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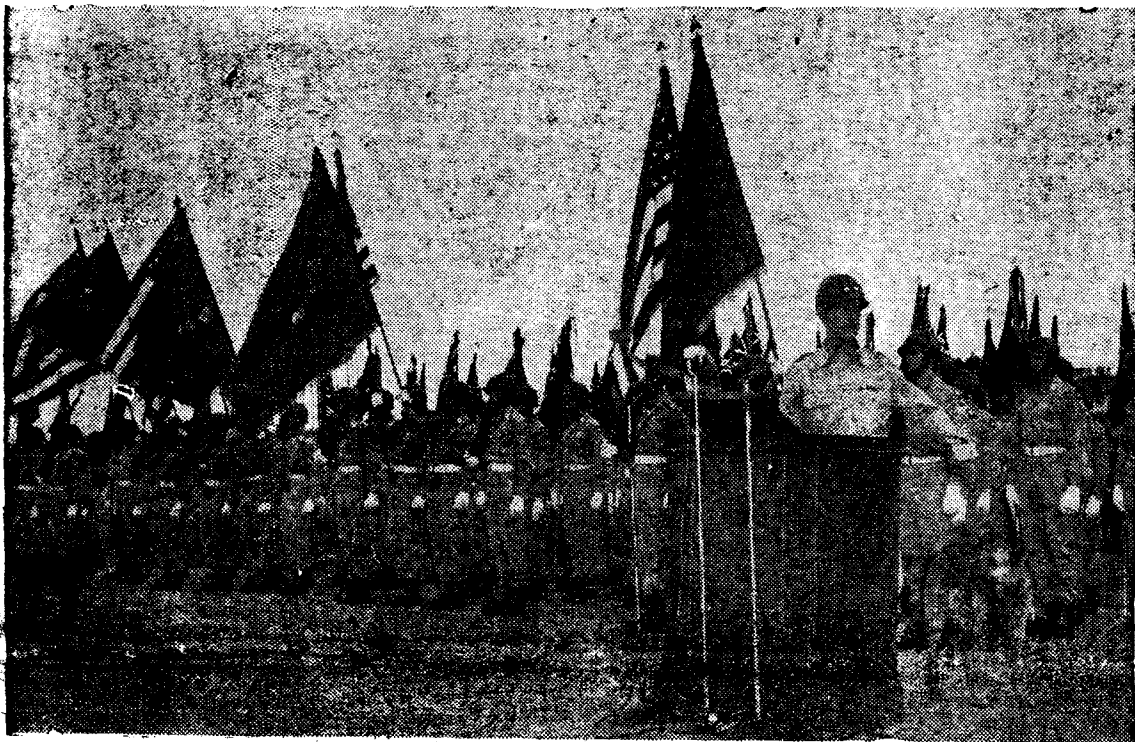
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NINTH DIVISION LEADING THE WAY

Preparing for the Octofoil to Rate More Honors



FAMOUS NINTH BACK IN THE PICTURE.—The above U. S. Signal Corps photo is one of the many impressive scenes that took place at Fort Dix when again the Ninth Infantry Division was front page news from 'Frisco to Maine.

CALIFORNIA PLANS TO INAUGURATE AN INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN; MISS BOB ROBB

J. B. Balling secretary-treasurer of the Southern California Chapter sends to The Octofoil a very encouraging report of activities in that part of the country. However, Balling doesn't think they have been given a square shake from national headquarters since a request was made for a list of original Association members living in California and no action has been taken on his request. The Octofoil is also dependent on headquarters to have the Addressograph run off a list of members in order to mail the paper each month. It does seem that any group that is sufficiently interested as to want to make contact with original members in their section, should be given that list. The cost for having an extra roll of tape from the plates for that section will not be a great deal.

Thanks, Bolling, for bringing this matter to the attention of The Octofoil. It will be brought to the attention of the Board of Governors in September—and you, as well as any other officer from any section who may be as interested and willing to help as you are, will get the extra tape with the names of members in your vicinity.

Other parts of Secretary Balling's report follows:
MISS ROBB

We lost Bob Robb to New York, which loss we really feel out here. For it was his effort that organ-

ized the chapter that we are trying to build.

We style a line for our organization running generally east and west through Santa Barbara—Bakersfield as our Northern boundary and thence to the Mexican border as our Southern boundary.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at the Patriotic Hall, Eighteenth and Figueroa St., Los Angeles, eighth floor club room at 8 p. m.

General H. D. Birks, former assistant Division C.G., was present at our last meeting and has promised to support us in every way he can. He is now a resident of Long Beach.

We celebrated the seventh birthday of the division's activation last Sunday with a birthday picnic.

I suggested to those in attendance Wednesday evening that each delegate himself as a correspondent and write a card to The Octofoil concerning himself and any personal news or request for contact with former buddies they wanted to hear from. They seemed to think it a good idea.

Only hope that we can grow into a factor with plenty of news worthy of The Octofoil.

Sincerely yours,
J. B. BALLING,
Secretary-Treasurer,
926 S. Westmoreland Ave., Los Angeles 6, Calif.

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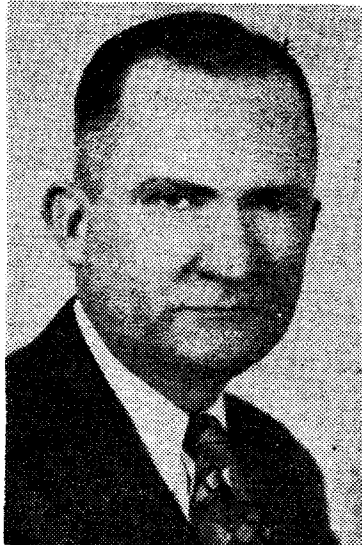
ED BAILEY WRITES FROM OL' ALABAM'

Sirs: I hope this will not be the only reply to Leon Lowery, 812 Georgia Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn., from former K Co., 39th Inf. men. It was my honor to be the C.O. of K Co. for several weeks prior to Oct. 11, 1944. They were a fighting outfit and a swell bunch of guys.

As a former member of G, E and F companies it is needless to mention the pride I have for the 39th Inf.

Sincerely,
EDWARD B. BAILEY,
Box 343, Demopolis, Alabama.

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PAUL S. PLUNKETT,
Member, Board of Governors.

NEWSPAPERS LIBERAL IN THEIR PRAISE OF THE REACTIVATED NINTH; MAJ. GEN. WM. EAGLES IS COMMANDER.

OCTOFOIL INDEBTED TO MANY FOR NEWS CLIPPINGS, INCLUDING BILL MORRISON, BILL BYRNES, GENERAL GEORGE SMYTHE, LEO HENRY, COLUMBUS CITIZEN.

Thousands of inches of pictures and news columns concerning the reactivation of the Ninth Division at Fort Dix July 15, have been printed. The Octofoil regrets not having available space to reprint all of these stories.

Without the help of such members as mentioned The Octofoil would soon "fold up." Within a few hours after the Newark newspapers were off the press Bill Morrison, former A Co., 39th man, now living in New Market, N. J., Box 373, had sent special delivery clippings from The Newark News. Bill was one of those fortunate enough to witness the reactivation of America's "Secret Weapon."

It is regrettable that lack of space prevents the reprinting of these reprinted articles in their entirety. Excerpts from The Newark News follow:

FROM NEWARK NEWS . . .

By WARREN H. KENNET
Staff Correspondent

When you see a soldier wearing an octofoil patch with a white center, red above and blue below in a design of eight petals, you will know he is a member of the famous Ninth Infantry Division, which saw as much combat as any American unit in the recent conflict.

The division was reactivated at Fort Dix for the third time since it was originally organized in July of 1918.

There were old-timers who fought in the battles of Europe marching side by side with the youngsters who know little as yet about the uniform, but the spirit of the Ninth seemed to be prevalent where.

Maj. Gen. Mantion S. Eddy, chief of information in Washington, set the pace when he read the service records of the regiments of the division in the recent war.

PRAISES DIVISION

General Eddy, wartime commander of the Ninth was loud in his praise of the division.

One of four wartime divisions with top records, the home of the Ninth will be at Fort Dix, which has been designated a Class A1 post of the Army.

The massed colors of the wartime units were assembled in the rear of the reviewing stand as General Eddy read off the records of the three combat teams of the division, the 39th, 47th and 60th, along with that of the 365th Regt. of the 92d Division, which will be a part of the Ninth from now on.

CARRY STANDARDS

Veterans of the Ninth present at the ceremonies, carried the standards and guidons down to the carriers of the new units after each regiment's record was read off. At the end General Eddy turned over the blue and red standard of the wartime Ninth to General Eagles, who in turn passed it a color-bearer.

GUARD OF HONOR

Meanwhile members of the 327th Glider Infantry Battalion of the 82d Airborne Division, was drawn up in the rear as guard of honor to the high ranking gen-

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OPPOSES ENTRY OF 400,000 EUROPEANS

Board of Governors Member Speaks Over Radio Station WOSU Against Stratton Bill.

Sunday, August 10, the Ohio State University radio station, WOSU, presented a 30-minute open forum discussion on the merits and demerits of the Stratton Bill as presented to Congress.

In behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Paul S. Plunkett, a member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association Board of Governors, presented the negative argument on the question.

Although presented by the announcer to the radio audience as a member of the Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, Plunkett made it plainly understood that his views were definitely a policy of the VFW and did not necessarily reflect the sentiment of a majority of the Association membership.

The Stratton Bill would admit an additional 400,000 so-called Displaced Persons from Europe to the United States. The speaker pointed out there were 750,000 veterans now drawing jobless benefits, 250,000 have already exhausted their right to further benefit; 2½ million ex-G.I.s are now in school who will be on the labor market within a few months. Irrefutable statistics were presented showing that 40 per cent of the veteran population of World War II were still "homeless," living in doubled-up quarters with friends and relatives—and to allow entry into this country of these Displaced Persons would place each and every one of them in direct competition with a veteran for a home and a job.

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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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THIS IS AN UNPOPULAR EDITORIAL

At the New York Reunion, by a very slim margin, the Convention refused to allow membership to anyone who was not in the Ninth Division before V-E Day. At the Columbus Reunion the same proposition was almost unanimously rejected.

It is easy to understand why the membership feel the way they do. Those boys who enlisted or were inducted after V-E Day and went overseas as Occupation Troops have no idea of the ties that bind men who were in combat together.

Each member of the Association is now over one year older than he was when the Reunion was held in New York. No member is getting younger. There should be a feeling in the heart of each member, hoping that when he reaches that point in life where infirmities and advancing years prevent too active a part in perpetuating the 9th Infantry Division's name to the whole of these United States, that there will still be someone to meet and proudly carry the flag and Octofoil before the general public.

Even after every member of the present Association is dead and gone, there should be someone to keep people in all parts of these United States, "9th Division Conscious." This cannot be done without the fusion of younger blood. The Association can't stand still. It either goes forward or backward. Within a few years the Ninth Infantry Division Association will begin to disintegrate unless the membership becomes a bit more tolerant toward those who entered the Division at a late date.

If you and you and you should become handicapped and unable to carry-on for the Ninth Division Association, you should certainly be sufficiently proud of the Division as to want someone to carry on its tradition. There is no denying the fact that there is an existing chasm between those who stuck with the 9th Division during combat and those who were more recently attached to the Division—a chasm that can never be abridged. Admittance to membership of those who became attached to the Division after V-E Day can in no way interfere with the companionship and comradeship of those who have so much in common.

Realizing the unpopularity of the above suggestion, in fairness to all parties concerned. The Octofoil solicits correspondence from those who take an opposite stand than that advanced above and will give such letters prominence in forthcoming issues.

Let's hope the Philadelphia Reunion takes a little more liberal and practical viewpoint on this matter.

It Can Be Done.

Nice Work If You Get It —By Plunkett



"THIS YOUNG MAN IS A 9TH DIVISION VETERAN AND IS APPLYING FOR ON THE JOB TRAINING, HERE!"

MCKENZIE TAKES REAL VACATION

Gentlemen: Last year while on vacation I visited former members of Service Battery 26th F. A. Bn. who live in Vermont. I wrote a letter to you about my visit to these fellows. You gave it a good location in The Octofoil and I know it was enjoyed by many.

This year I went in another direction. My first stop was to visit Harold Huber, 1102 W. State St., Olean, N. Y. Harold was the best cook the Army ever had. This is not a build-up so he will be drafted by some general. To those who have not seen or heard from Harold I want to say that he has put on 25 pounds since his discharge and he is in the pink of condition. SEES PAUL GRIFFIN

On my second night in Olean, Harold brought me to see the most likeable man in Service Battery. Who is he? None other than Paul Griffin, 604 Main St., Smethport, Pa. Paul hasn't changed at all. Still happy and carefree. Work and Paul never did agree so he has returned to school. Any of you fellows who have the opportunity to see Canisius play football this fall will have a chance to see Griff. Yes he is on the squad.

Another night Harold was my driver to Warren, Pa., to see former Captain Robert F. Porter. The ex-boss hasn't changed at all. Even the easy civilian life did not add a pound to his tall, lanky frame. Mr. Robert Porter did get married shortly after discharge. Mrs. Porter is waiting for the Blessed Event.

My stay in Olean was very enjoyable. I know that if any former members of Service Battery drop in to say hello to Harold they will have one of the best trips they ever had.

During June I received two letters from another member of Service Battery. Everyone in the 26th F. A. Bn. will remember Richard M. Hill, Jr. (the guy that played the hot trumpet). Richard is still tootin' his horn, only this time for real dough. Dick is playing with George Olsen's Band.

During his travels with the band Dick played at Bill Green's, where he met Jimmy Boyle, Willock, Pa., and who is a former member of Service Battery. Jimmy and Dick had a lot to talk over.

While playing an engagement in Chicago Dick was making plenty of noise with trumpet when he was gasping for a breath of air, he noticed Emmet Gaul laughing at him.

SENDS \$1 TO START GOLD STAR MOTHER CONVENTION FUND

Fails to Sign His Name to a Most Commendable Idea; Postmarked Philadelphia.

Some member of the Association from Philadelphia, who has a heart of gold, sent a one dollar bill to The Octofoil office for the purpose of helping some Gold Star Mother attend the Philadelphia Reunion. However, this is a tremendous undertaking the youngster proposes, there are still possibilities that whatever amount anyone feels disposed to put into such a fund could be turned over to the Philadelphia Convention Committee to be used exclusively for the comfort of Gold Star Mothers who might attend the next Reunion.

Whether the writer made his letter anonymous intentionally or whether an oversight, The Octofoil would like for him to drop a postal card giving his name and address. And if it is his desire to remain unidentified, his wishes will be respected.

The letter follows:
The Octofoil.

Dear Sir: Enclosed you will find \$1 to start a fund I think we 9th boys should raise to get all the 9th Division Gold Star Mothers and Dads to come to the next 9th Reunion.

I will send \$1 each month for it if more of the fellows agree. Of course, I know many are not able to send any.

At all Chapter meetings we should take up a collection for this fund.

If this idea is not practical, use this \$1 to send The Octofoil to some Gold Star Mother.

Respectfully,

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CHAMPION SLUM BURNER

Boys of Service Btry. will remember Mr. Gaul as the worst Slum Burner in the Army. Those who would like to write to Richard the Great can do so. All mail should be sent to his mother at 4202 Camden Ave., Dallas, Tex. I am enclosing a few negatives of pictures taken at Fort Bragg. You may be able to print them in The Octofoil.

JOSEPH MCKENZIE,
Department of Veterans' Services,
City of Waltham, Mass.

MAJOR GALLOWAY WOULD LIKE TO SEE 9th BACK AT BRAGG

Dear Sirs: I received the July issue of The Octofoil the past week-end and was glad and proud to read of the happenings at the last Reunion and only wish that I could have been there to be in on the celebration. I may be able to make the next one if I don't get run in on another ROTC Summer Camp for next summer.

Ninth Division men who went on into combat with the Division are few and far between around here. Dave Parker, ex-60th Inf. lieutenant, is now on 80 days' active duty with me at the Fort Sill ROTC Camp. He also is wishing he could have made the Reunion. There are, however, quite a number of the original group of artillery officers that reported to the Ninth at Tent City in August of 1940 floating around the state. How many of you remember these names:

Evans Nash (26th F. A.); Bob Williams (26th F. A.); Dick Duckwall (26th F. A.); Max Carder (60th F. A.); Gerald Shepherd (60th F. A.); Lowell Gregory (84th F. A.); Frank Hamilton (84th F. A.)

I have run into all the above within the last couple of months and all have asked me to send their regards to their old friends.

Glad to see that the Division is being reactivated at Fort Dix Replacement Center so that it can still shine but think it would have been perfect if it could have been at the old Fort Bragg Replacement Center, which it helped to build.

Sincerely,

NEAL C. GALLOWAY,

Major, F.A. (ex-84th)

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A 39TH MAN IS IN NEED OF HELP TO ADJUST HIS CLAIM

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Arthur J. Sparkes, former member of Co. A, 39th Infantry Regt., and who served with the outfit all the way through, visited the national offices recently in Washington in an attempt to locate former members of the company who served with him in Germany.

Sparkes recently filed a disability claim with the V.A. and before action can be taken in his case it is necessary that he produce either witnesses or notarized statements from witnesses that were present at the time he was injured.

The injury for which claim has been made was incurred on 26 January 1945 in Germany, when Sparkes and a group of men were building a six-man foxhole. In attempting to remove a log, other logs were loosened and pinned him down, crushing his arm and smashing into his back. With the help of two other men in the party he made his way to the battalion aid station from which point he was evacuated to a hospital in Belgium. Sparkes admitted that he was in pain at the time and for that reason does not remember too clearly who may have witnessed the accident. The men he is seeking would be members of Co. A, Hdqtrs., and possibly men who were at First Battalion Aid Station, from which point he was evacuated.

While the national offices were able to supply names and addresses of men who could have been present, Sparkes is still desirous of contacting anyone else who may be able to supply details of the incident. If you can help please write directly to the following address: Arthur J. Sparkes, State St., R. F. D. 1, Wilmington, Mass.

GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

NEW COMMANDER HAS A FINE RECORD

NINTH DIVISION LEADS THE WAY

(Continued from Page 1)
erals who jammed the reviewing stand.

Before presenting the colors to General Eagles, General Eddy urged the new Ninth Division soldiers to guard them well. On the halyard of the standard was the Belgian Fourragere, which was awarded the division for twice being cited by the Belgian government.

THE TRENTONIAN SAYS . . .

The July 16, 1947 issue of The Trentonian, Trenton, N. J., newspaper, devoted its entire front page to pictures made during the reactivation. Several other pictures were run on Page 3 and practically three full columns were filled with a feature story about the reactivation, written by William J. Blitman. Excerpts from Blitman's article follow:

The impressive hour-and-a-half display was held, alternately in a heavy rainstorm and under sunny skies. None in the crowd of more than 3,000 spectators, many of them patients from Tilton General Hospital, quit the stands during the storm.

BE PREPARED

And it was to the Ninth's fighting record — successful surges across North Africa, Sicily, Italy and later across France and Germany—that General Eddy alluded when he told the assembled troops: "Hold yourselves prepared to defend the colors entrusted to you—if necessary, even with your lives."

PRAISES RECORD

General Courtney H. Hodges paid tribute to the combat courage and fighting spirit of the division and cited its exploits during the Battle of the Bulge, at the Remagen Bridge and in France.

BAND THERE

Led by the division's 75-piece band, members of the four regiments marched smartly in review before some 25 high ranking officers who attended the activation ceremonies. Bringing up the rear of the half-hour parade were two companies of all-Negro troops, members of the 365th Infantry Regiment, which was part of the

92d (Fighting Buffaloes) Division in World War II.

ROME NEWS-SENTINEL . . .

Leo Henry, a hard worker for the Association, now living in Rome, N. Y., sends news clippings from the Rome News-Sentinel. On the editorial staff of the News-Sentinel is another former Ninth Division man, Contis DeLutis. Excerpts from the Rome paper read as follows:

Fort Dix, induction and separation center for scores of Rome veterans, is the new home of the famed Ninth Infantry Division.

Several Romans, as well as area residents, served with the Ninth Infantry Division in Africa, Sicily, Italy, England, France, Belgium and Germany.

Some are now members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association and two, Leo Henry and Robert Woodside, attended the recent reunion convention at Columbus, Ohio.

The Ninth Division will continue exactly the same training mission formerly performed by the 1262nd Army Service Unit with the additional duty of preserving the traditions of a tested fighting division.

NEW YORK TIMES . . .

The Octofoil gratefully acknowledges the co-operation of Brig. George W. Smythe and Secretary-Treasurer Wm. E. Byrnes for sending copies of The New York Times article, written July 16, 1947, by Austin Stevens.

Some criticism has reached The Octofoil relative to Stevens' article because he mentioned the names of the new commanding officers who accepted their units' colors without mentioning the old regimental commanders who presented them.

Colonel Bond presented the 39th colors to Col. O'Connell.

Generals Randle and Smythe to Col. Harlock for the 47th.

Colonels Van Houston and Stoll to Colonel Stickney, 60th and 60th F. A.

Colonel Osborne to Emigh, 365th Regt. (Military Police Corps), now attached to the Ninth Division.

Parts of Austin Stevens' arti-

Okay, Fellows -- Now We're Cooking With Gas; Let's Keep It Up

At last The Octofoil is getting some cooperation from active members of the Association in this matter of locating "lost" members. By "lost" members it is meant men who joined the Association and failed to notify headquarters of their new address. (Many addresses were changed before the office was transferred to Washington, and consequently, there are members who do not even know of the present address of the Association.)

Charles O. Tingley of College Park, Maryland, located Albert H. Levy way down in Texas. It was not long after that until we had another member in good standing.

Victor A. Campisi recently asked for the address of a former Sgt. Gerard B. Overman; the only address known for Gerard was Westmoreland, N. H. Now Victor writes that he has learned from Overman himself that he re-enlisted in Germany, went to school and received his commission in the AUS as second lieutenant, and for the information of his many friends who knew him in the 60th, Victor sends Lieut. Overman's new address: Lt. Gerard B. Overman, O-1897800, 7745 Hq. & Sv. Co., APO 575, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

This is a service greatly appreciated. All active members should co-operate and help locate all of the "lost" members. There are many over 1,000—and each of them have a history reserved for him.

cle appearing the New York newspaper follow:

General Hodges, under whose leadership the Ninth distinguished itself in Europe in the St. Lo break-through and at the Remagen bridgehead, hailed the division's excellence in combat. He told the massed troops that "in these critical days it is important that we keep those traditions bright."

Sixtieth Infantry Regt. Co. guidons were also transferred and the reviewing officers faced and saluted the reborn division. As his first order, General Eagles ordered the division to pass in review.

Despite the inexperience of some elements—there were men who have not even had basic training—observers were impressed with the smartness of the parade in which even the rookies carried rifles.

General Eagles appealed to the troops to show the same spirit that has marked the division's past accomplishments and read a message of congratulation on the reactivation from General Jacob L. Devers, commanding the Army Ground Forces.

COLUMBUS CITIZEN . . .

The Columbus (O.) Citizen printed the 4-column cut shown on the first page of this Octofoil—with the caption "Famous Ninth Reactivated." Incidentally, Perry Morison, nationally known writer on veterans' affairs, presented The Octofoil with the cut after it was used in The Citizen—because of The Octofoil's tabloid page size, it was necessary to "bleed" a considerable part of the Citizen's cut off each side in order to get the picture on The Octofoil page.

WAS 21ST INFANTRY ADJUTANT IN 1917; IN 1918 ATTACHED TO 47TH MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

BORN IN THE HOOSIER STATE, 1895; RECEIVED HIS FIRST COMMISSION IN 1917; LANDED WITH 3RD DIVISION AT SALERNO IN SEPTEMBER, 1943.

William W. Eagles, now commanding the reactivated 9th Infantry Division, was born at Albion, Ind., Jan. 12, 1895. He graduated from the United States Military Academy and was made a second looie on April 20, 1917.

The following list of important assignments given Major General Eagles are only a few of the many he has fulfilled to the perfect satisfaction of his superior officers:

He was assigned to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia in June, 1921, later becoming an instructor at the Infantry School and was largely responsible for development of the Howitzer course there.

In 1923 he went to the headquarters of the Philippine Dept. at Manila. Returning to the United States in 1925 he became professor of Military Science and Tactics at Ripon College in Wisconsin. He returned to Benning in 1930 as a student officer.

In 1935 he was assigned to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth.

In February, 1941, he became Assistant to the Plans and Training Officer, G-3 of the VIII Army Corps.

ATTACHED TO THIRD

Assigned as Assistant Division Commander of the 3rd Infantry Division in June, 1942, he reported at Fort Ord, Calif., on July 6, 1942. He was promoted as Brigadier General July 27, 1942. He sailed with the Third Division in October, 1942. The division took part in the Tunisian campaign. He landed with assault elements and participated with the Third Division Sicilian campaign. He had an active part in the capture of the port cities of Palermo and Messina.

Part of the time he was in Sicily he commanded the 15th Infantry Regiment, which was actively engaged and had lost its colonel and regimental executive.

COMMANDS 45TH INFANTRY

As the 3rd Infantry Division came out of the line in November, 1943, he was transferred to, and given command of the 45th Infantry Division, which was actively engaged; this division remained in Southern Italy until January, 1944, when the division moved to the Anzio Beachhead. It was engaged in operations there until May, 1944, when the offensive which culminated in the liberation of Rome and the rest of Central Italy was launched.

This division landed at H-hour, D-day, August 15, 1944, in Southern France as a part of the 7th Army. The 45th was actively engaged on this offensive through Eastern France, the Vesges Mountains, through Alsace to the Rhine Valley.

WOUNDED IN 1944

Major General Eagles was wounded in action Nov. 30, 1944, in the vicinity of Strasburg. The wound necessitated hospitalization for six months, during which time he was returned to the United States.

OAK LEAF CLUSTER

In 1945 he was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Service Medal by Sec. IV 2, G. O. 36, WD, 10 May, 1945. Citation as follows:

Maj. Gen. Wm. W. Eagles, 05270, U. S. Army, while com-

manding the 45th Inf. Div. from 1 July to 4 December 1944, displayed outstanding qualities of leadership and organizational ability in the preparation of his division for combat and for its subsequent operations in Southern France from the landings on 15 August throughout the pursuit of the enemy northward, and the fighting against desperate resistance in the Vesges Mountains. Within eight days after landing near Ste. Maxime, France, elements of his division were in Grenoble and Briancon, and Col de Var had been entirely cleared of the enemy. With accurate knowledge of the capabilities of his subordinates, General Eagles decentralized the control of his command in order to exploit his initial successes in the lower Rhone Valley. During the advances that followed, the 45th Division covered a distance of over 300 miles in 17 days despite many severe logistical difficulties. Later the Doubs River was crossed and against increased enemy resistance the Moselle River forced at three points. During the four weeks following, fighting against desperate resistance in the foothills of the Vesges Mountains, Grandvillers, Montagne, Houseras, Fraipertius, and St. Benoit were captured. The brilliant achievements of the Division throughout this campaign attest to the thoroughness and soundness of his tactical planning and his ability to exploit the enemy's reverse. His appreciation of actualities, his patient guidance, and above all, his tireless determination were major factors in the success of his Division during the Southern France campaign.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

MEDAL IN 1944

Major General Eagles was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in 1944 because of his outstanding accomplishments with the 45th Division. His Distinguished Service Medal citation concluded by reading: "Invariably he maintained a high state of discipline and morale among his troops. His combat leadership, sound judgment and tactical ability contributed in a large measure to the combat performance of the 45th Infantry Division and reflect the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States."

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

Paging Andy Chulo, Former Newark Lad

Editor, Octofoil.

Dear Sir: I would like to hear from Andy Chulo. He did live in Newark, N. J. He was a barber there before the war.

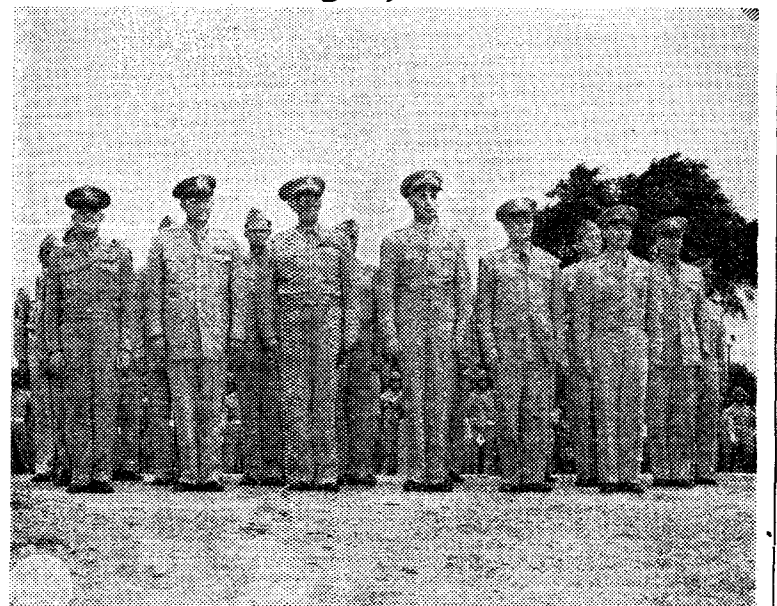
I enjoy reading The Octofoil very much. I read it from cover to cover to see if I can hear from my old buddies in Co. G, 60th.

Sincerely,
ANSON L. BROWN,
London Rt., Menard, Texas.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

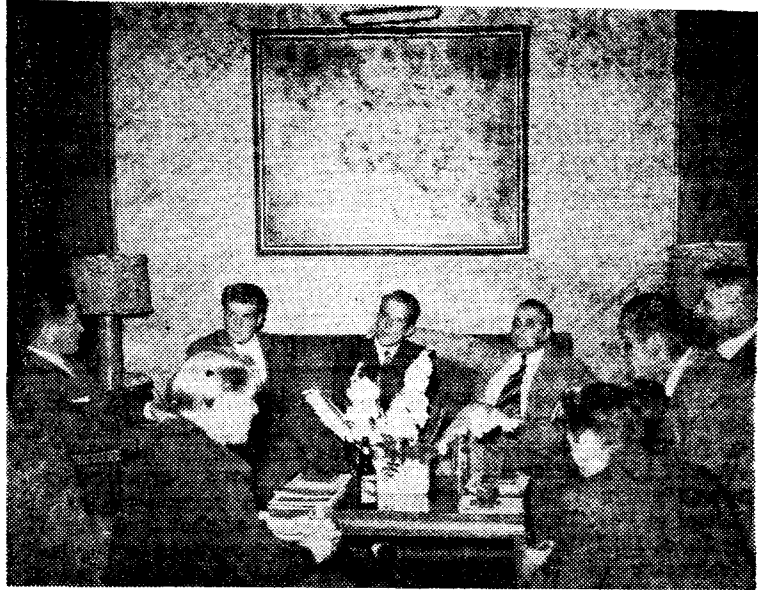
Brass to the Right, Brass to the Left



Prominent military dignitaries stand at attention during ceremonies of the reactivation of the Ninth Infantry Division, held at Fort Dix 15 July. Left to right: General Courtney H. Hodges, Commanding General of First Army; Major General Manton S. Eddy, wartime Commander of the Ninth Division; Brig. Gen. Francis H. Lanahan, Jr., Brig. Gen. Charles E. Hart, Brig. Gen. Edwin H. Randle, and Brig. Gen. George W. Smythe.—Official U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.

MAHON EXPRESSES MEMBERS' VIEWS

"Farewell Party" Scene In Chicago



Seated left to right, next to lamp, after the dinner given in honor of Major Gen. Louis A. Craig: Otto Kerner, Jr., Walter Mahon, John Clouser, General Craig, Herb Workman, Harry Veeneman, John Edwards and Bill Connelly.

MRS. JOHN FINLEY MAKES AN APPEAL TO ILLINOIS BOYS

GETS PROMPT REPLY FROM THE CHAPTER; SOMEONE ELSE MUST WRITE.

The following letter sent to the Illinois Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association is self-explanatory:

To the Ninth Infantry Division Association Group:

Did any of you lads serve with our son? If so, could you please write us and also do you know the C. O.'s name who was with him when he was killed?

I have heard from his lieutenant and talked in person with Captain Lackman, but they neither one can tell us what we want to know. We would surely be thankful for any information you can give us about him.

Find out if George Galor is at your meeting, from South Bend, Ind. He was a buddy of Bill's but we haven't heard from him for a long time. Bill is buried in Margraten, Holland, and we hear from the Father of the Church there; also from the Dutch people who tend his grave; may God bless them. Sincerely hoping to hear from some one of you about our Bill.

MRS. JOHN FINLEY and FAMILY, 1046 S. Water St., Decatur 22, Ill.

This was Bill's mailing address: Sgt. William F. Finley, ASN 16161745, Co. I, 39th Inf., APO 9, New York.

Here are some of the names of Bill's buddies whom he sent pictures of: J. C. Givens, Morris, Jake Fry, Radin Wills, Szul, Franklin.

VEENEMAN SENDS A SWELL REPLY TO MRS. FINLEY

Parts of Harry Veeneman's letter to Mrs. Finley follow:

Dear Mrs. Finley: May we take this opportunity to acknowledge your recent letter seeking information with regard to your son.

Your letter with the enclosed snapshots are being forwarded to Mr. Paul S. Plunkett, editor of "THE OCTOFOIL," for publication in the next issue. We feel certain through this medium with its large circulation of members and former members of the Division that you will be contacted shortly after publication of the next issue. Incidentally, we have

asked Mr. Plunkett to place your name on the mailing list for future issues.

We of the Illinois Chapter 9th Infantry Division Association are very grateful that you should contact us relative to the information desired. After quoting Section 1 of the By-Laws, it will serve to give you a deeper appreciation of the purpose of this organization:

"The purpose of this Association shall be: This Association is formed by the officers and men of the 9th 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

BILL FINLEY'S BUDDIES



The above picture was sent in by Mrs. John Finley. Her letter asking John's buddies to write her appears in this issue. First row: Morris, Wells, Bobo, and Peters. Second: Mills, Duke, Smith and Jasper.

members and their families of the Division."

At our Second Annual Convention held in Columbus, O., on June 13, 14, and 15th, a radio transcription was made of the Memorial Services. At the present time the Association is planning a large scale distribution of these records. After plans have been completed to manufacture these records we of the Illinois Chapter shall consider it a great privilege to place a set at your disposal, in order that you may complete your Memorial Library.

In closing may we offer our belated sympathy to you and your family. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

Yours sincerely,

HARRY F. VEENEMAN,
833 E. 52nd St., Chicago 15, Ill.
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New District Attorney and Family



The Kerner family in federal building yesterday as Otto Kerner Jr. was sworn in as new district attorney. Left to right: Mrs. Kerner Jr., District Atty. Kerner, Judge Otto Kerner Sr., his father; Mary Alyce Kerner, daughter, and Mrs. Otto Kerner Sr. [TRIBUNE Photo]

Father Gives Oath

Recently The Octofoil printed a story about Otto Kerner's appointment as U. S. District Attorney, by President Truman. Otto is an active and hard-working member of Illinois Chapter. The group picture reached The Octofoil too late to be published in the issue carrying the original story.

Through the courtesy of The Chicago Tribune The Octofoil secured the above picture, accompanied by the following news item as it appeared in The Tribune:

In the flower banked courtroom

of Federal Judge Walter J. Le-

Buy, Otto Kerner, Jr., was formally

inducted yesterday into office

as United States attorney for the

Northern District of Illinois. The

oath of office was administered by

his father, Judge Otto Kerner of the

United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

The new prosecutor, who is 39,

and a veteran of the army cam-

paigns in Africa and the Pacific

theaters, was presented in the

court by J. Albert Woll, his pre-

decessor in the office, who resigned

to take a position in the Washing-

ton, D. C. law offices of Joseph

Padway.

ILLINOIS GROUP ENTERTAIN MAJ. GEN. LOUIS A. CRAIG AT FAREWELL PARTY IN CHICAGO.

THE GENERAL WRITES APPRECIATIVE LETTER TO THE OCTOFOIL; LEFT THE STATES FOR EUROPE ON 12TH AUGUST.

Thursday, July 31, was both a gala occasion and a sad occasion for members of the Chicago Chapter when they held at Farewell Party in honor of Major General Louis A. Craig.

The Octofoil is in receipt of two well-written articles, one concerning the dinner given in Gen. Craig's honor and the other a resume of General Craig's Association activities since returning to the states. The articles were written by Walter J. Mahon, recently elected second vice-president of the Association. Walter modestly writes: "Make any corrections or changes that are necessary." The articles are printed verbatim as Walter wrote them and anyone who can improve on the verbiage or sentiment expressed should certainly choose professional writing as a vocation.

GENERAL CRAIG'S DINNER

By WALTER J. MAHON

The only nice thing about the departure of a well liked individual is the opportunity to give his friends to express their appreciation for that friendship. Illinois Chapter had that opportunity on the departure of General Craig.

At a hurried get together at the Hotel Knickerbocker, in Chicago, on July 31, hastened by the General's sudden and unexpected departure, a few members reversed General Craig's policy of "Open doors at 5th Army Headquarters for all men of the 9th," by having a small dinner in his honor. There with the General sitting at the head of the table the war was fought all over again with every unit getting in its lick and the General in his modest way explaining many of the tactical moves of the Ninth.

Among those present were John Clouser, president of Illinois Chapter; Otto Kerner, U. S. attorney; John Edwards, Al Pittman, John Waples, Bill Connelly, Harry Veeneman and Walter J. Mahon, who arranged the dinner. We in the Illinois Chapter, would like to take this opportunity to speak for the whole association when we say, "Hurry back home, General."

In General Craig's usual modest way, he sends the following letter to The Octofoil on the eve of his departure for Germany:

Dear Paul: Have received the August Octofoil and appreciate the very kind comments that undoubtedly flowed from your fountain pen. I can assure you, however, that the militancy of the Illinois group comes from several Chicago members who have contributed a lot of time and effort to reach and interest those in the city and its area.

Their enthusiasm is bound to build a real and permanent group.

My new address is: Hq. EUCOM, APO 742, Berlin, care Postmaster, New York City.

I am leaving Fort Sheridan by auto August 2 and expect to sail on a transport from Brooklyn August 12.

Was pleased to see Glenn Moore's appointment as Finance and Budget Chairman. With his experience it should be possible to get the Association on an even financial keel.

The Octofoil is one of the real post-war achievements of

COOTIES TO PRINT PAPER; PATTERN IT AFTER "OCTOFOIL"

COUNCIL IGNORES CRUMMY COOTIE SAILOR'S BLASTS; WANT SHEET LIKE NINTH'S.

For months Crummy Cootie Columnist Hap Sailor has sarcastically referred to The Octofoil as The Octofool, prompted no doubt from professional jealousy because the Cooties whether former Ninth men or not, always discarded Sailor's sheet when The Octofoil come off the press.

Recently the Grand Council of the Military Order of the Cootie met in Columbus, O. Council officers secured several copies of back Octofoil issues before they went into executive session. The net result was the Council authorized a committee of four to begin issuing a state-wide Cootie paper, patterned after The Octofoil's general make-up and personal news items concerning its members.

In the last issue of Sailor's sheet, in referring to The Octofoil, he said: "Anything can happen from now on." It happen alright. From now on, Crummy Columnist Hap Sailor will be a little fish in a big pond rather than a big fish in that little pond he's been puddling around in. Hereafter he will be copy boy for the staff of the new sheet—PATTERNED AFTER "THE OCTOFOIL."

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Chicago Group Will Meet Once a Month

The Chicago Group of the Illinois Chapter, Ninth Infantry Division Association, shall meet monthly on the fourth Friday of the month at 8:30 p. m., starting September 26, 1947.

They will meet at the Moose Temple, 1016 N. Dearborn St., Chicago.

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IT'S A BOY AT TOM STRONG'S HOME --

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Strong announce the birth of Thomas Glenn, Jr., on July 1, 1947. Captain Strong was formerly at Division Headquarters in the Adjutant General's Office. He is now attending Indiana State Teachers College at Terre Haute, Indiana.

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.

the Association. Thanks to you, and should certainly be a permanent institution.

Best wishes to you, and will look forward to seeing you when the European tour is over.

Sincerely,

LOUIS A. CRAIG.

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"The Last Man Will Bury Himself"



The above U. S. Signal Corps photo of Major General Louis A. Craig was made shortly before the General left for an assignment in Germany.

By WALTER J. MAHON

"And let the last man bury himself." Those were the closing words spoken by Major General Louis A. Craig concerning "The Ninth Infantry Division Association," delivered April 26 on the occasion of the inaugural dinner of the Illinois Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

To those of us who have had the honor of serving under this great General it further exemplifies the assurance he has, that the men who made this Division one of the most famous in the annals of American military history, will retain the inseparable bonds forged on the field of battle.

GEN. EDDY LEAVES

Like the rest of us, General Craig was born to our association on the day he joined the division. This took place during those memorable days when we met the British around Fromental. On hearing that General Eddy was to leave us to take over a Corps there was great concern throughout the division, for we felt it was impossible for the Army to produce another leader the equal of our former division commander. Truly, General Craig had a job cut out for him in replacing a man like General Eddy, but during the first few days with the division he restored most of that confidence, lost on General Eddy's departure, by a visit to every Battalion. Then during the brilliant advances through France, Belgium and Germany, the General was working with complete confidence and loyalty of every man in the division. The Ninth still had the best Division Commander in the U. S. Army.

HEADS THE COLUMN

A familiar figure at the head of the advancing columns, his presence once caused a replacement, who had just reported to his company, to remark to his squad leader that it must be safe up here if two stars are around. The next moment the area was covered with artillery and small arms fire. The general's presence in an area usually meant it was the hottest spot in the Division sector. He was a great one for first hand information.

STARTS "BALL ROLLING"

At the close of the war, General Craig fulfilled the desires of

every man who served with the Ninth when he started the ball rolling toward the foundation of a Division Association. A modest man by nature he stepped aside, after laying the foundation, to allow men in the Division to take hold and build it up to its present position. However, his interest in the Association was too great to rest, for on assignment as deputy commander of the Fifth Army in Chicago, he lent a needed hand in getting the Illinois Group under way to becoming the active Chapter it is today.

General Craig has now returned to the lands that his division helped liberate. To those of us who know him this is not a departure from the association, but more than likely the foundation of a European Chapter of our great association.

General, we can only say to you, thanks, and the last man will have to bury himself.

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Pfc. Christofer Ernest Loudermilk's Mother Looking for His Buddy

During the second annual Reunion in Columbus one of the Association members contacted Mrs. Grace Hall, president of the Gold Star Mothers, Chapter No. 1, Inc., Columbus, Ohio, and volunteered the information he was with Pfc. Christofer Ernest Loudermilk, Co. L, 39th, when he was killed in action and would like to contact Loudermilk's mother. At the time Mrs. Hall did not have Mrs. Loudermilk's address, since she had only recently moved to Florida. Since the Reunion Mrs. Hall has learned that the address of Mrs. Loudermilk is:

Mrs. G. W. Loudermilk,
P. O. Box 3744,
Orlando, Fla.

During the excitement of Reunion activities Mrs. Hall failed to write down the member's name who had approached her.

Now if that courteous youngster who was looking for Mrs. Loudermilk will write her a kind letter to the address given above it will be a source of much pleasure to her.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

SGT. FELIX DALE, EN ROUTE TO P.A., ON 15-DAY FURLOUGH

IT'S MAJOR L. A. HEDGES, WEAPONS DEPT., FORT KNOX, KY., SAYS SARGE.

Sgt. Felix Dale caused The Octofoil to reset some head letter type. The original head read: "Sgt. Felix Dale in Co. 'C,' 70th Tank Bn., Fort Knox, Ky."

Then on Saturday, August 2, the Sarge comes breezing into The Octofoil print shop and reads the advance head over and tells one of the employees, "That's what it usta wuz, but I'm on my way to 512 Second St., Cresson, Pa., for 15 days of quietness and rest—then I'll report to Fort Meade."

Sgt. Dale has furnished The Octofoil a wealth of information relative to former Division members.

The note he left in The Octofoil (the editor was in Cincinnati listening to Gen. Eddy address the Legion convention), gave the information about Major Hedges as printed above. Other interesting excerpts from Sgt. Dale's letter is as follows:

CALLED FOR GINSBERG

You printed a picture of the Med. Bn., 60th, in the August Octofoil. The picture I believe was taken about 3 months before they left Bragg. I think the fellow with his right foot on the first step, standing on the right is a fellow by the name of Lee, a Chinaman. He cleaned my ear after a shell hit outside my tank. He was hit by a sniper back of 3rd Bn. C.P. at Marschan, Germany, trying to render first aid to a B.A.R. man. After getting him out of the field I saw his wound and don't think he had much chance. I remember some captain calling Ginsberg to get the first aid kit.

To all men of the 47th and 60th that remember Captain Cleo Brewer, I'd like to say he was stationed at this Post. He is now a first sergeant on D. S. with the Tennessee National Guard. He has never written me his new address.

A second letter from Sarge begins with this, which The Octofoil really appreciates:

Just finished reading the last issue of The Octofoil for about the tenth time.

Regards to Art Strenstra's note concerning members of the 746th Tank Bn., I might say I know a few of them. Here at Knox is Captain Hiedrick, who made the invasion with Hdq. Co., then transferred to Co. C, now with Hdq. Co., 526th A.I.B. Master Sgt. Payne, formerly with Hdq. Co., W. I. A., at the St. Lo breakthrough, now in A. G. F. Band No. 2.

DAHMER "BUSTS" HIMSELF

Sgt. William Dahmer, formerly with Dog and Baker, now is Pvt. William Dahmer. Just busted to get transferred, but no luck, back in Dog Co., this battalion. Sgt. Bert Patterson, formerly of Charley Co., is in Service Co., this battalion. Captain Hoathel, formerly of Hdqrs. and Baker Co., is seen in Louisville occasionally as a civvie. There is yours truly waiting to be retired to get out of here. There is a bunch of the men at Fort Meade, Md., but I do not have their address.

I see where a lot of fellows want to know why their units were not mentioned in the Ninth combat record story. I did not see the 746th mentioned. The gravel agitators were in front all he way. Can you make anything of that?

What about some of the youngsters from the 60th who called me "Pop" from Normandy to the Forrest writing me a few lines?

I close this letter with my thoughts of the old Ninth and hope to make the next Reunion.

SGT. FELIX W. DALE.

P. S.: Send letters addressed to the Sarge care of his home address as given above.

NO PROGRAMS OR OTHER SOUVENIRS WILL BE MAILED AFTER SEPTEMBER 15

The Columbus Convention Committee has asked The Octofoil to convey to the membership this information:

After September 15, approximately one week previous to the next Board of Governors meeting, no more leftover souvenir programs, caps and badges will be mailed out. The Committee is desirous of closing their account at the Columbus banks and submit a final statement of its transactions to the Board and be relieved of further duty.

The Committee wants to thank the large number who have sent their \$1 for the Souvenir Program, the paper caps, badges and

mimeographed list of those who attended the Reunion. After paying for manila envelope, postage, etc., a few cents were left over, which enabled the Columbus committee to pay off a few unpaid bills and buy a few glass of amber fluid at a social get-together for the hard working members who lost time from work and forfeited their right to attend many of the functions held in conjunction with the Reunion in order to be of service to the visitors.

If anyone else desires these items please send \$1 to Columbus Ninth Division Convention Committee, 22-24 E. Gay St., Columbus, Ohio.

Proposes An Alleged "Ideal" Cartoon Idea

The following letter is the thanks The Octofoil editor gets for keeping the Nazis from goose-stepping down the main drag of American communities:

Plunkett: Wish to acknowledge receipt of The Octofoil for the month of August.

Anne and I got a big kick out of it. You really have something to be proud of in your son. Only wish I could honestly say some good word for you.

If you could only describe to your son the story of how when Co. B, 60th, was marching into a North African town, which town I do not recall right now, and you was on the outside line and saw a vino dispensary and left the company and marched right into the winery and was AWOL for several days, I believe it would make a good cartoon.

LEON C. BROOKE,
1540 N. Meridian St., Apt. 2, Indianapolis 2, Ind.

JOHN CLOUSER TO BRING 160 CADETS FOR MOOSE SHOW

The Loyal Order of Moose are holding their annual convention in Columbus, O., during the week of August 18. A colorful parade with most of the 20,000 delegates and visitors taking part will be the outstanding feature of the convention.

John J. Clouser, president of the Illinois Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, and an instructor in the Mooseheart Home ROTC, will bring to the convention city for the parade 160 of his cadets. Clouser advises The Octofoil that the old Ninth shoulder patch will be on his uniform when he marches down High St. with his 160 cadets. Maybe The Octofoil will be able to give the members a few pictures of Clouser and his group in the next issue.

CLOUSER'S "TROOPS" ARE INSPECTED



Photo taken on the occasion of the Federal Inspection of the Mooseheart Cadet Corps, Mooseheart, Ill. Lt. Col. James W. Lockett, formerly commander Second Bn., 39th Inf., and now assigned to Fifth Army Headquarters, Chicago, who was Chief Inspector, and Sgt. John J. Clouser, formerly Hq. Btry, 26th F. A. Bn., and now assistant ROTC instructor at Mooseheart. Clouser is President of the Illinois Chapter of the 9th Infantry Div. Assn.

OCTOFOIL RECEIVES MANY LETTERS

NAMES, ADDRESSES OF SOME BOYS WHO WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE 2ND ANNUAL REUNION.

ALL LIKE THE OCTOFOIL . . . SOME WANT THE SHEET WEEKLY . . . THEY SAY HELL AND HIGH WATER CAN'T KEEP THEM AWAY FROM PHILADELPHIA.

It is regrettable that lack of space prevents publishing in full the many letters coming to Columbus for recordings and the program souvenirs, from members who feel down in the "dumps" because circumstances beyond their control kept

them from attending the Second Reunion. However, the names and addresses of some of these fellows will no doubt be a means of many buddies who have been "lost" from other buddies again establishing personal contact with one another.

Edwardo F. Padilla can be contacted at P. O. Box 15, Winkelman, Arizona.

Daniel J. Gallagher III, writes from 106 Valentine Lane, Yonkers, New York.

Robert J. Mingus, Millfield, O., writes: "I enjoy reading the Octofoil and am now planning to be in Philadelphia at the next Reunion. I want to thank you for the 60th History."

Ted Curless is living in Brooklyn, Wisconsin.

John Bryce Carpenter can be reached by writing him, R. F. D. 4, Grand Junction, Colo. John B. is co-owner of Carpenter's Market, Grand Junction.

Lt. Col. William C. Westmoreland, 504th Prcht. Inf., Fort Bragg, N.C., writes to thank the Columbus Convention Committee, explaining how much it meant to him to rub elbows with his old battle comrades, and making elaborate plans to be in Philadelphia early and staying late.

Marshall G. Gilbert can be contacted by writing him at Lincoln, N. C., Rt. 1.

Earle T. Coleman, 45 Montrose Ave., Jersey City 7, N. J., couldn't get away from work to attend the last Reunion, but he's already requested that time off next year.

Paul Hagan writes from Austin, Minn., Rt. 5.

Milton G. Haas, P. O. Box 137, Millstadt, Ill., says "I sure wish I could have made that Reunion."

Joseph J. Stangaitis, 2701 Webb Ave., New York 63, N. Y., says: "Was thoughtful of you fellows to remember us guys who couldn't get to Columbus."

Myles F. Bartusek, former 60th, Co. I man, is living at New Prague, Minn.

E. Edson Wells, former sergeant Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 39th Inf., is working for Harrod Equipment Co., 4200-4 S. Salina St., Syracuse, N. Y. Send letters care of his place of employment.

Robert H. Carter lives at 29 Wayne Ave., Suffern, N. Y.

Paul H. Sawyers gives as his address, 1404 Main St., St. Joseph 33, Missouri.

Gordon C. Young sends his compliments from 649 Gayley Ave., Los Angeles (24), Calif.

It's Sgt. K. Lorimer, 6873021, Hq. and Hq., 55th Recn. Group, MacDill Field, Tampa, Fla.

M. F. Hudgins is located at 1115 Manchester Ave., Norfolk 8, Virginia.

Francis J. Ferrise and his bride of June, 1947, can be reached at 1042 Louisa St., Elizabeth, N. J.

William Weinstein, 4702 Fifteenth Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., is looking forward to being in Philadelphia for the next Reunion.

William H. DeRoy can be contacted at Dillonville, Ohio.

Abraham W. Feder, 1647 Union St., Brooklyn, says: "Congratula-

tions for the great success of the Second Reunion."

Otto R. Sirovy says write him at 150 Jackson St., Jackson, Minn.

John A. Jensen, Hartwick, N. Y., wants The Octofoil printed every week.

John A. Bauman, 861 Nelson St., Chicago 14, Ill., will be seeing you in Philadelphia.

Victor Elia, 704 Clarence Ave., Bronx 61, New York City, N. Y., sends regards to all Association and former Division men, but most especially to his old buddies in 60th Inf. A. T. Co.

Allen D. Babcock, 646 E. Division St., Decatur 36, Ill., says: "Let's hope we have many more Reunions as successful as the second one was."

John N. Ottinger is living at 416 N. Lebanon St., Lebanon, Ind.

Harry G. Walls, formerly with G and Sv. Cos., 47th, is living on Route 3, Cumming, Ga.

Thomas C. Elliot can be reached at 219 E. Edison Ave., New Castle, Pa.

Albert W. Glant, former 60th Medics, lives at 34 Morse St., Coldwater, Mich. His sister, **Mrs. Belle Hobart**, mailed Al a copy of the souvenir program as a surprise gift.

R. E. Hamlett, formerly Co. H, 47th, is plugging away as a master plumber down in Humboldt, Tenn.

Wilton M. Taylor, 100½ Taylor St., Taft, Calif., sends plenty of material for future issue of The Octofoil. Thanks, Taylor.

M. L. Butterson, 142 Seaboard Ave., Portsmouth, Va., formerly with 47th, 126th Ord., was unable to attend the Reunion because his mother was undergoing an operation at the time. Hope your Mom has fully recovered.

Richard E. Bradley is living at 2620 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona, Pa.

Frederick M. Treglawn, 1301 Florida Ave., St. Cloud, Fla., was ill during the Reunion and regrets not being able to see all the buddies he'd been looking forward to seeing.

Don Whitenack, 401 Bounbon, Blanchester, O., is running a mercantile establishment in that town. A Disabled American Veteran organization representative happened to accidentally mention the Reunion while in Don's place and Don spoke up about being with the Ninth Division overseas and that's how The Octofoil got his address—after sending him a paper, Don has written a nice letter to the paper and you'll probably see him in Philadelphia.

Raymond Nichols, formerly Co. E, 37th, now on West Rd., Box 321, Orleans, Mass., plans to be in Philadelphia.

John F. Shennay writes from 747 Newark Ave., Jersey City 6, New Jersey.

George A. Simon, 977 Northland Ave., Buffalo 15, N. Y., is happy over the success of the second Reunion, even if he was unable to attend.

Edward F. Zietlow is located on Rt. 4, Appleton, Wis.

Irving Gordon, 403 Albemarle

Rd., Brooklyn 18, N. Y., is looking forward to being in Philadelphia with bells on next year.

Joseph A. McKenzie, formerly Serv. Bty., 26th F.A., can be contacted at the Waltham, Mass., City Hall in the Department of Veterans' Services.

John L. Olejnik, 12541 Charles St., Detroit 12, Mich., sends greetings to his old buddies.

Fred L. Howe, Rt. 2, Jamestown, O., thinks The Octofoil is "tops." Thanks, Fred.

William F. Leahy can be reached at 143 Norwood Terrace, Holyoke, Mass.

Warren H. Russell, Box 157, Roseville, Ohio, is planning big things in Philly next year.

Norman R. Fowler, 1909 Victory Dr., Lansdowne 27, Md., says he doesn't know what he'd do if he didn't get The Octofoil.

Ted Youngquist is located at 3017 18th Ave., S., Minneapolis 7, Minn.

Jerome Cosenza, 316 Van Buren St., Newark 5, N. J., former 9th Med. Bn., Co. A, regrets his inability to attend the Reunion.

Mario Luchetti can be contacted by writing him, R.F.D. 1, Newton, New Jersey.

Joe B. Banisacher writes from 1481 E. 71st St., Cleveland (3), Ohio.

John Halinick, 133 Dawson St., Clifton, N. J., has moved into his brand-new bungalow.

Kenneth S. Jenks lives at 71-21 52nd Ave., Maspeth, L. I., N. Y.

Thomas Rumore, 95-22 Brisbin St., Jamaica, L. I., N. Y., says he won't miss the next Reunion.

Paul Esterle lives at 996 Baird St., Akron 6, Ohio.

Al Mintz is still hanging out at 21 Garden St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Peter H. Gans lives at 3005 W. 14th St., Cleveland 13, Ohio.

Theodore Wisniewski can be contacted at 366 Ashburton Ave., Yonkers (2), N. Y.

Jess L. Myers sends greetings to the gang from Rt. 4, Carlisle, Pa.

Roy E. Pinegar, former 60th man, lives at 239 E. Locust St., Canton, Ill. Roy is a loyal booster for The Octofoil.

Rex H. Ford writes from 1 Tucker St., New Gosport, Portsmouth, Va. Ford was very much impressed with the Memorial Services and wants a set of records to keep forever, he says.

John T. Weber, 193 Neponset Ave., Dorchester, Mass., wants the records and all the trimmings—including copy of Lieut. Gen. Collins' talk.

Walter S. Willis is living at 176 W. Jefferson St., Paulsboro, N. J.

R. V. Desjardins writes from 31 Chester St., Woonsocket, R. I.

Edward V. Nachowski, 1822 Haddox Ave., Chicago 22, Ill., attended the Reunion and has no regrets except the "show" didn't last long enough.

Lewis Gage is living in Middletown Conn., 18 Green Court

Harlan Adams lives at 1520 Cherry St., Kansas City, Mo.

Willard Johnson writes from Albany, Ga., 1318 Whitney Ave. The Octofoil recently heard from another Albany man who served with the 9th, William O. Parker, assistant manager at the Hotel Lee. Look him up, Willard.

William Brathuhm now lives at 118-23 227th St., St. Albans 11, N. Y. Bill took in everything there was to take in at the recent Reunion.

Kenneth W. Hill writes a nice letter from Box 782, Brownfield, Texas.

Sam Miceli can be contacted at 3 Stone Ave., East Paterson, New Jersey.

M. J. Gabriele is living in Athens, N. Y., on Warren St., and

GENT WHO PLANNED THE SERVICES



CAPTAIN BILLY R. DOWNEY, formerly 39th Regt., now assigned to duty in Columbus, O., was the guiding light in arranging for Second Reunion Memorial Services.

The Octofoil has received many letters from those who attended the Second Annual Reunion in Columbus, in which the writers have been most liberal in their compliments concerning the Memorial Services.

This is a rather late date for The Octofoil to be passing out orchids—but better late than never.

The dynamic personality behind the scenes in making arrangements for the services was none other than Captain Billy R. Downey, formerly of the 39th Inf. Regt., but now stationed at the old Fort Hayes Barracks in Columbus.

JOINS CHAPTER

Upon being assigned to the Columbus area Captain Downey immediately joined the Columbus Chapter and began attending the meetings. The Memorial Services Committee was floundering hither and yon trying to make suitable arrangements for the serv-

ices when Captain Billy R. Downey volunteered to help the committee. What a life-saver that gesture on his part was to everyone on the committee. The captain showed up at the next meeting with a proposed break-down of the services, the line of march and other details. The services as was witnessed by those present was the proposed arrangements submitted to the Committee by Captain Downey. Not an "i" was dotted nor a "t" crossed—so well pleased were all the members of the committee.

Captain Downey recently moved his charming young English bride to Columbus. They have two children—one born just a few days before the Reunion. The captain is originally from the Hills of Tennessee—but he's already notched up better than 10 years in the Army, and has probably forgotten a lot about those Hills over which he used to roam.

would like to hear from some of the old 47th gang.

Joseph E. Maier writes from 2800 W. Vliet St., Milwaukee 8, Wis.

Max Umansky, 1729 Walton Ave., Bronx 53, N. Y., will make up for lost time at Philadelphia next year because he missed the boat on the Columbus trip.

Rene Bonnette lives in Greenfield, Mass., at 1 Coombs Ave.

John A. Stapleton, formerly with Cannon Co., 39th, now at 158 North St., Auburn, N. Y., regrets not being with the gang in Columbus.

Leonard Parker, Franklin St., Great Bend, Pa., is another singing the blues because he was unable to make the Reunion.

Dominick Miele, 853 Southern Blvd., Bronx 59, N. Y., will be in Philadelphia early and stay late.

Earl Duncan, Rt. 1, Humboldt, Tenn., writes a nice letter—but

he says he can hardly wait until November 1 to get his history.

Mrs. William F. Leahy, 143 Norwood Ter., Holyoke, Mass., failed to get her souvenirs, although the committee is sure they were sent. However, Mrs. Leahy, the committee advises another is on the way and if Uncle Sam "messes" you up on this delivery—well the committee will see both the chaplain and congressman.

Harvey N. Painter is living in Texas. A letter addressed to him, Rt. 4, Comanche, Tex., will reach him. And he wants to hear from some of the old gang.

Peter A. Radichio resides at 185-32 Galway Ave., in St. Albans, N. Y.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

Only one out of every 4500 G.I. home loans guaranteed by Veterans Administration has been defaulted to date.

RELIVING DAYS AT GOOD OLD BRAGG

COMPILES A MOST INTERESTING DIARY

George Kopac Really Meant to Get Records

CALIFORNIA LAD FURNISHES OCTOFOIL WITH INTERESTING ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF FORT BRAGG POST.

WILTON TAYLOR, TAFT, CALIF., ALSO SENDS 32 INTERESTING PHOTOS; OCTOFOIL WILL USE AT LEAST TWO EACH ISSUE FOR NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS.

The 1942 Second Anniversary Edition of The Fort Bragg Post printed regimental and attached units' accomplishments up to that date. A summary of the 60th is used this issue. Attached units, 39th and 47th will follow,

(From The Fort Bragg Post, July 29, 1942)

The 60th Infantry has a great fighting record. In 1918 it was the Go-Devil regiment that hit the line hard at St. Mihiel in the first American victory over German troops, and then went on to pioneer the way across the Meuse River in the hard-fought Argonne offensive that brought an end to World War I.

ACTIVATED IN '17

Originally activated in June, 1917, shortly after America got into the war, the 60th was eventually stationed at Camp Greene, N. C., where it became part of the 5th Division. It was this Division which General Pershing was one day to congratulate for accomplishing "one of the most brilliant military feats in the history

ber 12, the men were in position, waiting to take part in the big St. Mihiel drive. Under merciless fire, they pushed forward relentlessly for five days, hitting the Germans with terrific fury and finally straightening out the St. Mihiel salient, in the first major defeat handed to the enemy by Uncle Sam's doughboys.

BACK IN TWO WEEKS

Two weeks later the 60th was in the front lines again, waiting to handle its share of the Meuse-Argonne push. Zero hour for the first big drive came at 8:30 on the morning of October 14, after the men had been on continuous duty without sleep for 72 hours. This was the engagement in which Captain Sam Woodfill earned himself a Medal of Honor by personally mopping up a series of machine gun nests and killing 19 Germans in the process. At the end of this first phase of the Meuse-Argonne push, the weary men of the 60th, who had gone with practically no sleep for five days, were relieved, their stiffest fighting of the war behind them.

REACTIVATED IN '40

Reactivated in August, 1940, under command of the late Major General Frank C. Mahin, after its inactivation September, 1921, the 60th immediately set out to emulate its illustrious forebears of World War I.

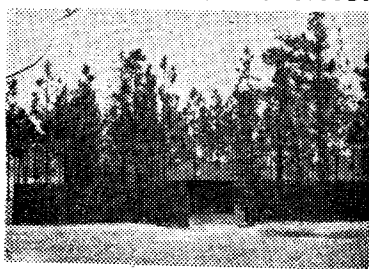
A BLITZ OUTFIT

During the Virginia maneuvers, the first time any unit of the 9th embarked on any large-scale field work of this type, the 60th established its reputation as a blitz outfit and had the nickname "Go-Devils" tagged on them by an imaginative newspaperman who saw the men in action. Colonel William H. Wilber, replacing the late Colonel Mahin during the two-month Carolina maneuvers, embarked on an intensive all-out training program for the regiment which polished the doughboys into their present stage of fighting ability.

At present the regiment is being commanded by Col. Frederick J. DeRohan, who comes to the Go-Devils from the General Staff in Washington. He will be proud of his outfit as he comes to know it, for its eyes and its bayonets are fixed on Victory.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

McKENZIE REMEBERS THE BEER GARDEN LOCATION



Joseph McKenzie, Waltham, Mass., still has fond memories of this 84th and 60th F. A. Beer Garden at Fort Bragg.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?



VICTOR J. WOJTAS, 1702 N. Wood St., Chicago, Ill., author of the most absorbing diary ever printed, to appear in Octofoil soon.

OCTOFOIL WILL PRINT DIARY BY VICTOR WOJTAS WHILE A P. O. W.

Beginning in the next issue of The Octofoil will be printed one of the most outstanding documents of its kind ever to be published in a veterans' newspaper.

Victor J. Wojtas 1729 N. Wood St., Chicago, Ill., compiled one of the most complete diaries anyone could imagine from the day he hit that African coastline until liberated by Russian troops in a German prison.

Wojtas wrote into his diary the prayers he offered for having had his life spared. Imaginary letters to his mother are sprinkled throughout the book; similar letters to his girl friend. Poems by himself and fellow prisoners that are literary gems, liven the con-

tents of this outstanding piece of literature.

Many cold-blooded atrocities committed by Nazi guards are outlined by Wojtas. Although he admits in the diary he is afraid to enumerate too many of these atrocious acts on the part of his Nazi captors, because of the possibility one of them might get possession of the diary.

A chronological list of buddies who were fellow prisoners, and their American addresses is made a part of the diary.

Starvation faced Wojtas and his fellow prisoners constantly. To keep his mind off of food or the lack of it, Wojtas began a bookkeeping system of how many cooties he found on his body from day to day.

He kept tab on the allied raids over Berlin until they became so regular it was hard to tell when one raid was over and another had started.

Don't miss one word of this unbelievable diary record. Because of its length it is quite possible The Octofoil will have to print its contents serially, probably making it stretch over the next three issues. Anyone who can read of Wojtas' and his buddies' trials and tribulations and fail to both cry and hate with everything that is in you, must be constructed with a heart of stone.

Victor J. Wojtas closes his letter by saying, "Wishing all the men in the Association the best of luck and health."

Watch for the next issue.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

DEAD-AIM SHOT

Notice in a rural weekly newspaper: "Anyone found near my chicken house at night will be found there next morning."

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

Please send me two sets of the records. One of my buddies could not make it this year and after hearing me talk he wants a set badly.

My address is

GEORGE E. KOPAC, 619 Remaley Ave., Springdale, Pa.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

Dick Blaylock Writes From Richmond, Va.

Dear Editor: I have been wanting to write to you for a long time. I am sorry I haven't been able to attend the last two reunions. Due to the death of my father in July of 1946 I was unable to attend the first one. I wanted to attend the past one but was working at a job that I had not been on very long and I did not want to ask off so soon. I am planning on attending the next Reunion.

I am working in a wholesale and retail plumbing warehouse. It is a very interesting job and I like it a lot.

MARRIED IN 1945

I have been happily married since 26th of June, 1945. Our first child died while being born. But my wife and I both hope for a better break next time.

I certainly would like to hear from some of my pals in Service Co., 47th.

Has a Chapter been started in Virginia yet? If so, please let me know as I would like to join.

Very truly yours,

RICHARD N. BLAYLOCK,

518 N. 25th St., Richmond, Va.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

Gold Star Mother Says The Octofoil Is Tops

Dear Sir: Please consider this as an order for two sets of the records of the beautiful Memorial Services held at the Reunion on June 13. It was a very beautiful tribute to our beloved sons who did not return, and an inspiration to the ones who did.

May you enjoy many more happy reunions and God's blessings be with you always.

Thanks very much for the recent issue of The Octofoil. I enjoy reading it.

Very sincerely,

MRS. GRACE HALL, President, Columbus Chapter No. 1.

The red, white and green portion of the insignia depicts the unit's campaigns in the Mexican War.

—Photo of 60th insignia obtained through courtesy of Wilton Taylor, Taft, Calif.

of the American Army in France."

After being in France for two months with little activity, they literally ate up their training and chaffed for action. What were they waiting for, anyway? Why didn't something happen?

On August 22, 1918, something did. On that day, the regiment got a new commander, Colonel Frank B. Hawkins, who was to remain in command until the outfit returned to the United States. No sooner had Colonel Hawkins stepped into his new job than the regiment started hiking to the vital St. Mihiel sector. By Septem-

FROM WOLTERS TO BRAGG



These boys were buddies from the days of basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, through battle together. Left to right: Pvt. James Miller, Hdq. Co., 2nd Bn., 60th, of Kentucky (killed in Normandy); Pfc. Wilton M. Taylor, Co. M, 47th Inf., and Pvt. Paul Glendinning, Hobbs, Ind., Hdq. Co. Clerk, Hdq. Co., 2nd Bn., 47th. Picture taken in 1942 at Fayetteville, N. C.

MORE "FRUIT SALAD" BEING SERVED

READ THESE 'SHORTIES,' AND THEN SIT DOWN, WRITE A LETTER; HELP LOCATE A BUDDY OR CONSOLE SOME RELATIVE

Davide Wiener, New York, Continues a Big Help to The Octofoil and the Next-of-Kin; Association Needs a Lot More Just Like Dave.

LOOKING FOR SAVAGE

Mr. Frank R. Scherman, 1712 Ashland Ave., St. Paul, Minn., brother of Pfc. Joseph P. Scherman, who served with Co. F, 60th Infantry, and was killed in action December 10, 1944, is trying to locate the present address of former S/Sgt. "Doc" Savage, who was Supply Sergeant for Co. "F." If any of The Octofoil readers can furnish the address, or any of the readers knew Joseph, please contact Mr. Scherman at the address given above.

HERMAN L. KERLEY'S MOTHER WRITES

Mrs. Dora Kerley, Big Sandy, W. Va., mother of Herman L. Kerley, formerly of Co. I, 39th Infantry, would like to contact anyone who can give her any information concerning the capture and death of her son. She states that her son was held prisoner of war by the Germans at Stalag XII A and later moved to Stalag III-C. There he was wounded in the liberation of the 31st of January, 1945, and died of wounds February 1, 1945.

MOTHER ASKS FOR HELP

Mrs. Kathryn Rykola, East Lake, Michigan, would like to contact anyone who knew her son, Lt. Stanley Rykola, who was a for-

ward observer and was killed near Roer River, Herborn, Germany, on February 5, 1945. She particularly wants to contact a former Cpl. Blansit of Battery A. 26th F. A.

CO. H, 60TH INFANTRY

Anyone who knew S/Sgt. Lenn D. McRae, killed July 18, 1944, in France, should write B. J. McRae, 911 Louise Ave., Charlotte 4, N. C.

CO. C., 60TH INFANTRY

Pfc. Warren F. McHone was wounded March 1, 1945, and died March 4 in 102nd Evacuation Hospital in Germany. Confusing reports make me believe he could still be hospitalized with amnesia. Write Mrs. Warren F. McHone, Rt. 1, Roaring River, N. C.

CO. D, 60TH INFANTRY

Pfc. Alvin G. Ream, killed April 18, 1945 in Western Germany. Anyone who knew Ream, please write Edgar Ream, Rt. 1, Confluence, Pa.

CO. A, 60TH INFANTRY

Second Lt. Richard V. Breininger, killed July 10, 1944, in Normandy; buried in U. S. Military Cemetery No. 2 at St. Mere Eglise, France. Please write Mrs. Pearl B. Breininger, 235 Enterprise St., Bryan, Ohio.

J. A. NUNN SENDS SOME SWELL SHOTS

Excerpts from a very nice letter written by J. O. Nunn from way out in Oregon are self-explanatory:

Dear Sirs: Enclosed are a few pictures taken with Hq. and Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 47th Inf. I hope they can be of some use to you.

I missed a few copies of The Octofoil but they have been coming through good lately. I am too far away from headquarters and the Association meetings, so the paper is my only connection.

TAKING A "BREAK" ???



Nunn says this was the race across Belgium, but these three guys from Co. D, 47th, "marked time" when they contacted these gals. Pictures hardly ever lie.

We are anxious to get the Division History.

There are only three of us in Oregon from the old Ninth, Lt. Col. James Allgood (Dallals), Sgt. Frank Cowan (Portland), and myself. Three hundred miles north in Seattle is Captain E. H. Torhelson and Sgt. James O'Keefe—but hardly enough for a Chapter. If there are any other boys in Oregon let's get together.

Keep the Association and The Octofoil going full blast.

J. O. NUNN,
Formerly Hq. Co. 1st Bn., 47th.
Box 44, Scio, Oregon.
Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

PAT DUNNAHOO TAKING A EUROPEAN BICYCLE RIDE

The Octofoil is in receipt of a letter from Patrick Dunnahoo, now attending Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., in which Pat outlines his plans for a tour of the area covered by the Ninth Division during combat days after the Division crossed the Channel.

His plans are to prepare news stories concerning the changes made since V-E day, the natives' attitude and a survey of conditions in general.

He is also compiling a list of various persons' names and places ex-G. I.s have asked him to call on while on his extraordinary tour.

The Octofoil is desirous of hearing from the membership to ascertain whether they would be interested in having a series of Dunnahoo's travel articles run in The Octofoil.

A small fee to help him defray his expenses on this jaunt will be made to publications subscribing for the stories. If a sufficient number of the Ninth Infantry Division Association members manifest an interest or desire these articles of Dunnahoo's be printed in The Octofoil, then the matter will be discussed at the mid-September meeting of the Board of Governors for authority to reach some kin of agreement of the globe-pedaling writer.

for the benefit of those who were unable to attend.

You Pittsburgh guys will be expected to send The Octofoil a long report for the next issue to make up for playing "hookey" this time.

WAR DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR ADVISES MEDALS WILL BE AVAILABLE BY 15 AUGUST, 1947.

APPLICATIONS MAY BE MADE BY LETTER OR BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT ANY SPECIFICALLY ANNOUNCED OFFICE OF NEAREST ARMY POST.

The War Department has issued Circular No. 163 giving details about the issue of World War II Victory Medal and American Defense Service Medal with foreign service clasps and Bronze Service Stars.

General distribution of the American Defense Service Medal and the World War II Victory Medal to eligible veterans will begin about August 15, 1947, according to information furnished The Octofoil by Brig. Gen. George W. Smythe.

Distribution will be made to veterans and eligible next of kin from local distribution centers. All local Army distribution depots will be prepared to take care of applications by August 15.

The American Defense Medal is for those who served between September 8, 1939, and December 7, 1941, inclusive.

The World War II Victory Medal is for active service between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, inclusive.

No service medal will be awarded to any individual who has been dismissed, dishonorably discharged, or deserted subsequent to performance of the specified duty.

FOREIGN SERVICE CLASP

The clasp is a bronze bar . . . with the words "Foreign Service." . . . The bar is placed on the suspension ribbon of the medal.

SERVICE STAR

Possession of a foreign service clasp is denoted by a bronze service star worn on the service ribbon.

SHOW DISCHARGE

Each individual who applies in person will present his original discharge certificate, certificate in lieu of lost or destroyed discharge certificate, certificate of service, or other adequate War Department authenticated statement of service.

APPLY BY LETTER

Ex-Army personnel and the next of kin of ex-Army personnel who have died since their discharge from the service, may make application for these medals by mail to any distribution point. Letters of application must be accompanied by a photostatic or notarized copy of either the discharge certificate, certificate in lieu of lost or destroyed discharge certificate, certificate of service, or other adequate War Department authenticated statement of service. Be sure your permanent return address is plainly written.

DISTRIBUTION DEPOTS

Schenectady General Depot, U. S. Army, Schenectady, N. Y.—First Army.

Columbus General Depot, U. S. Army, Columbus 15, Ohio—Second and Fifth Armies, less states of Colorado and Wyoming.

Atlanta General Depot, U. S. Army, Atlanta, Ga.—Third Army. San Antonio General Depot, U. S. Army, Grayson Street Depot, San Antonio 8, Texas—Fourth Army.

Utah General Depot, U. S. Army, Ogden, Utah—Sixth Army, plus states of Colorado and Wyoming.

STILL IN SERVICE

Military personnel on active duty entitled to these medals will obtain them through normal sup-

ply channels of the unit to which assigned.

Section IV, WD Circular 242, 1946, permits the following veterans' organizations to receive and act upon applications for medals:

Grand Army of the Republic.
Veterans of Foreign Wars.
American Legion.
United States Blind Veterans of World War.
Disabled American Veterans.
Catholic War Veterans, Inc.
Jewish War Veterans of the United States.
National Society—Army of the Philippines.
The Disabled Emergency Officers of the World Wars.
The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Inc.
United Indian War Veterans, U. S. A.

Army and Navy Union.
United Spanish War Veterans.
Fleet Reserve Reservation.
Military Order of the World Wars.

Regular Veterans Association.
Marine Corps League.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

George Selkirk Is Just Like Lot More Guys; Puts Off Writing Us

Mrs. Rose Contant Seeking Some Information About Her Son, George B. Mickl, Co. C, 60th.

Gentlemen: You will find enclosed a clipping from The Buffalo Evening News which appeared some time in December, 1945. My wife sent it to me while I was overseas and after I had left the 60th. However, I wrote Mrs. Contant recently and suggested she contact The Octofoil. All this after reading The paper. (Yes, I have paid for it!)

I never knew her son that I can recall, but I was second battalion surgeon on the date mentioned and can remember on that date the 60th took Dresborn, Germany.

Sincerely,
GEORGE H. SELKIRK, M.D.,
256 North St., Buffalo, N. Y.

The clipping:
Attention of soldiers: We would greatly appreciate any information pertaining to our son who killed in Germany Feb. 3, 1945. He was with the 60th Infantry, Co. G, and the name is George B. Mickl, Number 42116803. If there is any serviceman who would know any details concerning our son we would be very grateful if you would get in touch with us at 288 Davidson Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

MRS. ROSE CONTANT.
Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

SOUNDS LIKE G.I. LINGO

"Mother, may I have another cake?"

"Another cake what?"

"Another cake, please."

"Please what?"

"Please, mother, dear."

"Hell, no, child, you've had two already."—Exchange.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

ENGINEERS WITH TYPICAL APPETITE



The above U. S. Army Signal Corps photo taken in Thum, Germany, was sent to The Octofoil by Alex Forrest, Pittsburgh. Forrest says the men are George G. Ackerman, Maspeth, Long Island, N. Y., and John M. Cashion, Stoney Point, N. Y. who Forrest declares were "two darn good engineers."

ALEX FORREST, PITTSBURGH CHAPTER HEAD, CO-OPERATIVE WITH OCTOFOIL

Alex T. Forrest, president of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, who lives at 514 Archer St., McKeesport, Pa., doesn't intend to let the members forget the part the Engineers played in helping to make the Ninth Infantry Division's unprecedented combat record. Printed in the two columns directly above is a picture of T/4 George Ackerman, Maspeth, L. I., and Pfc. John Cashion of Stoney Point, N. Y., who Forrest says are two darn good engineers.

Not much news was forthcoming from the Pittsburgh area during the past month. With so many of the fellows taking protracted

vacations away from home, activities in many other Chapters were more or less at a standstill.

With the reopening of schools in September no doubt affairs of the different Chapters will take on more hustle and bustle. Many of the members attending school under the G.I. bill of rights have taken temporary work during the summer months and are located in communities far removed from the Chapters to which they belong.

President Forrest was one of the first members to write in for a set of the Memorial Services records in order to have it available for their early fall meeting

DO THE BOYS GET AROUND? YEAH MAN!

JAMES FEATHERSTONE MARRIES FORMER LIEUTENANT IN A.N.C.; IN SCHOOL NOW

The Octofoil is in receipt of a beautiful wedding announcement from James R. Featherstone and a picture shown in the next column of this issue of he and his mighty pretty wife. Congratulations. Featherstone's short note follows:

Dear Sirs: First, I want to say that its been swell receiving The Octofoil each month. It's about the only contact I have left with the ole 9th. And I'm very sorry I haven't been able to make it to the Reunions, but will certainly make them in the future.

In order to keep the records straight I want you know that I was recently married. Have also changed my address and am now attending Western Washington College of Education.

Mrs. Featherstone was formerly a first lieutenant in the A. N. C. at Fort Lawton, Wash.

I am anxious to hear from any of the old gang.

Sincerely,
J. R. FEATHERSTONE.
(Formerly S/Sgt., K Co., 60th, 9th Div. M. P. Platoon.)
New address: No. 7 Normal Drive Place, Bellingham, Wash.

FEATHERSTONE AND BRIDE



Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Featherstone, who were recently married in Seattle, Wash., and are now living in Bellingham, Wash.

The Announcement
Miss Kathryn E. Smith and
Mr. James R. Featherstone announce their marriage on Friday the thirteenth of June Nineteen hundred and forty-seven Seattle, Washington

At Home
after the twenty-third of June
Normal Drive Place
Apartment seven
Bellingham, Washington

SYLVAN ROSE IS A MARRIED MAN - - -

The Octofoil was glad to hear from Sylvan Rose. The photo of he and the new Mrs. Rose appearing in this issue is prima facie evidence that Sylvan knows how to pick 'em. Congratulations, Sylvan.

The short note received from the happy gent, reads, in part, as follows:

Dear Sirs: I have been reading The Octofoil and enjoy it very much, although I would like to read more about the 709th Ord. boys.

ROSE WAS MARRIED IN 1946



Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Rose, 129 State Rd., North Dartmouth, Mass.

I am sending a picture of my wife and I on our wedding day, which took place in Worcester, Mass., Sept. 2, 1946.

We were married by our Army Chaplain, Father Connors.

I am sending my home address, hoping some of my buddies who are interested will drop me a few lines.

I was in the 709th Ord., watch repairing, while in the service and now I have my own place of business at home.

Regards to all former Ninth Division men,

Sincerely,
SYLVAN ROSE,
129 State Rd., North Dartmouth Mass,

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

A DECENT LOOKING TRIO



Pictured above: Sgt. Santico, Lt. William P. Powless and who in the devil is the other Sarge? Lt. Powless is "bucking" to get back in the new 9th Division.

LISTED BELOW ARE THE SPOTS WHERE SOME OF THE "LOST AND FOUND" LADS ARE "SHACKED UP."

WHETHER THEY'RE STILL OVERSEAS OR STATESIDE RAISING A FAMILY, THE NINTH DIVISION SPIRIT CAN BE DETECTED BY EVERY WORD WRITTEN.

From 'Frisco to Maine former Ninth Division men are making good in whatever line of work they have picked to follow. Most all of them are active in their hometown veterans' organizations—the V. F. W. or Legion.

WALLS A MARRIED MAN

Harry G. Walls, Route 3, Cummings, Ga., writes that he is now married and has been busy building his home. He has completed the home now and moved in. Says he's going to take life easy.

LT. COL. INZER HEARD FROM

Lt. Col. Ray L. Inzer recently sent in \$7.00 for 1947 and 1948 dues—from Dachau, Germany. He states that he is presently assigned to the War Crimes Enclosure there.

He is very desirous of maintaining contact with other former members of the Ninth Infantry Division. His address is War Crimes Enclosure, APO 407, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

HUNT WITH VETS' ADM.

Enoch W. Hunt, 1403 Georgia Ave., West Palm Beach, Fla., formerly of Co. "L," 60th, is contact representative with the Veterans' Administration in West Palm Beach. Recently he ran into Marshall Potter (formerly 3rd Bn., 60th Inf., A&P Platoon Ldr.) who also lives in West Palm Beach.

Hunt's kind letter to The Octofoil follows, in part:

Gentlemen: You're doing a grand job with The Octofoil, and each issue is a pleasure to receive.

Seems as though each month I read about the doings of one of my old 60th Infantry friends of whom I've lost track.

Enjoyed hearing about Melvin Sjorda, whose picture appeared in the August issue of The Octofoil. He used to be in my platoon in Normandy.

Thanks again for a good job. Sincerely yours,
ENOCH W. HUNT.

POWLESS BACK FROM KOREA

William P. Powless, 408 S. Academy St., Galesburg, Ill., has just returned from Korea after 10 months. He is glad to be back and hopes to get an assignment with the new Ninth Division.

Parts of Powless' letter follows:

Sirs: Sorry I slipped up on the dues, but will stay on the beam hereafter.

I just returned from Korea after 10 months, and I am really glad to be back.

I am enclosing some snapshots taken in Germany. I believe they will be interesting to some of the fellows. Would like to hear from any of my old buddies.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM P. POWLESS.

SGT RICH IN GEORGIA

Sgt. Wendell L. Rich, Route 3, Cairo, Ga., down in old Grady County, writes that he regretted not being able to attend the last reunion—but was still overseas in the Army—but he expects to be at the next Reunion. Sgt. Rich has been back in the states for over a month, and is now at home on leave and would like to hear from some of his old friends of the 39th Infantry.

(Editor's Note: The last time The Octofoil editor was in or around Cairo, Grady County, Georgia, the country was sup-

posedly dry. Prohibitionists were in the saddle, but the bottom of every Grady County mill pond was covered with some pretty good moonshine. If properly vouched for at the boat house, a canoe ride out in mid-lake and the attendant, armed with a 5 or 6-foot pole, with a hook attached to the end, always hit pay dirt and hooked onto a gallon jug of that Grady County moonshine unsurpassed in the "kick" it furnished.)

Parts of Rich's letter follow:

Sirs: As a member of the Association, I am very sorry I couldn't attend the last Reunion, but I am still in the Army and I was overseas at the time. I still remember all the old friends in the 39th Inf. Regt., and would like to hear from some of them.

I am receiving The Octofoil and enjoy reading it.

Your comrade,
SGT. WENDELL L. RICH,
1403526.
Cairo, Ga., Rt. 3.

A BABY AT DICK SYKES

Dear Sirs: Just another member who couldn't make the Reunion, to my sorrow. A "bundle of joy" arrived at our home along about the time of the Reunion. And we KNOW our baby is absolutely "tops." But that is the way things go. Reunion right in my backyard and couldn't get to attend. But hope to make it next year.

RICHARD SYKES,
(Go. Devil, Co. B.)
1614 18th St., N. E., Canton 5, O.

Burlile Was In "Back Yard"; Missed Boat

Editor, Octofoil: What happened to the gang from "Fox" Co., 47th? Every time the postman leaves The Octofoil I look it over first for news of my old company and the boys I know. So far none of them have written, so I figured I better try to get them "on the ball."

Had a letter recently from Johnstone, "The Future Governor of Kentucky." Should anyone see this letter from the first platoon, "F" Co., tell them that Johnstone is attending law school and is married.

Anyone who knows the address of Blaine Curry please send it to me.

Although Marysville is only 31 miles from Columbus, circumstances beyond my control prevented me from attending the last Reunion. Maybe next time.

The Octofoil is a swell little paper. It's too bad we can't make it a little larger. But no matter its size just keep it coming!

I hope I have written enough to start some of that "Fox" gang to writing letters.

So long,
RAYMOND R. BURLILE,
Pfc. 47th Inf.
310 S. Main St., Marysville, O.
Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

TWO MEETINGS HELD BY D. C. GROUP; LOCAL BREWERY ANSWER TO PRAYERS

The District of Columbia Chapter has found one way to beat the high cost of rents in obtaining meeting rooms. With the co-operation of the Christian Heurich Brewing Co., bottlers of Senate beer and ale in Washington, and through the efforts of Charles Tingley, secretary of the local chapter, we were allowed to hold a meeting on 17 July in a special room used for meeting purposes at the brewery. "Free beer," pretzels and potato chips were furnished by the brewery, plus a television program on what is considered one of the finest sets in Washington.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Following the television program, Donald M. Clarke, president of the D. C. Chapter, announced the appointment of special committees designed to build the chapter's membership to a maximum. Committees announced and the chairmen's names follows:

Entertainment Committee — Salvatore Trapani.

Aid and Assistance Committee — Richard E. Cohen.

Publicity Committee — Stephen E. Grey.

Membership Committee — William E. Byrnes.

All committee chairmen were designated to pick their own members to serve with them in the carrying out of their duties.

GEN. DOYLE PRESENT

Present for this meeting was a former Division commander, Major General R. E. D. Hoyle, who is now retired and lives in nearby Alexandria, Va. General Hoyle gave an interesting talk, which concerned the "early" days at Fort Bragg.

LT. COL. FEIL ON HAND

Another "first night" was Lt. Col. Frederick C. Feil, former 47th member, and now currently in Washington on temporary duty at the Pentagon.

BIG-HEARTED WADE

Former Major Frank B. Wade of the 39th, and currently in the automobile business, announced the donation of an automobile

spotlight, of the variety "hard-to-be-found," that could be raffled off at a later meeting. Needless to say, Major Wade's offer was heartily accepted by the members present.

The regular business meeting of the D. C. Chapter was held at the V. F. W. Club in downtown Washington on July 29, at which time combat movies were shown at the close of the meeting.

The automobile spotlight previously donated by Major Wade, was raffled off and won by Charles M. Buttles, who curiously enough, does not own a car, but is now in the market. After all, if you had a \$30 spotlight, wouldn't you want a car to put it on? Or would you?

SWEET ADELIN

The meeting closed with the usual gathering at the downstairs bar of the club, but not without the announcement that the next meeting would be held on August 26, 1947, at the same time and place: V. F. W. Gold Chevron Club, 1319 "K" St., N. W., Washington, D. C. All are invited and especially out-of-towners in the area either on business or pleasure. Sal Trapani has promised another evening of entertainment.

VETS REAP REWARD WHEN GAMBLERS FORFEITED BETS

Fans at five Chicago race tracks failed to cash winning tickets that totaled \$93,809.20—but vets will not be shedding tears over it. By virtue of the law in Illinois, that money goes to the state's Veterans' Rehabilitation Fund.

NOT AS ACCURATE WHEN HE CALLS "SHOTS" NOW

Be careful about bets you make with Army pals. James C. Bradley, Detroit, wagered a G.I. crony that he would be the proud papa of a baby boy. The stork crossed him up, so Bradley had to push an English walnut a city block with his nose—this cost him a certain amount of dignity and a skinned nose.

75,000 LETTERS SENT TO NEXT-OF-KIN

Pat Canonica Wants You Wiremen to Write



Above photo that was taken several days before the gang crossed the Rhine, shows a part of the wire section of Hdq. Btry. 34th F. A. Bn. Left to right are: Miller, Jacob, Willingham, Bucca, Masters, Heinaman and Canonica.

PAT CANONICA, IN PHILLY, WANTS TO CONTACT BUDDIES

Dear Sir: I am enclosing a photo of part of the wire section of Hq. Battery, 34th F. A. Bn., 9th Division.

This picture was taken several days before crossing the Rhine River. I am anxious for the boys to get in touch with me. The boys' names from left to right are:

Miller, Jacob, Willingham, Bucca, Masters, Heinaman and Canonica.

Respectfully,
PAT CANONICA,
1911 S. 10th St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

JAMES MADDEN IS GRATEFUL FOR AID GIVEN BY OCTOFOIL

SECURES INFORMATION FOR FORMER SGT. FRANCIS QUADE.

Editor, Octofoil.

Dear Sir: I have just been handed a June issue of The Octofoil by a neighbor, David Griffith, who was a former G.I. in the 9th Division. My notice asking the address of Captain Copelman appears in the second column on page 6.

Under date of May 25 I had a letter from C. D. Kothe, 1421 H St., N. W., Washington 5, D. C., correcting the spelling of the doctor's name and his address in New Brunswick, N. J.

We called on the doctor on Saturday, June 8, and the necessary information is on file with the Veterans Administration. This information was for former Sgt. Francis Quade.

I also had a letter from a Mr. Flynn of Baltimore. Such help from magazines and papers like yours make the duties of a Service Officer pleasant!

Thanking you for this assistance and wishing all the members of the Ninth Division Association the best of luck in their future activities, I remain,

Respectfully,
JAMES H. MADDEN,
Service Officer.

P. S. We spent over one hour with Dr. Copelman while he and Francis went over the war. He is a fine man.—JHM.

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WHO'S SAFE?

A city chap was crossing a pasture. "Say, there," he shouted to the farmer, "is this bull safe?"

"Well," answered the farmer, "I reckon he's a lot safer than you are just now."

Russell Bassel Nuptial Dope Sent to Octofoil By Roger E. Marion

Editor of The Octofoil.

Dear Comrade: Here's a bit of gossip that you might include in your next issue:

BASSEL-MURRAY

The marriage of M. Russell Bassel, son of Mrs. Joel Parker, of 72 South Street, Manassquan, N. J., to Dorothy Lillie Murray, daughter of the late Lt. Col. W. G. Murray, D. S. O., and Mrs. Murray, of Twyford House, Winchester, England, took place at the Church of St. Uriel, Sea Girt, on Thursday, July 3rd.

Bassel was an original Fort Bragg-er who went right through with the Division all the way to Ingolstadt. He was with the 15th Engineers, commanded service company and was a captain.

He met the young lady while the Division was in Winchester, and probably many of the boys might know her. She was in uniformed service for seven years, although I don't know what branch. I think it was with the British Army.

An interesting sidelight concerning Bassel and myself, although we worked for the same company before going overseas, we did not know each other and first met just after crossing the Rhine where Bassel was lavish in opening Col. Gray's champagne. We are back where we started—again working for the same company.

The boys who know him that may pass this way should stop to see him. He has a nice house in Island Heights, close to Tom's River, where he has plenty of room to put up any week-enders that might stop by. Swimming is provided 200 feet from the house as well as taking advantage of the fleet which Commodore Bassel commands, a cat boat and a row boat. They should, however, bring their own liquor as Commodore Bassel is sometimes forgetful of such small details, although he will be right up front in helping to consume it.

As executive officer to the Commodore I guarantee visitors will have a good time.

Yours,
ROGER E. MARION,
8 E. Eighth St., New York City 3, N. Y.

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Jess Myers Writes a Nice Letter From P.A.

Dear Sirs: I am a member of the Association and have been ever since it was started in Germany. I'm glad to know we are progressing quite rapidly and am proud of the organization. If in any way I can help, I will try.

I receive The Octofoil, and I certainly enjoy it. Keep up the good work. I can hardly wait for the next issue.

I'm very sorry I couldn't attend the Reunion, but hope to make the next one.

I wouldn't mind hearing from some of my old friends of Co.'s L and M of the 39th.

Since I've been discharged I've made my war-time laby friend my wife, and we are getting along swell. At present I'm working in a grocery wholesale company, and getting along okay on the job.

My old address was Jesse L. Myers, R.F.D. 3, Carlisle, Pa. My new address is Rt. No. 4, Carlisle.

JESSE L. MYERS,
Rt. 4, Carlisle, Pa.

VALUABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING REMOVAL OF BODIES FROM OVERSEAS IS SUBMITTED.

GOVERNMENT WILL ASSIST IN MAKING NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR REINTERMENT OVERSEAS IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY.

When next of kin desires burial in a private cemetery overseas the Government will provide assistance in obtaining medical clearance and reinterment authority. Next of kin must arrange for burial plot.

CHANGES DUE TO DIVORCE

In cases where acceptable evidence of a decree of divorce necessitates a change of War Department records concerning which parent is the next of kin, a letter will be sent promptly to the parent who is no longer to be considered next of kin advising him or her that until such time as the War Department is furnished with a decree of a court of competent jurisdiction modifying or amending the original decree, the other parent will be considered the next of kin under the Return Program. The records of the Memorial Division will be amended accordingly at the time of dispatch of the letter indicated above.

CEMETERIES, OVERSEAS

Burial side by side in a permanent overseas military cemetery of blood relatives or husbands and wives who are eligible for permanent overseas interment, upon request of next of kin, may be permitted provided the remains are located within the same AGRS Area or Independent Zones.

No photographs, other than official War Department photographs, will be permitted to be taken during exhumation operations at temporary military cemeteries overseas, and all prints of official photographs will be classified as "restricted."

"DO NOT DISTURB"

Remains of World War II dead qualified for disposition under the provisions of Public Law 583, 79th Congress, will not be removed from their current place of temporary interment overseas outside of United States temporary military cemeteries in cases where the next of kin officially requests the War Department in writing to permit the remains to lie where currently buried, provided that the foreign government concerned does not object, and further provided that the next of kin:

(1) Releases the United States Government in writing from any further responsibility for the remains or for perpetual care and maintenance of the grave.

Waives any right to request at a later time other disposition of the remains at government expense.

"Do Not Disturb" representations by persons other than the next of kin will be disregarded.

MILITARY FUNERAL

War Department directives prescribing routines and procedures, is now being printed and will be distributed to American Graves Registration Zone of Interior and overseas installations in the early fall of 1947. When these pamphlets are available, distribution also will be made to the National Headquarters of officially recognized veterans organizations for dissemination to their subordinate units. It is contemplated that military honors required at the final interment of World War II dead will be provided to a great extent by local veterans organizations such as local posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. The spe-

cific instructions have been prepared so that each local veterans organization throughout the country may provide military honors on as uniform a basis as possible.

LETTERS OF INQUIRY

Some 75,000 letters of inquiry have been sent to next of kin, requesting information concerning disposition of remains. As of 30 June 1947, the following is a breakdown of the results:

ATLANTIC AREA

Percentage to be returned—72 per cent.

Percentage to be buried overseas—28 per cent.

NEXT OF KIN VISITS

An officer of the Memorial Division has been appointed interviewing officer for the purpose of interviewing next of kin who visit Washington seeking information relative to return of remains, identification, and other data pertaining to the remains of their loved ones.

A reception room has been set up and is located in Room 2047, Temporary "B" Building, Memorial Division, OQMG, Second and T Sts., S. W., Washington 25, D. C.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

Paul Esterle Asks Help In Trying to Find a Lost Buddy

The Octofoil, Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir: I wrote once before asking if you could trace Woodrow Duncan, 3rd Bn. gunner, 60th Infantry for me.

I have not seen this request for information in any copy since, so thought maybe it got overlooked and perhaps you'd be able to get it in the next issue of The Octofoil.

I would appreciate it a lot if you would.

Sincerely yours,
PAUL M. ESTERLE,
Formerly S/Sgt. Co. L, 60th.
996 Baird St., Akron, O.

(Editor's Note: Thanks for your patience, Paul. The Columbus, O., Octofoil office has never received any of your former requests. That was the reason the convention in June ordered all matters subject to publication be sent directly to Columbus. If there are others in the Association who have experienced the same difficulties as you, let's hope they are as tolerant as you and try again under the new set-up.)

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A BLACK-EYED MYSTERY

The atmosphere around the breakfast table was tense, but after several false starts he half-belligerently declared, "Well, I suppose you're plenty angry because I came home with this black eye last night."

"Why, not at all, dear," she answered sweetly, "You may not remember it, but when you came home last night you didn't have that black eye."

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HAVE YOU PAID '47 DUES?

INFANTRY JOURNAL SAYS 9TH "TOPS"

A Couple of "Sad Sacks" In This Picture



No wonder Sam Douglas had that sour-puss look when this picture was made. The gang had just took an inventory on how they stacked up on points, and reading from left to right—here's the score: Donovan, 96; McGrath, 110; Douglas, 80 (T.S.); Lyzo, 116; and Petre, 86.

Sam Douglas Back In P. A., Chasing Figures

Dear Comrades: I would like to congratulate you and the members of the editorial staff of The Octofoil on publishing such a fine paper. I look forward to receiving my copy monthly. I enjoy reading all the articles in it. Keep up the good work.

I regret I could not attend the Reunion in Columbus.

I am enclosing two snapshots of a couple of the old timers of Hq. 1st Bn., 39th. The photo with the trees in the background was taken in Sicily after the fall of Randazzo. (It will appear next month.)

Since leaving the 39th I have settled down at my old job as bookkeeper for the Liberty Garage here in Tamqua. Have also married.

Will be looking forward to next edition of The Octofoil. Keep up the fine work.

Very truly yours,

SAMUEL G. DOUGLAS,
32 Franklin St., Tamqua, Pa.
Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

"MOM" WON'T LET HER "KID'S" DUES GET WAY BEHIND

What this Association needs is more moms like Harold R. McAfee's ever thoughtful and big-hearted mom. Her letter is self-explanatory:

Dear Sirs:—Please find enclosed a money order for \$3.50 for membership dues for my son. Recently I asked him if he had paid his dues and he answered, "No mom, and I am so sorry."

My son was married last October 6th. He has a wonderful mate. They bought half interest in a 160-acre farm near Plymouth, Ind. He has a large obligation to meet, so I want to take care of his membership dues. He is on a dairy farm milking 16 Guernsey cows, and have 10 brood sows. He is doing just what he always was desirous of doing.

He has been wondering if he wouldn't soon get his Division history.

Yours truly,

MRS. WOODIE SLABAUGH,
P. S.: Harold's new address is: Harold R. McAfee, Rt. No. 2, Plymouth, Ind.

(Editor's Note: The Histories should be in the mail by November 1, and it will be a 400-page 3-color job to be proud to own.)

Director of Veterans' Services Seeking 26th Field Artillery Fellows

Joseph A. McKenzie, former 26th F. A. member, and now director of Veterans' Services for the City of Waltham, Mass., made an appeal recently for help in locating former members of this outfit. While the Association offices in Washington were able to help in the majority of names furnished to them, many more remain to be located, and it is hoped that somewhere among our reading public there will be someone who can help with an address. If you can, write directly to Joseph McKenzie, Director of Veterans' Services, Waltham, Mass.

Following are the names of the men he is trying to locate:

Frank Grutzius, Burnal Lareau, Warren Estep, Roy Foster, Travis G. Seymour, Richard M. Hill, Lorey K. Bland, Keson Nosek, William Hyatt, Allan Grubb, Manny

PUBLICATION SAYS "NINTH WAS OUTSTANDING FROM ITS FIRST BATTLE IN AFRICA ON OUT."

CAPTAIN WARWICK STABLER, ONE OF THE FIRST DIVISION "BOYS" ADMITS THEY WERE NEVER AFRAID WHEN IT WAS KNOWN THE NINTH WAS NEARBY.

Jim Ciluffe, former Co. C, 47th sergeant, takes the Infantry Journal to task for ignoring the "Best Division" in the U. S. Army. Ciluffe's straight from the shoulder "gripe" gets results as evidenced by the articles that followed his complaint.

To the Editors of Infantry Journal:

I am sending you \$3.00 for the Infantry Journal. I was a sergeant with Company C, 47th Infantry, 9th Division. I have read a number of your books. My Division was famous on foreign soil, but in your books I have never seen anything of the 9th Division, which was on the job in Europe until very recently. Some of the fellows asked me to write you this. If there is any doubt about the 9th you can ask boys from the 1st Division, because we fought side by side with them from Africa to Germany.

JIM CILUFFE.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 A DAY LONG TO BE REMEMBERED BY COLUMBUS GANG

Fried Chicken Dished Up At the Pestel Ranch By the Tub—Foamy Suds Aplenty for Everybody. . . . Following Week Attend Gold Star Mothers Meeting.

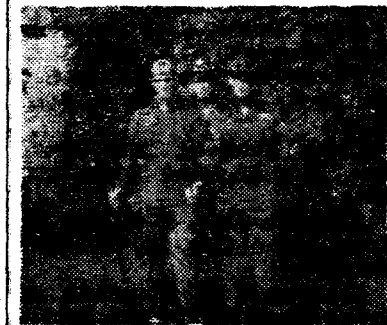
At 2 p. m. sharp, Sunday, August 3, members of the Columbus Chapter, Ninth Infantry Division Association, began barging in on the Pestel Ranch, located on Dyer Road, some eight or ten miles out of the city limits.

The reason for all this was Richard Pestel, newly elected vice-president of the Columbus Chapter and chairman of the Entertainment Committee, had sent out postal cards to all the members inviting them to be his guest at his mother's farm home on that date.

Dick, his two brothers, Bob and Emery, with the help of a co-operative brother-in-law, had stocked several outhouses with enough beer to float a battleship—the Pestel women—the boys' wives—their mother and sister plus most all the neighboring farm women had been frying chicken for this gang since day break of this memorable day.

"Favors" were arranged to be given all the guests. Hidden away

FIRE AT "WILL" WHO ???



Emery Pestel, Robert Pestel, and Richard Pestel—the "firing squad" for Columbus Chapter, Ninth Inf. Division Assn.

within the "favors" were notes instructing the receiver of some "chore" he was supposed to do.

MOORE CHASED BY GOAT

After locking Glenn Moore, Chapter president, up in a pen with a "ferocious" billy goat—the onlookers learned beyond any reasonable doubt that Moore was still in shape to do a little double-timing.

DOWNY IN HAY LOFT

Captain Billy R. Downey, former 39th man, now stationed at Fort Hayes, Columbus, was es-

corted to the hayloft and after removal of the ladder, the captain was forced to make a parachute jump sans a parachute. Such as this went on with everyone clutching a beer bottle in each hand until darkness overcame the crowd and lanterns were hung from the trees.

RETREAT

Along about 5 p. m. the Pestel boys mysteriously disappeared . . . suddenly reappearing in full army uniform, right shouldering some queer looking firing pieces, sawed off shotguns, muzzle-loading shotguns and B-B rifles. Captain Downey gave the firing order and once again former Ninth Division men were standing at attention "retreat."

PRESENT GOLD STAR MOTHERS WITH RECORDS

On Friday night, August 8, a committee from Columbus Chapter, composed of President Glenn O. Moore, Vice President Richard Pestel, Richard Schumann, Pearl Nickle, Paul S. Plunkett and Captain Billy R. Downey, attended a meeting of the Gold Star Mothers, Inc., Chapter No. 1. Plunkett was introduced to the distinguished ladies by Mrs. Grace Hall, the very charming president of this group of Gold Star Mothers. After paying his respects to all Gold Star Mothers, Plunkett introduced the members of the committee, and asked Captain Downey to make a few remarks. In a few, well chosen words Captain Downey definitely established himself in the good graces of the Gold Star Mothers. Captain Downey then introduced President Moore, who, in turn made the Gold Star Mothers a present of the Memorial Day records. When Dick Pestel rigged up the record playing machine and started playing the impressive recordings handkerchiefs rubbing the mothers' eyes was the rule rather than the exception.

Plans were made to meet again with the Gold Star Mothers some time in September, at which time moving pictures of Reunion scenes will be shown—and one of the local mayoralty candidates will present the Gold Star Mothers with a beautiful American flag.

(There is no doubt about the 9th. It was an outstanding division from its first battle in Africa on. It has a glorious record. We were not always able during the war to get all the material we wanted on every division. There is a fine history of the Ninth Division in preparation and we shall have news of it later.—Infantry Journal Editor's comments.)

To the Editors of Infantry Journal:

I read with poignant interest the letter from Sergeant Luis Ciluffe, formerly of C Co., 47th Infantry, Ninth Division, in the March issue.

His words: "If there was any doubt about the Ninth, you can ask boys of the First Division"—are the cause of this letter.

As one of the ex "boys" of the First I want to say to Sergeant Ciluffe that we thought more of the Ninth than any other outfit except our own. There is no doubt about the Ninth, it was a damn fine outfit.

Once during a critical and unpleasant phase of the Western European campaign, the First and Ninth were on line in the same sector, separated by two relatively green U. S. divisions. The 9th faced east and the First faced south in such a way that their exterior boundaries crossed somewhat behind the rear boundaries of the two divisions. Noting this on the situation map, a battalion operations sergeant of the 16th Infantry, First Division, summed up nicely, the relationship. He said, "Hey, Captain, get a load of this. They've crossed the First and Ninth boundaries to keep those two new outfits from pulling feet."

CAPT. WARWICK B. STAHLER,
Assistant Military Attache,
American Embassy,
Madrid, Spain.

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HOMESICK G.I.

The regiment was trekking through the desert; it was arid and parched and not a drop of water was to be found. One recruit sat sadly on a stone, his head in his hands.

"What's the matter with him?" asked the sergeant.

"Homesickness," said Private Smith.

"We've all got that."

"Yes, but his is worse than for most of us—his father owns a saloon!"

SILVER STAR FOR LT. COL. FRED FEIL

"SOUND OFF" THERE JOE --- YOU KNOW WHERE SOME OF THESE GUYS ARE ---

PAGING MAUER AND BROWN

Clyde DeLong, 1709 Frank Road, Grove City, O., wants to get in touch with Theodore Ell Maurer, somewhere in Upstate, New York. He also wants to hear from Raymond J. Brown, somewhere in the state of Colorado.

WHERE'S DASHNAW

Major. William Rhett Taber, A. E. C. Sec., Acad. Dept., the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga., wants the present address of former Sgt. Alfred Dashnaw.

LOOKING FOR LORD

Sir: In the past year since my separation from the Army I have tried unsuccessfully to establish contact with a former member of my old company. On a previous occasion I was successful in locating another man through The Octofoil and hope you might be able to assist me again.

If possible I would like to have the address of former

William Lord (Pfc.?)

Co. B, 39th Inf.

Ninth Division

The only other information that I have is that he is from Florida.

Thanking you for any assistance you may be able to offer I am

Yours respectfully,

H. J. EICHEL,
725 Heck Ave., Dayton 8, Ohio.

WHERE'S JOE GREANEU?

David E. Clare, 200 Montclair Ave., Newark 4, N. J., formerly of K Co., 60th Infantry, wants the

address of Joe Greaneau of Michigan, who was originally with the 34th Field and later transferred to Co. K, 60th.

WANTS TO FIND SGT. FOX

William Otto, Jr., 2030 W. National Ave., Milwaukee, Wis., formerly T/Sgt. of Co. K, 60th, would like to hear more news of the Second Platoon, Co. K, 60th—and is trying to locate the addresses of Sgt. Fox and First Lt. Seeger. Who can help on this score?

CAPTAIN JOHNSON, FRONT AND CENTER

Fred A. Herrin, 133-09 121st St., South Ozone Park, New York, formerly S/Sgt., 60th, desires the address of Captain Johnson, who formerly served with Co. F, 60th, in England, and moved with the outfit in the invasion of France. Contact Fred if you know the address of Captain Johnson or if you can furnish he first name of the Captain.

DONALD FRAILY SOUGHT

Bill Cairnes, Route 1, Canton, N. C., wants to hear from any of the boys in Company C, 60th Infantry, especially Donald Fraily of New York.

WHERE'S "DOC" BOYKIN?

Charles O. Tingley, secretary of the District of Columbia Chapter, would like to learn the whereabouts of Major "Doc" Boykin, formerly Division Headquarters Medical Officer. If you can help, drop Tingley a line at 733 Easley St., Silver Springs, Maryland.

MEMORIAL SERVICES RECORDS TO BE MADE HEREAFTER BY NINTH DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

The Columbus Convention Committee has never given up the fight to work out some kind of arrangement whereby each and every member of the Association will be able to obtain a set of records that were made from recordings of the parade and Memorial Services held in Columbus Friday, June 13th.

As previously conveyed to the membership, the Committee felt the \$6 fee was a bit high—no other alternative was available since it was considered unwise to guarantee many hundreds of the records in order to get a cheaper price.

Two members of the Columbus Chapter decided to do a little experimenting. Richard Schumann, Columbus member and a G.I. student in the School of Engineering at Ohio State University decided to put a little of his engineering knowledge to practical use.

Securing several blank records for the recordings, Schumann rigged up a rather impressive looking mechanical device and began making records of the inspiring Memorial Services.

Pearl Nickle, another member of the Columbus Chapter, is helping Schumann to make the records. The results of these two ambitious lads was even better than the most optimistic observers had predicted.

However, after taking into consideration the cost of the blank records, needles, shipping carton and postage, it was decided the best price these 9th boys could make would be \$5 a set—but at that it is saving \$1 to the membership on the purchase of each set.

SOME HAVE PAID \$6

Quite a number of members have sent in \$6 for the recordings.

Their money and addresses were given to the original manufacturer.

It has been called to The Octofoil's attention that considerable misunderstanding might develop now should the committee give to future buyers of the records a set for \$5 after having charged \$6 to those who sent in their orders before these two mechanical wizards were uncovered. The committee can not reimburse the \$1 difference to those who have paid the \$6 since a different individual has been making the records than the two who will carry on hereafter—and there is no reason to penalize the rest of the members desiring records just because a few "first nighters" were charged the \$6. Certainly there's no member of the Association who will look at the situation fairly decide how the committee could act other than switch its patronage to the one giving the best price—and especially since the one giving the lower price of \$5 per set is a member of the Association.

It should be remembered these records are what the technicians call instantaneous reproductions, and they last much longer and give much more satisfactory service if played on the modern electrically operated phonographs. All manufacturers contacted by the committee have volunteered this information.

These records are most beautiful, and anyone else desiring a set should mail \$5 directly to The Octofoil, 337 S. High St., Room 318, Columbus, Ohio. (The Convention Committee asks for a settlement with the Board of Governors and to be discharged.)

MRS. G. C. JUSTUS, IS APPRECIATIVE OF 9TH BOY'S RESPECT

Dick Pestel Remembered Her Address from Having Mailed Letters for Her Son.

Taking a "shot in the dark" that his letter would reach its destination, Dick Pestel, formerly of the 47th Regt. sat down and wrote a letter to the mother of a buddy he left "over there." Pestel remembered having addressed a letter to Mrs. G. C. Justus, Box 601, DeQuincy, La., for Cleyton Justus, while they were overseas, just before Cleyton was killed.

Parts of Mrs. Justus' letter is as follows:

Richard Pestel,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Boy:

Received your nice letter. Was surprised when I saw it was from a buddy of my son Cleyton (Grover Cleyton).

We are sad because he was one of the Ninth boys who didn't get back to enjoy meeting his buddies at the reunions. I certainly appreciate you remembering him and your thoughtfulness in writing to me.

It's hard not to think that some day he will come back to me. However, I half expected to hear of any of my boys being killed. Cleyton's brother, you met in England, is still in the service; he is in Japan; and my younger son reenlisted after being home one year.

Cleyton is now in an American cemetery in France, Ste. Mere Eglise No. 2, Plot A, Row 3, Grave 45. He will be shipped home very soon, we hope.

Thanking you again for your kind and sympathetic words. With best wishes to you Ninth Division boys, I remain,

Sincerely,

MRS. G. C. JUSTUS.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

THE NEW YORK BOYS ARE BUSY

The last meeting of the New York Chapter was held on June 27, 1947, at the Hotel Woodstock, 43rd St., New York City.

Election of Chapter officers and Board of Governors was held at this meeting. Members of the Board of Governors are as follows:

Harry Wax, 6221 23rd Ave., Brooklyn (39th Inf.)

James Bruno, 3900 Graystone Ave., Riverdale, N. Y. (39th Inf.)

Vincent Guglielmino, 89-19 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, N. Y. (47th Inf.)

Irving Feinberg, 1342 Fetley Ave., Box 60, New York (47th Inf.)

Albert Bruchac, 42-05 27th St., Long Island City, N. Y. (60th Inf.)

Dr. Harold C. Sternlicht, 22 Irving Place, N. Y. (60th Inf.)

Calvin Polivy, 1875 University Ave., New York City (Div. Art.)

Edward Winch, 118-08 97th Ave., Richmond Hill, N. Y. (Div. Art.)

George A. Whitney, 415 W. 141th St., New York City 31, New York (Sp. Trp.)

Dr. H. Seslowe, 439 Brooklyn Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. (Sp. Trp.)

Father Anthony DeLaura, Westbury, L. I., N. Y. (39th Inf.)

OFFICERS ELECTED

Officers of the New York Chapter were elected as follows:

President—Calvin Polivy, 1875 University Ave., New York City.

First Vice President—James Bruno, 3900 Graystone Ave., Riverdale, N. Y.

Second Vice President—Philip

AWARD MADE IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICES WITH THE 47TH ON NOV. 8, 1942, AT SAFI.

NOW A MEMBER OF D. C. CHAPTER AND WELL-LIKED BY THE GANG, ACCORDING TO DOPE RECEIVED AT THE OCTOFOIL OFFICE.

Lieut. Col. Frederick C. Feil of Philadelphia was presented the Silver Star Medal on Wednesday, July 23, by Major General Manton S. Eddy, former Commanding General, Ninth Infantry Division, in ceremonies at the Pentagon.

The award was made in recognition of Colonel Feil's services with the 47th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, on November 8, 1942, at Safi, French Morocco. Colonel Feil was in command of the 1st Battalion, which made an assault landing on the beaches of Safi. "Colonel Feil's courage, initiative and gallant leadership," the citation states, contributed materially to the success of his battalion landing team in quickly capturing and successfully defending all its objectives. His conduct was an inspiration to all who observed it.

FIVE YEARS WITH DIVISION

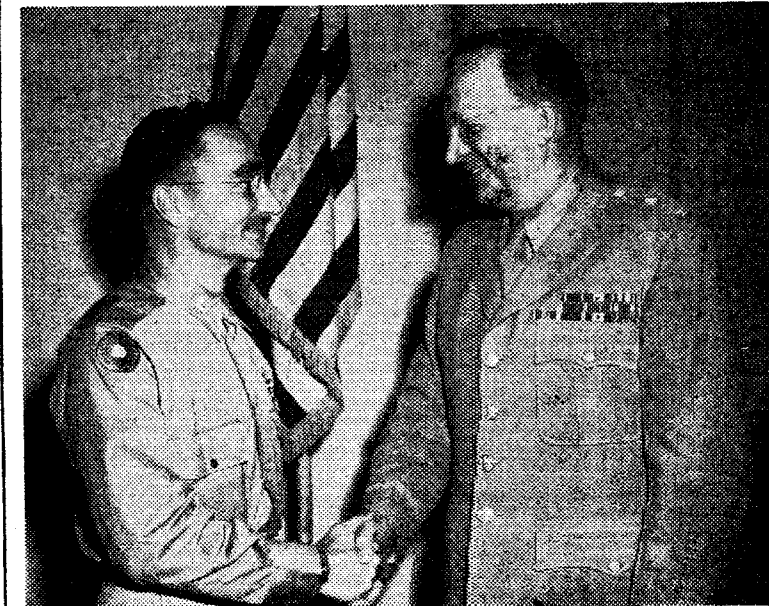
Colonel Feil served with the 9th Infantry Division from April, 1942, until January, 1947, and participated in the campaigns of

Algeria-French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Andennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He has previously been decorated with the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Belgian and French Croix de Guerre, and the Belgian Fourragere.

At present Colonel Feil is assigned to Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, as G-2 Liaison Officer with the War Department.

A native of Philadelphia, Colonel Feil now resides at Fort Myer, Va. His mother, Mrs. William F. Feil, resides at Sedgwick and McCallum St., Philadelphia. His son, Frederick, Jr., also resides in Philadelphia, with his mother.

Lieut. Col. Frederick C. Feil Accepts Silver Star In Pentagon Ceremony



Lt. Col. Frederick C. Feil (left) is congratulated by Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, his former Commanding General in the Ninth Infantry Division, on being awarded the Silver Star Medal. The ceremonies took place in the Pentagon.

Ortoff, 41-15 46th St., Sunnyside, L. I., N. Y.

Treasurer—Marvin Etra, 198 Franklin Ave., Malverne, L. I., N. Y.

Secretary—Jordan Bierman, 256 E. 37th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Assistant Secretary—George Grossman, 5 Anderson St., New Rochelle, N. Y.

ARRANGE FOR DANCE

Other business taken up at this meeting was the first annual dance which has been arranged to be held at the Capitol Hotel, 51st St. and 8th Ave., on Saturday night, October 4. Tickets are now available. Contact any of the officers or members of the Board of Governors.

Also discussed with very keen interest was the convention report given to the New York Chapter members by those who attended the convention.

Father Anthony DeLaura was, by unanimous resolution, appointed honorary member of the Board of Governors and Chapter Chaplain.

CALVIN POLIVY, President.

BRUCHAC WRITES

Albert E. Bruchac, newly elected member of the national Board of Governors writes:

The New York Board of Governors has met about five times since the election after the convention.

It looks like a very good year in the offing. I personally feel that the National Organization is going to get more cooperation from the New York Chapter than from any other Chapter in the country. We have some real men in this New York Chapter. I think the selection of the next Convention city was a wise selection because the bulk of our members come from this part of the country. All of these observations are my own and I don't want anyone thinking that I am attempting to speak for the New York group as I'm not entitled to do so.

I can assure you that I will at all times do my best to help the Association and if ever I step out of line don't hesitate in letting me know. I can take it as well as try to hand it out.

AL BRUCHAC.