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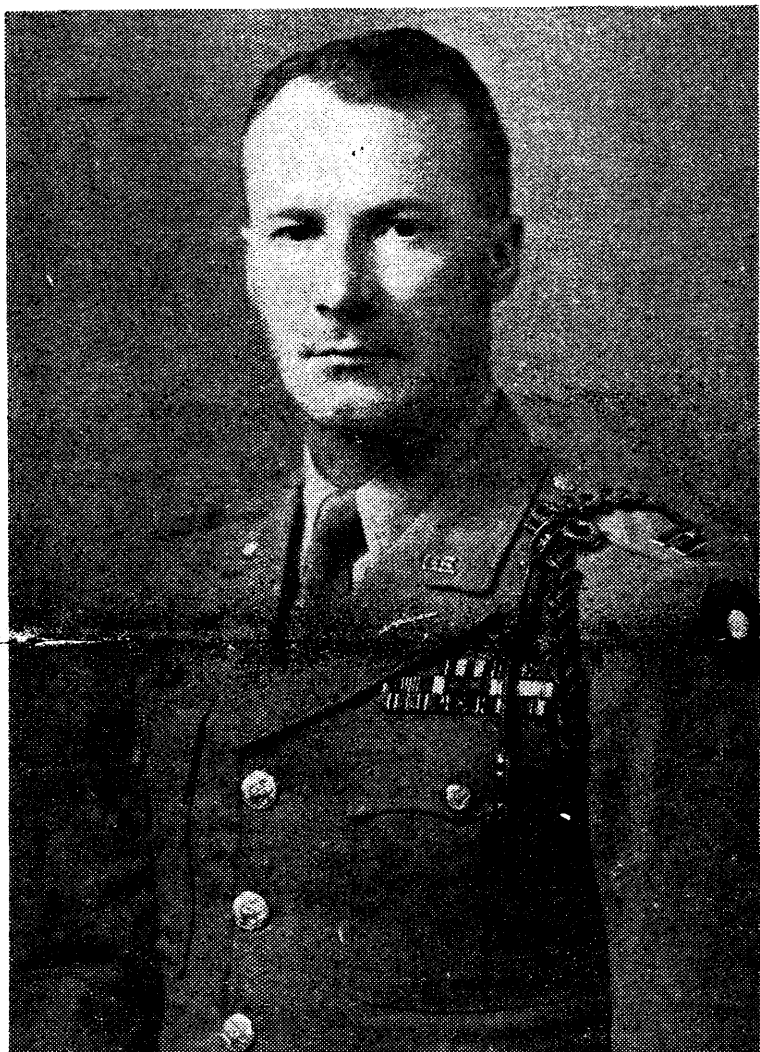
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SEPTEMBER, 1948

CHICAGO MID-WEST HOST ON SEPT. 25

DONALD M. CLARKE SUCCEEDS RIGBY AS ASSOCIATION PREXY



DONALD M. CLARKE, National Association President,

The new President has submitted to The Octofoil an Open Letter to the membership, which reads as follows:

It is a great honor to have been elected President of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. During the coming year I shall endeavor to carry out my duties in accordance with the confidence that you have placed in me.

In view of the excellent work the Chapters have done in securing new members and the manner in which they have expanded their respective organizations, I am led to believe that not only have we outgrown our infancy, but that the Ninth Infantry Division Association is moving ahead to take its place as one of the finest organizations of its kind.

I should like to extend my sincere appreciation for a job well done to Henry S. Rigby, Jr., the past President, and to the retired members of the Board of Governors. At the same time I should like to welcome the new members of the Board who I know, along with the older members, will turn out an excellent job during their term of office.

I want to thank you for the honor you have given me and to express one thought that to me is very important: We cannot and will not be a political organization, and in order to carry out the ideals of our Constitution we must work together at all times as a combined unit.

Sincerely,

DONALD M. CLARKE,
President, Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Editor's Note: The following is a partial report of President Clarke's service record: Participated in the invasion of Africa at Casablanca, November 8, 1942, with the Seventh Infantry, Third Division. Assigned to Cannon Co., Thirty-ninth Infantry Regiment, Ninth Infantry Division, on March 4, 1943, while that unit was regrouping at Tebessa, North Africa.

Principal duties: Conducted artillery forward observer teams as Platoon Leader and Executive Officer through the campaigns of Africa, Sicily, France, Belgium and Germany. Was made company commander toward the close of the campaigns and left soon afterwards to return to the states.

He is now connected with his father and brother in the wholesale building materials business, located at 1001 O St., N. W., Washington 1, D. C.

Greater New York to Meet September 24

Al Bruchac, president of the Greater New York Chapter, announces that the next regular meeting will be held Sept. 24, 1948, at 8 P. M. at the Hotel Times Square.

LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies' Auxiliary will also hold their initial meeting in the Hotel Times Square on Sept. 24, 1948, at 8 P. M. Mrs. M. Spencer will be acting as chairman for this meeting. The Ladies' Auxiliary is open to the Gold Star Mothers, Sisters and Wives of former Ninth Division men.

There will be special attendance prizes given at each of the above mentioned meetings. So come along and spend a pleasant evening and meet some of your friends with pleasant stories of the "Philly Convention."

Still At Attention



Colonel Clayman was right in there handshaking with the old 47th gang.

PUZAK LANDS IN WILDWOOD, F-A-R FROM PITTSBURGH

Shortly after the Third Annual Reunion The Octofoil received a postal card from Mike Puzak, in which he wrote: "Sure is good to get back home. Bet I didn't sleep six hours all the time I was in Philadelphia. But I enjoyed every minute of it."

Noted the postmark on the card it read: "Wildwood, N. J."

Last year Bob Woodside, Rome, N. Y., woke up somewhere in Canada—now the little Pollock tries to outdo an old seasoned veteran like Bob by pulling a wrong-way Corrigan stunt.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—
Mort Keough Wants To Hear From Medics

A short note from Mort Keough to The Octofoil advises his new address is 2988 Ridge Rd., West, Rochester 13, N. Y.

Kaough says he enjoys reading The Octofoil, but is a bit disappointed in not reading much about Co. C, 9th Medics. He says some of the Medics had many pictures and wonders what's ailing the Joes they don't send them in.

Old Mort's doing okay, too. He owns his home, has one youngster and another on deck coming up any day now.

GENERAL EDDY WILL BE AT EVENING SESSION --- IT'S THE GENERAL'S OLD HOME TOWN

CHICAGO WILL PLAY HOST TO ALL MID-WEST FORMER NINTH MEN; THOSE WHO COULD NOT GET TO THE PHILLY REUNION SHOULD MAKE CHICAGO.

A full scale program has been mapped out by the Illinois Chapter, Ninth Infantry Division Association. After registration, which starts at 10 A. M., there will be an informal get-together until 2:00 P. M., at which time a short business meeting will take place in the air-conditioned Florentine Room of the Congress Hotel Sept. 25. After the meeting the convention will recess to the nearest Pub.

The main event of the day will take place in the form of a dinner and dance. This gala affair will be held in the beautiful air-conditioned Gold Room of the Congress Hotel on Chicago's scenic lake front. Music will be furnished by Steve Sherry and his Orchestra.

GEN. EDDY TO BE GUEST OF HONOR

Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, commanding general of the Command and General Staff School, and former Combat Leader of the Ninth, plans to attend evening festivities. At this time General Eddy is well on the road to recovery after a serious operation, which prevented him from attending the National Convention in Philadelphia.

KERNER TOASTMASTER

Toastmaster for the evening will be one of Illinois Chapter's outstanding members, Otto Kerner, Jr., who, through his recent success as United States attorney, has gained nation-wide recognition. Otto is a graduate of the Field Artillery of the Ninth. In addition to these, other notables are expected to attend.

CHICAGO THE CONVENTION CITY

Chicago with its natural air-conditioning effected by Lake Michigan, long has been the ideal site for conventioners. This city, noted for its beautiful parks, is offering the Ninth its most famous, Grant Park... situated on lake front and across the street from the Congress Hotel. Other points of interest include the Art Institute, which at the present time is exhibiting a collection of famous paintings recovered from the Nazi salt mines in Germany.

Places of interest located within short walking distance of the hotel are the Shedd Aquarium, the Planetarium, Field Museum, Buckingham Fountain, Soldiers Field and the many beaches.

VARIETY PLUS
In the entertainment field the Windy City refuses to be surpassed, offering the public the notorious Skid Row; the fast night life of North Clark Street, the bright lights of fabulous Rush Street, and the sophistication of the Gold Coast. For those who prefer a slower tempo Chicago offers the Opera House, many stage plays and movie houses.

The courtesy and friendliness of Chicagoans is well known to any serviceman who visited the city during the past war.

CHAPTER MEMBERS WORK HARD

Members of the Illinois Chapter have worked hard at making this a Red Letter day in their history. John Clouser, Chapter President, recently appointed Vice President in the National Association, being handicapped by attending school down state, has appointed able assistants to organize the convention. Walter Mahon, elected to the National Board of Governors at the Philly Reunion, and Frank Ozart, workhorse of the Chapter, are co-

chairmen for the event. They are being capably assisted by the various committees, headed by Nate Gaynor, Bill Conley, George Waite, Herb Waples, Bill Lindenberg, Jerry Lindner, John Thornton, Alex Wilcapolsk, Phil Barnas, Al Geist, Ted Matuisk, John Edwards and many others that space does not allow us to mention.

GET YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY

Due to the expected capacity crowd Ninth men and their friends are urged to get their reservations in early. Send your \$5 per person, which covers registration, business meeting, winner and dance to:

Illinois Chapter, Ninth Infantry Division Association,
Box 855, Old Post Office Annex,
Chicago 90, Ill.

Hotel room reservations for those who are coming from any distance are to be made through the above address. Room rates are:

\$4 and \$5 single room, single bed.
\$6 single room, double bed.
\$7 single room, twin beds.
\$9 3 in a room.
\$10 4 in a room.

For the convenience of all concerned we urge you to get all reservations in as soon as possible. The deadline is September 20th.

Don't forget the date... September 25. The place: Congress Hotel, Chicago, for this momentous get-together so conveniently located to all the Mid-Western States.

ALL FORMER NINTH DIVISION MEN and their families are invited.

Editor's Note: Let's don't have any feudin' and a-fightin' from you New Yorkers because the Windy City captured the front page streamer. This is the last issue of The Octofoil before their shindig. There'll be another issue before New York's Fall Dance—and youse guys will get the same break next issue the Chicago lads were given this month.

Archie Rohrer Puts Ninth Div. On Map In North Dakota

Archie Rohrer, Church's Ferry, N. Dak., writes for a supply of windshield stickers. Says he's a long ways from National Headquarters but he'll make his neighbors Ninth Division conscious because he intends plastering those stickers all over his truck and car.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—
PAGING EMILY POST

A G.I. had been giving a certain blonde the once-over about a dozen times at a party. Finally, he moved over close to her.

"Pardon me," he said. "I'm with the United States Army, whom are you with?"—Exchange.

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UNFORTUNATE MEMBER HANGS HEAD BECAUSE 1948 DUES WERE LEFT UNPAID

Printed elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil is a letter Secretary Tingley received from the wife of an Association member. Bad breaks have been the lot of this couple for quite some time. And as the wife put it, "\$3.50 looks like \$350.00 to us." But nevertheless she sent in the yearly dues for her husband. Names are withheld because they are proud, worthy and willing to do more than their part when the opportunity is available.

Compare the unselfishness of these two with that of many thousands of our members who have gotten the breaks and do not have any financial worries whatsoever—yet they are delinquent with their dues. This letter should make members who can pay their dues and have not, dig a hole for themselves and pull it in after them.

The question is often asked: "When the History is distributed what program or inducements do we have to hold the membership or to increase?" The case cited above is just one of the many reasons the Ninth Infantry Division Association can always justify its existence.

Too much praise can not be heaped on the shoulders of Secretary Charles O. Tingley for the promptness with which he "started the ball rolling" to try and help this loyal member while he was temporarily up against it. He relayed the information to Al Bruchac, President of Greater New York Chapter. And here, Al should come in for his share of praise for unselfish devotion to the cause of an Association Buddy. He immediately notified Secretary Tingley the member would be placed on a job. Al, up against the same problem ex-G. I.s are everywhere, could not be too optimistic about securing an apartment. But he's trying awful hard to help on that score.

Fellows, there are probably hundreds of similar cases—where our buddies haven't gotten the breaks and they are temporarily embarrassed financially through no fault of their own.

Helping to secure jobs, living quarters and offering consolation through companionship to any buddy, whether he is personally known or not, who needs that help, is the solemn duty of each and every member of the Association who is in position to help a more unfortunate buddy. Helping rehabilitate just one buddy over a period of time justifies the existence of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Anyone reading the story concerning this young couple in this issue who live in Greater New York, and are able to help in any way should write to Secretary Tingley for the buddy's and his wife's address and get busy AT ONCE.

By helping one another we also help ourselves. Let it be the motto of every Local Chapter today "No former Ninth Division man will ever become or remain destitute if within our power to prevent."

It Can Be Done!

They Did It

—By Wilson



Those who visited the Third Annual Reunion in Philadelphia have no doubt about the same spirit that crushed the Kraut dictator being alive and as vigorous as in the days of yore.

SECRETARY TINGLEY SOUNDS TOUGH NOTE FOR BENEFIT OF BACKSLIDING DUES PAYERS

AN OPEN LETTER TO ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Three notices have been sent out to all members of the Association requesting that 1948 dues be paid; also stressing the point that it is necessary for the dues to be paid in order for us to continue operation.

The results so far have been good but not good enough. We need more paid up members in order that we do not go into the red this year.

Our expenses have increased this year due to the purchase of certain office machinery and equipment which will allow us to operate more efficiently in the future.

Some of you do not realize the expenses involved in printing our monthly paper, The Octofoil. The newspaper expense runs about \$500 per month and that "ain't hay." Some of you fellows have written in asking for just a subscription for the paper and enclosing 60 cents. I have attempted to answer such letters by pointing out the fact that the cost per member of publishing our paper greatly exceeds the 60-cent subscription price as quoted, and calling your attention to the fact that individuals eligible for membership are expected to pay annual dues amounting to \$3.50, which includes the cost of publishing the paper.

A lot of you fellows are holding off paying your dues until you receive your copy of the History. I hope that you members who are waiting for the History will remember to pay your dues upon receipt of your copy of "Eight Stars to Victory."

The cost of sending out notices for dues has run well over the \$1,000.00 mark so far this year. A lot of this expense would be avoided if you would pay your dues on time. It also would help in the operation of the business end of the Association in that more time would be available for the handling of other work.

All of this boils down to one thing and one thing only; (at least that is the way I look at it), and that is as follows:

YOU MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 1948 DUES: HOW ABOUT GETTING ON THE PAID-UP LIST? . . . SEND ME \$3.50 AND I WILL STOP MY GRIPING.

We need a thousand more paid-up members for 1948.

Respectfully,
CHARLES O. TINGLEY, Secretary-Treasurer,
Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Now Hear This !!!

This is your information service. Questions furnished by you will be answered to the best of our ability with the facilities at our disposal. Service questions regarding you or your dependents are especially welcome. Please address: NOW HEAR THIS, Ninth Infantry Division Association, Box 1704, Washington (13) D. C. Be sure to include your name and address. However, initials only will be used when publishing the question and answer.

Q.—If I apply for hospitalization, how long will I have to wait before I am admitted to a VA hospital?

A.—If you have a service-connected disability you do not have to wait to receive hospitalization. If your disability is non-service-connected but is an emergency, you are admitted immediately. Non-service-connected ailments that do not require emergency treatment have to wait until a bed is available, and the time varies at each hospital. Non-service-connected veterans also must

sign statements that they cannot afford to pay for treatment elsewhere.

Q.—I am going to school under the educational provisions of the G.I. Bill and would like to know whether I have to get prior approval from VA if I wish to change my course?

A.—If you are studying in a public high school or college, you no longer will need prior approval from VA before changing your course. The change now may be approved by your school.

Roster of Reunion Visitors to Be In The Next Octofoil

Last year at the Columbus, O., second annual reunion a roster of delegates and visitors was mimeographed and distributed. A request for some such service was made by many of those attending the Third Annual Reunion in Philadelphia.

Because of so many of these requests for a roster Secretary Tingley has prepared the names and addresses of all who attended the Third Annual Reunion. The secretary-treasurer forwarded the list to The Octofoil with the request that the roster be printed in this issue.

The printing plant that prints The Octofoil also prints a full newspaper page size union labor newspaper. The issue immediately preceding Labor Day has just about three times the normal number of pages. Due to this fact the printing office's equipment was taxed to capacity, causing it to be a hardship to set into type and print the roster in this issue.

Secretary Tingley was very co-operative and agreed to having the roster run next month in event a short story explaining the circumstances was published in this issue, since he had promised so many of the boys in Philadelphia that the roster would appear in this issue.

—PITTSBURGH IN '48—

Gold Star Dad Says He Appreciates Sgt. Budrick's Kindness

The following well phrased and sincere letter is self-explanatory. The Octofoil appreciates Mr. Lynch's courtesy in sending in a copy:

Sgt. Steven Budrick, ASN, RA 6901607,
237th Ordnance (M.M.) Co.
APO 957,
Care Postmaster,
San Francisco, Calif.
August 3, 1948.

My Dear Steven:

When I read the article on Page 8 in the August Octofoil stating that you were sending gifts to the Third Annual Reunion of the 9th Division Association at Philadelphia, I had no idea that I would be the fortunate Gold Star Father to be the recipient of the very beautiful 17-jewel Elgin DeLuxe wrist watch and six ties.

It was very kind of you to remember a Mother and Father of two of your former buddies who were unable to be at the Convention (except in spirit) and your thoughtfulness will not be forgotten.

No doubt you receive The Octofoil each month and I should like to refer you to Page 5 of the June issue and which contained a report of my son's reburial at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Tenaflly, N. J.

Paul was originally a 47th man, having served for a little over a year in "Co. K" and in Service Co., Third Bn. In February, 1942, he was sent to Fort Benning and strangely enough had his wish to return as an officers to the Ninth Division. This time in the 39th Infantry. His entire Army career of four years and two months was served in the Ninth Division, and although he was out of action for four months, August 8, 1944, to December 8, 1944, due to wounds received near St. Lo, like all 9th Division men he could not get back to his buddies quickly enough and arrived just in time to take part in the Battle of the Bulge. As Captain of "Co. I" he was cited for bravery in action at Thum, Germany, and also received the Silver Star for outstanding work at Quinneville on the Cherbourg Peninsula, a short time after D-Day.

You will see from the article on Page 5 of the June Octofoil, I have attended all the reunions of the Ninth Division Association and hope to maintain a consistent record by being present next year at Pittsburgh. This is in line with a promise made to General Eddy and General Craig, whom I met through Father Connors, former Chaplain of the Ninth Division.

Possibly you may be back in the States when the Convention takes place next year at Pittsburgh and if you could be there I would be delighted to meet you. In the meantime if and when you have the time, I would welcome a letter from you.

Thanks again for your gifts.
Sincerely yours,
J. C. LYNCH.

OCTOBER 2 WILL BE RED LETTER DAY FOR THE LADS IN NEW YORK

By STAN COHEN

The memoirs of the Third National Convention are now just a small part of the past. . . . But the future has been set by the New York Chapter with a State Reunion Dance for October 2, 1948, at the Hotel Roosevelt in New York City.

To fully enjoy the comradeship that comes from belonging to a regional chapter is to partake in its activities. We in New York are progressive in this task. We earnestly believe that a closer contact can be elongated by social activities. With this thought in mind we want to encourage the men in our area to get-together by having as many social affairs as possible.

The Hotel Roosevelt is a fine place . . . the fellows who have taken tickets represent the entire division. But we are not satisfied. We know that many more members would like to come, but just don't know where to meet. Some of the guys just can't make our Friday night meetings. . . . So, with that thought in mind, we are telling you guys in the Metropolitan area:

Make arrangements NOW—for baby sitters. Hunt up that old black book; pick out your best date. . . . The subway may be 10 cents now, but the fun and frolic that's in store for you is worth \$4.40 at any show.

LET YOU IN ON SECRET

Well, just to tell you what we are going to do: Prizes—yes, many of them. For instance, Doc and Mrs. Clem Carithers of Hebronville, Texas have generously donated a lovely prize made in

Mexico. . . . Harold Fredericks promises one good as new bottle of Calvados. . . . Besides 15 other prizes.

SYSTEM DE LUXE

How will they be apportioned? Easy—for example, some of the contests that have been set up: A prize to the man coming the longest distance to the dance—the man traveling the shortest distance, and many others.

Where will they be coming from and who is coming? Well, our new National President, Donald M. Clarke, Secretary Charles O. Tingley. From the Board of Governors, Messrs. Whitmore, Wade, Rigby, Dr. and Mrs. Cantor, from Philly; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith, from Baltimore; the Morris Olenders, from upstate New York, and many, many more.

Bob Warsk once again will lead the band.

HOW TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS

Write, telegraph, phone or send it via carrier pigeon to Mike Gatto, 261 Ave. P, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The charge will be \$1.50. The dancing will begin promptly at 9 P. M. in the Henry Hudson Room of the Hotel Roosevelt at 45th Street and Madison in New York City.

The hotel can accommodate 550 people. . . . Those of you who attended the last affair remember the gala occasion. . . . So a word to the wise is sufficient—as Jim Bruno, chairman of the dance, said: "Get your tickets early—so you won't forget." The New York State Reunion dance at the Hotel Roosevelt on October 2, 1948!

PHILADELPHIA REUNION BIG SUCCESS; PITTSBURGH NEXT

The Third Annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association is now recorded in the pages of history.

The former national president, Henry S. Rigby, Jr., and all the other members of the Philadelphia Chapter are entitled to one big hand for undertaking and carrying to successful conclusion such a mammoth undertaking.

Not a bobble anywhere. Everything going with clock-like precision in typical Ninth Division style.

The pictures printed in other parts of this issue portray more vivid than could any words a panorama of this momentous occasion for former Ninth men—this, their Third Annual Reunion. To Ted Matusik, Chicago The Octofoil and the entire membership owes a debt of gratitude for bringing to the membership in photographic form outstanding scenes of the Reunion. These pictures will never die. A cold typed story sans the pictures would be almost meaningless.

Stanley Cohn's story, printed in this issue, comes nearer expressing what was the heartfelt feeling of every former Ninth man attending this Reunion than has any letters that have reached The Octofoil since the Reunion.

They all felt the same emotions expressed by Stanley but some are

not gifted with the ability to express those feelings in words.

Secretary Tingley will very shortly have the official transcription of the proceedings. The entire transcription will be too lengthy to run in full in The Octofoil, but the highlights or important changes, recommendations or resolutions will be extracted and printed in an early issue.

PITTSBURGH NEXT

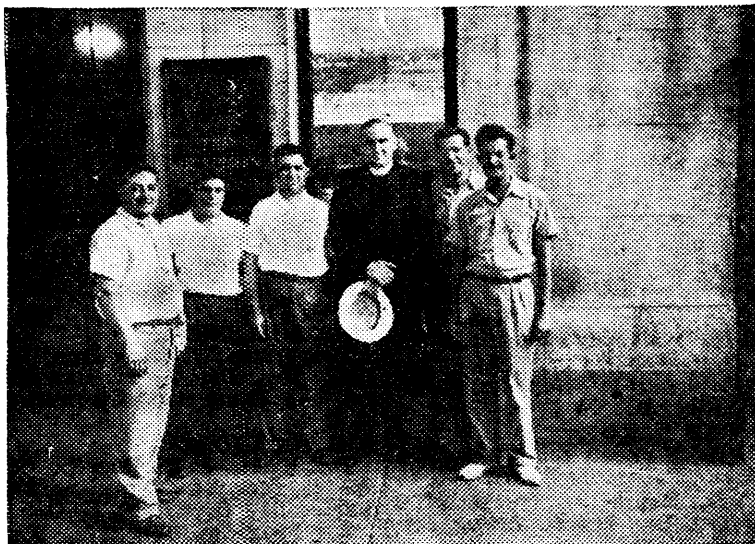
Although some of the lads from the Far West and Middle West felt that the 1949 Reunion should have moved to the Middle West, Pittsburgh, Pa., was selected as the host city for 1949.

The city of Pittsburgh is some concession to the Mid Westerners. It is several hundred miles nearer the crossroads of America than was Philadelphia.

Pittsburgh has one of the most progressive chapters within the entire jurisdiction of the National Association and it's a safe bet the boys there, in conjunction with their aggressive Ladies' Auxiliary will put on a Reunion that will be hard to beat.

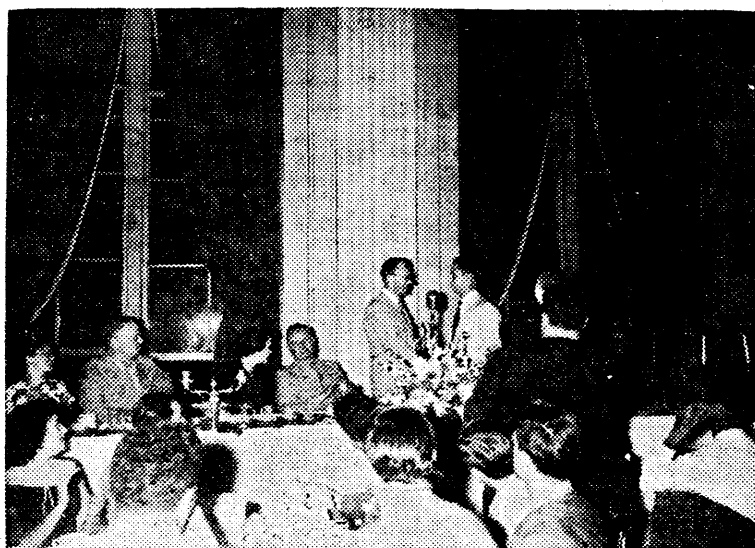
Secretary Tingley advises The Octofoil that he and President Donald M. Clarke have already started plans for the 1949 Reunion and they will have some news releases relative to their Reunion plans ready for the next issue of The Octofoil.

REPRESENTING NEW ENGLAND



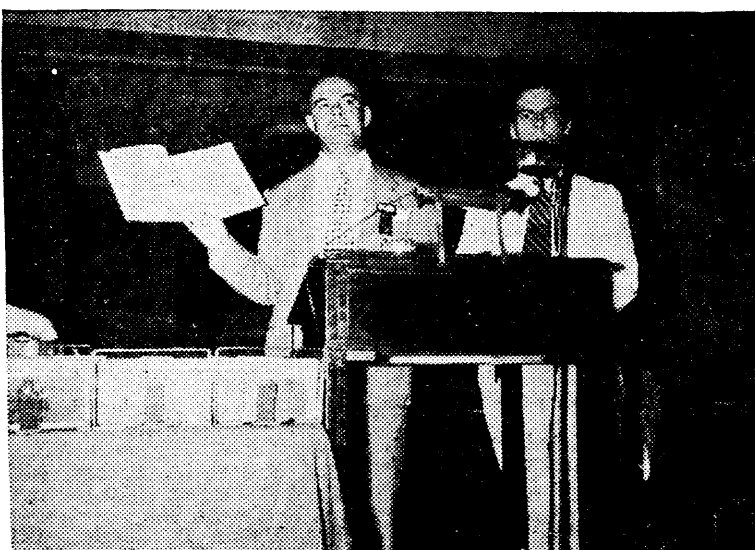
More of Matusik's art work. Pictured at the Reunion from left to right: Simon Garber, 136 Capen St., Dorchester, Mass.; Myron Garber, guest of Simon Garber; Fred B. D'Amore, 75 Webster St., East Boston; Rev. Edward T. Connors, Worcester, Mass.; Syd Levison, 38 Waumbuck St., Roxbury; George Bender, 62 Devon St., Roxbury.

The Old and the New



Retiring President Henry S. Rigby, Jr., congratulates the incoming prexy, Donald M. Clarke, Washington, D. C.

EXPLAINING HISTORY PROGRESS



Pictured above is Lieut. Col. Bryant holding a copy of the finished part of "Eight Stars to Victory."

WITHOUT JOB OR HOME BUT THEY PAY ASSOCIATION DUES

(Editor's Note: Secretary Tingley is in receipt of a letter from the wife of a Ninth Infantry Division Association member. The letter is self-explanatory. The signature appearing on the letter is not being printed for obvious reasons. But the spirit and determination of this admirable couple should put to shame some of our members well able to pay their dues and do not, who are willing to let the Association disintegrate because of not paying their dues. Al Bruchac, President of the Greater New York Chapter, has advised Secretary Tingley he feels positive the New York Chapter will secure the member a job, but the housing is a bit more difficult. Anyone in the Greater New York area who can help this deserving couple should write Secretary Charles O. Tingley, Secretary-Treasurer, Ninth Infantry Division Association, P. O. Box 1704, Washington, D. C. The secretary will furnish the name and address of the member along with additional details. The letter as written to the secretary):

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In reply to the last letter from the Association: We have been broke, along with having no place to live after this month. Also he is unemployed. To add, everything has been completely deplorable.

It got to a point every time my husband received a letter from the Association, his face would become more unhappy. At long last I have "dug up" the required amount to keep his membership in the Association.

He is tremendously proud of being one of the original members when it was first organized in the E.T.O. I am also.

Maybe this will explain many of the other members' tardiness also. But we are having a desperate time at present and \$3.50 looks like \$350.00.

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SOL TRAPANI HAD A DREAM -- NOW IT'S GONNA BE A FACT

MOONLIGHT CRUISE AUG. 27, 1948, ON THE SS POTOMAC; TIME, 8:30 P. M.

Our competent president of the District of Columbia Chapter has come through once again. This time he has a terrific moonlight cruise planned for members and friends of the District of Columbia Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Our good friend and fellow member, Louis R. Becker, made the necessary arrangements for the announcement and tickets.

The cruise will be on the largest, newest and most modern moonlight cruiser. The music will be furnished by the most popular local band, Jack Corry.

DIVISION COMMANDER EXPECTED TO ATTEND

Major General Louis A. Craig, who is now the inspector general at the Pentagon Building, expects to be there with the former Ninth men and their friends. Major General Stroh and Brig. Gen. Edwin H. Randall are also expected to attend. Everyone remembers Gen. Stroh at our banquet at the Na-

tional Convention in Philadelphia last month.

NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT TO BE A GUEST

Donald Clarke, our new National President, and Vice President of our own District of Columbia Chapter will be among the notables present. We have also extended a cordial invitation to our Ninth buddies in Baltimore, hoping that they will attend.

So come on fellows. Let's get with it. Come on down to our fine moonlight cruise. Here's a chance to get together with the fellows. So, if you couldn't get to the National Convention in Philadelphia, try to come to this cruise. There's no excuse for not attending. See you there!

Tickets available by calling Sol Trapani at Lincoln 9753.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

TIMES DO CHANGE

The old fashioned girl took just two drinks and went out like a light. The modern girl takes a couple and out go the lights.—Exchange.

Detroit's Casey Is Glad He Went to The Philly Party

GREATER DETROIT CHAPTER PLANS FALL ACTIVITIES.

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

Michigan is not the largest of the states, and it was not as close to Philly as some other states, and there are more members in other states, but some of us went to the Convention and we all had a swell time.

The activities of the Convention are probably described fully on other pages of this issue. It would be difficult to describe the feelings of many of us who met at the Convention some Buddy to whom we said: "I'll see you again." That phrase was often repeated to those Buddies with whom we shared a letter from home, or a muddy blanket, or some of those home-made cookies that Mom sent, or that last silent prayer before the advance. Many of us said it again, at the Convention, looking forward to the time when we can all meet again at the Convention next year.

SEEMS A BIT OFF

But next year seems a bit far off just at the moment. Our Michigan members are to meet again in October, after our summer vacations are all ended. But in this next month, a letter is being sent to all Michigan members, just to make sure that we have their correct address so their copy of our Ninth Division History can be promptly delivered. Our Entertainment Committee would also like to make sure that the members indicate their preference as to the kind of festivities that we will have in the month of November, so as to make the necessary reservations and preparations ahead of time, for another grand reunion here in Michigan.

VISITING CHICAGO

Some of us plan to visit our neighbors in Chicago on Saturday, September 25, and meet some of our buddies in the Mid-West, who were not able to attend the recent convention over in the East. We hope that many of the fellows who have been unable to attend some of the National Conventions will be able to attend the State Reunions that may be held only a few hours drive away from home, in the next few months.

"I'll see you again."
—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

CAL POLIVY HAS SHINGLE UP IN B A R BUILDING

Shortly after the last issue of The Octofoil was published a very attractive professional card was received, which read as follows:

CALVIN POLIVY
Attorney at Law
Announces the Opening of His Office At
The Bar Building
38 West 44th Street
New York 18, N. Y.

Suite 1309—Murray Hill 7-8717
Polivy is a former president of the Greater New York Chapter, and is a hard worker for both the New York group and the National Association.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Stan Kozlowski Calls Bluff of 746th Gang

A letter received from Stanley Kozlowski, 77 N. Bridge St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y., contained a good photograph of five Joes from the 746th Tank Bn., outfit.

Stan's picture arrived too late for it to be processed into a cut for this issue, but it will be used next month.

The picture was made at Jungsgerdorf, Germany, and shows five Co. C men. Just for the novelty of the thing who the Joes are pictured will be withheld until the cut is run in The Octofoil.

Stan says he'd like for some of the old gang to drop him a few lines at the address given.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

LEGALLY LOGICAL

A baker was on trial for selling cheesecake without cheese in it.

"But, your Honor," he pleaded, "did you ever seen marble cake with marble in it—or angel cake with angels in it?"

The case was dismissed.—Progressive Grocer.

"In my Father's house are many mansions"

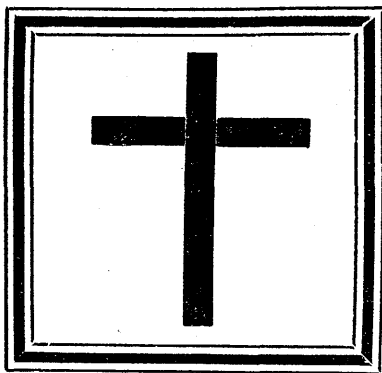
WHEN THE BODIES OF THESE BUDDIES REACH THEIR FINAL RESTING PLACE A FORMER 9TH MAN MUST ATTEND

MAY THE SIGHT OF THE REMAINS FIRE ALL FORMER 9TH MEN WITH A SPARK OF THEIR BURNING ZEAL AND UNSELFISHNESS.

Ninth Div. Buddies who fell over there, to never right shoulder arms again, continue to arrive in New York Harbor. Former Ninth men from Frisco to Maine have done a noble job of trying to comfort the next-of-kin as soon as they learn of the return to the states of a Ninth Division man for Final Burial. The letters received at The Octofoil office from the next-of-kin and from the members who have made the visits explain why the Ninth Infantry Division Association is so far ahead of other organizations of this kind. The old Ninth Spirit still generates every move made by the membership, individually and collectively.

Very appropriate for use at the head of the column carrying this list of returned Buddies are the words of the 9th Division's own Chaplain Cecil Propst:

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.



(Editor's Note: Secretary Charles O. Tingley advises The Octofoil he is not sending individual lists of the August 22nd shipment of Returned War Dead to the various local Chapters, because of the fact this issue of The Octofoil carrying the list will reach the membership sufficiently in advance of Final Burial as to allow members to contact the next-of-kin in their localities.)

Rank, name, unit; name and address of the next-of-kin are given in that order:

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MRS. SPENCER IS THANKFUL FOR BEAUTIFUL GIFT

The following letter was received by Secretary Tingley a few days after the Philadelphia Convention:

Dear Mr. Tingley:

Lt. John F. Spencer ("Jack"), died four years ago today, Aug. 6, 1944. But I feel he has not died in vain. The way by which you and the "boys" greeted me was edifying and the manner they attended the Memorial Service was a consolation to me.

I want to thank all the men of the Ninth Division Association for being so kind to me, especially the charming Mrs. Rigby and Mr. Rigby, who did such a swell job at the Convention. Father DeLaura for his consolation. He is a great morale builder. Mr. and Mrs. Al Bruchac, Cal Polivy, Stan Cohen, Les Ronay, Tony Graboski and his wife, Mary, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gabrielle and many others. Oh, yes, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dougherty, who entertained me at their home in Philadelphia, and last but not least you! All in all, everybody treated me royally.

It was a great convention—long to be remembered. Thanking those responsible for the gift of the exquisite compact. I will always cherish it.

I can never forget the gift of the beautiful bag by Sgt. Steven Budrick, which I can use for a lifetime. I am very grateful to everyone.

Sincerely,

MAE M. SPENCER,

A "Gold Star Mother."

239 Moshulu Parkway, Bronx 67, New York.

Editor's Note: Lt. Spencer's body arrived in New York on the Lawrence Victory, August 22, for Final Burial Services.

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Lieut. Breininger's Mother Thankful

One of the sweetest letters ever received in The Octofoil office was received from Lieut. Dick Breininger's mother. She lives at 235 Enterprise St., Bryan, O., and makes a touching appeal for someone who knew Dick to write her. The lieutenant's widow lives at 1131-2 S. Harrison St., Montpelier, O. Dick's mother asks any of the former Ninth men living near Bryan or passing through to please call at their home and if possible she would like for them to visit his grave.

Final rites were held July 17, 1948, in the family cemetery and he rests at the foot of his father's grave.

Mrs. Breininger mentions the fact Dick's birthday fell on Dec. 31, and he really made a double celebration of his birthday and New Year's Eve.

Both Dick's mother and his widow are looking forward to seeing a copy of the history. Dick's mother wants to buy her copy since the widow will be the recipient of the next-of-kin's copy.

They are both anxious to receive The Octofoil. Closing her letter with a prayer for The Octofoil is very touching. The prayers of many good Mothers like Mrs. Breininger is the reason The Octofoil has prospered and will continue to prosper so long as such noble people are for the paper.

Some of you Joes please write a few lines. Certainly the CO of A Co., 60th or some of the G.I.s will read this and take the necessary time to write. Until a member witnesses the relieved expression that comes over these Mothers when someone who knew their sons comes up to them and speaks, mere words are inadequate to express the scene.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Billy Shapiro Arrived In New York July 31

Business picked up for the stork in New York during July.

Received from Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Shapiro, 10 Overlook Terrace, New York 33, N. Y., was a birth announcement telling of William's arrival July 31, 1948.

Quoting from the card: Folks say I'm as cunning And darling as can be, And when you come to see me... I'll bet that you'll agree.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Actuaries have figured, on the basis of the number of transactions, that there are 8,000,000,000 chances of error in a single National Service Life Insurance account.

COLUMBUS GROUP SHOW THEIR RESPECT TO RETURNED BUDDY

Final burial rites were held in Columbus, O., on Saturday, July 24, for William Clinton Neymeyer, former 47th man.

The Ohio Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association furnished five of the pallbearers. One of Bill's brothers, an ex-G.I., acted as the sixth.

Those representing the Ohio Chapter as pallbearers were Glenn O. Moore, president; Dave Boring, secretary; Dick Pestel, Paul Keller and Paul S. Plunkett.

Services were held at 9 A. M. Saturday, July 24, at St. Mary's Church. Interment was in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

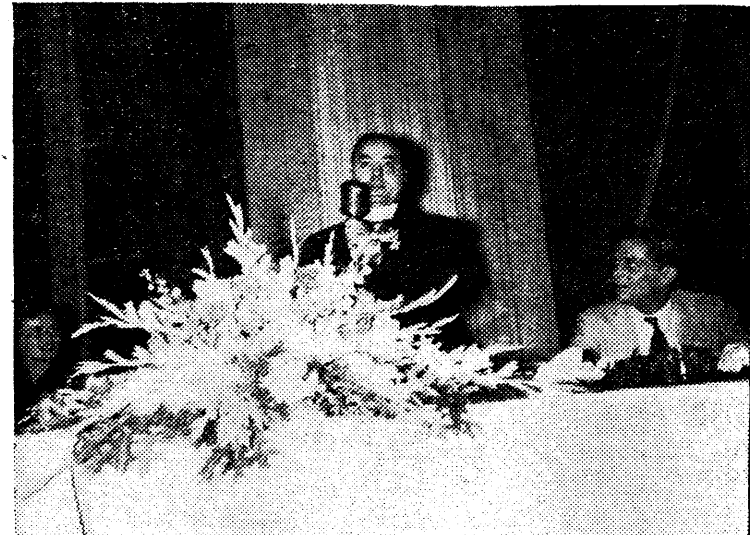
The family, especially Bill's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs.

John E. Neymeyer, 369 Jackson St., Columbus, seemed very grateful that his former buddies were anxious to do what little they could to show their respect for a fallen comrade.

Neymeyer was killed in action in Normandy July 12, 1944. No details surrounding his death has ever been learned by any of the family, and Mrs. Neymeyer makes an appeal through The Octofoil for any of Bill's old buddies who can give her any information to please drop her a few lines at the address given above.

Four sisters and three brothers survive this 47th buddy who gave his all.

HE KEPT THEM ALL IN A JOLLY MOOD



Father Anthony DeLaura, at his best, talking to his boys at the Third Annual Banquet. Immediately to his right: Henry S. Rigby, Jr., retiring president of the Association.

GOOD OLD DICK O'CONNOR DOES NOT COMPLAIN

Richard O'Connor, formerly of B Battery, 84th F.A., is now living at 30 Laurel Ave., Arlington, N. J.

Dick starts his letter off with compliments for The Octofoil and says he doesn't have a complaint relative to The Octofoil or the Association. Rare, such letters as the one he wrote.

The letter was written before the Third Annual Banquet, but at that time Dick planned to attend, accompanied by Ken Griffith and Charlie Kelley and Jim Quinn.

O'Connor recently attended funerals of two 47th men. He did not know them, but when he saw in the newspapers they were 9th men. He called on the families.

One of the returned boys was Lt. Roger Earl Murray and the other Pvt. Charles (Skippy) Garrison. He says both their parents were overjoyed that someone from their sons' old outfit had called.

Dick gave his only copy of the 47th History and is trying to locate another for Lt. Murray's parents. Anyone having an extra copy of the 47th history should write to O'Connor at the address given above. Although he says he wasn't with the 47th, but the 84th F.A., he was one of the 47th's best rooters, and if possible he'd like to get a copy of the 47th history to replace the one he gave Mrs. Garrison.

BOY'S MOTHER WANTS SOMEONE TO WRITE

Dick says Mrs. Garrison would like to hear from anyone who was with her son when he was killed around June 16. He was a jeep driver and the fellows nicknamed him "Skippy." His mother said "Skippy" was always mentioning Lieut. Jess Nunn and a Don Miller. Mrs. Garrison's address is 28 Roosevelt St., North Arlington, N. J.

Lt. Murray was killed July 23 at St. Lo, and his mother would also like to hear from someone who knew her son. Lt. Murray's mother's address is 708 Devon St., Arlington, N. J.

Dick closes by wanting to pay for The Octofoil for the two Gold Star Mothers. His letter is being forwarded to Secretary Tingley to have addressograph plates made for the two.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

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 last year.

Leopold Confirms the Death of Morry Stein

The following letter from Jim Leopold, 409 S. Peoria St., Chicago, Ill., is self-explanatory:

I just received a letter regarding former Lt. Morry Stein, who was in H Co., and 3rd Bn. Hdqtrs. Co. in the 47th.

The details listed here were rumors at the Philadelphia Convention, but this seems to confirm the rumors.

I am sure Morry's friends in the 47th will receive this news with deep regret.

Copy of letter received by Leopold:

Dear Jim: About two years ago a young returned veteran by the name of Morry Stein was killed in an auto accident at Klamath Falls, Oregon.

I learned this yesterday from Mr. Lion, owner of La Pointes. The story is that he was driving in a Ford car with a friend, a stranger in Klamath Falls. The friend was driving and not knowing the road failed to make a turn at a junction and both were killed.

Mr. Lion said that none of the Stein family were living in Klamath Falls at the present time.

I am not positive that this Stein was your friend; perhaps you could get definite information by writing The American Legion.

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Little Pat Megonigal Appeared On June 8

In a letter received from Earl Megonigal, 587 Chestnut St., Coatesville, Pa., formerly of Co. D, 39th Inf., among other things, he writes:

"... Last but by far not least, I would like to announce the arrival of a bouncing baby girl to our family.

Born—June 8, 1948.
Place—Coatesville Hospital.
Weight—7 lbs., 10 ounces.
Name—Patricia "Pat."
Parents—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Megonigal.

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Bob Escobar Born Two Days After Fire Cracker Day

Louis Escobar, formerly with G Co., 47th, but now living at 757 Kelly St., Bronx 55, N. Y., sends in this birth announcement:

Baby: Robert, was born July 6, 1948, and weighed 7 pounds.
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Escobar.

Still Able to Throw Out Chests



The Ninth Spirit at its best, when the boys moved out in formation to pay respect at Memorial Services to those buddies who did not come back.

WHEN I PRETEND

There is no mail that reaches The Octofoil offices more appreciated than is a letter from Mrs. Warren F. McHone with a verse or two or her own composition. Mrs. McHone is the Gold Star wife of Pfc. Warren F. McHone, Co. C, 60th Infantry. When she pours fourth her innermost soul in verse, always conveying love and devotion for Warren, who gave his all, unashamed moistened eyes are noticeable in the office. It makes the rest of us take stock and assume a bit more humility, a bit more consideration for one another. Thank you for this contribution, Mrs. McHone.—The Editor.

By MRS. WARREN F. McHONE,
P. O. Box 714, Winston-Salem, N. C.

I jump from bed at early dawn,
I dress and eat, and then hurry on;
The sky is blue, the sun shines bright,
I'm free from care, my heart is light
When I pretend.

The world is much more beautiful,
And folks are all so wonderful;
My work goes smoothly—more like play,
And pretty soon I've made a day
When I pretend.

At sunset I am not alone,
For someone holds me close, his own;
We watch the moon so slowly rise,
And think, "Why, this is Paradise!"
When I pretend.

CHAPLAIN TEPPER WAS A GREAT GUY

CHAPLAIN TEPPER'S MANY UNSELFISH DEEDS CITED BY OLENDER IN COMMUNICATION TO OCTOFOIL

THE CHAPLAIN SHARED ALL HARDSHIPS ALONG SIDE TROOPS; THE PACK ON HIS BACK WAS MUCH HEAVIER THAN HIS OWN WEIGHT.

One of the contributing factors to the great success attained by the Ninth Division was the high-type chaplains assigned the Division. Printed below are excerpts from various publications that have seen fit to pay homage to Chaplain Irving Tepper:

(Editor's Note: Thanks to the efforts of Morris Olender, Amsterdam, N. Y., The Octofoil was able to secure the factual data used in this article in a feeble effort to pay a small bit of the respect men of the Division felt toward Chaplain Irving Tepper.)

Chaplain Irving Tepper was one of the most beloved men in the entire division. He was commissioned on 22 January, 1942, and shortly after reported to the Division at Fort Bragg, N. C., where he was assigned to the 60th Infantry Regt. He served with the 60th Infantry until he was wounded 11 August, 1944. He died two days later of his wounds.

Chaplain Tepper was ordained in Chicago and for several years served as Rabbi and later he was a teacher until joining the Army in January, 1942. He brought with him a devotion to the men he served with limitless energy. His courage was boundless and he performed the most heartbreaking tasks, drawing upon hidden reserves of spiritual and physical strength.

SMALL MAN

He certainly did not give the impression of being a hero because of his size, his thick glasses, his deep piety. But hero he was! He could be seen bobbing along the road with a pack on his back larger than the bearer himself. He shared all the hardships of the men and yet was never at a loss for a smile, a joke, a word of encouragement or a helping hand.

HE'LL BE REMEMBERED

Chaplain Tepper performed various tasks ranging from G.R.S. to providing entertainment, but in the hearts of the men of the Ninth he will always be remembered as the Mighty Mite Chaplain—a tower of strength in the valley of the shadow of death. Thoughts of personal safety never interfered with his service to the living or the dead. He could be seen roaming the roads and fields that were still under fire, picking up bodies of our men or helping out at the aid stations.

GAVE MUCH

He gave much and he had so much more to give but duty gave him no choice but to share with his men invasion, danger, death. In the hour of victory he will be with us sharing our great joy.

A Familiar Scene



A familiar sight to many ex-G.I.s from the Ninth Division, will be this solemn, but friendly face of Chaplain Tepper.

Chaplain Tepper was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service, posthumously.

The Jewish Sentinel, under July-August, 1943, date lines carried some excellent photos sent to the publication by Chaplain Tepper from North Africa.

The pictures, if obtainable, would bring back many fond memories to all men who were with the 60th Regt., around Port Lyautey and those who survived to enter Bizerte. Accompanying the

photos is this resume of operations as written by Chaplain Tepper:

We landed on November 8, 1942, at Mehdiya Plage, in Morocco, seven miles from the fort—Kasbah de Mehdiya. This fort is five miles from the city of Port Lyautey (ancient Kenitra). I believe I was one of the first chaplains to land as I went down the net on an early "wave" and hit the beach early Sunday morning. The barrage from our battleship and cruisers was terrific during our Higgins boatride to the beach that historic morning. But three French airplanes had succeeded in taking off despite the fact that our destroyers had made their way past the fort and shelled the airport at close range. The planes attacked the landing boats and several casualties were suffered.

PLAN OF ATTACK

The plan of attack on the fort was for my battalion to make the frontal approach, with the other two battalions on the flank. We took the brunt of the battle, naturally. After capturing the fort, we moved into a cork forest in the vicinity of Port Lyautey.

ROOSEVELT THERE

As my battalion captured the fort and orders came to establish our cemetery on the battlefield, it was my job. Censorship regulations at the time forbade it, but I can now reveal that this was the cemetery at which President Roosevelt laid a wreath during the famous "Unconditional Surrender" conference in Casablanca. The French—the very lads who shot at us with all they had—were soon our solid friends.

The inscription at the entrance to the cemetery is in three languages, English, French and Arabic, symbolizing the international aspect of our military operations.

ON TO ALGIERS

After three months we pushed on into Algiers and Tunisia.

Services were held at the Oran hospital for the Jewish patients. A nurse, who never misses a Friday evening service, blesses the candles before each service.

Rabbi David Askenazi, Chief Rabbi of the Department of Oran, invited me to hold a very large service in the Grand Synagogue. The Chief Rabbi receives a stipend, I believe, from the government, just as the Catholic hierarchy does. His apparel is identical to the Catholic one and he reserves it for official calls and ceremonies.

Quoting further from Chaplain Tepper's narrative:

60TH WAS FIRST

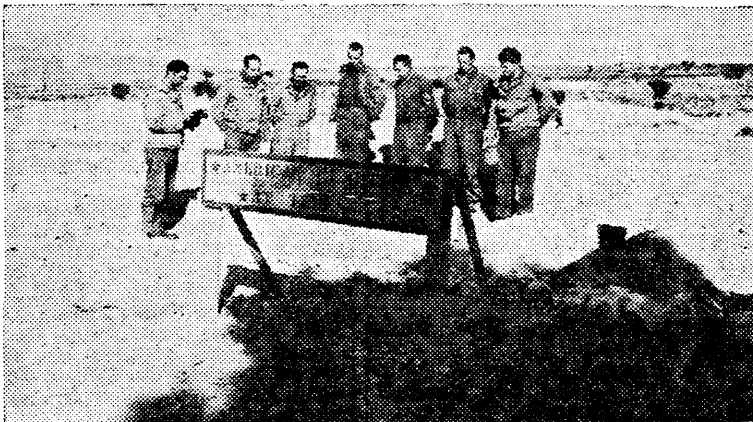
My battalion was the first infantry group to enter Bizerte on Sunday, May 9, just six months and a day after we landed on the Moroccan coast. We did guard duty in the city for over a week until the British relieved us. Then we started back over the same road, to a great extent, up which we fought for three months in the great push which ended in the victory at Bizerte.

FIGHTING OVER IN AFRICA

Some of our men will rest forever in the soil of Africa. The fighting is over for them, but they perished to achieve a major Allied victory. At the American military cemetery near Beja in Tunisia, clean, simple white crosses and Shield of David mark the graves of American soldiers.

Both the front and back pages of the September-October, 1944, issue of The Jewish Chaplain were devoted to Chaplain Tepper as well as a masterfully written Page 2 editorial. A lengthy Open Letter to Chaplain Tepper that he never received, among many other beautiful expressions about the Chaplain's unselfishness,

Chaplain Tepper In North Africa



Rabbi Tepper as will be remembered by all who knew him. Ever alert and ever ready. This scene was made in early 1943 in North Africa, near Tebessa.

quotes from a letter received by the publication concerning Chaplain Tepper:

"From what I have observed, I deem Chaplain Irving Tepper, serving at Fort Bragg, N. C., an excellent man for the work. Not only is he interested in the spiritual and religious, as well as personal problems and needs of the soldier, but he also has a strong drive to help to the defeat of the dark forces of Fascism so that he accepts the army and its demands realistically. Chaplain Tepper is quite a remarkable worker, a hustler who gets around to areas where we have soldiers and no chaplain, and makes it his business to get to the hospitals to visit our men. It has been very gratifying to observe and hear about his work from the men, as well as ranking officers. He commands the respect of the men and they look to him for spiritual guidance in all their personal problems. The Christian chaplains respect him for his activity and his ability to work."

Mixed along with the enumeration of the many heroic deeds of Chaplain Teppers are letters from privates praising his work. Taking at random one of many, it reads thusly:

"Do you remember Chaplain Tepper? Well, he is doing a grand job. Whenever he has services the boys turn out in great numbers as a means of repaying him for what he did for us. He was in the thick of the African campaign and took chances that he did not have to take, but he wanted to be with us all of the time. Chaplain Tepper is not only a great chaplain, but a great soldier. The boys are all crazy about him."

The beautifully expressed editorial appearing in the same issue of The Jewish Chaplain has this to say:

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

I never met Irving Tepper. And yet I knew him. I knew him as one knows the subject of a great biography. Not autobiography. For he would not tell us much about himself. On D day I wrote to all our chaplains in England, sending them our blessings and our prayers for swift victory. He referred to it as "Bernstein's sentimental letter." In words he minimized his idealism. In deeds he was a supreme idealist.

The book of Irving Tepper's life was written for us by others. In the hospitals we met the wounded who would speak of him with affection, with gratitude, with reverence. He would share the foxholes, the front lines with the troops in combat, even as in training he insisted on following the soldier's regiment, marching with him, drilling with him, even shooting with him on the rifle range.

His courage, returning chaplains told us, was prodigious. In the first fierce battle in which his unit was engaged the men assigned to bury the dead were too stunned to act with dispatch. Chaplain Tepper went among them and performed their duties with his own hands—giving them the example and the strength to execute their heartbreaking task.

His feats of personal heroism and sacrifice were the more remarkable because he was, according to all reports, a thin little fellow. He certainly did not give the outward impression of being a hero because of his size, his thick glasses, his intense piety. But

hero he was, by every testimony. Dr. Bricker asked him in England whether he was not ready for rotation. He would not think of it, he replied, until his division had fought its last decisive battle on European soil.

He did not want to die. He had learned how to live bravely and helpfully. He had so much to give. But duty gave him no alternative than to share with his men invasion, danger, death. As God is in His heaven, he will also share their victory.

Another bit of all-absorbing literature furnished The Octofoil by Morris Olender is a typewritten form of a special Passover Broadcast, which was presented over the Mutual Broadcasting System April 14, 1946. The radio program had characters portrayed as Chaplain Tepper, an Italian G.I., a Jewish and Irish G.I. They all were devoted to the Chaplain. When the Irish lad spoke to Chaplain Tepper about the differences between his mother and his wife in the states, the Chaplain helped them all out of their dilemma. He was writing V-mail letters for half the outfit, or so it seemed. To read this broadcast as it is compiled is worthwhile irrespective of one's race, creed or color. Copies may be obtained free by writing the American Jewish Committee, 386 Fourth Ave., New York 16, New York.

Chaplain Tepper kept telling the G.I.s they'd have Passover in Berlin. After his death, caused by shrapnel wounds, Romelli, Lynch and Greenberg joined together in Berlin for services, and although the group was told Chaplain Tepper was not there—they say "I tell you, I know he was there."

Editor's Note: About the only good thing that may have come out of this damnable war is the fact that men like Chaplain Tepper were afforded an opportunity to instill tolerance and understanding in the hearts of so many. The Passover Broadcast was as near true to the real life of Chaplain Tepper as was humanly possible for a presentation to be.

Thank you many times over, Morrie Olender, for the use of your memos of a great man.

Another Recruit For The Porters

From down in New Orleans, La., suh, there comes a cute little announcement from Joe and Barney Porter, announcing that Richard Dennis, their second boy, had arrived to keep Tim company. Dick was born on July 15, 1948.

The Ninth Medics gang will all be glad to hear that Joe isn't letting any grass grow under his dogs.

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Les Hanley Born Way Out West In Texas

Ralph Hanley, 4419 Roseland Ave., Dallas, Tex., sends the following announcement: Mommy's awful happy, And Daddy's one proud guy, They both are all excited And I'm the reason why!

Name: Leslie Ralph.
Arrived 8:50 P. M., Aug. 13.
Weight: 8 lbs., 12 ounces.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hanley.
Ralph is a former Co. A, 47th man.

JIM JOYCE WRITES A NEWSY LETTER

Lads like Jim Joyce who remember their obligation to the families of our fallen comrades are responsible for the Ninth Infantry Division Association being unequalled by any other similar association. Joyce is living at 1615 Ashland St., St. Paul, Minn. He was formerly with Co. C, 60th. Read his letter:

I have been receiving the paper right along and it sure is a wonderful thing to get, as one can get information about the other fellows. Sorry I couldn't make the trip to Philadelphia because I had my vacation last winter when I had a stay out at the Vets' Hospital. I am now working with the Postoffice in St. Paul.

On Sunday, July 18, 1948, Bernard Graham, who served with A or B Co. (not sure), 60th, was killed in an airplane crash near St. Cloud. He was wounded in June, 1944, and sent back to the states.

I went to the funeral on Wednesday morning and the VFW organization were the honorary pallbearers.

CALLS ON NEXT-OF-KIN

The body of Thomas Gregory, also of the 60th, arrived July 29, and his sister called me and advised they were just going to have a family service.

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WOLMAN PLUGS FOR CHAPTER IN WILKES - BARRE

Francis Wolman, 74 Hillside Ave., Edwinstown, Pa., is still plugging for that Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association and he's a lad who believes "When a task is once begun—Never stop until it's done." Quoting parts of a letter from Wolman, he says:

Plans for a Wilkes-Barre Chapter are still in its infancy but the future looks bright. Cards to a few available men have been sent with hopes of widening our field.

Wolman got a bad break and wasn't able to get down to Philly so he can hardly wait for this issue of The Octofoil.

Says Wolman: Convention time has come and gone. Let's think of that excursion trip back overseas. Doesn't the apple orchards and poppy fields hold that significant urge to an ex-G. I. as after the last war? Veterans by the thousands longed for a peaceful return trip.

Here's an opportunity to travel with your side-kick and have a glorious vacation like you never dreamed. The Association's reduced rates at a no-profit basis could make it possible and a must on all of our lists.

879TH FALLING DOWN

The 879th has been falling down on the job once again. What's wrong with them? There is a short spurge and then boom—again they disappear.

What happened to Captain Turner? He wrote the first letter to get things started and then he fell out of the picture. That's a helluva example for an officer to set for his men. Let's get on the ball, Captain.

Maybe The Octofoil should send an envelope and stamp to some of these guys and replies might possibly come through.

Okay boys, let's get excursion minded.—Francis H. Wolman.

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Sam Robinson and Wife Get Added Noise On July 4

Sam Robinson is in the used car business at 14 Walnut Ave., Roxbury, Mass. In a recent letter Sam asks that some of his old buddies from B Btry., 84th F.A. write either to him or send some news to T'e Octofoil. Closing his letter he makes this announcement:

The New Model is Here!
On display at 66 Fenway, Boston, Mass.

Arrived July 4, 1948.
Named Leslie Nina.
Specifications
Weight: 7 lbs., 10 ounces.
Comes fully equipped with knee action. Fully automatic feed.
TIRES—Sometimes!
HEADLAMPS—Brown.
COLOR—Beautiful baby pink.
Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Robinson.

They Remember 9th In Belgium

IF YOU'RE NOSEY READ IT HERE WHAT SOME OF THEM ARE DOING

T-S. Lee S. Yoder, formerly of 60th Inf., whose home is in Pine Grove, Pa., is now in the Army, stationed in Korea. His new address is: T-S Lee S. Yoder, R.A. 33012776, Service Co., 32nd Inf. Regt., APO 7, care P.M., San Francisco, Calif.

Calvin Polivy, attorney at law, announces the opening of his office at the Bar Building, 38 W. 44th St., New York 18, N. Y., Suite 1309.

A note from Kenneth W. Hill, formerly captain of Co. E, 39th, tells us that he is a school boy now, enrolled in Texas Technological College, expecting to get a little "smart." His new address is: L.A.A.F., Lubbock, Texas.

Neil W. Abernethy, Glover Gap, W. Va., formerly of 60th F.A., has bought a 300-acre farm, has a wife and 16-month-old daughter, and is now attending Agriculture School. He wonders what has happened to all of the 60th F.A. men, especially those formerly with Hq. Btry.

Samuel L. Bruno, formerly of E Co., 60th, was married July 4th and has a new address: 21 North "H" St., Lake Worth, Fla. Samuel would like to hear from any of the boys who were with him in Co. E, 60th, especially Willard James, Murphy, Carl Ostberg and many others.

Here's some news about one of those former 60th F.A. men—Jack Brown is now with Proctor & Gamble and changes his address almost as often as he did in the Service. Right now his address is 600 Morningside Dr., Marietta, Ga. He wants to hear from some of the 60th F.A. men.

Leo M. Houweling is now an apprentice mechanic for Earl C. Anthony Co. Leo was formerly with Co. K, 47th Inf., and would like to hear from some of his former buddies. His address is now: 277 Andover St., San Francisco 10, Calif.

Kirk M. McClarnan writes: "I am going back to the States to become a civilian, so please send my paper and copy of the history, 'Eight Stars to Victory,' to my home address, which is: Kirk M. McClarnan, care H. J. Parson, Rt.

MAHON HAD NATE GAYNOR UP IN AIR MORE WAYS THAN JUST ONE

By NATE GAYNOR

Probably the most exciting part of the Philly convention for Walt Mahon and yours truly, of Chicago, was the trip there.

We started the trip from Chicago at 10:00 A. M. on Monday, the week of the convention. With Walt Mahon as pilot of his own plane, an Aeronca "Agitator," and yours truly as co-pilot, navigator and runner, the two barnstormers were well on their way to Philly late that afternoon.

Having been given a clear weather bill from Chicago to Pittsburgh, it was intended that this be the first leg of the trip. About 7:30 P. M. that evening, bad weather was encountered which made it impractical for contact flying. That was fine because we couldn't see anything any way. As a matter of fact, within 30 minutes we must have been millions of miles off our course. Having found a landing field we came in for a landing—a bit low, but the field held us up. This was Richmond, Ohio—45 miles from Pittsburgh. After refueling and orientation we took off again; experts at the field said the weather to Pittsburgh was O.K.—for bar hounds—well . . .

Out into the blue—Ohio River rode the Luftwaffe, Philly bound. The difficulty this time was the weather, of course, and the ascending darkness. Walt had been in deep thoughts about Ruth when he came to the realization that we should have stayed in Richmond. The odds were pretty much against us—the time, about 8:30 P. M.; ceiling, the Ohio River; wind, any direction. So we flew up and down the Ohio River looking for Philly, but it wasn't there yet

either. But there was a nice large barge in the river that looked as though it'd do the trick. Being accustomed to landing in six to eight mile strips, Walt didn't think we ought to land on the barge—only 100 feet long. Personally, I think we could have made it but Walt was chicken and insisted on looking around the smoke and fog filled valleys of the Ohio for a field. Just about when it was becoming too dark to see which way was up, Walt said: "Da . . . da . . . dere's an air strip." We overshot the field once but finally got down okay after the second attempt at which time we undershot the field enough to scare Walt. Hell, I didn't have enough sense to be scared myself. Maybe Walt was scared of the gang at the airport who came out to see us come in and were dubious as to the probability of a safe landing. Maybe Walt owed 'em money or . . . maybe \$80 in trade. This was East Liverpool—Walt thought it was Liverpool, England. Being the navigator, I was pretty sure we were in Nevada.

Next morning we took off from East Liverpool, Ohio, and because there was mud stuck in one of the wheels, I couldn't tell if we were going to take off or if we were just taxiing. On the other hand we landed at Bettis Field, Pittsburgh. I knew we landed—da . . . The rest of the trip was comparatively uneventful. We didn't even get killed again.

Walt is making arrangements for the Pitt convention already. Since he had the flying mania and that certain knack for getting rained or fogged down, he's gonna make the Pittsburgh trip by buzz bomb if they can get one to penetrate Pittsburgh's low ceiling.

IT'S A WAC AT DOUGLAS' HOME

From West Palm Beach, Fla., 521 Colonial Rd., to be exact, Robert M. Douglas sends a unique birth announcement, patterned something like this:

Headquarters
DOUGLAS RESIDENCE
29 July 1948
Subject: Birth Announcement.

To: All Concerned.
1. By direction of the doctor, a baby girl, named LARAINÉ LOVEDAY, was born at 1637 hours, 24 July 1948 at St. Mary's Hospital.

2. Said baby weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. at birth and has dark hair.
3. Mother and daughter are doing fine.

BY ORDER OF MY WIFE,
ROBERT M. DOUGLAS,
1st Lt. INF. Hon-Res.

STAN COHEN VIVIDLY PORTRAYS HIS REACTION AFTER CONVENTION

By STAN COHEN

Each experience was retold with added vigor while the barriers of time were lowered . . . such was the spirit of the Third Annual Convention.

From Texas, Georgia, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, South Carolina, North Carolina, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio—they all came. . . I was just one of the many who attended this particular convention and left with the intention of anxiously awaiting the next. The expense of going was negligible compared to the joy of partaking in good wholesome comradeship.

Old names, old faces, all part of the past suddenly becoming only yesterday. The Ben Franklin Bar was changed after a few beers back to the old days. Talking again to Mike Shaw, Mickey Ford, Rip, Benvenuto, Freddy Villanova, Jim Cimarra, brought back to life again the days of the 39th Inf., Anti-Tank Co.

You think that you knew quite a few fellows, but when the whole gang is reunited you meet more and more guys you never knew existed before. The dance on Friday night, with the hypnotic act, took first place, only to the warmth of the interior of the room. Those who attended can well vouch for that.

Saturday morning—9 o'clock, with the Ninth Division Band out front, the bugle sounded to "Fall in." Out from their rooms they came, bleary eyed, tired, exhausted, but still full of the devil to swell the ranks. The 39th, 47th, 60th, attached units, all the Ninth marched. I thought that I had forgotten, but once we started, we marched as one. Although khaki only showed up in strength at the head of the parade, the spirit of the march was with those who wore the paper overseas caps. But they marched, as if they were still on parade in front of the barracks at Fort Bragg. . . . Looked a bit different maybe, a little paunchy, perhaps—a wee bit more gray, or less hair than before, but strong for the six blocks of the march. (Don't think our condition could take much more.)

Father Connors' prayer, Colo-

MEMORIAL IN ARDENNES SECTION FOR NINTH MEN WHO DIED TO LIBERATE THAT PART OF BELGIUM

CONSTRUCTION HAS ALREADY STARTED AND SHOULD BE FINISHED EARLY NEXT YEAR; WILL BE IN THE SHAPE OF A MAMMOTH STAR.

By PAT DUNNAHOO

Bastogne, Belgium.—G.I.s of the Ninth Division who gave their lives in the battle for the liberation of Belgium from the Nazis in World War II are to be honored with an impressive memorial now under construction in the Ardennes section of the country.

TAKING NO CHANCES

Martha: "Why didn't you slap that man when he kissed you?"

Dora: "I made the mistake one time of slapping the face of a man who was chewing tobacco!"

The Ninth heroes will share honors with the G.I.s of other divisions who gave their lives in order that Belgium might be free, in the \$140,000 monument which the people of Belgium are building as a permanent tribute to the fallen liberators.

Construction of the monument has begun and Belgian officials hope it will be completed early next year.

Built of granite and native stone, the monument, when finished, will be in the shape of a large star, adapted from the American flag.

Centering the star-shaped structure will be an open court, in the middle of which will be placed a massive stone tablet. Carved on the tablet will be a suitable inscription, expressing the gratitude of the people of Belgium for the sacrifices made by the American G. I.s during World War II.

The forty-foot high walls of the court will be decorated with bronze reproductions of the insignias of the Ninth and other American divisions which participated in the liberation of Belgium.

Above the insignias will be placed the names of the forty-eight states in foot-high bronze letters.

FIVE COLONADES

Five granite colonades, measuring 225 feet from tip to tip, will radiate from the central court. The colonades, which will be the points of the star-shaped structure, will terminate in giant bas-relief sculptures, depicting American soldiers and battle scenes of World War II.

The monument will be situated in the midst of 25 acres of landscaped grounds, atop Mardasson Hill and overlooking the Belgian city of Bastogne, in the heart of the area where the Battle of the Bulge was fought in the winter of 1944-45.

Double tiers of granite steps will lead up the hill to the monument. This mammoth esplanade will contain a bronze reproduction of the double-eagle insignia of the U. S. Army.

The American Stars and Stripes will fly over the monument and flags of other Allied nations will be grouped at either end of the structure.

The cornerstone of the monument was laid on July 4 of this year in an impressive ceremony attended by many prominent Belgian and American officials. Notables present at the ceremony included American Ambassador to Belgium Kirk, General Lucian Clay, commander of U. S. forces in Germany, and Belgian Minister of the Army Raoul Defreiteur.

The monument was designed by Georges Dedoyard, architect of Liege. Monsieur Dedoyard's design was chosen from the hundreds of plans presented by Belgian individuals in a nation-wide contest.

Erection of the monument is being sponsored by the Belgo-American Association, an organization which strives to promote friendly relations between the two countries.

Costs of construction are being defrayed by proceeds realized from the sale of special commemorative stamps. Cost of the stamps was set very low so that all Belgians, even to the humblest peasant, might be able to buy one, thereby making a contribution to the fund to build the monument.

Sale of the stamps greatly exceeded the 7,000,000 Belgian franc quota. Hundreds of thousands of them were sold to the people of the country, who were happy to participate in the project to build the impressive memorial to the G.I.s who paid the supreme price in order that Belgium might be freed from the Nazi occupying armies.

Typical Comradeship Scene



Ted France, Philadelphia, sends The Octofoil one of the many pictures Ted Matusik made at the Reunion. Pictured from left to right: Jim Channing, Joe Santone, Captain William Horan and Ted France—all former M Co., 47th men.

PAUL KELLER HEAD OF OHIO GROUP '48-'49

DON JEWELL, VICE-PRESIDENT; DAVE BORING RE-ELECTED SECRETARY.

A meeting of the Ohio Chapter, Ninth Infantry Division Association was called at 8 P. M., Monday, August 23.

Election of officers for the '48-'49 term was the main order of business. Glenn O. Moore, who has served as President of the Chapter since it was organized, declined the nomination for re-election, stating he would co-operate with his successor and work just as hard as though he was the president, but thought the honor should be passed around.

The retiring president nominated Paul S. Plunkett, editor of The Octofoil to succeed him as president of the Ohio Chapter. Plunkett was forced to decline the nomination due to the possibility of being out of the State the greater part of the ensuing year. However, he, the same as Moore, pledged his co-operation in any way possible to the incoming officers.

Paul J. Keller, former 39th Inf. man was unanimously elected as the new president for the group.

Keller lives at 5019 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio. However, he hopes to have a house completed around November 1, at which time The Octofoil will print his permanent address. Until that time if Ohio members will send their letters to Paul J. Keller, 42 W. Maples St., Columbus, O. (Keller's place of business), they can be assured of prompt attention.

JEWELL ELECTED

Don Jewell, former 60th man, was elected vice-president of the Ohio group. Jewell nosed out Dick Schumann by the slim margin of two votes for the back seat drivers' station. Don lives at 466 Forest St., Columbus. He is now an old married man, working for Uncle Sam at the Columbus post-office.

BORING RE-ELECTED

Dave Boring, former 39th man, who has done a remarkable job as secretary-treasurer, was re-elected. Dave nosed out Miles McFarland, another former 39th man, by the same narrow margin—a majority of two votes.

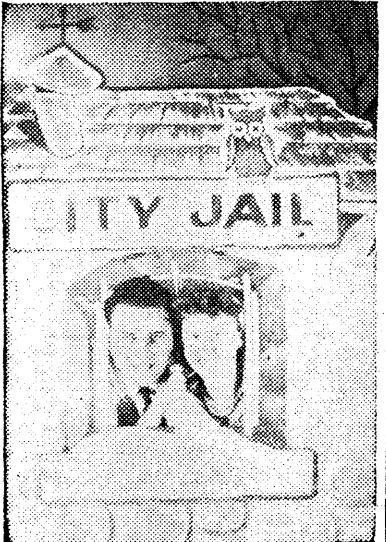
Dave is a student at Ohio State University. His home is in Marengo, Ohio, but during the school term his residence address is 16 E. Fourteenth Ave., Columbus.

THROW MOORE OUT

After the retiring president, Glenn O. Moore, was invited to leave the meeting, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously giving him a rising vote of thanks for his efforts in behalf of the Association and the Ohio Chapter. This motion was later amended that a committee be appointed to select a suitable gift to be presented to the retiring president as a token of appreciation from the group.

In turning the bank books over to the incoming president, Moore advised all bills had been paid in full and a net balance of \$26.85 was left in the treasury.

Birds Who Don't Fly



When Ben Nardone, Columbus, O., band leader, former 39th man, hit Philadelphia and found a shortage of hotel rooms he was accommodated by the City Fathers. After looking at the prize package he drew, probably some of the other guys wish they had crashed Philly's house-gow.

At least two cars will journey

Wojtas Story Will Appear Next Issue

Because of the demand for Convention pictures in this issue of The Octofoil an installment of Vic Wojtas' interesting P.O.W. Diary had to be left out. The next issue will carry a lengthy installment of this all-absorbing narrative.

Mascot



The pretty little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Rigby, Jr., Philadelphia.

MATUSIK MUGGED MANY OF THE JOES

From all parts of the United States The Octofoil has been receiving pictures of various groups made at the Third Annual Reunion. In every instance they say, "This is a picture Ted Matusik made for us." Many of them appear in this issue and will continue for the next several issues. Matusik also sent The Octofoil several pictures of the convention in general that he made. The lad is a real artist. The Octofoil is lucky that Ted is on its side.

Matusik represented the Illinois group on the Newspaper Committee at the Reunion and proved himself a hard, sincere worker.

There may be a few Reunion visitors who will forget the name Matusik, but by the eternal Gods no one will ever forget those loud shirts the Joe from Chicago, the Windy City, sported while in the City of Brotherly Love.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

EXPERIENCE

The hotel clerk asked the maid if she had awakened the G.I. who left a call for 7 a. m.

She said she had, but had found it necessary to go into the room to rouse him.

"Don't you know better than to go into a G.I.s room like that?" he asked.

"Yes, sir; I do now," she replied.—Vets' News, Post 4316, Central Point, Ore.

to Chicago Sept. 25 for the Illinois State meeting of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Letters read at the meeting by members from friends in Detroit and other parts of the Middle West indicate the Illinois meeting bids fair to becoming a Ninth Infantry Division Middle West Reunion. Any Ohio Chapter members desiring to make this trip should call Paul Keller at Adams 3414, Columbus, or Glenn O. Moore, MAin 3111, Columbus. More cars will arrange for the trip if the demand warrants it.

Chicago is only six or seven hours' ride from Columbus—and those who were unable to attend the Philadelphia Reunion can make this trip with a minimum amount of time lost and very little additional expense. Plans are to leave Columbus early Saturday morning, arriving in Chicago shortly after noon. Leaving Chicago around noon Sunday those attending will arrive back home in plenty of time to rest up for Monday and back to the "mines."

Ohio Chapter members living on the route from Columbus to Chicago (via Fort Wayne, Ind.) who desire to make the trip may notify either Moore or Keller and will be picked up en route. Members living north of Columbus can easily travel as far as Columbus by bus before joining the caravan leaving Ohio's capital city for the Windy City. Members desiring to make the trip should notify either Keller or Moore at once.

Poe Goldsmith Gives Needle To Medic Pals

Poe Goldsmith, Rt. 4, Allentown, Pa., writes a nice letter but is critical about some of the Medics being too lazy to write. Read Poe's letter just like he sent it in: To the Editor:

I believe all of us attending the Ninth Infantry Division Association's Third Annual Reunion had a wonderful time renewing acquaintances, remembering experiences and lining up present developments among ourselves.

Several times I heard how the fellows look through The Octofoil for familiar names. The better they know the correspondent the more they appreciate the newspaper. But they never have time to drop a line themselves. This once I'll do it for some of you guys from the Second Bn., 47th Medics.

Attending from our particular unit were Harold Jaffe, Danny Quin, Sal Luzzo, John Henley and myself. There's no use trying to mention all attending from the 2nd Bn., because I'd be sure to overlook some. There was a large attendance.

We began reminiscing and wondering about the rest of you Medics. Among the group we knew of some of you.

We missed Dr. William T. MacLaughlin, Bob Ruffalo, Lewis Sieben, Clyde Fowler, Hank Kucharsky, Bill Cassidy, Hubert Lawrence, Dick Compton. We wondered where is Dr. John Briggs or Ernest Moore or Sam and Slayter Boykin? What happened to Alex Passino, Walt Katavich, Paul Delco or Joe Salinas or Charlie Marts? And others like Bryant, Bostick, Giona, Robinson—??

Three years, you know, and our memories get rather hazy. Take a 10-minute break and drop a card somebody!

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

TO THE POINT

A veteran who received an eviction notice from his landlord, replied with a letter that set a record for brevity.

It read:

"Dear Sir:

"I remain

"Yours very truly." — Exchange.

Marion Lee Living In Hoosier Land

Marion Lee, formerly of G Co., 39th, lives on Rt. 4, Bloomfield, Ind. He sends The Octofoil several snapshots taken overseas—one of which is being printed in this issue. The other photos showing a group of G.I.s talking to an old German who seemed to be glad they were there, are a bit yellow with age and would not reproduce into cuts very well.

Lee says he enjoys The Octofoil and often sees many pictures and stories that bring back memories. He closes by making an appeal to all of his old buddies to write him a few lines.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Liberated Cognac



Marion Lee as the lad looked on the morning of March 8, 1945, at Regman.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

LESSER OF TWO EVILS

The London blitz was at its height, and buzz bombs were falling all over the place.

Two girls in a downtown office were so frightened they got the boss' consent to go home.

Five minutes later he was surprised to see them back at their desks, and asked why.

"We started, but it was raining outside," they replied.—Exchange.

Just a Line to These Writers Will Mean Much

Floyd M. Bowman, Sr., of Bogue Chitto, Miss., writes in to locate a man by the name of Ford who was with the Ninth Div., Co. L, 60th Inf., on March 17, 1945. Ford was left to take care of Floyd M. Bowman, Jr., when he was killed. If anyone knows of Ford's address please write to Mr. Bowman at Bogue Chitto, Miss.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Doe Harry Cantor, 301 Avon Rd., Upper Darby, Pa., would like to locate Captain Bartolomeo Mazzocchi, formerly with the 60th Inf. Medics.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Mrs. C. R. Oliver, of Castleberry, Ala., would like to hear from anyone who knew her son or was with him at the time of his death. Her son's name is S-Sgt. Donald E. Oliver, Co. L, 39th Inf.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Mrs. William McQuestion, 5063 Rowland Rd., Toledo 12, Ohio, would like to hear from anyone who knew her son, Pfc. Leo C. McQuestion, who was killed while with Co. G, 47th Inf., at St. Lo, July 25, 1944.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Anyone who knew Sgt. Raymond E. Lucey, K Co., 60th Inf., should write to his mother, Mrs. Leo Lucey, Palisade, Nevada. Sgt. Lucey was killed in action on July 17, 1944, in France.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Mrs. Helen Miller, 963 Broadview Dr., Pittsburgh 7, Pa., would like very much to hear from anyone who knew her brother who was killed September 6, 1944, in Belgium. Her brother's name is Pfc. James A. Salmon, Co. G, 39th Inf.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

CONFESSION

They laid him out on the station house floor, and the doctor examined him, while the cop who had brought him in stood by. The doctor finished and rose. "That man's been drugged." The cop went white and shivered. He said: "That's right, sir. It's my fault. I drug him six blocks."—V.F.W. 169ther, Royal Oak, Mich.

Infantrymen Conduct Memorial Service



Private First Class Albert J. Madden, of 9th Infantry Division, Fort Dix, sounding taps at Reburn Plaza in memory of division's dead comrades. Ceremony solemnized third annual reunion of Ninth Infantry Division Association.

—Courtesy The Evening Bulletin, Philadelphia, Pa.

John Farson, 716 Powdermill Lane, Penfield Downs, Philadelphia, Pa., secured the above Memorial Service picture from The Evening Bulletin, Philadelphia, Pa. John regrets the picture shows only a small proportion of the large crowd in attendance. The Philadelphia lads are well-pleased with the turn-out for the Third Annual Convention and are looking forward to Pittsburgh in 1949, when still more contacts will be made between former Ninth Infantry Division Buddies.