

## A TRIBUTE FROM A GREAT GENERAL, ROBERT S. BEIGHTLER

To My Comrades-in-arms of the 37th:

1968 — the year of both our Golden and Silver anniversaries, one for the 37th Division in World War I, the latter for the baptism in combat of the 37th in World War II.

Tempus fugit! Indeed it does. To those of us who were in World War I a half century ago, the memories are still vivid, never-to-be forgotten. Our ranks have thinned, some have become octogenarians, and many of us are closing in on that age.

We of the 37th can hold our heads high on the record our Buckeye division has made. In World War I the Baccarat Sector, the Meuse-Argonne, St. Mihiel, Flanders in Belgium on both the Lys and Synghem sectors, are all well recorded in history. Gen. Von Rundstedt of the German Army listed the 37th as one of the seven best divisions the Germans had faced.

In World War II, after mopping up stray Japanese on Guadalcanal, the 37th entered its first severe combat in the jungles of New Georgia. Then came Bougainville, followed by Manila, Baguio (the summer

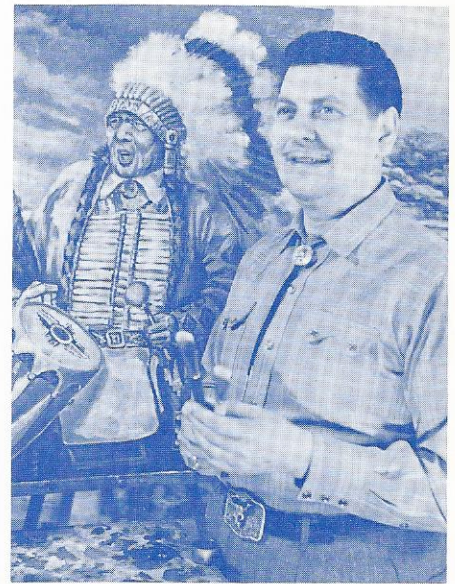
capital of the Philippines), the Cagayan Valley where the division drove 225 miles in 26 days, and Mt. Pacauagan. At the end of the war a feature story in Yank, the official Army publication, characterized the 37th as "The Heavy-weight."

In the Korean War the division was called into service under the command of General Kreber. While it did not see combat as a unit many of its officers and men saw service in Korea.

Truly, our heritage is great and we can look with pride on the history the 37th has recorded. Although, after many decades the hierarchy in the Pentagon has finally succeeded in sounding the death knell to most National Guard divisions, including the 37th, our spirit, our memories, our traditions, and our affection for our old organization must not perish.

A final note from the "Old Man of World War II" who enlisted as a private 57 years ago: keep our fine 37th Division Veterans Association alive!

*Robert S. Beightler*

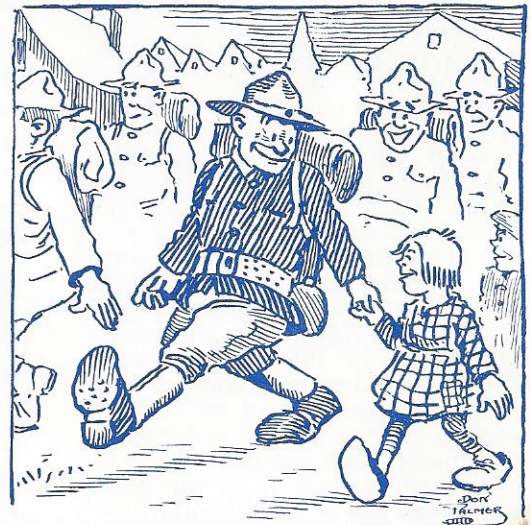


*Edward J. Dollriebs one of America's greatest artist served with the division — His painting of Gen. Beightler Hangs in a place of honor in the Beightler Armory.*

**LET'S ALL GO  
TO THE  
37th DIVISIONS  
VETERANS REUNION**



*Jungle fighting by 37th troops under the leadership of Major General Robert Beightler, affectionately known as "The Old Man of World War II". His tribute to the Division appears on this page which will be treasured by the men who served under him.*



*"Remember the day you landed at Brest? As you marched thru the streets Little Miss France, Junior, clung to your hand, so proud of her first American sweetheart."*

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