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NINTH DIVISION AUXILIARY FORMED

MAJ. GEN. LOUIS A. CRAIG HEADED FOR DUTY 'OVER THERE'

ONLY INFORMATION OCTOFOIL HAS IS ASSOCIATED PRESS RELEASES.

The Octofoil is a bit reluctant to print the fact that Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig is being sent back overseas. The only information available is that which daily newspaper leased wire services have printed during the past few days.

No doubt The Octofoil will be in receipt of some official notification of this change before the next issue. If such is the case the official release will be printed in full.

9TH STALWART

The members returning to the states shortly before V-E Day and those sent back for various reasons before the Normandy Invasion have failed to grasp the magnitude of what Maj. Gen. Craig has done to help organize and perpetuate the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Remaining overseas until the state-side set-up for the Association was well established many have overlooked the ingenuity the general invoked into getting the Association started.

Immediately upon returning to the states and being assigned to the 5th Army in Chicago Maj. Gen. Craig, in his usual modest way, immediately made himself busy to help perfect a unit organization in Illinois second to none. That his efforts are studded with nothing but success can well be attested by anyone making inquiry as to the militancy of the Illinois Chapter.

The Octofoil hates to see Gen. Craig leave American shores so quickly after his arrival—but he being a soldier's soldier among soldiers asks no questions.

The Octofoil and the membership will try, general, to have the kind of organization existing when you return that you have striven for.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

Stenotype Records to Be Available Aug. 1

Because of illness in the family of the party employed to take the stenotype records of the Ninth Infantry Division Second Reunion's minutes, they have not been completed. However, The Octofoil was assured on the morning of July 17 that the completed pages would be delivered not a day later than August 1.

The minutes will make over 50 typewritten pages and can not be printed in The Octofoil in full—but the highlights of the proceedings will appear in the next issue.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

Scene From Veterans' Adm. Hospital



In the Bronx Veterans Administration Hospital, New York City, patients are provided with microphone books and the pages are projected on the ceiling.

MORRIS OLENDER FORSAKES THE BACHELOR RANKS

BRINGS THE BRIDE TO REUNION AND KEEPS IT ALL A SECRET.

Morris Olender, Amsterdam, N. Y., a member of the Board of Governors and Chairman of the Local Chapter Policy Committee promised "until death do us part" just before the convening of the Second Annual Reunion.

Now, maybe you fellows will stop criticizing Morris for getting to the Reunion late and jumping up and going out so often after he did get there. Take a good look at the picture of the bride and you won't blame him "a-tall."

But leave it up to Olender to put that old Ninth Division atmosphere in anything he does.

A good friend of The Octofoil's down Amsterdam way tips the sheet off that Morris had a cousin, Bernard Olender, who was a Ninth Division Surgeon to act as best man. Not satisfied with that he locates Chaplain Max Wall, Ninth Division Special Troops and gets him to tie the knot.

Any guy as homely as good old Morris that can talk such a beautiful girl into vowing to those sacred words must have a line that can assure success for the Local

Olender's New "Boss"



Pictured above is the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Olender, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Chapter movement under his direction.

The Octofoil congratulates both of you, Mr. and Mrs. Olender.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

Veterans Administration now has 268 full-time chaplains representing 29 churches in its 136 hospitals and homes.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

GROUNDWORK LAID FOR FORMATION OF LADIES' AUXILIARY IN ILLINOIS CHAPTER.

PRESIDENT JOHN J. CLOUSER REPORTS MUCH ENTHUSIASM; EXPECTS TO SIGN ALL WHO ARE ELIGIBLE AT FORTHCOMING PICNIC.

As predicted in the last issue of The Octofoil, members of the Chicago unit were determined to go places. The unit, under the capable leadership of John J. Clouser, has an ambitious program for the forthcoming year. The enthusiasm and interest displayed by the entire membership is most encouraging.

FORM AUXILIARY

At a largely attended meeting Friday night, June 11, several of the members' wives attended the meeting. The ladies excused themselves as a body from the boys shortly after the meeting was called to order by President John Clouser. "My ears are burning," bellowed out Harry Veeneman, a short time after the ladies had excused themselves. "Guess that hen gabfest is operating in high-gear and we're all on the pan."

But when the ladies filed back into the men's assembly room and asked for the privilege to make an announcement one could have heard a pin drop. Deliberately, but to the point, one of the lady speakers announced: "We have just formed a Ladies' Auxiliary to your chapter. There are not many of us present tonight. But at the forthcoming picnic we'll sign them all up. We considered proposing by-laws tonight but decided it would be more democratic to wait until more of the wives have signed up and have a voice in our future operations."

GUYS FLABBERGASTED

Someone could have knocked any one of those fellows over with a feather when the lady speaker had taken her seat. But when the men had regained their composure they were a proud bunch of fellows. Walter Mahon, John Clouser, Harry Veeneman and others rushed to the telephone and called The Octofoil, fearing the sheet would go to press before a letter could reach the office. In no uncertain terms they said, almost in unison, "We want the whole cock-eyed world to know Illinois has now organized the first ladies' auxiliary within the Ninth Infantry Division Association in the United States."

TO HOLD PICNIC

Wicker Park was chosen for the sight of the picnic that will be held this summer. A tentative date was set. But because of the possibility the date might be changed later, thus causing confusion, The Octofoil will not print the tentative date, but will see to it that all of The Octofoil readers in Illinois are advised of the definite date in due time.

MRS. VEENEMAN ACTIVE

Mrs. Harry Veeneman, the wife of one of the Illinois' Chapter's active members, and a former of-

9TH REACTIVATION DETAILS WILL BE IN NEXT OCTOFOIL

As previously explained to Octofoil readers, material can not be accepted at The Octofoil office later than the 10th of each month for the current month's publication because the 20th is the last day the press room will accept their forms.

The Ninth Infantry Division was reactivated at Fort Dix, July 15, but it was impossible to get the photos processed in time to make the deadline. Next issue of The Octofoil will carry full details and pictures.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

Harold Warner Sends Regards From Iowa

Harold D. Warner asks The Octofoil to extend his greetings to all his old buddies in the 60th Inf. Anti-Tank.

Harold is living in Ledyard, Iowa, and is anxious to hear from some of the old gang. Living way out there where the tall corn grows he has lost contact with most all of his buddies and as he says, "It's a mighty lonesome feeling."

ficer in the WACs, has proven an invaluable asset to the group in their initial struggle to become organized. She is one of the many Chicago wives now actively working for the success of the forthcoming picnic and the successful completion of the Ladies' Auxiliary. It is a safe prediction to predict satisfactory results and complete success for both ventures.

KERNER ATTENDS

Otto Kerner, who was recently appointed by President Truman as U. S. District Attorney for Northern Illinois, so arranged his busy schedule as to attend the meeting and help the Chapter along as he has done in the past before his duties became so exacting.

MEET MONTHLY

The Chicago Chapter now meets regularly each month, rain or shine. Any former Ninth Division men living in Illinois who have not already contacted this up and at'em group should contact them at once. The new address is: Illinois Chapter, Ninth Infantry Division Association, P. O. Box 855, Chicago 90, Illinois.

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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 South High Street, Room 318, Columbus, Ohio.

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VULTURES PREY ON NEXT-OF-KIN

America, the country we love, the country that can unite and forget all differences when attacked by a common enemy in time of need, has become the most calloused of all countries in peace-time toward the activities of human vultures.

An Indiana mother received a letter which read: "Our organization, which is co-operative and non-profit, has representatives stationed near all military cemeteries overseas. We can guarantee that the grave of your relative will be regularly and personally cared for. The initial fee is \$30. After the first month dues are \$5 monthly, including fresh flowers. Give name, rank and serial number of deceased. Send money order or cash. No checks."

The poor, grieving mother sent the \$30 she really wasn't able to send. A second letter with the \$5 monthly payment was returned "Not here." The mother had been swindled.

In a mid-west town one of these human vultures represented himself as the head of an "International Photo Service." He produced samples. For \$15 he said he could produce six pictures of any grave from any desired overseas cemetery.

A group of Michigan hoodlums were actually delivering photographs. They were one of the many gangs operating this dirtiest of all rackets who have been caught. But their "studio" was in a backyard. Several mounds of dirt were neatly arranged. They had many white crosses and could print any desired name on the cross before the picture was made.

It seems that not any too much effort is being put forth by duly recognized law enforcement officers to curb the offensive practices. Each and every member of the Association can self-appoint himself a committee of one to be ever on the alert in his own neighborhood for these devouring low-principled thieves; our members can educate the grieving relatives and otherwise force regularly constituted law-enforcement agencies to be more aggressive.

The presence of these human vultures in any community is offensive to the delicate olfactories of any self-respected buzzard. The Ninth Infantry Division Association members can play a big part in helping to minimize this unbelievable disgraceful practice that has reached such dangerous proportions in this country, for which we fought, and in the name of all that's holy, the least we can do for that buddy who was left over there, never to return, is to help stamp out these damnable crews of human vultures.

No tricky, sinister Nazi sniper was ever so vile as these ghouls. These crooks must be completely eliminated from the picture in the United States of America. You can help.

It can be done.

Starting Right - - - - - By Plunkett



"Pop, my Mom sed this uniform fitted me better'n it did you when they took you in the Ninth Division. Kin I join 'em now?"

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 was discharged in May, 1940. Are readjustment allowances still available?—Dog Face.

A.—Yes. Readjustment allowances are available to any eligible veteran until two years after the date of his discharge or release, or until two years after the official termination of the war.

Q.—I have been ill for five months. At the end of my sixth month of total disability, will I have to continue paying my National Service Life Insurance premiums?—Sick Call.

A.—No automatic waiver of premiums is ever granted. A veteran must be disabled for six months before he may apply for a waiver of premiums. You are entitled to file a claim for refund of those premiums you paid from the date on which the waiver becomes effective.

Q.—I receive a portion of my husband's compensation because we are separated. Am I entitled to a widow's pension at his death?—Disillusioned.

A.—At the death of your husband, you may be entitled to a widow's pension notwithstanding the separation, provided you are otherwise eligible.

Q.—Under what conditions is a veteran entitled to out-patient treatment from Veterans Administration?—Toothache.

A.—A veteran whose disabilities are service-connected may receive out-patient medical, surgical and dental service for service-connected diseases or injuries. Treatment may be given at a Veterans Administration field station, or VA may authorize it to be given by a physician or dentist in the applicant's place of residence.

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 several 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. _____

City _____

—Did You Pay for This Octofoil?—

Clippings Are Getting Scarce As Hen's Teeth

Octofoil Mailed Reunion Newspaper Clippings Until the Columbus Papers Cut Off Supply.

Many letters have come to The Octofoil and to the Columbus Convention Committee wanting newspaper clippings that appeared during Reunion week. For several days The Octofoil obtained copies of the June 13, 1947 Columbus (O.) papers and clipped the Reunion news out and sent it to those making the request.

These requests continued to come in by such large numbers that the management of all three Columbus newspapers have advised The Octofoil no more copies of that day's paper could be sold since they have to keep a minimum number of each day's papers for their official files.

REPRINTS IN OCTOFOIL

The Octofoil regrets this situation. However, it may be some consolation to those who have to be disappointed, if it is mentioned both 2-column pictures that were run in the last issue of The Octofoil were borrowed from The Columbus Dispatch and were identical pictures that paper had run on their front page Friday, June 13, 1947.

The Committee has considered borrowing the cuts from the newspapers and having the stories reproduced in type and run off as a broadside in some job printing office. But that will entail an expense the committee is a little dubious of underwriting, not knowing either whether that procedure would prove satisfactory.

Printed below is reproduced a lead editorial that appeared in The Columbus Dispatch (Ohio's Greatest Daily), in its Saturday, June 14 editions:

THE NINTH DIVISION

Columbus is proud to be the host to former members of the Ninth Infantry Division during their convention and reunion here and to welcome members of that distinguished combat organization which fought so brilliantly during the recent war.

It will be recalled that this division saw action of the most trying sort at Kasserine Pass in Tunisia, the Battle of the Bulge and in Germany and firmly established its place among the outstanding combat divisions of the war against the Germans.

Reunions of such organizations differ from those of others perhaps in the emphasis laid upon renewing old friendships formed in the deep and abiding comradeship of arms. Ex-servicemen will appreciate the significance of such meetings and of the reminiscences of battle experiences which our guests will exchange during their brief association together again while in Columbus. Such exchanges are exclusively the soldiers' and the city will have done its part and shown its appreciation and understanding if it provides these welcome guests with the facilities for recreation and pleasure, the comforts and conveniences for an enjoyable visit and the kind of evidence of its good will, good wishes and warm hospitality that they, because of their war service, so fully deserve.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

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

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

MINUTES OF RECENT BOARD MEETING

COMPLIMENTARY COPIES OF HISTORY TO BE GIVEN VARIOUS HEADQUARTERS OF NEW NINTH DIVISION.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PLUNKETT'S REPORT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED; MOORE'S REPORT ON FINANCES LIKEWISE APPROVED.

A special meeting of the Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held in the offices of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, Room 323, Building T-5, Army War College, Washington, D. C., on the 28th day of June, 1947, at 1300 hours, EDT, pursuant to written notice mailed on 20 June 1947 as provided for in Section 21 of the By-Laws of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Present: Messrs. Henry S. Rigby, Frank B. Wade, Donald M. Clark, Michael Puzak, Albert Bruchac, Colonel John G. Van Houten, Paul S. Plunkett and Glenn O. Moore, as members of the Board of Governors. Also present: William E. Byrnes, who acted as Recorder.

The meeting was called to order by the President Presiding, Henry S. Rigby, at 1300 hours, EDT; William E. Byrnes as Recorder.

NEXT REUNION CITY

The first order of business was the selection of the site for the 1948 Convention. Three principal cities, Chicago, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, submitted official bids to the Board of Governors and several southern cities were discussed informally. After serious consideration by the members present of the bids as presented. It was then moved that the 1948 Convention be held in Philadelphia, Pa., July 15, 16 and 17, 1948. The motion was seconded by Glenn O. Moore and carried by an affirmative vote of the members present.

Colonel John G. Van Houten suggested that letters be mailed to all local chapters asking for their ideas and suggestions relative to picking the site for the 1949 Convention.

CONVENTION REPORT

Paul S. Plunkett, Chairman of the Convention Committee, read a report of the Second Annual Convention, following which Frank B. Wade made a motion to accept the report as read. This was seconded by Albert Bruchac and carried by unanimous vote. A motion was then made by Paul S. Plunkett that the Convention Committee be authorized to act as agents of the Association in the sale and disposal of souvenir programs, caps, badges and registration lists of the Second Reunion, and the sale and disposal of the recordings of the Memorial Services held at the Second Reunion. After resale has been made all monies realized therefrom will revert to the Convention Committee fund for repayment of the earlier loan made to the Convention Committee by the Association. The motion was seconded by Frank B. Wade and carried by unanimous vote of the members present.

FINANCE REPORT

Glenn O. Moore read the report of the Convention Committee Program fund. A complete breakdown of monies received was shown and the report was thoroughly discussed. Following this discussion, Michael Puzak moved that the report be accepted as read. It was seconded by Frank B. Wade and carried by an affirmative vote of the members present.

Frank B. Wade then moved that the Board of Governors give expression of a vote of thanks to Paul S. Plunkett, Glenn O. Moore and the members of the Columbus Chapter who worked so diligently before and during the Second Annual Convention. Albert

Bruchac seconded the motion and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations were then opened for the election of the officers to serve for the coming year or until the Third Annual Convention. Officers to be elected included President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and Third Vice President.

Henry S. Rigby of Philadelphia, Pa., was nominated to serve as President. Frank B. Wade then made several suggestions explaining why the nominations for this office should be closed and it was seconded by Albert Bruchac. Since no other nominations were received, Henry S. Rigby was elected unanimously by the members present. Nominations were opened for the office of First Vice President, with the name of Maj. Gen. Donald A. Stroh of Washington, D. C., being placed before the members. After discussion concerning this office, Albert Bruchac moved that the nomination be closed and it was seconded by Donald H. Clarke. Since no other nominations were received, Major General Donald A. Stroh was unanimously elected by the members present. Nominations were opened for the office of Second Vice President, with the name of Walter J. Mahon of Chicago, Ill., being placed before the members. Albert Bruchac then moved that the nominations for the office of Second Vice President be closed and it was seconded by Frank B. Wade. Since no other names were received for the office, Walter J. Mahon was elected by unanimous vote.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Third Vice President. The names of Leslie Ronay of New York, N. Y.; Alex Forrest of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Bonney C. Nease of Camp Campbell, Ky., and Nick B. Roberts of Mississippi, were placed before the members for consideration. Colonel Van Houten then moved that the nominations be closed and that a vote be taken. This motion was seconded by Michael Puzak and the result showed that Bonney C. Nease received a majority of votes as cast by the members present, electing him to the office of Third Vice President.

JUDGE ADVOCATE

As recommended at the Second Annual Convention, the members present then discussed the newly elective office of Judge Advocate. The name of Thomas Gentry, Jr., of Arkansas, was placed before the members for nomination to this office. After a short discussion concerning the duties of the office, Frank B. Wade moved that the nominations be closed and it was seconded by Michael Puzak. Since no other names were placed before the members, Thomas Gentry, Jr., was elected by unanimous vote to serve as Judge Advocate for the coming year.

BYRNES TO RESIGN

William E. Byrnes, Secretary-Treasurer, then asked that his resignation be accepted, effective immediately by the members of the Board of Governors. He then left the room during which time a dis-

DONATES TALENT TO OCTOFOIL



CHARLES MCPARLAND PLUNKETT, Cartoonist
His "Old Man" was with Co. B., 60th.

cussion was held concerning the appointment by the Board of a new Secretary-Treasurer. Following a lengthy discussion in which several names were submitted to the members, Frank B. Wade moved that President Rigby be empowered by the Board to negotiate with Michael Puzak and a Mr. Rollins for the office of Secretary-Treasurer and report back to the Board. This motion was seconded by Colonel John G. Van Houten and carried by an affirmative vote of the members present.

Paul S. Plunkett then moved that the 10c per member as paid to the Secretary-Treasurer, be abolished. Colonel John G. Van Houten seconded the motion, which was carried by the affirmative vote of the members present.

NEW FINANCE COMMITTEE

Henry S. Rigby then appointed a new Finance Committee to be headed by Glenn O. Moore as Chairman and empowered him to select the balance of this committee.

GIVE HISTORIES

Paul S. Plunkett then moved that complimentary copies of the forthcoming history be given to various headquarters of the new 9th Division units which are being activated on 15 July 1947. Colonel John G. Van Houten was selected as a committee of one to present this suggestion to the History Committee for their consideration and action. The motion was seconded by Glenn O. Moore and was carried by an affirmative vote of the members present.

ADJOURN

President Rigby then asked if there was any further business to be taken up at the present meeting. There being none, a motion was made by Colonel John G. Van Houten to adjourn and it was seconded by Donald M. Clarke.

The meeting thereupon adjourned at 1600 hours, EDT.

WM. E. BYRNES,
Secretary.

NINTH DIVISION IS "SECRET WEAPON," HALINIAC CLAIMS

LETTERS ASKING FOR LEFT-OVER PROGRAMS FURNISH OCTOFOIL WITH "COPY."

Each morning around 9 o'clock the telephone rings in The Octofoil office and it's usually Glenn O. Moore, chairman of the Finance Committee for the Second Annual Reunion, giving a breakdown on the many letters received asking for one of the leftover programs. Any one or all of these interesting letters would make excellent copy for The Octofoil, but it is impossible to print all of them. Taken at random from the stack of letters that were delivered Thursday, July 24, the following quotations are fair examples of the others:

"SECRET WEAPON"

John Haliniak, 133 Dawson Ave., Clifton, N. J., says: "Certainly sorry I couldn't make the Second Annual Reunion—but I want one of the Souvenir Programs of America's 'Secret Weapon' Reunion—The Ninth Division."

WANTS ONE FOR BUDDY

George E. Kopac, 619 Kennedy Ave., Springdale, Pa., writes: "I was one of those who bothered everybody I contacted trying to get a Memorial Services record before I left Columbus. I had given up hope. Imagine my relieved feelings when I read in The Octofoil a few days later they were available. I should have known that Columbus Committee would not let their buddies in the good old Ninth down. Everyone I have talked to say the Memorial Services were the most inspiring they have ever witnessed. All our members should have a set of those records. I have a buddy here who couldn't attend. Send me two sets, one for him."

COME SOUTH

R. E. Hamlett, 3300 E. Main St., Humboldt, Tenn., former Co. H, 47th man, writes: "Since I was unable to get off work to attend the Reunion please send me a copy of the Souvenir Program. Why doesn't the Board of Governors select some Southern city for a Reunion? Let these people see what a 'Fighting Division' looks like and give our members an opportunity to see God's chosen part of the world."

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

Jansen Congratulates Colonel Westmoreland

Writing The Octofoil and expressing regrets because of his inability to attend the Second Annual Reunion, John A. Jansen, Hartwick, N. Y., asks The Octofoil extend his congratulations to Colonel Westmoreland.

John also wants to know why more 34th FA men don't write some newsy items for their paper. He's especially anxious to hear from some of the fellows from "A" and "B" Batteries.

The newsy, short letter closes by hoping that before long it will be possible for The Octofoil to be sent him every week. Pats like you give us, John, is the reason we here at The Octofoil keep plugging and doing the best we can, hoping and trusting some of the buddies are deriving a bit of pleasure from our feeble efforts.

Thanks, John.

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CARTOON WILL BE REGULAR FEATURE IN THE OCTOFOIL

NEW CARTOONIST NOT EXACTLY AN ASSOCIATION MEMBER—BUT ALMOST.

The cartoon appearing on the editorial page of this issue of The Octofoil is one of a series of 12 to be drawn by the young artist. Although he is not a member of the Association, he is the only son of a member.

It's still a \$64 question within the family how Charles Plunkett's old man wound up in a triangle division of hitch-hikers and walked from Port Lyautey to Bizerte while Charlie was attached to the Eighth Armored.

TALENTED CARTOONIST

Asked to draw a sketch for this issue of The Octofoil and given four hours' notice to finish the job as well as to give birth to an idea for the cartoon was a little unreasonable—but that is the situation surrounding the illustration in this issue.

However, he has agreed to draw a cartoon for succeeding issues and having been notified in advance will be better prepared to do the job.

While attending high school young Plunkett attended an evening school for art students. Entering the services shortly after finishing high school, his art work was neglected until recent months. Immediately after leaving the services he was employed on the art staff of a large daily newspaper where he remained until branching out for himself as a free-lance in this and kindred lines of work.

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

"FLYING SAUCER" MYSTERY SOLVED

ALFREDO M. VAIANI SENDS MOST INTERESTING DATA TO OCTOFOIL

Sends Photo of Bill Shelfer, Beloved Sixtieth Man; Describes Shelfer As Everyone Knew Him; Also Advises of Lieut. Hooper's Mother's Visit to Son's Grave.

Listen, you Octofoil readers from the 60th, all of you are obliged to know Alfredo M. Vaiani. Well, he pops up with an interesting letter, but that important looking letter head is also interesting. Any of you guys living in hitch-hiking distance of Galveston, Texas, take off right now and visit him. His place of business is at 507 Tremont St., Galveston, Tex., and what he has in his stockroom is a darn sight better than any Arab's Vino you ever guzzled. It's a good thing his letter didn't reach The Octofoil office a few days earlier while Bob Woodside and Leo Henry were in the office on a little private vacation prowl. If it had it's a cinch Woodside would have wound up on the sidewalks of Galveston instead of

somewhere up in the wilds of Northern Canada.

Vaiani's letter follows:

9 July 1947.

Dear Sir: I ran across some pictures that I thought you could use—especially the one of Bill Shelfer. He was quite a fellow and his picture will recall many a bull session everyone had with him. He was killed in France, but his memory will live a long time in the minds and hearts of men of the 1st Bn., 60th.

I am also enclosing a clipping sent to me by Mrs. Hooper, mother of Lt. Preston Hooper, who was also killed in France. I am sure she would be very happy to hear from any of Preston's friends.

Best regards,
ALFREDO M. VAIANI.

FRENCH WERE A BIG HELP

VISIT TO SON'S GRAVE IN FRANCE BRINGS REAL COMFORT TO MOTHER

From Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

On a pilgrimage to the Normandy grave of her only son, Mrs. Ann Hooper of 1500 Washington Ave., found unexpected consolation and a heart-warming gesture of kindness on the part of French acquaintances she had never met before.

She had wished on the trip to Bloisville Cemetery that she could somehow, make arrangements with one of the villagers to place flowers on the grave of her son occasionally. It seemed a presumptuous request to make, though, and she never did.

Back in Paris she met, through mutual friends, a couple who had sensed without asking that a mother would like to have flowers for her son. They volunteered, without her mentioning the wish she had, to go twice a year from Paris to Bloisville and lay a wreath on the grave of Lt. Preston L. Hooper.

KILLED IN NORMANDY

Lt. Hooper was killed June 29, 1944, in the Normandy invasion. He was with the 60th Infantry, 9th Div., the outfit which sheared off the Cherbourg Peninsula and won glory for the feat.

The 25-year-old officer had

fought in North Africa and in Sicily and in North Africa had made friends, with whom his mother has corresponded for three and a half years.

The mother's pilgrimage to France was arranged at the insistence of these friends who believed she would find comfort in the beauty of Normandy and the American cemetery where her son is buried.

WANTS GRAVE IN FRANCE

Her trip to France, by plane in May, was arranged to coincide with that of Lt. and Madame Jean Barre, the friends her son knew in North Africa. They met her in Paris. Madame Barre made the trip to Bloisville with her and she visited in the home of Lt. Barre's father in Nantes.

She had 12 days in France.

The mother's wish is that her son's grave remain where it is—in Normandy. She believes all soldiers should rest in the graves where they first were buried and that no purpose would be served in bringing the bodies home.

"I think that would only bring anguish," she says, "far worse than the sadness I knew in visiting my son's grave and without the comfort I got from it."

A PLEA FOR LOCAL CHAPTERS TO SEND IN ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Octofoil hoped to print a double-page spread of local chapter news in this issue. But only Chicago and Columbus have sent in any correspondence. The Octofoil can only print news when local chapters send in the items. Let's have that double-page spread next month.

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 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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GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

A Relaxed Lt. Shelfer



Left: Lt. Bill Shelfer, Bn. S-4. Right: Capt. A. M. Vaiani. Thumbnail sketch of Lt. Shelfer was faded and indistinguishable preventing the possibility of getting a good newspaper cut made. However, even if it's only a shadow The Octofoil, in an effort to show respect to Lt. Bill Shelfer prints the picture as shown above.

Tom Mickelson Wants to Hear From Some of Co. K, 39th Boys

July 7, 1947.

Editor, Octofoil.

Dear Sir: I would like to hear from some of my old buddies in Co. "K," 39th Infantry. Especially would I like to hear from the 4th Platoon—Pfc. Phil Lightner and Carl Nuenschwander.

Enjoy reading The Octofoil and will say now that you are doing a wonderful job.

Sincerely,

THOMAS O. MICKELSON,
4631 Emerson Ave., N., Minneapolis 12, Minn.

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Lt. Col. Frank Gunn In Charleston, S. C.

In answer to the many requests from former 39th men, The Octofoil uncovered the following information:

Lt. Col. Frank L. Gunn, former battalion commander in the 39th, is at present serving as RA instructor for the SCNG, and is stationed in Charleston, S. C.

LARGE DISC BUTTONS DISTRIBUTED BY CHICAGO DELEGATION CAUGHT IN "WINDY CITY'S" CROSS-WINDS.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER GROUP NEVER DREAMED THEY WERE STARTING AN INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION WHEN THEY RELEASED THE COLORED "SAUCERS."

This disturbing "Flying Saucer" controversy was all started in fun. To those who saw Harry Veeneman, goodwill ambassador with the Chicago delegation attending the Second Annual Reunion in Columbus, Ohio, a reasonable

solution to this "mystery" is a comparative easy task.

The enthusiastic Chicago group brought with them to Columbus thousands and thousands of tremendously large vari-colored buttons, imprinted in large bold type. "Bring the 1948 Reunion to Chicago." Had the vote been taken at the time, in all probability, this aggressive group would have stamped the convention with their campaign slogans, in such a way as to make a piker of many a political steam roller.

VEENEMAN DRESSES UP

Just before leaving the hotel for the airport, Sunday morning, June 15, Harry Veeneman, champion handshaker of the Chicago outfit, donned his lightweight topcoat. Veeneman had some 700 or 800 of his rainbow colored, cart-wheel sized buttons left over. Well wishing friends conceived the idea of decorating Ambassador Veeneman's topcoat with the surplus buttons. When the job was completed not one fractional part of an inch was left uncovered.

TAKES TO PLANE

Appreciating a good joke and little realizing the gruesome spectacle he presented, Veeneman went aboard the ship intact with his queer decorations. But before reaching the "Windy City" the effervescence of Columbus' high-powered beer consumed by the ambassador had spent its worth and he decided to present a more dignified appearance when he descended the plane steps to meet his neighbors.

MYSTERY STARTS

Then and there was born the basis for one of the most perplexing national and international mysteries of all time. Veeneman began picking his buttons off one by one, throwing them to the four winds. Before the plane landed some 700 or 800 of these whirling discs were being carried by the raging elements east and west, north and south.

STUDENT FINDS "SAUCER"

An Ohio State University student, retrieving one of the "Flying Saucers" that struck Ohio State's football stadium, rushed excitedly to the nearest newspaper office, fully expecting to collect the \$3,000.00 reward being offered to someone getting possession of a mysterious "Flying Saucer." The reporter to which the student divulged his feat happened to be one of the reporters who had covered the sessions of the Second Annual Reunion and he immediately recognized it as one of those tremendously large discs distributed by the Chicagoans.

COULD BE

In all seriousness, though, some of the fantastic "solutions" offered by top-notch strategists and scientists are much more unreasonable than the above suggested solution. And after all, the Chicago button theory is not entirely out of the realm of possibility.

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

In Raguhn, Germany



Left: Lt. Adams, 60th Regt., 1st Bn. S-4; Right: Capt. Heilie, Bn. liaison officer, 60th Field.

Kopacz Curious As to What Has Happened to Charlie, 47th Gang

Chester J. Kopacz, 1795 Welch Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y., wants to hear from former members of Charlie Co., 47th.

Chet promises to answer any and all letters you guys will write.

Drop him a few lines. It might come in handy to be in touch with Kopacz some day, especially the way you fellows are getting married, left and right, taking honeymoons Niagara-ward.

TAKEN BEFORE SPEERS WAS A "PAPA"



The above photo was made in Germany, April, 1945, all part of Hdqs. Co., 1st Bn., 60th. From left to right: S/Sgt. Baltera, mess sergeant; Captain A. M. Vaiani, Bn. S-1; First Sgt. Webster; T/Sgt. Speers, Bn. Sergeant-Major. (See Speers new arrival announcement in this issue.)

A LETTER THAT WAS NEVER MAILED

SGT. FRANK CAMDEN, KILLED IN BATTLE AT EL GUETTAR, HAD LETTER IN HIS BEDROLL.

RICHARD PESTEL TURNS HEART-RENDERING MISSIVE OVER TO THE OCTOFOIL FOR PUBLICATION; SHOULD REVIVE MEMORIES.

During the days at Fort Bragg Dick Pestel and Frank Camden, Co., K, 3d Plt., 47th Regt., were as inseparable as two peas in a pod. They continued to cling close to one another during the unpredictable days of late 1942 and early 1943 after arriving in North Africa.

DICK MARRIES

Through some hook or crook Pestel coaxed pretty Edith Cordell to leave her home in Ohio and come to Fort Bragg for the purpose of exchanging marital vows. It was only natural that Frank Camden would be the best man at this wedding—so when Frank had paid the supreme sacrifice at El Guettar it was a blow to Pestel that still causes indescribable heartaches.

It was Pestel who secured permission to go through Frank Camden's bedroll and garner up the few trinkets that meant so much to each of them.

TRAGEDY IN FRANK'S LIFE

The hundreds who knew and loved Frank Camden have never known the tragedy surrounding the boy. Frank was killed in action before he ever learned his wife had died while giving birth to a child for him.

The letter printed below was found by Pestel in Frank's bedroll—a letter he planned mailing to his wife just as quickly as he could get away from the front lines. When Pestel learned Frank's brave, young wife had preceded him into that Great Beyond, he clung to the letter through all his misfortunes of war and all these peace-time years. To Pestel it is a hallowed manuscript. He wouldn't risk the original with The Octofoil, fearing it would become mutilated in the printing office. Instead he had a typed form made from Frank's original letter, scribbled, no doubt, while lying flat on his belly under the scorching African sun.

Frank's unmailed letter to his wife follows:

THE LETTER

Dear Flossie: (Mrs. Frank Camden)

As near as possible I am going to try to tell you what has happened since I left the States on October 13th.

The 18th, twenty of us men, our Captain and Lt. Ramesdell, went on board the destroyer named the USS Burnobue and pulled out to sea. Twenty other men out of Company L went aboard the USS Cole and went out to sea the same time we did. Three days later we were in Bermuda (October).

We layed over for five days while the destroyers were striped of everything that was of value. When we saw that, we could only guess what was going to happen to those ships. Anyhow, for five days we had a wonderful time at Bermuda. The Captain (Captain Gordon H. Simpson) gave us all \$5 as we were all broke and he wanted us to have the time of our lives. Every day we got in the whale boat and went over to the biggest city in Bermuda—Hamilton. It was nice, but nothing like you read in the books.

FOR PARTS UNKNOWN

On the 26th we left Bermuda for parts unknown to us until we were out to sea one day. Then the Captain told us we were going to Safi, French Morocco. And our mission was to beach the destroyer. We were on to take Safi. Company K was to lead the way

and we opened the second front in French Morocco. The H hour, 4:15 A. M., Sunday, November 8, Company L was to land fifteen minutes after we had on the Cole.

MET THE CONVOY

When we were at sea four or five days we met the convoy with the rest of the Company in it. And to us on the destroyer it was a welcome sight. I think we all gave a prayer of thanks that the rest of our Company was with us again even though they were on another ship, the transport USS Lyons.

NOTHING BUT SHIPS

The total of the ships that were with us now were 99 in all. I remember when looking out of port side you could see nothing but ships for miles. A beautiful sight. It brought back to me the picture of (Miss Minerva). What all these small crafts were going down the view, and out to sea for a mission that meant the lives of many men.

TRANSFERRED

On the 7th the Company was transferred over to a destroyer from the Lyons. Every man was ready for what we had to do when the H hour was to come. That afternoon and night we talked and sang, and to me it seemed that none was worried. Or afraid.

LISTENS TO MUSIC

At 3 o'clock I went into the radio shack and listened to the radio and the music that was coming from New York. At 4 I came out to see land on port side. We were going down the coast of French Morocco and were near our destination. I got the men that were under me in the compartment where we were supposed to be when entering Safi harbor. Then we were entering the harbor and the enemy opened fire on shore. One, three or six-inch shells went across our bow. And then the sailors opened fire with our 3-inchers. It sounded like all hell had broken loose and I had my first touch of fear. Then the destroyer hit the beach and keeled over on its side a little. All was quiet for a few minutes which seemed like hours to me. Then I realized that I had better get my men off before the ship was hit. Some of the men went down the nets at the bow of the ship while I threw a rubber boat in and went over the side into it and thus to shore.

FIRE ON WAREHOUSES

Then we were all on shore and firing toward the warehouses that we were supposed to take over first of all. There was not much fighting now, but when there was a burst from a gun we all hit the ground without any order to do so. At one time when I hit the ground I lay down between two dead men. (At the time I did not know it or I would have gone on a little farther.) Then daybreak was there and all seemed well under control. The 3rd Platoon was advancing rapidly on towards the railroad station, which was our mission. WE TOOK IT.

REJOIN COMPANY

And then we rejoined the Company again, somewhere the Captain got some trucks and he put

CAMDEN, "BEST MAN" FOR A BUDDY



Photograph taken at Fort Bragg before tragedy entered the life of Frank Camden. Pictured left to right: Frank Camden, Mrs. Richard Pestel (nee Edith Cordell), and Richard Pestel, Camden's inseparable buddy.

J. E. Parish Operates Pennsylvania Father a First-Class Service Station In New York Would Like to Hear From Son's Buddies

J. E. Parish, former 60th man, is operating a filling station at Ogdensburg, N. Y., and living on R. F. D. No. 2.

Parish asks that any of you fellows who might drift through his part of the world to be sure and stop by long enough to bend the elbow a few times and have a short "bull" session.

Says he didn't get to make the Second Reunion but he'll make Philadelphia if he has to close that filling station down for a few days.

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the whole Company on them, except about 15 of us, and had Lt. Rice take them on up in back of the barracks where some French soldiers were supposed to be. The trucks had no more than pulled away than there was a shot and a bullet went whizzing over my head. We fifteen surely took cover fast and started to return the fire. It was there where I had to kill my first man. It was either he or I. One of his bullets missed my head no more than two or three inches, and that showed me that I had to shoot and shoot good. Then it was all over and we started up the hill for the barracks. We got to the barracks just when all hell seemed to break loose. Lt. Ramesdell, myself and three other men went into the house next to the barracks and started to fire out the windows and doors at enemy inside of the barracks wall. How many men I had to shoot there, I really do not know. After we had taken them in the barracks there were 14 dead men at the point where we were shooting and several wounded laying there. It was there that I won the citation for gallantry in action. We would show ourselves first so the enemy would raise his head high enough to let one of

June 8, 1947.
Dear Sirs: I would like to have the history of the Ninth Division, as my son, Harry D. Hall, A.S.N. 33948171, of Co. A, 47th Regt., was a member of that Division. He was killed March 11, 1945, near Remagen, Germany, and we have learned very little concerning him since Feb. 27, 1945, and would appreciate hearing from any of his buddies.

Respectfully,
HARRY W. HALL,
(father),
Ohio Pyle, Pa.

my men get his sights on him. That evening they surrendered and we took Safi. (French Morocco Campaign.)

MOVIES IN SAFI

Weeks later we could go to the movie in Safi. It was heaven for awhile. Every day I would think of you and would wonder if you would still be waiting for me when I returned.

THAT LONG WALK

On the 1st of December we moved out headed for Port Lyauty, on foot, 260 miles away. First day was hell, the second just as bad; the third and fourth were not so bad. We had made 55 miles of the journey. Each night we would go into bivouac and down to the ocean and go in and take a bath. The sixth day was not so bad; we made 20 miles, but it was raining all the time that we were marching. The seventh day (Sunday) we stayed in camp and rested up and went down to the ocean and had one good swim and bath.

(Frank never finished his letter. The above words are the last that were ever written by Frank Camden—one of the bravest and kindest non-coms in the United States Army.)

Crummy Cootie Tells Truth For a Change; Gets Himself Elected

Hap Sailor, Notorious Cootie, Has Stretched Truth Often in His Sheet.

One of the service man's newspaper exchanges coming to The Octofoil desk is The Crummy Cootie Column. If the sheet has no other distinction, it definitely does have one, and that is the manner in which its lousy editor handles the truth.

Having established that reputation far and wide, the culprit comes up with a new hat full of tricks and prints a most truthful statement concerning himself. Veterans and especially Cooties having long ago educated themselves to put a reverse interpretation on the Sailor's writing is no doubt the reason he wound up being elected Grand Junior Vice Commander for the Military Order of the Cootie.

There are many axioms that befit this campaign letter of Crummy Columnist Sailor, such as "honest confession is good for the soul," or "many a truth is told in jest," etc. But here's one of the few truthful drippings that have dribbled from the poisonous pen of that man:

Hap Sailor, the Janitor of this Crummy Column, has his hat in the ring for Grand Junior Vice Commander, and here is his Campaign Platform:

Listen, Cooties:—

My war record doesn't amount to a dam. I was the stiffest Staff Sergeant and champion Gold Bricker in the U. S. Army; got no medals and came home with a boat load of Red Cross workers. Joined Veterans of Foreign Wars during the National Encampment when they were signing up anyone that could write his name. Got in Cooties somehow and never amounted to much in their activities. So if I am elected Grand Junior Vice Commander I'll guarantee you that I will sell out to the highest bidder, and may I dance a merry clip if I ever peach.

Yours in L.O.T.C.S.,
H. S. SAILOR, M.S., P.H.D.
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Francis J. Ferrise Is Now a Married Gent

Writing for one of the Second Annual Reunion Souvenir Programs, Francis J. Ferrise, 1042 Louisa St., Elizabeth, N. J., uses as an excuse for not attending the Second Annual Reunion, he was on his honeymoon.

That's a lame excuse, Frank. You should have brought the Missus right to the Reunion and started her off right by making her Ninth Division conscious. Now you have to wait until next year to show her what kind of real honest to God outfit you were with during the war.

Morris Olender made the Reunion a part of his honeymoon.

Anyway, The Octofoil extends congratulations and wishes you all the happiness you both deserve.

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A HORSE ON YOU

An irate lady, seeking a divorce in court, told the judge: "My husband is an out-and-out loafer who thinks of nothing day and night but horse-racing. He doesn't even remember our wedding day."

"That's a lie!" shouted the outraged husband. "We were married the day Twenty Grand won the Wood Memorial."

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL? GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

GEORGE GINSBERG SENDS SOME VERY INTERESTING CAMP VIEWS

Negatives Are Difficult for The Octofoil to Handle; Will Make Effort to Use Them in Next Month's Issue; Request Readers Identify Individuals Shown in Photos.

George J. Ginsberg sends The Octofoil three negatives depicting a Fort Bragg machine gun range scene, the Ninth Division Band and an unidentified detail of mule skinnners. Also enclosed was a print of the Medical Detachment, Third Battalion, 60th Regiment. Ginsberg doesn't identify any of his buddies, not even himself, just says he appears in the photo.

It is difficult for The Octofoil to handle negatives. Aside from the additional expense of paying for the prints and The Octofoil's financial status is at low ebb, it takes a week sometimes to get the negatives developed and then another week to get the prints made into cuts.

The Octofoil appreciates more than words can convey the

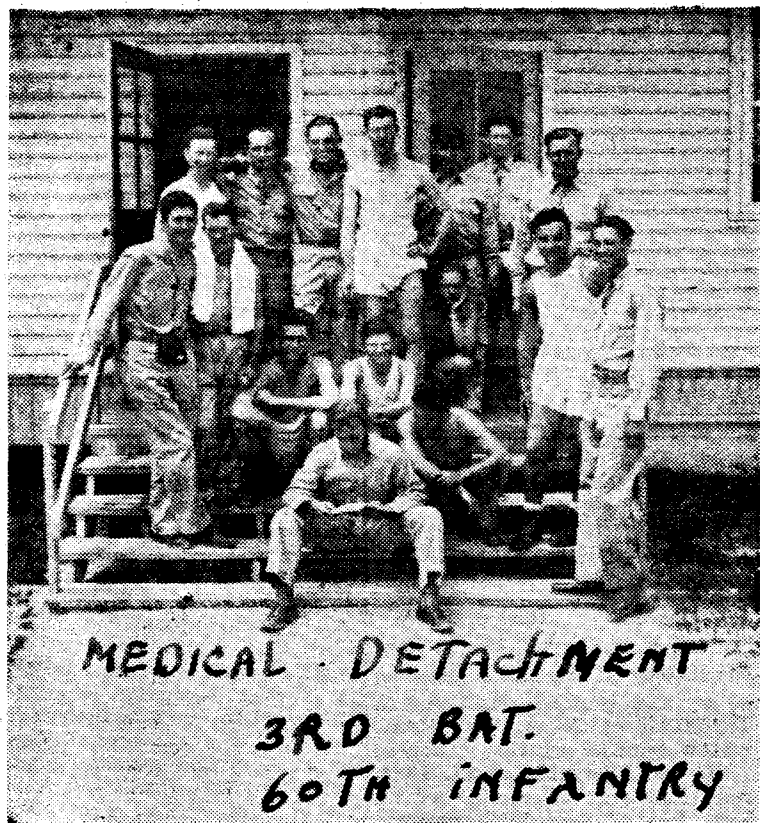
thoughtfulness and co-operation of those sufficiently interested as to send in these prints that will cause many a buddy to turn back the pages of time and relive a few days in the past.

Thanks a million, George, and The Octofoil is not trying to "bawl you out." This item should have been printed long ago for the benefit of all the members.

And please, hereafter, all of you members who have photos to send in, try and identify as many of your buddies as is humanly possible when the photos are sent in.

Ginsberg is now living at 1140 White Plains Road, The Bronx 60, New York. He wants to hear from any of the old gang who read this article or see the picture printed in this issue.

FAYETTEVILLE --- WE'RE ON OUR WAY



George Ginsberg, 1140 White Plains Rd., The Bronx 60, N. Y., sends the above photo to The Octofoil. Identify yourself and write George at the address given.

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.

(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.

MAJ. GEN. MANTON S. EDDY TO SPEAK FOR OHIO LEGION

SLATED FOR 11 A. M., SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, IN CINCINNATI, OHIO.

The Octofoil uses this means of thanking Joe S. Deutsche, Department Adjutant, American Legion, State of Ohio, for calling by phone and advising that when the annual Legion Convention is held in Cincinnati, Ohio, Major General Manton S. Eddy will be the principal speaker on Saturday, August 2, at 11 a. m.

A pilgrimage of former Ninth Division men from Central Ohio has already be arranged to time their arrival at such a time as not to miss the general's address.

When the information is properly disseminated, advising Ninth Division Association members that Maj. Gen. Eddy will deliver his address at the time mentioned, no doubt many other groups from Illinois, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio will arrange to be in the "Crescent City" at the appointed time for General Eddy's talk.

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BEN THOMAS HAS JOB WITH THE U. S. DISTRICT COURT

WANTS TO CONTACT HOMER E. GRAY, FORMER SERGEANT-MAJOR, 60TH.

The Octofoil is in receipt of a rather interesting letter from Ben Thomas. Ben has recently taken a position with the U. S. District Court in Knoxville, Tenn. He explains his hesitancy to ask time off to attend the Reunion so soon after his appointment, but plans to be less timid when time comes to ask time off to attend the Philadelphia Reunion.

Among other things Thomas has to say in his letter, he requests the following information:

I am especially interested in contacting one Homer E. Gray, former Sergeant-Major, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry, and would appreciate very much your efforts in getting me his address.

May I wish you well in carrying out your activities and express my satisfaction with the excellent progress the association has made thus far.

BENJAMIN C. THOMAS.

8 Concord St., Knoxville, Tenn.

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Mrs. C. H. Boatright Anxious to Locate a Buddy of Her Son's

The following letter is self-explanatory and certainly should be answered should any of our members who read it be in position to help Mrs. Boatright:

June 7, 1947.

Dear Sirs: I would like for you to help me locate some of the buddies of my son, Adolphus Luper, 38711872, Co., C, 60th Regt., who was killed Feb. 3, 1945, in Western Germany.

There was a boy who lived in Shreveport, La., who might be able to help me, but I only remember his last name—Dugan.

I am anxious to get the history. I want it for my little grandson, Conrad Adolphus Luper.

Sincerely yours,

(A Gold Star Mother.)

MRS. C. H. BOATRIGHT,
Vinita, Okla.

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DISAPPOINTMENT

"Yes," said the old man, "I have had some terrible disappointments but none stands out over the years like the one that came to me when I was a boy."

"And what was it?"

"When I was a boy I crawled under a tent to see a circus and discovered it was a revival meeting."

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

(Ed's Note: The following item is the identical article that was printed in the last issue of The Octofoil. Over 200 members unable to attend the Reunion have written for the program. Once each week the committee meets, opens these letters and mails out the programs. Knowing the tendency of so many of our members to put off writing letters, although they are anxious for the items, the committee decided to continue the offer for at least one more month.)

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.

(Ed's Note: There were a few member visitors who got too busy at other things and forgot to register. However, the directory is about 95 per cent complete.)

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Glenn Langton Takes 'For Better or Worse' Vows Out In Denver

9 July, 1947.
Denver, Colo.

Dear Sirs: This is the first letter I have ever written to you. I enjoy "The Octofoil" very much and deeply regret being unable to attend the Second Annual Reunion. But I was getting married at the time and just didn't see how I could make it. However, we'll both try to make Philadelphia.

I am especially interested in items of interest of the 47th Inf., as I was in L Co. from September, 1944 until October, 1945.

I am looking forward a great deal to getting my copy of the Ninth Division History. I know it will be wonderful.

Keep up the good work and extend my kindest regards to all former Ninth men.

Sincerely,

GLENN A. LANGTON.

2937 Wolff St., Denver 12, Colo.

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HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

Raising a Family Now



Al Mintz when he was "Top Kick," Co A, 60th.

AL MINTZ WILL BE A "DADDY" SOON

Under date of July 7, 1947, Al Mintz, 21 Garden St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y., sends The Octofoil the following letter containing a bit of his private history since leaving the outfit:

Dear Sirs: As a long time member of the Ninth Division, Jan. 16, 1941, until July 18, 1944, when I was wounded and lay up in a hospital for seven months, I feel a line or two from me would not be out of place.

I was a member of Co. "A," 60th and I know President Rigby from the days of the African campaign on out.

I have been married two years and we have one child—ON THE WAY.

I have a pretty fair job with General Electric Co. here.

I attended the first Reunion but couldn't make the second one because we were expecting that new arrival momentarily.

But I will see you all in Philly. Would like to hear from the boys. Especially those living in this area.

Sincerely,

AL MINTZ.

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MILT HAAS WANTS TO FIND SEVERAL CO. I, 60th BUDDIES

ENJOYS READING THE OCTOFOIL; HASN'T HEARD FROM BUDDY SINCE 1944.

27 May 1947.

Dear Comrades: I am writing you in request of the home address of former 2nd Lt. Charles Friedman, who was our platoon leader in Co. I, 60th Regt., during October, November and December, 1944. I know of his wounds and was with him at the time but having had no word of his whereabouts since.

I am receiving The Octofoil each month and enjoy reading it.

I should like to have you put the above mentioned name in The Octofoil, and the names of the following also, in the hope I may hear from some of them:

Fazio of Cincinnati, O.; Bartlett, of Texas; Hardin of Indiana, and Angel of Maryland. And oh, yes, Willie Walls, of Georgia.

Thanking you in advance.

Respectfully,

Ex. S/Sgt. MILTON HAAS,

Co. I, 60th Regt.

P. O. Box 137, Milstadt, Ill.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

FINANCE COMMITTEE IS SELECTED

MOTHER OF PVT. JAMES PARKER SIEMERS SAYS SON ALWAYS TOLD THEM HE WAS PROUD OF THE 9TH

Aside From Sending The Octofoil a Swell Letter She Sends Newspaper Clippings With James' Picture, But Photo-Engravers Cannot Reproduce From Newsprint.

The Octofoil is in receipt of a most welcome letter from Mrs. Evelyn Siemers, Welfare Director, Westwood, N. J. Excerpts from the letter follow:

June 18, 1947.

Dear Sirs: Received your kind letter, papers and book. I can't find adequate words to thank you. It is the first time since our dear son was killed that we have been able to get anywhere in finding somebody who may have known him.

We wrote to the Red Cross but did not even get a courtesy reply. We met one young man from Oklahoma who left the states with Parker, named Don Short, but have never heard from him, although we wrote.

We would like to have the Division paper sent to us every month, but don't want to be a drag on your fine Association. So please let us donate a little to some one of your funds. Do you have a rehabilitation program for disabled veterans? I know there must be something we can do to be of help.

Our son James would like us to do something for his outfit, as he so proudly spoke of it in his letters, "Dad it is the best outfit, and I am proud to be a part of it."

I am enclosing a clipping for you to see what a fine boy he was and we are so proud of our two soldier boys. We have been blessed by the return of our oldest boy, although stabbed and wounded while overseas with the 38th Infantry Division. But of course no matter, we still are very lonesome for our younger son and crave news from someone who was near him on the other side. I know some of the boys don't like to visit parents because of the emotional strain on all parties.

If we Gold Star mothers of the Ninth Division Association could form a unit and take one day a week to visit the wounded veterans nearest to each of us, or adopt one and help a little to ease our pain in giving cheer to some other mother's son who is still giving.

Kindly let me know what we can do.

Thanking you again, I remain,

Sincerely,

EVELYN SIEMERS,
Welfare Director, Westwood, N. J.
The clipping from the New Jersey newspaper about James Parker Siemers follows:

KILLED IN GERMANY

Fighting with the American First Army at Aachen, Germany, Pvt. James Parker Siemers, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Siemers, of 22 Berkeley Ave., Westwood, made the supreme sacrifice on October 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Siemers were informed Saturday by the War Department that their son had died of wounds in Germany on that date.

One of the first members of the Class of 1943 of Westwood High School to enter the armed forces, young Siemers joined the Army July 2, 1943, and went overseas on May 10, 1944. Mr. and Mrs. Siemers received their last letter from their son just before the fateful telegram arrived. The letter, dated Sept. 29, said that Pvt. Siemers was feeling fine, had received the candy sent him and was itching to be home so he could go hunting for other things besides Jerries.

Pvt. Siemer's reference to hunting was entirely characteristic, as he was known as a diligent outdoors man.

When he left to enter the Army Pvt. Siemers was president of the Junior Pascarod and Gun Club. Some years ago he was bugler in the local American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps.

Born in Brooklyn 19 years ago, the young soldier had been a resident of Westwood most of his life and had graduated from St. Andrew's Parochial School before going to Westwood High.

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Wilton Taylor Wants to Locate His Buddies

Wilton M. Taylor, 100 1/2 Taylor St., Taft, Calif., has recently joined the Association and wants to contact Vanderhide, Sgt. Underwood, Sgt. White, Johnny Tomostick and Winkler, all former Raiders.

Taylor says he would like to read more news of former 47th men—so send in your dope fellows. No one at The Octofoil office can do that for you.

He also states that he is employed at a desert camp in California in the petroleum industry.

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GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

Curfew - - Off Limits



Photo of Joseph J. Krzeninski, made in Rosenheim, Germany in October, 1945.

Joe Krzeninski Given Honors By New York

The Octofoil is in receipt of a newspaper clipping from a Poughkeepsie, N. Y. newspaper concerning Joseph J. Krzeninski, 19 Sunset Ave., Poughkeepsie. Joe was with Co. G, 39th.

There is a newspaper picture of Joe accompanying the story, but the photo-engravers find it impossible to make cuts from the newsprints. Had Krzeninski sent a photograph rather than the newspaper reprint The Octofoil would have been glad to print it. No doubt a lot of the old gang in the 2nd Bn., that Joe left at Rosenheim, Germany, would have been glad to take a gander at his mug.

The story follows:

Joseph J. Krzeninski, 19 Sunset Ave., has received the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross. Krzeninski served overseas with the 9th Infantry Division in Europe. He also has been awarded the Purple Heart, the ETO Ribbon with three stars, the Victory Ribbon and the Belgian Fourragere. He also is the holder of Presidential Unit Citation.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

Some 15th Engr. Man Should Write Maurice Miles' Widow Mother

Nebraska Family Receiving The Octofoil Send in Subscription for Mrs. Miles.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mowrer, Sidney, Nebr., unbeknowing to Maurice's mother, have entered her subscription to The Octofoil for one year. The Mowrer's letter reads as follows:

Dear Sirs: I am enclosing payment for one year's subscription to The Octofoil. Please mail it to: Mrs. Ethel Miles, South Orington, Maine.

She is a widow and her only son, Maurice Miles, was killed July 25, 1944, near St. Lo, France.

She would like to hear from any former members of the 15th Engr. Bn., who knew her son, or the circumstances surrounding his death.

Sincerely yours,

MR. and MRS. W. C. MOWRER,

1543 Linden St., Sidney, Nebr. P. S.: We are receiving The Octofoil and think it is a dandy paper for former Ninth Div. members and their friends.—WCM.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

NO CLOTHES

Daughter: "No daddy, I won't need any clothes this year."

Father: "Heaven save us. I was afraid it would come to that."

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

GLENN O. MOORE, AS CHARMAN, SELECTS CO-WORKERS TO ASSIST HIM ON THE COMMITTEE.

WALTER MAHON, CHICAGO; MIKE PUZAK, PITTSBURGH; HENRY S. RIGBY, PHILADELPHIA, AND COL. JOHN G. VAN HOUTEN WILL CONSTITUTE COMMITTEE.

President Henry S. Rigby has appointed Glenn O. Moore, former Association second vice-president, and newly elected Board of Governors member, to act as chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee for the coming year.

It's a Girl At R. M. Speers, Albany, N. Y.

One of the keenest little birth announcements to reach The Octofoil office comes from R. M. Speers, 37 Buckingham Dr., Albany, N. Y. Speers was sergeant-major, 1st Bn., Hdq. Co., 60th.

A funny coincidence occurred the day Speers' little card arrived. The same mail delivery brought a photograph of Speers, taken overseas, and sent in by Alfredo Vaini, from Galveston, Tex.

Speers has also promoted for himself an Octofoil seal for his envelope flaps about the size of the ordinary Christmas seals used extensively during the Yuletide season. The seal itself is a unique innovation and worthy of comment.

The announcement follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Ralton M. Speers announce the arrival of a charming little model named Nancy Joyce on July Fifth, 1947.

Weight: Seven pounds, eight oz. Fully Equipped:

Free Squealing Automatic Feeding Seldom Requires Oil Sparkling Lamps:

() Blue (X) Brown () Gray

Body Color: Delightful Pink

Travels nicely wet or dry!

Now on display at 37 Buckingham Dr., Albany, N. Y.

F.O.B.: Money couldn't buy it.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

Raymond C. Strows Seeking Address of Capt. Wm. G. Thomas

Brother of First Sgt. Walter C. Strows, Co. D, 39th, Killed in Sicily, Wants the Information.

1619 W. Mitchell St., Milwaukee 4, Wisconsin. June 4, 1947.

Dear Sir: Thought I would like to take this opportunity to write to you for information pertaining to my late brother who was a member of the Ninth Inf. Division. In fact he was one of the original cadre when it was first organized at Fort Bragg, N. C. First Sgt. Walter C. Strows, 6763367, was a member of Co. D, 39th Rgt., until he met his death at Randazzo, Sicily, Aug. 11, 1943.

Received a letter in 1943 from Capt. Wm. G. Thomas, company commander at that time, and would like to obtain his present address, if possible.

Would like letters from members of the company who knew him, and information as to the circumstances when he met his death.

Sincerely,

RAYMOND C. STROWS.

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"How did he happen to lose control of his car at the railway crossing?"

"He's the kind of fellow who always drops everything when the whistle blows."

The president left it up to Moore's discretion who he would select to work with him on this all-important committee.

SELECTS FOUR

Moore advises The Octofoil he has asked Walter Mahon, Chicago; Mike Puzak, Pittsburgh; Henry S. Rigby, Philadelphia, and Col. John G. Van Houten to work with him. Letters have been sent to the four members mentioned and Moore claims he will accept no letters declining to serve. He has already begun drafting proposed recommendations and has asked other members for proposed suggestions.

HAS EXPERIENCE

The Octofoil predicts an efficient and intelligent approach to the subjects this committee will encounter. All of them are men of considerable experience in financial matters. Moore, the chairman, has worked in various capacities, since he was "knee-high to a duck" for the banking institution his father founded, and will no doubt prove a decided asset to the Association during the coming year. All the other members have likewise had equally as successful experiences in commercial and financial circles.

MUST BALANCE BUDGET

The small reserve that will be left after the history is paid for will dwindle in a year or two until the Association will become non-existent unless arrangements are made now to operate on the Association's income. The Octofoil is costing just about twice the amount of its income. The main reason is that only about half of the members have paid their subscriptions, although the entire original membership continues to receive the paper. The Convention ordered the paper be sent to these undeserving deadheads for a while longer. But something will have to be done about the situation before long.

BOARD MEETINGS COST

Although the Board limits expenses to \$50 per member—the meetings still prove expensive. Many members living near Washington have consistently refused to accept any expense money. On the other hand some who live many hundreds of miles away who attend the meetings, take an inventory when they get back home and learn actual expenses came nearer the \$100 mark than the \$50.

MEET SEMI-ANNUALLY?

With a properly functioning organization at headquarters it seems as though two meetings a year of the Board might suffice, holding one of these in the Reunion City shortly after adjournment of the Convention. At present the Board meets quarterly.

REPORT TO BE PRINTED

As soon as the audit of Secretary Byrnes' books has been released and the Budget and Finance Committee can intelligently make their recommendations a complete and detailed report will be printed in a future issue of The Octofoil.

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GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

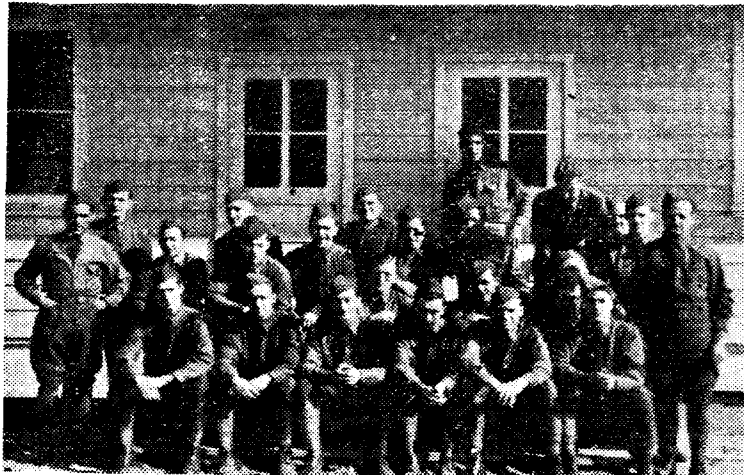
WHEN THEY WERE ATTACHED TO M.P.S.



Ninth Division Artillery Band picture taken in the old Tent Area, on October 15, 1940. Some of the band members were absent when the picture was made. (AWOL?? Don't know!)

COLUMBUS CHAPTER HOLDS ELECTION

WAITING FOR WEEK-END PASSES?



An unidentified group from Hdq. Co., 1st Bn., 39th Infantry. Taken at Fort Bragg, N. C., January, 1941. Identify all of the gang you can and write Ralph Alessi, 115-16 115th Drive, Jamaica, New York.

Ralph Alessi Sends 39th Regiment Photo

The Octofoil is grateful to Ralph Alessi, 115-16 115th Drive, Jamaica, N. Y., former member of Hdq. Co., 1st Bn., 39th Inf., for sending a picture of Hdq. Det., 1st Bn., 39th Regt., taken in January, 1941.

Through the co-operation of fellows like Ralph The Octofoil will be able to carry on.

Thanks, Ralph—and here's hoping all of the gang see their mugs in The Octofoil and that you are able to establish your old contacts.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

Whitmore Wants to Locate Former 60th Regiment Surgeon

July 5, 1947.

Dear Sirs: I am trying to locate a former 60th Infantry surgeon—Major Norman Weinberg. Could you or any of The Octofoil readers give me his address?

Dr. Weinberg was regimental surgeon from Sicily on up to the end of the war and I am sure he is a member of the Association. I believe his home was Cleveland or Cincinnati.

Many thanks for any help you can give me.

Very truly yours,
JOHN H. WHITMORE,
Calvert Court Apts., B-3, Baltimore 18, Md.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

DETAILS WITH RECORD OUTFIT ARE NOW ALL WORKED OUT

The Columbus (O.) Committee has encountered a few disappointments in trying to get the inspiring Memorial Services held at the Second Reunion recorded for use on average phonograph.

The local committee had four sets of the records made for their own use by a Columbus firm. They are made on two 12-inch records, two sides, and timed nicely at the conclusion of each side. But the Columbus firm charged the committee \$6 for a set but offered to make them for \$5 a set if the committee would guarantee 400 sales. The committee was afraid to make this guarantee and began dicker-ing with a Chicago firm the committee had heard could make the records for 70c each. The committee was elated, thinking they could furnish members the records at such a low price. After considerable correspondence with Chicago the committee was advised an initial obligation of approximately \$180 would be necessary to have

the master record made from the transcription and certain dies cast. This obligation they were afraid to assume not knowing how many members might desire records. The Chicago firm wanted to make three 10-inch records.

By reverting back to the Columbus manufacturer if only one or 100 records are sold the committee does not have to make a guarantee or obligate itself financially. But by having to pay the price that has to be paid on this non guarantee basis the committee feels obtaining the records is made almost prohibitive to many of our members and we regret it. But that is the only way out for the committee. Records can be made, packed, mailed special delivery and insured within 10 days after receipt of the \$6, which will be turned over to the manufacturer as fast as the money orders arrive addressed to Columbus 9th Division Convention Committee, 24 E. Gay St., Columbus, O.

Write the Mother If You Knew Any One of These Boys

Thanks to M. Davide Wiener, 37 W. 39th St., New York City, The Octofoil was able to secure these requests from next-of-kin of former Ninth Division men. Wiener keeps a weather eye open in all service men's papers for information concerning former Ninth men and if the next-of-kin haven't already contacted The Octofoil office with a request for help Wiener sees to it that the queries do eventually reach The Octofoil.

CO. E, 60TH INF.

Like to locate Cpl. Frank Czar, who was with my son, 2nd Lieut. Charles Dushane, when he was killed at Kasba-Mehdia in French Morocco. Mrs. Myrtle Dushane, 1400 Kellam Ave., Los Angeles 26, Calif.

CO. G, 39TH

Mrs. Hannah L. MacDonald, Quarry Rd., Rt. 2, Concord, Mass., wants to hear from any former buddies of her son, Pfc. Orville W. MacDonald, formerly of 39th, Co. G, and was reported killed in action December 23, 1944.

CO. A, 60TH

Pvt. Amos F. Tumblesan; killed Oct. 7, 1944, near Zweifall, Germany. Someone who knew him please write Mrs. Jeff White, Box 151, Salem, Mass.

CO. B, 60TH

Pfc. Harold C. Huber, killed June 15, 1944, in France. Anyone who knew Harold should write Mrs. A. C. Huber, 126 S. Fifth Ave., Royersford, Pa.

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GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

MELVIN SJAARDA BLOWS HIS TOP WHEN YOU MENTION AXIS SALLY

His Good Wife Finds Card Addressed to Octofoil On His Desk, Mails It In, and Unbeknowing to Melv Sends a Photo of the Lad to Be Used.

The Octofoil feels grateful to Mrs. Melvin Sjaarda, 106 W. 13th St., Holland, Mich. This Association of ours would go places at an even faster clip than we are were there more of the wives as interested in everything that goes on within the Association as is Melv Sjaarda's wife.

The following letter from Mrs. Sjaarda is self-explanatory:

June 13, 1947.
Dear Sirs: I found this postcard which is enclosed, lying on my husband's desk this morning. It is in answer to the article "Do You Want to Hear Axis Sally?", which was printed in The Octofoil, dated June, 1947.

I've heard my husband speak of this girl before so I can understand why he wrote the enclosed card, seeing how he hates this so-called "Axis Sally."

Will you please print this picture of my husband and a buddy of his? The snapshot was taken in Winchester, England, in 1944. The boy on the left is Chuck Hilliker, from Mt. Morris, Mich., and my husband, on the right, is Melv Sjaarda, Holland, Mich. They've been mistaken for twins because they look so much alike. They were with Co. L, 60th Inf. when the fight for the Normandy Peninsula took place.

My husband doesn't know I am writing this letter and sending a picture.

Will you surprise him by printing the picture?

Thank you,
MRS. MELVIN SJAARDA,
106 W. 13th St., Holland, Mich.

THE CARD . . .

Gentlemen: Thank you for the monthly issue of The Octofoil. I

CLOSE CONTESTS ALL DOWN THE LINE; ALL THREE WINNERS EASE IN BY ONE-VOTE MARGINS.

PLAN PICNIC DURING MID-AUGUST; RECORDS ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED; ELECT A 3-MAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Monday night, July 14, 1947, the Columbus (O.) Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association met, in accordance with the proposed Constitutional By-Laws, for the purpose of holding the annual election.

Frank Campion With Life Mag, New York

Eastern newspapers recently printed 3-column pictures of Frank Campion and his dainty little bride, the former Ann Connell of New York City.

Frank was one of the original signers of Columbus, Ohio's charter for recognition as a unit of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. He is now connected with Life Magazine in New York City. His bride is fashion editor of Junior Bazaar.

The happy couple were pictured in the rock gardens of the Homestead Hotel, Hot Springs, Va., with the kinda grin on their faces only honeymooners can display.

Frank's father, E. W. Campion, lives at 282 N. Drexel Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

The Octofoil congratulates you Frank, and after taking a second look at the bride's picture, we congratulate you again and again and again.

Considerable friendly rivalry developed. No office went unchallenged.

MOORE RE-ELECTED

The presidency was anybody's until the last ballot was counted. The final tally showed the incumbent president, Glenn O. Moore, re-elected by a majority of one vote.

PESTEL VICE-PRESIDENT

The vice-presidency was equally as hotly contested as was the presidency. The final tally for this office showed Richard Pestel, former 47th man, was the victor by the same marginal difference as President Moore—one vote. Pestel succeeds Richard (Dick) Macomber.

HILDITCH RE-ELECTED

In a three-man race Olen Hilditch was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the group. The final tally for Hilditch disclosed the same closeness as had featured the election of Moore and Pestel—a marginal difference of only one vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A Board of Directors, functioning locally along the lines of the Board of Governors of the parent organization, was elected. Paul S. Plunkett, Leo Hope and Pearl Nickle were the winners in this contest. However, Nickle and Don Jewell were tied for third place and were forced to conduct a runoff campaign to decide the third member spot—Nickle eventually winning with that proverbial one-vote margin.

TO HOLD PICNIC

The Board was ordered to work out ways and means for holding a picnic for both members and their families, to be held not later than August 17. Details of either the picnic or the proposed picnic will be carried in the next issue of The Octofoil.

OCTOFOIL CORRESPONDENT

Each man present volunteered himself as a committee of one to mail in at least one postcard each month to The Octofoil with some item of news to be used in each month's current issue.

TRY TO GET BOB HOPE

This may seem like an ambitious program. But Bob Hope is scheduled to be in Columbus at the time the Columbus Chapter holds its next meeting, as the guest of an Air Corps Reunion. Taking this into consideration, the Chapter designated a Committee to make an effort to have Hope broadcast one of his programs from the Assembly Room where the local Chapter meets in Benson Hough Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

RECORDS BRING TEARS

The meeting was opened by having Pearl Nickle play the recordings of the second annual Reunion Memorial Services. Several non-members were allowed to be present during this phase of the program. The reaction was great. The recording is still the talk in veteran circles in Central Ohio. Members were even afraid to breathe loud fearing they would miss some part of the recording.

"Calm Before Storm"



Left: Chuck Hilliker, Mount Morris, Mich.; Right: Melv Sjaarda, Holland, Mich. Both "L" Co., 60th Infantry. Picture was taken in Winchester, England, in 1944.

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HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?