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# THE OCTOFOIL

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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

One Year, 60 cents  
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WASHINGTON (13), D. C. (P. O. Box 1704)

APRIL, 1947

## INVITE GEN. EISENHOWER TO REUNION

### THE LEGENDARY "PADDY" FLINT

(Reprinted from Final Edition, "Ninth Division News")  
Of all the Ninth heroes produced by World War II, perhaps the most legendary was Colonel Harry A. "Paddy" Flint, who was killed in action June 24, 1944, near St. Lo, France. Colonel Flint died like an old soldier would like to die. Commanding Officer of the 39th Infantry, "Paddy" went forward to the Battalion CP in an attempt to shake loose his troops from a stalemate on the Periers-St. Lo Road. This deadlock was holding up the entire advance of the Division.  
"Paddy" ordered one of the supporting tanks forward. The tank sergeant told the "Colonel" that his turret was not working right, but "Paddy" replied, "Don't tell me what I can't do. It isn't often that you have a Colonel for a bodyguard."  
Colonel Flint and his party of nine moved out ahead of the tank which followed. "Paddy" finally ordered the tank to a halt near a wall and climbed up to give the driver instructions to proceed 50 yards down the road, meanwhile, exposing himself (Colonel Flint) to direct fire. The group then walked up a lane between some buildings. "Paddy" stood outside the doorway to demonstrate to a sergeant how to take up positions to drive out the Germans. A shot rang out and "Paddy" Flint fell forward. A sniper had shot him in the head. The Sergeant who had been talking to "Paddy" went to a window, spotted the sniper in a tree about 20 yards from the building, and shot him dead. As the sniper fell to the ground, the sergeant shot him again and yelled: "You can't kill an Irishman; you only make him mad." Colonel Flint smiled when he heard that. The next day he was dead.

### Old 9th Infantry Men Write and Send Best Wishes to Association

Hardly a day passes any more unless some "old-timer" from the old Ninth Infantry writes in and wishes the Association much success and asks to subscribe for The Octofoil.  
Major Owen L. McKee, Pacific Coast Governor of the Imperial Order of the Dragon, who was with the old Ninth Infantry during the China Expedition, 1899, sends in \$1 for a year's subscription to The Octofoil.  
William (Bill) Payne, adjutant of Judge Benson Hough Post, VFW, 3424, another member of the Dragon Order and an old 9th Inf. man, writes in to give us his blessings. Comrade Payne was a field clerk with Co. A, 9th Inf. during the China Expedition. He was born on an Army Post known as Fort Nio-Bra-Ra, Nebraska. The area once occupied by the Post is now known as Valentine, Nebr.

### COLUMBUS, O., CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAKES APPEAL TO GENERAL "IKE"; SAY WE NEED STRONG DEFENSE.

MAYOR RHODES ALSO SENDS INVITATION, INSISTING ON THE GENERAL ADDRESSING THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION'S REUNION.

February 21, 1947

Mr. Henry S. Rigby, President,  
Ninth Infantry Division Association,  
New York, N. Y.  
Dear Mr. Rigby:

The leaders of Columbus business join with you in extending a cordial invitation to General Dwight D. Eisenhower to address your convention in Columbus next June.

### War Dept. Release On World War II Dead

As the prosecution of World War II was truly global in scope, so the problem of providing for the final burial of those who died overseas during the war in the service of their country are of great magnitude.

The Office of the Quartermaster General is proceeding to carry out the program of final burial with all the speed commensurate with accurate, efficient operation. Congress has set a time limit of five years in which the major portion of this work is to be accomplished.

Each step in the program has been planned to provide dignity and respect in handling the remains of those who gave their lives. During the war those who died were buried in graves which have since been consolidated into temporary military cemeteries. As the war receded, some of these temporary cemeteries were consolidated into larger resting places.

### WILL SEND LETTERS

The next of kin concerned will receive a letter of inquiry explaining the program. Enclosed with this letter will be a form. The form will contain four options. The relative concerned will be asked to select one of the four options. These are: Interment in a permanent United States military cemetery overseas; return to the United States for final burial in a private cemetery; return to the United States for final burial in a National Cemetery; shipment to a foreign country, the homeland of the deceased, for interment in a private cemetery.

Columbus Next June

### MIKE PUZAK PINS A NAME ON MOORE THAT STICKS

Not knowing the proper words "G. O." represented in Second Vice-President Glenn O. Moore's name, Mike Puzak, former Association secretary-treasurer of the Association, addressed a letter thus: "General Orders" Moore. The letter got passed around in local veteran circles and was immediately put to use by these ex-G. I.'s. It's "General Orders" Moore from here on out—no more Glenn O.

The exploits of the Ninth Infantry Division while serving under the General are well known to him. The loyalty of the man in the Division helped make his brilliant strategy in Europe not only win the war against Germany but brought it to an earlier conclusion than would otherwise have obtained.

General Eisenhower's appearance on the occasion of the Ninth Infantry Division convention and reunion would affect this great area as nothing else could in the interest of continuing a strong national defense. It is our opinion that strong sentiment in this area backing up a strong national defense can have a far greater effect upon the policy of the nation than any other area that could be selected.

We join with you and your associates in our desire for a strong national defense and in this particular instance in our desire to have General Eisenhower come to Columbus to give impetus to the accomplishment of such a program.

Respectfully yours,  
H. N. LAPE, President.

February 21, 1947.

Mr. Henry S. Rigby, President,  
9th Infantry Division Assn.,  
New York City, New York.  
Dear Mr. Rigby:

Columbus is going all-out in its efforts to make the convention of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, to be held in Columbus in June, an eventful occasion.

If you were able to procure General "Ike" Eisenhower as convention speaker I know that he would be enthusiastically received. General Eisenhower is one of the great men in the nation today and what he would have to say would have a profound significance in shaping the affairs of our time. The occasion of this meeting would provide an excellent setting for the expressing of his viewpoints.

I am therefore urging you to exert all possible influence to persuade General Eisenhower to be in attendance at this meeting as I am sure his presence would not only tend to further insure the success of the meeting but that which he would say would be eagerly awaited and favorably received.

Sincerely yours,  
JAMES A. RHODES,  
Mayor, City of Columbus, Ohio.

### A Mother Wants to Know Where Her Son Was Buried

Lewistown, Pa.  
2 W. Spanogle Ave.  
Feb. 10, 1947.

Editor, Octofoil:

I would like to put a notice in your paper:

Any buddies of my son who know where he is buried, if they will write to me I certainly would appreciate it.

My son was Pfc. James A. Wagner, 33593947, M.P. Platoon, 9th Div., APO 9, New York P. M. He was reported killed April 1, 1945.

Thanking you in advance for the favor I am asking, I am,

Sincerely,  
MRS. JOHN C. WAGNER.

### Another Mother Is Seeking Contact With Buddies of Her Son

Gastonia, N. C.,  
February 18, 1947.

Dear Sir:

Will you please publish in your newspaper about my son. He was killed in France on June 24, 1944. His name was Private Richard Frady, Jr., No. 14000917. He was in the Med. Det., 39th Inf., APO 9. He took his training at Fort Bragg, N. C., before he went overseas. I am his mother and would like very much to get a letter from some of his buddies who were with him when he was killed.

I will go and see some of them if I can get in touch with any.

Thanks. My address is:  
MRS. CONNIE CAMPO,  
Gen. Del., Gastonia, N. C.

### Bob McCandlish Now Adjutant for Pacific Coast Legion Post

26 February 1947.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is a postal note in the amount of \$3.50 for my 1947 dues. Please do notice the date of the note is Dec. 31, 1946, which is evidence I intended to pay my dues on time. In some way, the note was mislaid in my office during my long hospitalization attempting to be fitted with a new limb in Wadsworth Veterans' Hospital, Sawtelle, Calif.

From Augsburg, Germany, I received The Ninth Division News, Vol. 2, No. 7, to Vol. 2, No. 23, inclusive. If you know how I can obtain all issues of Vol. 1 and the issues of Vol 2 that I missed, and will help me get them, I will be very glad to reimburse the Association for all expense incurred. Maybe some member would permit my reading his copies. Mention is made under "Notice" on Page 1 of the March issue of The Octofoil that the Final Overseas Edition of the Ninth Division News is available through the Association. Attached is a 3-cent stamp to cover mailing charges of my copy.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT M. McCANDLISH,  
R-5650533, Tech Sgt. Infantry,  
discharged. Formerly assgd., Co. K, 60th Inf.

Address:  
10277 Missouri St., Los Angeles 25, Calif.

Columbus Next June

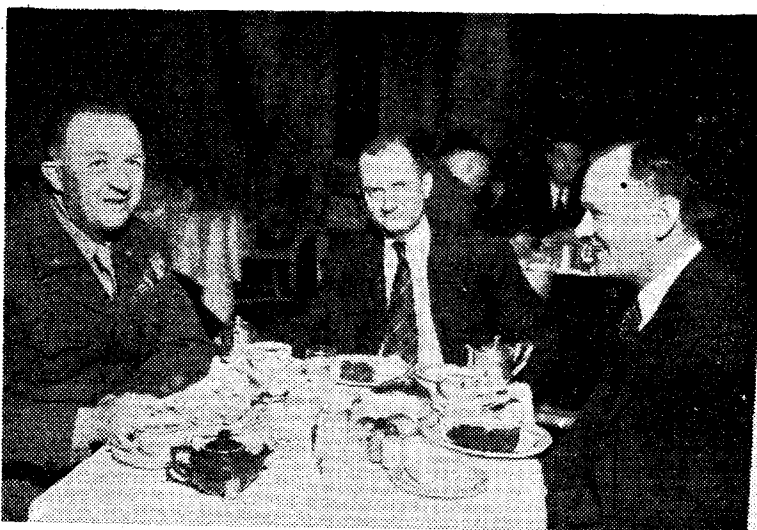
### PROBABLY TROOP TRAINS

"Another farmer is bringing suit against our road on account of his cows," said the railway clerk. "Did we kill some more of them?"

"No! This time he complains," replied the general manager, "that our trains go so slow the passengers reach out of car windows and milk his cows as they go by."

—Exchange.

### GENERAL EDDY CHECKS PLANS



The above photo was made by Columbus (O.) Evening Dispatch photographers in the dining room of the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. The General stopped over for a few hours to check on the Columbus Committee's Reunion plans and to inspect the F. J. Heer Printing Co. plant. Seated next to the General is Paul S. Plunkett, Convention Chairman; directly across from General Eddy is Second Vice-President Glenn O. Moore.

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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."

★ Advertising Rates will be furnished upon request. Write Paul S. Plunkett, 337 S. High St., Room 318, Columbus, Ohio, or William E. Byrnes, Ninth Infantry Division Association, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

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## "1200 ATTEND FIRST REUNION"

The above headline made the news in all New York and many other papers on August 5, 1946, as a result of an enthusiastic desire to keep alive the esprit and comradeship among the members of the Ninth Infantry Division. Naturally, the foresightedness of those individuals who banded together in June, 1945, for the purpose of organizing a Division Association, had started to pay dividends. Those planners can look back to that organization day with great pride, in consideration of the later successes of the Division Association.

The progress we have made is well known to every Combat Division that participated in the past war. Our Letter of Incorporation and By-Laws are used as models by other enterprising Division Associations, and we are constantly receiving queries on how to start such an organization. In fact, General Devers, now Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces, and a former Commanding General of the Ninth Division, has pointed with pride to our Association and sets it up as an example of how other Divisions might so organize. Thus it is evident that we have had a good start, and our every effort to date has been on the progressive side.

The time has come, however, when our members and potential members must take stock and examine into our apparent present lethargy. A new year has dawned and with it new responsibilities in the form of new dues established at our first Convention. In this respect we are sadly lagging behind the anticipated schedule of receipts. If you have received the notification to pay your dues and you feel that a mistake has been made, we shall gladly attempt to clarify the matter. Or if you have received no request—send in your dues now.

One of the principle objectives of our Association is to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, which objective can best be summarized in the following thoughts:

**Those who fell on the Field of Battle gave us the inspiration and will to go on and reap other rewards . . . we cannot let them down.**

—Columbus Next June—

### TEDDY ROOSEVELT'S CREED

In a speech at Springfield, Illinois, on July 4, 1903, Theodore Roosevelt declared:

"A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country is good enough to be given a square deal afterward. More than that no man is entitled to, and less than that no man shall have."

—Columbus Next June—

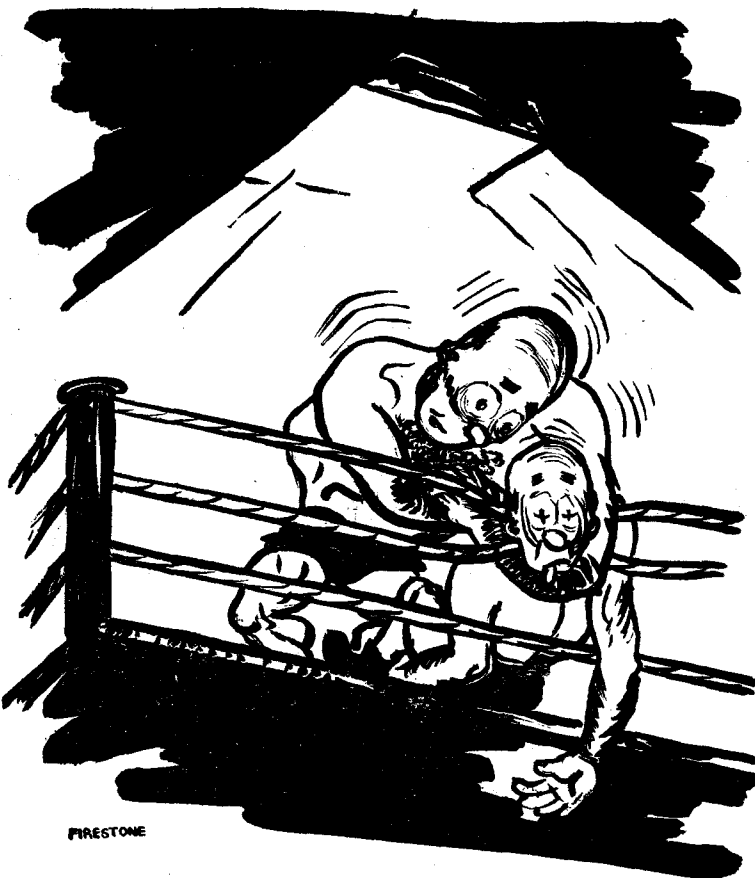
Communists have convincing arguments and are capable of professing complete innocence of any ulterior motives—but invariably any and everything they touch becomes poisoned.

Guard against Communistic influences in your local chapters or units.

—Columbus in June—

After listening to the wrangling at the Paris Peace Conference, Pfc. Jack Loeb, of Elkins Park, Pa., declared: "If it was me, I'd tell them all to go to hell."

## On the Ropes - - - - -By FIRESTONE



"Now, George, will ya', George, will ya' remember da Ninet Divisun Reunion next June? Will ya', huh, George?"

## THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Washington, D. C.

FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 31, 1946

GIDEON H. MARKEL  
Certified Public Accountant  
918 Land Title Building  
Philadelphia 10  
RITTENHOUSE 6880

To the Board of Governors and Officers,  
Ninth Infantry Division Association,  
Washington, D. C.

We have examined the books and records of

### THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

and have prepared therefrom the following:

EXHIBIT "A"—Financial Statement as at December 31, 1946  
EXHIBIT "B"—Cash transactions for the year ended December 31, 1946.  
In our opinion, the exhibits as presented fairly reflect the financial condition of the association as at December 31, 1946, and the results of the cash transactions for the year then ended.

Very truly yours,  
GIDEON H. MARKEL, Certified Public Accountant.

February 6, 1947.

### ASSETS EXHIBIT "A"

Bonds (at cost)	\$ 74,000.00
Bonds—History Fund—(at cost)—see note	15,000.00
Hamilton National Bank—Savings account	4,022.92
American Security and Trust Company—Checking account	678.60
Riggs National Bank—Checking account	5,199.41
PRESENT WORTH, DECEMBER 31, 1946	\$103,935.35

NOTE: This fund is restricted as follows:  
To be used only for histories to be sent to the survivors of members of the Ninth Infantry Division killed in action.

### EXHIBIT "B"

CASH TRANSACTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1946  
Present worth, January 1, 1946 \$ 90,241.53

ADD:  
Receipts for year:  
Initiation fees and dues received \$10,541.32  
Convention receipts:  
Banquet tickets \$5,000.00  
Pictures 6.00 5,006.00  
Interest received on savings accounts 57.84  
R-funds:  
Recorder of deeds—Wilmington, Del. \$ 10.00  
U. S. F. G. Bond 12.50  
Corporation Trust Co. 19.91 42.41  
Ninth Infantry Division—  
Donation for history fund 15,000.00 30,647.07  
\$120,888.60

DEDUCT:  
Expenditures for year:  
Salaries \$ 6,538.46  
Postage 1,450.00  
Office expense, printing and stationery 2,348.84  
Corporate seal 16.75  
Legal expense 421.60  
Subscriptions 18.25  
47th History 20.50  
Bond 62.50  
Social security tax 993.82  
Newspaper expense 149.53  
Convention expenditures:  
Convention expenses \$4,245.72  
Band 70.00  
Pocket plates 45.50  
Pictures 6.00  
Ticket refunds 40.00 4,407.22  
Board of Governors expenses 85.92  
History prints 47.06  
Local chapter expenses 69.30  
Lapel pins 322.50 16,953.26  
PRESENT WORTH, DECEMBER 31, 1946 \$103,935.35

Outstanding debits:  
Lapel pins 901.50

—Have You Paid 1947 Dues?—

## "THE OCTOFOIL" WANTS A FEW PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

Approximately 10,000 members of the Ninth Inf. Div. Assn. read The Octofoil closely.

Printing and mailing The Octofoil is an expensive project and a drain on the treasury. The 60 cents per member from yearly dues does not pay the costs. This is true with most all publications. Subscriptions never pay the cost of printing.

In order to lighten the load on the treasury for the cost of producing The Octofoil it has been decided to accept paid advertisements—if we can get them.

### NEW YORKER TAKES AD

Leslie Ronay, 3 Lawrence St., Yonkers 5, N. Y., signified his willingness to have a paid ad inserted in this issue for a product that he sells. But due to certain technicalities we were not prepared to insert the ad in this issue. These technicalities will have been taken care of before the May issue. Bear this in mind if any of our readers are in a business that the columns of The Octofoil can be of profitable help.

Maybe, as has been suggested, some member down in Florida has some product in his business that a member in California needs—and certainly if such is the case, Ninth Division Association men are going to barter with one another when such a thing is possible. We repeat, if any of our members or readers are so situated in business as to be able to profit by Octofoil advertisements let us hear from you.

Maybe you are responsibly employed by some nationally known manufacturer who could profit by taking advertising space in The Octofoil. If such a situation exists, maybe your personal contact will interest your employer.

Advertising rates will be quoted on request. Just drop a card to Paul S. Plunkett, 337 S. High St., Room 318, Columbus, O., or to the Secretary-Treasurer, Ninth Infantry Division Assn., P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

### NOTICE

Last month you was promised one full page of 47th Notes similar to the 60th and 39th pages in previous issues. Because of the necessity for printing the minutes of the Board of Governors meeting, railroad schedules and rates, you was crowded out. But that page is now in type form and by the eternal gods it's gonna be printed next month. And you know it's news until you read it. In the news columns, however, of this issue, we have tried to give the 47th all the breaks. Thanks, guys, for your patience.  
Columbus Next June

## Chain Newspaper Prints Ninth Division Combat Statistics

The Columbus, Ohio, Scripps-Howard newspaper ran a feature story by Perry Morison, a nationally known authority on veterans' affairs, in their Sunday, March 9, editions, in which article Morison gives the statistical data relative to the Ninth Infantry Division's combat experiences.

Contact your local newspaper and ask their help in making your own community Ninth Division conscious.

Columbus Next June

### WAS HE EVER A TOP KICK?

A gentleman in England who is totally deaf has invented an alarm clock which it seems to us, is exactly what this gummy-eyed world needs—much more suited to our perilous times than a new American product which gently coaxes the sleeper into his new day with a soft chiming note. This Englishman's clock is connected to a motor in the bedsprings, and when it's time to wake up, the mechanism turns on the light and shakes the hell out of you.

# NINTH DIVISION HERO NOW SENATOR

## GENERAL RANDLE COMPLETES HIS SPEAKING TOUR

Robert W. Buck, former captain, Service Co., 47th, now living at 1128 Ross Ave., Pittsburgh 21, Pa., sends in the following interesting itinerary of Gen. Randle: Brig. Gen. Edwin H. Randle, former commander of the 47th Infantry in the African Campaign, is now G-3 (plans, training and operations office) of Headquarters, Second Army, Baltimore, Maryland.

General Randle is just now completing an illustrated lecture tour which included Baltimore on February 18, Philadelphia February 19, Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 21, Columbus, O., Feb. 24, Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 26, Louisville, Ky., Feb. 27, Charleston, W. Va., March 3, and Richmond, Va., March 5. The above lectures were for National Guard and Reserve Officers, and the topic was "Combat in North Africa."

Columbus Next June

## Georgia Cracker Sends 26th F. A. Photos

Duluth, Ga.  
Jan. 27, 1947.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed you will find my 1947 dues. Sorry that I am late in attending to this matter.

Just received the February edition of the Association paper and I really enjoyed reading it.

I am sending some pictures that you may use if you care to.

The men of Battery B, 26th

## Taken in Sicily



Another Btry. B, 26th F. A. photo, showing, from left to right, Howell, Royster, Salmon, De Kiser.

Field Artillery will recognize them.

I have married and settled down since leaving the old outfit of Battery B, 26th Field Artillery, and I am now living in Duluth, Ga., working in a furniture factory.

Yours truly,

JONES T. HOWELL,

A former member of the Good Old Ninth and ex-corporal of Battery B, 26th F. A. Bn.

Columbus Next June

## Company K, 60th Will Be Represented

4030 Deal St.,  
East Chicago, Ind.,  
Feb. 15, 1946.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is money for my 1947 dues.

I have received some of the Association's papers and sure was glad to receive them.

I also would like to hear from some of the boys from Co. K, 60th Infantry.

I will be looking forward to seeing the old gang in Columbus this year.

Sincerely,

CHARLES A. MEYER,  
Formerly Co. K, 60th Inf.

## NINTH DIVISION ASSN.'S SENATOR



The above U. S. Signal Corps photo of Reverend E. T. Conners and Pete J. Dalesandro, was taken at the First Annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

## PENNSY R. R. SCHEDULES AND FARES FROM VARIOUS POINTS TO COLUMBUS

		Subject to Federal Tax	
		3 Mo. Round Trip Coach Tkt.	3-Mo. Rd. Tp. 1st Class Ticket
From— to Columbus, Ohio:			Lw. Berth, Each Way
Altoona, Pa.	\$11.90	\$19.60	\$2.95
Akron, Ohio	5.65	8.65	2.35
Atlantic City, N. J.	19.80	37.10	4.95
Baltimore, Md.	17.25	30.65	4.35
Boston, Mass.	27.15	49.30	6.40
Chicago, Ill.	11.90	20.15	2.95
Cincinnati, Ohio	4.85	7.55	pl. seat .65
Cleveland, Ohio	5.85	9.10	2.35
Dayton, Ohio	3.20	4.74	pl. seat .65
Detroit, Mich.	7.55	11.75	2.95
Fort Wayne, Ind.	7.05	10.95	2.65
Harrisburg, Pa.	15.40	27.65	3.50
Indianapolis, Ind.	7.65	11.85	2.95
Johnstown, Pa.	10.70	17.30	2.95
Lancaster, Pa.	16.65	29.60	4.35
Logansport, Ind.	8.35	12.95	2.35
Newark, N. J.	20.55	38.35	4.95
New Haven, Conn.	23.85	43.69	5.80
New York, N. Y.	23.92	44.68	5.69
New Philadelphia, Pa.	17.85	33.70	4.65
Pittsburgh, Pa.	8.05	12.50	2.35
Providence, R. I.	27.15	49.30	6.40
Terre Haute, Ind.	10.10	16.30	2.95
Toledo, Ohio	5.20	8.10	2.35
St. Louis, Mo.	15.15	27.10	3.50
Springfield, Mass.	23.85	44.00	5.85
Washington, D. C.	17.25	30.65	4.35
York, Pa.	16.40	29.25	4.35

## TENTATIVE ITINERARY FOR NINTH DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION COLUMBUS, O., JUNE 12-14

Regular Train Service, N.Y.N.H. & H. R. R.—Wednesday, June 11  
Lv. Boston, Mass. 12:00 M.  
Lv. Providence, R. I. 1:00 P.M.  
Lv. Springfield, Mass. 1:45 P.M.  
Lv. New Haven, Conn. 3:28 P.M.  
Ar. New York, N. Y. 5:12 P.M.

Ninth Division Special Train, Pennsylvania Railroad  
Lv. New York, N. Y. 6:15 P.M.  
Lv. Newark, N. J. 6:30 P.M.  
Lv. N. Philadelphia, Pa. 7:43 P.M.  
Lv. Washington, D. C. 6:15 P.M.  
Lv. Baltimore, Md. 7:00 P.M.  
Lv. York, Pa. 8:29 P.M.  
Lv. Williamsport, Pa. 2:48 P.M.  
Lv. Sunbury, Pa. 3:47 P.M.  
Lv. Harrisburg, Pa. 9:42 P.M.

Thursday, June 12  
Lv. Altoona, Pa. 12:04 A.M.  
Ar. Columbus, Ohio 6:42 A.M.

## Wants 47th Buddies To Contact Him

340 W. Walnut St.  
Hazleton, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith are my 1947 dues and a snapshot of myself. I am not sending this photo because of vanity or ego, but merely hoping some of the guys will recognize my mug who wouldn't recognize my name. I am a former 47th man, Co. E.

I certainly enjoy reading The Octofoil and I'll be seeing all you guys in Columbus next June.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL JOHN GRONSKI.  
Columbus Next June

HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

## It Pays to Advertise, Brings In '47 Dues

Whitehall, N. Y.,  
12 Mountain St.,  
Feb. 25, 1947

Dear Sirs:

I received my copy of The Octofoil a few days ago, and it was the little ad "Have You Paid '47 Dues" that prompted me to send along my dues today.

It is a swell paper, and I enjoy it very much. Especially the column, "Finding Lost Buddies."

Sincerely yours,

JOSEPH E. GORDON,  
Former member of "G" Co.,  
47th Inf.

Columbus Next June

GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

## PETER J. DALESSANDRO, CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR WINNER, IS MAKING GOOD IN POLITICS.

HE STIRS EVERYONE WITH HIS MODESTY AND PERSONALITY; A FORMER TRUCK DRIVER WITH ONLY A GRAMMAR SCHOOL EDUCATION, BUT A "NATURAL."

By HENRY LEE

Times-Union Staff Writer

President Truman stood before an Albany Area hero in 1945 and placed the Congressional Medal of Honor around his neck. Walking from the White House into a tense world, the 27-year-old soldier returned to his Watervliet home with a modest ambition to operate a liquor store.

Today that hero is Senator

Peter J. Dalesandro, of Albany County's 35th Senatorial District. You couldn't conclude that a former truck driver with only a grammar school education was a "natural" for public office. But local political leaders precluded that one who gambled so with death to save his nation should have some voice in its operation.

Unspoiled by nationwide tribute, the former tech sergeant became a deputy in the Albany County sheriff's office.

## IMPRESSED POLITICIANS

There he impressed local politicians. They liked his personality, his modesty. They observed latent qualities easy to convert into political assets. He developed fast.

"It was shortly after my employment in the sheriff's office," he related, "that I aspired to politics. So when they asked me to run for the Senate, I was grateful."

The senator didn't stop being "extraordinary" when he beat off an enemy counter-attack near Katterherberg, Germany, December 22, 1944, and ordered mortar fire on his own overrun position. Now he is the only Democratic senator from New York City to Buffalo.

And now he is directing extraordinary attention to his public office.

## ON JOB EARLY

"Since I am one of the few Democrats," he explained, "I must get here early each morning. I often introduce legislation for others. And there are 300 to 400 letters each day to answer. Most are from school teachers and civil service employees."

But he also has other reasons for coming early and staying late. "I am conscious of my inexperience in politics," he continued. "So I use all possible time to study current legislation and learn what I can from the old-timers."

Senator Dalesandro finds older legislators never too busy to provide counsel. And such counsel isn't partisan—both Democrats and Republicans step in with a helping hand.

## HIS GREATEST THRILL

No, receiving the Medal of Honor was not necessarily the greatest thrill he's had.

"One day when no bills were scheduled in the Senate," he recalled, "the fellows arranged for me to preside. It was as great a thrill as when the President gave me the Medal."

He is bending his efforts toward legislation in veterans' affairs, civil service, and unemployment. He has dropped five bills for such matters into the hopper. He is preparing another which would write off old income tax debts of veterans amounting to less than \$50.

Swift moving events of the past few years has made it difficult just what name to answer to. He was "Pete" to Watervliet friends. In the Army it was "Sergeant." Back home with the Medal of Honor, most called him "Mister." Now it's Senator.

## PITTSBURG REPORT ENCOURAGING

Feb. 19, 1947.

Dear Sir:

Received my March issue of The Octofoil and noticed that the final edition of the Ninth Division News can be had upon request. I would greatly appreciate it if you would send me one.

I am glad to see that the name of the Association's paper has finally been chosen as "The Octofoil." A more fitting name could not be had anywhere. Let's keep this name on the lips of everyone, member or not. It is indeed a name we should all be proud of.

I belong to the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter and we really have a fine group of officers and men. Just watch us roll after a few more meetings. We are growing steadily as Alex Forrest has no doubt told you. So just watch our smoke.

Since my discharge I have returned to Pittsburgh and was married. My wife and I are planning to be present in Columbus this June. Hope to see you then.

If any of the boys from good old M Company care to write I would be only too glad to hear from them. And they would be welcome at our house any time.

See you in June—

ART SCHMIDT,  
Ex M. Co., 39th.

Columbus Next June

## Wants to Locate Chaplain Day for Sgt. Conner's Mother

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I would also appreciate knowing the address of Lt. Earl Morton, who was the personal effects officer of the 47th.

I think that this service more than repays the cost of The Octofoil. Thanks a lot.

Yours very truly,  
NORRIS N. EMMONS,  
Formerly K Co., 47th.

## GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

"But I like people to call me 'Pete,'" he says.

He likes politics and wishes to make it a career. Political observers on Capitol Hill predict he will get his wish, explaining, with or without the Medal—he has exactly what it takes.



# COMMENTS ON THE GREAT PADDY FLINT

**EXPLOITS OF BOW-LEGGED IRISHMAN WILL LIVE AS LONG AS A NINTH DIVISION MAN LIVES.**

**BILL RICHARDSON'S NARRATIVE IN THE LONDON ILLUSTRATED PROBABLY EXAGGERATED BUT 39TH MEN LIKE TO READ IT.**

A soldier can be a hero and a hero can be a legend and a legend can make a superman out of a soldier. Paddy Flint was an old man for a combat soldier and he had a bad right eye and he spoke like an Irish dock hand—when he wanted to. Paddy was an old yellow-leg cavalryman turned infantryman, and he commanded a regiment in combat and he did become a legend. But Paddy Flint would have been the first to admit that he was no superman.

(Editor's Note: This narrative on Paddy Flint was originally printed in the overseas printed booklet, "Hold Fast." We have been besieged with requests to do a story, any story, about the 47th Infantry. Okay, next month we will oblige with a reprint of the story on the Saffi landing on 8 November 1942, and the tragic tale of El Guettar. Both of these stories have appeared previously in the 47th Infantry Regimental History, but we feel sure that the readers will enjoy seeing and reading them in The Octofoil. Let us know if you like this series. It is your paper.)

But then, he wasn't any plain ordinary soldier, either.

The legends of Paddy Flint were born when Paddy took command of the 39th Infantry during the Sicilian campaign. Paddy Flint was a full colonel and had traveled through Africa as a supernumerary officer with the 2nd Armored Division. One hot summer day in 1943 the commanding officer of the 39th Infantry broke his leg, and Paddy got the chance he had been longing for. He was ordered to take over the 39th Infantry. War correspondents quickly sensed a good human interest story in colorful Paddy Flint, who was seldom seen without a black silk scarf around his neck. The legends began to grow.

## LEGENDS KEEP GROWING

The legends continued to grow, pausing only briefly at their adolescent stage, and reached full maturity in the summer of 1944 when the tale to end all tales about Paddy Flint was published in The London Illustrated, dated August 26, 1944. It was written by Bill Richardson. War Correspondent Richardson began his full page story by saying: "Paddy Flint was 56 years old, and he was a soldier's soldier." That line was probably the only entirely accurate statement in Richardson's story. The legend of Paddy Flint had come to age!

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Richardson's version of Colonel Harry A. Flint's combat diary caught on, and even old time Ninth men began telling the Richardson version over and over again, with certain embellishments, to each replacement. There was the Richardson version of how Paddy Flint took over the 39th Infantry, which always produced a variety of open mouths and pop-eyed expressions. And the tale of how Paddy named his beloved 39th Infantry the AAA-O outfit — "Anything, Anywhere, Any Time—Bar Nothing."

## GEN. EDDY FLABBERGASTED

The legend of how Paddy Flint became commander of the 39th Infantry, or at least the Richardson version, goes something like this: According to Richardson, Paddy Flint was wandering all around Sicily without a command, beating his breast and yelling: "I am a fightin' s-o-f-a-b, and they

ain't got no right to do this to me." So Richardson killed off the 39th C. O., and had Paddy dashing up to Major General Manton S. Eddy: "General Eddy, I'm Paddy Flint and I'm your new commander of the 39th Regiment. I'm one fighting s-o-f-a-b, and don't you ever forget it. And just one more thing, general, if you want anything out of my G—D— regiment, just come to me with it and I'll handle it." According to Richardson, General Eddy could muster no more original an epithet than, "Well, I'll be G—D—."

In actuality, Paddy Flint received his command through the normal circumstances of war. He certainly did not call the regiment together as Richardson had him doing in a dress right, dress parade ground fashion. Richardson's entertaining but overly imaginative story, had Colonel Flint stalking off to the regiment where Paddy said to the operations officer: "Call the G—D— regiment together." At which the operations officer is supposed to have said: "And who the hell are you?" And old Paddy looked at him with a great disdain in his old soldier's eyes and drew himself up to his five feet eight and fairly shouted: "I'm Paddy Flint and I'm commanding this G—D— regiment, and when I say call the G—D— regiment together, I mean call the G—D— regiment together." Of course, it was right in the middle of combat when Paddy took over, but that didn't make any difference to Richardson.

## "WE'RE ONE GANG"

The only persons Paddy Flint called together when he assumed command of the regiment were his three battalion commanders. He told them that he was new to an infantry outfit and would need a little time to catch on to everything that should be done. He said he had only one change in mind: "From now on," Paddy said, "We are all one gang. We're all going to work and stick together as a gang and help each other." Not nearly as dramatic as Richardson's version, but much more true.

Paddy Flint's naming of his regiment the AAA-O outfit resulted in numerous other legends coming to the surface. Richardson's masterpiece of overstatement had Paddy Flint naming the 39th Infantry the AAA-O outfit five minutes after he took over. "And one thing more," Paddy is reported to have said, after he had duely harangued and belittled his parade ground regiment, "I got a motto. You may not like it, but it is my motto, and it is going to be your motto too, and you're going to like it. That motto is: 'Anything, Anywhere Anytime—Bar Nothing.' And tomorrow morning at 6 o'clock I want to see that motto pasted in every G—D— helmet here. No, I take that back; I want to see that motto written across the front of every helmet here, AAA-Bar Zero."

According to Richardson, "At 6 o'clock the following morning,

AAA-O was written across every man's helmet."

Any man who has ever seen combat knows that AAA-O painted across the front of a steel helmet would make a soldier a perfect aiming stake. And any man in the 39th Infantry will tell you that AAA-O has always been painted on the side of the helmet. And besides, there probably wasn't enough paint in the whole of Sicily to have had every man's helmet painted by 6 o'clock that morning.

Paddy Flint used a psychology accumulated through years of close contact with men in giving the 39th Infantry a new nickname. Paddy knew that to force the name on the unit might result in dislike of the whole idea. He went about it gradually. He had the letters painted on his own helmet first, and stationed the painter out in full view of whoever might be near the regimental CP. The painter could paint anybody's helmet too, if they wanted it, and some did. The idea caught on. Finally, Paddy's battalion commanders suggested that for uniformity's sake, the letters should either be on all helmets or none, and Paddy was persuaded to issue an order making it a part of the regimental uniform.

## BORN IN VERMONT

But no matter how colorful a man is, he can't be all legend. And the facts about Paddy Flint's life which no legend can distort, are more important than any exaggerated tale. Paddy Flint was a Vermonter by birth, but after he graduated from West Point in 1912 he spent more time in the west than he did in the east. And like all good cavalrymen his legs soon conformed to the outline of a horse's belly and he received the usual number of broken bones a hard riding polo player and jumper gets. Paddy loved nature and the outdoor life. His observation was keen, and he saw beauty in the little things of life. When war clouds loomed, Paddy Flint joined his friend, then Brig. Gen. George Patton in the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Benning, Georgia, staying with it continuously until July 27, 1943, except for some supply and staff work in England, Oran, and Algiers.

## CHEST PUFFS OUT

Paddy's friendship with "George" Patton dated back to their West Point days. After the Sicilian campaign, Paddy went back now and then to Patton's Seventh Army Headquarters to spend the week-end with him. Much of their time was spent in trying to beat each other to the draw with their pistols. Shortly after the end of the fighting in Sicily, the Ninth Division staged a review for men and officers to be decorated. Patton made the awards, and then took the review. Paddy was mighty proud of his command. As he marched by at the head of his regiment, his chest was puffed out a few more inches than usual, and his head and eyes were about as

high as he could get them. Suddenly, Paddy stepped into a small hole in the ground, lurching forward, and did a few dance steps to regain his balance. Patton grinned and said, "Look at Paddy, the G—D— old fool."

Another of the legend makers was Charles Christian Wertenbaker, Time and Life Magazine correspondent, who wrote a lot about Paddy in his book, "Invasion." But Wertenbaker was much more accurate in his reporting. Wertenbaker pointed out that Paddy had graduated from West Point five years before General Omar Bradley, "and Bradley always treated him accordingly. Before he took over the 39th Infantry," Wertenbaker continued, "Paddy Flint was a cavalryman; after he changed the insignia on his collar he said: 'An infantryman ain't nothing but a cavalryman without his horse anyway.'" However, Wertenbaker did not point out that after Paddy changed his insignia, he was an infantryman, and nothing but. To show his disdain for his former branch, the armored force, he would not even speak to visiting colonels who unfortunately wore the tank insignia on their collars. It was Paddy's own special brand of humor, but also he knew its psychological effect on his own men.

## AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Paddy's 39th Infantry was one of the regiments assigned to cut the Cotentin Peninsula after it had reduced the battery at Quineville on the channel. "The attack on Quineville," according to Tom Henry, war correspondent for The Washington Evening Star, "had been preceded by a great air bombardment, two hours after which the regiment was scheduled to advance over the Merderet River marshes. As the hour approached, the Army commander phoned to inquire if all were ready. 'Paddy Flint and two companies have been in the center of town two hours,' came the astounding reply. Mission completed, the utterly fatigued 39th Infantry marched west to rejoin the division. Paddy, in a jeep, passed a little man struggling under the weight of a mortar tube and remarked: 'That's the way with this world. The littlest men carry the biggest loads.' Whereupon he piled the man on the jeep, took him two miles ahead and told him to lie down and wait for the others."

## PADDY GOES FORWARD

After Cherbourg's fall, the Ninth turned south towards St. Lo. But the main Periers-St. Lo road held up the advance of the entire division. And then it came. The battalion had bogged down on this day—July 24, 1944—under heavy German fire. Paddy Flint went forward to the battalion CP to try to shake the troops forward. Paddy ordered one of the supporting tanks forward. The tank sergeant told Paddy that his turret was not working right, but

Paddy said, "Don't tell me what I can't do. It isn't often that you have a colonel for a bodyguard." Colonel Flint and his party of nine moved out ahead of the tank, and the tank jerked down the road. Paddy finally stopped the tank by a wall, and climbed up to give the driver instructions to proceed 50 yards down the road, meanwhile, exposing himself to direct fire.

## SNIPER GETS PADDY

The group then walked up a lane between some buildings. Paddy stood outside the doorway to demonstrate to a sergeant how to take up positions to drive the Germans out. The group heard a shot and Paddy Flint fell forward. A sniper had shot him in the head. The sergeant who had been talking to Paddy went to a window, spotted the sniper in a tree about 20 yards from the building, and shot him dead. As the sniper fell to the ground, the sergeant shot him again and yelled: "You can't kill an Irishman, you only make him mad." Paddy Flint smiled when he heard that. The next day he was dead.

And so Paddy Flint passed through the stage of being a live hero and become a living legend. But Paddy Flint was a human being. If he could hear some of the present day legends that have been told about his exploits, he probably would have shaken his head and repeated what he said in Sicily the day he was awarded the Distinguished Service cross for his actions in the Battle of Troina: "Why, when I stood up there and heard the citations being read," Paddy said, "I didn't know who they were talking about. It was a good deal like Mrs. Murphy at the funeral of her husband, when she said 'Why, the priest isn't talking about Paddy at all!'"

Columbus Next June

## Nebraska Member Wants to Hear from Sgt. "Speedy" Graves

February 19, 1947.

Gentlemen:

Received my Octofoil and it's a swell publication for keeping all members in contact with one another. Hope I receive it regularly in the future.

I would like to hear from any of the fellows who were in my squad in the 3rd Bn., Co. M, 39th Regt. Especially our squad leader, Sgt. "Speedy" Graves, who lived somewhere in Wisconsin and was wounded during October, '44.

Sincerely,

LESLIE B. COPELAND,  
Ainsworth, Nebr.  
Co. M, 39th Regt.

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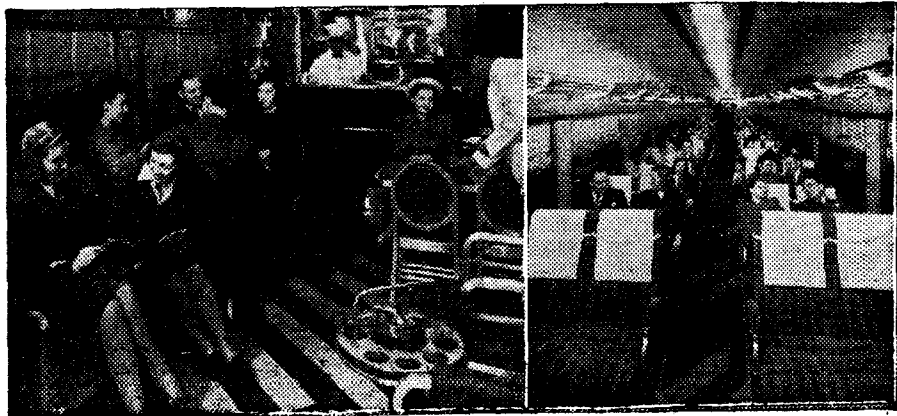
## LIFE IN HOLLYWOOD

You haven't heard, maybe, about the Hollywood janitor, whose salary included room, board—and any little extras he could pick up?

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HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

## INTERIOR VIEWS OF BALTIMORE & OHIO SPECIAL TRAIN

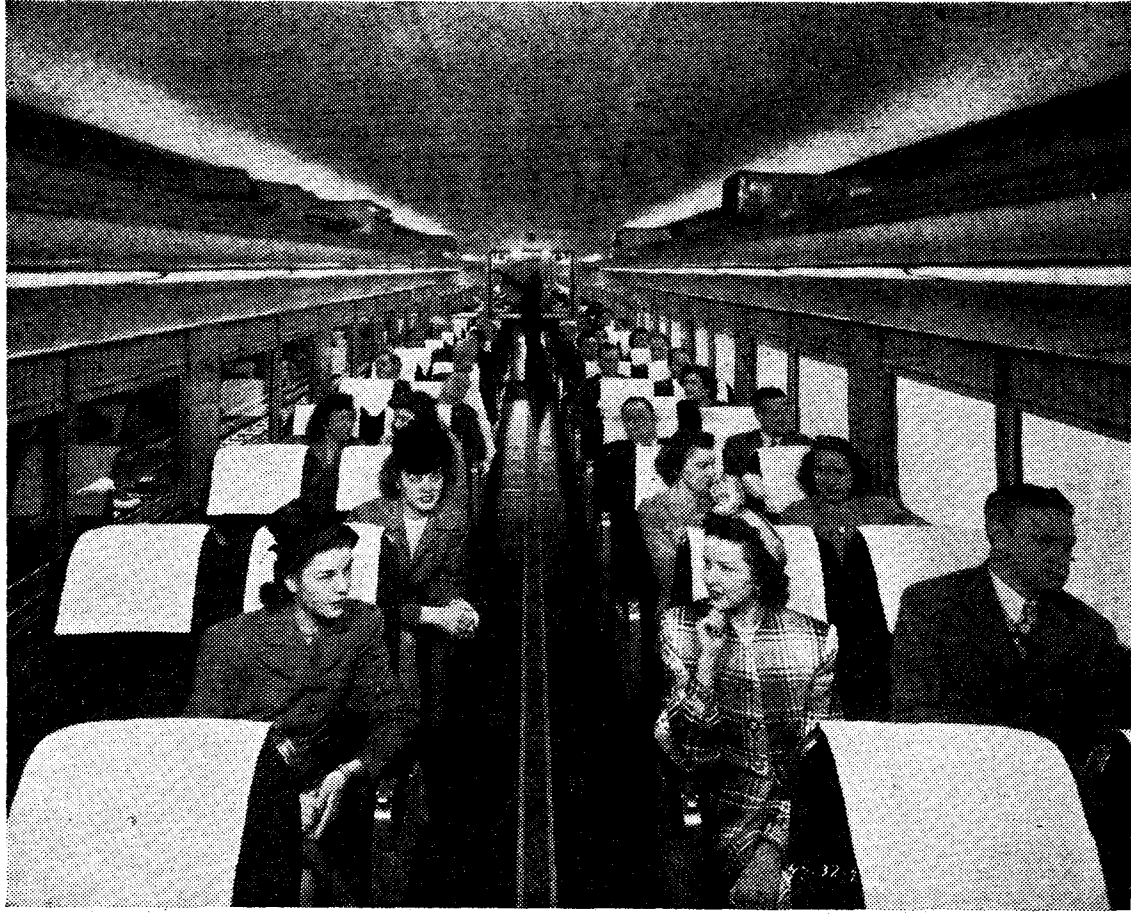


B. & O. does it again. Here is a dazzling new train, de luxe in every inch, a swift companion to B. & O.'s National Limited and Diplomat. It is painted in blue and gray and silver, and streamlined from front to rear, it intrigues your eye with all the promise of the post-war world you have dreamed about.

You will find each and every car as rich and colorful as a Hollywood salon.

# MINUTES OF SEVENTH BOARD MEETING

PENNSY R. R. POSTWAR OVERNIGHT PASSENGER COACH



Deep comfort, new spaciousness, and outstanding advances in lighting, air conditioning and interior decoration mark the new overnight coach built by the Pennsylvania Railroad for service on two of its most famous trains, the luxury coach, regular-fare Trail Blazer, between New York and Chicago, and Jeffersonian, between New York, Washington, and St. Louis. The new cars were designed by Pennsylvania engineers.

Seating 44 passengers instead of the usual 56, the new cars provide for more leg room between each set of chairs and for large lounges at each end.

The six-foot wide, panorama type windows, fitted with heat resistant, shatter-proof glass, are divided in the center by a narrow metal strip which does not interfere with vision but permits the use of individual window shades, so that each seat occupant can regulate the

light from individual windows.

An important advance in air conditioning has been achieved by installing new type air ducts in the baggage racks to draw off air evenly.

The interior is distinguished by smooth, unbroken lines, pastel colors, stainless steel, aluminum and plastic trim, and liberal use of decorative mirrors.

Every need of the traveler for comfort, relaxation and convenience has been anticipated.

## Seeks Information About His Son's Death Near St. Lo

January 11, 1947.  
15 Elton Street,  
Providence 6, R. I.

Dear Sir:

I have been trying quite a while to get some additional information about the circumstances surrounding the death of our son, Pfc. Franz G. W. Robinow, who was killed in action on the 26th July 1944, near St. Lo, Normandy. He was attached to the Division G-2 Section as a member of a team of interrogators. After having reported there the team was sent down to Hdq. 60th Inf. Rgt. From there my son was sent to the 2nd Bn., which he reached on the 24th July and was killed on the morning of the 26th. On that day, so we heard, a group of bicyclists with machine guns ambushed the post and killed my son, an officer and some other members of the team.

What I wish to find out, is the addresses of people who were present at the accident and survived or somebody who was at Division Headquarters, chaplain or medic who heard of what happened, or perhaps met my son before he was assigned to Regiment, or someone who was present at the burial.

I would be most grateful for any assistance you would lend me.

Sincerely yours,

DR. FRANZ E. ROBINOW.

P. S.: Mr. Carl Duell, Master Sgt., Hdq. Co., 2nd Bn., had no record of my son, who was only two days with Battalion.

## THINKS COLORED MEMBERS ARE NOT BEING TREATED FAIRLY



1054 Prospect Ave.  
Bronx 59, N. Y.  
Feb. 19, 1947.

Dear Sirs:

I am a member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. I am one of the colored volunteers who came after the Bulge.

I keep getting letters from the Association informing me of the meetings, which I am very much interested in, and when I do attend the meeting I find that I am the only colored there and I feel out of place. Everyone stares at me but none talk with me.

I wonder if you could put something pertaining to this in your "Now Hear This" column. Also tell the rest of the colored boys to come to the meetings and let's all have a swell time together.

ERIC M. SELKRIDGE.  
Former Pfc., 47th Inf.

(Editor's Note: Eric, you must have started something. Note the accompanying letter and photo.)

January 25, 1947.

Ninth Infantry Div. Assn.,  
Box 1704, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Byrnes:

Here is a picture I would like to submit for possible printing in the divisional history. It was taken in April, 1945. The place is, I think, Bitterfeld, Germany. The men are mostly from Easy Company, Second Battalion, 60th. Some of them are members of the now famous Fifth Platoon—the Negro Volunteers. It would be nice to know too, what happened to all of the men pictured.

WENDELL J. ROYE,  
Sgt. "E" Co., 60th Inf.

GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47! HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

MEETING HELD IN NEW YORK CITY ON FEB. 22; MANY IMPORTANT MATTERS DISCUSSED.

LESLIE RONAY, NEW YORK, OUTLINES TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR LOCAL CHAPTERS; VICE-PRESIDENTS LOUIS BECKER AND GLENN O. MOORE PRESENT.

The seventh meeting of the Board of Governors of The Ninth Infantry Division Association was held at the Hotel New Yorker, New York, N. Y., on the 22nd day of February, 1947, at 1400 hours, EST, pursuant to written notice mailed 23 January 1947 as provided for in Section 21 of the By-Laws of The Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Present: General Manton S. Eddy, Col. George B. Barth, Frank B. Wade, Michael Puzak, William Peverill, John H. Whitmore, Col. John G. Van Houten, Gen. George W. Smythe, Paul S. Plunkett, Jack Harvey, Morris Olender, and Henry S. Rigby as members of the Board. Also present: William E. Byrnes, who acted as Recording Secretary; Louis R. Becker, First Vice-President; Glenn O. Moore, Second Vice-President; First Lieut. Joseph B. Mittelman, Division Historian; Leslie Ronay and Nick Carnevale, guests.

The minutes follow:

The meeting was called to order by President Henry S. Rigby, at 1400 hours, EST; William E. Byrnes recorder.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Board of Governors were read by the Recording Secretary and approved as read by the members present.

The First Annual Audit as made by Gideon H. Markel, Certified Public Accountant of Philadelphia, Pa., was read by President Rigby and approved by the members present. Following a discussion of the Audit it was approved as presented and will be published in its entirety in the April issue of The Octofoil for all members of the Association.

### HISTORY COMMITTEE

General Eddy then made a report concerning the History Committee followed by Lt. Mittelman, who submitted a report of the bids received to date from publishers interested in printing and publishing the forthcoming Division History. A total of three actual bids and one estimated bid were read and discussed by Lt. Mittelman. General Smythe suggested that the presence of legal talent was necessary when the signing of any publishing contract was made. Publishing firms are from school teachers and civil service employees.

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He is bending his efforts to Stern Company, The Infantry Journal, and The Albert E. Love Company be ruled out. It is the further recommendation of the History Committee that the F. J. Heer Company and The Army and Navy Publishing Company be seriously considered as one of the other publishing our History. An amendment to the motion of General Smythe was made, to wit: The Board of Governors may or will be notified of further recommendations of the History Committee, following which they may vote for the award of the history publishing contract by mail. It was

also decided that any one member of the Board of Governors could cast a proxy vote for any other member of the Board of Governors.

The motion made by General Smythe as recorded in the above paragraph and the amendment attached thereto was seconded by Frank Wade and carried by a majority of the members present.

### FINANCE AND BUDGET

William L. Peverill, Chairman of The Finance and Budget Committee, read the proposed report of the Committee for the year 1947, and following a discussion of the report a motion was made by General Smythe and seconded by Col. Barth that the reading and proposed budget be accepted by the members present.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried by the members present, it was: **RESOLVED**, That the finance and budget report be accepted for the year 1947 with the suggestion of Michael Puzak that the Second Audit of the Secretary-Treasurer's accounts shall be held at the end of the calendar year.

### CONVENTION REPORT

Paul S. Plunkett then read a report on the progress being made by the members.

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Paul S. Plunkett then read a report on the subject of advertising in the monthly publication of the Association. Following discussion of this report it was decided to allow Mr. Plunkett and Mr. Byrnes to set the rates for paid space in the publication, subject to final approval by the Board of Governors. A further discussion of the monthly publication disclosed the fact that a few inquiries have been received at the Association office in Washington, D. C., relative to subscriptions for

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## SEND FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS TODAY, ALSO BANQUET TICKETS

Read the Railroad Schedules Printed Elsewhere in This Issue, Then Contact Your Passenger Agent for the Particular Railroad Better Able to Accommodate Your Needs.

Again I am printing the Deshler-Wallick Hotel blank for your convenience. Please use it at once. If you will do that it will not only be a means of saving your ownself possible inconveniences but will help the local committee to determine where we stand.

Printed elsewhere you will find all the information you need concerning railroad rates and schedules and there is no need for repetition here.

It will probably be April 1st before many of you read this issue of *The Octofoil*—only nine weeks before the big day for all of us—June 11. We have to know approximately how many will attend the banquet and dance on the closing night of the Reunion. Since the Board of Governors has left details up to the discretion of the local committee we have decided to operate the banquet on the same principles as was the successful New York banquet. We have been given a wide variety of menus to select from—and the committee's selection will be announced probably in the next issue—but in the meantime please send your \$5 for banquet ticket to the Secretary-Treasurer, Ninth Infantry Division Association, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C. Send check or money order—no cash, and your ticket will be mailed back to you immediately.

The local committee has obligated itself financially for considerable big-time entertainment. Bennie Nardone, a former Ninth man, and a talented musician and experienced entertainer, is arranging these details. We hope to make sufficient money on the advertising revenue from the Souvenir Program we are producing, so as to be able to pay all these bills from that source. However, we would like to hear expressions from our members directly or through *The Octofoil* as to whether they had rather we retrench in our entertainment expenditures if necessary or in order to be assured of one round of entertainment after another, they would be willing, if necessary, which we hope will not be, and don't believe it will be necessary, a registration fee of absolutely under no circumstances more than \$1.00.

PAUL S. PLUNKETT,  
Chairman, Convention Committee.

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

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.

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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.

Yours very truly,

DESHLER-WALLICK HOTEL.

(Miss) Martha Obetz, New Business Department.

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### IDEA CATCHES ON

Richardson's version of Colonel Harry A. Flint's combat diary caught on, and even old time Ninth men began telling the Richardson version over and over again, with certain embellishments, to each replacement. There was the Richardson version of how Paddy Flint took over the 39th Infantry, which always pro-

The only persons Paddy Flint called together when he assumed command of the regiment were his three battalion commanders. He told them that he was new to an infantry outfit and would need a little time to catch on to everything that should be done. He said he had only one change in mind: "From now on," Paddy said, "We are all one gang. We're all going to work and stick together as a gang and help each other." Not nearly as dramatic as Richardson's version, but much more true.

Paddy Flint's naming of his regiment the AAA-O outfit resulted in numerous other legends coming to the surface. Richardson's masterpiece of overstatement had Paddy Flint naming the 39th Infantry the AAA-O outfit five minutes after he took over. "And one thing more," Paddy is reported to have said, after he had duely harangued and belittled his

### 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.

## REUNION DIRECTOR OF PUBLICITY HAS A SUGGESTION

The following communication was sent The Octofoil office by C. L. Shough, 648 Eastmoor Blvd., Columbus 9, Ohio, who is publishing the 128-page Souvenir Program being put out by the Columbus unit to defray entertainment costs at the second annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. The letter is directed to secretaries of local chapters and other members active in their respective communities among former Ninth Division men, and is self-explanatory.

Dear Sirs:

Your Chapter has an opportunity! Plans for the Second Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association in Columbus, O., June 12-13-14, 1947, are well under control. We have, and are making many arrangements for a successful meeting.

Many outstanding figures from the War Dept. will be with us. General Eddy has made arrangements for the Army Ground Forces Band to be here and they will add dignity to our Memorial Services to be held in the State Capitol. The Columbus newspapers are co-operating 100%. We are going to have a floor show, smoker, banquet, sightseeing tour for the ladies and a Grand Ball. So much for our plans.

A Third Reunion will be held somewhere in 1948. Here is your chance: We are going to issue a beautiful "Souvenir Program"—128 pages or more, cover 3 colors on white, with plenty of pictures, cartoons, art work, items of interest and advertising from local, state and national firms. Your Chapter has a chance through this program to put on a drive for the Third Reunion in 1948. We have set the following prices for advertising in our Souvenir Program:

Full page ads, size 7 in. x 10 in. \$100.00.

Half page ads, size 7 in. x 4 3/4 inches, \$60.00.

Quarter page ads, size, 3 3/8 in. x 4 3/4 in. \$35.00.

Eighth page ads, size, 3 3/8 in. x 2 3/8 in., \$20.00.

Your Chapter, your Chamber of Commerce and your local merchants and civic minded citizens can use this program to help attract the next Reunion to your city.

The one thing we urge is promptness in replying. Although the Reunion is in June we are fighting time as it takes time to layout the stories, have pictures and cuts made, etc.

If interested address C. L. Shough, 648 Eastmoor Blvd., Columbus 9, Ohio, who is Director of Publicity for the Reunion.

If you need contracts to aid in selling your local merchants let us know. We will proof copy if requested.

We also know that many members cannot attend this Reunion, yet would like to have a record of the Reunion. We are therefore offering, if ordered before press time, extra copies of our program at the rate of \$2 for one or three for \$5—just about the cost of printing and mailing.

We would like to hear from you.

Respectfully,

C. L. SHOUGH,  
648 Eastmoor Blvd., Columbus 9, Ohio.

Make your checks payable to "Ninth Infantry Convention Program Committee," 24 E. Gay St., Columbus, Ohio.

Columbus Next June

Theirs was a "Beefstew romance". To put it nice and crude—She was always beefing. And he was always stewed.

Columbus Next June

### GOOD OLD INTUITION

Intuition is the gift which enables an officer to arrive instantly at an infallible and irrevocable decision without the aid of reason, judgment, or discussion.

Columbus Next June

### HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

## BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD FARES AND SCHEDULES TO COLUMBUS GIVEN

The following excerpts from a letter dated February 5, 1947, signed by D. L. Moorman, General Passenger Agent, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, are self-explanatory:

... We are quoting herewith schedules and rates for members attending the convention of the Ninth Infantry Division Association to be held in Columbus, Ohio, this coming June.

... We assure you we will furnish the very latest type air-conditioned coaches and Standard Pullman equipment.

### TRAIN SCHEDULE:

Lv. Washington	11:45 P.M.
Lv. Cumberland	3:02 A.M.
Lv. Connellsville	6:10 A.M.
Lv. Pittsburgh	9:00 A.M.
Lv. Wheeling (W. Va.)	11:20 A.M.
Lv. Newark (Ohio)	2:27 P.M.
Ar. Columbus	3:07 P.M.

Following are round trip fares to Columbus, Ohio, including Federal Tax:

FROM—	Coach Fares	First Class	Lower Berth
Washington	\$19.84	\$35.25	\$10.01
Cumberland	14.78	25.13	6.79
Connellsville	11.33	18.52	6.79
Pittsburgh	9.26	14.38	5.41

We shall be very happy to have the delegates to your convention travel via the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to Columbus and we hope if there is any service we can render, you will contact Mr. Conlyn, who has been designated as the representative to assist you.

### ANOTHER B. and O. ROUTE:

Lv. Washington	9:00 A.M.
Lv. Silver Spring	9:13 A.M.
Lv. Martinsburg	10:23 A.M.
Lv. Keyser	12:03 P.M.
Lv. Grafton	2:18 P.M.
Lv. Clarksburg	2:53 P.M.
Lv. Parkersburg	4:45 P.M.
Ar. Athens	5:20 P.M.
Lv. Athens (C. & O. Ry.)	5:27 P.M.
Ar. Columbus	7:50 P.M.

This schedule involves the use of our all-coach daylight streamliner, "The Cincinnati," from Baltimore to Athens, Ohio, where the connecting train will be held as long as ten minutes, if necessary, to protect the connection. All seats on The Cincinnati are reserved, and this train operates on a daily schedule. The connecting train on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway referred to above operates daily except Sunday.

## FINAL EDITION OF OVERSEAS NINTH DIVISION NEWS SOLD TO COOTIES

### IRVING LENHARDT AND DICK MACOMBER PUT THE PRES-SURE ON THEIR BUDDIES.

The Octofoil publishing office upon receipt of several hundred copies of the final edition, *The 9th Division News*, decided after all the local members had received a copy, the next best disposition to make of this most worthy publication was to make all Columbus, O., veterans, irrespective of former unit connections, Ninth Infantry Division conscious. Since co-operation of all local veterans' organization is most essential for a successful reunion in June, these leftover papers were placed in the clubrooms of the Buckeye Post, VFW, just before a meeting of the local Pup Tent, Military Order of Cooties for free distribution.

Spotting that Octofoil on both margins of the papers Richard Macomber, former 60th man, and Irving Lenhardt, World War I active member of the Post, confiscated the supply of papers and started a sales campaign that

set a record for high-pressure—no change was given—some copies sold for as high as \$1—but none less than the proverbial nickel. Not one attendant at the meeting escaped buying one.

The two super salesmen then turned over an appreciable amount of money to G. O. Moore, chairman of the 9th Division Association Convention Finance Committee for Reunion expenses. After some consideration, Moore decided the Military Order of Cooties Hospitalization Fund was the more appropriate recipient for this unexpected revenue and acted accordingly.

While all this was going on, another member of the Columbus Convention Committee, Paul S. Plunkett was being ruthlessly and murderously man-handled in such a way, if it had happened to a dog, the Humane Society would have had the whole lot of them thrown in the hoose-gow. The mob called this mayhem one of the degrees required before becoming a member of the Military Order of Cooties.

## A NICE LOOKING GROUP OF ENGINEERS



Reading, top row, left to right: Johnny Gee, Arthur "Buffalo" Schmidt, Thomas Reith, Andy "Pop" Grauer, Charlie Hoffman, Paul "The Finn" Ilves, who was killed in the Huertgen Forest. Bottom, left to right: Delbert Montgomery, Robert Coupland, Ernie Micka, Osmand Wffelman, Matthew "Mother" Mullholland.

## SOMEONE MAY BE LOOKING FOR YOU; READ THIS COLUMN VERY CAREFULLY

Leslie Ronay wants the address or would like to contact Captain Charles R. Fisher, formerly Special Service Officer of the 60th Infantry Regiment. Last residential address for Captain Fisher was somewhere in New Jersey. Mr. Ronay can be reached at 3 Lawrence St., Yonkers 5, N. Y.

John Alton, 2953 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Ill., formerly in Battery C, 376th AAA, who is now doing survey work on the super highway system in Chicago, would like to contact: (1) any former members of C or D Batteries of 376th AAA; (a) anyone he knew in the 84th Field Artillery.

R. P. Granrath of MTD, Route 3, 163 Raritan Rd., Rahway, N. J., would like the address of Lt. George Tucker, who was a former member of the 1st Platoon, "F" Co., 39th Inf. Regt. The last news he had of Lt. Tucker was just before the lieutenant was "hit" on Hill 1209 in Sicily. Can you help on this one?

S/Sgt. Tony Lappas, 25th Postal Regulating Section, APO 407, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y., would like to contact any former 47th men who live around Peabody, Mass.

Wallace L. Olsen, 3716 Grand Ave., Duluth 7, Minn., who was in Company "H," 47th Infantry, from March, '42, to July 10, '44, when he was wounded near St. Lo, France, hopes to locate some of his former buddies of Co. "H."

Lawrence E. Mason, St. Bethlehem, Tenn., wishes to contact Joe Parker, formerly in Hqts. Bty., 84th F. A.

Gaetano Muscato, Livonia Center, New York, wishes to contact Edward Webber, Jr., formerly of the 9th Division, and whose home was in Oklahoma.

I would like information as to the whereabouts of Sgt. Green. Green was the squad leader for the second squad, King Co., 60th Inf. Regt. He sometimes called his squad, "Green's Dirty Dozen." I just finished the March edition of "The Octofoil," and enjoyed reading it very much.—Robert I. Vosburgh, Rt. 2, Box 621, Hanford, California.

I am trying to locate the following persons who were members of Co. C, 1st Bn., 60th Inf., 9th

Division, on or about 19 July, 1944:

Captain Handage or Hardage, commanding; Lieut. Dithers or Duthers, platoon leader; Lieut. Van Dyke, platoon leader; Sgt. Gordon or Gosden, first sergeant. I would appreciate having their last known home address, or information as to how or through whom they might be located.—Melvin M. Lawson, care Humble Oil & Ref. Co., Mavingouin, Louisiana. Columbus Next June

### "Shorty" Tavares, Co. H, 47th, Looking for Some Old Buddies

Charles (Shorty) Tavares, of 219 River St., Woonsocket, R. I., former machine gunner of Co. H, 47th, wants to get in touch with Jeep Drivers Frank Mack, formerly of Co. H, 47th, and Lt. John Hill, formerly Plt. Leader of Co. H. Also anyone who was with Co. H, 47th.

SHORTY.

Columbus Next June

### Appreciates Our Molotoff Story

Feb. 18, 1947.

Dear Comrade: I want to convey my sincerest thanks and appreciation to you for the publication of "Our First Hero," Molotoff. It completes my treasured album that I have kept. Its pages are decorated with the history in pictures of Fort Bragg, Virginia and Carolina maneuvers, overseas shots and plenty of write-ups of the No. 1 division, The Ninth. If possible and there is space, could you please put the photo that I am enclosing in one of the coming issues?

Hoping to see you in June, I remain,

In Comradship,

VICTOR ELIA.

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

Columbus Next June

### BUCKEYE WANTS HIS PALS TO KNOW NEW ADDRESS

I wish you would put my name and address in The Octofoil. In this way I have hopes of receiving many letters from old buddies—and I'll answer every one of them. My address is Raymond R. Kaley, 4295 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, Ohio. And I'll be badly disappointed if I don't get dozens of letters within a few days from buddies saying they will be here in June.

RAYMOND R. KALEY.

## 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.

## Another 47th Lad



Michael John Granski  
Co. E, 47th.

## Glad to Find Out All Ninth Divisioners Were Not Yankees

Baxter, Tenn.,  
February 24, 1947.

Dear Sir:

While I was reading through the March edition of The Octofoil I noticed the Ninth Division News had left you 5,000 copies and for the small sum of a three-cent stamp I could have one. Enclosed is the stamp. I used to be a member of the 9th Div. Military Police Co. and we always thought that The News was for us, as we usually got a write up.

I have been home since last October and have been looking for a member of the Association. I was beginning to think the Division must have been a 100 per cent Yankee outfit until I read in this month's paper of one Southern boy who tells of just one of our glorious bits of Civil War history. I do feel a little better, but would like to find a few of the old gang here in Tennessee.

You are doing a great job with The Octofoil. Keep it up.

Sincerely,

RUPERT C. NUNALLY.  
Columbus Next June

## IN OHIO HOSPITAL; WANTS OLD BUDDIES TO DROP IN

Feb. 26, 1947.

Dear Sirs:

I am writing this for Louis and it is my fault he is late in paying 1947 dues.

We both enjoyed the notes on the former 60th men in the Association paper. Lou was in the Med. Det., 1st Bn., of the 60th.

At this time we would like to report a change of address, which is: S/Sgt. Louis A. Leutscher, 36167625, Station Hosp. (Med. Supply), Erie Ordnance Depot, La Carne, Ohio.

He would enjoy having any friends who happen to be in this neighborhood stopping in to see him.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Columbus.

Very sincerely,

MRS. JOAN LEUTSCHER.  
Columbus Next June

## Wants Passengers for Columbus Auto Trip

2409 First Ave., S.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

I enjoy reading the news of the men from the 39th.

The next time you publish an issue of The Octofoil you might say that I will drive to the Reunion in Columbus and can take four from this area in my car.

I am now employed as an electrician in the local burley-que "leg" show.

JAMES BENANE,  
Ex Cannon Co., 39th.  
Columbus Next June

HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

## HERE'S WHAT A FEW OF THEM ARE DOING NOW AND WHERE THEY ARE

February 18, 1947.

Dear Sirs:

I am very happy to read our monthly publication. Please note my new address. I wish all my old buddies would get in touch with me at the address given below, or phone.

To those who are interested, I am happily back at my old market: General Insurance Broker—and I have no complaints coming.—Rudy Perger, Room 1708, 80 Maiden Lane, New York 7, N. Y. (Phone: Whitehall 3-0482). Formerly Hdq. Co., 9th Div., 1 P.W. Team.

6 Feb. 1947.

Dear Sir:

I enjoy The Octofoil just the way it is being printed, and am glad to see the names of some of the boys I remember.

I have been out of the service about a year now. I am located in Hutchinson, Kans., working as County 4-H Club Agent. I'd enjoy hearing from any of the fellows.—Malvin G. Johnson, 211 W. 8th, Hutchinson, Kans. (Formerly a lieutenant in Co. I, 3d Bn., 60th Inf. S-4 after V-E Day.)

Jan. 29, 1947.

Denton, Texas.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed you will find dues for 1947.

I am sorry I could not attend the last convention but I am certainly planning strong on being in Columbus.

Wishing all former Ninth men good luck, I remain.—R. E. Snelling, 1118 Panhandle St., Denton, Texas.

Jan. 29, 1947.

Dear Sir:

I am working in a paper mill seven days a week and don't get much time for entertainment but would like to hear from some of my buddies.

I was a member of 3rd Bn., Hdq. Co., 60th Inf. My home address is 548 Courtland St., York, Pa. I recently moved from 933 Wellington St. Hoping to see some of the buddies in Columbus, O.—LeRoy E. Brevenour.

Feb. 10, 1947.

Dear Sir:

Just finished reading the latest issue of The Octofoil and think it is grand.

I am still in the Army but expect to be out in May, 1947. Send my 1947 membership card to my home address, Elkin, N. C., Rt. 1.

Let's hear from some of those Co. I, 60th men, who were on the Roar River and around Remagen. Hope to make the Convention this year. Good luck to the As-

sociation and keep up the good work.—Roger E. Eads, formerly 60th Inf., Co. I. Now Pfc. Roger C. Eads, Hdqtrs. Co., First Army, Fort Jay, Governors Island, New York 4, N. Y.

Jan. 28, 1947.

Dear Sir:

I think those special trains is a great idea.

I am now the proud pappy of twins—a boy and a girl. The babies are one year old now.—M. J. Gabriele, Warren St., Athens, N. Y., a former member of Co. A, 47th.

Feb. 16, 1947.

Akron 14, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I was formerly with the Division Ordnance, joining them in England and stayed with them until the end of European campaign.

I am now driving a truck and hope to see you in Columbus in June.

I only hope the Ordnance Co. has a good turnout. Would like to hear from Charles Wittgreffe, formerly of Ordnance Co., in Baltimore, Md.—Jacob Knittel, Jr., 1713 Manchester Rd., Akron 14, Ohio.

Ravenel, S. C.

Feb. 18, 1947.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a 3-cent stamp. Please send me a copy of the Ninth Division News.

I receive The Octofoil each month and certainly do enjoy it. I was a former member of Hdq. Co., 2nd Bn., 60th Inf., from January, 1942, at Fort Bragg, until July, 1945, Germany.

At present I'm farming and would like to hear from any of the old gang. I expect to attend the Convention in June.

Best wishes to all.—Milton Cor-drax, Ravenel, S. C.

Columbus Next June

## This Guy Wants a Weekly Paper Printed

228 Elizabeth St.  
New York 12, N. Y.

Dear Bill:

I enjoy reading The Octofoil—especially news of what former members are doing. Wish it would be published weekly instead of monthly. Keep up the good work.

As for myself, I've been out of the Army almost two years and am still single because I can't find an apartment. Is that good or bad?

Sincerely yours,  
JOHN R. KING,  
Formerly 2nd Bn., 39th.

## LIKE TO SEE 'EM PERFORM AGAIN?



Help us identify these lads. Send in names and addresses of all those whose identity you are positive.

PAY YOUR 1947 DUES



## GENERAL EDDY'S STAFF AND NINTH DIVISION ASSOCIATION PERSONNEL TRY THEIR BEST TO HELP NEXT-OF-KIN

John C. Howard, Vice-President of the Union Supply Co., Uniontown, Pa., has gone into detailed and lengthy correspondence with various people in an effort to obtain more data relative to the death of his son, 1st Lt. James R. Howard, 01317015.

Brief excerpts from the following letters indicate the diligence in which General Eddy and his staff have endeavored to help Mr. Howard. Any of our members reading this and in a position to help Mr. Howard should certainly write him at once.

22 December 1944

My dear Mr. Howard:

It is with profound sorrow that I extend to you... heartfelt sympathy on the death of your son, 1st Lt. Jas. R. Howard, 91317015, who was killed while participating in an attack upon enemy positions 24 September 1944 in Western Germany.

Signed: J. H. CISEL,  
Captain, 60th Infantry Personnel Officer.

November 23, 1946.

My dear General Eddy:

When you were in Greensburg on Nov. 5 for our Rotary meeting I had invited my cousin, John C. Howard, Uniontown, Pa., to be my guest at the meeting. He was unable to attend. My reason for inviting him was on account of the fact that his son, in Co., K, 60th, was killed while in service with said Company.

Rest assured that any information that could be obtained regarding this boy would be greatly appreciated.

Trust that without too much bother, either you or Lieut. Miller may be able to get some information relative to the facts surrounding this boy's death.

Yours very truly,  
PAUL J. ABRAHAM.

27 November 1946

Mr. Paul J. Abraham,  
Greensburg, Pa.  
Dear Mr. Abraham:

The General is away on a short trip and in his absence I will endeavor to be of assistance in obtaining information relative to the death of Lieut. James R. Howard, "K" Co., 60th.

Lieut. Howard joined the 60th during the period I was hospitalized. I have called Ninth Division

Association in Washington and they are searching their files and records for information leading to Lieut. Howard's death.

They assured me that their search would be most complete.

J. J. WESSMILLER, JR.  
1st Lieut., Inf., Aide-de-Camp.

30 November 1944

Mr. John C. Howard,  
Uniontown, Pa.

I realize how anxious you must be for a detailed account of the circumstances surrounding Lieut. Howard's death. The official report received stated only that he was killed in action in Germany on 24 September 1944. Although no assurance can be given as to the receipt of further details, you may be certain that in the event of additional report, Lieut. Howard's wife will be notified without delay.

Sincerely yours,  
EDWARD F. WITSELL,  
Brigadier General,  
Acting The Adjutant General.

10 Feb. 1947

Mr. John C. Howard,  
Uniontown, Pa.  
Dear Mr. Howard:

Unfortunately, I have been unable to uncover any definite information for you. These few leads may assist you:

From 4 July 1944-4 September, the Commanding Officer of "K" Co. was Leo C. Williamson, 239 9th St., West Palm Beach, Fla. He was seriously wounded on the 4th of September and your son took over.

I suggest that you contact Williamson in Florida and possibly he can give you the names and addresses of the First Sergeants.

The Ninth Division monthly paper reaches approximately 11,000, all ex-servicemen from the Ninth. I have asked them to run notices, seeking information from their membership.

JOHN J. WESSMILLER,  
Captain, Infantry,  
Aide-de-Camp.

Feb. 14, 1947.

Dear Captain Wessmiller:

If you are able to obtain any information through the monthly paper of the Ninth Division, it will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,  
JOHN C. HOWARD.

## Think Engineers Are Being Neglected

Feb. 21, 1947.

Dear Sir:

Just received the latest copy of The Octofoil, and want to tell you I enjoy every issue. I attended the Reunion at the Hotel New Yorker so you can expect to see me in Columbus in June.

Have noticed many pictures of boys from various outfits, so I decided to send you one of a few of the gang from B Co., 15th Engrs. Never see much about them—so maybe this will get them on the ball.

The picture was taken at Northwood Park, near Winchester, England, sometime in April of 1944.

Looking forward to seeing many of the old gang along with many from the 47th Infantry in Columbus next June.

Yours truly,  
CHARLIE E. HOFFMAN,  
91-43 81st St., Woodhaven, N. Y.  
Columbus Next June

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD

(Continued from Page 5)

The Octofoil for non-members. General Smythe then made a motion that all monies received for newspaper subscriptions and other miscellaneous items be credited to the newspaper fund. The motion was seconded by Paul S. Plunkett and carried by a majority vote of the members present.

## LOCAL CHAPTERS

Concerning the discussion for the organization and conduct of Local Chapters, Frank B. Wade moved that the President appoint a Committee to investigate the organizing and set-up of local and state chapters. The Committee would also advise upon rules of order, collection of dues (both national and local) and eligibility for membership in any chapter or group. These reports are then to be acted upon at the Second Annual Convention in Columbus, Ohio, in June, 1947. Mr. Wade's motion was seconded by General Smythe and carried by a majority vote of the members present.

Mr. Leslie Ronay, President of the Greater New York Chapter of the Association, was then allowed time on the floor to explain to the Board of Governors present what the local chapters were expecting from the National Association offices.

## RETURNED BODIES

General Smythe read a report on the plans as furnished by the Army for the "Return of bodies of casualties from all theaters of war beyond Continental America." A full and subsequent report will be made on this question in monthly issues of The Octofoil.

## SPECIAL TRAINS

A report of the arrangements for a "Special Train" to the Convention was made by President Rigby. Pending completion of schedules and rates the report was not acted upon, but full publicity will be given to this movement in subsequent issues of The Octofoil.

## COL. VAN HOUTEN REPORTS

Colonel Van Houten then made a report on the accuracy of rosters as furnished by the Division while still overseas. Due to the inability to employ efficient clerical workers, and since the majority of such workers were recruited from the ranks of Displaced Personnel, plus the scarcity of time before inactivation, the rosters as furnished are incomplete. This is a regrettable action, but under the circumstances could not be helped or avoided.

## C. OF C. LETTER

President Rigby then read a letter from the Columbus Chamber of Commerce asking that the Association extend itself in an effort to obtain General Dwight D. Eisenhower as a principal speaker at the forthcoming convention in Columbus in June, 1947. It was then suggested that General Eddy contact a representative Army speaker to assure his presence at our banquet. General Eddy agreed to

## SAYS "OCTOFOIL" BEST VETERAN SHEET HE HAS HAD PLEASURE OF READING

Feb. 21, 1947.

37 W. 39th St.,  
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Byrnes:

My congratulations on the best newspaper ever read by myself, Company, Post or Station, veterans organization publications, such as Veterans of Foreign Wars, Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Disabled American Veterans.

It was good, and every word was read by myself, as well as a bunch of the old gang. I spoke to Father DeLaura today, and he said it was swell, as well as the old barber from E Company of the 47th. Keep it up!

For this reason I am enclosing a small contribution for the coming issue.

At the Christmas party mentioned in the clipping half of my committee were Ninth Division men: Father DeLaura, Les Ronay, now president of the New York Chapter; Gene Madigson, I think he is from the 60th, and Larry Scher, from the 47th.

All the names of the fellows I mentioned would like to be remembered to the gang. Most of us will see them in June, in Columbus.

Sincerely,  
M. DAVIDE WIENER.

## PURPLE HEART ORDER

### FETES 300 VETS

(From N. Y. Journal-American.)

Three hundred wounded veterans of World War I and II, 250 from four military hospitals in the city, were feted at a Christmas party sponsored by the Greater New York Chapter, No. 126, of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

The organization pledged its guests that they and the members of their families "for the rest of their lives may turn to the order for physical, mental or financial assistance."

The pledge was given by assistant chairman of the dinner, Fr. Anthony De Laura, of St. Bridget's Roman Catholic Church, Westbury, L. I., a former Ninth Infantry Division chaplain who was wounded twice in World War II.

## He Likes to Read "The Octofoil"

February 18, 1947.

240 S. Detroit St.,  
Los Angeles 36, Calif.

Dear Bill:

I received the March issue of The Octofoil and it is excellent. It does my heart good to keep in touch with members of the Ninth. This is the best issue yet published.

Sincerely,  
BORIS RAYNES,  
Lt., Btry. "C," 26th F. A. Bn.

the aforementioned suggestion.

## NEW MEMBERS

Colonel Van Houten then addressed the floor on the solicitation of new members for the Association through the medium of various veteran and non-veteran publications. He also suggested that the members present at the forthcoming convention should seriously consider the admitting of men to the Association who were assigned to the Division after 24 August 1945. In a further statement he said the advantages to be gained by such action would be an increase in membership over the present total plus the added income that would be derived from such increase in membership.

## ADJOURNMENT

The President then asked if there was any further business to be discussed, there being none, a motion was made, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting thereupon adjourned at 1755 hours, EST.

WM. E. BYRNES, Secy.

Following a six-course turkey dinner the veterans were entertained by radio and stage stars.

Among the many stars who entertained was Naomi Lewis, who led in the singing of the National Anthem.

Guest of honor was Joseph Burke, a 75-year-old blind veteran of the Spanish-American War and Mexican border engagements and World War I.

Gift packages containing radios, razors, cigars, candy and other articles were given to the veterans.

Chairman of the affair was M. David Wiener, former technical sergeant of the Ninth Infantry Division, who, wounded four times in European fighting, was decorated with the Silver Star and the Bronze Star with one cluster.

## WIENER WANTS TO LOCATE A BUDDY FROM LAKELAND, FLA.; NAME FORGOTTEN

Feb. 21, 1947.

Dear Byrnes:

I am trying to locate an old buddy of mine. I can't remember his name. He was in the 3rd Plt., E Co., 47th, and was a radio man or runner for a while, then transferred to Co. Hdq., as same. This was during December and January, 1944 and 1945.

His home, I believe was Lakeland, but I am sure the state was Florida. He is about 5 feet 7 inches, light complexion, and slight of stature. I would like to contact him. If anyone knows his name, or should he see this article, please contact me immediately. They used to call me "Hap" or "Happy," as a nick-name.

Around December 20th, to Jan. 10th, right after his return from the hospital, he rejoined the platoon, and we shared the same dug-out in a wooded area, in Germany. If I see his name, I will recognize it.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I remain,

Sincerely,  
M. DAVIDE WIENER.  
37 W. 39th St., New York 18, N. Y.

## Ken Bartlett Sends "Oh, My Achin' Back" Photograph

Watseka, Ill.

Jan. 27, 1947.

Gentlemen:

I am sending three photographs that either the History Committee or The Octofoil may use.

The group of men in one of the pictures comprise the cast of the show, "Oh, My Achin' Back!" The men were members of the Third Bn., 47th Regt. Colonel Inzer of the Third Bn., suggested that we might get a show organized and he backed it 100%. It was a novelty show with an orchestra, singers, whistler, gags, etc. We presented our show at various times to practically the entire Ninth Division. This was immediately after V-E Day in the vicinity of Desau, Germany.

The other two pictures were taken while we were in Kalterherburg, Germany, near Monschau, Germany, January 20, 1945, by a U. S. Signal Corps photographer.

During that period the men were getting plenty dirty and lousy, for clean clothing was not available. Our executive officer conceived the idea of a front line laundry, with improvised equipment.

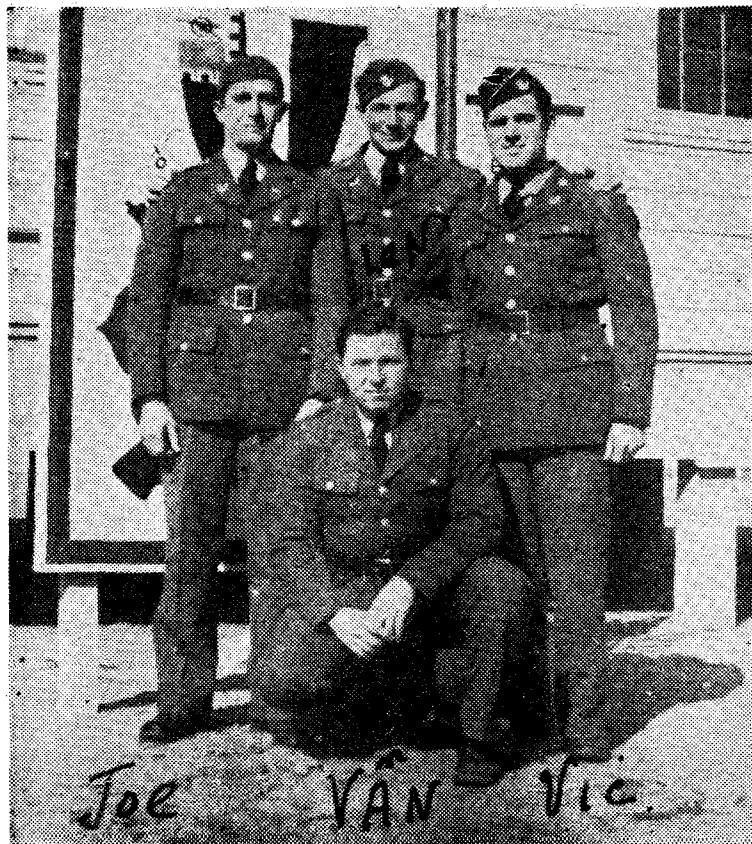
We had to abandon the scheme when we hit Schmidt, Germany.

Certainly enjoy reading The Octofoil and will be glad when the history is off the presses.

Very truly yours,  
KENNETH B. BARTLETT,  
221 S. Third St., Watseka, Ill.  
Columbus Next June

HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

## GOOD OLD FORT BRAGG DAYS



Standing, left to right: Joe Senevski, Len Murl, Victor Elia. Kneeling: Tom Van Bomel. Picture taken in front of Regt. Hdq. in 1941. Van Bomel was wounded in Sicily.