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# THE OCTOFOIL

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## CARL SHERIDAN'S HEROISM REVIEWED

### ANOTHER GROUP AT THE BANQUET



Another of the unusual shots made by William Hilton, Pittsburgh Chapter, at the Second Annual Reunion banquet. Seated from left to right: Mrs. Henry Rigby, Lt. Gen. "Lightning Joe" Collins, principal speaker for the occasion; Judge Rodney Ross, toastmaster; Major General Louis A. Craig at the microphone; Association President Henry S. Rigby, Philadelphia, and Mrs. Glenn O. Moore. Father Timothy Andrysiak is seated next to Mrs. Moore but was out of Hilton's focus. More of Hilton's scenes in later issues.

### WINCHESTER HAVE A FEMALE MAYOR OVER IN WINCHESTER

Upon learning Mrs. Doris Crompton had been elected the Right Worshipful Lady Mayor of Winchester, England, Major Gen. Manton S. Eddy addressed the following letter to Mrs. Crompton:

My dear Mrs. Crompton:  
I wish to extend to you, both for myself and for all the American soldiers who served under my command while I was stationed in Hampshire County and Winchester, our most hearty congratulations upon your inauguration as the first woman Mayor of the beautiful and ancient city of Winchester.

The soldiers of the Ninth Infantry Division of the United States Army will never forget the warm hospitality and patience with which the people of Winchester received our intrusion into your city. I can assure you and all of the good citizens of Winchester that to many of us Winchester will always be a second home. Our admiration for you, our English friends, is even greater today than it was in the days during the war. We only hope that we can meet again under more happy circumstances in the not too distant future.

With my very best wishes for a long and successful administration, I remain,

Faithfully yours,

M. S. EDDY,

Major General, G. S. C., Chief of Information,  
The Right Worshipful the Lady Mayor of Winchester,  
12 Kinggate Street,  
Winchester, England.

THE MAYOR'S ANSWER  
CITY OF WINCHESTER,  
TEL. 36.

THE ABBEY HOUSE,  
WINCHESTER.

My dear General Eddy:

Please accept my warmest thanks for your very kind letter of 6th November, extending your congratulations and those of all who served under your command upon my inauguration as the first woman Mayor of Winchester. It is an honor of which I am naturally proud, and I can assure you that of all the numerous congratulations I have received, none has

### Lewis Phillip's Father Writes a Nice Letter

Mr. Lewis G. Phillips, 1857 Jefferson Ave., St. Paul 5, Minn., the father of Lewis H. Phillips, Co. K, 47th, who was killed in Germany Sept. 17, 1944, writes a nice letter to The Octofoil and says someone sent a November issue of the paper and both he and Mrs. Lewis enjoyed reading it.

Mr. Lewis asks if they are eligible to subscribe to The Octofoil. Most assuredly they are—and it's a shame more members don't pay their dues so the Association finances would be such as the Publication Committee could send The Octofoil gratis to all of those deserving next-of-kin.

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given me greater pleasure than yours.

As you well know, the soldiers of the Ninth Infantry Division were very welcome here; we made many lasting friendships with them and are delighted to know that they look upon Winchester as a second home. They certainly brought to our City some of the happiest days it has ever known, and I am deeply conscious of the great debt of gratitude we owe to you in this respect.

The behaviour of your men during their stay in our midst was exemplary, and they set a high standard and paved the way for other Divisions which followed, but the Ninth held a special place in our hearts and we regarded it as our own. We are always very pleased to see any of them again, and I am glad to say some have paid us return visits from Germany and from the United States.

We are all looking forward to the time when you yourself can come and see us, when I hope that Mrs. Eddy will be with you, and I do hope I shall have the pleasure of entertaining you both during my year of office as Mayor.

With kindest regards and again my best thanks for all your good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,  
DORIS CROMPTON,  
Mayor.

### 12,000 Words for History Given to Readers Dec. 9

BALTIMORE, MD. — (Special to The Octofoil.)—The first 12,000 words of the final history text were given to the proofreaders on December 9th. This portion of "Eight Stars to Victory" is being followed with other sections, each of which will be ready for the Heer Printing Company after final proofing.

Upon completion of the preliminary draft text, each chapter must be checked for "accuracy and balance" by members of the History Committee. After being rewritten to conform with changes, the text is ready for final proofreading. While all this entails some time, it will insure that the Ninth Division History is a professional volume—one worthy of the unit it portrays.

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### "Red" Smythe's Football Career Is Put On Radio

Neil Heinzen, former star sergeant with Co. F, 47th, now living in Elgin, Ill., writes The Octofoil about an interesting radio program he recently heard.

The program was "The Inside of Sports" and the interesting feature was the dramatization of the 1922 Army-Navy football classic. Navy had won the tilt for three years. This year (1922) the result was different due in a large part to a fleet Army back who made many sensational runs. Red Smythe was the back's name. He later became our own Brig. Gen. George W. Smythe, one-time commander of the 47th Regt.

The final score of this game in 1922 was Army, 17; Navy, 14.

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### Joe Thornton's Dad Wants You to Write

The following notice appeared in the Nov. 29 issue of Army Times:

THORNTON, Pfc. Joseph E., Jr., Co. C, 39th Inf., Ninth Div., First Army, killed between Aachen and Duren, Germany, Feb. 20, 1945; buried in Henri-Chappelle Cemetery, Belgium. Letters from comrades and details of service and death will be deeply appreciated by father, Dr. J. E. Thornton, Sr., 627 Emmett St., Palatka, Fla.

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### Bob Smith Looking For His Old Buddies

The following notice appeared in the December issue of the VFW Foreign Service:

Co. G, 39th Inf.—Would like to hear from any old timers who served with me in Africa and Europe. Robert L. Smith, 156 Algier Blvd., Bellevue, Ohio.

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### 5,000 NAMES TAKEN OFF THE OCTOFOIL LIST

Secretary Tingley was forced to withdraw from The Octofoil mailing list almost 5,000 names of former members this month because they failed to pay dues in 1947.

Any member in good standing who contacts any of these delinquents and hears them singing the blues about not getting an Octofoil, please explain to them why.

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### SHERIDAN-HOOD POST, V. F. W., SENDS LETTER OF THANKS TO WHITMORE FOR NINTH'S ASSISTANCE.

### BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE PAID TO THE IMMORTAL REMAINS OF CARL SHERIDAN WHEN RECEIVED FOR FINAL BURIAL IN THE SOIL OF HIS OWN BELOVED AMERICA.

Thanks to John H. Whitmore, member of the Board of Governors, Calvert Court Apts., B-3, Baltimore 18, Md., The Octofoil is in receipt of this cut of Carl Sheridan. Also accompanying the cut is a very interesting story and many newspaper clippings prepared by Whitmore.

### MARYLAND CHAPTER BURIES CARL V. SHERIDAN

Written Exclusively for The Octofoil by JOHN H. WHITMORE.

The Maryland Chapter of the Ninth Division Association laid in its final resting place the body of Carl V. Sheridan, Pfc., 47th Infantry, on November 15, 1947. One of Baltimore's three Congressional Medal of Honor winners, Sheridan's funeral attracted Ninth Division notables as well as many of his former comrades-in-arms.

### SIMPLICITY

Marked by simplicity, the funeral commenced at Seitz Funeral Home in Baltimore in a neighborhood which produced two C.M.H. winners and three D.S.C.s.

The services were opened by the reading of a letter from the President of the United States, followed by compliments made for the Governor of Maryland.

### GENERAL SMYTHE ATTENDS

Brig. Gen. George W. Smythe, Chief of Staff, Third Army, and Pfc. Sheridan's former commanding officer, continued the services with a brief account of the deceased's action at Frenzenberg Castle, which won for him the nation's highest award.

General Smythe said the flowers, flags and speeches were inadequate tribute and called attention to the unknown numbers of men who are alive today because of Sheridan's valiant fighting. He stated that these men are the tribute and the peace that will prevail in the world.

### COL. VAN HOUTEN SPEAKS

Speaking for Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, who was unavoidably absent, Colonel John Van Houten, former chief of staff, Ninth Division, declared that Carl Sheridan's action at Frenzenberg Castle had a large bearing on the dislodgment of the enemy west of the Roer River and the ultimate defeat of the German Army. He pointed out that with the loss of the Castle the position of the enemy was untenable and they were forced to withdraw east, across the river into Duren.

### HUNDREDS STAND IN LINE

At the conclusion of the services at the funeral home the body was removed to the street where hundreds of mourners stood at attention in a downpour of rain.

Eight members of the Maryland Chapter acting as a guard of honor accompanied the bronze casket to a waiting hearse and the motorcade moved to Druid Ridge Cemetery for final burial.

### V. F. W. POST NAMED FOR CARL SHERIDAN

Services at the grave were conducted by the V. F. W. Sheridan-Hood Post, named after the

### Honored By Comrades



CARL V. SHERIDAN

famous Raider. The V. F. W. official burial ceremony was used and included a male solo, "Soldier Boy." A rifle salute and taps concluded the service.

### KILLED 26 NOVEMBER 1944

Pfc. Carl V. Sheridan was killed in action on 26 November, 1944 when his company assaulted Frenzenberg Castle near Weisweiler, Germany. The only entrance to the Castle was a barricaded oaken door across a 20-foot moat and over a drawbridge. Sheridan dashed across a courtyard through a hail of fire and began firing his bazooka at the door from behind a waist-high wall around the moat. Having only one round left and knowing it must count, he rushed opposite the door from his protected position and fired at point blank range. Then drawing his pistol he started to lead the attack through the demolished entrance, but was struck and instantly killed.

### OTHER 9TH MEN ATTEND

Ninth Division members accompanying General Smythe and Colonel Van Houten were Lt. Col. Feil, former Division G-3, and Major John Whitmore, former Go-Devil S-3.

### HONORARY GUARDS

The honorary guards were: Charles Gill, Clyde Williams, William Zimmerman, Charles Horton, Thomas Beers, Morris Sober, George Barker and Leo Haas.

Among the other data sent to The Octofoil by Whitmore were several impressive pictures taken of the group surrounding Sheridan's casket. These pictures were received too late to process into cuts since this issue of The Octofoil was set forward a few days. (Continued on Page 3)

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

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## THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND ALL OTHER OFFICERS OF THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

EXTEND TO MEMBERS OF  
THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION  
ASSOCIATION  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a  
HAPPY NEW YEAR ...

FROM ALL OF US—TO ALL OF YOU!

### LET'S CARRY ON...

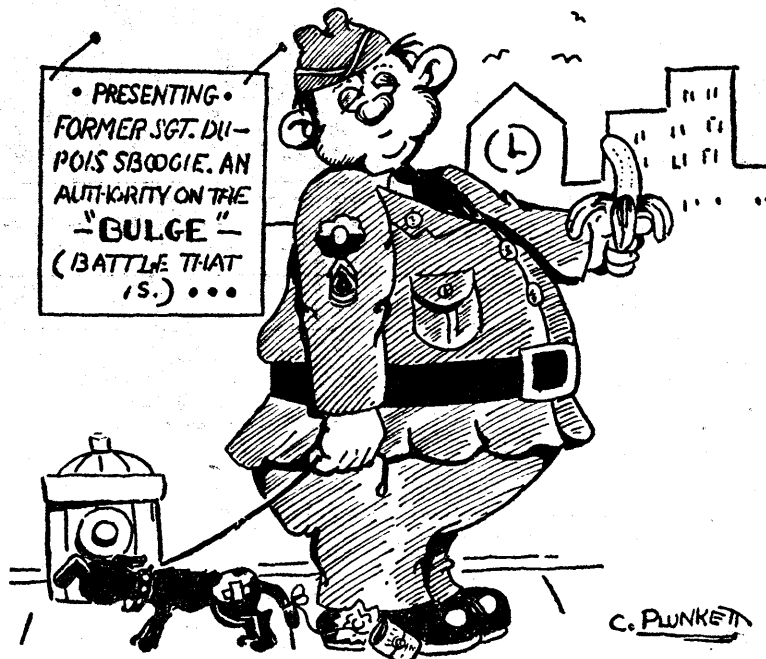
Time Marches On! A New Year—1948—is beginning. Many things have happened since January 1, 1943, when the Ninth Infantry Division was recovering from its first experience under fire in far-away North Africa. Replacements were arriving to take the places of those we'd worked and played with at Fort Bragg, who had been the first victims of the enemy's shell bursts and machine gun fire. Thousands who celebrated the New Year 1943 with the Ninth Division are no longer living—buried in far-away lands, the victims of a war prosecuted by power-drunken totalitarians.

No one can appreciate the desire for peace better than a group of men who have suffered the untold agonies of a living hell under fire in combat in the most miserable of climates.

The Ninth Infantry Division Association is dedicated to trying to preserve the peace our buddies died in an effort to secure. Let us in this year 1948 pattern our lives after the life of our Savior, the Prince of Peace, as a monument to those buddies whose lips are silenced. As a monument to their memory let's each and every member of the Association make an effort to secure one more former Ninth Division man for membership in the Association that speaks as the greatest monument that could be constructed in memory of both the living and the dead—who once made up that greatest of all fighting Infantry Divisions—the Ninth—Hitler's Nemesis!

### Who Does He Resemble? —By Plunkett

## DIVISIONAL DOPE



This Top Kick must be a product of the new Ninth Division. Bay windows like this one never come from a "C" ratio diet members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association "thrived" on.

### 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):

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) \_\_\_\_\_

### CHAPLAIN PROPST ENJOYS REUNIONS

A short note from Chaplain (Major) Cecil Loy Propst, 0-51145, Box 2501, Hq. AF Technical Base, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, advises how immensely he enjoyed renewing old acquaintances at the New York and Columbus Reunions and he's planning now to be in Philadelphia.

Chaplain Propst is also anxious to get all the details concerning the French Fourragere award made to the Ninth Division. Secretary Tingley has been asked to furnish the good Chaplain with the desired information.

He closes his letter by giving The Octofoil a pat on the back—says he enjoys reading it very much and that he has several hundred pictures taken between August 20, 1940, when he joined the Ninth Division and August 20, 1945, when he left it in Germany for the United States, and has very kindly offered to allow The Octofoil to use some of the interesting pictures in future editions.

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### SIROVOY ASKS YOU GUYS TO WRITE IN

Otto Sirovoy, 150 Jackson St., Jackson, Minn., addressed his letter of November 29, thusly: Hello Fellows:

Enclosing check for \$3.50 for '48 dues. Received my copy of the December Octofoil and was glad to see so many news items in it from former Co. C 47th boys. I hope more of them get on the ball and write letters to The Octofoil. It's always quite a thrill to me to recognize the name of a buddy in any issue.

One letter of particular interest to me was from Jack Lessoff, formerly of my squad in Co. C, 47th. I would like to get the address of Burton Anderson, former commander of C Co., 47th. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year, I remain,

A Buddy,

OTTO R. SIROVOY.

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### MUST HAVE BEEN EX-G. I.

A man visiting a certain household for the first time found his host was the father of three wild children. One child was busy ripping the upholstery out of a brand-new divan. A second child was driving nails into an expensive table and a third was swinging gaily from a chandelier.

The bewildered guest eyed the youngster who was driving nails into the furniture. He turned to his host. "I say, don't you find it rather expensive to let your children play like that?"

"Not at all," he replied cheerfully. "I get the nails wholesale."—Bluebird Briefs.

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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 will receive immediately his copy. Not only 60th or former 60th men are eligible to receive the book, but any 9th or former 9th man, as well as next-of-kin may write in for this interesting book.

Do not confuse this small booklet with the 400-page 9th Division history being printed by Heer Co. now.



## NEW YORK CHAPTER WILL HOLD ANOTHER BIG DANCE THIS SPRING

Calvin Polivy, 1875 University Ave., New York 53, N. Y., and president of the Greater New York Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, sends in the following interesting news notes for this month:

The Greater New York Chapter held another meeting Nov. 28, 1947, at the Hotel Times Square, 43rd St. and 8th Ave. The Chapter has engaged Room M-3 as a meeting place at the hotel for the fourth Friday of each month. The meeting was well attended and the beer and sandwiches served made a big hit with the gang.

### SPRING DANCE

Plans are taking shape for a Spring Dance to be held on a Saturday night in April, 1948, if a suitable hall can be obtained. The Fall Dance held last October was such a success, some of the more optimistic members predict a turnout of more than 1,000 at the next affair. Suggestions and volunteers to serve on the various committees are earnestly solicited.

### CANCEL MEETING

During the month of December, due to the holiday season, no Chapter meeting will be held. Instead, on December 28, 1947, Sunday afternoon, from 2 p. m. until 6:30 p. m. a social and card party will be given by the Chapter at the Hotel Times Square, 43rd St. and 8th Ave., New York City. Refreshments will be served and the ladies will have another opportunity to get together for an enjoyable session. Make your plans now to come to the Sunday afternoon social on December 28 at the Hotel Times Square. Tell your wife or girl friend (or both!) to remind you to attend. We hope to show the Ninth Division in action. Major General Stroh advises the combat films will be available. Through the courtesy of Paul S. Plunkett of the Columbus (O.) Chapter 1,000 feet of Technicolor film showing the parade and Memorial Services at the second annual reunion held in Columbus, will be shown. Wal-

ter Mahon, Chicago, second vice-president of the National Association made these films and presented a set to the Columbus group.

### GETTING RESULTS

Our membership drive has been producing excellent results. Ex-Ninth men on our mailing list who have not yet sent in their dues for 1948 should realize that this is the last "free" issue of The Octofoil they will receive. Send in that \$3.50 now before you forget it. Make your check or your money order payable to Greater New York Chapter, Ninth Infantry Division Association, and mail it to the Chapter, care P. O. Box 1168, Grand Central Station, New York City. Remember, no dues—no membership privileges after January 1st! Send in your dues now and be assured of your copy of The Octofoil so that you will be able to keep informed of the Division Association's activities.

### NON-MEMBERS WELCOME

Whether you are a member or not, you are welcome to the December Sunday afternoon social. Meet your buddies and plan to attend the Third Annual Reunion in Philadelphia in July, 1948.

### SEE YOU AT THE SUNDAY GET-TOGETHER

Those of our buddies who haven't been able to come to the Friday evening meetings should be very happy to come to the Sunday Afternoon Social and bring the "better-half."

On behalf of all of the members of the New York Chapter, we wish to convey our sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

CALVIN POLIVY,

President, Greater New York Chapter.

## M. DAVIDE WIENER ARRANGES A GET-TOGETHER WORTH GOING TO



Photo taken of several E Co., 47th men, while attending the Second Annual Reunion in Columbus. Wiener is holding a newspaper with a five-column caption: "E Co., 47th Inf., 9th Div. Takes Columbus."

M. Davide Wiener, 37 W. 39th St., New York City, and a live-wire in the New York Chapter, has planned a Reunion of former E Co., 47th men, for Friday evening, January 23, 1948, at 8 o'clock.

### DEFINITE PLANS MADE

Wiener says there's been talk of this get-together for the past year and now he's made it his business to set a definite date.

Twenty-two men from E Co., 47th attended the Columbus Reunion and Davide believes it is a record. Can any other group show him up? If you can sound off.

Quoting from Wiener's letter:

On Friday evening, 8 o'clock, January 23, place as yet undecided, former E Co. men of the 47th will be my guests. I have been in constant contact with at least eight or ten fellows, like John Travelese (barber), Johnny Sarao, Bill Larson, Joe Von Acken and others, and I know they will attend. We are looking for every-

one. The more the better. Liquor, beer, pretzels and sandwiches will be plentiful.

All interested please contact me at once at my home at 255 West End Ave., New York City. Father De Laura will attend if at all possible.

Some will remember me as "Happy" Wiener, and my last alias, M. Davide Wiener.

I will have to know by the 15th of January exactly how we stand so I can notify everyone—whether they come from far or near and I am sure we will have plenty of guests from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

There will be representation from the days at Fort Bragg up until the date of breaking up the outfit. Everybody will have plenty of friends whether they know me personally or not.

## GREATER DETROIT CHAPTER IS OFF TO A WONDERFUL BEGINNING

Joseph T. Casey, 8621 Colfax, Detroit, Mich., secretary of the Greater Detroit Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, submits this simplified form to The Octofoil in an effort to help get those 1948 dues in:

### MEMBERSHIP DUES—1948

Name	Last	First	Middle
R. F. D. or Street			
City		Zone	State
( ) This is the same address that is on this January, 1948, issue of The Octofoil.			
( ) This is my new address. My former address was:			

Enclosed is my money order or check for \$3.50 for my 1948 dues and for the monthly issues of my Octofoil.

Among other items in Casey's letter, he has the following to say relative to the initial meeting of the Greater Detroit Chapter:

The first meeting of members of the Ninth Infantry Division who live in and near Detroit, was held on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7. Most of the boys have been back home two years or so, and introduced themselves and wondered why this meeting hadn't been held sooner.

### TWO NEW MEMBERS

A number of excellent ideas for future meetings regarding social and other activities were discussed.

Two new members were brought to the first meeting and will receive their first copy of The Octofoil. There are many more veterans of the Ninth Division in the Detroit area who have yet to learn of the Ninth Division Association.

### ENTHUSIASTIC

Detroit has a very enthusiastic membership committee. Everyone present resolved to contact several other members and personally invite them to the next meeting—even offering to drive them to the meeting (in an automobile, of course!).

Details such as nominating permanent officers, drawing up application for a charter, forming an entertainment committee, and to plan the many other activities are still incomplete. But these angles are rapidly taking shape so De-

troit will have a medium of perpetuating the comradeship of men who lived, fought and died in the Ninth Infantry Division.

The temporary committee appeals to every Michigan veteran of the Ninth to come to this next meeting.

The time is Sunday afternoon, January 11, at 3:00 P. M. The place is 19720 Oakland, near the State Fair Grounds.

Let's all see each other there!

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## SUBSCRIBES FOR 5 YRS. TO OCTOFOIL

Clyde N. Johnson, 198 Perry St., Struthers, Ohio, believes in security. Sending a postoffice money order to The Octofoil, he says: "This will be credited to my account and secure my paid-up subscription to The Octofoil for the next five years."

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### MRS. ETHEL MILES

A short note from Mrs. Ethel Miles, South Orrington, Maine, thanks The Octofoil for the notice run in a recent issue and enclosed \$1 as a subscription for The Octofoil.

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If it weren't for paying taxes, many of us could pay our bills on time.

## Sheridan Honored

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on account of the Christmas holidays.

**LETTER FROM V. F. W. POST**  
In a letter addressed to Whitmore and signed by Thomas M. Bailey, commander of Sheridan-Hood Post 3065, V. F. W., the commander, among other things, has this to say:

I wish to take this opportunity to convey the Post's thanks and gratitude for the services that you and the members of the Ninth Division Association afforded this Post on the affair of last Saturday.

We are in receipt of quite a few commendable reports for the conductance of the Final Honor Rites afforded Pfc. Carl V. Sheridan, but we feel that it wouldn't have been so commendable without your help and assistance.

### BEAUTIFUL POEM

In a handbook put out by the Baltimore V. F. W. Post the following poem is printed:

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing,  
fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt drawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders Fields.

—John McCrae.

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## THAT LAD IN PHILLY REALLY "ON THE BEAM"

HAS AN ALLY IN OTTO SIROVY FROM OUT IN JACKSON, MINN.

The Octofoil's "Anonymous" friend from Philadelphia come through right on schedule with his \$1 monthly contribution for the Gold Star Mothers' and Dads' Entertainment Fund for the Philadelphia Reunion.

Later a postal card addressed to Secretary Tingley, Glenn O. Moore and Paul S. Plunkett were received from the lad soliciting their cooperation to the fund. He advises many more similar cards were sent out during the past month.

The Philadelphia member has an ally this month in Otto R. Sirovy, 150 Jackson St., Jackson, Minn. Otto sent in his contribution shortly after the donation from Philadelphia was received.

All moneys received so far have been forwarded to Secretary Tingley for safe keeping until the July Reunion.

### WHAT'S WRONG IN PHILLY

"Anonymous" also wants to know what's wrong in Philly—no regular meetings being held. Go down to 918 Land Title Bldg., and crawl all over National President Henry Rigby's frame about that.

However, maybe Rigby's apparent lack of interest during the past few weeks is excusable—he's been expecting twins at his home for the past few days. In all probability the blessed event is over by the time this appears in print and he'll get his feet back on the ground and carry on henceforth.

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## Albert Stillman's Wife Sends a Nice Letter

Agnes Stillman, wife of Pfc. Albert C. Stillman, 3355519, MP Plt., 9th Div., writes a nice letter to The Octofoil and asks for someone who knew Al to write some of the details surrounding his death. Al was in Africa with the first assault troops and Mrs. Stillman had not seen him for three years before that short but terse telegram arrived. However, in his letters and pictures sent back he often spoke of two G.I. friends by the names of Lyons and Wagner. She hopes one of them will see this notice and write her. The address is Agnes Stillman, 4837 Wilern Ave., Baltimore 15, Md.

## Drive For '48 Dues Being Made By Officers Of the Greater New York 9th Div. Chapter

George Grossman, secretary of the Greater New York Chapter, submits to The Octofoil the following interesting notes:

The New York Chapter is putting on a drive for the men to pay '48 dues. The response is most gratifying, and with each payment of dues there is a short note telling how much they enjoy reading The Octofoil.

Attached is a Christmas greeting card received from S-Sgt. Tony Lappas, RA 11133085, 7822 SCU, APO 407-A, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.:

**CHRISTMAS PEACE**  
May the glory that is Christmas  
Be reflected in your day,  
And the blessings of the New Year

Bring much happiness your way.

Tony complains about not receiving recent issues of The Octofoil. Back issues have been sent to him and Secretary Tingley has corrected his new Army address on the files at headquarters.

The following notes are excerpts from letters sent to the New York secretary recently:

E. H. Spink, 5 Allen St., Batavia, N. Y., sends his '48 dues, and states there are a few 9th Medics in his town and they get together monthly.

Jack E. Parish, Riverside Dr., Ogdensburg, N. Y., advises that he doesn't want to miss The Octofoil and sends \$3.50 to back up his statement. Leo Henry and Bob Woodside of Rome, N. Y., paid Jack a visit a short time ago. Parish and McConville rounded up some more ex-9th men and represented the 9th Division when a former Division man, Dale D. Kerr, Lisbon, N. Y., was returned from Europe for final burial. McConville is planning to attend a New York Chapter meeting. (How about our Social on December 28, 1947? Bring your wife, girl friend, sweetheart—or all three.) As much as Parish would like to attend a New York Chapter meeting his service station keeps him busy. He's one man to remember if they start rationing gas again.

### IN MOVIE BUSINESS

Robert Warsk, 105 Bennett Ave., who is with 20th Century-Fox, is one of the many who sent check for dues in order to receive The Octofoil. He is continually in and out of the country and it has hindered him from attending the Chapter meetings.

### HOPE TO MAKE A MEETING

Harry A. Pavlusk, 608 E. 13th St., New York, and Anthony Gangore, 18 Judge St., Brooklyn, advise that their business hours keep them from attending meetings—but they are looking forward to the first opportunity to attend. But irrespective of working hours, they found time to send in their 1948 dues.

Several members have written asking if the initial \$10 covers the cost of the Division History. In order to clear up any doubt in anyone's mind, the answer is YES. When you paid the \$10 it entitled you to "8 Stars to Victory" without any further payment. Additional copies are \$5 each.

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## IRV FEINBERG OUT THERE "PITCHING"

A short note from Irv Feinberg, member of the Greater New York Chapter Board of Governors, sounds mighty good. Irv says he recently signed up as new members five of his former buddies from the 2nd Bn., 47th. They are: Frank Cruz, 531 W. 143rd St., New York City.

Abe Stolzowicz, 711 St. Marks St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

John Sullivan, 3520 Perry Ave., Bronx, N. Y.

Richard Koenig, 145-05 97th Ave., Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.

Al T. Hasiotis, 606 W. 191st St., New York City.

Feinberg says showing them a copy of The Octofoil helped a lot in securing the new members. And to top it all off, he says there'll be at least five more new members sent in by him pretty soon.

Irving is also contacting Major General Stroh in order to secure the Ninth Division combat films for an early showing in the Big Town.

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## Remember the Social and Card Party

The time and date is Dec. 28, 1947—2 P. M. to 6:30 P. M., at the Hotel Times Square, 43rd St. and 8th Ave., New York City.

Read Cal Polivy's news write up for further details.

## GREATER PITTSBURGH CHAPTER IS ONE YEAR OLD THIS DECEMBER

**WILLIAM HILTON IN INTERESTING NEWS LETTER CALLS ATTENTION TO FACT THE PITTSBURGH GROUP ORGANIZED 7 DECEMBER 1946.**

### AN INVITATION . . .

**WHAT?**—Regular Meeting GREATER PITTSBURGH CHAPTER Ninth Infantry Division Association.

**WHERE?**—Commonwealth Building, Fourth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

**WHEN?**—First Tuesday and third Friday—Every Month!

**TIME?**—8:00 P. M. Sharp.

**WHO?**—All ex-Ninth Infantry Division Men in the Greater Pittsburgh Area.

Come on out and meet with us, there are a lot of big surprises in store for the Pittsburgh members for the coming year. We are getting along okay now, but we need more help to put the coming year across with a great big bang.

### NOTICE . . .

In a short personal note to The Octofoil the corresponding secretary of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter asks that a notice be printed setting a definite deadline on when copy should be in The Octofoil office from Local Chapters.

Previous notices have required the copy be in by the 15th of each month in order to get the paper in the mail by the 25th. That date will prevail hereafter. However, this month on account of the approaching holidays efforts were made to close the forms a day or two earlier.

### ADDITIONAL PITTSBURGH NEWS ITEMS

Under date of 7 December 1947 the following notes were mailed to The Octofoil from Pittsburgh: **SIX YEARS AGO**

It was just six years ago this very day when a blazing new chapter of death and destruction had its beginning in the pages of American History. This new chapter has proven time after time, if there is to be peace and security in this world of today, that the American way of life must be given full consideration.

### ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

And it was just one year ago today that the GREATER PITTSBURGH CHAPTER came into being. This past year has been a busy one for us also. We have had our ups and down, but as the year closes we find ourselves right on the top and climbing higher. The year to come will find us plugging right along and enjoying all of the successes that come our way.

To celebrate the end of the first year and the beginning of the second year we held a special meeting and had a great turnout. This meeting was called by a vote of the assembly in order that we could take up a lot of the business that had come up.

### MOVING ALONG

At the July, 1947 meeting, an election was held; Alex T. Forrest reported the results of this election in the November issue of The Octofoil. Since that time we have been moving along at a pretty good clip, but then the night school sessions began for the year. With the coming of the great event we found ourselves sadly in the need of officers once again. Our President, Alex T. Forrest, submitted his resignation and wished us luck; his schooling for the next year will be so heavy that he felt that another man could handle his office much better. Other resignations were also submitted and accepted.

### NEW ELECTION

With the acceptance of these resignations a motion was made to declare all offices open; the motion was carried. At this point an election was held with the following results:

President—Walter Millstone.  
Vice President—Raymond E. Pifer.

Recording Secretary—William J. Hilton.

Financial Secretary—Arthur E. Schmidt.

Treasurer—Nicholas Chipura.

Publicity—Raymond J. Kennedy, John J. Kowalski.

Trustees—Lee Roy Thompson, 18 months; Steve Lelak, 12 months; Frank R. Johnston, six months.

### TWO MEETINGS MONTHLY

One other important decision made at this Special Meeting concerned our meeting nights. In the past we have been holding our meetings on the third Friday of each month but we feel that a lot of the fellows can't make it on that night so we have decided to hold two meetings each month. So beginning in January the GREATER PITTSBURGH CHAPTER will hold meetings on the first Tuesday and third Friday of each

## DON CLARKE STILL ABLE TO CALL THE DOMINO SPOTS O.K.

**WASHINGTON GROUP SHOW THE COMBAT FILMS; HAVE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.**

The District of Columbia Chapter held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 25 at the Heurich Brewery. About twenty members were present, including General Eddy, General Stroh, Colonel Pickett, Tom Henry, staff correspondent for The Washington Evening Star. Tom was the Ninth's favorite war correspondent overseas and wrote several articles about the happenings of the Ninth.

The combat film, depicting action of the Division in Africa and on the Continent was shown, after which Don Clarke proceeded to relieve a few of the boys of their hard-earned cash in a game of the ivories (crap to be more exact.)

### BYRNES WINS TURKEY BUZZARD

A turkey was raffled off and Bill Byrnes held the winning ducat for the bird.

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## Recently Moved To Philly, and He's Lonesome

What's the matter with those guys down in Philly—the meeting place of the next Reunion?

John A. Christian, 2116 W. Venango St., Apt. 403, Philadelphia, Pa., writes that he recently moved from 433 Madison Ave., S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich., to the above address. He has missed a few Octofoils because of not notifying of his address change earlier. John also wants to know when and where the Philly Chapter meets. Some of you natives of the Brotherly Love City should contact John at once.

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## MRS. ALBERT STIDMAN IS DESIROUS OF CONTACTING PFC. STIDMAN'S BUDDIES

Mrs. Albert C. Stidman writes The Octofoil and requests anyone having any information concerning the death of Pfc. Albert C. Stidman, 33555619, MP Plt., 9th Div., who was killed in action on March 11, 1945, in Germany, to please write Mrs. Albert C. Stidman, Owings Mills, Maryland.

You fellows have done a wonderful job so far in answering the pleas of these next-of-kin letters. Now please don't let Mrs. Stidman down on her request.

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## Sam Azzarelli Sends Photo Just a Wee Bit Late

Sam Azzarelli, Rt. 1, Kankakee, Ill., sends to The Octofoil a pretty good picture of the 39th Inf., Co. D motor pool group—but the photo arrived shortly after the deadline set for processing photos into cuts—but with Sam's permission the photo will be held in The Octofoil office and used next month.

month. So come on all you ex-9th Division men in the Pittsburgh area; start off the new year right. Come to the meetings and talk over old times with your old buddies.

The GREATER PITTSBURGH CHAPTER meetings are held in the Commonwealth Bldg., 4th Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., at 8 P. M. WILLIAM J. HILTON, Recording Secretary.

57 Maplewood Ave., Crafton, Pa.

## Carl Doxsie's Pretty Wife Writes While He's Gold Bricking

Carl Doxsie must be a pretty good talker to hit the jack pot the way he did in landing a wife (see photo in this issue and form your own conclusions). But he doesn't get a very high rating when it comes to writing the news to The Octofoil. Doxsie finally got tired of Carl putting off from day to day writing the news to the paper so she ups and writes a dandy letter, parts of which are as follows:

Hello:  
As long as my husband isn't going to get around to writing I thought I'd like to.

We've just celebrated our second wedding anniversary and I know many of his buddies don't realize he isn't a single man any longer. Carl and I were married October 29, 1945.

I'm sending a small picture taken after the wedding; also two snapshots taken in Germany in 1945. The one is of Carl standing ankle deep in mud and the other of a bunch of fellows and Carl and a German flag. (These photos will be used next month.)

Our new address is Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doxsie, 3416 Buffalo Ave., Lansing, Mich. (The old address was 545 Chilson Ave., Lansing.)

We are looking forward to receiving our copy of "Eight Stars to Victory." We both enjoy reading The Octofoil.

If any of Carl's buddies from his old outfit, the 34th FA, read this, I know he'd be surprised and happy if they would write him a few lines.

Sincerely,  
DORIS DOXSIE.



CARL and DORIS DOXSIE

## John Wisnewshi Extends Greetings

John Wisnewshi, former Co. I, 47th man, now living at 327 7th Ave., Wilmington, Delaware, sends to The Octofoil a beautiful holiday greeting card and explains that the card is meant for all of his buddies who were in Co. I, 47th Regt., of the 2nd Platoon.

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## MARVIN BOGART SENDS FOR RECORDS

Just in case the members have forgotten, Dick Schumann is still grinding out those Memorial Service records in his basement laboratory. They are made up of two 10-inch records, to be played on both sides and retail for \$5. An order in care of The Octofoil, 337 S. High St., Room 318, Columbus, Ohio, will be delivered promptly to Dick.

Just received an order from Marvin Bogart, former 39th Inf. man, now living at 648 Hazel Ave., Lima, Ohio.

Bogart says he'll see all you fellows in Philadelphia next July.

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You dismiss other people's problems as easily as you turn off the dial of your radio, and your problems are as easily dismissed by others.

## PLANS SHAPING AROUND FOR BIG STATE-WIDE SESSION IN ILLINOIS

John Clouser, president of the Illinois Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association sends in some interesting notes and corrects The Octofoil on a boner that was printed last month. Says John:

The Octofoil mentioned in an article on the Czech relief last month that Otto Kerner was chairman of the group. That is not Otto, Jr. (our Otto), but his father, Otto, Sr., who is the Federal judge.

Missed a copy of The Octofoil after coming to Illinois College, but everything is okay now. Tingley is really on the ball.

More people are becoming interested in the Ninth Division movement in Illinois every day—and the cooperation we have received from The Octofoil is responsible for much of the newly aroused interest.

### ILLINOIS PLANS TAKING SHAPE

Plans for the Illinois Chapter State Meeting are steadily moving forward. General Chairman Walter Mahon called a meeting of the committee for the state meeting on Nov. 28.

The time of the tentative program was decided. The business meeting will start at 1:30 and the banquet at 7 o'clock. Immediately following the banquet the dance will start. The date is March 29, 1948.

Steps are being taken to secure an interesting and popular speaker for the banquet.

The committee is making arrangements for the meeting place and for an orchestra to play for the dance.

### MEETING DATE CHANGED

The Chicago group of the Illinois Chapter have changed the meeting date from the fourth Friday of every month to the second Friday of each month.

Due to the large attendance at the past meetings it was necessary to change the meeting rooms and to have the larger meeting room it was necessary to change the meeting date.

The next meeting of the Chicago group will be Jan. 9, 1948, at 8:30 P. M. at the Moose Temple, 1016 N. Dearborn St., Chicago.

### MAHON "ON THE BEAM"

Walter Mahon, second vice-president of the national organization, and subbing for Clouser while the latter is attending classes at Illinois College, submits a report to The Octofoil.

Walt throws a bouquet toward The Octofoil. He says he believes each succeeding issue becomes a bit more interesting. The notices given the Illinois Chapter are most helpful.

### GOING TO BOARD MEETING

Since Mahon has been placed on the national budget committee for 1948 he is planning to attend the Jan. 10 Board of Governors meeting in Philadelphia.

A letter was sent to the Heer Printing Co., Columbus, O., publishers of the history, "8 Stars to Victory," in which the Illinois group, through their spokesman, Walter Mahon, propose a closer

and more coordinated circularization of former Ninth Division men in Illinois. The Octofoil made an effort to contact Walter Heer, Sr., president of the publishing firm, to learn his thoughts relative to the Chicago lads' suggestion, but Mr. Heer was in California and plans to remain there until after the Christmas holidays.

### VEENEMAN SECRETARY

Harry Veeneman was selected as corresponding secretary of the Illinois group a couple of months ago, and information reaching The Octofoil indicates Harry's wife, a former WAC who out-ranked Harry by about eight notches, is doing a swell job and making Harry look like a big-time secretary.

### COMMITTEES NAMED

The following committees have been appointed to arrange for the statewide meeting March 27, 1948:

Committee Chairman: Walter J. Mahon.

General Committee: Walter J. Mahon, Otto Kerner, Dr. M. V. Kaminski, Robert Brooks.

Finance and Budget: Johnny Edwards.

Publicity: John Thornton.

Registration: Ladies' Auxiliary.

Entertainment: Herb Waples, Art Gorski, Ed Machwoski, Ben Renwawz.

Invitation: Harry Veeneman, Joe Paler, and Bosler.

Arrangements: Walter J. Mahon.

### FLASH . . .

A few seconds before going to press Second Vice-President Walter Mahon called The Octofoil long distance from Chicago, advising at the Illinois Chapter's December 12 meeting the statewide convention date was set for April 3, and the Congress Hotel as the headquarters. Walter promised a lengthy and detailed story on definite plans in the next issue.

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## NEXT-OF-KIN OF PHILLIP GLASER, CO. H, 39TH, ASKS BUDDIES FOR INFORMATION

Just as the presses were ready to grind out this issue of The Octofoil an SOS call came from the Chicago Chapter Secretary, Harry F. Veeneman, 833 E. 52nd St., Chicago 15, Ill. The Chicago secretary enclosed a photograph of Phillip Glaser, who was killed in action while with Co. H, 39th. The picture arrived too late to be used this month but will be used in the February issue.

Any of our members who knew Phil Glaser are urgently requested to write Mrs. Honey Glaser, 3540 W. Douglas Blvd., Chicago, Ill. The Chicago group have unsuccessfully attempted to secure some facts relative to Phil's death. He was killed on 27th December 1944 during the Bulge. Write Mrs. Glaser immediately if you can help her.

## Something's Wrong In This Picture



The PRO at Fort Dix sends this U. S. Signal Corps photo to The Octofoil and tries to sell everyone on the idea Pvt. Dominic Squaglin, son of Mr. Sylvester Squaglin, 19 Park View Ave., Lackawanna, N. Y., is more interested in that paper than those lovely girls. Things like that just don't happen on G.I. bases. The girls are from the Heet Dancing Studio, Trenton, N. J., and did a tap routine in a variety show given at Fort Dix. The PRO sent another just as appealing to the eye. Want to see it next month?



## COLUMBUS CHAPTER PUTS IN A BUSY MONTH TAKING CARE OF SCORES OF IMPORTANT MATTERS

Returned buddies from overseas for Final Burial occupied the attention of Ohio members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association during the past month. Some former Ninth man was contacted in each city a former man's body was being returned and asked to present himself to the next-of-kin as a representative of the Ohio Chapter. In a few localities where there were no Ninth men the Post Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars was asked to present himself and speak for the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Ohio Posts responded wonderfully.

Whenever humanly possible members of the Ohio Chapter personally attended the burials.

### ATTEND COLLINS' BURIAL

President Glenn O. Moore, Secretary David Boring, Vice-President Richard Pestel, Captain Billy R. Downey, former 39th man, now stationed in Columbus, and Paul S. Plunkett attended the burial of Robert Collins, Co. C, 47th, at Grove City, Ohio.

Secretary Boring, formerly Co. C, 47th, was with Bob when he was killed.

Mrs. Minnie Bricker (Bob's mother), sent the Columbus Chapter a beautiful engraved "Thank You" card after the services, in which she penned this note:

"Will you please thank all members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association for all their kindness and sympathy before and during the funeral of our son and brother, Pfc. Robert A. Collins. Signed Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bricker and Children."

President Moore and Secretary Boring were asked by the Grove City American Legion Post, who conducted the military rites at the services, to fold the flag and present it to Mrs. Bricker.

### MEET AT LEGION HOME

Through the courtesy of Irving Lenhart, manager of the Curtiss-Wright Post American Legion, 199 1/2 S. High St., Columbus, a meeting place was made available for the December meeting.

Sgt. Al Pearson and Sgt. H. J. Shannon, local recruiting officers, attended the meeting and showed European combat films to the group. Resolutions thanking the two sergeants and Comrade Lenhart for their courtesy were unanimously adopted.

### MAIL OUT 800 CARDS

Over 800 cards were mailed out to former Ninth men in Ohio during the past month, reminding the boys 1948 dues were now due and payable. So far the response has been very satisfactory.

Addressing by hand 800 postal cards is quite a job—but Captain Billy Downey and Mabel Moore (Mrs. Glenn O.), agreed to take the cards home and address them.

### PIN-UP "GAL"

This kind gesture necessitated the proposing of another resolution which was unanimously adopted. The local Chapter thanked Captain Downey for his cooperation and designated Mabel as their "pinup gal" for the current month.

### WHERE'S THE PRESIDENT?

Raymond R. Burlile, 310 South Main St., Marysville, Ohio, stop-

ped in at the Ohio Federal Savings & Loan Co., 24 E. Gay St., to pay his 1948 dues. Columbus Chapter's President, Glenn O. Moore, is assistant secretary-treasurer of this institution—but when Ray approached Jeanne Cork, one of the bank's employees and a booster for the Ninth Infantry Division Association, and asked for THE President he was referred to the bank president. Burlile let them know bank presidents were small fry in his book—he wanted the Columbus president of the 9th Infantry Division Association.

Ray and his charming little wife left the names and addresses of some prospective members for the Ohio Chapter while on this visit—that was appreciated by those fortunate enough to meet the couple. The members of the Ohio Chapter hope this couple will attend the next meeting so everyone can meet them.

### A BOOSTER

As mentioned above, the lassie who chaperoned Burlile until he located the Ohio president, is quite a booster for the Association. After subscribing for The Octofoil she decided that wasn't enough, so down she plunks five smackers for a copy of "Eight Stars to Victory."

### INTERESTING LETTER

Another interesting letter received by the Ohio group during the past month was from Mrs. Shirley M. Amster, 1631 Clifton Ave., Columbus, Ohio. Among other things, Shirley says:

"My husband has often mentioned to me of his long association with the 9th Infantry Division, as a member of the 39th Infantry, and also of his membership in the 9th Infantry Division Association. And, assuming there are others who greedily devour any and all information appearing in The Octofoil about the wheres and the wherefores, and doings and goings on of former buddies, as well as my husband, I thought you might be interested in the following few facts:

Dolph (Adolph B. Amster) and I were married on Sept. 1 (Labor Day) of this year, in New York, and after spending several wonderful weeks in New Orleans, we have moved to Columbus, O. We expect to be here about three years or so, where Dolph, who is a member of the permanent research staff at the Ohio State University, is completing his work for his Ph.D. degree. I, too, expect to start work at the University, at the beginning of the new year."

Shirley sings the blues about the housing situation and says, in referring to the Columbus group: "If their individual or collective loyalties toward their Division buddies is as strong as I've come to believe it is, then perhaps one of the members will help us secure suitable living quarters, and earn our eternal gratitude and affection." Officers of the Columbus Chapter contacted Dolph in the Cryogenic Laboratory, War Research Bldg., Ohio State University, but he had already secured desirable accommodations.

Thanks, Shirley for that nice letter—and both you two come down to the next meeting.

### GOOD HUNTING

"But best of all, hunting is tops out here in South Dakota. I might add, if any 9th men like to hunt pheasants and ever plan a trip to South Dakota to hunt them, look me up. I can show you all the birds you want right on my own farm."

"Am wondering how many 9th men live out here in South Dakota. I know of two—Virgil Crowl at Milbank and Woodrow Greeno at Huron, both former M Co., 60th men."

"Am looking forward to making a Reunion; if not at Philadelphia in '48, at least the one in '49."

"Would like to express my thanks to those responsible for putting out the History of the 60th! It was okay. Am looking forward to receiving the Division History."

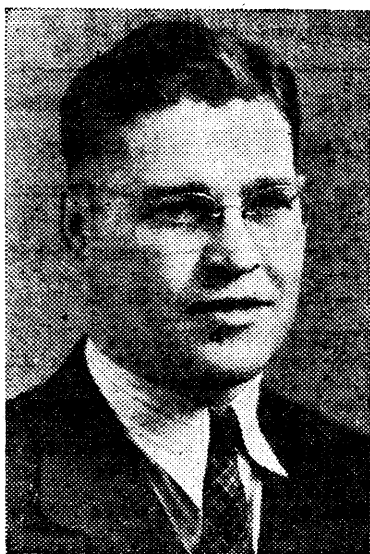
"If there is anyway I can help out to the benefit of the Association, let me know and I'll certainly try!"

Thanks a lot, Orville—and we may give you a buzz at the most unexpected time.

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Nearly always it's more fun to be a guest than to entertain a guest.

## The Montana Judge



The last issue of The Octofoil printed a story about Lee Metcalf, former 9th man, being elected to the Supreme Court of Montana. The Octofoil not only congratulates Judge Metcalf, but the people of Montana for using such rare good judgment in electing him.

## George Wood Comes Up With A Good Idea

George C. Wood, 159 Greenacre Ave., Long Meadow 6, Mass., writes in part as follows: Gentlemen:

We of the Ninth Division have ever been proud of the fact we have left "no loose ends." Never have we failed to bind our foe.

I not only eagerly await the receipt of my Octofoil with the keenest anticipation, but also desire to hold steadfast to each and every edition.

But many untold happenings occur. We move, or our parents house clean—this and that is changed—for a hectic time we search for a copy of The Octofoil that has been set aside. Sometimes we are fortunate enough to find it.

For a fee, I am certain the Association will be able to have binders made. They need not be works of art. But covers to serve the purpose of keeping our straying Octofoils in place.

In the November issue I notice Sgt. Steve Budrick had much difficulty finding his Octofoil. If we realize to the fullest and visualize the need of some means of preventing the disappearance of one link of a mighty chain. (A chain, that in its own way binds all former members of the Division), a cover is the only plan. I hope a cover will be on sale in the near future in order to keep our Octofoil from roaming afar.

With the need of money so acute an extra flow of "Green Blood" into the till of the treasury could be used.

Again, I wish to thank all who are doing so much to keep our Division Association active and alive.

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## Sienkewicz and Matusik Send Photos a Bit Late

Just as the last forms for this issue of The Octofoil were being sent to the pressroom a beautiful Christmas greeting card was received from Chester Sienkewicz, Chicago (the Cannon Ball). Sienkewicz enclosed some good pictures of Co. L, 60th men, which will have to be used in the next issue.

On the same mail delivery Ted Matusik, also of Chicago, sent a photo of First Sgt. Carmen. This also will have to be used later.

Ted tells about making a speech in his classroom recently and took Father DeLaura as his subject. He says they were limited to three minutes and he told them one could only skim the surface in three minutes when Father DeLaura was the subject.

Ted pleads for some of the old gang from 1st Plt., Co. M, 47th to send in some news and pictures.

### RECOGNIZES SOME

Commenting on the picture printed last month, sent in by Angelo "Tony" Parento, Matusik says it was swell to see the old gang. He states further the guy listed as Johnson, was Frederick Johnson, from Milwaukee. The fellow behind the camera was either Emile Gnoel or Edward Francis, both from Pennsylvania, or myself, says Matusik.

## NEW ENGLANDERS ENJOY A VARIETY SHOW AT THEIR NOV. 25TH MEETING

BOSTON, MASS.—(Special to The Octofoil.)—Comfortably seated with a drink in one hand and a cigar in the other, members of the New England Chapter of the 9th Infantry Division Association at their monthly meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 25, in the First Corps Cadet Armory, Arlington St., Boston, enjoyed fishing, football, baseball, heavyweight championship bouts, and all forms of winter sports as the entertainment committee, under the chairmanship of Jim Kelly, provided an hour's run of selected short features in the world of sports. Efforts are now being made to obtain films, to be shown at the next meeting on December 29, of the Ninth Infantry Division in action against the enemy.

### FINE SPIRIT

After the movies, the meeting was opened by President Martin D. Connelly. He thanked the members for their fine spirit and cooperation in visiting the homes of repatriated Ninth Div. war dead. Members were also reminded to make their 1948 dues payable to the New England Chapter, P. O. Box 892, Boston, Mass.

### REV. CONNORS ACTIVE

Sydney Levison, chairman of the committee to visit homes of returned 9th Division war dead, reported that an average of 35 members attended each wake and that Rev. Edward T. Connors, former chaplain with Division Artillery, conducted rosary services at the several wakes the reverend was able to attend.

Names of the war dead visited during the month of November were:

James J. Young, 47th Inf., at Dorchester, Mass.

Francis J. Mieth, 15th Engrs., at Dorchester, Mass.

Arnold Halverson, Div. Arty., at Hull, Mass.

Americo D'Orazio, Div. Arty., at Waltham, Mass.

William E. Lyons, Div. MP, at Brockton, Mass.

### PALLBEARERS LISTED

The following Association mem-

bers served as pallbearers for the Mieth funeral:

Ronald V. Murphy.  
Ralph Renna.  
Robert Gidson.  
Daniel O'Rourke.  
James Flanagan.  
Martin D. Connelly.

### PROPOSE A PAPER

A motion proposed by John McLoughlin, the Mayor of Scollay Square, that the Chapter publish a monthly mimeographed newspaper "to strengthen fraternal bonds and to keep the members informed" was seconded and carried unanimously. McLoughlin's offer of free mimeographing facilities which are at his disposal, was accepted. John Edmunds was named chairman of the newspaper committee which includes: John McLoughlin, John Benn, John Murphy, and Victor Campisi. Their task will be to compile and edit material for the paper. In consideration thereof, all New England Chapter members are urged to send news items, such as engagements, weddings, new arrivals, deaths, illnesses, etc., to the Chapter, care P. O. Box 892, Boston, Mass.

### REMEMBER MEETING DATE

Sydney Levison was named assistant secretary.

All former Ninth Division men are reminded that the New England Chapter holds its regular monthly meetings on the last Tuesday of every month at the First Corps Cadet Armory, Arlington St., Boston, Mass., and that change of addresses should be sent to the Chapter, care P. O. Box 892, Boston. Also, any information regarding repatriation, wake, and funeral dates of Ninth Division war dead will be appreciated.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Edward J. McGrath, former corporal with Co. C, 15th Engrs., has announced that his son, Ronald, celebrated his first birthday on Sunday, Nov. 23.

VICTOR A. CAMPISI, Publicity Director, 98 Falmouth Rd., West Newton, Mass.  
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## Otto Kerner Is a Chicago Chapter Member



COUNTERFEIT—U. S. Attorney Otto Kerner, Jr., (left) and Harry D. Anheier, chief of Secret Service in Chicago, examine counterfeit press and bogus money seized in Chicago in what they announced was the apprehension of the largest counterfeiting ring to operate in the region since 1934. — AP Photo.

### TIME TO REENLIST

At Hagerstown, Md., Paul D. Menninger felt simply wonderful. He was out of the Army at last and had a \$42 a week job. Then his first pay check arrived and, as he looked at it, his expression turned more and more melancholy. There was deduction after deduction—in all, it amounted to \$7. He reenlisted the next day.

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### 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.

## Orville Stangl Wants His Octofoil Regular

A short note from Orville A. Stangl, formerly a lieutenant in M and I Companies of the 60th, now living in Java, S. Dak., was greatly appreciated by The Octofoil. Something happened and Orville didn't get his September issue of The Octofoil. He says he enjoys the paper and as soon as he finishes reading an issue he starts looking for the next. According to the letter Orville is of opinion contacts through the columns of The Octofoil is the next best thing to personally contacting all the old buddies.

He asks that greetings be extended to his old buddies of the Go-Devil Regiment and especially the guys in Item and Mike Co. Quoting from the letter: "If any of them care to write, do so, and I'll certainly answer."

"I've been actively engaged in farming since leaving the Army in December, 1945. Crops have been good, and so have prices so I have no complaint."

# ANOTHER INSTALMENT, P.O.W.'S DIARY

**CHICAGO LAD'S EASY TO READ NARRATIVE BECOMES MORE HEART TOUCHING IN EACH SUCCEEDING ISSUE.**

**ONLY THOSE WHO SUFFERED THE INDESCRIBABLE SUSPENSE CAN APPRECIATE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF VIC WOJTAS' EXPRESSED SENTIMENTS.**

The diary so patiently kept by Victor J. Wojtas, Chicagoan, while a P.O.W., is being favorably commented on by Association members from every section of the country. Just as soon as the long lists of Returned War Dead are omitted The Octofoil will print considerably more of the diary each month.



Wojtas

## MEMO 1943

First snow I have seen in Germany was on Nov. 19.

Received the third letter from home on Nov. 21; dated Sept. 6.

## AIR RAID

Another air raid on Berlin and surrounding territory on Nov. 22, 23, 24 and 25.

Was a daylight raid and a night raid. Another air raid on Nov. 26—a day and night raid.

Another air raid on Berlin on Dec. 29, 1943.

## JENNIE WRITES

Received the sixth letter from Jennie D.; dated Sept. 9, on Dec. 29, 1943.

Received the third carton of cigarettes on January 7, 1944.

Received the fourth carton of cigarettes on Jan. 11, 1944.

## MEDITATION . . .

Life is just what our thoughts make it.

Received the seventh letter from J. D., dated Sept. 27, on Jan. 18, 1944.

## STOPS COUNTING RAIDS

There have been so many air raids in the past that I have decided to quit counting them.

Received the eighth letter from J. D., dated Aug. 27, on Jan. 21, 1944.

Received the fourth letter from home on Jan. 22; dated Oct. 18, 1943.

## PAL GETS CONFINEMENT

Gave my pal Al Hudry eight days solitary confinement for speaking the Polish language—1-15, '44; 1-23, '44.

I have never met a man who has given me as much trouble as myself.

## HEAR YE!

The following took place on Jan. 21 at Stalag III-B, Furstenberg, Germany: A German sentry shot another defenseless Russian prisoner of war. Reason: For accepting cigarettes from an American P.O.W. Incidentally, the Russian P.O.W. died five minutes after he was shot by the German sentry.

War is like a child's game—only played with a direct hit.

## JUST FUN . . .

When your heart is feeling heavy, And your brain is rather sad, Don't think of all your troubles, But of all the fun you've had.

## MORE LETTERS

Received the ninth letter from J. D. on Feb. 1, dated Oct. 25, 1944.

Received the fifth letter from home on Feb. 3; dated Nov. 15, 1944.

Received the tenth letter from J. D., dated Oct. 24, on Feb. 4, 1944.

Received the sixth letter from home on Feb. 17; dated Nov. 14, 1944.

Received the eleventh letter from J. D., dated Nov. 3, on Feb. 22, 1944.

Received the twelfth letter from J. D., dated Nov. 22, on Feb. 26, 1944.

Received the seventh letter from home dated Nov. 22, on Mar. 6, 1944.

## FAULTS

Almost all our faults are more pardonable than the methods we think up to hide them.

Received the thirteenth letter from J. Depta, dated Jan. 26, on Mar. 21. Note: Letter received in 56 days.

Received the fourteenth letter from J. Depta, dated Jan. 11, on Mar. 29.

Received a cigarette parcel and a food parcel from home dated on Dec. 27, 1943, on Mar. 31, 1944.

Received the eighth letter from

home dated Jan. 7, on April 5, 1944. Written by Joe.

Received the fifteenth letter from J. Depta dated Dec. 27, on April 5, 1944.

Received the ninth letter from home; dated Jan. 5, on April 7, 1944. Two snapshots from Mary.

Received a cigarette parcel from home on April 18, 1944.

Received the tenth letter from home dated Feb. 6, on May 11, 1944. From Mary.

Received the sixteenth letter from J. Depta, dated Jan. 26, on May 17, 1944.

Received the eleventh letter from home dated March 1, on June 7, from Joe.

Received the seventeenth letter from J. Depta, dated Feb. 6, on June 9, 1944.

Received the twelfth letter from home, dated Feb. 5, on June 9, 1944. Written by Joe.

Received the eighteenth letter from J. Depta, dated Feb. 14, on June 14, 1944.

Received the nineteenth letter from J. Depta, dated Mar. 4, on June 14, 1944.

Received the thirteenth letter from home dated April 2 on June 21, 1944. Written by Mary.

Received the twentieth letter from J. Depta, dated April 4, on July 18, 1944.

Received the fourteenth letter from home, dated Mar. 27, on July 18, Antoinette.

Received the twenty-first letter from J. Depta, dated April 9, on July 18.

Received the seventh cigarette parcel on July 8, 1944.

## "WE'VE DONE OUR HITCH IN HELL"

I'm sitting here just thinking Of the things I left behind, And I hope to put on paper What is running through my mind.

We've dug a million ditches and Cleaned ten miles of ground; A meaner place this side of hell Is waiting to be found.

But there's one consolation, Gather together while I tell When we die we go to Heaven, Because we've done our hitch in hell.

We've built a hundred kitchens For the cooks to stew our beans, We've stood a hundred guard mounts And we've never acted mean.

We've washed a million mess kits And peeled a million spuds; We've rolled a million blanket rolls, And washed the captain's duds.

The number of parades we've stood Is very hard to tell, But now we'll parade in Heaven 'Cause we've done our hitch in hell.

We've killed a million rats and bugs That crawled out of our ears; We've pulled a million centipedes From out of dirty sheets.

We've marched a million miles And made a million camps; The grub we've had to eat at times Has given us the cramps.

When our work on earth is done Our friends behind will say: "They surely went to Heaven For they did their hitch in Hell."

When final taps is sounded And we've laid aside life's cares We'll do our last parade Up those shining, golden stairs.

The angels will all welcome us, And the harps will start to play,

We'll draw a million canteen checks And spend them in one day.

The Great Commanding General Will smile on us and say: "Take a front seat soldier, For you've done your hitch in hell."

—By Another P. O. W.

## THREE ON A BOX . . .

I've heard of the Dodgers and Boston Red Sox,

I've heard of people eating lolly-pops,

I've heard of three men on a horse after a fox,

But I ask you Who ever heard of three men on a box?

There were those two other guys and me,

They said they'd split it honestly, But they took everything they could see

Except the lemon and matches that were for me;

I'm not to be fooled, I'm no movie star,

But I like my candy, just like my pa;

I got gypped out of everything so far,

But why did they have to take my D-Bar?

The other day I got thrown in jail And Dutch he wanted to pay my bail,

But the other two guys the guard did nail, And locked them up for keeps— That's the end of my tale.

## "SOLDIER'S PRAYER"

Dear God, please watch over her for me,

That she may safely guided be; Help her each long hour to bear, As I would Lord if I were there;

When she is sleeping watch her then That fears may not her dreams defend;

Be ever near her through the day; Let not but goodness come her way,

Sweet faithful girl that waits for me Beyond the wide and spacious sea. Be merciful, God, I pray;

Take care of her while I'm away.

## WOMEN . . .

She's an angel, in truth; a demon in fiction;

A woman's the greatest of all contradictions—

She's afraid of a roach, she will scream at a mouse—

She'll tackle a husband as big as a house.

She'll take him for better, take him for worse;

She'll split his head, then be his nurse;

When he is well and gets out of bed,

She'll pick up a tea-pot to throw at his head.

She's faithful, deceitful, keen-sighted and blind;

She's crafty, simple, cruel—she's kind;

She'll lift a man up, she'll cast a man down;

She'll make him hers, her ruler, her clown.

You fancy she's this, but you find she's that,

For she'll play like a kitten, And fight like a cat;

In the morning she will, the evening she won't—

And, you're always expecting she will,

But she won't!

## A DAY IN THE STALAG . . .

Our country was in danger, We answered the call;

We went out and fought But they captured us all;

Our bullets and shell And bombs did fall

Which many a . . . Will never recall.

Our work is done On the battlefield, And now in this Stalag

We pull many a stunt; It's fun to watch old . . . grunt,

The sawed off shrimp, the little runt.

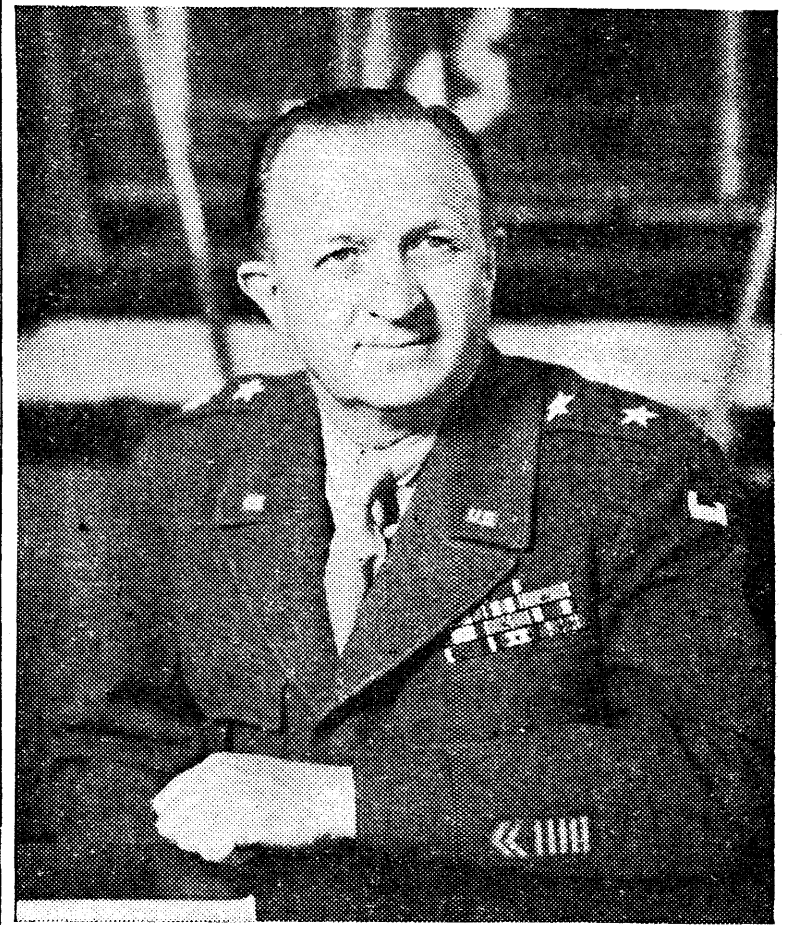
At six in the morning All through the house

The snoring sounded like a Sonata by Faust.

When in walks a Jerry, this Nazi louse,

He's calling, he's screaming, he's yelling "Rouse!"

## GENERAL EDDY PLACED IN CHARGE OF STAFF SCHOOL



MAJOR GENERAL MANTON S. EDDY.

You "Joes" have been asking for a recent photo of the "Old Man." Here is a very recent U. S. Signal Corp picture. He hasn't changed any since those days in Africa. Everyone hopes it'll never be necessary, but if it should be, he could take a Division right back over similar rugged trails again.

By JOHN C. NORRIS

In Washington Post.

Five top-ranking Army generals were shifted to new jobs recently, hard on the heels of Gen. Omar Bradley's return to military duty.

The assignment to key posts in the high command coincided with publication of a new promotion roster listing 213 ranking officers for future advancement to major and brigadier generals' stars.

The latter was the first large group of brass selected for permanent high rank since pre-war days.

The 213 were picked by a board of generals and the choices were approved by President Truman.

## OVERSEAS MEN

All of the five generals given new top jobs are veterans of the European war and most of them were immediate subordinates of

Gen. Bradley in France. Officials said that undoubtedly the former Veterans Administrator—who succeeds General Ike Eisenhower as Army Chief of Staff early next year—had much to say about their selection.

One of the more important shifts affects Major General Manton S. Eddy, who has been top Army policy-maker on public relations. General Eddy relieves Lt. Gen. Leonard Gerow as commandant of the Command and General Staff School, Leavenworth, Kans.

General Eddy's name was one of those selected for permanent rank of major general. The board which picked the 213 for promotion was headed by General Jacob L. Devers and included Gen. Bradley among its members. It was the first such board in Army history.

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## "Lonesome" G.I. Wears An Octofoil

Jack Thompson recently wrote a King Features Syndicate copyrighted review of the play "The Voice of the Turtle" for a New York magazine. The photographs shown on the page with Thompson's story displayed a great big Octofoil on the blouse of the actors representing G.I.s.

## CRASH THE GATE

When the Warner production is shown in your home town, why not hint to your local movie house manager former Ninth boys in the community should be his guests on the opening date. Thompson's brief review follows:

## LONESOME SARGE

John Van Druten's enchanting play about an actress and a lonesome G. I. on leave, "The Voice of the Turtle," has been made into a warm and touching film by Warners.

Although the play used only three characters, several roles have been added. The additions are little more than bits, however, and the picture follows the play as closely as the Johnston office permits.

The story is simple—a sergeant on leave in New York in 1944 is stood up by his girl and falls back on her friend for companionship. Both the soldier and the girl have had unhappy love affairs and are afraid of that tender emotion. Notwithstanding, they do fall very much in love.

(Next month's installment of Wojtas' Diary is filled with prose and poetry composed by he and fellow prisoners of war that reflects the moods of those boys, the torture of which was in many cases worse than a merciful death. An effort will be made to run several more inches of the text in the next issue.)



# IMPRESSIVE SERVICES FOR BUDDIES

## FATHER CONNORS HOLDS THIRD ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS; IMPRESSIVE SERVICES IN OTHER LOCALITIES.

MANY HOURS DEVOTED TO COMPILING DATA FROM VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS CARRYING DETAILS RELATIVE TO THE FINAL BURIAL RITES.

Joe McKenzie, Waltham, Mass.; former Sgt. Mike Chokosky, Rt. 1, Greensboro, Pa.; R. M. Speers, 37 Buckingham Dr., Albany, N. Y., and other members are doing a beautiful job of showing their respect to the buddies being returned for Final Burial.

From Joseph McKenzie, Veterans' Service Director for the City of Waltham, Mass., comes a very interesting letter. Joe sent newspaper clippings with several two and three-column pictures of impressive scenes taken at the funeral services of Sgt. Americo D'Orazio. The time and effort put forth by such fellows as McKenzie, Mike Chokosky and R. M. Speers should be appreciated by every member of the Association. Parts of McKenzie's letter follows:

The third Annual Memorial Mass for the Deceased Members of the Ninth Infantry Division was held at Worcester, Mass., on Sunday, Nov. 9, which was celebrated by that grand old man, Father Edward T. Connors.

### 26TH FA BN. REPRESENTED

I think Service Btry. 26th FA Bn. should be congratulated on their turnout. Read these names, you ex-26thers from Srv. Bty., and I'll bet you will say "Why didn't I attend." Make it a date for '48. Huber, Roscoe, Quinn, Wilkinson, Pergiovanni, Murray, Bongiorno, McKenzie, Sacco, Swenson, LeBlanc, Lucas, Lapsley, Newton, Albanese, Keyes, Orticari and Zablow are all ex-26th men of Service Battery, and all were present. Taking the place of their departed son were Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, their daughter, and Eddie's girl friend.

### TRAVEL 1,000 MILES

Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Huber made the 1,000 mile round trip from Olean, N. Y., in their new Buick. Harold is bigger than ever. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Roscoe made the 300-mile round trip from New Milford, Conn., in their new Chevrolet. No change in Rusty.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wilkinson were also present. George is now working for Uncle Sam in the West Concord, Mass., post-office.

### PERGIOVANNI BRINGS HIS PEE WEE

Kiki Pergiovanni brought his Pee Wee along. Yes, "Pee Wee" is Mrs. Pergiovanni. She is knee high to a grasshopper, hence the name. Pergi is part owner of a contracting business.

### CALLING DETROIT

No change in John Murray. You fellows in the Detroit area should try to contact John during January. He expects to attend a General Motors School to learn the finer points of the '48 Olds.

Bongiorno is still in the cleaning business. Bill is a little fatter since you last saw him in Attenkirchen.

Sacco looks younger in civvies. Bill is still repairing Mack trucks. Swenson looks good. Walter has a small auto repair shop and is doing well.

LeBlanc, nuff sed! Frenchy is still minding his own business. Those who have seen Clement in Bragg, Africa, Sicily, Scotland, England, France and Germany know what I mean.

Lucas has recovered from a serious illness. Carl is now working for Uncle Sam in the Boston postoffice.

Jim Lapsley made the trip from Long Island, N. Y. Jim is a claims agent for the express company. He bought a home.

The originals from Fort Bragg will remember Jim Newton. When the 26th left for parts unknown, Jim went to QM OCS and landed with the Transportation Corps.

Joe Albanese weighs about 300. He is jack of all trades at the VA Facility, White River Junction, Vermont.

### GI HAIRCUT

Orticari made the 250-mile trip with Red Albanese. For a while everyone thought Lou had re-enlisted because he had one of those Saturday morning special GI haircuts. Lou is still driving a truck for the Highway Dept. in Vermont.

Charlie Zablow made it this year for the first time. Charlie still talks of "Spencer," his special LWB GMC. Powerhouse could deliver that 105 Ammo.

John Peter and Mrs. Quinn were there. J. P. lives in Worcester. The ex-Top Kick has not changed any.

### EX-MAJOR KEYES THERE

That jolly B. C. of Srv. Btry. Fred Keyes was there. Ex-Major Keyes is learning the retail business from the top floor down. He has offices on the fourth floor and has a responsible job with Raymond's of Boston. He wore a grey felt hat with the crown as flat as Emmet Gaul's pancakes. I'd bet a farthing he wore it during his Freshman days at Harvard. What a hat!

### SGT. D'ORAZIO RITES

A later letter from McKenzie deals with the services for First Sgt. Americo L. O'Drazio:

All members of the 34th FA Bn. will remember Sgt. D'Orazio. Tuesday night, Nov. 11 at 9 P. M., Father Connors came to Waltham from Worcester; Sgt. D'Orazio's Battery Commander came to Waltham from Providence, R. I., and 25 members of the Greater Boston Chapter came to pray for the repose of the soul of Sgt. D'Orazio. It was a nice demonstration of the respect and esteem one member of the Ninth has for another.

From the Waltham newspapers: Funeral services for 1st Sgt. Americo L. O'Drazio, Waltham's first returned God Star hero, were held in the State Armory.

The funeral cortege left from the Armory and merchants along the route drew their window shades as the hearse passed.

### SGT. GEORGE BARRON PAID RESPECT BY ALL OF GREENE COUNTY, PA.

From Mike Chokosky, former sergeant, Hq. Co., 39th Regt., now living on Rt. 1, Greensboro, Pa., comes this interesting news letter about the final burial of Sgt. George Barron, Co. K, 39th:

I want to let you and the rest of our buddies know that one of our dead arrived home and was buried Sunday, Nov. 9, 1947. He was Sgt. George Barron; killed in action at Germeter, Germany.

Three men from the 39th attended the services, Juliana of Service Co., Napolano of K Co., and myself.

### LARGEST FUNERAL IN HISTORY OF COUNTY

This was the largest military funeral I ever saw; about 400 vets in uniform attended; about seven or eight V. F. W. and Legion Posts took part in the services.

The funeral convoy was stretched for about two miles. All of Greene County paid tribute to our buddy. Flags throughout the county were at half-staff.

### DOES HIS HEART GOOD

It did my heart good to see the tribute the citizens and veterans of Greene county gave our buddy, Sgt. Barron's mother appreciated it and I am sure all of our Gold Star Mothers will.

I am sorry I didn't get the name of the sergeant who came with the body so our organization could thank him as a group for his services to our buddy.

### DROP MRS. BARRON A LINE

I would like for the organization to drop Sgt. Barron's mother a line as a tribute from all of Sgt. Barron's buddies. Write to her through the address of her son, John Barron, R. F. D., Carmichaels, Pa.

It is our duty to do all we can for our buddies who gave their lives in battle.

Give my regard to all of our buddies.

(Signed) MIKE CHEKOSKY.

### RALTON M. SPEERS DID A MOST MAGNIFICENT JOB

Ralton M. Speers, 37 Buckingham Dr., Albany, N. Y., must have put in many, many hours preparing the folders he did. The folders were 20 pages of news clippings from Albany and neighboring newspapers. Streamers completely covering the width of entire pages were printed in the Albany papers. Pictures as large as five columns were used. Speers decorated the pages with colored Octofoil stickers, supplementing these with many hand drawings of wreaths and other emblems. Every member of the Association should see one of the folders. Efforts will be made to secure Ralton's permission to have one on display at the Philadelphia Reunion.

Secretary Tingley, in writing to Speers, has this to say: I cannot begin to express my appreciation to you for the wonderful manner in which you have attended to the men of the Ninth Division from your area, whose remains were recently returned home. You have performed a service which will never be forgotten.

In a letter to The Octofoil Ralton has this to say:

Dear Mr. Plunkett:

We here in Albany have just received the remains of our first War II comrades to be returned. Among the six three of our own Division men. Five of them were duly respected in public ceremonies on Armistice Day. The sixth man, 2nd Lt. Friedman, was not included; I presume because of the family's wishes.

I was personally able to visit the family of the late Pfc Knapp. I learned they were grateful for the manner in which all details were handled.

I received a call from the mayor, who wished to express his thanks for the interest shown and believed that he, along with Senator D'Allesandro and another former Ninth man in his office, did all that would have been desired in the way of Association wishes.

Although coincidental, I presume, but somewhat psychic, was the presence of the Ninth Infantry Division Band. Senator D'Allesandro was an honorary grand marshal.

Hoping this rendition as reported by me shall give inspiration and initiative for others to carry forth. I believe all our fallen buddies who will be returned, should be well remembered for their supreme effort.

(Signed) R. M. SPEERS.

The three Ninth men returned to Albany were Second Lt. Charles L. Friedman, 60th; Pfc. Walter K. Knapp, Jr., 60th, and Pfc. Raymond J. Stewart, 39th.

One of the touching scenes sent in by Speers was the wife and daughter of Pfc. Raymond Stewart receiving a posthumous award from Brig. Gen. Ames T. Brown.

### PFC. WALTER F. KNAPP, JR.

had been through every battle in Africa, Sicily, the invasion of Normandy and Belgium with the First Army, Ninth Division, 60th Infantry, and was an instructor in England when ordered into action during the German offensive. He was killed on September 22, 1944, near Aachen. He was educated at St. Patrick's School, Albany, and was graduated from Roessville High School. Before entering military service he was employed by the New York State Highway Division in Colonie. His family lives at 16 Knapp Terrace, a street named in honor of his grandfather, George Knapp.

### PFC. RAYMOND J. STEWART

who fell in Germany near Aachen on Dec. 11, 1944, celebrated his daughter Joyce's fourth birthday on his last leave home in Albany. He was a member of Co. C, 39th Infantry. He was educated in School 18, Albany High School and Siena College. He was 29 years old and had been in the Army nine months when he was killed. His widow, Mrs. Catherine L. Stewart, and Joyce, now seven, reside at 20 First Ave. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Stewart live at 277 Second Ave.

Lt. Friedman's funeral notices appearing in Albany papers reads: **FRIEDMAN** — Entered into eternal rest December 1, 1945, 2nd Lt. Charles Leonard Friedman, USA, beloved son of Morris

## THE PAST IN REVIEW

Januaries to Remember

**1941—Fort Bragg:** Life is better in new barracks. . . . Captain Van Bond of the 60th brings back first 500 draftees from Camp Upton, N. Y., for training under Selective Service Act. . . . cold weather. . . black ties. . . hup, tup, tree, foer.

**1942—Fort Bragg:** Training. . . Yellow fever inoculations. . . military competitions. . . vehicles galore arrive for Ninth in temporary motorization. . . wartime America is focused upon the islands of the Far East.

**1943—Port Lyautey and Algiers:** Guarding Spanish Moroccan frontier. . . Casablanca Conference. . . Division is visited by and parades for President Roosevelt at Port Lyautey. . . remainder of Division arrives aboard the Kungsholm; 39th Combat Team guards headquarters city of Algiers. **Du pain, lemons, eggs, Arabs and Frenchmen.**

**1944—Winchester and Vicinity:** Mon-

ty visits Ninth and talks of " . . . good old days." . . . Sunday movies in Winchester. . . Ninth Division participates in Allied Day of Prayer. . . "any gum, chum?" is now a serious problem. . . leaves and passes and beer. . . tear and scones. . . coffee and doughnuts. . . the mild (?) English weather

**1945 Monschau and Vicinity:** The Bulge. . . snow. . . patrols. . . shu-paks. . . rest. . . passes in picturesque Belgium. . . the big push of January 30th through the woods and snow drifts. . . the beginning of successful night attacks. . . on the Roer Dams!

**1946—Bavaria:** Occupation. . . snow. . . currency control. . . tours. . . camera raffles in the PX. . . Division Rest Center offers three days of heavenly relaxation without expense. . . Gasoline shortage.

**1947—Bavaria:** THE NINTH IS DEACTIVATED on January 15th in Augsburg! No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

## WOLMAN LOOKING FOR LONG LOST 899TH T. D. GROUP

Francis H. Wolman, 74 Hillside Ave., Edwardsville, Pa., sounds off again this month with another SOS, trying to arouse some of his buddies from the 899th T. D.—and Frank now gets around to calling them the "Lost Battalion."

Wolman says he thinks they all enlisted in the Foreign Legion in hopes of forgetting the errors they committed during the days of fraternization. The Octofoil isn't sure, but it seems like that Harry Veeneman the Chicago group has elected as Recording Secretary, was attached to the 899th outfit.

### PLATTS GETS "MUGGED"

Another interesting item in Wolman's letter concerns former Sgt. Hal Platts. In a recent edition of a publication produced by Wise & Co., New York, Hal's picture shows up on the first page—as one of the first load of G. I. to dock in the states from Europe after V-E Day.

A poem, composed by Wolman, while stationed in the Deutschland is enclosed in his letter. The poem was written after the Rhine and Flak Hill experiences:

### EASTER FOREVER

Easter forever shall ring o'er the land,  
On mountain, on valley, on burning sand;  
Easter forever is the cry of the free,  
And sweet is the call of liberty.

Jesus arose on this bright Easter day,  
And to us he showed his Golden Way;  
In summer or winter, during day or night  
His love and mercy shall be the light.

Because of His death, again may we live  
In the Heavenly glory that he did give;  
For surely no part of hell we want e'er—  
So that is our reason for Easter forever!

### PRAYERS OFFERED

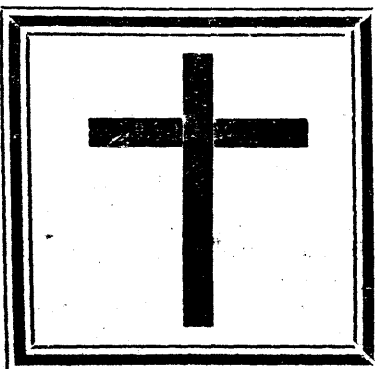
The service ended with prayers by a Protestant, a Catholic and a Jewish clergyman, with the sounding of taps and the National Anthem by the military band.

The parade was led by Mayor Corning and State Senator Peter Dallesandro, Congressional Medal of Honor winner, and former Ninth Division man.

### No Dues—No Octofoil

Advertisement that ask "Do you need cash?" and "Could you use more money?" are downright impertinent.

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



and Rose Parowith Friedman, devoted brother of Mrs. Samuel Ber- man, Jersey City, N. J., and Mrs. Max Gordon. Services at the Sil- berg Memorial Chapel, 804 Madison Ave., on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited and may also call at the chapel on Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Officers and members of the Congregation Beth El Jacob expressed profound sorrow at the untimely passing of Charles L. Friedman.

### MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Corning in paying tribute to Albany's war dead had this to say:

"All we Americans ask is that we be allowed to live in peace and in friendly intercourse with other nations. There is nothing they have that we envy or desire.

### "A TERRIBLE PRICE"

"Victory in war too often demands a terrible price. It reaches into happy homes, it brings sorrow and heartbreak.

"It is for us who survived and for the families of those who came back to be prayerfully thankful that the sacrifice of those we honor today was the price they paid that their companions might live."

The mayor ended his address by reading the letter of Abraham Lincoln to Mrs. Bixby, who lost five sons in the Civil War.

### PRAYERS OFFERED

The service ended with prayers by a Protestant, a Catholic and a Jewish clergyman, with the sounding of taps and the National Anthem by the military band.

The parade was led by Mayor Corning and State Senator Peter Dallesandro, Congressional Medal of Honor winner, and former Ninth Division man.

### No Dues—No Octofoil

Advertisement that ask "Do you need cash?" and "Could you use more money?" are downright impertinent.

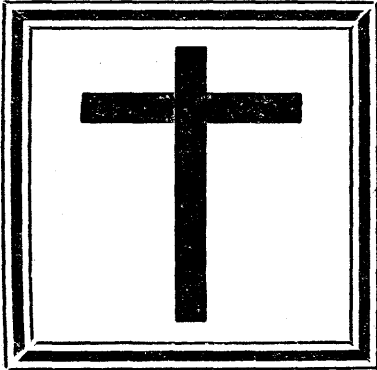


# "In my Father's house are many mansions"

## ANOTHER BOAT LOADED WITH BUDDIES WHO FELL ON THE FIELD ARRIVED IN THE U. S. NOVEMBER 25.

### CHAPLAIN PROPST SUBMITS A BENEDICTION BEFITTING THE REMAINS OF THOSE BOYS WHO GAVE THEIR ALL PROTECTING OUR WAY OF LIFE IN AMERICA.

Chaplain (Major) Cecil Loy Propst, a former Ninth Infantry Division Chaplain, and now Esse Chaplain at the Wright Air Base in Dayton, Ohio, very kindly prepared for The Octofoil the following benediction to accompany the printed list of Ninth Division War Dead returned this month for Final Burial:



Oh, Eternal Father, amidst the silence and quietude that envelopes the return of our beloved comrades from the field of battle where they gave their all, we pray for Thy benediction of peace.

Great Father of all those who are burdened with sorrow and sacrifice, may their pain be eased, their hearts comforted and their spirit be given courage and strength by Thy benediction of love.

Almighty and merciful God, we graciously place into Thy hands those who rest beneath the covering of the Stars and Stripes; may they find peaceful rest in the soil of their own beloved land and their souls receive complete freedom and refuge in Thy eternal benediction of salvation.

Now unto Him That is able to keep you from falling, and to bring you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

The list of Ninth Division War Dead printed in this issue, arrived in New York November 25, from Henri Chapelle Cemetery, Eupen, Belgium, on the USAT Robert Burns.

As explained last month, because of the limited number of funeral cars available this issue of The Octofoil will be in the hands of many members before these buddies arrive at their destination for final burial. It behooves each former Ninth Division man who is located near the next-of-kin of any one of these boys to contact the relative and offer to be of any service possible.

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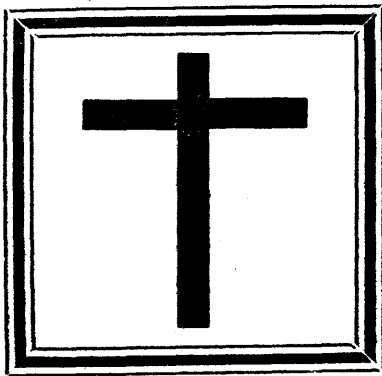
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MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONTACT THE NEXT-OF-KIN OF THOSE BUDDIES BEING SENT NEAR YOUR HOME—AND HELP ANY WAY YOU CAN.



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Lynch, Jerome M., Pfc., 899th TD, Mrs. Dorothy F. Lynch, Box 14, Bassett, Wis.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Ball, Stanley A., 1st Lt., Co. E, 47th, Mrs. Julia C. Ball, 1923 "P" St., S.E., Washington, D. C.

## SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO VETS

Q—What veterans have preference to Veterans Administration hospital beds?

A—Veterans suffering from service-connected disabilities and those requiring emergency treatment are given preference to hospital beds.

Q—May a veteran receiving disability compensation, receive at the same time subsistence allowance under Public Law 346?

A—Yes.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

Why do women who are dieting accept dinner invitations?

## CAMP SHERIDAN IS DEDICATED

(Reprinted from August 24, 1945 issue of "The Raider." Furnished The Octofoil by Col. John G. Van Houten):

The third battalion of the 47th Infantry honored the memory of the late Pfc. Carl V. Sheridan Wednesday afternoon in Moosburg with a formal dedication ceremony. In a proclamation read by Lt. Col. Ray Inzer, battalion commander, the site was officially named "Camp Sheridan," as four well-dressed platoons snapped to attention and presented arms to their fallen comrade, posthumous winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

### IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY

On the speakers' stand, just in front of the huge archway inscribed with the name, "Camp Sheridan," were the regimental executive officer, Lt. Col. Lewis Maness, Lt. Col. Inzer, and Chaplain Vereleng R. Rugh, who pronounced the invocation. The American flag, for which Sheridan gave his life, fluttered proudly in the breeze above the gate, which also bore the words, "In memory of Carl V. Sheridan, awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously, 26th November, 1944."

Lt. Col. Inzer said, in part, "We are assembled here this afternoon to honor and perpetuate the memory of Carl V. Sheridan, who gave his life leading an assault on Frenzenberg Castle." He then read an account of Sheridan's actions in spearheading Co. K's assault on the strongly-fortified German position.

Lt. Col. Maness, who commanded the second battalion to which Co. K was attached at the time of Sheridan's deed, said, "I want to pay my respects to Sheridan and Co. K for what they did at Frenzenberg Castle. I did not actually see this brave man's actions, but I heard of them later from his comrades. His bravery and sacrifice were above and beyond the call of duty, and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States."

"Taps" were sounded after the invocation, and with the entire assemblage presenting arms, the "Star Spangled Banner" was played by the band as the flag was lowered by a color guard.

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:

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

Certain stray thoughts are as perishable as a lighted match—they vanish if not expressed instantly.

## THAT TAYLOR BOY DOESN'T LET GRASS GROW UNDER HIS DOGGIES

The past month has been a busy one for The Octofoil's old friend and standby, Wilton M. Taylor, 100½ Taylor St., Taft, Calif.

Taylor visited his old home section in Southwest Texas last month; he looked over the buildings at Camp Wolters and says the old water tank on top of the hill still looks natural.

### AVOID READER

Among articles Taylor has read during the month that should be of interest to all former Ninth Division men is the story in December issue of The Infantry Journal which printed some interesting maps of the Ninth's progress through Africa and a good description of the campaign. The article, titled "Tunisian Testing Ground," is written by Fletcher Pratt and is one of a series being written by Pratt. The Infantry Journal also has for sale the book, "The War As I Knew It," by General George S. Patton, Jr. It sells for \$3.50.

### FORTH WORTH SUGGESTED FOR CONVENTION

Taylor sends best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with hundreds of new members and a convention for all in which we will have as near 100 per cent representation as possible.

Then Taylor suggests Fort Worth, Texas, as a likely spot for the 1949 convention. He says it will give fellows from the West a chance to meet fellows from the East halfway across the country and give the Eastern boys a good chance to get acquainted with the Western parts with cowboy boots, big hats and a cow country welcome. He outlines some mighty good points in Fort Worth's behalf.

### WHERE'S CAREY CONNOR

Taylor was in the hospital with Carey Connor of the 47th and is anxious to learn his address. He thinks Connor was from Georgia. Anyone knowing Connor's present address should write Taylor at address given above.

### ERNIE PYLE'S BOOK

Taylor recommends the Ninth men to read Chapters 29 and 30 in Ernie Pyle's book, "Brave Men."

### PROWLS AROUND

While visiting in Texas Taylor ransacked his old barracks bag and came up with some really worthwhile pictures that will be used in an early issue of The Octofoil. It's a shame he didn't uncover some of these before the

deadline had been reached for submitting material to the History Committee. Miss Ella Gauden, Bosingstoke, England, has sent some interesting pictures to Taylor. Other scenes uncovered are shots made on maneuvers in Maryland, Fort Bragg scenes as well as North African scenes.

### FIVE BROTHERS IN SERVICE

Five of the Taylor boys were in the service. Ned Taylor, Seaman 2-C, radio operator, New Orleans, La., was the younger brother in the service. He is now with Standard Oil Co., Taft, Calif.; Pfc. Fred Taylor, Co. M, 103rd Inf., 43d Div., Pacific Theater, is now in school in Dallas, Tex. Three of the four Taylor boys in the Army were machine gunners; Fred and Wilton in M Co.'s Infantry, 47th Regt., and Mark was a tail gunner in the Air Corps, Pacific Theater, and Beaman was in the Medics at Camp Bowie, Texas.

### BACK TO BOOKS

Another interesting article uncovered last month by Taylor is "Patton's Talk With God," by Lt. Col. Jack Widmer, December issue of True Magazine.

Quoting from the letter: "All you 47th, M Co. men help keep The Octofoil chuck full of news and pictures; dig down deep in your barracks bags and send in pictures. It all helps And let us know where you are by joining the Association and sending an occasional letter and picture of yourself in to The Octofoil."

### MIELE WRITES

Quoting from another page of the letter: Just received a letter from Dominick Miele, 853 Southern Blvd., Bronx 59, N. Y., an old M Co. 47th man. Says he is an active member of the New York City Chapter, and he sees quite often Barney Fritz, Joe Haberkeim, Geardiello, Giannuzzi, Sammy Gans, Cunningham, Mo Connella, Moltroeler, Father DeLaura and many others. Taylor asks Miele to give his regards to all those boys; he also promises to contact Morris, Taylor, Winkler, Watson and many other lads down in Texas. Watson lives in Rolton, Texas.

### GEN. RANDLE WRITES

Brig. Gen. E. H. Randle, in a recent letter to Taylor extends his kindest wishes to all 47th men as well as to other units of the 9th Division.

Much of Taylor's material will be used in future issues after the long list of KIAs are omitted.

## Plenty of Hay for Mattress Covers



Another of Ted Matusik's pictures taken around VE day at Kleine, Bedegast, near Kothen. The group are men from Co. M, 47th, and have just returned from a review at Grosse Badegast, where General "Lightning Joe" Collins had made a talk to the Third Battalion.

## 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.

No Dues—No OCTOFOIL

Q—Am I eligible to benefits under Public Law 16 if I was discharged for a service-connected disability before I had served 90 days in the armed forces?

A—Yes. For purposes of Public Law 16, service of 90 days in the armed forces is not required.



# ASSOCIATION HISTORY IS MADE BY THE WRITERS

READ THESE NOTES AND THEN GIVE YOURSELF A "COURT MARTIAL" IF YOU HAVEN'T WRITTEN IN.

UNLESS YOU GET YOUR PENCIL OUT AND SEND IN A FEW LINES FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE OCTOFOIL YOU ARE NOT A VERY GOOD MEMBER.

The following excerpts from some letters received in Secretary Tingley's office during the past month are indicative of the enthusiasm and interest many of our members have for the Association:

The Association received a letter from Donald Whitenack of 401 Bourbon St., Blanchester, O., and he sent in his \$10 check for membership. Don says he was in the Army for almost five years, but with the Ninth Division for only three months, from July, 1944, to September, 1944, and at times they got a little rugged. He states further, he certainly wishes he could have been with that gang longer, but he got "took" by the Krauts on Sept. 24, 1944. But he sure would like to hear from any of the boys from his platoon in D Co. or A Co. of the 60th. He says he'll be in Philly and wishes the Association a lot of luck.

(Ed's Note: Don doesn't know it, but a representative of the Disabled American Veterans stopped in The Octofoil office and whispered in someone's ear, "There is a Ninth Division man running a grocery store down in Clarence Brown's home town of Blanchester, O. A couple of Octofoils were sent Don and here he pops up a member—and it's a good bet that he's gonna make a good one.)

Joseph B. Banisaukas, 1481 E. 71st St., Cleveland 3, Ohio, mailed to Secy. Tingley his '48 dues and comments that both he and his wife thoroughly enjoy reading The Octofoil.

Dr. Franz E. Robinow, father of Pfc. Franz G. W. Robinow, who was with the 60th, and killed at St. Lo on July 26, 1944, writes in for copy of the 60th History. The doctor's address is 15 Elton St., Providence 6, R. I., and if any of his son's former buddies read this, they should drop a few lines to Dr. Robinow.

Carl E. Gillham of 6 Ozark St., Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., sent his 1947 and 1948 dues, plus 25c for the 60th History to Secy. Tingley. Carl was with A Co., 4th Platoon of the 60th and is still GI-minded, being active with the National Guard.

Henry C. Brown, former Pfc. A-T Co., 60th, is living at Morehead, Ky., Rt. 1, and writes in asking how much he owes for dues and promises the secretary to remit just as soon as he gets the statement. Hank has been out of the service two years, he got hitched up with one of those Southern Belles the same week he got home and together they are running a farm at Morehead. But Hank doesn't count his corn patches so many gallons to the acre—like most Kentuckians.—He's legit.

Walter M. McElduff, formerly with L and M of 60th from August '43 until September '45, sends request for 60th History. Walt is living at 2317 35th Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

Elmer Wagner, formerly with the 47th, now living on Route 4, Bay City, Mich., asks Secy. Tingley for addresses of the following men, formerly with Co. I, 47th: Ernest Brandt (no records at headquarters); Louis Devall (no record at headquarters); John G. Malarik (a non-member whose last address is shown as 100 Edgewood St., Danbury, Conn.); Lt. William H. Brumett (a member, living at Box 104, Campbell, Texas.) Please contact Wagner if anyone reading this item can advise the address of Brandt, Devall or Malarik.

Ralph H. Lassen, formerly 60th Captain, now living in Sanford, N. C., Box 227, was in Washington Nov. 14 and called Association headquarters. He is now running a dry cleaning establishment in Sanford and he and his wife were in Washington for a few days to get all the latest angles on dry cleaning from the National Institute of Dry Cleaning, which is located in nearby Silver Spring. Ralph wishes to be remembered to all his former "cohorts" in the 60th. He mentioned about seeing Ed Waters in Winston-Salem; John Green, who is athletic director of the Huron High School at Huron, S. Dak.; Charlie Fort, who is manager of the YMCA at Winston-Salem, N. C.; Lt. Col. Chaf-

fin, who is in Sanford, N. C., as well as Major Perry, who is in Henderson, N. C.

John L. Glaven sends in his 1948 dues and says to keep the paper coming; says he enjoys reading it and is waiting patiently for the history. John lives at Ely, Minn., P. O. Box 423.

William E. Dotson, formerly with the 60th, writes in for his 60th History. Bill lives at Judson, W. Va., and is patiently waiting for his copy of the history.

Homer Green, formerly with Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 39th, writes in sending his 1947 and 1948 dues; also he advises of his new address: 2701 W. College Street, Shreveport, La.

Harry Schwartz sends in his 1947 and 1948 dues. He was formerly with A Btry. of the 26th Field, and is now living at 475 N. 12th St., Newark, N. J. Harry says that he is now happily married and that he visited with Peter Guisaggio recently at his Providence, R. I., home, and Pete will be a married man soon.

Letter from Victor Elia, formerly A-T Co. 60th, now living at 475 Southern Blvd., Bronx 55, N. Y., in which Vic says: "I enjoy every bit of The Octofoil and I wish it continued success and to its staff, Orchids for the splendid job they are doing to keep us old Ninth guys informed."

Thomas Van Bomel, also formerly with A-T Co., 60th Inf., has been operated on at the Veterans' Hospital, Bronx, N. Y., and is now okay, and would like to hear from some of his old buddies.

Paul R. Fribush, former T-Sgt., 26th FA, writes, giving his new address as 3829 Pall Mall Rd., Baltimore 15, Md.

Nicholas F. Colombo, formerly with 47th Inf., gives his new address as 194 Sickles Ave., New Rochelle, N. Y.

Al Bruchac advises the secretary that the membership drive in New York City is going along at a good rate and he thinks he is safe in saying the results are improving daily and they really have not started to work yet.

Albert Haber, formerly with Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 47th, sends in his 1948 dues. "Hats off to you fellows who have been doing such a grand job with The Octofoil. It sure would be depressing if I were to miss one issue. Sorry that business kept me away from the last two conventions, but come hell or high water, I'll sure be in Philly for the next one. Regards to all former buddies from Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 47th and G Co."

Interesting letter from 1st Lt. George I. Connolly, Jr., now stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., states that Colonel Douglas Page is now Senior ORC Instructor at New Orleans. Also that Captain Croonquist and Lt. Wheeler, both former 3rd Bn., 39th, and Lt. Toffler, 26th Field, are stationed at Fort Knox.

Letter from Roman A. Urbaniski, Box 21, Depue, Ill., formerly C Co., 60th, asks for his copy of the 60th History.

Wayne K. Jennings, Raeford, N. C., formerly C Co., 60th, is another writing for his 60th History. He also states that the 82nd Airborne Div. is now occupying the 9th Area at Fort Bragg and that the area still looks as good as it did when the 9th was there.

Thomas Broderick, 1730 Watt St., Schenectady, N. Y., formerly with the 39th, writes to find out when he will get his copy of the Division History. Says he saw a fellow with a Ninth Division patch on his shoulder, and after talking for awhile this guy told him he had already received his copy of the history. Just another one of those cases where the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is talking about.

Frank T. Samole, formerly with Ninth Signal Co., writes in asking about his dues and how much he owes. Frank is a T-4 and stationed at Fort Monmouth, N. J., with Instruction Co. No. 2.

Paul J. Muller, formerly with

E Co., 47th, writes and asks information concerning the history. Paul is now in partners with another fellow, trading as M & M Associates, General Automobile Repairs, at 111 Greenman Rd., Haddonfield, N. J.

Melvin W. Gillis, formerly with Anti Tank Co., 60th, until he was hospitalized in Geisenfeld, Germany, and finally was out of the Army in December, 1945, writes an interesting letter and advises his address is 1416 N. 2nd St., Watertown, Wis.

Major Clair H. Thurston, formerly Division P.M., and now the P. M. at Fort Sam Houston, writes to say he is looking forward to being at the Reunion in July.

Charles Newton, 2834 Kingston St., Dallas, Tex., formerly with A-T Co., 60th, writes in to say he would like to hear from any of his former buddies and says that if any of them ever come through Dallas, look him up as he has an extra bedroom and would like very much to have them stay with him while in Dallas. Charlie also asks for the address of Charles Stegner, of Colorado Springs, Colo. (No record of Stegner in Secretary Tingley's office. Can any of you fellows help Newton out on this request?)

Letter from Archie M. Rohrer, formerly with G Co., 47th, now living at Church's Ferry, N. Dak.; sends in his 1948 dues and says he enjoys The Octofoil very much; he also wants to know why the fellows from G Co., 47th, never sound off. Some of them no one ever hears a peep from. Rohrer would like to have the addresses of Sgt. McCullough and Sgt. Patterson; also B. U. Buttermilk Plummer; better known as just plain Plummer.

Mr. A. B. Shrader, father of T-Sgt. Raymond B. Shrader, who was with 60th from Africa to Germany, where he was KIA, writes in for copy of the 60th History. Mr. Shrader now lives at Mellin, W. Va.; post office address is Cairo, W. Va. Suppose some of you fellows who knew Ray drop his dad a few lines.

Lloyd L. Slater, formerly with E Co., 60th, now living at 6 Taylor St., South Portland, Maine, writes in to try and locate a set of 60th Infantry Regimental insignia. Anyone who might have an extra set, how about sending them to him. Lloyd also advises he recently received the Bronze Star Medal from the A. G., for exemplary conduct in ground combat against the enemy on 14 March, 1945.

Mrs. Eva N. Evans, 310 E. Glendale Ave., Alexandria, Va., is very desirous of hearing from anyone who knew her son, Pvt. Oma F. Evans, Jr., 60th Inf., who was killed in action.

Mrs. Elva Young, 2515 "K" St., N. W., Washington, D. C., is very anxious to hear from any of her son's former buddies relative to his death. Her son, Pvt. Phillip A. Young, 60th Inf., was reported missing in action near Roetgen, Germany, September, 1944, and his body was never recovered.

Letter from Casey M. Petraitis, 2109 Worthington Ave., Bethlehem, Pa. Casey was formerly a Division MP and states he will be in Philly next July and expects to see many former buddies there. He recently had a visit from another former MP, Bill Bateman, who is now living at 1054 South Academy St., Galesburg, Ill.

Sgt. Ralph V. Brown, Sqdn. A, 1380th AAF Bn., APO 862, care New York Postmaster, formerly with Bty. C, 60th FA Bn., states he is now with the ATC Air Force in Newfoundland at Fort Pepperrell and that he has about five more years to go and then he will retire on the 20-year bill.

Earl J. Ford, formerly with Co. F, 39th, now living at 254 North Richmond St., Indianapolis, Ind., writes for information on his back dues. He's also interested in getting that History.

George E. Van Kernen, Rt. 3, Ogdensburg, N. Y., formerly with RSO Serv. Co., 47th, requests information from the records that will help him convince the Veterans' Administration he is right.

Amerigo V. DeJulius, 2525 Grand Concourse, Bronx 58, N. Y., gives the new address of Dudley H. Garland, a former major with Div. Arty., whose name appeared in the December issue of The Octofoil among the "lost." Dud is now with the Associated Products Corporation of Connecticut, New

York office, 420 Lexington Ave., New York City.

Joseph Zupancic, 6807 Edna Ave., Cleveland 3, Ohio, formerly A Co., 60th, sends inquiry relative to his dues; also says he is receiving The Octofoil and does not want to miss any editions.

A letter comes from Charles L. Mitchell, 3651 Maxwell, Detroit 14, Mich., formerly a member of Co. F, 60th. Chuck was seeking information about the Association and says he wants to join.

William H. Brown, formerly a 1st Lieut., 2nd Bn., 60th, now with the McCoy-Couch Furniture Mfg. Co., Benton, Ark., writes to Secretary Tingley concerning his membership status.

BOB MOORE'S DAD WRITES. Letter received from Mr. Ralph E. Moore, 2605 E. Johnson St., Madison 4, Wis., whose son, Sgt. Robert L. Moore, 47th Inf., was killed in action in the vicinity of Cherbourg. Mr. Moore is very anxious to receive the History—and also would like to hear from any of his son's former buddies relative to Bob's death.

Victor G. Gonzalez, formerly with 60th FA Bn., now living at 2013 S. Washington St., Peoria 2, Ill., sends in his 1947 dues in order to be sure of receiving The Octofoil, which he states he really enjoys. Vic would like to hear from some of his old buddies of C Btry.

Alfred R. Eken, formerly with 60th, now living at 12814 Clinton St., Blue Island, Ill., asks for information concerning his wife's cousin, who was injured while with the 36th Div. in Italy. Secy. Tingley "dug up" the desired address and advised Alfred.

Henry I. Almour, 200 W. 108th St., New York City, formerly a pill rolling captain with the 15th Engrs., writes a letter to Major General Manton S. Eddy asking for information as to how he may become a member of the Association.

Henry A. Dabrowski, formerly with AT Co., 60th, writes from 282 Semel Ave., Garfield, N. J., and says he is for the Association making some arrangements to get windshield stickers and metal tag plates showing the Division Insignia for use on automobiles. Henry sent a picture taken during the famous "silent march" between Troina and Randazzo, which showed Howard Griggs and Dick Mott. The picture was too dark to get a cut made from and Secretary Tingley had to return it.

Conda W. Kneec, formerly with M Co., 47th, sends in his 1948 dues. Conda is now located at 44 Mach Ave., Shelby, Ohio, and says he surely appreciates The Octofoil and thinks the Association is a great organization. He sends a picture taken in Sicily, showing some of the fellows in the 2nd Plt., just after the campaign was over. The picture was dark and Secretary Tingley had to return it to Conda.

Jerry A. Kurka, formerly with K Co., 60th, now living at 3419 E. 102nd St., Cleveland 4, Ohio, advises that he really enjoys The Octofoil and is looking forward to the History. Jerry mentions that he was wounded Aug. 4, 1944, near Percy, France, and since that time he lost contact with most of his former buddies and is particularly interested in hearing he would like to hear from them.

He names some former buddies he ing from, including Marshall Blackard, Blytheville, Ark.; Frank Page, Dublin, Ga.; William T. Roberts, Montezuma, Ga. Suppose some of you fellows drop Jerry a few lines.

Eamon E. White, formerly of the 39th Inf., now living in Logan, W. Va., Box 471, requests a map showing the Division movements. This information will be vividly portrayed in the History.

MAJOR WILSON ENTERTAINS

Ross H. Wilson, formerly Major Wilson, Special Service Officer, now conducting the Wilson Advertising Agency, Provident Bank Bldg., Cincinnati 2, Ohio, sends in an interesting letter. Wilson advises he has just had the pleasure of entertaining Maurice Harze, from Liege, Belgium, who was here in the states on business. Maurice sends his best wishes and greetings to all the men from the Ninth in behalf of their old friends in Belgium. Harze brought with him some films and pictures which were left in Liege for development by some men of the division who never returned to claim them. It is believed these films and pictures belong to Sgt. Robert Doolittle and Sgt. John Schultz of the Finance Section. They are pictures taken in Monschau, Remagen, the public square in Liege, and a group of men in front of the "Haus Backpiltz." Neither of these men are members of the Association—and Secretary Tingley does not have the addresses. Through the grapevine information drifts in that Sgt. Schultz is living in Philadelphia. Anyone knowing these fellows' addresses drop a line to Secretary Tingley.

Ross also mentions that he brought back more than 1300 negatives (35 mm.) of Ninth Division scenes from Cassablanca to Dessau. After the holidays The Octofoil hopes to use some of these shots in future editions.

The Greater New York Chapter is really doing a swell job collecting dues and getting new members. December 1 Secy. Tingley received a check covering dues for 46 and three new members. On November 15th he received a check covering six new members and 46 dues.

Mrs. Ruby Gay, Box 184, Ringling, Okla., requests information from someone who was acquainted with the facts concerning the death of her husband, Pfc. Leon C. Gay, 60th Inf., who was killed in action in Germany on October 12, 1944.

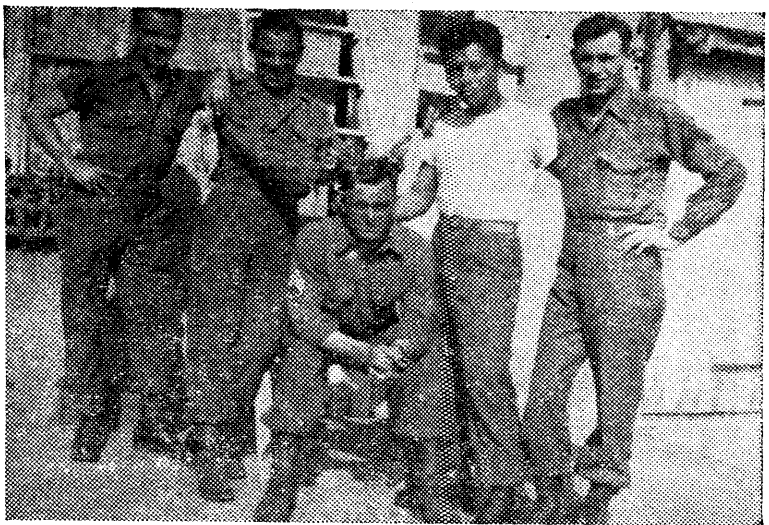
T. C. Haggart, formerly of K Co., 60th, is engaged in the wholesale beer business in Salisbury, N. C. His address is 1012 Scale St., Salisbury, N. C.

Card received from Edward J. McNamara, formerly with F Co., 39th, desirous of hearing from his former buddies. Ed is living in Brookfield, N. Y. He asks if anyone remembers the show F Co. of the 39th put on, entitled "You've Had It," directed by Lt. Firestone, a great guy and a good company commander. Ed was the strip tease artist in this play.

Trammel F. Shi, attorney at law, 526 First National Bank Bldg., Macon, Ga., formerly a captain with Division Headquarters, writes for information rela-

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## 47TH ANTI-TANK OUTFIT -- KNOW 'EM?



The above photo was sent to The Octofoil by Johnnie L. Johnson, formerly Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 47th, now living at 422 7th St., Alamosa, Colorado. Those pictured are from the 2nd Bn. A-T Plt. Johnson remembers Floyd Duncan, Marino and John Young, but can't place the others. Drop Johnson a card and identify yourself.

# STILL MORE INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE BOYS

**JUST A POSTAL CARD WOULD DENOTE YOUR INTEREST AND LET SOME EX-G.I. KNOW WHERE YOU ARE.**

**YOU LIKE TO READ WHAT OTHER "JOES" SEND IN . . . WHY NOT DO YOUR OWN PART AND WRITE A FEW LINES NOW AND THEN FOR THEIR ENJOYMENT.**

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tive to the History and says he enjoys reading The Octofoil.

John Severino, formerly of Co. D, 9th Medics, is now recovering from an ailment at a Veterans' Hospital. His address is Box A, Ward 99, King's Park, Long Island, New York. Joe would like very much to hear from his former buddies in the 9th Medics. Come on, youse guys, drop him a line and speed up his recovery.

Letter from Mike P. Valmonsky, 34 Grand St., Garfield, N. J., enclosing 1948 dues. Mike enjoys reading The Octofoil and is looking forward to his copy of "Eight Stars to Victory." Mike was formerly with F Co., 47th.

Robert Farrell of New London, Wis., sends in 1948 dues; says he enjoys reading The Octofoil and hearing from any of the old 39th boys.

Major Arnold D. Blair is now stationed at Headquarters, New Jersey-Delaware Army and Air Force Recruiting District, 1202nd ASU, First Army, P. O. Building, Newark 2, N. J. "Baldy" says he has taken on a past-time of testing hair restorers and claims he now has almost as much hair as does Secretary Tingley. If that is correct he doesn't have much to worry about. Major Blair was formerly with the 39th Regt. Hqs.

Ernie Siegel, formerly with 9th QM Serv. Plt., proudly announces the arrival of Lynda Joan, Saturday, Nov. 1st, weighing in at six pounds, 3 ounces. Congratulations to you Siegels. Ernie is living at 2825 Claflin Ave., Bronx 63, New York.

McAdoo Richards sends 1947-1948 dues, and advises of an address change to 1114 2nd North St., Vicksburg, Miss. Mac was formerly with 9th Signal Co., as a staff sergeant.

Wendel J. McKee, 12073 Mettetal St., Detroit 27, Mich., sends in his 1948 dues; says he is receiving all publications okay and has no gripes. Mac was with the 60th Inf.

Letter from Mike Gatto, I Co., 60th Inf., gives his address as 261 Avenue P, Brooklyn, N. Y. He thanks the Association for a swell Octofoil. Mike says that if everyone worked as hard as the members who put out The Octofoil, then we would have a big-time organization—something like as great as the Ninth Division was. Mike would like to learn the addresses of the following men: 1st Sgt. James M. Miller, S-Sgt. J. P. Patterson and Cpl. Albert Hodge.

Mike also states he read in the last issue of The Octofoil from Vic J. Wojtas' POW Diary, that Lt. J. Dennison was killed at Maknassy. How-

ever, this is a mistake as Joy Dennison is alive and attended the last Reunion, and is now living at 1705 New York Ave., McKeesport, Pa.

Teddy E. Miller, formerly with M Co., 39th, and 3rd Bn. Medics, sends in his 1948 dues. Ted is running a dry cleaning business with his brother and lives at 206½ E. Main St., Washington, Ind. He would like to hear from any of his former buddies.

Charles W. Johnson, 408 Sunburst Highway, Cambridge, Md., sends in 1948 dues. Chuck was with the 39th.

Benjamin C. Thomas, 8 Concord St., Knoxville, Tenn., formerly with Serv. Co., 60th, sends balance of 1947 dues. Says he enjoys The Octofoil and wishes the Association the best of success for the future.

Bob St. Clair sends his 1947 and 1948 dues in so as to keep in good standing and not miss any issues of The Octofoil. Bob was with L Co., 47th, and asks the secretary for a list of the Indiana members. Robert is being furnished the list. Let's hope he lines those Hoosiers up and gets organized out there.

Claude E. Hendrickson, Rt. 1, Havana, Kans., sends in his 1948 dues. Claude was with the 899th T. D.

Harold C. Johnson, formerly with the 39th Inf., is now living in Stanley, Wis.

Leon Kolker, formerly 1st Lt., A-T Co., 47th Inf., is now living in St. Louis, Mo., and writes in for information concerning the history. Leon runs an insurance agency, located in the Louderman Bldg., 317 N. 11th St., St. Louis, Missouri.

Kenneth B. Bartlett of 221 S. Third St., Watseka, Ill., sends in his 1948 dues. Ken says he has received every issue of the paper and he reads them not once but several times over and he thinks it is a great paper and he is proud of the fact he served with the 9th under such men as General Smythe, Colonel Inzer and Tanner, 3rd Bn. CO.

John J. Halpin, 503 W. 47th St., New York City, sends 1948 dues. John hopes to make the Reunion in July, and also hopes to be able to get around to some of the New York Chapter meetings. John was with the 39th.

Ralph E. King, formerly with the 39th, now living at 914 Main St., Burlington, N. C., writes in, enclosing his 1948 dues. Says he enjoys reading The Octofoil and hopes to make the next Reunion.

Secretary Tingley asks The Octofoil to extend a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all—and closes by saying SEND IN THE DUES!

## HENRY GEISEL RECEIVES A LETTER FROM A BUDDY WHO REALLY "SOUNDS OFF"

Henry Geisel is attending the School of Mechanical Dentistry at 117½ Lexington Ave., Elkhart, Ind. He recently received a letter from one of his old buddies from the 39th's Anti-Tank outfit that probably expresses the feeling every ex-G.I. has experienced at some time or another. The letter is single-spaced typewritten and covers six full pages. Due to its length only short excerpts from here and there can be used. It is regretted the letter can not be published in its entirety for every line is good reading to any ex-G. I.:

1730 Watt St., Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear Henry: Surprised to hear from me? Well, it's been a long time since I saw you last. I left the company on May 19, 1945. How well I recall the day. A lot has happened in the meantime.

From the first minute I knew I was going home I felt no excitement. It was a dull anti-climax to a series of exciting events. It fell flat. It didn't register. I felt bad knowing I had to leave the guys. Hell's fire, after living with fellows, eating with them, sleeping with them, going out with them, and going through with them all that we did, you just can't up and leave them and their way of life. A soldier's life and routine brings guys close together. So the day I had to leave I felt real bad—sort of empty down inside.

### HURRY UP . . . WAIT

From the company we (14 of us from Anti Tank) were taken (via the old halftrack) to regimental headquarters. We waited here for two hours. Then we piled our carcasses (and loot) in the 2½ tons, and took off for division headquarters. Leaving division headquarters our destination was supposed to be Munster. We passed through Madgeburg, Christ, what a beat up town that was. We rode and rode and finally reached Munster about 7 p. m. We met Captain Brian here. He was glad to see us. He was a good egg. He asked me about getting busted. When I told him how it happened, he said, "Hm—what in hell's going on while I'm not there?" Our trucks took us to a camp just out of town. After backing up there for about an hour we found out they didn't have facilities to put us up. So we piled our carcasses back into the 2½ tonners and set forth. I was getting sore by this time in lower extremities; my neck also ached. After a cold all-night ride we wound up in Marburg. After a couple of hours waiting we were taken to a former German camp. It wasn't a bad dump. We stayed here four days—then we gathered our paraphernalia and hiked ourselves back into Marburg. Here we boarded a beat-up excuse for a train and were off again. After five days of dreary, nerve-wracking riding, we wound up about 60 miles from Le Havre.

### OFF AGAIN

After four days at this Twenty Grand camp we piled ourselves and baggage into 2½ tons and set out for Le Havre. We arrived on a dock about midnight. Next day (June 6th), we set sail. I stood on the stern of the boat and watched the coast of France disappear. A lot of things were going through my mind. I knew I was seeing foreign land for the last time. It seemed the curtain was coming down a crash of finality upon an exciting, somewhat fearful and strange chapter in my life. I was down in the dumps.

### DOCKS AT NEWPORT NEWS

Our boat docked at Newport News. The sight of the fabulous U. S. didn't thrill me. Coming home wasn't what I had imagined it would be like. I'm afraid I didn't respond to the violent efforts of the brassy Army band to thrill us with jazz. I'm an unappreciative cuss.

We caught a train here to take us to Camp Patrick Henry. We were given a brief speech by the commander of the joint—he was okay—ex-combat man.

### OFF FOR DIX

I was in the group (which included most of us) going to Fort Dix. The guys who left us were

Hill, Herman, Goog, Ward, Turner and one other whose name I can't recall. I felt bad at having to part with these guys. I knew I was seeing some of them for the last time.

After being pushed around Fort Dix for three hours we finally got assigned to barracks. It took four days to complete the discharge rigamarole. Finally on Sunday, July 1, that day of days came. I was a free man at last. Lord, it felt good to know I was strictly on my own again. Still I wasn't as hilarious as I thought I'd be. I was conscious of a feeling that I was leaving something—that something had been taken from me. A lot of thoughts were going through my mind.

### NEW YORK TWO DAYS

I stayed in New York for two days, just piddling around, then I took a train for mother's in Schenectady.

### A TRYING WEEK

That first week at home was a trying one. I was restless and nervous. I couldn't bring myself to do anything. I just sat and moped around the house. I felt out of place. I didn't think I'd ever get accustomed to things. People would pester me with a lot of damn fool questions. Even my own folks annoyed me. I've often wondered if any of the other fellows felt as I did.

### "HURRAH FOR ME . . ."

People's attitude about the war appalled me. It is a pity they don't understand how fortunate they were to not go through the hell we did. Everyone's attitude seemed to be "hurrah for me and to hell with you." The newspapers and radio must have given people back home a terribly distorted picture of the war. This unappreciative lack of understanding makes me mad—when I think of those countless dead bodies all along the way. Every person who was at home during the war should thank God.

### GOES TO CAROLINA

After a few days at mother's I went to my wife's place in North Carolina. I lay around for a couple of weeks and decided I'd best settle down in New York State. I started to work August 27th for the American Locomotive Co. It's a good outfit. None of the bosses ride you. I'm running a crane. It's easy and clean and I like it.

### BUYS A CAR

I bought a car recently; paid \$600 for it. A car's a handy gadget. Last November I bought a house. Paid \$4400 for it. (Of course I still owe the bank \$4,351.16.) But for that little item, it's all mine. Ain't it wonderful? Had to have the loan approved and guaranteed by the Vets' Administration. Christ, what a back-up job buying a house! It runs a guy nuts. Hell, when we wanted a house in Germany we just went and took it. Ah, me! Didn't cost anything either.

The former occupants didn't move out of the joint until Jan. 1st. Even then, I had to instigate legal proceedings to evict them. Am I hard-boiled? Well, throwing people out of their house in the winter is nothing new to me. Somehow I dimly recall doing it before—I think it was in Germany!

### DOUGH MELTS

Your dough just seems to melt away when you're furnishing a house. I guess you never really get through buying things. Anyway, our house is slowly taking on a liveable aspect; the phone is in, the gas stove operates, the shades are up and the bed is set up. Yep, I'm master of all that I survey—except for the trifling sum of \$4,351.16 that I owe the bank. If I keep on the ball and get my payments in each month, this little nest will be all mine in 19 years and nine months. Ain't it wonderful?

### MISSSES THE GUYS

I certainly miss the guys in the company. I often wonder about the guys, where they are and how they are. It depresses me to think they are gone out of my life forever. I hope to write every one of them some day. Maybe we can all get together once in a while if they'll all join the Association.

### RECOLLECTIONS

Time and again I catch myself day dreaming about places we've been; things we've done. I think

## Of Interest to Anyone Who May Have Lost Their Discharge

Veterans who have lost their original discharge papers were advised to take to obtain home, farm or business loans guaranteed or insured by the Veterans Administration.

First said John H. Whitmore, of the Veterans Administration, the veteran must apply for a certificate in lieu of his discharge paper from the branch of the service from which he was discharged.

Then the veteran presents his discharge certificate to the nearest Veterans Administration office, where he will be issued a certificate of eligibility, the VA official pointed out. This certificate of eligibility must be presented to the lending agency when applying for a G.I. loan.

Under the "G.I. Bill" the VA will guarantee loans for World War II veterans to buy or build homes, go into business or buy or equip a farm. To qualify, a veteran must have a discharge other than dishonorable and some part of his service in the armed forces must have been on or after Sept. 16, 1940. The VA will guarantee half of a real estate loan up to a total guarantee of \$4,000 or half of a non-real estate loan up to a total of \$2,000.

Full information and assistance on G.I. loans, or any other benefit supervised by the Veterans Administration, can be secured by visiting the nearest VA office.

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of the good things that happened—then sometimes it's the bad—maybe it's a pass to Palermo, maybe it's that first barrage at Kasserine; then it might beat a beat-up town in Germany; or perhaps a pass to Winchester; sometimes it's the air raids in Algiers—the champagne, or the whistle of a shell and drinking tea at the Salvation Army; then it might be the airport at Biskra or the terrible bombing at St. Lo. Sometimes it is that hell hole of Magenta, or maybe a pretty German girl in Dessau, or a bunch of dead guys along a lonely road in France. I don't think I'll ever forget.

John Dellinger lives in Arlington, Va. He told me about the company staying in Dessau for a couple of weeks after I left. I wish I could have stayed. Ah—fond memories of nights at No. 21 Wenderstrasse! Candlelight and wine—and ja—eine schone Frau! Ah yes, fond memories, indeed. I believe John was smitten quite hard with the delectable charms of German girls. I'm thinking a lot of guys are in accord with his sentiments. I, for one, was impressed. There'll always be a spot in my heart for those luscious babes.

### REMEMBERS PICTURE

Thanks for the picture. I remember where it was taken. It was at the wine cellar in Unkel. There was a dead Jerry in a coffin out in the yard. He was starting to stink. That same day you took some pictures of Irene. She was a lovely girl. Lord, how I hated to leave Unkel. I'll certainly never forget those days. A little village on the banks of the Rhine—beautiful girls.

### RICE MARRIED

So old Rice is married. Where does he live—Ohio or Indiana?

Well, I'm finally wearing myself into the groove of civilian life. Some things are still a bit strange. I think my experiences have left a permanent mark on me. I will not ever be quite the same guy I was in 1940. I'm impatient at folderol and "back-up." I can't stand anything that isn't real and down to earth.

So long for a while, always your good friend,

BEEFSTEWE.

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## "TEX" HILLHOUSE AND HIS BUDDIES



Last month's issue of The Octofoil mentioned the letter from Mrs. H. E. Hillhouse, Rt. 1, Gustine, Texas, telling of the death of her son, Harold G. (Tex) Hillhouse, formerly of Co. H, 60th. Mrs. Hillhouse enclosed a photo of Tex and some of his old buddies. She couldn't identify them all, but hopes some of the boys will recognize their picture and drop her a few lines. Some of the lads she often heard Tex mention were Dick Caylor, J. W. Hafer, Ed Helix and William Daniels.



# FACTS ABOUT THE FIGHTING ENGINEERS

## INTERESTING PLACES TO GO SEE IN PHILADELPHIA

THE CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE OFFERS A WELL-ROUNDED VARIETY OF SIGHTS FOR NINTH DIVISION ASSOCIATION VISITORS NEXT JULY.

The Octofoil hopes to be able to present some interesting Philadelphia scenic views in forthcoming issues. The cuts received from the Convention Bureau are on a fine screen and not adaptable for use in The Octofoil.

On Market Street you may now take a Route 21 car, traveling west on Market and north on 18th Street. Leaving the scenes of Revolutionary times and the early Republic behind, you set out now for a tour of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, linking Fairmount Park and its East and West River Drives with the heart of the city. Unlike the congested area, the Parkway along its one-mile length typifies New Philadelphia, with splendid modern buildings housing renowned collections of art, educational and cultural achievements.

### FIRST SCHOOL

Getting off at 18th Street and the Parkway, and crossing the wide street, you come to the Catholic Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, while one block to the south, at 17th and Cherry Streets is the Friends' Select School, surrounded by its high brick wall. Under the supervision of the Friends Meeting, this institution is a direct outgrowth of the first school in Philadelphia.

The brownstone Cathedral building, begun in 1846, is of Italian High Renaissance design, with a pillared facade and imposing dome. Within are some notable murals and a painting of the Crucifixion, by Brumidi.

### LOGAN CIRCLE

Leaving the Cathedral and re-crossing 18th Street you face Logan Circle, one of Penn's five squares and in early days a "potter's field." Later public executions were carried out here. The bronze figures surrounding the fountain represent Philadelphia's three waterways—the Delaware, the Schuylkill and the Wissahickon.

At 1801 Vine Street stands the new Municipal Court Building, where the social branches of the Municipal Court, except the Women's Misdemeanors Division, are located.

Across the street, covering the entire block from 19th to 20th on Vine Street is the beautiful Free Library, the design of the facade patterned on that of the Ministry of Marine building in Paris. One of the largest library buildings in the world, the Logan Library is renowned for its collections of rare books and original editions. Special departments are devoted to children's books, music and facilities for the blind. An

open air reading room on the roof, arranged as a formal garden, is open in the summer. The Library is open daily from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. (closed Sundays in summer).

### HONOR SHAKESPEARE

Directly opposite the Library stands a monument erected in joint honor of William Shakespeare and famous local actors and actresses.

Flanking the Parkway at 20th Street are the Army and Navy Pylons, erected in honor of the Civil War Dead.

On the opposite side of Logan Circle, at 19th and Race Streets, the Academy of Natural Sciences displays its remarkable collections of minerals, shells, insects, birds and Indian relics. Specimens of rare wild animals from all parts of the world are also represented, grouped in their native habitat. Oldest institution of its kind in the United States, the Academy originated in 1812 with meetings in the home of John Speakman, a druggist. The library, numbering more than 140,000 volumes, is considered the most important of its kind in the Western world. Open free weekdays from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.; 1 to 5 p. m. on Sundays.

### DRAMATIZE SCIENCE

From this location may be seen the Benjamin Franklin Institute and Museum, facing 20th Street. Here the wonders of applied science are dramatized for the layman. Particularly appealing are the numerous devices which the visitor may operate for himself. The Institute is open daily except Monday from 1 to 6 p. m.; Saturdays and holidays, 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. Admission is 30c. Connected with the museum is the Fels Planetarium, one of five planetaria in the United States. Demonstrations are given every day at 3 and 8:30 p. m., with extra shows Saturdays, Sundays and holidays at 4 p. m.; special children's program on Saturdays at 11 a. m. (adults admitted). Admission is 30c.

Northwestward beyond the Franklin Institute is the imposing building of the Philadelphia Board of Education and the gemlike headquarters of the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America.

## WHEN GO-DEVILS MET THE RUSSIANS



Last month The Octofoil printed an interesting story written by Martin Becker, 403 Rockaway Parkway, Brooklyn 12, N. Y., in which Becker outlined instances that occurred when the detail he was on met the Russian troops. The above picture was one of the scenes that took place on this memorable occasion, as outlined dramatically last month.

## \$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.

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## "GO-DEVILS" GET A NEW COMMANDER

(Taken from June 20, 1945, issue of The Ninth Division News.)

Colonel William C. Westmoreland, former Division Chief of Staff, now heads the 60th Infantry regiment as regimental commander.

Six feet tall, black-haired and athletic-looking, he was born in Saxon, South Carolina, on March 26, 1914. His present home address is in Pacolet Mills of the same state. He attended the Spartanburg High School, went to the Citadel at Charleston for one year and then attended the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, graduating in 1936.

### BEGAN AT FORT SILL

Colonel Westmoreland began his active military career at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, immediately after his West Point graduation. He joined the Ninth Division at Ft. Bragg in May, 1941 and has been with the Division ever since. After holding the post of S-3 in the 34th Field Artillery he commanded that Battalion through Tunisia and Sicily.

While in England in March, 1944, he became Executive Officer of the Ninth Div. Artillery. In July of that same year he became a full-fledged colonel, taking a total of only eight years to make the jump from second lieutenant. In September he was appointed Division Chief of Staff. So far he has been decorated with the French Legion of Honor (Legionnaire Grade), the Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star.

### SPORTS-MINDED

A sports-enthusiast, Col. Westmoreland expressed regrets at not being able, because of his full-time duties, to actively participate in the various games, but intends to encourage athletics in his regiment to the fullest degree.

### MEETS OLD FRIEND

Last week when the Colonel visited the various companies he met Pfc. James Scott, whom he hadn't seen in 15 years. Scott didn't recognize the Colonel until the Colonel briefed him. Scott was slightly flabbergasted in finding a home-town, boyhood acquaintance with eagles on his shoulders.

"I am very pleased to get this command and I consider it quite an honor given me by General Ladd", Col. Westmoreland said. "I am well aware of the 60th's fine record and I'm as proud of it as the men are. I'll do my best to maintain that record at its present height."

## A QUARTER OF A CENTURY AGO THE 15TH ENGINEERS WERE THE FIRST TO LAND ON FOREIGN SOIL.

THE UNIT WAS VERSATILE—BEING THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH DUTIES OF INFANTRY, ARTILLERY, QUARTERMASTER AND SIGNAL CORPS TROOPS.

Taken from the July 29, 1942 issue of The Fort Bragg Post is the following interesting data relative to the 15th Engineer Battalion. Their record "over there" fulfilled each and every prophecy made by Corporal Connelly.

By CPL. MARTIN CONNELLY

A quarter of a century ago American troops arrived in England for the first time in history, prepared to defend the democratic way of life. The first contingent to set foot on British soil was the 15th Engineer Regiment, forebears of the present day 15th Engineer Battalion, combat trouble-shooters for the crack Ninth Division.

The late Major General Edgar Jadwin commanded the regiment when they arrived in England, and his adjutant in '17 was a young officer named Brehon Somervell, now Lieutenant General Somervell, Chief of Supply of the United States Army.

### THEY ARE READY

The history of the Ninth Division's own engineers, the 15th Engineering Battalion, has been short but action packed, and today the men of the outfit are ready to be pioneers, cannoneers, or pontooneers, as the occasion demands, equally ready to build a bridge or to throw down their tools and jump into the thick of the fight side by side with the doughboys in the line.

### TOUGH OUTFIT

A tough, compact little body of combat soldiers, the unit is versed—man by man—in the duties of Infantry, Artillery, Quartermaster, Signal and Chemical Warfare troops, and ready to prove its versatile training wherever the going is toughest.

The primary mission of the 15th Engineering Battalion is, through their combat team attachments, to increase the effectiveness of other arms and assist the Ninth Division in carrying out any and all battle objectives. There are three basic purposes incorporated in these assignments. First, it is the job of the combat engineers to facilitate the advance of the entire division, by cutting wire entanglements either by hand or with the hastily improvised Bangalore torpedoes, by removing obstacles, whatever they may be, such as ferrying Infantrymen over streams with footbridge or raft and assault boat, and to maintain the mottoes of both the Artillery and the Quartermaster by assisting them to "Keep 'em rolling" over rivers and impassable roads.

### IMPEDE THE ENEMY

Secondly, to impede the advance of the enemy. Here the 15th Engineers have been trained to become artillerymen, operating their own light artillery anti-tank guns for protection of bridges and obstacles constructed to hinder the enemy's advance.

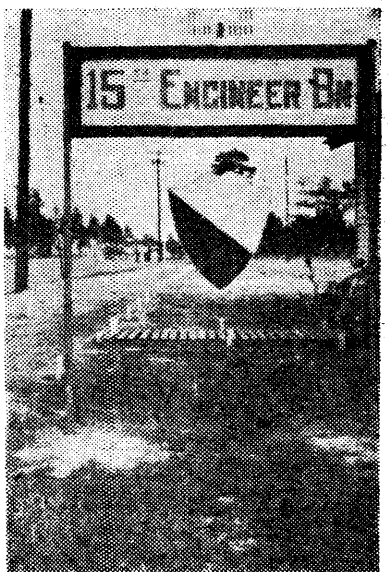
Third major duty of Engineers is to provide shelter and comfort for troops.

### PICK COTTON

Along with these duties must be mentioned the picking of fifty acres of cotton in Rock Hill, South Carolina to start maneuvers off, the fighting of a forest fire in the Great Smoky Mountains, for which they were cited for activity over and above the line of duty by the U. S. Department of Forestry, and last but not least, the present training.

When the moment of action is near, when everything depends on split-second efficiency, it is then that the Division will call on its Engineers and ask only "When can it be done?" Time is the important element and as a result of the intense accent on speed the Commanding General of the Ninth Division would, upon a request for two hundred and fifty feet of

### 15TH ENGINEERS INSIGNIA



Simplicity is the keynote of the design created for the 15th Engineer Battalion insignia which has diagonal fields of red in the lower and white in upper parts with a silver border and division line. Red and white are the colors of the Engineers.

bridge, receive an answer of three minutes as an estimate of time, from these, our fighting Engineers. The cost of victory may be great, but greater is the cost, if, through inability in any duty, time is lost and the mission is a failure. With the competent staff of officers, non-commissioned officers or men led by Lt. Col. Frederic A. Henney, this, the new 15th Engineer Battalion, has already shown that "Drive On" means to new heights for the organization.

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## WHERE YOU GONNA LIVE? THAT'S A \$64 QUESTION

When a professor remarked, "In a broader sense what the ex-G.I. should learn from the education program is how to live." A Scranton, Pa., newspaper added wryly: "Another thing he might like to know is where."

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## TOURING THE LAKES

One day Norman Ross, Chicago radio announcer and ex-long distance Olympic swimmer, was swimming way out in the middle of Lake Michigan taking a constitutional. Eventually he started back to shore and when he got fairly close, noticed that a big crowd had gathered and was watching him from the beach. Ross knew what was coming: when he got to the beach he'd be surrounded and bombarded with "Ohs" and "Ahs" and with a lot of silly questions. So Ross swam into the shallow water, stood up, shook himself and asked:

"What city is this?" Everybody hollered: "It's Chicago."

Ross said: "Oh, hell. I wanted Milwaukee," dived back into the lake and swam away.—Tide.

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## BATTLES THE KRAUTS, BUT FAINTS AT HIS WEDDING

Carmen Ciccarelli, a Pittsburgh veteran who fought with the 2nd Armored Division through the bloody phases of the struggle for the Siegfried Line, fainted at his wedding.

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