Service Manager allowed us to add more dinners on to the guarantee we had originally agreed upon, They could have charged us 40% more. We added 10% to the dinners for late registrations.
- 2. Seating arrangesments were very time consuming and a lot of work. People expected us to be able to change their table assignment at the last minute. We also had people change their table number on their tickets, and that caused a lot of confusion. A hig thank you to the people who sent in their scating requests together. It saved us a lot of time and energy.

We want to thank our committee, the Minnesota Korean War Vets, and others who volunteered when they got there. They went out of their way to help us, in fact they insisted on it. We had plenty of help, the registration desk was well staffed and all went smoothly. No one worked too hard, except Diane.

As with last year the Registration, Secretary/Treasurer, Quartermaster and Regiment sign-in books, were located in the Hospitality Room. This arrangement worked out fine. Coffee was a big expense, \$31.50 per gallon. We had many snack items donated and asked each person for a donation of \$1.00 per day to help off-set the cost. We paid the hotel \$1497.47, collected \$320.00, our cost was \$1177.47. This item should be scrutinized with the hotels in the future. I checked other hotels and found out it was the same price. What a rip off!!

214 S. Prairie St. Batavia, IL 60510 Sept. 6, 1996

Robert L. Lawhon Editor The Taro Leaf Route 2, Box 711 Proctorville, OH 45669

Dear Sir:

I served with the 13th F.A. Battalion from December 1952 until Aug. 27, 1953, and was with the unit when it returned to Korea just before the truce was signed on July 27, 1953. I was an acting motor pool sergeant at Camp Yeongwal. I had been in the 44th Division, Illinois National Guard, which was federalized in early 1952, and returned to duty with that unit until I was discharged.

I enjoy the Taro Leaf very much and look for names of guys who were in my outfit at that time.

I would like to tell you about my buddy, Pfc. Donald C. Danielson, who now lives in Cambridge, Minn. There were all kinds of heroes in the war. Some received a Silver Star or Purple Heart. Others are heroes in our lives. Don Danielson was that kind of hero.

On a hot Saturday in July, just after we got to Korea, we decided to go down to the river to do a little recon patrol. I didn't know the name of the river, but Don said it was the Han.

It was moving very fast at a place where we decided to cross. It didn't look deep; you could see the rocks in the water. We made our way into the river, boots and all, and got about half-way across. By then, we were in water to our waists and the current was very fast.

I slipped on a rock and the river was taking me down. Don was right behind me; he was fast and grabbed my belt and pulled me behind a big rock where the current was not so fast. We took a minute or two to guess if we would go on, and made up our minds to do that.

We did get to the other side. Needless to say, we found a better place to get back again.

Don's quick grab made it possible for me to return to my girl back home. We were married later that year and last year attended the dedication of the Korean War Memorial in Washington, which is where I found out about the 24th Division Association. I am a now life member.

I would not have been here to raise a family or write this letter if it were not for Don Danielson. He'll be my hero for life.

We live more than 400 miles apart and lost track of each other for 39 years. But earlier this year, we met for the first time and now we're going to spend some time together again, fishing in Minnesota.

Thank you for printing information about the men of the 24th and its history. I think it's great.

Sincerely,

Harold Holbrook

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HISTORY BOOK UPDATE

You will recall that in September 1995 your 24th Division Association contracted with Turner Publishing Company of Paducah, Kentucky, to write and publish a history of the division. The division's executive committee also appointed a history committee to advise and oversee the publisher's work.

The publisher sent the first draft to the committee shortly before the reunion in Minneapolis. You may have met the publisher, Bob Martin, at the reunion. The writer, Don Gordon of Paducah, has done a superb job of assimilating and organizing fifty years of division bistory and presenting a highly readable and accurate narrative.

Association members have responded magnificently with their own writings, photographs, and clippings. As a result the 200-plus page narrative is laced with names of the division's heroes and their exploits, and the final version will be loaded with photos and maps.

I think you will be proud and greatly pleased with the bistory. The division's origins, Pearl Harbor, World War II, Occupation of Japan, Korea, Germany, Desert Storm--they're all covered in detail and graphic description that leaves nothing to the imagination.

The <u>24th Division History</u> is a <u>must</u> to pass on to your children and grandchildren. It's still not to late to order, ORDER TODAY!

Dave Mann

For the bistory committee:

Carl Bernard Neil Estes Harry M Eric Diller Charles Lewin Dave Ma

Harry Maihafer Dave Mann

Special consultants:)

Malcolm Aitken Kenwood Ross

Dear 300: If you have room for the following 1'1 be most appreciative.

Former members of "G" Company 19th Ing. Rest might want to drop a line to Gene Schaefer formerly of "G" Company in Korea and Camp Hausen, Japan. He's been diagnosed with cancer and just recently jot out of the hospital after 3 weeks of treatments. Gene can be reached at: 412 Clark St, Morseilles, IL 61711-1411, Tell: 315/775-1731. He and in able to make this years reunion but sends his regards to old friends.

Frank J. Plata

By the way to Bob Lawhorn and stoff of the Taro Leaf.....
GREAT JOS on the Est edition.....a super cover and
great copy overalls.

Bill McKenna Ben Wahle



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24th Infantry Division Association



September 1996

MEMO TO: All Members of the 24th Infantry Division Association

FROM: Jim Hill, President, 1995-96

SUBJECT: A Heartfelt Thank You

It has been a great honor to have served as your President for the term 1995-96. I will miss all the letters and phone calls from all of you concerning our Association. It has been a great sense of pride to me to think that, somehow, I have been able to help you all in some little way when you asked my assistance. I know that our new President will do the same in the coming year.

There are so many people that I owe a debt of gratitude for making my job so easy. First, I was blessed with a staff that gave me their full cooperation in all my endeavors. I would be remiss if I didn't name each and every one of them. They are:

Our Vice-President, Dutch Nelsen, (13th FA, 19th, Japan, Korea and Germany) who stayed in touch with me and provided most welcome guidance in conducting our affairs.

Our Secretary/Treasurer, Rudy Mullins, (19th, Japan, Korea) who was the work-horse of our organization in every way. Without Rudy, the day to day activities of the Association could have never been accomplished.

To our Chaplain, Joe Hofrichter, (34th, WW II) who gave our Association the heartfelt concern and dedication that many of you have experienced in so many ways. Joe, through the years, has provided the dignity and honor to our Memorial Service at our reunions that we all appreciate.

To our Quartermaster, Al McAdoo, (5th RCT, Korea) who is one of our "unsung heros" of the Association Through the years Al has conducted the Quartermaster's task in an extraordinary way and has provided an inordinate amount of revenue to our Association treasury from the sale of QM wares.

To our TARO LEAF Editor, Bob Lawhon (6th Tank, Korea). A great job Bob. It has been a great sense of pride to me when I receive kudos from folks about the TARO LEAF. The credit goes to you and to Rudy for making the TARO LEAF the best division association publication I have ever seen!

To our National Reunion Coordinator, Don Barrett (19th, Korea, Japan). Don has accepted the challenge of being our reunion coordinator and is doing a great job. In my year of tenure

Don and I have had the opportunity to travel throughout the United States and I can assure you that we have a dedicated, conscientious individual as our coordinator who will always find us a good reunion location.

To our National Membership Coordinator, Wally Kuhner (24th Recon, Wally has been instrumental in continuing to increase our membership rolls. He has devoted much of his time and effort in Association affairs. Great job, Wally!

I also owe a personal thanks to my appointed Committee Chairmen for jobs well done. To Joe Hofrichter for chairing the Verbeck Award Committee; to Ben Wahle (34th, WW II) for the Nominating Committee and to Dutch Nelsen for the Audit Committee.

Rodney Stock (34th, Korea, Japan) for hosting a most successful mini West Coast Reunion of our Association in Reno this past Spring.

Also a big thank you to Harold and Diana Peters (21st, Korea) for hosting one of the best reunions Sue and I ever attended!

To our Secretary/Treasurer Emeritus Kenwood Ross. Ken has been an immeasurable source of information and guidance in conducting the office of President. Ken, you will always be "Mr. Taro Leaf" to all of us.

last division commander, Lt. General Joseph DeFrancisco, and all the nice folks in the Public Affairs Office at Fort Stewart, Georgia for keeping me "in the loop" while our division was stationed there.

To my old 19th Infantry football team mate, Evert Moose Hoffman, for being a true friend through all these years and to Sgt Major B.J. Hunt, for putting up with that "crazy" Lieutenant Hill when he, Bob Hartley, myself, et al, "captured Chinnampo" long before the First Cavalry Division arrived and to this day remains a close friend that I look forward to seeing at every reunion.

There are so many more that come to mind. I wish I could list you all but I do want to give a special thanks to John Trinca (21st, WW II) for providing the Taro Leaf jackets and shirts at our reunion and to Richard Glenn (24th Recon, WW II) for the Taro Leaf plaque and clock he presented to me. They both hang proudly in my office. (Not John and Richard, the plaque and clock!).

To all my old comrades and to the many, many new friends my wife, Sue, and I have made I say "stay in touch". Thanks again to each of you for allowing me to be your President, an honor I'll hold in high esteem forever. JES F. HILL I'll hold in high esteem forever.

24th Infantry Division Association



26 September 1996

Mr. Bob Lawhon Editor, The TARO LEAF 49 Township Road, 1152 Proctorville, Ohio 45669

Dear Bob,

A few issues ago I wrote a short article that was printed in the TARO LEAF that named the locations where the past reunions of the 24th Infantry Division Association have been held. In the article I mentioned that our national records show that the first reunion of the Association was held in Baltimore, Maryland in 1948.

Shortly after the article appeared in the TARO LEAF Life Member George King (11 FA, WW II), East Greenwich, Rhode Island wrote me and said that the first reunion was held in Providence, Rhode Island in 1946. In my next President's Letter I passed along the information that George had provided me and requested information on if and where we met in 1947.

Our Secretary/Treasurer Emeritus, Kenwood Ross, (Division Headquarters, WW II) who I oft-times rely upon for historical information concerning our Association, has informed me the first national reunion of the 24th Infantry Division Association was indeed held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore on 13-14 August 1948. There was a reunion of the then "New England Chapter" of the Association at the Narragansett Hotel in Providence on 15 March 1947. There was no Association reunion held in 1946. Ken was so kind as to provide a copy of Volume 1, Number 1 of the TARO LEAF dated August 1947 that describes the Rhode Island convention. I have enclosed it for inclusion in the next issue of the TARO LEAF so that all our members are aware of our reunion history and may have a souvenir copy for their personal memoirs.

With our 50th Reunion scheduled for Colorado Springs 17-20 September 1997 I want our members to be know that our Association has been a viable, national organization for going on fifty years!

Sincerely,

AMES F. HILL 19th Infantry

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24th Infantry (Victory) Division Veterans' Association

VOLUME I

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NUMBER 1

N. E. QUICK TO FORM ASSOCIATION CHAPTER

The New England chapter of the 24th Infantry (Victory) Division, Veterans' Association, hunched its career with a reunion dinner at the Narragansett Hotel, Providence, R. I., on March 15th. About seventy veterans from Shode Island. Connecticut, and Massachusetts at-leduce. The affair was stag. There was a fine spins displayed by all present

Maj. Gen. Senneth F. Cramer, a former com-manding general of the Division and President of the Associationy was the principal speaker. He reviewed the exploits of the Division during its compaigns in the Pacific and urged support tor a move to enlarge the membership of the Association. He was introduced by M/Sgt Ned Young, Hos. 19th Inf., now at 220 Washing-ton St., Whirman, Mass. Edmund F. Henry. formerly of Division Hors., Secretary-Treasurer

formerly of Division Hors., Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, was chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Combat films of the invarion of Leyte were shown. Messages of greeting were dispatched to Generals Irving, Woodrinh and Lester.

A committee to carry out plans for the New wind Chapter was named as follows: James Fairbrother, Hors. 2nd Bn 34th, 143 Sayles we., Pascoag, R. L.; Raymond G. Ford, Div. Arty. 181 Cabot St., Newton, Mass., Richard H. Friedman 19th Ini., 193 Hobart St., Newton. Mass., Beo. A. Govun; Hogs 34th, 102 High St., Masa, Ben. A. Govan; Hos 34th, 102 High St.,; Everett, Masa, William J. Hynes, 19th Inf., 32 Arnold St., Mitthuen; Mass.; John P. McQuil-Inn. 34th and Asst. G-4, 24 Stevens St., Methuen, Mass.; F. X. Randles, 34th Int., 137 Mibrook Drive. East Harrford, Coon.; James Russell. Cn Co., 19th, 40 Cortage St., Pawtucker, R. I.

Others who attended were: August Baccari. Others who attended were: Alignest Baccari.

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John F. Leiddy, 24th Med. Ba., 12 Pine St., Pawtucket, R. I.; Guerson D. Silverberg, Div. Hoss.
257 Main St., Norwica, Conn.; Joon F. McKenney, 19th, 15 Third St., Old Orchard, Me.,
Sherwood C. Haskins, 21st Inf., 200 Harris St.,
Revere, Mass.; Wm. H. Mildoon, Co. E., 19th,
59 Mt. Vernon St., Brighton, Mass.; Jos. H.
Bethameur, 21st Ini., 281 Burnside St., Woonsocket, R. I.; Jack Griefen, Div. Hog.,
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Salisbury St., Worcester, Mass.; Victor Pugliest,
Co. C., 21st., 33 Mass., Ave., Quincy, Mass.; Nol-Salisbury St., Worcester, Mass.; Victor Puglies, Ca. C. 21st., 33 Mass. Ave., Quincy, Mass.; Neligo DiTullio, L. Co., 19th. 104 Lucaster St., Quincy, Mass.; Hugh-Eramo, AT Con 34th, So. Artery, Quincy, Mass.; James DiDonato, Co. B. 21st. 64 Richardson St., Wakefield, Mass.; Peter Dignocomo, Co. C. 21st., 110 Lancaster St., Quincy, Mass.; Jos. Iosua, Hors Co., 19th., 9 Wiley Place, Wakefield, Mass.; Walter Bennett, 21th QM Co., Brookheld, Mass.; Henry Olsou, 19th Inf., 50 Prescut St., Readville, Mass.; 2th QM Co., Brookheld, Mass.; Henry Olson, 19th Ini., 50 Prescott St., Readville, Mass.; Wm. D. Burleson, 268 Walnut St., Williamantic. Fun.; Gus Doras. 21st Ini., 134 Lockwood St., Joydence, R. L.; Wm. F. McGuirl, 21st. 138 Loyal St., Providence, R. I.; Edgar St. John, K. Co., 21st. 48 Terrace Ave., Warren, R. I.; James Maguire, 19th Ini., 198 Newfield Ave., Bridgeport. Coun.; Charles J. Flangon, AT Co., 34th, 80 Chapin St., Holyoke, Mass., Nino Difference, AT Co., 34th, Warpingers Falls. N.

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THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

The 14th Infantry Division bas a proudrecord of accomplishment on many bolds of battle.

During the years in which it served, many close friendships were formed only to be temporarily dissipated as we were scottered for and wide on demobiration...

Formed to preserve these ties of comradeship, your Division Associa ion affords the best possible means of maintaining these bettlefield friendships.

This little publication will bring you Jema of wate.

We ask you to support the publication and your Association. Tell us what you are doing; give us news of your friends; and join the Association. Help us to preserve those friendships and to perpetuate the achievements of the 24th.

Cordially, KENNETH F. CRAMER, Major General President

Y.; Wilbert A. LeCours, Co. Co., 34th, 465 New--X.; Wubert A. LeCours, Ch. Co., 34th, 465 New-ton St., So. Hadley, Mass.; Frederick L. Cole, 34th Med. Det., 100 Middle Sc., Riverside, R. L.: Robert W. Griswold, Div Has., RFD No. 3, Attlebero, Mass.: Arthur Michell. Co. E. 21st, 17. Haverhill St., Brockton, Muss.; Robert John-ston, 21st, 598 Turapike St., Soughton, Mass.; St. T. Desgrand, Sv. Co., 24th, 20 Person, St. *ston, 21st. 593 Turupike St., Stouchton, Mass.; IW-T. Desmond, Sv. Co., 24th, 30 Putnam St., Somerville, Mass.; Lawrerca M. Neylon, Has.; 2nd Bn. 34th, 10 Laurel St., Somerville, Mass.; Michael Demyan, 34th Inf., 530 Janu St., Bridgeport, Conn.; Christopher Arndt, 24th Revn. Trop, No. Scinnate, R. I.; Léo Robidoux, Has.; Co., 34th, 32 Quequechan St., Fall River, Mass.; Harold L. Cohen, Has. Co., 34th, 173 SunterSt.—Providence, R. I.; Frank Zenga, 34 Inf., Forge Rd., East Greenwich, R. I.; Walter Redfeld, 19th Inf., 42 Black Rock Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.; Carl Schank, 19th Inf., 443 Union Ave., Conn.; Carl Schank, 19th Ltr., 443 Union Ave., Bound Brook N. J., Albert Roehrin, Div. Arty. 265 Greendale Ave., Needham Heights, Mass.; Howard Richardson, 724th Ord., Co., 241 Park St., Attleboro, Mass.

JAP SABER DEAL

In January 1945, while the Division was in Matsuyama, the CG set as de 5000 Jap sabers for vetering whose service was prior to the occupation. They were not age-old sameral swords, but they were fine sourcement. The news was given considerable publicity in the USA, and many requests were received. However, before the sebers could be boxed and mailed in any large number, a directive from higher headquarters clamped down on the mailing of sour-The ' Division Orthance Officer was able to beat the dead-line in some cases. to keep faith with those who had sent the money for postage, but the number was actually small.

If you were one of those disappointed, please understand that everyone had the hest of intentions, but performance was rendered im-possible by these circumstances, after the oder Was-mada-

FIRST ISSUE OF THE TARO " LEAF; NEXT UP TO YOU

This is the first usue of "THE TARO LEAD" will be issued quarterly. The name was really sweated out. We received many suggestions such as The Poi Leal. The Taro Lealer The Mang-along Clanon, Hoi-Poi, V-Mail Veccripts, Only Wayoo, Tarogram, Tatograp. والمتحديد وهداء والمتحدد

We also were in receipt of several abaid sug-stions. The name chosen seems appropriate gestions. The name chosen seems appropriate but we have no pride in authorship. If you have a better one, let's bave it.

We also myste suggestions as to form and substance and welcome contributions of material. If you want to locate a friend, use our columns at no charge, to long as we have the space. We feel that 'Call Me Mister' will be a popular feature. Please help us to keep it up by sending in names and addresses -yours and your incods. Marriages, births, news of your present business and occupation—these are the things we want, because we think that you will like to read them. Our editorials and pronouncements will be kept at a minimum. News of what is going on in the old outfit and news of your old buddies will be emphasized—and always, names and suldresses.

THE TARO LEAF will be mailed to all members of the Association." If you have received a copy and are not yet a member, it was sent in the hope that you will fill out the application blank elsewhere in the paper. The membership is not yet on a sufficiently broad base to justify the expense and the tremendous amount of work required to print the paper. If you think it is worthwhile, the editors and officers, who are all volunteers in the lask of trying to maintain. through the Association, the commisdeship engendemed during the war years, earnestly solicit Your support

So, "Comment-Invited". Let's hear from you - and send in your membership application if you want to hear from us.

NATIONAL CONCLAVE JIN 1947 IS URGED

Many of the members have expressed a desire for a Convention this year. This may be a large order but it certainly has desirable features.

The present officers are serving on a nemicorary basis. Only a Convention can elect permanent ones.

Moreover, the Constitution provides for an executive bound to summeriou as the prime governing body between conventions, and only a convention can implement this. Besides, only a convention can authorize expenditures over and above those mecessary for publicising and promoting the Association.

It may be that Organization Day, October 1st, would be an appropriate time. As to the place, there would certainly be any number of suggestions. But this is merely thinking aloud. If there is marked sentiment for it, we would like to hear from you at oure, since arrangements would have to be underway very soon.

Retired division command sergeant major local success

By Staff Sgt. David Dismukes

Staff Writer

Although it's been more than five years since he last buttoned up a set of BDUs and laced up a pair of combat boots, John Hummer continues to give returns to Fort Stewart and the military.

Hummer is president of the Coastal Empire Chapter of the Association of the United States Army. He says his work in that position, and in the organization, provides him the opportunity to "pay the Army back."

Those who know the former command sergeant major of the 24th Infantry Division are quick to add that he's been equally generous to the post and the Army with his work as owner and operator of Victory Trophies in Hinesville. That business employs nine people, many who have connections to the military. And it services every base in the United States and overseas, while also filling special orders for the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

"I've been here one and one-half years. This is a very relaxed place to work. He (Hummer) is interested in his employee as a person," said Kim Bronson, an employee.

"I love this job and the people. They are open to new ideas, and John (Hummer) is open minded and fair," said Barbara McCarty, another employee.

However, while one may hear much about the contributions and the person

from a number of people, chances are good none would be from Hummer himself. In fact, perhaps the only thing one will learn from Hummer other than he served 23 and one-half years. including assignments in the 82nd Airborne and 101st Airborne divisions in



Humme

the States and the 173rd Airborne Regiment in Vietnam, is that his first job when he retired was in insurance sales.

And, why did he decide to make Hinesville home? Whether or not to remain in Hinesville was not a difficult decision, he said. "I'm from northern Virginia where the economy is high and it's cold in the winter. My wife is from Pontiac, Mich. We like the weather here, and we decided to stay." he said.

JOHN HUMMER IS A LIFE MEMBER OF THE 24th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION. HIS LAST ACTIVE DUTY ASSIGNMENT PRIOR TO RETIREMENT WAS THE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR FOR THE 24th INFANTRY DIVISION (M) AT FORT STEWART, GEORGIA.

Submitted by Jim Hill

John G. Stackhouse
32 Delaware Ave.
Ridley Park, Pa: 19078
A WWII vet is interested in collecting WWII unit patches,
decals or whatever to display or show to other WWII "buffs"
I cannot afford to buy so many but, would appreciate anything you can send. This is not a business, just a hobby.
He was a PFC in the 291st ENg. from Normandy to the Rhine.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

PROCLAMATION

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES:

I have returned. By the grace of Almighty God our forces stand again on Philippine soil - soil consecrated in the blood of our two peoples. We have come, dedicated and committed, to the task of destroying every vestige of enemy control over your daily lives, and of restoring, upon a foundation of indestructible strength, the liberties of your people.

At my side is your President, Sergio Osmena, worthy successor of that great patriot. Manuel Quezon, with members of his cabinet. The seat of your government is now therefore firmly re-established on Philippine soil.

The hour of your redemption is here. Your patriots have demonstrated an unswerving and resolute devotion to the principles of freedom that challenges the best that is written on the pages of human history. I now call upon your supreme effort that the enemy may know from the temper of an aroused and outraged people within that he has a force there to contend with no less violent than is the force committed from without.

Rally to me. Let the indomitable spirit of Bataan and Corregidor lead on. As the lines of battle roll forward to bring you within the zone of operations, rise and strike. Strike at every favorable opportunity. For your homes and hearths, strike! For future generations of your sons and daughters, strike! In the name of your sacred dead, strike! Let no heart be faint. Let every arm be steeled. The guidance of divine God points the way. Follow in His Name to the Holy Grail of righteous victory!

this should bring back some memories for some of our members.

Submitted by Jim Hill

Editor-Taro Leaf: Maybe you will get answers besides mine, the question asked by John Kelly on page 30, and again on page 61 of the August 1996 issue of the Taro Leaf, "Who drove the tractor M5 at Taejon 20 July 1950". From the unit history of the 11th FA Bn, that man was Cpl Porter Walker, the old veteran of Btry A from Pre Pearl Harbor days on Oshu. Another honor this man received during occupation of Japan, 30 May 1950, Decoration now called Memorial Day, he was selected to lay a wreath at the 11th F.A. Memorial tablet, a wreath purchased by 11th F.A. Veterans Association. Walker and I were on K.P. doing pots and pans, this was at Eucyalptus Forest While on Oshu. Anyway, he stepped backward into the sump, I extended my hand out to help him out just as our 1st Sgt. Pritchard went by. Walker, in his joking way, said "Put Matviya in for a medal".

Again on page 13, in the third paragraph, it was stated the 24th Div. was known as the "Victory Division" for its part in the liberation of the Philippines during WWII. I think it was called that before the Philippines, from our code letters stenciled on all our vehicles and equipment, starting with a "V" then unit numbers. Maybe some higher ups can verify this. I am sending a photo taken 51 years ago on Leyte of my tent group. Like I said in some earlier communications, I think we are fortunate to have you guys compiling a very fine publication, keep it up and thanks. I use a one finger typing system now since my hand writing is rather shaky and hard to decipher.

Nicholas(Mickey) Matviya(5/28/42 Btry A. 11th bn. 8/8/45

TULSA WORLD, SUNDAY, August 25,1996

TULSAN RECEIVES GROUP'S HIGHEST PATRIOTISM AWARD

Tulsan Bob Marks is a veteran of two wars, a retired public school teacher and an active community volunteer.

That lifetime of service brought national attention this month when Marks was honored with the Curl Blanchard Americanism Award - the highest award granted by the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The Americanism program, which Marks designed for the Oklahoma Purple Heart organization, has become a model for chapters across the nation.

"We are worried and concerned that not enough patriotism is being taught in homes and schools teday," Marks said. "Our organization is here to encourage patriotism, to look after our buddies and commend our deep-felt feelings for George Washington."

Marks: 71, is a founding meniber and organizer of the Tulsa Purple Heart chapter, which has 90 registered members. The order is open to any military veteran with good character who was awarded one or more purple hearts by the U.S. government. The purple heart is awarded for wounds requiring medical ireatment that are received as a direct result of enemy action. Through its Americanism program, the Purple Heart order awards leadership medals to ROTC and Junior ROTC members in each chapter across the state. Nine medals were awarded to Tulsa-area frigh school students in the last year.

The organization also sponsors an annual high school andent essay contest with a pariotic therne, such as this year's "My Debt to Veterans."

The Tolsa chapter, which encompasses regional schools, awards \$300, \$200 and \$100 savings bonds for the rop three essay winters each year. The latest essay contest drew 110 contestants.

"We get to meet some realty outstanding kids," Marks said.

Marks suffered shrupnel wounds to his right knee on Feb. 5, 1945 in Belyium during the Battle of the Bulge, where he fought us a member of the U.S. Army's 75th Infante, Division, The Booneville, Ark native who was demed into military service at the age of 18 in the middle of his semor year in high school, received another Purple Heart in 1953. Fighting communix.s in Ikorea's from Triangle. Marks suffered strapnel wounds Marks has served as the Amerieartism officer for the state's pur-

Marks has served as the Affredcanism officer for the state's purple Heart organization for five of the last six years. He received the Carl Blanchard award during a national organization tention in Norfolk, Va.



Front-Sletten, Ladzinski, Bohnlein Back-Basner, Dupham, Matviya



AL SOUSA, (3rd Eng.) likes to remind us that General DOUGLAS MACARTHUR once served in the 3rd Engineers. He sent us Special Orders #83 signed by him on 11-6-11. Says Al, "I have the original, which I 'liberated' before we left Schofield. Remember the reams of paper we had to destroy before leaving? Well, I salvaged this one from the battalion files."

Hoadquarters 3rd Battalion of Engineers,

Fort Leavenworth, Kunnas,

November 0,1911.

SPECIAL ORDERS

110.83.

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

To be 2nd class Private:

Corporal Thopas B. Hannill.

By order of Captain Lukosh:

Captali, Corpi of Engineeri,

Adjutant.

Sile W. Hill 840 Shelli Lanz Roswell. Georgia 30075

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Don Barrett, Reunion Coordinator



The Color Guard



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Ken Ross and James Hill







James F. Hill & Wallace Kuhner





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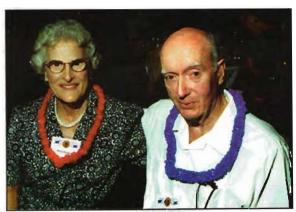
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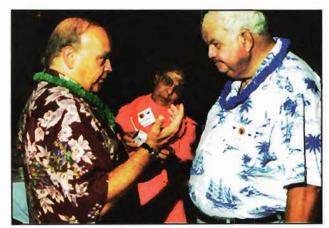


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John Barry and Dallas Dick





Albert McAdoo "he means it".



Urban Throm, Thomas Upton, Wally Kuhner



Meliza and Horace Hoggett, Helen Hostetter, Delores & Karel Kouton - Aloha Dinner



J.D. Henley and wife, John T. McGill, Leo Prusinowski



Bill Naegele, Ruth & Bruce Price



Joe Payne of Atlanta, was instrumental In getting these men to attend the 48th Reunion, 24th Division Association in Nashville, TN. All were members of E Company, 21ST Infantry Division who were in the Philippines and Japan 1944 and 1945. Pictured left to right: Joe Payne, 10 Scotland Place N.W., Atlanta, GA 30318; Alan Shields, 727 Sherwood Drive, Auburn, AL 36830; Kenneth Phillips, Sr., 3050 Hwy. 82E Bell Buckle, TN 37020; Roy Griak, 8921 Stanlen Road, St. Louis Park, MN 55426; and Charles Morgan, 106 East Vine Street, Liberty, TN 47353.



Donna Montgomery





Pictured left to right are Mary Sue Gamel and Louetta Payne. Mary Sue Gamel, wife of Carl Gamel of Company D 19th Infantry (Korea 1951) and Louetta Payne, wife of Joe Payne of the 21ST Company E (Philippines & Japan 1944-45) met in New Orleans for the first time. Everyone thought they were sisters they looked so much alike. They enjoyed each others company so much and had such a great time in New Orleans that each was looking forward to seeing the other in Nashville. In Nashville, one of Cari's friends was looking for him and thought he was following Mary Sue down the hall. Louetta looked around to see who was behind her when the guy remarked "I'm not following you, I'm looking for your husband". With that, Louetta's husband appeared and the guy sald, "That ain't Carl". Both Joe and Louetta had a good laugh when they told the story to Mary Sue and Carl.

Joe and his lovely wife Louetta enjoyed their first reunion in New Orleans so much that they wanted others to have the "time of their life" in Nashville. So they invited everyone they knew and could locate who served with the 21ST to join them in Nashville. Joe and Louetta were pleased with those who made it and they worked even harder to get more of the 21ST to come to Minneapolis in September of 1996.

Joe needs all the help he can get in finding more of the men of the 21ST. Please give him a helping hand in locating more of the 21ST. Keep in touch.



Prostate Corner

Prostate problems are very common and often very serious in old soldiers our age. If you have any of the common symptoms; frequent urination, weak urine stream, feeling that your bladder is not emptying completely, etc., make an appointment with your doctor. It could be a matter of life or death.

Not in any way to make fun of the problem, but rather to create more of an awareness that it's "around and about", let's share the news - join the club.

Past Prexy DON C. WILLIAMS (34th WW II) reports that he is now a member of the prostate club and that he is under a doctor's care. 14735 Holly Ct., Shelby Twp., MI 48315.

Past Prexy KEN ROSS (Div.Hq. '44-'47) reports that he has undergone radiation. 120 Maple St., Springfield MA 01103.

Any other's? - Join the club!

WHO WAS KILROY AND WHERE WAS HE?

The vast reasonity of you World War II vets are very familiar with the phrase "Kilroy was here" found written just about everywhere on every piece of equipment from Tokyo to Berlin.

Quite a few Korean War vets saw it and some vietnam vets went through the "Kilroy was here" episode. Did you ever wonder how it all started?

Kilroy was a 46-year-old shippard workers from Halifax, M.A. and during the war, he worked as a checker at the Fox River Shippard in Quincy. His job was to go around and check on the number of rivets completed. Riveters were on piece work and got paid by the rivet. Kilroy would count a block of rivets and put a check mark in chalk, so the rivets wouldn't be counted twice. When he went off duty, the riveters would erase the mark. Later on, another checker would come through and count the rivets a second time, resulting in double pay for the riveters.

One day Kilroy's boss called him into his office. The foreman was upset about all the wages being paid to riveters, and asked Kilroy to investigate. It was then that he realized what had been going on.

The tight spaces he had to crawl into to check the rivets didn't lend themselves to lugging around a paint can and brush, so Kilroy decided to stick with the chalk. He continued to put his check mark on each job he inspected, but he added "Kilroy was Here" in king-stze letters next to the check. Once he did that, the riveters stopped wiping aways his marks.

Ordinarily the nvets and chalk marks would have been covered up with paint. With the war on, however, ships were leaving the Quincy yard so fast that there wasn't time to paint them. As a result, Kilroy's inspection "trademark" was seen by thousands of servicemen who boarded the troopships the yard produced. His message apparently rang a bell with these servicemen, because they picked it up and spread it all over Europe and the South Pacific. Along the way, someone added the sketch of the chap with the long nose peering over the fence.



Sectio Bailey





24th Infantry Division Association



October 16, 1996

An open letter to all life-time members of the 24th Infantry Division Association.

In talking to Rudy Mullins, our Secretary Treasurer, I asked him what it costs to print and mail the Taro Leaf. You can imagine my surprise when he informed me that it was between \$24,000.00 and \$25,000 00 per year. Without an active division to draw on for new members we could run out of monies fast. I don't know about you but I want to know our Association is financially sound and the Taro Leaf will be in my mailbox 4 times per year.

I asked myself if there was anything I could do?---and then it came to me. When I became a life time member dues were \$100.00. Since that time, we agreed, as an association, to increase the lifetime membership dues to \$150.00. Then I mailed a \$50.00 check to the Secretary Treasurer.

There are 900 members at the \$100.00 level, so at this time I'm asking all of you to increase your dues to the \$150.00 level, if you can. Please mail \$50.00 to upgrade your membership so we can continue to be the strong and caring Association we are. We value each and every member and need your help now. If you are already at the \$150.00 level and would like to make a donation feel free to do so. No amount of monies is to small.

Please mail to: Rodolph Mullins HCR 3 Box 191 Rocky Mount, MO 65072.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I hope we have a good response

Sincerely.

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Total Count 71



Local beauty queen on our way Northshe was asking for "C" Co. Medic-- for a date.



Pontoon Bridge over th Kum River 1950

Photos by Gerald R. Goulet
Co. "C" 19th Inf Regt (50-51)

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Gerald R.	Goulet	19th	(C)	\$10.00	
Louis C.	Grilli	19th	(Med.BN.)	\$10.00	
Emilio	Guglielmelli, Jr	21st	(Cannon)	\$5.00	
Keith R.	Hagen	21st	(1)	\$10.00	
William E.	Hartman	34th		\$50.00	
Thomas A.	Hearn	34th	(A)	\$5.00	
Robert H.	Heins	21st	(L)	\$5.00	
James N.	Jack	19th	(C)	\$10.00	
Charles W.	Johnson	34th	(A)	\$5.00	
Lawrence L.	Johnson	21st	(G)	\$5.00	

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John A.	Kelly	11th		\$25.00	
Paul R.	Kemper	19th	(HQ)	\$5.00	
William E.	Kerns	21st	(D)	\$5.00	
LTC Vytautas	Kersulis	19th	(G)	\$20.00	
Lloyd E.	King	34th	(A)	\$10.00	
Walter A.	Kramer	21st	(G)	\$15.00	
Reginald A	Le Blanc	19th	(B)	\$10.00	
Sang Yun	Lee	19th		\$100.00	
Stanley C.	Lemm	21st	(G)	\$10.00	
James W.	Lender	19th	(Med.Det)	\$5.00	
Joseph M.	Leonard	21st		\$10.00	
Eugene	Lewis	19th	(B)	\$25.00	
Floyd N.	Mayhew	21st	(G)	\$15.00	
Sgt James P.	McKenna	5th RCT	(Serv)	\$5.00	
Clarence	Mehlhaff	63rd		\$25.00	
Clarence W.	Merkley	52nd		\$5.00	
Dean A.	Metz	6th Tank	(B)	\$5.00	
Reece	Morton	21st	(K)	\$5.00	
William	Mullm. Jr	21st		\$10.00	
Reino	Nenonen	34th	(M)	\$5.00	
Earlwin C.	Oklaire	21st	(L)	\$5.00	
Jim	Owens	34th		\$15.00	
Roderick	Owens	26th AAA		\$5.00	
Lawrence R.	Plaatje, Jr	34th		\$5.00	
Alfred N.	Poirier	63rd	(B Btry)	\$10.00	
Kenneth R.	Popovich	21st	(M)	\$5.00	
Donald R.	Porter	19th	(B)	\$30.00	
James L.	Postma	21st		\$50.00 Bob Ende	r
Edward R.	Puhr	5th RCT	(E)	\$5.00	
Chester A.	Pulst	34th	(HQ)	\$10.00	
Spencer N.	Roads	Div Ha	(SJA)	\$10.00	
Stanley E.	Rodrigues	5th RCT	(H)	\$10.00	
Nicholas A.	Russiello	34th	(3rd Bn)	\$5.00	
Michael J.	Sacchitelia	21st	(HQ)	\$5.00	
Van Buren	Sandgren	3rd Eng	(C)	\$5.00	
Robert E.	Scroggins	19th	(B)	\$10.00	
А. Т.	Shields	19th		\$10.00	
Albert J.	Silverstein	21st	(E)	\$10.00	
Andrew	Simpson			\$10.00	
Franklin E.	Skinner	11th	(C Btry)	\$10.00	
Maurice R.	Slaney	24th Sig	(Sv.Co.)	\$10.00	
Sadie	Slanga			\$5.00	
Frank A.	Smith	21st	(F)	\$5.00	
Bill J.	Smith. Sr	26th AAA		\$10.00	
Alvın E.	Stewart	21st	(F)	\$5.00	
Joseph L.	Subsak, Sr	34th	(2nd BN)	\$5.00	
Edward B.	Sund	21st	(H)	\$5.00	
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Raymond M.	Youngblood	21st		\$1,475.00

Mr. Radolph Mullins.

This action occurred on July 4th and 5th, 1945. I don't know who wrote the artical. As you can see, an error was made in the printing. 25th, instead of 23th. Maybe this can be used in the Taro Leaf or in the history book. I have already paid in full for the book and I can hardly wait till I get it. Keep up the good work.

John A. Keppel, 1643 Henrick St., Ambridge, PA, 15003, Phone 412-266-7464

LOCAL SOLDIER IN FRONT ACTION

PFC John A. Keppel Helps Rescue

Ambridge, Aug. 28-While artillery and mortar shells kept Japanese troops deep in their foxholes, Pfc. John A. Keppel. Ambridge, and a group of volunteers crawled to the very edge of enemy lines to bring out bodies of three fallen comrades. The action occurred on Mindanao Island, Philippine group with the 25th Infantry (Victory) Division in the closing days of the war. It took five hours to complete the nerve-shattering task and at the time it was not known that they were dead. The recovery occurred during the closing phase of the Mindanao campaign and the men were among leading elements of the 3-4th Infantry Regiment's drive against Tuli. which was one of the last towns to be taken. Fierce resistance on the outskirts temporarily blocked B Company's advance and three men were shot down. To try to rescue them in the face of heavy machine gun and rifle fire would have been suicidal, observers said, but when the barrage forced Japs to hide in their holes. Keppel and his squad of volunteers inched forward. The 24th Division's coast to coast smash across Minanao was Keppel's first combat experience. He is the son of Mrs. Rose Keppel, of 1543 Henrici St.



24th INFANTRY "VICTORY" DIVISION REUNION
September 4 - 7, 1996



WHEREAS, The 24th Infantry Division Association consists primarily of veterans of World War II and Korea who helped build the heritage and tradition of the 24th Infantry Division during traumatic times at

Pearl Harbor, and in the Pacific, Korea, and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, The 24th Infantry Division, "First to Fight," has a unique history, having been the first United States Division to see action in two major wars – World War II and Korea; and

WHEREAS, The 24th Infantry Division was under direct Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor on Sunday,
December 7, 1941, then fought through New Guinea, spearheaded the successful offensive in the
Philippines, including the battles of Leyte, Corregidor, and others, so that the Philippine people
gave the 24th its motto, "The Victory Division;" and

WHEREAS, Elements of the 24th Infantry Division were the first to land in Grenada; the first complete division to arrive on Saudi soil in the Persian Gulf, "Desert Storm" war, and proceeded to annihilate the Iraqi Republican Army; and

WHEREAS, The members of the 24th Infantry Division Association are living reminders of the commitment, dedication and loyalty of the American people to fight and preserve the values of liberty and freedom we all enjoy and cherish; and

WHEREAS, This marks the first time the Association will hold its annual reunion in Bloomington, Minnesota, its 49th, with over 700 members, spouses and families attending, where they will renew friendships, remember fallen members who made the supreme sacrifice to preserve the freedoms they so valiantly fought for:

NOW, THEREFORE, I Coral Houle, Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota, do hereby extend a warm welcome to the members of the 24th Infantry Division Association who are assembling in this great state of Minnesota and City of Bloomington to renew the spirit of camaraderie which carried them through battle; and with this proclamation do hereby express our appreciation for the 24th Infantry Division's contribution to the preservation of our nation's freedom and liberty.

Dated this 7th day of September, 1996.

Coral Houle, Mayor City of Bloomington, Minnesota



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The 24th Infantry Division Association consists primarily of veterans of World War II and

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commitment, dedication and toyalty of the American people to fight and preserve the values of

liberty and freedom which we all enjoy and cherish; and

WHEREAS: Several bundeed members and their families will gather in Diomologion, Minnesota for the

49th minual reunion of the association, their flist in our great state:

NOW THEREFORE, I, ARNE II. CARLSON, Covernor of the State of Minnesola, do hereby proclaim September 7, 1996 to be

ASSOCIATION DAY

In Minnesota

IN WITNESS WITCREOF, I have becomes set my band and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesofs to be afficed at the State Capitof this seventh day of September in the year of nor Lord one thousand one hundred and obety-six, and of the State the one hundred thirty-eighth

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SIGNETARY OF STAIR

Dear Mr. Lawhon:

Although I do not know you, nor for that matter any of the other members of the Association, I am proud of the way you have put together and edited the Victory Division News, the Taro Leaf. That last does not include Eddie Johnson a former Mess Sgt of the 24th Q.M. We are both early 1941 - late 1945 vintage members of the 24th In. Div. from the day formed. We are both members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, the Navy let us in. I have been back to Schofield Barracks many times and while it has changed considerably, it is still the old post I loved. I am returning on 5 December of this year and staying until the 10th. I am booked into the "Hale KOA". If there is anything I can do for the 24th IDA while there, let me know. Mine is a strange story, but none of it has affected my love for the 24th Inf. Div. or Hawaii and points south west in the Pacific. If you think my story worth publishing or if you would just like to be familiar with it. I will drop you another line. I served in the USMC until December 1940 and the US Army from 1941 to 1945, 1948 to 1963. World War II, Korea and early Vict Nam. I was not a Gung Ho Combat Soldier, but I was Ranger trained. Alamo Scout considered, and selected for dropping on Corregidor when a parachute Unit was late in showing up on Mindora Island. Thank God they arrived in time to save we Hero's neeks. By the way, the picture of MacArthur walking ashore on Red Beach Leyte PI on 20 October 1944, has the helmeted head and shoulders of a bare back 24th Inf. Div. Soldier, in the background, me. I was selected by some unknown officer to stand bodyguard(probably because I was armed with a Tompson Sub Machine Gun with four 30 round clips in my back pockets. (Little did they know I was the good for nothing PFC T.G. Sharpe of the 24th QM Co. On October 24 I was decorated for valor for actions during the Banzai attack on the 19th Inf. Regt in Palo. Enough: I'm proud to be considered for life membership in the 24th Inf. Div. Association.

s Theodore G. Sharpe, RA 1302 7801, 24th QM Co.

"MOSQUITO'S " SEARCHING FOR "MOSQUITO'S"

The 6147th Tactical Control Group (6148th, 6149th and 6150th Squadrons) is searching for former Army members who were assigned as "Observers" from Aug 1950 - 1955 and stationed at Taegu, Pyongtek, Pyongyang, and Chuanon. The Mosquito Association has a roster with over 2,000 names and with many Army Observers. But we are always searching for our comrades in arms who flew the Forward Air Controller (FAC) missions, or were assigned as ground FAC's with the Air Force. Please contact: Mr. Tom Crawford, 5129 W Maplewood Av, Littleton, CO 80123; Telephone: 303-795-2818

24th Infantry Division Association

Fellow Warriors.

The 49th Reunion is history. What a great job Corky, his wife and committeemen did. During the past year, Jim Hill did an outstanding job as President. We should look forward to a great year under the leadership of Durch Nelsen.

A few thoughts about Ken Ross's speech - one of the best. We should, I believe, pursue the idea of establishing a final resting place for our precious memorabilia. Ken discussed this with Dutch in Minneapolis. Mr. 24th Division, himself, hit the nail on the head in closing when he said and I quote, "You did what was right then, and you survived, you served, you did your part." "Hold your head high". "You'll not forget, even though all others will, be proud and be happy, you earned it."

Although our beloved Division is no longer active, support our great Association, its officers and committeemen so the Taro Leaf will live forever. Hope to see you all in Colorado Springs in '97. Our 50th should be one of the best

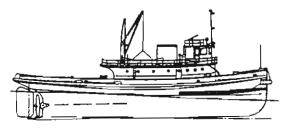
s/Ben T/Ben Wahle E-G, 34th '42-'45

CHARLES SALA (19th Korea) 1700 Pueblo Av., Space 511, Napa CA 94558, says that he's been laid up for over a year. Says he has had part of his foot removed. JOHN J. BREEDEN. SR. (G 34 '42-'45) 18160 Buzzard Hollow Rd., Gordonsville VA 22942, sends his dues with the words: "I've been spending some time in the hospital but I'm feeling better now.

Dear Former "B" Company Member:

From: Gene Lewis

The 49th Annual 24th Inf. Div. Reunion is over. There were at least nine members from "B" Company of the Japan-Korea era at the reunion. They were: Chuck Mainor, B.J. Hunt. Bill Zippiere, Robert Hartley, Art Brannon, Gus Orr, Bob Scroggins, Harvey Carter and me. For the Saturday night banquet there were over 350 24th Inf. Div. members, and when the wives and guests were added, there were over 600 at the dinner. I know that I had a good time and I think the rest of them did also. Those of you that like to keep in contact with the former members of "B" Co and do not belong to the Division Association, are missing a good chance to meet and see how gray headed and fat that some of us have gotten. We also got to see some interesting places, had a lot of laughs and good fellowship. The 1997 Reunion will be at Colorado Springs and the 1998 one will be at Little Rock. They have great programs lined up for both of these reunions. While at the reunion, I met Harvey Carter and his wife. I haven't figured out if he is nuts or it is the company that he keeps. When you get him, Hartley, Hunt, Mainor and Zippiere all in the same room, it is hard to tell who escaped from where. Someone gave B.J. Hunt the address for Richard L. Gaskin. I called him, he would like to hear from any of you that would care to write or call. He was also at the school in Kokura. Thave added both his and Carter's names to the roster, in fact I have added a couple of other names. Hoffman and Mullins, Guys that were in Japan and Korea and remember a lot of guys from "B" Company and would like to hear from you. Around the first of next month, the wife and I are planning to go over to Lake Enid. Mississippi for about 10 days. There we will camp with friends and relatives that we camp with down in Okeechobee, Fl., see if we can't catch a few crappic and have some fish fries. You all take care and keep in touch. 56



FRIENDS OF THE HOGA

September 19, 1996

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Dear Mr. Hill,

Enclosed are the Friends of the HOGA flyers I talked with you about having printed in the TARO LEAF.

At this time Tugboat HOGA (YT-146) is being placed into Safe Stow condition by the Navy at Treasure Island CA.

The Friends of the HOGA is properly organized as a Non-Profit Corporation in Hawaii, and we have received our 501(c)3 letter from the IRS so that contributions are tax-deductible (but we are required to say that everyone must consult their own tax advisor).

The HOGA can be found on the Internet at http://www.tugboats.com

Any help to save this remarkable vessel would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You,

David D. Klingensmith FRIENDS OF THE HOGA

LAST SURVIVING VESSEL OF DECEMBER 7, 1941



On December 7, 1941, HOGA (YT-146) fought fires on the battleship Arizona, rescued sailors, helped the damaged battleship Nevada to clear the channel, and won a unit commendation from Admiral Chester Nimitz. Now she awaits her fate at Treasure Island, in San Francisco Bay. Help us return this heroic tug HOGA to a permanent home in Pearl Harbor.

For information call

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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September 20, 1996

Dear Victory Division Veterans:

You may have followed reports of possible exposure to chemical agents of Desert Storm soldiers close to the Khamisiyah ammunition storage area when 37th Engineer Battalion destroyed munitions in Banker 73 on 4 March 1991 and in a nearby pit on 10 March 1991. Here are the facts:

- The Khamisiyah ammunition storage facility and Bunker 73 are located between Tallil and Jallibah Airbases (PV430060).
- 24th ID attacked and seized its initial objectives and Tallil and Jallibah Airbases on 27 February before continuing its attack east toward Busnul; the Victory Division remained in the area until 12 March 1991.
- 37th Engineer Battalion destroyed 122-mm chemical rockets in Bunker 73 on 4 March 1991 and in a pit 2 m west of Khamisiyah on 10 March 1991. Given the uncertainty of localized wind conditions and the numerous troop movements throughout the area, these explosions could have contaminated some 24th ID soldiers.
- A 2 August 1996 CIA Report on intelligence Related to Gulf War Illness suggests that only 37th Engineer Battalion soldiers may have been exposed to chemical agents.

We are not aware of any Victory This is due largely to your discipline and proper wear of chemical protective overgament throughout the deployment.

Although the experts say that jow-level exposure to sarin gas is not dangerous, want to assure you that I will personally watch this issue and guard your safety just as I did during Desert Storm. FIEST TO FIGHT!

General, US Army (Retired)

Director

TARO LEAFS

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FOR YOUR 50TH GOLDEN REUNION

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SHERATON/HOTEL (ON I-25) WILL BE THE PLACE TO BE.

SEPTEMBER 174020.1997

DUTCH AND MARGO NELSEN, YOURHOSTS

24th Infantry Division Association



An average of 300 members attend the Annual General Membership meeting and receive a copy of the minutes. I've decided to publish them in the Taro Leaf so the remainder of the membership can be informed of what transpires at our meetings. (Rudy)

SECRETARY REPORT 49'TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP 7 SEPTEMBER 1996 1000 HRS.

The President James F. Hill called the meeting to order at 1015 hours. 7 September 1996, at the Radisson Hotel South, Minneapolis, MN.

Past Presidents were recognized in addition to two general officers and 65 first timers. The President introduced Deputy Mayor Vern Wilcox, Bloomington, MN. Mayor Wilcox read a proclamation from the City of Bloomington to the 24th Infantry Division Association.

The President read a proclamation from the Governor, State of Minnesota to the members of the 2-4th Infantry Division Association.

The Secretary/Treasurer gave his report, motion was made by Al McAdoo to accept the secretary's report and the treasurers report as presented, seconded by **Francis** Welch. Motion carried.

Report was made by the Quartermaster. Al McAdoo.

The Membership Chairman presented his report. He reported that the association has 2.853 members, with 1614 life members. He also reported that 354 members are present at the reunion and 545 were registered for the memorial banquet. This figure includes both members and guests.

Dave Mann, History Book Committee Chairman gave his report to the membership on the progress of the Division History Book. He reported that the final 1st draft will be ready by Spring and the book will be ready and published sometime during the Summer of 1997.

Ben Wahle gave a brief explanation of the origin of the idea for the Division History book. He thanked Dave Mann for all his hard work and dedication to getting the job done.

Reunion Coordinator Don Barrett gave his report on the West Coast Mini Reunion to be held in Albuquerque. NM in the Spring of 1997. He also reported that the Executive Committee had chosen Little Rock. AR for the site of the 1998 reunion. Room rates will be \$65.00.

President gave a brief report on other actions taken by the Executive Committee. He also announced that Joseph McKeon had been appointed to the new position of Historian. There will no longer be a position of Directory Chairman.

The Nominating Committee made its report and nominated the following officers indicated:

President: Ellsworth (Dutch) Nelsen

1st Vice Pres: Thomas Cochran Secy/Treas.: Rodolph Mullins

Motion was made by Bob Kies that nomination be closed and that nominees be elected by acclamation. Motion seconded by Bill Hoster, motion carried.

The President explained to the membership that at last years meeting they had been informed that a new constitution and by-laws was placed before them which called for the association to be incorporated. He introduced Al McAdoo who gave the pro-side of the debate. Al urged the membership to adopt the new by-laws and constitution and to approve the motion to incorporate, pointing out that this action will protect the officers of the association from any future law suits, etc. Mr. McAdoo concluded his remarks by asking for support to adopt the revised by-laws.

The President introduced Dutch Nelsen who presented the Con opinion. Dutch stressed that we had gotten along for 49 years without incorporating and saw no reason to do so now. He concluded his remarks by asking that the membership vote against incorporating.

The President called for the vote to incorporate. Motion was made by L.L. Terry(34th Inf. Regt.) and seconded by William Kerns(21st Inf. Regt.). There were 41 votes for incorporating and 238 against incorporating. The motion to incorporate failed. The President directed the Secretary to inform the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Commonwealth of MA to dissolve the Corporation.

Question was brought up by Richard Goiny whether or not widows of Lite members were entitled to receive the Taro Leaf. The Secretary assured in the affirmative.

Request was made that when and if new banners were made to include Biak Island and Corrigador in this.

Request made to have colors posted at our business meeting.

President Hill gave a report on status of the Battle Flag (Taro Leaf) forthcoming from Ft. Stewart

Dutch gave a brief report on his 24th Infantry Division career and the units he had served in. He also covered the status of the Division Association computer which he has. He explained that the Secretary has his own computer, however, the association had paid to up-grade it in order for it to have the capacity to handle the association business.

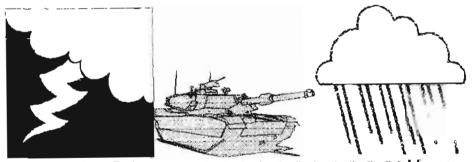
Dutch further claborated on the Colorado Springs reunion for 1997 and that the room rate was \$69.00.

Dutch requested that the association provide \$1500 for him to purchase some special souvenirs to commemorate the Golden Anniversary of the Association. Frank Wilczak made motion that the association provide \$2000, motion seconded by Wally Kuhner, motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1155 hours.

Respectfully submitted.

Secretary/Transaror



Rain and More Rain<<

A story or two taken from my book, now that the Augusts rain are over, I recall these two to mind,

Story #1: Just as the unit was changing from platoon tents to Quonset Huts the Aug. monsoons hit, now as bad as is for the ground troops (Inf) just think about trying to push, pull or tow a 40 ton tank out of 4ft. of mud.. And there was always the off chance "old charley" would take a shot or two at you seeing a tank boogied down made for a nice "target of opportunity"...

One raining day (4 days of down pour) we could not even get out of the huts to take a "leak". One guy tried, steeped out side took three steeps, and had his feet swept out from under him, in the more than two foot high stream formed in a ditch behind the hut. He ended up in the motor pool some 200 yards away...

Now PH, for him, went home in a box, hell of a price to pay just to take a Crap?!!

Story#2: Tank Platoon in position in support of Ban. size Inf. Operation. Five tanks parked/positioned along 1/2 mile line. Raining for 5 days, it had stopped now.. We were always told NOT to sleep near or under tanks, at any time, (on top was OK) and in wet weather this was for sure out! But you know GI's and when their green. Well, one crew made a lean-two out a tarp and placed it over the front of the tank, then crawled under it and the tank and went to sleep. Another crew just all crawled under their tank in sleeping bags. This tank was parked, next to the end of the line and near a ridge, that drooped off 50 ft. into a rice paddy. During the night we all heard sounds but didn't think much of it, because the Inf. unit was supplying the security for the area.

In the morning we awoke to fine; We lost two crews, and one tank.....

The crew that slept under the tank with the lean-two, was crushed under it as the tank sank into the soft wet ground, while they slept, they never knew. The second tank slid off the ridge down the 50ft into the rice paddy, taking the crew with it. All we could see from above was the top of the turret and gun tube. 10 men and a tank, with out a shot. Korea claimed...

Wish we had the above tank's then, although they may have been to big and heavy for Korea, fire power sure would have helped..

God the mud !!!!!

David Baillie, 34th Tk Co. the "old Sgt"

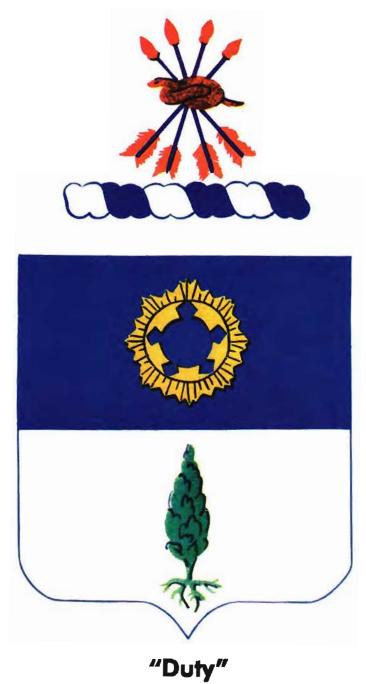


24TH SIGNAL COMPANY

The 24th Signal Company was originally part of the Special Troops of the old Hawaiian Division. It was then designated the 1) th Signal Company with the activation of the 24th Division on 1 October 1941.

Throughout the Pacific campaign in World War II, the **24th Signal Company fought** beside the other elements of the Division to keep communications open between all units. Although harassed by snipers and the difficult terrain of the islands, the 24th Division, materially aided by the Signalmen, succeeded in its vital mission time and time again.

In the Korean action the 24th Signal Company was beset by difficulties of the fast moving Division and the mountainous terrain. In the early stages of the conflict the men of Signal Company frequently were forced to act as infantry to cover themselves while repairing and replacing vital telephone lines.



A Brief History of the 21st Infantry Regiment from 1861 to March 1954
21ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

The shield is of two colors. The upper half is infantry blue and the lower portion is white. Superimposed on the white is a green cedar tree depicting the Regiment's baptism of fire at Cedar Mountain during the Civil War. At Santiago the Regiment was assigned to V Corps, and the five bastioned fort describes this service. The Katipunan sun indicates service during the Philippine Insurrection. The four arrows atop stand for battles during the Indian Wars. The arrows are bound by a snakeskin, the Indian emblem of war. The motto of the Regiment is "Duty." In 1922, while in Hawaii, a group of enlisted men founded a club to foster athletics within the Regiment. They called themselves "Gimlets", and this stands today as the nickname of the Regiment.

The 21st Infantry Regiment was organized under President Lincoln's proclamation of 4 May 1861, which authorized an increase in the strength of the Regular Army. The 21st saw initial action in the historic battle of Antietam in September, 1862. From that struggle the Regiment fought in many campaigns, including Fredericksburg. Chancellorsville, Gettysburg. Wilderness. Spotsylvania, Gold Harbor, Peterburg-Richmond and Cedar Mountain.

With the conclusion of the Civil War, the 21st was kept as a Regular Army regiment. It took an active part in the western expansion of the United States when, divided into smaller units, it was dispatched into hostile Indian territory. The Regiment played an important role in protecting American settlers throughout the west. Reassembled prior to the Spanish-American War, the 21st went intact to Cuba, where its colors were conspicuous in many campaigns, including the capture of San Juan Hill.

At the turn of the century the 21st was sent to the Philippines where it was engaged in suppression of insurrections on Luzon, Leyte and Mindanao. In 1912 the Regiment returned to the United States for training and replacements. With the outbreak of World War I, the 21st Regiment guarded the Mexican border until the Armistice was signed. In 1921 the Regiment returned to the Pacific and was stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. It was during this period that an athletic club, the "Gimlets", was formed and soon the nickname spread throughout the Regiment. With the organization of the 24th Infantry Division on 1 October 1941, the 21st became a part of that unit. The Regiment was at Schofield Barracks on 7 December 1941 and from there started the long and bloody journey through the Pacific phase of World War II.

After extensive training in Hawaii and Australia, the 21st was used to spearhead the amphibious assault at Tanahmerah Bay on New Guinea. In five days the Regiment pushed inland over jungle trails and captured the Japanese airbase at Hollandia. During the battle of Leyte, the 21st, under Sixth Army control, was largely responsible for the capture of the island of Panoan, off the southern tip of Leyte. The capture of this island allowed American PT boats a channel from which to prey on Japanese shipping. The PT boats, under 21st Regiment's control, successfully kept the Japanese navy from invading Leyte Gulf, where a vast fleet of American ships was assembled in support of the Leyte operation.

After the Panoan action the 21st rejoined the Division and, on 5 November 1944, was committed to combat against strong enemy forces at Pinamopoan, Leyte, where it fought in the memorable battle of Breakneck Ridge. The Regiment saw five continuous days of action in this episode, conquering stubborn Japanese resistance, often by digging the enemy out of its caves and bunkers with flame throwers.

The major portion of the 21st concluded the war with actions on the islands of Mindoro and Mindanao. Cannon Company of the 21st won the Distinguished Unit Citation for its actions in support of the 11th Airborne Division in its drive across Luzon. As the only armored unit in support of the 11th, Cannon Company was material in the destruction of the outer defenses of Manila and the capture of the city.

Following the war, the 21st Regiment took part in the occupation of Japan. On 25 June 1950, at the outbreak of the Korean hostilities, the Regiment was stationed at Camp Wook, near Kumamoto on Kyushu. The "Gimlets" were the first Americans to meet the enemy in Korea. Task Force Smith, composed of the 1st battalion, met a strong enemy force at Osan on 5 July 1950. Through the remainder of its service in Korea, the 21st was continually at the forfront of the important battles. It was instrumental in the battles of Chochiwon, the Kum River and the Pusan Perimeter and later, as Task Force Stephens, reached a point within 17 miles of the Yalu River. Returning to Japan with the 24th Division in January, 1952, the 21st made its headquarters at Camp Schimmelpfennig, near Sendai. The 3rd Battation was stationed at Camp Younghans, near Yamagata.

With the 24th Division's return to Korea, the 21st Regiment initially became responsible for the guarding and repatriation of fanatical North Korean prisoners of war. In March, 1954, the Regiment moved north of the 38th Parallel with the 24th Division and is now undergoing intensive training that will make it, as it has always been, a dreaded for of the imminent enemy.



A Brief History of the 52nd Field Artillery Battalion from October 1941 to February 1954 52ND FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

On a shield of the artillery colors, red and gold, are superimposed 13 shells. These shells indicate that the old 13th Artillery Regiment furnished the cadre for the 52nd when it was activated.

Motto of the Battalion is "Habile et Pret" (Able and Ready).

The 52nd Field Artillery Battalion was organized at the same time the 24th Infantry Division was. I October 1941. Its original personnel came from the 13th Field Artillery Regiment.

War struck shortly after activation and the Battalion engaged in extensive training before moving with the 24th Division to Australia. Fully equipped there with material shipped directly from the States, the Battalion continued its training program and all personnel participated in a two month course at the Amphibious Training Center at Toorbul Point.

Landing with the 21st Infantry Regiment at Tanahmerah Bay in New Guinea, the Battalion experienced great difficulty in getting ashore and into firing position because of a deep swamp unobserved by recommaissance. Two batteries were put into position and registered in by the evening of the first day of the campaign. The Battalion supported the Division throughout this operation.

On 20 October 1944 the 24th Division spearheaded the American invasion of the Philippines on Leyte. The 21st Infantry, which the 52nd Field had been committed to support, had been diverted to Panoan, so the 52nd went into Leyte with the remainder of the Division. Rapid displacement kept the Battalion in close support of the Division's advance throughout the entire operation. As the perimeter force at Palo, where the enemy counterattacked repeatedly, the fire of the 52nd was instrumental in protecting the friendly forces.

The 52nd continued in action in support of the 34th Infantry Regiment until the Division was relieved on Leyte on 5 January 1945. The Battalion next joined in the Mindoro and Mindanao campaigns. In this latter campaign the 52nd kept up devastating fire despite rapid displacement in the rapid drive to the center of the island.

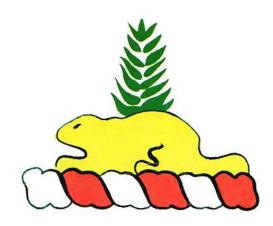
The 52nd Field went with the 24th Division to Japan for occupation duty when World War II ended and, on 25 June 1950, when the Korean conflict arose, it was stationed at Camp Hakata, Kyushu, Japan.

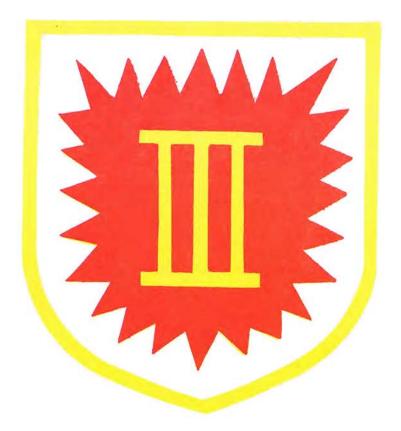
Able Battery of the 52nd became the first American Artillery unit to fire on the North Korean attackers when, on 5 July 1950 near Osan, it leveled its howitzers at advancing enemy tanks only 400 yards away. Throughout the Korean action the 52nd fired in support of the 24th Division and was often attached to the 21st Infantry Regiment.

The 52nd further distinguished itself in battles along the Kum River and in the Pusan Perimeter. It accompanied the Division in its lightning advance to the Yalu and supported many famous actions in its year and a half tour in Korea.

Returning to Japan with the 24th Division, the 52nd Field was stationed at Camp Younghans and continued as part of the 21st Regimental Combat Team. In July of 1953 the Battalion returned to Korea for a second time.

The 52nd was stationed in Taegu for the largest part of its early days in Korea, but went north to Livingston Range to conduct firing. In February, 1954, the Battalion journeyed north with the Division to occupy positions vacated by the stateside bound 45th Infantry Division.





A Brief History of the 3rd Engineer Combat Battalion from March 1901 to March 1954 3RD ENGINEER (COMBAT) BATTALION

On a crest of the colors, red and white is, superimposed the Roman numeral III, designating the unit numerically. On a wreath of the colors is crouched a beaver at the foot of a palm tree. The beaver, indicating "The Builder", is the old symbol of New York. It dates from the early Dutch settlers of that city and still appears on the official seal of New York City. The green palm tree denotes tropical service.

The motto of the Battalion is "Essayons" (Let Us Try).

The Engineers have nicknamed themselves "The Beavers."

The 3rd Engineer Combat Battalion was organized as the 3rd Battalion of Engineers on 25 March 1901 at Fort Totten, New York

During the next 15 years the Battalion was employed by companies in many foreign service stations of the United States. Units served in Cuba, Panama, the Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands.

On 1 August 1916 the Battalion was expanded and reorganized as the 3rd Engineer Regiment but was still scattered throughout the world. In April, 1921, the Regiment was assembled in Hawaii and became the engineer component of the Hawaiian Division. The name "Pacific Engineers" was attached to the 3rd as a result of its 40 years in the Pacific area.

On I October 1941 the 3rd Engineer Regiment was divided into the 3rd Engineer Combat Battalion and the 65th Engineer Combat Battalion. The 3rd became a part of the newly activated 24th Infantry Division and followed that Division to Australia. Here the Battalion underwent laborious training to prepare itself for the ordeals lying ahead.

The 3rd gave invaluable support to the 24th throughout the Division's campaigns in the Pacific. It distinguished itself at Tanahmerah Bay in New Guinea, on Leyte, Luzon and Mindanao. On Leyte the Battation constructed two roads across the island despite tremendous enemy opposition. Company C later supported the 34th Regiment in the recapture of Corregidor. It was here that the 3rd Platoon of C Company won its Distinguished Unit Citation.

In Japan with the 24th Division as an occupying force, the Engineers were largely responsible for the construction of the Division's camps throughout Kyushu.

When the Korean action broke on 25 June 1950, the Battalion was stationed at Kokura.

In Korea the 3rd Engineers first distinguished themseives along the Kum River when elements of the Battalion fought their way forward to blow up a vital bridge over the stream, thus delaying the enemy At Taejon Company C was cut off and suffered heavy losses. It was for heroic actions in this engagement that Sergeant George Dolton Libby was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

Later the ord Engineers lived up to the combat portion of their designation when committed to fight as infantry for a period of three weeks along the Naktong River.

Throughout the fighting, the 3rd Engineers provided valuable services by constructing roads and bridges during United Nations' advances and by destroying them when the need arose. There are few roads in Korea that have not been maintained or improved upon by the 3rd at one time or another.

In Japan again, the Battation was stationed at Camp Matsushima, training and providing construction support for the security forces. When the 24th Division returned to Korea in July, 1953, the Engineers assisted in constructing many varieties of facilities throughout the widely dispersed unit areas.

When the Division journeyed north to take up positions vacated by the departing 45th Division, the 3rd Engineers took on the task of constructing everything from new baseball fields to a windmill in a Korean village.

The cease fire in no way depleted the warload of the busy "Beavers", for their work, rain or shine, must go on to keep the Division combat ready.

TAPS





Deceased	Last Name	First Name	Street	City	State	Zip
4/96	Allen	Robert E.	7265 Farrier Rd	Hillman	MI	49746-8748
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8/96	Bruno	Claire(Wife)	2842 N. Desert Av	Tucson	ΑZ	85712
4/96	Carter	Howard E.	3151 Cornwall Rd	Baltimore	MD	21222
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9/96	Hugoboom	Kenneth W.	3587 Latta Rd	Rochester	NY	14612
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	Tolone	Earl J.	1629 California Av	White Oak	PA	15131
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6/96	Wilkie	Robert L.	14817 Judicial Road	Burnsville	MN	55337

Following letter received from Gene Lewis, 511 Town Drive, Hope, AR 71801

On the morning of 3 September 1996, I received a telephone call from Helen moore, the sister of Bobby Bruce. Bobby died that morning of cancer. He found out in May that he had cancer and told me, "I don't want to see this in one of your letters either". Bobby came here to the house last year right after I first started contacting you guys. He brought with him ten pictures that were made in Korea and said that I had given them to him. (Since then I have ran on to a few more of you the have also said that I gave you pictures and I asked my wife, "Where the heck did I get the money to give all of these guys those pictures?) The day that he was here, he showed me a 1000 Won note with blood on it and said, "I had this on me when I got wounded. I have carried it for 44 years, here, you can carry it for awhile". And I have. Barbara and I went to Dover, Ar and visited with Bobby and his sister and we kept in touch by phone. I very seldom cuss, but when he told me that he only had a short time to live, I said, "Danin you Bobby, I just get to re-know you and now you are going to die on me." He said, "Ain't that the pits?" And then he laughed. In his dying, I know that I will not be the only one that has lost a good friend. The family has asked that remembrances be in the form of donations to either the American Cancer Society or the Hospice. Helen's address is: Helen moore, 3165 Buck Mountain Road, Dover, AR 72837, Phone 501-331-2752.

FRANK W. WALAS (WWII 13th F.A. C Btry passed away September 8, 1996. Frank retired from the Army as a First Sgt and resided in Bradenton, FL. His neice Carol Green of New York notified Joe Mieleszko who sent the info.

President of the 24th Division Association Dear Mr. Hill.

I would like my husband's obituary to be in your Taps, if possible. My husband Maj. James Waring Robinson passed away August 7th. He was in the 24th Division in WW II. he fought in it and many of his friends died in it.

The last months of his life, he relived much of it. (While in the hospital). Our Vicar visited and be talked of ones. He said Waymon - I cannot even remember his last name. I replied "Kirkpatrick from Carolina", as I've heard the stories. They were moving stories. Many visited Jim and that was happiness to him. One he had not seen in 50 years came last Christmas. You can know the visiting! He received a Christmas card last year and on it "I'm glad I served under you". These men and their stories are priceless. Jim always said, "They were young boys and he had to take care of them." Jim was ill a very long time. The last part of Jim's service the Vicar said. "Don't you know these men will have a reunion in heaven"! He spoke on soldiering and that would have made Jim happy.

Sir, Jack Barry or Dallas Dick may have written something, these are my thoughts. Your Taro Leaf is beautiful and we enjoyed it. Perhaps next year I may join in the Reunion. In the meantime. I think of you all.

Sincerely. s/Janice Robinson

Wilkie

Robert Leo, 76, died Tuesday, June 11 at Methodist Hospital In St Louis Park, Robert is sprvived by wile, Belly, children, Larry (Deb), Jack Children, Carry (Deb), Jack (Jo), Shere (Denny), Tom and Rhonda; also by sister, Madeline Thorson and by ? grandchildren. He is preceded in death by 4 brothers, Myron, Wayno, Leonard Ir. and Richard. Funeral aervice will be Friday, June 14, 10 am at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1301 E. Co Rd 42, Burnsville with visitation one hour prior to the sprvice at the church. Visitation also at Burnsville Funeral Home, 12804 Nicollet Ave S., Thursday, June 13 from 5-8 pin. Interment will follow the service at FL Snelling National Cemetery.
Burnsville Funeral Home
894-5080

ROBINSON

Maj. (Ret.) James Waring Robinson-Was a native of Waterloo. IA and resident of Severnah Park, MD for 47 years and he became a resident of Dauphin Island, AL 5 years ago. Maj. Robinson died Wednesday, August 7, 1996 at Keesler AFB Medical Center in Biloxi. MS. During World War II. he served the U.S. Army as a Battalion Adjutant and Company Commander in the 24th Div. in the South Pacific, where he participated in seven landing under General McArthur, He received his military training at Ft. Screven, GA for 4 years and was one of three to receive a commission. He was a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge #622 in Annapolis, MD and he was a member of the Methodist Faith. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Janice Ward Robinson of Dauphin Island, AL; his children, James W. Robinson, Jr. of Dauphin Island, Linnell Bowen of Davidsonville, MD and Danna Jones of Annapolis, MS. 6 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews of Orlando, FL. Visitation will be held Saturday, August 10. 1996 from 9:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church Parish Building on Dauphin Island. Funeral services will be held in the Dauphin Island Community Cemetery. Memorial may be made to St. Francis Episcopal Church. Funeral arrangements are by RADNEY FUNERAL HOME. Dauphin Street Extension, Mobile. AL.

Robert Bayless

ELEANOR - Robert Reese Bayless, 68, of Eleanor, Putnam County, died Aug. 25, 1996, in Putnam General Hospital, Hurricane, after a short illness.

He was a former employee of Avtex, Nitro, refired from Union Carbide with II years' service and was a lay minis-ter for Church of God. He was a Ma-rine veteran of World War II and Army veteran of the Korean War. He attended Fraziers Bottom Church of God.

Surviving: wife, Geraldine Taylor Bayless; son, Robert R. Bayless II of Hurricane; daughters, Valerie A. Bayless at home, Elizabeth J. Shifflett of Ruckersville, Va.; Stephen B. Jones of Oak Ridge, Tenns, Ethel Price of Baltimore, Incheste Toylor of Cross Leave Leave Jeanette Taylor of Cross Lanes; brother. Joseph D. of Meadville, Miss.; five grandchildren.

Service will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo, with the Rev. Buel Gibson and the Rev. Delbert Gibson officiating. Burial will be in Beech Grove Cemetery, Eleanor, with military graveside rites. Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Dear Rodolph Mullins.

I want to thank you and the Taro Leaf for answering my letter. I am so sure Gerald would cherish even the thought of having his name put in the Taro Leaf. I hope he knows. He was a diabetic for years and every one said he was so well taken care of is why he lived so long. To me it wasn't long enough. He started out building a two room cottage back in 1950 but ended up making it our home. He and his friends loved to sit and reminisce about the WWII days, the happy times and the sad.

Thank you again. I have already told quite a few of his buddies about the Taro Leaf and the artical that will be put in the October issue.

Sincerely.

s/Mrs. Pauline Lawrence

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Deaths

Gerald Lawrence

STOCKTON — Gerald C. Lawrence, 77, of 8100 Bear Lake Road, Stockton died Friday (April 5, 1996) at WCA Hospital in Jamestown after a brief illness.

He was born in Fredonia on March 12, 1919, the son of Luella (Delong) Lawrence and the late Clifford Lawrence.

Mr. Lawrence was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Prior to his retirement in 1982, he had been employed by Aliegheny Ludium Steel Corp. and then AL Tech Specialty Steel Corp. in Dunkirk, working in reventment.

He was a member of the VFW

Mr. Lawrence was an avid builder/carpenter who had constructed his own home in Bear Lake. He also enjoyed camping and hunting.

Besides his mother, he is survived by his wife, Pauline (Olsen) Lawrence, whom he married Dec. 22,: 1950; three daughters, Priscilla Snook of McClure, Pa., Mrs. Michael (Bonita) Cerrie of Fredonia and Mrs. Kevin (Carol) Cole of Stockton; one stepson, Kenneth



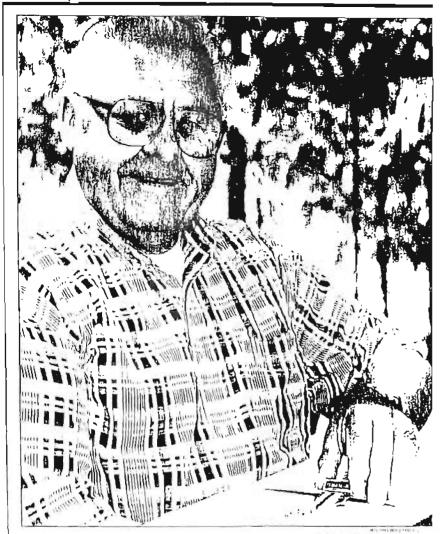
Crane of Pennsylvania; one stepdaughter, Karen Mongiarado of Nevada; and one sister, Joyce Frost of Murrysville, Pa. Four granddaughters, two grandsons, several great-grandchildren; and several nleces and nephews also survive.

Arrangements are by the Larson-Timko Funeral Home, Frehusband of Pauline. Devoted father of Priscilla Snook, Mrs. Michael (Bonita) Cerrie and Mrs. Kevin (Carol) Cole. Grandfather of Sandra Newhouse, Tara Cerrie, Melinda Cole, Kaltlyn Hornburg, Jeffrey Cerrie and Kristopher Cerrie. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at a time to be announced at the Larson-Timko Funeral Home. The Rev. Roger Elmers, pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Webster Street Cemetery. Friends may call on Monday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Bible thought

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1



8dl Anderson of Wilderville poses with medal, citation and watch given to bin by officials in South Korea I had a wonderful time in Korea, the first few days were filled up with tours, wreath laying in their National Cemetery, commemoration at the military museum and a banquet - I received a beautiful "Peace Medal", cuff links & tic clase and a watch from President Kim Young Sam with the presidential seal and his inscription on the back. I will enclose an article that appeared in our local newspaper about my trip. After the KVA turned me loose on 26 Jun. Lee Sang Yun picked me up and moved me to a less expensive hotel. Too bad we veterans can not stay in the base hotel at \$100.00 per week. Two of the most impressive points in my trip was the Memorial Ceremonies at Osan on 05 Jul, it was a really beautiful half hour affair, and that was their forty-sixth ceremony. The following day with the help of some new found friends in Korea, I met with the family of the KATUSA that saved my life on the Nak-Tong river crossing. Song, Chang-Bum had died just six months before my arrival, so they took me to meet his family and then up to his grave site where I could pay my respects

Lee Sang Yun became my host and guardian while there, he took me to some of our old battlefields. Nak-Tong River, Angang and Poliang. We took a five hour tour of Kvongju which was great, what a site of national treasure and culture. We met his friend in Pohang who escorted us to many sights around the city and outlying area. I ate traditional Korean food the whole time I was there and you know my stomach nor my diabetes acted up, but now ugh! Mr Lee has extended the same kind of treatment for you should you ever visit there and for members of the 21st RCT

Mr Lee and his wife will attend our meeting in Minneapolis, and I hope I can return some of the royal treatment that he provided me while I was visiting Korea I am not sure, but may know him as the year 1951, he went to the 19th as an Interrogator and Interpreter for the Regiment. He stayed with the 19th until they left Korca.

Korean War vet returns to scene to receive medal

Anderson 'ambassador for peace'

I'm really proud of

done since the war.

what the Koreans have

By Lisa Moskowitz

hen full Anderson of Wilderville was invited by the South Rorean government to visit their country, he didn't hesitate for a moment. "It was a surprise I'd been dream-

ing of ever since I belt there in 1951, be said

Anderson, 61, fought in the Korean-War and was one of 168 veterans who received the Peac Medal during South Korea's recent Memorial Day cere Atemorial Day ege monies. He was also chosen to represent Taskforce Smith, a group of the Irist 540 men to go into battle against North Koren, at a eccenim-

Bill Anderson ny in Osaa

"Officially I'm an ambassador for peace. It means a whole lot to me." Anderson said.

Anderson served as an automotic rifleman and spent most of his 15 month four on the front lines. This trip, he spent 17 days fouring battle field sites, visiting old friends and affending receptions "I in really proud of what the Kore

ans have done since the war. For ans have done since the war. For example Scool was practically all rubble when Loft in December '51 and now it's all skyserapers and busy,' Auberson said. Since the end of the war, South Korea has established itself as a world leader in textile, clothing and electronic examts.

electronic exports In 1992, the inflation rate was a low In 1997, the initiation rate was a low 24 percent and 95 percent of people over the age of 15 living in the 35,239 square mile country could read and write. South Korea has a population of more than 14.5 million. Seconf, the largest city, has a population of more than to million

Anderson also managed to locate the family of a Korcan soldier who be said saved his life during a hattle on said saved in the fitting a nature of the Naklonggang River Going over a hill. Anderson said he remembers a soldier deeping in front of him, only to be strock in the shoulder by a bul-let. If the soldier had not been there Anderson said he was sure be would have cought the buffet in his head.

"When he got hit, it spun him around so I could see his Lace," recalled Amberson

"His face just stayed in my mhad all these years" With a photograph

and the help of his Korean friends, Anderson was able to find the soldier's

family

length

Unfortunately, the
man who saved his
life had died only

months earlier.

Anderson said he visited the man's

"There was alot of shooting and a lot of death," said Anderson, "There's not very many survivors of my origi-nal company, C company, 21st

infaulty regiment, 24th infaulty divi-sion. We were the first in there." Approximately four million people died in the Korean War from June 25. 1970, to July 27, 1963. Two million of those were civilians; 33,625 were Americans. Although Amerson was injured

four times, be considers himself blessed to have escaped the war with

I carried a Bible from my mother "It earlied a Rible from my mother that had a steel jacket," be said "That hible caught the bulk of a mortar shot once instead of me. I think the good Lord was booking over the." Anderson is originally from Illimois to and his wife moved in Josephine County from San Jose, Calif., in 1967 after he refired from the San Jose under depositional page.

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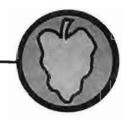
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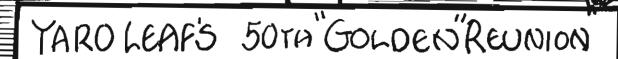
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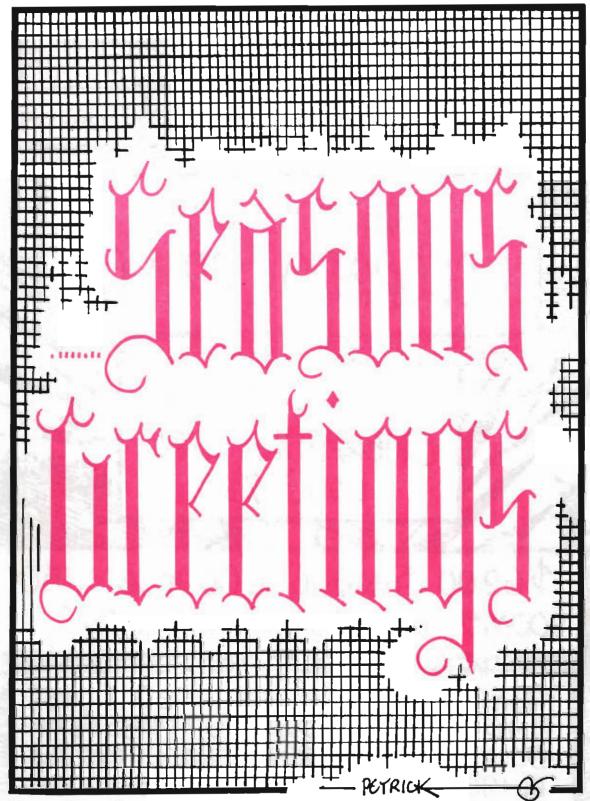
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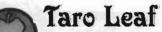
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