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GOVERNORS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

V.A. OFFICIAL EXPLAINS RULINGS ON MEDICAL CARE FOR VETERANS

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 1.—Need for information concerning out-patient medical care and hospitalization for veterans has been one of the problems confronting veterans under the jurisdiction of the Veterans Administration, it was stated today by John H. Whitmore, Contact Representative of the Baltimore Regional V.A. Office. Mr. Whitmore stated that "In order to be eligible for out-patient treatment at V.A. hospitals, or to receive civilian medical treatment at V.A. expense, veterans must meet the following conditions":

Colorful Story of Ninth to Appear Next Month!

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—Due to repeated requests for copies of the recently published story of the Ninth Infantry Division in combat, which appeared in The Saturday Evening Post issue of July 6, 1946, we have secured permission from the Curtis Publishing Company to make a reprint which shall be a part of the February issue of the Association News.

Titled "The Avenging Ghosts of the Ninth," and masterfully portrayed by Thomas R. Henry, noted war correspondent, the narrative describes in detail, many of the battles and incidents in which former members of the Division participated from the initial landings at North Africa in November, 1942, until the final surrender of the Germans in May, 1945, and at which time the Division was just a few miles from Berlin, on the banks of the Elbe and Mulde Rivers.

Due to publishing difficulties, we regret that this will be the first and only "reprint" of this story that we can offer to the members of the Association, so make sure you get your copy of next month's paper.

—IT'S A DATE—COLUMBUS IN JUNE—

General Eddy Greets "His Boys" ...



Colonel John W. Coffey, C.O. of Letterkenny Ordnance Depot, assists Major General Manton S. Eddy, former Ninth Division Commander, and now Deputy Commander of the Second Army as he greets four former members of the Ninth at a review ceremony held at the Depot recently. All four of these men are now civilian employees at the Letterkenny Depot, located in Chambersburg, Pa., serving with the Depot Fire Department. Reading, left to right, the men are: John Galbraith, Lloyd C. Guerin, formerly of the Thirty-ninth Infantry, and now residing in Chambersburg, Pa.; Merville E. Zinn, formerly of the Eighty-fourth F. A., and now residing in Gettysburg, Pa., and Irving C. Gipe. Former outfits and home addresses were not available for Galbraith and Gipe. Other members of the Fire Department stand at attention to the rear.

—MAKE PLANS NOW TO BE IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, NEXT JUNE—

Gen. Eisenhower Visits 9th Division

BAD TOLZ, BAVARIA.—(Delayed.)—With the Thirty-ninth Infantry Regiment playing the role of host, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, along with five other General Officers, reviewed units of the First and Ninth Divisions and the 1697th Engineer Battalions here on October 15.

This was the first time that the five-star General had inspected troops of the Ninth Division since the close of the war. Other top-ranking Generals of the Theater who were present were: General Joseph T. McNarney, C.G. of USFET; Lt. Gen. Geoffrey Keyes, C.G. of Third U. S. Army; Maj. Gen. Horace L. McBride, C.G. of the Ninth Infantry Division, and Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn, C.G. of the First Infantry Division. The troops in the reviewing ceremony were consolidated under the command of Col. Sevier R. Tupper, C.O. of the Thirty-ninth Infantry Regiment.

Cannon Company of the Thirty-ninth Infantry Regiment, fired a 17-gun salute as the official party made their entrance to the review grounds. The Ninth Division Band then played "The Generals' March" as the official party made a walking inspection of the Third Bn., Thirty-ninth Infantry, Second Bn., Sixteenth Infantry, and the All-Negro 1697th Engineer Bn. In a short address, General Eisenhower said he was glad to be present with old friends he had formerly commanded throughout the war, and also commended the troops, both old vets and newcomers, on the very important role they were playing in the occupation setup.

Colonel Tupper then led the troops in review before the General's stand and the grandstand in which officers and men of the Thirty-ninth Infantry Regiment sat with Mrs. Eisenhower, Mrs. McNarney, Mrs. Keyes, and other members of the families of the high-ranking officers.

A close inspection of billets, mess-halls and kitchens, as well as the P.X. and Soda Bars was also made by the official party before General Eisenhower left later in the day for Munich.

—IT'S A DATE—COLUMBUS IN JUNE—

What Do We Mean, 'Unknown Soldier'?

UNKNOWN? NO!

He was KNOWN, this man we call "The Unknown Soldier" ... Known to his mother and father, who gave him life—guarded his health—saw him grow to splendid manhood;

Known to his playmates on the block, his classmates at school, and his companions in battle;

Known to the girls with whom he laughed and danced;

Known to his minister, priest, rabbi;

Known by his name—Smith ... Schultz ... O'Reilly ... Cohen ... Kovacs ... Jones;

Known as an American; one among the thousands of all races and creeds who gave their lives for our country.

We KNOW why he fought—to protect his loved ones and his human rights—to rid the world of bombs ... bullies ... bigots!

FOR THE SOLDIER WE KNEW ... WE CARRY ON!

—From a recent issue of National Tribune.

—IT'S A DATE—COLUMBUS IN JUNE—

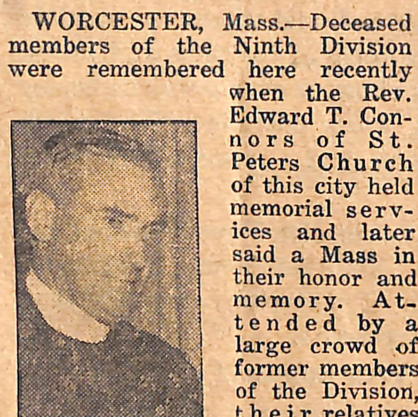
Gen. Smythe Resigns Due to Urgency Of Military Duties --- Former Sixtieth Man Elected As New President!

Mike Puzak, Popular Key Figure in Association Affairs, Tenders Resignation, Effective January 1, 1947; Wm. E. Byrnes Elected Secretary-Treasurer

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—At the last regular meeting of the Board of Governors held at Fort Meade, Maryland, in October, Brig. Gen. George W. Smythe tendered his resignation as President of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, explaining that the increasing pressure of military duties prevented him from devoting sufficient time to the office as he formerly did and thereby urged the election of an individual who is expected to be a popular choice among Association members. The new President, elected to serve until the Second Annual Convention, to be held in Columbus, Ohio, June, 1947, is Henry S. Rigby of Philadelphia, Pa., and formerly a member of the

60th Infantry Regiment. Rigby served the 60th first as a platoon leader and later as Battalion S-2 and S-3 officer and was twice wounded after making the initial landings with his outfit in North Africa, in November, 1942. General Smythe, while resigning as President, will retain his position on the Board of Governors and as such will act in an advisory capacity.

Hold Memorial Service for Ninth Division Men



Rev. Connors

Worcester, Mass.—Deceased members of the Ninth Division were remembered here recently when the Rev. Edward T. Connors of St. Peters Church of this city held memorial services and later said a Mass in their honor and memory. Attended by a large crowd of former members of the Division, their relatives and friends, tribute was paid to the men of the Ninth who gave their lives in action in defense of their country.

Rev. Connors will be remembered by many Divarty men since he served as a Chaplain for that unit during combat. Following the Mass, an informal luncheon was served at the Hotel Sheraton in Worcester, which gave many of those present a chance to renew acquaintances and friendships made during combat days. Another service is planned for the near future and it is hoped that other units will follow the example set by this group in honoring the memory of their fallen comrades.

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GIs CAN WEAR CIVIE CLOTHES

All military personnel within the continental limits of the United States are authorized to wear civilian clothing during off-duty hours for the first time since the outbreak of the war, according to news broadcasts.

Soldiers in the ETO are warned, however, that this measure does not apply to them and that they are not yet authorized to wear civilian clothing at any time.

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HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES???

Thanks to You ...

In the last issue of our paper, which was the Convention Issue, we made an appeal for photographs for the forthcoming Division History, now in the process of compilation. The response was gratifying and the office has been "swamped" with mail coming from all sections of the country that contained many interesting photos. To all who sent photos we send our thanks and as soon as possible all photos will be returned as promised. Since obviously all of the photos will not be used in the history, it is our intention to publish a few of these remaining photos in future editions of our Division Association monthly publication.

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Here's What They Are Doing... REHEARSING ??

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GROWING PAINS...

A newspaper is comparable in many ways to a human being. It struggles into this world on weak legs and with loud, lusty wails at having been born. In each succeeding issue it experiences the growing pains suffered by all children, until a definite shape, along about issue No. 5 or 6, gives some indication of what can be expected in the future.

Our Association paper made its loud debut in June and was followed by a second issue after the First Annual Association Convention held in New York City last August. With this current issue, the first of regularly scheduled monthly issues, we have definitely progressed along certain lines. Now it is time that you, the members of the Association and the readers, for whom the paper is published, should know the plans and policies of the staff for the future of the paper.

The policy to be followed can be summed up in two words, to INFORM and to ENTERTAIN. To publish any news that will be of interest to Ninth Division men, to keep you informed of Association schedules of coming events, a complete coverage of news about the Division abroad, and whenever possible to hand you a laugh or two in the form of cartoons and jokes. Plans for the future include many changes over previous issues both in size and composition. A wider coverage of all news within the Association and Division, and a more entertaining paper is our immediate goal.

The Ninth Infantry Division Association News is owned by every member of the Association. Your comments, criticisms, and above all, your contributions of material can make it a paper worthy of the Division it represents.

It Is Your Newspaper—Give It Your Support!

—MAKE PLANS NOW TO BE IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, NEXT JUNE—

Uniform laws are being prepared for all Germans, regardless of former rank or position. The uniform law for former German soldiers is that they take it off and keep it off forever.

—MAKE PLANS NOW TO BE IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, NEXT JUNE—

Maybe Job was the "first" of inquiring scientists. Remember how he wanted to know if there was any taste in the white of an egg?

—MAKE PLANS NOW TO BE IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, NEXT JUNE—

That system the Marines used when they captured Jap soldiers by giving them a cigarette was simply a case of smoking them out.

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There is many a man who could govern multitudes if he could govern his tongue.

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Life is a long dark road unless a fellow gets lit once in a while.

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Next to debt, the hardest thing to get out of, is a warm bed on a cold morning.

—MAKE PLANS NOW TO BE IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, NEXT JUNE—

A whole new generation of the innocent has arisen, quite unaware that the ground floor in a stock market can be a false bottom.

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1947 MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE ON HAND AT HEADQUARTERS... HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

Joseph A. McKenzie, former Supply Sergeant for Service Battery of the 26th F. A., and now Director of the Veterans Service in Waltham, Mass., is sure keeping us informed of former members of the Battalion. Joe met the following men while on his vacation this past summer and requested that we let the rest of the Battalion know where some of their "buddies" are now located. (Editor's Note: How about similar columns from all of the other outfits? Just send your notes on your particular outfit to us here in Washington.) Now for the doings of former members of the Service Battery, 26th F. A. Bn.:

Joe Albanese, as big as ever, is working at the V.A. Facility in White River Junction in Vermont.

Lewis Orticiari of South Royalton, Vermont, is working for the State Highway Department.

Arnold Leach of St. Albans, Vermont, will have another mouth to feed by the time you read this item. Yep! When we saw him last he was an expectant father.

Frenchy LeBlanc is driving a 6x6 for a Salem, Mass., contractor.

Walter Swenson is working for a painter in Everett, Mass.

Charlie Zablow has given up farm life and is working for the State Highway Department.

John Murray is back at his old job as Service Manager for the Oldsmobile Agency in his home town of Arlington, Vt. Don't crowd men, orders are taken as received and from the looks of things 1948 will be soon enough to expect your new car.

Bill Bongiorno is getting fat in the cleaning and pressing business.

Some of the older members will remember Jim Newton of Battalion Supply. Jim hasn't changed a bit after five years in the Army.

Bill Sacco is still repairing trucks. At present he is with the Mack Motors Company.

Kiki Pergiovanni is the proud father of a baby girl.

Red Truscello is in the taxi business in the "University City" of Cambridge, Mass.

Harold Wallace finally said "I Do" and at present is living in Dayton, Ohio. All you fellows in Dayton be sure to look him up when this item appears.

Carlo Natalini, a real "old-timer" of the 26th Field Medical Detachment couldn't resist, and is back in the Army again. Present whereabouts unknown as this goes to press.

As is always the case, with good news there is bound to be a certain amount of sorrowful news too. In this case, we are sorry to report the deaths of two former members of the Battalion who have died since their discharge from the Army, Buddy Inglehart and Ed Fitzgerald, of Battalion Motors.

This closes the pertinent news for this month for the 26th F. A. Bn. Let's have more for the next issue and in this way let your buddy know where you are and what you are doing. Hey! Don't forget—it's Columbus, Ohio, in June, 1947, for the next get-together. See you at that time

T/Sgt. Gordon E. Herwig, who was with Co. "A," 47th Infantry through North Africa, Sicily, France, Belgium, and Germany, wounded in France, is now in his third year of studies at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. Sgt. Herwig was discharged in June, 1945, and had attended Bowling Green for a year prior to his entry in the Army in 1941. His home is in Santa Barbara, California. At present he is studying Physical Education and in addition is an Assistant Athletic trainer at the University.

Steve Gray, formerly of Division Headquarters, is located in Washington, D. C. As a salesman for one of the largest real estate firms in Washington, perhaps Steve could give us a lead on all of those "vacant?" apartments. How about it, Steve?

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No, Junior, your dear father is only getting into condition so that he will be able to tell those war stories at the Ninth Division Convention next June.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT Quarter Ending 30 September 1946

Present Worth 30 June 1946	\$88,305.64
Convention Receipts	5,030.00
Initiation and Dues Receipts	1,823.10
Credit from A. S. & T. Co.	.90
TOTAL	\$95,159.64
DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS	
Bonds (present worth)	\$74,000.00
Hamilton Bank	4,000.00
A. S. & T. Co.	5,678.60
Riggs Bank	4,897.00
Cash	76.99
TOTAL	\$88,652.77
DEBITS	
Convention	\$ 4,512.97
Salaries	1,346.97
Withholding Tax	230.10
Social Security Tax	31.86
Postage	155.50
Infantry Journal	6.12
Subscription	2.00
Printing	114.38
Amending Certif. of Inc.	24.00
Addressograph Company	73.35
Miscellaneous	8.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,506.87
Credits	\$95,159.64
Debits	6,506.87
TOTAL ASSETS	\$88,652.77
Total Assets This Quarter	\$88,652.77
Total Assets Last Quarter	88,305.64
TOTAL NET GAIN	\$ 347.13
OUTSTANDING DEBITS	
Unemployment Compensation Tax	\$ 14.11
Lapel Pins	901.50
TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEBITS	\$ 915.61

ALL ROADS LEAD OHIO-WARD IN JUNE, '47

Now Hear This !!!

This is your information service. Questions furnished by you will be answered to the best of our ability with the facilities at our disposal. Service questions regarding you or your dependents are especially welcome. Please address: **NOW HEAR THIS**, Ninth Infantry Division Association, Box 1704, Washington (13) D. C. Be sure to include your name and address. However, initials only will be used when publishing the question and answer.

Q. Can you tell me how long I will have to wait for my Terminal Leave bonds after making application? A. DeM., 60th Inf.

A. The first announcements made by the War Department stated that payments would be made within sixty days after an application had been received. However, a shortage of trained personnel plus shortages in mailing envelopes and some other supplies has lengthened this waiting period to ninety days or longer. Don't worry about it since your bonds will be dated back to your date of discharge.

Q. Will you please publish the names of the towns in Bavaria where present headquarters of the 39th, 47th, and 60th Infantry Regiments are located? J. C. C., 9th Meds.

A. 39th C. P. is located in Bad Tolz; 47th C.P. is located in Kaufbeuren; 60th C.P. is located in Esslingen.

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COULD BE!
The minister met Tom, the village steward, and, much to the latter's surprise, shook him heartily by the hand.

I'm so glad you have turned over a new leaf, Thomas," said the parson. "I was delighted to see you at prayer meeting last night."

"Oh!" said Tom, pondering this information. "So that's where I was!"

—Exchange.

Q. I have heard recently that the Government is selling excess stocks of carbines and other small arms. Where would I make application for the purchase of a carbine? B. W. R., 709th Ord.

A. Both the War Department and War Assets Administration deny that any stocks of the above-mentioned articles are being sold to civilians. It would appear that this is just another "latrine rumor."

Q. Is it possible to obtain copies of the citations which were awarded to the Division during combat? S. G., 47th Inf.

A. At the present time the answer is no. It is expected that in the near future copies of all citations and awards will be made available to former members of the Division. When these are ready, announcement of the fact will be made in the columns of this publication.

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HORSE OF ANOTHER HUE

The judge was giving his regulation lecture on the evils of gambling. "So you see," he concluded, "what a wicked thing it is to shoot craps, especially on the Sabbath. Have you nothing better than that to do on Sundays?"

"Oh, yessuh, Judge," replied the prisoner. "Most gen'ally ah caddies fo' you when you plays golf with Mistuh Smith fo' a dollar a hole."

—Exchange.

A Message From Retiring President

It is with great reluctance that I have had to give up my duties as President of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. However, it has long been recognized that such would be the case due to my scheduled departure from Washington. Also, we have been continuously on the lookout for a President from the members of the civilian group, and I feel sure that our start in the selection of Henry Rigby has been a wise and far-reaching move.

In passing, I wish to express my deep appreciation to all members of the Association for their grand cooperation and willingness to assume responsibilities when called upon to do so. The members of the first Board of Governors have my sincere thanks for loyal and faithful service in attending all meetings. They were free and frank with ideas and suggestions, all of which were in a great part responsible for the successful organization and operation of the Association.

To the first Secretary-Treasurer—Mike Puzak—goes my highest praise for a job well done. I think he deserves the greatest credit for what has been done, because he entered into his job with enthusiasm and cheerfulness that could never be matched. He started the Association on a shoestring, and rapidly organized his office in order to handle the volume of work which he knew would descend upon him. I am sure that all members will agree with me that Mike answered your letters quickly and cheerfully, and the only reason you did not get better service was that you got the best service.

I can truthfully say that no other Division Association has progressed in the orderly and business-like manner as has the Ninth Infantry Division Association. We have passed our experience and ideas along to other embryo associations, but I feel that we lead the way by a safe margin. To me it has been a most successful year for the Association—organizing, getting new members, putting out a paper, and staging one of the most successful conventions held by any similar organization.

I urge all members to give full support to the new officers of the Association during the coming year, so that it will be more successful than the past year.

(Signed):

GEORGE W. SMYTHE.

To the Members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association

It is with deep regret I come to the end of another enjoyable and very successful term of association with former members of the Ninth Infantry Division. Because of previous commitments to accept the Secretaryship until such a time as the Association was definitely organized and on its own feet, I hereby tender my resignation to the Board of Governors.

During the past year as Secretary-Treasurer of the Ninth Infantry Division Association I have endeavored to live up to your expectations in trying to answer the many questions which have poured into our office since the transfer of the Association to the States. The majority of the letters were answered promptly but to those where there was an unavoidable delay, it was due to detailed research and visits to numerous agencies.

May I extend my sincere appreciation to our past President, Brig. Gen. George W. Smythe, and our first Board of Governors, without whose assistance our first successful year of operation would have been a complete failure, and to each and every member of the Association for your very kind cooperation and whose support has been inestimable.

The selection of William E. Byrnes, as Secretary-Treasurer, for the remainder of the term has been a very wise one. I feel certain Byrnes is a very able and competent successor and with the cooperation extended me in the past year from the members, we will all be very pleased with the selection.

We have a wonderful Association and is continually growing. Let's keep it that way. The best of luck to you all.

(Signed):

MIKE PUZAK.

Get Together Locally ... It Can Be Done!

Letters from many parts of the country advise of former Ninth Division men holding impromptu get-together sessions. Any community where two or more former Ninth Division men reside should boast an active unit of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

The Association headquarters can now furnish you a complete list of names and addresses of Association members in any particular state. To break these names down into community or adjoining community units is quite easy for any "native son."

APPOINT YOURSELF

Self-appoint yourself a committee of one to contact your national headquarters for a list of Ninth Infantry Division Association members in your community. If the list is an unusually long one, do not try to contact them all at first. Pick a few names at random, mail them a postal card designating a definite date and place for a get-together. The location for a get-together is a simple matter—your own home, the corner drug store, etc. Any of you who belong to the V. F. W., Legion or any national veterans organization can depend on cooperation from local officers of these organizations in an effort to get former Division men together. Many instances have been reported where post commanders of either the V. F. W.'s or the American Legion have insisted on Ninth Division Association members meeting in their club rooms, and extending other courtesies.

The fraternal and social interests between Ninth Division men are binding—and can never be fully appreciated until you sit down together and begin taking a mental inventory of these interests. Do not delay getting a movement under way in your community. IT CAN BE DONE. Some sacrifice of time is to be expected—but the pleasant sessions later will prove ample reward.

Many unforeseen obstacles may arise before a smoothly functioning unit is perfected. When these obstacles arise contact your national headquarters for suggestions.

Make the people in your community Ninth Division conscious. IT CAN BE DONE.

FIRST CPX HELD BY DIVISION HDQTRS.

Elements of sections from Ninth Division Headquarters, Headquarters Company, and Ninth Signal Company moved into the field early one morning recently to establish the Division Command Post. Part of a two-day field maneuver of Division Headquarters, the Field CP, referred to by the code name "Notorious," was set up in a piney woods about five miles from its permanent location.

The site was selected by Lt. Col. John S. Hughes, Headquarters Commandant. Brigadier General Robertson E. Duff, Assistant Division Commander, made a formal inspection of the Field CP on Tuesday and Major General Horace L. McBride, Division Commander, inspected the following day.

The first of such problems involving staff officers and other elements of Division Headquarters on a field exercise since combat days, the exercise was very different from those periods or bivouac exercises in basic training. Unlike most combat problems, no blackout restrictions were observed but a formal interior guard was posted throughout the area. Four mess halls were operated during the exercise and personal hygiene was required at a very high standard.

The field problem was highly satisfactory, in the opinion of General McBride.

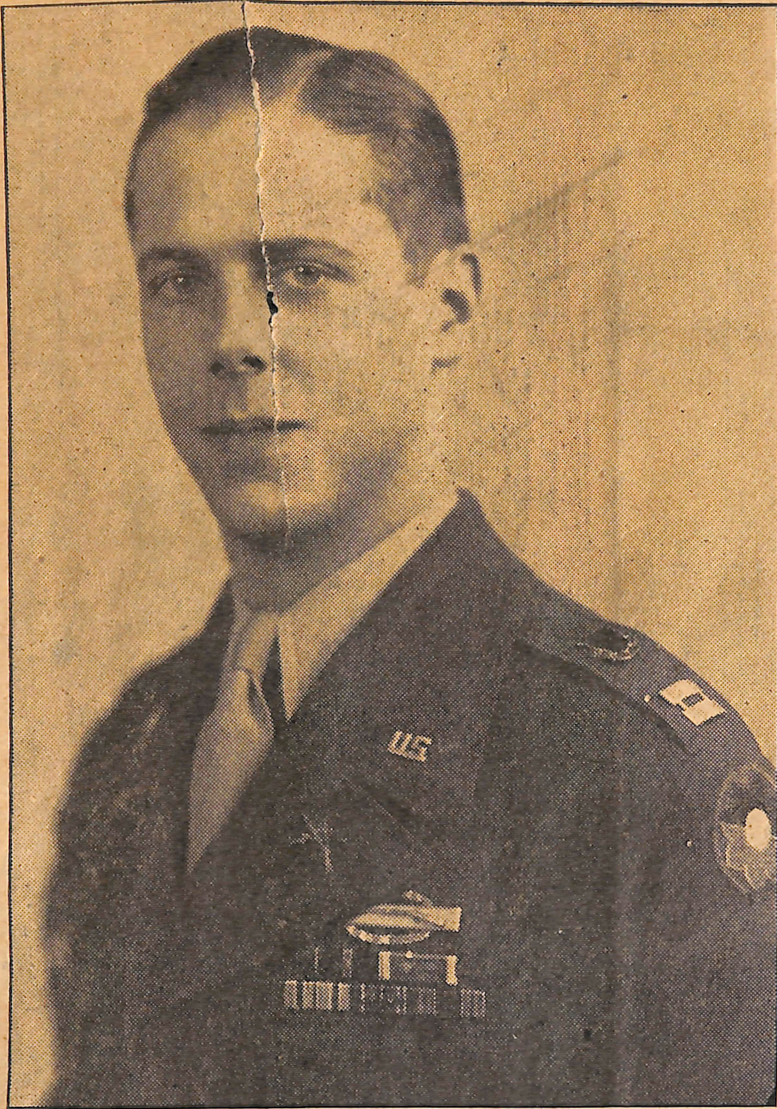
The site of the CP offered a pleasant surrounding and clear, fair weather throughout the problem made "roughing it" quite agreeable for all headquarters sections. Headquarters Company, Ninth Signal Company, Ninth Reconnaissance Troop and Ninth Division Military Police.

The problem was the first experience in operating a Division CP in the field for most men, many of whom had arrived in the theater since V-E Day. The object of the exercise was to familiarize these men with the operating procedures observed in the field.

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HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES???

A Message from the New President



HENRY S. RIGBY

It is with a feeling of deep pride and appreciation that I enter upon the duties as President of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. It will be my sincere aim and goal to make our entire membership proud of their organization, by following all of the principles as laid down in our Constitution and By-Laws, always striving to gain the respect and confidence from those whom I serve while in office.

At the present time we have one of the largest and most highly respected organizations formed by units who were active in World War II. This can be attributed to the untiring efforts of Brigadier General George W. Smythe, retiring president; Mike Puzak, who will retire as Secretary-Treasurer, and all the members of the Board of Governors who have given much of their time and energy in building up our Association to its present high plane. With their past experiences to guide my future actions, and with the deeply-appreciated cooperation of all of the members, I hope to justify my selection to serve in this office.

May I say in closing, that if it is impossible for me to meet all of you personally in the coming year, please be sure that I will have at all times your interests foremost in my future actions.

Again I say thanks for your expected cooperation and hoping to see you at our Second Annual Convention in Columbus, Ohio, in June, 1947.

(Signed):

HENRY S. RIGBY.

Dividends for Vets Being Processed

Servicemen and veterans in this area who held National Service Life Insurance policies will be eligible for a dividend as soon as the Veterans Administration can compute the surplus of premium receipts over benefit payments, it was reported by John H. Whitmore.

The V.A. official estimated it would take the agency "at least a year" to check 18,000,000 policies held by 15,000,000 different policyholders before the amount of the refund could be determined in each case. The reason for the surplus, Mr. Whitmore asserted, is not that the Government over-estimated the number of battle casualties in the war, but that a margin of safety had been allowed in fixing payments.

Payments on policies which mature as a result of death or total disability due to the hazards of war, the official pointed out, come from a separate Congressional appropriation, not from the fund or premium receipts from policyholders.

Mr. Whitmore said that the only payments made from NSLI premiums were those arising from death by natural causes, not directly attributable to the war. The only effect a relatively low combat casualty rate would have would be that a higher percentage of policyholders would continue to pay their premiums throughout the war.

Computation of benefits, Mr. Whitmore revealed, will be based on the age of the policyholder, the amount of insurance he carried, and the length of time he made premium payments. He said that it was thought that persons who held policies only for a very brief period might not be given any payments, but a "substantial number," including those who have let their policies lapse, would be eligible.

—IT'S A DATE—COLUMBUS IN JUNE—

Veterans Urged to Name Beneficiary

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 1.—John H. Whitmore, Contact Representative of the Baltimore Regional Office, V.A., urges veterans who have National Service Life Insurance to designate beneficiaries for insurance if they have not already done so. The V.A. official explained that the Insurance Act of 1946 has completely changed the situation with respect to beneficiaries and that the old provisions for an automatic order of succession, in the event no beneficiary was designated, is no longer in effect for insurance maturing after July 31, 1946.

Under the new law, if the insured is not survived by a designated beneficiary, the proceeds of his insurance will be paid in a single sum to his estate at his death. As part of an estate, insurance loses its identity as such and is subject to all the laws governing estates, including claims of creditors, administrator's fees, and court expenses, Mr. Whitmore explained.

It is now quite possible in some cases in which the insurance is payable to the insured's estate that those whom the insured otherwise would have chosen will never realize the benefits.

In any event, the veteran who does not designate beneficiaries may expose his dependents to the risk of unnecessary expense and delay.

In addition to naming a primary or first beneficiary, it also is important for a veteran to name contingent or secondary beneficiaries because in many cases any unpaid benefits will be paid to the insured's estate after the death of the first beneficiary. This might necessitate reopening the veteran's estate many years after his death.

The Baltimore Regional Office, Veterans' Administration, reminded veterans that all restrictions on the choice of beneficiaries which were imposed by the original National Service Life Insurance Act have been removed. Formerly, the insured was permitted only to designate beneficiaries who were near relatives. He now may designate any person or persons, a corporation or his estate, as the beneficiary or beneficiaries of his insurance policy. The insured should keep the designation of his beneficiaries up to date so that the insurance benefits will be sure to go where he wants them to go, Mr. Whitmore said.

Veterans who have not designated beneficiaries for their G. I. insurance, or those who wish to change their present beneficiaries, may obtain the necessary forms from the nearest Veterans Administration Office, where full information on their G.I. insurance can be obtained.

APPLICATION BLANK

Give the coupon shown below to a fellow-member of the Division. Better yet, fill it out for the new member of The Association and then let him sign it in your presence. Remember !!! Every member gets a new member in 1947. This initiation fee will assure you of your copy of The Ninth Division history.

(Date)

Enclosed herewith is Ten Dollars (\$10.00) in check—money order (cross out one) to cover initiation fee for membership in The Ninth Infantry Division Association. Sixty (.60) cents of the above amount will be applied as (your) subscription costs for the monthly publication of The Ninth Infantry Division Association.

My present address is: (please print or typewrite.)

Name (Last) (First) (Middle)

R.F.D. or Street

City and State

My address while with the Ninth Infantry Division was:

Rank and Name

Organization

(Signature)

Note: Make check or money order payable to the Secretary-Treasurer, The Ninth Infantry Division Association, P. O. Box 1704, Washington(13), D. C.

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TYPE FOR THIS ISSUE SET BY FORMER SIXTIETH MAN

The past two issues of your Association paper have been late because of a shortage of manpower in the Washington print shops. Because of this fact, Paul S. Plunkett, a member of the Board of Gov-

ernors and former Co. B, 60th man, agreed to take the copy for this issue and succeeding issues to his home in Columbus, Ohio, and set the type after completing regular working hours in the print shop in which he is employed. Under this arrangement you can be assured of future issues promptly.

V.A. OFFICIAL EXPLAINS HOSPITALIZATION RULES

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HOSPITALIZATION

In the case of hospitalization of a veteran, Mr. Whitmore said, the basic requirements are the same as those shown above. However, in emergency cases, hospitalization may be effected in civilian hospitals for service-connected disabilities subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior authority of the V.A. to hospitalization is generally required. If a veteran is eligible, this may be obtained by collect telephone call, telegram, or letter to the Chief Medical Officer of the nearest V.A. Regional Office.

2. When the case is highly emergent, and it is impracticable to obtain prior approval, the veteran may be hospitalized and the chief medical officer of the V.A. Regional Office subsequently notified. This notification must reach the V.A. Regional Office within 72 hours from the time of such hospitalization, and Mr. Whitmore emphasized that strict compliance with this requirement is necessary for payment of an account.

In order that veterans may be hospitalized in civilian hospitals, it is required that the hospital furnish the following information concerning the hospitalized veteran:

Full name, enlistment and discharge dates, present address, name and address of hospital, date of admission to hospital, nature of condition requiring treatment; if ambulance is necessary give name of ambulance company and estimated costs, if attendant is necessary give name and relationship to the patient.

Mr. Whitmore also stated that to hospitalize a veteran for an emergent mental condition, if it is non-service connected, the doctor is requested to contact the nearest veterans hospital. Non-emergent and elective surgical and medical procedures will not be authorized prior to the establishment of service connection.

Mr. Whitmore outlined a few general rules to follow for medical treatment and hospitalization for the veteran at the expense of the V.A.:

1. The veteran must be cared for at V.A. hospital out-patient departments for service connected disabilities.

2. Veterans may be cared for by civilian physicians for service-connected disabilities.

3. Veterans may be hospitalized in V.A. hospitals for both service-connected and non-service connected disabilities when the case is highly emergent and it is impracticable to obtain prior approval.

4. Veterans may be hospitalized in V.A. hospitals for both service-connected and non service-connected disabilities, the latter only if facilities are available.

5. Female veterans may be hospitalized in civilian hospitals on authorization by the V.A. for non-service-connected disabilities, but not for pregnancy.

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NINTH DIVISION UNIT ORGANIZED IN OHIO CITY; MEET REGULAR

Under date of September 19, 1946, the Board of Governors received the following communication from Columbus, Ohio:

Dear Sirs: We, the undersigned, having served with the Ninth Infantry Division within the dates required by law for membership in the Association, have banded together locally. We respectfully request this communication be dated upon receipt and filed in your office as application No. 1 for a charter under the powers of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed): R. G. Schumann, Benjie Nardone, Richard Macomber, Donald E. Fitzsimmons, Lyle Lambert, Pearl L. Hickle, Donald E. Jewell, Richard O. Pestel, Miles F. McFarland, Leonard Cook, Glenn O. Moore, Olen Hilditch, Paul S. Plunkett, F. D. Campion, Gordon J. Ryder, Leo G. Hope, Jack F. Brown.

Glenn O. Moore was elected president of the Columbus unit; Richard Macomber, vice-president and Olen Hilditch, secretary-treasurer. Meetings are being held regularly. After a short business meeting good fellowship forums continue sometimes into the wee small hours.

The last meeting was held on November 15 in the dining room of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Home in Columbus. Other meetings have been held in the social rooms of the Ole Timers' Baseball Club and local V.F.W. canteens. The group is continually planning to make the second annual convention bigger, better and more enjoyable than the first convention.

1947 Convention Headquarters



The above sketch of the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, situated at Broad and High Streets, Columbus, Ohio, will be the convention headquarters for the Ninth Infantry Division Association June 12-13-14, 1947. Business sessions will be held in the famous Deshler-Wallick Hall of Mirrors.

COLUMBUS... THE VERSATILE CITY

The second annual convention of the Ninth Infantry Division Association will be held at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, June 12-13-14, 1947. Make your reservations early.

Columbus, the capital of Ohio and seat of Franklin County, is strategically situated near the center of the state, at the gateway to the Midwest. Its location in a rich agricultural region, near coal and gas fields and other natural resources, has been a dominant factor in its development as a commercial, cultural, and political center. Columbus is less than 10 miles from the nation's center of manufacture, and is approximately 200 miles from the national population center. Within a 500-mile radius of Columbus live 86,000,000 persons—two-thirds of the population of the United States.

POPULATION
The third largest city in Ohio, Columbus proper had a population of 306,087 in 1940 (U. S. Census); Metropolitan Columbus had 365,796, and Franklin County, 387,397. Columbus ranks twenty-sixth among cities of the United States.

TRANSPORTATION
Columbus enjoys unusual transportation facilities, being served by five of the country's principal railroads—the Baltimore & Ohio, Chesapeake & Ohio, New York Central, Norfolk & Western, and Pennsylvania; by two transcontinental airlines—American Airlines, Inc., and Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc.; and by 41 motor freight and 16 motor bus lines. Four U. S. highways and four state routes pass through the city.

NINTH DIVISION HELPING YOUTHS IN GERMANY TO REHABILITATE

The Ninth Infantry Division is expanding its part in the German Youth Program under the direction of Major Chris S. Scott, Division Youth Activity Officer, until every unit in the Division will have an active part in the "Re-education for Democracy" of young Germans throughout the American Zone. Originally a function of Military Government, the program was first turned over to the army officially in April, 1946, when it became too big for Military Government to handle.

In compliance with theater directives all Ninth Division units down to regimental strength have appointed officers to act as full time German Youth Activities Officer for their organization, in close cooperation with Military Government Youth Committees. These officers are in the process of organizing the lower units of their regiment so that units down to company level will have some person responsible for German Youth Activities.

The 60th Infantry Regiment, with Captain Harry Gray as Youth Activity Officer, has daily supervised instruction in tennis, instruction in swimming and water sports in addition to softball and other field sports.

The 39th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Lt. Paul E. Craig, Youth Activity Officer, has held contests and training periods in gymnastics, boxing, track and soccer.

RECREATION

Columbus' universities, secondary schools, and professional clubs provide a year-round program of baseball, football, basketball, and other sports. Professional wrestling and boxing shows are presented during both indoor and outdoor seasons. Scores of bowling teams compete annually in city leagues. The Scioto and Olentangy Rivers provide boating, and these and other streams nearby yield several varieties of fish. Numerous golf courses, swimming pools, tennis courts, city parks, and public playgrounds provide recreational facilities for all sections of the city.

GREAT CONVENTION CITY

Columbus is one of the most active convention cities in America. Its popularity in this respect is best proven by the complimentary testimony of the officers and delegates of the more than four hundred conventions that were guests of the city during each of the years of 1943, 1944 and 1946. Dozens of these organizations repeat their meetings here because of satisfactory accommodations and services.

FINE HOTELS

Columbus is one of the better equipped Metropolitan cities in respect to hotel accommodations, offering more than 4,000 rooms in modern, centrally-located buildings. Two of the leading hotels have air-conditioned ballrooms accommodating up to 1,500 each, and special provision is available for group and committee meetings. Other smaller downtown hotels are refined in every respect and are favored by many visitors.

Notes From the 39th Inf. Abroad

Biggest news from this corner in recent weeks was the high honor accorded the Regiment when General Eisenhower held an inspection and review of 39th men and quarters on his recent European tour. General "Ike" spent the day making inspection tours of billets, etc., and wound up his stay with a review parade. He had high praise for the men and in his talk to them reminded all present that he was well aware of the large part that the Regiment and Division played not only during the war but later on as Occupation Troops.

Once again as in 1945, the 39th gridmen are riding at the top of all leagues in their determination to cop the highest honors for ETO footballers. At the present time their string of victories has been lengthened to six in a row, and if they can keep their scoring power at the same level as in these past six games they should be a cinch to cop the crown. Their victims include some of the so-called "top-notch" ETO elevens.

Strictly Rumor Dept. All of those rumors flying around the Regimental Company CPs about "deactivation" provide most of the talk for the men at the present time. It seems as though the recent deactivation of Division Artillery started the gossip flying, until at the present time, a sort of "unofficial" denial was made to let the whole business simmer down.

Plans are again being made to entertain all of the German children living in the Regimental area with a gala Christmas celebration. Each Company is providing its own talent for the parties, and donations of candy, etc., are rapidly piling up in the various Company orderly rooms. All of this is in line with the latest plans for giving German youth a chance for decent rehabilitation.

How many of you readers wrote to the 39th PRO Office asking to be placed on the mailing list of the AAA-O News? If you haven't, do it now. The paper is still published weekly and is still full of news about your old outfit and what they are doing. Just address the PRO, care the AAA-O News, 39th Infantry Regiment, APO 9, Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

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WHAT THEY ARE DOING . . .

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Philip K. Carman, formerly of Headquarters Company of the 39th and who volunteered for all those week-end C.Q.'s is back at his old job in New Jersey

C.W.O. John M. Alley, formerly with Division A.G., is now straightening out the affairs of the A.G. Section of the Seventh Army in Atlanta, Georgia.

Major Cecil L. Propst after more than four years with the Division is at present "attending" a school for Chaplains. How about that? Personally, and just not to embarrass the Army, it could be that the Major is "teaching the teachers."

Remember Ned H. Anderson, the fellow that pulled all those bad and aching molars for the fellows in the 39th? Well, he is still doing the same job, at the Dental Clinic in Oakland, California. Ned received his Regular Army commission on July 18th, 1945

Louis L. Bauser, who was with Company "L" of the 60th, rates a hello from all you readers. How about dropping him a line at The Cushing Hospital, Framingham, Massachusetts. Mail always helps a fellow along.

George Berday, Service Company of the 47th couldn't resist and upon his return to the States he re-enlisted and was straight-away sent to Japan to get everyone in that Theater "on the ball" so that they might "straighten up and fly right."

Do you need lumber for that house you are planning? Stanley J. Balen, formerly with Co. "D," 39th, is in the lumber business at Rocky Branch, Kentucky. Please do not mention this column when you write to him asking for some of that valuable commodity. **TIM-BER!!!**

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Notes From the 47th Inf. Abroad

The 3d Battalion of the 47th Inf. Regiment received another honor recently, when Co. "I" acted as Honor Guard for Maj. Gen. Clarence Huebner, USFET Chief of Staff, at Liege, Belgium. The occasion was the presentation of a Gold Book to Gen. Huebner. Co. "I" was chosen because they were the first American Army unit to enter Belgium. At the time of their entry they were part of a task force which consisted of the 3d Bn. 47th Inf., and a command unit of the 3d Armored Division. At the present time there are only five men in the regiment who were with Item Company at the time. They are Major Manuel, 3d Bn. Executive Officer; Capt. Schneider, 3d Bn. Adjutant; and Sergeants Meely, Fesperman and Martin. Major Manuel may be remembered as the Commander of Co. "I" when they entered Belgium.

—47th—

Sport news from abroad shows the Raiders lost their first football game of the season to the 514th QM group by a score of 12 to 6, but made a strong recovery in their second game, defeating the 41st Engineers' strong team by a score of 18 to 0.

—47th—

One of the hardest tasks of present day occupation troops is the responsibility of policing—of all places—a rest center. Easy Company at present is doing duty at the famous resort at Garnish-Parthenkirchen. How about that????

—47th—

Now it can be told—The French Government is just about ready to add new honors to the Raiders. It will be in the form of the French Fourragere.

—47th—

Colonel Peter Ward, who has been in command of the 47th since the action at Remagen, when he relieved Brig. Gen. Smythe, has in turn been relieved of duty by Col. Vida. It is expected that Col. Ward will be assigned to active duty in Washington, D. C.

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"Shell Shock" Rare But It Does Exist

After outlawing the term for years, Army medical officers have decided that there is such a condition as "shell shock," although it is rare.

The Medical Corps Bulletin declares that an intensive study of 34 cases verified that real shell shock was a syndrome, or complex of symptoms resulting entirely from the effect of blast on brain tissues.

In World War I, virtually every neuropsychiatric case resulting from combat was labeled "shell shock," until it was discovered that many such cases had never been within miles of an exploding shell.

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Reserve Taking Definite Shape

The Army's post-war reserve force is taking definite shape with nearly a million officers and G. I. veterans enrolled, the War Department disclosed.

At scheduled rates or faster, officials indicated, the framework of the Reserve Corps is going up at the same time the Regular Army is steadily declining in size and the smaller National Guard is trying to overcome difficulties in getting men to fill its ranks.

The Reserve, under Army plans, will be an elastic force capable of emergency expansion to three million. Fewer than 700,000 would be in full strength units ready for "M-Day" mobilization.

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PROCESS OF DEDUCTION

An ultra-smart city man was driving through an Illinois village when he thought he would show his companions how clever he could be at the expense of the natives. He stopped the car and called to two of them.

"Can either of you tell me this? If it's twenty miles from here to Rantoul, and butter is 95 cents a pound, how old am I?"

One of the villagers thought for a moment, then said, "Forty-four." "Marvelous!" said the city man, amazed. "How on earth did you find that out?"

"Well," replied the yokel, "I have a brother who is twenty-two, and he's only half nuts."

—Exchange.