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BIG NEW YORK EVENT SET FOR OCT. 2

Impressive Funeral Rites



Rex Ford sent the above photograph to The Octofoil. The picture was made during the Final Rites held for Lt. George H. Bailey, at Asheville, N. C. Lt. Bailey was with the 39th Regt., and was killed April 4, 1943.

Notice

Widow's stickers are still available for 10¢ (25 cents) Final Thrust and 60th Infantry. Histories are still obtainable at 25 cents a copy. Send orders to Charles O. Tingley, Secy.-Treas., 9th Inf. Div. Assn., P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

HISTORIES ARE BEING BOUND

The Octofoil contacted officials of the F. J. Heer Printing Co. for information relative to "Eight Stars to Victory" shortly before this issue went to press. Mr. Walter J. Heer, president of the company, advised all copies of the history had been printed and the bindery workers were putting the cover on the books. Mr. Heer further advised that the histories would be started through the mails not later than October 1, 1948.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

President Clarke and Secy. Tingley Helping Arrange for Reunion

There is no grass growing under the feet of President Clarke and Secretary Tingley. They are now laying ground work for the big 1949 Convention in Pittsburgh.

The two officers recently visited Pittsburgh and conferred with members of the Pittsburgh Chapter. Their report is the Pittsburgh Chapter is really enthusiastic about the next Convention and indications are it will be the "daddy" of all 9th Division Association Reunions.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

BOARD OF GOVERNORS TO MEET IN NEW YORK CITY

The Board of Governors will hold their regular quarterly meeting in New York City on October 2nd at the Hotel Roosevelt.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

STAN KOZLOWSKI SENDS A PHOTO

Under date of Oct. 15, 1948, Stanley Kozlowski, 77 N. Bridge St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y., sent in a letter calling the bluff of those guys who claimed 746th Tank Bn. men wouldn't write letters. He asks others to correspond directly with him.

A photo printed in this issue was sent in by Stan.

ANOTHER GOOD 9th CHAPLAIN WRITES

No Division was as fortunate as the Ninth when it came to having outstanding chaplains. They were all loved by the men and they all showed their appreciation in humane acts from day to day. The Octofoil feels complimented that Rev. Edgar H. Graham, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Breckenridge, Texas, took time out to send in the following letter:

Please accept my membership in the association for this year. I know that I am late in sending it in, but from the first I have been a member and I do not want ever to miss this membership.

Thanks a lot for the Octofoil. Please keep up the good work of this paper. Mrs. Graham and myself have made a rule that we will not scrap anymore over who reads it first. We have made the rule that whoever gets the mail first reads the paper first. But when I get it she usually finds something else for me to do until she has read it first.

Somehow or other, I would like for you to put my name and address into your paper for the benefit of the rest of the fellows. I was

Chaplain Edgar Graham. 47th Infantry—A. P. O. 9, from England to the first of September after the war was over. If any of the fellows want to write to me at 711 West Lindsay St., Breckenridge, Texas, I will be glad to answer their mail.

I would especially be glad to hear from the fellows in Texas who would be interested in setting a date to get together for a day this fall, winter or next spring.

Another thing I have is the name, rank and serial number of all of the men that I picked up from D plus 4 to October 15, including the place that I picked them up. If this information will help anyone I will be glad to give any that I have. I also have the same information on the men that I administered the rite of Baptism to on the battlefields. Any of the men that remember the services that we held may feel free to write if they will.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely yours,
EDGAR H. GRAHAM.

President Clarke's Message Will Be In Next Month

Secretary Tingley advised The Octofoil President Clarke had a message for the membership that he proposed to send out through the pages of The Octofoil. The secretary was advised that The Octofoil would go to press Tuesday, Sept. 19. However, an emergency arose that necessitated The Octofoil editor catch a plane to Los Angeles, Calif., on Sept. 18—hence the pages were closed a day early, before the arrival of the President's message. Omission of that feature in this issue is no fault of President Clarke. It will be printed in full next month.

Later Financial Statement Will Appear Soon

Secretary Charles O. Tingley has submitted to The Octofoil a financial statement as of June 30, 1948. Lack of space prevented the publication in this issue of the auditor's latest report. It will be published in next month's issue of The Octofoil.

INDICATIONS ARE THE FALL SHINDIG BEING STAGED BY THE NEW YORK GROUP WILL BE WELL ATTENDED

PARTIES CARING TO BE GROUPED TOGETHER SHOULD SECURE TICKETS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 25 . . . EXPECT GEN. EDDY AND PRESIDENT CLARKE TO ATTEND.

By STANLEY COHEN

This is the phrase that is common among the members of the New York Chapter — LET'S GO NEW YORK TO THE HOTEL ROOSEVELT FOR THE NEW YORK CHAPTER STATE DANCE ON OCTOBER 2, 1948.

746th Tank Bn. Guys



Reading from left to right are the following Co. C, 746th Tank Bn., boys from the First Platoon: Cpl. Stanley W. Kozlowski, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Sgt. D. W. Griffith, Athens, Ga.; T-5 Raymond Fischer, Port Arthur, Tex.; Pfc. Joseph Tlacz, Scranton, Pa.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

7-Star Akron Lad Sends Photographs

Kenneth L. Meyer, 468 Pearl St., Akron 4, Ohio, former corporal, 9th M.P.s writes an interesting letter and encloses two outstanding photos—one of which is being used in this issue. Parts of Ken's letter follows:

My Dear Paul: Having completed seven campaigns while with the outfit, I was quite ready to accept the reclassification they gave me in March of '45. I was assigned to the 323d M.P.E.G. Det. and served the remainder of my overseas duty with them.

Until the end of the war I was stationed at a Russian repatriation camp ten miles outside of Marseilles. At the close of the war we were sent to Remagen-on-the-Rhine. We were stationed in Remagen at the Rhein Hotel on the banks of the famous river.

I missed the Remagen bridgehead but did pick up there two photos of that now famous spot. If you use them I am sure a lot of the fellows will recognize the locale, although it looks better in the pictures than when they saw the spot in person.

Sincerely,
KENNETH L. MEYER.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

INFORMAL SESSIONS

Chaplains in the Veterans Administration hospital at Topeka, Kansas, conduct weekly one-hour seminars for members of the hospital's medical staff. They discuss common problems of religion and psychiatry. To maintain informality, attendance is limited to 12.

The latest information that is available has indicated that we are going to have a full house. But for those who want to sit together in one group, they must arrange for table reservations, but it can only be for groups of six or twelve. These tickets will have to be bought and paid for by Sept. 25, 1948. . . . They will be good and they will be recognized until 10 P. M. on October 2, 1948.

THE OLD GRAPEVINE

From the grapevine, it has been broadcast we are to expect the Board of Governors and the major officers of the Association, including Major General Manton S. Eddy and President Donald Clarke.

To entertain you royally the music of Bob Wark and his music that is out of this world, has been arranged for.

DANCE COMMITTEE

The Dance Committee will be composed of the following members: Jim Bruno, Chairman; Harold Fredericks, Doc Sternlicht, Irving Feinberg, Henry Caladaga, and our boy, Black. These men have worked long and patiently to emphasize that the dance is to be one of social joy rather than being nabbed by the boys to help do this and buy that. No, that is not the case. This is the affair that costs you nothing more than what you yourself contribute to having one heck of a good time.

25 PRIZES

A total of 25 prizes have been donated which will be distributed by the committee free of charge. We want to do all we can to make this affair as successful as possible.

GOOD ENTERTAINMENT

New York City has long been famous for its source of entertainment. This is certainly true indeed, especially when the New York Chapter runs an affair.

A REMINDER

Before it is too late, give your pretty social secretary this memo: Remember to tell me about getting my tickets for the New York Chapter Dance that will be held at the Hotel Roosevelt on October 2, 1948.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Thanks to Rex Ford For Outstanding Photo

Rex H. Ford, 1 Tucker St., N. W. Gosport, Portsmouth, Va., sent to The Octofoil the photo made at the final rites for Lt. George H. Bailey, held at Asheville, N. C.

Lt. Bailey was killed in North Africa on April 4, 1943. He was with Service Co., 39th. The lieutenant was killed on his way up front to take command of E Co.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

CELEBRATE MUSIC WEEK

Church choirs in all parts of the country celebrated National Music Week by performing for patients in Veterans Administration hospitals. In the VA hospital in Framingham, Mass., for example, combined Protestant, Catholic and Jewish church choirs gave a concert in the hospital auditorium.

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

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MONEY ALL GONE AFTER CHRISTMAS?

Added expenses that always mount because of the Christmas Holiday Spirit causes most all Ninth Infantry Division Association members to be afflicted with bad cases of Financial Shorts around the first of the year. Why not try paying 1949 dues before that acute period of the year?

The Octofoil has no desire to play up "pay your dues" to the point of becoming obnoxious—but payment of dues and even prompt payment is necessary if the members want to perpetuate one of the grandest organizations of its kind ever to exist.

In recent issues Secretary Tingley has pointed to the fact that it was necessary to expend at least \$1,000 of the Association's much needed money in sending out delinquent dues notices. It behooves each and every member to save the Association this unnecessary expenditure of money in 1949.

In the last issue of The Octofoil was printed an article concerning a deserving New York couple who made considerable sacrifice in order to pay 1948 dues. Still there are members who have no financial worries but yet let their dues go delinquent month after month. If there are any such members who read this editorial and they failed to read the article referred to in last month's issue they should read it now.

Let's make 1949 the banner year for the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Pay your dues promptly.

It Can Be Done!

JOIN AN OLD-LINE ORGANIZATION

Too many of our members are inclined to think the various veterans' organizations are merely agencies in which to stimulate a little social imbibing of alcoholic spirits. True, most of these organizations maintain Canteens for the convenience of their members. But the dues paid into the organizations is used largely for the betterment of veterans—for the beating down of laws prejudicial to the interests of veterans. Many benefits enjoyed by former Ninth Division men today would not be obtainable had not some old-line veteran organization fought for and secured favorable legislation.

The Ninth Infantry Division Association was not organized for the purpose of becoming involved in brawls with unpredictable politicians. It is organized to perpetuate the esprit de corps of the grandest, the most courageous and fightingest Infantry Division ever to go in combat under the Stars and Stripes.

Whether it be the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion or any other officially recognized veterans organization whose functions are to be ever alert and to always champion the interest of veterans before legislative bodies—it behooves veterans to support one or the other or more of these organizations not only by being dues paying members—but by taking an active interest in their various functions.

"Only God helps those who help themselves." These agencies fighting for more humane veterans' legislation can not very well help the veteran unless he is willing to first help himself. Join some veteran organization today and start helping its officers in a noble fight for justice to all veterans!

Give Him Heck, Girlie

—By Plunkett



Pay your dues before the first of the year so when you get caught with the "shorts" after Christmas this won't happen to you.

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.—Can I transfer my National Service Life Insurance policy to any of the private companies?

A.—No. Your NSLI is convertible to one or more of the six permanent plans issued only by Veterans Administration. These are Ordinary Life, 30-Payment Life, 20-Payment Life, Endowment at age 60, and Endowment at age 65.

Q.—Just which veterans are entitled to hospitalization in a Veterans Administration hospital?

A.—Veterans with service-connected disabilities have a top priority for VA hospital care. Veterans with nonservice connected ailments may be hospitalized under existing law if beds are available and if they say they cannot afford treatment elsewhere. Peacetime veterans, members of the Regular Establishment, retired officers and enlisted men, under certain conditions, also are eligible for hospitalization.

Q.—I wish to purchase an automobile house trailer that I can use during my vacation. Will Veterans Administration guarantee a loan for the purchase?

A.—No. Loans for pleasure purposes cannot be guaranteed or insured by Veterans Administration.

Q.—I would like to change the beneficiary on my National Service Life Insurance without letting the old beneficiary know about it. May I do this?

A.—Yes. A veteran may change the beneficiary or beneficiaries of his National Service Life Insurance at any time without their knowledge or consent.

Q.—One of my arms was amputated because of injuries received while I was in the armed services during World War II. May I select the type of artificial arm I want and the firm I want to buy it from?

A.—Yes, you will be permitted to select the artificial arm of your choice, but it must be purchased from an approved prosthetic appliance manufacturer under contract with Veterans Administration.

WOLMAN'S NEEDLING GETS BOB TURNER ON THE BEAM

A nice letter, written in typical Bob Turner style was received at The Octofoil office under date of Sept. 2, 1948. Bob also inclosed his dues for next year and inquires about Octofoil advertising rates. The letter, which is self-explanatory, follows:

Dear Paul:
I just received my copy of The Octofoil, and as per usual, I read it from one end to the other. Like so many others, I was unable to get to the convention because of my business, but I keep thinking and hoping the next one will see me there.

WOLMAN GETS RESULTS
I guess it took some panning by Francis Wolman to get me on the ball again (in his letter published in the September Octofoil). Maybe if we call down each 899ther by name we can get them to write in and give us all some dope on themselves. Thanks for the light, Francis. Maybe I can "keep on the ball" a little more now. How about you, Charles Crawford, Gene Forrest and Ellsworth Rooney—why not help us get the 899th started again?

TELLS ON MATUSIK
I also read how Ted Matusik mugged so many at the convention. Ted dropped in on me here at my shop and stocked up on film and flash bulbs, etc. Ted is a good boy and does some fine shooting. I didn't read about any cuties being shot back there. How about it Ted? It seems to me that was all you shot here in Sunny Southern California.

HAS A GRIPE

One gripe, then I'll quit for this time. Nearly every time the 899th T. D. Bn. does get itself in print, invariably it comes out 879, 796, 998, or some other conglomeration of numbers.

We'll get the 899th T. D. Bn. back in line yet.

Most Sincerely,
BOB G. TURNER,
Former Captain 899th T. D. Bn.
623 S. Atlantic Blvd., Los Angeles 22, Calif.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Matusik Slaps Francis Wolman On the Wrist

Ted Matusik, 1802 Wilmot Ave., Chicago, Ill., "sounding off." Don't blame The Octofoil Wolman:

A note in Francis Wolman's letter riled me a little concerning Capt. Bob Turner. As you know, I visited Bob while on vacation in Los Angeles and I know just how busy Bob is with his business and plans for opening a larger store—and he's like a lot of us, just does not find enough time. He does have a great interest in Ninth Division affairs. While I was there, he mentioned the attempts to organize a Southern California chapter but it had to be abandoned because the prospective members would have to travel considerable distances.

Wants More Ninth Chaplains to Get Octofoil Writeups

A very impressive letter was mailed to The Octofoil recently and the good member who postmarked his letter from New York City, failed to sign it. Parts of the letter follows:
Editor of Octofoil:

The recent story on Chaplain Tepper was a masterpiece and to us who knew him, we know all that was said of him was true and more could be added.

How about a story on another great chaplain, in my opinion, one of the greatest of this war. His story once was run in Stars and Stripes. I speak of Father Timothy Andrysiak, affectionately called Father Andy.

(Editor's Note: Any member having available the issue of Stars and Stripes referred to, please send it in for publication. Same will be returned in good condition.)

Also that great little dynamo of good cheer, Father Anthony De Laura. The Ninth really had so many good chaplains that it is hard to skip over any of them. So please let's have a series of stories about each of them?

(Editor's Note: Every effort will be made to start such a series soon.)

Later on how about stories on our heroes, such as Manney Urbanowicz, Paddy Flint, etc. Of course we have read frequently of Paddy. How about Mike Kauffman, Ace Ditters, Hardtack Hardage, Slick Wilson and numerous others.

I think this will bring back memories and will help get the dues collected.

Many of the fellows have lost contact with our association and some haven't heard of us.

I meet fellows who cadried out before we went overseas and they are anxious to join. I have recruited at least six new members in the last three months. The Association will pick up—and here's hoping that gol darned history is out soon.

PAPA NORWOOD DID PULL THRU

Spencer Norwood, Mt. Auburn, Iowa, sends The Octofoil a unique little birth announcement and scribbles a few lines to his old buddies from Hq. and G Companies of the 47th. Spencer says he enjoys The Octofoil and occasionally sees an old buddy's name mentioned but would like to see more. He asks that some of the old gang drop him a few lines.

Parts of the announcement has this to say:

The doc says papa will pull thru, And mama—she is all right, too! And baby's doing fine—

It's a boy—born 8-24—48.
Named Randy Lee Norwood.
Weight: 9 lbs., 2 1-2 ozs.

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Norwood.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

MEARL RATCLIFF WANTS OCTOFOIL TO BE ON TIME

Mearl Ratcliff now lives at 211 E. 33rd Pl., Tulsa 5, Okla. He is a former 39th man.

Ratcliff says he enjoys reading The Octofoil and wanted very badly to attend the Convention. He's hoping for better luck next year.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

OFF BALANCE

While in New York on a vacation trip my wife and I hailed a taxi and told the driver where we wanted to go. He raced off wildly and went careening down the street, swaying bumping and giving us several anxious moments. Noticing our concern, he shouted over his shoulder, "Don't worry, folks. I ain't going to land in no hospital, especially after spending a year in one overseas."

"How dreadful," answered my wife sympathetically. "You must have been seriously wounded."
"No," he replied cheerfully, "never got a scratch. I was a mental case."—Contributed by Al Spong.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

MUSIC FOR VETS

Choirs consisting entirely of veteran-patients are furnishing musical backgrounds for religious services conducted in many Veterans Administration hospitals. Among the choir members are a former college professor of music and the conductor of a small symphony orchestra.

PADDY RESTING IN ARLINGTON

TOLEDO MOTHER ASKS FOR HELP

Paul Keller, president of the Ohio Chapter is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. William McQuestion, 5063 Rowland Rd., Toledo, Ohio, appealing to any of the members who knew Pfc. Leo McQuestion, Co. G, 47th, to please contact her at the address given.

Certainly there is a member who will read this appeal and can take a great load off the shoulders of this good mother if he will only drop her a few lines. Any of you who can, don't put it off, fellows. Do it today. Read Mrs. McQuestion's letter:

Dear Mr. Keller: I was reading The Octofoil and noticed your name as being from Columbus, so I thought I would write you. My son, Pfc. Leo McQuestion, was in Co. G, 47th Inf., and was killed at St. Lo on July 25, 1944. Just a couple of days prior to his death he wrote that his lieutenant was from Columbus, and a buddy from Dayton, but he did not give their names. I was wondering if by any chance some of the Columbus 9th boys might find out who these two were and send me their addresses. I have never heard from anyone who was with him over there. As far as we can determine he was with the company only about one month before his death.

He also often wrote about Tony Gagne, but gave no address.

Would appreciate very much any information.

Sincerely,
MRS. WILLIAM MCQUESTION,
5063 Rowland Rd., Toledo, 12,
Ohio.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—
**Former 9th Men
In Fatal Accidents**

The tragic death of Bob Kizer came as a shock to his many Association friends. His mother sent a picture to The Octofoil that was received too late for publication in this issue. However, it will appear next month.

Mrs. James Kizer (Bob's mother), Rt. 5, Tiffin, O., notified Association headquarters that her son, Robert Leroy, formerly a sergeant of Co. K, 39th Inf., was killed on July 24, 1948. Sgt. Kizer was riding with a pal in Fremont, Ohio, when the car in which he was riding was struck by another and he was killed instantly in the head-on collision.

Mrs. Kizer stated that Bob was always so proud of The Octofoil—and she herself wants to continue receiving our monthly newspaper.

ANOTHER TRAGIC DEATH
Notice of the death of Harley E. Jones, formerly of Co. E, 47th Infantry Regt., was recently received at headquarters.

His mother, Mrs. L. T. Jones, Rt. 1, West Salem, Ohio, stated in her letter that Harley met accidental death on May 5, 1948, while at his work for the Fenton Construction Co.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—
**District of Columbia
Boys Attend Funeral**

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Sept. 1, at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, in Washington, D. C., for Major Max L. Wolf, formerly with the 60th Infantry.

Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery. Major Wolf, at the time of his death, commanded the Second Bn., 60th Inf.

Major Wolf is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy C. Wolf, who lives in Silver Springs, Md., just outside of Washington.

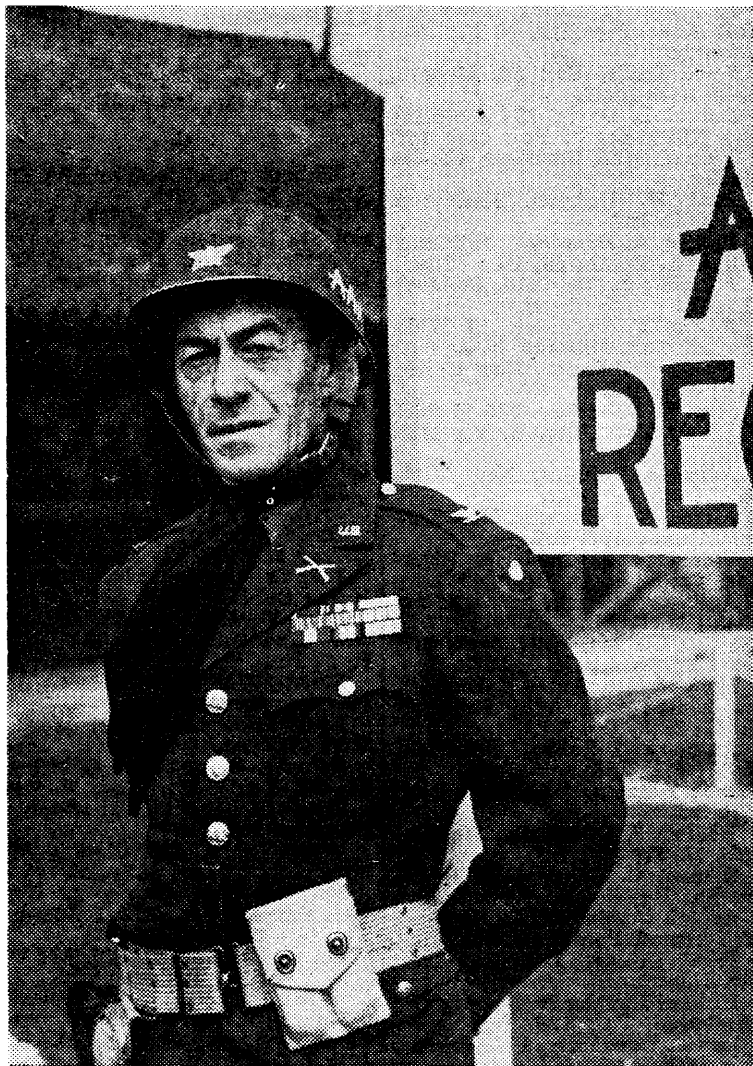
Printed elsewhere is a letter of appreciation from Mrs. Wolf.

Association members attending the funeral included Charles O. Tingley, Salvatore Trapini, Steve Grey, Louis Becker and General Stroh.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—
**Leo Serrani Loses
Out On His Octofoil**

Leo Serrani is living at 8204 Rosewood Ave., Cleveland 5, Ohio, and while away on his vacation someone misplaced last month's issue of The Octofoil. Leo sends out an SOS for an additional copy. Fortunately a few were left on file and the lad received the desired issue. It's fine to know the members are that interested in their paper.

Ninth Division Immortal Hero



Many unashamed tears from all who knew the immortal Paddy Flint were shed when Final Rites were held for one of the greatest soldiers ever to pay the Supreme Sacrifice—but that's the way Paddy wanted to go. He never asked a G.I. to do something he himself would not do.

A CONDENSED TRANSCRIPTION OF BOARD MEETINGS HELD IN PHILLY

A regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Governors of The 9th Infantry Division was held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel on July 30, 1948. Members attending were as follows: Col. George Barth, Paul S. Plunkett, Michael Puzak, Frank B. Wade, Albert Bruchac, John Whitmore, Henry S. Rigby and Robert Robb. Chas. O. Tingley acted as recorder.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Henry S. Rigby, at 12:15 p. m. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A discussion was held on the proposition of General Stroh and Bob Robb for the formation of a confederacy of combat veterans associations.

A letter written by Bob Robb was read proposing that the Association arrange to secure the services of a professional expert to put on a publicity campaign for the association with a view of increasing our membership. After considerable discussion on this matter it was decided that no action be taken at the present time on such a suggestion.

The meeting was adjourned until 4 p. m. at which time it reconvened, with the following members attending: Colonel Barth, Paul Plunkett, Mike Puzak, Albert Bruchac, Don Clark, Henry S. Rigby, John Whitmore and Glenn Moore.

Motion was made by Al Bruchac as follows: The Board of Governors recommends to the membership committee to give the Board of Governors the necessary powers to appoint a competent committee, subject to the approval of the Board of Governors, to act in behalf of the Association in the formation of a group of combat

veterans organizations for the furtherance of mutual problems common to all such groups. This motion was seconded and passed.

Glenn Moore motioned to authorize the Secretary to inform the Infantry Journal that the 9th Infantry Division History, "Eight Stars to Victory," could be purchased at a wholesale rate of \$4.25 per copy, the retail price to remain at \$5.00 per copy. This motion seconded and passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

A special meeting of the Board of Governors was held on Saturday, July 31, at 4:30 p. m.

The meeting was called to order by Henry S. Rigby, President. The new members of the board elected at the final business session of the convention were introduced.

Members attending this meeting were: Colonel Barth, Don Clark, Albert Bruchac, Glenn Moore, John Whitmore, Calvin Polivy, J. Robert Brogan, Walter Mahon, Henry S. Rigby and Michael Puzak.

The only order of business brought up before this meeting was the election of new officers for the coming year.

The following nominations were made:

President, Donald M. Clarke; 1st Vice Pres., Major General Donald A. Stroh; 2d Vice Pres., John Clouser; 3d Vice Pres., Leslie Ronay; Judge Advocate, Thos. J. Gentry, Jr.

The nominations were closed and a unanimous vote was recorded.

Motion to adjourn was made at 5 p. m., seconded, and passed.

CLOSER RELATIONS

The Mt. Alto Veterans Administration hospital in Washington, D. C., conducted a series of six conferences between chaplains and members of medical, administrative and Special Services staffs, designed to bring about closer relationships between them.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

ASSIST CHAPLAINS

As one of the many examples of inter-faith cooperation found in Veterans Administration hospitals, Catholic and Protestant patients in a number of hospitals regularly assist chaplains in bringing Jewish wheelchair and stretcher patients into chapels for Friday night services.

"PADDY" FOUGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO FIGHT AND DIE --- FINAL BURIAL IN ARLINGTON CEMETERY

GEN. PATTON ONCE SAID "THOSE WHO GO AS BRAVELY AS PADDY DID ARE FORTUNATE" --- UNASHAMED TEARS SHED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM.

On Monday afternoon, September 13, 1948, one of the greatest soldiers of World War II, a soldier's soldier, reached his final resting place in Arlington National Cemetery. Situated on a knoll surrounded by large shade trees

and overlooking the Nation's Capitol, Colonel Harry A. "Paddy" Flint, was laid to rest. Members of the Division Association who were there to pay their respects included:

Major General Louis A. Craig.
Major General Donald A. Stroh.
Brig. Gen. George W. Smythe.
Colonel John G. Van Houten.
Colonel Van H. Bond.
Lt. Col. George E. Pickett.
Lt. Colonel Fred C. Feil.
Major Walter O. Beets.
Donald M. Clarke.
William L. Peverill.
Frank B. Wade.
Charles O. Tingley.
Salvatore Trapini.
William E. Byrnes.
Stephen Grey.
Anthony B. Micke.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. W. Beall, whose son, Captain John P. Beall, was killed in action while commanding D Co. of the 39th, also attended the services.

Honorary pallbearers included:

Lt. Gen. Haislip.
Lt. Gen. Chamberlin.
Maj. Gen. Drake.
Maj. Gen. Kirk.
Maj. Gen. Crawford.
Maj. Gen. Spaulding.
Maj. Gen. Maxwell.
Maj. Gen. Maloney.
Maj. Gen. Hayes.
Colonel Thomas.
Colonel Nalle.
Col. Van H. Bond.
Lt. Col. Clifton F. VonKann.

Hundreds of clippings have been received by The Octofoil since Paddy's body was returned. The Washington Post went back in the files and dug up pictures of Gen. Patton pinning the Distinguished Service Cross on the old boy.

The Washington Star also gave prominent mention to Paddy's Final Rites, going into detail about his colorful career—a career of loyalty to his country and to the men under him—a career that probably will never be equaled.

Excerpts from a story clipped from The Washington Daily News reads as follows:

Fellow officers, from lieutenants to three-star generals, turned out to pay final tribute to a soldier's soldier—Col. Harry A. Flint—in reinterment ceremonies in Arlington Cemetery.

Colonel Flint was a regimental commander of World War II who doggedly clung to the traditional privilege of preceding the bulk of his troops into combat. He was killed by a sniper's bullet near St. Lo, France, July 25, 1944.

Although his own diary mentions it merely as "a slight scratch," he had been wounded in a similar action only six weeks earlier and defied doctor's suggestions that he asked to be relieved.

FOUGHT TO FIGHT

Recorded only within the now-dusty files of the Army Department is Col. Flint's personal fight with military regulations for the right to serve; and eventually to die—in active combat.

An outstanding West Point graduate, Class of 1912, a filed artillery major in World War I and a cavalry officer during most of the '20s and '30s, Col. Flint was in charge of the Cavalry ROTC Unit at the University of Illinois when World War II became imminent. He prevailed upon his friend, Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., to give him a regiment in the Second Armored Division, then training at Ft. Benjamin.

COMMANDED 39th

When new regulations made him over-age for combat, he managed to get overseas as a supply liaison officer, serving in England, Oran and Algiers. Still determined to get into combat, he won command of the famed 39th Infantry Regiment of the Ninth Infantry in time to lead it through the Sicilian campaign. Its slogan—"Anytime, Anywhere, Anyhow, Bar

Nothing"—became famous throughout the Italian theater.

It was only a few days after the 39th had been shipped to England and landed in Normandy on D-Day-plus-4 that Colonel Flint stopped his first bullet.

PATTON'S TRIBUTE

Among the many tributes paid to "Paddy" Flint, as he was known to both rank and file, was that of the late Gen. Patton who wrote "... those who go as bravely as Paddy did are fortunate."

Decorations awarded him during his 32-year career included the Distinguished Service Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Silver Star with two clusters, the Legion of Merit, the Purple Heart with Cluster and a number of foreign decorations.

Col. Flint is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sallie Emery Flint, of Burlington, Vt., and a daughter, Mrs. Clifton F. von Kann, of 3524 Gunston Road, Parkfairfax, Alexandria. She is the wife of Lieut. Col. von Kann, now stationed in the Pentagon.

Former West Point classmates served as honorary pallbearers. They included Lt. Gen. Wade H. Haislip and Lieut. Gen. Stephen J. Chamberlain.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

DISTRICT LADS STAGE EVENT

The District of Columbia Chapter's Moonlight cruise on the Potomac on Friday night, August 27, was a very successful affair, both financially and otherwise.

The attendance was good. Surprisingly the weather man arranged a perfect night although one of the hottest on record but that made the trip more enjoyable as it afforded an opportunity to cool off.

Tom Henry and Mrs. Henry were among those present. If you recall, Tom was one of the Ninth Division's best war correspondents and at present he is trying to arrange another trip to the Antarctic with Admiral Byrd.

Victor Daumit, formerly with the Ninth Division Art. Band presented some very interesting and entertaining dance routines during the cruise. Vic formerly managed the Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Washington for the past three years and he is now co-partner in the Bar-Daumit Studio of Dance, located at 1737 Columbia Rd., N.W., and he has the reputation of being the most popular dancing instructor in Washington. The Chapter cleared over \$55 on this affair.

The District of Columbia Chapter is planning on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 8 p. m. for their next meeting. The place: Christian Heurich Brewery, 26th and Water Sts., N.W.; plenty of free beer, pretzels, free show and a good time is promised for all who attend. Plans are being made to launch a membership drive and to increase the chapter's activities.

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PROUD OWNER

A gentleman pausing to look at a Fifth Ave. window display on a recent afternoon was distracted when a maroon Rolls-Royce pulled up and a liveried chauffeur stepped out, peered at the wheels alongside the curb, crawled back into the car, inched it forward a foot or two, and then got out and carefully examined the wheels again. Perceiving that he was being watched, he offered an explanation. "It's 'im," he said, jerking a gloved thumb toward the building. "'E likes the names on the 'upcaps right side up, so 'e can read 'em when 'e gets in."

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PAY '49 DUES NOW!

AND THEY ALL HAD ONE HECK OF A SWELL TIME

IF ANY JOES WERE IN PHILLY AND DO NOT "REMEMBER" ABOUT IT, HERE'S THE ROSTER -- CHECK FOR YOURSELF

LIST WILL HELP ESTABLISH LOST ADDRESSES FOR MANY WHO HAVE BEEN WONDERING WHERE THE OLD BUDDY WAS HANGING OUT.

A few of the boys may have gotten waylaid before reaching Secretary Tingley's office to register, but such a list would be very small. Therefore, it is almost a certainty that the following list of those attending the Third Annual Reunion in Philadelphia is just about 99.99 per cent complete. Here is the list:

A

Horace Abrams, 3123 W. Diamond St., Philadelphia; 9th Q. M. Jack Abramson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; 15th Engrs.

Kent Adams, 183 Lanier Ave., Danville, Va.; 84th F. A.

Mark E. Adlerstein, 2835 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Quartermaster.

Stanley Adowski, 863 E. Ferry St., Buffalo, N. Y.; 47th Inf.

Frank Alice, 809 Pierce St., Philadelphia 48, Pa.; 15th Engrs.

Jerome Allan, Brooklyn, N. Y.; 60th Inf.

Edward H. Alston, 635 North Chester Rd., Swarthmore, Conn.; 47th Inf.

Ned Anderson, Letterman Hospital, San Francisco, Calif.; 39th Inf., Med.

Julius Andrasi, South Norwalk, Conn.; 47th Inf.

Anthony W. Andriola, 11 Crestwood, Nutley, N. J.; 9th Medics.

Nicholas Androvich, 358 49th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; 39th Inf.

George Aneson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Div. Hdqtr.

Eugene Annen, Valparaiso, Ind.; 47th Inf.

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Apar, New York City; 47th Inf.

Norman P. Artz, 1005 S. 8th St., Allentown, Pa.; 60th Inf.

Dolph Atkinson, 821 Marshall Ave., Roanoke, Va.; 60th Inf.

B

Dr. Ralph P. Baldini, 220 Estey St., Ithaca, N. Y.; Hdqtr. Special Troop.

Albert Ballerini, 1847 Barnes Ave., Bronx 60, N. Y.; A. T. Co., 60th Inf.

Salvatore Barbagallo, 467 4th Ave., New York City; Div. Hdqtr.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Barker, 1017 Riverside Ave., Baltimore 30, Md.; 47th Regt.

Coleman A. Barnes, Morgantown, N. C.; Hdqtr. and M. P. Co.

William Barringer, Hillsboro, Ill.; 39th Inf.

Col. G. B. Barth, Fort Leavenworth, Kans.; Div. Hdqtr.

Edmund Bartowicz, 7 Herbertson Rd., Jamaica Plains, L. I., N. Y.; 15th Engrs.

George Bastedo, Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.; 47th Inf.

Carl Basso, New York City; 9th Medics.

Henry G. Bauman, 1907 South Clinton Ave., Trenton, N. J.; 60th Infantry.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beck, 353 Garfield Ave., Valparaiso, Ind.; 746th Tank.

Merton Beebe, Hartford, Conn.; 60th Inf.

Fred Behrens, Brooklyn, N. Y.; 60th Inf.

Mike Belmont, 803 S. Kilbourne St., Chicago, Ill.; 60th Field.

James J. Benane, 2409 First Ave., South, Minneapolis, Minn.; 39th Inf.

George Bender, 63 Devon St., Roxbury, Mass.; 15th Engrs.

John P. Bender, Philadelphia, Pa.; 39th Inf.

Aubrey Berger, New York, N. Y.; 9th Div. Art.

Joseph Bergin, Boston, Mass.; 47th Regt.

R. Bergin, 426 Jefferson, Cheltenham, Pa.; 39th Inf.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bicking, 608 North St., Endicott, N. Y.; 60th Medics.

Leo B. Laum, 8 E. Ross St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; 47th Inf.

G. F. Blockley, Pine Terrace, Scotch Plains, N. J.; M. P. Plt.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Blyth, Hollidaysburg, Pa.; D Co.

John A. Boland, Jr., 103 Franklin St., Purlington, N. C.; 47th Infantry.

Raymond W. Borthwick, 5717 Third St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; 47th Infantry.

Warren W. Boulden, Jr., 107 North St., Elkton, Md.; 15th Engrs.

William C. Bowen, Avondale Farm, Birdsboro, Pa.; Hdqtrs. Ninth.

Frank J. Bradin, 5645 Chester Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.; 34th Field.

Edwin E. Brewer, 3942 Holmes St., Kansas City, Mo.; 60th.

Austin Briggs, 91 Drive B, Manchester, Conn.; 60th F. A.

Edward A. Briody, New York, N. Y.; 39th Inf.

Bob Brogan, 332 Second St., Apsinwall, Pa.; Co. B, 47th.

J. L. Brooks, Mt. Morris, Pa.; 39th Inf.

Oscar W. Brooks, 23 E. Oak St., Newark, Ohio; 60th Inf.

Harry F. Brown, Carlisle, Pa.; 47th Inf.

Col. J. Trimble Brown, Spring House, Wayne, Pa.; CO 39th Inf.

Albert Bruchac, 79-05 19th Dr., Jackson Heights, N. Y.; 60th Inf.

George J. Brum, 97 Wilson Ave., Newark, N. J.; 60th Inf.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bruno, 3900 Greystone Ave., Riverdale 63, New York City; 39th Inf.

Lt. Col. R. H. Bryant, Fort Leavenworth, Kans.; 47th Inf.

James Buchanan, Indianola, Miss.; 60th Inf.

Wade R. Burke, White Stone, Va.; 709th Ord.

Perry Burnett, 36 Graham St., Cincinnati, O.; 60th Inf.

Victor Butswinkus, 1330 N. 6th St., Philadelphia 22, Pa.; 60th Infantry.

Stanley Butt, Karny, N. J.; 47th Inf.

C

Robert Cahill, 87 Elwood Ter., Torrington, Conn.; 47th Inf.

John A. Callahan, Philadelphia, Pa.; 39th Infantry.

George Campbell, 8 1/2 Keat Ave., Greenville, S. C.; 60th Inf.

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Pasquale Canonica, Philadelphia, Pa.; 34th F. A.

Harry Cantor, 301 Avon Rd., Upper Darby, Pa.; 60th Inf.

Anthony Capaldi, Philadelphia, Pa.; 47th Inf.

Nicholas Capezzer, 427 Fairmount Ave., Newark, N. J.; 39th Infantry.

Guy E. Carr, High Point, N. C.; 39th Inf.

Dr. C. M. Carrithers, Hebbrenville, Texas; 60th Inf.

Robert Carter, Suffern, N. Y.; 60th Inf.

Joseph Casey, Detroit, Mich.; 60th Inf.

Anthony Chaconas, 5101 13th St., Washington, D. C.; 84th Field.

John Christian, Philadelphia, Pa.; 47th Inf.

Irvine Chofnes, Richmond, Va.; 60th Inf.

Peter Cicoro, Newark, N. J.; 9th Div. Art.

Carl C. Clarey, New York City; Div. Hdqtr.

William Clark, Detroit, Mich.; 9th M. P. S.

Donald M. Clarke, 4711 Guilford Rd., College Park, Md.; 39th Infantry.

Donald Clayman, Syracuse, N. Y.; 47th Inf.

John J. Clouser, Jacksonville, Ill.; 26th F. A.

Stan Cohn, 192 Danforth Ave., Jersey City, N. J.; Division Headquarters.

Robert F. Colfesh, 119 N. Madison Ave., Upper Darby, Pa.; 47th Infantry.

Thomas Collins, Philadelphia, Pa.; 39th Inf.

Clarence Combs, 2007 Vain St., Middletown, Ohio; 47th Inf.

Raymond Coniglio, 125 Whitney Pl., Buffalo, N. Y.; 47th Inf.

William J. Conley, 2407 E. 105th St., Hdqtrs. Co., 3rd Batt., Chicago, Ill.; Hdqtrs. Co., 60th Infantry.

R. M. Connolly, Philadelphia, Pa.; 9th Sig.

Father Connors, Worcester, Mass.; Div. Art.

Edward J. Coyle, 1363 E. 50th St., Chicago 15, Ill.; 47th Inf.

Henry M. Crane, 243 London Ave., Egg Harbor City, N. J.

Ted Curless, Brooklyn, Wis.; 47th Inf.

John Curley, Jersey City, N. J.; 39th Inf.

Elwin Cypher, 603 5th St., New Kensington, Pa.; 47th Inf.

D

Fred B. D'Amore, 1107 Columbus Ave., Roxbury, Mass.; 15th Engrs.

Anthony V. Danna, 1158 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; 39th Infantry.

Jesse Davis, Box 84, Hebron, Ohio; 34th Field.

Robert L. Davis, 184 Academy St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; 60th Inf.

Venard Dean, Struthers, O.; 9th Medics.

Paul H. DeAoun, Essington, Pa.; 60th Inf.

Harold A. Deardorff, 127 Randall Ave., Boothwyn, Pa.; 47th.

Pasquale L. De Colli, Philadelphia, Pa.; 15th Engrs.

Adrian F. Dedecker, 18 Whittingham Ter., Millburn, N. J.; 60th.

Buddy S. Deemer, New Castle, Del.; 47th Inf.

John R. DeFreitas, 240 E. 24th St., New York City, N. Y.; 47th Inf.

Amerigo DeJulius, New York, N. Y.; 9th Div. Art.

Alfred F. Delaporta, New London, Conn.; 47th Inf.

Valentina S. DeMaria, Riverside, Conn.; Regt. Hdqtr. 47th.

Anthony Dennis, Lansing, Mich.; M. P. Plt.

Peter Dichino, West Boulevard, Newfield, N. J.; Co. I, 39th.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton J. Dietrich, Jr., 234-23 88th Ave., Bellerose, N. Y.; 39th, Co. J.

Anthony DiRubba, Scarsdale, N. Y.; 47th Inf.

Jack DiSanto, New York City; 47th Inf.

William J. Dixon, Jr., Haddonfield, N. Y.; 47th Inf.

Edward C. Doherty, 81 Spalding St., Buffalo, N. Y.; 26th Inf.

Adolph Dominick, Liberty Boro, McKeesport, Pa.; H Co. 60th Hqtr.

John Dooley, Danville, Ind.; Div. Hdqtrs.

Richard Dougherty, Fairday St., Pittsburgh, Pa.; 47th Inf.

Roy P. Dougherty, Philadelphia, Pa.; 47th Inf.

Ernest Dovedot, 4305 Clairton Blvd., Pittsburgh 27, Pa.; 84th Field.

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Le Roy F. Dreifus, Baltimore, Md.; Quartermaster.

E

Eugene Edwards, Langhorne, Pa.; 2nd Bn., Hdqtr. 60th.

Frank Edwards, 330 Columbia Ave., Lansdale, Pa.; 39th.

Edward Egan, Brooklyn, N. Y.; 47th Inf.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Egan, New York; 39th Inf.

Herman Eggers, Rutherford, N. J.; 899th T. D.

William Ellis, Rehobeth Beach, Del.; 9th Signal.

William Engle, Reading, Pa.; 60th Inf.

Bernard English, Hoboken, N. J.; 47th Inf.

Alton Emue, Fort Plain, New York City; 84th Field.

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F

Sam B. Farrauto, 203 Locust St., Trenton, N. J.; 39th Inf.

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John J. Fasel, 522 Glenn Ave., Laurel Springs, N. J.; 39th Inf.

Frank Fazio, New York City; 47th Inf.

Abraham W. Feder, 1647 Union St., Brooklyn 13, N. Y.; 84th Field Art. Bn.

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Gino, Felicelli, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Div. Hdqtr.

Dale Felix, Fort Meade, Md.; 746th Tank Bn.

Joseph Fenerty, Philadelphia, Pa.; 39th Inf.

Albro Fessenden, Jamestown, N. Y.; 60th Inf.

George Fleck (Blanche Urtl), 320 S. 19th St., Newark, N. J.; 60th Field.

Charles W. Flitercraft, Wenonah, N. J.; 39th Inf.

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Michael Ford, 162 E. 90th St., New York City, N. Y.; 39th Inf.

Alex T. Forrest, 514 Archer St., McKeesport, Pa.; 15th Engrs.

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John Fowler, Round Hill, Va.; 39th Inf.

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Philip J. Freund, 153 High St., Woodbury, N. J.; 47th Inf.

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G

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Raymond Gardner, Hiltons, Va.; 47th Regt.

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Henry J. R. Golabiecki, 265 Cambridge St., Buffalo, N. Y.; 47th Inf.

Poe T. L. Goldsmith, Allentown, Pa.; 47th Inf.

Edward Goldstein, Monroe, N. Y.; 60th Inf.

Fred Golub, Havertraw, N. Y.; 60th Inf.

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H

Albert Haber, 396 Union Ave., Irvington, N. J.; 47th Inf.

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Howard Hale, Newport, R. I.; 39th Inf.

William Hamel, 4 Kellogg St., Norwalk Conn.; 376th AA.

Arthur Hamlin 706 Westover Ave., Schenectady, N. Y.; Div. Hdqtrs.

Raymond Hansen, Erie, Pa.; 39th Inf.

Charles Harris, Hartford, Conn.; 60th Inf.

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Mathias Helbach, Willow Grove Rd., Elmer, N. J.; 39th Inf.

Clifford H. Heller, 2332 Morris Ave., Union, N. J.; 39th Inf.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Henley, Hope Mills, N. C.; 47th Inf.

Mr. and Mrs. William Henne-muth 5912 Rippey St., Pittsburgh, Pa.; 60th Inf.

Carl Hill, Plymouth, Ill.; 60th Inf.

Robert C. Hilpert, 5 Clent Rd., Great Neck, N. Y.; 47th Inf.

Edward T. Hopkins, Jersey City, N. J.; 47th Inf.

William H. Horan, Fort Dix, N. J.; 47th Inf.

H. J. Houvig, Rt. 2, Salem, N. J.; 39th Inf.

Edward W. Hunt, 305 Catherine St., Duquesne, Pa.; 709th Ordinance.

Donald Hyde, Geneseo, N. Y.; 9th Medics.

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Julius L. Iannotti, Box 69, Fox-on Rd., East Haven, Conn.; Hdqtr. Div. Art.

Peter Imbesi, Lyndhurst, N. J.; 47th Inf.

Robert Isaac, Darby, Pa.; 60th Infantry.

J

Julian Jacques, 75 Ford, Providence, R. I.; 47th Inf.

Harold T. Jaffe, Flushing, N. Y.; 47th Inf.

G. E. Janosik, Philadelphia, Pa.; 47th Inf.

Raymond A. Jaynes, Ephrata, Pa.; 9th Signal.

Edward F. Jocham, 2 State Pl., Jersey City, N. J.; 39th Inf.

Charles H. Johnson, Jr., Salt Lake City, Utah; 47th Inf.

Bruce Johnstone, Rochester, N. Y.; 9th Medics.

Charles Jones, Jr., 3905 Martha Custis Dr., Arlington, Va.

Ivan Justinus, Bridgeport, Conn.; 39th Inf.

K

Walter F. Kapelka, 532 Fulton St., Buffalo, N. Y.; 39th Inf.

A. S. Kaufman, Philadelphia, Pa.; 9th Medics.

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Ray Kennedy, 349 Stratford Ave., Pittsburgh 6, Pa.; 709th Ordinance.

George King, Rt. 1, Phelps, N. Y.; 47th Inf.

Harold Klein, Newark, N. J.; 39th Inf.

Henry Klein, Newark, N. J.; 47th Inf.

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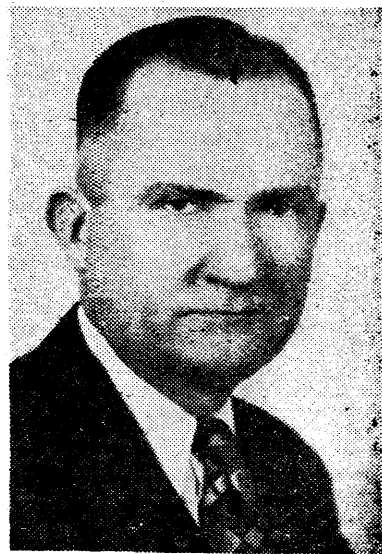
George Kortas, 2460 N. Linden Pl., Chicago, Ill.; Hdqtrs. Co., 60th. (Continued on Next Page)

Former Ninth Man Is "Lousy"

By GLENN O. MOORE, Member, Board of Governors.

The annual Encampment of the Military Order of the Cootie, honor organization of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was held in St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 29-30-31, in conjunction with the annual Encampment of the VFW.

A. Thomas Wheaton, Dearborn, Mich., was elected national commander-in-chief of the honor organization. Supreme Commander Wheaton appointed a Ninth Infantry Division Association member, Paul S. Plunkett, as his Chief of Staff. Plunkett was installed at the annual banquet, along with the other line officers, Monday night, August 30, by Past Supreme Commander Thomas McBride of New Orleans, La.



PAUL S. PLUNKETT, Former Co. B, 60th Regt. Man

Membership in the M. O. C. is through invitation after being proposed by three members in good standing and accepted by the subordinate Pup Tent (Post). One of the main requirements for membership is a record of outstanding accomplishments in behalf of the parent organization (VFW).

Plunkett, a member of the Ohio Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, and residing in Columbus, is the first World War II veteran to be honored with a seat on the Supreme Council of Administration for the Cootie organization.

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John F. Kotinsley, Washington, D. C.; RCN Troop.
John J. Kowalski, 328 Downing St., Pittsburgh, Pa.; 709th Ord.
Benjamin Kovacs, S. Norwalk, Conn.; 47th Inf.
Mr. and Mrs. Alban Krantz, Charleston, W. Va.; M. P. Plt.
Martin Krasovetz, Philadelphia, Pa.; 39th Inf.
Robert M. Krause, Allentown, Pa.; 34th F. A.
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Krolo, 40 Adams St., Abington, Pa.; 34th F. A. Bn.
Karl Krueger, 1210 Eldridge Ave., W. Collingswood, N. J.; 84th Field.
Edward F. Kuklewicz, Baltimore, Md.; 15th Engrs.
Leonard Kupkowski, 315 Eagle Rd., Dunkirk, N. Y.; 47th Inf.
John P. Kurtz, Robbinsville, N. J.; 60th Inf.
Anthony Kwiatkowski, 1539-A S. 15th St., Milwaukee, Wis.; 47th Infantry.

L

Carl Lichtenberg, 1680 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass.; 15th Engrs., Hqtrs.
Joe Lagattuta, Hasbrouck Hgts., N. J.; 47th Inf.
Irving Lamphear, 431 W. 21st St., Upland, Pa.; Quartermaster.
Frank Lancette, Box 91, Hammon, N. J.; 47th Inf.
Richard L. Landzettel, 3320 Baltimore Ave., Kansas City, Mo.; 39th Inf.
Lawrence Q. Langland, Box 176, Union, S. C.; 47th Inf.
William H. Lape, 304 Cherry St., Findlay, Ohio; Div. Arty.
William Larson, 12 Laurel Pl., Glen Ridge, N. J.; 47th Inf.
John A. Leahy, 8 W. Concord St., Dover, N. H.; Co. C, 39th.
John Leary, 68 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass.; 47th Inf.
Raymond Ledden, Woodbury, N. J.; 47th Inf.
Clifford Lee, 219 Plaza Ave., West Atlantic City, N. J.; 60th.
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Lelah, Pittsburgh, Pa.; 47th Inf.
Willie D. Leonard, Serpta, La.; 84th F. A.
James Leopold, Chicago, Ill.; 47th Inf.
Jack Lessoff, 270 Linden St., Pittsfield, Mass.; 47th Inf.
Sydney Levison, 38 Waumbek St., Roxbury, Mass.; 15th Engrs.
Howard C. Lindmon, 837 Wellington St., Baltimore 11, Md.; 376th Anti Aircraft.
Gerald Lindner, 101-28th Avenue J, Chicago, Ill.; 60th Inf.
Paul Lisa, Philadelphia, Pa.; 15th Engrs.
Boardman F. Lockwood, 62 Greenhurst Rd., West Hartford, Conn.; 47th Hqtrs.
Ernest Long, 3122 W. 82nd St., Cleveland, Ohio; 47th Inf.
Anthony A. Loscalzo, New York, N. Y.; 9th Div. Arty.
John Losnes, 73 Arch St., New Haven, Conn.; 39th Inf.
Jesse Lower, Philadelphia, Pa.; 39th Inf.
Albert Lubrano, 181 Conover St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; 60th Inf.
Salvatore Luzzo, Lyndhurst, N. J.; 47th Medics.
Robert G. Lynch, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; 9th Recon.

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John E. McAdams, Old Hingham House, Hingham, Mass.; 47th.
Joe McCabe, Hasbrouck Hgts., N. J.; 47th Inf.
M. G. McCabe, 78 Union St., Brockway, N. J.; 39th Inf.
J. G. McCormick, 7114 Pennsylvania Ave., Upper Darby, Pa.; 9th Quartermaster.
Fred A. McCoy, Shady Side Ave., Box 297, East Liverpool, Ohio; Co. G, 60th.
Allan McDougall, Gloucester, N. J.; 39th Inf.
Edward McGrath, 31 Mt. Pleasant St., Cambridge, Mass.; 15th Engrs.
Mr. and Mrs. Edward McHugh, E. St., Suffield, Conn.; 84th Field.
Joseph A. McKenzie, 27 Alder St., Waltham, Mass.; Service, 26th Field.
Frank McLaughlin, Philadelphia, Pa.; 60th Inf.
Lawrence J. McLaughlin, 82 Gould St., Wakefield, Mass.; Div. Hqtrs. and 47th.
William McNamee, Chester, Pa.; 39th Inf.
Mr. and Mrs. Carl McNeas, New Brighton, Pa.; M. P. Plt.

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Anthony J. Madonna, Worcester, Mass.; 15th Engrs.
Robert Maher, Brooklyn, N. Y.; 60th Inf.
Walter Mahon, 220 S. State St., Chicago, Ill.; 47th Inf.

Thomas P. Malay, Chester, Pa.; Div. Arty.
John Maloney, 416 W. Main St., Northboro, Mass.; 39th Div.
Martin J. Maloney, 839 Woodlawn Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.; 60th Infantry.
John C. Mantegna, 860 McAleer Court, Baltimore, Md.; M. P. Plt.
Leo Mankowski, 1908 12th Ave., So. Milwaukee, Wis.; 39th Infantry.
Joseph Marino, Rt. 8, New Castle, Pa.; 15th Engrs.
Roger E. Marion, 8 E. 8th St., New York; 39th Inf.
F. Mariotti, 59 W. North St., Bethlehem, Pa.; 39th Inf.
Robert S. Marshall, West Branch, Mich.; 60th Inf.
Richard W. Martin, Springfield, Mass.; 60th Inf.
Stanley Marzec, Dupont, Pa.; 47th Inf.
Edward F. Matlock, 325 Morris St., Woodbury, N. J.; 47th Inf.
Edmund Matuczek, 531 Madison St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; 9th Sig.
Theodore Matusik, 1802 Wilmot St., Chicago 47, Ill.; 47th Inf.
W. C. Mauser, 6632 Bliss Ave., Cleveland, O.; 84th F. A.
E. Marlin Mellinger, Carlisle, Pa.; 39th Medics.
John A. Merrick, 105 Washington Ave., Newton, Pa.; 60th Inf.
Joseph Metscavage, 1201 W. Coal St., Shenandoah, Pa.; 47th.
Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph J. Metz, 927 Meredith Ave., Elizabeth, N. J.; 39th.
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Miceli, 99 Race St., Garfield, N. J.; 39th Inf.
Albert A. Micolucci, Philadelphia, Pa.; 47th Inf.
Dominic Miele, 853 Southern Blvd., Bronx 59, N. Y.; 47th Inf.
Chester Mikus, Moorestown, N. J.; 84th F. A.
Robert I. Miles, Richmond, Va.; 39th Med. Det.
John A. Miller, Allentown, Pa.; 9th Sig.
William A. Miller, Lancaster, Pa.; 9th Signal.
William R. Miller, 243 Lawton Ave., Cliffside Park, N. J.; 39th.
Richard Million, 409 Adrian St., Blissfield, Mich.; 60th.
W. Millstine, 3114 Glendale Ave., Pittsburgh 27, Pa.; 15th Engrs.

Jack Mingen, Mount Holly, N. J.; 39th Inf.
Joseph B. Mittelman, San Francisco, Calif.; Div. Hqtrs.
John I. Mizzia, 4711 Stiles St., Philadelphia, Pa.; 47th Inf.
Glenn O. Moore, 22-24 E. Gay St., Columbus, O.; 39th.
John K. Moore, 24 Bay St., Taunton, Mass.; 60th Inf.
John Moos, 2521 N. Howard St., Philadelphia, Pa.; 709th Ord.
Patsy J. Morano, Brooklyn, N. Y.; 47th Inf.
Morgan, William E., 3702 Avenue D, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Div. Hq. Travis Muirhead, 800 Taylor St., N.W., Washington, D. C.; 60th.
Adam John Muni, New Haven, Conn.; 709th L. M. Co.
John F. Murphy, 6600 Woodcrest Ave., Philadelphia 31, Pa.; 39th Inf.
Ronald Murphy, Cambridge, Mass.; 15th Engrs. Bn.

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J. P. Nabakowski, Rt. 2, Amherst, Ohio; 60th Inf.
Jacob S. Nailor III, 117 E. Main St., Mechanicsburg, Pa.; M. P. Plt.
Edward R. Nalitz, 470 Kenmont St., Pittsburgh, Pa.; 39th Inf.
Bennie Nardone, 1300 Fairview Ave., Columbus, Ohio; 39th.
John Nash, 115 W. Fourth St., Bridgeport, Pa.; 39th Inf.
Joseph Neuman, Philadelphia, Pa.; 60th Inf.
R. E. Newell, 114 Woodland Ave., Columbia, O.; M. Co., 60th Infantry.
Raymond Nichols, Orleans, Mass.; 39th Inf.
Ernest N. Nottingham, Philadelphia, Pa.; 47th Inf.
Jerry Nothman, 1339 E. Weaver St., Philadelphia 19, Pa.; 39th.

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Harry Odum, Monhegan, Maine; 39th Inf.
James J. O'Donnell, Bayonne, N. J.; 39th Inf.
John W. O'Donnell, Apt 1, 116 Wayne Pl., S.E., Washington 20, D. C.; 60th Inf.
William Olcavage, 27 Clune Park, East Hartford, Conn.; 26th Field Arty.
Thomas Orband, 153 Oak St., Binghamton, N. Y.; 39th Inf.
Philip Orlando, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.; 47th Inf.
Daniel J. O'Rourke, 45 Race St., Cambridge, Mass.; 15th Engrs.
Filmore Ortof, 41-15 46th St., Sunny Side L. I., N. Y.; 9th Recon.

Leonard S. Osenkarski, 304 E. 162nd St., New York, N. Y.; 60th.
John O'Shea, 1049 S. 52nd St., Philadelphia, Pa.; 39th Inf.
Peter Orosina, 131 Union Ave., Garfield, N. J.; 39th Inf.
Harold A. Ott, 134 75th St., North Bergen, N. J.; Hqtrs. Div.
J. W. Overton, Lansing, Mich.; 39th Inf.
Frank Ozart, 2241 S. Marshall Blvd., Chicago, Ill.; 47th Inf.

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Louis Pandolfi, Nutley, N. J.; 60th F. A.
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Parker, Philadelphia, Pa.; 60th Inf.
William D. Parkerhouse, 115 Rosemont Lane, Abington, Pa.; 39th.
Arthur Paulus, Brooklyn, N. Y.; 15th Engrs.
Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Pembroke, 427 E. Main St., Endicott, N. Y.; 60th Inf.
Joseph Perella, 400 S. E. Avenue, Vineland, N. J.; Hqtrs. Div.
Harold Perry, 2453 22nd St., Wyandotte, Mich.; Div. Hqtrs. APO.
William L. Peverill, Washington, D. C.; 9th Div. Hqtrs.
Lt. Col. George E. Pickett, Fort Belvoir, Va.; Asst. Chief of Staff, G-4.
Vincent P. Piedescenzo, 1805 Bixwell Ave., Hamden, Conn.; 47th Inf.
Ray Pifer, 409 Fairwood St., Pittsburgh, Pa.; 60th Inf.
Paul S. Plunkett, 216 S. Grant Ave., Columbus, Ohio; Co. B, 60th Regt.
Calvin Polivy, 36 W. 44th St., New York 18, N. Y.; 84th F. A.
Carl C. Pope, 535 N. Queen St., Lancaster, Pa.; Co. C, 47th.
Mr. and Mrs. James Posten, Atlantic Highlands, N. J.; Hqtrs. Co.
Victor Potts, 202 Berlin Rd., Clementon, N. J.; D. Co., Ninth Medics.
Daniel Poultney, West Point, Pa.; 47th Inf.
Edward Powers, Ardmore, Pa.; 60th Inf.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Prather, 2927 9 1/2 St., Terre Haute, Ind.; 34th F. A.
Leslie Pryce, 3014 Grayson St., Baltimore 16, Md.

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Clarence F. Ray, Penn Run, Pa.; 47th Inf.
Howard Reisfelder, 104 Thompson St., New Haven, Conn.; 9th Quartermaster.
Ralph A. Renna, 111 Hillside St., Roxbury 20, Mass.; Co. A, 15th Engr. Bn.
Emerson Rhodes, Masontown, Pa.; Co. D.
Oscar Richards, 529 Achille Rd., Oakmont Park, Havertown, Pa.; 60th Inf.
Harry Richardson, Walter Reid Hospital, Washington, D. C.; 47th.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Rigby, Media, Pa.; 60th Inf.
Angelo Rinchiuso, Pittsburgh, Pa.; 9th Medics.
Robert W. Robb, 450 Calif Rd., Bronxville, N. Y.; Div. Hq.
Henry D. Roberts, 86 Woodvale, Waterbury, Conn.; 47th Inf.
Leon D. Robins, Fort Meade, Md.; 47th.
Lawrence Rogers, 6350 Steadman St., Dearborn, Mich.; 26th Field Arty.
William D. Rolat, 211 Ridge Ave., Shippensburg, Pa.; Hqtrs. Bty., 26th Field.
Jay P. Roller, Dayton, O.; 9th Medics.
John B. Romans, 745 Sherman St., Evanston, Ill.; 39th.
Leslie Ronay, 4 Lawrence St., Yonkers, N. Y.; 60th.
Norman D. Routson, 39 Shaw St., E. Long Meadows, Mass.; 47th Inf.
Peter Rubino, Norwalk, Conn.; 9th Recon.
John Rudlosky, Mingo Junction, Ohio; 60th Inf.
John P. Ryan, Johnston, N. Y.; 60th Inf.

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John Sabato, Philadelphia, Pa.; 39th Inf.
Joseph Salvaggio, 606 Annin St., Philadelphia, Pa.; 47th Inf.
Harry Sauers, Chester, Pa.; 60th Inf.
Charles E. Schade, Jr., 2240 Briarwood Rd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio; 60th Inf.
R. D. Schaeffer, 1664 Sunset Ave., Akron 1, Ohio; 60th Inf.
William Schank, 96 Kraft St., Berea, Ohio; 47th Inf.
Harold Schatz, Columbia, Pa., Rt. 1; 47th Inf.
Edwin J. Scherer, 112 Winslow, Buffalo, N. Y.; 47th Inf.

Joseph Schettini, 1991 Washington Ave., Bronx, N. Y.; 60th Infantry.

Bart Schibeci, 63 N. 4th, Fulton, N. Y.; Div. Hqtrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schmidt, 106 Dilworth St., Pittsburgh, Pa.; 39th Inf.

Ted Schmidt, Philadelphia, Pa.; 26th F. A.

John J. Scully, 99 Summit Ave., Summit, N. J.; 47th Inf.

Cecil Sears, 422 1/2 Main St., Boonville, Mo.; 26th F. A.

Dr. Sesslowe, Brooklyn, N. Y.; 9th Medics.

Irving Shames, 7316 Malvern Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.; 84th F. A.

Braxton C. Shankle, Mt. Gil-liad, N. C.; 47th Inf.

Martin Shankman, Miami, Fla.; 39th Inf.

Edward W. Shanley, 3912 Perryville Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.; 47th Inf.

Jerome Shapiro, 10 Overlook Ter., New York, N. Y.; 47th Inf.

Jack Shaw, 437 Clarann, Dayton, Ohio; 47th Inf.

Herbert W. Sheidy, Reading, Pa.; 84th F. A.

William F. Sheridan, Philadelphia, Pa.; 47th Inf.

Thomas Shine, 382 37th Pl., W. E., Washington, D. C.; 39th Infantry.

Edmund Shollenberger, 63 Penn St., Montgomery, Pa.; 60th Inf.

Harry S. Singer, Jr., 306 W. 4th St., Forster, O.; 60th Inf.

Eugene E. Skoczylas, Paw-tucket, R. I.; 60th Field.

Hugh Slusher, 1028 Stanton Ave., Roanoke, Va.; 15th Engrs.

Harold W. Smith, 1321 W. 42nd St., Baltimore, Md.; 60th Inf.

Walter E. Smythe, 2840 Paile Ave., Bronx, N. Y.; 60th Anti-Tank.

John Snyder, 303 S. Maple St., Bowling Green, Ohio; 47th Inf.

Albert Sokoloff, 2556 N. 30th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; 60th Inf.

William Soliday, Rt. 3, Norristown, Pa.; 39th Inf.

Arch Soutar, 87 W. Weston Ave., Auburn, Maine; F. Co., 60th.

Sam F. Spector, 10 Druid Pl., Binghamton, N. Y.; Div. Hqtrs.

Ralton M. Speers, 37 Buckingham Dr., Albany, N. Y.; 60th Inf.

Everett Spink, 5 Allen St., Batavia, N. Y.; 9th Signal.

Albert Sprung, 149 1/2 First Ave., W., Roselle, N. J.; attached to Div. Hqtrs.

Temple Stafford, Smyrna, Del.; 9th Signal.

Glenn A. Staley, 202 Mellett Bldg., Canton, Ohio; Co. H, 60th.

Richard S. Starr, 1538 Wing-hocking St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Co. C, 47th.

Thomas G. Steckline, Reading, Pa.; 376th AAA.

John A. Stelle, 430 N. Meridian St., Brazil, Ind.; H. Co., 47th.

Arthur Stenzel, Queens Village, L. I.; 47th Inf.

Constantine Stepa, Philadelphia, Pa.; 15th Engrs.

Herbert Stern, 965 Burton Ave., Cincinnati, O.; 9th Medics.

Harold Sternlicht, 22 Irving Pl., New York, N. Y.; 60th Inf.

Leo Stier, 38 Atherton St., Roxbury, Mass.; 15th Engrs.

Edward Stokan, 4749 Plummer St., Pittsburgh 1, Pa.; 60th Inf.

Carl Stonick, East Haven, Conn.; 60th Inf.

Walter Stout, Binghamton, N. Y.; 47th Inf.

John L. Sullivan, Bronx, N. Y.; 47th Inf.

Robert G. Sullivan, 9305 123rd St., Richmond Hill, N. Y.; 60th.

Arthur M. Sykes, 1145 Rising Sun Ave., Philadelphia 40, Pa.; 84th Field.

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Daniel J. Taggart, 71 Coe Rd., Port Tilden, N. Y.; Co. K, ??.

Frederick Talarico, 67 Kellogg St., Pittsfield, Mass.; 84th Field.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Termini, 4910 Wilmont St., Baton Rouge, La.; 39th Inf.

C. J. Terricola, St. Johnsville, N. Y.; 84th Field.

Ralph Teta, 2262 Amsterdam St., New York City, 39th.

LeRoy Thompson, 713 Clarissa St., Pittsburgh 19, Pa.; Co. F, 47th Regt., 2nd Bn.

Mr. and Mrs. Arleigh Thorberg, Minneapolis, Minn.; 60th Inf.

Melvin E. Tillman, Gainesville, Fla.; 47th.

William E. Timmons, 4 Hays St., Columbus, Ohio; 60th Inf.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Tingley, 720 Thayer Ave., Silver Spring, Md.; Div. Hqtrs.

John Tokarchek, Philadelphia, Pa.; 47th Inf.

William R. Toole, Asheville, O.; 47th Inf.

Albert Toperzer, Camden, N. J.; 60th Inf.

Salvatore Trapani, 2835 30th St., N. E., Washington, D. C.; 39th Med. (chapter president).

Fred Treglow, 1301 Florida Ave., St. Cloud, Fla.; Hqtrs. Div.

John Trevelse, Union City, N. J.; 47th Inf.

Mr. and Mrs. William Trexler, 559 Burgess St., Philadelphia, Pa.; 39th Inf.

J. S. Trumbore, H. Co., 39th Inf., Fort Dix, N. J.; 47th.

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Walter Underwood, Hqtrs. 60th Inf. Regt., Fort Dix, N. J.; 60th.

V

Oakley Valliant, 206 Brooklyn Ave., Salisbury, Md.; 47th Inf.

William E. Varcoe, Fort Montgomery, N. Y.; 39th Inf.

Frank Veale, Philadelphia, Pa.; Div. Hqtrs.

John Vetter, Bergenfield, N. J.; 47th Inf.

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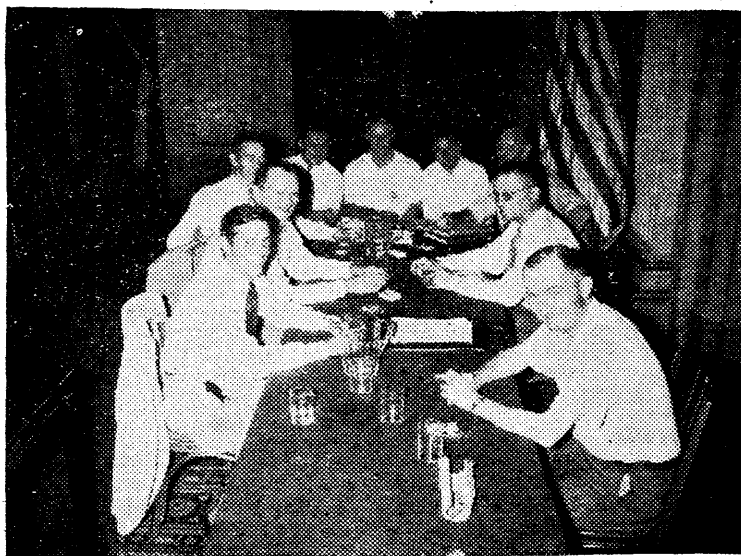
The Old Gray Mare Ain't What She Usta Be, Many Years Ago

A well-known sergeant, formerly with the Ninth Division was repeating a conversation overheard between a lieutenant, a major and a former commanding general of the Ninth. The group was discussing the thrill received from kissing their respective wives. The young lieutenant said the act of kissing his wife was 90 per cent pleasure and 10 per cent effort. The major said it had now become 50 per cent effort and 50 per cent pleasure on his part. The old general said: "Well, it's finally gotten to the point where it is 90 per cent effort and 10 per cent pleasure for me."

Noting a sergeant in the far corner of the room rustling some papers restlessly, the general asked, "What do you have to say on this subject, sergeant?"

The sergeant replied: "Sir, it is difficult for me to believe it is 90 per cent effort on your part. If it was you would have me doing it for you."

FINAL MEETING OF THE OLD BOARD



Last meeting of the old Board of Governors. President Rigby asks that The Octofoil print a notice that the gimlets contained pure water and nothing mixed with it.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CONVENTION

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REUNION INDICATE THE NINTH DIVISION ASSOCIATION GOING FORWARD

COMMITTEES FUNCTION SMOOTHLY; COLONEL BRYANT REPORTS ON THE HISTORY; POLIVY MAKES A GOOD REPORT ON LOCAL CHAPTER POLICY.

Excerpts from minutes of Third Annual Convention held in Philadelphia, Pa., at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel July 29, 30, 31, 1948:

Friday Morning Session, July 30, 1948

First business session held. It was called to order by J. Guy McCormick, president of the Philadelphia Chapter.

Meeting was turned over to President Rigby, who recognized Frank Wade from the District of Columbia Chapter. Wade proposed that General Manton S. Eddy be made a permanent member emeritus of the Board of Governors. It was carried unanimously.

President Rigby appointed the various committees and designated the following chairmen for each Committee:

History Committee: Colonel Barth, to act for General Eddy.
Convention Committee: Mr. Isaacson.

Policy and Chapter Committee: Calvin Polivy.

Nominating Committee: Mr. Waples.

Membership Committee: Robert Robb.

Miscellaneous Committee: Mr. Speers.

Finance and Budget Committee: Mr. Glenn O. Moore.

Newspaper Committee: Mr. Paul S. Plunkett.

Two members at large were also appointed to each committee in addition to those members appointed by the local chapter groups.

Colonel Barth read a letter from General Eddy expressing his regrets for not being able to be present at the convention.

Meeting adjourned until Saturday, July 31, at 1 P. M.

COMMITTEES MEET

The various committees held meetings Friday afternoon and drafted their proposals for presentation to the Saturday business meeting.

Saturday Afternoon Session

President Rigby presented a letter of recognition to President Golabinski of the Buffalo Chapter.

Invocation given by Father Connors.

Col. Randy Bryant presented a report on the progress of the Division History.

Calvin Polivy presented a report of the Policy Chapter Committee:

1. Proposal presented for appointment of a committee to formulate plans for establishing a suitable memorial, perhaps in the form of a scholarship, in memory of our fallen comrades.

2. Proposal for appointment of a committee to make a study and present concrete recommendations at the next annual convention relative to a new system for the election of members of the Board of Governors.

3. Proposal that all duly qualified chapters be issued formal charters by January 1, 1949.

4. Proposal that the Board of Governors should meet immediately following the last business session at any convention for the purpose of electing officers for the succeeding year and for any other business that may regularly come before it and that the officers be formally installed at the banquet on Saturday evening.

5. Proposal that order of business at conventions be divided into two business sessions, the first business session to be taken up with new business to be proposed, the appointment of committees, the offering of proposed resolutions, and suggestions, the second business session to consist of committee reports, discussion and voting. All voting to be done only by paid-up member.

All proposals of the Policy and Chapter Committee as stated above were passed by the convention assembly.

Report of Finance and Budget Committee presented by Glenn O. Moore (Note: Newspaper Committee report is included and combined in the Finance and Budget Committee report in view of the fact that both committees met together as one group.)

1. Proposal that all Gold Star Mothers and Wives be given a lifetime membership, the minimum dues to be \$1.00 per year, 50 cents of which goes to the national association to cover postage and office expenses. Proposal adopted.

2. Proposal that Board of Governors be empowered to make a gratuitous award to the Heer Printing Co. as a gesture of good faith, that after the first 5,000 copies of the history were sold and a royalty payment received, that the Board of Governors offer such award, not to exceed \$3,000. (Note: At this point all hell broke loose.)

Above proposal defeated and a resolution adopted in its place as follows:

Delegate Parker (Philadelphia) presented a resolution that the Association abide by the present History Contract, leaving any royalties that should be paid to the Heer Printing Co. out of goodness of our hearts for appreciation of work well done, to another motion which may be presented at a later meeting of the Association.

3. Proposal that at no time should extra pages, over and above the regular 8-page edition of The Octofoil, for any purpose whatsoever be printed without first having the approval of the majority of the Board of Governors. Proposal adopted.

4. Proposal that a financial statement be published in The Octofoil in the issue preceding the annual convention or reunion, so when the members come to the convention they will know what the financial condition of the Association is. Proposal adopted.

5. Proposal that recognized local chapters be authorized when necessary to draw from the national office an amount equal to and not to exceed the sum of one dollar for each paid up member of that particular chapter for any current year. Proposal defeated.

Membership Committee report presented by Mr. Robert Robb.

1. Proposal of the Membership Committee:

The Membership Committee, acting upon the request of the Board of Governors, has studied the report on the general subject of a so-called confederation of combat veterans association, the said report having been submitted by a committee consisting of Gen. Donald A. Stroh and Robert W. Robb and published in full in the Octofoil.

It is the opinion of the Membership Committee that the basic report should be given further study by a committee to be formed for that purpose. The Membership Committee is firmly of the opinion that if such a cooperative body as a so-called confederation of combat veterans associations is formed, it must in no way be considered a parent organization, and must in fact be no more than a broad committee representing division associations. To this end, the Membership Committee submits the following resolution:

WHEREAS, There are certain problems, particularly those concerning the procurement of membership, which are common to all division associations, and

WHEREAS, It is probable that some of those problems can be better solved by cooperation than by individual associations working entirely alone, and

WHEREAS, The 9th Infantry Division Association must in no way whatsoever lose any of its autonomy through such cooperation; THEREFORE, be it resolved, That the newly elected Board of Governors appoint a committee charged with the following responsibilities:

a. To, in the name of the 9th Infantry Division Association, contact the elected representatives of other division associations, and inform them of the basic idea as proposed.

b. To ask each association to appoint a similar fact finding committee.

c. To meet with all of the fact finding committees, representing those other division associations as are willing to cooperate to that extent, and

d. To present to the Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association a plan for the formation and profitable utilization of a committee of combat veterans associations.

ROBERT W. ROBB, Passed unanimously by the committee.

2. Proposal that the Ninth Infantry Division Association concentrate its efforts toward the end of bringing into this association all of the men now eligible for membership, and that no changes be made in the present rules of eligibility. Proposal passed.

Miscellaneous Committee report presented by Mr. Speers:

1. Proposal that the Association's Secretary take the necessary steps to secure the Congressional Medal of Honor for Karl Werner, known as "Molotov," of the 60th Infantry Regiment. Proposal approved.

2. Proposal that a complete report be presented to the next convention covering the results of this year's publicity activities and that plans be made for enlarging the publicity activities during the ensuing year. Proposal approved.

3. Proposal that a national ladies auxiliary be formed through the national association headquarters. An initiation fee to be charged on a per member basis and turned over to the national headquarters. The amount of the initiation be required to be determined by the Finance and Budget Committee. It is also proposed that a portion of the annual dues be refunded to the local chapter as determined by the Finance and Budget Committee. Proposal approved.

4. Proposed that the national headquarters vigorously encourage local chapters to hold annual state-wide reunions. Proposal carried.

5. Proposal that other units holding national reunions will be contacted by letter extending to them the best wishes of the Ninth Infantry Division Association for a successful convention. Also recommended that a telegram be sent to the 6th Armored Division now holding their annual reunion in Louisville, Ky. Proposals carried.

Nominating Committee report by Mr. Waples:

1. The following names were submitted to the Convention for selection to the Board of Governors: Walter Mahon, Chicago; Richard Storey, Boston; Calvin Polivy, New York; Colonel George B. Barth, Kansas; James Bruno, New York.

The slate was approved and a vote was taken resulting in the election of the following members to a three-year term on the Board of Governors: Walter Mahon, Richard Storey, Calvin Polivy, Colonel Barth and J. Robert Brogan.

Convention Committee report by Mr. Isaacson of Philadelphia:

1. Proposal on method of selection of convention city tabled and following motion made and carried: The Association continue the present system for selecting the convention city and that a committee be appointed to investigate the machinery for selecting convention cities and that the suggestions of that committee be put on the floor at the next convention for discussion and action.

Business from the floor:

Doc Seslowe from New York proposed that a \$2 registration fee be charged at every convention hereafter, or that a registration fee be made comparable to expenses.

Mr. Robert W. Robb moved for adjournment. Mr. Trapani seconded and it was so carried unanimously.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Send to Tingley Correct Address

Any Association member who has changed his address recently or who anticipates a change should notify Secretary Charles O. Tingley, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C. "Eight Stars to Victory" will be in the mail around October 1 and if a member's address is incorrect he won't even get a T.S. slip.

AL BRUCHAC SUBMITS MOST ENTHUSIASTIC STATEMENT ON NEW YORK LADS' ACTIVITIES

Al Bruchac, President of the Greater New York Chapter, reports high spots of the Special Board of Governors meeting held on 8 Sept. 1948, at the Hotel Times Square. All committees were well represented and the boys were all steamed up for the fall program.

INCORPORATION PAPERS

Incorporation papers were presented to the Board for approval. Cal Polivy, New York Chapter's legal consultant, took care of the fine points necessary for incorporation. The Board approved the details and by the time this issue of The Octofoil goes to press the Greater New York Chapter should be completely incorporated.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

The By-Laws Committee's report was the next order of business and all of the members discussed the subject. The By-Laws Committee composed of Harold Fredericks, chairman, assisted by Vincent Guglielmino, Dr. Sternlicht, Cal Polivy, and Jim Bruno took all suggestions covered in the discussion under advisement and will report with a complete draft of the proposed By-Laws for the membership at the next regular meeting.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE O. K.

The Program Committee, the gang with the toughest job surprised everyone present with the report on a most detailed program for the coming year. Karl Rabold was forced to resign because his office location was moved. The job was thrust on the ever ready publicity man Stan Cohen.

GOES TO OHIO

Karl is moving to Ohio, and has promised to start a local Chapter in whatever city he turned up—

so he'll be heard from soon. Stan will render a complete report on the program at the Sept. 24 meeting.

LADIES TO MEET

The Ladies' Auxiliary, with Mrs. Spencer acting as chairman, will hold their initial meeting Sept. 24 at the Hotel Times Square. At this meeting all attending members will take part in starting the Greater New York Auxiliary and Mrs. Spencer is all set to get the ball rolling.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Concluding the meeting was a very detailed discussion on plans for enlarging the membership of the Greater New York Chapter. Many ideas and plans were discussed and all tabled to be turned over to the Membership Committee that will be appointed at the September 24 meeting. The enthusiasm displayed by members of the Board and the Officers clearly indicates that for the coming year many new angles will be covered in digging out more new and old members and getting them to take an active part in the New York Chapter.

PROGRESS SHOWN

Indications are that the Officers and Board of Governors will at an early date complete all the plans presented to the membership when taking office. The speed with which all points of their program are being developed indicates the progress of Greater New York Chapter's growth. Cooperation of all who have been asked to assist is complete and it looks like clear sailing henceforth. Slowly but surely a great team is now ready to carry the ball for the Ninth Infantry Division Assn.

GREATER DETROIT CHAPTER HONORS RETURNED BUDDY

Detroit Lads Set a Fine Example and Standard That Will Be Difficult for other Groups to Excel; One Member Presents Floral Replica of the Ninth Division.

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

Michigan members of the Ninth Division reunited on Saturday, September 11, to pay final tribute to one of our buddies, Gerhard Fennig, of A Co., 60th Infantry, who was killed in action on August 4, 1944.

Men who had served in the Medics, the Artillery, the Tank Destroyers, and the 39th, 47th, and 60 Infantry Regts., all joined together again in a solemn cause.

Gene Brennan commanded the firing squad, when John Dempsey, Anthony Stompor, Joe Casey and Barney Tobacco fired the salute. The pallbearers were Hal Perry, Ernie Threthewey, Mike Lowrie, John Frischan, Paul Senyszyn and Leonard Kowalski. Bob DeSandy carried the colors, and Charley Alcorn presented the folded flag to Mr. and Mrs. Fennig.

VISIT FAMILY

A number of other members also visited with the family the evening before the service, while several members in uniform formed the Honor Guard. Another of our members presented a floral replica of our Ninth Division insignia. The honorary pallbearers, who were schoolmates and neighborhood pals of our Buddy, had served in the Pacific and other theaters.

So often, the members of a squad or small group, have each come from a different state—California, Rhode Island, Texas, Washington, or Florida, perhaps—and many of those address books become so worn, or rain soaked that we were unable to read the home addresses of many of our buddies afterward. Mr. and Mrs. Fennig were rather fortunate, in that two of the pallbearers, Mike Lowrie and John Frischan, were with their son, Gerhard, at the moment when he was called to join the ranks of our Honored Heroes.

BILL LIPSCHUTZ BUGLER

As Bill Lipschutz, the Bugler from D.A.V. Chapter 46, sounded taps, the pallbearers and the firing squad who were all in uniform saluted our comrade as one of the many members of our Ninth In-

fantry Division who gave his life for our country. We wished that each and every one of our Honored Heroes could also have a military funeral, with his own buddies reverently participating in the final services. The families of our Buddies are very glad to see some one who was with their son or husband—someone who wore the same insignia, who ate the same rations, who felt the same rainfall, and who shared the pride of belonging to any part of the Ninth Infantry Division.

PRIVATE FUNERAL

The last rites for Norman E. Schwandt, of the 60th, were held just a few days later. Respecting the wishes of the family, a number of us went individually to pay our respects to another of our Honored Heroes.

It is at times like these, when our efforts contribute in some small measure in bringing comfort and succor to others, that a full justification of our Ninth Infantry Division Association is realized.

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Vacation Is Over... Detroit Chapter Meets

A letter will be sent to all Michigan members telling them just when and where that October get-together is to be. We will compare vacations, and describe the one that got away, and chat about our picnic reunion at Lola Valley Park, and the convention at Philly and the Mid-West Reunion at Chicago, and the coming events of the year!

We'll see you all again!—Joe Casey, Secretary.

THE OLD FOLKS STAGING A COMEBACK

DICK SCHUMANN PAYS TRIBUTE TO A RETURNED OHIO BUDDY

By DICK SCHUMANN, Ohio Chapter Member.

Another Buddy who gave his all so we might return to a still free America, was laid to rest at 2:00 P. M., Saturday, Sept. 17, 1948, at Delaware, Ohio.

Walter Merlin Willey was a member of F Co., 60th. He joined the Division Oct. 12, 1944, as a much needed replacement due to the heavy casualties the 60th had suffered. The 60th was holding forth in the Huertgen Forest at the time. He was assigned to the 60-mm. mortar section of "Fox" Co., and I am sure the fellows of the mortar section remember how he always made sure there was plenty of wood for the fires which were so helpful on those wet and cold days that were experienced in the winter of '44 and '45.

Many of the fellows from the 60th may remember the battle of Schmidt. Companies E and F spearheaded an attack to capture high ground overlooking the Schwamman Dam. Other units had tried for days to take these enemy positions but had been un-

successful. The two companies, E and F, were flanked by the 310th Regt. of the 78th Division on one side and the 311th on the other.

The Ninth accomplished its mission but had many casualties, and the Second Bn. was awarded a citation for its action.

It was here that Walter Willey met his death. This was Feb. 9, 1945. A little over a month later his brother, Harry, was killed while fighting in the 78th Division.

The two brothers, Walter and Harry, were both laid to rest at services Sept. 17. Col. Frederick Kirker, former Division Chaplain of the 37th Inf. Div., conducted the services. He likened the soldier who gave his life for us to the Savior who also laid down his life for us.

A rifle salute was given and taps sounded at the graves as the two brothers were lowered side by side to their final resting place.

Walter is survived by his wife and a 3-year-old daughter.

We, of the famous Ninth Infantry Division, join together and share the sorrow with this family.

JOHN HENLEY GOES TO BAT FOR 2ND BN. 47TH MEDICS

John T. Henley, Hope Mills, N. C., writes the following interesting letter, which is self-explanatory and should be of particular interest to former Medics in the 47th's 2nd Bn.:

Dear Paul: In the last issue of The Octofoil Poe Goldsmith challenged the Medics of the 2nd Bn., 47th, to start a writing bout. It might be proper to give Poe credit for keeping our outfit in print. He is about the only who has been doing this, so I hope I am starting the ball rolling by writing this letter.

MISSED A TREAT

First of all, I want to say that all Medics missed a treat when they did not attend the Convention in Philadelphia. As "Goldie" told you, only four of us Medics were present, Poe Goldsmith, Harold Jaffe, Danny Quinn and Sal Luzzo. We missed every one of you who were not present, but I will say you were talked about and asked about. There was much

to reminisce about. You boys should meet the bosses of Harold and Poe. They are both fine girls and I enjoyed their company very much.

STILL A PILL ROLLER

As for myself, I am still rolling "pills" in Hope Mills, N. C. And by the way, Hope Mills is located only 10 miles from Fort Bragg. Maybe I shouldn't have told this.

IT'S A BOY

Becky and I are the proud parents of a year-old boy. We would be very happy to welcome any of you boys to stop and visit with us for a few days. Also, Becky and I are hoping to attend the Pittsburgh Convention. Let's all try and be there. Any of you fellows who drop me a line I can assure you it will be appreciated and answered. Also drop The Octofoil a letter for publication. I know Paul would appreciate this.

Sincerely yours,
JOHN T. HENLEY.

JOE MacKENZIE QUILTS HIS SIT-DOWN STRIKE; AGAIN WRITES TO OCTOFOIL

It has been several issues back since Joe McKenzie has sent in a contribution to The Octofoil. Under date of 18 August 1948 he sent the following self-explanatory letter. Joe is director of the Department of Veterans' Service in Waltham, Mass. The letter:

Nudist Service had a party. To refresh your memory Nudist Service was the code name of Service Battery, 26th F A Bn.

A few members of Service Btry. had a party for a former member, the one and only Dick Hill of Dallas, Texas. Our former radio operator and bugler is now traveling the states with the Lawrence Welk Orchestra. Dick is enjoying good health and really enjoys making other people happy.

While the war was being fought over and over the boys devoured the contents of many cans filled with an amber colored fluid. In this part of the U. S. it is called Ballentine Ale. Also on the menu was the great American favorite with all its fixin's, the Hot Dog. Potato salad, sliced him, pickles, tomatoes, potato chips, cream cheese and crackers and the New England favorite called "Brownie" (made by the school teacher), helped to satisfy the hunger of the ex G I's. For those who were not satisfied with the above menu we had C's & D's on the table. Yes

it is true about the C's & D's, but the boys refused them.

Present were John Murray, Baldassare Bongiorno, George Wilkinson, Quintino Pergiovanni, Dick Hill, Walter Swenson, Carlo Natalini, Louis Truscillo and Joseph McKenzie. Bill Bongiorno should receive a vote of thanks for the use of him home. Many others were invited, but due to other plans, could not attend.

John Murray and Louis Truscillo became fathers this summer. John called his baby "Peter."

Former members of Service Battery will be sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Hannah Swenson, mother of Walter Swenson, 17 Porter St., Everett, Mass.

Where were you 26ers at Philadelphia? At this time, if my memory is correct, the following were there. Service Battery had Paul and Mollie Fribush, Manny Efron, Alex Wilcopolski, Willie Leonard, Joseph McKenzie. From Headquarters Battery were John Clouser, R. S. Wilson, and Ocleavage B Battery had Dennis Martin. Chad Doherty, Mooney, White and Mahler. Lawrence Rogers represented Personnel while Isadore Blitstein and Ben Kane were from the Medics. Keep in mind the convention for '49. We in New England expect to see you in Worcester this coming November.

Sincerely,
JOSEPH A. MacKENZIE.

PRIVATE DEVOTIONS

A number of Veterans Administration hospitals set aside simply furnished small rooms as "chapels," where patients can go for private devotions and meditations.

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SKELETON REPORT

Two skeletons in a corner closet were griping about the heat, the dust, and the boredom.

"What are we staying here for any how?" one of them asked.

"Durned if I know," said the other. "I'd leave here in a minute if I just had the guts."

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HOW TRUE, HOW TRUE!

If a man is known to drink once a week, all his ailments are attributed to that drink.

THEY HAD A SWELL TIME

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Walter Vicinelly, Mastown, Pa.; 47th Med.

James Vincent, Jr., New York, N. Y.; 47th Inf. Medics.

Rocco Vita, Norwalk, Conn.; 60th Inf.

Joseph VonAchen, New York, N. Y.; 47th Inf.

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Adolph J. Wadalavago, New York, N. Y.; 9th M. P.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Wade, Port Tobacco, Md.; 39th Inf.

Elmer Wagner, Rt. 4, Bay City, Mich.; 47th Inf.

Winfield H. Wagner, E. Texas, Pa.; 60th Field Arty.

William S. Walton, Philadelphia, Pa.; 746th T.B.

Herbert E. Waples, 6210 Harper Ave., Chicago 37, Ill.; 60th.

James Ward, 17 River Ave., Cornwall on the Hudson, N. Y.; 60th Inf.

Edward J. Wargo, Trenton, N. J.; 9th Signal.

William Weinstein, Brooklyn, N. Y.; 60th F. A.

Hugh Weldezan, 196-11 89th Ave., Hollis, L. I., N. Y.; 15th Engrs.

Reece Wengenroth, Hicksville, N. Y.; 15th Engrs.

James F. Wenner, 526 Kurtz St., Catasauqua, Pa.; 15th Engrs.

Milton R. Westerman, 406 Warren St., Hudson, N. Y.; 9th Med.

Francis Whitaker, Hdqts. APG, Eglin Field, Fla.; 34th Field.

William J. White, 100 Locust St., Dresden, Tenn.; 60th Inf.

William R. White, Dennison, Texas; 26th Field Arty.

G. T. Whitehurst, Bedford, Va.; Div. Hdqtr.

John H. Whitmore, Calvert Ct. Apts., Baltimore, Md.; 60th Inf.

George A. Whitney, Jr., New York, N. Y.; Div. Hdqtrs.

M. Davide Wiener, 37 W. 39th St., New York, N. Y.; 47th Regt.

Edward Wiker, Philadelphia, Pa.; 15th Engrs.

Alex Wilcopolski, 1828 W. 35th St., Chicago, Ill.; 26th Field.

Bill Williams, New York, N. Y.; 39th Inf.

Joseph H. Williams, Fort Benning, Ga.; Co. E, 47th Inf.

Albert Willingham, 813 Haywood Pl., New Bern, N. C.; Hdqtr. 34th Field.

Joe Willis, 1009 S. 49th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Quartermaster.

Richard F. Wilson, 4620 Lansing, Philadelphia, Pa.; 26th Field Artillery.

Ralph Witzkin, 140 Schuyler Ave., Newark, N. J.; 47th Inf.

John H. Wooten, 117 French Ave., Westmont, N. J.; 47th Div. Hdqtrs.

Joseph Woznicki, 205 Voegtly St., Pittsburgh, Pa.; 15th Engrs.

Francis Wright, Boston, Mass.; 9th Medics.

Y

John G. Yoest, 125 Malvern Dr., Syracuse, N. Y.; 39th Inf., Co. D.

Joe Youorski, 932 Boundary St., Newberry, N. C.; 60th Inf.

Z

Michael Zvolensky, 447 Somerset St., New Brunswick, N. J.; 84th F.A.

Francis V. Zwiefka, Jemina, N. Y.; 60th Inf.

Theodore J. Zytowicz, 137 Barker Ave., Sharon Hill, Pa.; Div. Hdqtr.

Frank J. Zemanick, Baltimore, Md.; 15th Engrs.

INDUSTRIOUS BELGIANS SHOW OTHER SECTIONS THEY CAN PULL UP WITH THEIR OWN BOOT STRAPS

BELGIANS HAVE STAGED A REAL COME-BACK BECAUSE THEY APPLIED DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND COMMON SENSE—PLUS A BIT OF HARD WORK.

By PAT DUNNAHOO.

Liege, Belgium.—With the streets of its cities crowded with shiny new American-made cars, its shops filled with unrationed and ample supplies of chocolate, milk and butter, its bakeries selling white bread and a wide variety of pastries (including apple pie), Belgium today is an oasis of plenty in the midst of the economic desert of Western Europe.

Visitors who go to Belgium from the other European countries, where gasoline and many food items are still rationed, where bread is black and indigestible, where the people are often poverty-stricken and in despair, find the contrast between economic conditions in Belgium and in neighboring European countries quite startling.

For alone among the countries of Western Europe, Belgium is prosperous today. Yet on V-E Day, just three and one-half years ago, this tiny kingdom of 8,000,000 people was ravaged and seemingly ruined by the damage it had suffered during the war. The economic come-back which the Belgians have made during those three-and-one-half years since the end of the war is truly amazing.

The city of Liege, for example, which was the chief objective of Von Runstedt's drive during the Battle of the Bulge, a battle in which Ninth Division doughs figured so prominently, is today a thriving, industrial city with not one trace remaining of the battle fought in this area four years ago.

Not only has all physical damage to the city been repaired; the damage suffered by Liege's economic structure, which along with buildings and bridges collapsed during the war, has also been repaired. Factories of the city, destroyed during air raids, have not only been rebuilt—they are producing today at full capacity and with full employment.

Everyone in Liege works today and the people of the city are prosperous. They eat well (there is no food rationing); they dress well in new clothing; they drive new automobiles; there is no shortage of anything they might want to buy.

Life is good today for the people of Liege and for other Belgians, unlike life for the people of the other Western European countries, where there are constant shortages of many consumer items.

Among the Liege citizens who sit at sidewalk cafes this summer drinking coca cola and orange juice (almost unobtainable in any other European country) there is no nostalgic talk—as there is constantly among the people of France—about "the good old days" before the war. There is no complaint about high prices. (Prices are, of course, higher today than in the pre-war years, but then so are salaries). Belgians are a happy people today and they have faith in the future, an attitude of mind which is rare in Western Europe today.

Even the Belgians themselves are somewhat awed at the amazing economic comeback their country has made since the end of the war, and a bit puzzled as to how it was accomplished.

Belgium emerged from the war with a considerable amount of foreign credit, particularly in the United States, as a result of Allied use of Belgian port facilities during the war.

The Belgian government, recognizing the fact that the people of the country must work hard, to bring about the economic reconstruction of Belgium, and that some incentive must be provided to make the people work, wisely expended the foreign credits in buying consumer goods, which after four years of privation, the Belgians were extremely anxious to obtain.

Items which had been in short supply since the beginning of the war—ranging from Buick convertibles to Milky Way candy bars were bought by the Belgian government abroad with the accumulated foreign credits and placed on the open market. Rationing was abolished.

With ample supplies of goods in the country, the Belgians had only to walk into the stores to buy the items for which they had so long wished—provided, of course, that they had the money to pay the purchase price. And if they worked, they would have the money. Knowing that they could spend their wages for items which they wanted, the Belgians rolled up their sleeves and went to work—hard and over-time.

Everyone in Belgium benefited. The war damage to the country was repaired. Bombed-out factories were rebuilt and production of goods was resumed. Belgian products were once again exported to all countries of the world. Coal-miners surpassed their pre-war production records and farmers cultivated all available land, providing ample food supplies. With the people of the country at work and earning money, business in Belgium boomed. The Belgian franc became a "hard" currency and the government was able to buy still more consumer goods abroad, which in turn provided further incentive for the people of the country to work even more.

And by wise use of this economic cycle, tiny little Belgium, which lay in waste and ruins, after the "Battle of the Bulge," one of the most bitterly fought battles of World War II, had ravaged it, raised its standard of living even higher than in pre-war years and is today the one Western European country where life is good and the future is definitely promising.

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Now Hear This

Q—What is vocational advisement and why is it required under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act?

A—The main purpose of vocational advisement is to determine whether a disabled veteran should train for a profession or for a particular trade or occupation based on his previous education, experience, personal desires and ability. He is required to take a series of aptitude tests at a VA guidance center where he is interviewed and counseled by a group of highly trained specialists. This advisement is required under the program to insure the disabled veteran's proper rehabilitation.

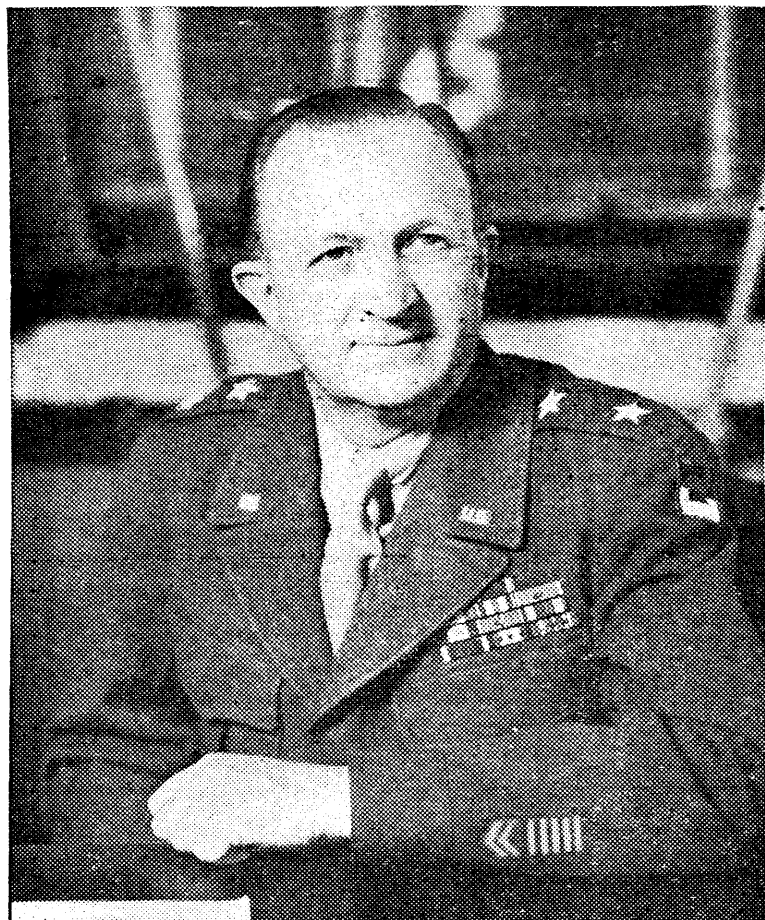
Q—May I go to a private hospital in my home town and have VA pay the bill?

A—If you have service-connected disability and have received prior approval from VA to do you may go to a private hospital at VA expense.

CONVENTION RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Proceeds from Registration (513 at \$2.00).....	\$1,026.00
Proceeds sale of Banquet Tickets	3,548.00
Total Receipts	\$4,574.00
Orchestra Expenses	\$ 260.00
Entertainment Expenses	100.00
Cost of Registration Cards and Files.....	13.08
Printing of Banquet Tickets	12.75
S. E. Eby & Co.—Badges and Stickers.....	313.95
Streets & Bourne—Program Printing	25.00
Fine Stationer—Banquet Menus	72.80
Benjamin Franklin Hotel—Cost of Banquet, Rooms.....	\$3,068.24
Henry S. Rigby for miscellaneous expenses including entertainment of Gold Star Mothers and Dads, cost of movie operators, telephone calls, banquet signs, tips.....	100.00
Atlas Reporting Service—Convention Minutes	78.75
Total Expenses	\$3,944.57
Convention Profit	629.43
	\$4,574.00

GENERAL EDDY APPRECIATES THOUGHTFULNESS OF MEMBERS



LT. GEN. MANTON S. EDDY,
Elected Emeritus Member, Board of Governors.

The Octofoil is in receipt of a copy of the following letter directed to President Donald M. Clarke, which is self-explanatory:

COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE AND FORT LEAVENWORTH Office of the Commanding General FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

27 August 1948

Dear Don:

Upon my return yesterday to Fort Leavenworth from a three weeks' leave, I found your letter of 10 August awaiting me. I appreciate hearing from you again.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you, and through you the members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, for the beautiful basket of flowers that were sent to me during my recuperation from a recent operation. To be so thoughtfully remembered by my former comrades-in-arms, particularly during such a busy time as the Association's National Convention, is deeply and sincerely appreciated.

If at any time I can be of any assistance to you in your tenure of office as president of the association, I want you to know that you have only to call on me.

With kindest regards, I am,
Sincerely,

M. S. EDDY,
Lt. Gen., U. S. Army, Commanding.

Gold Star Wife Praises Ninth Boys In Beautiful Letter to Ted Matusik

Ted Matusik, 1802 Wilmet Ave., Chicago, is in receipt of a very impressive letter from the Gold Star wife of Sgt. Charles Henry Blake, Bangor, Pa. Also enclosed were some newspaper clippings, parts of which are being reprinted. Mrs. Blake's letter follows:

My Dear Mr. Matusik:

I want to thank you for your kindness in sending me the picture which you took of Mrs. Niven and myself at the Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion. It was quite a surprise and I certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness. The more I come in contact with the Ninth Division boys, the more proud I am that my husband was a member of that distinguished outfit, although as you see by the enclosed clipping, he was with the First Division for 14 years. I enclose two clippings. I thought you might be interested in them. They are from our daily paper. My husband was the first one from Bangor to be killed in World War II.

Last week we buried another boy from the Ninth Division. He was Pfc. Elmer Dutt, of the 39th Inf. He served under my husband in North Africa and was killed at the same time. At the funeral, the bugler who sounded taps, was also from the Ninth Division and served in North Africa. His name was Sgt. Robert Garafolo, 47th.

I expect to be in Philadelphia again next week as I am a delegate from our American Legion Post to the Pennsylvania State Convention. It also has headquar-

ters at the Ben Franklin Hotel.

Yes, I believe my name and address was in the June issue of The Octofoil, under the casualty list, and also about a year ago which told of the decorations my husband had received. The Ninth Division sends me The Octofoil every month. I have received it regularly since it was first organized. Also the Ninth Division News when the outfit was in Germany.

Sincerely yours,

VERA N. BLAKE.
(Mrs. Charles H. Blake.)

Excerpts from the clippings:

Sgt. Charles Henry Blake was killed in action on April 3, 1943, in the battle of El Guettar, Tunisia, North Africa. He was with the 39th Inf., 9th Div.

His awards and decorations included the Purple Heart, American Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, North African Middle-East Campaign Ribbon with bronze arrow-head and two bronze stars, Unit Citation, Marksman's Badge with pistol D bar, Expert Badge with machine gun bar and Sharpshooter Badge with pistol D bar and machine gun bar and two rifle bars.

The New York Chapter of the 9th Infantry Division Association will render full military honors at the ceremony.

Another interesting clipping was copy of a letter sent Mrs. Blake by Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York City.

W. H. BROWN GETS AROUND A WEE BIT

A letter from W. Holland Brown, sales representative for the McCoy-Couch Furniture Mfg. Co., of Benton, Ark., was received recently. Brown was formerly with G Co., 60th Inf. The letter reads as follows:

This is certainly a long delayed letter, but guess that the main idea is to get it on out and quit apologizing.

I was really disappointed that I missed the convention again this year, but after making reservations, business came up that kept me away. I say now that it will take "hell and high water" to keep me away from the next one.

Now for the purpose of this letter. All of the old timers in G Co., 60th Inf., will remember Lt. Fred Hill who was killed at Cactus Village, Port Lytautey, on the first day of landing. Fred and I were very close friends and I had promised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hill, Somerset, Ky., that I would come to see them, so about two weeks ago I was able to get over and spent the evening talking about one of the greatest soldiers that the 9th Div. had. True, he wasn't with us long, but he proved himself a great leader and the men in his platoon would have followed him through anything. If Fred had lived I'm sure that he would have been one of the 9th greatest leaders — anyone who knew Fred I'm sure would vouch for this statement. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have decided not to bring Fred home but to leave him in the cemetery that they think he would want to be buried in. I'm sure they made a wise choice.

They would like to have a 60th Infantry History (mailed), and I would like to have some windshield stickers to distribute to some of the 9th men around here close to me.

Notice in Octofoil where a lot of the members are increasing their families. There are still just two of us but we are planning on a larger family in the near future.

Sure would like to locate Albert Vaughn. He was in G Co., 60th, and used to help me after I left the company and became S-4, 2nd Bn. I travel in Tennessee and I'm sure that he is from that state.

This certainly is a rambling letter but believe that it gets over my points.

Sincerely,
W. HOLLAND BROWN.

NOTE: There is no record of Albert Vaughn being a member. Any one who knows of his whereabouts please contact Secretary Tingley so we can get him on the ball.

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WANTED - - - INFORMATION

Dominic J. DeWolfe (ASN 20101143), whose address is 9 Marsh St., Gloucester, Mass., is seeking information for affidavit for disability incurred in the service of the United States Army from the year 1941 to 1945. Part of DeWolfe's letter is quoted below: "... I would like to get in touch with Sgt. Markus, from California or vicinity, also Lt. Brewer, address unknown to me, both of whom were in the same outfit with me. I would also like to have names and addresses of other buddies from Co. F., 39th. I was with the outfit from January, 1945, to December, 1945, from this side of the Rhine River to the Elbe River in Germany. I had an assistant B.A.R. man with me, a Pvt. Collins, who is from somewhere around South Boston, and would like to get in touch with him. I have recently been discharged from the Addison Gilbert Hospital in Gloucester, Mass. I am seeking disability. This is very urgent and I would be most grateful if you can furnish the names and addresses I have mentioned."

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Wojtas Story Will Be In Next Month

Many complaints have been registered because Vic Wojtas' diary installment was left out last month. But by the same token many complaints were registered because Convention proceedings were not printed. Balancing the gripes one against the other, The Octofoil decided to hold Wojtas' diary out again this month to give space for Convention proceedings. An installment will appear next month.

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PHILADELPHIA LADS ALL SET TO ORGANIZE A LADIES' AUXILIARY

By JOHN H. WOOTEN, Publicity Committee Chairman, Philadelphia Chapter, Ninth Infantry Division Association.

After guiding the Third Annual Convention of the Ninth Infantry Division Association to a successful conclusion the host Philadelphia Chapter, bounced back into action with its regular September business meeting held on Thursday evening, September 2, at 1109 Ridge Ave. Attendance was gratifying and after a lively discussion of the business functions of the convention it was decided to submit a list of constructive suggestions to the Pittsburgh Chapter with a view toward helping that city profit by the fruits of Philadelphia's experience, and to insure an even greater and more successful 1949 Reunion.

MORE MEMBERS

The first order of business, and one of the principal aims of the Philadelphia Chapter in the immediate future, is obtaining more members. There are a great number of ex-Ninth men in the Philadelphia area, and through the medium of The Octofoil it is hoped these men can be brought into the fold. Plans are also on the fire to organize a Ladies' Auxiliary to the Chapter—so all you interested gals get friend husband out to the

next meeting which will be held at the above address on Thursday evening, October 7, at 8:15 P. M. **SOCIAL IN OFFING**

Also on tap are plans for a Pre-Winter Social in the form of a dance and entertainment which promises to be a splendid affair, well worthy of attendance.

At the present time a search is being made for a larger and more centrally located quarters for the Chapter's regular meetings. It is felt that a central city location will greatly increase attendance and the new quarters will be announced as soon as obtained.

Future activities of the Chapter will include discussion and enactment of Chapter By-Laws and Temporary Agenda at the October meeting. Nomination of officers in November, elections in December and installation of the new officials in January.

ATTENTION, JERSEYITES

All you Philadelphia and South Jersey fellows should put a circle on your calendar for the 7th of October and plan to attend the next meeting. Get in touch with the fellows below for more information: John H. Wooten, 117 French Ave., Westmont, N. J., and John P. Farson, 716 Powdermill Lane, Philadelphia 31, Pa. Phone, Ardmore 0621.

JUST A FEW NOTES FROM GUYS HERE AND THERE

Robert L. Winkelman, 1818 Orchard St., Des Plaines, Ill., formerly cook for M Co., 47th, wants the fellows to know that he did get back to marry his English girl friend and they now have an 18-month-old daughter. Bob would like to hear from some of his old Buddies.

Regrets were received from C. E. Miller, 216 Bissel Ave., Oil City, Pa., over the fact that he was unable to attend the convention this year. Writes Buck: "Sorry I can't make this year's reunion. You see on July 27, I am planning on getting married to the girl that accompanied me last year to the reunion at Columbus. The name is Rita Smith and some of the gang that met her at the shindig will probably remember her. Rita and I have a Canadian trip slated and will miss the convention. We will both be at the next one if it is at all possible."

"Would appreciate you sending me six of the Ninth stickers for my car. I intend to display the sign of The Octofoil on my honeymoon."

"Would certainly like to hear from some Co. L, 39th men."

Jesse L. Myers, who was aid man with Anti-Tank Plt. and 1st Plt. of both Co. L and Co. M of the 3rd Bn., 39th Inf., notified us of a change of address: 51 W. North St., Carlisle, Pa., and states he, his wife and six-month-old boy are fine. He is still in the wholesale grocery business and would like to hear from some of the men he knew when he was with the 3rd Bn. Medics of the 39th.

James McGrath, formerly 60th Inf., is a sergeant again. His new address is Co. M, 3d Bn., 26th Inf., RTC, APO 139, care New York Postmaster. Shamus enclosed a good photo of himself that will be used in a later issue.

Tom Richey, 60th Inf., writes that he is still in the Army and has just returned from Puerto Rico. His present mailing address is: T-Sgt. T. L. Richey, 510 West Jefferson, Van Alstyne, Texas.

Mrs. Lloyd Killough, serving as secretary to one Lloyd Killough, formerly of Co. D, 39th, sent in \$3.50 dues and states she and Lloyd enjoy The Octofoil and are looking forward to receiving the history. The Killoughs have two sons, aged 11 and 6, and Lloyd is working with the Texas Highway Dept. He would like to hear from some of the guys who served with him; address Box 339, Dimmitt, Texas.

Johnnie W. Brogdon, formerly of the 39th Inf., is going to school at Le Tourneau Tech. Inst., Longview, Texas, Box 2307 (43), taking a Mechanical Maintenance Course. He hasn't been able to get to a reunion so far but after he finishes his course in May, 1949, expects to attend, and hopes the Association will hold one soon in Fort Worth, Texas. Johnnie is married and has a pretty brown-eyed boy who was one-year-old on

Sept. 6. Johnnie wants to hear from the following Buddies: Paul Dupay, Enrico Caruso, Milton Karvola and Russell Herman. He is seeking the address of Russell Herman, especially, as Russell lives somewhere in Texas. Russell was formerly a member of the Association. Headquarters has his address as 705 Main St., Marshall, Texas. However, mail has been returned marked, "Moved, left no address," and no new address has been furnished. Write to Johnnie, anyone who knows Russell's address at the present time.

Charles E. Turner, formerly of 60th FA, Serv. Btry., has a new address. It is 5 N. 13th St., Harrisburg, Pa. Charles was just married and would like to see the history coming his way pretty soon.

William F. Jester, formerly Staff Sergeant of 39th Inf., graduated from Indiana University June 13, 1948, received a Reserved Officers Commission, applied for the regular army and reported for duty at Fort Riley, Kansas, Aug. 11. His present address is: Lt. William F. Jester, 057490, Student Officers Det., the Ground General School, Fort Riley, Kans.

Charles A. Bodnar, 214 Phelps Ave., Bergenfield, N. J., is the pappy of an eight-pound beauty of a girl. He would like to hear from some of his buddies of A. T. Co., 47th Regt.

Co. F, 47th men, will find the following letter from O. L. (Corkie) Kolderer interesting: "I've felt so guilty every time I've read my paper that I've decided to pay my dues for next year so I can read with a clear conscience."

"You put out a swell paper which I read from stem to stern each month."

"I've been married a little over 2½ years and have two children. Linda Diane, who was a year old in June, and David, who is 4. This may sound strange to you, but my wife was a war widow and David never saw his dad, who was shot down over the Adriatic while on a bombing mission. So you see, I think of him as my own."

"I would like to get hold of a copy of the 47th history, which was published overseas. I had my check refunded but am still eager to get a copy."

"Keep up the good work. I'll be eagerly awaiting my copy of the Ninth Division History."

"I would like to get in touch with Ricco, who was Co. F, 47th barber. I'm interested in some pictures he made."

A. B. (Pop) Casey, Paris, Tenn., sent some interesting pictures of the 2nd Bn., 39th, recently. They included "Chicken" Myers, Andy Keller, L. P. Gabel and "Gypsie," along with the old maintenance truck. We were sorry that the pictures were not quite good enough to make clear cuts and hope that Casey will be able to find some clearer ones to send in, along with some of his interesting comments.