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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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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY WASHINGTON, D. C.

15 February 1948

1. It is anticipated that the President of the United States will proclaim April 6, 1948, as ARMY DAY.
2. On this 20th anniversary of ARMY DAY, your cooperation is urged for all civic and military affairs which may be arranged in your city or area, pointing to the accomplishments of your members seeks to insure and preserve to keep other battlefields from being the experience of another generation.
3. Our theme, as in 1947, is that A STRONG AMERICA IS A PEACEFUL AMERICA.
4. It is believed that your association would want to be a part of the observances throughout the nation, just as you were a part of the recent activities of the invincible Army which in 172 years of service to our government, has never known defeat.

F. L. PARKS,
Major General, GSC.
Chief, Public Information Division.

All Roads Lead to Philly - - -

Present indications are that the Reunion in Philadelphia July 29-30-31, 1948, will go down in history as the greatest Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion in history.

Many deserving cities made tempting bids for the honor of being host city to the Association in 1948. The Board of Governors were unanimous in selecting Philadelphia because the location would afford so many thousand more members easy access than any other comparable city.

The Philadelphia Arrangements Committee has started functioning at regular intervals and their progress will be a feature of each succeeding issue of The Octofoil until the Third Annual Reunion is a matter of history.

One of the most significant and gratifying developments within the ranks of the membership during the past year has been the enthusiasm the young wives of former Ninth men have shown for the well-being of the Association. Almost 50 per cent of the mail received in The Octofoil office now is from these industrious young wives. They have pitched right in and made themselves a part of their husbands' lives, wisely realizing nothing, absolutely nothing can come between "foxhole playmates." The result has been, these wives originally intending to carry on only as dutiful helpmates should, they've absorbed the Ninth Division Spirit and their every move now seems to be motivated from hearts imbued with determination to let nothing interfere with their husbands, individually and collectively being a part, whether large or small, in perpetuating the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

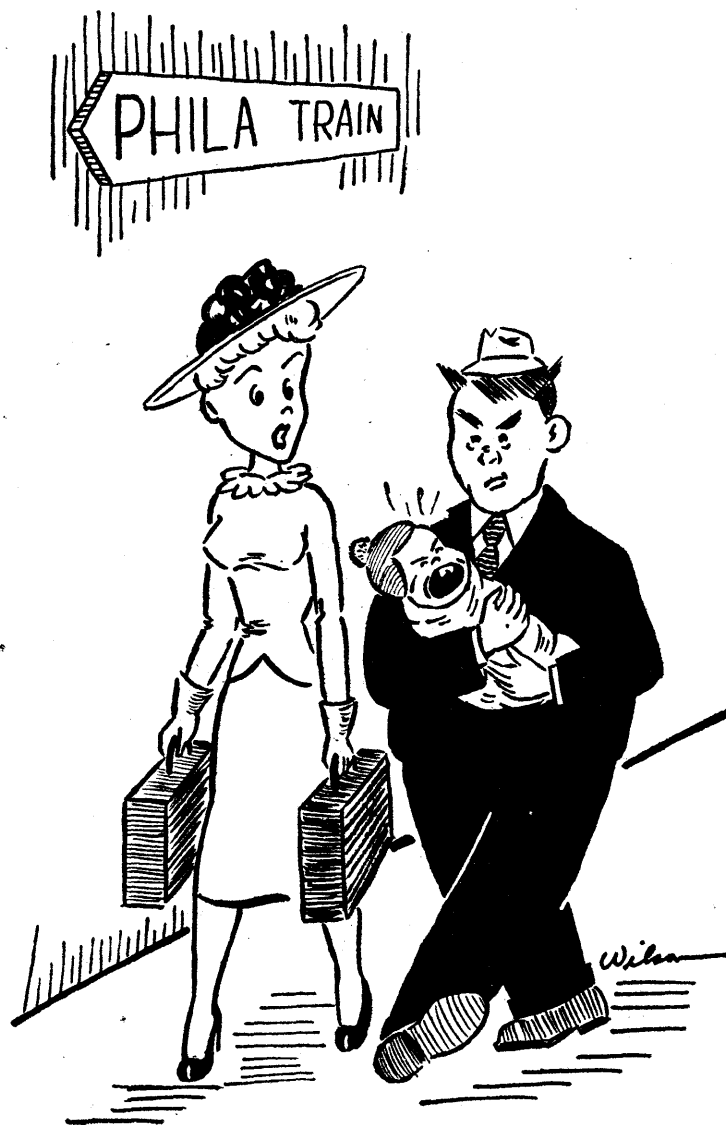
With such a nucleus of fine womanhood behind the Ninth Infantry Division Association—there is nothing else to expect than for the Association to go on, and on and on.

It seems to The Octofoil, judging from the thousands of letters received, that are not available to other members, that now is the time for President Henry S. Rigby to appoint a Committee whose duty it will be to have definite recommendations ready to submit to the Philadelphia Reunion leading to the formation of a militant Ladies' Auxiliary.

It Can Be Done!

Philadelphia—July 29-30-31

Three's a Crowd - - - - - By Wilson



"Of course Junior's going to the Convention in Philadelphia July 29-30-31. I'm sure your friends will excuse you to care for him while I visit the Philadelphia shops."

JUST MENTIONING A FEW YOU'LL SEE AT THIRD REUNION IN JULY

IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO START MAKING THOSE HOTEL RESERVATIONS RIGHT NOW—LOOKS LIKE A HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN JULY 29-30-31.

Here are the names of just a few who plan to be in Philadelphia for the Convention. If you see the name of a Buddy, write him and plan to be together:

Helene Kocay, wife of John A. Kocay, formerly of 60th Inf., writes: "Here's hoping you all will be in Philadelphia this summer. I'm writing for my husband and can promise you—he will be there!" The Kocay's address: Unit 273, Manville, N. J.

John W. Watson, former Sgt., 47th, now at Roxton, Tex., Box 84, enjoys Taylor's "Backward Glances" with 47th and Co. M. John is planning to be in Philadelphia for the Convention.

Louis H. Notz, Rt. 1, Sturgeon Bay, Wis., formerly Sgt. of 84th FA, writes that he couldn't make the last convention, but will try to be there for the next one—in the meantime, he enjoys reading The Octofoil.

Richard Sykes, 60th, B Co., who lives in Canton 5, Ohio, at 1614 18th St., N.E., will be in Philadelphia for the convention.

Carl Pope, formerly of Co. C, 47th, 535 W. Queens St., Lancaster, Pa., will be in Philadelphia—and wants to hear from some of the Co. C, 47th fellows.

Henry Klein, Cannon Co., 47th, now located at 411 Bergen St., Newark, N. J., writes: "I am planning to be in Philadelphia this year no matter what happens. New York is only a stone's throw from Newark, but I had to miss the first convention. On Aug. 4, the day of the convention, my wife had a baby boy so that held me back."

Wm. Barringer, 201 E. Summer St., Hillsboro, Ill., writes for the dates of the Convention as it will soon be time for me to decide on the date of my vacation and I want to attend the convention if at all possible—and incidentally, he would like to hear from some former members of Co. A, 39th.

John J. Quinn, 379 Himrod St.,

Brooklyn 27, N. Y., writes that he received greeting cards from Felton Jones of Alahapa, Ga., and Rutherford Hoffman of New Jersey. He plans to write them soon—they were all formerly of Co. F, 47th, and John hopes all of them can make it to Philadelphia this year.

Frank Brusie, 49 Jefferson St., Passaic, N. J., writes a very interesting letter and wants to put in a call for all former members of D Co., 47th, to write to their former First Sgt. "If I get enough answers, I am planning on holding our own Reunion. So all you fellows who were with the Fighting "D" Co., write to me and let me know how you are all doing." Frank tried to get on the local police force after his discharge—had to go into politics—after two years of messing around he got nothing, so he is back at his old trade.

Irving E. Lamphear, 431 W. 21st St., Upland, Pa., formerly of 9th QM, is another one of the members with a permanent address as he is now a home owner. Another big event for the Lamphears this year is an addition to the family in May. Irving is planning to be in Philadelphia in July.

Perry (Pop) Burnett, Box 2, P. O. Annex, Cincinnati 14, Ohio, formerly of Co. G, 60th, is now back on his old job as a Railway Postal Clerk—just working and drinking his part of the beer. He will be in Philadelphia in July.

Harry S. Sager, Jr., formerly of Hq. 2nd Bn., 60th, 306 W. 4th St., Fostoria, O., writes that he has found lots of his buddies through The Octofoil and hopes to find more after his address is published. He enjoys The Octofoil very much and expects to see many of his buddies in Philadelphia.

TRY YOUR BEST TO HELP THESE NEXT-OF-KIN

Mrs. Robert Eckert, wife of Sgt. Robert W. Eckert, 15140047, who was killed in action while serving with Co. A, 47th, is very anxious to hear from someone who knew Bob. She writes that Bob was at the front for just one month before he was killed, and she is afraid, for that reason, he may not be remembered by anyone. Bob was killed 21 Nov. 44. Mrs. Eckert would like to know the details of his death, no matter what they might be. The address is: Portage, Ohio.

Robert Carter, formerly of 60th, who now lives at 29 Wayne Ave., Suffern, N. Y., asks that anyone who knew Charles Ballard, 32860919, Co. G, 60th, write to Carter or to Mrs. Michael Rushalt, Sloatsburg, N. Y.

Mr. Norman Overby, Town and Country Florist, Moorehead, Minn., brother of Alvin Overby, who was killed in action while with the 60th Infantry, says that all effort to locate someone in Al's outfit or any information of his death has been in vain. He would like to hear from someone who could give him information about Al's death.

Extract from Army Times, Feb. 21, 1948:

Castle, Carl Edward, Co. L, 60th Inf. Reg., 9th Div., killed in Germany on Sept. 26, 1944; shipped overseas in August, 1944. Letters from overseas service companions are awaited by his mother, Mrs. Earl Castle, Nippa, Ky. Philadelphia in July

Trying to Deport Ninth's Mascot

Jean Michel Fuentes, a French national, who was picked up by C Co., 60th, in Oran, as a mascot and orderly to the Regimental Chaplain, is now at Ellis Island awaiting deportation. Jean was wounded three times, twice after leaving the 9th in Bizerte when he was captured by the Germans. He finally found himself in the United States aboard a hospital plane, although he never was actually a U. S. Army soldier. After quite a bit of traveling over the States he was picked up by immigration authorities. After a couple of hearings he is now held for deportation.

The Association is making efforts to see that he is not deported and progress made by the Association in this case will be reported in future issues of The Octofoil.

Any 60th men who knew Jean should write Secretary Charles O. Tingley, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., AT ONCE!

Philadelphia in July

CALLS OCTOFOIL'S HAND ON "BULLS"

Capt. George F. Sharrar, Office of the Instructor, National Guard Armory, Dothan, Ala., writes:

"In the last issue of The Octofoil you listed the patients still in the General Hospitals. The name of Lt. Colonel Stephen W. Sprindis (one of the real great soldiers in the Ninth) was missing from the list. He is still a patient at the Valley Forge General Hospital with wounds received at the St. Lo break-through.

"On Page 8 of the last issue of The Octofoil there is a picture of a group of soldiers labeled 'Co. C.' I feel sure this picture is of members of Co. 'G,' 60th, taken in the Cefalu Area in Sicily."

Thanks very much. We're sorry to learn you will not be able to make the Philadelphia Reunion.

Philadelphia in July

CO. B, 60TH HOLD PRIVATE SESSION

Nick Carnevale, 1426 E. 56th St., Brooklyn, N. Y., writes The Octofoil that a few weeks ago several Co. B, 60th men in his neighborhood got together and held a real session.

Those attending were Ex-1st Sgt. Phil Scoroposki, Ex-First Sgt. Frank Flynn, Bernard Schantz, Ed Tobin, Dominick J. Carnevale, Chubby Blockly, Howard Ellen, Henry Caldoro and Chick Manning.

It's a cinch the Brooklyn bartenders in that neighborhood got no rest when that conglomeration of Vito guzzlers got together.

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED WITH PHILLY

FORMER NINTHERS SEND VERY ORIGINAL CARDS WHEN THEY SURVIVE PATERNITY ORDEAL

A copy of a very official looking document was received recently, which read:

JUVENILE ORDER No. 2,
HQ, 303 McILVER AVE.
Fort Benning, Ga.

11 Feb. 1948

1. Confirming verbal orders of attending surgeon, Lieutenant Colonel W. H. MATUSKA, Medical Corps, U. S. ARMY, Station Hospital, Fort Benning, Georgia, WAC Recruit, KATHERINE MURN MacINDOE, will report to Major and Mrs. JOHN W. MacINDOE, this station, this date. Physical qualifications upon arrival as follows: Weight, 8 pounds 3 ounces; color of eyes: blue; color of hair: red-blond. Exact reporting time: 0900 hours.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

s/ FLORENCE M. MacINDOE,
t/ FLORENCE M. MacINDOE,

Wife, U. S. Army
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

JOHN W. MacINDOE,
Major, Infantry,
Adjutant General.

And then this one:

"A little bit noisy,
A little bit wet . . .
But my Mommy and Daddy
Love me, you bet!
My name is: Catherine Della.
My parents are: Milo and Mary
Eagers.
I arrived: Jan. 8, 1948.
I weigh: 6 7/8 lbs. P. S. I
wear the pants in our
house!"

Milo Eagers was former M-Sgt. in 9th Signal Co., and his latest address is 23 Columbia St., Houlton, Maine.

Walter O. Kraft, former captain commanding Co. G, 47th Inf., is way up in Kodiak, Alaska, P. O. Box 3a. Walter married Audrey Elizabeth Tope of Alresford, England. They send a neat little announcement card, with Walter penning a note thereto announcing young Susanne Deborah arrived in Kodiak two months before she was scheduled to arrive. The card:

The Arrival of
SUSANNE DEBORAH

The Date

January 28th, 1948

MR. and MRS. WALTER O.

KRAFT

Baby's Weight: 2 lbs. 12 oz.

Bernard Wolcott, former 26th FA artilleryman, now living at 174 S. Main St., Perry, N. Y., sends his announcement card, prefaced thusly:

The world's so big
and I'm so small;
I don't know many folks at all,
And so I thought the thing to do
Was introduce myself
to you.
My Name Is
LARRY DON
My Parents Are
Bernard and Josephine Wolcott
I Arrived
March 3, 1948
And Weighed
8 lbs. 1 oz.

HERE'S WHAT SOME DO TO PASS TIME

Florian A. Luke, formerly with 9th Div. Arty., Med. Det., is at present enrolled at Loyola University of the South, taking a course in Arts and Science, with the intention of going into dental school. His address is: 2519 Mazant St., New Orleans, La.

Willard Stone, Rt. 1, Forreston, Ill., is now a farmer—has rented himself a farm and expects to be farming for himself after this. He just recently got his first copies of The Octofoil because of incorrect address. He writes: "I think the Octofoil is a wonderful paper and I certainly enjoyed the two copies you sent. I am only sorry I missed a year of wonderful reading. The Ninth Division Association is a great thing. Keep up the good work."

Don Greenwell, formerly of the 47th, now lives at 1046 Emmet St., Petoskey, Mich., sent in 1948 dues and writes: "Sorry I let my dues go, but in November, 1947, I had a hunting accident which left me blind for a few months and I just forgot about them. I did so much worrying about being unable to see again, I forgot about everything else. My gun blew up in my face caused by a faulty shell—and got no 5 points on this one."

Joseph A. McKenzie, Waltham, Mass., advises that Joe Melewski, Hq. 26th FA, recently said "I do." At the present time Joe is dispensing an amber fluid similar to that issued by the 9th QM at Dessau and Friesing. Joe can be reached at Jimmie's Lunch, 7 Pine St., Waltham, Mass.

McKenzie says the old-timers from Fort Bragg will remember smiling Jim Scannell of the Med. Det., 26th FA. Recently Jim was appointed a permanent member of the Waltham Fire Dept. By mid-summer Jim will have the No. 1 addition to his family.

Philadelphia in July

MINNESOTA IS HEARD FROM

N. J. (Chick) Hennen, 3455 Irving Ave., N., Minneapolis 12, Minn., writes to thank the Association for the strip mailing list of Minnesota Association members and says he appreciates his 60th Infantry history, but is still looking forward for "8 Stars to Victory."

Because Chick's address was in the last Octofoil he heard from Ted Youngquist, 1710 Stevens Ave., Minneapolis, and they had quite a session over a bottle(s) of Gluek Stite, and then laid plans for a Minnesota Chapter.

GOPHER CALL

"Chick" repeats his previous request for all former Ninth men in Minnesota to get in touch with him.

Upon receipt of the Returned War Dead in Minnesota Hennen wrote a personal letter to each and everyone of the next-of-kin.

Philadelphia in July

MATUSIK DOES SOME GRIPING

Ted Matusik, 1802 Wilmot, Chicago, writes The Octofoil he has a complaint against the Association. He says the Reunion is scheduled for 19, Robert Lee days of his vacation a-Salen will be in Los Angeles, and have to fly to Philadelphia to make it, but says that's exactly what he's gonna do.

GIVES 9TH HISTORY TO PAL

Ted recently mentioned the 9th Div. to a co-worker and the party asked Ted if he was in the 47th, saying all the time he was in the hospital it looked like every patient being entered was a 47th. Whereupon Ted told him "We had one division on the front, another going to the hospital or there already, and another coming back, plus General Smythe's '47th Div.'" Ted also sent some "liberated" pictures, one of which appears in this issue of The Octofoil.

JULY 29, 30, 31, 1948 ARE THE BIG DAYS IN PHILADELPHIA FOR THAT THIRD ANNUAL REUNION.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD IN 918 LAND TITLE BLDG., PHILADELPHIA; "LOST" PHILLY MEMBERS SHOULD CONTACT PRESIDENT HENRY S. RIGBY, JR., THERE.

Many surprises are in store for former Ninth Division men and their guests or friends who make Philadelphia a MUST on their agenda for July 29-30-31. President Rigby, by telephone and Special Delivery, has given The Octofoil much information—some of which is being passed on to the members—the rest will be a "dark secret" until the curtain raises on the Association's Third Annual Reunion.

The Ninth Infantry Division Third Annual Convention BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOTEL (Headquarters) Ninth and Chestnut Streets Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Send this coupon directly to the hotel, properly checked (X) as to the kind of room desired.

PREVAILING RATES . . .

☐ SINGLE ROOMS WITH BATH—

() \$4.50 () \$5.00 () \$5.50 () \$6.00 () \$7.00

☐ DOUBLE ROOMS, DOUBLE BED WITH BATH—

() \$6.50 () \$7.00 () \$7.50 () \$8.00 () \$9.00

☐ DOUBLE ROOMS, TWIN BEDS WITH BATH—

() \$8.50 () \$9.00 () \$10.00

☐ PARLOR SUITES (PARLOR, BEDROOM AND BATH)

() \$15.00

☐ SAMPLE ROOMS—

Large room with double bed and bath, suitable for Chapter Headquarters or for sleeping accommodations on cots up to eight persons:

() \$8.00 () \$9.00 () \$10.00 () \$12.00

Cots placed in above rooms \$2.50 per cot per day.

NAME

(Please Print Name)

ADDRESS

Date of Arrival: July (29) (30) (31)

Time of Arrival: _____ A. M.; _____ P. M.

NOTE—All reservations to be sent direct to the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Ninth and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

Be sure to fill in correct address. The Hotel will confirm all reservations by postal card.

BRING YOUR WIVES, SWEETHEARTS, MOTHERS . . . ENTERTAINMENT FURNISHED FOR EVERYONE!

Notice . . .

All Chapters and members who wish to present any type of business before the Third Annual Convention in Philadelphia at the business before the Third Annual Convention in Philadelphia, will please submit all proposals in writing (two copies) to the National Secretary, Charles O. Tingley, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., for distribution to the appropriate Committee Chairmen.

Committees to date are:

History - Convention - Policy and Chapter - Finance and Budget - Newspaper - Nominating - Miscellaneous.

If the need develops for additional committees they will be created and notice will be made in The Octofoil.

Names of the various Committee Chairmen will also be announced in the next issue of The Octofoil.

NOTICE TO CHAPTERS

Each Chapter is requested to designate one man to each Committee. Please send names to Charles O. Tingley, Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., within the next month.

At the Convention two non-Chapter members will be selected to serve on each Committee.

ALL BANQUET TICKETS WILL HAVE TO BE SECURED THROUGH THE SECRETARY-TREASURER, CHARLES O. TINGLEY, P. O. BOX 1704, WASHINGTON 13, D. C.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY S. RIGBY, JR., President,
Ninth Infantry Division Association.

918 Land Title Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

MARTY FLYNN SLAPS THE OCTOFOIL'S WRISTS FOR TAKING STAND ON U.M.T.

Martin E. Flynn, 2001 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, Md., sends The Octofoil a well-written and well-edited letter taking exceptions to the recent Octofoil editorial boosting Universal Military Training. Marty says it is not that he is against UMT (he's for it) but if to let the editorial go unchallenged it would be just as reasonable to take a stand on the Marshall plan and other controversial subjects. The letter is two pages, single-spaced typewritten copy and The Octofoil has been forced to leave out several pieces of correspondence in this issue because of space limitation. Salient points of Flynn's letter will be pointed out, and his letter filed. If Flynn feels The Octofoil took unfair advantage of him by not printing the letter in its entirety all of the letter will be printed in a later issue.

Quoting from Article VI of the Association's Constitution, Flynn quotes: "This Association shall be a non-profit, non-political organization . . ." Does editorializing in our official publication for or against a question of national scope like UMT conflict with the non-political nature we are required to maintain? . . . I think the organization was meant to be purely fraternal, and the comment directed at the WCTU, in the headnote to Mr. Cottingham's letter, about organizations "sticking their necks out in—matters foreign to what they were organized for" seems somehow to apply to us. We are engaging in the very activity for which we condemn others.

Most of us agree on the merits of UMT, which may account for

Mr. Cottingham's letter being the only dissenting note in a chorus of approval, but please note that he was not concerned with the advisability of inadvisability of our adopting military training as a national policy but only with the implications involved in the Association's entering the political arena. We might well ask ourselves how great is the step from a generally accepted issue to those progressively less accepted, and whether or not we are willing to risk the dissension that would inevitably follow.

Anyone who attended the past conventions couldn't help but be impressed by the spirit of warmth and good fellowship that existed. The business meetings have been models of efficiency, with all effort spent on grinding only one ax—that of molding the Association into a healthy and united fraternity. Once we inject issues of a controversial nature that are totally unrelated to the organization or functioning of the Association, we are inviting divisions that can destroy forever the priceless kinship we now enjoy. The woods are full of organizations whose avowed purpose is "to wage a militant fight" for one thing or another, and we are all eligible to join them at our discretion. Let's air our view and exert our pressure on national issues in the forums created for that purpose, but let's keep this Association for our very own and in the form it was intended to be kept—a haven of good feeling and friendship.

MARTIN E. FLYNN,
47th Medics.

Al Vaiani Still Has That "Spirits" Store

Alfredo M. Vaiani, former Capt. 1st Bn., Hq. Co., 60th, is still using printed stationery advertising his address as 507 Tremont St., Galveston, Tex., and noting he has Vino in quantity for disposal. Al sends an AP clipping that he says many former Ninth men will be interested in reading:

U. S. YIELDS FRENCH FIELD

Port Lyautey, Morocco.—The United States turned back to France its last naval base in North Africa. Vice Adm. George R. Henderson handed over the base to Rear Adm. Pierre Barjot, French naval commander in Morocco.

Tingley Trying to Trade His T.S. Slip

E. A. Herman, 259 S. 3rd Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y., sent the publishers of "8 Stars to Victory" \$5 for his copy of the history. Then he read the editorial in The Octofoil advising those who had \$10 memberships had a history automatically paid for. Herman joined overseas and "kicked in" his \$10. Secretary Tingley is making efforts to get more than a T. S. slip for Herman in consideration for the additional \$5 he sent directly to the publishers.

New Yorkers Plan Jamboree

THE OHIO GROUP PROPOSES MIKE PUZAK BE SLAIN TO SECURE FINANCIAL RELIEF

MEETING HELD IN CAPTAIN DOWNEY'S QUARTERS MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1948, FOR PURPOSE OF ARRANGING DETAILS FOR STATEWIDE GET-TOGETHER.

On Monday, March 8, the Ohio Chapter of the 9th Inf. Div. Assn. met in the Clubrooms of Benson Hough Post 3424, VFW.

The financial report of Secretary Dave Boring showed a bank balance of \$43.79. All outstanding bills were paid.

Considerable discussion relative to holding a statewide meeting in early May was heard. A committee meeting in Captain Downey's quarters Monday, March 15, to formulate plans for the state get-together. The committee is composed of Captain Billy R. Downey, chairman; Pearl Nickle, Don Jewell, Paul L. Keller, Glenn O. Moore and Paul S. Plunkett. Two members of the committee have contacted local hotels for week-end open dates for their ballroom facilities. One hotel had facilities available for May 8, which is V-E day, and another hotel was able to accommodate the group during the week end of May 15. The committee met again Wednesday night, March 17, in the Ohio Federal Savings & Loan Co. offices, but no definite action was taken. Comparing notes, the consensus of opinion seemed to be it would be possible to get the hotel to prepare an appetizing meal and pay for the floor show and dance band for approximately \$4. All the Chapter wants to do is break even. The main thing is to get these Buckeyes together in Columbus, the center of the State. Full details will be in the next issue of The Octofoil. Also cards will be mailed directly to all former Ninth men in Ohio just as soon all plans are definitely made.

LETTER FROM CLOUSER

A letter from John Clouser, president of the Illinois Chapter, was read, in which Clouser suggested the National Association inaugurate ways and means of raising a fund that could be invested and bring in enough revenue to pay the operating expenses of the National Association.

Most of the members fell back on Glenn Moore, their president, and in the local banking business, to do their mathematical work.

After some serious figuring Moore announced with our present budget of \$15,000 annually, to have enough money to invest at the minimum rate of 2 per cent, would require a fund of \$750,000.

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER READY TO FILE FOR INCORPORATION PAPERS

AN OPEN LETTER TO FORMER MEMBERS OF THE 9TH INF. DIV. RESIDING IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT—

Dear Buddy:

The good old Ninth has again achieved victory in battle. The Goffe St. Armory in New Haven, Conn., has finally succumbed after repeated attacks by the Connecticut Chapter of the Association. Terms of capitulation follow: The mess hall of said armory and the accompanying meeting hall, to be ceded to us on the last Wednesday of each month from 8 p. m. to 11:30 p. m. There is to be on duty at said armory during those hours an armed sentry to direct all members of the chapter and their guests to said mess hall. Further terms of surrender include the services of the vanquished in catering to the men, sandwiches, beer and such other delicacies as may be agreed upon between the combatants.

WE NEED YOU

Fellows, in a more serious vein: We need you, we need your attendance at meetings, your active contribution, your suggestions, your advice and above all, your cooperation in our undertakings.

We are a year old now; our certificate of incorporation is about to be filed, the fellows and their wives have met socially and have

in investments. The choir began chanting "That's Too Fat For Me."

Finally it was suggested the President send the following solution to President Clouser as a recommendation of the Columbus Chapter, which was passed unanimously. The letter to Clouser reads: "As a suggestion, the idea is passed on to you that the Association take out and pay for a life insurance policy on Mike Puzak for \$750,000.00, and get Paul Plunkett or Walt Mahon to 'bump Mike off.' That's the easy way out. Paul hasn't been asked to volunteer, but that Mahon is a very dependable fellow."

Any of you "yard birds" who haven't paid 1948 dues don't start singing the blues about not getting an Octofoil next month. Get in touch with Dave Boring or leave dues at Glenn Moore's office, 22-24 E. Gay St., Columbus.

Pearl Nickle, Columbus member, has mailed out birthday invitation cards to all Ninth men he can contact, asking them to be his guest April 24, from 8 o'clock on at the Franklin Post, American Legion, Post No. 1, third floor, Columbus. Pearl says there'll be plenty to eat and something to wash it down with, and if he unintentionally overlooked sending anyone a card, they're still invited if they are former 9th Div. men.

On to Philadelphia, gang. Arrange your vacation dates so you'll have July 29-30-31 off. Start saving your shekels—and don't try to slip away and leave that little gal who sweated it out for you to return from the land of Krauts.

John Nabakowski, Rt. 1, Vermillion, O., sends his dues to Secretary Boring and advises he's planning on being in Philadelphia and again "shooting the breeze" with the greatest outfit ever assembled in the U. S. Army.

Joseph McKenzie, Waltham, Mass., advises President Glenn O. Moore that Harold M. Wallace, 1681 Humphrey Ave., Dayton, O., is the only member of Service Bty. 26th FA Bn., who is living in Ohio and says we should sign him up. Thanks, Joe, and every effort will be made to make Wallace see why he should join up with the Association.

had a wonderful time. At all our meetings in the past through the splendid cooperation of General Hoyle, former Commanding General of our division, we have been able to secure combat films and the manpower to run them. Refreshments are served at all our meetings and a swell time is had by all that attend.

Many of the men that have attended our meetings have met their old buddies and have made lasting friendships in peace as they had in war. The bull sessions at our meetings end over a glass of beer and a sandwich more than compensate the men who travel many miles to attend these meetings.

USUALLY ABOUT 40

Our meetings are usually attended by about 35 or 40 men. We try to send cards to everyone, but our source of information is limited as are our facilities to personally appraise the men of the meetings. So fellows, don't wait for a special invitation. Our meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at the above address. Bruce Fraczek of Bridgeport; Sidney Schreiber of Norwalk, and all you other men—let us see you at our next meeting.

Fraternalty yours,
SIDNEY S. HEIBERGER,
President Connecticut Chapter,
9th Inf. Div. Assn.

They Didn't Treat Our "Nicky" Right

Nick Carnevale, formerly Co. B, 60th, now 1426 E. 55th St., Brooklyn, writes The Octofoil and raises holy hell because he had not received the last two issues of The Octofoil.

A check with Secretary Tingley's office disclosed the fact the street number he had was slightly different from Nick's correct address. The files have been corrected.

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MORE CAMPISI CORRESPONDENCE

(Continued from Page 1)

"stranger" wearing the Octofoil pin? He may be a "stranger" in name only, but if he's wearing that pin, boy, he's a buddy from way back.

SPOTS A 9TH PIN

Recently during a business call in Watertown, I noticed a stocky, prosperous looking customer talking to the co-owner. Then my attention was drawn to the Octofoil pin. If it had been a ruptured duck, I wouldn't have given the customer another look, but the Octofoil, I dashed over, pardoned myself, and said, "Why in the hell haven't you showed up at our monthly meetings at the Arlington St. Armory in town?" He was surprised. Then we introduced ourselves and swapped war stories. The probable result—he'll be in at our next meeting.

If all you men wear your buttons, Association spirit and strength will increase by leaps and bounds. You'll make new friends. You'll help to build up the Chapter and the Association. You'll be doing the non-member or the inactive member a great favor.

So what do you say, fellows, let's all wear those buttons of which we are all so justly proud. If you do not have one, send a letter with return postage to Pres. Martin D. Connelly, N. E. Chapter, 9th Inf. Div. Assn., P. O. Box 892, Boston, Mass.

Incidentally, that fellow I just mentioned was Francis T. Donahue of 61 Emerson Rd., Watertown, Mass. He spent most of his time, while overseas, with a heavy weapons company, Co. "D," 1st Bn., 60th Inf.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

There is no doubt that the fighting men of the heroic Ninth proved beyond doubt that they were the best soldiers Uncle Sam had in this or any other war!

And now is your chance for you 9th Division men to prove that you are also the most generous! Here's the deal:

The annual national convention and reunion of the 9th Infantry Division Association will be at Philadelphia, Pa., in July of this year. A campaign to solicit funds is now underway so that money will be available for the invitation of the mothers and fathers of 9th Division war dead.

This fund is to be known as the Gold Star Mothers' and Dads' Fund. Certainly this is a worthy enterprise and one deserving of your wholehearted support.

Your buddy who fell in Africa, in Sicily, in France or in Germany can't come to the Philadelphia reunion, but if you and you and you contribute funds to the campaign, his appreciative parents will be there in his place.

Give your buddy's parents a chance to talk with the men who fought with their beloved boy. Let them feel the spirit of the Ninth!

All contributions, no matter how small, will be gratefully accepted. Send a check (cash, check or money order) to the Gold Star Mothers' and Dads' Fund, care The Octofoil, 216 S. Grant Ave., Columbus 15, O.

Ed's Note: Any of you New England boys not on the mailing list of the New England Chapter's publication, "SOUND-OFF," are really missing a treat. Every word is worthy of being reprinted in The Octofoil, and if The Octofoil wasn't operating on such a close budget, many more items from the little morale-building sheet would be reprinted in The Octofoil.

CHANGE MEETING NIGHT JUST FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH BECAUSE GOOD FRIDAY FALLS ON REGULAR NIGHT.

POLIVY AGAIN APPEALS FOR "YARD BIRDS" TO GET IN
DELINQUENT DUES—PLANS GOING FORWARD FOR
DANCE TO BE HELD MAY 15. GET YOUR TICKET NOW.

The next regular meeting of our Chapter will be held Thursday evening, March 25, 1948, at 8 p. m. at the usual place—Room M-3, Times Square Hotel, 43rd St. and 8th Ave., New York City. You are cordially invited to attend and bring along other former 9th Division men with you.

As you probably know, regular monthly meetings are held at the above address every fourth Friday of each month except during the summer. Our entertainment committee will procure more combat films to be shown at the meetings and in addition you can enjoy the free beer and refreshments.

PAY THROUGH CHAPTER

Remember, that by paying your 1948 Association dues of \$3.50 through the New York Chapter, you not only remain a member in good standing of the National Organization, but are automatically credited with membership in the New York Chapter. If you haven't already done so, we urge you to pay \$3.50 now by making your check or money order payable to New York Chapter, 9th Div. Assn. and mailing it to us care P. O. Box 1168, Grand Central Station, New York City. No further notices will be mailed to those who have not paid their dues.

ANOTHER DANCE

Due to the great success of the New York Chapter Dance held last fall at the Hotel Capital, we have engaged the beautiful Henry Hudson Room of the Hotel Roosevelt, near Grand Central, New York City, for a First Annual Spring Dance to be held on Saturday night, May 15, 1948. The room will be set up "cabaret style"—that is—tables for our guests and their parties with waiter service. Popular prices will be charged by the Hotel for refreshments. More details will be available at the next meeting. Tickets are now on sale at the price of \$1.50 each, which just covers expenses, including tax. The space available is limited to 500 guests, and a sell-out is guaranteed, so we suggest that you write as soon as possible to Mike Gatto, care New York Chapter, 9th Div. Assn., P. O. Box 1168, Grand Central Station, New York City, to reserve tickets for you and your party. This will be a first rate social affair that you will not want to miss.

PUBLISHING PROGRAM

Doc Sternlicht, chairman of the Dance Committee, reported that the band has been hired and music will start at 9:30 a. m. and end at 1:30 a. m. Bob Warsk, an ex-9th Div. man, is the leader of the band.

In conjunction with the Dance we are publishing a Souvenir Program and Journal. The Journal is, of course, a fund raising medium. Although we will just break even on the Dance, we can raise some money for our treasury by selling advertising space in the Journal. The space rates are \$20.00 for a full page ad; \$11 for a half page and \$6 for a quarter page ad. We urgently request that all of our friends help us solicit ads for the Journal. If every New York member takes an ad or sells one for us, we can continue our policy of not charging dues for the local chapter.

If you yourself cannot afford to take an ad, you should make an effort to contact businessmen of your acquaintance and sell them.

BOOSTER PAGE

In addition to advertisements we are devoting several pages of the Journal to listing the names of "Boosters" of our outfit. To have your name or the names of your wife, relatives or friends published as "Boosters," just print the names plainly, send them to us with twenty-five cents (25c) for each name and we will do the rest. Each and every member can certainly afford a few Booster listings and so can his friends. Remember fellows, no matter how much work the Committees do, we have to have your cooperation in order to make our affairs a success.

Very truly yours,
CALVIN POLIVY, President,
Greater New York Chapter, Ninth
Infantry Div. Assn.

ADDITIONAL NEW YORK CHAPTER NOTES

The February meeting of the Greater New York Chapter was held Friday night, Feb. 27, 1948, at the Hotel Times Square, 43rd St. and 8th Ave.

The meeting was called to order by our Vice President James Bruno, and George Grossman, Secretary, was recorder of the minutes. The order of business was the coming dance our Chapter has arranged.

"LEST WE FORGET"

A showing of combat films, "Lest We Forget," was shown at the meeting and arrangements have been made for various films to be shown at each of our coming meetings. Present to view the film was a Turkish Air Corp Captain, who was very much interested and answered many of our questions after the meeting in regard to the present-day situation in the Middle East.

At the March meeting, to be held Thursday night, March 25, at the Hotel Times Square, our mailing list will consist only of paid-up members for 1948. This was voted upon by our Chapter Board of Governors. This policy is in accordance with the policy of the National organization, for the benefit of the members of the Association.

Once again the New York Chapter is striving to build up the membership of the local chapter. New members are being signed up at each meeting and dues collected. As members realize that the local chapters benefit from dues they are paying at each meeting or sending it in. The \$1 from each dues or membership collected helps the chapter's expenses and helps to keep active.

BLAZER LOCATED

Herb Blazer, our rediscovered member from Camden, N. J., wired his regrets for not being able to attend this past meeting. O. K. Herb, excused this time. Bring some of the boys in from your vicinity for the March meeting. The films are really worth the trip.

READ THE OCTOFOIL

To keep informed read The Octofoil. All meeting and social events will be announced in each issue.

GEORGE GROSSMAN,
Secretary.

Philadelphia in July

GENERAL STROH TALKS TO THE D. C. CHAPTER

At the February meeting of the District of Columbia Chapter, Major General Donald Stroh, formerly the Assistant Division Commander, presented a very enjoyable talk concerning the operations in Africa, Sicily and Normandy.

He brought out many details a lot of the G.I.s did not understand heretofore about these campaigns.

He also pointed out some of the mistakes which were made in the early days of battle and which were profited greatly by the Division in the future operations.

USES MAPS

General Stroh illustrated his talk with some of his "on the scene" maps. About 20 members attended the meeting and those who did not attend really missed a good evening.

ELECTION COMING UP

Plans are being made for the March meeting, at which time an election of officers for the coming year will be held. Sal Trapani has promised to have a film available and the announcement will reach all D. C. members in plenty of time to make plans to attend.

GREATER DETROIT HOLDS A "SNAPPY" MEETING --- USING BRUCHAC'S TACTICS

Boys Bring Their Treasured Photos and Place Them On Review; Gene Brennan Elected Entertainment Chairman — Next Meeting Sunday P. M., April 11.

The Greater Detroit Chapter reports that the members did not bring their families to the March meeting. The attendance at the Reunion in February, when the movies were shown, will probably not be equalled until the annual Reunion again next year.

But the March meeting was a "snappy" meeting! Members brought their snapshots and proved that our Ninth Division was just as good at shooting pictures as it was in every other way. "Wuz you there, Charlie?" was heard more than once.

There are only a few members named Charlie, so the "boys" will be boys at a "Stag" on a Saturday night, and find out each other's first names.

BRENNAN CHAIRMAN

Gene Brennan was elected entertainment chairman, and promises that no member will go home thirsty—or without knowing the first name of every other member. It is too bad that Al Bruchac can't come from New York—to set us a good example in person!

AL SETS GOOD EXAMPLE

Al's good example, in his "one man"—"Be an active member—get a member" drive, is being followed here. We don't expect to get as many members, but that's only because the City of New York has more members than our whole State of Michigan. But if we can get more than 100 per

cent, just let us know how many first names. Al!

Half our members live near Detroit, and cards will be sent to them, telling where to bring their first names—Saturday night, April 3. The "other half," living more than an hour's drive, is just as welcome if they can come, and will drop a line to the Secretary. He will tell them where to stage—the "cover charge" will be small enough to cover the cost of the pretzels and ale.

NEXT MEETING APRIL 11

The next monthly meeting is to be Sunday, April 11, at 2 p. m., at 704 E. Jefferson again. Any out-state member of the "other half" who cannot come is asked to drop Joe Casey, Secretary, 8621 Colfax, Detroit 4, Mich., a line—just so the rest of the boys can hear how they are.

GOOD WEATHER SOON

Vacation time is coming (so is the July Convention!), and Michigan buddies may be able to visit each other when driving weather improves. Some Michigan buddies should start now to plan on exchanging addresses and arranging to visit each other—or buddies in another state. (Philadelphia is in a good state, in July, too!)

JOE CASEY, Secretary,
Greater Detroit Chapter, Ninth
Inf. Div. Assn., 8621 Colfax, Detroit 4, Mich.

CHICAGO'S AMBITIOUS PLANS SHOULD DRAW ATTENTION OF ALL EX-9THERS

Walter Mahon advises The Octofoil that committees are working on plans for future meetings that will include a smoker; later in the summer a beach party. The committee also has in mind sponsoring several athletic contests, as well as to arrange for a dance and at least one of their parties in a Chicago brewery.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The committee set up to arrange entertainment for the meetings during the coming year is headed by Frank Ozart, who will be ably assisted by George Waite, Albert Geist, Alex Wilcopolski and Nate Gaynor. Herb Waples formerly headed this committee, but he has recently been assigned to working a night shift which precludes the possibility of Herb being able to function in this capacity.

DANCE IN APRIL

At the March meeting combat movies were shown.

For April the committee has planned a Social Dance. All meetings are on the second Friday of the month, held in the Moose Hall, 1016 N. Dearborn.

Efforts are being made to see that every member digs up a former Ninth Division man who is not a member of the Association and bring the non-member to the next meeting.

GENE FORREST GIVES 'EM HELL FOR MISSING THE CHICAGO MEETINGS

Gene L. Forrest, Rt. 1, Bush-

nell, Ill., writes direct to The Octofoil concerning his visit to a recent meeting in Chicago. Parts of Gene's letter reads as follows:

I am finally getting around to the letter I started after reading Bob Turner's plea for some of the 890th TD boys to write. It's time we responded to Francis Wolman's efforts to get the fellows started. Feb. 13, my wife and I went to Chicago to a meeting of the Illinois Chapter. I am very glad I attended, but was disappointed—not in the meeting because I saw two members of my outfit and also a lot of swell fellows from other outfits. My disappointment concerns attendance at the meeting. I had hopes of seeing many old buddies; the other fellows there had similar hopes. The officers and committee worked hard; devoted much time and put forth great effort to make the meeting a success and the attendance was disappointing.

Fellows, they deserve better attendance for their efforts. I regret that because of the distance I am unable to attend every meeting, but surely the fellows in and around Chicago could do much better. It was great to see some of the fellows from the old outfit. I will make every meeting I can. Other states are doing good and there's no reason we can't do even better in Illinois. Let's hear from more former Ninth men with opinions on this.

As for all the fellows from the 899th, The Octofoil is a very good place to renew acquaintances.

WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER IS NOW A "GOING CONCERN"

The following letter was received from Edwin J. Scherer, Secretary, Western New York Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association:

Mr. Charles O. Tingley, Secy.-Treas., 9th Inf. Div. Assn., Washington 13, D. C.
Dear Sir: Due to the fact that Mr. Frank E. Heikkila was elected Treasurer, and I, Secretary, he is forwarding to you the new applications for membership and the delinquent dues which we obtained during our first meeting of the Western New York Chapter.

Weather conditions on the night of the meeting were not conducive to a large attendance but we were all gratified by the enthusiasm and good fellowship displayed, and we feel certain that future meetings will bring a substantial increase of new members.

Future meetings will be held in the Connecticut Street Armory on the first Tuesday of each month. Pertinent points discussed, not

covered in the enclosed Recognition Letter are as follows:

1. The meeting commenced at 2145, 2 March 1948.

2. A voluntary contribution of one dollar (\$1.00) from the present members was proposed—we received seventeen dollars (\$17.00) towards a Chapter Treasury.

3. A Committee was appointed to draft a suitable Constitution and by-laws for the Chapter—Mr. Robert Ames, Chairman.

4. A combat film showing the Ninth in action was shown and really enjoyed by all.

5. Meeting adjourned at 2345, 2 March 1948.

A question was raised as to the availability of Regimental Histories of the 47th and 39th. Any information you can obtain and forward to me would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
EDWARD J. SCHERER,
Secretary, Western New York Chapter.

Illinois Postpones State Meeting

By the request of the membership and due to the need of more time to plan a successful and enjoyable affair the Board of Managers of the Illinois Chapter announce the postponement of the State Meeting until this Fall.

Notice will be given in The Octofoil and by mail as to the time of the meeting.

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WILTON TAYLOR TARDY THIS ISSUE

The Octofoil's old standby, Wilton M. Taylor, Box 446, Taft, Calif., sent in one of the most interesting and valuable letters under date of March 12, that he has sent to The Octofoil so far. He gives names and addresses of several "lost" former 9th men, and gives a lecture to those members not supporting The Octofoil. It is regrettable that Wilton's material would come in just a minute or two too late to get in the paper this month, especially is this so since so many members have written in expressing themselves as enjoying the "Backward Glances" he has been sending in that pertain primarily to Co M, 47th.

Anyway, the readers have something to look forward to—Taylor's interesting article will be printed next month.

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Leo Aschermann, 899th T.D., Dies At the Age of 39

Dick Fuller, 1938 Estes Ave., Chicago 26, Ill., sends The Octofoil clippings from The Elgin (Ill.) Courier-News, announcing the death of Leo Aschermann, formerly with Co. B, 899th T. D. Bn. Dick closes his letter, which was received just minutes before press time, by saying Leo was a "fine fellow and a credit to the outfit."

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THEY MOVE, ONLY THE GOOD LORD KNOWS WHERE TO

The following members have been taken off the Octofoil mailing list because they changed addresses and failed to furnish the new address:

Bauman, George C., formerly Pvt., 47th, last address: 184 Alumnium City Terrace, New Kensington, Pa.

Bonner, Kenneth F., formerly T-Sgt., 60th, 1205 Gibson St., Muskogee, Okla.

Brown, Joseph A., S-Sgt., 34th FA, Neptune, N. J.

Hansen, John J., Pvt., 47th, 41036 Dakota St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Hemler, John H., Pfc., 60th, 33-54 Bell Blvd., Bayside, L. I., N. Y.

Irving, Wm. L., Pfc., Div. Arty. Hq., Gen. Del., Massillon, O.

Janosik, Gabriel E., Capt., Co. G, 47th, 709 E. Church Lane, Apt. H-2, Philadelphia, Pa.

Johnson, Willie B., Pfc., 60th, Gen. Del., Dallas, Tex.

Machonis, Peter P., T-5, 746th Tank, 236 Wayne St., Jersey City, N. J.

Mathis, Franklin L., T-4, QM Co., Marietta, Ga.

Maxwell, Harold C., Pvt., 60th, 1636 Park St., Peekskill, N. Y.

Mullinat, J. T., 39th, Rt., Cartersville, Ga.

Nolan, James W., T-5, Hq. Btry., 84th FA, 501 Fifth Ave., 31st St., Altoona, Pa.

Patterson, Hermann W., Sgt., 84th FA, 6046 Tacrawana, Philadelphia 24, Pa.

Pixton, Norton R., Jr., Pfc., Div. Hq. Co., 227 E. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.

Sherley, Donald W., Pvt., Sig. Co., 652 S. Phillips, Salina, Kan.

Tindall, James R., Pfc., 47th, Holcomb, Miss.

Wagoner, Robert A., 47th, Rt. 3, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Philadelphia in July

How in the Devil Do They Find All These Houses to Move Into?

Lawrence Courtney, 10539 Crockett, Roscoe 3, Calif., registers a complaint about not getting last month's Octofoil and then decides it might be because he had recently moved from 9130 De-Garmo.

Hardly a day passes there is at least 10 or 12 change of address cards coming in. What puzzles The Octofoil is how these guys find the places to move to.

THOSE PITTSBURGH WOMEN ALL OUT FOR AN AUXILIARY

THE GALS SET IN ON THE MEETING BUT "SPURN" OFFERS FROM MEN TO HELP THEM—MEET A WEEK LATER ALL ALONE FOR LUNCHEON.

By WILTON J. HILTON,
Recording Secretary, Greater
Pittsburgh Chapter,
Ninth Infantry Division Assn.
87 Maplewood Ave.,
Pittsburgh 5, Pa.

Your "Smokey City" correspondent is coming out of "smog" to tell the readers of The Octofoil that the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter is still in there pitching.

Since my last report the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter has held two meetings, one of which was our usual monthly business meeting, the other, well, there is the big story. As stated in my last report, this Chapter was going all out to organize a Woman's Auxiliary. At the meeting held on Feb. 20, 1948, the ladies were invited to take part and they did just that. After sitting quietly for about an hour while the Chapter conducted its business, the remaining time was turned over to the women. We offered to assist them in every way possible and they accepted the offer unanimously. They talked over the possibility of holding an election of officers to start the ball rolling, but after discussing the pros and cons the ladies decided that the election of a governing body should be delayed until such a time that the women had become better acquainted. So, as you can all see, the women are going all out themselves in getting the unit started off on the right footing.

MEET WEEK LATER

To show how much the women wish to make the Auxiliary a success, I want to report this little incident: Just one week after their first get-together, the ladies got together for a luncheon in order to make further plans for securing new members. Your correspondent is doing everything he can to assist them by furnishing them with such names and telephone numbers that he has been able to gather.

On March 19, 1948, we will hold our second big combined meeting and this one promises to be one of the largest meetings held to date. Until such a time when the women find that they are sufficiently organized to step out on their own, the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter will invite them to sit in with us at our regular Friday meetings.

FINE ENTERTAINMENT

For entertainment at this combined meeting we went all out by furnishing three excellent movies. The first pictures to be shown were those taken by Walter Mahon at the Second Annual Convention, held in Columbus, O., in 1947. These pictures were well received especially by those who were lucky enough to see themselves for a brief moment on the screen. The second picture was a comedy, "No Indians Please," with Abbott and Costello. The last movie for the evening was one that has caused lots of argument since it was released and that was the fight pictures of the Louis-Walcott battle. The pictures were very good but after seeing them we got to thinking about the radio broadcast of the fight and we came to the conclusion that we had been listening to a couple of other fighters with the same names. All in all, the entertainment for the evening was tops and we are looking forward to the time when we can have another just as good. At the completion of the entertainment the group moved from the meeting hall to the Keystone Hotel where refreshments are served to everyone's satisfaction.

JOSEPH CHMELYNYSKI

At this point I would like to talk to all you former Co. "B," 47th Inf. men who knew one Joseph Chmelynski. Joe, on his discharge from the Army, decided he was still a law-abiding citizen, so he became a policeman. Joe was a motor patrolman in a small township just outside of Pittsburgh. On the night of March 6, 1948, a crime wave broke out in Joe's area and he found himself right in the middle of it. Officer Joe and his buddy came upon the scene of the crime right in time to spot the men involved. Without a moment's hesitation from either side a gun battle broke out during which Joe was shot in the back. For two days Joe lay in the Mercy Hospital in a critical condition, and then he passed

away. In the meantime his fellow officers, together with the state police, rounded up the whole gang of youthful thugs and would-be gunmen. Joe was laid to rest on March 12, 1948. So you see, fellows the boys who fought a war to preserve the peace of the world are still going all out to preserve the peace in their own hometowns.

HOLDING RAFFLE

As I reported before, the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter is holding a raffle for the purpose of raising money for operating expenses. We are raffling a beautiful table model radio, the Grand Drawing for which will be held at the meeting on Friday, March 19, 1948. At the last report from the raffle committee we find that we are way ahead thus far; therefore we feel that we will be well set for any future undertakings.

DISCUSS BANQUET

At our last meeting the members discussed the possibility of holding a banquet and dance merely as a social get together. The details have not been ironed out as yet, but from the way the boys talked we feel that such an event would not only be welcome, but would be a howling success. If such an event turned out successful the Chapter would consider holding it every year. Keep reading the reports from Pittsburgh fellows and you'll hear all about this coming shin-dig.

THANKS TINGLEY

Before I go any further with this report I would like to take the opportunity to publicly say THANKS to our Association Secretary, Charles O. Tingley, for his very, very kind cooperation with the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter. I've called on him many, many times for help of all descriptions and am truly happy to report that he has done all within his power (and there were lots of times he has had to go to a lot of extra trouble) to supply this Chapter with information requested.

COME JOIN US

Right now I would like to voice an appeal to all of the fellows within the Greater Pittsburgh Area to come out and join in with the activities of your Chapter. If you have too far to travel to make the first Tuesday of the month meetings then see what you can do about making it to the meetings held the 3rd Friday of every month. If you are a married man then bring the wife with you for the Friday meetings and let her become an active member of the Woman's Auxiliary. It seems that since this is a veterans organization people have the idea that we are holding drinking parties instead of meetings. This I want to clarify right now. On Tuesday nights the fellows get together to discuss old times and to plan for the future of the Chapter, after which, those who care to have a couple of beers and then toddle off home. After the Friday night meetings the same situation holds forth. The ladies are invited to join with us also if they so desire. We all realize that following World War I many veteran organizations were formed, many of which have succeeded in making black names for themselves due to their excessive drinking parties and rows. This condition does not and will not exist in the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter. So, please ladies, send the old man out to the meetings. And when that third Friday of every month rolls around both of you come along.

Oh, yes! There is one other thing before I close this report. A few of the fellows have asked me to inform The Octofoil staff of the fact that Pittsburgh, Penna., ends in the letter "h." There are many other towns of this name in the United States but Pittsburgh, Penna., is the only one which is spelled "Pittsburgh."

Well, this long winded report has to come to an end sometime or other and it had might as well be now. So as the "smog" closes in around me for another month I'll sign off with best wishes to all of the other up and coming Chaptersters and hope that they are as successful with their undertakings as this Chapter has been.

Parisians Forget G. I. Language

A FEW NOTES FROM SOME MORE OF THE BOYS WHO CARRY ON, ON AND ON

Fred S. Gold, 18-72 Yellowstone Blvd., Forest Hills, N. Y., who was with the 1st Bn., Hq. of the 60th in Sicily, England and France, until August, 1944, when he was wounded and evacuated back to the States, has lost contact with most of the boys from the outfit and would like to hear from any of them, especially those of the 1st Bn. He writes: "... I saw Steve Sprindis and Matty Urbanowitz about a year ago, and Jerry Meyers and Harold Bodanoff quite a while ago.

"Say 'Hello' to Junior Rigby for me and extend my congratulations to him upon reelection as Prexy of the 9th Division Association."

Harry Stewart, 34 Blueridge Ave., Natrona, Pa., formerly a S-Sgt. in Co. M, 47th, 81-mm Plt., writes an interesting letter, and part of it follows:

"Enclosed is my '48 dues. Very sorry to be late, but they will always come. Have been intending to join Pittsburgh Chapter, but I will wait until winter is over for it is really tough sledding.

"I really sweat that Octofoil out for it is by far the best paper I've ever read—that includes Stars and Stripes too.

"I've been wondering if old Wilton Taylor remembers me. For I knew him well. I was in on the invasion of Africa.

"This summer I intend to see a lot of the old boys now that I have a car. Ask the boys to write for I know they will."

Paul M. Fisher, formerly of Co. C, 60th, recently sent in his 1948 dues and gave us a new address: 2805 Worthington Ave., Bakersfield, Calif. He adds: this is permanent. I have bought a new home here and aim to stay!

Harry Songster, 1022 N. Colorado Ave., Hastings, Nebr., wishes to know the whereabouts of a certain "Taylor," formerly of Anti-Tank Co., 60th, from Wood River, Nebr. Also would like to hear from some of the gang.

Robert Koons, 24 S. Broad St., Elkhorn, Wis., wants to hear from any of the boys from Co. M, 39th Regt. He'd like to know how they are doing in civilian life. He was with the 9th from March '45 to June '46, and has corresponded with only one 9th man, Murray Dearborn, of Lexington, Mass., since being discharged.

And speaking of the 39th—H. C. Counsellman, 2809 Winchester St., Baltimore, Md., writes: "From time to time upon reading through The Octofoil, I see the 60th and 47th are sending copies of these Regimental Histories to former members of the regiments. What I would like to know is, 'What is wrong with the 39th?' I think it was the best damn regiment in the whole U. S. Army and was proud of being a member of it."

Still the 39th—Gus Eylman, 444 E. 137th St., Bronx 54, N. Y., enjoys reading The Octofoil, but would like to hear from a few more ex Anti-Tankers, 39th. He writes: "have found only a few up to now; of course, if everybody is as ambitious as yours truly, I may have to wait quite a while longer. Come on, fellers—Congrats to McGrath and all the rest of the Lucky Papas. Who has an apartment for rent, so I can join?"

Another 39th heard from: E. Edson Wells, Rt. 1, Cohoes, N. Y., 1st Sgt., Hq. and Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 39th, writes for addresses of two former 39th members, Mike Puzak's and Stacey Prough's. He also gives news of Jake Fry, who was a radio operator in the old Company, who is now back with the 9th Div. at Fort Dix—he is now Sgt. Christopher L. Fry, Hq. & Hq. Co., 3rd Plt., 9th Inf. Div., Fort Dix, N. J. Another of the boys back in the Army is S-Sgt. Harold Jacob, 3202238, C.M., 3d Bn., 351st Inf., APO 209, care PM, New York City.

Dyer E. Honeycutt wrote for two copies of the 60th Inf. history. He and J. W. Jenkins, both of Co. A, 60th, now work together in an

auto garage and would enjoy hearing from the boys from A and Hq. Cos. They have the same address: Rt. 2, Albertville, Ala.

Howard Jackson, formerly of "G" Co., 60th Mortars, now living at 412 Division St., Amsterdam, N. Y., would like to hear from former members of G Co., 60th, especially Eddie Siegel or Ken Van Orden. Howard expects to be in Philadelphia, July 29, 30 and 31 for the Convention.

August W. (Firepower) Nelson, 1255 Sanchez St., San Francisco, Calif., wants to know why some of the Harrys that were in Co. I, 60th do not write The Octofoil. Nelson says, "Every time I read The Octofoil, there's guys from Co. L, K or M, but rarely anybody from Co. I. Are they all dead or something? I sure would like to hear from Capt. Servu, Lt. Ankers, T-Sgt. Stibitz, Cpl. Welcher, Adams, Pettigrew, S-Sgt. George Dunstan, S-Sgt. Horace Coombs, S-Sgt. Evans, S-Sgt. Petyl, S-Sgt. Phillips, S-Sgt. Hardin, Bellamy (we used to call him the "Major"), Warren McCartney and any of the guys that were in the outfit. There aren't many guys out here in California from the outfit that I know of." Of himself, Nelson says he is now married and has a set of twins, a boy and a girl, named Bill and Jean. They were born Nov. 9, and Nov. 10, 1947—Jean was born three minutes before midnight and Bill was born six minutes after. Nelson is now working for the California Saw Works as a saw maker.

John H. Milchling, 2012 Belair Rd., Baltimore, Md. wants to say "Hello" to his buddies who were in Hq. Co. 2nd Bn. 47th—Haber, Welling, Williams and the others. John is looking forward to the day when the Convention is held in Baltimore.

Albert E. Tate, 225 Lee Drive, Huntsville, Ala., wants to know why there has been so little written about the 60th Field, especially "Able Btry." of that regiment. Would like to hear more from the fellows.

John A. Merrick, 105 E. Washington Ave., Newtown, Bucks County, Pa., who served as Fourth Platoon Runner during combat, and after the war had the job of mail clerk for "A" Co., 60th, while in Wolzack and Pfaffenhofen, wants to hear from any Co. "A," 60th Buddy.

Philadelphia in July
PAGING GEORGE SPRAGG, ENGRS.

Thomas J. Attianese, formerly of the 15th Engrs., would appreciate any information leading to his locating George Spragg, who was with Co. C, 15th Engrs. They became separated when they were both hit and sent to different hospitals.

Attianese lives at 162 Navy Walk, Brooklyn 2, N. Y., and he is inclined to think Spragg lives either in West Haven or New Haven, Conn.

Philadelphia July 29-30-31
George "Rocky" Merz, Jr. Asks Guys to Write

George "Rocky" Merz writes—and has this to say to his old Buddies:

"Would like all my pals to know that my wife, Rosemarie, and two children are now living at 242 Fifth St., Jersey City 2, N. J. A post card or letter will receive an answer, "Rock" says, and he asks the gang to write and not forget the ole "Rock."

Philadelphia July 29-30-31

Here's a Couple of Good Men

From out in Emporium, Kansas, Box 15, comes 1948 dues from Raymond Griffith. Ray would like to hear from some of the old gang.

From the Great Northwest, Li-gard, Ore., Box 398, comes a short note with dues from Theodore R. Tufford.

FRANCIS WOLMAN ADVISES THEY ARE GETTING A WAKE

Francis H. Wolman, 74 Hillside Ave., Edwardsville, Pa., comes through with another article needing his old 899th Buddies for not writing, but admits so far his letters have gotten pretty good results.

During the past few days he has heard from Ralph Butcher, Carl R. Ross and Thomas Groholski. They all send kindest regards to 899th members.

Wolman says it's great to see the letters from 899th men now appearing at intervals in The Octofoil.

WANTS A CHAPTER

Still asking former 9th men in the Wilkes-Barre area to contact him for the purpose of organizing a Chapter, Wolman says refer to his last month's formula.

ROSS A 203-POUNDER

Wolman advises Carl R. Ross writes and also scribbles that he now weighs 203.

VEENEMAN CALLS

Ross mentions Veeneman calling long distance from Chicago, and they had quite a bull session via Bell System.

MENALLY KILLED

McNally, one of the old 899th gang was killed in Paris while on pass just before leaving for the States.

Wolman plans to visit relatives in Texas this summer and wants to hear from any Buddies living down there in the wide open spaces so he can look them up.

He's also planning on making the Philadelphia Reunion.

Says Wolman:

Guys, whatta say—a few have really started the ball rolling. How about making the ball grow big enough to be heard.

Ross, Kendall, Kimball and Stegman, what about writing.

Here are a couple or more of poetry line. Wolman has composed a poem—that is almost—he wants someone to finish it:

"MY LASSIE"

My lovely lassie, and oh so fair,
Stands winking at the Stars
That dance across her shining hair
Like fairies on their way to Mars.

Baby blue eyes that laugh and shine
From early dawn to dusk.

Okay boys, don't let it be known as the unfinished poem. I started it for my wife a year ago but just couldn't get around to finishing it. Someone finish it for me.

Philadelphia July 29-30-31

C. F. Wieland Is Battling With His Tarts and Torts

C. F. Wieland, 346 W. South St., Carlisle, Pa., writes The Octofoil: "Since my discharge from the Army in March, 1946, I have received and read with great interest all issues of The Octofoil. I want to express my appreciation for the fine work you have done. The selfless comradeship we enjoyed as members of one of the U. S. Army's most outstanding divisions should not be allowed to fade away.

Wieland bemoans the fact so few men from the 1st Bn., 39th, are writing to The Octofoil. He also mentions what kind of a swell fellow the commander, Lt. Col. Thompson was. He asks those old buddies of his from Cos. B and C, to drop him a few lines occasionally.

Wieland mentions hearing from Herm Eichel, Dayton, O., and Hank Freu, Madison, Wis., both are going to college now.

Garmen Eannace is living in Utica, N. Y., and recently married.

Wieland advises he's plodding his way painfully through law school, closing by saying: "Ours is a great country. We all can well feel proud to have represented it in the ETO as members of the Ninth Division."

PARIS NO LONGER HAS ITS G.I. FLAVOR; IT HAS REVERTED BACK TO FROGGIE CUSTOMS IN EVERY WAY.

PAT DUNNAHOO TOURING NINTH'S OLD STOMPING GROUNDS; TO SEND MONTHLY REPORT ON CHANGES TAKING PLACE; CHERBOURG STORY IS NEXT.

Interesting photos were sent with Pat's original story, but due to a clerical error in The Octofoil office they were not sent to the photo engravers to be processed into cuts. However, they will be used next issue. If the members like Pat's stories, please drop The Octofoil a postal card.

By PAT DUNNAHOO,
Benton, Ark.

Paris, France—If ex-doughs of the 9th who spent war-time leaves in Paris were to revisit it today, they would find the city almost unfamiliar. The Paris that the G. I.'s knew during the war no longer exists.

The Red Cross Clubs, leave centers, outfit headquarters and P-X's which during the war made Paris almost as American as New York City, have all disappeared. You can walk for miles today in the city without seeing an American. In the three years since V-E Day, Paris has truly been "given back to the Parisians."

What was once the Red Cross Club on the Rue Radeline is now the swank Hotel de Paris, catering to wealthy tourists. The interior of the building has been redecorated, and all signs of those days when thousands of G. I.'s on pass made the Club their headquarters have disappeared. There isn't even an old "latrine" sign left! Ten-course dinners are served in the dining room where that half-block long line used to form for coffee, doughnuts and cokes.

Visiting the Grand Hotel today, you'd never know that just three years ago, G. I.'s with muddy combat boots ate watery ice cream there and danced with AEF hostesses in the grand ballroom. The hotel is once again "grand", and caters today to British tourists.

NO MORE JEEPS

The jeeps and trucks which used to fill the boulevards have been replaced by the miniature French cars, driven with the usual reckless abandon of Parisian motorists. The new cars seem to have horns but no brakes. Taxis are running now and there are many new busses on the streets.

Probably the biggest change in Parisian life from the war days is the decline of the black market. A package of American cigarettes now brings only 45c on the black market. Chocolate sells for only 15c a bar and then only in large quantities. \$3.00 is the top price for combat boots, \$10.00 for an overcoat. Although the shops are filled with them, cameras and watches move on the black market also, at prices comparable to those in America. With the recent devaluation of the franc, the black market in dollars is now dead.

Gone are the days when every American was approached six times in the course of a block by black market operators. A few dealers meet the trains and some stroll about the American Express area, but the black market today is a "buyer's market". It takes salesmanship and perseverance to find a dealer and then dispose of goods.

PRODUCTION INCREASES

The reason for the decline of the black market is, of course, the increase in production of French goods. The shops of Paris are filled with things to sell, and prices are reasonable.

Most articles, bought during the war as "souvenirs" for the folks back home at such exorbitant prices, are now available at moderate cost. Perfume prices have declined about 50 percent, and there is no longer a line for bottles of "Number Five" at the Chanel Shop. Silk goods are available in great quantities. Scarves can be had for two or three dollars and blouses for \$8.00 and up.

Now that the dollar brings 300 francs, Americans in Paris find the cost of living quite reasonable. For \$1.00, a meal can be had of hors d'oeuvres (potato salad and sardines), veal, potatoes, peas, dumplings, bread, cheese, fruit, wine and coffee. Food is plentiful with the exception of bread, milk, and sugar, which are still rationed. Champagne is now only \$3.00 a bottle.

The mademoiselles of Paris are better dressed now than during the war. Although the "new look" is seen only in the shop windows of the Rue de la Paix and the Place Vendome, Parisian women are wearing new and well-made clothing. Those war-time heavy-soled "wedge" shoes, so universally worn, have disappeared. Nylons are plentiful now. Women's hair-do's, in all colors of the rainbow, are even more elaborate now than during the war.

All the English the Parisians learned from the G. I.'s seems to have been forgotten. Not even an "Okay, Joe" is heard now.

"Pig Alley" seems strangely deserted today without the thousands of soldiers who, during the war, sought relaxation here. Once the gayest street in all Paris, Place Pigalle today is quiet.

There is much of Parisian life, of course, that goes on in war or peace, never changing.

The ladies of pleasure are still numerous, pursuing their calling on every street corner. The "art" of the Follies and the Casino de Paris goes on, still without benefit of costume. "Feelthy" postcards, at \$1.00 a package, are still offered for sale on almost every corner.

The familiar tourist landmarks are unchanged and American Express tours for visitors today follow the same route as the Red Cross tours of the war years: Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower, Arch of Triumph (no pictures are made here, however), Napoleon's tomb, the Louvre.

The Church of the Madeline is still a mecca for pigeons. The fountains of the Place de la Concorde are now running, however, and the Champs d'Elysses, virtually deserted during the war, is filled with cars.

Parisians still read their newspapers and drink vin at the sidewalk cafes. "Service" charges are still added to every bill. And \$1.00 worth of francs is still as cumbersome to handle and as meaningless as ever to an American. These phases of life in Paris never change.

Much of the Paris that was familiar to the ex-G. I. is gone, however. The soldiers who knew the city during the "American occupation" of the war years, would note many changes in Paris since V-E Day. And, when while promenading on the boulevards, the ex-G. I. failed to find one M. P. and not even a "green light" station, he would realize that Paris has indeed fully reconverted to peace.

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GENERAL SMYTHE HAS AN IDEAL SET-UP IN THE LAND OF COTTON

Under date of March 10, 1948, The Octofoil received a swell U. S. Signal Corps picture from Brig. Gen. George W. Smythe, Chief of Staff, Third Army, Fort McPherson, Ga. Gen. Smythe's picture was received a little too late for processing into a cut in time for the current issue. It will be run next month, but since the text of the cut caption is such good news The Octofoil just can't wait until the next issue to print the good news.

CHAPTER IN GEORGIA

On March 6, 1948, although a rainy day, several former Ninth men living in the vicinity of Atlanta, turned out, and organized a Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. The picture to be printed next issue shows the participants in this initial meeting. They are a fine looking group of men—and it's a pretty sure bet readers of The Octofoil will be reading plenty about that Atlanta, Ga., Chapter in succeeding issues of The Octofoil.

Another meeting is scheduled at the Ansley Hotel, April 16, 1948, but that date is a few days too early for this issue of The Octofoil to be able to try and "ferret" out a few more former Ninth men to attend this March 6 meeting.

Notice Carl Wappler sitting next to General Smythe in the picture. Wappler returned to the States on the same cattle boat with a former 60th G.I., now attempting to compose a facsimile of a newspaper for former Ninth men. And it looks like Carl couldn't take the rugged civilian life, because he's back in one of Uncle Sam's uniforms, after all those things he said at Fort Slocum about what he was going to do as a civilian.

The columns of The Octofoil are always open to you adopted sons of Georgia—not full-fledged Crackers, but maybe semi-Georgia Crackers. But try and have copy in by the 15th and any photos accompanying, try and have in to The Octofoil not a day later than the 10th of the month.

CERTAINLY SOME ASSOCIATION BUDDY WAS WITH JOHN FURGAL WHEN HE RECEIVED INJURIES

MRS. JEAN FURGAL PUT OUT \$2,156.00 TO MEDICS WHILE V.A. REFUSES TO REIMBURSE HER UNTIL A BUDDY IS LOCATED; READ THIS CAREFULLY; TRY AND HELP.

The following letter was recently received by Secretary Tingley, from the Commander of VFW Esquire Post 8814, 335 E. Perry St., Buffalo, N. Y.

This is a most pathetic case and The Octofoil hopes some of our members are in position to help.

The letter:

Gentlemen: We have on file in our office a letter written by you on December 8, 1947, in reference to Mrs. Jean Furgal, 176 Selkirk St., Buffalo 10, N. Y. Mrs. Furgal wrote you, date unknown, in reference to inserting an article in the "Octofoil," your monthly publication, in relation to her husband, to find out whether any of his former buddies remember him and their associations with him. As you know, Mr. Furgal is deceased and Mrs. Furgal is trying to collect hospital bills from the Veterans Administration for there was no room for Mr. Furgal to enter the veterans hospital at Batavia, N. Y., when he was taken ill again.

According to Mr. Furgal the stomach injuries he sustained here are due to concentrated enemy fire in Normandy. As he and his buddies dove for cover Mr. Furgal landed on his chest and stomach on a limb of a tree which, according to his statement, nearly knocked the wind out of him. That was two days before he was shot through the neck, injuring the nervous system and propulsion of the right arm. He was discharged from the Thomas M. England General Hospital, Atlantic City, N. J.

In order for Mrs. Furgal to be reimbursed for the \$2,156.00 for medical expenses which she has paid at the Sisters Hospital here in Buffalo, we must have a buddy's statement according to information from the V.A. here in Buffalo. If we can locate some of his

buddies through your magazine, we are quite sure we shall be able to adjust Mrs. Furgal's claim for this amount. Would you kindly make a strong plea in your next advertisement in regard to Mr. John Furgal, who served in Co. A, 60th, and was a light machine gunner 604, sharpshooter 43, Combat Infantry 44. He served in Northern France GO 33, WD 45, Normandy Campaign GO 33 WD 45, Germany GO 33 WD 45. His decorations and citations are EAMETO Ribbon WD Cir No. 1 43; 3 battle stars on EAMETO Ribbon; Good Conduct Medal SO 124 Hq TME GH 45; Combat Infantry Badge GO 7 Hq 60th Inf 44; and the Purple Heart. He was discharged June 18, 1946.

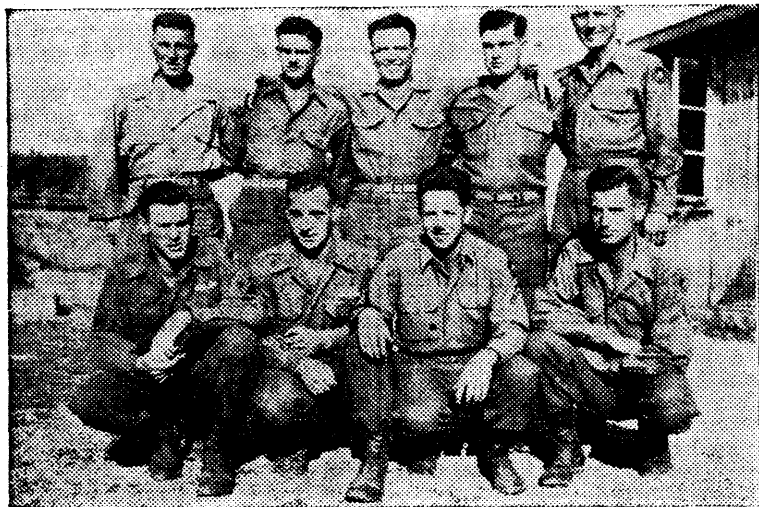
Mrs. Furgal is really destitute due to the fact she has a mother and a 2-year-old baby to support and all her life savings have gone for medical expense. If we can locate Mr. Furgal's buddies with him at the time he fell she will be reimbursed through the Veterans' Administration for her expenses.

The physicians at the hospital have explained to us that his illness during the eight months he was in the Sisters Hospital here in Buffalo could have been caused by a kick in the stomach or chest, or a hard fall in the same regions, or a blow on the back between the shoulder blades and the kidneys. But the point is we must find some of the men who were with him at the time. If we can we shall try to refresh their memories to see if they remember the incident.

Will you kindly let us know of the disposition or better yet send us a copy of the advertisement in The Octofoil.

WILLIAM S. JANHONEN, Commander.

COMPANY A, 60TH GROUP PICTURE



Jack Parish, 1824 Ford St., Ogdenburg, N. Y., sends The Octofoil this group picture of Co. A, 60th men, which he says was "the best company in the Division." Front row, from left to right: Smiley Lyford, Nathan Champagne, Bennie O. Vick, Jim Gleason, Jack Frengan. Bottom row: S-Sgt. Jim Lucas, "the best squad leader in the whole damned Army," Jack Parish, and Don Ferry; end man unidentified.

Charley Alcorn Likes Octofoil

Charles B. Alcorn, 32209 Hillsdale Ct., Wayne, Mich., mails 50 cents for two copies of the 60th history—one for himself and one for Michael E. Lowrie, 35262 Mason Ct., Wayne, Mich. Charles writes:

"Mike was a member of the 3rd Plt., A Co., 60th. I don't believe he is an Association member, but I'm putting the pressure on. He and I both rode the same bus every morning for about two months and gave each other sharp looks every day but never said anything. I felt sure he was an ex-infantryman, so about two weeks ago I asked him if he ever belonged to the 9th Div., and sure enough—A Co., 60th.

"I enjoy The Octofoil tremendously, especially those occasional references to Al Vaianni and his Spirits Shoppe. Whatever happened to those 'Ehoo City Moes' Weekly and Adams? And how about Theodore Healey-Nuptial Red? Tell John Whitmore that if he needs any help from the Detroit Regional Office just send me a 3-122.

HAS MOVIES

"I would appreciate it if you would announce I have about 200 feet of 8-MM movies, taken with a liberated camera and film in the vicinity of Raguhn, Germany. About half of the pictures are color and the other half black and white. Although there's no shooting in them, there are some excellent shots, I think, of such assorted characters as Adams, Weekly Talent, John Moore, Doc Hargy, San Filipo, Leo Williamson and quite a few others.

"I would be glad to show these to anyone who wants to drop around but am not yet ready to circulate them by mail. As soon as I can get titles completed and a duplicate made, I will be happy to loan them to anyone interested.

"That's all for now, but you can expect to hear more and more often from the Greater Detroit Chapter."

Philadelphia July 29-30-31

1ST LT. WYATT A. ARNOLD GOES PLACES; SEES THINGS

1st Lt. Wyatt A. Arnold, Jr., Hq. V Corps Sig Sec., Ft. Bragg, seems to run into quite a number of former 9th men. In a recent letter he gives news of the following: Lt. Col. Thomas K. Norment, QM of V Corps, when we were under them in Europe, is, I believe, the only member of the Staff here now who was in the Corps then. Of course we still have Gen. Irwin as Corps Commander. Saw Gen. Smythe, Col. Van Bond and Col. Stoll in Atlanta the other day. Also received a letter from Gen. Craig, IG of Europe. Smiling Joe Willis, the Wolfe, came through Fort Bragg and stopped by to see my wife and I. Ward Hancock is still with the Navy in San Diego, Calif., and I don't think he likes it too much. Feels sorta out of place, I guess. Saw Col. Ladd at Fort Benning a couple of months ago. Understand he has since retired. Also saw Col. Chippy Manus and Major Tabor while there. Guess you knew that Col. Westmoreland is now Chief of Staff of the 82nd Airborne Div. He did command the 504th Airborne Inf. Regt. before. We have quite a few old Division Sgts. here at the present time."

Philadelphia July 29-30-31

Irene Vollkommer Is Octofoil Booster

Arthur Vollkommer, 41 Surprise St., Elmont, L. I., N. Y., sends in his dues, and at the same time advises he recently contacted Sgt. Vogtman, Co. G, 39th, through The Octofoil, and anyone wanting Vogtman's address may contact Art at above address.

Art says his wife reads The Octofoil before he does and has begun to feel she knows some of the gang. He closes by saying he hopes to be in Philly and will be glad when he can quit sweating out that 9th Div. History.

On the back page of Art's letter Irene slips in a line or two, and says: "I certainly enjoy reading The Octofoil. My husband talks so much about the 9th Div. that I'm sure if I had the time I could write a book myself about it."

THE PAST IN REVIEW

Aprils to Remember

1941—

Fort Bragg: Army Day is celebrated on Monday, April 7th... there are religious services, parades, people invited to Ninth Division 11 a. m. review on newly dedicated **Honeycutt Field**. Each unit of Ninth demonstrates a certain phase of its training or proficiency. Division becoming motorized... Fayetteville is the place to go and the draftees keep coming. General Devers commanding.

1942—

Fort Bragg: Amphibious capers demonstrated on Army Day, as Ninth holds military tournament for visitors and the press. Among 18 events is **swimming with full equipment**. 60th C. T. wins tournament. Mid-April finds Colonel B. F. Caffey, Jr. assuming command of the 39th... **Falcon** show, "Whacky in Khaki" opening before packed house at Community Theater on main post. This is last April for Ninth in states. General Hoyle commanding.

1943—

Tunisia: Victory at El Guettar and Maknassy as the Axis retreats to the North... Hills 772 and 369 abandoned by enemy... Ninth pulled back and sent on amazing thrust to the Sedjanane area... **Corps Franc and Goums** are attached... Green and Bald Hills, Djebels Ainchouna and Dardys... the Krauts get **Molotov** Warner... 39th seizes Hill 406 and the outflanking of the Jefna position is almost complete. General Eddy Commanding.

1944—

Winchester and Vicinity: Leaves and furloughs cleared up as invasion preparation is speeded. Three-day problem over Easter... British **double-sumertime** goes into effect... 60th Infantry moves to Boscombe... Heavyweight Champ Joe Louis gives exhibition to troops at Winchester's Celtic Field. General Eddy commanding.

1945—

Germany: Winterberg... Kähler Astenberg... Zueschen... Oberkirchen... the Ruhr Pocket is closed. Brilon, Meschede and Task Force Birks. On to Nordhausen and the horrible carnage of the concentration camp. President Roosevelt passes on. The Harz Mountains and the end of Nazi die-hards... prisoners and booty roll in by the carload... on to Koethen, Dessau, Wittenberg, Pratau and meeting the Russians! The war is all but over and the enemy is more than eager to become prisoner of the Americans. General Craig commanding.

1946—

Bavaria (Occupation): Ninth is occupying almost 15,000 square miles! Division headquarters is well set up in the city of Augsburg... with clubs, snack bars, street car service, good movie house. Garrison life with reveille and retreat parades, passes must be shown at M. P. gate. The weather is clearing and **box tops** are coming off Jeeps. **Ninth Division News** has reader audience of some 50,000! Division prepares for arrival of dependents. General McBride commanding.

MANY PICTURES HAD TO BE HELD UNTIL NEXT MONTH

Six beautifully written letters, all containing some of the most interesting pictures yet received by The Octofoil arrived too late to be processed into cuts for this issue, but all six are to be used in the next issue. Plain copy without art work can be handled up to and including the 15th of each month, but to process the pictures takes at least one week.

LEE GREENE "SOUNDS OFF"

Lee writes from 333 Parkdale Ave., Glenside, Pa., and complains he doesn't know whether there is a Philly chapter. After the spread in this issue about the Philly gang Lee should be "at ease" on that score. From January, 1941, until March 1943 he was with the 47th and 9th Medics, and complains also because so few Special Troops are writing.

Lee enclosed a couple of interesting overseas pictures and several negatives made on the hospital ship he returned to the States on.

Many of these shots are nothing new to the members. But since it now develops the 9th Div. Assn. wives make up almost a majority of the readers, The Octofoil owes it to them to print these shots of Lee Greene's at an early date.

DELBERT PEMBRIDGE WAS BECKER'S BUDDY

Pembridge sends a photo of that memorable meeting of the American and Russian patrols that Martin Becker wrote so interestingly about in a recent issue. Delbert's picture also will be used at an early date.

Pembridge asks for the home address of Lt. Tom Cornelison, former 60th man. Any of you Joes know where Tom is drop a line to Pembridge, at 427 E. Main St., Union, N. Y.

Delbert says he hopes to read about the meeting of the two patrols in the Division History since he led the patrol and was the first man to shake a Russian's hand that day.

Both Delbert and Fred Bicking, 60th Inf. Medics are on the Police Dept., Endicott, N.Y. Pembridge was recently made a sergeant, and Bicking is first in line for promotion. They both were in Columbus last year and say they will make Philly or bust.

WILLARD NORRIS SENDS PHOTO FROM TEXAS

Willard Norris, Huntsville, Tex., sends a group picture of Co. M, 47th men that was made at the chemical factory near Scrobenhausen, Germany, after the war was over. Different from most pictures received Willard can identify all the boys in the picture.

The picture will be printed next month, but in the hopes some of the gang will write Norris before if they see their name in this issue, these are the ones who will be seen in the picture when it is printed.

Robert Storey, Charles Johnston, Charles Kimmey, Stanley Roberts, Sam Draper, Lawrence Reifsnnyder, David Yates, George Glass, Roger Harris, Robert Foster, David Jasper, Miles Jancovic, Targett, Watson.

Willard says any of the gang passing through Huntsville who will look him up will be feted with a fat, juicy Texas steak on him.

JIM LEOPOLD SENDS UNUSUAL SNAPSHOT

Jim Leopold, formerly 2nd Bn., 47th, now at 400 S. Peoria St., Chicago 7, Ill., sends a picture of 13 officers who were P.O.W.s.

Jack Carpenter, Grand Junction, Colo., who was taken prisoner at El Guitar, gave the photo to Jim. Carpenter and Leopold last saw each other on that fateful morning of March 28, 1943, until Leopold walked into Carpenter's store in Colorado some time ago. This picture too will be in the next issue.

FRANCIS BRUSIC SENDS CO. D, 47TH SNAPSHOT

Francis Brusic, 49 Jefferson St., Passaic, N. J., sends a picture of Capt. Jesse F. Nevens, of North Carolina, seated in a jeep before he was killed at St. Lo. Brusic is seated immediately rear of the Captain, and to the extreme rear is Charles Ottinger.

Brusic says he hopes this picture will be a means of some Joe from D Co., 47th writing their old ex-First Sergeant a few lines.

Ed's. Note: Any of the members who send pictures in and they are not printed for a couple of issues do not get excited. The photos received are numbered and are released for publication in that order.

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

Cootie Cancer Fund Inaugurated



Office of the Mayor
City of Columbus
Ohio

JAMES A. RHODES
MAYOR

March 11, 1948

Paul S. Plunkett
Supreme Aide-de-Camp
Military Order of the Cootie
216 South Grant Avenue
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Mr. Plunkett:

The National movement to raise \$25,000,000.00, sponsored by the Honor Degree Group of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the purpose of carrying on extensive research work for the prevention of the dreaded cancer disease, is, in my opinion, a very deserving project.

It is with extreme pleasure that I, as Mayor of the city of Columbus, Ohio, in conjunction with many other Mayors and distinguished members of the United States House of Representatives, extend to your organization my very best wishes for success in this worthy undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES A. RHODES • MAYOR
City of Columbus, Ohio

JAR:hd

The above letter is self-explanatory. The thousands of former Ninth Division men who belong to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Military Order of the Cootie have been told and have read about the Cancer Research Program. An appeal to them is unnecessary. To many thousands more who do not belong to the organization, it is hoped, if they are financially able, each one will avail himself of the opportunity to make this humane undertaking the success it deserves to be.

George Waller Living Puppy "Factory" In Austintown, Ohio

Another letter, containing pictures, arrived too late for use in this issue. The letter was from George Waller, 3004 Canfield-Niles Rd., Austintown, O.

At least one of George's pictures will be used in the next issue. He's another of those Houdinis who can find a place to live when he gets ready to move. George gave a new change of address.

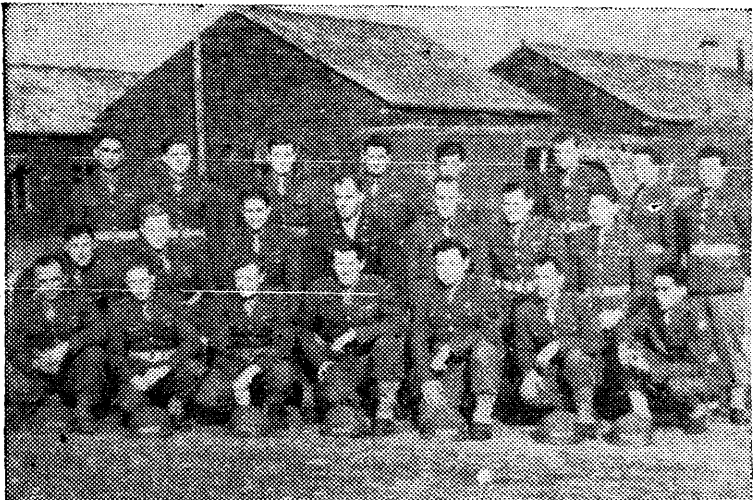
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Tom Orchard Inquires About "Meat Ball"

Thomas Orchard, 138 Conklin Ave., Binghamton, N. Y., writes The Octofoil and asks that someone help him locate the "Meat Ball" and Pat Salamion, from Buffalo. Tom says he'd like to hear from any of the guys formerly in I Co. or Cannon Co., 39th.

Orchard owns a drug store in Binghamton, and wants any former Ninth men passing through to be sure and look him up.

1ST BN. MED. DET. 39TH IN ENGLAND



Earl Duncan, Rt. 1, Humboldt, Tenn., sends The Octofoil the above picture. First row, kneeling, left to right: Tatar, Grace (K.I.A.), Mental, Ousman, platoon sergeant; Mendola, Gonzolas (K.I.A.), Peraze. Second row, left to right: Freddy (K.I.A.), Walker, Seice, Captain Kollmos, Bucklew, Kurtze, Duncan. Third row, standing, left to right: Stout (K.I.A.), Robinson, Allron, Blair, Rivie, Freezin, Nujunis, Furryty.

ASKING 9th SIGNAL MEN "SOUND OFF"

The following letter was received from Mrs. William H. Aitken, 155 Bucknell Ave., Woodbridge, N. J.:

"I finally got my husband to sign enclosed check for 1947-48 dues. He is always going to do it and write a letter to go with it. I know all the wives who read The Octofoil will sympathize with me! I never saw a bunch of men in one outfit hate to write as much as the fellows of the 9th! Bill's excuse is, 'I wrote enough in the Army to keep me a lifetime.'"

"We sure enjoy our Octofoil. Only trouble, the 9th Signal boys do not keep themselves accounted for. Come on, you boys. If you can't write separate letters to your Buddies, one to The Octofoil will do!"

"We were much surprised to receive a birth announcement from Ex-Sarge Eagers and wife. During Christmas we heard from Clyde (Ogdie) Ogden and he has gotten married. I wish I had time to list all the fellows we heard from. Wish we had Christmas at least three times a year so we would hear from Bill's Buddies."

"Bill is still with Western Electric—as a switchboard installer. We bought our own home about six months ago, when the place we were occupying was sold. Need I mention the impossibility of renting a home? Bill is kept busy adding two rooms upstairs for our boy, Billy. We don't think it's fair to make him sleep with Baby Sister Candy."

"The best of health, wealth, and happiness to all the boys."

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Ernest Green Out In Alamosa, Colo.

Ernest A. Green, Alamosa, Colo., writes and says the whole family enjoy reading The Octofoil, his mother, two brothers, his wife, and naturally himself. Ernie sent in his \$10 membership, \$5 for the history and wants a double check to make sure his name is on the mailing list for a history.

Some misunderstanding was created among other of our members as well as Green when the publishers sent out the prospectus, advertising the book, saying the cost was \$5. That is right to anyone not a member—but the publishers took a mailing list of both members and non-members as a guide for mailing the prospectus.

Thousands of members received these prospectus who already have a history coming. It's just about a sure bet now, from information reaching The Octofoil, to the effect "8 Stars to Victory" editions will be available at the coming Reunion. Members who have paid for their own by virtue of a \$10 membership or \$5 directly to the Heer Printing Co., Columbus, Ohio, will receive their copy first class mail.

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Disabled 15th Engr. Pictured in Article

Alex Forest, 514 Archer St., McKeesport, Pa., and a former president of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter, writes The Octofoil:

"In the Feb. 28 issue of The Saturday Evening Post, Milton Lehman has an excellent article entitled 'The War's Not Over for Them,' dealing with disabled veterans of the past wars in our Veterans' Hospitals."

"On Page 40 of this issue is a picture of these veterans, one of whom is Martin Pysz, formerly of Co. A, 15th Engr. Bn., 9th Inf. Div. Cpl. Pysz was one of the first engineer casualties, having been one of six fellows hit by an 'S-mine' explosion in the vicinity of Feriana, Southern Tunisia. I know that I had lost touch with him since that time and presume that other engineers may also have been out of touch with him."

"I hope that many of the 9th Div. fellows, particularly 15 Engrs. living in the New York district, will be able to get over and see Martin at the Bronx VA Hospital."

WEIGHT FELL TO 94 POUNDS WHILE ON A KRAUT P.O.W. RATION; SWEARS HE'S THROUGH WITH TAVERNS.

AIR RAIDS ARE NOW CONTINUOUS—THEY ARE GOOD FOR THE MORALE BUT TOUGH ON THE TUMMY—BUT HE TRIED NOT TO THINK.

By VICTOR J. WOJTAS,
1729 Wood St., Chicago, Ill.

(Continued from Last Issue.)

Scratching away the lice—the food situation is about the same as Stalag III-B Furstenberg.

Breakfast—Tea or coffee, ersatz, of course. Dinner—A cup of soup. Supper—A ration of bread, a spoon of sugar or cheese and then our four or five potatoes.

JOE VON ACHEN TO BE IN PHILLY

Joseph Von Achen, 3029 Briggs Ave., New York 58, N. Y., writes that he will be in Philly. His letter, in part:

"Now that I have paid my 1948 dues I can feel free to write. I'm one of the ex-1st Sgts. of Co. E, 47th. I believe that—with the exception of Mess Sgt. James De Giacomo, I spent more time with this company than any other man, having been in it from Jan. 31, 1941, until I left to come home on a T. D. Furlough in March, 1945."

"I guess I saw over 1,000 men come and go in that company. Those that left for OCS and the Air Corps while we were at Fort Bragg; the two or three Cadres that went out; the ones who were 'shanghaied' to the 41st Div. in February, 1942. Then overseas, leaving behind those who were reclassified. A whole company—six officers and 174 enlisted men—captured or killed at El Guettar, Africa. Luckily I was a Supply Sgt. at the time."

"Then a whole new company, led by Bill Larson, and what a wonderful job he did in making a top fighting outfit out of a bunch of green replacements. From then on it was just replacements and more replacements. Then they started calling them reinforcements but they still looked the same. To me they were names in a notebook and a bunch of new faces that I would just about get connected when they would be gone: KIA, MIA, WIA, one way or another they were gone."

"I never intended to get so darn nostalgic about this. All but forgot my purpose in writing. I've heard from one of the old Co. E boys recently and he gave me names and addresses of some that he has met. I don't know if any of them are Association members but I'm passing the list on to you for what it is worth."

"By way of conclusion and complaint: I think most of the boys in Co. E are pretty lousy writers. I've seen darn few of them represented in The Octofoil. Incidentally, you are doing a grand job. Keep it up. See you in Philly."

Philadelphia in July

Pat Heron Liked Paddy Flint Story

A short note from Patrick J. Heron, Box 267, Riverside, Conn., reads: "The Octofoil has been coming my way regular and it is a grand little paper. The Paddy Flint article was swell reading."

Pat served overseas with the 39th Regt.
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Earl Duncan's Meds Picture In This Issue

Printed elsewhere in this issue is a 2-column picture sent in by Earl Duncan, Rt. 1, Humboldt, Tenn.

Earl says he always looks forward to the arrival of The Octofoil each month.

Duncan is living the life of Reilly—a gentleman farmer, if you please. Just finished building himself a new home. He's a married man and has a 17-month-old daughter.

Earl promises to write The Octofoil more often.



Wojtas

I can truthfully state, in my two years as Prisoner of War we were lucky if we received Red Cross parcels half the time.

CUTS OUT RED CROSS

Wondering whether you received the card I wrote in May of '44, stating to cut out my donation to the Red Cross.

Secondly, the Red Cross parcel is paid for by our Army from our daily ration money, and thirdly—why pay for something we very seldom receive.

HUNGRY

Am hungry, right now, so I will make my favorite pudding consisting of dried pears, peaches, prunes, figs, apricots, white raisins, flour, biscuits, sugar, salt, cocoa.

RED CROSS VISIT

A Red Cross representative visited Stalag III-A today, Feb. 16. What will be done about camp conditions? Nothing will be done, as usual. They come and go. Time to quit writing; fact is, we have no lights of any sort, except day light.

Received the report that after our evacuation of Stalag III-B the Red Cross parcels, personal parcels, cigarette parcels that were left behind were given to the Volksturm and German Army.

The above amounted to 11,000 Red Cross parcels, 19 mail sacks of personal and cigarette parcels were given away. This report has been sent to Geneva, Switzerland.

NO MORE TAVERNS

When I get home I intend hugging the kitchen stove instead of the local tavern bar like I used to. I really mean to enjoy myself in my cooking.

TRY NOT TO THINK

Dear Mom, Pop and All—It is funny, but I try my hardest not to think of food. My mine drifts, but my thoughts always come back to food. Always thinking of the food I ate at Home, Sweet Home!

JUST SLOP

The food the Germans feed us here, the hoboos and bums along Madison St. in Chicago would refuse. But oh how we here eat their slop.

Sometimes I stop and wonder whether all this I'm going through is worth it all. Can anyone tell me?

On the night of Feb. 24, 1945, I was awake most of the night. I guess when a man is hungry he just can't sleep. Had an air raid alarm at 8 p. m. Could hear Allied planes and could feel the concussion from the loads they dropped. Good for the morale, but not the stomach.

WEIGHS 94

Dear Mom, Pop and All—Wish that you could see your son or big brother now. If I weigh 94 lbs. I'm doing good. Wondering how long it will take to get myself back into shape when I get back?

(In the next installment of Vic Wojtas' diary he portrays vividly the treacherous Nazis' shakedown of the meager food-stuffs the American prisoners had, leaving the Americans destitute.)