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SECOND REUNION NOW HISTORY

Touching Scene At Memorial Services



The above picture appeared on Page 1 of The Columbus (O.) Dispatch shortly after the impressive Memorial Services held on the historical steps of Ohio's State Capitol Building. Reading from left to right, Mrs. Grace Hall, president of Columbus Gold Star Mothers Chapter No. 1, Major General Louis A. Craig and Major General Manton S. Eddy. Standing before the microphone: J. "Budd" Sweeney, chief announcer, Radio Station WHKC; Rev. Harold Weaver; obscured from view of the camera is Father Francis L. Hickey. In the background is Father Timothy Andrysiak, former Sixtieth Regiment chaplain.

PROGRAMS, CAPS, BADGES CAN BE OBTAINED BY MEMBERS WHO COULD NOT ATTEND REUNION

The Columbus Convention Committee has left over a few of the 16-page and cover Souvenir 3-color Programs, as well as some of the adjustable Convention caps and the badges, holders and ribbons. They also have a few hundred copies of the mimeographed form sheets that were printed daily containing the roster of each member who registered.

For the benefit of the many hundreds of our members who wanted to attend the Reunion and could not arrange to do so, the Columbus Committee wants to see that they are in possession of some tangible remembrance of this occasion.

A supply of heavy manila envelopes have been obtained for the purpose of mailing to those who did not attend and want a set of these Reunion souvenirs.

Several local chapters have

asked the Columbus Committee to forward to them in bulk shipment a number of the caps to be worn by members at the chapter meetings, dances and other local unit activities. Until the supply is exhausted any other chapter that desires any number of the caps may obtain them by addressing the Committee at the address given below. They will be furnished at the cost per cap as billed out to the Columbus Committee, plus a small mailing and packing charge.

To those in communities having no chapter and desiring a copy of the beautiful Program, a cap, souvenir badge and directory of Reunion visitors, upon receipt of \$1 the Committee will mail immediately postpaid the four items.

Send your remittance to Columbus Convention Committee, 24 E. Gay St., Columbus, Ohio.

OCTOFOIL SEEKING BANQUET PICTURES

AMATEURS WHO WERE TAKING PICTURES ASKED TO CONTACT THE OCTOFOIL.

The Columbus Convention Committee made arrangements with a commercial photographer to take several pictures of the Second Reunion banquet assembly.

Unexpected illness late in the evening made it physically impossible for the photographer to fulfill his engagement.

Calling the local newspapers the Committee learned it was possible to assign a newspaper photographer for only a few minutes because of previous assignments or commitments of the entire staff. The result was only one newspaper scene of the banquet group.

During the entire evening several of the Association members were busy taking shots of various banquet scenes. Many requests have come from members wanting prints of this particular phase of the Reunion activities. The Octofoil likewise would like to print some of the views in the next issue.

If some of the members who took these pictures will either submit the negatives or prints to The Octofoil, 337 S. High St., Room 318, Columbus, Ohio. The Octofoil will be glad to pay for them and will return the negatives or prints in perfect condition.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

Postoffice Dept. Strict With 2d Class Permits

This issue of The Octofoil is a bit late as the members were told in the last issue would be the case.

However, Postoffice regulations governing The Octofoil second-class permit are very strict and insists on a set time of entry each month.

However, the Columbus, Ohio, postmaster has explained in his quarterly report the mitigating circumstances and has promised acceptance of this issue at the late date.

Under the circumstance though another issue will have to be published by or before the 20th of July in order to get back on regular schedule. Such a short time intervening between issues it is quite possible many of our members will be a bit confused and our supply of news and correspondence will be somewhat below the average volume. If such is the case it is quite possible the August issue, which will be published July 20 will be held to four pages and be composed mostly of quotations from the Reunion's stenotype record.

The 20th of August issue should afford sufficient time for the local chapters to be properly oriented and to be able to send in plenty of newsy items for that issue of The Octofoil to be a jam-up newsy edition.

ADDRESS BY GEN. J. LAWTON COLLINS, MEMORIAL SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS OF A MOST MEMORABLE OCCASION.

MAJOR GENERAL MANTON S. EDDY'S HISTORY COMMITTEE'S REPORT WARMLY RECEIVED; LOCAL UNITS SEND CAPABLE AND EFFECTIVE SPEAKERS.

Appearing in this issue of The Octofoil will be noted two of the outstanding pictures taken during the parade and Memorial Services held in Columbus, Ohio, Friday, June 13, 1947.

As the 328th Army Ground Forces Band softly played "My Buddy" during the prayers offered by former Army Chaplains Francis L. Hickey and Harold Weaver, unashamed tears flowed from the eyes of the spectators.

GOLD STAR MOTHERS THERE

Twenty-six Columbus Gold Star Mothers watched the parade with mixed emotions. One Gold Star Mother, Mrs. C. A. Campo, Gastonia, N. C., was more interested and torn between emotions than some of the others. Her son lost his life while fighting with the Ninth Division. Mrs. Campo was most interested in all of the Reunion activities.

LT. GEN. COLLINS SPEAKS

A Columbus man, Judge Rodney Ross, acting as toastmaster at the banquet, requested Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy introduce Lt. Gen. J. Lawton "Lighting Joe" Collins. The deep feeling between the two was most apparent before Gen. Eddy had progressed very far with his introductory remarks.

The sincere complimentary remarks made by Lt. Gen. Collins in referring to the Ninth Infantry Division brought back memories of buddies that shall never be forgotten. The general, a most impressive speaker at any time, was at his best. If The Octofoil could underwrite the added expense of printing his address in its entirety it would be an issue worthy of being preserved forever.

GEN. CRAIG SPEAKS

Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig spoke briefly at the banquet. Gen. Craig's sincere and heartfelt interest in the Association and all former Ninth Division men has almost become an obsession with him, and the members are appreciating his efforts in behalf of the Association more and more each day.

GEN. SMYTHE THERE

No Ninth Division Association Reunion can be a total success without General George Smythe of that "47th Division." Association members will always remember the trials and tribulations of General Smythe and Mike Puzak and how they kept us on the right azimuth until we had the greatest Division Association in the United States.

FATHER CONNORS, CHAPLAIN PROPOST AT BANQUET TABLE

Father Connors was greeted by

hundreds of his boys as he approached the speaker's table, as was Chaplain Cecil Propst. Some of Chaplain Propst's "boys" questioned him about the air corp shoulder patch he was wearing.

FATHER ANDRYSIK ACTIVE

Father Timothy Andrysiak, the inseparable pal of every 60th man, was one of the first to arrive and last to leave. He was an active part of any and every activity of the Reunion.

FATHER DE LAURA ABSENT

Friends of the last year's toastmaster didn't give up until late Saturday night the hope that somehow he would manage to get to Columbus if for only a few minutes. His absence was a bitter disappointment to many.

GEN. RANDALL INTERESTED

Brig. Gen. Edwin H. Randall was one of the early arrivals and busied himself for three days renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

NEWSPAPERS CO-OPERATE

Each day while the Reunion was in session the three Columbus newspapers printed column after column of news items with half pages filled with highlight pictures of different groups. After everyone had returned to their homes inspiring editorials were written about the Ninth Infantry Division. Days later feature columnists were still writing columns about amusing incidents that had occurred.

STATION WHKC HELPS

Through the co-operation of Carl M. Everson, manager of Radio Station WHKC, and J. Budd Sweeney, chief announcer, recordings were made and later put on the air. Sweeney's masterful manner of handling the Memorial Services added dignity and impressiveness to the occasion.

MILLIGAN, COLE, STONE, WEBER, CREECH WELCOME THE GROUP

Having a wild bunch of legislators on his hands Governor Tom Herbert found it impossible at the last minute to appear on the welcoming speakers' stand. However, he sent a very capable proxy, Fred J. Milligan, state director of commerce and state department commander for the AMVETS.

Mayor Jim Rhodes having been called to Cincinnati, sent his safety director, C. C. Cole, to welcome

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

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CHAPTERS MUST PRODUCE MEMBERS

Yearly dues for membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association remain the same as during the past year—\$3.50 a year, by action of the membership attending the Second Annual Convention in Columbus, Ohio. But the membership voted overwhelmingly that \$1 of the \$3.50 would revert back to the treasuries of the various local chapters. This is only right and just.

But the revenue of the National Association will be cut to the extent of hampering efficient operation unless the local units make crusaders of themselves in securing new members and keeping paid-up those we now have.

Capable and conscientious spokesmen for the various chapters predicted the sum total of next year's revenue for the National Association would be greater than it was last year by the adoption of this experiment. Such can be the case if we all apply ourselves diligently to getting every eligible man in our respective communities to become a member. With the initiation fee cut in half that should be a much easier task than it has been heretofore.

Just because the Ninth Infantry Division Association is so far ahead of other Division Associations is no reason to believe we can maintain that position permanently without hard, unselfish work on the part of each and every one of our present members.

It was unanimously agreed by all parties concerned The Octofoil was a necessity, although operating at a deficit because of the fact the paper is mailed to those who have not paid dues for 1947. Two committees were in favor of dropping these "dead-heads" from the mailing list and operating The Octofoil on a balanced budget, but the membership voted overwhelmingly to maintain the present mailing list a while longer. This is another reason we will all have to "dig" for new members.

Both proponents and opponents of the proposal to give this \$1 to the deserving chapters MUST pitch in now and prove the opponents were wrong and the proponents were right.

It Can Be Done!

—Did You Pay for This Octofoil?—

Now Hear This !!!

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

Q. I served four months in the Army, was honorably discharged and have been unable to find a job. Am I eligible for readjustment allowance and how do I go about getting it?—Yard Bird.

A. Yes, you are eligible because you served over 90 days. Application for readjustment allowance may be filed at a local office of the U. S. Employment Service or of the state employment agency. You must register as able to work and available for suitable work.

Q. Since leaving the service, I have negotiated a G.I. loan which matures in 25 years. Will I be permitted to pay it off before date of maturity?—Mule Skinner.

A. You have the right to accelerate your payments or repay your loan in full at any time without premium or fee. Additional payments must be made in one installment or multiples of \$100 each, which ever is most desirable.

Q. I am operating my own business but losing money at present. As an honorably discharged veteran, can I claim readjustment allowance?—Dog Robber.

A. If you served over 90 days, you are eligible for self-employment allowance and may file application at a local office of the U. S. Employment Service or your state unemployment agency.

Q. Will the Veterans Administration guarantee a loan made to me by my uncle, who is a non-supervised lender?—Shave Tail.

A. Yes, but loans made by non-supervised lenders require prior approval of the Veterans Administration. Your uncle should submit the proposal to the local V.A. regional office for approval.

Q. Since my discharge from the armed services, I find that I am suffering from a chronic ailment. Am I entitled to anything in the way of compensation or pension because of my disability?—Worried.

A. Certain chronic diseases causing 10 per cent or more disability within one year from separation from active military service are presumed to have been incurred in, or aggravated by military service. Your service must have been for a period of 90 days or more, part of which was wartime service. However, a finding of service connection may be rebutted by evidence showing that the disease had its inception prior to or subsequent to service.

Q. What's the latest dope on when the Ninth Division History, "Eight Stars to Victory" will be in the mail?—Impatient.

A. You should have heard the History Committee's report at the Second Annual Reunion. Much progress has been made. Displays of progress up-to-date was examined by those attending the recent Reunion. Major General Manton S. Eddy, reporting for the History Committee, reported the books would be in the mail by mid-November. If you have changed your address recently you had better correct it at once or you might "miss the train" when these histories are mailed.

Q. Why did the Octofoil discriminate against the many F.A. Battalions in its May issue?—Bel-ligerant.

A. The story as printed "Ninth Infantry Combat Data" was reproduced word for word as it was given The Octofoil by the War Dept. Read the explanation in another section of this issue.

"HOUSE DICK" PRAISES ASSOCIATION

The management of the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, O., Convention headquarters hotel, has reported to Association officers the fact, hotel personnel has advised the management never since they have been engaged in the hotel business has it been their pleasure to serve so orderly and gentlemanly a group of men as were those who made up the delegation attending the Second Annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. The information was volunteered that the House Detective was one of the first hotel employees to file this complimentary report.

The editorials of the Columbus papers printed after all the visitors had returned to their homes praising the Division's combat record and the members' conduct as civilian gentlemen is an indestructible monument to the Ninth Infantry Division Association membership individually and collectively.

The Octofoil thanks each of you buddies most sincerely. Doesn't it kinda do something to your gizzard to have things like that said about you—rather than to hear them say "those bums destroyed our furniture?" as has been the case so many times when ex-service men got together.

Long live the Ninth Infantry Division Association!

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THOSE NEXT-OF-KIN DADS

Much as been said about the Gold Star Mothers. And no debt of gratitude is too great to pay these noble women.

But little has been said about those devoted dads who grieve as much as the mothers but are not so expressive.

Several dads, quietly and unobserved, attended the Second Annual Reunion in Columbus—knowing they would never be able to be a buddy to that son who was left over there—the best consolation they could get would be to rub elbows for a few days with their son's buddies.

Fathers like Paul Rekeyette, from Akron, Ohio, who offered to pay the expenses of one of his son's buddies to the Reunion were the first to arrive and to linger around until the last of their son's buddies had gone home.

Suitable recognition will have to be given these loyal dads at next year's Reunion as well as the Gold Star Mothers.

Thank God for the indomitable spirit of these Dads.

NOTES OF INTEREST FROM THE V.A.

Veterans receiving compensation, pensions or retirement pay from Veteran Administration may authorize VA to deduct their National Service Life Insurance premiums from these payments.

World War II veterans who do not have the maximum of \$10,000 of Government life insurance and saw active service between Oct. 8, 1940, and Sept. 2, 1945, are eligible for National Service Life Insurance.

The number of beds available for use in Veterans Administration hospitals during January, 1947, increased 4 per cent over the number for December, 1946, with the opening of another former Army hospital.

Six permanent forms of National Service Life Insurance administered by Veterans Administration are open to veterans of World War II and to members of the armed forces—ordinary life, 20-payment life, 30-payment life, 20-year endowment, endowment at age 60, and endowment at age 65.

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Greetings From the Blue Star Mothers

Unable to personally greet the boys attending the Second Annual Reunion the Blue Star Mothers sent the following communication:

Columbus, O.,
 June 13, 1947.

Ninth Infantry Division Assn.,
 Deshler-Wallick Hotel,
 Columbus, Ohio.

Greetings: To the officers and members of the 9th Infantry Division Association meeting in convention here, the Columbus and Franklin County Chapter No. 6, Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., wish to welcome you to Columbus and to extend our best wishes for a most happy reunion.

Your record has been written in gold in the Book of Fame. Many of our mothers had sons in your division and we know the pride, thankfulness and sorrow, that came to them during the war years.

Blue Star Mothers are mothers of servicemen and women who served or are now serving in any branch of the armed service of our country. We watched these sons and daughters go forth to battle and then did whatever we could to help on the home front, while we waited and prayed for their safe return. Many did not and they are a memory within a mother's heart, symbolized by the Star of Gold she wears, and they are also the nation's pride.

Now that the war is over our work is being centered in Veterans' Hospitals and in supporting adequate housing and educational programs for veterans. We have received national recognition for this work.

The president of Columbus Chapter No. 6 is on her way to Long Beach, Calif., to attend the National Convention of Blue Star Mothers being held there June 15 to 19. She regrets not being able to greet you personally. As a national officer I wish to express the thanks of the National Group for your magnificent service in World War II. May the peace you have helped to win, be a lasting peace.

Sincerely,

MRS. H. H. HERRON,
 National Historian and Senior Vice President Chapter No. 6,
 Columbus.

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GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

MEMORIAL RECORDS AVAILABLE

TRAMP, etc., THE BOYS ARE MARCHING



Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, President Henry Rigby, Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig, and 2nd Vice-President Glenn O. Moore; Moore advises The Octofoil, in his own mind, the spirit of "Paddy" Flint was in that line of march between he and Gen. Craig. Second row, obscured from the camera's view: Paul S. Plunkett, Frank Wade, Board of Governors members, and Secretary-Treasurer Byrnes.

LATE BUT STILL NEWS FROM THE GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER

(Ed's Note: Since The Octofoil is running two weeks late and President Ronay's copy was probably sent to the Washington office two weeks before the regular publication date the information he gives may seem to New Yorkers unnecessary to print at this late date, but it is still news to other chapters. A few issues back New York Chapter's news was the only Chapter column in The Octofoil and some other Chapters raised quite a ruckus. The same condition prevails again — New York Chapter news is the only Chapter news items in the office of The Octofoil publishing plant. There may be other correspondence in Washington. To prevent such a situation from arising again is the reason The Octofoil asks that you send your news items direct to "The Octofoil, 337 S. High St., Room 318, Columbus, Ohio.")

Gentlemen:

The sixth meeting of the Greater New York Chapter of the 9th Infantry Division Association was held at the Hotel Woodstock. The meeting was called to order at 9 P. M. on Wednesday, April 30, 1947, by our 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 to Columbus, Ohio.

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 Dellacandro from Watervliet, N. Y., 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.

The 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.

Sincerely,
LESLIE RONAY,
Acting President (3 Lawrence St.,
Yonkers 5, N. Y.)

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FIVE ELECTED TO BOARD AT SECOND ANNUAL REUNION

During a spirited but fairly fought contest on the floor of the convention during the Second Reunion, ten members' names were proposed for the Board of Governors vacancies.

Of the ten proposed the following five having received the highest number of votes they were declared the newly elected members of the Board:

Mike Puzak, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Henry S. Rigby, Philadelphia, Pa.; Glenn O. Moore, Columbus, Ohio; Donald H. Clarke, Washington, D. C.; Albert E. Bruchac, New York City.

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A PAINFUL CEREMONY

Young Wife: "Now Bill, I want you to go around to the minister's and arrange for having the baby christened."

Bill (shipyard worker): "You mean to say you are going to let somebody hit that little thing over the head with a bottle?"—Ex.

Bennie Nardone, 39th, Writes 9th Div. Music

Thanks to the versatility of Bennie Nardone, former 39th Infantryman, the Second Annual Reunion gathering was able to hear the Ninth Division song.

The music, as arranged by General Smythe for the New York Reunion last year had been lost at Association headquarters.

Frantic efforts were made to retrieve the missing music sheets. All to no avail. Finally, after locating the words in an old overseas printed newspaper, Bennie Nardone, presently employed by the Veterans' Administration in Columbus, Ohio, volunteered the information he could write the music if given sufficient time.

RALPH STONE HELPS

An SOS call went to Mr. Ralph Stone, deputy Veterans' Administrator, Bennie's present "boss." Mr. Stone, in his customary obliging and understanding way, relieved Nardone from his work two days before the Reunion and Bennie by applying himself almost night and day had the finished product ready when the 328th Army Ground Forces Band arrived in Columbus.

Examples like this, refusing to recognize such a word as "can't" is the reason the Ninth Infantry Division Association is so far ahead of other Division Associations that no comparison is at all possible.

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Ninth Division Will Be Activated July 15

The Octofoil recently received a copy of the following letter addressed to General Eddy, which is self-explanatory.

3 June 1947.

Major General Manton S. Eddy,
Headquarters, Second Army,
Baltimore 2, Maryland.
Dear General:

You will be interested to know that the War Department has approved our recommendation to redesignate the RTCs as Divisions. Under this the 3rd Armored Division will be activated at Fort Knox and the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Dix. Our tentative plans call for the activation dates to be July 15th. Further details will be sent you later.

Sincerely,

BRUCE C. CLARKE,
Brigadier General, USA, Acting
AC of S, G-3.

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Gen. Eddy "Busted" Without Even a Trial

Even prominent judges get their tongues twisted at times when appearing before notable audiences. Judge Rodney Ross, who acted as toastmaster at the banquet during the second annual reunion, after referring to Major General Manton S. Eddy as Major General Eddy on numerous occasions, concluded before finally presenting the General, by saying, "I now present to you MAJOR Eddy."

The judge's face turned a crimson color and the ex-G. I.'s couldn't withhold a snicker when General Eddy grabbed for the mike.

Oh well, we all had a good time. What's the difference? There were no recognized officers or ex-enlisted men at this Reunion were all former Ninth Division men. That's all that counted.

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HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

INSPIRING PROGRAM RECORDED AND REBROADCAST BY STATION WHKC; BEAUTIFUL RECORDINGS FOR SALE

MADE ON TWO 12-INCH RECORDS; CAN BE PLAYED ON ANY TYPE PHONOGRAPH; TAKES SIXTEEN MINUTES TO HEAR ENTIRE PROGRAM.

Although the Second Annual Reunion is now history and Columbus, O., must take a back seat and The Octofoil must familiarize our members with the virtues of the next Reunion City, the Columbus Convention Committee does

Donald Lewis Leaves Bachelorhood Ranks

Don Lewis thought he'd pulled a fast one when he got himself married and kept it a "dark" secret, but his sister, Rita, let "the cat out of the bag" and told The Octofoil the whole story, and on top of that she swiped a photo of the bride and groom and sent that along. Thanks, Rita.



Don and His Bride

Ex-Pfc Donald Peters Lewis and Miss Audrey Kathleen Clinton were married in May at St. Mary's of Redford Catholic Church in Detroit, Mich.

They went to Niagara Falls on a honeymoon and are now living at 34208 Orangelawn Ave., in Plymouth, Mich.

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BOB WOODSIDE DETOURS THROUGH CANADA ON HIS HOMEWARD TRIP

The Octofoil is in receipt of a letter from Leo Henry stating the Rome, N. Y., delegation attending the Second Annual Reunion in Columbus arrived back in Rome intact with the exception of one casualty.

It seems that Bob Woodside got his shipping orders mixed, wound up on a train that landed him in Hamilton, Ontario, instead of Rome, N. Y.

However, Woodside, was quick to get complete control of his equilibrium and was able to convey to railroad personnel his mistake and he eventually made Rome not much worse for the experience.

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Robert and Cecelia LaTurner Announce It's a Baby Girl

A cute little new arrival card comes from Robert and Cecelia LaTurner, 1730 N. Noble Road, Cleveland, Ohio. Bob is a former 60th man.

The card reads as follows:

No wonder we're happy
And proud as can be—
Cause here's what we've got
To be proud about—see!
Name—Cynthia Cecelia LaTurner.
Birthday: April 25, 1947—
1:11 A. M.
Weight: 7 lbs., 4 oz.
Color eyes: Blue.
Color hair: Dark Brown.
General deportment: Hungry.
Parents: Robert and Cecelia LaTurner.

not feel it has completely fulfilled its obligation to the members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association until each and every member of the Association who desires the Memorial Services phonograph recordings have received a set.

STARTS WITH PARADE

Starting with the line of march at 9 A. M., Friday, June 13, in Columbus, Ohio, a sound truck followed the band, picking up distinctly each and every note. Commentators supply outstanding instances that occur. The sound equipment picks up the prefacing remarks of Radio Announcer Budd Sweeney, of Radio Station WHKC; the prayers of Rev. Harold Weaver and Father Francis L. Hickey, with the muffled tones of the band playing "My Buddy" in the background; the emotional remarks of Major General Manton S. Eddy and Major General Louis A. Craig, then the unashamed sobs of the Gold Star Mothers who occupied a place of honor on the program, and the beautiful script read by Mrs. Grace Hall, president of the Columbus Chapter of the Gold Star Mothers, followed by the perfect timing of the Fort Hayes firing squad, then "Taps."

MANY ASK FOR RECORDS

Hundreds who attended the Reunion were seeking information about the possibility of obtaining these recordings after hearing the broadcast in the afternoon following the services. Everyone who attended these impressive services will want the recording. But those who were unable to come to Columbus owe themselves a solemn duty to secure the recording and to preserve it as an invaluable and sacred keepsake.

CONSULT MANY FIRMS

The Columbus Committee consulted various firms specializing in the manufacture of this kind of record. Since the entire program takes 16 minutes to play it was impossible to put it on one 12-inch record. Consequently the records have to be manufactured in sets of two 12-inch records.

22 E. GAY ST., COLUMBUS, O.

Quite a variation in the prices from different firms have been submitted to the Committee. Desiring more time to investigate the quality of the product from these various firms precludes the possibility of printing the exact price of the records in this issue of The Octofoil. The next issue which will be published within two weeks will contain that information.

Just drop a line to the 9th Division Convention Committee, 24 E. Gay St., Columbus, Ohio, if you are desirous of obtaining the set of records so the Committee may have some idea as to how many to order. When the price is definitely known you will be advised by letter and if you care to cause your order to be cancelled a card to the Committee will take care of that.

Let the Committee hear from you at your earliest convenience.

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GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

HIGHLIGHTS OF SECOND ANNUAL REUNION, HELD IN COLUMBUS, OHIO

Continued from Page 1
the group. Director Cole had previously cooperated 100% with the Columbus Committee in giving permission for the parade.

Herman Weber, state department commander, VFW, welcomed the group to Ohio on behalf of the veterans of Ohio.

Ernie Creech, past Grand Commander of the Military Order of the Cootie, held the left flank position of the speakers' stand; with his Cootie cap at a cock-eyed angle. Although out of the service many years Creech's jargon is still definitely G.I. lingo.

RALPH STONE TALKS

Ralph Stone, deputy veterans' administrator, respected and admired by ex-G.I.s all over the Middle West, after a few welcoming remarks, gave a complete and detailed report concerning Veterans' Administration plans for the near future.

CAPT. DOWNEY LIFE-SAVER

Capt. Billy R. Downey, former 39th Regt. man, now stationed at Fort Hayes, in Columbus, was marshal of the parade. His helpfulness in securing the firing squad and mapping out minute details was a life-saver for the Columbus Committee and was another of the major contributing factors in making the Reunion a success.

LT. MITTELMAN HAS DISPLAY

Placed on a conspicuous bulletin board was Lt. Mittelman's display of various photographs and drawings being used in the history.

As chairman of the History Committee, Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy explained some of the apparent insurmountable problems the committee had confronted, but in each instance were eventually overcome.

He gave the reasons for awarding the contract to the Heer firm were that this firm was several thousand dollars cheaper than its nearest competitor and offered the completed product much earlier. The general stated definitely the History would be in the mail by or before November 21.

NOTIFY ADDRESS CHANGE

Any member who has changed addresses in recent months or intends doing so before November 21 should notify the Ninth Infantry Division Association, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., at once.

LOCAL UNITS HEARD FROM

Interest shown by local chapters was most encouraging. Chapters like Boston, Washington, New York, Chicago, Pittsburgh, and many others sent sizable delegations. These units were represented by capable speakers on the floor, and although they were not successful in every instance, their militant approach to various Association problems, is a most encouraging sign. Connelly of Boston, Forest of Pittsburgh, Clark of Washington, Mahon and Veene-man of Chicago, Bruchac of New York, to mention only a few who took the banner for the units and fought courageously.

UNITS TO GET \$1

Under certain conditions \$1 of the \$3.50 yearly dues will revert back to the local units. This was a signal victory for the group that so faithfully fought for greater local chapter recognition.

OLENDER LATE

Due to conditions beyond his control Morris Olender, Local Chapter Policy Committee chairman, could not arrive until Saturday. General Louis A. Craig, a strong supporter of the policies adopted by the group fighting for local chapter recognition, acted as chairman of that committee, and presented a comprehensive report on this all-important subject.

Complete details will be furnished local chapters by the Local Chapter Policy Committee.

MINUTES FILL PAGES

The minutes were taken in detail by a stenotypist and to print them in their entirety would fill this entire issue. It may be possible the Board of Governors will authorize an expenditure to print a supplement to The Octofoil with nothing but the minutes therein at a later date. It is only possible for The Octofoil with its limited space to give thumbnail sketches of even the highlights of the sessions.

COL VAN HOUTEN FINANCES

Due to the absence of William Peverill, chairman of the Finance Committee, Col. John Van Houten reported to the body on the expenditures and our approximate worth at the present time, which is much less than many of our members believe, especially since assuming the tremendous history printing bill. Since the actual audited condition of the Association will be printed in an early issue of The Octofoil, Finance Committee details will be omitted here.

WADE ON NOMINATIONS

Frank Wade had the proverbial hot seat when he brought in a slate for the five vacant seats on the Board of Governors. However, Wade took the tongue lashing the boys gave him philosophically, and eventually won for his entire slate with the exception of one recommendation.

PUZAK MISCELLANEOUS

Mike Puzak, former secretary-treasurer, chairman of the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, among other things recommended a national Public Relations set-up, striving to secure more favorable publicity for the Association. Puzak's committee also recommended that the Board of Governors select the next Convention city, since the Board was in better position to inquire as to housing facilities and other advantages than could the body without time for proper deliberation.

PLUNKETT NEWSPAPER

Paul S. Plunkett, chairman of the Newspaper Committee, pointed out The Octofoil was being sent to many who have not paid 1947 dues, from which 60c is earmarked for The Octofoil. Under such a set-up The Octofoil is operating at a deficit. To operate on a basis to break even, only copies could be printed for those who had paid 1947 dues.

He also reported that members had appeared before his committee and requested two pages exclusive for local chapter news. Such a policy has been promised. Now it is up to the chapters to get the news items in.

Complaints also were registered that news items were mailed in and were not used. It was pointed out these items were sent to Washington and sometimes it took the secretary two or three days to segregate the mail and remail the items to Columbus, thus causing a week to ten days' delay in having the manuscript reach the printing office. It was decided to have all news notes or matters pertaining to The Octofoil, other than mailing list or change of address, be sent directly to The Octofoil, 337 S. High St., Room 318, Columbus, Ohio.

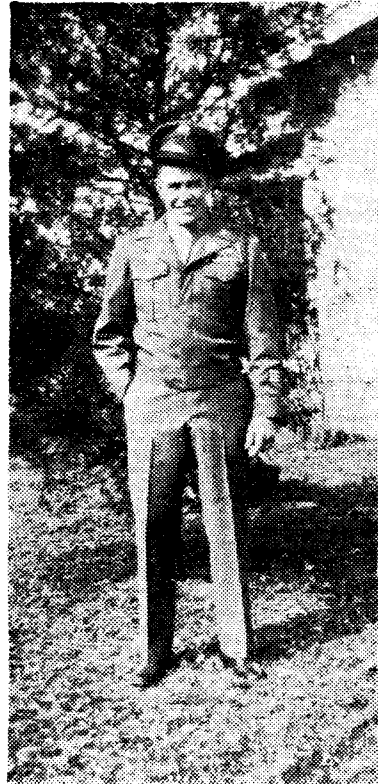
If news items of sufficient volume are sent in for the next issue from various units, the items will be broken down and will appear under various headings: 60th, 39th, 47th, Attached Units, Special Troops and Local Chapter News, with the particular town's name over each item.

NOT GETTING PAPER

Some are not getting The Octofoil who should be. This is a

Another Good Mother Boosts the Association

Dear Sir: I am the mother of Wayne E. Malcolm, who joined your Association overseas. Over there he was one of "The Raiders," in Co. M, 47th Inf.



Wayne E. Malcolm, formerly Co. M, 47th Inf.

No words can ever express the thankfulness and appreciation for our wonderful boys and what they did. May God bless them all.

Wayne is now working for the Caterpillar Co. in Peoria, Ill., and lives at 920 Tonti Circle, Gov. Trailer 15, Peoria, Ill., with his family.

I am enclosing a picture of Wayne taken after his arrival home from Europe.

Yours very respectfully,
MRS. HARRY MALCOLM,
(A 9th Division's Mother)
1100 W. Goodall St., Marion, Ill.
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TELL 'EM CHAPLAIN... WE STUTTER A BIT

A chaplain was attending a banquet marking the end of basic training. A clumsy KP dropped a plate of hot soup in his lap. Glancing around he said with restraint written on his face, "Will some layman say something appropriate?"—Exchange.

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SARGE SOUNDING OFF

Sergeant (on rifle range): "This new bullet will penetrate nearly two feet of solid wood, so remember to keep your heads down."—Exchange.

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'TENTION!

"Itches," reports Col. Stoopnagle, "is something that when a soldier is standing at attention his nose is always."—Exchange.

perplexing problem and one that commands the utmost in co-operation. Under the second class permit agreement The Octofoil has with the Postoffice Dept., every time a member moves and doesn't notify the Washington office (the Addressograph plates are in Washington), a card is sent to The Octofoil stating the member has moved to such and such an address. Each of these cards cost The Octofoil 2 cents. If the member left no forwarding address with the Postoffice, the card so states, and the member has to be taken from the mailing list. This 2 cents seems small, but that item alone adds \$10 or \$12 some months to the Association's expenses. Please notify national headquarters of any change of address—not only for the Association's protection, but for your own.

MANY GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS EXTEND THANKS TO COLUMBUS BOYS

(Excerpts from just a few of the many letters received by the Columbus Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association since the Second Annual Reunion are printed below):

Officers and Members,
9th Inf. Div. Assn.
Gentlemen:

It was a privilege and a pleasure for Ohio's Capital City to be host to the splendid Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Your meeting was complimented by our citizens as to the excellence of the program, type of personnel included in your membership, and the marked success of your various sessions, including the impressive Memorial Service held at our Historic State Capital.

We take this opportunity of extending a cordial invitation for your return and we hope to have the privilege of again being host to the Ninth Infantry Division Association at an early date.

Very truly yours,
JOSEPH E. CROSS,
Manager, Columbus Convention Bureau.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Mr. Paul S. Plunkett,
Chmn., 9th Inf. Div. Assn.
Convention Committee,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Paul: I came to the Ninth Division Assn. meeting on Saturday, June 14, for the purpose of apologizing for not having been present Friday, June 13, but Gen. Craig was in the midst of his report and as you seemed to be busy, I thought it best to stay out of the way. I got tied up on Friday in a veterans fight in the Legislature and finally got out of it at 11:30 Saturday night.

I hope my absence did nothing to your program but make it a better one. I did, however, bend the elbow with a few of the 9th Div. crowd before the banquet.

Sincerely yours,
JOE.
(J. S. Deutschle, Dept. Adjutant,
State of Ohio, American Legion.)

HDQTRS. SECOND ARMY

19 June 1947
Members, Columbus Chapter,
9th Infantry Div. Assn.,
Columbus, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I hope you will forgive me for not writing before this. I think that the convention was definitely a credit to you Columbus fellows.

A PLEA FOR LOCAL CHAPTERS TO SEND IN ITEMS OF INTEREST

Hereafter, with the possible exception of the next issue of The Octofoil, which will contain a considerable part of the transcribed minutes of the second annual reunion, The Octofoil hopes to be able to print a double page spread with nothing but local chapter news items.

Chapters have asked for this arrangement. Now it is up to each chapter to designate a dependable reporter or correspondent who will record regularly happenings in the various localities. Not only should matters acted upon at meetings be reported, but everyone wants to read the personal, everyday happenings of buddies in far removed communities, such as weddings, new arrivals, etc.

DEPENDS ON CHAPTERS

Success or failure of these local pages depends on the chapters themselves. Many asked for the special chapter pages while attending the Reunion. The Octofoil is doing its part. You do yours.

In order to expedite the handling of copy, send your news items directly to The Octofoil, 337 S. High St., Room 318, Columbus, Ohio, and remember, any copy received after the 10th of the month

You should certainly feel well pleased with the results of your tremendous efforts during the past six months. I congratulate the Columbus Chapter.

With best wishes and again with great thanks for what you have done for the Association, I remain

Most sincerely yours,
M. S. EDDY,
Major General, U. S. Army.

Mooseheart, Ill.
Columbus Chapter,
9th Inf. Div. Assn.,
Columbus, Ohio.

I want to again tell you of the fine time we all had in Columbus and to thank all of you Columbus fellows for it. I hope we can do as good when we have the convention in Chicago.

Sincerely,
JOHN CLOUSER,
President, Illinois Chapter, 9th Inf. Div. Assn.

353 Garfield Ave.
Valparaiso, Ind.

Columbus Chapter,
9th Inf. Div. Assn.,
Columbus, Ohio.

Having now returned from the 9th Infantry Division Association Convention, I take this opportunity to thank all of the members of your chapter for an enjoyable stay in your city and for the successful way in which you planned the convention.

Yours truly,
PAUL E. BECK.

Mr. Glenn O. Moore, President,
Columbus Chapter,
9th Inf. Div. Assn.,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Moore:

On behalf of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, I would like to thank you and the members of your Chapter for the excellent arrangements you made for us at our Second Annual Convention. And I would like you to convey the personal thanks of the Association to each one of your hard working members.

I believe the arrangements we made for the Memorial Services were most excellent, and also all the very small details which take so much time and which the majority take for granted were done in a highly commendable manner.

Again thanking you and your Chapter and wishing you every possible success in the future—

Sincerely,
HENRY S. RIGBY,
President.
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can not be used until the succeeding month because the presses have to receive the forms not a day later than the 15th. That leaves only five days in which to edit your copy, set it into type, proof read and make up into page forms, which is a tremendous task for such a short length of time.

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SENATOR'S TOUCHY SPOT

A Senator making his usual airplane flight was about to sit down on his seat when he jumped up and remarked, "Ouch, who put that tack there?"

"That was no tack," replied the stewardess, "we're flying low and that was the Washington monument."—Exchange.

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HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

OCTOFOIL IN THE "DOG HOUSE"

LETTERS POUR IN RAISING "HELL" BECAUSE WAR DEPT. RELEASE FAILED TO MENTION ALL ATTACHED UNITS.

LT. COL. HERMAN LANGE PREFACES HIS LETTER IN RED CAPITAL LETTERS "THE 84TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION WAS THERE."

The official communication printed in the May issue of The Octofoil entitled "Ninth Infantry Division Combat Data" has stirred up the proverbial "hornet's nest." Excerpts from a few of the letters are printed in this issue.

The Octofoil doesn't blame these men but we can plea not guilty to any crime and believe the membership will agree. If it was possible to print all the protest letters in their entirety it certainly would be done, but since such an undertaking would entail a complete 4-page section, and The Octofoil is operating at a deficit now such an undertaking is out of the question.

Since Lt. Col. Alvar B. Sundin's letter seems to more thoroughly explain how this regrettable mistake was made, his letter is printed first:

Dear Sir: In your May issue of The Octofoil you have an article entitled "Ninth Infantry Division Combat Data." Through an oversight, I am sure, you did not include the 60th FA Bn, 84th FA Bn, 34th FA Bn, Hq Hq Btry, 9th Inf. Div. Arty, some of the Division Special Troops, and the habitually attached units—the 894th TD Bn, 746th Tk Bn, and 376th AAA (AW) Bn. One possible explanation is that the Decorations and Awards Branch of the AGD furnished you data on only those units which were active in Germany at the time it furnished you the data. As you probably know, the Division was inactivated piecemeal by units.

Out of justice to those members of the Association who served with the units omitted from the article I hope you will be able to correct the omission in a subsequent issue of The Octofoil.

You are doing an excellent job with The Octofoil and I enjoy it a great deal.

Sincerely yours,
ALVAR B. SUNDIN,
Lt. Col., FA, U. S. Army.

HERE'S ANOTHER ONE

Gentlemen: I have just finished reading The Octofoil for May.

Particular attention was paid to the report from the Decorations and Awards, A. G. D., and it is regretted that no mention was made of the splendid service of the battalion of which I was a member, the 34th Field Artillery.

Not only did our country recognize this battalion but our friends, the Belgians did also. I take justifiable pride in the long service I had with the 34th FA, joining in August, 1940, fully 10 days before its formal organization.

It would be difficult to follow the paths of those of us of the 1st Division and the 77th who joined ranks to form the greatest of them all—the 9th.

It might interest our members to know that in 1938 the 9th Div. insignia we know as the Octofoil was worn by the members of the 25th FA. It was puzzling to me who wore a plain "1."

Most sincerely,
KENNETH S. JENKS,
Formerly Chief Warrant Officer,
34th Field Artillery Bn.

AND ANOTHER ONE . . .

Gentlemen: The Eighty-Fourth Field Artillery Battalion WAS There Too!

Lest "The Octofoil" May 1947

issue cause a lot of good men to worry let it not be forgotten that the 84th Field Artillery Battalion carried out its mission in every action of the Ninth Inf. Div., as well as in some actions of the 1st Arm. Div., 3rd Arm. Div., 1st Inf. Div., 4th Inf. Div., 34th Inf. Div., 90th Inf. Div. and many Task Force formations besides its operations with the British, Canadian and French troops.

"Performance Above All" was the motto. Many of our comrades lie in African, Sicilian, French and Belgian cemeteries because they fell in the service of their country that their battalion might not fail in its motto and that the infantry, cavalry, armored, engineers and air corps might carry out their missions with less casualties.

The 84th Field Artillery Battalion is officially entitled by War Department records to:

(1) The Bronze Arrowhead for assault landing at Safi, Fr. Morocco on 8-10 November 1942 (A and B Batteries with Hq. Det.)

(2) All eight Battle Stars mentioned in "The Octofoil."

(3) The Belgian Fourraguerre, mentioned in "The Octofoil."

(4) The Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster. (a) for Thala, Tunisia; per GO 51, XII 2, WD 10 June 1946; 21—2-3 Feb. '43. (b) for Remagen; per GO 65, VIII 3, WD 28 June 1946; 8-19 Mar., '45.

In addition, the Forward Observer parties and Liaison Sections are entitled to all Presidential Unit Citations won by Infantry Battalions or Regiments with which they were serving at the time of the battle award.

The 84th Field Artillery Battalion has many an unmentioned engagement—so don't let The Octofoil forget that.

The 84th Field Artillery Battalion WAS There Too!
On behalf of THE MEN of the EIGHTY-FOURTH.

HERMAN W. W. LANGE,
Lt. Col., FA, U. S. A.

9TH SIG. CO. HEARD FROM

Gentlemen: Why did the 9th Sig. Co. get left out of the story on Page 6 of the May Octofoil?

Captain Berrett should have looked up their record. The 9th Sig. Co. has a Distinguished Unit Citation plus many personal citations and did a good job. Fellows from that outfit would like to see their outfit mentioned. How about getting the dope from the War Dept. and putting it in for the gang from NORA?

Sincerely,

FRANK E. HEIKKELA,
50 Knowlton Ave., Kenmore 17,
New York. (Former Sig Officer,
9th Inf. Div.)

AND ANOTHER . . .

Dear Sir: Being a former member of the 376th AAA AW Bn I naturally look for news items concerning it or its members in The Octofoil.

But what I started out to say was, in the May issue of Octofoil you printed the story "Ninth Infantry Division Combat Data,"

Demands 60th F.A. Get Some Publicity

Clair McKee has his two bits worth to say about the 60th FA being left out of the limelight. Stand-by for Mc's beef:

Findlay, O.

Dear Sirs: When does the 60th FA get their turn in the paper? I am sending a picture of some boys from "B" Btry., 60th FA, to use when it is our turn.

I am farming here near Findlay and like it okay.

Would like to hear from more boys from the 60th FA Bn. I have lost trace of about all of them.

CLAIR R. MCKEE,

Rt. No. 3, Findlay, Ohio.

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Joe Snow Lives 'Way Down South of the Smith & Wesson Line

Gentlemen: I served with the 60th Inf., 9th Div. from 7 Sept. 1940 through 6 July 1945.

After leaving the 9th I heard that the Division had been awarded the Belgium Fouragere. I'd like confirmation on this rumor.

If you could find room in the next issue of The Octofoil I'd like to invite my friends to contact me.

My mail address is: Joseph M. Snow, 1509 Bennett Ave., Chattanooga 4, Tenn.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH M. SNOW,

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John McCleese An Ohio Sheriff's Deputy

John McCleese is wearing a deputy sheriff's badge down in New Boston, Ohio, on the Ohio River, near Portsmouth. He sends the following short note to The Octofoil:

New Boston, Ohio.

April 28, 1947.

Dear Sir: I'm still chasing them but not Germans. I'm now working for the Sheriff's department of Scioto County of Ohio.

I enjoy reading The Octofoil. Keep up the good work.

Wishing every success for the Association.

If any of my old buddies come this way I hope they will be sure to look me up.

I am with best regards and best wishes to officers of the Association, all my former buddies and every member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Sincerely,

JOHN MCCLEESE.

and the 376th was completely left out, even though the 376th was associated with the 9th from D Day right through to V-E Day and on to Ingolstadt. We were proud to serve with the 9th Div. even though we were just a small unit and often got the worse end of many details. Not only being connected with the 9th in combat but as members of the Association we want to be included in such news items. If Captain Berrett will furnish you with the combat data of the 376th, would you have it printed for our benefit?

(Ed's Note: YES.)

Coming to Iowa to go to school a year ago I thought I knew no one. Only 90 miles away lives another member of Hq. Btry., Ralph Walls. I expect to graduate in June, 1948, and then head back for New York.

With best wishes and congratulations for the fine work being done, I am,

Very truly yours,
ALBERT HUEBENER,
Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

60TH F.A. MEN IN MERRIE OLE ENGLAND



The above picture taken by Clair McKee in March, 1944, in England, shows: Back row, left to right, Held, South Carolina; Shumaker, Pennsylvania; Boffin, North Carolina; Christensen, Wisconsin; Hatch, Massachusetts. Front row: Walzack, Wisconsin; DeGraver, Michigan; Farmer, Louisiana; McKee, Ohio; Harnay, Illinois.

Crummy Cootie Now Admits He's Guilty

After ridiculing The Octofoil for many months, the crummy columnist for the Military Order of the Cootie, Hap Sailor, comes out under his own signature and says "Just because our fingernails are dirty, it doesn't mean we do not have a clean mind, even if the accusation we're all sails and no anchor is true."

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MRS. PELLEGRINI IS ANXIOUS FOR SON'S BUDDIES TO WRITE

Pvt. John D. Pellegrini, Co. E, 39th Inf., was killed in France August 7, 1944, and is buried at St. Lo, France.

His mother, Rosemary Pellegrini, Box 205, Uleta, Florida, appeals to The Octofoil to make an effort to have some of his buddies write her a few lines.

Fellows, write this mother. You can't realize in your own minds the comfort it will be to her.

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THIS GUY WAS PREPARED

In a recent first aid course we learned that alcohol is a very poor and even dangerous remedy for snake bite. However we have considerable respect for the Kentuckian stumbling home on a mountain trail after a too liberal sampling of the dew from a neighbor's still.

Upon falling over a root, he found himself staring a coiled and angry rattlesnake in the face. Looking the buzzing reptile in the eye, he said, "Strike if you must, I never was in better condition."

—Exchange.

MORE BRAVE GUYS TAKING ON WIVES

Dear Sirs: You guys are doing a bang-up job with The Octofoil. Now for a little news from Co. M, 39th:

Tony Campo of Belford, was married Feb. 9th; a few boys from the outfit attended and had a swell time.

When George Capobianco got married the following Sunday, on hand were Mr. and Mrs. Al Irene, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wolchok, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Godino, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mercandante and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Carnecki, seated at an especially decorated table with the division insignia. All had a very enjoyable evening through the efforts of Ed and the other three Capobianco brothers.

Carl Chesko is working at the Railway Express Company in Hoboken, N. J.

Pat Solmaine of Buffalo, is head of an automobile agency, same town, with AAA-O on all business cards.

Art Clark is happy at his Lyndhurst, N. J., home.

Ex-First Lt. Shreck is working as aid in the Albany city administration.

Now a few words to try to contact former S/Sgt. Nicolas J. Asperger of Co. M, 39th Inf., living in Detroit, Mich.

Sincerely,

ANTHONY J. CARNECI,
541 61st St., West, New York,
N. Y.

(Ed's Note: Thanks, Tony, for such a newsy letter. Sorry it's being laying around the Washington office since February. Send your next notes direct to The Octofoil, 337 S. High St., Room 318, Columbus, Ohio, and we'll see they are printed at once.)

CHICAGO MEMBER IS HONORED

OCTOFOIL GIVES M.P.'S A "BREAK"



Remember any of these M.P.'s at Bragg: Left to right: Bill York, "Chad" Hannah, Larry Pelletier, Saul Charles, Dick Nix, "Davy" Jones, Tommy Ball. Kneeling: Dave Brogner.

Col. Westmoreland Now a Married Man

The Octofoil joins with every member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association and wishes Colonel Westmoreland and the charming Mrs. Westmoreland all the happiness they both so richly deserve.

Although the colonel was married May 3rd, no one let The Octofoil in on the "secret" until he showed up at the Reunion in Columbus. Following is the wedding announcement card:

Colonel and Mrs. Edwin Van Deusen request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Katherine to Colonel William Childs Westmoreland United States Army on Saturday evening the third of May

at half after eight o'clock St. John's Church Fayetteville, North Carolina

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National Service Life Insurance proceeds are exempt from creditors' claims against the insured or the beneficiary, Veterans Administration said.

Co. I, 47th Man Wants to Hear From Some Old Buddies

Thanks, Coxey, for the kind words you have to say about The Octofoil.

Former S/Sgt. Urban M. Cox's letter reads as follows:

Gentlemen: Would like to extend a greeting to all Co. "I," 47th Inf. men, and to the Association, and to The Octofoil, for a job well done. This paper, I am sure, will serve to bind us all together.

Would like to hear from "Pop" Gay, somewhere near Cincinnati, O.; address of Dave Wade in Idaho, and a line from anyone who knows me, I would greatly appreciate.

Sincerely, URBAN M. COX, 17605 Fenton, Detroit, 19, Mich. (Formerly staff sergeant Co. I, 47th.)

(Ed's Note: A Letter to Dave Wade, care of Wayne Pherson, Tetonia, Idaho, will be delivered to Wade, we feel sure. Dave reads The Octofoil religiously, so you will probably hear from him soon anyway.)

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HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

THE M. P.'s CLAIM IT'S TIME OCTOFOIL GIVE 'EM A BREAK

Kenneth Meyer, Akron, O., sends to The Octofoil several photographs, one of which is used in this issue. It is hoped the others, which no doubt will prove of interest to many of our readers, can be printed in future issues.

Kenneth's short note follows:
468 Pearl St.,
Akron 4, Ohio,

Dear Sirs: Enclosed find a few photographs taken in Bragg in '40 and '41.

Maybe they will bring back memories to a lot of fellows who were in Tent City then, in the 9th Division area, and above all, on those numerous three-day problems out on the reservation.

Needless to say, I will be happy to hear from any of my former "M. P." buddies and anyone else that remembers me.

Sincerely,
KENNETH L. MEYER.
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THINKS 746th TANK BN. LAYING DOWN

Arthur Strenstra, 54 Carr St., Whitinsville, Mass., sends in this inquiry:

Gentlemen: I wonder what happened to all the members of the 746th Tank Bn., especially Co. "D."

Maybe they are doing as I am, just sitting back looking for something about the battalion in The Octofoil and never writing themselves.

Here's hoping, if anything about this is printed other former members of the 746th will write in to The Octofoil.

ARTHUR STRENSTRA.
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This Guy's Got Some Money For Albert A. Charnez; Locate Him

Dear Sir: Will you please put a notice in The Octofoil for Albert A. Charnez, Co. L, 60th Inf., 9th Div., to get in touch with me, or anyone knowing his address.

I have a money order that I would like to return to him. Keep up the good work being done in The Octofoil.

Thanking you in advance for this favor, I am,

Sincerely,
ROBERT L. ROBERTSON.
Box 104, Albertville, Ala.

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STICKING TO THE RULES

A G.I. in India was severely chewed out for cutting red tape and doing things without explicit instructions from higher authorities. A short time later, headquarters received a startling wire from him: "Tiger eating lieutenant. Wire instructions."—Ex.

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WAS IT THE RHUMBA?

The young man finally redeemed his best suit of clothes, brought them home from the pawnshop in a suitcase. While he was busy in his room, his mother, in the parlor, started to unpack the suitcase. She found the pawn ticket on the coat and called:

"John, what is this tag on your coat?"

John lost very little time in calling back, "Oh, I was at a dance last night, mother, and checked my coat."

A moment later mother came across the trousers, tagged in the same way. With a puzzled tone she asked:

"John, what kind of a dance was that?"—Exchange.

OTTO KERNER, JR., APPOINTED U. S. ATTORNEY FOR NORTHERN ILLINOIS; ONLY 38 YEARS OLD.

HELPED ORGANIZE CHICAGO CHAPTER; AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR FOR BRAVERY IN ACTION; WAS EXECUTIVE OFFICER 34TH F.A. BN.

President Truman has nominated Otto Kerner, Jr., Chicago attorney, World War II veteran, and son of Judge Otto Kerner of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, to be United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. The job pays \$10,000 a year.

Chicago Chapter Will Stage Picnic For the Fellows This Summer

Chicago's Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association held a business meeting Friday night, June 20, 1947, and formulated plans for a picnic during the summer months. A definite date has not been set, the date having been left open until a canvass can be made to determine when it is possible for the maximum number of members to attend.

ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions were adopted at the meeting congratulating the Columbus Chapter for having put on a successful Second Annual Reunion.

USE TELEPHONE

After the business meeting the group contacted The Octofoil via long distance telephone and after talking to Walter Mahon, James Clouser and many others, Frank Veeneman takes over and advises unless the 1948 Convention was sent to Chicago the telephone charges would be placed against The Octofoil.

The Chicago Chapter has some real talent and are going places in a big way.

They are especially proud of one of their members, Otto Kerner, as witnessed by the many newspaper clippings sent to The Octofoil relative to his recent federal appointment.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

Dan Tillman, Jr., Likes The Octofoil

Dear Sir: On receiving my issue of The Octofoil I was sorry to read that the Ninth Division had been inactivated but I hope that we can keep the spirit of the division alive through our monthly publication of The Octofoil.



Here's "Spider"

Enclosed you will find a picture of "Spider," who was mascot of Anti Tank Co., 60th, and I am sure all of the old boys who knew Spider and especially the second platoon would like to see his picture in The Octofoil. Spider was looted in the Ruhr Pocket and raised on buzz bomb juice. The enclosed picture was taken at Geisenfeld, Germany, at the dedication of Lane Field.

Sincerely,
DAN L. TILLMAN, JR.,
310 Kershaw St., Cheraw, S. C.
(Former member 2nd Plt., Anti-Tank Co., 60th.)

The nomination was referred to the Senate judiciary committee for approval. Early confirmation is anticipated.

The Octofoil regrets these news clippings from The Chicago Tribune was received too late to have cuts made of Kerner's picture.

Kerner's nomination ends a long, see-saw struggle between Illinois Democratic factions over the choice of a successor to J. Albert Woll, who is retiring to private practice and will become the law partner of Joseph A. Padway, attorney for the American Federation of Labor.

KERNER, 38 YEARS OLD

Kerner, 38, has been in private practice since his release from the Army a year ago.

Kerner, whose father was once attorney general of Illinois, was executive officer of a 155 mm. howitzer battalion (34th F.A.) in much of the heavy fighting in North Africa and Sicily. He was awarded the bronze star for bravery in action.

A LIEUTENANT COLONEL

Kerner was a member of the National Guard when he was called to duty. He attained the rank of lieutenant colonel in the war.

STUDIED IN ENGLAND

Kerner was graduated from Brown University and Northwestern Law School. He also attended Trinity College, Cambridge, England. He is a member of Alpha Delta Phi, Phi Delta Phi, the Chicago and Illinois bar associations.

ACTIVE IN CHICAGO

Kerner has worked hard for the organization of a militant chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association in Chicago. Readers of The Octofoil will remember the 3-column picture in the last issue of the speakers' table at Chicago Chapter's "coming out" party, at which time Kerner was master of ceremonies.

Although a busy man he is never too busy or tired to take time out to discuss Division Association affairs.

A considerable part of the success the Chicago Chapter has attained can be attributed directly to the unselfish efforts of Otto Kerner.

The Octofoil congratulates Kerner on this well-earned recognition.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

Veterans Administration estimated the World War II veteran population for March 1 at nearly 14,500,000 and the total veteran population at approximately 18,378,000.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

National Service Life Insurance carries no restrictions on the residence, travel or occupation of insured veterans, Veterans Administration said.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

Want a Ninth Division Pin You Will Be Proud to Own?

SCREW-BACK TYPE—EITHER GOLD-PLATED OR GOLD-FILLED

Gold-Plated\$1.20 tax included
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PLACE YOUR ORDERS SINGLY OR IN BULK TO

LESLIE RONAY

3 LAWRENCE ST.

YONKERS 5, N. Y.

(The sale of these pins is my own project and has no connection with the Ninth Infantry Division Association or the Greater New York Chapter.)

APPRAISING VETS APTITUDES

ANTI-TANKERS AT BRAGG IN 1941



A group of Anti-Tank 60th men taken at Fort Bragg just before Pearl Harbor. Joe Bernstein names a few of them in his letter. How many do you know?

BOARDING HOUSE STORY

The landlady brought in a plateful of extremely thinly sliced bread, which rather dismayed her hungry men boarders.

"Did you cut these, Mrs. Brown?" asked one.

"Yes, I cut them," came the stern reply.

"O. K.," the boarder went on, "I'll deal."—Ex.

Veterans Administration has allowed nearly 380,000 death claims for over \$3.5 billion dollars on National Service Life Insurance policies to date.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

Veterans Administration now has 268 full-time chaplains representing 29 churches in its 126 hospitals and homes.

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 Five Dollars (\$5.00) 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.

9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSN. DUES STATEMENT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR

BOX 1704

WASHINGTON 13, D. C.

(The following notices have been mailed to all members who have allowed their dues to become past due. If you have not paid your 1947 dues please use this blank and mail them in at once.)

Annual Dues _____ \$3.50

(Of which amount sixty cents (.60c) is for a year's subscription to "THE OCTOFOIL")

The last four issues of "The Octofoil" have been sent to you with the thought that you must have forgotten to renew your Annual Dues in the Association and we did not want you to miss any issues thus losing contact with your fellow-members and buddies. We are certain you understand why the Association cannot continue to send future issues unless you mail your renewal in now. Will you cooperate with us in this matter today?

When renewing your dues will you please correct your address for our files if you have moved in recent months. To date more than 1,000 members have failed to do this and we would appreciate you helping us to correct any errors.

Name _____

Street or R. F. D. _____

A Picture With Fond Memories of Those Days At Tent City

Joe Bernstein writes about the fellows over 28 who already had packed up to go home for good when the Japs made their sneak attack and everything went topsy-turvy.

Joe's letter follows:

Gentlemen: I am enclosing a picture I had completely forgotten. Please put it in next month's Octofoil.

It was taken Dec. 6th, 1941, just 24 hours before Pearl Harbor Day!

They are the fellows who were over 28 years old and were expecting to go home in a few days at that time but really stayed a few years instead!

The photo was taken in Tent City area at Fort Bragg just after finishing our South Carolina maneuvers.

Such names as Ballerini, Check, Cibulka, a close pal of mine, and Diamond too! Our squirrel mascot got into the picture also.

If any of the fellows want a snapshot of it, write me and I'll oblige them.

Sincerely,
JOE BERNSTEIN,
1205 Findlay Ave., Bronx 56,
New York City.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

Loveaire A. Hedges Has Vanished; Help Us Locate Him

The mailing list of the Ninth Infantry Division Association as well as the mailing list of the Columbus Chapter carries the name of Loveaire A. Hedges, Columbus, Ohio, with no street address.

A search of city and telephone directories has failed to locate the phantom gent.

Many letters of inquiry have come to The Octofoil seeking the whereabouts of Hedges. Especially since the Reunion and his name was printed in the program, with address unknown, have these inquiries been heavy.

Paul Beck, Valaparis, Ind., 353 Garfield Ave., is particularly desirous of contacting Hedges. Paul advises Hedges was his CO while with Co. A, 746th Tank Bn.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Loveaire A. Hedges will you please write The Octofoil, 337 S. High St., Room 318, Columbus, Ohio, as well as Paul Beck as per the above address.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

Walter Schulz Wants Information About Some of His Old Outfit

Gentlemen: Would like to have address of my old CO, Matthew L. Urbanowitz, Co. F, 60th Inf.

Would like to have names and addresses of anyone else belonging to the Association who served in Co. F during the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns.

I've been out of the service now since Sept. 21, 1945, and really miss the old gang and would like to hear from them.

I joined the 9th April, 1943.

I have an address of an old sidekick Jessie Serfass, 513 Spring St., Bethlehem, Pa. Is he a member of the Association? If not he should be a good prospect. He joined the 60th the same time I did.

Well so long and good luck to all of you, I am,

Sincerely,
WALTER R. SCHULZ,
6517 Reedland St., S. W., Philadelphia 42, Pa.

FATHER KINES HEADS VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION GUIDANCE CENTER; FOR ALL FAITHS.

BOYS ARE AMBITIOUS; WANT TO MAKE ABOUT \$90 A WEEK; DETERMINE THE BOYS' I.Q.; HOLD PERSONAL CONFERENCES.

Out near the intersection of Philadelphia's City Line Ave. and 54th St. stands a large house packed with questions and answers. Millions of questions have been asked and answered within its stone walls; millions more will be asked and answered. Once these

questions were asked by a physician who used the house as his residence and the answers supplied to prescribe for temporary ills. Today they are asked by several men and the answers supplied are used as a basis for thousands of lifetimes of vocational health.

To this quiz house during the past year have come some 2500 veterans with the single, collective question: "What field of work should we choose?" This one question automatically invites hundreds of return questions from the vocational experts in the building.

When all the answers are weighed and balanced the veteran will walk away from 5415 Overbrook Ave. feeling that if he's not on the right vocational track it's certainly not the fault of the Veterans Administration and St. Joseph's College.

ONE OF SEVEN

Officially this quiz house is one of seven Veterans Administration Guidance Centers in the Philadelphia area. It was one of the first set up for veterans of all faiths.

"We seek only to guide, not to advise," explains the Reverend Louis Berkeley Kines, S.J., who directs the St. Joseph's Guidance Center. "The general objective is to make the veteran think for himself and to make his own choice of a life career. In some cases it is suggested that the applicant needs further education. In other cases it seems more advisable for the applicant either to go directly to work or to take on-the-job training."

"On the other hand, an applicant for vocational guidance is under no compulsion to follow through to the objective agreed upon in his terminal interview. In every case it is a question of free will. But our experience has been that most G. I.'s take the suggested course of action, having been completely convinced by the various tests and procedures that he is or is not fitted for a desired course of action."

HEADED BY FATHER KINES

Father Kines, who served as Chaplain with the 39th Regiment of the 9th Division through the African and Sicilian campaigns, is assisted by Frederick C. Scubert, St. Joseph's graduate and Veterans' Administration representative. Charles F. Smith is the psychometrician in charge of all the tests.

When a veteran first enters this quiz house he is asked the more factual type of questions. His age and marital status and past education are taken down. His employment record and his hobbies and his home environment and his service experience all are noted as a general basis for analysis.

TEST PERIOD

Next comes the test period, which similarly might be called "finding out what the veteran can do." The applicant's I.Q. is determined. Then follow aptitude tests; tests for mechanical ability, for manual dexterity, for personality, for clerical ability and sell-

ing ability and engineering ability and all the rest.

Finally comes the fusion of the test results with other accumulated information. Appraisers suggest broad vocational fields and, by a process of elimination, attempt to capitalize on the strongest points in the veteran's make-up. In the case of disabled veterans, the handicaps also are considered.

LIKE ENGINEERING

After handling hundreds of veterans an appraiser at a Guidance Center gets a pretty fair idea of the general veteran character. And according to Charles Boylan, it's a fine healthy thing. Mr. Boylan, a graduate of St. Joseph's, worked both as a teacher and as a radio announcer before becoming an appraiser at the St. Joseph Guidance Center.

"The majority of the applicants are interested in engineering," he finds.

"Quite a few want to get into literary lines, but in my experience I haven't found much inclination toward the arts. The boys seem very practical. Many plan to go into selling later on, but now they'd like practical knowledge of the things they plan to sell."

"Your average veteran wants to make at least \$90 a week, when he gets through his schooling or preparation. They want no let-down from high wartime wages."

WANT TO MAKE MONEY

Generally Mr. Boylan finds that veterans are ambitious and want to make money. Yet at the same time they want to be happy at their work, doing something they like, because they have the essential physical or mental equipment to excel in that particular vocational line.

"They want to know about these hidden talents," Mr. Boylan says. "They want to go out and lick the world solely on their own given abilities. The adventure of war carries over into the adventure of peace time. It all seems like a healthy sign to me."

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

THOSE BROOKLYN BUMS

Camping on an especially muddy locale, several of our boys in Sicily appropriated a stack of straw from a nearby farm yard to serve as flooring for their tents.

Later a gesticulating Italian farmer appeared and demanded payment. Unable to make themselves understood, one of the soldiers took a scrap of paper from his pocket and carefully wrote something on it. This satisfied the complainant for the moment, but the next day he was back looking for Il Capitano.

The paper had been inscribed: "Good for 100 rides on the merry-go-round at Coney Island."

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

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Veterans may pay National Service Life Insurance premiums to Veterans Administration monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

BOARD ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

A Short Note From Capt. E. C. Waller,

This short note was written 3 April 1947, while Captain Waller was still in Germany.

Dear Sir: Enclosed is remittance for my dues for three years. The last thing I want to do is to sever my membership in the Association.

I've enjoyed reading every single item in our Association newspaper, having received three copies. I especially enjoy "Here's What They're Doing."

Continue to send the paper to my old address, 318 W. 5th St., Tulsa, Okla., as my return to the States is imminent in the near future.

Incidentally, Major Don Harrison is now with U. S. Constabulary in the ETO, while Capt. Gawkowski and I (9th Div. Arty Hq) are serving with Fulda Military Post. Major Claude Purkitt is with CIC in the ET.

Please tell everyone in Columbus hello for me if I don't make it home by June.

Sincerely,
E. C. WALLER,
Capt., U.S.A., Fulda, Germany.
Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

Major Williamson Is Anxious to Hear From Some of the Old Gang

Major Leo C. Williamson, formerly of the 60th Infantry, and now in Special Services Office at Camp Campbell, Ky., wants to hear from former buddies. The Major married since leaving the 60th and has a son nine months old.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

9TH TOP-KICK'S SYSTEM?

Smithers was preparing to take a solo jaunt up into the mountains when Jake, the grizzled old camp guide, stopped him to check up on his supplies.

"You gotta map an' a compass?" asked Jake.

"Certainly," replied Smithers.

"Hev you gotta deck of playin' cards?"

"Why, no," rejoined Smithers.

"What do I need with them?"

"It mought save your life," old Jake replied. "I always carry a pack. If you get lost, jest sit down and begin playin' a game o' solitaire. Next thing you know some fool will pop up behind you and begin tellin' you what to do next."

—Exchange.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

WHEN GENERAL BRADLEY GOES

(Crowded Off Editorial Page)

When General Bradley finally carries out his desire to resign as Administrator of Veterans Affairs, the White House will have the great responsibility of choosing a successor to the man whose services as V.A. Chief have been no less brilliant than his ability as a military leader. Bradley's successor should be one who knows—from personal experience—the sacrifices of the overseas veteran. His previous record should command the respect of the average ex-G.I., Congress and all political factions. There must be nothing in his background to suggest that partisan politics played any part in his appointment. Veteran welfare is the nation's most sacred obligation and the V.A. should stand divorced from all political influences. If and when Bradley goes back to the Army, the man who takes his job should possess—most of all—those qualities of character that will make him feel it is much more important to give courage to a disabled veteran—or compassion to a bereaved widow—than to curry favor with penny-pinching politicians when elections are impending.

(The above editorial was published in a recent issue of The VFW Foreign Service Magazine. The publication has established a high standard for the man who succeeds General Bradley. But The Octofoil feels such a man does exist in the services of the United States Army today—he'll probably give the Octofoil hell for printing this—but what about our own MAJOR GENERAL MANTON S. EDDY, fellows?)

Delegation Gets Dates For Reunion Twisted

In the wee small hours of Friday A.M., June 19, The Octofoil's office telephone rang incessantly for about 15 minutes. Noting the persistency of the caller there was no alternative other than to answer, even at this ungodly hour.

A belligerent voice on the other end of the line wanted to know "Where in the hell are those 9th Division men who were supposed to be in Columbus at a second reunion."

Federal laws definite prohibit printing what remark was made when the caller was advised they had arrived in Columbus one week too late. The Reunion was over Saturday, June 14.

The lads were from our prexy's own home state, too, the Keystone State, Penn-syl-vania, if you please.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

What's Wrong With Co. "K", 39th Men?

Dear Sirs: Would you please ask in next month's edition of The Octofoil why former members of Co. K, 39th Infantry never write anything in?

Of the many men that I know from that outfit, I have never seen one of their names.

I have been wondering if anyone from that company ever joined the Association.

Sincerely,

LEON LOWERY,
812 Georgia Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

A COUPLE OF LOST MEN BEING SOUGHT

John K. Alexander, 22-61 42nd St., Astoria 5, L. I., N. Y., wants address of former Sgt. Carl J. Becker, of 3rd Bn. Hq., 47th.

John C. Mantegna, 860 McAleer Ct., Baltimore, Md., wants the address of Joseph Monaco, formerly of 9th M. P.S.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

McElduff Wants to Hear From Buddies

Walter M. McElduff, 2317 35th Ave., N., Birmingham, Ala., wrote recently that he had just received his first issue of The Octofoil; he would like to hear from some of his buddies—especially S/Sgt. Swabb (4th Plt. Sgt., Co. L, 60th) and S/Sgt. Grenno (Mortar Plt. Co. M, 60th). He is attending API, at Auburn, Ala.

John Marston Wants Octofoil Every Week

John also wants to know what's happened to those 60th FA men. But let his letter speak for itself:

Gentlemen: Recently became a proud father of a son, and I've been pretty busy.



Photo made by Marston in 1946 in Germany. Marston appears in the center, but the only identification The Octofoil can get of the other two is "Bob" and "Harry."

Want to commend you on a fine paper, The Octofoil. I look forward to getting it each month, and only wish it was a weekly edition. I was a member of the 9th since early '41, and was discharged from the Ninth; I was with them all the way, so I feel a keen part of the activities of the Association now.

As a former member of Btry. B, 60th FA Bn., I have a complaint to make and that is the lack of news of former 60th FA men.

If I can be of any help in the future in regards to news or details of the 60th I shall only be too glad to accommodate you. I was the Special Service non-com, when we were able to have such relaxation, so I do think I may be of some aid some way.

Incidentally, when I was over there, in my spare time I used to write poetry. Not fancy stuff—but parodies on Army life, and if you can use any of them to fill up empty space you are welcome to them.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

JOHN F. MARSTON,
15 Chelmsford St., Dorchester, Mass.

(Ed.'s Note: Come on John with those parodies. Send them direct to the publication office in Columbus, Ohio, 337 S. High St., Room 318.)

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

C. J. Restall, Jr., In School, Married and Searching For Buddies

Dear Sir: Since being discharged in April, '46, I've been attending the University of Tennessee College of Medicine—taking about three months out to get married. No need in saying I prefer civies and a wife to the uniform (even if it has a 9th Division patch on it.)

I would very much like to have the addresses of these former friends of mine: Richard (Dick) Clayton, in New Jersey; Vincent Mitchell, somewhere in New York City; Ralph Bornair, in Detroit.

All the fellows were members of the Medical Detachment, 60th Infantry.

Sincerely,

C. J. RESTALL, JR.,
56 N. Willett, Memphis, Tenn.

(Ed.'s Note: Mitchell's address is 157 W. 84th St., New York 24, N. Y.; Bornair's is 9262 Yosemite, Detroit, Mich. Unable to locate Clayton's address at the present time.)

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

RIGBY RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT; SECRETARY-TREASURER BYRNES RESIGNS; PHILLY TO STAGE NEXT REUNION.

MAJ. GEN. DONALD A. STROH FIRST VICE; WALTER MAHON, CHICAGO, SECOND VICE; MASTER SGT. B. C. NEASE, CAMP CAMPBELL, KY., THIRD VICE.

In compliance with instructions given by the membership at the Second Annual Convention, the Board of Governors met in Washington, D. C., Saturday, June 28, 1947, and decided the meeting place for the third annual Reunion.

The Board was torn between emotions in making the next Reunion City selection. Representatives of the Chicago Chapter have worked most diligently to arrange for the next session. State and city leaders of Chicago made their bid very tempting. The high type membership that makes up the Illinois Chapter guaranteed a progressive and interesting program.

The Board gave due consideration to the various angles that entered into the discussion concerning the next Reunion city. Because so many of the Association's members live in New York State and due to the fact Philadelphia is so easily accessible from New York, several members of the Board submerged their personal preference for Chicago and supported the "Friendly City."

Next year's Reunion has to be a success not only financially and morally but numerically. The Association should be operating on a sufficiently sound foundation at that time as to merit taking the 1949 Reunion to the "Windy City."

The newly elected members on the Board displayed both enthusiasm and interest.

RIGBY RE-ELECTED

President Henry S. Rigby, Philadelphia, was re-elected President of the Association. President Rigby stated that it was his opinion the honor of being President of the Association should be passed around among the members. The Board overruled the president's viewpoint temporarily and called to his attention the fact he had not served a full term in the president's chair, since he was elected in mid-term to fill the unexpired term of Brig. General George Smythe. Board Member Bruchac advanced the thought that it would probably help the Association should the Board place more enlisted men in executive capacities for the Association. Several enlisted men who were in Rigby's outfit overseas pointed out, during the time of their service with Rigby he may have held an officer's rank he was first, last and always a d—good soldier. After hearing these extemporaneous testimonials Bruchac withdrew objections and Rigby was re-elected unanimously.

GEN. STROH FIRST VICE

Major General Donald A. Stroh was elected unanimously for the first vice presidency. Louis Becker, who has served most efficiently in that capacity found it impossible to continue and asked the Board to honor his request that he be not renominated. Reluctantly the Board agreed to the wishes of Mr. Becker.

MAHON, CHICAGO, ELECTED

Walter Mahon, of Chicago, was elected second vice-president, replacing Glenn O. Moore, Columbus, Ohio, now a member of the Board.

The Board's Nominating Committee pointed out the type of organization work Mahon had conducted in Chicago and Illinois and were of the unanimous opinion he would be an asset to the Board and the Association.

NEASE, THIRD VICE

Mike Puzak, Pittsburgh, placed in nomination Master Sergeant

B. C. Nease for the third vice-presidency. Sgt. Nease is stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky. Nease was likewise unanimously chosen third vice president.

BYRNES RESIGNS

Secretary-Treasurer William E. Byrnes asked the Board to give serious consideration to his request to be relieved as secretary-treasurer of the Association. Several factors entered into Byrnes' decision to ask that he be relieved. But the main factor was the possibility that the Association might have to vacate present War College quarters; and if such a thing does happen the Board may be forced to ask for quarters some place other than Washington, and Secretary-Treasurer Byrnes is so situated that he finds it impossible for him to remove his family from Washington.

MIKE PUZAK CONSIDERED

Mike Puzak, Pittsburgh, original Association secretary-treasurer, was asked to accept the vacancy caused by Byrnes' resignation. Mike requested a few days' time to consider the offer. With that understanding the Board empowered President Rigby to enter into negotiations with Puzak, and be allowed to employ him on a provisional basis awaiting action of the Board at its next regular meeting, at which time an election will be held.

JUDGE ADVOCATE

Carrying out the action of the Second Annual Convention, in selecting a non-voting member of the Board to act as judge advocate, it was decided to approach Colonel Thomas Gentry in an effort to have him accept this position.

MOORE ON FINANCES

Glenn O. Moore, former Association vice-president, and newly elected Board member, was appointed chairman of the next current year's finance and budget committee. Selection of associate committee members was left up to Moore's discretion.

CONVENTION REPORT

Paul S. Plunkett, chairman of the Second Annual Convention Committee filed a general report on Convention activities. Glenn O. Moore, finance and program chairman of the Convention Committee, filed a detailed report on receipts and disbursements. Both of these reports will be printed in their entirety in the next issue of The Octofoil. Page 8 was held open until the last minute in order to give the membership a thumbnail sketch of the Board's proceedings. But, in order to make the postoffice deadline, it is impossible to print as thorough report as should be printed at this time.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!