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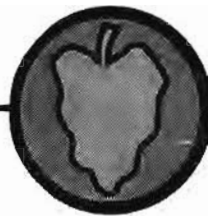
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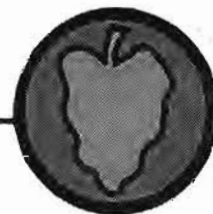
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From the President

SUMMER 2001

As we all enjoy the lazy days of Summer I know that many of us are looking forward to our annual get together in Hampton, Virginia in September. Our Reunion Co-Chairs, Dave Mann (34th) and Bill Garry (19th & 34th) are doing a great job in arranging for all of us to have a great reunion with lots of activities to keep us all entertained. As always there will be a Friday night "Aloha Night" to honor our Division's original home and the Saturday night Memorial Banquet in which, among other events, we honor our comrades that gave their all in service to our Country.

One of the most important functions of our reunion is the annual business meeting of the Association that will be held on Saturday morning, 22 September. Of special importance will be a vote on the proposed changes to our Constitution as well as selection and election of officers for the 2001-02 term of office. In order to keep me straight and not totally confused on meeting protocol I have asked Member Frank Smolinski (24th Signal), St. Petersburg, Florida to serve as our official Parliamentarian during the meeting.

Special thanks to Life Member Richard C. Brieth (21st Inf), San Francisco, California and Associate Member Frank M. McPartland, Great Falls, Virginia for unusually large financial donations to our Association. Richard tells me he joined G/21st as a replacement in early 1951. He further told me he got his "million dollar wound" on 20 May 1951, a month after his 21st birthday. Frank made his contribution in tribute to his Father, Frank M. McPartland, who served with E/19th in 1950-51. Thanks to both these individuals for their thoughtful contributions.

Fifty-one years later I am still hearing about honors being bestowed on our great Commanding General in those early days of Korea, MG William F. Dean. I recently learned that the US Forces Heritage Center in Korea is named in honor of General Dean. A well deserved honor for another great "Taro Leafer".

Thanks to the special efforts of Tom Cochran (34th) arrangements have been made to republish the book, 24th FORWARD, a pictorial history of the 24th Division in Korea. The publisher has assured us that the book will be available in time before our reunion. The book will be sold through our Association Quartermaster.

Good friend and Association Member, Fred Baker (26th AW Bn) Groveton, New Hampshire, recently sent me some more information concerning the 26th AAA Battalion. The 26th takes its lineage from that of the World War II 784th AAA AW Battalion. Battery A of the 26th was organized 12 April 1948 and was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division with an authorized strength of 7 Officers and 156 Enlisted Men. Still remember those great Quad 50s of Battery A that were right next to my foxhole on the Naktong River. Thanks, Fred, for the info.

On a recent visit to the Pearl Harbor Memorial at the Marietta, Georgia National Cemetery honoring the KIAs at Pearl Harbor I found a brick inscribed with the name JOSEPH BLASCHE, Company L, 19th Infantry, Schofield Barracks. Does the name ring a bell will any of you members that were in Hawaii on 7 December 1941?

Latest membership count from Sec/Treas Dutch Nelsen--2,917.

Another bit of trivia--In May of 1869 the 21st Infantry was transferred by railroad from the East Coast to the Presidio of San Francisco. The transcontinental railroad had just been completed and so the 21st became the first US Army unit to be shipped cross country by rail. Bet you Gimlets didn't know that!

Yvonne Mullins, our well respected, dedicated and professional Editor of the TARO LEAF for the past several years has informed me that she is stepping down as Editor with this issue. Needless to say, Vonnies, you will be missed by all of us and thank you for your many special efforts in providing us with a Number One Association publication for the past three plus years.

Our Secretary/Treasurer, Ellsworth Nelsen, also has informed the Executive Board that he will not be seeking reelection for another term. A very special 24th Infantry Division Association hand salute to Dutch for stepping forward at a very critical time in the Association's life and getting matters "back on track" in so many ways. Dutch has been very active in our Association matters for years having served as President and twice as Secretary/Treasurer. He is also a recipient of the Association's most prestigious award, the VERBECK BOWL.

Lastly, this is my final letter to you as President of our Association. It has been a distinct honor to serve as your President and I hope that you have been satisfied with the manner in which the affairs of the Association have been conducted in the past year. As usual, with a membership of 3000+ there is always a small number of individuals that are quick to criticize but slow in helping to find solutions. I wish the best to each and every member in the coming year. See you in Hampton!


JIM HILL



Secretary/Treasurer's Page

(All data as of 7 May 200)

Margo and I want to thank you for the privilege of serving you again. In this, my second "term" as Sec/Tres, we have rarely had a cross word spoken or written to us. Quite the contrary. Nearly every dues payment we received has had some small word of thanks or encouragement. We have had a very large number of friends in this Association, but it is certain that this number has at least doubled. Our sincerest thanks to you. We would continue on, but the status of my health says it is time to step aside. Then, too, there comes a time when we simply must let the younger members come forward and take over. After all, the future of The Association depends on them. So as Secretary/Treasurer I say "Aloha."

FINANCIAL

Checking Account: \$18,896.15

Certif. Of Deposit: \$55,749.87 (6 months @ 4.5%, this matures right after the reunion so it can be transferred to the new Sec/Tres)

The Taro Leaf is by far our largest expenditure. Cost of the last two issues: \$18,071.48.

MEMBERSHIP

Total number of members is 2,925 (Down 76 from the last report. This is mostly due to dropping members who were three years past due and "Comps" — most of whom could not be reached.)

(There are 25 members who are past due from the year 2000. They will be contacted.)

Annual: 1,468
Life Paid: 1,335
Life Paying: 55
Associate: 43
Comp: 22
Honorary: 2

Members by place and time of service:
Many members have served in more than one. For example, WWII and Japan or Japan and Korea. Some members do not report their service.

WWII:	912
Korea:	1469
D. Storm:	22
Japan:	842
Germany:	150
Pearl H.	46
TF Smith	35
POW:	24
Riley:	13
Stewart:	27

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to Norman R. Harp, Certified Public Accountant. Mr. Harp has been working on the Tax reports for the 24th Infantry Division Association. We appreciate the work he is doing for our Association. Mr. Harp specializes in investment management and financial planning, serving clients nationally.

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Units with largest number of members:

19th	670
21st	658
34th	383
5th RCT	211
3d Eng	103
11th	86
13th	77
Div Hq	64
24th Sig	61
52nd	59
63rd	46
6th Tank	45
24th Med	45
724 Ord	39
26th AAA	36
24th Recon	27

(Many members do not report their unit, or say something like, "1st Platoon." or "24th.")

New Life Members

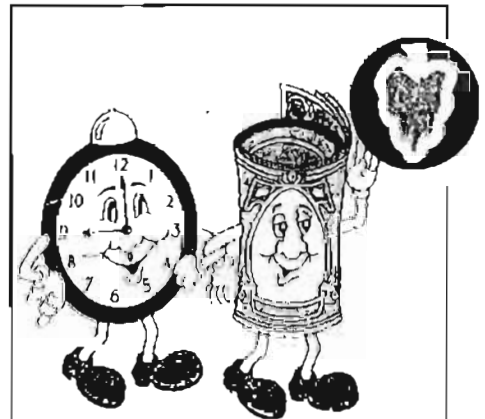
Charles R. Richison, 19th
 Terry G. Switzer, 21st
 Jerome H. Tumulty, Div Hq
 Ernest E. Valenzuela, 21st
 Freeman S. Revels, 19th
 Robert V. Misner, 34th
 Gilbert A. Willman, Div Band
 Joseph W. Belanger, 24th Med
 Frederick H. King, 21st
 Lee E. McGill, 11th
 Willioam A. Wrightson, 19th
 Horace A. McMaster, Sr., 24th Recon
 Larry D. Hall, 34th
 Stanley E. Rodrigues, 5th RCT
 Domenick J. Pantalone, 19th

New Members

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Unit 1</u>
Bissett	Charles P.	Simi Valley	CA	93063-6438	805-581-9277	21st
Bruha	Major James J.	West Point	NY	10996	914-446-9847	1/41 FA
Burns	William P.	Middletown	RI	02842-4825	401-846-0524	26th AAA
Cacciola	Thomas F.	Englewood Cliffs	NJ	07632-1815	201-567-7279	955 FA Bn
Chance	Clyde H.	Beaumont	TX	77705-9766	409-722-4842	5th RCT
Cofer	John T.	Louisville	KY	40272-3057	502-375-9806	19th
Conant	Joseph	Colonial Heights	VA	23834	804-526-4254	19th
Dunkin	David	West Los Angeles	CA	90049		19th
Dunkin	Jim	Barstow	CA	92311		19th
Fisher	Robert L.	Kyser	WV	26726	304-788-0501	24th Sig
Holland	Casey B.	Winchester	TN	37398	931-967-3655	34th
Holzbach	Mrs. Dorothy	Mechanicsville	VA	23111-4518	804-746-3330	21st
Hubbard	Richard L.	Bradenton	FL	34207-3706	941-751-4675	19th
Johnson	Edward E.	Oshawa	ON	L1H6P1	905-576-4284	19th
Mesnard	Charles J.	Lewisville	TX	75057-2211	972-436-3473	21st
Myslinski	Donald J.	Melrose Park	IL	60164-2117	847-288-1102	34th Arty
Pakish	John	Reno	NV	89503	775-746-1041	19th
Plumer	Arnold	New York	NY	10016	212-689-2816	34th
Robbins	Caroll	Lumberton	MS	39455	601-796-4750	34th
Rodrigues	Stanley E.	Lahaina	HI	96761	808-661-4241	5th RCT
Sears	Robert C.	Louisville	KY	40214	502-835-1620	21st
Sellari, Ret	SFC Jerry	Federal Way	WA	98023-5054	253-835-9499	21st
Tinsley	Colonel Roy A.	Fountain	CO	80817-3029	719-382-7908	21st

Donations

Doherty	James	19th	\$10 for the Good Of The Association
Barnish	Carl F	339th Egr	\$10 to help with postage.
Vickers	William E	34th	\$100 in memory of William Fell, 34th, WWII
Kuhn	Leonhard	21st	\$100 Tithe from the raffel
Deutsch	Rudolph A	34th	\$20 for the men of D, 34th Inf, WWII
Smith	Norman C	19th	\$20 to honor Arai Tatsu & Dixie Wingard; KIA
Oklaire	Earlwin C	21st	\$20, our POW's and MIA's
Dunkin	Delwyn A	19th	\$25 for the Association.
Daugherty	Boyden C	52nd	\$25 for the good of the Association
Geraci	Carmello F	24th Recon	\$25 in honor of the MIA's
Quadarella	Angelo L	11th	\$25 men of the 11th Field Artillery Bn
Atkinson	C. H.	24th MP	\$50 in honor of Kenwood Ross
Bronsberg	Alexander F	3rd Eng	\$50 in honor of men of C, 3rd Eng, 7 Dec 1941
Bianco	Charles J	34th	\$50 in memory of Leo Sowada
McPartland	Frank	19th	\$500 in honor of Dad, Frank McParland, 19th Inf
Adair	Theodore F G	19th	\$5
Carter	George H	19th	\$5
Chase	Donald A	19th	\$5
Davis	Dayton H	34th	\$5
Duhon	Edsel	21st	\$5
Follis	Weddell D.	5th RCT	\$5
Frank	Jesse B	21st	\$5
Guerrera USA	CSM Michele	21st	\$5
Johnston	William G	Div Hq	\$5
Junttila	Carl R.	19th	\$5
Kingsbury	Herbert R	34th	\$5
Neifert	Lowell J	34th	\$5
Phillips	Lee R.	34th	\$5
Ragland	John	21st	\$5
Ramsey	David E	21st	\$5
Shipley	Robert G	21st	\$5
Tominaga	George T	13th	\$5
Willis	Willard P	19th	\$5
Barnabi	John	19th	\$10
Conway	James F	24th Inf Div	\$10
Dalida	Frankie F	3rd Eng	\$10
Demaray	Dale	19th	\$10
Fields	Rue B	21st	\$10
Haist	John W	21st	\$10
Hamilton	John F	Div Hq	\$10
Marcinko	Joseph J.	21st	\$10
Nilsson	Roy P	21st	\$10
Potterton	Lloyd T	19th	\$10
Stratton	Merrill H	5th RCT	\$10
Wainwright	Maurice R	Assoc	\$10
Westrich	Herman A	21st	\$10
Hosler	William C	19th	\$15
Poynter	Eugene A	34th	\$15
Therry	Leonard	21st	\$15
Weber	Rudolph	21st	\$15
Cain	Paul J	34th	\$20
O'Connell	Joseph P	19th	\$25
Sugg	Dr. Charles F.	24th Med	\$25
Mac Neill	Warren H	24th Sig	\$30
Apodaca	Tony P	34th	\$50



Time To Pay Your

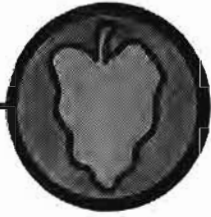
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the day approaching.

As I think about this verse, I pick out the word encourage. Look at the people around you. See if there is anyone you can encourage today. Think of the time you had to encourage your buddies. Think of the young people who are in the service today around the world. I think of my son who is in the 101st Airborne. I try to encourage him all of the time as I well remember that I spent my 19th birthday on the USS Geiger going to Germany. I served three years in the 24th and I think of the people who have encouraged me over the years. This is pleasing to our Christ Jesus.

Chaplain Glen Carpenter

Sent In By Dutch Nelsen:

We have lost a giant. **Joe Wicinski** passed away while attending the West Coast Reunion. He died May 3rd quietly and peacefully in his sleep.

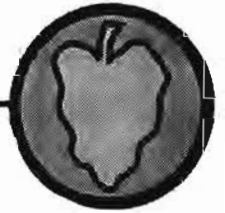
Not enough can be said about this fine Soldier and Patriot. He served with both the 11th Field and the 5th RCT in Japan and Korea from 1950 to 1953. His Korean service was with great distinction. He was very, very active in all Veterans affairs in and around Garden Grove, California where he and Phyllis lived. He also could be counted upon to attend every reunion that his health would allow.

It is not too much to say that Joe was the "spark" of the West Coast Reunion. He had an enthusiasm and humor that endeared him to everyone. But perhaps even stronger than this was a spirit of camaraderie that made you feel you could talk to him as you could not talk to others, and made you know that Joe understood what you had been through in that terrible war.

We share with Phyllis the loss of this fine, fine man.

(Phyllis Wicinski, 12200 Valley View St., #336, Garden Grove, CA 92845)

24th Infantry Division Association



Letter From The Editor, Yvonne Mullins
May 4, 2001

In January 2001 I sent my resignation to President Jim Hill. I will fulfill my term as Editor until the close of the Reunion in Hampton, VA.

In 1994, Bob Ender, Reunion Coordinator, requested my husband Rudy serve as Reunion Chairman for the 1995 convention, which was held in Nashville, Tennessee. Although Nashville was 500 miles from our home and Rudy was diagnosed with colon cancer during 1995, we completed the work for the reunion. Rudy then served as Secretary/Treasurer and Editor for the 1995-96 and 1996-97 terms, and served as Quartermaster for 1996-97 as well. During the 1997 reunion, I was made an honorary member and served as Secretary/Treasurer and Editor for the 1997-98 term. From 1998 until September 2001, I have served as Editor. I wish to thank all who supported me during these years.

As you know, several amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws will be voted on at the Hampton, Virginia, Reunion. As Editor of the Taro Leaf, I receive many newsletters from other Associations. This spring, the newsletter of the 25th Infantry Division Association included its Constitution and By-Laws. I was interested to read that the 25th Infantry Division Association defines "Regular Member" to include "Any person who is related by blood, marriage or adoption to a person who was a member at the time of his death." Because I felt our Association would benefit from having a similar inclusive definition of "Regular Member", I wrote an amendment reflecting this definition. The proposed amendment states:

Article V, Section 2. Active Membership. All persons who have served as members of the 24th Infantry Division, or a unit which has at any time been attached to the Division or a person related by marriage to a member at the time of his/her death shall be eligible for active membership.

I sent this proposed amendment to six members of our Association, requesting they let me know their thoughts. Three of the members directly informed me that they signed the proposed amendment and sent it to Wes Morrison. This proposed amendment, however, has not been included in the published amendments to be voted on in Hampton, Virginia.

Although most spouses (wives) of members of the 24th Infantry did not serve in the military in any capacity and certainly did not serve on the battlefield, wives often worked in defense plants, cared for the couple's children, and ran the household alone while waiting for their loved one to return. Further, many wives in the 24th Infantry Division Association have worked along with their husbands for the good of the association. I was happy to see that the 25th Infantry Division Association was progressive in including their spouses to continue on as regular members after a member's death.

I would like the membership to vote on the proposed amendment to include "a person related by marriage to a member at the time of his/her death" as eligible for active membership in the 24th Infantry Division Association. Whether the proposed amendment passes or fails is not the issue; we should hear the voice of the Membership on this proposed amendment. Why not let the membership speak? Please allow this proposed amendment to be voted on at the Hampton, Virginia, Reunion.
Let the Members Speak.

24th Infantry Division Association



April 2001

TO: All Active Members of the 24th Infantry Division Assn.


SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Association's Constitution

Under the provisions of Article VII of the Constitution of the 24th Infantry Division Association the Constitution of the Association may be amended by a vote of 2/3rds of the Active Members present at the Annual Membership Meeting held during the annual reunion of the Association providing the text of the proposed amendments are published in the official publication (The Taro Leaf) of the Association 90 days prior to the annual meeting.

In 1999 then President of the Association, Harold Peters, appointed a committee to review the current Constitution and provide any recommendations that would update the Constitution to reflect the current organization of the Association. The Committee, with recommendations from several other Active Members, has submitted the proposals that follow this correspondence. These proposals will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in Hampton, Virginia on Saturday 22 September 2001.

Active Members of the Association that plan on attending this years Membership Meeting are requested to review the proposals and be prepared to vote on each amendment change at that time. Each proposal will be voted on individually by the Active Members and all amendment proposals approved will be incorporated into the Constitution of the Association as the 2001 Changes and all proposals not approved will be disregarded.

By publishing this correspondence in the Summer issue of the TARO LEAF fulfills the requirement for the 90 day advance notice. The March issue of the TARO LEAF contains the current Constitution of the Association that may be used as reference in determining your voting preference on the proposed amendments.


JAMES F. HILL
24th Infantry
President

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

The following are proposed amendments to the Constitution of the 24th Infantry Division Association.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. As reads: The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer-Editor.

Is amended to read: The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and three members-at-Large.

Section 2. As reads: The Association shall be governed by the Executive Committee which shall consist of the President, the Vice-President all living Past Presidents, and the Secretary-Treasurer-Editor, each of whom shall have one vote.

Is amended to read: The Association shall be governed by the Executive Committee, which shall consist of the President, Vice President, all living Past Presidents, Secretary/Treasurer and three members at large, each of whom shall have one vote.

Section 3. As reads: The term of office of the President, Vice-President and of the Secretary-Treasurer-Editor shall be one year or until their successors have been elected and have taken office.

Is amended to read: The term of office of the President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and three members-at-large shall be one year or until a successor has been elected and has taken office.

Section 4. As reads: Each President, upon the expiration of his term of office, shall serve as a Past President.

Is amended to read: Each President, upon the expiration of his Presidency, shall serve as a Past President.

ARTICLE III

Section 4. As reads: A quorum of an Association Convention shall exist whenever the lesser of seventy-five (75) or ten (10) percent or more of the total active members are present.

Is amended to read: A quorum of an Association Convention shall exist whenever five (5) per cent or more of the total active members are present.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. As reads: The Officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the membership in its Annual Members Meeting during the Annual Association Convention and shall take office immediately after election.

Is amended to read: The Officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Membership at its General Membership Meeting held during the Annual Association Convention and shall take office the day following the conclusion of the convention.

ARTICLE V

Section 3. As reads: Associate Membership: Any person who is related to any deceased person who served with the Division shall be eligible for Associate Membership.

Is Amended to read: Associate Membership: Any person who is related to a person who has/had served with the Division shall be eligible for Associate Membership.

Section 6. As reads: Life Membership: Any member who upon payment of \$100.00 shall be given a Life Membership in the Association.

Is amended to read: Life Membership: Any Active or Associate member who upon proper payment of a sum established by the Executive Committee shall be given a Life Membership in the Association.

Section 7. As reads: Members whose annual dues become more than one (1) year in arrears shall forfeit all membership privileges.

Is amended to read: Members whose annual dues become more than 90 days in arrears shall forfeit all membership privileges.

ARTICLE VIII

Is amended to read: ARTICLE VII

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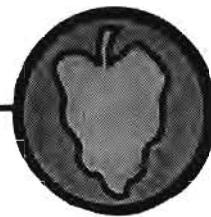
Section 1. As reads: This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two thirds (2/3rds) of the active members present at the Annual Meeting during the Annual Association Convention.

Is amended to read: This Constitution may be amended by a mail-in ballot vote of the majority of the Active Members in good standing as of the last day of the month the proposal is published in the official publication of the Association.

Section 2. As reads: No proposal for amending the Constitution shall be considered unless the text of the proposed amendment has been published in the official publication of the Association not less than ninety (90) days prior the Annual Members Meeting held during the Annual Association Convention.

Is amended to read: All ballots of voting must be received not later than the last day of the month following the month the proposed amendment(s) were published in the official publication of the Association.

24th Infantry Division Association



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23 February 2001

Mr. Robert F. Phillips
5530 Beaconsfield Court
Burke, Virginia 22015-1913

Dear Bob,

Recently I read in my local newspaper an Associated Press release from Washington, D.C. about you receiving a Silver Star for your actions with the 24th Infantry Division during the Korean War. It was a most pleasant surprise to see on the 24th Infantry Division Association Membership Roster that you are a member of our Association.

Speaking for all of our members we are most proud that, even after all these past years, you have been recognized for your heroic actions with the 21st Infantry Regiment in September 1950.

In reading about the dedication, loyalty and concern that you displayed for your fellow comrades during those early days of combat makes me proud to be a member of the 24th Infantry Division Association and to know that we have heroes like you as members.

Please accept my personal congratulations for receiving this long over due recognition for your heroic act for your fellow man.

I have sent a copy of the newspaper article to the Editor of the TARO LEAF for inclusion in the next issue of our great magazine.

Korean War veteran receives Silver Star 50 years afterward

By STEPHANIE NAZZARO

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — After serving in two wars, Robert F. Phillips made military history his life's work. His own place in history was almost lost.

On Tuesday, Phillips, 76, received the Silver Star more than a half century after his heroism in the early days of the Korean War.

In a ceremony at Fort McNair, the commanding general of the Military District of Washington detailed the actions of private first class facing advancing North Koreans.

Gesturing to Phillips, Maj. Gen. James T. Jackson said, "That young private first class is standing before you today — somewhat grayer and older and wiser, but certainly it's great to see him."

On Sept. 8, 1950, Phillips was a n-

leman assigned to the Army's 24th Infantry Division in the area of Kyongju, South Korea.

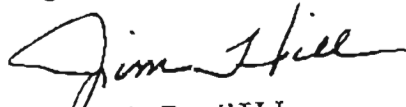
As a platoon-sized force of North Korean soldiers broke off from its main unit and launched its own attack, Phillips followed his platoon leader to the top of a hill.

The two men held off the advancing troops with small arms fire and a limited supply of grenades until the platoon leader was killed.

Phillips continued to fight, at one point charging over a hilltop and killing the last five soldiers with rifle fire.

"Things were happening too fast to be scared. All I thought about was surviving, and how important it was to keep them off that hill," Phillips said. Recent legislation has allowed the armed services to review expired award applications and resubmit them.

Sincerely,


JAMES F. HILL
19th Infantry
President

The following is an excerpt from "My Military Career" by Major General Alfred E. Hunter, USA (Ret.) It covers his tour of duty as commander of the 13th Field Artillery Battalion, 24th Infantry Division, from February through October, 1946. He was a Major at that time.

I assumed command of the 13th Field Artillery Battalion upon arrival in Himeji, Honshu, Japan from Hawaii, on 19 February 1946; there were approximately 500 EM and 15 Officers in this unit. The EM were young and had been drafted after the end of WW II. Only one of the Officers had seen extensive combat in the War. Training was at a standstill. For the first week I observed; what I saw was not good. Then full training started and, of course, this was not popular.

A crisis hit; Major General James A. Lester, the 24th Division Commander, called me on the carpet. My Battalion had the highest venereal disease (VD) rate in the entire Division. I stood at attention for 30 minutes while the Old Man castigated me. Deciding to be extremely forceful, I returned to the Battalion and instituted a rigorous training and athletic program plus a stringent VD project.

The Doctor found three Japanese males in a Kobe Hospital who consented to show the Battalion the results of their VD. They all had tertiary syphilis and large sores in their genital areas.

I ordered two sessions to be held in the theater so that the entire Battalion could attend in one day. I told each session of my forthcoming athletic and VD programs. Then the Medical Officer talked about VD and the three Japanese disrobed and showed their wounds. They were on the stage with lots of lights. If the soldiers did not look at the patients I personally sent them to the rear of the line to try it again. Almost immediately three of my men fainted. I had an ambulance parked outside where they were revived. Practically every VD measure I instituted would not be condoned today. It was, of course, harassment, but I was determined these young men would pay for their actions and become healthy again. When a soldier contacted VD he was placed, under the supervision of the Medical Officer, in a VD Ward (a segregated area of two small rooms in the barracks). They slept on canvas cots, had two blankets and their fatigues. Here they were confined for three weeks. Daily they had 30 minutes of calisthenics and 30 minutes of close order drill. They marched to the Mess Hall and ate at the VD table. They washed and rinsed their mess gear in VD cans. VD pamphlets were the only literature in the VD barracks. They received instructions on prevention and the proper use of prophylactics. When the man was free of VD he was released from the Ward.

Everyone had to participate in the athletic and conditioning programs. I led the twice weekly five to ten mile hikes. We played baseball, volleyball, etc. I was bound and determined to make them so tired they would not want to leave the compound. I established a curfew. When the men did go on pass they were required to take three condoms. Upon their return they were required to be examined, questioned and to submit to an injection of a medical preventive substance. The Officer of the Day (OD) randomly checked the barracks at 11 PM. If a man was AWOL the OD summoned the Battery Commander, the First Sergeant and the Section Leader. They stayed up

until the man returned to the barracks. This had a salutary effect.

The Battalion and the Hq Division Artillery suffered a serious fire on 30 March 1946. My Command Post (CP) and one EM Barracks were destroyed. No lives were lost but substantial amounts of personal and government property could not be recovered.

In early April, 1946, I received orders for rest and recuperation (R&R) and traveled to Tokyo and the luxurious Fujiya Hotel in Myanoshita. My Memory Book has a number of pictures of this affair. During my absence the officers arranged a party; I guess that while I was gone they'd howl. From the pictures it appears they did! Some units of the British Army were touring Japan; they arrived in Himeji in May, 1946. The 13th and 63rd Field Artillery Battalions at Himeji hosted the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders and the Black Watch Bagpipers. We held a joint parade. The Americans were impressed by the colorful kilts of the Bagpipers and their sword dance.

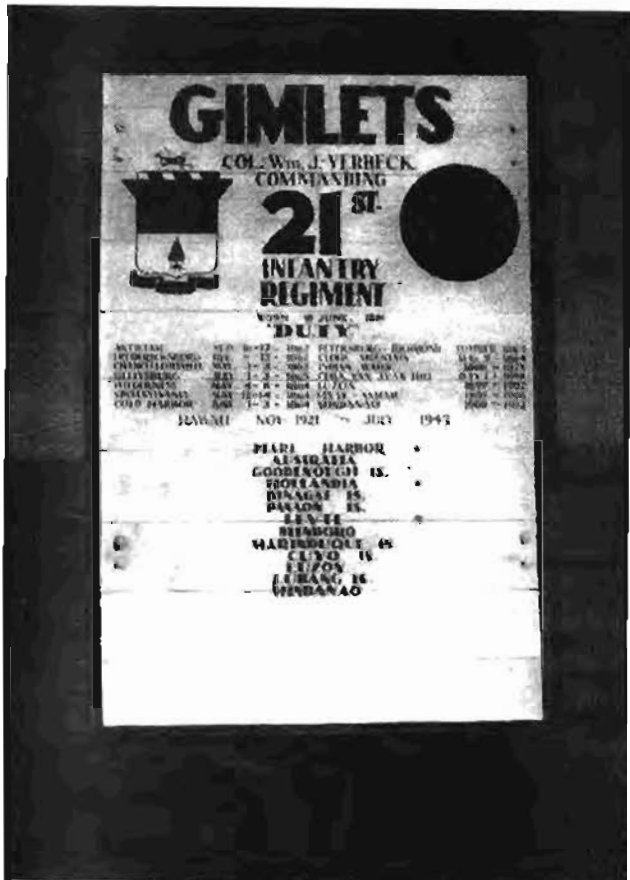
Towards the end of May we moved to Saga, Kyushu. Here we had a small Post consisting of Barracks, Mess Halls, Gun and Truck Parks, Parade Ground and Clubs. Two Red Cross gals were assigned and they soon established and decorated a snack bar (coffee and doughnuts) and a library for the men.

The intensive training and athletic programs began to show results. We had achieved a zero VD rate. A Battery became the battery softball champions of the entire Division Artillery (a total of 21 Batteries). Not being satisfied with that, A Battery in August, 1946, was declared the outstanding firing battery (tests administered by higher Hqs) within the 24th Division Artillery. I was fortunate to have a young dynamic First Lieutenant, William H. Stensgaard, as the BC of A Battery (we still exchange Christmas cards). He was a graduate of Culver Military Academy and my only combat experienced officer. He never had anyone get VD or go AWOL. Maybe the fact that he was barely older than his men allowed him to communicate better with them than we old guys could. I presented him with the Army Commendation Medal when he went home.

Some of the Officers elected to bring their families to Japan. Accordingly, several Japanese homes were requisitioned, partially remodeled, and furnished with American type furniture. I welcomed the first trainload of dependents in Fukuoka in August 1946.

Later that month, I turned over my Battalion to Lieutenant Colonel "Bob" Ports. I was the last Major of the four Artillery Battalions to relinquish command. The new Battalion Commanders (LTCs) all came from the States with no service in the Pacific. This situation came about because there was an excess of Regular Army LTCs relative to the number of such positions remaining in the European Theatre after the war. My new job was 24th Division Artillery Operations and Training Officer (S-3). I returned to the States in October, 1946.

Letter from **David E. Ramsey**: "Enclosed is a picture of myself and one of the 21st Gimlets. My address is 512 Morrison St., McMinnville, TN 37110-3056 Phone number: 931-473-3260 and I would like to hear from any of the officers that I drove for that is listed in my write up in the book. They are: Colonel Chester A. Dahlen, Maj. Tom W. Suber, Col. Francis R. Dice and Col. Eric P. Ramee."



BULLETIN BOARD

Please check your label on the back of the Taro Leaf. The date, is the date your dues are paid to. Send your dues and any contributions to the Secretary/Treasurer: Dutch Nelsen, 812 Orion DR., Colorado Springs, CO 80906-1152.

Notice the Reunion Forms in this issue. This will be the last issue before the reunion so please get together with your friends and mail them in now.

KOREAN WAR SERVICE MEDAL (To request form and application call 1-800-558-1404.

A note from your Reunion Chairman, Bill Garry: Anyone who wishes to attend the Military Tattoo on September 22nd will miss about an hour of the Memorial Dinner (no meal) should write to me or email me and I will make sure that there will be tickets waiting in the welcome package.

Note from **Marvin Taylor** of 66 Villa Dr., Clearfield UT 84015-3245: "Thank you for the notice included in the December TL of my wife's death, it meant a lot to me. I am fully recovered now from my surgery and my cancer is zero.

Email from **David Baillie**-Scottie16@earthlink.net "Under corrections/ Bulletin Board, would you please note that in the article on SFC Brittin, he did not receive the "Congressional medal of honor" because there is NO such award. The proper and only name for this country's highest award for valor is: Medal of Honor, it was written into law with that name alone and in all cases should be called the Medal of Honor. Thanks. David Baillie.

email from **Shorty Estabrook**. "A Tiger Survivors plaque will be dedicated at 11 a.m., 27 May 2001 at Andersonville Historic Site, a national park in Andersonville, GA. The Tiger Survivors are a group of former prisoners of War from the Korean War who were cap-

tured between 29 June 1950 and 26 July 1950. About 15 more joined this group in December 1950. The Tiger Survivors group also includes 79 multi-national civilians arrested in the early days of the Korean War. The group now includes next of kin of those who died in those terrible prison camps. Most of the military were from the 24th Infantry Division and many from Task Force Smith, the first units to engage the North Korean Army on 5 July 1950. The last Tiger Survivors were released on 1 April 1954. Army Retired Master Sergeant Joseph Gomez will be in charge of the dedication. The Tiger Survivors was founded in 1970 by Shorty Estabrook. For more information contact Shorty at 909-600-7222. Email: tigersurvivors@ix.netcom.com Web site: <http://www.tigersurvivors.org>

News Release on the Tiger Survivors-xPOWS Korean War and From the 24th Division, Tiger Survivor Chop Chop. When: August 10, 2001, 5:30 PM. Where: Derbyshire Room, Executive West, 830 Phillips LN, Louisville, KY 40209-1387. "We will partake of the Bluegrass Buffet. The cost is \$25.25 per person. Kids under 3 can eat free. Kids from 3 to 12 will be half price. We will have a half hour of "howdy" and a cash bar will be there to take care of your thirst. Payment in advance to Shorty Estabrook, 23816 Matador Way, Murrieta, CA 92562. Reunion 2001 will be in Louisville, KY at the Executive West. Phone is 502-367-2251 or 800-626-2707. Dates are from 5th to the 12 August 2001. Room rate is \$65.00 1-4 people. Please tell them you are with the Prisoner of War group so you can get the discount.

From Bacil Steed, Canberra, Australia. "I was born in Norfolk, VA. Wish I could be at the reunion but will be unable."

Note from **Eric Diller**: "Armed Forces Day Celebration In Torrance, CA. I contacted the Parade organizer who is delighted to have us participate. I can recruit about 10. We'll have a choice of walking or riding behind MG St. Onge. This will take place May 19, 2001.



LOOKING FOR OUR BUDDIES (and information of family members who served in the military)



Email from **Ken Brown**: "My cousin, **PFC Gilmer W. Wilson** was KIA 09/01/50 serving with the 19th Inf Regt, 24th Inf Division. I have no other information on his unit. If anyone knew him, please contact me." Ken Brown, PO Box 45, Sandy Ridge, NC 27046, email kmbrown@vnet.net

Email from **Paul Myhre**, PO Box 22141, Juneau, AL 99802, email mackensen@gsi.net writes: "I would like to get in contact with anyone who may have known my dad during his time in the service during the second World War. He served in the Phillipines. This is the information that I have: **Pvt. Eugene E. Myhre**, drafted in 1943, Basic at Fort Snelling, MN. SN 37578568, assigned to Company E, 34th Inf Regt., 24th Inf Division. I know he was in the first wave of the landing because he had the arrow head on his campaign ribbon. He was wounded by shrapnel in the right leg in December 1944. He went to the 7th Portable Surgical Hospital and then was evacuated via the 58th Evac Hospital. He was evacuated aboard the USS Bountiful to 51st General Hospital in New Guinea. He served a short stint there until he was evacuated out to the states, Madigan Army Medical Center at Fort Lewis, WA. He was processed out of the service at Fort Douglas, UT. I have been made to believe that his time in service was not so good. He made us to believe that he was a coward and did not act in any way honorable. I say this only to emphasize that if this is true I do not mind hearing the truth. Dad passed away in November 1989 from heart disease. Any help you can give would be most appreciated.

Email from **Dave Tucker**: "I served in the 24th as follows: December 1946

through Fall of '47 in C Company of 34th Infantry. Fall '47 through Fall '48 with Division HQ at radio station WLKH in Kokura. Terminated with the 24th in late 1948. Looking forward as always to the next issue of the Taro Leaf.

Email from **Archie Neumeyer**, email address: archieneumeyer@hotmail.com "I am looking for a Frank Wallas, could be Walas or Wallis. He was over in Korea in 1951-1952 with Oscar Neumeyer. They were in a fox hole together and came upon a Korean boy who pointed a gun at them. We are trying to get a little reunion together of the 24th Inf, 19th Regt. Company M, 3rd BN the first week of June in Columbus, OH and I can't seem to come up with anything on this spelling. (Can anyone help him out?)

Note to **Dutch Nelsen** from **Frank M. McPartland**, PO Box 1495, Great Falls, VA 22066-1620. Phone: 703-626-1051, email: frankmcp@aol.com

"Do you remember **Francis (Frank) L. McPartland**? Emigrated from County Leitrim, Ireland. After he became a US citizen, he joined the US Army, served in Company E 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division 1950-1951. He was injured near Chorwan, Korea April 24, 1951. He was awarded the Purple Heart on May 7, 1951 at the Tokyo Army Hospital. He passed away in February 1987. I am looking for anyone who may have known my father. Any thoughts would be appreciated.

From **Bob Lawhon** email address is Bl784@juno.com "To date there have been only 3 members that have contacted me about the Ham Net. There is the Pearl Harbor Survivors Ham Net so why not a Korean Ham net?"

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

24th Infantry Division Association
September 19 - 22, 2001

PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING ACCOMODATIONS:

ROOM TYPE	Single Rate	Double Rate
King Beds	\$69	\$69

*NOTE: ADD 10% ROOM TAX

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RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPT. 3, 2001 TO BE
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TOURS FOR THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 2001 REUNION

Presented by
Phillips Tours, Inc.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

TOUR A – HAMPTON CITY TOUR *Including* RIDING CITY TOUR, VIRGINIA AIR AND SPACE CENTER, FORT MONROE - CASEMATE MUSEUM, AND LUNCH AT THE OFFICER'S CLUB

9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

A great way to get oriented to the area, board the motor coach with your guide to ride through charming downtown Hampton. See the revitalized waterfront area, the antique carousel, old St. John's Church and other points of interest. Tour the Virginia Air and Space Center, official visitor center for NASA Langley Research Center. View interactive exhibits, suspended aircraft, the space gallery and historical displays of Hampton Roads. Enjoy the exciting movie in the 300 seat IMAX theater, and shop for unique gifts in the Museum Shop. Next, visit historic Fort Monroe, home to the Army Training and Doctrine Command. Fort Monroe is the "think tank" of the Army where the doctrine, weapons systems, equipment, organization and training needs are developed. The fort, occupying 63 acres, was first established in 1607 by English Settlers, and has been used as a strategic site because of its vantagepoint on the Chesapeake Bay during all major wars. Tour the Casemate Museum housed within the thick walls of America's largest stone fort. Exhibits include the prison cell of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, Civil War artifacts and displays relating to the Battle of the Monitor and Merrimac. A buffet lunch will be included at the Officer's Club on base, overlooking the Chesapeake Bay and the entrance to the Hampton Roads Harbor.

Package Price: \$40.00 per person, inclusive. LUNCH INCLUDED

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

TOUR B – FORT EUSTIS ARMY TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM & WAR MUSEUM OF VIRGINIA,

9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

Visit Fort Eustis in Newport News, home of the U.S. Army Transportation Corps. Here at the U.S. Army Transportation Museum you will explore the world of motion and transportation, from mighty steam locomotives of days past to the world's only captive "flying saucer", experience the history of wagons, and trucks, airplanes and helicopters, locomotives, tugboats and DUKWs and experimental hovercraft, such as the "flying jeep", and examine more than 200 years of Army transportation history, from miniature models and dioramas to full-size vehicles and equipment. Next, tour the War Memorial Museum of Virginia, which studies U.S. Military history from 1775 to the present, with a special emphasis on World War II. The collection contains more than 30,000 artifacts, including uniforms, weapons, documents, posters, aircraft and vehicles.

Package Price: \$24.00 per person, inclusive.

✓ TOUR C – GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR MEMORIAL, *SPIRIT OF NORFOLK* LUNCH CRUISE & MACARTHUR CENTER, 9:15 AM – 4:30 PM

Board the motorcoach for the short drive to Norfolk where you will visit the MacArthur Memorial for a glimpse into our country's history. During your visit you will view the outstanding collection of artifacts, documents, photographs and memorabilia housed in Norfolk's historic city hall which trace the life and times of five-star General Douglas MacArthur. You will also have the opportunity to view the 25-minute film, which chronicles General MacArthur's life. Both the General and Mrs. MacArthur are entombed in the rotunda of the memorial. A gift shop with unique memorabilia is located on the premises. Next, board the magnificent *Spirit of Norfolk* for a two-hour luncheon cruise. Feast on a sumptuous buffet and enjoy the informative narration as you cruise through the Hampton Roads Harbor. View the many interesting sights along the waterfront, including the mighty aircraft carriers and nuclear submarines at the Norfolk Naval Base. Enjoy dancing and a show following lunch. The ship has two climate-controlled lower decks and an open-air upper deck. Following your cruise, enjoy a stop at the brand new MacArthur Center located in the heart of downtown Norfolk. Anchored by Nordstrom's and Dillards, and offering over 150 specialty shops, boutiques and restaurants, this beautiful new complex is considered one of the most outstanding in the Mid-Atlantic region. Special discount coupon books will be made available for the members of the 24th Infantry Division Association Reunion group.

Package Price: \$45.00 per person, inclusive. LUNCH INCLUDED.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, CON'T.

TOUR D – EVENING EVENT – LIBERTY CALL “DINNERTAINMENT” AT THE HISTORIC BOXWOOD INN, 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Board the motor coach for the short drive to Newport News and the historic Boxwood Inn for dinner and a show. “Liberty Call, Liberty Call” is a tribute to the dramatic years of the 1940’s and the women and men who won the war. Featuring the well-known songs of the era, the entertainers dress in uniforms and period dress. The program is a warm, friendly trip down memory lane to a time when the country was united as never before. The program features such familiar numbers as “Run and Coca-Cola”, “Don’t Sit Under the Apple Tree”, “The White Cliffs of Dover”, and many more. You will enjoy an hour of toe tapping reminiscence, and a delicious seated dinner as well.

Package Price: \$44.00 per person, inclusive. Limited to 138 people.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

TOUR E – COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG OVERVIEW & JAMESTOWN ISLAND

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Depart via motor coach with your tour guide for the charming town of Williamsburg. Your guide will provide interesting and informative narration during your ride about the historic Virginia Peninsula and the Hampton Roads area. Once you arrive in Williamsburg, you will step back into the 18th century while strolling through the streets of Colonial Williamsburg. Your historical interpreter will guide you through the past and the events that helped shape America’s history as you enjoy a one and one half hour *leisurely* walking tour through the restored area of this lovely colonial capital city (Actual distance is approximately 4-5 blocks). Following your overview tour, enjoy free time to shop and browse in the many unique specialty shops in Merchants Square. High quality apparel, gifts, jewelry, unusual quilts, beautiful furniture and holiday decorations are but a few of the offerings found in this quaint, picturesque shopping area. Enjoy lunch on your own in one of the Colonial Taverns or in Merchants Square. Your guide will point out all of the dining options as you pass through town. Next, board the bus and admire the view as you ride along the scenic Colonial Parkway to Jamestown Island, original site of the first permanent English settlement in America in 1607. Exhibits include ruins of the 17th century settlement and a Visitors Center with a 15-minute film, museum and gift shop. Also on display at this time are recent archeological finds, including the 400 year old skeletal remains of one of the first settlers. Archeological digs are ongoing and open for daily observation.

Package Price: \$32.00 per person, inclusive.

✓ TOUR F – NORFOLK NAVAL BASE & RIDING VIRGINIA BEACH TOUR, 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Tour the Norfolk Naval Base, the largest naval installation in the world. Home port to over 100 ships, 26 aircraft squadrons and headquarters of the Atlantic Fleet, the base occupies over 8,000 acres of land and is home to more than 100,000 military personnel. Your tour will take you past the piers, through the Naval Air Station and past the historic homes built for the 1907 Jamestown Exposition on “Admiral’s Row” which now house the flag officers. Next, enjoy beautiful views of the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay as you ride through Virginia Beach. See the historic lighthouses and the First Landing Cross at Cape Henry where the English colonists first came ashore in 1607. Walk out on the overlook to see where the bay and the ocean meet, and where the famous Battle of the Capes took place during the Revolutionary War. Ride down the resort strip and past the Tidewater Veterans Memorial, a unique structure which pays homage to veterans everywhere.

Package Price: \$25.00 per person, inclusive.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

TOUR G – WILLIAMSBURG OUTLET & POTTERY FACTORY SHOPPING TRIP

11:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Enjoy an afternoon of shopping at the Prime Outlet Mall featuring over 100 high-end brand name manufacturer outlet shops. Featured here are Liz Claiborne, Lennox, Nautica, Tommy Hilfiger, Rockport, Coach, Harve Benard, Mikasa, Lillian Vernon, Jones of New York, Carol Little, Eddie Bauer and Crabtree and Evelyn, just to name a few. The coach will also make a stop at the world famous Williamsburg Pottery Factory, featuring an astonishing array of handmade articles including saltglaze pottery, wood items, plaster art, custom lamps, floral arrangements, dried flowers, and gardenware. Shoppers will find a bonanza of bargains in the factory owned and operated shops and stores here as well. Several options for lunch on your own are available at the Prime Outlets, or at the restaurant at the Pottery Factory.

Package Price: \$21.00 per person, inclusive.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 CON'T.

**TOUR H – NAUTICUS, THE NATIONAL MARITIME CENTER & BATTLESHIP *WISCONSIN*, ,
12:30 PM – 4:30 PM**

Board the motor coach with your guide to visit the beautiful downtown Norfolk waterfront area where you will tour Nauticus, The National Maritime Center. Features here include a series of ingenious interactive exhibits, shows and theaters. Enjoy the Academy Award nominated film "The Living Seas" which celebrates the beauty, power and significance of the ocean, all shown in 70 MM on a giant screen. New for 2001, the mighty Battleship *Wisconsin* will be permanently berthed here on the downtown Norfolk waterfront. Tours of the top deck will be available, as well as numerous interactive exhibits pertaining to the *Wisconsin* at Nauticus. Also located on premises is the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, one of ten museums officially operated by the U.S. Navy. Highlights of naval battles and exhibits of detailed ship models, artwork and memorabilia are showcased in the museum.

Package Price: \$35.00 per person, inclusive. To include a box lunch, price will be \$45.00 per person, inclusive.

November 27, 2000

Dr. William W. Garry
24th Infantry Division Association Reunion
3204 Huntwick Lane
Virginia Beach, VA 23451-3977

Dear Dr. Garry:

It was such a pleasure meeting with you and Mr. Mann recently at the Holiday Inn Hampton to plan the tours for the 24th Infantry Division Association Reunion. I have enclosed the tour descriptions as discussed. Please review this information and call if any changes are necessary.

Package price includes motor coach transportation, tour guide, admissions as listed, meals as listed, taxes and gratuities. Gratuity for guide is not included, and is at the discretion of the individual. A \$300 deposit will be required upon acceptance of this proposal for meal deposits. Full payment is due two weeks prior to tours, September 5, 2000. No refunds after this time. Last minute participants will be accommodated on a space available basis.

I am looking forward to working with you and the rest of the members of the 24th Infantry Division Association next fall, and to being a part of making the 2001 reunion the best ever!

Sincerely,

Anne Phillips, President
Phillips Tours, Inc.

Enclosure

24th Infantry Association
Annual Reunion Tour and Registration Form
September 19-22, 2001

Mail To:

Make Check Payable to: *Twenty Fourth IDA*

William Garry P.O. Box 1013
Virginia Beach, VA 23451-0013

Name: GENE E SPICER

Street: 8937 W 750 N. Please print legibly

City: Conniskey State: IN Zip: 47227

Home Phone: (512) 873 654 E-mail: gspicer @ SEIDATA . Com

Name of Spouse/Guests attending: DONNIE F. SPICER
BARBRA DERRINGER

ID Badge Information: FirstTimer? Yes (No)

Nickname: _____

24th Infantry Division Unit Served (1 ONLY):

Company/Battery 7th CO Reg't or Unit 19th INF REG Tour and Meal
Registration

Per Person No Attending Amount

Wednesday, September 19

Tour A - Hampton City plus \$40
(9:30 AM - 3:30 PM) _____

Thursday, September 20

Tour B - Fort Eustis, etc. \$24
(9 AM - 12:00 Noon) _____

Tour C - MacArthur Memorial \$45
(9:15 AM - 4:30 PM) _____

Tour D - Evening Show Dinner \$44
(6:30 PM - 9:30 PM) _____

Friday, September 21

Tour E – Colonial Williamsburg \$32
(8:30 AM – 4:00 PM) _____

Tour F – Norfolk Naval Base \$25
(9:00 AM – 12:30 PM) _____

Aloha Dinner \$28
(5:30 PM Social Hour
6:30 – 10:00 Dinner/Dance) _____

Saturday, September 22

Tour G – Williamsburg Shopping \$21
(11:30 AM – 4:00 PM) _____

Tour H – Nauticus/USS Wisconsin \$35

With Box Lunch \$45
(12:30 PM – 4:30 PM) _____

*Memorial Dinner \$30
(5:30 PM Social Hour)
(6:30 – 10:00 PM Dinner) _____

*Registration Fee \$20 \$20.00

**All members except spouse and guests must pay the
Registration Fee**

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.....\$ _____

Swamp

By
Gary Clark



24th Infantry Division Association



Commander James E. Hoy
VFW Post #8954
8173 Lemon Circle
Buena Park, California 90620-3320

260 Sheli Lane
Roswell, Georgia 30075
26 February 2001

Dear Commander Hoy,

Thank you very much for your recent correspondence concerning Lt. William Moment and your efforts to locate his wife and children. I agree with you that after fifty years it is a most difficult task to locate the next of kin of an individual who died such a long time ago.

The records that I have on file for the 19th Infantry Regiment during the Korean War only provide the information that you already have. Our records show that 2nd Lieutenant William E. Moment, Serial Number 0-2208120 was assigned as a Platoon Leader with Company A, 19th Infantry and is listed as KIA on 16 July 1950 near the Kum River (Taepyong-nil) Korea.

Now for a more personal part concerning Lt. Moment. Bill joined the 19th Infantry in late 1949 or early 1950 at our Regimental Camp (Camp Chickamauga) at Beppu, Kyushu, Japan. He and I served together as platoon leaders in the 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry. In that it was almost a year's wait before an individuals dependents could be authorized to travel to Japan, Bill's wife and children did not join him in Beppu.

On 4 July 1950 the 19th Regiment sailed from Oita, Japan to Pusan, Korea on a Japanese crewed Navy LST. After arrival in Korea our first assignment was to establish a defense line north of Taejon on the Kum River with the mission to stop, or delay, the North Korean Army forces that were attacking South towards Taejon. On the 16th of July the North Korean forces attacked our positions and in a space of several hours had overran our three rifle companies (A, B & C) that were dug in along the river line. After overrunning our positions the North Koreans cut off our vehicular evacuation route South by establishing several well concealed automatic weapon positions along the only north-south road in the area. It was at this time that I saw Lt. Moment get hit by machine gun fire as he was crossing a dike dividing a rice paddy. My last recollection of him was seeing his body fall into the waters of the paddy.

In that we were unable to evacuate our KIAs at that time, Lt. Moment was initially listed as Missing in Action. In September 1950 when we passed through the same area after the Pusan Perimeter breakout I understand the remains of many of our KIAs were recovered at that time. In that his Silver Star citation by HQ, 24th Infantry Division was dated 24 July 1950 it can be assumed that he was still listed as MIA at that time instead of KIA. It is a personal comfort to know that his remains were recovered and that he had a formal funeral and is buried in a cemetery near his former home in Southern California.

I wish that I could be of more help to you in locating Mrs. Moment and the two daughters, Diana and Lynn, but I agree with you that if they married it would be almost an impossible task to locate them. It is so sad to know that his personal effects cannot be given to his relatives.

Based on our telephone conversation you stated that you were in possession of two containers that Mrs. Moment had left when she sold her house. Certainly any military memorabilia that the boxes contain should be preserved in a military associated environment. I would think that your VFW Post would make an excellent depository for such material. However, in going through the contents of the foot lockers if you find any orders or other correspondence relating to Bill's service with the 19th Infantry and the 24th Division I would appreciate you sending them to me for our Division archives. Our Association will reimburse you for the shipping charges you incur.

Thank you again, Commander Hoy, for taking the personal time and effort in this task of trying to find the relatives of Lt. Moment. The concern displayed by men like you means so very much to we few "that were there".

Sincerely,

JAMES F. HILL
19th Infantry
President

HEADQUARTERS 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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SILVER STAR AWARD

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918) and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, the Silver Star is awarded for gallantry in action against the enemy in Korea, to the officer named below:

Second Lieutenant William E. Moment, 0-2208120, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company A, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, is awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action on 16 July 1950, near the Kum River, Korea. During the withdrawal of the Regiment from positions in the vicinity of the river, a group of about 15 soldiers became separated from their organizations. Lieutenant Moment organized the group and began leading them to the new positions. During the march they encountered two enemy machineguns in position. When they opened fire on the group, Lieutenant Moment advanced and silenced both guns by throwing grenades into their positions. The movement was resumed and another automatic weapon was encountered. He silenced this one by automatic rifle fire. After the river had been crossed and the new positions nearly reached, the group was ambushed by enemy soldiers firing submachineguns. Again defying the enemy fire, Lieutenant Moment exposed himself and threw grenades at the enemy. By constantly exposing himself to hostile fire, often at extremely short range, Lieutenant moment succeeded in leading a group of men in a difficult retrograde movement. His coolness, courage and excellent leadership made the movement of this group of disorganized men possible. He brought great credit to himself and to the military service.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHURCH:

OFFICIAL:

WILLIAM J. MORONEY
Colonel GSC
Chief of Staff

S.S. SOGARD
Colonel AGD
Adjutant General

Our Quartermaster Harry Wittman and Frances Wittman celebrate 50 years of marriage.
Congratulations from all of your 24th Infantry Division Association Friends!!



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wittman

Wittmans to celebrate 50 years of marriage Monday

Harry and Frances Wittman will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Monday, Feb. 19.

They were married Feb. 19, 1951 by Rev. Roof in the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grafton.

Harry was drafted in the U.S. Army and was on a four-day delay in route to the Korean War, where he served with the 24th Infantry Division.

The Wittmans are active in the 24th Infantry Division Association, where Harry serves as quartermaster. They also enjoy travelling.

Harry retired from CSX Railroad after 39 years and Frances retired with 36 years of service to Bell Atlantic Telephone Company.

They have lived in Keyser for 36 years and presently reside at 1385 Terri Street.

"FREEDOM IS NOT FREE"

BY

DONALD E. DONNER

We crossed the wide Pacific
To the land of the rising sun
There we pulled occupation duty
Until the Korean War begun.

They called it a Police Action
Those who did not know the score
But to those of us who fought there
It sure as hell was a war.

We were the first into battle
Our motto was "FIRST TO FIGHT"
There were so few of us
To counter the enemies might.

Our mission was not to stop them
But only to slow their pace
Until we could get more of our forces
Assembled and brought to this place.

Our losses were quite heavy
Out numbered a hundred to one
The enemy had much armor
And our forces as yet had none.

Although we had slowed their forces
Much more than expected to do
It soon became apparent
Our numbers were too few.

The enemies losses were staggering
But were replaced by more from the North
Their goal was to overrun us
And then keep on pushing forth.

Then came our battle at Taejon
Where we lost so many more
So many of us who fought there
Were taken Prisoners Of War.

Thus we began a nightmare
Of brutality, starvation and cold
Our bodies became just skeletons
And death was taking its toll.

We made a death march that winter
Under the command of a Major so vile
We called this insane Major "THE TIGER"
He killed more than one man per mile.

For more than three years we suffered
Before we were free once again
Our numbers had drastically dwindled
'Till only one fourth would remain.

They called it a Police Action
They said it was nothing more
But to those of us who fought it
It sure as hell was a WAR.

So why were these men so belittled
They were brave as any had been
They risked their lives for our freedom
And probably would do it again.

Politicians wanted this war forgotten
For it reflected on them
They thought only of their political future
At the expense of a lot of good men.

If you take your freedom for granted
Ask one of these buddies or me
And we'll be sure to remind you
That ***"FREEDOM IS NOT FREE"***





LADIES BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2000 AT 9 AM

BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR THE LADIES BREAKFAST — YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT. IT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SAME TIME THE UNIT BREAKFASTS AND THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEETING TAKES PLACE.

THE MENU

CHOICE OF ORANGE OR GRAPEFRUIT JUICE
HOME MADE BISCUITS
SCRAMBLED EGGS AND BACON
HOME FRIED POTATOES
COFFEE OR TEA

OUR GUESTS ARE JOHN AND BARBARA FAHEY. JOHN, A RETIRED NAVY COMMANDER AND COLLEGE PROFESSOR, FLEW BLIMPS IN WORLD WAR II AND BECAME A NAVY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER IN BERLIN, GERMANY. BARBARA HAS WRITTEN A BOOK ABOUT HER ADVENTURES AS A NAVY WIFE IN AN ARMY TOWN DURING THE COLD WAR. THEIR PRESENTATION IS BOTH HUMOROUS AND EDUCATIONAL AND WILL PLEASE YOU! THE COST IS \$12.00

MAIL CHECKS TO: WILLIAM W. GARRY, P.O. BOX 1013, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23451-0013, PAYABLE TO TWENTY FOURTH IDA

LADIES BREAKFAST

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24th Infantry Division Association



Notice to Widows: If you are receiving Survivors Benefit Plan, please read the following letter and write to your Senator and Representative about this injustice.

April 9, 2001

The Honorable Jean Carnahan
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Carnahan:

I am sending the signed card I received with the Retired Officers magazine.

My husband paid into the military Survivors Benefit Plan from 1972 until he died in October 1997, a total of 25 years. I worked and paid into the Social Security for more than 25 years. Because I am eligible to receive benefits from my husband's social security (even though I paid into Social Security by my own earnings) my SBP has been reduced since I reached the age of 62 in October 1998. My income was reduced \$6000 per year.

I quote from the April 2001 issue of the Retired Officers magazine, page 38. "Also in 1985, Congress shocked the survivor community by repealing 1984 legislation aimed at easing the SBP Social Security offset for working widows. The 1984 law, spearheaded by SBP champion Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.), would have barred (starting October 1985) any SBP Social Security offset for survivors whose Social Security benefits were based on their own work history, rather than their retiree spouses' military earnings. By repealing Thurmond's amendment, Congress effectively denied surviving military spouses full credit for the Social Security benefits they earned through their own employment. And this injustice is still in effect today."

Senator Carnahan. I am appealing to you as a woman to help correct this injustice. Thurmond's new bill (S.145) would raise the minimum SBP annuity to 40 percent immediately, then to 45 percent in 2004 and finally to 55 percent no later than Oct. 1, 2011. You can see that even if all of this is passed, widows have lost much pay that can never be regained. The SBP was to be 55 percent of the serviceman's military pay and they (Congress) found a way to reduce that when the survivor reached the age of 62.

I want to thank you in advance for your support. Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Mullins

Yvonne (Vonnie) Mullins

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FORT RILEY SOLDIER DIES IN TRAINING ACCIDENT

A Fort Riley soldier was killed in a training accident April 19th while on an exercise at Fort Polk, LA.

Dead is 1st Lt. Robert I. Colvert, 24, of Company B, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry. Colvert's unit was participating in the Joint Readiness Training Center exercise. His unit was attached to the 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division. The accident occurred in the Fullerton training area at Fort Polk.

Colvert, from Birmingham, Ala., was an infantry officer with his unit. He had been at Fort Riley since Nov. 8, 1999. He had been in the Army since May 22, 1998.

Colvert was the track commander on a M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle in pursuit of an Opposition Force element. He died as a result of trauma to the head.

The accident is under investigation by the U.S. Army Safety Center. A memorial service will be held at Fort Polk with one to follow at Fort Riley next week.

BADGE TAKES TOLL

By Christie Vanover

Small and unassuming, it's amazing that a scrap of olive drab cloth can motivate a soldier to endure weeks of hard work, frustration and even failure.

It's not really the cloth they're after, they want to be associated with the idea it represents. The Expert Field Medical Badge, inspires soldiers to trudge through chest-deep mud trenches, scale walls and fight to stay awake studying in hopes they can some day wear it on their chests. This week, 152 soldiers confronted a barrage of challenges head-on as they fought for their "symbol of excellence" and the right to wear the EFMB. They know those who have already earned it wear it with a great deal of pride. "When someone other than a medic sees the badge, they know that soldier has some get up and go about him," said 1st Sgt. Maurice Riley, base operations noncommissioned officer in charge. "The EFMB is the true sign of a professional healthcare provider. It separates the men from the boys and the women from the girls."

Soldiers from 14 units at Fort Riley; Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Red Stone Arsenal, Ala; Topeka and North Carolina, endured seven lane tests, an exhaustive and difficult 100-question written test and a final 12 mile foot march. "EFMB training overall is probably the most valuable training a medic can get," said SFC Michael Mears, EFMB noncommissioned officer in charge. Mears earned his badge in Germany in 1987 and said he believes his EFMB training helped him throughout his career.

Those skills and his desire to help even at personal risk were put to the test when Mears deployed to Desert Storm in 1991 as a combat medic. Due to the medical assistance he provided during that deployment, he also earned the Combat Medical Badge in 1991. "My

training was critical to treating soldiers in Saudi (Arabia). I wouldn't have been as good without formal training first," he said. Before the start of the ground war, Mears found himself treating a U.S. soldier who had severe shrapnel wounds. "Two soldiers were walking and one tripped a bomb. One soldier was fatally injured," he said. "I was sent to the scene for medical assistance." Mears and a doctor assessed the soldier. "We put together two lvs because the soldier had lost a lot of blood. I tried to keep him in good spirits," Mears said. When the helicopter arrived, the minefield was marked and the soldiers carried the litter through the minefield to safety. "Looking back I saw that I could have tripped a bomblet myself because when I arrived, I grabbed my aid bag and ran to the soldier," he said. "In a hospital environment, you have notice because ambulances radio ahead. You have time to prepare the room and you have a clean environment. On the battlefield, it's total chaos. There's no saying what you'll find when you get there," Mears said. Riley agreed that EFMB training develops well-rounded soldiers. "Everything we do here will be used at some point in time during these soldiers' careers," he said. "In the hospital you know what's coming, but you've got to be on the money there too," he said. "However, you can't just know hospital you have to know the field. You've got to be able to read a map and go pick up patients." Many soldiers outside the medical field were able to witness the challenges medics faced. SSgt. Anthony Velasco, 331st Signal Company, helped out during EFMB as a platoon leader. "This gives me a new perception of the medical side of the house. They do more than provide care, they provide security for their patients," he said. Velasco was especially impressed with the litter obstacle course. "It was awesome to watch their reactions. You have to be on your toes. There's a lot of detail involved," he said. Sgt. Gary Ream, NCOIC of the litter obstacle course, earned his EFMB in 1991. He used his litter carrying skills while deployed to Bosnia. "We're trying to instill in these candidates, the fact that you never know where your casualties are going to be," he said. "My job is to teach proper carry techniques so soldiers can negotiate any obstacle they encounter." While the candidates are only required to carry a 130-150 pound patient during training, Ream knows from first-hand experience, soldiers are capable of carrying more. "If you get their confidence up, they can do it with anybody," he said. "You have to be an all around soldier and you have to want it to begin with. It's probably the best thing I've ever done other than saving lives," he said. By Thursday evening, 28 soldiers were left to proceed to the 12-Mile foot march this morning. After running a grueling course in 3 hours or less with approximately 30 pounds in their rucksacks on their backs, 26 earned this distinguished badge. Fort Riley's pass rate was 17 percent.

My Feelings

By

Leon Silver email Silverammvkvj33@cs.com

I am a relatively recent member of the 24th IDA and I might mention that I am very proud to have served and also to have survived the ordeals of war.

I was just 18 years old when I was given the privilege to have joined the Maritime Service. When it came time to "ship out" I was delegated to serve aboard the ship of the United States Army Transportation Service and my first assignment was on a ship that led me to the D-Day landings off of Omaha Beach. We encountered enemy action upon our approach and I must say, it not only was a realization that I was in the middle of a war but, one might just perish out there. I continued to serve throughout the entire war and was finally honorably discharged in July of 1947. I received letters of commendation from the President of the United States, Harry S. Truman, the Department of the Army Reserve Center, the Office of the Chief of Transportation, the Headquarters of the Adjutant General, Department of the Army and finally the United States Maritime Commission which granted me a Certificate of Substantially Continuous Service which placed me eligible for consideration under the provisions of Section 622.17(d) of the Selective Service system. At that point I was placed as eligible to be relieved from any future consideration for classification into a class available for service. Well, I guess I do not have to mention, for it is quite obvious that no heed was paid and it was just three months prior to my 26th birthday when I was notified by my draft board to appear for induction into the U. S. Army. Very little could be done in that short period of time to counter their decision and I then reported for duty and

it was just a couple of months later that I was on my way to Korea. I spent a total of 14 months there. My first encounter in this conflict took place on the first night in a staging area where we pitched our "pup tents" which was around midnight. It wasn't too long afterward that we were alerted to not even gather our belongings and get aboard any available vehicles and take off. This took place upon the first push and the entry of the Chinese forces into battle. We managed to leave under treacherous conditions of very icy roads and regroup into a staging area miles to the rear. After regrouping and then to be reassigned. In the former area we were to be assigned to an infantry company. Fortunately evidence showed upon my records, evidently being scrutinized for assignment, that I had experience while aboard ships, that I was taught and learned the Morse Code, the Signal Flags and the like and I was then assigned to a unit of the 24th Division Signal Corps serving on mobile teletype vehicles. After having the necessary time there I was finally entitled to leave and was discharged as a Staff Sergeant. After reading the few Taro Leaf's that I have received and intently read, I found myself in a bit of a dilemma as to the comparisons I constantly make of the so many GI's that went through hell and back again, became prisoners of war and finally those who never returned and who gave up their lives. I sometimes have the tendency to say "for what?" because there was no finality to the conflict. It leaves me with a feeling of guilt that I was able to return home unscathed but yet left with bitter memories of my time there. It helps to deal with my dilemma by writing. Thank you.



LOOKING FOR OUR BUDDIES

(and information of family members who served in the military)



Gary Sherman #311N, 250 Hammond Pond Pkwy, Chestnut Hill MA 02467; email GRS65@mediaone.net writes: "I am looking for anyone who served with me at Medical Co. 19th Inf. Regiment from approximately July 1954 to October 1955. Any help will be appreciated.

Note from **Harry Wittman**: I received a call from Sharon Bertrang sister of Frederick Walter "Junior" Bertrang who was M.I.A. July 20, 1950 in Taejon, Korea. He served with Hq. Btn., 63rd Field Art., 24th Infantry Division. In December 1953, the government reported him M.I.A., and his body not recovered. I am looking for anyone who knew Frederick Walter "Junior" Bertrang. Please contact **Sharon R. Bertrang**, his sister at 2215 Melanie LN., Eau Claire, WI 54703-6404.



Cpl Frederick W. Bertrang, Jr.

From **Colonel (Ret) Nevin R Williams**: "I was assigned as Asst S-3, Hq Co., 3rd BN, 19th Infantry on 9 November 1957. We were located in Korea, just north of the Imjim River near Freedom Bridge, about 100 meters south of the DMZ. I was re-assigned to the 2nd Battle Group, 4th Cavalry, 1st

Cavalry Division on 1 December 1957. Thus, I served less than a month with the 19th Infantry Regiment and 24th Infantry Division. When I arrived in Korea in 1957, the 24th Infantry Division had already been re-designated as the 1st Cavalry Division. However, the re-designation of the 19th Infantry did not occur until 1 December of that year. The 3rd BN, 19th Infantry was re-designated as 2nd Battle Group, 4th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division.. I sure do enjoy the TARO LEAF!

Email from **Donald (Jabo)**

Jablonski: "I would like to request that you put my email address in the next TL magazine for anyone that knew me in "D" Company from 1948-51 to contact me as I would like to hear from them." email address is: Jabo-don@juno.com

From **Cyril W. Jones Sr.**: "I recently joined the 24th Inf Div Assoc in an effort to seek some Buddies that served with me in Korea, 1956 & 1957. The unit was "The Amphibious Dukw Platoon" Service Company 19th or 34th Regiment 24th Inf Division. Every 6 months the Regiments rotated and the Dukw Platoon received orders of TDY to the relieving Regiment so we simply stayed.) The department of the Army said all of my military records including Medical were destroyed in a fire in St. Louis, MO. I need to find two or three buddies that served at the time I was there. My address is 2757 Aries LN., Riverside, CA 92503-6012. Email betterthanmost@juno.com Fax: 909-351-9052. Phone: 909-785-4091.

Email from **Robert Castleberry** of 4446 Alexander Rd., Quinton, AL 35130. Phone 205-674-7535. Email _099@hotmail.com "I am looking for friends of Maxie Lee Pickard a POW as of 7/31/1950 and died 9/6/1953. I would like to have any available information on him. This is my Dad's Uncle and he has asked me to find out all I can about Maxie's last days in Korea."



LOOKING FOR OUR BUDDIES

(and information of family members who served in the military)



Letter received from **Marshall Butcher**, 9236 Sunset Dr., Navarre, FL 32566-1130. Phone 850-939-3799. "I'm enclosing a couple of pictures that were taken in Beppu when I was there from 1948 to 1950. The boys in the one picture were named Butch and Peanuts. They were shoeshine boys. Just curious if anyone else would remember them? I noticed in December's issue there was a new member, William R. Fields from New Jersey. I'm sending this picture of myself on right side and William R. Fields on left. Could this be the same Fields as our new member? The soldier in the middle, I only remember as White. I'd appreciate hearing from White or Fields or anyone that might know them. Want to say that Taro Leaf President Jim Hill was 2nd Lt. Platoon Leader in Hq, 1st BN in about 1949 in Beppu. I am a life member and look forward to receiving each issue of the Taro Leaf.



Art P. Lombardi of 533 Georgetown RD., Clarksville, TN 37043-4626 writes: "What may not be generally known, is that five years after the 24th was engaged in fighting Japanese during World War II, there were Japanese serving alongside Americans during the Korean War. These were Kitchen Mess Personnel who of their own volition deployed from Japan to Korea with some units of the 24th in July of 1950. It was my personal observation that in the initial stage of the War, these Japanese gave a sterling account of themselves, especially in the early days in Korea when they too were subjected to the fierce fighting. Even rear areas came under attack. As for example at Taejon, in the late winter of 1950 when it was discovered that Japanese Nationals were involved in the War, they were on a moments notice hastily returned to Japan by Air Transport.





LOOKING FOR OUR BUDDIES (and information of family members who served in the military)



Email from **Charlie Card**: "The Taro Leaf magazine received today included your requesting information from anyone knowing of **Consantinos (Charlie) N. Diamandis**. While the service period described for "Charlie" coincides with my own B-34 24th Div. Service, I really do not recall knowing him. Our rifle platoon had little contact with our cooks, except for the following two recollections. While unloading/reloading cargo ships in preparation for the 10/44 Leyte invasion, each time we would be sent to the docks, a cook of Chinese descent, Yip Moon Joe, would give us a shopping list (items to steal and bring back to him). Always listed was a case of "G.I. Toothpowder". From this, (with other ingredients, i.e. dehydrated eggs), he made the highest rising hotcakes we had ever seen/tasted and they were quite tasty, even with the G.I. Molasses.

While fighting on Leyte, occasionally the headquarters' jeep would be driven up near the lines by a cook named Dave. Dave wore size 16 shoes and could not be fitted with combat boots, therefore "became a cook". Big Dave drove the jeep to gather up all the Jap weapons which we confiscated. He then took these to the beach and bartered with the Navy to trade "guns for good Navy food". While this doesn't help with your search for info on "Charlie", perhaps Charlie could have intimately known Yip and Big Dave. Also, he may have done some of the bartering on our behalf, if so, we belatedly thank him. From Charlie Card..B/34/24th Div. June '44-Dec.'45

Email from **Richard Mataisz**. "I was given this source to find some info about my Grand Father, a man I never had the pleasure of knowing. His name was **Arthur McMillian**, SFC RA

6864812 from Los Angeles County CA who is listed as "Died of Wounds on 15 July 1950. However, the 32nd Inf, 7th Div did not arrive in Korea until later and some 200 plus troops mostly non-coms were taken from the 1st Cav and 7th Divisions and sent to the 24th Division which was the first unit into Korea. The 21st Infantry, 24th Division was first, followed by the 34th Infantry. Both of these units were heavily engaged between the 5th and 15th of July 1950. The 19th Infantry 24th Division arrived in Korea on 4 July and made its way up to the Kum River where it was engaged on the 16th of July. On the 15th, a few men from the 19th did patrol across the Kum, but McMillian was not in that group. If you can help me in this I would be in your debt. I would like to know where he was and what happened to him for myself and my mother. If anyone knows anything or can even remember him in passing, It would answer some questions. Thank you.

Email from **Stephen L. Smith**, 11711 West Biscayne Canal Road, Miami, FL 33161-6134. Phone: 305-892-6202
"I would like to ask if any of your readers can help me find information on my uncle **Alfred E. Smith**, who died of wounds he received in Korea in April of 1951. Anyone who knew him and/or of the circumstances of his death, please contact me. Info I have located on the internet. Alfred E. Smith, PV2 Serial Number US51024883, Infantry. Military Occupation Specialty-04745. Year of Birth 1927, Race-Caucasian. Sate of Residence-NJ, County Essex. Unit-19th Inf.Reg't, 24th Div. Place of Casualty-South Korea, Date: April 7, 1951. Seriously wounded in action by missile.

24th Infantry Division Association



5 March 2001

TO: All Active Members of the 24th Infantry Division Association
SUBJECT: Nominating Committee For 2001

Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution of the 24th Infantry Division Association states that the Officers of the Association be elected annually by the membership at the annual Members Meeting held during the annual Association Convention. Article II, Section 1 identifies the elected officers as the President, the Vice President, the Secretary/Treasurer and the Editor.

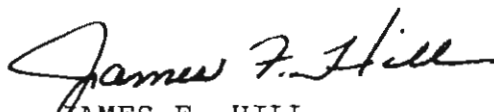
As President of the Association I have named, with their concurrence, the following Active Members to serve on the 2001-2002 Nominating Committee:

Harold Peters (21st Infantry), Chairman
William Hosler (19th Infantry)
John Ragland (21st Infantry)
Rodney Stock, Jr. (34th Infantry)
Ben Wahle, Jr. (34th Infantry)

The Committee is charged with the responsibility of selecting nominees for the above named elected positions and the Chairman, or his representative, will present the Committee selections at the annual Membership Meeting in Hampton, Virginia on 22 September 2001. Any other nominations by an Active Association Member can be made from the floor at that time.

Prior to the reunion any active member of the Association may contact the Chairman with their recommendation for an individual to be considered by the Committee. It is suggested that any recommendations submitted include a short bio concerning the individuals qualifications to hold the position in order for the Committee to determine individuals that have the necessary background and experience to administer the Association affairs for the next year. The Chairman may be contacted at the following address:

Harold "Corky" Peters
14030 Xanthus Avenue
Rogers, Minnesota 55374
Phone (763) 427-2433
FAX: (763) 427-5944


JAMES F. HILL
President
2000-2001

March 9, 2001

Colonel James F. Hill
19th Infantry President
260 Shelli Lane
Roswell, GA 30075-2967

Dear Colonel Hill,

I wanted to thank you for writing my dad during his recent illness. If I remember correctly, I left a message on your answering machine informing you that Eldred Link had been diagnosed with colon cancer and asking if you would write to him on behalf of his old regiment and division. That's all it took and you got the job done.

Dad put up a good fight but didn't last long. He died on Christmas Eve. He was a wonderful and good man. He was tough as leather and faced life and death with faith and courage. He made us proud.

Dad's last words were "There's no mail." He loved mail time each day and kept his favorite cards and letters on a nightstand beside his bed. When friends came by to visit, he became animated when he showed them the letters that had come in recently. Your letter of November 3 was there to the end.

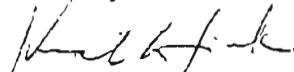
Your moving words were a balm to my father and are comforting now to the family he left behind. You wrote "There is a bond formed by men who were in combat together that is stronger than many other relationships and that bond between we former wearers of the Taro Leaf and you is one that can never be broken. You are in our hearts and prayers in every way.

"We will be with you always."

On Christmas Eve, 2000, Dad, in and out of consciousness, said, "There's no mail." But he had already stored your wonderfully thoughtful message in his heart. That message will be with him and his family "always."

From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Link". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and a stylized "L".

Kenneth Link



Left to Right-Enid, Kristin and Eldred Link.

A Tribute to Eldred Link from his Sons

Our dad was a wonderful and good man. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and neighbor. He had a deep faith in God in good times and in times of trouble.

We are very proud of our father's military service. He served with the U.S. Army's 24th division, the "Victory Division", from December 1939 to July 1945 and was a survivor of Pearl Harbor and MacArthur's New Guinea campaign.

(TEXAS)

Our dad loved Stamford and all those wonderful old communities on the outskirts of town - Tuxedo, Corinth, New Hope, Pleasant Valley. Whenever he was away, he was always happy to get back home. One of his most valued possessions was a 1938 Stamford phone directory. He got it out for most of his visitors and shared with pride the listings that showed Stamford as a hub of activity and enterprise. In case you don't know, he would want you know that Stamford once had four shoe shops, sixteen service stations, three jewelers, eleven hotels, twenty-one grocery stores, five bus lines, three bakeries, four movie theatres, and six blacksmiths. But his affection for his hometown and the people here was constant. In rain or drought, whether flourishing or declining, Stamford was the greatest place on earth.

Our dad worked harder and more conscientiously than anyone we ever knew. If you had ever seen him on the job, you would have asked, "Where's the fire"? He believed in giving whoever employed him his very best.

Dad had a refreshing innocence and sensitivity and appreciation for gifts we often take for granted. The most beautiful things in the world to him were our mother, his granddaughter... long, broad fields, snow-white with cotton in the fall, and a tree near California Creek filled with blue birds one winter day.

If politeness, graciousness, and kindness are marks of a gentleman, Dad was a prince of a gentleman. Even the day before he died, when friends came to check on him, he struggled to rise from his sofa to greet them and thank them for coming by. He was a glittering light of peace and good will in every season.

The essence of our dad's being was his deep faith in a personal and compassionate God. Recently Jon came into Dad's room and found him lying in bed, his head covered with a new, red woolen ski cap from WalMart. When he saw Jon, he pointed to the ceiling and said he was talking to God. He faced whatever came his way with courage and prayer.

The other day, Wayne Swindle, Dad's brother-in-law, paid him a wonderful tribute. He said, "God takes his favorites on Christmas Eve." Our father, Eldred Link, died on December 24, 2000, with his beloved wife and oldest son at his side. He left a precious legacy. He taught us that through a life well-lived - through gentleness, sweetness, and humility... through a life of faithful servanthood - we can all stand before the gates of eternity "favorites" of loving and compassionate Father.

24th Infantry Division Association



10 March 2001

TO: Warren Avery (34th) William Sanderson (19th)
Gen. Donald Rosenblum (CG) John Klump (34th)
John Shay (21st) Joseph McKeon (19th)
Wallace Kuhner (24th Recon) Dr. Phil Hostetter (19th)
Henry Gosztyla (34th) Ellsworth Nelsen (13th FAB)

SUBJECT: The William Jordan Verbeck Award for 2001

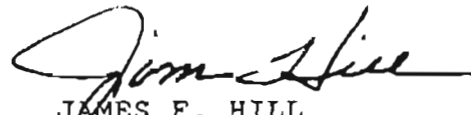
As former recipients of this very prestigious award by the 24th Infantry Division Association each of the individuals listed above is well aware of the criteria for awarding the honor. When first established, as it still is today, the award is given to an individual who best exemplifies the ideals of General Bill Verbeck and who has given extraordinary service in support of the 24th Infantry Division and our Association.

Accordingly, for the year 2001 award, I think it is most appropriate that past recipients who are current members of the Association be the Selection Committee for this year's award. Warren Avery has agreed to chair the Committee and will make this year's presentation during the Memorial Dinner at this year's reunion in Hampton, Virginia.

It is requested that each individual listed above, if he so desires, to provide Mr. Avery the name of the individual he nominates. Based on the nominations received from each of you Warren will select the individual for the award this year. He may be contacted at the following address:

Warren G. Avery
836 Middletown Avenue
North Haven, Connecticut
Telephone (203) 239-3406

The Verbeck Bowl which is given each year to the individual selected for the award is presently located with the recipient of last year's award, Ellsworth Nelsen.


JAMES F. HILL
President
2000-2001

ATTENTION

19TH, 21ST, 34TH, 3RD ENGINEERS & ALL ARTILLERY & MISCELLANEOUS UNITS

Your annual breakfast will be held Saturday, September 22, 2001, 7:30 A.M. at the Holiday Inn. The rooms where each breakfast will be served will be posted at the registration tables. The cost for each breakfast is \$12.00. Since the 24th Infantry Division Association Annual Meeting follows at 10:00 a.m., it is requested that attendees at the Memorial Breakfast be punctual so that we may conduct our business, eat our breakfast and adjourn to the Association Meeting at 10:00 A.M.

Breakfast Menu

Choice of Orange or Grapefruit Juice, Homemade Biscuits, Butter and Preserves, Fluffy Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Home Fried Potatoes, Coffee, Tea & De-caf.

Please mail your registration & check to the chairperson of your Unit listed below

19th Infantry – Mail Registration To:

Gene Spicer
8937 W. 750 N.
Commiskey, IN 47227
812-873-6548

***Make checks payable to:**

Gene Spicer

3rd Engineers – Mail Registration To:

Billy Johnson
2416 Kimberly DR
Fayetteville, NC 28306-2345
910-424-3840

***Make checks payable to:**

Billy Johnson

21st Infantry – Mail Registration To:

Harry Wittman
1385 Terri Street
Keyser, WV 26726
304-788-0465

***Make checks payable to:**

Harry Wittman

All Division Artillery Units – Mail Registration To:

Max L. Pitney
17500 West 119th St., Apt. #3113
Olathe, KS 66061
913-851-8289

Make checks payable to:

Max Pitney

34th Infantry – Mail Registration To:

B. David Mann
119 Gaymont Rd.
Richmond, VA 23229-8016
804-288-8238

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B. David Mann

Miscellaneous Units – Mail Registration To:

Robert Lawhon
49 Township Road 88, #1152
Proctorville, OH 45669-9067
740-886-6935

***Make checks payable to:**

Robert Lawhon

UNIT MEMORIAL BREAKFAST REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ (Cost of breakfast \$12.00 each)

Dorothy Brittin Moffa
RR 2, Box 2305
Dushore, PA 18614
570-928-7863

Letter to the Editor of Taro Leaf
Mrs. Yvonne Mullins

Dear Vonnie:

This letter is long overdue and I ask the members of the 24th Infantry Division Association to please accept my apology. I am honored to be an associate member of the organization and I thank the membership for including me.

Membership has provided our family with information that was unknown to us of SFC Nelson V. Brittin's military career.

First was the pleasure of meeting Joe Sweeney at the christening of the USNS Brittin T-AKR 305. Joe has been very supportive and provided us with details of Nelson's action on Hill 153 in Korea.

Then a phone call from Rik Yoshizawa of California was warmly received. Rik served with Nelson in Kyushu, Japan. He told of Nelson's duties at Troop Headquarters as an Information and Education NCO prior to the start of the Korean War. His remembrances of my brother's personality – gentle, quiet, knowledgeable and very well informed on current happenings at the time. This is consistent with family memories.

Talking with Joe and Rik naturally stirred emotions, but at the same time helped to bring some closure to our loss. I thank them both.

I would welcome hearing from any others willing to share remembrances with me. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Brittin Moffa

The Fort Polk Military Museum Staff is in the process of building a new museum exhibit with the theme "fighting Tank Battalions of WWII." In support of this new exhibit, they would like to display as many of the metal distinctive insignias for each Tank Battalion as they can obtain. They would like for a member of the association from the 6th Tank BN to donate one of their Battalion insignias to the museum. There was two (2) insignias of the 6th Tank Battalion, the class a was the newer one, the class c has the dragon on the top. They would prefer the one that was used during or after the WWII. I hope that one of the members of the 6th Tank BN will be so kind as to donate the insignia as requested.

Bob Lawhon
6th Tank '52-'54

The person that makes this request is: **David S. Bingham**
Fort Polk Military Museum
PO Box 3916
Fort Polk, LA 71459-0916

Beyond the Black Stump

By Leahy

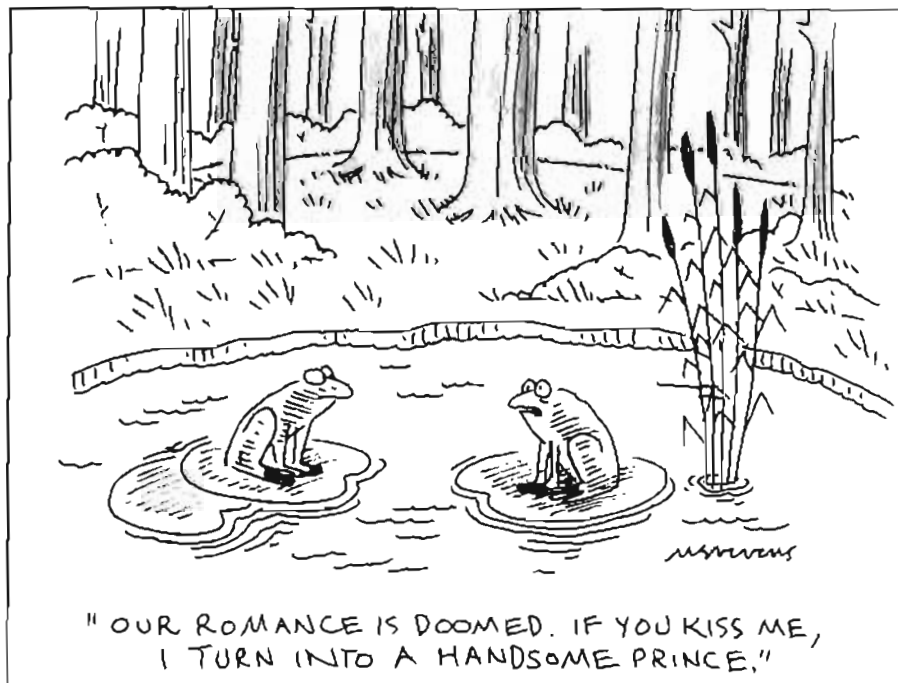


Garfield

By Jim Davis



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The truth in 13 words: Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what the hell happened.

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION WAR DIARIES CONTINUED-JUNE 25, 1950 THROUGH July 22, 1950
(compiled by Colonel William J. Moroney, GSC, Chief of Staff)
(Credit to David A. Giordano for Research at the National Archives)

From: 252400K June to: 262400K June

At 260810K, a telephone message from G-3, Eighth Army, advised that "Plan Sassafras" was in effect. This plan, written by Eighth Army, covered the evacuation of Americans (Armed Forces Korean Military Advisory Group, their dependents, civilian employees, etc.) from Korea in the event of hostilities.

The 24th Infantry Division was made responsible for the reception and care of these evacuees upon their arrival in Kyushu. Division Operations Plan No. 3 1950, previously prepared by our G-1 section, provided the means of accomplishing this mission.

All general and special staff sections of the division were alerted on a 24 hour basis. At 260830, Division Artillery (at Camp Hakata near Fukuoka and at the Itazuke Air Base) and the 34th Infantry Regiment (at Sasebo) were ordered to make preparations for the reception of these evacuees.

At 261045K, upon receipt of the notification from Commander-in-Chief, Navy, Far East, that evacuation would be at Fukuoka and not Sasebo. Div Arty was notified that they would be solely responsible for reception, processing and care of evacuees. Blankets, cots and rations were sent to Hakata by rail. At 261930K, word was received that the "Rhineholdt" had departed Korea with 400 evacuees aboard.

Div Arty moved part of its troops into the field to provide housing for evacuees. Arrangements were made to house others in rest hotels and barracks in Fukuoka, Kokura and other cities on Kyushu. Word was received that the North Korean Army was attacking along the entire 38th Parallel. At 262335K, Seoul was entered by NK soldiers.

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From: 262400K June To: 272400K June

At 270335K, Division Headquarters was notified that six transport planes would evacuate 200 women and children from Kimpo airfield, near Seoul, to Itazuke Air Base. Estimated time of arrival at Itazuke was 270800K. Div Arty was notified and the 118th Station Hospital in Fukuoka, was ordered to meet the arrivals with nec-

essary medical personnel and supplies. Div Arty planned to feed the evacuees upon arrival by using their field kitchens. Transportation to Camp Hakata would be by bus. Others going to Kokura, etc. would utilize rail transportation.

The first two planes left Itazuke about 270600K. The planes landed at Kimpo airfield, almost under enemy fire, loaded passengers, and returned to Itazuke where they arrived at 270830K. 203 evacuees arrived at Itazuke during the morning and were cared for efficiently. No unpredicted problems arose. An additional 114 departed Pusan by ship at 270630K. 350-450 more were expected during the day. 2000-4000 were expected in the next ten days.

During this period, 856 evacuees arrived by air at Itazuke Air Force Base and 102 arrived by ship at Fukuoka Port. A total of 958 for the day. All were housed at Camp Hakata. 198 evacuees departed by train for Bofu, on Honshu, at 272010K. COL. WILLIAM J. MORONEY
From: 272400K June - To: 282400K June

Air force planes launched an attack against NK troops and installations upon orders of the President. Announcement was made that arms and ammunition were being sent to SK. Fighting continued in Seoul. The South Korean Government Headquarters moved to Taejeon.

Eighth Army requested information about Tsushima and Ika Shima relative to the possibility of establishing outposts at these locations. All units, assigned or attached to the 24th Division, were ordered to be prepared to initiate passive air defense measures upon warning.

Evacuation of personnel from Korea to Fukuoka and Itazuke continued through the day.

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From: 282400K June To: 292400K June

Upon orders from Eighth Army, the 34th Infantry Regiment was ordered to place security on Tsushima and Ika Shima. This was to protect vital communications between Korea and Japan. Squads were sent to each location to accomplish this.

Evacuation from Korea continued in lessening degree. 186 persons were processed by Div Arty. All had arrived by boat at Fukuoka.

The Air Force flew numerous missions in support of SK troops during the day. Seoul was reported to be in NK hands. Attempts were being made to hold at the Han River line.

At 292145K, the ship Lepitia, with 70 passengers aboard, arrived at Fukuoka. These were the last evacuees and were mostly missionaries.

At 292200K, word was received at the Division CP that a full alert was on at Itazuke. Unidentified aircraft were approaching Kyushu. Division Headquarters was given the "Flash Red" at 292210K. All posts on Kyushu were immediately notified. A fire truck sounded the alert in the Kokura area. The radio was told to announce the alert and then go off the air. The city of Kokura was blacked out. All clear signal was given at 292330K.

The air force announced that their radar board had filled with unidentified aircraft. Evidences indicated aircraft in the vicinity and direction of Pusan, with possibility of an air drop. Also possibility of aircraft returning by circuitous route from air drop in South Korea.

All units of the 24th Division sent patrols out during the night to determine if such a drop occurred.

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From 292400K June To: 302400K June

Negative reports were received from all units. All patrols were recalled at 301000K.

The 24th Infantry Division carried on routine duties. Flaws in the Air Defense Plan were ironed out and necessary revisions made. A plan was formulated for blacking out Japanese cities within the division zone.

In Korea, the SK troops retreated to the south bank of the Han River.

General MacArthur authorized American Planes to bomb targets north of the 38th Parallel.

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From: 302400K June – To: 012400K July

At approximately 010100K, Division Headquarters was notified by telephone that the Division was to be prepared to move, over water to Korea, within 48 to 72 hours.

The 21st Infantry Regiment was to ready two reinforced rifle companies to be airlifted from Itazuke at approximately 10800K. The 34th Infantry Regiment was to have one battalion air-

lifted on 2 July. All units, at schools, were to return to their organizations.

Eighth Army Operation Order No. 2, dated 301855K was received at 011125K. The mission of the 24th Division was to assist in stabilizing the situation and reestablishing the boundary on the 38th Parallel. The Division was to move to Pusan, Korea and establish a base with a view of early offensive operations. The delaying force (two companies of 21st Infantry Regiment) was to advance to the north by the most expeditious means, contact the enemy advancing south from Seoul toward Suwon, and delay that advance. One RCT of the 25th Division was to take over Kyushu. The 24th Division was to be brought up to TO&E strength. Major General William F. Dean, 24th Division Commanding General, was to command all US Army Forces in Korea.

The entire division was alerted. The G-3 Air was sent to Itazuke Air Base to coordinate the airlift. Lt. Col. David Smith was placed in command of the airlift force. This force consisted of a battalion headquarters, two rifle companies, two 4.2 mortar platoons, one platoon of 75mm recoilless rifles, and six bazooka teams. This task force left Kumamoto by rail and motor at 010500K and closed at Itazuke at 010920K.

Twenty-four C-54's were allotted for the airlift but due to operational difficulties and bad weather, only one half of the force was flown to Pusan by the end of the day. All 24th Division units at Camp McGill started to Kyushu by train. An annex to Eighth Army Operations Order No. 2 listing units to be attached to the 24th Division was received in the afternoon. These units, comprising 4843 men and consisting in the main of service units, would be sent to Kyushu as soon as possible.

All elements of the division spent the day preparing for the move. Plans were made to airlift and advance forward echelon to Pusan on 2 July.

LST's in Yokohama and other ports on Honshu were alerted for movement to Kyushu. Division requested nine LST's be sent to Sasebo and four to Camp Hakata. American and Japanese ships, in Kyushu ports, were requisitioned. An advance party of the 25th Infantry Division arrived at Kokura at 012100K.

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From: 012400K July – To: 022400K July

Word was received that 9 plane loads of “Task Force Smith” had landed at Pusan, Korea, on 1 July. Balance of this force closed on Pusan and preparations were completed to move to Taejon by rail; then north from Taejon.

Division Advance Forward consisting of Major General Dean, selected staff Officers, and key enlisted men, departed Itazuke at 021130K. Unable to land at Pusan this group was forced to return to Itazuke and catch smaller planes. Moves were finally completed about 022110K. Upon arrival in Pusan, this group opened Advanced Headquarters and prepared to receive units and supplies shipped by water. General Mencher remained in Kokura in command of division and to supervise movement of division to Korea. Four of the division's light aviation planes flew to Pusan and landed safely at 021155K.

Six 105mm howitzers, 73 vehicles, and 180 personnel of the 52nd Artillery Bn cleared Hakata at 020410K aboard an LST which had been in the harbor at the time the original orders were received.

A large Japanese ship, in the harbor at Sasebo, was utilized to transport 1000 men and some vehicles of the 34th Infantry Regiment. This vessel cleared Sasebo at 020720K. Balance of regiment, except 60 low priority vehicles and 125 men, cleared Sasebo aboard 6 LST's at 021100K. The 21st Infantry Regiment departed Kumamoto for Sasebo by rail and road at 02100K. The regiment closed at Sasebo 021 and commenced boarding ship. Word was received that 8 LST's would arrive at Sasebo on 3 July and an additional 6 on 4 July. The 24th Division requested Eighth Army to send all technical type units, attached to the division, to Sasebo for out loading to Korea.

The reconnaissance and tank companies departed Yamaguchi at 021850K. They arrived at Shimonoseki at 022300K. Word was received of arrivals in Pusan, as follows:

34th Infantry Regiment (-) at 021930K

52nd Field Artillery Bn (-) at 022115K

1st Bn, 21st Inf Regt (-) at 021930K

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From: 022400K July To: 032400K July

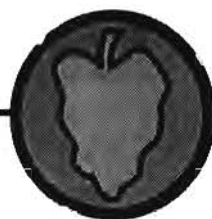
The remainder of the 1st Bn, 21st Infantry Regiment waited at Itazuke for 36 hours while inclement weather held them on the ground. Finally, along with some Division Headquarters

personnel, they departed Fukuoka by water at 031200K. The balance of the 21st Infantry Regiment, which had traveled by motor and rail to Sasebo, embarked for Pusan at 030915K.

Word was received at Kokura that the 34th Inf Regt had landed at Pusan with 1770 personnel and 450 vehicles. The remaining personnel and 78 vehicles departed by LST at 030915K. The Regiment prepared to move to Taejon by motor and rail. The balance of the 52nd Artillery Bn departed Kakata aboard the “Pembina” about 031600K. Plans were laid to move the balance of Division Artillery on 4 July. Co A, 78th Heavy Tank Bn and the 24th Reconnaissance Co had moved from Yamaguchi to Shimonoseki the night before. They were loaded aboard an LST and departed for Pusan at 031000K. Btry A, 26th AAA (AW) Bn moved from Yamaguchi at 031000K, and arrived in Kokura for staging prior to departure for Pusan. 17 truck loads of AAA ammunition was moved from Sasebo to Kokura to be loaded with the unit. The liner “Kongo” was requisitioned at Shimonoseki. Aboard were loaded 31 officers and 890 EM from staff sections and service units, 550 individual replacements, (received from 8th Army, 3 July), and about 35 light vehicles. The ship departed for Pusan at 032200K. The 2nd Bn, 19th Infantry Regiment, with one 4.2 mortar platoon and a medical battalion detachment attached, departed from Beppu at 032000K, aboard 3 LST's. 250 replacements were received and were sent to the 19th Infantry at Beppu. During the night, elements of the division returned from Camp McGill and rejoined their units. Seven divisional light aviation planes flew to Pusan at 031630K. All units going to Korea were filled to strength before departure or upon arrival in Pusan. Units were completely equipped and carried basic loads of ammunition. Concurrent with the movement of troops, supplies of all classes were being shipped to Pusan. In Korea, “Task Force Smith” arrived in the vicinity of Pyongtaek and occupied defense positions. The enemy was contacted at 031550K and the force was subjected to 6 strafing attacks. The 34th Inf Regt moved by motor and rail to Taejon. Division Advance HQ along with the newly activated Pusan Base Command, continued to receive troops and build up a base of supply. Maj Gen Dean with a few staff officers arrived in Taejon to take charge in that area.

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24th Infantry Division Association



BOOKS WRITTEN BY 24TH IDA MEMBERS



"My Old Box of Memories, Thoughts on the Korean War"

by: William Allen
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Tierra Verde FL 33715-1730

"Think Man Think"

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Benton, AR 72015-2531
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"Memoirs of a Combat Infantryman by an Enemy Alien"

by: Eric Diller
504 Via La Selva
Redondo Beach, CA 90277-6505
Phone: 310-375-2024

"Korea, A Thousand Days of Torment"

by: William Funches
107 Brookwood Dr.,
Clemson, SC 29631
Phone: 864-654-4617

"Line Kansas-Memories of Korea 1950 To 1958"

by: David Baillie
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Elburn, IL 60119-0005

There are plans to print a 2nd edition along with a book of poems (just military ones) by 2001 and anyone who orders 1st printing of "Line Kansas" will receive a special price on the poem book!

"Doctor and Soldier In The South Pacific"

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Phone: 785-539-2913

"Love, War and Other Memories"

by: Glenn Edward Behrends
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"Love Labor & Laughter"

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"Front Line Medic"

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Harvey W. Phelps, Lt. Col. MC. USA Ret. of 2424 N. Greenwood St., Pueblo, CO 81003 has written a book about his experiences in Korea as a Battalion Surgeon. "I joined the 6th Tank BN in July 1950, later I was transferred to the 3rd BN, 19th Inf in October 1950. Anyone can read it by going to my web site www.battalionsurgeon.com It contains many pictures and narrative. No charge.

"Purple Heart In The Pacific: A Combat Chronicle" has now been published. It takes C Company, 21st RCT, 24th Inf. Div. From Hollandia to Mindanao against the Japanese in World War II.

(It is spiral bound with colored maps and approximately 250 pages.

By: Gary J. Pray
859 S. Curtis
Kankakee, IL 60901

"A Death March And Nightmares"

By: Donald E. Donner
PO Box 1335
Newport, WA 99156-1335
Phone: 509-445-2601

"Pauls' Odyssey"

By: Paul E. Bader
1874 Auburn
Holt, MI 48842-1505

"24th Division Forward History Book"

By: Saul Stadtmauer
5 West 86 St
New York, NY 10024

(This book may be purchased from our Quartermaster) See Quartermaster List in this Issue.

A distraught patient phoned her doctor's office.

"Is it true", the woman wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life"?

"Yes. I'm afraid so," the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the woman continued.... "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition? This Prescription is marked **'NO REFILLS!'**"

FORT RILEY PRESS RELEASE

Fort Riley Commander Prepares For New Job

The Department of the Army announced today that Maj. Gen. Robert J. St. Onge, Jr. will depart Fort Riley for duty as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness, Training and Mobilization Office of the Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, Washington D.C. No change of command date has been determined at this time.

St. Onge took command of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley on August 4, 2000.

Replacing St. Onge will be Maj. Gen. Thomas F. Metz. He is currently the Vice Director for Force Structure, Resources and Assessment on the Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

Metz is no stranger to Fort Riley. He commanded the 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division (Mech) from July 1992 to July 1994 and served as the Chief of Staff, 1st Infantry Division (Mech) from July 1994 to May 1995.

When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened to us.

—Helen Keller

**From Donald P. Sletten
9241 Russell Way
Thornton, CO 80229-7632**

On June 3, 1941 I arrived at Schofield Barracks and was assigned to D BTRY, 11th FA, 24th Division of Hawaii. After December 7, 1941 the Division was known as the 24th Infantry Division.

I was a Private 4th class specialist and was with the unit to go to the North Shore to set up as coast artillery.

We went to Australia, then to New Guinea – Goodenough Island then to Hollandia. When we (11th FA, A Btry) made the landing at Leyte near Palo, we were armed with 155 howitzers. We proceeded inland and had our first Banzai attack. One of my men in the machine gun section lost a part of one hand when he threw a Jap grenade out of the pit he was in. Undoubtedly saving his life and the lives of the others in the pit. Later that day I had my pipe in my mouth and it was shot off while in my mouth but no injury to me. I killed the Jap with the Thompson machine gun I carried. Freeman Smith followed behind me and found the Jap dead.

I was a forward observer in the war with A Btry, 11th FA, 24th Division. We of the field artillery had GPF 6" rifles. We were at various points on Oahu as coast artillery when the Japs lost so many aircraft carriers at the time of the Midway battle. At the same time we set up field positions to the interior of Oahu. Myself and two other privates would go into the concrete observation emplacements and look out for the enemy. We stayed inside for one or two weeks and one of our trucks brought food to us before light in the morning and after dark in the evenings. I don't remember it as a great hardship other than being in that bunker and not exposing ourselves to the outdoors. It might have been different if we had known what was happening. I could have been one of the artillery observers with the 52nd FA and the 11th FA on Leyte as we were all in that pocket on Lemon in November 1944. After December I was with people from the 11th Airborne bringing fire on the Japs at Ormoc. Nine of us were shifting between machine gun fire and mortar fire plus being dug in along the ridge toward the highest peak on Leyte. Some of the 11th Airborne men gave me some photos and maps of the area. These I still have from the 50th anniversary of that landing.

I was not in Korea but Sgt. Walker was decorated for valor in Korea. He was one of my men in our platoon from before Pearl Harbor and on through WWII. Nicholas Matvia was one of my men in my platoon. We keep in touch with others we knew including our mess Sgt. On Leyte, Sgt. Lafayette.

I also agree that statements saying the 24th lost their colors was a fabrication by people who do not know what they are talking about.

Richard F. Lewis of Marrinburg, WV tells me he was there as a platoon Sgt. On one of the LST's that hit the beach on Marvelles. The 38th Div. Did come in on Marvelles. I was the platoon Sgt. From the 11th FA, 24th Division, having landed at Subic Bay. That landing was a mess and again, fortunately the Japs did not see us as our LST ended up first on the beach and we had to dive off the ramps to clear the way for the LST. In this case I was not an artillery observer, we had supplies to unload. One of my men and I were on a shallow dive when the LST pulled out and was gone when we came up. We could see LCI's coming in so we laid down behind a log playing dead so when the 38th Div. Came in they went by and we then came out. I have never been certain as to which Infantry unit I was with until later, some of the 34th Infantry came in. We then moved over toward the North side of Corregidor just after the 11th Airborne paratroopers made their jump. On such operations we did not know who we were supporting and rarely even had any food. As Lewis said, some of the Paratroopers landed in the sea. I never knew that most or maybe all were rescued until 50 years later and talked to men of the 11th Airborne. Lou Santocoy tells of the Zig Zag pass action which we of the 11th FA had our fill of and lost men. In that action one of my men on guard had my gun and killed one Jap only a few feet from me. Yes, they were good men. On the East side of Corregidor when the 11th Airborne was jumping, I understand the 24th Recon. Were on a LCI when it was sunk. I seen it being blown at the time we were getting off the South end of Bataan, so beyond that I do not know other than having met some of the men later. I gave most of my memorabilia to the museum in New Orleans, LA a few years ago. These were on tapes. I also authorized the University of Florida to use them too. I have written my reports over the years as the events happened and I have included accurate reports from others I was with, including some of the Filipino's I was with on the front in Leyte.

GENERAL J. H. BINFORD PEAY III

United States Army (Retired)

General Peay was born in Richmond, Virginia on 10 May 1940. Upon graduation from the Virginia Military Institute in 1962, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery and awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He holds a Master of Arts from George Washington University and is also a graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College and the United States Army War College.

General Peay's initial troop assignments were in Germany and Colorado. During two tours in the Republic of Vietnam, he performed duty as a Firing Battery Commander in the 4th Infantry Division and later as a Field Artillery Battalion operations officer with the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). Assigned to Hawaii in 1975, General Peay commanded the 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery, 25th Infantry Division. He then served as Senior Aide to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D.C. and later as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, I Corps, and Commander, 9th Infantry Division Artillery at Fort Lewis, Washington. In 1985, he was reassigned to the Army Staff as Executive to the Chief of Staff, United States Army. From 1987-1988, he served with the Screaming Eagles as the Assistant Division Commander (Operations), 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky, followed by an assignment in July 1988 as the Deputy Commandant, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He assumed command of the 101st Airborne Division on 3 August 1989 and led the Division throughout Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM in the Persian Gulf. Promoted to Lieutenant General, he was assigned as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Department of the Army and Senior Army Member, United States Military Committee, United Nations, from June 1991 until March 1993. On 26 March 1993, he was promoted to the rank of General and appointed the 24th Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army. His last assignment was Commander in Chief, United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, from 5 August 1994 to 13 August 1997, with responsibility for the region encompassing twenty countries of Africa, the Middle East Persian Gulf and South Asia.



Military awards and decorations which General Peay has received include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Army Distinguished Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Silver Star, and Purple Heart. He wears U.S. campaign ribbons for combat duty in Vietnam (seven campaigns) and Saudi Arabia (three campaigns) and has received foreign awards from Vietnam, Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

General Peay is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Allied Research Corporation, a defense and commercial electronic security firm whose operating units produce munitions and sophisticated electronic security and access control systems for worldwide markets. He serves as a Director of United Defense, L. P., is a Trustee of the George C. Marshall Foundation, the V.M.I. Foundation, and the National Defense University, and is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Fort Campbell Historical Foundation, Inc. He is married to the former Pamela Jane Pritchett and they have two sons, Jim, a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and Ryan, attending the Virginia Military Institute. Currently, the Peay's reside in Clifton, Virginia.

WHERE VALOR SLEEPS

"Then good night, peaceful night,
Till the light of dawn shineth bright,
God is near, do not fear—
Friend, good night."

"Love, good night, Must thou go,
When the day, And the night
Need thee so?
All is well. Speedeth all
To their rest."

"Fades the light; And afar
Goeth day, And the stars
Shineth bright,
Fare thee well; Day has gone,
Night is on."

"Thanks and praise, For our days,
'Neath the sun, Neath the stars,
'Neath the sky,
As we go, This we know,
God is nigh."
-Popular versions of 'TAPS' verses



JOE WICINSKI was born on October 2, 1924 in Cornwall, New York. He attended NY Military Academy in Cornwall and then St. John's Prep School in Danvers, Mass., where he graduated from High School. He graduated from the University of Ottawa in Ottawa, Canada, after his service to our country in Korea.

He served in the Korean War with the 24th Inf Div., 11th FA and later transferred to the 5th RCT. He was awarded the CIB with one star, Silver Star, Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts. He was a helicopter pilot and attained the rank of Captain.

He went to Las Vegas, NV after the Korean War and met Phyllis, whom he married and was devoted to for 35 years. In Las Vegas, Joe worked for Clark County in the Justice Court and District Attorney's Office. In 1972 Joe and Phyllis moved to Orange County where he went to work for the U.S. Postal Service, retiring in 1991.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, his sister, Lynn Wood, of New York; and many loving nieces and nephews.

The sorrowful notes of 'TAPS' sounded on May 3, 2001, before calling home to rest one final time an old soldier, Joseph Wicinski.

To the last, Joe stayed true to his irrepressible character. He passed away on his own terms, in his sleep, with his loving wife nearby, following the regalia of a military reunion of the 24th Division. It was the way an old soldier should go out, remembering former glories among comrades, without pain, suffering or regret.

In life, he never shrank from adversity. He earned the respect of both friends and foes with his resolute determination. He was intelligent, witty and always had a certain twinkle in his eye. Joe Wicinski led a long, full life and remained to the last a consummate patriot, husband, son, brother, friend and uncle. His presence will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

We bid farewell to this fallen comrade and plan to keep with Joe's wishes by not having a traditional memorial service in his honor. But we are not going to let him off so easily. Joe always considered Memorial Day to be one of the most distinguished of holidays, often lamenting that not enough people took the time to pay respects to the valor of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Keeping a proud tradition alive, we wish to invite family and friends to join with us in a day of remembrance honoring Joe as a decorated veteran on Memorial Day weekend. He never shrank from such a charge and we'd like to give him the respect he is due.

Knowing Joe, he would prefer any gathering of friends and family to lift a toast and think fondly of their memories of him. Maybe if we voice our recollections of him in this life they will be heard as his reveille in the next. So let us render a small payment to the tremendous debt we owe for a man who gave his service for our freedom...because old soldiers never die, sometimes they just get to go home.

Please join us between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, May 27, 2001, at the Valley View Senior Villas, 12200 Valley View St., Garden Grove, CA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Joseph Wicinski Memorial Fund, c/o Robert S. Thurmond, M.D., 3341 West Ball Rd., Anaheim, CA 92804. A tree will be planted in Joe's memory at the Greenhills Memorial Park in South California where Joe went every Memorial Day to honor our veterans.

T A P S



Received a phone call from John Ragland reporting the death of our friend and member **Joseph A. (Joe) Wicinski** of 12200 Valley View ST. #336, Garden Grove, CA 92845 (5th RCT). On May 3, 2001. (More to follow).

Received email from Cindy Barry reporting the death of "**Jack**" **Barry** of Overland Park, KS. He passed away April 12 from a long fight against cancer.

Received a phone call from Anthony Corio reporting the death of **Thomas A. Tucker**, Co. B, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Division on February 3, 2001.

Received a note from Secretary Dutch Nelsen reporting the death of **Frank W. Shalosky** (21st, Korea). Frank died just before Christmas 2000 from propane fumes. His daughter Roberta, donated \$60 in his memory.

Word received that **Martin T. Smithwick** of Ponce De Leon, MO died on March 31, 2001.

William T. Keyes, 82 passed away on January 5, 2001 in Los Angeles, CA. A decorated veteran of both WWII and the Korean War, Bill served in the Army with the 24th Infantry Division during WWII from September 1939 until June 1945 and was a survivor of the Japanese attack on Pearl Har-

bor. He went on to serve in the Pacific Theatre, during which time he received two Bronze Stars for combat with the enemy. He also served two years in Germany with the 43rd Infantry Division during the Korean War. He was a Chief Warrant Officer of the Connecticut National Guard and retired from the military with 28 years of service. He was also retired from the U.S. Postal Service. Bill was a Life Member of the 24th Infantry Division Association and the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, having been one of the founders of the PHSA Connecticut Chapter. He was also a member of VFW Post #591 in Wallingford, CT. He was married for 51 years to Virginia Devanney Keyes, who died in 1999. He is survived by their daughter Elizabeth of New York City, three sons, William, Douglas and Robert of Los Angeles and three grandchildren, Helen, Angel and Sean.

Note received from Carol Ippolito of 569 E William David Pkwy., Metairie, LA 70005. "My husband, **Sam Ippolito** passed away February 11, 2001."

Robert J. Ostrowske, died on December 11, 2000. Bob was born on January 25, 1930. Interment was in the Hillside Memorial Park, Akron, OH.

Received word from Bob Newkirk of Franklin, IN about the passing of **Woodrow Ryan, SR** (H Co. 21st and a Pearl Harbor Survivor).

Mr. Ryan was 77 years old from Kokomo, IN and died January 11, 2001 at his home. He was born April 13, 1923. He is survived by his wife, Betsy; two sons and a daughter in law and two brothers, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Burial was in Sunset Memory Gardens with military rites.

Notices of deaths received from our Secretary/Treasurer.

Stanley Asbury of 2024 Germain St., Federal Heights, CO died June 8, 1999.

Eli M. Skaff of 314 27th St. SE, Charleston, WV died July 2000.

George R. DeSalles of 19836 6th Ave., Stevinson, CA died March 29, 2000.

Capt. Forrest W. Higgins Ret of Wasilla, AK died July 8, 2000.

Logan Wyatt of 1424 Larsen LN, Placentia, CA died August 16, 2000.

William McColgin of Simi Valley, California passed away on April 29, 2001. He is survived by his wife Ann of the home. Bill served in the 11th FA. (More in the next issue of the Taro Leaf.)



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Robert L. Smith passed away on February 13, 2001 in Charleston, West Virginia. Bob joined the 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion of the 24th Infantry Division in Kokura, Japan in April 1949. He was trained as a demolition man and was sent to Korea in July 1950. He remained with the 3rd Engineers until he rotated back to the United States in August 1951. He was assigned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky where his duties included leading the Honor Guard and participating in military funerals in Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois. He later enlisted in the Air Force in which he retired as T/Sgt in December 1969. He was also a member of the Mountaineer and Elk River Chapters of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) and VFW Post 8516 at Elkview, West Virginia

Thomas E. Gilbert: Long time Life Member, Tom passed away March 25th in Baker, LA. He had served with the 19th Infantry in Japan and Korea. Tom's family was not very "well off" financially and with his mother's help he lied about his age and got into the Army. He was fifteen and a half years old. Among the first troops into combat in the Korean War, Tom was wounded three times, the third time ending him up in the Hospital in Japan. His mother said, "Enough" and his true age was revealed. He was discharged from the army at age Sixteen and a half — with three Purple Hearts and The Silver Star. In addition to his service to his Country, Tom

was a dear and loyal friend to many of us, and we sincerely regret losing him.

Note received from Mary Kunkel of 5216 Highway 14 East, Newport, AR 72112: "My husband **Karl E. Kunkel** passed away January 31, 2001 at his home in Newport, Arkansas."

Col. J.B. Jones: Col Jones died Wednesday, January 31, 2001. In 1940 he entered the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry. In 1942 he was assigned to the 19th Infantry, 24th Infantry Division in Hawaii; the Division was sent to the Southwest Pacific Theater and engaged in combat in New Guinea and the Philippine Islands (Leyte, Mindoro, and Mindanao). The division was a part of the occupation of Japan. Col. Jones is survived by his wife, Lois D. Jones; and daughters, Susan L. Jones and Rebecca E. Jones.

Charlie Beazley of Edinburg, VA (34th Inf) passed away February 25, 2001 from double pneumonia. He was buried with a military funeral from Delinger Funeral Home, Mount Jackson, VA.

Joe McKeon sent an email from Edna E. Ashton of 2006 Ruskin Rd., Salina, KS 67401: "Sorry, I have to report Henry (Hank) died July 11, 1990 with cancer. Henry, veteran of three years duty in the Pacific with the 24th Infantry Di-

vision served in the New Guinea and Philippine Campaigns. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with four battle stars, good conduct medal and Unit Citation. We tried to keep in contact with those he served with but I am afraid the years just took care of all of them. I am sorry I am of no good as to the years, dates, etc. We were married for forty eight years and attended most of the reunions but of course the women were not a part of the meeting which the men attended. So, we were there for the socializing. Thank you for your time and contacting me and I wish it could have been Hank reporting." (Any member who might have known Hank Ashton might want to write to his widow.)

John Welch, 87 passed away at his home in Napa, CA on February 2, 2001. A native of Riddle, OR, Mr. Welch was born on August 20, 1913. He attended Oregon State University while a member of the U.S. Army. After receiving his commission as a Second Lieutenant he went on active duty and 24 years later, 1956, retired as a Major. He moved to Napa that same year. He was married to Freida "Jay" Hicok who preceded him in death on August 20, 1988. He was a life member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, a life member of the National Association of Uniformed Services and the 24th Infantry Division Association. Military Honors were held at Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, OR.

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16	13th FA Crest	\$10 Pr	\$5.00
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18	21st Pocket Patch(Color)		\$5.00
19	34th Pocket Patch(Color)		\$5.00
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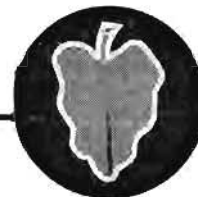
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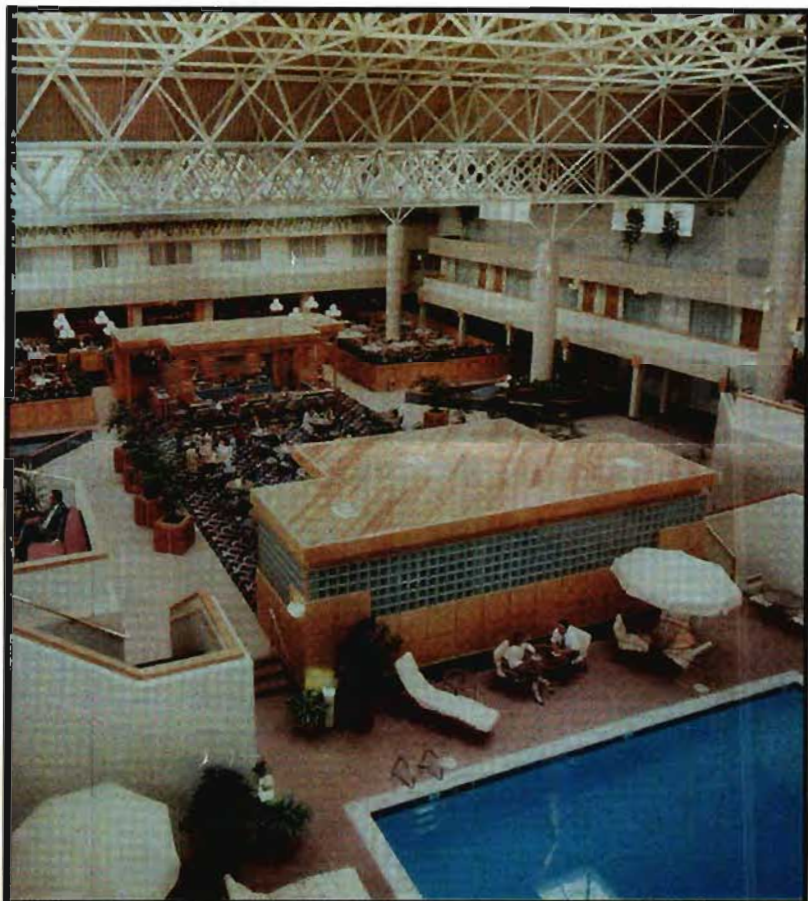
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