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MOTHER HELPING START AUXILIARY

GEN. EDDY, COL. VAN HOUTEN, CAPT. MITTELMAN MEET WITH HISTORY PUBLISHER IN OHIO

For some time Captain Joseph B. Mittelman, Ninth Infantry Division historian, has operated from his Columbus, O. quarters, where the printing plant doing the final work on "Eight Stars to Victory," is located.

GEN. EDDY, COL. VAN HOUTEN "DROP IN"

On Monday morning, May 10, Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy and Col. John G. Van Houten dropped in for a routine inspection on the progress and quality of the work being done on the history.

After conferring with Captain Mittelman, the three, conferred at length with officials of the Heer Printing Co., the history publishers in Columbus.

Gen. Eddy, spokesman for the group, seemed well pleased with the quality of work being done and indicated that the long, arduous hours put in by Captain Mittelman and others will be amply rewarded in satisfaction derived from the quality of the finished product.

RUMORS GALORE

The Octofoil has received over 50 letters from members complaining about not receiving their history. All kind of latrine rumors have persisted. Even a ranking officer at Fort Dix, now attached to the Division, wrote in and said he had been informed the history had already been printed, and wanted to know why one was not on file at Fort Dix.

A police chief was very bitter in his complaint because he had heard a similar rumor. The Heer Co. advised The Octofoil one disgruntled member threatened to have his senator investigate the delay.

DIFFICULT TO COMPRE

It is difficult to understand how these rumors could persist in the face of the comprehensive progress reports Captain Mittelman has

furnished The Octofoil each month. Maybe the rank and file members felt as one member in Chicago did, who wrote: "Write me personally status of our history. Not newspaper propaganda."

Any day The Octofoil ever degrades to one iota of propaganda concerning anything but the perpetuation of the Association, then the Board of Governors should and WILL cease its publication.

LETTERS DIMINISH

For the past few days letters of anxiety about publication date, letters denouncing the project, etc., have fallen off to practically none. That is a relief to The Octofoil and no doubt to the Heer Printing Co. In all probability the frank and scholarly manner in which Lt. Gen. Eddy, as chairman of the History Committee, presented his report on Page 1 in the last issue of The Octofoil is the reason for the decrease in "fan" mail.

However, when The Octofoil complained to the General about the magnitude of these letters in past weeks and the extra work answering them created, he magnanimously offered to answer each one personally in the future if they were bundled up and sent to his quarters.

Since General Eddy has been stationed at Fort Leavenworth, so far removed from the theater of operations insofar as the publishing and printing was concerned, much of the work previously supervised by himself has been under Col. John G. Van Houten, who has proven a very capable substitute.

Unless The Octofoil is badly mistaken the members will receive their copies of "Eight Stars to Victory" almost simultaneously with another great event—their attendance at the Third Annual Reunion in Philadelphia, July 29-30-31.

BACK IN UNIFORM



Pfc. Thomas J. Samul, Jr., former 60th man, is back in the Army. His address is Pfc. Thomas J. Samul, Jr., Co. M, 18th Inf. Regt., APO 757, care Postmaster, New York City. Philadelphia in July

GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER MEETS MAY 21

Cal Polivy, president of the Greater New York Chapter advises that the regular meeting scheduled for the fourth Friday would conflict with Decoration Day plans, so the meeting was advanced to May 21, 1948, at 8 P. M., Times Square Hotel.

Election of officers and Board of Governors are slated to be elected at this meeting.

(It is regrettable that The Octofoil will not be accepted in the postoffice until the evening of May 21, which will preclude the possibility of the notice helping increase attendance.)

Polivy has been a hard worker, a deserving member of the Association and The Octofoil wants to continue serving Cal and his successor whenever it is possible. Philadelphia July 29-30-31

PHILLY'S "ANON" LAD DOUBLES UP

The Philadelphia lad who started members of the Association to thinking about the Gold Star Mothers and Dads in a manner that quite a few dollars have been sent in to help entertain these Mothers and Dads while in Philadelphia, doubles his \$1 per month contribution and sends \$2—\$1 he wants sent to the Columbus Chapter because they decided to pay transportation costs for the one Ninth Division Gold Star Mother living in Columbus. Anonymous says in his communique for this month's Octofoil:

"Boy, you got to hand it to those boys at Columbus. It's a small Chapter but my hat is off to them at all times. Wish other Chapters would do the same."

"I wish The Octofoil would forward \$1 to Columbus Chapter to help send that Gold Star Mother here to Philadelphia."

In closing the lad writes: "As to the boys that want me to be known at the Reunion—well, Joes, I will be at the Convention, but I still like to be Anonymous."

Philadelphia in July
One out of every 10 persons in the United States is a veteran of World War II.

LT. SPENCER'S MOTHER GUEST OF NEW YORKERS---SHE'S WILLING TO HELP FORM LADIES' AUXILIARY

NEW YORKERS VOTE UNANIMOUSLY THEY WILL FORM
A NINTH DIVISION ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY ---
PITTSBURGH'S ACCOMPLISHMENT CAN BE REPEATED

By STANLEY COHEN

New York Chapter played host to first Gold Star Mother Friday, April 30, 1948.

Mrs. Mae Spencer, mother of 1st Lt. John Spencer, of A Company, 47th Infantry, was the first Gold Star Mother

to attend a meeting of the Greater New York Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, at the Hotel Times Square in New York City.

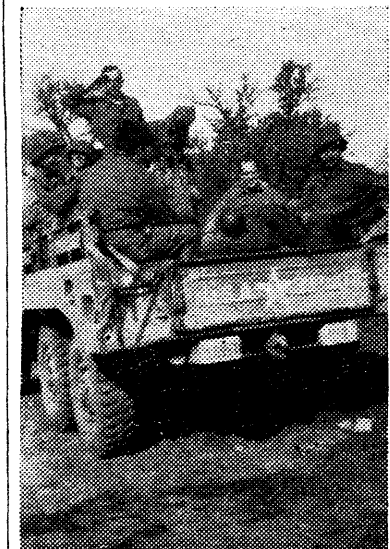
GEN. CRAIG TO SUCCEED GEN. IRA T. WYCHE

Under the date of April 24, The Armored Force carried the following news item that will please every member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association:

Maj. Gen. Ira T. Wyche, Inspector General of the Army, will retire from the Army this summer. President Truman has nominated Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig, Inspector General, European Command, to succeed Gen. Wyche.

Gen. Craig successfully commanded the Ninth Infantry Division, XX Corps, and the Third Arm in Europe from August, 1944, to July, 1945. During World War I he served as Assistant Chief of Artillery, Second Army. Philadelphia July 29-30-31

899th T. D. Moves In



One of Hal Christianson's pictures showing former 899th T. D. men. This one shows Kendall standing up; Wolman, Ross, and Hearing seated. Hal was unable to identify the others. Philadelphia in July

DICK BLAYLOCK IS DOING OKAY

Dick Blaylock, formerly of the 47th, writes, giving his new address so he will not miss any Octofoils. His new address will be 1207 N. 35th St., Richmond 23, Virginia.

On April 14 Dick Blaylock, Jr., weighing 9 pounds 8 ounces arrived at the Blaylock home.

Dick has a good job but the boss will not let him take a vacation until September so it looks as though he will have to miss the Philadelphia Reunion.

Philadelphia July 29, 30, 31

WOJTAS' DIARY

Because the Board of Governors' Minutes arrived at a late date The Octofoil was forced to delete Vic Wojtas' Diary this issue. But be sure and look for the thrilling installment next month.

CAPTIVATES THE GROUP
Her charming manner soon captivated the entire male group of ex-G.I.s. Not only did she attend the meeting but she volunteered to help form the nucleus of a Ladies' Auxiliary of the Chapter, for the coming year.

The Ladies' Auxiliary was the big discussion of the night. "Give the girls something to do while we have our meetings. I want my wife to know all about the Division from a feminine point of view. The ladies should have some Ninth Division function," were the comments that were tossed on the floor during the discussion. Then Cal Polivy, the president, called for a vote. It was passed unanimously that we of the New York Chapter have a Ladies' Auxiliary. How then was this to be started? A suggestion was then presented that an initial group enlist the members' wives, sweethearts, fiancées at the coming dance for a future meeting in the fall.

SHE VOLUNTEERS

Who then was to lead the initial group? It was then that a sweet feminine voice said: "I'll be more than glad to do it." That was our Mrs. Spencer. From the floor the members started: "Well, you can have my wife, and mine."

We now have a well organized group with Mrs. Spencer at the head to start the Ninth Infantry Division Greater New York Chapter Ladies' Auxiliary going.

DANCE DISCUSSED

Then the big matter arose—What is happening about the dance. . . . The committees started, Journal Committee: Better than we expected. Ticket Committee: We have sold enough tickets to pay the expense of the hall. Prize Committee: All the prizes are lined up. Public Relations Committee: All set to go ahead sending out the stories the week before the dance, columns, newspapers and radios will be covered. A fine set of reports and then the members set down to relax.

NOMINATIONS COMING UP

The next issue that was discussed was the Nominations Committee. Doc Sokolofsky was named chairman and a group was picked to represent each segment of the division to do the nominating. Nominations will be submitted for a final vote at the next meeting.

A rap of the gavel—meeting adjourned.

But a rap of the gavel does not end all the events, for one event has taken place in the confines of the division that should not go unnoticed. Anthony Gazone, of 18 Judge St., Brooklyn, N. Y., is a very busy fellow these days. He found it impossible to attend the dance, so he sent a letter to the organization and explained that the enclosed money order would pay for two tickets. Please give them to someone deserving. That my friends is true, "Esprit de Corps."

IMPORTANT BANQUET NOTICE

Secretary Charles O. Tingley, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., advises The Octofoil that banquet tickets are now available at \$5 per ticket. Send checks or money orders direct to the Secretary's office. Tingley also advises seating will be arranged by unit as far as it is humanly possible.

PAY DUES

Still a lot of members have not paid 1948 dues and the secretary says the money is needed badly.

LAPEL PINS

Any member who does not have a lapel pin may secure one by dropping a line to the secretary at the address given above.

60TH HISTORIES

For the sum of 25 cents to pay postage and wrapping charges anyone can secure a copy of the 60th Infantry Histories from Tingley.

FINAL THRUST

A few copies of Final Thrust are still available at headquarters.

HOLD FAST

Just a few copies of Hold Fast are still in the storage room at headquarters and are available for 25 cents.

Another Mother Who Likes the 9th Division

Mrs. Nora E. Purdy, Rt. 1, Box 310, Altheimer, Ark., mother of Walton D. Purdy, who now lives on Rt. 5, Box 2277-A, Pine Bluff, Ark., writes a nice letter, advising she enjoys reading Walton's copy of The Octofoil.

Mrs. Purdy sent along two pictures so Walton's old 9th buddies might know how he looks.

(The pictures were received too late to be made into cuts for this issue, but will be used in the next issue.)

Walton has been a married man for two years.

In closing her letter Mrs. Purdy says "I'm strong for the Ninth Infantry Division Association."

Philadelphia July 29-30-31

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER HAS NEW DATES

The Connecticut Chapter's meeting night has been changed from the last Wednesday of each month to the last Thursday of each month. The Connecticut Chapter is now meeting at the State Armory on Goffe Street, New Haven, Conn.

At their meeting April 29, plans for summer activities and membership drive were taken up and discussed. —(Herb Temkin, Treasurer.)

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Seat Foxhole Playmates Together At the Annual Reunion Banquet

For the past several weeks The Octofoil mail bag has been filled with letters from members appealing to the Philadelphia Convention Committee to so arrange seats at the annual banquet as to place members who served in the same units together.

This is a difficult task, but one that is deserving of an honest effort. As one New York member put it: "Some of the boys travel as much as 2,000 miles to be with their friends and certainly should enjoy that privilege at the reunion banquet."

In order to accomplish the desired seating arrangement members should send reservations for their banquet tickets to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., AT ONCE. The manner in which members have heretofore purchased tickets such an arrangement is next to impossible. Almost as many tickets for the banquet have been sold on the afternoon preceding the banquet as were sold for months previous through the Secretary's office. In other words a member can not expect to be seated with his buddies if he buys a ticket just a few minutes previous to time for the banquet—after the Committee has turned in its diagram, believing all units grouped as near as humanly possible.

The Philadelphia Committee is very efficient and loyal. They are working hard and want this Third Annual Reunion to go down in history as not only the best that has been held to date—but one that no other Chapter will ever be able to surpass.

But the Committee can't execute miracles. It will take the cooperation of the members. Send in for your banquet tickets now and give Secretary Tingley an opportunity to group the units.

The social features of this Reunion are to be the best, and no doubt will be appreciated and enjoyed by the membership. But the social angle should not for one minute overshadow the importance and seriousness of the business sessions. Each and every member owes it to himself and to the Association to preserve the last issue of The Octofoil and to study carefully, analyze and discuss the recommendations of General Stroh and Colonel Robb relative to a Confederation of Combat Veterans as a means of self preservation.

This and other equally important matters will come before the Association for intelligent consideration.

This Third Annual Reunion will probably prove to be a crucial time in the Association's existence. It may well be said the Ninth Infantry Division Association has reached the crossroads of its existence. The future welfare and prestige of the Association depends a great deal on the intelligent approach in which the members dispose of the momentous problems that will be presented in Philadelphia.

Don't forget the dates—July 29, 30, 31. The hotel headquarters: Ben Franklin Hotel, Ninth and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. Hotel reservations should be made NOW. Otherwise some of the members may get a chance to sleep in a pup tent while attending this Third Annual Reunion.

Fly In Reunion Ointment - —By Plunkett



Mohammed never forgets faces. Come to Philly prepared to redeem the long overdue IOUs.

The Ninth Division March

Here's to the Ninth Division,
The Division that's the Army's pride;
Here's to the Ninth Division
And its brave and gallant men so true and bold.
We will be loyal to her,
No stain shall mar her name;
For freedom's cause we'll ever live
And all the world shall know,
The Ninth Division proves her fame.

Interlude

We will protect our birthright,
Liberty's sons are we,
We will be slaves to no might,
Americans are free.

Chorus:

We serve our flag and country,
Every soldier is a fortress strong,
Giving our best to our country,
We will be the victors tho' the strife be long;
We do not fear the battle,
We're ready for the fray;
Keeping hearts and courage high,
United as we go—the 9th Division leads the way.

JOE B. BANISAUCKAS RECEIVES MUCH DESERVED BRONZE STAR

After a lapse of several months The Octofoil is glad to receive another letter from Joe B. Banisauckas, 1481 E. 71st St., Cleveland, Ohio. Joe says he is disappointed not to have heard from some of his old buddies after The Octofoil printed his Ohio address a few months ago.

Joe is in the same boat with several thousand other former 9th men: He's "sweating out" his copy of "8 Stars to Victory."

GETS AWARD

In April of this year Joe received the Bronze Star Medal. He says it was a surprise since five years had elapsed since the incident occurred that prompted the award being made.

Following is the verbiage of the Engraved Certificate that accompanied the Medal. The Octofoil and Joe both knocked themselves out trying to decipher the hieroglyphics smeared on by some top brass as signatures. Finally giving up any hope of even distinguishing one alphabetical character in the signatures the wording of the Citation is reproduced sans signature:

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

To All Who Shall See These Presents—Greeting:

This is to Certify that

The President of the United States of America

Authorized by Executive Order, February 4, 1944, Has Awarded

The Bronze Star Medal

to

Corporal JOSEPH B. BANISAUCKAS, ASN 35314763,

for Meritorious Achievement In Ground Operations Against the Enemy,

North African Theater of Operations—

During the Algeria-French Morocco Campaign.

Given under my hand in the City of Washington, this 2nd day of April, 1948.

Major-General,
The Adjutant-General.

Secretary of the Army.

Martin Krasovetz II Arrived April 22nd

Martin and Lily Krasovetz, 3452 N. 23rd St., Philadelphia, Pa., advise The Octofoil that they "just received a little MALE!" His name is Martin Krasovetz II, and was delivered April 22, 1948. The "Male" weighed 7 lbs., 5 1-4 ozs., and was delivered at Temple University Hospital. Reading further along on the card the Krasovetz couple have this to say: "Right here we're glad to say, he's just the type to please us in every single way!"

TIT FOR TAT

Angry Father (at 2 A. M.): "Well, young lady, where have you been until this hour?"

Daughter: "I've been sitting up with the son of the sick man you told mother you were sitting up with."

Philadelphia in July

About two out of every three men between the ages of 20 and 35 are World War II veterans.

Philadelphia July 29-30-31
The Veterans Administration Central Office in Washington, D. C., receives 100,000 pieces of mail a day, except on Mondays, when twice as much comes in.

Some Good Geo. Wood Philosophy

Self-explanatory is George C. Wood's letter. Parts of which follow. George still lives at 159 Greenacre Ave., Long Meadow 6, Mass.:

The Boston Convention is now a pleasant memory to all those who attended.

The New England Chapter of our National Association did make the occasion a memorable one.

I wish to thank all those who had a part in bringing former soldiers together in a realm of serenity and gaiety—so contrary to the pattern that was followed for so long a time.

No other group of organized ex-G.I.s—and there are many, can bring the satisfaction to an individual that our own Association can—and does bring.

LONESCUMENESS

What pleasure to be in the midst of many—and yet feel a oneness of thought. What joy is found in knowing no animosity prevails.

True the Boston Convention was a success; there were many in attendance, as there are at all the get-togethers I have read about in The Octofoil.

But there were not and never are all those who deserve a seat at the table.

No gathering is complete unless there is 100 per cent attendance.

Could the reason be these fellows living within a stone's throw are unaware of the 9th Division, and its branch units?

At first this appeared ridiculous until I recalled I did not know of our Association until last year.

There are those who might know and yet feel they are not eligible. There are many controversial reasons and we should cast them aside with enlightenment.

GETS A MEMBER

For example, I recently wrote a former buddy, one Leo Spencer, from Laurens, S. C.

Leo replied and stated he had no idea we had an Association. He was most anxious to join and become a member in a time of peace, as he was a part in time of war.

I feel there are many who would become members of our Association, both national and local if they knew. We members should let these men know.

To start the ball rolling, would it be possible to have a list of all the current members from "A" Btry. 84th FA Bn., mailed to me? From this list, together with the addresses I have of all members, I can find those who have strayed and those who are unaware.

If it is possible to send me application forms this will expedite matters, as I shall write a detailed letter, enclose the application and you at Headquarters will receive a deluge of new members—I hope.

If all members take it upon themselves to realize the responsibility that goes with being a member of our Association, our membership will increase.

No few staff members are responsible. Their every effort is set forth, as we know, for continual progress. And they rely upon each of us—even as we rely and trust in them.

OCTOFOIL TOPS

In order for any organization to survive the periodicals must be tops. No person can say our Octofoil is anything else, and above all our membership must at all times be of the highest possible standard.

Those of you who have attended any convention know what a marvelous time you had. You know how you searched for a buddy.

Why search in vain?

Through the efforts of each and everyone of us who share in the continuance of our Association it will be possible to have many of our friends with us when next we meet. Be it in Boston, New York, Spokane—at that garden spot of Ye United States—Fayetteville.

Sincerely—George C. Wood.

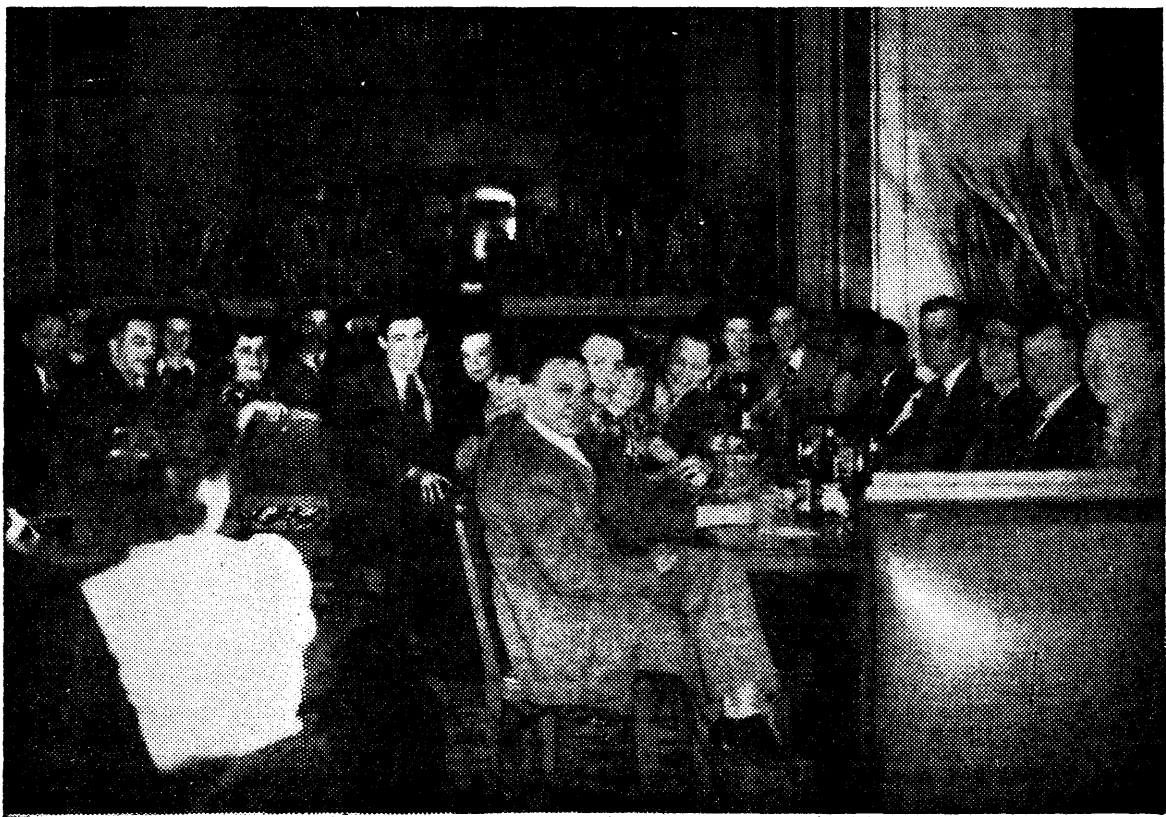
Philadelphia July 29-30-31

COUPLE OF JOES LOOK FOR PALS

Bill Klaus, 505 East 79th St., New York, N. Y., formerly of 47th Infantry, wishes to secure the address of Lt. Silas Balirs, who was with Co. B, 60th, was captured in the crossing of the Meuse River. Bill says he knows that Lt. Balirs' home is in New York City somewhere, but has not been able to locate him.

Marvin Syink, of Whittemore, Iowa, wants to hear from some of his buddies who were formerly with Medics, Co. D, 39th Infantry.

Here Are the Hard Workers of the Pittsburgh Group



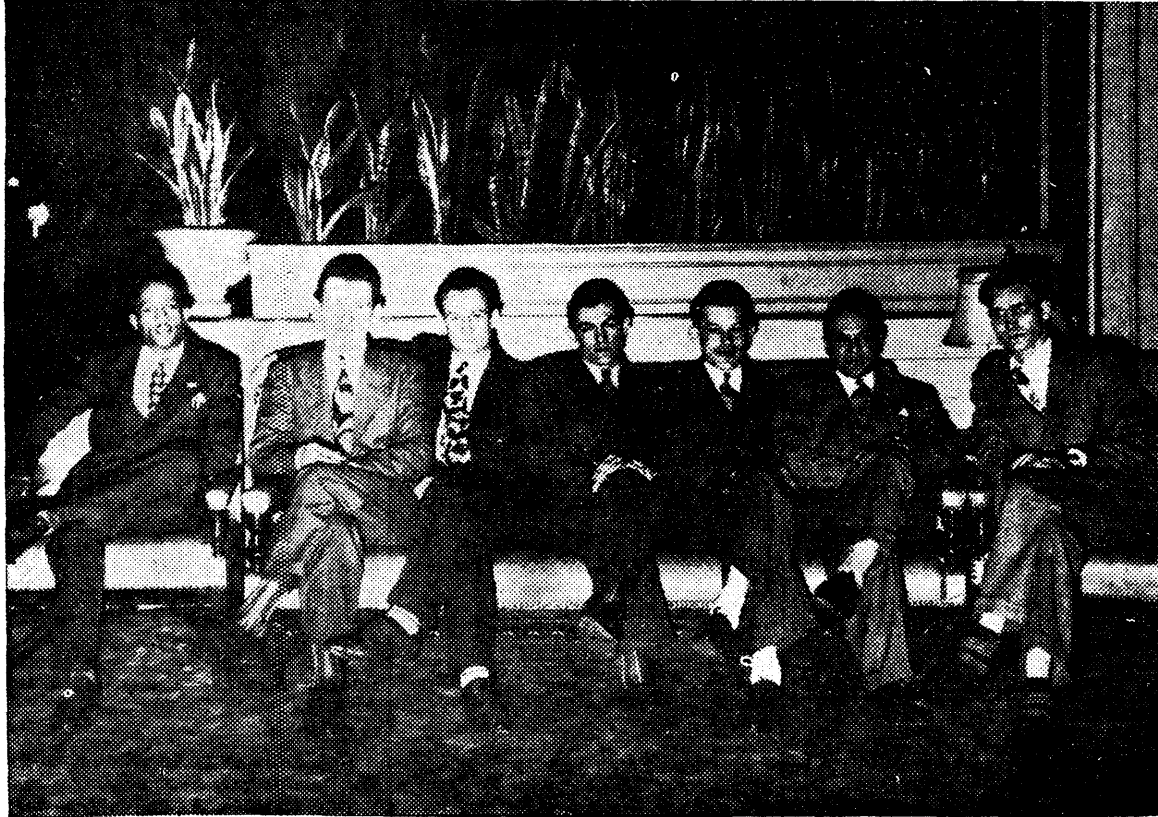
Left to right: Steve Lelak, Ray Pifer, Bob Brogan, Mrs. Pifer, Mrs. Brogan, Ray Kennedy and Girl Friend; Bill Hilton, Mrs. Hilton, Walt Millstine, Bob Buck, Mrs. Millstine, Alex Forrest, Mrs. Schmidt, Art Schmidt, Mrs. Thompson, Lee Roy Thompson, Mrs. Gray, Tom Gray, unknown, Al Jamoski, Nick Chipura.

The Queens and Their "Ladies In Waiting" Mean Real Business



Standing, left to right: Mrs. Elizabeth Ann King, Mrs. Peggy M. Hennemuth, Mrs. Margaret H. Gray, Mrs. Ora Brogan, Mrs. Augustine Thompson. Seated, left to right: Mrs. Dorothea Pifer, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Gray (guest), Mrs. Jacqueline Hilton, President; Mrs. Margaret Schmidt, Vice-President.

Lads Gen. Eddy Refers to When Saying 'They Carry On and On'



Left to right: Lee Roy Thompson, Trustee; Nicholas Chipura, Past Treasurer; Steve Lelak, Trustee; William J. Hilton, Recording Secretary; Raymond E. Pifer, Vice President; Walter A. Millstine, President; Arthur E. Schmidt, Financial Secretary.

PITTSBURGH LEADS THE WAY AND ORGANIZES AN AUXILIARY

Pictured on this page are three outstanding pictures, a monument to the untiring efforts of the Pittsburgh Chapter members, their wives and sweethearts. Maybe the accomplishments of Pittsburgh will spur on other Chapters into forming a helpful Auxiliary.

PAY OWN WAY

Knowing The Octofoil was operating on a deficit, William J. Hilton, Recording Secretary, 57 Maplewood Ave., Pittsburgh 5, Pa., when sending in these remarkable photos, advised The Octofoil: "Get the cuts made, run them in The Octofoil, and mail the bill to the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter. We will pay the cost. Also bill us for

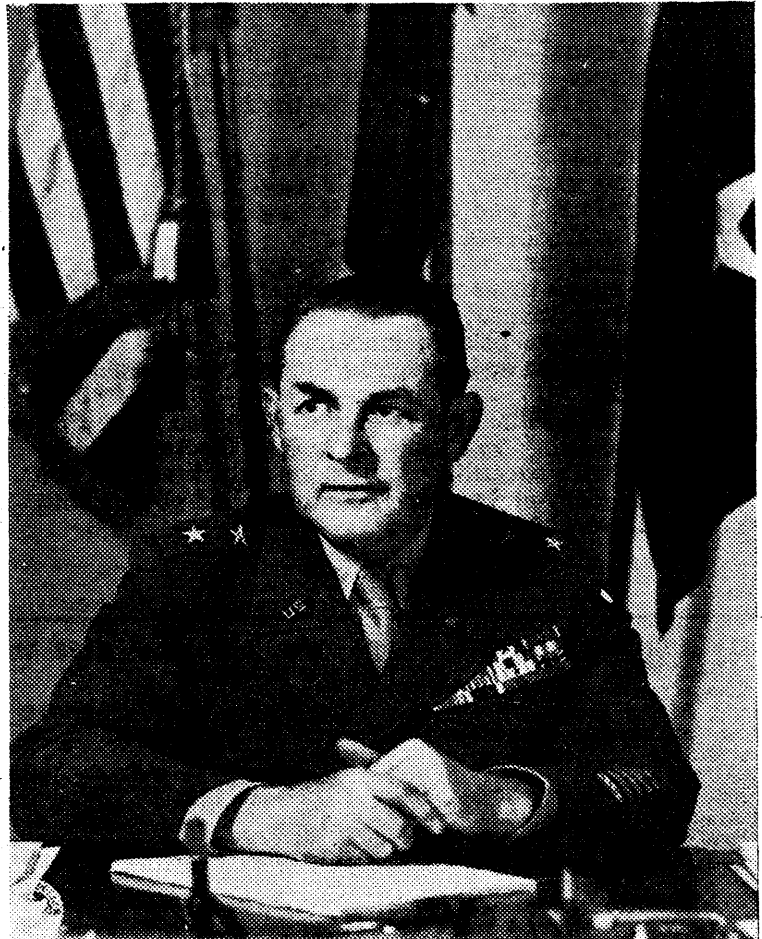
50 extra copies of this issue in which the photos appear."

Listen, fellows, that is the spirit which has made Pittsburgh such an outstanding Chapter. More of that kind of spirit and maybe The Octofoil will some day be able to pay its own way and not have to draw on the Association's dwindling reserves.

The Octofoil congratulates individually and collectively each and every member of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter for their initiative, their resourcefulness and their determination—now crowned with glorious success.

Three cheers and all hats off to the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter.

Commanding the Great Ninth Div.



MAJOR GENERAL ARTHUR A. WHITE,

Commanding General, 9th Inf. Division, Fort Dix, N. J. The above U. S. Army and Signal Corps Photo of the Commanding Officer of the reactivated Ninth Infantry Division, indicates the War Department is still assigning soldierly looking soldiers to command the greatest Division in the history of America's existence.

FORMER 7th ARMY GENERAL TAKES 9th INF. DIVISION OVER

Fort Dix, N. J.—Major General Arthur A. White, war-time Chief of Staff of the U. S. Seventh Army in Europe, and earlier Chief of Staff of the XIV Corps in the battle on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, has assumed command of the Ninth Infantry Division at Fort Dix, N. J.

General White succeeds Major General W. W. Eagles, who has been Commanding General at Fort Dix since August, 1946, and in command of the Ninth Infantry Division since its reactivation in July, 1947.

General Eagles has been assigned duty in the Pacific Theater and is scheduled to report at Tokyo in April.

General White, a native of Illinois, graduated from the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, in 1915, as a Second Lieutenant, Infantry. He is a graduate of the Advanced Course, Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Okla., and from the Command and General Staff School. He served as assistant professor of Military Science and Tactics at Harvard University from 1928 to 1934, and was in the tactical department of the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, from 1934 to 1938.

General White's decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Commendation Ribbon with Oak Leaf Cluster, Officer, Legion of Honor (French), and Croix de Guerre with Palm.

Philadelphia in July

More than \$4 billion has been spent on veterans' education and training under the G.I. Bill and Public Law 16 since 1944. Better than half of this amount was spent last year.

First Division to Meet In Philly

Secretary Tingley recently received the following communication, which is self-explanatory, and it might be added the Ninth Division Association is no different from the old Division, and is will to do what has been done before to help the First Division look good:

Dear Mr. Tingley: On the 4th, 5th and 6th of September in the City of Philadelphia, Pa., the Society of the First Division will hold its Annual Reunion.

Inasmuch as you have been so cooperative in giving us the needed "push" in restarting our Society after World War II, I am in hopes that you will be able to find a small space in your forthcoming issue to help publicize our coming Convention.

The Bellevue-Stratford in Philadelphia has been selected as the Reunion Headquarters. Registration begins on the 3rd of September with an Annual Meeting on the 4th. The dinner-dance and Memorial Services on the 5th, and as the 6th is Labor Day, a final round of Regimental parties.

Anything that you may be able to do to help us reach all of those who wore the "Red One," will be sincerely appreciated.

Yours in Friendship,
ROBERT J. RIEKSE,
Executive Secretary, Society of the First Division.

Philadelphia July 29-30-31

Veterans Administration is training more psychiatrists than all the schools in the country.

Philadelphia—July-29-30-31

Although only 2 per cent of the nation's doctors are qualified psychiatrists, 60 per cent of the Veterans Administration medical load consists of patients requiring psychiatric care.

"In my Father's house are many mansions"

LET NOTHING, ABSOLUTELY NOTHING KEEP OUR LIVING MEMBERS FROM PAYING RESPECT TO NEXT-OF-KIN

MANY FAMILIAR NAMES TO THE OLD TIMERS WHO REMEMBER FORT BRAGG AND THE SANDS AND RAIN OF NORTH AFRICA

This month Ninth Division War Dead from both the North African campaign and the ETO were returned to their homes for final burial.

Chaplain (Major) Cecil Loy Propst, a former beloved Ninth Infantry Division Chaplain, prepared a beautiful benediction for a similar list The Octofoil printed in January. Chaplain Propst's beautiful Benediction is being reproduced:



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

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

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

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



RETURNED FROM NORTH AFRICA, MAY 14, 1948

Those men who gave their all in North Africa follow, with rank, name, outfit and next-of-kin in that order:

ALABAMA

Pvt. Virgle Casey, 39th; William L. Casey, Rt. 3, Arab.

Pvt. Gilmer P. Gilbert, 47th; Mrs. Winnie N. Gilbert, Rt. 1, Gilbertown.

Pvt. James A. Lee, Jr., 84th FA; James A. Lee, 13 Criterion St., Plateau.

Pvt. Boyd Martin, 47th; Frank Martin, Rt. 1, Albertville.

Pfc. Silas F. Martin, 894th TD; Mrs. Beulah Allred, Rt. 1, Jopa.

Pvt. Leonard W. Mashburn, 894th TD; Evelyn M. Mathews, 212 30th Ave., Northport.

CONNECTICUT

T-5 Louis W. Chobot, 9th Rec.; William Chobot, Storrs.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Sgt. Claude C. Hight, 894th TD; Mrs. Rosa N. Bell, Shannon.

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Cpl. Robert Goodwin, 39th; Mr. James Goodwin, Sr., 415 William St., Nokomis.

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Cpl. Paul L. Mangum, 60th; Ennis R. Mangum, Rt. 3, Creal Springs.

Pfc. William Musser, 47th; Mr. John Musser, 914 Jewett St., Woodstock.

Pvt. Leonard L. Schrader, 60th; Mr. Louis Schrader, Washburn.

Pvt. Kenneth L. Shamway, 47th; Mr. John Elmer Shanway, 638 E. Cricker St., Freeport.

S-Sgt. Andrew Stemp, 60th; Andrew Stemp, 3834 W. North Ave., Chicago.

Pfc. Peter J. Viverite, 60th; David Viverite, 5451 N. Mulligan Ave., Chicago.

S-Sgt. Norman B. Wilson, 60th; Henry C. Wilson, Coulterville.

INDIANA

Pvt. Joseph A. Halal, Arty.; Elizabeth Halal, 4824 McCook Ave., East Chicago.

M-Sgt. Max A. Schlomer, 39th; Mrs. John I. Schlomer, Rt. 5, Vincennes.

Pfc. Donald W. Straw, 47th; Floyd Straw, Rt. 2, Fremont.

IOWA

T-5 Everett L. Mahler, 39th; Mrs. Vera M. Mahler, Bagley.

Pvt. Richard A. Smith, 60th

FA; Mrs. Lyle Baker, 2136 W. 5th St., Davenport.

KANSAS

Pfc. Wesley W. Fleming, 39th; Embree E. Fleming, Rt. 2, Columbus.

Pfc. Charles E. Roberts, 60th; J. P. Roberts, 1001 W. Myrtle, Independence.

KENTUCKY

Cpl. Elihu Blair, 47th; Louisa Finley, Redfox.

Pvt. Allen Copley, Jr., 39th; Allen Copley, Sr., Incz.

Pfc. James T. Gunther, 60th; Kell Gunther, Rt. 1, Madisonville.

Pvt. Raymond Leeper, 39th; Mrs. Sallie Leeper, 307 Barbour St., Providence.

Pvt. Charlie R. May, 47th; Elizabeth May, Canada.

Sgt. James C. Pruitt, 39th; John M. Pruitt, Littrell.

Pfc. Wayne Russell, 39th; Cornelius Russell, Lunah.

Pvt. James C. Updike, 47th; Mrs. Bettie Updike, Rt. 5, Versailles.

LOUISIANA

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Pvt. Willie Blackwell, 894th TD; Neal Blackwell, Sun.

Pvt. Skyler J. Blount, 60th; Charles F. Blount, Walker.

Cpl. Eldridge J. Guilbeau, 60th; Foster Guilbeau, Rt. 1, Box 126, Opelousas.

Pvt. Ray H. Martin, 60th; Roy E. Martin, Box 142, Ida.

Pfc. Pierre Noel, 60th; Dominic Noel, Arnaudville.

MARYLAND

Pvt. John N. Delahay, 84th FA; Katherine A. Delahay, 4019 Dorchester Rd., Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS

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MICHIGAN

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Pfc. Russell S. Gripe, 47th; Amsa Gripe, Rt. 1, Whitehall.

Pvt. John C. Dittenber, 39th; Mrs. Lala Dittenber, 123 N. Bankson St., St. Louis.

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Pfc. Joe E. Ulsh, 47th; Harry Ulsh, Rt. 1, Shepherd.

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Pfc. Joseph O. Berland, 60th; Oscar Berland, Rt. 2, Lanesboro.

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MISSOURI

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NEBRASKA

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Pfc. Louis J. Comarada, 60th; Mrs. Alois Comarada, 290 Union Ave., Irvington.

Sgt. Patsy A. Colella, 39th; Mr. Nicholas Colella, 104 Chambers St., Newark.

Pfc. Raymond Earnest, 60th; Washie Earnest, Noble St., Mauricetown.

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Cpl. John P. Kozar, 47th; Mr. Michael Kozar, 589 Centre St., Trenton.

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Pvt. John H. Miravle, 60th; Nancy C. Miravle, New Tazewell.

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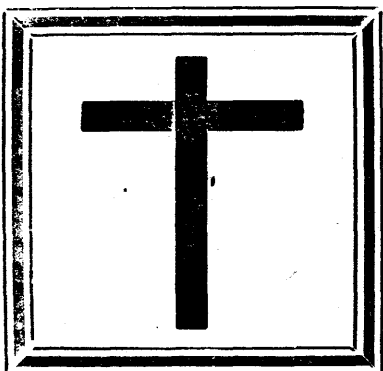
T-5 William W. Jones, Jr., Hq. Co.; Mrs. W. W. Jones, Rt. 1, Box 7, Marion.

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Pvt. Elmo H. Jarvis, 47th; Ellet Jarvis, Tariff.

"IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY MANSIONS"



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Pvt. Eddie B. Stewart, 47th; Jennie Hamilton, Rt. 3, Georgetown.

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Pfc. Lester L. Neal, 39th; Isabelle Neal, Richmore.

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Pvt. Ralph C. Bremer, 60th; Mrs. Marion Bremer, Summit Lake.

Pfc. Henry A. Olszowski, 39th; Albert Olszowski, 2148 S. 15th Pl., Milwaukee.

MEXICO

Sgt. Francisco G. Perez, 60th; Mrs. Trinidad G. Perez, Gen. Del. Jimenez, Coah. Mexico.

Philadelphia in July

If one month's mail received by all Veterans Administration offices (excluding hospitals) could be stacked in one column, the pile would be twice as high as Mount Everest.

Philadelphia in July

Veterans Administration requires about 130,000,000 administrative records—not including insurance, which has 100,000,000 records—to keep track of veterans and their families.

GENERAL DEVERS AT SHARON, PA.



General Jacob Devers and the welcoming group at Sharon, Pa., where the General delivered a militant Army Day address. General Devers paid particular compliments to the former Ninth men now living in the vicinity of Sharon. James R. Surles, 193 N. Oakland Ave., Sharon, Pa., sent in the above picture. Surles is the dignified character standing immediately in front of the General.

MAJOR ANTHONY DANNA MAILS FINE LETTER TO PALS OF CAPT. PAUL LYNCH

Maj. Anthony V. Danna, former C.O. Co. I, 39th, is now employed in the same office with J. C. Lynch, father of Captain Paul J. Lynch, who was killed beyond the Remagen bridgehead, made a very noble gesture in paying his last respects to Captain Lynch. The following form letter was sent out to 39th men just before the final burial of Captain Lynch:

To All Who Served in the 39th Infantry:

Greetings: Our former Buddy, Capt. Paul J. Lynch, who fought side by side with us through North Africa, Sicily, Chennoburg, St. Lo, The Bulge and finally made the supreme sacrifice beyond the Remagen bridgehead, is to be re-buried next Saturday, Dec. 20, at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Tenafly, N. J. Requiem Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul at Mt. Carmel Church, Highwood Ave., Tenafly, at 10 A. M.

Memorial Services will be held Friday evening, Dec. 19, at Quirk Funeral Home, 245 County Rd., Tenafly, N. J. Catholic War Veterans, V.F.W. and American Legion are planning to participate. We should like you to be present (if possible in uniform) at the Mass, but in any case please try to attend the Memorial services to honor one of our former Officers who was always held in high esteem by his men and fellow Officers.

Will look forward to seeing you again.

Yours sincerely,

ANTHONY V. DANNA,

Former CO Co. I.

Please pass the word along to those we may not be able to reach on account of change in address.

Many who attended the Mass or Memorial Services traveled long distances from Massachusetts — some were there from Philadelphia, and Father Sullivan came down from St. Bonaventure College, Olean, N. Y.

In a letter from Paul's dad giving The Octofoil these details, he advises of how he has enjoyed attending Ninth Division Association Reunions in New York and

Columbus, and is looking forward to seeing many of Paul's buddies in Philadelphia.

VISITS 9TH BOYS

While traveling over the country for the Pacific Coast Borax Co., with offices at 51 Madison Ave., New York, Mr. Lynch says he always calls on 9th men, and recalled pleasant visits with Mike Puzak, Pittsburgh; Irving Silverman and Charles Steinburg, Chicago; Doc Kohlmoos, San Francisco, and Bill Mooney, Los Angeles.

The following were present at the funeral services and burial: Major Anthony V. Danna, 39th.

Capt. A. L. Baker, Quincy, Mass.

Capt. and Mrs. J. A. Callahan, Philadelphia, Pa.

Father B. R. Kines, St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia.

Father F. J. Sullivan, St. Bonaventure's College, Olean, N. Y.

Cpl. Sam Miceli.

Sgt. Bob Maute.

Lt. John Murphy.

Capt. F. J. Nugent.

Sgt. Jack O'Shea.

Sgt. Peter A. Perrin.

Sgt. Bill Miller.

Sgt. and Mrs. Rudy Metz.

Cpl. John McGowan.

Pfc. Walter Sullivan.

Sgt. Janiero Prisco (Jeep driver for Captain Lynch.)

Sgt. A. Paralis.

Bn. Sgt. James J. Roche.

Capt. Brian J. Gallagher.

Major Harry Herman.

Lt. Frank Boldi.

FROM 47TH

Harry Whelan.

Jim Cotter.

Danny Nolan.

Lengthy newspaper writeups clipped from Captain Lynch's hometown newspaper very impressively give the details of the respect shown the family and the remains of their buddy former 9th men paid. Tenafly's flag hung at half-staff during the services. A police escort and color guard, and firing squad are most vividly portrayed in the newspaper articles. It is regretted that The Octofoil's lack of space prevents reprinting the articles in their entirety.

PENDLETON LIKES WOJTAS' STORIES

Roy E. Pendleton, Jr., former Co. L, 60th man, is now living on Rt. 1, Gate City, Va.

Ray says he enjoys reading The Octofoil and especially Vic Wojtas' Diary.

Ray sends a picture of some guys of Co. L, 60th, including himself, in the Bull Pen drinking beer at Fort Bragg after one of those marathon hikes in 1942.

(The Go-Devils picture was received at The Octofoil office after photographs for the current month had been sent to the photoengravers, but it will be used in the next issue.)

Quoting from the letter:

"I don't know any of the boys' address of Co. L that I knew. I would be pleased to hear from any of them and I would be sure to answer, and I sure would like to see some of them."

Roy closes his letter by saying he will see you all at the Philadelphia Reunion.

Uncle Sam Falls Down On Job

There are so many things that can happen occasionally that prevents a member from receiving The Octofoil it is difficult to put a finger on the exact cause. Sometimes the label isn't s' curely glued on, and other times mail clerks send them to the wrong postoffice and because The Octofoil is mailed as second class matter the receiving post office refuses to forward the paper.

The only complaint received so far concerning the last issue was from Frances Wolman, 74 Hillside Ave., Edwardsville, Pa. If any member fails to receive his copy of The Octofoil by the first of the month they should do like Wolman and drop a card in the mail box, stating the facts.

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By 1952, veterans and their families will number an estimated 62,300,000—or 43 per cent of the nation's population.

PLEASE, MISTER, DO YOU HAVE A SPARE BEDROOM?

The Octofoil is in receipt of a nice letter from Israel J. Heilweil, 1747 Pitkin Ave., Brooklyn 12, N. Y. Heilweil was with Cannon Co., 39th from July, 1944, until September, 1945.

At the present time he is attending college in New York City, but moves to Columbus, Ohio, to take up graduate work at Ohio State University about July 1.

He finds himself in the same predicament many members of the Columbus Chapter who attend Ohio State—no place for him and the charming Mrs. Heilweil to live.

The Octofoil makes a personal appeal to Ninth Infantry Association members in Columbus, and particularly those attending Ohio State University, to keep an eye open and both ears—and if they learn of any accommodations suitable for Mr. and Mrs. Heilweil please wire him at the address given above.

Philadelphia in July

Veeneman Really In Soft Drinks Bottling Business

During the past month The Octofoil received a nice letter from Harry Veeneman, Grafton, W. Va. Harry will be remembered as the driving force that kept plugging until the Illinois Chapter was an integral part of the National Association. Harry advises he has been in West Virginia a month and has located three or four former Ninth men and as soon as he has a little more time he will try and circularize the entire state.

When Veeneman told friends in Chicago that he was leaving to go into the soft drink business in the Hill Country, they thought it a "ruse," and that he was probably taking over some mountaineer's chain of stills. But they were entirely wrong. Veeneman and the charming Mrs. Veeneman are up to their ears in pushing their beverages and they are soft drinks.

The Grafton News recently printed a three-column picture of the establishment with the following write-up:

The mobile field laboratory of the American Bottlers of Carbonated Beverage, the national association of the bottled soft drink industry, made its only scheduled West Virginia stop in Grafton recently on a research trip which included Minneapolis and St. Louis.

The laboratory was under the direction of Harry E. Korab of Washington, D. C., a member of the technical staff of the association.

VISIT SCHOOL

While in Grafton the laboratory was moved to the high school, where students of the chemistry class under the direction of Lynn Faulkner, were shown the equipment used to check and maintain quality in beverages.

OKAYS GRAFTON'S PRODUCT

Mr. Korab was impressed by the natural water supply of Grafton and the modern plant of the Wonder Drink Co., which he said was outstanding (Veeneman's outfit).

"It is a wonderful plant that would pass any inspections of health laws anywhere and one that I did not expect to see in a community the size of Grafton. The people of this community have something in this operation they can be proud of."

Mr. Korab also checked the bottle washing process and marveled at the complete equipment to be found in the local plant. Samples of beverages produced here taken from stock and checked for taste, food value and carbonation and found to be equal or better than standards set by the franchise owners.

Veeneman's outfit service several states outside of West Virginia, including that part of Maryland where Fort Meade is located.

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FUTURE WAC FOR SGT. LEON ROBINS

Sergeant and Mrs. Leon D. Robins, Hdq. 772nd Military Police Bn., Fort George Meade, Maryland, send to The Octofoil a nifty little announcement card, which reads:

"We're happy and tickled And proud as can be Of the new little peach On our family tree! Name—Carol Ann. Weight—7 lbs. 2 oz. Arrived on 17 April, 1948.

Normans Say, "God Bless The 9th Div."

CAMPISI CLAIMS HOTEL WALLS BULGING BECAUSE OF THE CROWD

JAMES FLANAGAN, WOLLASTON; RONNIE MURPHY, CAMBRIDGE, AND VIC CAMPISI, WEST NEWTON, SECRETARY, WERE THE UNANIMOUS CHOICE OF THE NEW ENGLAND GROUP MEETING IN BOSTON.

By VICTOR A. CAMPISI,

Secretary, Director of Publicity, N. E. Chapter, 9th Inf. Div. Assn., P. O. Box 892, Boston, Mass.

Boston, Mass. — With the four walls of the exclusive Hotel Bradford Roof bulging as a result of a capacity crowd, the New England Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association successfully celebrated on Saturday, April 17, its annual grand reunion, banquet and election of officers.

During the afternoon business meeting held in the Oak Room, election of Chapter officers was conducted and the following men were unanimously selected to serve until April of next year:

President, James E. Flanagan, Wollaston; Treasurer, Ronnie Murphy, Cambridge, and Secretary, Victor A. Campisi, West Newton.

CONNOLLY ON EXEC. COM.

Martin D. Connolly, first president of the Chapter and one who deserves considerable credit and praise for his untiring efforts in organizing the local unit a year ago, was voted a member of the executive committee. Frank Page of Jamaica Plain, and Edward Shea, of Dorchester, former secretary and treasurer, respectively, were also elected to the executive committee. Other members of the committee include: Ralph Renna of Roxbury, Edward McGrath of Cambridge, Si Garber of Dorchester, John McLaughlin of Mattapan, Hank Handelman of Dorchester, Fred D'Amore of East Boston, Leo Stein of Jamaica Plain, and Sydney Levenson of Dorchester.

WAR FILMS SHOWN

Warm films showing in graphic detail the horrors of modern war and the heroic achievements of the Fighting Ninth Infantry Division in its various murderous military campaigns preceded the afternoon business meeting. A short Technicolor reel of the Columbus Convention was also shown. The films were procured by Jim Kelly, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, from Secretary-Treasurer Charles O. Tingley of the national office, and Paul Plunkett, of Columbus, Ohio. The pictures are so good that efforts are now being made to keep them until the next meeting, Tuesday, April 27, when it is planned to show them again.

FATHER CONNORS THERE

The evening's festivities began at 7 o'clock with an invocation by Rev. Edward T. Connors, of Worcester, a former divisional chaplain. After all appetites had been appeased, outgoing President Martin D. Connolly, who presided, introduced Rev. Connors as first speaker of the evening. The good father dispensed with the typical brand of Connors' humor, which is always so welcome. Then, turning to a more serious vein, Rev. Connors warned of the dangers of insidious Red propaganda and the spreading Communistic influence. The home, he said, is the basis of any society and should be the mainstay in the fight against Communism. In closing, Rev. Connors asked that we "fight Communism by making the home the most sacred, inviolable place in all this world."

TINGLEY TALKS

After reading a letter of regret from Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, Connolly introduced Charles Tingley, from the Washington office, as the next speaker.

Tingley complimented the Chapter for its aggressiveness and industriousness and gave particular praise to the Chapter newspaper, "Sound-Off." He also suggested that the Chapter defer purchasing Addressograph plates because he is now able to furnish the Chapter with monthly up-to-date strip lists. Apologies for the long delay in the long-awaited Division history book were voiced by Tingley. But tempers were soothed after Tingley explained the magnitude of the task surrounding the publication of the book. He assured the Chapter that after such

diligent attention to detail, the finished product would be one to cherish and certainly well worth waiting for. A belief that it would be finished and in the mails before the Philadelphia Convention, was expressed by the secretary-treasurer.

COL. STOREY SPEAKS

Col. Richard C. Storey, the gentleman through whose generosity the Chapter is provided spacious free quarters for its monthly meetings, followed Tingley to the rostrum and in one short minute acknowledged the plaudits voiced by Presiding Officer Connolly—praised the Chapter for its spirit and efficiency, and then retired to his seat.

FORMER GOVERNOR THERE

The featured speaker of the evening was the former Democratic Governor of Massachusetts, Maurice J. Tobin. The handsome, young, blue-eyed Irish politician scored Congressional members who are making a political football of UMT and President Truman's draft proposals. "Politicians are thinking more of the next elections than of America's future," he charged. Warning that the sacrifices of World War II be in vain, he urged all to write to their Congressmen and press for favorable action on both the draft and UMT. It is imperative, he said, that America be made strong and be kept strong so that Russia will respect us. Strength is the only argument they will respect, he added.

The dapper former governor also made public for the first time an observation voiced by the late General George S. Patton. General Patton, asserted Tobin, was doubtful from the first of the sincerity and cooperation of the Russian forces. He also foresaw the difficulties ahead and was firm in his declaration that force was the only persuader that Russia would heed. According to Tobin, Patton said that if he had had his way, he would have and could have imposed a military defeat upon the Russians and thus have assured the world of a lasting peace.

These sentiments were allegedly expressed by Gen. Patton several years ago during a visit to the Governor of this state, who at that time was Maurice J. Tobin.

DANCING UNTIL WEE HOURS

Entertainment and dancing until the wee hours of the morning followed Tobin's address. Funster Russ Howard, ace comic from Sally Keith's Crawford House, kept the audience in stitches with a steady patter of corn and chatter. Herb Lewis of the Copley Square Music Box and a recording artist of national fame as well, followed with a number of popular songs which left little to be desired. Joseph Lyons, one of our boys, exercised his Irish tenor with excellent results. Music was by John Hammer and his orchestra. Your red-faced reporter is unable to furnish you with the name of Hammer's charming vocalist.

MENU

The menu included fruit cup, celery, olives, roast stuffed turkey, green vegetables, chipped potatoes, dinner rolls, rosebud ice cream, pastries, and demi tasse.

The committee in charge of the affair was headed by James E. Flanagan and included Ed Shea, Ronnie Murphy, Hank Handelman, Tom DeLong, Fred D'Amore, Simon Garber, Red Byrne, George Bender, Eddie McGrath, Jim Kelly, Frank Page and Ralph Renna.

DISA AND DATA

An erroneous belief is entertained by some members that there is an extra cost involved in belonging to both the national association and the local chapter. If you have paid your dues direct to national headquarters, you are eligible at NO ADDITIONAL FEE, to join the local chapter. However, it is requested that all dues be paid through the chapter because the national organization gives the chapter treasuries a percentage of all dues collected.

RESPONSE GOOD

The response to the published query on Octofoil stickers for auto windshields and metal Octofoil tags for license plates has been terrific. No negative replies were received but many more were in favor of the sticker idea. Indicative of the fact that interest in this matter is not merely local but nationwide is the large number of letters received from 20 other states after the idea was printed in The Octofoil. At the April 17 Massachusetts State Convention, your reporter learned from Secretary Tingley that national headquarters will soon have these stickers available for distribution to chapters and individuals. More and probably final information on this matter will be contained in the next issue.

TINGLEY HOLDS UP SHOW

The afternoon business meeting of the N. E. Chapter, scheduled for 2 P. M. at the April 17 convention was started more than an hour late after members agreed to wait for the national secretary-treasurer, Charles O. Tingley, who was late flying in from Washington, D. C.

Retiring President Martin D. Connolly opened the meeting by reading the minutes of the first meeting and followed with a brief history of the local chapter. Much of the chapter's success is due to Marty's grand job as the local unit's first presiding officer.

KELLY ON THE BEAM

Jim Kelly of the entertainment committee, is letting no grass grow under his feet. He already has tentative plans for Chapter summer activities at sea shore resorts. Delegates from the New Haven, Conn. Chapter were present at the Massachusetts State Convention.

GOOD SPIRITS

Friendliness and good spirits were flowing all night long in the adjacent bar of the Bradford Roof during the festivities.

PAY DUES NOW!

Have you paid your '48 dues? If not, please send \$3.50 in cash, check or money order to the N. E. Chapter, Ninth Infantry Division Association, P. O. Box 892, Boston, Mass.

Have you moved lately? If so, please let your Chapter know. It is important that we be notified of all changes of addresses so that we may continue to send you your copy of "Sound-Off."

MOVIE AT MARCH MEETING

The March 10 monthly meeting of the Chapter was spiced by a movie program secured by Henry Handelman, "The '47 World Series between Brooklyn and the Yanks," a minstrel show, football, fights between Braddock-Louis and Schmeling-Louis, and musical shorts with girl singers and dancers featured the cinema presentation.

PAGING DICK CORBIN

Henry, incidentally, is a former member of Co. B, 15th Engrs. He was married June 22, 1947, and now makes his home at 55 Park Dr., Boston, and is employed as a salesman by the Berkley Shoe Corp., Cambridge. He has asked to be remembered to Dick Corbin, Columbus, Ohio.

Do you remember Robert Gibson, former T-5 with Co. A of the 15th Engrs.? He is now "one of Boston's finest" and lives at 26 Summer St., Hyde Park, with his wife, whom he married on April 27, 1947.

Leap Year still hasn't affected Edmund Bartowicz, another former member of Co. A of the 15th Engrs. Still single, he resides at 7 Herberton Rd., Jamaica Plain, and is employed as a bell boy at Hotel Statler, Boston.

REMEMBER DATES

That's all for now. Remember, our meetings are held monthly on the last Tuesday of every month at the First Corps Cadet Armory, Arlington St. and Columbus Ave., Boston, Mass. Whaddya say? Gonna be at the next one?

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Of the 200,000 Veterans Administration employees, 87 per cent of the males and 17 per cent of the women are veterans.

PEASANTS IN NORMANDY ARE LIVING A HARD LIFE -- BUT ARE THANKFUL TO THE NINTH DIVISION

ROADS STILL LINED WITH FOXHOLES . . . NEVER-TO-BE-FORGOTTEN HEDGEROWS DISPLAY THE BIG HOLES MADE BY G.I. BULLDOZERS

By PAT DUNNAHOO

Normandy, France.—The Normandy countryside, where in the early summer of 1944, Ninth Division G.I.s fought "The Battle of the Hedgerows" is today a strange mixture of picturesque, peaceful beauty and of gaunt, ugly war scars.

The orchards are filled with fragrant, blooming fruit trees—at the roots of many of which lies rusting war materiel, both German and American, discarded four years ago, and ranging from ration tins to heavy weapons.

In the fields, wooden-shoed peasants plow, their furrows circling, but not interrupted by half-burned German Panther tanks and anti-aircraft guns.

The narrow sunken roads of Normandy are shady and pleasant—and many of them are lined with fox holes and with piles of metal scraps of destroyed army vehicles.

ROADS DESERTED

Once crowded with infantry troops and mechanized equipment, the roads are deserted today except for herds of white-faced cattle. The milk-maids who drive the animals must take care that the cattle do not stumble in the shell craters which still dot many of the roads.

Most of the hedgerows (what Ninth G.I. who fought in Normandy will ever forget them?) are thick and luxuriously green (and still filled with briars) but others are battered and shell-torn. In one section of Normandy, it is possible to walk for a long distance from field to field through the openings made in the hedgerow by American Army bulldozers.

In several villages, one side of "Main Street" (often the only street) presents a typical French scene: An unbroken row of stone houses, blooming plants in window boxes; bicycles standing at the doors; women pumping water; chickens scratching in the dirt. The other side of the street is in ruins, not one house standing.

Some reconstruction of war-damaged buildings has begun but high costs and the shortage of building stone is delaying repairs.

PROVIDE BARRACKS

For the people of France whose homes were totally destroyed in the war, the government has provided wooden barracks to be used as houses. There are many of the barracks structures in Normandy, both in villages and in the country. And when placed between two centuries-old thatched roof cottages, the unpainted wooden buildings do provide a striking contrast!

The barracks are also used for churches in many villages for there has been very little reconstruction of war-damaged religious structures.

And in some towns, the wooden barracks house cafes, for a cafe is a necessity, of course, for all French villages. Even in these difficult, post-war times, every peasant allows himself the luxury of an occasional glass of calvados—

(which, incidentally, is still as potent as ever.)

Life is not easy today for the people of Normandy. Prices are high, and even for these farmers, food is not overly abundant. Agricultural machinery in the area is virtually non-existent and fertilizer, always necessary for cultivating crops in France, is very scarce.

Many of them lost everything they owned in the war. Even those whose homes emerged intact from the fighting, suffer from the inflation and shortages of goods which beset the French economy today.

"Still," says the peasants, "Normandy has survived many periods of chaos and she will survive this one. And, while we suffered in the war and are suffering today, at least we're free from the Nazi occupation."

Time will eventually remove the battle scars from Normandy—the shell craters, the war materiel—houses and churches will be rebuilt, the barracks houses replaced by permanent homes.

GOD BLESS THE NINTH DIVISION

But time will not erase the gratitude which the Normandy peasants have for the Ninth Infantry Division G.I.s, who liberated the region in 1944.

(Pat Dunnahoo was taken ill shortly after reaching France is the reason no story was printed by him in the last issue of The Octofoil. Now that he has fully recovered the members can look for his stories from month to month. He probably will be writing his next story from the vicinity of Cherbourg.)

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YARDBIRD JONES

Sergeant: "What are you in the guardhouse for this time, Private Jones?"

Private: "Aw, just because the supply sergeant couldn't find a uniform for a couple of weeks."

Sergeant: "I don't get it."

Private: "Oh, I was in the uniform."

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THAT DOUGHNUT HOLE

'Twixt optimist and pessimist The difference is quite droll. The optimist sees the doughnut. The pessimist sees the hole:

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PAGING MRS. FDR

Of all the descriptions of Mrs. FDR,

This one is the best by far: Quoting, "Round and round she goes, And where she stops nobody knows."

Holes In Hedgerows Stand As Reminders



The above picture was made by Pat Dunnahoo while visiting in Normandy. The gap made by a G.I. bulldozer still stands as a reminder of the rugged days and nights Ninth Division men put in among these hedge rows.

MINUTES OF RECENT BOARD MEETING

CONFEDERATION OF FORMER COMBAT SOLDIERS WILL HAVE DEFINITE SPOT ON CONVENTION PROGRAM

DOES SOME MEMBER WANT TO ADOPT FUENTES TO SAVE DEPORTATION? REMEMBER WHEN HE STRUNG WITH 60TH, BEING WOUNDED TWICE?

The eleventh meeting of the Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held in the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Room 486, Philadelphia, Pa., on the 8th day of May, 1948, at 1300 hours, EDST, pursuant to written notice mailed on 28th April 1948, as provided for in Section 21 of the By-Laws of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

MEMBERS PRESENT

President Henry S. Rigby.
Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy.
Michael Puzak.
Albert E. Bruchac.
John Whitmore.
Col. John G. Van Houten.
Robert W. Robb.
Donald M. Clarke.
Miss Venona E. Terry acted as recorder.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Henry S. Rigby, at 1300 hours, EDST.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Board of Governors were read by the President and approved as read by the members present.

CONFEDERATION DISCUSSED

The study prepared by General Stroh and Mr. Robb, ordered at the last Board meeting, proposing a national organization of the Division Associations, was presented by Mr. Robb. Mr. Bruchac moved that this proposal be brought to the floor of the convention; Mr. Clarke seconded the motion and it was carried. It was suggested that Mr. Robb write a letter to the Editor of The Octofoil, to be published, emphasizing the fact that this proposal will be brought in. It was also suggested that all Chapters be notified of the article and reminded that the proposal is being brought up at the convention and urge that they discuss it in chapter meetings.

The bids for the 1949 convention were presented by the President. After discussion, Col. Van Houten moved and Mr. Clarke seconded a site for the fourth annual convention. The motion was carried unanimously. (Announcement of 1949 convention site will be announced at the third annual convention.)

NEW YORK'S REQUEST

Mr. Rigby read a letter from the New York Chapter requesting permission from the National Association to incorporate as a membership corporation under the laws of the State of New York. Mr. Bruchac pointed out that under the present set-up the officers are responsible for any debts of the Association and that there would be no obligation to the National Association in giving this permission. He then moved that the National Association write a letter to the New York Chapter authorizing them to incorporate in the State of New York with no obligation to the National Chapter. This was seconded by Mr. Puzak and the members present passed the motion. Mr. Robb then suggested that the National office write letters to the other chapters informing them of this action by the New York Chapter and urging them to take similar action as soon as practicable.

CHICAGO'S REQUEST

A discussion was brought up by the President concerning a request by the Chicago Chapter to be reimbursed for expenses which the Chapter considered organizational expenses. It was pointed out that the bill presented by the Chicago Chapter could not be considered as strictly organizational expenses. After further discussion, Col. Van Houten moved that the Board of Governors hold that any organizing expenses reimbursable to chapters shall consist of postage, stationery and mailing expenses and that the amount will be returned by the chapters as soon as possible; that the amount advanced to any chapter will be left to the discretion of the President and, in no case, shall exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00). Mr. Whitmore seconded the motion and it was passed by the members present. Mr. Rigby then ordered that the National Office write a letter to Walter Mahon, of Chicago, informing him of this action and quote from the minutes of the last annual convention: "... local organizations would be partly financed by the Association, i.e., appropriating to the local organiza-

tion money for postage and stationery in carrying out the following objectives:

1. To contact all members of the Association living in that state or locality.
2. Contact the next-of-kin of deceased members of the Division in order to furnish first-hand information as to how their loved ones met death, where they are buried and the names of former pals.
3. That local organizations were in a position to contact eligible members and urge them to join the Association.

2. Take an active part in the Association by setting as a goal, the enrollment of at least one new member during the coming year.

Col. Van Houten then suggested that the National Office write to Morris Olender, who is Chairman of the Committee on Local Chapter Policy, and tell him that this is a temporary measure and should be studied further and other proposals submitted.

TINGLEY'S SUGGESTION

The President stated that Mr. Tingley, National Secretary-Treasurer, had made a suggestion that, at a future convention, the pictures and negatives which had been submitted to Capt. Mittelman for consideration for the history be posted, indexed and made available to the members of the Association attending the Convention. He explained that it would take some time to organize this work and he felt that it could not be done at this convention. The measure was shelved until a later meeting.

CONVENTION PLANS

Convention plans for 1948 convention were then discussed. The price of the banquet ticket (\$5.00) and a registration fee of \$2.00 was discussed. The seating arrangement was discussed and it was agreed that arrangement by outfits should be carried out.

The Master of Ceremonies and speakers for the banquet are to be announced later.

Mr. Rigby then presented the program as planned by the Convention Committee. The program follows:

Thursday, July 29, 1948

Registration.
8:00—Reception in Betsy Ross Room, which will have bar. Movies will be shown.

Thursday night the wives, mothers and girl friends will attend radio show.

Friday, 30 July, 1948

9-11—Registration.
11-2 (or later)—Business meeting of all members of Association in Ballroom.

Committees organized and later in the afternoon adjourn to rooms designated for committee work toward recommendations to be presented at business session Saturday.

Friday Night

Ballroom arranged in cabaret style; informal dance and a show by hypnotist. Bar for exclusive use of members of the Association in the Ballroom.

Saturday, 31 July 1948

Morning—Memorial services at Independence Square.
1-5—Business meeting in Ballroom.

7:00—Banquet and Dance in the Ballroom.

A discussion of the Committee Chairmen took place. The President explained that the appointments had not yet been made definite but that he would notify the National Secretary as soon as possible.

COL. VAN HOUTEN REPORTS FOR HISTORY COMMITTEE

Col. Van Houten gave the following report for the History Committee:

Captain Mittelman moved to Columbus, Friday, April 30; took all unfinished maps (14) with him. The 14 maps are all the unfinished work remaining to be done on the history. The Preface is

written, but the Appendix is not yet complete. All work was proof-read by two college professors. He announced that unless the printers fell down on the work, the book would be out before the Convention—and the printers feel confident that it will be done.

General Eddy then moved that the History Committee be authorized to spend up to \$250.00 for speed-up work which the printers could furnish. Mr. Puzak seconded this motion and it was carried.

MR. ROBB ON FINANCES

Mr. Robb then brought up a discussion of the financial status of the Association. He pointed out that we are not taking in as much as we are spending and that it would just be a matter of time until our surplus will be exhausted. With that in mind, he suggested that some expert on organization be brought into the Association and paid to do promotional work for the Association. He pointed out that he would be a high-paid man and that it would either make or break the Association but in view of the fact the Association is slowly starving to death, it was worth the try. General Eddy then moved that Mr. Robb draw up a plan to get an organizer and present his proposal to the Board of Governors meeting to be called on Wednesday, July 28th. Col. Van Houten seconded this motion and it was carried.

BRUCHAC'S REPORT

Mr. Bruchac then reported that he had been asked by the National Secretary to attend a meeting of the Commission for International Educational Reconstruction held at the International Building in New York City on 28th April, 1948. Mr. Bruchac reported that the commission was interested in getting the organizations of American Veterans of the Bulge to cooperate in a plan to memorialize their fallen comrades by rebuilding one or more of the destroyed schools of Bastogne. Mr. Bruchac presented the plan for the school as was presented at the meeting. It was decided that this project be referred to the Miscellaneous Committee for study and recommendation.

60TH'S ADOPTED BOY

President Rigby then reported that the Association had been contacted by various individuals and organizations concerning the case of Fuentes. Fuentes is a French boy who was picked up by the Division in Africa, and adopted by the 60th Inf. He was wounded twice and then transferred to the 45th Division and was later brought to this country for hospitalization. Now the immigration officers have caught up with him and he is at Ellis Island awaiting deportation. A discussion took place concerning the responsibility of the Association for the plight of the man and it was brought out that Congress would probably let him remain in this country if someone would take the responsibility for him after release. It was decided that the Association could take no such responsibility, but that the case should be studied further and if we could exert any influence in having the man either remain in this country or return to his country voluntarily without importation—without the association resuming any personal responsibility for him—it should be done.

The President then asked for further business and there being none, the meeting was adjourned at 1545 hours, EDST.

Philadelphia in July

Mankowski Wants Wake Up Cannon Co. 39th Inf. Boys

Leo J. Mankowski, 1908 12th Ave., South Milwaukee, Wis., invites any former Ninth men passing his way to stop in his place of business for a super banana split on the house. The address is D. & L. Sweet Shop, 4771 South Packard Ave., Cudahy, Wis. Leo didn't say so, but you can bet a pretty penny he can get you an awful mess of pig feet and what goes good with that delicacy out there in that south Milwaukee municipality of Cudahy.

Quoting further from the letter Leo complains about not having seen any dope about his former buddies from Cannon Co., 39th.

Leo and his wife of seven months are planning on attending the Reunion. Accompanying them will be Dale Keilty from Illinois.

"LIBERATED LOOT" YOU HEARD ABOUT



Pictured above is quite an assortment of "liberated loot," numbering some 3,000 souvenirs. Admiring the collection is M. Davide Wiener, 37 W. 39th St., New York 18, N. Y. Through the cooperation of Johnny Trevelese "The Barber," Wiener was able to send this unusual collection home safely.

THEY ARE ALL GOING TO PHILLY THIS SUMMER

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Bill Klaus, 505 E. 79th St., New York, N. Y., is attending the convention and would like to see some of his buddies there—fellow officers of the 47th, the greatest, and grandest bunch of fellows I have had the pleasure to serve with, adds Bill.

Ray Nichols, West Rd., Orleans, Mass., has made his reservation at the Ben Franklin Hotel and wants his ticket for the banquet.

Joseph Di Duro, 207 High St., Geneva, N. Y., is going to try to make the convention in July. Joe has never attended a Reunion—he has been too busy with his shoe repair business, which he started when he was discharged, but he is making his plans early and hopes to make it. Di Duro was formerly of Co. M, 60th Inf.

Gaw J. Sparks, Green Mountain, N. C., got his dues in this month—apologized for being late and explained that he had been too busy farming and saw milling. He thinks the Octofoil is a fine paper and doesn't want to miss a copy. Gaw wants to get the boys of the 376th AAA Bn., A Btry., on the ball. He wants to know how many are going to be at the convention. He and Mrs. Sparks have attended both previous conventions and expect to be in Philly in July and expects to see some of his Buddies from the old outfit. Gaw became the proud father of a 6-3-4-pound boy, Aurette Allen, on Feb. 26 of this year.

Roy P. Dougherty, 1419 Rosalie St., Philadelphia, formerly of

Hq. Co., 47th Inf., sent in 1947 and 1948 dues and reports that he will be looking for some of the old gang at convention time in the City of Brotherly Love.

Lt. Col. H. A. Schmidt, Military Dept., North Georgia College, Dahlonega, Ga., thinks there will be a good representation at the convention from the Georgia Chapter. He is just keeping his fingers crossed and waiting.

Oscar W. Richards, formerly of Cannon Co., 60th Infantry, who now lives at 529 Achille Rd., Oakmont Park, Havertown, Pa., will be at the convention.

Saford Hall, 2506 Mass. Ave., Roanoke, Va., has made reservations for two at the banquet in Philadelphia. Saford was formerly T-Sgt. of 60th Infantry.

Harold W. Smith, 1321 W. 42nd St., Baltimore 11, Md., formerly of 60th Regt., has also made his plans to be at the Banquet.

Richard S. Dougherty, 1117 Fairdale St., Pittsburgh, Pa., formerly Captain, Co. A, 47th Inf., has already made his reservations for two at the banquet.

Fred J. Bell, 328 Grant St., Niles, O., hopes to see his friends of Dog Co., 60th Inf.—He was a member of the 3rd Plt. (Mortar), while he is in Philadelphia this summer. Fred enjoys reading The Octofoil and is always looking for news of the men in his outfit.

WOLMAN SAYS THE 899TH T.D.s ARE WAKING UP

Francis Wolman, 74 Hillside Ave., Edwardsville, Pa., is a happy lad and believes in the slogan "It Pays to Advertise." Since he started needling those 899th T.D.s they begin coming out of their shells and letting their buddies know where they are. Wolman is particularly pleased with reading Hal Christianson's and Keith Brant's short notes in the last issue of The Octofoil.

OCTOFOL THE BEST

Quoting from the letter: "Another month and another edition of the greatest monthly publication in circulation. That is my opinion of The Octofoil and I believe everyone else will agree with me."

BRUNNER'S COAT

Wolman reminds the old gang of Les Brunner's long coat. Les was one New Yorker who didn't care for formality. That coat was

several sizes too big but he liked it that way. It seems Les was on some flat ground one day quite a distance from his buddies and from a distance he looked like a Kraut with that long coat—so they began firing on him. According to Wolman, after that Brunner wore very short coats. He doubts whether he even would wear a long coat on the Sidewalks of New York to this day.

Wolman is still plugging for that overseas excursion, and the perseverance of that lad, he'll probably keep plugging until he gets some results.

PAGING DOC BLENCHARD

In closing Wolman inquires as to the whereabouts of Doc Blenchard, saying there's a guy everyone knows. He could have some great stories to tell that would burn up the pages of our paper.

CORN BREAD BALLAD

Pepsi Cola hits the spot, Nickel, nickel and all that sort of rot.

Personally I prefer by far, That stuff that passes from behind the bar.

The Ohio Group Propose Chartering A Bus for Trip to the Third Reunion

On Wednesday night, May 19, the Ohio Group of the Ninth Infantry Division Association met in the clubrooms of the Old Timers Baseball Club, 208 1/2 N. High St., Columbus, O. President Glenn O. Moore presided at the meeting.

The main subject discussed was the possibility of chartering a bus to make the trip to Philadelphia to the Reunion, thereby reducing transportation costs and making it possible for more of the members to be able to attend.

CO-ORDINATOR APPOINTED

Members desiring to ride on this Ninth Division Special should contact Pearl Nickles, 1548 South Fourth St., Columbus, O. Telephone GA. 7042. Nickles was appointed co-ordinator of this project. Definite time of departure from Columbus will be in the next issue of Octofoil. Members living between Columbus and Pittsburgh will be picked up en route. Members living in Southern and Northern Ohio can well afford to travel individually into Columbus and then join up with this Caravan of former Ninth men when they "move out." When 37 applications for reservations have been received Nickles will be unable to accommodate more. The Chapter would be unwilling to assume the responsibility for contracting for another bus. Just imagine traveling with 37 former Ninth men on cushions and not in a G.I. truck where 37 were packed into the space of seven. Hurry up, fellows,

time's a-wastin'.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In response to a letter from President Henry S. Rigby, asking Chapters to forward recommendations for committee assignments, the Ohio Chapter forwarded to the National President the following recommendations:

Nominations—Richard Pestel, Vice-President of the Ohio Group. Local Chapter Policy—Captain Billy R. Downey. History—Paul S. Plunkett. Finance—Glenn O. Moore. Miscellaneous—Richard Newell. Convention—Pearl Nickles. Newspaper—Paul S. Plunkett.

THANK ANON

The \$1 sent to Columbus Chapter through The Octofoil from the Philadelphia Anonymous led to be applied to the local Gold Star Mothers' Fund, was accepted with gratitude.

NICKLES ILL

Ever since shortly after the night of Pearl Nickles' big birthday party at the Franklin Post, American Legion, Pearl has been confined to his home suffering from a malaria fever condition.

He has decided to give up the grocery business when he fully recovers and re-enter school.

Many members of the Ohio Chapter who attend Ohio State University will be leaving for their homes for the summer vacation shortly and no doubt attendance at meetings held in Columbus will be rather slim during that period.

Columbus Chapter's Pretty 'Mascot'



The Octofoil will probably catch hell for running a picture of one of those boys in blue. But some members will consider this incident justified. Pictured above is Lt. L. F. Schnell, Operations Officer, Port Columbus, Ohio, and Pretty Jeanne Cork, active member of Sempler Fidelis Club of the WBA. The picture was made shortly after Lt. Gen. Eddy's plane had taken off from the Airport. Jeanne had accompanied a group of Ohio Chapter members to the airport to see the General's party take off, and while out there took occasion to give the Operations Officer a good sales talk on the merits of the VFW's Poppy Sale movement. Most of Sempler Fidelis funds are used to see that the disabled veterans' lives are made more pleasant. "Corky" takes a lot of interest in the Ohio Chapter; she has subscribed for her copy of the history and The Octofoil and co-operates in all of the Ohio Chapter's worthwhile activity. Says she's going to Philadelphia. Do you blame the Ohio group from "adopting" this pin-up gal? She'll be the hostess on that chartered bus the Ohio group is running to Philadelphia. All aboard gang—better get reservations in early!

CARMECI SENDS CO. M, 39th DOPE

Anthony J. Carmeci, 541-61st St., West New York, N. J., writes The Octofoil as follows:

Now a few newsy notes of interest to former members of Co. M, 39th:

Bodies of Meyer Kaufman, New York; Nick Soriano, New York, and Jack Ebberts, Idaho, were returned to the states. Andy Wollhok, of New York, and I inquired as to burial service of Meyer Kaufman and it seems the next-of-kin had decided on a private funeral, the place and time not given, so we couldn't attend.

Pat Solmaine is Company Commander of his Willys Agency, better known as Solmaine Motors, in

Gardnerville, N. Y. He finally married his favorite redhead, Jean.

The great "Meatball," known through the AAA-O Regt., has migrated to the West—Arizona, to be exact, and has opened up a "Beanery," with the knowledge he acquired as a first cook in the Co. M galley.

I'd also like to hear from someone who knows the whereabouts of Nicholas J. Asperger, Co. M, formerly of Detroit.

Enclosed is my contribution to the Gold Star fund. No need to add I'll be in Philly in July.

Intend bringing the Missus—and my many buddies in these aarts plan likewise.

Keep those Octofoils coming our way.—Anthony J. Carmeci.

HERE AND THERE BUT STILL THINKING OF THE DIVISION

On 26 April Lt. Col. H. R. Phipps sent a notice to change his address from 472 Federal Bldg., Detroit, Mich., to care American Embassy, 2 Queens Sofia Blvd., Athens, Greece.

T. G. Strong, formerly of Div. Hq., now living at 2206 N. 10th St., Terre Haute, Ind., writes that he is preparing to graduate from college and is very busy—too busy, in fact, to make the convention this year.

Melvin E. Tillman sent in his initiation fee of \$10 recently. He is now at Fort Dix, N. J. (Det. 1, 1262nd ASU), and writes:

"I failed for some reason—I don't know why—to join the Association before leaving the Division in 1945. I have been wondering ever since how to go about joining. A few days ago I had the good fortune of meeting Captain W. Horan, who I knew from the Ninth Division. He gave me two copies of The Octofoil, from which I secured an application blank and am sending to you.

"I was very impressed by only two copies of The Octofoil and want to insure receiving it regularly beginning soon.

"And now, I would like to say the Ninth Division was a fine outfit and I think the Ninth Division Association is a wonderful organization and regret not being a member before. I am looking forward to my copy of 'Eight Stars to Victory,' and I hope to see many of you at Philadelphia. I would like very much to hear from any of the fellows from Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 47th, and the ones who took basic with me at 6th Bn, IRTC, Camp Wheeler, Ga., before joining the 9th Div."

Pfc. Tillman sent three photos, one taken at Bragg, one in Sicily and another in England. Two were too shaded to come out good cuts, but one will make an excellent cut and will be used in the next issue.

Ralph L. Hopp, 34446 W. 12th, Indianapolis 22, Ind., announces that on March 10, he became the father of a baby boy, Russell James. He wants the boys of K Co., 60th, to know that if they

require a good Doc in two years or so, he hopes to be available. Ralph is now attending Indiana University Medical School, and would like to hear from the boys in his old outfit.

Hal Raber, Rt. 2, 115-A, Lebanon, Ore., headed for Louisiana shortly after his discharge, and married the girl he met while he was stationed at Shreveport. He, the Mrs., and their fine 19-month-old girl, have built a house near Lebanon, Ore. Hal will not be able to attend the convention this year as he has other plans, but hopes to attend a convention one of these days. He writes: "I guess it's about time I was getting my 1948 dues paid. I have been lost since the paper stopped coming. There is always so much to read in it and as a rule there are several fellows names in it who were in my company.

"I am just like all the rest of the fellows who served with the great Ninth Division. I know it's the best outfit there ever was in the United States Army. I have been quite busy since I left the Proud Ninth. Now that I have more spare time I'll try to write in a letter now and then.

"I want to say 'hello' to all the men of the Ninth Div. I hope everyone the best of luck in the world. Please print my address in the paper and tell my buddies to drop me a few lines. I was with Co. E, 47th. I hope to get a paper in the very near future."

Kenneth W. Hill, Box 782, Brownfield, Tex., writes that he was hoping to attend the Reunion in Philly, but has decided to go to school through the summer term. Kenneth states that he reads The Octofoil closely but seldom sees any news of the boys he knew and fought with, although he was with the outfit a long time. In fact, from the capture of Bizerte until the finish with a little lost time while recuperating from a million dollar wound.

Donald W. Cole, formerly of 47th, is attending school in New York now, but has not been able to give a permanent address. He still gets his mail at Etna, Maine.

TWIN CITIES CHAPTER HAS A GOOD START

By N. J. "CHICK" HENNEN, 3455 Irving Ave., North Minneapolis 12, Minn.

The Twin Cities Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association got off to a fine start in its organizational meeting in April. Named as president was Thomas F. Solon, 4757 Bryant Ave., S.; N. J. Hennen, 3455 Irving Ave., N., is vice president, and Richard W. Sims, 5309 Abbott Ave., S., secretary-treasurer. All are from Minneapolis.

The groundwork for future activities was laid in appointment of various committees. Most important is the membership committee, assigned to Paul Johnson, 1827 14th Ave., S., Minneapolis. He is assisted by James Joyce, 1615 Ashland Ave., and Earl J. Michaelson, 1624 Breda Ave., both of St. Paul. During the past month work in this department has made rapid strides. Prospective members have been circulated by means of cards and mimeographed bulletins. Already replies have been had from former Ninth Division men now living in outlying Minnesota towns.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

A Constitution and By-Laws Committee, consisting of Thomas Solon, Ted Younquist, and Paul Johnson has been hard at work framing a suitable charter for guidance of the Twin Cities chapter, the final draft being presented for consideration at the May 23 meeting.

In order to facilitate attendance by members who live at some distance, and also to avoid conflict with regularly scheduled week-day meetings of various groups, it was decided to make the meeting date on Sunday afternoon. Call to order is set for 1500 hours. Next meeting is set for Sunday afternoon, June 13. Delegates to the National Convention will be named then.

MEETING PLACE

Meeting place is the beautiful officers' club at Fort Snelling, which lies midway between the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and

St. Paul. Picnic grounds in conjunction with the club make it an ideal place in summer for families of members to rendezvous while the head of the house attends the monthly meeting. Dining room privileges can also be reserved, so inclement weather should act as no deterrent.

Interested Gophers who want to know more about the Twin Cities Chapter of the Ninth are urged to contact any of the above officers or committee members tout-de-suite.

Philadelphia July 29-30-31 A Summer Picnic For the Greater Detroit Chapter

Joe Casey, genial secretary of the Greater Detroit Chapter 8621 Colfax, Detroit 4, Mich., explains to The Octofoil he held up his copy last month until their new meeting place had been obtained. In Joe's interesting report from the Motor City full information is given relative to the new meeting place and its accommodations.

Joe's letter: The fellows are going to plan on Sunday afternoon, June 13, for that summer picnic for the fellows and their families, a bit later in the summer. Those families are pretty important now—the fellows talk about them after the business part of our meetings, and speak of them because they missed a meeting.

The last meeting was well attended, even though the second Sunday of the month was also Mothers' Day. After the half hour of business, the members chatted about their families, and their jobs, and the new home they expect to get soon, and the new laws that are going to grass and about the annual spring house-cleaning, and a bit about the good old days too.

One of our best liked and most active members left our Greater Detroit Chapter to accept an invitation that probably started with the word "Greetings." But Lt. Col. Phipps promised to send us a card from Texas, or Brooklyn, or some other country—to say that he is having a swell time, and is wishing he could be with us. We all hope he can return to our Chapter to tell us all about this trip with our rich Uncle Sammy!

On the Sidewalks of New York

By STAN COHEN

New York is a big place, but not as big as the sandwiches that one can get at Getzy Schiff's Restaurant at 309 W. 37th St. Betzy, as stomachs will never forget, was with the 47th Reg. Hq. mess crew. . . . Walking down 42nd St. a beautiful coffee aroma hit my nose. I glanced up and noticed Walter Wolfson staring out the window of the Empire Coffee Shop at 323 W. 42nd St. Walter was with the M.P.s and now has charge of the Empire Shop in New York. . . . Rudy Walzer, formerly of the 9th Medics, now living at 1205 43d St., was married on Oct. 7. . . . What of the new additions: Bernie Stein's wife gave birth March 23 to a bouncing boy, Robert Lee. Bernie was with the 84th F.A. Med. and is now living at Brenton Hall Hotel on 86th St. Howie Haberman's wife, Clementine, on Mar. 5, presented him with a sweet little girl named Barbara Adelle. Howie is now a salesman and lives at 500 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn. He was with C Co., 60th Inf.

If you are ever in the need for a welcomed bottle of brew, stop in at 406 Prospect Place at Frank Surmazwawiz's New Bar & Grill. Frank was married soon after he came home to Dora. Mr. S. was with the 60th C Co. . . . Harold Pepper married his wife, Francis, in Winchester, England, and they are housekeeping at 1696 3rd Ave., in New York. . . . Still in the game of medicine, Kenneth Chaplin, formerly 9th Med, D. C. is an X-ray technician at the Columbia Pres. Med. Center. He is now living at 447 Bainbridge Ave. Oh, I'm an old timer, said Mac Katz, a baker from the 39th Inf. My boy, Arnold, is one year old; my wife Esther, and I, have our pup tent at 255 Penn. Ave., in Brooklyn. . . . Louis Escobar of 757 Kelly St., Bronx, out of G Co., 47th, has two children—a boy 4 1/2, and a girl. His wife, Martha, has established some extra points for Louis. . . . William Weinstein, a clothing salesman of 4702 15th Ave., Brooklyn, from C Btry., 60th F.A., announced his wife, Ruby, gave birth to a boy on Jan. 10—so he says with a proud chest.

Babino De Rose of 520 Main St., Lodi, N. J., will be married in June to Marie Local. Babino was a cook with the 60th FA Service Btry. . . . A bright smile on Tony Matuza's face indicated he is a Newlywed. Yes, he married the gal of his dreams—Mary, and they have established headquarters at 76 Linden Ave., Hempstead, L. I. Tony was with the 60th Inf. C Co., and is now a greens keeper at the Hempstead Golf Links. . . . Peter Mastrangell of 2199 First Ave., who was with the 47th, B Co., will marry Antoinette DeSimone very shortly—May 29, to be exact.

All contributions will be welcomed and kept by Jim Murphy—why shouldn't they? P. S.: Jim is with the Tax Div. . . . and John J. Sheehey, former 60th Inf Personnel Sergeant Major, is literally sweating it out. . . . His wife is expecting.

They come in from all parts of the United States whenever 9th Division is mentioned. This week Carl Heintze of 1839 2nd St., Napa, Calif., dropped down to say "Hello." He is studying journalism at Columbia. He was with L Co., 39th Inf.

I have just about exhausted the file when I remembered, Mrs. Spencer's daughter, Ann, will marry Jack Langstine at St. Brenden's on May 29th.

Yup . . . it all happened in New York this last month.

Our next meeting, June 13, will be the last one before the July Convention. Some of our members are trying to arrange for a few days' vacation—the last of July, of course. Talking the boss into a three-day pass is just like talking to the Sarge about a three-day pass, if you remember. Some of the fellows are talking the little woman into coming along to see the sights in Philly, a city in which our United States of America first began to unite, and which is rich in the early history of our great country.

A few new members have come to our recent meetings, and we hope to welcome many more. The new meeting place is at 624 Brush St., at the back door of the County Building, in downtown Detroit. The time is promptly at 2 P. M. Refreshments will be available after the half hour business meeting. Let's have a good showing—to plan that Summer picnic!