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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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WASHINGTON (13), D. C. (P. O. Box 1704)

MARCH, 1947

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION INACTIVATED

NEW YORK CHAPTER SUBMITS ANOTHER ENCOURAGING REPORT

January 1, 1947.
To the Ninth Infantry Division
Association,
Washington, D. C.
Gentlemen:

As a result of the desire to meet more frequently, perpetuate old friendships and gain new friendships of the former members of the Ninth Division who live in Greater New York area we have strived through various meetings to establish a Greater New York Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. As of this date we can report that we have:

1. Held to date four meetings, the largest representing 270 members of the Ninth Division.
2. A meeting scheduled for Friday, January 24, 1947, at the Hotel Woodstock, New York City. We hope to make this hotel our permanent headquarters.
3. Forwarded a petition containing 250 signatures to your headquarters requesting permission to gain recognition of our chapter.
4. Decided to
a. Meet once a month.

- b. Have periodic social functions.
- c. Solicit members for the Ninth Infantry Division Association and to collect the Association dues for forwarding to your headquarters.
- d. Aid former members of our division in emergencies.
- e. Give all-out assistance to a large turn-out from our chapter to the Division Reunion June, 1947, at Columbus, Ohio.

Our temporary officers include:
Leslie Ronay—President.
George Grossman—Vice-Pres.
Charles F. Ankner—Secretary.
Michael Fazio—Treasurer.

Will you please send us written confirmation of our acceptance as a Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association?

Sincerely,
CHARLES ANKNER,
Secretary.

C. F. Ankner, 652 W. 189th St.,
New York City 33, N. Y.

BOARD WILL DISCUSS SIXTIETH HISTORY DISTRIBUTION PLANS

The following letter from Lt. Morton J. Stussman is self-explanatory and will convey to many just why the 60th history is being temporarily delayed in shipment. The request by Lt. Stussman for the Ninth Infantry Division Association to distribute them will have to be discussed by the Board of Governors at the February 22nd meeting. The secretary of the Association has such an accumulation of detail work that it seems like a physical impossibility for him to assume these added duties. If the Board sees fit to employ an additional employee temporarily to take care of the work of mailing out these histories, it will be quite possible to co-operate with Lt. Stussman's request.

However, whatever method of distributing the histories is finally decided on, our membership will be advised through this paper.

Please do not confuse this 60th history with the 400-page Ninth Division History now being prepared.

Lt. Stussman's letter follows:
19 January 47

Sirs:

The 60th Regiment deactivated on 28th of December 1946. Due to difficulties at the German printers the history of the Regiment will not be completed until the end of January. I have consequently been left with the assignment of completion and distribution—alone.

Our initial printing is of 5,000 copies. The distribution lists however, are being accomplished through advertisement in stateside newspapers and radio broadcasts and will not be complete for some months to come.

In the meantime I am at a loss as concerns where I can store the books. I expect to return to the states for discharge in February at which time I could accomplish the mailing of the books C.O.D. If you can possibly send them out for us in the meantime, you know how grateful the waiting subscribers would be. If not, would appreciate you telling me where I can store them until such time as I can personally handle the distribution.

Should you be able to handle the distribution I will regularly send you the lists of subscribers as I receive them. I intend using my sister's address as headquarters for the 60th Historian until such time as a functioning organization can provide a permanent one:

60th Historian,
5405 9th St., N. W., Apt. 308,
Washington 11, D. C.
Phone: Taylor 2811
Care Major and Mrs. Elmer Carin.

We shall uphold shipment of the books pending your response.

Yours truly,
MORTON J. STUSSMAN,
1st Lt., 60th Inf., Historian.

Four Musketeers



Above photo was taken in Sicily in September, 1943. Left to right, standing: Otto R. Siroy, Howard Skarison. Kneeling, left to right: George Schmidt, Zimprich.

Pictures Received Too Late For This Issue

Wendell J. Royce, formerly "E" Co., 60th, sergeant, sends a group photograph of 10 men, taken at Bitterfield, Germany. Most of the men were from Easy Company, Second Battalion, 60th, but some were members of the famous Fifth Platoon (the Negro Volunteers).

Jones T. Howell, Duluth, Ga., sends two realistic photos of Battery B men, 26th F. A.

Kenneth B. Bartlett, 221 S. Third St., Watseka, Ill., sends three interesting photos that will be used in an early issue of the paper. One of Bartlett's pictures is of men from the 3d Bn., 47th, who made up the cast of the show, "Oh, My Achin' Back."

For the past several months it has been necessary to leave photographs with the engraver from two weeks to a month before being able to get the finished cuts. The photos mentioned above were received too late to insure publication in this issue but it is hoped all of them will be printed in these columns in the next issue.

To each of you, accept the thanks of your paper for such fine co-operation. That fine spirit on the part of all our members will assure a continuation of a newsworthy interesting little paper.

Columbus Next June

HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

FOURTH AMONG ALL DIVISIONS IN THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES - - - BOTH GENS. BRADLEY AND DEVERS PAY GLOWING TRIBUTES.

NINTH DIVISION MADE ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT
RECORDS OF ANY DIVISION IN WORLD WAR II. ACTI-
VATED IN 1918 AND REACTIVATED IN 1940.

Inactivation of the Ninth Infantry Division brings to a close the active service of one of the outstanding Divisions of World War II.

With the inactivation of Headquarters, Headquarters Company, the Ninth Quartermaster, Signal, Ordnance and Military Police Companies and the Ninth Medical Battalion at Augsburg, Germany, the final chapter in a brilliant history was written.

The 39th, 46th and 47th Infantry Regiments, the Division Artillery, Engineer Battalion and Ninth Reconnaissance Troop have been inactivated.

"HITLER'S NEMESIS"

Sometimes referred to as "Hitler's Nemesis" during the fighting in Europe, the Ninth Division made one of the most brilliant records of any Division in World War II. The cessation of hostilities found the Ninth with battle credits for Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe.

A regular Army Division, the Ninth was first activated in 1918 and reactivated in 1940 at Fort Bragg under the command of General (then Major General) Jacob L. Devers.

ACTION IN NOVEMBER, 1942

The Division went into action November 8, 1942, when its units landed at Algiers, Safi, French Morocco and at Port Lyautey, Morocco. When hostilities ceased in that area, the 9th was given the job of guarding the Spanish Moroccan border, but it moved into action again in Tunisia in March, 1943. On May 7, it drove towards Bizerte, entering the city to mop up final resistance in Tunisia. Its next combat assignment was in Sicily. It went into action August 9 and by August 12 had occupied Randazzo, keypoint of the enemy's last defense before Messina, and the final surrender of that area. The Division was transferred to the United Kingdom in November of the same year, and immediately began preparations for the invasion of the continent.

HIT NORMANDY

It landed in Normandy on June 10, 1944, drove hard for the east coast, crossing the Douve River, and cutting off the Cotentin Peninsula. With this job done, the Division turned north toward Cherbourg, liberating the Cap de la Hague by July 1. Later that month

PITTSBURGH UNIT MAKING PROGRESS

WILL HOLD REGULAR MEET-
INGS THIRD FRIDAY OF
EACH MONTH.

The Pittsburgh Chapter of the Ninth Division Association, after holding its initial organization meeting on December 6th in the Hotel Henry, has now arranged to hold regular business meetings on the third Friday of each month in the Directors Room, basement of the Commonwealth Building Annex, Fourth Ave., between Smithfield and Wood Streets, Pittsburgh.

Meetings will start promptly at 8 P. M. The first of these monthly meetings was held on January 17th.

I would appreciate your mentioning these meetings in the earliest Association newspaper coming out after receipt of this letter as, through the paper, this information may reach some members and eligible non-members of whom we have no record.

Sincerely yours,

ALEX T. FORREST,
President, Pittsburgh Chapter.
Columbus Next June

NOTICE

The Final Overseas edition of The Ninth Division News has been printed. The Division was thoughtful enough to have 5,000 additional copies printed and sent to Association Headquarters for our membership. This Final Edition should be of much sentimental value to our members and is a beautiful piece of workmanship. Any of our membership desiring a copy should write, sending a 3-cent stamp to cover mailing charges, to Wm. E. Byrnes, secretary, Ninth Infantry Division Association, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

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Extract from the certificate of incorporation of the Ninth Infantry Division Association: "This Association is formed by the officers and men of the Ninth Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the Division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively by means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to members and former members of the Division."

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Comradeship To Next-of-Kin

Last month's masterful editorial, written by Major General Manton S. Eddy, on "Comradeship," has been universally acclaimed by clergymen and lay readers as an editorial that could only stem from the heart of a man. In our humble way, we will try to follow up General Eddy's inspiring editorial with a plea "Comradeship to Next-of-Kin."

Printed elsewhere in this issue is a letter from a mother who acknowledges her gratitude to an Association member from East Point, Ga., who was with her son when he was killed in action.

This grieving mother had received no word other than the terse official notification. She wanted more specific information, to converse with someone who experienced the joys and hardships jointly with her son. To talk or correspond with one of her son's buddies, to her, was the next best thing as talking to her son.

Seeing this good mother's plea in the last issue of our paper, this young Georgian immediately wrote her, sending snapshots of himself and her son. In doing this he exemplified in a most noble way the spirit we must perpetuate in order to justify the existence of our Association.

Such notices will continue to appear from time to time in the news columns of our paper. For God's sake men, if you can supply one iota of consolation to a grieving mother or widow of a buddy by dropping them a few lines, don't put it off. Write the minute you read the notice.

The Ninth Infantry Division has, by its deeds, placed its laurels on an unshakable foundation.

The Ninth Infantry Division Association, the peace-time representative of the Ninth Infantry Division, will carry on and convey to the citizens of America, our laurels were won because of respect, admiration and helpfulness to one another. Such ethics will pay just as great rewards in our civilian lives as they did on the front lines.

Although inactivated—The Ninth Division lives on and on and on!

Looking Forward to "Columbus Day"

LINCOLN KNEW...

In a letter to the editor of a newspaper in New Salem, Illinois, Abraham Lincoln once wrote:

"I go for all sharing the privileges of the government who assist in bearing its burden."

What group of citizens has done more to assist the government "in bearing its burden" than America's overseas veterans?

Thoity-ninth, Eh?

—By Firestone



"Speeding? Hell no; I'm checking on Ninth Infantry Division Association memberships." "My outfit? I was in the Thoity-ninth, bud!"

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.—I understand that if I once served with a Medic Bn. but was later transferred to another branch of service that I am entitled to additional pay of at least \$10 per month for that Medic service. J. McW., former Ninth Med. Bn.

A.—A good question and one that is timely since the mail has been flooded with queries along the same lines. In order to collect additional pay for Combat Medical Service, a man must prove that he was awarded the Combat Medical Badge for such service. While the pay is retroactive to the beginning of such service, it still has to be proved. To do this and the authority for this is War Department Circular 229, dated July 28, 1945, write to: The Adjutant General's Office, Washington 25, D. C., stating your length of service with dates, and the date and order number of your award. They will take prompt action (so they say) on your claim and advise you of their decision.

Q.—Why don't you start a corner in your paper devoted to clearing addresses and information about former buddies of your readers? I think it would prove to be popular. R.S.D., 39th Inf.

A.—Right you are soldier, but if you look closer in this issue you will probably get a lot of news about your friends in the 39th. It was decided at the last Board meeting that a feature of this sort would be well-received, but it could not be inaugurated until next month's issue. Look for it and let us know how you like it.

Q.—I would like to send our Association paper to three of my friends who are not members of the Association. Can this be arranged? Former "Raider".

A.—Yes it can by sending the

subscription price which is sixty cents per year to the Association's office in Washington, D. C. Read the masthead at the upper left-hand corner of Page 2 for details.

Q.—I joined the Division after the eligibility date for membership in the Association. If I can't join the Association how will I be able to obtain a copy of the Division History? F.R.R., 60th.

A.—It has been suggested that the book be placed on public sale with proceeds to go to the Association. However, the entire decision rests with the Board of Governors who must first pass upon such a project. No doubt the appearance of the book will be well publicized and perhaps a plan will have been announced by that time. (Thanks for your kind and appreciated comments about the swell outfit the Ninth was.)

Q.—Who is the author of the bill granting \$35 pension to a soldier who lost a hand or foot?—P. P., 60th.

A.—Originally the statutory award of \$25 for the loss of a hand or foot was provided for in the World War Veterans Act as amended, which became effective by Public Law 522, 71st Congress. The amount was increased to \$35 by Public Law 866, 76th Congress, in 1940, at the request of several veterans' organizations.

Q.—Please tell if an annuity awarded under the Railroad Retirement Act conflicts in any way with a non-service connected total disability claim?—W. B., 39th.

A.—There would be no conflict, and your dad should receive both just so long as retirement annuity under the Railroad Retirement Act does not exceed \$1,000 annually, if no dependents, or \$2,500 with dependents.

NOTICE

Several hundred extra copies of the February issue of the Association paper that carried The Saturday Evening Post story were printed in anticipation of many members wanting bundle lots of four or five to present to friends and relatives. A few hundred of these remain at headquarters. Anyone interested should contact William E. Byrnes, secretary, Ninth Infantry Division Association, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

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"Terminal Leave" Pay Can Be Assigned V.A. For Insurance

Veterans who wish to assign their "Terminal Leave Bonds" to the V.A. as payment on National Service Life Insurance or U. S. Government Life Insurance should procure Form 1625, directions for use of proceeds of armed forces leave bond, from their nearest Veterans' Administration Office, it was announced recently by John H. Whitmore, contact representative.

This form should accompany the assigned bond, and for payments on NSLI should be sent to V.A. Insurance Service, Branch 4, Richmond 20, Va., and for U. S. Government Insurance to Washington 25, D. C.

Mr. Whitmore is in a position to explain in detail the purposes for which the bonds may be used. The Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946 authorized the V.A. to accept the bonds in connection with Government life insurance payments as follows:

1. To pay premiums in advance on insurance already in force.
2. To purchase new insurance.
3. To reinstate lapsed insurance.
4. To pay the amount required when converting term insurance to permanent insurance.
5. To repay policy loans made prior to July 31, 1946.

When a bond is used for insurance premium payments, it must be assigned in its entirety. Any balance above the amount necessary to make the desired payments will be credited to the veteran's account and will be used for the purpose of paying future premiums. However, the veteran can specifically request that the balance be held until the maturity date of the bond, at which time it will be refunded in cash without interest. When a veteran assigns his bond, he receives credit for its face value plus interest accrued up to the end of the month in which the assignment is made.

Under the law, bonds may not be used as insurance payments as a means of securing the cash proceeds of the bond before maturity date.

Appropriate forms for reinstating and converting insurance, as well as general information and help in all matters pertaining to veterans' insurance may be had at the nearest Veterans' Administration office.

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DISLIKES CIVIE UNIFORM

Mrs. Charles Gibson, Chicago, was awarded a divorce after testifying that her husband, whom she met when he had on a dashing lieutenant's uniform, slapped her when she remarked she was disappointed in the way he looked in his civilian uniform. He's a bellhop in civilian life.

Columbus Next June

HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

LETTERS AND NOTES OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST FROM "HERE AND THERE"

OTTO B. SIROVY, AFTER LOSING BOTH LEGS, WRITES JOVIAL, NEWSY LETTER CONCERNING HIMSELF AND MANY OF HIS OLD BUDDIES.

Jackson, Minn.
150 Jackson St.
January 19, 1947.

Gentlemen:

Find enclosed the form I have filled out for the Association records. Kinda late, but better late than never.

Also am enclosing a couple of pictures taken in Sicily, which you might be able to use.

Also here's some dope on some former members of the 47th for your "Here's What They Are Doing" Column, that live around here. There are others around here that I know, but don't know what they're doing at present.

I, myself, am a former sergeant of Co. C, 47th, joining the Ninth in October, 1942, just before we went overseas. I was in the campaigns of Algeria, Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy and Northern France. I was wounded by an anti-personnel bomb on the night of July 28, 1944, near St. Lo, France, losing both legs.

Am doing swell at present, getting along fine on artificial legs, and working with my big brother in the garage business.

Have a swell wife and 14-month-old baby boy.

Would like to meet some of my old buddies again soon.

Now for news of other fellows: Erven Thoreson, formerly of Co. C, 47th, is farming with his father at Lakefield, Minn.

Ted Youngquist, formerly of Co. C, 47th, is a salesman for an electrical appliances concern, and works out of Minneapolis, Minn.

Steve Ukasick, formerly Co. C, 47th, is at home at Lakefield, Minn.

Selgard Berge works in a filling station at Bergen, Minn. He was formerly in 2nd Bn., 47th.

Howard Lillegaard is farming near Windom, Minn. He was formerly of Co. D, 47th.

George Schurndt, former Co. C, 47th Infantry man, is a school bus driver at Fryburg, N. Dak. He recently got married.

Howard Skarison, also former Co. C man of the 47th, lives in Mayville, N. Dak. I believe he is farming.

Raymond Konradi, formerly of the 3rd Bn., 47th, is farming with his father near Jackson, Minn.

Clarence Gilbert, formerly of the 47th, is farming near Petersburg, Minn.

Edmund Naber, formerly of Co. B, 1st Bn., 47th, is farming near Lake Park, Iowa.

Robert Story, formerly of 3rd Bn., 47th, is working on a farm near Jackson, Minn.

Orturn Kolander is a school teacher near Lakefield, Minn. He was formerly of 2nd Bn., 47th.

Arthur Bakalyar is home at Lakefield, Minn. He's formerly of Co. A, 1st Bn., 47th.

That's all for this time fellows. Will drop you a line again in the near future.

Keep up the good work.

As ever—A Buddy,
OTTO B. SIROVY.

ANYONE KNOW KAWA?

Lansing, Mich.
533 Tisdale St.
Dec. 19, 1946.

Dear Sirs:

I am looking for the address of a man who's last name is Kawa, and lives in Chicago, Ill. The first name I don't know.

At the time the Division Association was started he was Company barber of Division Hdqtrs. and later joined the Division Hdqts. dispensary. He married a Polish girl in either Ingolstadt or Wasserburg.

I would very much appreciate it if you would provide me with his address.

Sincerely,
DAVID CASSIDY.

HATED TO SAY GOOD-BYE

21 January 1947

Dear Bud:

Enclosed please find check for \$3.50 for my 1947 dues. Just got back to the states after deactivating the 39th and especially my pride and joy, Company "L," which I had the pleasure to command for the last 7 months. Shall miss the 39th for years to come. Best regards and keep up the fine work.

CAPT. WALTER A. PASTELIS,
356 Broadway, S. Boston 27, Mass.

Herbert Bensbach, former 60th man, has re-enlisted in the Army and is now stationed at Fort Dix, N. J.

Philip Terrinova, 584 Elm St., Buffalo, N. Y., former 39th Inf., is attending law school. After school hours he is a salesman for Electrolux Corporation.

Kenneth B. Bartlett, formerly with Co. I, 47th, is now engaged in the men's clothing business in Watseka, Ill.

N. L. Shumaker, 10 W. Dixie Dr., Raleigh, N. C., is instructor in Dairy Manufacturing at North Carolina State College in Raleigh, N. C.

Irven J. Hokka, Box 33, Route 1, Brittmount, Minn., is waiting for one of the new cars from the government. He is an amputee and is planning to go to business college as soon as he gets his car.

John E. Lee, formerly with 376th AAA, has his own business at 3009 Tilden Ave., Brooklyn—ice cream and candy store.

Charles E. Witzel, formerly with 39th and drove for Paddy Flint when he was wounded, is now a father and is employed by Health Spot Shoe Store at 2 W. 47th St., New York, N. Y.

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IT WORKS AT HOTELS!

John Smith happened to witness a minor holdup. In due time the police arrived, and one officer asked the witness his name.

"John Smith," said Smith.

"Cut the comedy," snapped the cop. "What's your name?"

"All right," said Smith, "put me down as Winston Churchill."

"That's more like it," said the officer. "You can't fool me with that Smith stuff."

—Exchange.

Columbus Next June
GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

Convention-Minded



JAMES R. MILLER,
1126 Fox Street,
Springfield, Ohio

Jim Miller, a former 47th man, now living in Springfield, O., about 50 miles north of Columbus, wants the 47th to be better represented than any other unit at the June reunion. Jim says as soon as he finishes reading and re-reading one issue of the paper he starts looking forward to the next issue.

Herb Lawrence Writes He's Located "Deep In the Heart of Texas"

Ninth Infantry Division Association Editor:

A bit of news that may be of interest to fellows that were in the 2nd Bn., Med. Det., 47th Inf.: Herbert Lawrence, residing at 608 S. Willow St., Sherman, Tex., is learning how it feels to be a landlord of an apartment house. Vacancy? Not now, but drop around fellows!

Pfc. Edward Kohl, 33898017, T. C. Det., U.S.M.A., West Point, N. Y., re-enlisted Jan. 17, 1946. Asked for service in Alaska, but so far has failed to go. He wants to hear from some of the fellows he was with.

Robert E. Arnold (affectionately remembered as Swoon), dropped in on the H. Lawrences to go over by-gone days. Since he is an ardent traveler now I have no forwarding address.

John R. Boe, Big Timber, Mont., tells us he is going to the University of Montana, taking a pre-med course. Luck to him.

Poe Goldsmith, who went all the way to Germany, via Africa and England, now revels in the beauty of his own Allentown, Pa., with his wife and small son.

Looking forward to "Columbus Day."

IUBERT LAWRENCE and WIFE.
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NICK CARNEVALE MARRIED MAN; LIVING IN BROOKLYN

Nick Carnevale writes from 1543 42nd St., Brooklyn, that he's been home 16 months and has married the "best" girl in Brooklyn.

Nick had never heard of the Association until a few days ago someone gave him an old issue of the paper. Nick says he'd read for awhile, then shout, then cry. He wants the whole cock-eyed world to know he'll be in Columbus next June.

Nick was with Company B, 60th Infantry.

Columbus Next June
HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

IT COSTS US SO LITTLE, BUT MEANS SO MUCH TO THE RELATIVES

Read the Appeal of One—And Write Her If You Knew the Party Mentioned; Then Note the Happiness a Few Lines Brought to Another.

McFarland, Kans.
January 27, 1947.

Mr. Paul S. Plunkett,
112 S. Eureka Ave.,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Plunkett: I have a copy of the paper put out by the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Have been reading it and decided to write to you.

My husband was killed in action March 23, 1945.

He went overseas in February of 1945 and was killed in March, the following month.

The only address I had was his first one after he was overseas. He said he had not been placed yet. I did not receive any more.

My letters that were returned back to me were marked 60th Inf. Regt. and 9th Inf. Div., and I believe he was in the First Army.

Your paper is about the 60th and 9th and that is why I'm writing.

I would very much like to have the history of the 60th Regt. If the book costs anything please let me know and I will gladly pay for it.

I also am sending a dollar to subscribe for your paper and you may keep the change for the cost of things you do to help out others.

My husband's address was: Pvt. Alfred E. Olson, 37753747 Infantry Co. D., 2nd Plat., APO 15858, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Sincerely,
MRS. ALFRED OLSON,
McFarland, Kansas.

Bangor, Maine.

January 27, 1947.

Dear Mr. Plunkett: I feel I must write and tell you that by printing my letter in your wonderful little paper, that my prayers have been answered.

I have prayed day and night that I might hear from some of my son's buddies, and last Friday I received a lovely letter from Frank Higgins of East Point, Ga., with a picture of a group of boys, including Higgins and my boy, taken in England.

It seemed like hearing from heaven and I shall always be grateful to him, and hope some day to meet him.

He told me that he and Howard slept together in Sicily, England, and France, and he was with him when he was killed in Mortain, France. They were advancing up a hill in a creek, that the Jerries must have had good observations as they let three shells into

A Familiar Sight



Another Sicily picture: Otto Sirovy, left; Orris Berg, right. Berg was killed in France.

the water and Howard and a boy by the name of Grant C. Beaber of Detroit, Mich., were killed side by side. He helped carry them back, a day he will never forget.

He said that another buddy by the name of Vernon Hill of Port Huron, Mich., used to be with he and Howard and if I should hear from him would I let him know as he would like his address. Also, if any more boys from E Co. should write he would like for me to write him.

I wrote him a long letter and sent him a framed picture of Howard, which I hope he will like.

Perhaps you will get tired of my bothering you, but I feel I owe you and your paper a debt of gratitude I can never repay.

You and your family, especially your son, are remembered every night when I say my prayers.

Wishing you the best this life has to offer, I am gratefully and

Sincerely,

BERNICE E. GETCHELL,
R. F. D. 1, Bangor, Maine.
Columbus Next June

Many "Lost" Boys Located Last Month; Keep Up the Work

Mr. Davide Wiener, 37 W. 39th St., New York, sends the following two clippings from the V. F. W. Magazine with the request they be printed, hoping someone in position to help will read them: 39th Infantry, 9th Division—I would greatly appreciate a letter from anyone who knew Pfc. Raymond O. Wahlstrom, 37589300, killed near the Rhine River, March 4, 1945. Mrs. V. J. Dalbee, Grand Marais, Minn.

Company F, 60th Infantry—Would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew or served with Pfc. Thurman Lee Boyles, 35741532, reported killed in action somewhere in France, July 19, 1944. We would appreciate any details of his death. Mrs. Clinton W. Boyles, Route 5, Philippi, W. Va.

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Many Ninth Men Still In the U. S. Army

Captain Lloyd G. Huggins, formerly of 2nd Bn., 60th, a regular army man located at Fort Sheridan, Ill., advises that several other former Ninth Division men are still in the Army: Lt. Col. Quentin "Hardack" Lardage, former Bn. CO, is now executive officer in the 38th R. C. T. at Camp Carson, Colorado, and a happy bridegroom. Lt. Quentin L. McNary is an ROTC instructor at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebr. Ralph Johnson, former executive officer, is in the lumber business in Chappells, S. C.; Bill Voller, former "G" Co. Commander and Bn. Ex., is in business in Cicero, Ill.; Aubrey Phillips, CO "F" Co., has his own grocery business in Birmingham, Ala.; Lt. Neighbour is running a trucking business in Albuquerque, N. Mex., and Ed Kennard has settled down as a civilian in the Bronx.

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FRANK TOKARZ A PATIENT

Frank C. Tokarz, who served with the 47th Infantry, is now a patient at the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Rutland Heights, Mass., and would be glad to hear from any former buddy.

"MOLOTOFF" WAS A ONE-MAN ARMY

Trying to Locate a Buddy of Sgt. Ross Hayes, I Co., 39th

Napa, Calif.
Secretary, Ninth Inf. Div. Assn.
Dear Sir: I am trying to find someone in I Company who knew Sgt. Ross Hayes. He was killed in the Remagen Bridgehead just after the 3rd Bn. crossed. Excepting myself no one has ever written his mother.

I was in I Co., and so don't know the exact details of his death. Perhaps if you could publish a note in the Association paper about this someone who knew, could write to her. Her address is Mrs. Bess Hayes, Route 2, Box 293, Sonoma, Calif. She would be very glad to hear from anyone.

Thanks in advance for anything you might be able to do.

Sincerely yours,
CARL HEINTZE,
ex-39th Inf.

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NINTH INACTIVATED

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it spearheaded the St. Lo breakthrough and joined in the chase which closed the Falaise Gap. On September 2, 1944, the Division became the first Allied force to begin the liberation of Belgium, entering the country near Mommignies. By September 13, it was in Germany south of Roetgen. During the German winter offensive, it relieved the 99th Division in the Monschau Forest area, and in March the Division became one of the first two units fighting in the Remagen Bridgehead area. The closing days of the war found the Ninth concentrating on the Ruhr pocket.

FOURTH IN CASUALTIES

Preliminary figures show the Ninth to be fourth among all Divisions in the number of casualties—22,185. In commending the Ninth Division, General Bradley remarked: "The American Army is studded with splendid Divisions, but rarely have two (1st and 9th) teamed so expertly; never have two Divisions fought longer and harder with greater skill or courage."

General Devers Pays Fine Tribute to Ninth

Inactivation Day for the 9th Infantry Division is an occasion which I, among many others, view with genuine regret, for I look back upon the year for which I was privileged to command the division in training at Fort Bragg as one of the highlights of my military service.

Our feelings at the passing of so distinguished a unit may well be tempered, however, by reflection upon brilliance of its record in World War II, in which its regiments added new glory to their World War I history. Spearheading the invasions of North Africa and Sicily, cutting off the Cotentin Peninsula in France, being the first infantry division across the Rhine into Germany, and reduction of the Ruhr Pocket . . . these feats will keep the name of the Ninth forever alive. Its service since V-E Day, on occupation duty, has been no less meritorious.

Should any future emergency ever confront our nation, so proud a division as the Ninth would not be merely reactivated—it would be reincarnated, to fight again to even greater fame.

JACOB L. DEVERS,
General, USA Commanding.

Mike Mysyk, Victor Elia, Richard Macomber Request Molotoff Story

'Tis said that great minds run in the same channel. There must be something to that. Mike Mysyk, formerly of the 60th Infantry "Go-Devils" Regiment, now living in Cleveland, Ohio, sent the accompanying photograph of the group which included Mike and the famous and inimitable "Molotoff." Within a matter of minutes after delivery of Mike's letter Dick Macomber, from the same outfit, visited The Octofoil publication office with reprints of The Stars and Stripes story by Charles Kiley about "Molotoff's" unbelievable escapades, requesting it be printed. The late mail delivery of that same day brought forth a letter from Victor Elia, 704 Clarence Ave., Bronx, New York, saying "Please print the history of 'Molotoff' Warren, of the 60th. He was our first hero."

Since then many similar requests have been received, concerning not only "Molotoff," but Colonel Harry A. "Paddy" Flint, formerly commander of the 39th Infantry Regiment, who was killed in action 24 July 1944, near St. Lo. An article concerning "Paddy" Flint will appear in next month's issue, to be followed by stories of other outstanding characters of the Ninth Division.

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"MOLOTOFF" AND HIS BUDDIES



This picture was taken in December, 1942, in Port Lyautey (cork forest), of some 60th men from G Co. Bottom row: Mysyk, (Unidentified), Mull, Shiziki, Williams. Standing: "MOLOTOFF" Warner, Collins, Murphy Deitz, and Sailor Hall.

APPLICATION BLANK

Give the coupon 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.

"MOLOTOFF" HAD ARABS BRINGING TO HIM DELICACIES, DIGGING HIS FOX HOLES, WHILE OTHER G.I.s SWEATED.

BEFORE HE PROVED HIS WORTH MEN WERE AFRAID TO GO IN BATTLE WITH HIM, WANTED HIM TRANSFERRED; WHEN ARTILLERY WANTED HIM THE INFANTRY SAID "ABSOLUTELY, NO."

By CHARLES KILEY
In Stars and Stripes

They found him face down on the side of a hill in the Sedjenane Valley. Bullets had pierced his head and mouth and ripped across his waist. Nearby were the lifeless bodies of French Commando scouts who fell with him in a suicidal attempt to storm a German machine-gun nest.

That was the end of "Molotoff," the U. S. Ninth Infantry Division's one-man army in North Africa and one of the most fantastic personalities of the war. Incredible as the heroic feats and shenanigans of this unbridled soldier may seem, they have been substantiated by men who knew him and fought with him in the famous Fighting Ninth.

Molotoff's name was really Karl Warner. He was a private, hated and loved by officers and fellow soldiers alike, who long regarded him as the poorest example of a man in uniform. But before he fell dead on that Tunisian hill, when the chips were down and the tiresome training camp days over, Molotoff proved himself to be one of the most efficient and courageous soldiers in his or any other army; a soldier whose fabulous story may make him the Sgt. York of World War II.

"WISE GUY"
A boastful, loud-mouthed "wise guy," Molotoff refused to be subjected to discipline. He wore outlandish uniforms, never completed a route march. He fell asleep on guard, deserted his post and talked his way free of two courts-martial. He won fabulous sums in crap games, "bitched" about Army life from reveille to dawn, was insubordinate to all ranks and was AWOL so many times nobody knew the actual count.

There wasn't a rule in the book Molotoff didn't tear up in little pieces.

On the other hand, Molotoff performed incredible feats in combat, albeit by his own peculiar methods. He had little respect for Army routine and red tape, yet never was known to get out of hand under fire. Whereas he never questioned combat orders, he was apt to raise hell when a colonel told him to get a haircut.

With the same persuasive measures that saved him from courts-martial he bluffed an entire Italian company into surrender. He exposed himself to enemy fire on numerous occasions to direct artillery, and once saved his own company from being trapped by a superior enemy force.

SOLO EXPEDITIONS

Frequently disappearing on unauthorized solo expeditions for days, Molotoff located enemy positions which assigned observers failed to find. He captured an Arab spy and was the first of his outfit to scale the wall of a besieged fort, where he found upward of 40,000 francs and distributed them among his buddies.

Moreover, he killed more than a store of enemy officers and men in hand-to-hand combat on scouting trips, but he never discussed it.

That was Molotoff, about whom one of his officers is reported to have said: "There is scarcely anything you could write about him that would not be true," and about whom reports were just reaching

Britain from Mediterranean sources.

Although his name was Warner, nobody knew him by that. It was "Molotoff" at roll call. Even his battalion is said to have consulted his service record to find his true identity. It was "Molotoff" from the moment another soldier pinned the tag on him at Fort Bragg.

CIVILIAN LIFE A SECRET

About his civilian life little is known except that he lived alone in a boarding house on 44th St., in Manhattan, was known as "Curly" around the news-stand at 46th and Broadway; seemed to have been on familiar terms with radio and screen stars, did business for and with racketeers, and once said he was "part Russian and part Jew."

But from the day he arrived as a sad selectee at Fort Dix, clad in camel-hair coat, pearl-gray slacks and white silk muffler, and hatless until he was killed in April, 1943, the escapades of the 24-year-old blond, curly-haired and handsome Molotoff were discussed more by the division than all the rest of the war.

BIG-TIME GAMBLER

Another known characteristic was "Molly's" fetish for gambling. He favored dice, but anything would do, with stakes ranging from five cents to five hundred dollars. After one session his pockets bulged with \$1,200. Three days later he lost it to civilian sharpies in a pool room. On another occasion he dropped \$450 in half an hour. But his credit was always good. He was never known to "welsh" or stall off payment of a loan.

Officers and non-coms agreed it was impossible to enforce discipline with the unruly Molotoff. At Fort Dix he was seen wearing civilian clothes for several days after induction, while other recruits were wearing G.I. At Fort Bragg he was picked up frequently by MPs, sporting an officer's blouse, tailor made trousers, and tan silk shirt.

His disregard for training programs, desertion of his post on guard duty, refusal to wear a helmet, constant brawls and loud boasts eventually made Molotoff disliked from top to bottom, from high ranking officers to the men with whom he lived. Everybody said he would be a handicap in combat, and a transfer to move him elsewhere would have received unanimous approval.

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CONVENTION CHAIRMAN MAKES REPORT

Columbus Mayor Welcomes You

By PAUL S. PLUNKETT
Ninth Infantry Division Association Chairman



MAYOR "JIM" RHODES

Down here in Columbus, we don't go much for stiff-fronted shirt formalities. As a community Columbus has practiced for years what Major General Eddy preached to the Ninth Division: "One for all and all for one."

The accompanying letter from Columbus' mayor is as sincere communication as you have ever read.

Don't be surprised if a stranger walks up to you and asks "Where you from, Mac?" and starts exchanging yarns with you, and that stranger turns out to be the mayor of Columbus.

We respect our public officials, but at the same time we do not place them on pedestals. And they like it the way we do things here, they want to remain human, one of us—and that's the reason they are our public officials.



Office of the Mayor
City of Columbus
Ohio

JAMES A. RHODES
MAYOR

January 13, 1947

Mr. Henry S. Rigby, President
Ninth Infantry Division Association
Post Office Box 1704
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I want to tell you how much I appreciate the action of the Board of Governors of the 9th Infantry Division Association in choosing Columbus as the Convention City for the holding of the Second Annual Convention of the Association.

We here in Columbus are proud of the honor and distinction you have bestowed upon us in selecting our City. History will ever record how "hot" the famous 9th Division made it for the "Little Paper Hanger". I hope that the warmth of our welcome will be just as impressive on the Veterans of the 9th Division.

You can rest assured we will leave no stone unturned in making your visit pleasant and happily remembered in the years to come.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Rhodes
JAMES A. RHODES, Mayor
City of Columbus, Ohio

JAR/es

"YOUR LOVING MOTHER"

According to the Stars and Stripes in Tokyo, a private who wrote his girl that he had been sentenced to the brig for five years received this answer from her: "Dear Albert: I could never wait five years for you. Please try to understand. I have married your father. Good luck and best wishes." The letter was signed "Your Loving Mother."

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GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

WHERE'S HIS TEAMMATES?

Would like to hear from my former teammates who helped me to win the Regimental Championship. I was manager and Captain Robert Herzog was our No. 1 roofer. Hello, Sivek, Arendt, Pulli, Polewka, Mazzocch, Brazyski, Van Bomel and Lux.

VICTOR ELIA,

704 Clarence Ave., Bronx 61,
New York City.

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HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

Thanks, Johnny



Johnny Earnhardt

Charlotte, N. C.
January 11, 1947.

Ninth Infantry Division Assn.

Gentlemen: I am, or was a member of 26th F. A. Bn. Here is my history since being discharged from the Army: First, I ran for the State House of Representatives, but was nosed out. Next, I am the Quartermaster for our V. F. W. Post 1160 with around 1700 members.

I am also in the shoe business here in Charlotte, N. C. Now publish this in our paper for my friends to take a good look at. Also let them all know I will see them in June.

Your member,

JOHNNY L. EARNHARDT,
118 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C.
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Wants to Hear From Some of the Boys Who Were In Motor Pool

Rochester, N. Y.
Feb. 1, 1947.

Hi Fellas:

I enjoy the Association paper very much and will be glad when our history is finished so we can get them. I certainly hope that the Convention goes over with a big bang at Columbus. I surely hope I can be there, but doubt if I can make it this year.

I'd like to know how Captain McCourt is making out and where he is. I don't know how to write to him. So if this hits the paper maybe he will see it and drop a line to me.

My address is:

Stanley C. Pelkey, 165 Pomona Dr., Rochester 12, N. Y.

I was a member of the 3rd Bn. Hdq. Co. of the 39th. I was Motor Sergeant there and would like to get in touch with some of the boys there that drove for me.

Here's hoping that our Association will always be a big success and keep growing until we can get all former Ninth men in.

Yours,

STANLEY "RED" PELKEY.

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GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

PRESIDENT RIGBY, SECRETARY BYRNES MEET IN CONVENTION CITY WITH VICE-PRESIDENT GLENN MOORE AND OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

MIKE PUZAK, FORMER SECRETARY, MEETS AND COUNSELS WITH COMMITTEE; MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW; RATES ARE REASONABLE; BEAUTIFUL SOUVENIR PROGRAM BEING PRODUCED.

Having accepted the honor extended by President Rigby to act as chairman of the Columbus Ninth Infantry Division Association Convention, I submit just a few of the highlights we have planned. I hope to submit a much more comprehensive report next month.

The following communication from the Deshler-Wallick Hotel confirms previous tentative arrangements made with the hotel:

Confirming our conversation, we are definitely holding the dates of June 12, 13 and 14 for the Ninth Infantry Division Association, with schedule as follows:

June 12—4:00 P. M.—Lobby—Registration. Five meeting rooms for 25-35 persons each.

June 13—9:00 A. M.—Meeting.

2:00 P. M.—Meeting.

8:00 P. M.—Smoker.

Five meeting rooms for 25-35 persons each.

June 14—9:00 A. M.—Meeting.

7:00 P. M.—Banquet—Dance after dinner, 11:00 P. M. to 1:00 A. M.

All meeting rooms will be furnished free of charge and the banquet price to be set by the local committee.

We are delighted we are to have the pleasure of entertaining your members and will do everything possible to help you have a successful convention.

Yours very truly,

DESHLER-WALLICK HOTEL.

(Miss) Martha Obetz, New Business Department.

For your convenience, printed below is a blank I suggest you

fill out at once and mail to The Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Convention Department, Columbus, Ohio:

RESERVE:

Single Room (One Person).....Rate \$.....

Double Bed (Two Persons).....Rate \$.....

Twin Beds.....Rate \$.....

Parlor and Bedroom.....Rate \$.....

Name

Street

Time and Date of Arrival.....

Name of Convention or Event.....

Are you willing to share your room?.....

Identify Overseas Outfit.....

A SUGGESTION

May we suggest to all Convention Delegates the desirability of early reservations and the selection of someone to join you in the occupancy of a double or a twin bedded room. This gives you the advantage of the largest and most beautiful rooms in the hotel at extremely attractive rates per person per day.

RATES

All Rooms with combination Tub and Shower Bath

SINGLE ROOMS FOR ONE:

3.30, 3.85, 4.40, 4.95, 5.50, 6.60, 7.70, 8.80

DOUBLE ROOMS FOR TWO (Double bed)

5.50, 6.05, 6.60, 7.70, 8.80, 9.90, 11.00, 13.20.

TWIN BEDS FOR TWO

5.50, 6.60, 7.70, 8.80, 9.90, 11.00, 13.20

PARLOR SUITES, 2 rooms—Single or Double

8.80 to 26.40.

If you should fail to obtain reservations at the headquarters hotel, below you will find printed the names and rates of other Columbus hotels:

Fort Hayes Hotel, 350 rooms (all baths). Double rooms, \$5.25 and up; twin bedded rooms \$5.75 and up.

Chittenden Hotel, 275 rooms: Room with bath, 4 persons or more \$1.50 each; 3 to room, \$1.75 each; 2 to room, \$2.00 each, twin beds; 2 to room, \$1.75 each—double bed; single, \$2.30-\$3.00.

Rooms with hot and cold water: 6 persons or more \$1.25 each; 2 persons or more \$1.75 each; single, \$2.00; double, \$3.00.

Southern Hotel, 250 rooms: Sin-

gle room with bath, \$2.50 and \$3.00; single room, running water, \$1.50 to \$2.00; double room with bath, \$3.50 and \$4.00; double room with running water, \$2.50 and \$3.00; twin beds with bath, \$4.00 and \$4.50; 4 in a room, \$1.25 each.

Virginia, 130 rooms; single room, running water, \$1.65; double room, running water, \$2.75; single room, private bath, \$2.20

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39TH LADS ARE "ON THE BEAM"

39th Boys From 'Frisco to Maine Send Good News

A lot of hell has been a-poppin' because of that whole page about the Sixtieth gang in the last issue. The Sixtieth went to bat first because more Sixtieth men were heard from than other units the previous month. The Thirty-ninth ranking second in letters received, are coming up now with the Forty-seventh on deck, coming to bat next month.

Clarence Watson, Co. K, 39th, is living at 738 Probst St., Fairview, N. J. Watson got shifted or pushed around so much during his last days as a G.I. that he lost contact and just recently learned of the Association. Thanks Clarence for writing just as soon as you learned where to write.

Jim Hamelin, Co. F, 39th, is living in Akron, Ohio, 347 Sumner St. Jim is anxious to know what's happened to his old commanding officer, Captain Holiday. Hamelin was a victim of a well-aimed Kraut shot shortly after being attached to the Ninth, but was attached long enough to get that Ninth spirit in his bloodstream.

Another Buckeye (Ohioan to the uninitiated), heard from was Robert F. Esker, Hdq. Co., 1st Bn., 39th, who lives in Chillicothe, O., 199 Eastern Ave. Bob was with the Ninth all the way, from the days at Bragg until V-E Day.

Bill Barringer, Co. A, 39th, is living in Greenville, Ill. Address his mail to Box 112. But if you happen around Greenville look him up at 1012 E. College Ave. Bill recently located four old buddies and wants to know what happened to Jack Brown. Jack's living at 975 Lockbourne Rd., Columbus, Ohio, and has his friends circulating nomination petitions to elect him sergeant-at-arms at the Columbus reunion next June.

John Nielsen, Co. B, 39th, is living at Clinton, Iowa, 319 Second Ave. John had lost contact with everyone he ever knew in the Ninth until he accidentally ran across a notice in a recent issue of the VFW Magazine. John advises he'll keep hold of the Ninth Infantry Division Association's apron strings from here on out.

Thomas Chmielensky sends good news from 23 Rockwood Ave., Baldwin, N. Y. (L. I.) Tom was with Co. L, 39th, and in his letter sings the praise of the great Paddy Flint. After dodging Kraut bullets in Africa, and Sicily, he stopped one at St. Lo. The good news: He's senior vice commander of VFW Post No. 1514, and says there are quite a few former 9th boys in his neighborhood and he wants some application blanks. Atta boy, Tom.

Bill Morrison, Co. A, 39th, lives in New Market, N. Y., Box 373. Bill missed the New York reunion, but says he will be in Columbus with bells on.

John Speck, 2nd Bn., 39th, now living at 225 Boston Ave., Hillside, N. J., wants to know when he's going to get that history. John wrote in and did his b—g before the last issue of the paper. Did that paper explain things satisfactory, John?

Archie Lee Riley, Co. M, 39th, has P. O. Box 103 at Pomona, N. C. Riley was with the outfit all the way. He's been allowed 60 per cent disability. He wants all the dope regarding the Association. Look in Box 103, Irishman—and if it isn't there raise h— with the postmaster.

Frank Wilson lives at 114 Oak St., Jersey City, N. J. Wilson was with the 39th from the date of reactivation, later detached, rejoining as a commissioned officer. Advises he plans to let the 39th C. P. know he's still alive when it is set up in the Deshler-Wallick Hotel in Columbus, O., next June.

Tom Leopard, Box 1036, Bartow, Fla., wants to contact some old buddies. Tom oughta have plenty of buddies 'cause he was with Hdq. Co., 2nd Bn., 39th, for four years.

Alfred Cusimano, Co. B, 39th, is living at 28 Washington St., Glen Falls, N. Y. Al wants to know where Salvatore Galuso, who used to live at 154 Warren St., Brooklyn, N. Y., is living now. Al lost both his legs at St. Lo, but he writes a more cheerful letter and is more optimistic about things than most of you ex-G.I.s. Thanks, Al, for writing. And a guy with your attitude is what this country needs a lot more of.

Charlie Hribel, 237 E. Main St., Mt. Pleasant, Pa., is another Co. B, 39th heard from. Chuck wants full details about the next reunion. Hold your horses, Charlie, you'll get full program details soon. But just in case, be in Columbus, O., June 12-13-14, and you'll never regret it.

Bill Werner, Co. E, 39th, lives at 307 E. First Ave., Derry Pa. You've probably received that application you asked for and filled it out by now. Thanks, Bill.

Frank Light, Co. E, 39th, living at 3229 Bildahl St., Rockford, Ill., is taking an active interest in VFW affairs and writes a very conscientious letter, saying we should establish an agency to keep informed of any former Ninth men who are in distress and if so help them, stating further, he is willing and wants to help in any deserving needy cases we may know of.

James J. Benane, who was a platoon leader, Co. I, 39th, has written letters to 39th personnel before inactivation, regarding old buddies, etc., but received no answer. He says he was glad to learn through the VFW Magazine where to write to get further information about the forthcoming history and how to go about joining the Association.

Stanley Suwala, 412 Fourth Ave., Ford City, Pa., who was with Co. K, 39th, wants to know why in the h— he hasn't been told sooner about the Association.

A Georgia Cracker, Harvey Smith, Co. F, 39th, writes from P. O. Box 180, Marietta, Ga., and says he's living at the foothills of the Kennesaw Mountain, where it took 75,000 damn Yankees (little y), to beat 6,000 Southerners in 1864. He wants to join the Association. Good for you Harvey. Bring your grandpappy who told you that yarn, up to Columbus with you in June and show him a big percentage of those damn Yankees have become civilized and in most cases act human.

Francis Gadwood, 11 Townsend St., Walton, N. Y., Co. E, 39th, hasn't seen or heard from any of his buddies since he was wounded at St. Lo. Says he'd wondered why an Association hadn't been formed and is glad to know that we not only have an Association but have the BEST.

M. F. Battelli lives at 67 E. 20th St., Peterson, N. J. Battelli was with the 39th for over two years. He plans to make Columbus next June.

James Hardern, Co. F, 39th, is living on a ranch in the Pan Handle section of Texas. Address his letters to Rt. 4, Marshall, Tex. And if anyone knows where Sgt. Holmes of that same outfit is now, please let Jim know.

Rex Ford, Co. H, 39th, lives at 2174 Forty-fourth St., Copeland Park, Newport News, Va. Ford was with the outfit four years until the Krauts found his range at St. Lo. Rex is another who just heard of the Association and is rarin' to join.

Bill Burr, Co. K, 39th, lives down around Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, suh, in the metropolis of Auburn, Ky. Bill is now quartermaster of Lieut. Harold Cornwell Post No. 1298, VFW, Bowling Green, Ky.

Newell C. Cole lives at 643 Elm St., Yarmouth, Maine. Cole was a lieutenant in the 39th, assigned to Cannon Co. After being wounded in Belgium he was assigned to Hdq. Co., 3d Bn., in the Motor Pool. He was discharged with the rank of captain, and is rated now as 40 per cent disabled by the V.A.

W. W. Solomon writes from down on moonlit-Mobile Bay and wants to know how to get in touch with quite a few Ninth men. Just send in that application and read this paper. Solomon was with Co. A, 15th Engineers.

John Miller, Co. L, 39th, now at 59 O'Dell St., Albany, N. Y., lost contact with his old buddies when wounded in '45, and he wants any who see his present address to write him.

Frank Cancelino, Co. H, 39th, is now living at 218 Mohawk St., Herkimer, N. Y. Frank says he'll see all of you next June.

T. S. Heare, Jr., Hdq. Co., 2nd Bn., 39th, has settled down at 3824 Wayne Ave., Kansas City 3, Mo. Heare warns Association headquarters not to let him miss a copy of the paper unless they're inviting trouble.

An inspiring letter comes from Brayton P. Willis, 28 Union St., Taunton, Mass. Willis says for over a year he has endeavored to hear whether a Ninth Infantry Division Association had been organized. He joined Co. K, 39th, near Mateur, North Africa, in April, 1943, as a second louie. After getting a machine gun bullet in the head in Sicily it was a hospital in the states for five months, after which he was assigned I.R.T.C. duty. Although physically unable to be with the Ninth any more he followed their every move religiously and thinks the Ninth the GREATEST combat outfit of all-time.

Robert N. Myers, 219 Maple Ave., Altoona, Pa., who was with

Co. A, 39th, wants dope on the history. Read the last issue of our paper, Bob.

Leon Simmons, Co. K, 39th, lives at 608 S. Clermont St., Antigo, Wis. Leon now owns the Hy-Land Confection Co., lock, stock and barrel. He wants to get in touch with his old buddies and says he knows he can through the Association.

Raymond Banks, Co. F, 39th, writes from Liberty, Maine, and throws out a gentle hint that he wants production on the history speeded up.

Irving Blahon, Co. C, 39th, located at 532 Fourth St., San Rafael, Calif., wants to contact some of his old buddies. After that second wound Irv got, he was shipped stateside and lost his contacts. You're cooking with gas, now Irv. Bet you hear from many of them as soon as this sheet is off the press.

Norman Bowers, Co. E, 39th, Rt. 6, Bremerton, Wash., writes an interesting letter about that northwestern section of the country. He wants that history. Who doesn't? But as General Eddy says, "We may not have the first division history printed, but we'll have the BEST."

Jude Goodale, former 39th man, sends greetings from the Sunflower State. Jude is living in Coldwater, Kansas, P. O. Box 504.

Clifford A. Sherman, Co. E, 39th, is now living at 58 Washington St., North Boston, Mass. Very few Co. E men will fail to remember this likeable medic, and how he took it on the chin when the Krauts sent one out with Cliff's number on it.

Nevin Eckerman, Co. E, 39th, is living in New Laguna, N. Mex. Eckerman says wire full details about the Association. News of the Association's efforts have even reached that desert country. After being wounded in '44 Nevin lost his contacts and living in New Mexico has been handicapped re-establishing them.

Mike Puzak is living at 5438 Second Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. Mike, who recently retired as Association secretary, says he is "resting" up. Some wag suggested they change the phrase, "Living the life of Riley," and say "Living the life of Puzak."

Dominic Imondi, Hdq. Co., 3d Bn., 39th, is living at 193 Ledge St., Providence, R. I. Your questions were answered in the last issue of the paper, Imondi. See you in Columbus.

John McCleese, Co. C, 39th, is living in New Boston, Ohio, at 3315 Rhodes Ave., on the "Banks of the Beautiful Ohio." Mac says he's made himself a good canoe and if the Ohio River is at flood stage next June it won't stymie him getting to Columbus.

Leonard Boyle, who was a sergeant with Co. A, 39th, is now living at 417 Hinkle St., Thomasville, N. C. He wants some of his old buddies to write.

James Miller, Co. E, 39th, lives at 44 Greenwood Pl., Indian Head, Md. (Potomac Heights.) Jim says he'll pay the difference if his paper will be sent air mail special delivery.

Everitt Shotwell writes from the Bluegrass section of Kentucky, where he says the horses are fast, the women wild and whiskey strong. Shotwell joined the 39th at Bragg and was with the outfit until after the campaign in Sicily. He lives at 206 1/2 Campsie Place, Lexington, Ky.

Charles E. Mayer, Co. B, 39th, now at 100 Cooper Ave., Woonsocket, R. I. Chuck promises to answer all mail promptly if any old buddy will drop him a card.

Fred Ellsworth, 15th Engineers, would like to have any of his old gang who read this write him at Ypsilanti, Mich., Route 2.

William McDonough, Co. A, 39th, now lives at 47 Lawn Ave., Quincy, Mass. Bill fired an application for membership right back as soon as he learned the procedure.

Cyril V. Teetaert, Anti-Tanks, 39th, lives at 5829 Sixteenth Ave., South, Seattle, Wash. Cy says it's a long way from Seattle to Ohio, but by all that's holy he'll make it next June.

Winifred Frame, Co. A, 39th, is living on Route 1, Sutton, W. Va. Frame sent in an application blank and asked for hotel reservations next June. He says he'll give Puzak hell in Columbus for not letting him know about the Association sooner, concluding, "and I'd always thought Mike such a good friend of mine."

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Why Didn't You Send Along a Photo, Major?

January 30, 1947.
Ninth Inf. Div. Assn., Box 1704, Washington, D. C.

Dear William: I don't know if you remember me or not. Colonel Bond told me to write you about the Ninth Infantry Division Association. I would like all information about the Association. I was with the Division from 1940 during the activation of the Division in Tent City.

I was in six campaigns and left it in 1944 when I was wounded the third time. It is the only Division I was ever in and the 39th was the only Regiment I was ever in. So it really is my Division.

Anything on the history that I could help you with let me know.

I guess I have as many decorations as any one in the Division, including the D.S.C. On the line I guess I was the oldest person with the Division when I was hit.

I certainly want to belong to the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Sincerely,

GUY E. CARR,
Maj. O.R.C., 0-373428.

My address is:
601 W. Howell St.
High Point, N. C.
Editor's Note: See if you can locate Tom Allen, Co. B, 60th man, living in High Point, and sign him up as a member.

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HONEST CONFESSION

This want ad appeared in a Columbus, O., newspaper: "Wanted To Rent—Ex-combat infantryman now attending Ohio State University and emp. wife desire 3-4 rm. furn. or unfurn. apt. We drink, smoke, throw wild parties, wreck furniture and fight regularly every night. Model tenants for a foolish landlord."

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HELP LOCATE THESE "LOST" BUDDIES, SOMEONE MAY BE LOOKING FOR YOU

Can you help locate Captain Ralph Edgar, and Captain Edmund Perry, formerly of the 39th Infantry. Ross B. Manley of 329 W. Ridge Ave., State College, Pa., needs the above returned information in order to return valuable property to these men.

Mr. Fred Lauraso, 2814 E. Thompson St., Philadelphia 34, Pa., wants to hear from anyone who knew his brother, S/Sgt. Vincent W. Lorusso, "L" Company, 47th Infantry, KIA November 2, 1944.

Addresses of George McEvoy (last address known, Hossack Falls, N. Y.) William Siberian, formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y. John Kent of Massachusetts, and "Doc" Rowe, all former members of Cannon Co., 39th Infantry, and Eddie Powell, formerly of Co. "B," 39th, requested by Mario A. Salvi, 394 S. Leonard St., Waterbury, Conn.

Information about Ival Discus, formerly with Co. H., 60th Inf., requested by Carlton M. Carpenter, 1 Windsor Ave., Claremont, N. H.

Addresses of Lt. Robert E. Foreman, First Sgt. Harold H. Grapp, T/Sgt. Anton P. Kwiatkowski, S/Sgt. Curtis R. Weddle, Jr., Pfc. Louis Kramer, all former members of Cannon Co., 47th Inf., wanted by Samuel M. Barbanell, 629 Chislett St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Raymond Conway, 3722 W. Kilbourn Ave., Milwaukee 8, Wis., wants to contact the following men, formerly of 39th Infantry: Lt. Florence Hall, Co. I, Harold Etter, Co. I, Donald Davenport, Co. I, and Bill Boyd of 3d Bn. Aid Station.

Addresses for Charles Spencer Boughton, George S. Echols, Alfred May, John C. Southerland, all formerly of Co. K, 39th Infantry, are wanted by Lucius W. Johnson, Jr., 519 Stewart Ave., Ithaca, New York.

The address of William Small, formerly attached to Div. R. R. Hq. Co. (Casual Co.), is wanted by Harry F. Browne, R. D. No. 5, Carlisle, Pa.

The addresses of next-of-kin of Lt. Roberts, formerly of Co. F, 39th Infantry; next-of-kin of Lt. Huey of Co. F, 39th, also the addresses of Pfc. James Lather of New York State, Pfc. Garguillo, Sgt. Carbone, all former members of Co. F, 39th Infantry are wanted by Grooms Herron, Court-house, Dresden, Tenn.

Addresses of John P. Quinn, Pete Harrias and Carl Lucas, all former members of 26th F. A., are wanted by Charles L. Lowery, 457 W. Court St., Kankakee, Ill.

Chris K. Patterer, 227 Bedford Rd., Battle Creek, Mich., wants the address of former T/Sgt. John T. Karchek, Co. F., 47th.

Paul H. Pendleton, Route No. 2, Waynetown, Ind., wants to contact Lt. Arnold C. Shaw, formerly of Co. A., 60th.

Sam A. Trapasso, 118 Croton Ave., Ossining, N. Y., desires the address of Joseph Parumbo, formerly of Co. "G," 60th.

Alfred A. Cusimano, 16 Washington St., Glen Falls, N. Y., desires the addresses of Edwin S. Perry, former Captain of Co. B, 39th, and Salvatore Geluso, who was also a former 39th man.

Ralph G. Morgan, Hooks, Tex., Box 861, wants to hear from his old buddy, Henry Boldt. Both were in Co. B, 60th.

James R. Hardern, Jr., Route No. 4, Marshall, Tex., wants to get S/Sgt. Holmes' address, who was squad leader of the Third Plt., Co. F, 39th Infantry.

Eddie J. Omaha, Route No. 12, Box 596, Tacoma, Wash., desires the addresses of Charles W. Becker and Isaac Levy.

Winfield W. Deckert, 613 Westchester Ave., Bronx 55, N. Y., wants the address of Tom McKenna, formerly of Co. D, 60th Inf., 1st Bn.

Rudy S. Walker, 1205 43rd St., Brooklyn, N. Y., desires the address of Walter Burzinski, formerly of Co. A., 9th Medical Bn.

George H. Selkirk, 256 North St., Buffalo, N. Y., wants to contact T/3 Clifford W. Povles, Medical Detachment, 60th Inf. The last known address was New Rochelle, New York.

Elbert H. Price, 202 S. Fair St., Champaign, Ill., wants to contact B. C. Watkins, former member of 2d Sqdn. of mortar section of Co. K, 60th Regt. Also anyone else who was in Co. K, 60th.

Paul M. Esterle, 996 Baird St., Adrian 6, Ohio, wants to get in touch with Woodrow Duncan, formerly in Co. L, 60th Infantry.

David Lilly, 23 Charlotte St., Dorchester 21, Mass., wants to get in touch with Alfred Haines, formerly Lieutenant in Co. G, 2nd Bn., 47th Inf., and Michael Marchese, formerly Lieutenant in Co. G, 47th Inf.

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CONVENTION-BOUND FROM 'WAY OUT IN WASHINGTON'

Farmington, Wash. January 21, 1947.
I find that I am a little slow in paying my 1947 dues, but am enclosing same now.

I am a former 899th Tank Destroyer man of Co. C, 3rd Platoon. We were with 47th Infantry, and a swell gang to be with.

I will try my best to attend the reunion in June.

I am a farmer out here in the state of Washington.

Sincerely,
RALPH H. BATCHER.

R. F. D. 1.
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FROM BERLIN TO TOKYO

Captain Claud P. Brownley III, formerly Headquarters Captain, Special Troops, Ninth Division, is now in the G-2 Section in Tokyo.

His new address is: Capt. C. P. Brownley III, 0-395899 G-2 Section, AFPAC APO 500.

Care P. M., San Francisco, Calif.

His mother writes and says she knows he will be delighted to have any Ninth Division news sent to him in Tokyo, and asks that he be sent the paper regularly.

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THOSE RECRUIT DAYS

It was the usual rush and bustle of washing and shaving in camp in the early, still dark hours. Then one recruit turned to his neighbor and remarked: "I say, Bill, have you got a good memory for faces?"

"Yes," replied Bill, from behind his towel.

"Well, see if you can remember your own when you shave it. I've just broken your mirror."

—Exchange.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

By GREER WILLIAMS,
Special Consultant
Veterans Administration

This is the first of a series of seven articles on the psychological problems of veterans. If there's any doubt they have such problems, take a look at the figures:

The living veterans of World War I and World War II total around 18,000,000. Nearly 525,000 of them are drawing pensions for neuropsychiatric disability, meaning they have some kind of mental or nervous disorder. Half of the patients in Veterans Administration hospitals are there for neuropsychiatric reasons.

LIKELY TO GET WORSE

It's likely to get more before it gets less. V.A. psychiatrists estimate the present hospital load of 50,000 "NP" patients will rise to a peak of 200,000 in 1975, judging from experience after World War I. They also figure, from a survey of "NP" pension cases in one eastern state, that perhaps 50 per cent from World War II would benefit from an occasional visit to a psychiatrist—without going to a hospital. This means something around 250,000 in need of "out-patient treatment," as it's called.

That's why the Veterans Administration says it has a shortage of psychiatrists. It is doing everything possible to increase its staff and train more of these specialists in mental ills. It is hiring some of the best psychiatrists in private practice to work part-time in its hospitals and clinics, or, where such facilities are not available, is sending veterans to see these doctors in their own offices.

SOUNDS ALARMING

To anyone who interprets these facts to mean that we're all going crazy, or that veterans are crazier than anyone else, it must sound pretty alarming. But it means nothing of the kind. It means that we are coming to recognize mental problems for what they are and, taking them as they come, we are trying to do something about them.

The problems come in all sizes and shapes. Many are mild, some, severe. Many remain as sane as Solomon but face decisions about their livings, seeming to require a Solomon's judgment. These decisions, or the failure to make them, get some veterans down. They get nervous, tense, anxious and thoroughly unhappy, just sick of life.

They need help in learning to live with themselves and with others. That's what V.A. psychiatrists are trying to do, give them some help in understanding their own minds. The trouble, they say, is a lot of us are afraid to know and don't want to learn.

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HE LIKES OUR LITTLE PAPER

Humboldt, Tenn.
Secretary, 9th Div. Assn., Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: I am enclosing \$3.50 for my membership dues for 1947. I joined the Association in Germany in 1945.

I enjoy the paper very much and I like to read about the old outfit.

I am working as a plumber here in the Strawberry Bowl of Tennessee.

Sincerely yours,
R. E. HAMLETT,
Formerly of Co. H, 47th Regt.

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HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

CONVENTION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

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and up; double room, private bath, \$3.30 and up; twin beds, private bath, \$4.40 and up.

Park Hotel, 145 rooms: Single, running water, \$1.50; double room running water, \$2.25; single room with bath, \$2.00, \$2.50; double room with bath, \$3.00, \$3.50.

Neil House, 655 rooms (all baths): Room, 1 person, \$4.40, \$5, \$5.50, \$6.05, \$6.60, \$7.70; room, 2 persons, \$5, \$5.50, \$6.05, \$7.00, \$8.00 (one double bed); room, 2 persons, \$5.50, \$6.05, \$7, \$7.70, \$9, \$11 (two single beds); room, 3 persons, \$7.50, \$9.50 (3 single beds); room, 4 persons, \$9.50, \$12, \$14 (two double beds).

Seneca Hotel, 250 rooms: Single, \$2.50 and up; double, \$4.50 and up; suites (2 persons), \$8.00 and up.

Norwich Hotel, 100 rooms: Single room, running water, \$1.25, \$1.60; double room, running water, \$2.50; single room with bath, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$3.00; double room with bath, \$3.50, \$4.00.

Hotel Broad-Lincoln, 140 rooms: Single room, private bath, \$2.20 and up; double room, private bath, \$3.30 and up; twin beds, private bath, \$4.95 and up; suites available: single, \$3.85 and up; double, \$5.50 and up.

Bliss Hotel, 65 rooms: Single room, running water, \$1.25, \$1.50; double room, running water, \$2.50; single room, bath, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50; double room with bath, \$3.00 and \$3.50.

Jefferson Hotel, 100 rooms: Single room, running water, \$1.50 and up; double room, running water, \$2.50 and up; single room with bath, \$1.75 and up; double room with bath, \$3.00 and up.

A beautiful souvenir program is being printed and the Columbus boys are applying themselves diligently to sell advertising for the program. In this way we hope to earn enough money to pay the expenses for the various entertainment programs arranged. Advance copies of this souvenir book indicate it will be a most desirable item for a keep-sake. A program is being worked out whereby all of our boys in hospitals will be furnished a copy.

Mr. C. L. Shough, 648 Eastmoor Blvd., Columbus, O., is handling the publishing of this book. The Arrangements Committee decided we did not want the mailing list of our members used to promote any kind of sales. We did decide, if there were any of our members who found it impossible to attend the June reunion, but wanted one of these beautiful souvenir books they could voluntarily write Mr. Shough and for a small amount to cover actual printing costs and mailing charges one will be sent. Likewise, it was decided if any of our members in other cities cared to submit copy for advertising space they may do so by writing to Mr. Shough or the 9th Infantry Division Convention Committee, 22 East Gay St., Columbus, Ohio.

I am so well pleased with the appearance of this book that I could continue to write indefinitely on that one subject.

NARDONE TO ARRANGE ENTERTAINMENT

President Rigby has increased the General Convention Committee to include Bennie Nardone. Bennie is a well-known musician and entertainer. I have asked him to arrange entertainment for both our members as well as the ladies attending the reunion. With the wealth of experience along these lines that Bennie has gained in arranging for other convention entertainment, you can rest assured

FACTS OF INTEREST RELEASED BY V.A.

Over 137,000 veterans or dependents of veterans are now wards of Veterans Administration.

Only one out of every 4,500 G.I. home loans guaranteed by Veterans Administration has been defaulted to date.

A total of 667 veterans are receiving pensions from Veterans Administration under special acts of Congress.

The number of World War II veterans soared over the 14,000,000 mark in December, according to Veterans Administration estimates.

Veterans may appeal adverse Veterans Administration rulings on their claims for benefits to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

More than half of the 93,918 patients hospitalized by Veterans Administration are veterans of wars other than World War II.

Veterans Administration hospitals under construction at Tomah, Wis., and Lebanon, Pa., are scheduled to be completed within six months.

Of the 93,918 veterans hospitalized by Veterans Administration on December 31, 1946, a total of 62,718 were nonservice-connected cases and 31,200 were service connected.

Nine out of every 14 veterans of World War II have not applied yet for any type of education or job training under the federal laws administered by Veterans Administration.

Over 400,000 veterans already have converted their National Service Life Insurance to Government 20-payment life, valued at more than 1.7 billion dollars, Veterans Administration said.

A Good Question That Was Crowded Out

Q.—I have been keeping up with your information response, and in your last issue of the paper a question was answered for me that I had intended asking myself. However, there is another question that has involved an argument between a couple of my division friends and I. That question is: In all, how many (consecutive) combat days had the Ninth, and how many days all together has the Ninth in combat? I would appreciate information published in your paper regarding this matter.

—M. L. Butters, 108 Wallace Circle, Portsmouth, Va. (47th Regt., 126th Ord. MM Co.)

A.—As far as this department has been able to ascertain there has been no official release concerning the above question. However, in all probability now with the Division inactivated, such information should be available soon. When it is made available we will print it.

you will see the best performances obtainable.

The special train angle and other transportation problems as well as the banquet plans will be reported on in the next issue.

Start making your plans today for this grand reunion—and as I said above, bring the little woman along. She'll be entertained.

Respectfully submitted,
PAUL S. PLUNKETT,
Chairman Convention Committee.

9TH INFANTRY DIV. INSIGNIA EXPLAINED

COLUMBUS WIDELY KNOWN AS A FRIENDLY CITY



This aerial view of downtown Columbus (Ohio) shows the State Capitol and its spacious grounds, directly across from the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Ninth Infantry Division Assn. convention headquarters.

"MOLOTOFF" OF BROADWAY

(Continued from Page Four)

TOOK KP IN STRIDE

Strangely, Molotoff never gold-bricked on KP and nobody understood why he did even more than his share of work in the kitchen.

It was in the early days of the North African campaign that Molotoff the misfit found his place in the Army and a warm spot in the hearts of the men, although his unique actions continued on even a larger scale. At Port Lyautey he turned up without a bit of equipment, and after his platoon sergeant ordered him to get some he returned wearing a Navy raincoat, turtle-neck sweater and white hat and carrying an M-1 rifle.

WORE "FROG" OUTFITS

Through the French Moroccan, Maknassy and Sedjenane battles he appeared at various times in French scarlet and blue capes, in an armored soldier's "zoot suit," in Italian beret with a huge, black plume, with an Italian officer's belt on the style of a Sam Browne, and always armed with two pistols and a carbine.

ARABS LIKE HIM

In Port Lyautey he made friends quickly with the Arabs. In short order he had them build him a tent, furnish it with rugs, tapestries, lamps, pictures, cot and mattresses, table and chair. Furthermore, they dug his fox holes and brought him fruit, wine and eggs. Never a close associate or confidant of any one person, Molotoff reigned in his tent alone.

It was at Port Lyautey, too, that Molotoff acquired his most prized possession—a pair of French field glasses, which attracted attention from every officer he met. They tried to buy them from him, attempted to make trades. But Molotoff said, "No." He removed them from an enemy

officer whom he had killed in his first day in combat—and he aimed to keep them.

Later, those glasses were to serve many useful purposes. While he was attached to a rifle company, a great deal of his self-appointed service was done for the artillery, extremely dangerous observation of enemy positions from vantage points less courageous men would not attempt to reach.

The outstanding exploit of this "poorest example of a soldier" occurred at Station de Sened, where Molotoff's platoon was covered by a company of Italian infantry dug in on higher ground.

CONSIDERED BEST SCOUT

By this time regarded as his company's best scout, Molotoff took with him an Italian interpreter, and without thought of personal risk, openly walked up the hill toward the Italian position. The enemy evidently thought it was a surrender and withheld fire. Two men came out to meet the intrepid Molotoff.

With his gift of gab, Molotoff made them believe they were surrounded by a superior American force. The Italians, however, could not surrender, they said, until they were ordered to do so by a colonel who was then in the rear.

GOES BACK

Accompanied by his company commander, Molotoff went back to the Italians a second time, and when they stood fast he was the first to charge the defended ground and unarm 140 men without firing a shot.

The following day he told his platoon sergeant he was going ahead "to see what the score is." Standing atop a hill 900 yards from his company and waving his pistols above his head, Molotoff shouted, "Finish la guerre... finish la guerre." The sound echoed

and re-echoed over the hills while enemy machine guns sprayed the hill with searching fire.

LOCATES MACHINE GUNS

Crouched between two boulders he made mental notes of the machine gun positions, relayed the information to the artillery, and in a short time the enemy emplacements were wiped out. A few of the shells landed short, endangering Molotoff's company. He complained loudly to an artillery officer, who rewarded him with a curt remark about his crazy-quilt uniform. The artillery, nevertheless, tried to have Molotoff transferred as an observer, but the infantry wouldn't hear of it.

SAVES HIS COMPANY

In Maknassy he was credited with saving the company from being trapped by reporting an enemy force, captured an Arab spy possessing 900 francs of Nazi-controlled Vichy French money, and made his way alone, through a mine field to locate disbanded American equipment, including mortars and Tommy guns.

COLORFUL CAREER OVER

The curtain came down on Molotoff's colorful, though brief, Army career shortly afterward in the Sedjenane Valley push. It came down before he fulfilled an ambition of supplying every man in the company with a German machine pistol.

He was a part of a file assigned to maintain contact between his unit and a force of French on the left flank. That job was too dull for a man of Molotoff's caliber. He passed on word that he was going up with the French Goums to see once more "what the score was." He reported a German machine-gun nest and was last seen on his way—overseas cap, pistols and carbine—with a patrol of the French Commandos.

His body was discovered by the French and reported to an American liaison officer. They found a Nazi flag in Molotoff's hip pocket,

HERALDRY DATES BACK FOR SEVERAL GENERATIONS, USED TO DISTINGUISH INDIVIDUAL SONS IN A FAMILY.

PRESENT NINTH INSIGNIA WAS APPROVED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT IN 1923. THE NINTH DIVISION IS SHOWN TO BE THE NINTH SON OF THE GREAT FAMILY "ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES."

The following is a brief history of heraldry; a knowledge of which is necessary for an understanding of the Ninth Infantry Division Insignia. It has been compiled in order that the soldiers of the Division may acquaint themselves with the meaning of the insignia they wear and for which they have so nobly fought.

Herald is a word derived from the German language meaning (army strength). It is pronounced as "hari-wold." In early times, the herald served in the capacity of a messenger between sovereigns and knights. In addition to his duties as messenger, he supervised the public ceremonials and the tests of arms (tournaments). As the practice of wearing insignias arose, it became a function of the herald in such countries as England, France, Scotland, and a few other countries, to regulate their order. In this article, heraldry is spoken of as the law that regulates the wearing of insignias. For a long period of time, it was the fashion or policy of the nobles and knights to have a coat or arms or insignia but it fell, after a period of time, into neglect and was left to coach painters and undertakers. This decline in the use of insignias, etc., was due to the technicalities involved in its regulation and also, in fact, to the follies that were attached.

TRIBES USED INSIGNIAS

In the initial stages, instances appear in remote times of nations, tribes and individuals distinguishing themselves by particular insignias—the Twelve Tribes of Israel (from Biblical period) and the Roman Eagles had insignias. Historians having studied the subject thoroughly have found no evidence of regulated insignias before the middle of the twelfth century. The actual beginning was probably during the Norman invasion and conquest of England. During this period, both Saxons

and Normans carried shields upon which appeared dragons, crosses and striped banners; but there was or is no evidence that there was any attempt by individual heroes to distinguish themselves by separate insignias. Later in the 12th century similar figures began to appear and became permanently connected with a family. This practice was begun with the French and Germans and finally spread to England. As this period progressed, insignias became one of the most prominent features of Medieval life.

NO 2 FAMILIES WEAR SAME

In order to systematize the wearing of particular insignias, no two families in the same kingdom were allowed to wear the same insignia or "Coat of Arms." In the course of time the right to use a Coat of Arms became the distinguishing mark and distinctive privilege of the nobles.

Heraldry thus serves as a history of royal families.

PARTS DESCRIBED

Insignias are made up of the following parts: Shield—as a coat of arms, is made up or composed of charges (marks or designs) which were placed on the shield (escutcheon). The word escutcheon is derived from the French "ecusion" which signified a shield with some design on it as contrasted with a plain shield (one with one design). Charges represent everything placed on the shield and are supposed to stand out vividly. Trees, plants, leaves, and flowers, as well as man in whole or part, are all usual heraldic charges. The individual names indicating a certain charge are not always explanatory such as quarter-foil. In this instance, the syllable foil means petal—thus four petals.

In speaking of heraldic charges, one often hears the expression "marks of cadency."

The Ninth Division insignia is composed of a shield and charge. Having studied the "marks of cadency" it is obvious that the insignia is an octafoil (8 petals) representing the ninth son in line. The red and blue colors designate an Infantry Division (red for Artillery—blue for Infantry). The white center represents the colors of the numerals displayed in the division flags. The Ninth Division is thus shown by the insignia, to be the ninth son in the great family, Army of the United States.

Columbus Next June

SENTIMENTAL COLONEL

Did you hear about the sentimental Colonel who wore both eagles on the same shoulder because, he explained, it was mating season!

Columbus Next June

HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?