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COLONEL WESTMORELAND IS HONORED

NINTH DIVISION ASSOCIATION GOING AHEAD WITH BIG PLANS FOR SECOND ANNUAL REUNION

Housing Committee Securing Rooms for Those Who Write for Them Sufficient Time in Advance; Any Details Not Covered in Octofoil Will Be Furnished By Secretary Byrnes.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Plans are rapidly going ahead here for the Second Annual Convention and Reunion for members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, to be held on June 12-13-14, 1947, at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel in Columbus, Ohio.

NOTES OF INTEREST FROM V. A. OFFICE

Over \$34 billion of World War II National Service Life Insurance still is in force with Veterans Administration.

Forty-nine dependents of Mexican War Veterans still were on Veterans Administration pension rolls at the end of 1946.

Notice . . Banquet Information

Arrangements are going forward to hold the Saturday evening banquet in the Deshler-Wallick Hotel. This hotel can accommodate 1,000 at the banquet tables. There are other facilities available in Columbus that will accommodate many times more than 1,000. But to date banquet ticket sales would indicate the Deshler facilities will afford ample accommodations. If all who desire banquet tickets will send their \$5 to Secretary-Treasurer William E. Byrnes, 9th Inf. Div. Assn., P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., immediately, should the demand prove greater than has reservations coming in during the past month, then sufficient time will be given the Columbus Committee to arrange another location. But if you persist in doing as many did in New York last year; that is, waiting until Friday or Saturday preceding the banquet, to ask for reservations, then many will be left out in the cold. Don't make that mistake.

Make checks or money orders payable to the Ninth Infantry Division Association, as per the above address. Do not send cash.

AKRON, O., FATHER IS WILLING TO PAY 39th's HOTEL BILL

Paul Rekettie, 1079 Mercer Ave., Akron, Ohio, has been running down every possible clue for months that might lead him to the address of someone who knew his boy, Tibby, Co. E, 39th Inf., who was killed near Les Desert, France, 21st July, 1944.

Mr. Rekettie writes the Housing Committee in Columbus, Ohio, for reservations during the Reunion, and states he's quite willing to share a room with another. But he prefers some fellow from Co. E, 39th Regiment, his own son's outfit. He states further, if the Committee has available someone from that Company who is soloing to the Reunion and has no objection to doubling up, then the hotel expense for that Co. E man will be on Mr. Rekettie. Or as he puts it, "That youngster will be my honored guest."

What a glorious vacation it would be for this devoted Dad if he could share a room for two or three days with someone who knew the son that meant so much to him. And what a break it would be for some ex-G. I. who otherwise might not be able to make the Reunion.

Some of you fellows who knew Tibby, get in touch with Mr. Rekettie, even if you can't make the Reunion.

THE COLONEL'S REGIMENT CHOSEN AS AN HONOR GUARD WHEN MEXICAN PRESIDENT VISITS U. S.; SPORTS AN OCTOFOIL SHOULDER PATCH.

PRESENTS HIS CRACK REGIMENT, 504TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT, TO BOTH PRESIDENT TRUMAN AND PRESIDENT ALEMAN, WHEN THE LATTER ARRIVED AT NATIONAL AIRPORT.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Colonel William C. Westmoreland, former Chief of Staff of the Ninth Division, and presently Commanding Officer of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment of Fort Bragg, was spotlighted here recently when his regiment of "paratroopers" were chosen to act as the Honor Guard on the occasion of the visit to this country of President Miguel Aleman of Mexico.

FLANKED BY PRESIDENTS

Greeting President Aleman upon his arrival at National Airport from Mexico, Colonel Westmoreland then presented his crack regiment for review by both President Truman and the visiting President from Mexico.

They passed down the long lines of smartly attired soldiers, the two Presidents flanking Colonel Westmoreland, and for the Colonel, it was evident that this was

one of the proudest moments of his life.

TROOPS FROM FORT BRAGG

Following the review ceremony, the troops were billeted at nearby Fort Myer, until their departure for Fort Bragg the following day.

WEARS OCTOFOIL

Oh, yes, the Octofoil patch on Colonel Westmoreland's right shoulder really commanded attention, but news photos failed to bring out the Octofoil as clearly as it deserved to be. However, the patch received plenty of admiring attention from President Truman, as is evidenced by the photograph on this page.

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HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

COL. WESTMORELAND AND HIS CRACK REGIMENT



Colonel William C. Westmoreland, former Chief-of-Staff of the Ninth Division, is shown as he escorted Presidents Truman and Aleman upon the occasion of a reviewing ceremony held at National Airport when the Mexico President arrived for a recent visit. The troops are the crack 504th PIR of Fort Bragg, and commanded by Colonel Westmoreland. An examination of the photo shows the Octofoil patch on the Colonel's right shoulder, which President Truman seems to be admiring.—(Photo by Washington Post.)

Columbus Next June JAMES W. JONES, AURORA, ILL., DEAD

In reply to a letter from Chicago Chapter's Secretary, Robert G. Phillips, the widow of the late James W. Jones has this to say:
Aurora, Ill.,
April 7, 1947.

Dear Mr. Phillips:

In reply to your card asking my husband to join the Illinois Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, I am grieved to inform you that my husband (James W. Jones), died Sept. 25, 1946. I know if he was alive he would have come to this Get-Together as he always spoke about wanting to see his buddies.

Sincerely yours,
MRS. JAMES W. JONES,
651 Galena Blvd.

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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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BACKGROUND OF THE ASSOCIATION

On VE-Day in Europe, in 1945, the Ninth Division Association was a reality in comradeship, not only among the active members then on the Division rolls, but also among those members who had ceased to be active in the Division; those who were spread among other organizations, in the hospitals, and certainly not forgetting those in the cemeteries of two continents.

Early steps were taken to insure the perpetuation of that reality before the high-pointers started home, by organizing an Association that would carry it into civil life. The Veteran Association is now definitely a going concern, as those who attended the great reunion in New York City attest with enthusiasm—as further evidenced by the rapid growth of chapters throughout the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The meeting at Columbus will offer an opportunity to crystalize the experience of the past year into a stable pattern of the future.

It seems that the great present objective is the perpetuation of war associations under by-laws that will insure the maximum active membership in the Ninth Division Association.

—Columbus in June—

DO YOU WANT TO HEAR 'AXIS SALLY'?

Remember ever hearing this: "Soldier, you're out there in the mud fighting a lost cause. Your girl friend is out having a grand time with some 4-F. Why don't you give up, soldier?"

You listened to that hokey night after night, and other Nazi propaganda in an effort to break down your morale.

You never doubted anything else but she was a good German—even if she was misled.

Then when the Krauts began retreating up pops Axis Sally in person. She wasn't a Kraut—she was an American traitor. She once attended college in Ohio.

She was locked up in an American jail—and the country she had betrayed released her Christmas, 1946.

Now Sally has lost her fanatical love for the Fatherland. She wants to come back to America with her questionable talents.

Are you and you and you going to tolerate again living in the same country with Axis Sally?

The Ninth Infantry Division Association is a non-political organization, but we can raise up on our hind legs and raise holy hell if necessary—and now's the time to let the gods-that-be down in Washington know that if we are forced to listen to Axis Sally on an American radio hookup someone has aroused the wrath of a mighty group of fighters—who can be just as belligerent as civilians as they were in combat.

Meditation —By FIRESTONE



I just can't understand you, dear. Since you heard about the Ninth Infantry Division Association Convention in Columbus, Ohio, in June—you just don't seem to have an interest in anything else—any more.—(Reprinted from February issue because of the many requests.)

CHAPTER MOVEMENT ENCOURAGING

From coast to coast former Ninth Divisioners are holding local unit meetings. Enthusiasm indicates the Ninth Infantry Division Association has again set a pace for other Division Associations to shoot at.

There is one mistake the local units would do well to avoid. That is planning elaborate celebrations that cause some of our members who are in a low wage bracket to be forced to stay at home. After all, what we all want is to have everyone eligible to attend these meetings. Companionship should come first. The banquets are enjoyable affairs, but if the cost involved keeps even one former Ninth Divisioner from attending, then the banquets should be eliminated and buffet lunches substituted that will entail only small expenditures.

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. Am I eligible to receive a pension or compensation if I signed a statement at the time of my discharge saying that my disability existed prior to my enlistment?
- A. Under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (G. I. Bill) any statement of this nature which you have made at the time of discharge is considered null and void.
- Q. If I am eligible for three years of schooling under the G. I. Bill, does that mean three school years or three calendar years?
- A. If you are entitled to three years of education or training under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (G. I. Bill) you are eligible to three calendar years (36 months) of education or training. This may be used up in four ordinary school years of nine months each.
- Q. Am I eligible for education or training if I was in the army less than 90 days during
- World War II and was discharged for a service-connected injury?
- A. Yes.
- Q. May a veteran of World War II who is receiving retirement pay pursue a course of training or education and receive subsistence allowance?
- A. Yes; if he is otherwise eligible.
- Q. Does Veterans Administration have to approve my course of education under the G. I. Bill?
- A. No. An eligible veteran may elect his course and choose any state-approved educational institution in which he is able to enroll.
- Columbus Next June
- Sam: "But what kind of a girl is she?"
- Jack: "Well, the kind a guy could take home to his mother—if he could trust his father!"
- Columbus Next June

GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

NOTICE

Lieut. Joseph B. Mittelman, Division Historian, is seeking information and the address, if possible, of former Pfc. Richard T. Seace, of Easy Co., 39th Inf. Regt. Pfc. Seace is believed to be the last "casualty" evacuated from the "line" shortly before cessation of hostilities in Germany. If you have any information about Pfc. Seace or can furnish his present address, please communicate at once with Lieut. Joseph B. Mittelman, Ninth Division Historian, Room 420, New Post Office Bldg., Second Army Hdqtrs., Baltimore 3, Maryland.

RETURN OF WAR DEAD TO U. S.

Information on the return of bodies of men buried overseas has taken definite shape within the past month. Present plans call for the shipments to be received at the New York and San Francisco Ports of Embarkation, beginning in August of this year.

Following the receipt at Ports of Embarkation, the bodies will be forwarded to a number of distributing points located geographically throughout the United States. There the bodies will be held pending receipt of final burial instructions from the next-of-kin.

This matter has been discussed by the Board of Governors and it is the unanimous opinion that all members have a definite responsibility to participate in the formal burial ceremonies whenever humanly possible. We hope that at least one representative of the Division who knew the deceased member, will be present at whatever burial ceremony may be prescribed. By such action we will earn the gratitude and esteem of the next-of-kin who have long carried this great burden.

Every effort will be made to notify members as soon as possible as to the receipt of specific cases.

Columbus Next June

OHIO LEGION NEWS ADVERTISES REUNION

Under the heading "Reunions," The Ohio Legion News printed in its May 8, 1947 issue, the following notice:

NINTH DIVISION Association Convention, June 12-14, Columbus, Ohio. Write William E. Byrnes, Secretary, Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., for membership, history and convention information.

Glenn O. Moore, second vice-president of the Association, and active member in American Legion circles had the above notice inserted in the Ohio paper. Members in all the other states should request, from time to time, space in both the VFW and Legion publications concerning activities of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

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OUR MISTAKE

The ad printed in the last issue of The Octofoil for Leslie Ronay, concerning the Ninth Division lapel pins he has for sale, quoted the Gold-Filled pins as \$1.40 and it should have read \$2.40. After examining Ronay's products The Octofoil can honestly say they are emblems that anyone should be proud to own.

Columbus Next June

HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

CONVENTION CHAIRMAN'S FINAL REPORT

Schedule of Convention Events

DESHLER-WALLICK BALLROOM

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 2ND REUNION

Thursday, June 12, 1947

Registration at the various CPs in the Deshler-Wallick Hotel.
8:30 P. M.—Stag Smoker—Hall of Mirrors—Deshler-Wallick Hotel.
8:30 P. M.—Theater Party for the Ladies.

Friday, June 13, 1947

9:00 A. M.—Fall out and assemble as orderly as possible; march with the Band to the State House for Memorial Services.
Rev. Harold Weaver, North Broadway Methodist Church, Columbus; former Chaplain 84th Infantry, World War II.
Rev. Francis L. Hickey, Chaplain Newman Hall, Ohio State University, Columbus; former Chaplain 74th AAA Gun Bn., World War II.

Assisted by visiting Chaplains and former Chaplains.
B. J. "Budd" Sweeney, Chief Announcer, Radio Station WHKC, Master of Ceremonies.

11:00 A. M.—Sight-seeing trip for the lady guests and luncheon.
11:00 A. M.—Meeting called to order by Paul S. Plunkett, Convention Chairman, presenting Glenn O. Moore, President, Columbus Chapter, Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Invocation—Rev. Francis L. Hickey.
Welcoming Address—Governor Thomas J. Herbert.

Welcoming Address—Mayor James A. Rhodes.
Welcoming Address—George Kistner, Adjutant, State Department, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Welcoming Address—Joe Deutschle, Department Adjutant, American Legion, State of Ohio.

Welcoming Address—Ernie Creech, Past Grand Commander, Military Order of the Cootie.

Response to Welcoming Addresses, by Henry S. Rigby, President of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Address by Ralph H. Stone, Deputy Administrator, Veterans Administration, Columbus, Ohio.

Appointment of Committees by President Henry S. Rigby.
1:00-2:00 P. M.—Recess.

2:00-5:00 P. M.—Transaction of any business properly brought before the Convention.

Benediction—Rev. Timothy M. Andrysiak, former 60th Regiment Chaplain.

Friday Evening

8:30 P. M.—Big-time floor show by nationally known artists. Open to both the members and their lady friends. Deshler-Wallick.

Saturday, June 14, 1947

9:30 A. M.—Opening Prayer—Rev. Harold Weaver.
Opening of business meeting. Listening to reports of the various Committees.

Any other business that may be properly brought before the body.
Benediction—Chaplain (Major) Cecil Loy Propst, Base Chaplain, Wright Field, Ohio. (Former 60th Regt. Chaplain).

Adjournment of the Second Annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Saturday Evening—8:00 P. M.

Paul S. Plunkett, Chairman Convention Committee, introducing—Rev. Anthony F. De Laura, former 9th Division Chaplain, and active in New York Chapter activities. (Blessing.)

Banquet.
Introduction of Toastmaster, Judge Rodney W. Ross. Introducing Guests of Honor—

Major General Louis A. Craig.
Brigadier General George W. Smythe, first President of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Major General Robert S. Beightler, CO Ohio's 37th Division, World War II.
Major General Leo Kreber, Artillery Officer, Ohio's 37th Division, World War II.

Major General Manton S. Eddy.
Lieut. Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Chief of Information for Chief of Staff—Principal Speaker for the Evening.

Fifteen-minute recess for hotel personnel to clear room of tables for Grand Ball.

Round Trip Fares to Columbus, Ohio Via Santa Fe Railway to Chicago, Illinois

INCLUDING 15% TAX

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| | | | Lower | Upper |
| Los Angeles and San Francisco | \$95.39 | \$137.43 | \$23.92 | \$18.23 |
| Phoenix, Ariz. | 88.21 | 125.75 | 20.64 | 15.70 |
| Albuquerque, N. Mex. | 70.67 | 97.64 | 15.99 | 12.19 |
| Denver, Colorado | 58.94 | 82.11 | 11.96 | 9.14 |
| Colorado Springs, Col. | 58.54 | 82.11 | 11.96 | 9.14 |
| Hutchinson, Kansas | 40.02 | 59.40 | 10.75 | 8.11 |
| Emporia, Kansas | 35.25 | 53.48 | 9.09 | 6.84 |
| Topeka, Kansas | 33.12 | 50.77 | 8.40 | 6.33 |
| Kansas City, Mo. | 30.13 | 46.98 | 6.67 | 5.06 |
| Oklahoma City, Okla. | 42.15 | 62.10 | 10.75 | 8.11 |
| Amarillo, Texas | 53.59 | 76.36 | 14.03 | 10.64 |
| Fort Worth, Texas* | 47.84 | 68.66 | 10.01 | 7.59 |

*Via St. Louis.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1947 DUES?

Gov. Thos. J. Herbert, Mayor Rhodes Will Attend 2nd Reunion

Governor Thomas J. Herbert, of Ohio, has assured the Columbus Committee, he will make every effort to be on hand Friday, June 13, to welcome visitors attending the Second Annual Reunion of the Association. Governor Herbert, an ex-G. I. of World War I, talks the G. I. language, and will prove a most interesting speaker. There has been no reasonable request made to the governor by the Columbus Convention Committee that he has failed to give his wholehearted support.

The Mayor of "Good Old Columbus Town," Mayor James A. Rhodes, has also given the Committee his assurance that he will also be on hand to make those attending this Reunion feel they are most welcome.

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Deputy Vets. Adm. Ralph H. Stone Will Address 2nd Reunion

The Columbus Committee is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Ralph H. Stone, Deputy Administrator for the Veterans' Administration in this section, that he has arranged his schedule for June so as to be able to deliver a short talk to those attending the Second Annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association at the Friday, June 13, business session.

Mr. Stone is widely known for his ability to clearly and briefly, indelibly impress his remarks on veteran audiences. His sympathetic understanding and humane approach to the problems confronting veterans of World War II has caused a warm spot for Mr. Stone to be reserved in the hearts of all veterans in this area who have come in contact with him.

Columbus Next June

Columbus Convention Bureau Co-operating

The following letter received from Joseph E. Cross of the Columbus Convention Bureau is self-explanatory and shows the co-operative and helpful attitude of Columbus officials in helping make this Second Reunion a success:

March 22, 1947

Mr. Paul Plunkett, Chairman Committee on Arrangements The Ninth Infantry Div. Ass'n. Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Paul:
Confirming our recent interviews, this is to advise that the Convention Bureau will provide a registration staff with their own typewriters sufficient to meet your demands; we also agree to have in readiness a reviewing stand on Capitol Square; we will also have the streets decorated with flags throughout the business section of the city and if desired, will have a hostess available to assist in plans for the ladies entertainment.

All of these services, together with any others desired are gratuitous on the part of our Bureau and we guarantee that everything will be in readiness for the Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association on the dates of June 12-14.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH E. CROSS

Manager.

LIEUT. GEN. J. LAWTON COLLINS WILL BE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER; MAJ. GEN. MANTON S. EDDY ARRANGING FOR ARMY BAND.

"T. S." SLIPS FOR THOSE WHO FAIL TO RESERVE ROOMS; SMALL REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE CHARGED TO DEFRAY ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES FOR THE THREE NIGHTS; GET BANQUET TICKETS FROM SECY. BYRNES.

The 16-page and cover program for the second annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association is off the press with the proposed "Schedule of Events." Naturally there will be a few minor changes, but it had to be printed at this time otherwise

there were no pressroom facilities available until after the Reunion.

Secretary-Treasurer Byrnes has the hotel floor plan showing how groups can be seated together if you send in your \$5 and request for a banquet ticket at once. Write Secretary Byrnes—not the Housing Committee for the banquet tickets. The Housing Committee, 22 E. Gay St., Columbus, O., will guarantee you a room if you make your needs known sufficiently in advance, but if you wait until the last minute, then you may be S. O. L. But we have plenty of T. S. slips for people like that. And your wife or girl friend are more than welcome to attend the banquet; formal clothing is not desirable. This should answer a lot of inquiries.

GEN. COLLINS TO SPEAK

Lieut. Gen. J. Lawton Collins will be the principal speaker at the banquet. General Collins enjoys an enviable reputation from coast to coast as an outstanding and accomplished speaker. The Association is very fortunate the General could so arrange his June schedule so as to be with us during this Second Annual Reunion.

GEN. EDDY TO SECURE BAND

The Committee is in receipt of a letter from Major General Manton S. Eddy to the effect he has taken the necessary steps to assure the Reunion visitors of the presence of an Army Band. The Columbus Convention Chairman has conferred with officials of the Musicians' Union and a waiver has been submitted by this Union that they have no objections to this band playing for our Reunion, thus eliminating the possibility of any misunderstanding on this score.

\$2 FEE TO BE CHARGED

Since the Columbus Committee contracted with a nationally known booking agent to entertain the visitors for three nights, it is necessary that the funds to pay these entertainers come from some place. The 42 members making up the Columbus Chapter can't pay the money out of their pockets. After counseling with various members of the Board of Governors and leaders of local units in other parts of the country the committee decided to charge a registration fee of \$2 to pay for the entertainers and the side entertainment being arranged for the ladies. The unanimous consensus of opinion the committee received from all sources was that the members would not object to this small fee if they were given high-type entertainment and received value for their \$2.

NO CHARGE FOR THE LADIES

Only the men will be asked to pay this small registration fee.

Here is one case where two CAN live as cheap as one—so you might as well bring "the little woman" along. Your registration fee will be just as much whether she comes or not.

NOVELTIES TO BE GIVEN OUT

Aside from the 16-page program, a nice souvenir itself, that will be given each registrant, other favors and novelty souvenirs have been arranged by the committee to be given over the Registration Desk.

PAUL S. PLUNKETT,
Chairman Convention Com.
Columbus Next June

Cootie Columnist Insults "Octofoil"

"Hap" Sailor, Cootie columnist, continues to libel "The Octofoil." In his current month's brain child, the Crummy Columnist refers to "The Octofoil" as "The Octofool." Some Reunion visitors will no doubt have the questionable pleasure of meeting this alleged journalist while in Columbus in June. You are at liberty to inflict any penalty your conscience dictates.

Here is his latest outburst:
"The next Scratch of Vin Champagne Pup Tent, M. O. C., will be held Sunday, May 4. Third Degree Scratch will be in order. Main feature will be the penalty to be imposed upon one Ninth Division Grayback who blasted our column through the May issue of the 'OCTOFOOL'."

Columbus Next June

A Baby Shows Up At Mac Katz Home

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Mac Katz, former member of 3rd Bn., 39th Infantry Regiment mailed an unusual announcement to the Association offices recently. The event announced is not too unusual but the method and wording was certainly original. Since nothing but song titles and titles of recent Hollywood picture production were used, we are printing it in its entirety and leaving the rest up to you. No, there were no cigars with the announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Katz

proudly announce

Suddenly It's Spring

The Whole World Over

Arnold

Born Yesterday

April 20th, 1947

6 lbs. 11 ozs.

of The Perfect Marriage

starts

The Best Years of Our Lives

P. S. It Happened in Brooklyn

255 Pennsylvania Ave.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Columbus Next June

GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

APRIL-MAY BUSY DAYS FOR CHAPTERS

FROM 'FRISCO TO MAINE FORMER 9TH DIVISION MEN ASSEMBLE TO FORM LOCAL CHAPTERS; OTHER DIVISION ASSOCIATIONS ENVIOUS.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS ARE PRESENTED, OFFICERS ELECTED; ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED; MANY OUTSTANDING FORMER NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION MEN ATTEND THE VARIOUS FUNCTIONS.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHAPTER REPORTS SUCCESSFUL MEETING

WASHINGTON, D. C.—With more than thirty members present representing one-third of the total membership, the District of Columbia Chapter held a most successful meeting recently at the V. F. W. Gold Chevron Club.

Temporary officers were elected by the assembled group until such time as a permanent set-up can be assured. Donald Clarke was elected temporary president; J. R. Hargy, vice president, and Charles O. Tingley, secretary-treasurer. Major General Donald A. Stroh was made Honorary President of the group.

Adoption of a Constitution and By-Laws was made after a reading of the articles by Stephen Grey, and these have been forwarded to Morris Olender, Chairman of the Local Chapter Policy Committee for consideration by his committee and possible future adoption by the members who will be present at the coming convention.

Following the business meeting, the group was treated to a surprise in the form of a 15-minute recorded broadcast, made on the

sixth anniversary of the Division by Station AFN, Munich, in August, 1946.

A last minute change in plans forced the District of Columbia Chapter to cancel a meeting scheduled for May 27, 1947, until Thursday, May 29, 1947. President Donald M. Clarke announced recently. President Clarke also announced the securing of sound films from the War Department for presentation to the local members, but was unable to state the titles. He did say, however, that they would be "action" pictures of World War II. Major General Donald Stroh, active member of the group, also announced he would present tentative plans for an "outing and picnic" for the group during the coming summer months.

NEW HAVEN IS SCENE OF A MOST ENTHUSIASTIC STATE CHAPTER SESSION

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—With a turnout of more than thirty-five former Ninth men from the New Haven area, this section was assured of a strong local organization of the Association. Sparked by the efforts of Sidney S. Heiberger of New Haven and former member of the 9th Signal Co., the group met in the Garde Hotel here to discuss plans for their future activity in Association matters.

While no permanent slate of officers were chosen, Heiberger was appointed Chairman of a committee composed of "key men" from various towns in and around New Haven and who have volunteered to contact former members of the Ninth in an effort to gain their support of the local group.

The coming convention was a topic of discussion and the "war drums" were beaten for a representative group to attend the affair. From present indications Connecticut will have a very large group in attendance. Also discussed was the application of the group to be accepted officially by the Association and the signing of a "petition" now on file in the offices at Washington, D. C.

Following the business meeting, the group listened to addresses by Thomas F. Wall, Connecticut State Commandant of the Marine Corps League, and William Soderman, former 2nd Division member and holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Soderman is presently connected with the Veterans Administration in Connecticut in the capacity of a staff member.

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GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

OPEN LETTER TO 9TH MEN LIVING IN ILLINOIS AREA

WANTS ADDRESS OF ALL FORMER NINTH MEN LIVING IN ILLINOIS.

Mooseheart, Ill., April 28, 1947.

To the former members of the 9th Infantry Division in the State of Illinois:

On April 26 a group of some sixty members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association met in the Midland Hotel, Chicago, and banded together to form an Illinois Chapter of the Division Association.

The purpose of this Chapter is to further the purposes of the Ninth Infantry Division Association within Illinois.

The officers of the Chapter who were elected at this meeting were:

President — John J. Clouser, Mooseheart, Ill.

First Vice President — Walter Mahon, 220 S. State, Chicago, Ill.

Second Vice President — Harold Gebhardt, 1025 Ottawa St., Ottawa, Ill.

Secretary — Robert Phillips, 6754 S. Normal, Chicago, Ill.

Treasurer — John G. Edwards, 4746 1/2 Drexel Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.

Board of Managers — Perry Graves, Robinson, Ill.; Isaac Rowand, Story Farm, Oswego, Ill.; Norris Kauz, 324 E. Division, Kewanee, Ill.

PETITION FOR CHARTER

We are petitioning the National Association for a Charter to recognize us as a group of the National Association.

Those of you who were not at the meeting drop a card to the Chapter Secretary with your name and address so that you will be put on the mailing list and we can notify you of our future meetings and social functions. Get in touch with the officer closest to you, so that you can have local groups within your area.

We are asking the cooperation of everyone to make our State Chapter a real live success and we hope to see everyone at our next State Reunion.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN J. CLOUSER, President, 9th Infantry Division Association Illinois Chapter.

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PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK GANG LET US DOWN

Long distance conversations between President Rigby and The Octofoil publication office, as well as similar conversations with Leslie Ronay, New York, divulged some very encouraging facts concerning activities of Ninth Division Units in both these cities. The Local Chapter pages were held open to the last possible minute in the hopes that some communication concerning these past and future activities from these two localities would be forthcoming. Maybe they want to surprise all of you with an optimistic oral report at the Reunion.

on organizing a larger unit in Indianapolis.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. STELLE, Vice-President.

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER MAKES STRONG EFFORT FOR LEADERSHIP AMONG LOCAL CHAPTERS

BOSTON, Mass., May 27.—Climaxing a two-day meeting with a banquet and dance, the New England Chapter of the Association formally filed their intentions of making their group one of the outstanding of all chapters now seeking charters from the Association.

The Manger Hotel in Boston was the scene of the two-day get-together, with Friday, April 25 being devoted to registration of members and guests, followed by the business meeting which was held on Saturday, April 26 in the forenoon. Originally planned to adjourn before lunch time, this session carried on into the afternoon and was climaxed by the election of officers who are pledged to demand certain obligations from the Association at the coming convention. Following the business meeting the first annual banquet and dance of the chapter was held in the hotel ballroom.

BY-LAWS PROPOSED

Members present at the business meeting numbered over 125, and were read a proposed Constitution and set of By-Laws, which was later discussed and after certain amendments, adopted, with the recommendation that it be accepted by the Local Chapter Policy Committee now at work on this all-important question. Wm. E. Byrnes, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association was present and answered questions concerning the Division History and its progress, and as can be expected, countless other questions concerning the Association and its activities.

ELECT OFFICERS

Officers elected at the meeting were as follows: Martin D. Connolly, president; Edward P. Shea, treasurer; Frank W. Page, recording secretary; Rev. Edward T. Connors, chaplain. The Executive Committee chosen was as follows: James B. Carleton, Sylvester Byrnes, James E. Flanagan, Ronald V. Murphy, Edward J. McGrath, Ralph L. Stapleton, John Edwards and Thomas J. Boyle.

Highlight of the week-end's activities was the first annual dinner and dance which was held on Saturday evening. With more than two hundred members and wives and sweethearts present for the excellent dinner and program which followed. The night was given over to reminiscing and of course each group had its own "CP" filled to overflowing with

"tall" tales and cigarette smoke. REV. CONNORS PRESENT

Rev. Edward T. Connors, former Divarty Chaplain, and presently located in Worcester, Mass.,

gave the invocation prior to the dinner and later on in the program the guests were treated to one of his usually excellent reminiscing talks. Needless to say, this was one of the highlights of the evening.

Martin D. Connolly, president,

acted as toastmaster and introduced members of the Executive Committee and other officers of the Chapter and attending guests. Col. Richard D. Storey, formerly of the 60th Infantry made an interesting talk on the aims of the New England Chapter and also made a strong plea for unity among Association members and chapters. Other invited guests who found it impossible to attend were Major General Manton S. Eddy, who had a prior speaking engagement elsewhere; Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Col. John L. Donovan of the Veterans Administration, and Mrs. Sallie Flint, widow of the late Col. "Paddy" Flint, former Regimental Commander of the 39th Infantry Regiment. The short but highly enjoyed speaking program was followed by a dance which closed the day's festivities.

TO MEET AT WORCESTER

Another meeting for this group is planned for June 1, at Worcester, Mass., and since this will be the last meeting before the convention, a large turnout is expected. Plans will be drawn up for the transportation arrangements to the convention as arranged by the railroads, as well as for those who plan to utilize the air-lines for their mode of travel. It is also planned to send members to the convention with the explicit "instructions" of the chapter members.

OKLAHOMANS ARE ASKED TO HELP SCHEFFEL FORM LOCAL CHAPTERS

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Charles Scheffel, former 39th Regiment man, recently invited any interested members living in the Oklahoma area to write him concerning a proposed formation of a Local or State chapter.

Scheffel recently visited the Association offices in Washington, and after discussing the matter with Secretary Byrnes, he felt there were enough Association members who are presently living in his state to form an active group.

Scheffel is engaged in the insurance business in Oklahoma City and spends a great deal of time traveling throughout the state, which affords him many opportu-

nities to contact former Ninth men.

Any member in Oklahoma who might wish to write him are invited to do so. He may be addressed as follows: Charles Scheffel, 505 Concord Bldg., Oklahoma City, Okla.

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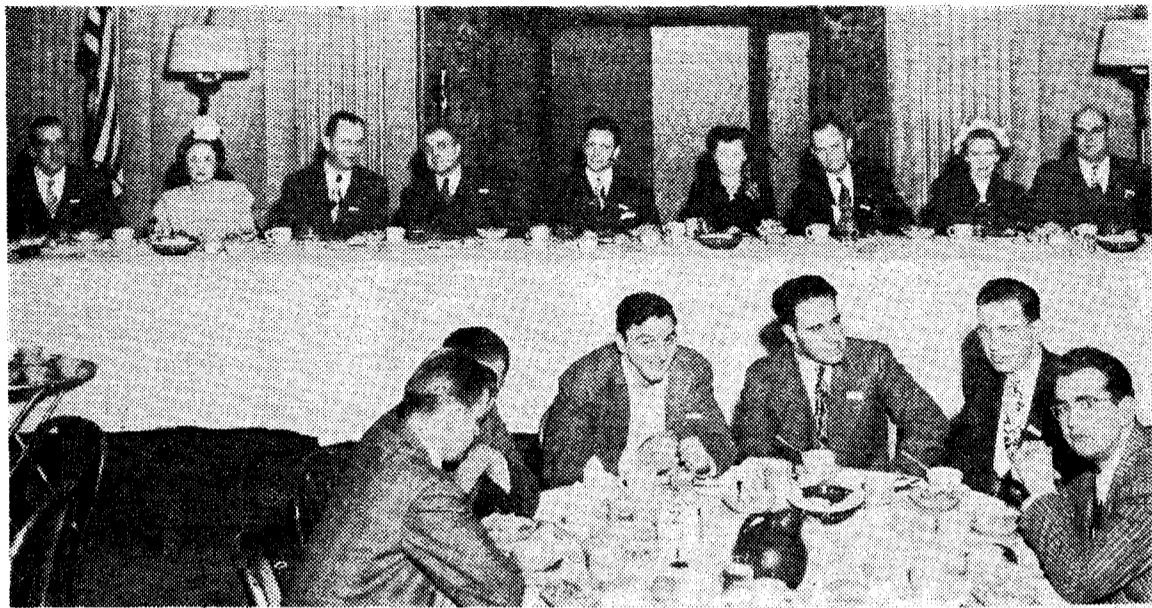
NOTES FROM V.A.

A total of 5,600 veterans with certain disabilities received automotive conveyances at Government expense by the end of 1946, Veterans Administration said.

Veterans Administration already has guaranteed or insured around 48,000 business loans for veterans totaling more than \$150,000,000.

ANOTHER PAGE LOCAL CHAPTER NEWS

SCENE TAKEN AT CHICAGO'S BIG REUNION SESSION



The above photograph was taken in Chicago's Loop District Midland Hotel on the occasion of their Illinois Chapter organization meeting. Seated, left to right: John J. Clouser, newly elected president of the Illinois Chapter; Mrs. Glenn O. Moore; Glenn O. Moore, second vice-president of the National Organization; Major General Louis A. Craig; Otto Kerner, Jr., Master of Ceremonies; Mrs. Paul S. Plunkett; Paul S. Plunkett, member, Board of Governors; THE future Mrs. Robert Phillips; and Robert Phillips, newly elected Illinois Chapter secretary.

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER SETTING FAST PACE FOR OTHER LOCAL GROUPS

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—With the holding of a gala dance on May 14, The Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the Association is now going ahead with plans for an Activation Day dinner to be held in the Pittsburgh area in August.

This will be the second social affair of a series, and it is probable that no charge will be made to chapter members for the event. If a charge is to be made it will be a nominal fee for actual expenses only.

ADOPT BY-LAWS

Alex T. Forrest, President of the local group, announced the acceptance of a set of by-laws under which the Chapter would operate and these have been forwarded to Morris Olender, Chairman of the Local Chapter Policy Committee for his recommendation and possible future adoption by the Association at the coming convention in Columbus. He also announced that the first regular election for officers would be held in July.

ELECT OFFICERS

Submitted herewith is a resume of the activities to date of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter:

1. Held an initial organization meeting on Friday, December 6, 1946 in the Victory Room, Hotel Henry, Pittsburgh. Fifteen members were present from whom temporary officers were elected, these being:

President, Alex. T. Forrest, 514 Archer St., McKeesport.

Vice-Pres., John R. Heights, 350 Gregg St., Carnegie.

Secretary-Treasurer, Walter A. Millstone, 163 Ormsby Avenue, Pittsburgh.

Publicity Director, Raymond J. Kennedy, 321 Stratford Avenue, Pittsburgh.

MEET REGULARLY

2. Since December 6 we have held meetings on the third Friday of each successive month in the Directors Room, Commonwealth Building, 316 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh. Of a mailing list of about 480 men whom we contact monthly, the meetings are attended by 50. The encouraging factor though is that of the 50, there are 10 to 16 new faces each time, thus running the total of men who have

attended the meetings to about 130 or thereabouts. We hope to have everyone of these men out for every meeting as soon as better weather sets in. In addition to the business sessions, we have featured the meeting with movies of the Invasions of Africa, Sicily, Normandy as well as other miscellaneous pictures. We have also arranged for the use of a private club to which members can retire after the meetings for a bull session over a beer.

3. By-laws have been drawn up and have been read to and discussed with the members twice. The third reading and vote of acceptance made at the April meeting.

4. The chapter has formed a few definite ideas concerning National HQ—local chapter policy and hope to introduce these ideas in the form of resolutions for consideration at the convention. In the meantime, these have been forwarded to Morris Olender, head of the national committee on local chapter policy, to assist him in his work.

LETTERS ANSWERED

5. From the standpoint of rendering help to the next of kin of deceased Ninth Div. men, we have answered a large number of letters from these next of kin and have endeavored to put them in contact with men who were friends of their sons or husbands. We have informed them of the history that is to be published and of the Association's policy of distributing them to next of kin. We have developed the policy now of forwarding to them along with the letter a copy of the February issue of the Octofoil which contains the story of the \$15,000 history fund and also Tom Henry's story of the Division in action.

INTEND RAISING FUNDS

6. Fund raising measures to meet current expenses and to lay a basis for future activities have

WHO ISN'T CONFUSED?

Congressman Earl Wilson of Indiana, quotes this as a letter from a Hoosier GI, still in the service, to his Congressman:

"The Army says I can't wear my uniform after I arrive home because I'll be impersonating a soldier. The stores say I can't buy a suit of clothes because they haven't got my size. The police say I can't go on the streets naked because it is against the law.

"I would gladly stay off the streets, but I can't find a house to live in. With the shortage of lumber I can't buy a barrel. Having been wounded, the Army won't take me back because I am not physically fit.

"I will be 21 in 1948—what party ticket should I vote for in order to get a better break?"

—Exchange.

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The Blinded Veterans' Association now is recognized as an authorized agency to handle member claims for Veterans Administration benefits.

been considered. At the initial meeting it was decided to start on a small scale by raffling off a radio. This will be awarded at our May meeting and, so far, everything points to the raffle being a success. Consequently, we have arranged to hold a dance on Wednesday, May 14 at the Aragon Ball Room, 628 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh. This dance will be open to the public and it is expected that it will be a huge success. We have other social events in mind which have not reached the definite planning stage as yet, since they are dependent upon the degree of success of the dance.

7. It has been our policy to publicize our meetings rather extensively. Papers within a radius of 50 miles of Pittsburgh carry notices of the meetings. In addition, Ray Kennedy has done a fine job of getting the chapter plugged over the air, particularly through Louis L. Kaufmann of station KQV. Other stations plugged for us during the month of February.

Respectfully submitted,
ALEX. T. FORREST,
President.

ILLINOIS GROUP INSTALLS NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

MAJOR GENERAL LOUIS A. CRAIG ADDRESSES GROUP; SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT GLENN O. MOORE AND PAUL S. PLUNKETT, MEMBER BOARD OF GOVERNORS, ATTEND SESSION.

On Saturday, April 26, in the Midland Hotel, Chicago, Ill., an enthusiastic group of former Ninth Divisioners, assembled and organized what promises to be one of the most militant Ninth Infantry Division units in the country. Paul S. Plunkett, member of the Board of Governors, obligated the newly elected officers. A list of the officers is printed elsewhere in this issue.

The aims and objects of the Association were used as a basis for the ritualistic work. Following is the obligation used in installing new officers:

"I hereby solemnly and sincerely swear or affirm that I will use all honorable means within my power to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the Ninth Infantry Division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace, and to aid former members of the Division. I understand the objects of the Ninth Infantry Division Association are fraternal, patriotic, historical and educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies, whomsoever.

"I will abide by the by-laws of the Ninth Infantry Division Association and will at no time be a party to legislating local chapter rules or regulations that conflict with the by-laws of the national organization of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. As an officer and member of the Illinois Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association I will strive to the best of my ability to carry out the aims and objects as set forth by the parent organization. I understand the meaning of this obligation and will so observe it, to all of which I pledge my most sacred honor."

The following agenda was followed. Major General Craig's remarks highlighted the meeting. He made a detailed report of the last days of operation in combat, closing his remarks with the statement, as long as two Ninth Division men were left, we would hold meetings and the last man would bury himself.

Date—April 26, 1947.

Time—5:00 p. m.

PROGRAM

5:00 p. m. Cocktails and general get-together of men

6:00 p. m. Dinner

7:00 p. m. Opening of Meeting by Toastmaster.

(1) Explanation of history and purpose of meeting.

(2) Introduction of Chairman of meeting, Otto Kerner, Jr.

(3) Presentation of Speakers
(a) Major Gen. Louis A. Craig

- (b) Probable: Mayor of Chicago
- (c) Representative of Board of Governors of Association
- (4) Election of Officers:
 - (a) President
 - (b) Vice-President
 - (c) Secretary
 - (d) Treasurer
- (5) Installation of Officers by representative of the Board of Governors
- (6) New Business:
 - (a) National Convention Plans
 - (b) Plans for the next meeting of Chapter
- (7) Adjournment of Meeting.

Glenn O. Moore, Columbus, O., Association second vice-president, addressed the Group, briefly outlining plans that have been made for the entertainment of the reunion visitors. Moore advised them he had made arrangements to see to it that if some over-enthusiastic former Ninth Divisioner absorbed too much Vino he wouldn't be in the hoose-gow but a few minutes.

Otto Kerner, Jr., did an outstanding job as temporary chairman of the meeting. He is a very effective speaker. Chicago's chapter is extremely fortunate in having such an outstanding member who is interested in the future welfare of the Chicago unit.

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SOUTHERN CALIF. MEMBERS FORM A STATE-WIDE UNIT

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Vice-President Robert W. Robb announced recently the formation of a group to be known as the Southern California Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

In Vice-President Robb's report of the formation, he stated that there were not enough Association members in California to justify more than one chapter in his opinion, and that the logical location for the group would be Los Angeles or vicinity. He also recommended that this group be given "territorial rights" extending from an east-west line drawn roughly through Bakersfield and Santa Barbara, to the Mexican border.

Officers elected by this latest group to organize are President: Robert M. McCandlish, 10277 Missouri St., Los Angeles; vice-president, Charles A. Gerard, 4924 Willow Crest Drive, North Hollywood, Calif.; secretary-treasurer, Jerome B. Balling, 926 S. Westmoreland, Los Angeles 6. The temporary office address is Room 612, Taft Building, Hollywood and Vine Streets, Hollywood 28, Calif.

All Association men living in the above area should contact any of the above named officers so they can be assured of being notified of future activities that are being planned.

SOMEBODY MAY BE LOOKING FOR YOU ... READ EACH OF THESE INTERESTING ITEMS CAREFULLY

Merle B. Hull, former Sergeant 2nd Bn., 60th Infantry, would like to locate **Lyle Lambert**, **Bill Bogan** and "**Slim**" **Hinton**, all former buddies. Merle resides at 723 Hammond Avenue, Superior, Wis. Can you help him? Lambert lives at 633 Whittier Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Lewis W. Ingraham, formerly of Company "M", 60th Infantry, will welcome letters from any of the boys who served with him in North Africa. He now lives at R. F. D. 1, Portland, Mich.

Howard Mueller who served with Company "B", 47th Infantry, is attending school at McMurray Hall, Fayette, Mo., and wants to hear from anyone who was with the outfit during June and July, 1944.

Edward H. Bort, 18 Ross St., Batavia, New York, wants the address of Capt. Raymond J. Sheehy and M-Sgt. James B. Hanson, two former buddies.

Mrs. W. P. Eckl, Route 5, Florence, Ala., whose son, Jerome, was a former Sergeant in Co. "L", 60th Inf., would like information about her son's death. Fellows, if you can help on this please drop her a line.

Ex. T/Sgt. Donald Loving, former 47th man, wants the address of a Lt. Allen, who was attached to Co. "G", 47th Infantry, and Loving can be addressed at Hamlin, Texas.

Attention 60th Inf. Men !! **Carmine Finelli**, 116 Prospect St., Brooklyn 1, New York, wants the address of former T/5 Augusta Gates, former jeep driver for Co. "A", 60th Infantry.

Dick "Cab" Calloway, 137 South 7th Street, Steubenville, Ohio, wants letters from members of the 3rd platoon Hqs. Co., 47th Infantry. He assures an answer to all who write.

Michael Ochenas, former member of Co. "E", 47th Infantry, wants anyone of his buddies to write him. Address is 1917 Seaview Avenue, Bridgeport 8, Conn.

S/Sgt. Paul W. Jones, 9206 TSU, TC, Sep. Station, Camp Stoneham, Calif., would like to hear from any man formerly with Co. "M" of the 47th.

Clyde Cripe, Anderson, Ind., wants a letter from Bill Kennedy, formerly of 9th Medical Battalion. Clyde will also be at the Second Annual Convention in Columbus this year if you want to see him personally.

Quoting from a recent letter received from **John B. Carpenter**, former member of Co. "G", 47th Infantry: "I was captured by the Germans at El Guettar and lost all contact with the Division and my old friends ... Am especially interested in learning the whereabouts of **Jack Compton**, **Jim Leopold**, "**Man**" **Van Ausdale**, and "**Chippy**" **Maness**, all former members of Co. "G", 47th. If you can help, write to John at Grand Junction, Colorado.

Walter A. Millstine, formerly of Co. "A", 15th Engineers Bn. wants the addresses of **Lt. George S. Clark** and **Pvt. J. Waller**, two former buddies. If you have this information drop a line to Walter

at 163 Ormsby Avenue, Pittsburgh 10, Pa.

James Keener, 406 West South Street, Winchester, Ind., and former member of Co. "C", 60th Infantry, promises to write to any of his old buddies who will contact him.

Mike Baldi, 30 South 6th St. Newark 3, N. J., would like to have addresses of the following former 39th men (Hq. Co., Regt'l.): **Joe Solaz** and **Ace Jackwood**.

August W. (Firepower) Nelson, 1255 Sanchez Street, San Francisco, Calif., wishes to contact any of his friends who were former members of Co. L., 60th Infantry, especially a guy by the name of **Petye** from Wisconsin.

Harry Pegg, Jr., would like to hear from his buddies who were formerly with Co. F., 60th Inf., especially **Albert Andy** of Groversville, N. Y., and **Walt Gavitt**, Hazelton, Pa. His address is 110 State St., Glassboro, N. J.

Thomas Funkhouser, 1205 Third Avenue, Beaver Falls, Pa., would like to have the address of **Aloys Wagner** of Alexander County, Minnesota.

Dr. Franz E. Robinow, whose son, **Pfc. Franz G. W. Robinow**, was killed near St. Lo, would like to have the address of **Frank Baumann**, who did live in Cincinnati, Ohio. We do not have the address in the files of the Association and would like anyone knowing his address to notify Dr. Robinow, 15 Elton St., Providence 6, R. I.

Robert Mason, Jr., 1309 Maple St., McKeesport, Pa. has started an album of snapshots of former buddies of the 26th F. A. Bn., and wants to hear from all former members of that battalion.

James W. Shewman, R. F. D. 1, Hudson, Mich., wants to hear from any of the boys who were in Co. "L", 60th, in 1944. His brother, **Pfc. Harold R. Shawman**, was K.I.A. while serving with the 60th in September, 1944, and he would like to hear from any of his friends.

If anyone knows the address of **Frederich Jahreis**, former member of Co. B, 60th Inf., please contact **Robert S. Woodside**, 207 S. Doxtater Avenue, Rome, N. Y.

Harold G. Perry, 2453 22nd St., Wyandotte, Mich., would appreciate it if anyone could furnish the home address of a fellow by the name of **Quinn** who was in the 9th Signal and was assigned to the Division Hq. Message Center, where he wove bracelets from Jerry communication wire in his spare time.

Charles E. Stikelaether, R. F. D. No. 6, Statesville, N. C., formerly with Co. "L", 39th, wants news of any of the fellows who were in the 3rd Battalion Co "L", 39th—particularly **Sgt. Trazettile** and **Lt. Toujahue**.

Mr. James H. Madden, Service Officer, Wm. H. Snyder Post No. 42, American Legion, Moorestown, N. J., needs the address of **Captain Copeland** who was the Medical Officer of the 3rd Bn., 47th Inf., in order to complete a claim for a former member of the 9th Division who was wounded. If you can be of any help in locating **Dr. Copeland**, please write Mr. Madden.

Henry M. Gruner, formerly of Co. I, 60th, is trying to locate two "K" Co., 60th boys: **T/3 Robert L. Vosburgh**, and a scout whose last name is **Walters**. If you can help, contact him at 1322 Robbins Street, Philadelphia 11, Pa.

Company G, 60th Infantry: Like to contact the wife of **Pfc. Menefee**, whose name is **Vera** and who lives in Virginia. Can give her full particulars concerning death of her husband in the Roer River area January, 1945.—**Capt. Stan McCune**, 0-1058601, 10731 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood 24, Calif.

Company G, 60th Infantry: Will furnish relatives of **Sgt. Manfred Whittaker** with information concerning his capture and possible death at Remagen Bridgehead in March, 1945. **Capt. Stan McCune**, 10731 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood 24, Calif.

Company E, 39th Infantry: Appreciate letter from anyone who served with my son, **Pfc. Leroy Junior Rader**, reported killed near St. Lo, France, Aug. 7, 1944. **Mrs. Roy Rader**, 403 Yellowstone, Alliance, Neb.

Harold E. Hendricks, Co. C, 47th, whose present address is Box 433, Storm Lake, Iowa, has lost his address book with all the fellows' address. Won't you contact him—and he promises to answer all letters.

Paul Rekettye, 1079 Mercer Ave., Akron 2, Ohio, whose son, **Tibby Rekettye, Co. E, 39th Infantry**, lost his life near Le Desert, France, 21st July 1944, would like to hear from any of Tib's buddies. Quoting from Mr. Rekettye's letter: "We tried every possible source to locate some of his (Tibby's) buddies who either knew or spent time with him during the last few months of his life. We searched through his diaries and belongings that were returned to us, but the first names mentioned therein meant little to us. I would like to place myself on your list of parents who would go to any limits to hear from their son's buddies. If anyone who knew "Tib" would contact me, I would be eternally grateful."

C. E. (Buck) Miller, 304 1/2 East Second St., Oil City, Pa., whose newspaper work kept him from the N. Y. Convention last year—is going to make Columbus or BUST. Meantime, he wants to hear from all former men of L Co., 39th and other units of the Ninth stationed in England preparing for a jump-off to Germany.

Company E, 60th Infantry: Like to hear from anyone who knew **Pfc. Leland F. Bias**, 39128570, wounded March 11, 1945, in Germany and is buried in Henri-Chapelle, Belgium. **Ila G. Huffman**, 72 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, Calif.

Company A, 60th Infantry: Like to hear from friends of my son, **John George Deinlein, Jr.**, 33890665, killed in Hohen, Germany, Feb. 1, 1945. Buried in U. S. Cemetery, Henri-Chapelle No. 1, Belgium, plot J. J. J., Row 2, Grave 21. **Mrs. J. George Deinlein**, Sr., Millersville, Md.

Joseph A. Wiczorek, 2122 W. Medill St., Chicago 47, Ill., is trying to locate the addresses for **Herby Hanneman**, formerly of 34th Battalion, Battery C, and **Irring Pitt**, formerly of A. T. Co., 47th.

HERE'S THE DOPE ON WHAT SOME OF THE BOYS ARE DOING ... AND WHERE

Harold G. Perry, 2453 22nd Street, Wyandotte, Mich., is back in the Wyandotte postoffice. Formerly with Div. Hq. he is planning to make the Convention with his brother, **Ward**, in June. He sends news of the following former Ninthers—**Earl Witt** out of Ninth Recon., is to be married in April to the girl he wrote to all the years from Fort Bragg to Germany.

Jim Lebar married that girl from Long Island and is settled down here in the home town. Jim was in M Co., 47th.

Ward Perry, formerly of A.G.O. is at Hudson Motors in Detroit, and has NOT returned to Europe as was rumored.

Harold E. Hendricks, formerly of Co. C, 47th, is now district salesman for Sklezor Co., in North Central Iowa—and wants to get an Iowa Local Chapter started.

Elmer L. Graham, 1512 Bailey Ave., McKeesport, Pa., now employed by the Woods Company and going to school at the same time—has married since returning from overseas.

Edward Slossen, Jr., formerly of D. Co., Hq., 1st Bn, 47th, 14 Lockwood Ave., Old Greenwich, Conn., is doing fine as a designer in a textile firm in New York. He would like to hear from any of the fellows who were with him in the 47th.

Martin (Kras) Krasovetz, 3452 N. 23rd St., Philadelphia 40, Pa., announces the arrival on 28th February of a 7 lb. baby girl—his first.

Edward L. Haynes, 1520 Olympic Ave., Bremerton, Wash., and formerly T-5, 15th Engineers, now employed at the Naval Magazine at Bangor, Wash., would like to say hello to his former buddies of the Ninth Division.

Clair R. McKee, R. R. 3, Findlay, Ohio, is farming near Findlay and wants to hear from more boys from 60th F. A. Bn.

Irving Gordon, 403 Albermarle Road, Brooklyn 18, New York, wants to hear more of what the 9th Medics are doing—and 4th Bn., 47th men. He gives news of the following: **Lt. (ex) Leonard M. Morris**, Co. B., is now teaching high school in New Jersey. **Dr. James Womble** is a resident in St.

Max Glaser, 1430 Greenport Rd., Far Rockaway, N. Y., still has his half of the dollar bill he split with **Frank Gisonti** of Co. L, 39th Inf., in Germany in 1945. Now he's looking for Frank and the other half of his dollar bill. He also wants to hear from **Tex Barron**, **Bill Berry** and **Bill Gergeron**, all former Co F, 39th men.

Mrs. Sarah Karabush, 1331 N. Rockwell St., Chicago, Ill., asks the help of Ninth Division men in locating friends of her son, **Pfc. Harold Karabush**, who was a member of another outfit—Co. I, 261st Inf., 65th Div., and who was killed in the Battle of the Bulge. Who can help out on this?

Mrs. Betty T. Kotol, 1939 West 47th St., Cleveland 2, Ohio, wishes to get in touch with some of the boys who knew her husband, **Steve R. Kotol**, Pfc., 35307278, who was killed in action in North Africa in March, 1943, while serving with Division Headquarters.

This Letter Should Bring Back to You Many Fond Memories

Fort Monmouth, N. J.

Dear _____:

I am very enthusiastic about Army life. We lie in bed every morning until 5 o'clock. This, of course, gives us plenty of time to get washed, dressed, make our bunks, etc., by 5:10 A. M. At 5:15 we stand outside and shiver while some ?:"%— blows a bugle. After we are reasonably frozen, we grope our way through the darkness to the mess hall.

Here we have a hearty breakfast consisting of an unidentified liquid and a choice of white or rye fresh crusts. After gorging ourselves with this delicious repast, we waddle our way slowly back to the barracks. We have nothing to do until 7:30, so we just sit around and scrub toilets, mop the floors, wash the windows and pick up all cigarette butts and matches within the radius of a mile around the barracks.

Soon the sergeant comes in and says: "Come out in the sun, fellows," so we go out and bask in the wonderful New Jersey sunshine, of course we stand in sand six inches deep, so to limber up, we do a few simple calisthenics like touching our toes with both feet off the ground, and grabbing ourselves by the hair and holding ourselves out at arm's length.

At 8:00 we put on our light packs and start walking to the hills, carrying parts of a French 77-mm. gun of a machine gun, along with a fire extinguisher, first aid kit, ax, small spade, pup tent, rope, pole, cup, mess kit, shaving kit, blankets, sleeping bag, and a few other incidentals. With this light pack, I tipped the scales at a mere 250. (I weighed 130 when I left home, so you can see how much fun it is to romp and play in these exaggerated hills.)

An observation car follows us as we climb the hills, and picks up those who tire out and wish to lie around for a rest. These boys are then treated very well. They are given 18 months in the guard house, where a nice man watches them and sees that they get fed, etc., but they do not have to face court martial. At noon, those who are left and can, limp to the infirmary, where they are divided into two classes, those who have athlete's foot, and those who have a cold. If you have athlete's foot, you get your feet swabbed in iodine; if you have a cold, you get your throat swabbed with it.

Anyone who claims he has neither a cold nor athlete's foot is sent to the guard house for impersonating an officer. I am very popular at the infirmary, for I told them I had both a cold and athlete's foot. What I really have is gastric ulcers, but I know when I am well off.

Well, that is all I have time to write tonight, for I am very anxious to get back to the kitchen and finish washing the dishes.

Optimistically Yours, **JOE**.

Louis (Mo.) Hospital. Sgt. Eugene Santoro now operates a profitable package liquor store in Brooklyn and **Sgt. Ben Weintraub** now has a daughter and a contact representative's job at the Vet Administration Regional office in New York.

Harold Schaan, 22 E. 93rd St., New York City, formerly of 9th M. P. Platoon, married **Elizabeth Shine** on March 23rd.

REMEMBER SAFI ON 8 NOVEMBER 1942

PESTEL BOYS HAVE REUNION IN NORTH AFRICA BATTLE ZONE

Three Sons Find Themselves Together Overseas and Send Christmas Greetings to Their Mother Who Resides in Columbus, Ohio; Dick Pestel of the 47th Infantry, Active Member of Columbus Chapter.

The following story appeared in Ohio papers December 28, 1942. Dick Pestel of the 47th Infantry Regiment lives in Columbus, Ohio, and is very active in the local chapter of the 9th Infantry Division Association.

It's just a piece of cheap writing paper but Mrs. Lena Pestel, 1422 Dyer road, southwest of Columbus, wouldn't take anything in the world for it.

There are three kinds of handwriting on it and the news brought to the Pestel household the day after Christmas is the kind of news mothers dream about but seldom get.

The letter arrived with a pile of Christmas cards and because she had steeled herself during the past months, against expecting word from her three soldier sons now serving abroad, Mrs. Pestel sat down to open the mail without sorting it.

"Dear Mom," she read as she went through the pile of envelopes. "Well, I am in Africa and guess what? I was lying down sleeping and someone woke me up and guess who it was—my brother Bobby, here in Africa!

"Emery and Bobby were together yesterday. Bobby and I are going out to Emery's outfit



EMERY PESTEL

Bobby can say something."

Emery's message was brief but happy: "Well, here I am with the two brothers and sure am glad to see them, too. Everything is O. K."

Robert wrote: "Just a few lines to let you know we are all together again. Dick and I slept together in my bunk last night. The three of us are going to be together this afternoon. Excuse the writing as it's real early in the morning. DON'T WORRY."

"Bobby, Emery and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Good luck. Don't worry," the letter ended.

The Pestel boys, three of a family of 10 children, have been inseparable since childhood, sharing the same interests and never straying far from the family hearth. All three are prominent and popular members of the Columbus Motorcycle club.

Emery and Robert ran into each



RICHARD PESTEL

this afternoon—the first time all three of us brothers will be together in the army."

And so their mother learned that the luck that let Sgt. Emery Pestel, 27, Pvt. Richard Pestel, 25, and Master Sgt. Robert Pestel, 23, happen onto each other in various corners of the United States while they were in training, has put all three of them together again on the North African battlefront.

This was the first word of Emery, first of the three to be inducted, since he left this country late in October. Letters received early last week from Robert and Richard contained the first news of their whereabouts since they, too, boarded ships in October for destinations unknown to themselves and each other.

Dated simply: "Africa. Dec. 12", the Christmas letter bore a message from each of the three boys in his own handwriting.

Wrote Richard: "I think all three of us are going to have a good time this afternoon. Sure is surprising and my morale has gone up 100 per cent. I am going to hold this letter open so Emery and



ROBERT PESTEL

other at Fort Knox, Ky., in the first of this series of meetings that has ended in North Africa. Rob-

HISTORY OF ST. LO ACTION RELEASED FOR PUBLIC SALE

Based On Narrative by 2nd Lieut. David Garth; Prepared in the Field from Notes.

"St. Lo," 12th volume in the "American Forces in Action" series published by the Historical Division of the War Department, has been released for public sale by the Government Printing Office.

"St. Lo" gives an account of the part played by XIX Corps in the First Army advance from the Normandy Beachheads to the south. St. Lo, a communications center on the Vire River, had to be captured to secure a favorable position for further movement. The actions of the 29th, 30th, 35th and 2d Divisions, and the 3d Armored Division related in this volume form only part of an operation which eventually employed 12 divisions.

TERRAINE DIFFICULT

The First Army, under Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, had the mission of attacking across country to the east of the Vire and penetrating a deep belt of German defenses. The ultimate goal of XIX Corps was high ground to the east and west of St. Lo. To reach this objective, XIX Corps had to fight through the hedgerows which criss-crossed the country and afforded the greatest advantage to German defense. Terrain was the most difficult problem American troops had to face. In addition, rainy weather and poor road systems limited the means of supply and held up the American advance.

BATTLE THRU HEDGES

From July 7 to July 20, 1944, XIX Corps battled through hedges, over high embankments and down sunken roads and finally seized the town of St. Lo. The capture of St. Lo meant that the First Army had gained the jump-off positions it needed for breaking out of the Normandy Peninsula on July 25, 1944. The First Army had thus opened the way for the destruction of the German 7th Army in France.

"St. Lo" is on sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., at \$1.25.

ert had been sent there from Aberdeen, Md., and the two had a few days together. Then Emery went to Camp Cook, Calif., and Robert was transferred to Indio, Calif., a day's journey away. They met again on maneuvers in California.

Richard received his basic training at Camp Wolters, Tex., and then was sent to Fort Bragg, N. C. About this time Emery was moved from California to Camp Hill, Va., and the two visited each other on three-day passes. Robert showed up at Fort Bragg later and he and Richard were together for a time. By another strange quirk Robert and Emery met at the same embarkation point in the East as they made ready to leave the country.

It would be interesting to know the details of how the Pestel brothers got together in North Africa, but for their mother it's enough to know that they're safe and happy and sharing once more the comradeship they have known all their lives.

FRENCH PLANE "SNEAKED" THROUGH, SETTING FIRE TO THE WAREHOUSE, CAUSING EXPLOSIONS; TRUCE FLAG APPEARED 11 NOVEMBER 1942.

WHEN THE BATTLESHIP NEW YORK LET LOOSE IT WAS "GOOD-BYE" CONTROL TOWER; HALF TON TRUCK EXPLOSION HELD UP THE 2ND BATTALION LANDING; RIFLE FIRE HELD UP THE FIRST BATTALION.

The destroyers bearing "K" and "L" companies were guided into Safi Harbor at 0430 by an infra-red lamp placed on the jetty by Lieut. Duckworth and his men, who had ridden ashore in a rubber boat from their submarine.

The two warships were fired upon by .50 caliber machine guns and rifles first, then by fixed 75 mm. guns. The Bernadou returned a signal which confused the French crews and they failed to open fire until the destroyers were inside the harbor and out of line of the firing.

When firing in the harbor started, the four 130 mm. French Coast Guard guns began firing on the ships in the transport area. The Battleship New York promptly returned the fire, knocking out the central control tower in the second salvo.

Company "A" landed one platoon on Red Beach and the remainder of the company on Blue Beach at 0525. Company "B" landed at Red Beach at 0500, and Company "C" disembarked at Green Beach at 0530. Dog Company encountered heavy artillery fire in landing on Green Beach at 0705.

ADVANCE DELAYED.

Rifle and machine gun fire delayed the advance of the First Battalion for approximately one hour, but they pushed ahead to their assigned objectives, capturing, destroying, or driving out the enemy.

The Second Battalion landing team was held up by a one-half ton truck exploding, and setting fire to the landing boat. They finally touched Yellow Beach after daybreak, when the situation had begun to clear up.

The Third Battalion's temporary spearheads, "K" and "L," set out to establish roadblocks and secure harbor facilities around Safi. Later, Company "K" moved back into town to attack the French barracks, encountering heavy machine and rifle fire. They succeeded in knocking out three Renault lights with rifle grenades, and after a barrage from the mortars of Mike Company, the garrison surrendered.

ARTILLERY LANDS

Supporting artillery from the 84th, Able and Baker batteries, landed with the First and Second Battalions respectively. The former had difficulty in clearing the loose sand on the beach.

The afternoon and night of November 8 were spent in consolidating positions in the regimental beachhead, and in patrolling Safi and mopping up snipers. The Regimental Command Post was set up in the offices of the Phosphate Building alongside the docks and Colonel Randle assumed the role of Port Commander of Military District No. 5.

FRENCH PLANE GETS THRU

On Monday morning, November 9, a French plane succeeded in penetrating the fog, and dropped a bomb on a warehouse causing

ammunition explosions. The plane was subsequently shot down. On Tuesday, 14 trucks were spotted in a convoy headed for Safi. Planes of the Naval Air Support and tanks of the 2nd Armored annihilated this group. The main body of the enemy took up defensive positions in the Hills 30 miles east of Safi. The Armored Division left for Casablanca during the night.

On the morning of November 11, 1942, Colonel Randle was contacted by four French officers under a flag of truce, with written instructions from the French commander, General Nogues. The French had been ordered to cease firing.

CONFER AWARDS

On November 19, Major General E. W. Harmon, commander of the 2nd Armored Division, conferred Silver Star awards on 42 officers and enlisted men for gallantry in action in the battle of Safi, and 19 Purple Heart awards. Two days later, on Sunday, memorial services were held for dead soldiers of the 47th Combat Team. It was a mass formation at the European cemetery in Safi. Flowers for the graves were furnished by Countess de La Valgerie of Safi.

Columbus Next June

THAT LIMEX HUMOR

An Englishman stepped into a taxicab in New York and found himself in the company of a conversational cab driver. The driver propounded this riddle:

"It's not my sister or my brother but it's the child of my father and mother. Who is it?"

The Englishman deliberated and then admitted, "I give up. Who is it?"

The cabby roared triumphantly, "It's me!"

Returning to London, the Englishman tried the riddle at his club: "It's not my brother or my sister. Who is it?"

His fellow members pondered and then gave up. It was his turn to triumph. Joyfully he shouted the answer: "It's a cab driver in New York City."—Exchange.

Columbus Next June

Veterans leaving the armed forces are not eligible for unemployment or self-employment allowances while they are receiving terminal leave pay, Veterans Administration asserts.

Veterans Administration is operating 123 hospitals now, but it eventually expects to have more than 200 in order to handle the anticipated load of veteran-patients.

Veteran-patients in Veterans Administration hospitals took out an average of two books per patient from V.A. hospital libraries during November, 1946.

GEN. DEVERS PRAISES NINTH DIVISION

PROPOSED BY-LAWS OF COLUMBUS, OHIO, 9TH DIVISION CHAPTER

(CROWDED OFF THE LOCAL CHAPTER PAGE)

We, former Officers and Enlisted men, honorably discharged from the Ninth Infantry Division, U. S. Army and members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, do unite to form a permanent Organization which shall be known as Chapter No. 1 of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. This local Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was activated at Columbus, Ohio on September 16, 1946 in the presence of a quorum of the total membership.

ARTICLE I

Objects

- The objects of this Organization are:
 - Fraternal, patriotic, historical and educational.
 - To preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members and to assist worthy comrades.
 - To perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their widows and orphans.
 - To maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America and fidelity to its Constitution and Laws.
 - To foster true patriotism and maintain and defend the institutions of American freedom.

ARTICLE II

Organization

- Several constituted bodies of the Association shall consist of: we, the subordinate Organization to be known as the Columbus Chapter No. 1, Ninth Infantry Division Association, subordinate to the National Chapter known as the Ninth Infantry Division Association, a Corporation, incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware.

ARTICLE III

Membership

- Any Officer or Enlisted man, who served honorably with the Ninth Infantry Division, and who is eligible for membership in the National Association, shall be eligible for membership in the Local Chapter as the by-laws shall provide.

ARTICLE IV

Amendments

- The Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the members present; said vote to be taken on a secret ballot. The proposed amendment, first must be proposed in writing and mailed to all members to their last known

address as shown on the records of the Local Secretary. Said notice of any amendment to be sent not less than 30 days before the date set for the election. The President shall appoint a ballot counting Committee to consist of not less than 3 and not more than 5. If a majority vote for said amendment is not cast, the amendment shall be declared lost.

BY-LAWS OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER NO. 1

- Any active member who is a member of the National Association shall enjoy all rights and privileges of the Local Chapter.
 - Any honorably discharged Officer or Enlisted man who does not belong to the Ninth Division Association, and is eligible to join same, shall be eligible for an associate membership in the local chapter.
- PAYMENT OF DUES
 - No additional dues shall be imposed for membership in the local chapter until authorization is received from the National Association.
- TRANSFER
 - Any member may transfer to any other Chapter on presentation of a completely executed application showing acceptance by the Chapter desired to join.
- ELECTION OF OFFICERS
 - The Chapter Officers shall be nominated and elected at a meeting to be held not more than 30 days after the date of the National Convention.
 - The Officers of the Local Chapter shall consist of:
 - Elective Officers**
 - One President
 - One Vice President
 - One Secretary-Treasurer
 - Three members on the Board of Directors.
 - Appointive Officers**
 - One Sergeant at Arms
 - One Quartermaster
 - One Officer of the Day
 - Any other officer the President or Board of Directors shall approve.
- POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 - Any vacancy within the elective Officers may be filled by the Board of Directors.
 - Shall have the power to execute all legal papers, and audit all local chapter financial affairs as ordered by the Chapter officers.
- CONDUCTION OF MEETINGS
 - All meetings shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order.

Macomber, Former 60th Man, Married; 9th Men Attend

Richard (Dick) Macomber, former 60th Regiment man, during the past month was married to Mary Weibling.

Shortly after having asked Rev. Charles Ferguson to stand-by at his parsonage on Clinton Heights Ave., Columbus, Ohio, to officiate at this momentous occasion, the skies began "crying" in torrents. But this didn't phase the determined Mac. Unable to command a taxicab because of the demand of other dripping wayfarers, he sent out an SOS to Glenn Moore, Association vice president, to pick up he and the "damp" bride-to-be in Moore's chariot. Leaving some poor would-be borrower under suspense until another day, Moore closed shop at the Ohio Federal Savings & Loan Co., and ventured forth to pick up the desperate couple.

Traffic hazards were tremendous, but Pilot Moore did a minimum of damage to the physical appearance of the machine in getting the couple to the parsonage on time. Just before reaching the parsonage it became necessary for Moore to lock all four wheels suddenly to avoid folding the machine up had it hit the block-long truck immediately ahead. This threw all the occupants practically through the top. Upon descending, a young 10-year-old lady sitting in the front seat with the driver, spilled the contents of a food basket, containing some liquid ingredients, on the driver's clothing, causing him to make a quick exit from the machine to see what was happening, thus further complicating the traffic situation. Arriving at the parsonage considerably less spic and span than when he left the bank, the entire party disembarked.

GROOM STRUTS

The strutting groom-to-be pranced over to Paul Plunkett, another 60th man, giving him the ring and an envelope with an undetermined amount of money in it, to give the sky pilot. All went well until "The Man" asked if any were present who knew a reason why they should not be joined as man and wife. Moore whispered to the "best man" and asked whether Macomber was becoming a bigamist or was it those overseas affairs had no legal status? The "best man" kicked our vice president's shins unmercifully, thereby silencing him.

DRINKS ON THE GROOM

After the proper congratulations, etc., Plunkett offered the sky pilot the envelope containing that long-green. It seems Plunkett and the Reverend Gentleman were friends of long standing and he returned the proffered purse unopened. On the ride back to town Macomber threw out several gentle hints he'd like to have his money back. But he was wasting breath and effort. That machine refused to budge from in front of the first presentable saloon it reached. There being nothing else to do, all occupants retired to its interior—and thereby hangs a tale—Macomber's money went in its entirety to quench the thirst of his two erstwhile buddies. Mac took it philosophically, but Mary addressed him thusly: "If those two are fair examples of 'buddies?' what in the devil will happen to you with 2500 'buddies?' in Columbus for this June Reunion?"

APPRECIATES THE SACRIFICE AND DEVOTION OF NINTH DIVISION MEN; PRAISES THOSE WHO WERE ON DUTY AS OCCUPATION TROOPS.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NINTH DIVISION ON TWO CONTINENTS HASTENED THE END OF HITLER, SAYS THE GENERAL; NINTH BLAZED A TRAIL FROM TROINA TO THE STRAITS OF MESSINA.

15 January 1947

Commanding General
9th Infantry Division
APO 9, c-o Postmaster
New York, New York.

The 9th Infantry Division, whose regiments achieved their due measure of distinction in World War I, through the skill, enterprise and valor of its officers and men in World War II, added a brilliant chapter to this nation's military history.

During training from August 1940 to the fall of 1942, the 9th Division contributed ably in the building of our ground armies for the struggle against the axis powers through continuously cadreing new divisions. I view with distinct pleasure my own association with the 9th as its commander at Fort Bragg.

NATION GRATEFUL

On two continents the remarkable achievements of this unit during a long tour of combat duty were outstanding factors in the crushing of the Nazi forces of tyranny and aggression, and won for the division's men and leaders the acclaim of a grateful nation.

Spearheading the invasion of North Africa, and carrying its weighty share in the destruction of Rommel's legions in Tunisia, it blazed a trail from Troina to the straits of Messina to insure the early conquest of Sicily. In France its units garnered new glory on the battlefields of Normandy, cutting off the Cotentin Peninsula, and powering the breakthrough at St. Lo. The first infantry division across the Rhine into Germany, its heroic reduction of the Ruhr pocket hastened the final capitulation of the German armies.

WILL ALWAYS LIVE

Through these and similar feats the name of the 9th will remain forever alive. Since V-E Day, on occupation duty in the enemy's conquered homeland, its services have been on less meritorious.

Now, at the time of the 9th Division's inactivation, it is my proud privilege to commend you and all those whose fortitude, sacrifice and staunch devotion made possible this magnificent record.

JACOB L. DEVERS,
General, USA
Commanding.
Columbus Next June

GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

NEW YORK UNIT GETS IN WITH ITS EXCELLENT REPORT

SEN. DELLASSANDRO, CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR WINNER, ATTENDS NEW YORK MEETING.

(Received Too Late to Classify With Other Chapter News.)

The sixth meeting of the Greater New York Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, held at the Hotel Woodstock, was called to order at 9 P. M. on Wednesday, April 30, 1947, by the Acting President, Leslie Ronay. A turnout of 250 members were present.

A letter from the Pennsylvania Railroad was read to the members in reference to transportation for the coming convention in Columbus, Ohio, June 12, 13, and 14.

Stanley Cohen, chairman of the Fall Dance Committee, gave his report and a vote was taken by the members to hold the Fall dance on October 4, 1947, Saturday at the Capitol Hotel.

The Stag Party, which was held at the Hotel George Washington, on May 9, was a great success. Members came from Connecticut, New Jersey and all parts of New York State. We were honored by the presence of Senator Dellassandro from Watervliet, New York, a Congressional Medal of Honor winner. Entertainment was furnished by Captain Charles Fisher and Stanley Cohen, both from Special Service. The fellows really had a good bull session, talking and reminiscing about their experiences in Africa, Sicily, England and the Continent.

Next meeting, which will be an important one, will be held on Friday, June 6, 1947, at the Hotel Woodstock, 43rd St. and Broadway, New York City.

LESLIE RONAY,
Acting President.
Columbus Next June

UNEMPLOYMENT FUNDS USED BY A SMALL PERCENTAGE

Only 85,000 of the 14,000,000 World War II veterans had exhausted their entitlement to unemployment allowances by last December 1, Veterans Administration said.

Columbus Next June

GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

HERE ARE THE HOTEL BLANKS --- FILL THEM OUT TODAY OR "YOU'LL BE SORRY" -- "T. S." SLIPS AVAILABLE

Housing Committee, 9th Infantry Division Assn.,
22-24 E. Gay Street,
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