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Mr. Ed Bird
President, 34th Division Association
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Mr. Bird:

It seems advisable that the matter of membership to post-World War II members of the 34th Division be considered. The request of the Assistant Division Commander for membership in the Association has reminded me that in his probable succession we will have a Division Commander who is not eligible to be a member of the Association, unless some revision of the articles of incorporation and by-laws are made.

It seems to me that in order to have a growing organization with new members coming along, that there should be some plan which permits members of the 34th Division who have joined since World War II to be included in the Association. If this is not done, the probability that the Division Commanders of the future as well as the present Assistant Division Commander and two of the Regimental Commanders would not be eligible for Association membership. It is my recommendation that a plan be considered which permits membership to new Division members after they have attended three field training periods as a member of the Division. Those who have completed these three periods would have confirmed their interest in the Division, and would join the present members who do not have combat service in helping to enlarge the Association.

I will be in attendance at the Convention, and will be very happy to discuss this further with you and the Board.

Sincerely

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