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THE OCTOFOIL

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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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WASHINGTON (13), D. C. (P. O. Box 1704)

NOVEMBER, 1947

MANHATTAN GANG HAVE RIGHT TO CROW

COL. JOHN G. VAN HOUTEN SENDS OCTOFOIL INTERESTING PAPERS

For the past several months requests have come to The Octofoil for overseas editions of the Go-Devs, Raiders AAA-O News, etc. These requests come mostly from members who were sent stateside shortly after Normandy.

Thanks to Col. John Van Houten The Octofoil now has at least one copy of practically every edition of the three papers that were printed overseas.

Efforts will be made to reprint some outstanding feature story from an issue of these overseas papers each month.

The reprinted article used this month is from the Sept. 28, 1945 issue of AAA-O News, and has a 5-column front page streamer head:

NEW REGIMENTAL ZONE INCREASED

Acquired by the 39th today were three additional Landkreise, according to Colonel Van H. Bond, CO of the 39th Infantry Regiment. Occupational duties for members of the Regiment have been increased. In addition to the areas of Traunstein and Laufen, the AAA-O Regiment will also occupy Rosenheim, Miesbach and Bad Aibling.

2,500 SQUARE MILES

Comprising more than 2,500 square miles, the new location of the Regiment in Southeastern Germany is the largest area assigned thus far that the 39th has had the responsibility for keeping clear of "die-hards of the new order."

SECOND BN. MOVE OUT

The Second Bn. moved out today to occupy the Landkreis of red Laufen, and it is expected that the First Bn. will move within the next few days. At the present time Miesbach, proposed location of Special Units, is occupied by the 17th Field Artillery Bn., which



COLONEL JOHN VAN HOUTEN

is expected to move to a staging area within the next few days. Degerndorf at present occupied by the 976th Field Artillery Bn., is another town soon to be taken over by the 39th. Feldkirchen, which is now being occupied by the 194th Field Artillery Bn., will also be vacated in the very near future.

Stretching from the eastern part of Munich to the borders of Austria, this new territory embraces more land than ever before occupied by the Regiment.

SHIFT SCENES

The Third Bn., which moved to Traunstein last week, and which has been presently occupying all of the area that the Regiment will soon move to, is scheduled to remain in that town. As mentioned previously, the Second Bn. will occupy Laufen, while the First Bn. and Special Units will move to one of the recently acquired towns.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

Do You Have "Cut" of Yourself or Buddy? Another Future WAC At the Wade Home

The cost of processing photographs into newspaper cuts suitable for printing in The Octofoil has increased just about 33 1-3% during the past few months. The Octofoil is operating on a tremendous deficit and has been forced to cut down on the number of cuts used in the paper. This is regrettable. These pictures bring back more memories than hundreds of printed words could ever hope to.

With the thought in mind that maybe some of our members have newspaper cuts of themselves, their wives and babies or maybe are in position to get some particular picture processed for use in The Octofoil this notice is being printed. If such is the case, any of the members who send in their cuts for publication can be assured they will be returned just as quickly as possible after being used in The Octofoil.

Just a few hours after the last issue of The Octofoil went to press along comes a telegram, then an air mail letter, and the next day a penny postal card—signed Frank Wade, all of which read in effect: "Hold up Octofoil. If too late make a special edition. A future WAC come into this world on 6 Sept. 1947, at the Doctors' Hospital in Washington, D. C. She is the new addition to the Frank Wade, Port Tobacco, Maryland, family, and will be named Lida Elizabeth."

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations from The Octofoil to both Frank and Elizabeth Wade. Bring little Lizzie to Philly. Rigby's committee has arranged for some baby sitters—so don't let Frank keep you away because of the youngster, Elizabeth.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

ARCH SOUTAR IS ENJOYING P.O.W. DIARY OF VIC'S

Dear Sir: You're doing a swell job with The OCTOFOIL and I enjoy it immensely and await its arrival each month. Inasmuch as I do a bit of scribbling outside regular newspaper hours I appreciate the sacrifice in time and leisure. Thanks for keeping the Old Ninth alive with us.

WANTS TO HELP MOTHER

Now that the cream job is over I'd like a few lines in some issue of "The OCTOFOIL" to see if some Joe can't come forward with a bit of information for a distressed mother. In behalf of Mrs. William M. Spears I am seeking information—any information—concerning Lieut. William M. Spears, Jr., who served with Co. I, 47th, and was killed during the Tunisian campaign (a long time ago, I know?). Anything will be welcome—how he was killed, where his grave is located, what kind of an officer he made, etc.

APPRECIATE ANY NEWS

In seeking information for a great many bereaved parents or wives I find that even the most insignificant scrap of information is eagerly welcomed. I hope someone can supply some bit of information?

If I can be of any service to The Octofoil let me know.

ARCH SOUTAR,
87 Western Promenade, Auburn, Maine.

P. S. That P.O.W. Diary of Vic Wojtas' has a lot of good stuff in it. Keep running the story.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

December Issue Is Last Octofoil Until Dues Paid

Members attending the Second Annual Reunion in Columbus, O., took action making it mandatory that The Octofoil be sent the entire membership for six months after the Reunion.

In conformity with this action the Board of Governors at their last meeting instructed Secretary Tingley to go through the mailing list after the December issue of The Octofoil, which will be mailed late in November, and to delete the names of all members who had not paid 1947 dues.

You drones who have not paid 1947 dues have one more issue to receive at the expense of your dues paying buddies—then off the list you go. Better not put paying your dues off any longer if you want to keep up with your buddies through The Octofoil. Printing costs are up about 30% and the Association can't afford to wet nurse the drones any longer.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE ATTENDING DANCE; MANY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS PRESENT.

NEW YORKERS GET OUT OF THE "RED"—AGREE THE FALL DANCE IS A "MUST" FROM NOW ON.—ALSO PLAN OTHER SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

George Grossman, Secretary of the Greater New York Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, sends to The Octofoil the following enthusiastic report on the successful and enjoyable dance held there October 4th:

The Greater New York Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association held its First Annual Fall Dance Saturday night, October 4, 1947. The dance was staged in the beautiful Columbian Room of the Hotel Capitol just a few blocks from Times Square, "The Cross Roads of the World."

A HOWLING SUCCESS

The affair was so successful that it was agreed by one and all that a Fall Dance is a "must" every year from now on. In addition, plans are now being made for another affair to take place in the Spring, as well as picnics, boat rides and other events.

OLENDER PRESENT

Among those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Morris Olender of Amsterdam, N. Y. Morrie is a member of the National Board of Governors and is chairman of the Association's Local Chapter Committee.

Dr. and Mrs. Carter came all the way from Philadelphia to spend the evening with his former 60th Infantry buddies. Dr. and Mrs. Carter spent the weekend as guests of Dr. and Mrs. H. Seslowe. "Doc" Seslowe was formerly with the Division Medics and now holds a reserve assignment as Division Dental Officer of the 77th Div.

CAPT. WOLLER ATTENDS

Captain E. C. Woller, formerly of Division Artillery, and now on duty at Fort Monmouth, N. J., was another of our visitors who made a long trip in order to be present.

OPPENHEIMERS STAY LATE

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Oppenheimer of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., enjoyed the evening by arriving early and staying late.

FLY OWN PLANE

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Golub of Haverstraw, N. Y., who flew to New York in their own plane, landing in the East River, dragging their "loot" behind them—were other early arrivals.

"FREDDY" SWITCHES

Harold Fredericks and his beautiful wife attended. It is reliably reported that "Freddy" has switched from Avacados to Calvert and is now worried about the grain shortage.

GEN. EAGLES INVITED

An invitation was extended to Major General W. W. Eagles, now commanding the reactivated Ninth Infantry Division at Fort Dix, N. J. General Eagles could not attend due to previous arrangements but many members of his command displayed the Octofoil patch on the familiar olive drab background. The General expressed regrets that he could not attend and sent his good wishes for a very successful and enjoyable affair.

COHEN ON THE JOB

Stan Cohen arranged the entertainment for the evening and music was provided by Larry Leight's popular band.

FATHER DE LAURA TALKS

One of the highlights of the evening was an address by Father Anthony De Laura, who tore himself away from Westbury, L. I. long enough to bring to the dance his "best girl," his mother. Mrs. De Laura really entertained the assembly with some hitherto unknown humorous incidents about her beloved son.

Father De Laura held his ground in high spirits with his witty remarks.

As usual, the good Father is still campaigning for a statue—but one with a canopy over it.

COMMITTEES

Two full pages of the beautiful three-color printed program were devoted to a list of the Greater New York Chapter officers and the various committees responsible for this gala affair.

Dance Committee—Stan Cohen, chairman.

Journal Committee—G. Schiff, chairman; Mike Gatto, Frank Wilson and Leslie Ronay.

Booster Committee—Dr. H. Seslowe, chairman; Philip Ortoff, John J. Sheehy.

Ticket Committee—James Bruno, chairman; Irving Feinberg, H. Storbeck, George A. Stein, Salvatore Barbagallo, H. Pepper.

Reception Committee—Calvin Polivy, chairman; George A. Whitney, Jr., E. Siegel, Alfred M. Muller, W. Hirvela, Karl H. Rabold, J. Bierman, George Grossman, Rudy Walzer, Edward Michael, Dr. H. C. Sternlicht, Leslie Ronay, M. Davide Wiener.

HIGHLIGHTS

Nizlock and Murphy of the 60th again won the war; this time with the assistance of Sheely. . . Tom Good, now stationed at Governors Island, generally inspected the liquid refreshments. . . John Lyon, former 60th adjutant, squired a beautiful blonde actress (???) . . . Mike Fazio, the zipper king, counted the house near the bar. . . Joe Geisser showed up with three gals in tow. . . Wives of the officers and members of the Board of Governors were observed comparing notes about the many evenings prior to the dance when their husbands come home late and pleaded committee meetings. Edith Grossman is still pregnant with suspicions. . . While our president, Cal Polivy, was busy receiving the guests at the door he left his charming date, Claire, with Jim Bruno's wife, Marge. Marge, under the erroneous impression that Cal and Claire were married, introduced her to

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Published each month by and for the members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. News articles, feature stories, photographic or art material from members will be welcomed and every effort will be made to return photographic and art work in good condition. Please address all communications to The Octofoil, 337 South High Street, Room 318, Columbus, Ohio.

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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MAIL NOTES OF INTEREST THAT SHOULD BE PUBLISHED IN THE OCTOFOIL DIRECT TO THE PUBLICATION OFFICE HEREAFTER—337 S. HIGH ST., ROOM 318, COLUMBUS, OHIO. TELEPHONE: MAIN 6998. IT WILL EXPEDITE HANDLING AND MORE NEARLY ASSURE YOU OF PUBLICATION IF RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH.

WHAT ABOUT ASSOCIATE MEMBERS? ...

Recently The Octofoil printed an editorial appealing to the membership to adopt a more tolerant attitude toward men who served in the Ninth Infantry Division during non-combatant days. The editorial pointed out a chasm existed and always would that could never be abridged, between Ninth Division combat men and non-combatants. The appeal was made in an effort to assure financial and physical preservation of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

The Octofoil might as well here and now concede defeat in its short-lived campaign. The hundreds of letters pouring into the office convey, conclusively, the membership who survived the hell of those days under fire will never agree to allowing membership to former Ninth Division men unless the applicant served the Division during the days when unbelievable history was being made.

However, many of the letters received indicated the members writing would be open-minded to a proposition allowing an associate, inactive, non-voting membership to these men.

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars are fanatic in their investigation of applicants for membership in their organization and allow active membership to only those who have served their country on foreign soil. But even this rock-ribbed organization allows inactive, non-voting social membership. This harmless bit of latitude on the part of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has been the means of helping many Posts to survive abnormal times and keep their charters. Certainly the Ninth Infantry Division Association can be as tolerant as this group of hardened veterans.

Printed elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil is a letter from an old-timer, Sergeant Felix Dale, who bemoans the fact members of the new Ninth Infantry Division know nothing about the traditions or accomplishments of the greatest combat Division in the annals of American history—namely, the Ninth Infantry Division. Is this slow, staggering death for the Ninth Infantry Division Association what our members want? The Octofoil thinks not.

What about it, fellows? Give the matter some thought. Discuss it at your Chapter meetings and try bringing some tangible, workable and agreeable proposition to Philadelphia along the Associate Membership line suggested above.

It Can Be Done.

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SOUND ADVICE

It's a compliment to be whistled at, but the sensible girl won't let it turn her head.

PATTERN FOR VICTORY

The surest way for a husband to have the last word in an argument is to apologize.

Two Strikes - - - - - By Plunkett



Rank discrimination! If those War Plant defense workers could guzzle indefinitely, why can't a returned ex-G. I.?

APPLICATION BLANK

Give the coupon below to a fellow-member of the Division. Better yet, fill it out for the new member of The Association and then let him sign it in your presence. Remember!!! Every member gets a new member in 1947 and 1948.

There are now two types of membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association:

1. By paying an initiation fee of five dollars (\$5.00) you will be entitled to membership for the current year, issuance of a membership card and lapel button and the monthly publication for one year. This type of membership does not entitle you to a copy of the Division History. You would have to purchase such at the time of publication.

2. By paying an initiation fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) you will be entitled to all the benefits as stated above, plus a copy of the Division History, which we will mail to you as soon as it is completed. Annual dues in the Association amount to three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) per year, which includes the cost of the monthly publication.

Note: Make check or money order payable to the Secretary-Treasurer, The Ninth Infantry Division Association, P. O. Box 1704, Washington (13), D. C.

Enclosed herewith is \$10.00 in check—money order (cross out one) to cover initiation fee for membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association, of which amount sixty (\$0.60) is for one year's subscription to "The Octofoil." This \$10.00 initiation fee also entitles me to a copy of the Division History.

(DATE)

My present address is: (Please print or typewrite.)

Name LAST FIRST MIDDLE

R.F.D. or Street

City and State

My address while with the Ninth Infantry Division was:

Rank and Name

Organization

Signature

Enclosed herewith is \$5.00 in check or money order (cross out one) to cover initiation fee for membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association, of which amount sixty cents (\$0.60) is for a year's subscription to "The Octofoil." I understand that this initiation fee does NOT entitle me to a copy of the Division History.

(DATE)

My present address is: (Please print or typewrite):

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Organization

(Signature)

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Late Dispatch From New York President

New Yorkers Will Meet in Hotel Times Square During October and November.

The following notice was received from the president of the Greater New York Chapter of the Association after his original bulletin had been set into type and made up:

The first fall meeting of the Greater New York Chapter of the Association will be held at the Hotel Times Square, 43rd St. and 8th Ave., Room M-3. The meeting will take place on Friday, Oct. 31, 1947, at 8:00 P. M., and after a short business session, beer and refreshments will be served free of charge. All former Ninth Division men are cordially invited to attend.

PAY DUES NOW

In line with the Association's policy of dropping from the mailing list after January, 1948, all those who are not paid up members, the New York Chapter is conducting an intensive membership drive. We hope to keep all our present members on the list so there will be no interruption in receiving The Octofoil, and in addition we are attempting to enroll many ex-Ninth Division men who as yet are not members, so they will be able to attend the Philadelphia Convention next year and keep abreast of the news through The Octofoil, as well as receiving their copy of the forthcoming 400-page illustrated Division history, "Eight Stars to Victory."

SHANGHAI 'EM

If you know any ex-Ninth Division man who is not a member of the Association, bring him to our meeting or send us his name and address. Do it now before you forget! We'll do the rest.

HERE'S THE LOW-DOWN

Dues are \$3.50 per year of which \$1 is retained by the Local Chapter through which you pay your dues. The remainder goes to the National Association and 60 cents of that \$2.50 is earmarked to help pay for your subscription to The Octofoil. Time is short. Help us build your organization by lending your personal support.

CALVIN POLIVY, President, Greater New York Chapter, 9th Infantry Div. Association, (1875 University Ave., New York 53, N. Y.)

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Dunnahoo Will Start His Trip Next Spring

Patrick Dunnahoo, 408 N. Market St., Benton, Ark., advises The Octofoil he will visit European towns early next spring, and The Octofoil will receive his communications for publication.

He was originally slated to sail October 1, but certain technicalities caused the delay.

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Cities Desiring 1949 9th Reunion Asked to Send In Their Bids

The Second Annual Reunion held in Columbus, O., enacted legislation requiring cities desirous of holding Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunions to submit their requests to the Board of Governors not later than January 31 for the succeeding year's Reunion. In accordance with this Convention action the Board of Governors has asked The Octofoil to request all cities desirous of holding the 1949 Reunion, submit their request to the Board before January 31, 1948. The Board's 1949 choice will be announced at the 1948 Reunion in Philadelphia.

The next Board meeting will be January 10, 1948, and it would be desirable for as many as can to submit their requests for consideration at this meeting. Give all the facts possible concerning hotel facilities and other necessary information when submitting your request for consideration of your home town for the 1949 Reunion City.

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Washington, D. C.

FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 30, 1947

GIDEON H. MARKEL

Certified Public Accountant

918 Land Title Building

Philadelphia 10

RITTENHOUSE 6880

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

We have examined the books and records of

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

and have prepared therefrom the following:

EXHIBIT "A"—Financial Statement as at June 30, 1947.
EXHIBIT "B"—Cash transactions for the six months ended June 30, 1947.
In our opinion, the exhibits as presented fairly reflect the financial condition of the association as at June 30, 1947, and the results of the cash transactions for the six months then ended.

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

July 15, 1947.

ASSETS

EXHIBIT "A"

United States Savings Bonds—(at cost):	
Series "F"—Due August 1, 1957	
(approximate market value \$55,875.00)	\$ 55,875.00
Series "F"—Due December 1, 1958	
(approximate market value \$14,800.00)	14,800.00
Series "G"—Due December 1, 1958	
(approximate market value \$187.60)	200.00
Hamilton National Bank—Savings Account	4,035.47
American Security and Trust Company—Savings account	5,053.24
American Security and Trust Company—Checking account	678.60
Riggs National Bank—Checking account	4,704.28
Advance—Convention committee	1,000.00
	\$85,971.59

Present worth, June 30, 1947:	
General Fund	\$38,886.59
History	47,085.00
	\$85,971.59

Note:	
Liabilities outstanding:	
History book liability, as per contract	56,250.00
Less: Payment on contract	18,750.00
	37,500.00

Lapel pins	901.50
Commission due W. E. Byrnes	310.00
	\$38,711.50

EXHIBIT "B"

CASH TRANSACTIONS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1947

Present worth, January 1, 1947:	
General Fund	\$39,155.35
History	64,780.00
	\$103,935.35

ADD:	
Receipts for the six months ended June 30, 1947:	
Membership dues and fees:	
New members (211)	\$ 928.40
Renewals (1659)	5,031.85
Partial renewals	31.15
	5,991.40
History funds received (211 new members)	1,055.00
Newspaper funds received	1,239.59
Funds received from sale of bonds	18,625.00
Cost of bonds sold	125.00
	20,539.59
Returned postage expense—Columbus, Ohio	100.00
Interest received on savings account	31.37
Lapel pin	2.00
History expense refund	100.00
Funds received from sale of banquet tickets	1,790.00
Expense refund (W. E. Byrnes)	18.76
	10,453.12
	\$114,388.47

DEDUCT:	
Expenditures for the six months ended June 30, 1947:	
Salaries	\$ 3,581.00
Postages	364.51
Office expense, stationery and printing	1,065.14
Newspaper	1,993.06
Local chapter expense	82.43
Convention committee expense	221.17
Board of Governors expense	555.84
Refund to members	11.20
Corporate Trust Company	50.00
History expense	100.00
Lapel pin	2.00
Dues checks returned	10.50
History books (one-third payment)	18,750.00
Wm. Trinkle—Legal	50.00
Banquet tickets—To convention committee	1,085.00
Banquet tickets—Refunds	35.00
Banquet tickets—Postal note returned	5.00
History supplies	18.42
Old age benefits tax—Expense	16.87
Old age benefits tax—Withheld	12.96
Income taxes—Withheld	170.30
	28,416.88
	\$85,971.59

Present worth, June 30, 1947:	
General Fund	\$38,886.59
History Fund	47,085.00
	\$85,971.59

Guglielmino Expresses Thanks to Beining a Valuable Document

The notice run in The Octofoil recently for Vincenzo Guglielmino evidently got results. Vin asked for a picture of his brother, Felice, and Art Beining came through with a picture that Guglielmino says he appreciates from the bottom of his heart.

Vincent is an active member of the Greater New York Chapter, and lives at 89-19 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica 3, N. Y.

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CERTAIN ARTICLES BEING HELD OVER

The reprint articles from The Fort Bragg Post concerning the 39th Regt. are being held until the next issue of The Octofoil.

Several other interesting articles are likewise being held over—being filed until next month. The Octofoil feels sure the membership will appreciate the need for space when Board meetings and financial statements have to be published.

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Clayberger Sends In a Valuable Document

Charlie Clayberger, an old 9th Infantry man and a rootin', tootin', shootin' member of the V. F. W. and the Military Order of the Cootie sends to The Octofoil a historical document, clipped from The Oregonian back in 1930.

Because of official communications such as minutes and financial statements Friend Clayberger's clipping had to be shelved—but only temporarily until the next issue of The Octofoil. The story merits space in any publication.

Thanks, Clayberger.

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Ray Gardner Writes From "Old" Virginia

Raymond H. Gardner is now living in Hiltons, Va., and says he'd like to hear from some of his old buddies.

He sent for a set of the records and says he aims to be in Philadelphia and wants to personally contact the old gang.

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GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

NEW YORKERS HAVE A RIGHT TO CROW

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many of the guests as Mrs. Cal Polivy! The word spread around the hall and explanations were in order. Was somebody's face red? . . . As usual, our spark-plug, Al Bruchac, a member of the National Board of Governors, collared everyone in sight to get behind the membership drive and the coming convention in Philadelphia. Al was also an ex-officio member of the Dance Committee.

OUT OF THE "RED"

The best news of all come from Treasurer Marvin Etra, who reported that we are now definitely out of the red and into the blue. For a while there the future looked olive drab!

GIVE RONAY CREDIT

The success of the affair was a tribute to the efforts of Les Ronay, who the New York Chapter contends is the father of this Chapter.

A good time was had by all—and we are now looking forward to our next affair.

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Sixtieth History to Be Mailed When 25 Cents Sent In

The Association has financed the mailing of several hundred copies of the 60th Regt. History. The manilla envelopes and postage has begun to run into real figures. For that reason the Board at its last meeting had to discontinue the practice. However, instructions were issued to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., to mail the history to all members sending in 25 cents in coin or stamps to pay for the postage and shipping carton. Any member who has not yet received his 60th History and sends 25 cents to above mentioned address will receive a copy within a few days.

Please do not confuse this small overseas printed history with the 400-page 3-color Division history, "8 Stars to Victory," now being produced by the Heer Printing Co., Columbus, O.

GEN. GEO. SMYTHE DOWN IN GEORGIA

A postal card from Brig. Gen. George W. Smythe, first president of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, advises that he has been transferred from Army Ground Forces Hdqtrs., at Fort Monroe, Va., to Hdqtrs., Third Army, Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia.

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Two "S. Brunos" Live Nearby One Another

Samuel L. Bruno writes from 188 Burton Ave., Hoshbrouck Heights, N. J. And among other things he mentions the fact he has been receiving two copies of The Octofoil and had been wondering why. He recently learned a former Division member, Samuel S. Bruno, lives at 118 Leo Place, Lodi, N. J. Having solved the "mystery," the Burton Ave. S. Bruno was public-spirited enough to see to it personally that the Lodi S. Bruno received all the back issues of the paper he has missed.

The Octofoil wants to publicly thank Bruno. He's a good member. We need more like him.

Bruno is keeping a scrap book of outstanding articles from The Octofoil and asks that he be remembered to all his former buddies and to tell them he's planning on getting to Philadelphia early and staying late next July.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

A BRIEF MESSAGE FROM CHARLES TINGLEY, YOUR NEW SECRETARY

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the members of the Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association for their confidence placed in me upon my selection as Secretary-Treasurer.

At this time, I desire to state that I am assuming this position with a viewpoint in mind of doing all that I can to make this Association the greatest and best of its kind.

I have been a member of the Ninth Division from September, 1940, until August, 1945, and it is my opinion, as well as the opinion of many others, that the Ninth Division is the best of any Division in the United States Army—Bar None.

You fellows who helped make the Ninth Division also have the opportunity of making the Ninth Division Association. The Ninth Division wasn't made by just a few men—it was made by all of its members, pulling together as a team, and likewise the Ninth Division Association cannot be made into the greatest organization of its kind by just a few men. It will take the combined energy of all of its members.

I want to take this opportunity to urge all men who were in the Ninth Division, who are not members of the Association, but are eligible, to become members, to send in your initiation fees and become an active member. Those of you who have already joined the Association but have not kept up your dues, let's get on the ball and keep your dues paid.

The Association is in the process of publishing a divisional history—titled "Eight Stars to Victory." I can assure each one of you that this will be the best history that any division ever put out. You will want a copy and your friends will also want a copy. Your membership in the Association will make sure that you get it.

It is my belief that each of you who are members should occasionally refresh your memories as to the purposes for which this Association was formed. This is printed on the reverse side of your Membership Card and reads as follows:

"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."

One of the best ways that I know to preserve the esprit de corps of the Division is for you, as members of this Association, to keep in close contact with each other, to relive the old times that we spent together by attendance at our Conventions and Local Chapter meetings.

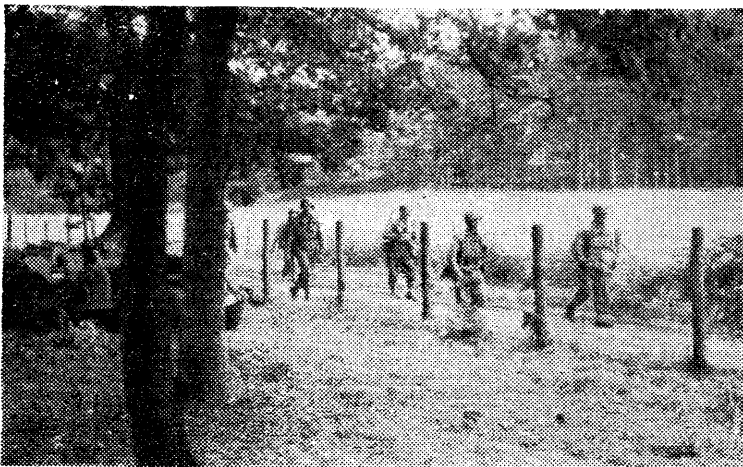
To promote an everlasting world peace by educational means is a program which local chapters can do a great job.

I want to close this little message with the reminder that I am here in Washington to help each one of you as much as I possibly can and I call upon each one of you to do all in your power to get new members into the Association and keep the dues rolling in on time.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES O. TINGLEY,
Secretary-Treasurer, Ninth Inf. Div. Assn.
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THIS ONE WILL BRING MEMORIES



The Octofoil is indebted to J. A. Nunn for the above picture of Co. C, 47th, moving up. The picture was made near Stolberg, Germany.

Gene Pawlus Living In the "Hoosier State"

Gene Pawlus, formerly of Co. F, 39th Regt., writes from Crown Point, Ind., R. F. D. 3.

Gene writes for a set of the Memorial Services records and asks to be remembered to his old buddies in Co. F.

Sorry you missed the Columbus Reunion, Gene. But you can start planning right now to be in Philadelphia next July.

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You'll never have friends if you are afraid to make enemies.

GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

BRUCHAC GETTING RESULTS IN N.Y.C.

Hardly a day passes any more when The Octofoil fails to get a postal card from Al Bruchac, in which he says "Just signed up so-and-so. See that he gets a paper this month. His application and fee is being sent directly to Secretary Tingley."

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The St. Louis Cardinals baseball club invited patients in the Veterans Administration hospital at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to attend one game each week throughout the past season.

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HONORS TO 60TH FIELD ARTILLERY BN.

McGRATH'S ROLE IS FROM A TOP-KICK TO A BABY-SITTER

CATCHING UP ON BEER HE MISSED OUT ON WHILE IN THE SERVICE.

The Octofoil is in receipt of a very interesting letter from William R. McGrath, former first sergeant A. T. Co., 39th Regt. Elsewhere is printed a likeness of Mc's charming wife and his youngster.

Parts of the letter follows:

Gents: I have, like many others, intended writing sooner. Like the others, I have enjoyed reading The Octofoil.

39THERS BACKSLIDING

I am not a little perplexed at the lack of 39th participation in the articles in our paper.

I have just received a card notifying me of the local Ninth Association pending meeting at the Hotel Bond in Hartford on October 1. Should be a lot of fun.

TENDS THE BABY

I am listening to a mystery story on the radio while attending my 1-year-old. The wife is at the show.

WANTS BOYS TO WRITE

I would like to hear from the A. T. boys. I spent almost four years in this outfit as Mike Puzak can tell you (and a few of the others.)

OCTOFOIL SCRAPBOOK

Many articles in our paper are really worth saving. In fact I have a scrap book which contains many of the paper's articles.

WANTS HISTORY

I am interested in the completion of our history. Too many people are ignorant of the facts. I had the pleasure of meeting a present member of the 47th recently. They are stationed at Dix. I remember that place—we left for overseas in '42 from there. This individual has no idea of his outfit's history. In a few minutes' time I learned this "Joe" had never known we were in Africa, Sicily, etc. What's up with this new outfit. Arent they proud of their predecessors?

"COUPLE" OF BEERS?

Excuse this grammar and writing. I have had a few beers. I promised those to myself during those days over there when my tongue hung way out.

WILLIAM R. McGRATH, Hartford, Conn. (Former first sergeant A. T. Co., 39th.)

(Ed's Note: Sarge, you'll have to send The Octofoil your street address so the picture of that good-looking wife and baby can be returned.)

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McGrath Clan



That McGrath blarney is still convincing. If it wasn't, how in the devil did that guy land such a swell number?

C. Sienkewicz, "The Cannon Ball," Living Quietly In Chicago, Ill.

In referring to C. Sienkewicz few Association members would know who The Octofoil referred to. But just say "The Cannon Ball" sent in a very nice letter—and every man in Co. B, 60th Regt., from days at Bragg to the Sicilian campaign knows immediately who has written the letter. "Cannon Ball" and C. Sienkewicz are one and the same. He is living at 817 W. Kolin Ave., Chicago, Ill., and advises he is a postoffice employee in the Windy City. Thanks for the nice letter, "Cannon Ball."

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Major Clair Thurston Located Deep in Texas

Information reaches The Octofoil office that Major Clair Thurston, formerly Division Provost Marshal, is now Provost Marshal at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

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NOTICE

At the last Board of Governors meeting held at the Army War College in Washington on Saturday, Sept. 27, 1947, the Secretary-Treasurer called to the attention of the Board members that the July issue of The Octofoil contained a membership notice on Page 7 which stated that \$5.00 initiation fees would include a free copy of the Division History. The wording at the top of this notice was definitely an oversight and should not have been included in so far as the history is concerned.

Only those who pay or have paid the \$10.00 initiation fee are entitled to a free copy of the history.

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CHARLES E. HALL WRITES FROM SO. BOSTON, MASS.

Charlie Hall is living at 320 K St., So. Boston, Mass., and wants to hear from some of his old gang. He sends for a Souvenir Program because of his inability to attend the Columbus Reunion—but he's another that doesn't intend missing out on the Reunion in Philadelphia.

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FRANK WADE WILL ARRANGE DETAILS FOR THE MOTHERS

PHILADELPHIA LAD SEEMS TO HAVE SOLD GROUP ON HIS PLAN.

For the past three months an Association member living in Philadelphia, but who remains anonymous to The Octofoil, has sent in \$1 to be placed in the fund to arrange suitable entertainment and recognition for Gold Star Mothers attending the Philadelphia Reunion. Members of other Chapters seem to be falling in line with the Philadelphia lad.

The matter was called to the attention of the Board of Governors during the last meeting and instructions were sought as to how to handle this money.

MARYLANDER CHOSEN

In selecting committees President Henry S. Rigby designated Frank Wade, Board member from Port Tobacco, Maryland, as chairman of the committee to work out all details relative to arrangements for the Gold Star Mothers. The Philadelphia member's money as well as any other received, will be turned over to Committee Chairman Wade.

PARTS OF LETTER

Editor of Octofoil: Here is my dollar for the Gold Star Mothers' and Dads' Fund.

Glad to see The Octofoil is out to support my idea. Thanks for The Octofoil editorial.

Wish all members of the Association would support the idea. That was a nice letter the Gold Star Mother wrote from North Carolina to The Octofoil.

The fellows can see what it meant to this mother at the reunion. Hope the fellows remember that Dad from Akron, who wanted to pay for some fellow's room at the Reunion in Columbus.

Well, fellows, see how it helps these next-of-kin. How about sending in support for this fund?

Thanking The Octofoil for supporting my idea, I am,

ANONYMOUS.

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A "Pinky Higgins" booster club named after the manager of the professional baseball team in Roanoke, Va., was formed this summer by patients in the Veterans Administration hospital at Roanoke.

Advantages of members included free admission to all home games and baseballs autographed by Higgins for the club's officials.

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GREATER NEW YORK PRESIDENT SENDS OPEN LETTER TO MEMBERS

For many months now, the officers of the Greater New York Chapter have been seeking a permanent meeting place. Due to the fact that the members of the New York Chapter reside not only in the City proper, but in the outlying suburbs, it has always been taken for granted that the meeting place must be centrally located in the heart of Manhattan. Although many of the hotels in the Times Square area have facilities available for meetings, their rates are rather high and they do not offer the organization the opportunity to serve refreshments or beer at tables after the formal business of the meeting has been completed.

RECOMMENDS DIFFERENT LOCATION

The New York officers now feel that it may be necessary and more advantageous to lease a meeting place in a less centrally located establishment, but one where the price is right and where members and their ladies may enjoy a social evening after the short business meeting.

We would appreciate the views of our members on the above proposal before next month's meeting. Please write your views on the subject to the undersigned and also use this as an opportunity to pay your 1947 and 1948 dues, if you have not already done so.

REMEMBER: Dues are \$3.50, of which \$1 is retained by the Local Chapter through which you pay, and the remainder of \$2.50 is sent to the National Association, which then issues your membership card. Pay your dues NOW and be assured of your copy of The Octofoil every month without interruption.

CALVIN POLIVY,

President Greater New York Chapter, Ninth Infantry Division Association. (1875 University Ave., New York 53, N. Y.)

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MADE 735 MILES OVER TORTUOUS AND MOUNTAIN ROADS WITHOUT THE AID OF ADEQUATE MAPS.

OUTFIT IS CITED FOR GALLANTRY AND HEROISM IN BATTLE ON 21, 22, AND 23 FEBRUARY 1943, IN REPELLING SUPERIOR FORCES.

Under date of 8 September 1947, General Orders No. 84, by order of the Secretary of War, the 60th Field Artillery Battalion, with the 60th Infantry Cannon Company, attached, received a much-merited citation, as follows:

John O'Grady In the Pipe Smoking Business

John O'Grady, a member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association is manager of the Wilke Pipe Shop, 400 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.

John is inclined to think you New Yorkers would appreciate a paid advertisement in The Octofoil and writes for details. However, the letter arrived just a bit too late for the consummation of the deal for this issue.

A New York business that can rate four columns of first page news in The New York World-Telegram must be just about "tops"—and that's exactly the rating that paper give to the Wilke Pipe Shop in a write-up about that team of sisters who make those pipes.

There'll no doubt be more about this outfit in succeeding issues.

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Serious Trouble In the Offing When Generals and Admirals Crossed

Clyde Moore, Ohio State Journal columnist, has this to say about the armed forces social problems in Washington:

Hostesses in Washington have a problem on their hands, and it doesn't have anything to do with what to serve on meatless Tuesday. The question has to do with the order in which to seat guests.

They had this pretty well worked out, in fact there was a guidebook on the subject. Then it became complicated again with the appointment of a Secretary of Defense and various other officials who are the result of crossing an admiral with a general or something on that order.

RANKEST MOST IMPORTANT

Rank is terribly important down on the Potomac. The ranker the individual the closer he gets to the head of the table, where presumably the gossip is better and the cuts of meat are tenderest.

The hostess who makes the mistake of giving a guest of lower rank precedence over one of higher, like putting a corporal ahead of a sergeant, would be forever disgraced. The best she can do is commit hara kiri with a salad fork.

GET 'EM PIE-EYED

Of course the problem can be solved by serving buffet style. If enough drinks served beforehand are carrying high voltage, guests won't be able to tell whether they are at the head of the line or the tail end.

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Color Pictures Taken By Mahon At Reunion

Second Vice-President Walter Mahon, of Chicago, took several hundred feet of Technicolor shots of Reunion scenes during the Columbus, O. Reunion.

The films are of 16 mm. dimension and last about 15 minutes. Particularly impressive is the parade scenes which proves conclusively most of these "old" ex-G. I.s can still keep in step.

The Columbus Chapter unanimously passed resolutions thanking Vice-President Mahon for the courtesy shown its members when he presented the Chapter with a set of the historic films.

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III—BATTLE HONORS

As authorized by Executive Order 9396 (Sec. I, WD Bul. 22, 1943), superseding Executive Order 9075 (Sec. III, WD Bul. 11, 1942), the following unit is cited by the War Department under the provisions of AR 260-15 in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction. The citation reads as follows:

CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY

The 60th Field Artillery Battalion, with the 60th Infantry Cannon Company attached, is cited for conspicuous gallantry and heroism in battle on 21, 22, and 23 February 1943, in repelling an attack by vastly superior forces which were attempting to break through the Allied lines in the vicinity of Thala, Tunisia.

100-HOUR FORCED MARCH

The 60th Field Artillery Battalion with the 60th Infantry Cannon Company attached, completed a 100-hour forced march from Tlemcen, Algeria, in bitter weather, over tortuous and almost impassable mountain roads, a total distance of 735 miles, on the night of 21 February 1943. Without prior reconnaissance and adequate maps, under enemy fire, and maneuvering through a congested single, narrow road, the battalion immediately occupied battle positions, set up communications, established emergency observation posts, and was ready to deliver fire by daylight. Although enemy forces were established only 2,500 yards from the battery positions, and there were but three platoons of friendly infantry in front of the artillery, its units maintained constant and steady fire on repeated enemy tank thrusts with such deadly effect as to disrupt them and beat them back.

COOL MANNER

The cool and determined manner in which the 60th Field Artillery Battalion, with the 60th Infantry Cannon Company attached, entered into battle, after the accomplishment of an almost incredible forced march and despite the lack of reconnaissance and visibility, contributed in no small measure to the defeat of the enemy's attempt to break through the Thala defile.

HIGHEST TRADITIONS

This gallant entry into battle and heroism with which fire was maintained, despite terrific enemy fire, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the American military service.

By order of the Secretary of War:

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, Chief of Staff.

Official:

EDWARD F. WITSELL, Major General, The Adjutant General.

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Henry and Woodside Looking For Members

Just before going to press The Octofoil was in receipt of a letter from Les Henry, Rome, N. Y. Les relayed the information he and Bob Woodside had just learned a couple of guys in a neighboring town were non-members of the Association although eligible—and this pair of stalwarts was going over and learn why.

Thanks Henry—and you too, Robert.

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ANOTHER INSTALLMENT, P.O.W.'S DIARY

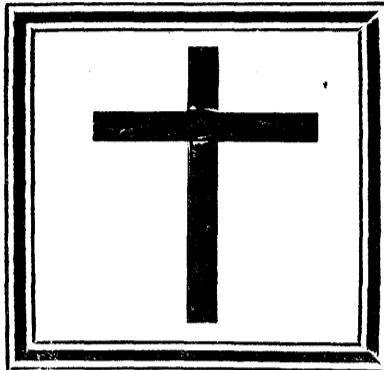
VIC WOJTAS' EXPERIENCES BECOMING MORE AND MORE ALL-ABSORBING IN EACH SUCCEEDING ISSUE.

MANY LETTERS COMING TO OCTOFOIL FROM ALL PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES PRAISING THE DIARY—ANOTHER INSTALLMENT NEXT MONTH.

This month's installment of the diary kept by Victor Wojtas, 1729 N. Wood St., Chicago, Ill., lists many of those near him who paid the Supreme Sacrifice in Tunisia. Also compiled geographically are a list of his P.O.W. buddies.

NORTH AFRICA

Nov. 8, 1942-March 22, 1943.



Killed in Action

French Morocco

Pierre Noel—Nov. 10, 1942.

Red Hastings—Nov. 11, 1942.

Tunisia

Edward Gilmore—March 21, 1943.



Wojtas

Lt. Dennison—March 21, 1943.

Pfc. Love—March 22, 1943.

S/Sgt. C. Roberts—Mar. 22, 1943.

Captain DeGurse—Mar. 22, 1943.

Pvt. W. May—March 22, 1943.

Wounded

Pvt. E. Suska.

Sgt. Carpenter, Lt. D. Decker, Pfc. E. Schaue, Pfc. J. Parker, Pfc. W. Tylutki.

REST, OLD BUDDY, REST!

My heart remembers carefree days and nights
We shared together, pace by pace,
weary mile,
Side by side through tempest,
calm or hell
Until God laid you in your final bivouac.

And sent me marching further on,
alone,
Alone, Old Buddy, yea—but hardly alone,
For where I am you are in glowing spirit,
And where you are does valor stand a watch.

Under the sentry or the skies you sleep,
Who will protect you now because you gave
Such gift to courage and posterity
That none deserves such blissful sleep as you.

Rest, Old Buddy, Rest . . . We don't forget!

DEAR JENNIE

Now that the days are slowly numbing,
While my dreams return to you,
I lie on my bunk quietly slumbering,
And relive the happiness that once we knew.

How happy were those by-gone days,
And the love we two had shared,
Just to recall the many ways,
The affection we both had spared.

I know soon, that day will come,
When once again I will be
Back in the arms that I strayed from,
And the ones who wait for me.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

Oh, God, bless my father, mother, brothers and sisters, all who are dear to me, and all who have been good to me. Have pity on sinners and save them from hell. Console the afflicted, especially the sick. Lessen their suffering and grant them a speedy recovery. Give them patience and resignation. Help my comrades to bear their trials. Bless their families and grant them those blessings which they need.

COMBAT EQUIPMENT

The following is what Staff Sgt. Vic Wojtas carried in the invasion of North Africa:

Springfield Rifle—'03.
Cartridge belt, 100 rounds of ammunition.

Combat pack.
Two bandoliers—100 rounds of ammunition.

One demolition grenade.
One incendiary grenade.
Rocket gun.

Rocket gun ammunition—three rounds.

Very flare gun.
Very gun ammunition—nine rounds.

Six cans "C" rations.
Two canteens—full.

Compass.
November 8, 1942.

A LETTER TO JENNIE

Dearest Jennie, I write once more,
This time from Germany, a Prisoner of War;

I love you more than ever before;
My heart is heavy, it's you I adore.
We are always together though being apart.

I knew this darling from the very start,
They may govern the world and every part,
But they'll never govern what comes from the heart;

My work on the battlefield is over;
it's done—
We did our best, each mother's son.

Complaints and regrets, I have none,
Soon the war will be over, world will be gay,
And our future will start, when I proudly say:

"I promise to always love, honor and obey"

Jennie, my own, on our wedding day.

STALAG BUDDIES

from Chicago, Ill.

John Kostecki, 2713 S. Troy St. Phone: CRaw 8526.

Robert Hulet, 7311 S. Halsted Street.

Edward Nielsen, 1051 N. Damen Avenue.

Al Hudy, March 24, A-A, 2430 N. Lockwood Ave.

Mike Kobola, 5151 S. Wolcott Avenue.

Jerry A. Polach, 4959 S. Winchester Ave.

Mark Jennings, 937 N. Laramie Avenue.

Matt Jerziorny, 5222 S. Wolcott Ave.

Edward F. Kowalski, 2510 N. Marmora Ave.

Nestor Pawlick, 3245 W. Division St.

Ed Mullen (Moon), 7234 S. Marshfield Ave.

Frank Krolc, 3050 W. Warren Blvd.

Benny Edelman, 1519 S. Lawrence Ave. Phone: CRaw 4670.

Anthony La Barbeka, 1840 Burling St.

Phil Maggio 6924 S. Wood St.

Ray Houska, 2722 S. Trumbull Avenue.

Sam De Grazia, 478 W. 27th Street.

Louis Brugato, 2709 S. Princeton.

Walter Wartalski, 1535 W. Thomas St.

Henry F. Mitchell, 5963 W. Fulton St.

Edward Cannella, 743 North Spaulding.

Ted Wienieski, 4547 S. Wolcott St.

Peter Wowczuk, 4556 S. Marshfield.

Gene Pacer, 3259 W. 64th Place.

Edwin B. Hubener, 6554 South Homan.

Leslie M. Williams, 1730 North Wells St.

Joe G. Banas, 723 Christiana Avenue.

Len Capron Caponi, 1135 N. Spaulding Ave.

STALAG BUDDIES

From Coast to Coast

Steve Czarny, 8456 Asbury Pk., Detroit, Mich.

Jack E. Rose, 5715 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.

James Whitehead, Route No. 1, Newville, Ala.

Charles Burkhiser, Jr., Route No. 1, Numa, Iowa.

F. Smith, 35 S. Race Street, Springfield, Ohio.

Bill Banister, care Police Hdq., West Monroe, La.

George Budinski, Rt. 1, Box 61, Bergholtz, Ohio.

Casimer Moskal, 75 Bunn St., Amsterdam, N. Y.

Robert Farrell, 3034 Seymour St., Cleveland, Ohio.

R. H. Royster, 62 Walworth Ave., Scarsdale, N. Y.

Vincent C. Marano, 1315 W. 9th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

George Habbén, Rushmore, Minn.

Charles Kempf, 34 Western Blvd., Baldwin Long Island, N. Y.

William Wade, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Everett Deaton, Ellensburg, Washington.

Don Wilkinson, Box 44, Bigler, Pennsylvania.

Paul C. Sanders, Route 5, Brownsville, Ky.

Murray Pritchard, Gatewood, Missouri.

Leslie N. Kerr, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Giles B. Blagess, Elkview, West Virginia.

Jerome Laudry, 107 St. Patrick St., Donaldville, La.

Peter Radanovich, 314 W. Sample St., South Bend, Ind.

John Ryzek, 77 Green Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Stephen Biehler, 114-59 131st St., So. Ozone Park, N. Y.

Bill Ragen, 1353 E. Oxford St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Ben Kiedzielawa, 9 Charles St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

B. B. Lammey, 100 S. 6th Ave., Coatsville, Pa.

Robert Barry, 114 Stanwix St., Rome, N. Y.

Guadalupe Luep, 14 Jackson St., Brownsville, Texas.

Donald P. Burl, 79 Poplar St., Chelsea, Mass.

Pedro Carmona, 133 1/2 East Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.

Ralph Gugliano, 1211 Tauro St., New Orleans, La.

Fernado Vaz, 21 Armstrong Ave., Providence, R. I.

Lyle Hetrick, Laurens, Iowa, Box 246, care C. I. Herson.

John Brunoforte, 164 Mott St., New York City.

George Gener, 590 Greenwell Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Edward Schubert, 74 Herman St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Edward Gazybicki, 248 Swetland St., Duryea, Pa.

Elmer Guthrie, Seth, W. Va.

Jack W. Ries, 216 Alries St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Fred Seidel, 716 Excelsior St., Akron, Ohio.

S. F. Brantly, 735 E. Ansley St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Paul S. Daubner, 9 Rinker Court, Roseford, Ohio.

Stanley Bishop, 1305 Home Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

Phil Downs, Wapello, Iowa.

Harley McDaniels, Monroe, Iowa.

Russell Hehr, 12410 Lancelot Ave., Cleveland, O.

L. Hershman, 251 S. West St., Crown Point, Ind.

George Coffman, Waverly, Ky.

Steve Boros, 1257 Edison St., Akron, O.

Joe Egyud, 172 Baker St., Aliquippa, Pa.

Charles Barth, 561 Central Ave., Charleston, W. Va.

E. Gregg, 1810 Lake St., Bakersfield, Calif.

E. Wisneski, First St., 115, Box 64, Sagamore, Pa.

C. Jervis, R. F. D., Box 4, Ferguson, W. Va.

Joseph Vinciguerra, 406 E. 6th St., Plainfield, N. J.

Battista Novaria, 1403 Parker St., Berkeley, Calif.

Maynard O'Conner, 302 Ricker St., Waterloo, Iowa.

Morris Denmark, 320 S. Bend Blvd., Steubenville, Ohio.

John Cohoil, 2416 Avenue "A," Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Tony Hoenschild, 1149 Kirkwood Blvd., Davenport, Iowa.

John McCoy, Rt. 1, Alamo, Tex.

Lester Parsons, Coshocton, O.

Dennis T. Smith, 103 Elm St., Red Oak, Iowa.

Frank Stebbing, 6317 Har-Ford Rd., Baltimore, Md.

George W. Van Horn, Jr., Rt. 2, Newton, N. J.

Felix O. Camps, Jr., 34 Wooster St., Danbury, Conn.

Frank Schiro, 9320 Georgia Ave., Detroit, Mich.

C. Conklin, 421 Washington St., Audubon, Iowa.

Charles Cohen, 2216 Sunset Blvd., Steubenville, O.

Duane Stone, Glenwood, Iowa.

Gordon Shannon, Rt. 2, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Franklin Strunk, 352 Lincoln Ave., East Stroudsburg, Pa.

Bill Ehrlich, 1304 Avenue "L," Brooklyn, N. Y.

Andy Patton, Jr., Sweden, Ky.

Corn Van Duinen, 1118 Eastern Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

John McGlothlen, 201 S. Wilson Ave., Jefferson, Iowa.

Lawrence Buckley, 802 Broadway, Parkersburg, W. Va.

George Strawser, Rt. 2, Hood Dine-Dance, Newlon, Iowa.

William F. Dwyer, 862 Union St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

John Rockata, 238 Hitz St., Sharpville, Pa.

Jack Stanley, Rt. 3, Audubon, Iowa.

Joseph Arnt, 329 Miller Ave., Lancaster, Ohio.

Charles Knauf, 443 Sunset Ave., Maple Shade, N. J.

Chester Barron, 87 Hawk Ave., Akron, Ohio.

Harry Platt, 421 S. 7th, Rensselaer, Indiana.

FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Patrick McGinty, 15 Elm Wood, Donnycarney, Dublin, Ireland.

Paul Zajoc-Wanda Imdrof, Billy Montigny Casimer, Beuchet S Pasde Calais, France.

Henryk Kasprowicz, Ul Piekna No. 3, Tadz, Poland.

Joseph Jaziorski, Candes Par Monstopeall, Maine Et Loire, France.

Mateusz Zielinski, Lubawa-Ul Kopernika No. 24, Poland.

Tadeusz Konneacki, Polska Majatek Pica Powiat, Opoceno Poczta Suletow, Poland.

Henryk Koniscany, Ul Kolejowa No. 49, Wagrowiec, Polska.

Stanley Prokopczek, Ulica Kielcka No. 10, Radom, Polska.

(Read next month's installment of Wojtas' diary. Cold-blooded murder by the Kraut guards was a frequent occurrence. Memorial Day in a German prison camp and many other absorbing experiences are related by Vic Wojtas in the third installment of his unusual diary.)

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

REUNION MINUTES ARE NOW ON FILE

Several differences of opinion have arisen lately between Chapter members relative to the exact action taken on certain subjects by the Second Annual Convention in Columbus.

Stenotype transcripts of the proceedings have been furnished the Secretary-Treasurer's office. These minutes have been a medium for definitely settling the differences.

The Board of Governors discussed the feasibility of printing the proceedings in The Octofoil, but finally concluded the printing costs would be too excessive.

However, if at any time, any Chapter member is desirous of official information as to exactly what transpired relative to certain questions in Columbus a letter to Charles O. Tingley, Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., will secure for you the needed official information.

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UNCLE SAM ISN'T TREATING SHANKS EXACTLY RIGHT

Somebody down in that G. I. Finance Brigade owes Ernest I. Shanks, General Delivery, Southside Station, Richmond 24, Va., the sum of \$60 in back pay—and he wants it. Can you blame him?

Shanks joined the 9th Div. on 9 December 1944 and left the Div. for the states in September 1945.

He says he's proud of his medals badge and wouldn't trade it for anything—the same rest of his buddies in the 39th feel, because, as he says, he sweated blood just like the rest of them did.

Shanks comments on some of the swell buddies he had while in the 39th Regt., especially Captain Brooks, the 39th M. D.

But when he gets to thinking about that \$60 due him he blows his top. Maybe he's got something when he says "They're damn slow pay—and they need some T.N.T. under their dogs to show them the meaning of double time."

Shanks is building a home for himself and he says that \$60 he sweated for and never received would come in pretty handy right now.

Okay, Shanks—your blast at those Finance Officers has been sent to Secretary-Treasurer Tingley and if there's anything he can do to get the \$60 you can bet your bottom dollar he will do it.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

\$5 Membership Fee Does Not Get a Copy "8 Stars to Victory"

The August issue of The Octofoil was printed just a few days after adjournment of the Second Annual Reunion. During the rush and confusion to get a Reunion edition to the members as quickly as possible changes ordered by the Convention in membership admittance conditions were not made in the formal membership application blank appearing in that issue.

The Convention action, in effect, was that \$5 initiation fee would be acceptable hereafter, the \$5 would include a year's dues, and a 60c subscription for The Octofoil—but not the History "8 Stars to Victory." Anyone desiring both membership in the Association and a History will have to send \$10 as heretofore. The only change made was to allow membership without making a History subscription mandatory.

Due to this typographical error a few members have become confused and sent in their \$5 membership fee expecting that amount to also provide for a history. The matter was discussed at the last Board meeting and The Octofoil was instructed to print this explanation.

NEW ENGLAND LADS DOING BIG THINGS

NEW ENGLANDERS CARRYING ON ORGANIZATION WORK WITH NINTH DIVISION SPIRIT.

OVER 100 MEMBERS ATTEND CLAM BAKE AT PLYMOUTH ON THE CAPE.—SIDNEY HEIBERGER REPORTS SUCCESSFUL GET TOGETHER IN HARTFORD, CONN.

Starting off the new season's activities with a bang, the New England Chapter, Ninth Infantry Division Association came up with a real old-fashioned clam bake at Plymouth on the Cape a few weeks ago.

Over 100 members, plus wives, and in some cases, families attended and really stoked up.

NEW ENGLAND CLAM BAKE

There was lobster, clams, hot dogs, roast corn and baked potatoes, watermelon and all the other little things that go with a New England Clam Bake. The affair lasted most of the day without accident, although a platoon of wasps moved into the area late in the afternoon.

WASPS RETREAT

After looking at the damage done to the lobsters, etc., the wasp group decided to retreat, taking only a watermelon and a couple of armfuls of potato chips.

A LOBSTER'S DIARY

Your reporter chanced to be in Plymouth a week or so later and struck up a conversation in a bar with the commander of the Disabled Lobsters' League, Atlantic Branch. The following is his story:

"I was standing on a reef corner, minding my own business, when—whippo—some guy grabs me and hustles me into a gunny sack. A short time later I'm lying on some rockweed watching a roaring bonfire and wondering just what's going to happen. Then I looked around and saw all those 9th Div. guys—you can't miss them, those hungry looks—and I knew I'd have to move fast. Luckily I happened to have with me a sign that I got off one of those hotels in Algiers—you know 'Off Limits to Enlisted Personnel'—and I just hung it on my shell. Sure enough, a guy picks me up, looks and then scales me about 50 feet into the brush and I'm free.

STICKS AROUND

"Well, I figured I'd stay around and watch things. I had a camera with me that I got from some Kraut around Eupen and I maneuvered around until I got a couple of shots. They're not too good but they'll serve as evidence of what took place.

CHAMPIONS

"Man you never heard such clacking of the clackers and munching. Those guys murdered half the lobster population of Plymouth and the clams too.

ASKS A FAVOR

"But I figure mistakes happen, don't they? There's only one favor I want to ask and I ought to get some consideration, because I worked with the Ninth for a while. Matter of fact, that's how I lost this claw—hit by one of those falling radios on the Solomon Island maneuvers. Remember that? Boy those radios were coming down as regularly as the garbage. Well, anyway, here's my suggestion:

"Next time, before you go out for your lobsters, get in touch with me. I know a lot of those lobsters who were taking it easy during the war, working in some defense industry, things like that. I can show you where they hang out and they are better tasting any way. They were living on the fat of the land while you and I were sweating it out. You know, us combat veterans gotta stick together."

Thanks to the untiring efforts of Sidney S. Heiberger, 885 Chapel St., New Haven, Conn., the Connecticut Chapter got off to a good start at their recent meeting in Hartford. The following notices were sent out:

NINTH INF. DIV. ASSN. CONNECTICUT CHAPTER GALA FALL MEETING

FELLOW MEMBER—

Meet the boys at the HOTEL BOND in Hartford, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1947, at 8:00 P. M.

Beer and sandwiches on the house. All units will be represented so help make the meeting a success.

Permanent officers will be elected. The Convention at Ohio will be discussed. Plans for incorporating our Chapter will be formulated.

Sincerely,
SID HEIBERGER,
Temporary Chairman.

GETS RESULTS

The fact that Sid Heiberger's efforts were crowned with success is much in evidence from the letter received in Secretary Tingley's office a few days after the get-together:

Dear Charlie: We had a swell meeting last Wednesday evening. About 32 fellows attended; refreshments were served and a swell time was had by all. I was elected Temporary President, pending the granting of our charter. Boardman F. Lockwood of Hartford, was elected temporary vice-president, and Nicholas Capobianco of New Haven was elected temporary Secretary-Treasurer.

COLLECT DUES

We collected annual dues from several of the members and as soon as I have a few minutes I will get together with our Secretary and he will forward the money and data to you. Several of the fellows stated that they never received their Ninth lapel pins so please send me a supply to issue to them.

ADDITIONAL NAMES

I am enclosing additional names to be added to the petition originally forwarded to your office, and I ask that said petition be acted upon immediately so we can go ahead with our plans for incorporating our chapter.

MEETING IN NEW HAVEN

Our next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 12, 1947, at the Hotel Taft in New Haven at 8 P. M. General Hoyle will be present and films of the Ninth Division in action, including the crossing at Remagen, will be shown. If we get the proper publicity in The Octofoil we should have a tremendous turnout.

Sincerely,
SIDNEY S. HEIBERGER,
865 Chapel St., New Haven, Conn.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

JOHN W. WATSON, CO. M, 47TH, IN ROXTON, TEXAS

One of good old Co. M, 47th's men from way down in Texas sends his regards to all of his old buddies—and at the same time asks for a souvenir program.

Okay, John, but start planning for that big-time deal down in Philadelphia next July.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

Forty-nine veteran-patients, paralyzed from the waist down competed in a wheelchair table tennis championship tournament in the Veterans Administration hospital at Hines, Ill.

Trophies awarded to the winners, were donated by the American Red Cross and other voluntary service organizations.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

Heikkila Claims 9th Men Hard to Locate

Frank Heikkila, formerly Ninth Div. Signal Officer, and president of the Notorious Piscatorial Society, writes from 50 Knowlton Ave., Kenmore 17, N. Y. He claims there doesn't seem to be many Ninth men in his area; he only knows of two besides himself.

How about it, you fellows up around Buffalo. Let's get going and get together with Frank and get a chapter started.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

Special Notice to All Local Chapters

Upon collecting dues from members who are affiliated with local chapters make sure, first of all, that the initiation fee has been paid. If the initiation fee has not been paid, then collect either \$10.00 or \$5.00, depending upon type of membership. Such fees include dues for the current year. If initiation fee has been paid then collect only \$3.50. Local chapters are authorized to deduct the sum of \$1.00 for each fee collected. The balance is to be forwarded to the National Secretary-Treasurer in Washington, who will issue the proper membership card and send it direct to the individual concerned.

Be sure to obtain the following information upon collecting initiation fees or dues:

Full name, complete address, address while with the Ninth Division.

If any member after having paid his initiation fee or annual dues fee to a local Chapter does not receive within a reasonable time an official membership card signed by the National President and National Secretary-Treasurer, such member should advise the office of the National Secretary of these facts and an investigation will be made as to the reasons therefore.

All officers of local Chapters are urged to give close attention to the collection of initiation fees and annual dues. The handling of money, someone else's money, is a great responsibility. The job can be simplified by your attention to details.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

Print Your Name At the Close of Letters

Many Octofoil readers when sending in news items for publication get to the end of their letters and darn near make straight lines for signatures. It causes the waste of a lot of time and still results in a large number of typographical errors. The typesetters are not mind readers.

Hereafter print plainly in capital letters your signature to all communications.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

Howard Womack and Richard Hill "Bat the Breeze" in Nashville

Howard A. Womack is living at 2712 Hartford Dr., Nashville, Tenn. He has just bought himself a new home. Nice going, Howard. Hope you are very happy in it.

Womack read in the last issue of The Octofoil about Richard Hill playing trumpet with George Olsen's band and it so happened that Olsen's band was playing in Nashville so Howard and his wife spent a very delightful evening listening to the music and shooting the breeze with Dick during intermissions.

Howard says he is always glad to hear from any 47th men and sends his best to everyone else in the Ninth.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

It's Master Sergeant Wm. P. Powless Now

William P. Powless, formerly a First Lieutenant in the 60th Inf., has enlisted as a Master Sergeant and is stationed at Rock Island Office of the Illinois Recruiting District. He would be more than pleased to see any of his old friends if they ever get close to the Tri Cities and there is a drink awaiting those who show up.

Be careful though and don't let him talk you into enlisting—or should you?

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Parento's Pictures Too Late For This Issue

Angelo Parento, 1026 McLaughlin Rd., Bridgeville Pa., sent The Octofoil two negatives of pictures taken shortly after the 47th crossed the Rhine.

Since it takes two to three days to get the films printed and another week to get the photograph processed into a newspaper cut, Angelo's negatives arrived just a bit too late for this issue.

However, the pictures will appear in the next issue. The boys in the picture are Francis G. Walters, Rt. 4, Anderson, S. C.; Beecher J. Jones, Henry Va.; Johnson, no address; Antonio A. Mendez, 1043 E. 21st St., Long Beach, Calif.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

Irving Gordon, Former Medics, With Dept. of Agriculture Library

Irving Gordon, formerly B Co., 9th Medics, writes that he has a new job with the Dept. of Agriculture Library in Washington.

He is living at 1162 Escanaba Hall, Independence at Ninth Sts., Washington 4, D. C.

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A water basketball team has been formed by patients, paralyzed from the waist down, in the Veterans Administration hospital at Van Nuys, Cal. The patients use inflated inner tubes to keep them afloat.

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NEW MEMBERS - - - 1 SEPT. TO 10 OCT.

Charles L. Richards, 604 N. John St., Frankfort, Ind., formerly of Co. I, 39th Inf.

George E. Van Kernen, R.F.D. 3, Ogdensburg, N. Y., formerly of Service Co. (RSO), 47th Inf.

John Taliercio, 639 Hicks St., Brooklyn 31, N. Y., formerly of Co. M, 39th Inf.

Clarence Henry Watson, 738 Probst Ave., Fairview, Bergen City, N. J., Pfc., Co. K, 39th.

Robert T. Bell, Jr., 1338 Union Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

Arthur D. Jackson, Jr., 603 S. Davis Ave., Apt., Richmond, Va., Major, Hq., 47th.

Edward A. Stoll, W. Bridge St., Deep River, Conn., First Sgt., Hq. Btry., 60th F.A.

Ross B. Manley, 819 Tulip Ave., Franklin Square, N. Y., First Lt. Co's. F, B and A, 39th.

Martin Shankman, 1151 S. W. 24th Ave., Miami, Fla., Pfc., Co. L, 39th.

Claude A. Race, 1102 Division Ave., Tacoma 3, Wash., Pfc., Co. I, 39th.

Frederick F. DeAugustinis, 11 Flora St., Providence, R. I., S-Sgt., Co. D, 60th.

Robert Wells Murphy, 323 West Park Ave., Aurora, Ill., Pfc., Co. G, 47th.

Charles B. Alcorn, 32209 Hillsdale Ct., Wayne, Mich., Capt., 1st Bn., 60th.

Lt. Col. Louis Gershenow, G-3 Section, Hq. 2nd Army, Fort Meade, Md., Lt. Col., 2nd Bn., 47th.

Anthony Joseph Buzas, 55-02 68th St., Maspeth, L. I., N. Y., T-4, Co. I, 60th.

Capt. Lawrence Q. Langland, Gen. Delivery, Union, S. C., Capt., 1st Bn., 47th.

Malcolm McCabe, Rockaway, N. J., Pvt., Co. G, 39th.

Walter F. Goucher, 66 Nicholas Ave., Brooklyn 8, N. Y., T-4 Hq. and Hq. Co., 15th Engrs.

Milton H. Pohle, 218 Terrace St., Honesdale, Pa., T-4, 9th Sig. Co.

John W. O'Donnell, Apt 1, 116 Wayne Pl., S.E., Washington 20, D. C., Co. I, 60th.

William Ashley Lucas, Tuttle, Okla., Lt. Col., 34th F.A. Bn.

Clifford P. Prouty, 323 N. E. 19th St., Miami, Fla., Sgt., Btry. C, 26th F.A. Bn.

Adolph T. Dominick, 509 Southern Ave., Liberty Boro, McKeesport, Pa.

Jay G. Dennison, Jr., 1705 New York Ave., McKeesport, Pa.

Rev. Robert J. Curtis, 4110 Bellevue Rd., Toledo 12, Ohio, 39th.

Virgil W. Pentice, Walter Reed Gen. Hosp., Ward 10b, Washington 12, D. C., Pfc. Co. A, 39th.

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Lieut. Col. Chandler Worked With Colonel Robb in Writing Book

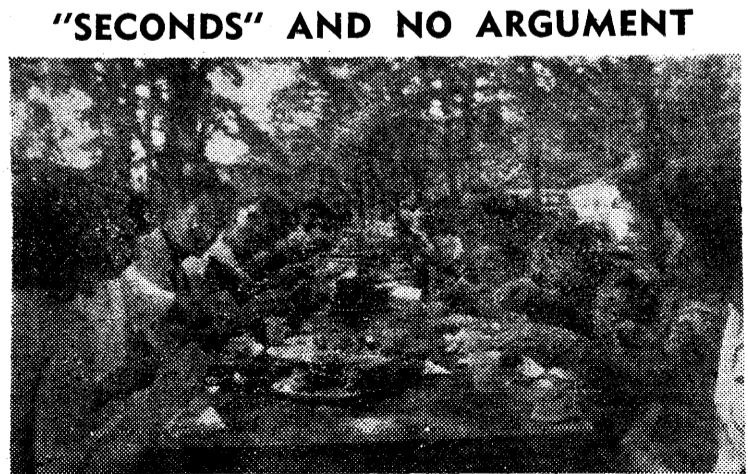
In referring to the book, Front-Line Intelligence, offered for sale by the Infantry Journal Press, 1115 17th St., S. W., Washington, D. C., The Octofoil last month failed to mention that Lt. Col. Stedman Chandler collaborated with Colonel Robb in compiling the book and were co-authors.

The Infantry Journal Press has this to say about Lt. Col. Chandler:

"Lt. Col. Stedman Chandler fought on Attu with CT 17-1, on the Normandy beaches with the Ninth Division and in Europe with the 90th. He saw service as a company commander, a combat team exec., Division AT officer, Battalion exec., S-2 and battalion commander.

"In addition Robb and Chandler list in their acknowledgments more than 40 other officers who contributed time, ideas and experience to the writing of 'Front-Line Intelligence'."

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This group of Connecticut Yankee "chow hounds" need no further introduction.

MINUTES OF RECENT BOARD MEETING

MEETING WAS WELL ATTENDED; NEXT MEETING JAN. 10 IN BEN FRANKLIN HOTEL, PHILADELPHIA.

CHARLIE TINGLEY UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED SECRETARY; ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS WILL REMAIN IN WASHINGTON.

The September 27 meeting of the Board of Governors was one of the best attended for many months. Considerable business was disposed of in record time as is evidenced by the official minutes of the meeting.

The Ninth Meeting of the Board of Governors of The Ninth Infantry Division Association was held in the offices of The Ninth Infantry Division Association, Room 323, Building T-5, Army War College, Washington, D. C., on the 27th day of September, 1947 at 1300 hours, EDT, pursuant to written notice mailed on 17th September 1947 as provided for in Section 21 of the By-Laws of The Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Present: Messrs. Henry S. Rigby, Michael Puzak, Frank B. Wade, John H. Whitmore, Paul S. Plunkett, Colonel George B. Barth, Colonel John G. Van Houten, Donald M. Clarke, Albert Bruchac and Glenn O. Moore as members of the Board of Governors. Also present: Charles O. Tingley who acted as Recorder.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Henry S. Rigby, at 1330 hours, EDT, Charles O. Tingley as Recorder.

TINGLEY ELECTED

The first order of business was for action on position as Secretary-Treasurer of The Ninth Infantry Division Association. Mr. Charles O. Tingley, acting as Recorder, was asked to leave the room during this discussion. Colonel George B. Barth moved that the position as Secretary-Treasurer be offered to Mr. Charles O. Tingley for a period of one year beginning October 1, 1947, at a salary of \$200.00 per month and an expense account of \$100.00 per month. That Mr. Tingley be allowed two weeks sick leave, three weeks annual leave and the option of continuing as Secretary-Treasurer after October 1, 1948, dependent upon his satisfactory performance of duty. Mr. Donald M. Clarke seconded this motion and the affirmative vote was unanimous. Mr. Tingley was then called back to the meeting and was made the above proposition which was accepted.

DEPOSIT CONTRACT

A discussion was held concerning the Ninth Infantry History. Mr. Rigby turned over the original contract with The F. J. Heer Printing Company to Mr. Tingley who will deposit same in the Association's safe deposit box for safe-keeping. It was pointed out during the discussion that The History Committee will take care of the editing of the prospectus to be sent out by the publisher.

The Auditor's Report for the six month period ending June 30, 1947, was submitted, read by Mr. Rigby and approved by the Board.

It was moved and seconded and unanimously approved that future audits would be made by a Washington, D. C. certified public accountant. Sufficient copies of all future audits will be made so that copies can be furnished each member of The Finance and Budget Committee.

A financial statement for period July 1, 1947, to September 27, 1947, was read by Mr. Rigby as prepared by Mr. Tingley. Such statement was approved and is attached hereto. It was recommended that sufficient copies of future statements be prepared so that each Board member shall have a copy. Approval was given to the Secretary-Treasurer to close out the Association's checking account with Riggs National Bank and open a new account with The American Security and Trust Co., Southwest Branch, 445 Seventh Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Approval was also given to move the checking account now carried

at the Main Office of The American Security and Trust Co., to the Southwest Branch, combining it with the same funds transferred from Riggs National Bank. This move was recommended by the Treasurer as purely one for convenience purposes.

SETTLE BILL

A discussion was held on the \$901.50 bill for the Association's lapel pins. Colonel Van Houten read a letter he had received from Germany stating that the bill would be paid within ten days from date of letter. Colonel Van Houten is awaiting further reply and will advise results at next meeting of the Board of Governors.

A discussion was held on the 60th Infantry Histories. Colonel Barth moved that The Ninth Infantry Division Association stand the expense of mailing out these books which are now in the Secretary's office and which were addressed by Mr. Stussman, the 60th Infantry Historian. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

60TH HISTORIES

Mr. Plunkett was instructed to enter a notice in the next issue of The Octofoil to the effect that 60th Infantry Histories were being mailed out to those members whose address was furnished by Mr. Stussman. If such copies are not received, which would be due to incorrect addresses, and if such 60th members desire a copy, a notice should be sent to this office requesting same and remitting the amount of twenty-five cents in postage stamps to cover the expense of handling and mailing. Any other member of The Ninth Infantry Division Association desiring a copy of this history will be sent one by sending in a request together with twenty-five cents in postage stamps for handling and mailing.

The Secretary was instructed to write letters to those members that have already paid \$5.00 initiation fees pointing out to them that such \$5.00 fee does not entitle them to a copy of the History.

MOORE'S REPORT

Glenn O. Moore, finance chairman of 1947 Convention Committee, presented the final financial report for the Committee. This report shows a balance of \$239.54 returnable to the Association. The report was approved as read and copy is attached hereto. Check for \$239.54 turned over to Secretary-Treasurer.

Discussion was held concerning deductions to be made by Local Chapters. Minutes of last convention were read and it was agreed upon by all present that local chapters are entitled to deduct the sum of \$1.00 when collecting dues and initiation fees from members of such local chapters. Balance of money to be turned over to The National Association.

OBTAIN RECORDS

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved authorizing the Secretary-Treasurer to purchase a recording of The Memorial Service held at the 1947 Convention.

Mr. Bruchac moved that the Secretary-Treasurer write letters to all local chapters instructing them to prepare their petitions in accordance with resolution adopted at the last Convention. Seconded and passed.

The Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to write a letter to Mr. Thomas J. Gentry, Jr., the Judge Advocate, requesting him to fur-

nish the Board of Governors with legal advice concerning the technicalities on advertising in The Octofoil.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Membership Drive for 1948 was discussed. It was recommended that notices be sent to all of the main Veteran's publications giving necessary information. It was recommended that Mr. Rigby write each local chapter a letter stressing the needs for an active membership drive.

Discussion was held on proposed purchase of an addressograph machine. Mr. Wade motioned that a committee be appointed. Seconded and approved. Mr. Rigby appointed General Eddy, Mr. Donald M. Clarke and Mr. Tingley on the committee with instructions to make a study of the situation, secure information on surplus available from War Assets and submit a report for next meeting of the Board of Governors.

Mr. Rigby appointed a Convention Committee for the 1948 Convention. A partial list of members selected include Mr. Rigby, Mr. Frank Wade, Mr. Bruchac and Mr. Tingley.

The Secretary-Treasurer was given approval to purchase a set of six 3x5 file cabinets with instructions to see if available through War Assets before purchasing elsewhere.

CONVENTION BIDS

Mr. Plunkett was instructed to publish notice in the next issue of The Octofoil stating that bids for 1949 Convention should be submitted to Board of Governors by January 31, 1948, in accordance with resolution adopted at 1947 Convention.

With reference to a request from Veterans Administration for list of members it was voted that such a policy not be established. This office was instructed to give all assistance to Veterans Administration other than a roster of members.

Mr. Glenn O. Moore, Chairman of the Budget Committee, proposed that the present budget be left as is until the end of 1947. At that time a study will be made and a new budget adopted. Proposal carried and approved.

Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to figure Mr. William E. Byrnes's salary from July 31 to August 11 and deduct the sum of \$9.20 representing shortage in cash existing when new Secretary-Treasurer assumed office.

Proposal was made, seconded and unanimously passed that minutes of the last Convention be omitted from The Octofoil.

TO REVISE LIST

Mr. Plunkett was instructed to publish notice in The Octofoil to the effect that all members whose 1947 dues have not been paid by December 31, 1947, will be dropped from the mailing list for The Octofoil. Also, those members whose 1948 dues remain unpaid as of March 31, 1948, be then dropped from the mailing list.

Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to write a letter to Mr. Stephan Grey informing him of his appointment as Chairman of The Publicity Committee of The Ninth Infantry Division Association. As such, he will be allowed a sum of \$200 for expenses.

Mr. Rigby stated that next meeting of The Board of Governors will be held the 2nd Saturday in January, 1948, at The Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa., at 1230 hours.

Motion was made, seconded and approved for adjournment of meeting at 1615, EDT.

CHARLES O. TINGLEY,

Secretary-Treasurer,
Ninth Infantry Division Assn.
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A \$10,000 athletic field for patients in the Veterans Administration hospital at Northport, N. Y.—built with donations obtained by the hospital's voluntary service committee—is nearly ready for use, VA said.

Boyd Wiley Has a Filling Station In St. Joe, Missouri

Dear Sirs: I was formerly with the 47th, K Co., and was later motor sergeant for Regt. Hdqtrs., and Cannon Co.

I was unable to attend the last Reunion but I'm sure as hell gonna make the next one.

Send me the programs. That will help me missing the Reunion just a little bit. Thanks a million for the chance to get them.

LOOKING FOR BUDDIES

I would like help in obtaining the address or whereabouts of Lt. Reynolds, formerly Hdqtrs. Co. 47th Inf., and Capts. Barriose, Regt. Hdqtrs. Co. and later S-2 in the Occupation 47th Inf. Also Capt. Shaw, Communications Officer, 47th Regt.

We have a complete service station at Belt Highway and Messonia, St. Joseph, Mo. Hope to hear from some of the old gang.

BOYD A. WILEY,
Residence: 3406 Pennsylvania Ave., St. Joseph, Mo.

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Questions the Validity of Ciluffe's Article In The Infantry Journal

Several letters have reached The Octofoil office from members who at various times were attached to Co. C, 47th Regt. These letters are sent in an effort to determine when Jim Ciluffe was with the regiment.

In the September issue of The Octofoil a letter that had been printed in the Infantry Journal was reprinted. The letter was signed by Jim Ciluffe, former sergeant Co. C, 47th Regt., and criticized the Infantry Journal for not having given the Ninth Infantry Division more credit in its columns.

STAN POLLINGER WRITES

Stanley Pollinger, 536 N. Second St., Allentown, Pa., writes to The Octofoil and desires more information about Ciluffe. Stan can't place Sgt. Ciluffe.

Secretary Tingley advises that James V. Ciluffe paid \$10.00 for membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association on July 3, 1945. He was then listed as Pfc., Co. C, 47th Inf., ASN 36980824, and his home address is listed as 110 Sycamore St., S. E., Grand Rapids, Mich. His Association membership card is No. 7159.

Stan, write Ciluffe a line and you two get acquainted. Ask him to get after a few of those former Ninth men around Grand Rapids who haven't paid any '47 dues.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

Chapters Filing For a Charter With Less Than 25 Will Refile

In accordance with action taken at the Second Annual Reunion in Columbus, O., only those petitions from local chapters seeking charters can be recognized if they carry the signature of 25 members of the National Association. This matter was discussed at the recent Board meeting.

Some chapters filed petitions with names of only those who attended the original meeting when efforts to organize were first started, although the Chapter roster has increased many fold. Such petitions as were filed carrying less than 25 names will have to be resubmitted with at least the required 25 signatures of members in good standing. In filing petitions list names of the officers, their addresses, titles and proposed meeting dates, if at all possible.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

IT'S A BOY AT THE CLARKES DOWN IN NATION'S CAPITAL

Dashing into the Board of Governors meeting in the War College during the September meeting with a grin from ear to ear, Donald M. Clarke, Board member from Washington, gave other members the impression a rich millionaire uncle had just died and left Clarke a big estate.

The wherefore of all the smiles became known only after Clarke had regained his breath from that wild dash up three flights of stairs when he stammered "It's a boy. Born September 17 at 7:20 P. M. We've named him Stephen Albers Clarke, and he weighs 7 lbs. and 7 ozs."

Always the last to leave Board meetings Clarke took the steps three at a time to report back to the Clarke Nursery before the adjournment sound of President Rigby's gavel had died down.

Both Mrs. Clarke and young Steve are doing nicely, thank you. Congratulations, Donald, from The Octofoil, in behalf of the entire membership.

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LT. J. SPENCER'S MOTHER WRITES

Mr. Charles Tingley,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: Congratulations on being elected Secretary-Treasurer. I received the October issue of The Octofoil, for which I am very grateful. I enjoy the paper very much and read it from cover to cover.

I would be glad to hear from any of the boys who were with my son's company. My son was killed August 6, 1944, in France.

He was—
Lt. John F. Spencer, O-1321130,
Co. A, 47th Inf., APO 9.
He was buried in Marigny, France.

I appreciate the paper very much. It is like missing a meal to miss this valuable paper.

SAYS PUZAK "TOPS"

I had the pleasure of meeting Mike Puzak. He is a very fine young man. If you could send me his home address I would like to write to him.

I am enclosing a picture of my son. If you care to use it, you may.

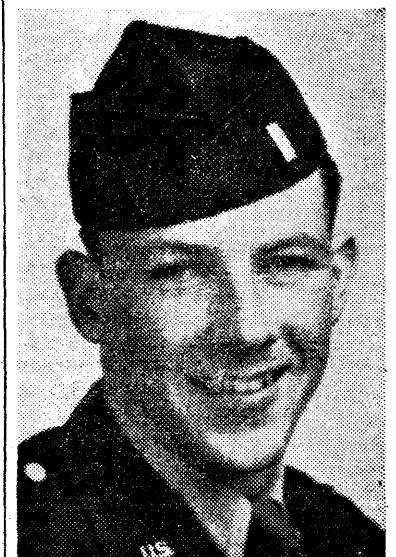
If you have any printed matter on Co. A, or the 47th, I would be glad to pay the cost if you would send it to me.

Again thanking you for sending The Octofoil and may you have a successful year ahead.

May God bless you one and all of the Ninth Infantry Division.

Sincerely,
(MRS.) MAE M. SPENCER,
A Gold Star Mother of the Ninth Division.
239 Moshelm Parkway, Bronx 67,
New York.

A Real Fellow



Lt. John Spencer, Co. A, 47th. Read his mother's appeal and write her a few lines.

THE PAST IN REVIEW

Novembers to Remember

1940—

Tent City at Fort Bragg . . . General Devers takes over . . . parades in the cool of Fall . . . hot showers (for some) at least . . . buildings going up at the rate of one per day.

1941—

Maneuvers at Rock Hill, Kershaw, Cheraw and the Pee Dee River . . . Paratroopers descend upon Ninth . . . cold Thanksgiving in the Field . . . back to Fort Bragg comforts and hot showers.

1942—

Regimental Combat Teams invade North Africa . . . 39th at Ain-Taya, 47th at Safi, 60th at Port Lyautey . . . Arabs, vin rouge (vino), cork forests . . . home was never like this!

1943—

Leaving muddy Sicily for foggy England . . . Winchester, Barton Stacey, Arlesford, etc. . . School of manners for men on pass . . . barracks and civilization . . . claxons, Jerry and Clem.

1944—

Attack and respite in the growing cold weather of the Hurtgen, Siegfried and Camp Elsenborn . . . Rest and training for Division while detached 47th Combat Team makes history at Nothberg and points east . . . Pfc. Carl V. Sheridan earns his CMH at Frenzerberg Castle near Weisweiler . . . passes to Belgium towns.

1945—

Occupying Bavaria . . . most of old gang reconverted to civvies . . . currency control . . . nix shokalada? . . . snow and tours.

1946—

Occupation near an end . . . Division breaking up . . . Ninth covering area as large as Nebraska and New York put together . . . Dependents and privately-owned jeeps . . . hamburger stands and milkshakes.

1947—

A new Ninth Infantry Division is making its mark . . . state-side!

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

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

Albert J. Willingham, formerly a member of Hq. and Hq. Btry., 34th F.A. Bn., is now Sergeant Instructor, North Carolina National Guard. He sends his new address: First Sgt. Albert J. Willingham, P. O. Box 813, Kingston, N. C.

T-4 Wendell L. Rich, who recently returned from overseas duty in the Army, sends in his new Army address: Hq. Co. St. Com., 5012 A.S.L., Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

Another Army man on the move is S-Sgt. Paul W. Jones from Camp Stoneman, Calif., to Fort Lewis, Wash. Full address is Sv. Co., 9th Infantry, Fort Lewis, Wash.

General George W. Smythe has moved from Fort Monroe, Va., to Hq. Third Army, Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga.

Lt. Col. Otto R. Koch, Jr., who was stationed at Hq. First Army, is now at Maxwell Field, Ala.—Quarters 530-C.

Jesse L. Myers is still in the wholesale grocery business at Greason, Pa., P. O. Box 14. Would like to hear from some former members of 39th Med. Det., Co. L, and Co. M.

Major General R. E. D. Hoyle, U.S.A. Retired, writes in that he and his wife couldn't stand the Washington weather and therefore they have bought a home at 80 Hepburn Rd., Hamden 14, Conn., just outside of New Haven. The Washington Chapter is sorry to lose you, General, and we know that the New Haven Chapter will be glad to hear of your move.

Peter L. Peri, formerly Second Lieutenant, 47th Inf., writes in that he was married on July 6, 1947. New address: 3324 W. Garrison Ave., Baltimore, Md.

Lori J. Biancardi, formerly Pfc., A Co., 47th, writes in that he has just returned from South America, and is enjoying the back issues of The Octofoil and is looking forward to the History—so are we all.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

"SMOKE SIGNALS" FROM "THE CHIEF"

Anadarko, Oklahoma,
10 September 1947.

Dear Sirs: Many thanks for The Octofoil. I'm behind in dues, etc., but will send them in soon.

I think the paper is excellent, but I would like to hear more from the "Raiders," Red Bn., Baker Co. You know, the chickens like Sergeants David Grew, Metsowage, Lelak, Goomak, Stephors, Polaga, Crobin, Privates Roland Phelps, George Morgan, Rosy Rosenberg, Acie Fuller, Earl Allen. What about some of you guys writing me.

ILLUSTRATING BOOK

Just now I'm trying to beat the heat. I'm doing a lot of painting. Illustrating a book for children, "Winter Telling Stories." Am also working on another one. Let the above mentioned fellows know I'm still single.

I'm their Indian friend from Oklahoma.

Sincerely,
ROLAND WHITEHORSE,
Anadarko, Oklahoma.
Former Private, B Co., and Special Service, 47th Regt.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

Monson Getting a Bit Impatient For History

Morton L. Monson, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 47th, writes in, making inquiries about the Division History. Just be patient, Mort. Read Lt. Mittelman's report in this issue of The Octofoil.

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Lt. Col. Ray L. Inzer Will Return to States

A letter from Lt. Col. Ray L. Inzer, War Crimes Enclosure, APO 407, Postmaster, New York City, states that he is returning to the states some time early in October to enter Walter Reed General Hospital to undergo a major operation for correction of a kidney abnormality.

Lt. Col. Inzer states his wife, who is returning with him, is "expecting" some time the latter part of November. He asks the Secretary to see if he can find him a furnished apartment in or around Washington. (Tingley says he is doing his best to find one but so far the results are negative. Not like when in Germany and you could just bounce out a Kraut family and move in. Sometimes they didn't even bother to move the Krauts out either.)

John J. Koniov Fixes Pat Dunnahoo Up for Overseas Hospitality

Dear Secretary: First, I wish to thank you for being so gracious as to send me a copy of "The Final Thrust." You wouldn't recognize the book with the notes I've scribbled into it. It is a noteworthy contribution for my scrapbook. I haven't received any bill yet???

OKAYS DUNNAHOO'S JAUNT

Next, I wish to add my voice in saying that articles by Pat Dunnahoo from Europe in The Octofoil would be welcomed by me.

And by the way, Pat can get a room in the home of friends of mine if he is near Schrobenehausen, Germany. The address is:

Mr. and Mrs. Gambock,
Brauhiesengasse Str. F5,
Schrobenehausen F3B,
Oberbayern, Germany.

About a meal there? I don't know.

CONGRATULATES OCTOFOIL

Congratulations to The Octofoil staff on their excellent editorial in the September issue. I agree with the majority of our division combat men in not accepting men into the Association who joined us after V-E Day. However, your editorial has sense to it when it stipulates that the association will disintegrate with time and no additions. So if post-VE Day men are accepted, I would like to see a three-year hitch in the post-war division as one of the entrance requirements.

NEEDS-THOUGHT

A thorough discussion of the situation at the next convention with committees elected to seek pros and cons is my recommendation. A letter just falls short as a method of considering important and lengthy ideas.

Yours truly,
JOHN J. KONIOV,
St. Bernard College, St. Bernard, Alabama.

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J. H. Garman Does a Good Deed for Octofoil

Gentlemen: I received my last edition of The Octofoil and wish to thank you for it, but enclosed with my paper there were also copies of The Octofoil for the following men: Joseph C. Tomko, Charles W. Griffith, Robert F. Gordon and William J. Thomas. All of these men's addresses are: Elizabeth, Pa., while my address is Elizabethtown, Pa.

I am forwarding these copies to these men, but kindly check with your postal clerks and have this error corrected. Do not continue to send all of them to me. Elizabeth, Pa., and Elizabethtown, Pa., are no where near each other.

Sincerely yours,
J. H. GARMAN,
71 Park St., Elizabethtown, Pa.

(Thanks for doing those boys the favor of forwarding the papers. That's the old Ninth spirit. Your letter has been forwarded to the superintendent of mails.)

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

Fedele Nello to Visit His Relatives in Italy

A letter from M. Fedele Nello, T-5, 60th Inf., states he is leaving for Italy on 4 October for one year, apparently to visit his relatives.

He is paying his dues for 1948 to make sure he receives The Octofoil while over there. Nice going, Nello, and let's hope all the members who haven't paid 1947 dues make it a point to do so in order they may continue to get The Octofoil.

Nello's address while in Italy will be Carisolo, Posta Pinzolo, Trento, Italy.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

Listen to advice but make your own decisions.

WASHINGTON GROUP PROPOSES A SERIES OF LECTURES AT MEETINGS

The regular monthly meeting of the District of Columbia Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held on Tuesday evening, September 30, at the Gold Chevron Club of the VFW, 1319 K St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

ABOUT 20 SHOW UP

About 20 members showed up and discussions were held on increasing the attendance at our meetings and also on plans for the October meeting.

BECKER TALKS

Louis Becker gave a very interesting talk on his ideas for conducting a series of lecture meetings to be sponsored by our chapter. His thought is to obtain a group of three and perhaps four well-known public speakers to give lectures on the most important topics of the day, namely the Taft-Hartley Act, the Marshall Plan, the Atomic Energy Commission, and others. Becker's plan is for the chapter to sponsor these lectures as a public service, holding meetings in halls of auditoriums large enough to take care of the anticipated attendance and in this way get our name before the public and let them know about the Ninth Infantry Division, and what it has done and

what the association stands for.

APPOINTS COMMITTEE

Don Clarke, chapter president, appointed a committee consisting for the present of Mr. Becker, Steve Grey and Mr. Clarke to study the suggestion.

OCTOBER PLANS

Plans were made for the October meeting to be held in the form of a dinner-dance at Waldrop's on Friday evening, October 24th. Dinner will be served at 7:30 P. M., after which the entertainment and dancing program begins. Announcements for all District of Columbia Chapter men will be in the mails shortly and it is hoped that a big crowd will show up.

ANOTHER NOTICE ABOUT YOUNG STEPHEN CLARKE

Don Clarke proudly announces the birth of Stephen Albers Clarke on September 17 at 7:30 P. M. Weight, 7 pounds 7 ounces. Congratulations to you and Mrs. Clarke.

This makes a total of two children in the Clarke family and Don states that he is a strong believer in large families—in his case, six or seven.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

Another 15th Engrs. Member Is Signed Up

A welcomed letter from Walter F. Goucher, formerly with the 15th Engrs., was received recently. Walt enclosed \$10 for his membership. He is now living at 66 Nichols Ave., Brooklyn 8, N. Y.

He states that he sure enjoys The Octofoil and wants as many back issues as possible. Secretary Tingley is sending you all that he has available, Walt.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

J. B. Dodd Is Now A Banker in Georgia

J. B. Dodd, Jr., formerly 9th Q. M. officer, writes a letter from Rome, Ga.

When J. B. came back from overseas he and his father moved to Rome and started the Rome Bank and Trust Co. J. B. has also acquired himself a very charming wife since his return from foreign service.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

GEN. EDDY TO BE U. S. ARMY CHEST FUND CHAIRMAN

The following news item appeared in Washington papers recently:

Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, Army chief of information, will serve as volunteer campaign chairman for the Army during the \$3,900,000 Community Chest Federation Campaign opening November 12th.

Gen. Eddy was named by Undersecretary of the Navy W. John Kenney, chairman of the campaign organization's Government unit.

NATIVE OF CHICAGO

A native of Chicago, Gen. Eddy commanded the Ninth Inf. Div. during the North African and Sicilian campaigns and in the invasion of Normandy.

Later Gen. Eddy served as commanding general of the 12th Army Corp with the 3rd Army. He became chief of information in July.

The Community Chest Federation campaign combines the appeals for funds of six Community Chests of Washington, Alexandria and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Montgomery and Prince Georges. These chests have 125 member agencies depending on the campaign for their operating funds.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

Dick Blaylock Wants A Chapter in Virginia

Dick Blaylock, Pvt., 47th Inf., writes, saying he had dropped a couple of bottles of soda water on his leg and it took four stitches to fix him up, besides having to stay in bed for four days.

Dick states he is interested in getting a chapter started in Richmond Va. All of your fellows living in and around Richmond should get together with Dick and get going on a local for that section. Dick's address is 518 N. 25th St., Richmond 23, Va.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

Westrich Says a Baby Expected in February

Maurice H. Westrich, 4906 Warsaw Cleves Pike, Cincinnati, Ohio, formerly with S-2 Sec., 3rd Bn. Hq. Co., 60th Inf., writes in to say that he enjoys The Octofoil and is looking forward to seeing news about his old buddies. Since his discharge from the Army he has visited with S-Sgt. Ed Janowski, Sgt. Glenn Gibbs and T-5 Ed Kasperski from Item Co., 60th.

At the present time he and his wife are patiently awaiting arrival of their first baby, due next February.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

LT. J. C. PHILLIPS WANTS TO HEAR FROM GO-DEVILS

A letter was received recently from First Lt. J. C. Phillips, Box 82, Rt. 2, Valley Station, Ky. He was formerly with Co. A, 60th, and Regimental Staff. He is now stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., as a Regular Army officer, and would like to hear from former Go-Devil men.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

BERNARDO FIERRO'S SISTER WOULD APPRECIATE A FEW LINES FROM HIS FRIENDS

The following notice appeared in Army Times Sept. 20th:

FIERRO, Pfc. Bernardo L., Co. B, 47th Inf., APO 9; killed in Belgium, March 19, 1945. Letters from comrades, particularly those from Kansas, and details of service, death and burial welcomed by his sister. Address mail to Mrs. Isidra F. Gutierrez, Box 882, San-derson, Texas.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

Any man who cares for only one thing is dangerous.

Don't complain about things that do not bother you.

Conceit will puff you up but it won't prop you up.

"LOST" GUYS MAY NOT RECEIVE HISTORY

SOME MEMBERS MOVING FROM PLACE TO PLACE MORE OFTEN THAN WHEN THEY WERE IN THE ARMY.

ANY MEMBER KNOWING THE WHEREABOUTS OF THESE "LOST" BUDDIES SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH SECRETARY-TREASURER TINGLEY AT ONCE.

This is a list of members of the Association whose addresses are not good; they have been taken off the mailing list until better addresses are located. Each one has a history reserved for him. Local Chapters could locate

Frederick A. Abben, 1420 Bushwick Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. (M/Sgt, 47th)

John M. Abbott, 8 Abele St., Dorchester, Mass. (S/Sgt, 15th Engr)

Jack R. Acuff, 321 Illinois Ave., Oak Ridge, Tenn. Pfc.

William C. Adams, Jr., 5145 Seventh Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. (Pfc, 34th FA)

Charles H. Ammer, 315 E. 33rd St., Latonia, Ky. (T-5)

Arden C. Brill, 323 1st Ave., SE, Aberdeen, S. D. (Lt. Col)

Jess W. Brock, 1503 1/2 M. Ave., LaGrade, Ore. (Pfc, 47th)

James B. Brooks, Hampton, Va. (Pvt., 34th FA)

Ivan A. Broten, Rt. 2, Box 91, Isanti, Minn. (S/Sgt., 899th TD)

Henry Brown, Avon Park, Fla. (Pfc., 60th)

John W. Brown, Arkwright Mill Store, Spartanburg, S. C. (Pfc. 34th FA)

Matthew S. Brown, Savannah, Ga. (Pfc., 60th)

Arthur A. Chisam, Rosedale Station Rt. 5, Kansas City, Kan. (Pfc., 60th)

Albert F. Cipolone, 3 Railroad Ave., Brooktown, N. J. (Pfc., 47th)

John H. Cisel, 3922 Morrell St., Kansas City, Mo. (Capt, 60th)

Alva H. Clark, 511 W. Clay, Muskegon, Mich. (Sgt. 26th FA)

Chas. A. Clark, Hopeville, Wash. (Pfc., 47th)

Herman H. Clark, 69 Parris St., Portland, Me. (Pfc., 47th)

Hugh M. Clark, 6243 S. Marshfield St., Chicago, Ill. (Pvt. 899th TD)

Lester W. Clark, 2 Lexington Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. (Sgt., Sig Co.)

Paul D. Clark, Rt. 1, Ladoga, Ind. (Pfc., 60th)

William W. Clark, Box 515, Dunbar, Iowa. (Pfc., MP)

Norman A. Clausen, Kiester, Minn. (Pfc., Div Arty Hq.)

John F. Click, 44 Crescent Rd., Long Island, N. Y. (Pfc., 47th)

Daniel R. Cloutier, Riverside Dr., Augusta, Me. (T-4)

Anderson N. Coburn, Co "K", 2nd Regt, AGFRD 2, Ft. Ord, Cal. (1st Lt., 60th)

Ollie C. Cole, Phoenix, Ariz. (M/Sgt, Div Hq Co)

Howard H. Coleman, 131 Steel St., Jamestown, N. Y. (T-4, 47th)

James L. Collins, 122 W. Walnut St., Louisville, Ky. (Pvt., 39th)

Edward G. Conelley, 2118 Albenmarle Terrace, Brooklyn, N. Y. (Pfc., Div Hq Co)

Raymond M. Connolly, 5411 Oakmont St., Philadelphia 36, Pa. (Pfc., Sig Co.)

Timothy E. Coogan, 1108 4th St., Sacramento, Calif. (S/Sgt., 26th FA)

Frederick J. Cook, 57 Hadley Ave., Clifton, N. J. (Pvt., 47th)

Gilbert B. Cook, Rt. 9, Box 426, Dallas, Tex. (2nd Lt AT Co, 47th)

Wm. A. Coomes, RD 5, Owensboro, Ky. (S/Sgt., 26th FA)

Arthur L. Copeland, 1632 Market St., Jacksonville, Fla. (T-5, 84th FA)

Robert M. Corbin, Rt. 1, Armichee, Ga. (S/Sgt., 34th FA)

Wm. C. Cordes, 178-27 145th Drive, Springfield Gardens 13, New York, N. Y. (Sgt., Co D, Med Bn)

James A. Cornell, 1935 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, Mich. (Cpl., 34th FA)

Lloyd J. Couch, Rt. 1, Box 77, Tigard, Ore. (T-5, 47th)

Martin F. Coughlin, 4358 Richfield Rd., Flint, Mich. (T5, 34th FA)

William E. Cox, Box 191, Kaufman.

Robert M. Crailic, Rt. 5, Rogersville, Texas (Cpl. 34th FA)

John F. Crew, Rt. 2, Pontiac, Mich. (1st Lt., 47th)

Edwin E. Cude, 9825 Heimer Rd., Houston, Texas. (T-5, 60th)

Billy J. Cummins, Box 132, Walton Grove, Mo. (2nd Lt., 746 Tk)

Harry N. Currie, 316 Fieldbrook Dr., Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Pvt., 26th FA)

Edward A. Custer, 205 Third Ave., Rogers Ford, Pa. (Pfc, 47th)

Dennis J. Cyr, 337 S. Main St., Waterbury, Conn. (Pfc., 376th AAA)

George M. Czaja, 5219 School St., Chicago, Ill. (Cpl., 47th)

Walter F. Czarnik, 2612 N. Burling St., Chicago, Ill. (Pfc., 47th)

William L. Dahmer, Columbus, Ga. (Sgt., 746th TK)

Alex D'Angelo, 2531 E. 26th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. (Pfc., 60th)

Clifford D. Davis, Leesville, La. (Pfc., 60th)

Wm. W. Daseking, Hoboken, N. J. (Cpl. 146th TK)

William F. Davidson, 379 Weldon St., Cambridge, Mass.

Raymond L. Davis, 113 1/2 N. Market, Troy, Ohio. (39th)

William V. Davis, RFD 2, Snow Hill, N. C. (T-5, 26th FA)

Marvin A. Dean, 1223 E. 9th St., The Dalles Ave., Wilmington, Calif. (Lt. 34th FA)

Albert Deen, Pearson, Ga. (S/Sgt., 47th)

Virgil E. Deiger, Rd 2, Carlisle, Pa. (S/Sgt. 26th FA.)

Verl D. Denison, 423 J. Avenue, NW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. (T-5, 899th TD)

C. M. Deskins, Marvin, Va.

Thomas M. Dick, 109 W. Madison, Youngstown, Ohio (Pfc., 47th)

John J. Dickinson, St. Johnsbury, Vt. (Sgt., 60th)

Edward J. Dingham, Jr., Fort Plains, N. Y. (Pfc., 47th)

Anthony J. Dobrzanski, Jersey City, N. J. (1st Sgt., 60th)

Frank J. Doleski, 1524 Plane St., Avoca, Pa. (T-4, 376th AAA)

William E. Doud, 218 Bellevue Ave., New Castle, Pa. (Pfc., 47th)

Richard L. Downs, 338 Green St., Syracuse, N. Y. (Pfc., 47th)

John R. Doyle, Box 261, Crane, Texas. (Cpl., 26th FA)

Kendall K. Drake, RFD 2, Canton, Me. (Pfc., 15th Engr.)

William J. Draper, 108 1/2 Magnolia, N. Little Rock, Ark. (Cpl., 746th TK)

Johnny L. Dwyier, 2502 San Jose St., El Paso, Texas. (Pfc., 899th TD)

Roy Eades, 218 Hale Ave., Princeton, Ill. (Pfc., 60th)

Elmer E. Early, 93 Main St., Fallston, Pa. (Sgt., 26th FA)

Walter C. Eder, 224 S. Bouldin St., Baltimore, Md.

Murel F. Elle, Maxwell Avenue, Detroit, Mich. (Pfc., 60th)

George W. Elliott, 244 W. 29th St., New York, N. Y. (39th)

Gurden F. Elliott, Rt. 5, Mt. Pleasant, Mich. (Pfc., 47th)

(The above is a partial list of "lost" members. Additional names will be printed in next month's issue of The Octofoil.)

Matusik Says the Cigars Were O. K.

Dear Editor: O. K., I call off the invasion of New York for the present, but just let someone else try to steal Father DeLaura from the 47th and a full scale invasion will take place. But I agree with The Octofoil, Father DeLaura is tops. I can remember one incident that took place Easter week in 1945, in our tour of Germany. The 3rd Bn. of the 47th "liberated" a cigar factory and when the good Father came around for Easter Services (four days late, through no fault of his), he chided the men of the battalion for stealing the cigars—he corrected himself—it was policing the area. After the services, still in rather a jocular mood, he asked for some of "those liberated cigars."

NON-COMBATANTS

Just another little incident about Father DeLaura: While returning from overseas he happened to be walking around the deck with his decorations on, I believe in self defense, those rear echelon hospital units really had everything they were entitled to. Some character said: "Boy, even Chaplains get Silver Stars." A few of the boys who knew the good Father really took that guy to town, but good. After the guy heard how Father DeLaura got the award, he too, said: "That little guy is O. K. for my money."

NOT A SKIPPER

In my last letter there is an error. I don't know whether you could read my writing or not (must have been)—I am not a foreman. I am just a cable former helper. Haven't got 15 to 20 years' service that it seems is necessary to become a foreman.

SENDS PICTURES

The enclosed pictures were taken around VE day at Klein Badegast, near Kothlen. The group pictures are of Co. M, 47th, after returning from a review at Grosse Badegast where General "Lightning Joe" Collins spoke to the Third Bn.

Keep up the good work with that Octofoil, as ever,

T. MATUSIK,

1802 Wilmet, Chicago, Ill.

(Ed's Note: Thanks for the pictures, Ted, but as mentioned elsewhere, The Octofoil will have to kinda run them on the installment plan. But you will eventually get them back. If needed before they are all run in the paper just you holler, sir.)

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

ANOTHER MCKENZIE SHOT



Joseph McKenzie, Waltham, Mass., sends The Octofoil these two former 26th F. A. men's picture. Walter Swenson, in civies, is living at 15 Porter St., Everett, Mass. Bill Sacco lives at 1500 Mystic Valley Parkway, Medford, Mass.

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Q.—Is V.A. going to help veterans whose hearing was impaired while in the service?—Earache.

A.—Yes; by a special program of medical rehabilitation to help such cases.

Bob Vosbaugh Writes From San Luis, Calif.

Robert Vosbaugh is attending California Polytechnic in San Luis Obispo, Calif., and a letter in care of General Delivery will reach him.

Bob sends a very interesting picture that was taken in April, 1945 in the Ruhr Pocket area. It shows the second squad of King Co.'s First Plt., 60th Regt. As explained elsewhere the cost of producing cuts has become so exorbitant The Octofoil will have to cut down quite a bit on the number of cuts used, but Bob's picture has been filed and just as quickly as possible the Ruhr Pocket area scene will be given a good spot in The Octofoil.

THANKS, ROBERT

Says Bob, "The Octofoil is part of the required list for my reading and gets a top spot on the list. It has helped a lot of fellows to locate buddies and I'm hoping it can throw some light on the whereabouts of

"Joseph, Ference. His home is or was in Pennsylvania and he was in King Co., 60th."

Any member knowing where Joe Ference is now, please write Bob Vosbaugh.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

Co. A, 60th Fellow Asks for Some Photos

Dear Sir: The men in the photo I am sending you are all part of the Motar Section of Co. A, 60th Infantry.

If there are any fellows who have pictures of the rest of the Fourth Plt., Co. A, I would appreciate it if they would send me the negatives, so I could have some prints made for my album. I will take good care of all negatives and return them at once.

WILLIAM E. TIMMONS, 4122 Jacob St., Wheeling, West Virginia.

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A Strong Back Crew



This group picture of some Co. A, 60th Inf. Mortar men was taken by William E. Timmons. Bill is now located in Wheeling, West Virginia, at 4122 Jacob St.

Bedridden patients in the Veterans Administration hospital at Fayetteville, Ark., are keeping up with the latest in sports because of a daily sports broadcast beamed to their bedsides over the hospital's radio network.

Material for the broadcasts, compiled by a veteran-patient, includes baseball scores, developments on the local and national sports scene, and a daily "sport-light," or biographical sketch of a local patient formerly active in sports.

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CLYDE BENTON ON A FARM NEAR TEMPERANCE, MICH.

Clyde W. Benton, Rt. 2, Temperance, Mich., wants to hear from his old buddies. Clyde was bitterly disappointed because he didn't get to Columbus—and sends in a request for the records.

Hope you enjoy the records, Clyde—and The Octofoil hopes more than anything else that you get to Philly for the next Reunion.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

Sterling Kichline Has Interesting 60th Pixs

Dear Sirs: I have in my possession two photographs of the 60th Regt. Drum and Bugle Corps. One was taken in Bourmouth, England, in 1944, and one in Sefalu, Sicily, 1943. I believe the boys would like to see them in The Octofoil.

If you wish to print them I will send them. But I want to be sure of getting them back. I would hate to lose them.

S. KICHLINE,

637 Highland Ave., Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

(Ed's Note: The Octofoil appreciates your cooperation and will take good care of the pictures and return them after cuts are made, but don't get alarmed and think them lost if it is two or three months before they are used. The excessive cost for making cuts forces The Octofoil to try and cut down on the number used, as badly as it is regretted.)

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

Amerigo V. DeJulius Living in Bronx, N. Y.

Amerigo DeJulius writes The Octofoil expressing his regrets for being unable to attend the second annual Reunion in Columbus, O. But he intends making the Philly Reunion—and as a compromise for not being in Columbus he asks that a set of records be sent to him. His address now is Amerigo V. DeJulius, 2525 Grand Concourse, Bronx 58, N. Y.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

JIM SNOW, CO. H, 47TH, IS LIVING IN NUTMEG STATE

James B. Snow, former Co. H, 47th man, is living on Best View Rd., Quaker Hill, Conn., and sends greetings to all former 47th men, saying he'll see you in Philadelphia next July.

Jim asks for the programs and mimeographed sheets just so he could see how many old buddies he missed seeing at the Columbus Reunion.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

Chuck Murphy, Lad From Pittsburg, Likes His Octofoil Regular

If a few more members would be as considerate as Charles Murphy The Octofoil and the Association would be able to save quite a bit of money that is now paid into the coffers of Uncle Sam's Postoffice Dept.

Charlie has been living at 3449 Ward St., Pittsburgh 13, Pa. Several days before he moved he sent a card to The Octofoil advising of what his new address would be, explaining he didn't want to miss a single issue of The Octofoil.

His new address is 265 Dunseith St., Pittsburgh.

Members who do as Murphy did never miss a copy of The Octofoil. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred those who miss copies of The Octofoil have no one to blame but themselves because they have failed to properly advise The Octofoil of an address change.

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JOE BANISAUCHER LIVING ON 71ST ST., CLEVELAND, O.

Joe Banisaucher bought himself a new combination radio phonograph after he learned the Memorial Services in Columbus were recorded and records were available. In sending his order in Joe stipulated "get them here on the double."

Some of you guys drop Joe a few lines. He's living at 1481 E. 71st St., Cleveland 3, Ohio.

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No rule for success will work if you won't.

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PITTSBURGH MEMBERS HAVE BIG PLANS

150 ATTEND LAST MEETING OF WINDY CITY CHAPTER; NEXT MEETING OCT. 24

The Chicago Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association met September 26th and better than 150 members were in attendance.

SHOW FILMS

The Chicago group were expecting to see the Ninth Division combat films but through some misunderstanding the Columbus Chapter had sent the films to Maryland for an exhibition. However, Fifth Army Hdqtrs., in Chicago, come to the rescue of the group and showed some very interesting films to the group.

NEXT MEETING OCT. 24

The next meeting of the Chicago Chapter will be held October 24th, at which time they are again planning to show the 9th Division combat films that are available through the courtesy of the First Vice-President of the Association, Major General Donald A. Stroh.

Several Chicago veterans' organizations have requested the privilege of showing the films while they are in Chicago.

MEET AT MOOSE HOME

The Moose Home, 1026 N. Dearborn St., was decided upon as the permanent meeting place of the Chicago Chapter. All mail addressed to the Chicago Chapter should be sent to P. O. Box 855, Chicago 90, Ill.

STATE CONVENTION

Plans were made at the meeting to arrange for an All-Illinois Reunion of former Ninth Division men to be held in late March or early April of next year.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

A series of tentative social events were discussed. A dance in an uptown hotel during the New Year holidays was decided.

CLOUSER ABSENT

President John Clouser of the Illinois Chapter, was unable to attend the September meeting because of his duties at the Mooseheart Home, Mooseheart, Ill. In his absence National Second Vice-President Walter Mahon conducted the well-attended meeting.

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WILTON TAYLOR WRITES NEWSY NOTE TO BRIG. GENERAL GEORGE W. SMYTHE

Wilton M. Taylor, former Co. M, 47th man, now living at 100 1/2 Taylor St., Taft, Calif., mailed a very newsy letter to his old regimental commander, Brig. Gen. George W. Smythe.

LT. PHILLIPS HEARD FROM

Among other notes in Taylor's letter was the information he had recently heard from Lieut. Henry G. Phillips, former Co. M, 47th man, who is now Lieut. Henry G. Phillips, 036383, Hdqtr. 3rd Bn., 23rd Inf., Fort Lewis, Wash. The lieutenant is a happy married man now, and has something besides a fence running around the house.

CAPT. HORAN AT BRAGG

Captain W. H. Horan, former Co. M, 47th man, is now with Co. D, 41st Trg. Bn., RTC, Fort Bragg, N. C. Captain Horan is also a married man and is getting off to a good start raising a family.

LT. ROCKSTRAW CIVILIAN

According to Taylor Lieut. Leonard Rockstraw is employed in the Bank of America, Palo Alto, Calif. All three of these former 47th men send their best wishes to former buddies.

REMEMBERS GEN. RANDLE

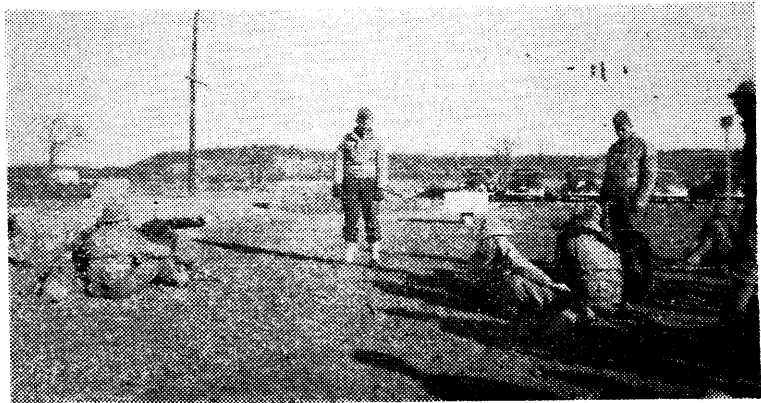
Taylor asks The Octofoil and Gen. Smythe to remember him to General Randle, who Taylor says, was a pretty good commander—understanding and considerate—as well as a good soldier.

WANTS COPIES OF PAPER

Taylor also requests any copies of the Raider that might be laying around. By a funny coincidence, Colonel John Van Houten has only recently loaned The Octofoil a complete series of overseas printed copies of The Raider and excerpts from the papers will be printed from time to time.

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ANOTHER WOLTERS GUY MAKES GOOD



Thanks to Wilton M. Taylor, 100 1/2 Taylor St., Taft, Calif., The Octofoil is able to print another good print from Camp Wolters, Texas. Pictured at the extreme left is Cpl. R. K. Johnson. Right: Cpl. Waggoner, Co. B, 56th Inf. Tr. Bn. Manning the firing piece at the left is Pvt. Harold Vernon, who wound up with Co. M, 47th Regt., Ninth Infantry Division.

34th F. A. Man Now Living In Rhode Island

The discharged Columbus Convention Committee sends to The Octofoil a short note from Manuel L. Brum, formerly attached to Hq. Battery, 34th F. A. Bn.

Brum asks that they send him a Souvenir Program and at the same time send one to another former 34th F. A., man, Harry P. Chase, who lives at 69 Peyton St., Providence, R. I. Brum lives at 385 Eddy St., Fall River, Mass.

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Knowledge is acquired a little bit at a time.

John Popp Desirous of Locating a Buddy

Dear Sir: I have been trying to locate a former pal of mine. I had his address, but through some misfortune I have lost it. His name is William Marinara. He lived in Waterbury, Conn. And I wanted to tell the guy I was going to be married in November.

JOHN POPP,

520 N. 7th St., Martins Ferry, Ohio.

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Many people permit words to leave their mouths without filtering them through their minds.

HELP WANTED - - - WHERE HAVE THESE GUYS VANISHED? . .

Sgt. Robert N. Beauchamp, Hq. Co., C.D.C., APO 834, care Postmaster, New Orleans, La., wants the address of a former T-5 Horton, who served as jeep driver for Co. B, 39th Infantry, and is from Texas.

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Capt. Jerry M. Smith, Jr., Hq. 31st Inf., APO 7, Unit 3, care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif., wants to contact old members of the Ninth, especially Co. C, 60th Infantry.

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Elmer Wagner, Rt. 4, Bay City, Mich., is trying to locate some of his lost buddies of Co. I, 47th Inf. He has asked specifically for the addresses of Duane Olson, and former Lt. Belnap and Yeager.

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HISTORY REPORT

Lt. Mittelman, Division Historian, reports that the Division History, "Eight Stars to Victory" is coming along very nicely.

A couple of months delay was encountered but its main purpose was to make the book more accurate. The date for the deadline of copy to the F. J. Heer Printing Co., Columbus, Ohio, is December 15, 1947.

The prospectus for the History is now out and being distributed—50,000 copies have been run off of this prospectus. The average for completion of the whole project is now 49%.

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Sgt. Tom Conroy Asks Details About Brother

S-Sgt. Thomas D. Conroy writes: "I was referred to you by Army Times. I am trying to get information concerning my brother, Lt. David E. Conroy, A.S.N. 0-1288520, Co. E, 47th Inf., who was killed in Africa, March, 1943. Being in the Army, I am supposed to 'go through channels,' but that takes too long. I would appreciate any information that you can give me in this matter. To date I have been up against a blank wall."

Sgt. Conroy's address is: Army Recruiting Service, Main Station Armory, Fifth and Ann Streets, Ann Arbor, Mich.

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"THE OCTOFOIL," - - A SOUL-INSPIRING SONG, IS WRITTEN

The Octofoil is in receipt of a beautifully composed musical number, titled "Octofoil March." The number was written by Doris Friend, at the solicitation of Richard Pestel, vice-president of the Columbus Chapter.

"The Octofoil March" was submitted to a professional song writer for critical comment. After playing the number on a piano the song writer judged it as tops and the rhythm perfect.

TO BE PUBLISHED

The Octofoil hopes to be able to get a cut made of the number so as to publish it in a forthcoming issue of The Octofoil. By the time for our Third Reunion in Philadelphia the members should be sufficiently familiar with the words and the tune as to be able to serenade the Quaker City with impromptu barber shop quartets on every street corner at the slightest provocation.

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APPOINT ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE FOR COMING YEAR; PREPARING BIG THINGS FOR PITTSBURGH.

FORREST GETS A JOLT—225-POUND LABORER FALLS FROM LADDER ON TOP OF HIS TYPEWRITER — INVITES OUT-OF-TOWNERS TO THEIR MEETING.

At its July meeting held in the Commonwealth Bldg., Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter elected officers for the year ending July, 1948.

Those elected were:

President—Alex T. Forrest.
Vice President—Walter V. Beaver.

Secretary—Walter A. Millstine.
Financial Secretary—John R. Heights.

Treasurer—Robert W. Buck.
Publicity—Raymond J. Kennedy and John J. Kowalski.

Trustees elected were:
For 18 month term: Raymond E. Pifer.

For 12 month term: Robert Coupland.

For 6 month term: Arthur E. Schmidt.

ENTERTAINMENT

An entertainment committee was appointed, consisting of Walter Millstine, Chairman; Ray Pifer, Arthur Schmidt, Joseph Wosnicki and William Hilton. This committee has gone into action and is preparing a schedule of entertainments for the winter and spring months.

LOOKING FOR NEW "HOME"

Our meeting place in the Commonwealth Building has been a blessing to us since the inception of the Chapter, but, like all blessings, repetition wears them thin after a time. Unfortunately, banking offices are not suited for entertainment so the Chapter is at this time dickering for the use of a hall where social functions can be held. At the same time, however, we plan on retaining our present meeting place as a standby measure.

HOPE FOR BIG TURN-OUT

It is expected that November will see the first real get-together of the Fall season. So, let's have all you Pittsburghers turn out—help plan these affairs and then turn out and take care of them.

VISITORS WELCOME

And, if any visitors happen to be in the smoke(less) city at the time, drop in and enjoy yourselves—everyone is welcome.

CATASTROPHE

Please pardon the typing—a fellow was just installing storm windows and all 225 pounds of him fell on top of the typewriter. It isn't working very well now.

Respectfully,

ALEX T. FORREST,
President, Greater Pittsburgh Chapter.

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Uncle Sam Fouled Up With Miele's Package

During early August Dominick Miele, 53 Southern Blvd., Bronx 59, N. Y., sent in a request to the Columbus Convention Committee for some of the items left-over after the Second Annual Reunion. September 16 Nick sent in a letter saying the items had never been delivered. Many other people would have written long before he did. But evidently Nick had hurried up and waited so many times in the Army that he was so used to sweating out such situations he didn't think anything was wrong—so he just lived up to his basic training and continued to wait.

The Columbus Committee apologized to The Octofoil and sent Nick his package—and only hopes there is not another similar case. But if such is the case please notify the Committee or The Octofoil. There may be some other Joe whose letter got mixed up in the shuffle who had a tougher platoon sergeant than did Nick who is still waiting and thinks maybe a few more days waiting is just part of the program as he was taught at Bragg, Wolters, etc.

Charles Walther Asks Help - - - He Wants to Locate Old Buddies

Gentlemen: To start out I would like to go on record as saying I think you are doing a wonderful job in publishing The Octofoil. I believe that service in the Infantry draws one a lot nearer to his comrades than any other branch of the service can ever hope to. Anything that serves to continue that comradeship is a wonderful set-up, in my estimation.

I would like to get some information about two men who I served with while a member of Co. F of the 60th. One of them was S-Sgt. Dino G. Michielutti, ASN 32040616. The last I heard of him was he had been shot in the arm during the St. Lo campaign and sent stateside.

HERRIN OR HARRIN

The other fellow is S-Sgt. Fred Herrin (I am not sure about the spelling; it may have been spelled with an A, i.e., Harrin.) I do not know his ASN, but I believe his home was California. He went to the hospital during the St. Lo campaign.

Any information you can give me regarding the above named men will be deeply appreciated. I want to know their present address very much.

CHARLES B. WALTHER,
169 Euclid Ave., Brooklyn 8, New York.

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LET'S GET ACQUAINTED WITH PHILLY

Walter Pasch Sends Some Excellent Shots

Dear Sirs: Enclosed are a few photos. I cherish these pictures very much. All the men pictured were members of Co. L, 60th, at one time or another. I also have some pictures taken at Fort Bragg I will send when you are able to use them.

Sergeants Kern and Bowman and Lieut. Hoisington were killed in action. Marsh and Piontek were both wounded several times.

WALTER E. PASCH,
153 S. Main St., Clintonville,
Wisconsin.

(Ed's Note: Walt, The Octofoil will take good care of the pictures and return them, but the cost of making cuts and printing prevents the use of more than one in each issue. If you want the pictures back before all have been used, just drop a card to The Octofoil. Thanks for your co-operation.)

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BILL BEER FINALLY GOT THAT BADGE

William Beer, 16 Glen Beck Lane, Mansfield, O., writes a nice letter thanking Secretary Tingley and The Octofoil for getting his Combat Infantry Badge for him.

Beer is a pretty busy lad, working two nights a week, bowling two nights and practicing for the Amvets minstrel another night or two. However, he still gets time to answer letters from any of his old buddies.

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ROLLS HER R'S

Mike Puzak (as per usual) butted into a nifty number on the train after attending the recent Board meeting. It developed the little lady had recently arrived from her native Scotland and her brogue was terrific. Returning from the dining car with the Bonnie Lass Mike remarked, "My, but how you do roll your R's." Whereupon Mike's new found acquaintance replied, sweetly: "Maybe it's these run-over heels on my shoes that I'm wurrin' is the cause of it."

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An Old 39ther Sends In Some Newsy Items

The Octofoil really appreciates snappy news items sent in by a former 39th Regt. man who says: "Just print these notes but leave my name out—I'm not any publicity seeker." And incidentally while writing he says to send him a set of those Memorial Service records. Some more of your 39thers 60thers and 47thers send in items like this Joe did. The rest of the boys are interested. Here goes:

FORMER 39TH CHAPLAIN LOCATED IN VIRGINIA

The Rev. Leonard W. Boynton, former Chaplain, 2nd Bn., 39th Inf., is now resident minister of the Hanover Christian Church in Richmond, Va.

A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER IN THEM THAR HILLS

In them thar Kentucky hills Emmett Taylor, former top-kick, H Co., AAO, has been located. To be exact, it is in Brodhead, Ky. He just heard about the Ninth Infantry Division Association and he would like to join.

He was a good soldier fellows—whatta you say—let him join?

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James Mucci's Wife Claims They Really Enjoy "The Octofoil"

Dear Sirs: My husband was so sorry he couldn't make the Convention this year, but due to circumstances beyond his control it was unavoidable. Here's hoping we make Philadelphia next year.

Please see that the Columbus Committee sends us one of the Souvenir Programs.

I'm sure my husband would appreciate any letter or news from any of his old buddies from the Medical Det. of the 39th Inf.

How about it boys, drop a line to Jimmy—and if possible, come see him.

Here goes a report of Metro Vazil. We were in Yonkers, N. Y., August 31 to see him—but could not find where he had moved. Drop us a line Metro and we will come back some time.

Keep up the good work with The Octofoil. The Association has a wonderful paper and I really am unable to say who enjoys it the most between Jimmy and I.

MRS. JAMES E. MUCCI,
136 Carson Ave., Newburgh,
New York.

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LUXURIOUS BAR "OFF-LIMITS" FOR ALL BUT NINTH DIVISION MEN DURING THIRD ANNUAL REUNION.

HISTORICAL PLACES TO BE SEEN IN PHILADELPHIA ARE MANY; FROM TIME TO TIME OCTOFOIL WILL ACQUAINT MEMBERS WITH THESE PLACES.

Philadelphia as it exists today comprises a number of communities which once were separate towns. They were settled at different times by different peoples: the Swedes near Tinicum Island in South Philadelphia, the English

TURNER'S PLEA GETS ANSWERS

Last month in The Octofoil Bob Turner needed the old 899th T.D. outfit about their lack of interest in the Association. Francis Wolman calls his hand and sends in his contribution. What about hearing from some more of you guys sitting on your fanny reading the news and making no contribution. Here's Wolman's note: Dear Sir: I was reading in this month's issue of The Octofoil where Captain Turner wants the men of the 899th T. D. Bn. to start the ball rolling. Well, I'll try to do a little.

Enclosed you will find a copy of a poem written by myself and the following members of my destroyer crew: Lloyd Stegman, of Nova, Minn.; DeWayne Kendall, of Preston, Idaho, and Carl Poss, of Pittsburg, Kansas, and Edward Kemble, of Jamaica, N. Y.

This poem was written in November, 1944, in Germany. That was just before we entered the Huertgen Forest. It was in turn written on the reverse side of our personal Christmas cards that year and sent all over the country.

The poem read as follows:

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Christmas cheer to all of you
Upon this Christmas day,
From us, a Tank Destroyer crew
Whom with you do pray.

From the hills of Germany
Across the ocean blue,
Greetings we extend to thee
With honest love so true.

Although we're many miles away,
With nights so long and black—
Your prayers upon this Christmas day
Will surely bring us back.

Looking forward to future issues of The Octofoil, I remain,
FRANCIS H. WOLMAN,
74 Hillside Ave., Edwardsville,
Pennsylvania.

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GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

THESE G. I.'S KNOW A THING OR TWO



The above picture was taken in Bageria, Sicily. The G. I.s, left to right are Marsh, Feratto, Lt. Potter, Lt. Hoisington, and Walter Pasch.

Sgt. Steve Budrick Is Grieving -- He'll Have to Miss Philadelphia

Dear Sir: I am sorry I couldn't make the Second Annual Reunion. At the time it was held in Columbus, O., I was stationed at Schofield Barracks in the 237th Ordnance (M. M.) Co., in the Territory of Hawaii.

Now I see there will be a third Reunion in Philadelphia. Philly is just about 40 miles from my home in South River, N. J.

But once again it leaves me out for the reason I will not be in the states until 1949.

I will be registered at the fourth Reunion no matter what state it will be held in.

I would appreciate the Souvenirs left over from the Second Annual Reunion.

I would have sent for these articles sooner but I mislaid my Octofoils. We had a rigid inspection, both wall lockers and foot lockers. I put them out of sight—so darn far I couldn't find them after the inspection. So when I got this month's Octofoil I sat down and wrote immediately.

Please tell the boys in Philadelphia although I'm not there with them in person, my heart's right there. Thank you.

Won't some of the old gang drop me a few lines?

SGT. STEVEN BUDRICK,
ASN RA 6901607, 237th Ord.
(MM) Co., APO 957, care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. (A former Co. G, 47th man.)

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Bill Hilton Just a Bit Slow On the Trigger

The Octofoil had high hopes of printing some banquet scenes of the Second Annual Reunion, even at this belated date. William J. Hilton, 57 Maplewood Ave., Crafton, Pa., very kindly offered the use of some negatives he made during the Reunion and The Octofoil acknowledged receipt of his kind offer but to date Bill hasn't gotten around to sending them.

However, maybe these lazy hot days will have passed by time for the next issue and Morrison will come through with the pictures he made at the Reunion.

If anyone else has prints of Reunion scenes they would send to The Octofoil good care will be taken of them and they will be returned as soon as cuts can be made. The process of making cuts from the prints does not damage the prints in any way—and receiving the prints is much more desirable for The Octofoil. By receiving the prints The Octofoil saves the three or four days' time required to get the films developed as well as the cost involved—and as all the readers know—that cost to The Octofoil is an important item.

Hilton also has some 300 shots of interesting pictures taken from Sicily to the last days of the war in Germany that he has promised to submit to The Octofoil for use in future issues.

Hilton is a member of the Pittsburgh, Pa., Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Did You Buy This OCTOFOIL?

THIS IS A HAPPY, GO-LUCKY GANG



Tony Guttilla, 401 W. 50th St., New York City, hopes to bring back some old memories in presenting this Co. M, 60th group. Top, left to right is pictured: La Plant, Nick O'Shea, Riddell, Brum, Komonchak. Bottom, left to right: Orlandi, Aquapredda, Guttilla, and Jarvis.

Quakers under Penn in a small community fanning out from High St. and the Delaware River, the Germans in Germantown, Kensington, Southwark and Northern Liberties were also settled early, as were some other sections of today's metropolis.

POINTS OF INTEREST

While all of these communities are of interest, none has preserved so many reminders of its past as have the Old Philadelphia region, extending from Ninth St. to the Delaware on both sides of Market St., and the community of Germantown. Within these relatively small areas is so much of interest that a tour of each may very profitably be made on foot. Both neighborhoods are readily reached by street car, subway-elevated or bus lines.

MODERN SIGHTS

Yet by no means are all of Philadelphia's noteworthy landmarks confined to relics of olden days. In numerous sections, especially along the tree-lined Franklin Parkway, modern masterpieces of architecture and culture typify the present-day community, third largest city and greatest manufacturing center in the country.

Proceed down Walnut St. to 8th and south to 225. The Morris Mansion of 1787 represents a typical town house suited to the colonial capital. It has a beautiful cornice, dainty fanlight in the doorway and two fire insurance emblems under the third floor window. Immediately behind towers the modern Ayer Building in striking contrast to the broad horizontal lines of the colonial town house.

INDEPENDENCE SQUARE

Independence Square was the State House Yard in the days when the city held its celebrations there. At the northwest corner where Congress Hall now stands, sheds were once erected to harbor visiting Indians. Washington made treaties on this spot with some of their chiefs.

GAS LAMPS

In the Square the gas lamps are of antique design, numbering 56, one for each signer of the Declaration of Independence. The 13 red oaks are symbols of the original Colonies. Their roots are fed in soil brought from the State each tree represents.

BRONZE STATUE

A bronze statue of Commodore John Barry stands before the national shrine of liberty, Independence Hall, built in 1735 as the State House for the colony of Pennsylvania. Entering the building, which is open from 9 to 4 daily, under the tower you will see the Liberty Bell, first cast for the colony in London in 1752. When being tested on its arrival, it cracked and was recast by Pass and Stow of this city. From 1753 until 1835, when it cracked again, the bell notified the populace of innumerable civic events and gatherings, but the traditional highlight of its honored career came on a hot July day in 1776 when as the Declaration of Independence was publicly announced, the clanging voice of the Liberty Bell heralded a new era in the history of the world.

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A smart guy said to the bus driver the other morning: "Well, Noah, you've got here at last. Is the ark full?"

Bus Driver: "No, we need one more monkey. Come on in."

1942 MEMORIES OF THE 39th REGIMENT

COLUMBUS CHAPTER SHOWS COMBAT FILMS; LOCAL PAPERS PRINT 9TH NEWS

During the past month Columbus Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association has shown the combat films before one American Legion Post, and two Fraternal Order of Eagles lodges.

MINUTES FROM MEETING

The following letter was sent to Secretary-Treasurer Tingley by David Boring, newly elected acting secretary of the Columbus Chapter:

Dear Charlie:

The following is an excerpt from the minutes of the October 10, 1947 meeting of the Columbus Chapter:

"The motion was made and carried that Secretary Tingley be contacted and requested to obtain from the War Dept. in Washington the names of all the Ninth Division's dead as they are returned to the United States for burial. This would be done in order that The Octofoil could pay its proper respects."

MAKES PLEDGE

During the ensuing discussion it was emphasized that the returning of our dead buddies would afford the living men of the Ninth an unprecedented opportunity to pay their respects in actions as well as words. The Columbus Chapter pledged itself to do its utmost to have at least one man present at every Ninth Division funeral in Ohio.

TIME ELEMENT

We also realized the problem of the time element between the date that you may be able to get the lists and the printing of The Octofoil. Perhaps Gen. Eddy may be of assistance to you there.

We hope it will be possible for the lists to be obtained in time to arrange for a representative of the Division to be present at the funeral of every former Ninth man as well as for The Octofoil to pay its respects.

Sincerely,
GLENN O. MOORE,
President.
DAVID BORING,
Asst. Secy.-Treas.

SECRETARY TINGLEY ANSWERS

The following information from Secretary Tingley will be welcomed by all the Chapters:

I have contacted the War Department, pardon, the Office of National Defense, and they are sending me a list immediately of 6,200 names of War Dead being returned from the ETO the latter part of this month. This list will not show any unit designation. However, I will be able to check it against our office list and pick out the 9th Division men and as soon as the ship arrives and the public is notified over the radio and newspapers then I can contact

the various chapters, etc., and they can make arrangements to attend the burial services. This is the only way that I can work it. The Office of National Defense does not have any list by organization. I have promised not to release the information to anybody until the ship arrives in New York. As for suitable floral tributes, I agree with you that it would be an unbearable expense to the Association. However, perhaps the local chapters can see their way clear to furnish some sort of flowers, or at least be represented at the final services. I will attend to this as expeditiously as possible and will use telegrams where necessary to notify the local chapters.

HISTORY LIST

Right now I have two extra girls working in the office making up a list for the Heer Co. of all Ninth men who do not belong to the Association. They should be finished in a few days and then I am going to put them to work getting the list of KIAs and MIAs in order. I am going to have card index made for each name, showing the next of kin's address, unit designation, etc. After that is finished I will have them make a list of those names for Heer. After I finish with that I am going to take all the inactive members cards and have them write a more or less personal letter to each one asking them to pay their dues for this year. I may be optimistic but I believe I will get good results and more than pay for the expense involved.

Sincerely,
CHARLES O. TINGLEY.

DICK SCHUMANN HAS INVENTED GADGET OF HIS OWN TO MAKE RECORDS

Richard Schumann, member of the Columbus Chapter is still turning out records of the Memorial Services held in Columbus.

Dick has perfected some kind of gadget that eliminates considerable time when reproducing the records for public use from the master record. Anyone caring for a set of the records may obtain them by sending \$5 to The Octofoil.

You can't tell—there may be a future Edison experimenting with those gadgets in the Schumann basement.

PESTEL STILL WORKING WITH PROGRAMS

Richard Pestel, vice-president of the Columbus Chapter, advises he still has a few of the programs, caps and badges leftover from the Reunion that he will mail to anyone desiring them upon sending The Octofoil \$1.

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Dick Compton's Wife Says They Squabble About "The Octofoil"

Dear Sirs: My husband has talked so much about writing to The Octofoil but just never seems to get around to it. So I decided I would surprise him and do it for him. But in justice to him, he is so busy that I do most of his corresponding for him. But this is one letter he doesn't know I am writing.

"SQUABBLE"

Just finished reading the September issue of The Octofoil, and I want to say that you're really doing a wonderful job. We almost have a "squabble" every month over who's going to read it first. I think it's a swell way for the boys to keep in touch with one another.

There is one fellow though whose name we've never seen in the paper, and I know it would thrill my husband to see it there.

He is Herbert Lawrence of Texas. We had hoped to see him at the Reunion in Columbus but he evidently didn't get there because we didn't see him. And we were right there. And really enjoyed it too.

SWELL GANG

As a Ninth Division wife I'd like to say that was one of the most well-behaved bunch of boys I have ever been around. Everything worked out swell. The Memorial Services were very touching and I'm sure they brought back many sad memories to the boys.

Looking forward to receiving our history of the Division soon, we remain,

Sincerely,
MR. and MRS. RICHARD S. COMPTON, 34 Parker Dr., Parkwood Est., Sumter, S. C.

(Thanks a lot Mrs. Compton for your kind words. Let's hope every former Ninth man in the country attends in Philadelphia.)

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Sgt. Felix Dale Has Been in the Hospital

So Has Gen. Eddy, Same Hospital, And the Sarge Means to Crash the Gate and See the General.

Dear Plunkett:—Thought I'd drop a few lines and get myself an extra copy of The Octofoil's last issue. Was in The Octofoil plant to see you the 3rd of August but you were in Cincinnati at a Legion convention to hear Gen. Matt Eddy make a speech. And by the way the general is a patient at the hospital at Fort Geo. Meade and so am I.

GONNA CRASH GATE

I guess they have the general off-limits for enlisted men—I don't know, but I am going to try to see him any way.

(Sarge, you must have seen him. He got away from those pill rollers pretty soon after your letter came in—and a good old bull session with any former Ninth man can do the general more good than all those hifalutin' medics have to offer.)

I have run across quite a few men from the Ninth. Every time I start talking to them they get around and ask if I belong to the Association.

SPOTS OCTOFOIL

I went into a beer joint near the Post and a fellow saw the Octofoil on my sleeve and another Joe said "Oh, that is old man Dale." His companion said "Not Felix Dale?" Then I looked at them and said "Yep, what's left of him." Then they introduced themselves. I forgot what their names were. One of them said he was Division Sergeant Major all the way, and is now Sergeant Major of the 772nd M. P. Bn. at Fort Meade.

HAD A "FEW" BEERS

Well we had a few beers and talked about Bragg, the Solomons and a little of this and that.

Then I met another old timer—one of the originals from Bragg. He was wounded in Africa. His name was Koons. He is a member of the M. P.s at Fort Meade. I got acquainted by the way of a traffic ticket.

Did the office assistant give you Major Hedges address? That was a funny coincidence on the major. You asked his address and I saw in The Octofoil he was R.A. in the Artillery, so on checking up I found he was working about five buildings from me.

Tell some of the young punks to write me, as ever,

SGT. FELIX W. DALE,
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Milton Pohle Just Heard About the Ninth Div. Ass'n.

Scattered all over these United States are buddies of all Association members who were attached to the Ninth Division and sent stateside before formation of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. It behooves each and every member to appoint himself a committee of one to contact these Joes.

Frequently The Octofoil receives letters similar to one received during the past month from Milton Pohle, 218 Terrace St., Honesdale, Pa., who only recently learned his former buddies had an Association. Milt was with the Division from 31 August, 1940 until 6 August, 1945, and asks the routine necessary to affiliate with the Association. His letter has been forwarded to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

Snoop around a bit, Joe, and determine if there are similar cases in your community. It's a 10-to-1 bet Milt will end up one helluva good member for this Association.

WERE AMONG THE FIRST SELECTEES CALLED INTO THE ARMY; RECORD SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

FORT BRAGG POST EDITION OF JULY 29, 1942, OUTLINES PRAISE THE 39TH RECEIVED FOR WORK DONE ON MANEUVERS.

By SERGEANT JAMES BAILEY

On August 1st, the Falcon Regiment, the 39th Infantry of the Ninth Division, one of the oldest in the new army, will pass its second anniversary on its home grounds, Fort Bragg.

350 MEN

Back in 1940 on August 1st, a cadre of 350 enlisted men and officers from the old rough and rugged Second Infantry arrived at a desolate and sandy wilderness just south of Fort Bragg's main post and with grim determination, began their job of building the new modern Thirty-ninth Infantry Regiment. Under the command of Lt. Col. William R. Schmidt, now Brigadier General Schmidt of the newly formed 81st Division, the present day "Fighting Falcons" rose from a group of willing, raw-boned recruits who were among the very first selectees called into the Army at the inception of the nation's greatest peacetime conscription, aided by a few seasoned veterans from the regular peacetime army.

37TH INSIGNIA



The "Falcon," fierce fighting bird atop the 39th Infantry insignia, is symbolic of the regiment's history. The crest of the falcon's head is for the glorious drive of the 39th at Montfaucon in the Meuse-Argonne. The ivy leaf in his bill shows that the regiment was a part of the Fourth Division at that time.

The shield is blue for Infantry and contains a fleur-de-lis argent between two oak trees eradicated in fess or; on a canton of the second (argent) a boar's head erased sable—for the 30th Infantry, from which the World War 39th was formed, and for unofficial use pendant from the escutcheon a croix-de-guerre with gilt star proper.

The fleur-de-lis from the arms of Soisson, and the two trees representing the Grove of Cresnes, the capture of which was the regiment's first success, are used to show service in the Aisne-Marne offensive.

The slightly faded pages of the Thirty-ninth's history reveals that the "Fighting Falcons" as a member of the famous Fourth or Ivy Division, had a very impressive record during World War I. Under the command of Colonel Frank C. Bolles, now a retired General, the 39th won a Croix de Guerre with a bronze star in recognition of outstanding service performed in the Aisne-Marne offensive and five battle streamers for participation in the battles of Aisne-Marne, Meuse - Argonne, Lorraine, St. Michael and Champagne. The parent 39th had some 506 men and officers killed in action and about three times that many wounded during their actual combat period—from July 17 to October 13, 1918.

WIN PRAISE

Turning the pages of the old history and coming into the period just passed, the 39th has won wide acclaim for participation in the Carolina Maneuvers last fall. The name "Fighting Falcons" has been spread throughout the entire Second Army and those men that have served with the 39th or came in contact with them during the Fall Maneuvers have learned that the Regiment possesses the same ferocity and fighting spirit that are characteristic of its namesake, the Falcon. During the past year the 39th has done a magnificent job of furnishing highly trained specialists and technicians for cadres to form new divisions and supplying a continuous stream of Officer Candidate material and future aviation cadets.

There are but few of the men that helped form the re-activated 39th now on hand. The rest have long since gone on to help form newer divisions and regiments, and many Falcons are now seeing actual combat duty.

COLONEL TRANSFERRED

In March of this year, the "Fighting Falcons" were greatly disappointed at the loss of Colonel Schmidt who like many of the other Falcons was called to another post to train new men. This loss was, however, compensated by the arrival of Colonel Benjamin F. Caffey, Jr., a veteran of World War I who immediately intensified the training program that now has the 39th ready for the fulfillment of any future mission.

39TH SHOW SEASON

The past year has seen the 39th undertake its biggest and by far most successful theatrical season. Shortly after the end of the Carolina Maneuvers a poll was conducted to get an idea of the possible talent in the Regiment. A large number of aspiring performers were discovered and under the direction of Corporal Robert Wenz, now a candidate at Officers' School, a rather informal production called the "Falcons Present" was organized.

At the close of its 6th successful week, the "Falcons Present" cast took a short breather and went into rehearsal with a huge show called "Whacky In Khaki". The job of direction and production was too big for one man so Cpl. Wenz and Pvt. Milt. Scharfman with the aid of Pvt. Stanley Cohen collaborated to produce this most remarkable stage show.

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Tony Guttilla Paging Bragg Buddies of '41

Dear Sir: I'm sending you a picture of some of the boys of Co. M, 60th, taken at Fort Bragg in 1941. I am hoping some of the boys will see it so it can bring back some memories of the "Good Ole" Days at Bragg.

Good luck to all members of the Ninth Division Association.

ANTHONY C. GUTTILLA,
401 W. 50th St., New York 19, N. Y.

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Q.—Do I have to repay subsistence allowance overpayments before I can go back to school under the G.I. Bill?—Four Eyes.

A.—No. You merely have to make satisfactory arrangements to repay all overpayments before you will be permitted to reenter school under the G.I. Bill.