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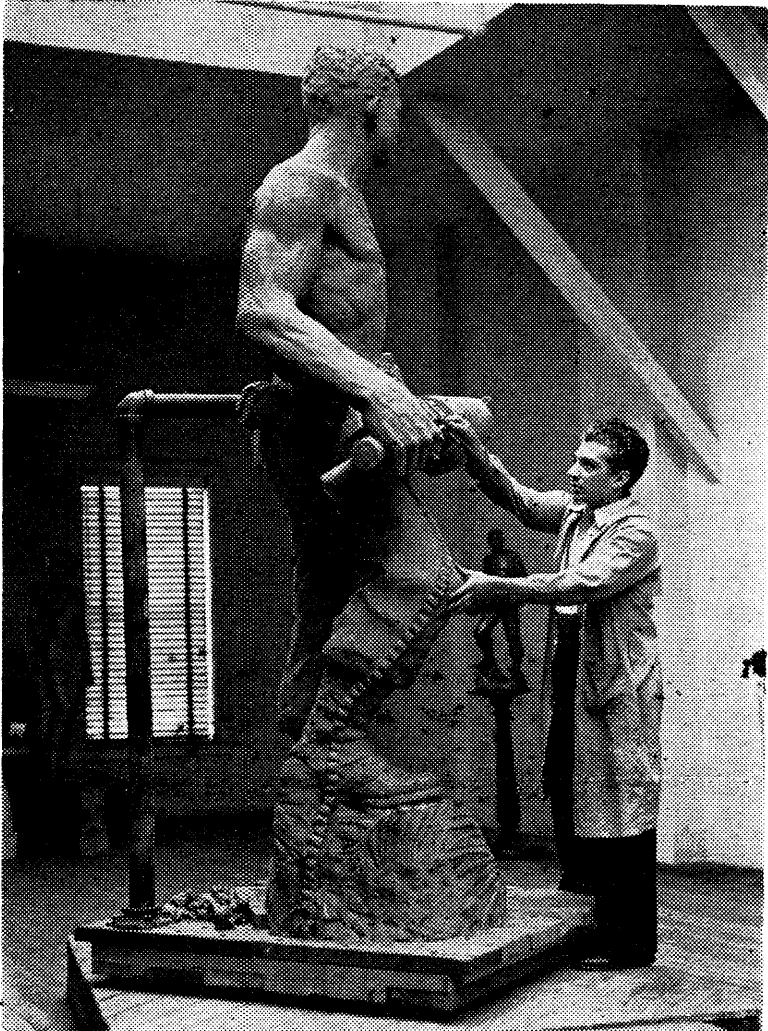
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FORMER 9th MAN TOP-RATE SCULPTOR

Former Ninth Lad a Big Success



Sculptor Philip C. Orlando, 104 E. Front St., Plainfield, N. J., admires the results of his artistic handiwork. Phil was with the 39th Regt. a long while. Read the story printed elsewhere for full details about the lad's artistic ability.

MORRISON LIKES THE HISTORY JOB

A short note from Bill Morrison, Box 373, New Market, N. J., former Co. A, 39th man, is representative of the thousands of letters being received by The Octofoil since distribution started on "Eight Stars to Victory." It just goes to show Ninth men are appreciative and just as eager to pay a compliment when such is deserved as they are to establish beyond any reasonable doubt their status as champion b - - - ers when things do not go right.

Says Morrison:

All those who worked so hard to make this book possible certainly deserve the sincere and heartfelt thanks of all Association members. The fellows will appreciate this history more as time goes by, as the entire composition is made up in fine order for quick reference.

To all who had a hand in the making of this book I'd like to say: A JOB WELL DONE.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

A Mother Asks For Information

Mike Gatto, secretary of the Greater New York Chapter, advises The Octofoil that several members of the Greater New York Chapter attended the funeral rites held for Pfc. Albert L. Schmidt, Co. K, 47th Inf., when he was returned to the States recently.

Gatto advises that the mother lost two sons in the last war, one in the 82nd Airborne Div., and Albert, in the Ninth.

Mrs. Schmidt is most anxious to hear from some of Al's buddies, especially any who may have been near when he paid the supreme sacrifice. The least you fellows from K Co., 47th, can do is write her a few lines. Send your letters to—

Mrs. J. Schmidt,
400 East 141st St.,
New York, N. Y.

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WORRY WART

Worry is like a rocking chair. It will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.

"Eight Stars to Victory" Is An Ideal Xmas Gift

Various members have written The Octofoil and suggested that members send copies of "Eight Stars to Victory" to friends and loved ones as Christmas gifts.

It is an excellent idea and no doubt many members will take advantage of this rare opportunity to give something lasting and worthwhile and at the same time further perpetuate the name of the unequalled Ninth Infantry Division.

Send your money order or check for \$5 directly to the F. J. Heer Printing Co., 386 S. Fourth St., Columbus, O. The Heer Company will send postpaid the history to any address indicated, enclosing a beautiful Christmas card stating who the sender of the history is.

UNVEIL PHIL ORLANDO'S STATUE OF A MARINE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR WINNER

15,000 PEOPLE THROGGED THE AREA NEAR AMERICAN LEGION PARK IN RARITAN WHEN FORMER NINTH MAN'S ART WORK WAS PRESENTED.

When Phil Orlando was known as Sgt. Philip C. Orlando, Co. G, 39th Regt., some of his G. I. buddies probably thought he was bucking for Section 8 when they saw him modeling various objects from little mounds of earth. "Making mud pies," some of the unappreciative muttered. The experimental moldings Phil Orlando has made in the years gone by are now paying big dividends and has put the lad out front in his chosen life work—that of a sculptor. His latest achievement has caused former Ninth G.I.s from coast to coast to be proud of him and to boast proudly—"I knew Phil when . . ."

Orlando was commissioned by an American Legion Post to model a statue of Sgt. John Basilone, a Congressional Medal of Honor winner. The photo pictured on this page was the clay model. The finished cast is of bronze and is mounted on a four-foot granite pedestal. Phil's studios are located at 104 E. Front St., Plainfield, N. J.

Orlando's charming wife was kind enough to send The Octofoil clippings from a New Jersey newspaper which The Octofoil is taking the liberty of reprinting without giving the proper credit because Mrs. Orlando inadvertently failed to write from what newspaper she had extracted the clippings. The lead-off of the article carried a 2-column 7-inch picture of the finished product as it looked after being unveiled to the public. The newspaper article read as follows:

SGT. BASILONE'S MOTHER AT RARITAN SERVICE

Raritan.—About 15,000 persons thronged every vantage point around the American Legion Park at Somerest and Canal Streets and Old York Road as Mrs. Salvatore Basilone of 113 First Ave. unveiled a life-size bronze statue of her son, Sgt. John Basilone, Marine Corps hero of Guadalcanal and winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The statue, the work of Philip C. Orlando of Raritan, was formally presented by the John Basilone Memorial Committee to the American Legion Post, which bears Basilone's name and to the town of Raritan. Money for the statue was raised by public subscription. Basilone, who fell on Iwo Jima, won not only the Congressional Medal but the nation's second highest award, the Navy Cross, awarded posthumously.

Representative Eaton of Watchung was the principal speaker at the ceremonies.

"I am troubled about America and I am troubled about the world," Eaton said. "These are stormy times, calling for men like John Basilone, who are ready to fight, to die or live that America may be safe."

The ceremonies were preceded by a parade in six divisions, one of the largest in Raritan's history. Units in line included marines, sailors, national guardsmen, veterans' organizations, firemen and civic and fraternal organizations. About 200 guests attended a

A FEW BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE

Secretary Tingley advises The Octofoil he has a few more copies of the Sixtieth History for sale. The histories are 25 cents. This small fee was decided upon by the Board of Governors in order that packing charges and postage fees might be taken care of.

Also available are a few copies of Final Thrust, likewise 25 cents per copy.

What about those Ninth Division auto stickers? The Secretary had a large number of these stickers made because so many members continued to write and ask why they were not available.

These stickers are six for two-bits. Send your order directly to Charles O. Tingley, Secretary-Treasurer, Ninth Infantry Division Association, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

ALL ACTIVE, PAID-UP MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED HISTORY

Secretary Tingley stated to The Octofoil on Nov. 15, 1948, for publication:

"The latest information on progress of mailing the history is that active members living in the District of Columbia have received their copies, which means that the mailing for active paid-up members whose address is known has now been completed. This leaves the inactive, unpaid members, starting with Alabama and running through the list of states alphabetically, ending up with the District of Columbia. The Heer Company has the complete mailing list of all members now. I will start sending them the next of kin list at once."

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Look for a Real Feature In the Next Octofoil

Raymond S. Griffith, the medic of A Co., 60th Infantry, who appeared on the Ralph Edwards radio show, "This Is Your Life," on Nov. 9, will write a story of his trip for the January issue of The Octofoil.

dinner at Somerville Inn after the ceremonies. A tribute to Basilone was summed up thusly:

"We should begin to realize that we are all Americans. John Basilone died as a great American and a great hero. He is not dead. He lives as a perpetual symbol."

POSTPONEMENT OF RADIO SHOW WAS HEADACHE

Both Secretary Tingley and The Octofoil attempted to contact as many members as possible via the postal card system when the powers-that-be changed original plans concerning presentation of the Ralph Edwards' program, "This Is Your Life."

However, heroic as may have been the efforts to reach the entire membership and advise them of the change in plans there were literally thousands who were not contacted judging from the blasts that reached The Octofoil on the night the program was supposed to be presented originally and the days that followed.

All kind of latrine rumors have gone the rounds why the cancellation. The one most widely circulated was to the effect the sponsors postponed the series until after the election to avoid competing with election news on the air when the second Tuesday night program would have been on the air. Nevertheless, the original program was cancelled, neither The Octofoil nor Secretary Tingley had anything to do with it. The Octofoil and the secretary's office "knocked themselves out" getting out the last issue a week early in order to alert the membership for the program. Instead of a few consoling words, no mess sergeant in the Ninth Division has ever took the tongue lashing The Octofoil and Secretary Tingley have been forced to take.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

ICE FISHERMEN

The only fishing through the ice some people ever do is for cherries.

Greater New York Chapter Will Meet Friday, Dec. 3rd

Al Bruchac, president of the Greater New York Chapter, announces that the next regular meeting will be held Friday, December 3, 1948, at 8 P. M., at the HOTEL TIMES SQUARE, New York City. Due to the space conditions in New York City members are asked to note that hereafter meetings of the New York Chapter will be held on the first Friday of each month.

Entertainment for this meeting will be a Special Sports Feature. Moving pictures will be shown covering the best fights from Jess Willard to Joe Louis, our present heavyweight champion. To add the necessary color an old-time champion and present day referee with the New York State Boxing Commission, gives a running commentary through his microphone.

Business for the evening will be brief with only the final discussion and acceptance of the by-laws for the Greater New York Chapter.

LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies' Auxiliary will also hold their meeting in the Hotel Times Square on December 2, 1948, at 8 P. M. The Ladies' Auxiliary is open to Gold Star Mothers, Wives, and Sisters of former Ninth Division men. All ladies are urged to attend and help make the New York Auxiliary the largest in the Association.

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

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THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Mrs. Warren F. McHone, P. O. Box 714, Winston-Salem, N. C., the Gold Star Wife of Pfc. Warren F. McHone, Co. C, 60th Regt., asks The Octofoil to convey her personal wishes to all members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association and readers of The Octofoil A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Mrs. McHone has favored Octofoil readers with her beautiful poems on various occasions. Various veteran publications have asked for permission to reprint the all-inspiring product of her beautiful thoughts so vividly portrayed in an unimitable way that is all her own. Printed below is a beautiful lesson that would make this a better world in which to live if everyone would make an effort to practice the principles enunciated by Pfc. Warren McHone's Gold Star Wife:

*The spirit of Christmas is now everywhere;
I wonder if we could just keep it all year.
If we can make somebody happy today,
With some little gift or some word we say;
Then let us remember the smile on that face,
And later help it a tear to replace.*

*Why can't we be thoughtful on just any day,
By doing the little things, bright'ning the way;
Helping the needy, cheering the sad,
Looking for good in folks—not for the bad;
Ever be willing to lift up the weak,
Never too busy a kind word to speak.*

*A Savior of Love was born on this day;
His love still lives and will always.
We should ever be like Him who loves to the end,
Every day loving our fellow men.
The spirit of Peace, of Love, and Goodwill
Should, after the Holidays, live with us still.*

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.—My husband is suffering from a service-incurred disability and is in need of a prosthetic appliance. Will Veterans' Administration pay for the appliance?

A.—VA will furnish a prosthetic appliance if the veteran has a service-connected or service-aggravated disability requiring an appliance.

Q.—I enlisted in the war during July, 1947. Am I entitled to loan benefits under the GI Bill?

A.—If you served at any time between September 16, 1940 and July 25, 1947, and you were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable after at least 90 days of active service, or for

a service-incurred disability in less than 90 days, you may qualify for a GI loan.

Q.—When a veteran secures a loan under the GI Bill, does the Government make an outright payment on it without charging the veteran anything?

A.—Yes, VA pays the lender, for credit to the veteran's loan, an amount equal to 4 per cent of the guaranteed portion of the loan. For example, if the guaranteed portion of the loan is \$4,000, the lender will receive \$160 from VA to credit to the debt of the veteran.

Calm Before the Storm — By Plunkett



Probably, a little exaggerated, but every ex-G. I. Joe has a perfect right to dream.

He's Crossed the Rhine

Ninth Division men like Marion Lee had plenty of reasons for chasing the Krauts completely out of existence. While Lee was helping make Ninth Division history, his 12-year-old son, Marion James Lee, seventh grade student in an Indiana school, was giving his Daddy plenty moral support by writing to his Staff Sergeant Dad in inimitable poetry style. Below are a couple of the youngster's masterpieces, composed while the Ninth Division was exterminating Nazi-ism:

*My Daddy's a wonderful G. I.;
He's crossed the big River Rhine;
He's fighting there for me and you—
This war to him has been an awful grind.*

*Oh, how I'd like to look into his tired blue eyes;
When he was home and on the farm
I'd snuggle close within his arm,
But now he's got those Jerries on the run,
I'm sure he's not having fun.*

*It's hard to sleep on snow and ice,
In fox holes, bushes, blown-down homes,
Not only once, but maybe twice.
It's hard to see a Buddy fall,
And know there's nothing you can do at all
But keep on marching to Hitler's gate
To hurry up the day for him to fall.*

*When the terrible war is over
And Old Glory waves in Berlin,
And my Daddy's home again, a hero,
Because he's one who crossed the Rhine,
I'll be watching baby calves playing in the clover.*

Daddy's Coming Home

Across the ocean wide and deep,
A G.I. stands with hands upon his hips,
His tired eyes gaze fondly on the gang plank of a ship,
His heart beats fast—then skips a beat,
At last he hears his name—he's going home at last.

He soon forgets those weary hours of cold and heat,
And many times poor frozen feet;
The whistle blows, the ship moves slowly out to sea,
A smile lights up his face and it shines like the morning sun,
He's thinking of America, home and me.

The nights are dark, the days are long,
With anxious eyes, he views the storm,
He soon forgets that wars are wrong.

Oh happy sight and glorious day,
America, at last, they say;
A prayer of thankfulness is given
To Him alone who reigns in Heaven.

The lady with the light, a wondrous sight
To those who've fought with all their might,
The symbol of eternal peace, of hope,
And joy—Freedom most of all;
A sigh is given by one and all
Who has seen his-Buddy fall.

Home, Home, oh happy place,
Praise God, may Freedom always last.
An humble place—no frills or lace,
Is all the homecoming soldier asks.

Oh, God, please grant to us
A free America, and everlasting peace,
America, oh Home, Sweet Home,
To our millions of marching feet.

DUES COULD BE COMING IN AT A FASTER CLIP

When The Octofoil inquired of Secretary Charles O. Tingley how 1949 dues were coming in, the secretary rather gloomily replied: "Dues are coming in but not as fast as I would like to see them. We need the support of every eligible member to keep the Association active so those who haven't sent in 1949 dues should make it a must to do so as soon as humanly possible."

—Pittsburgh In '49—

New Members

Neil D. Cox, Box 969, Longview, Tex., formerly Lieutenant-Colonel, 9th Div. Arty. and 34th FA. Recommended by Lt.-Col. Bill Lucas, who is at the Pentagon Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Parsy Solmaine, formerly of the 39th Inf., Co. M and Co. D, 431 Shanley St., Buffalo, N. Y. He was recommended by Frank Heikkila, Kenmore 17, N. Y.

Pfc. Harold A. Boate, Hq. and Hq. 1st Air Base Group, March Field, Calif., formerly of Hq. Bty., 9th Div. Arty. Recommended by Joe M. Willis.

—Pittsburgh In '49—

Danny Stradella Displays the Old Ninth Div. Spirit

The Octofoil is in receipt of a letter from Roger E. Marion, 8 E. Eighth St., New York. Every line of the letter is most interesting. It is just a bit lengthy and because of space limitations parts of Rog's letter follows:

Many will remember Danny Stradella, Co. I, 39th. He was wounded in Sicily.

After being discharged he decided to follow the family tradition, and opened an eating place to prepare food in keeping to the family reputation. Good food in New York is an innovation at less than \$20 for a steak. He planned to staff the place with veterans only!

He found a small place at 151 E. 45th St., in New York, between Third and Lexington.

Shortly after opening signs appeared "Unfair to organized labor." What was fair to organized or unorganized wounded veterans didn't count.

Things became serious; 45th St. was not like Times Square with thousands passing every hour. The few customers were not enough to keep the place open.

Danny had a card board sign made giving his side of the story to those who passed, telling them about being a wounded veteran and all the boys in his place were vets. Things did pick up a little, but not enough to pay the bills.

Then one day a newspaperman walked down 45th St. He saw the pickets; he saw the restaurant—then he stopped to read the sign. He went in. He had a drink, a meal, met Danny and had a talk.

Emerging he was stuffed with steak and ideas, going to his office he set down at his typewriter. He was a columnist for the New York World-Telegram. The next day the paper appeared with a column about Danny.

People started coming in. More columnists dropped in, big business men, actors and actresses, movie people and radio people—and myself. First thing you know the place is too small and enlargements were made, and Danny was one of the best known restaurant men in New York.

People keep on going there. You have to stand in line and wait for a table. That is no hardship because the bar is alongside the entrance. The drinks are good and the bartenders (notice the plural), are jovial. I never saw shrimps so large and I haven't had a steak like that since 1935.

The big union that backed the pickets had taken a licking from one lonely Ninth Division man.

Every Ninth Division man who lives in or visits New York should go there for a meal and have a talk with Danny. He's always glad to see the Ninth boys. You'll get a swell meal and see one of the most interesting places in New York.

It's handy to everything: across from Grand Central Station, surrounded by the Graybar and Chrysler Bldgs., right in the heart of the best hotel district in the city and only a few blocks walk from all the theatres and big movie houses.

Cut this out and tuck it away:
DANNY'S HIDE-AWAY,
151 East 45th St.,
New York City.

NINTH HISTORY WIDELY ACCLAIMED

COMMENTS FROM THOSE WHO 'HAVE RECEIVED "8 STARS TO VICTORY" INDICATE UNIVERSAL APPROVAL

ALSO QUOTED ARE SOME LETTERS FROM JOES WHO ARE STILL "EXPECTING"—MEMBERS SHOULD KEEP SECRETARY INFORMED OF CORRECT ADDRESS.

Chester Zajowski, 72 Peshine Ave., Newark 8, N. J., sends his '49 dues in and regards to all the boys, especially the Cannoneers from 47th. Like many others, he is sweating out arrival of his "Eight Stars to Victory," but he adds, "like all Joes whose last name starts with Z, I am used to being last."

Rev. William C. Phillips, Rt. 1, Box 330, Memphis, Tenn., hasn't received his history yet—is watching every mail. Quoted from his letter: "We fellows down here are too far away to attend the reunions and too scattered to have a chapter, but I, for one, want to do all in my power to keep the Association going. Anyway, The Octofoil alone is worth the \$3.50. I had hoped that I might be able to do something toward getting a chapter started down here but nearly everyone I talked to about it seemed to think that it would be impractical as we would have to take in such a large territory in order to get the required number of members."

Doug Commins, 1950 Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn 10, N. Y., formerly of E Co., 47th (February, '41, to February 1942), writes: "What a surprise! What a book! It was a long wait (worse than sweating out a ten-day furlough) but well worth waiting for. A positive work of art. I have just finished reading about the Bragg days; left me feeling blue and longing for those grand ole days. Congratulations to all concerned on a magnificent job."

Archie M. Rohrer, Church's Ferry, N. D., who went through three rugged years with Second Bn., G Co., 47th Inf., sent in his '49 dues recently and states he will be looking for "Eight Stars to Victory" now (but will be patient and wait his turn!) Archie had another good year at farming and with his fall work nearly done, thinks he will have more time to read and keep in contact with Division buddies.

Earl G. Malmstrom, 10 Hillside, Worcester 4, Mass., formerly with Division Band, takes out time to send in '49 dues and a brief note: "Enclosed is check for Association dues. Perhaps I should write more but as yet I haven't finished reading my history, so will devote my spare time to that."

T-Sgt. Clyde R. Ford, 843 River Rd., Fort Worth, Texas, writes his annual letter. He never seems to get the chance to write except when it is time to send in dues. Writes Clyde: "I am looking forward to getting the history. I have bragged so much to the fellows about our outfit, I need the book to prove all I have said."

"During the past year I have had the pleasure of seeing some of our buddies. I visited with B. B. Miller, G. B. Cook and Lt. B. J. Smith, all of Dallas. Also Finnis Moore, formerly of Cannon Co., 47th, who was passing through C.A.F.B. All of these men have promised me they would join the Association as soon as they can. Next time I see them, I will check up on them. And, wonder of wonders! I find that my milkman is a former member of the 746th Tank Bn. His name is Charles Walker. Maybe some of his old buddies will read this. I will get his address next time I see him."

"Another first: It's just like being back in the Ninth Division again. The outfit I am in is the first to be equipped with the B-36. They are the largest land-based bombers. What an airplane. Too bad we couldn't have had something like this 10 years ago. Maybe it could have saved the many lives which were given to keep our country free. Maybe a show of might now may save off future wars. I am sure all of us who know the taste of war would do their utmost to keep us strong for the future."

"I have eight months to do on this enlistment and I was thinking about going back to the Infantry. Anyone reading this who is still connected with the new reactivated Ninth Division and who would like to write me about the old outfit, I sure would appreciate

hearing from them. I would like to hear from anyone else who wants to write."

"I had intended to make the convention in Philly, but I could not get a hop by plane that week. All of our plans were to make the formation opening the new Idlewild Airport in New York. Maybe I can make the next one in Pittsburgh. I will be looking forward to it."

Duane Holder, Box 524, Eureka, Mont., is one of the members who has received his copy of "8 Stars to Victory." He writes: "I received my copy of the history only yesterday and can't explain how pleased I am with it except that I feel honored to have been a part of the great history of the Ninth Division. My wife and I read every inch of The Octofoil and enjoy it very much. I never see anything about Ninth Division men from Montana. I would like to hear from some of them. I was in the 47th, Co. B."

"And, by the way, if you should hear an extra loud toot of a horn on New Year's Eve, it's just me celebrating the birth of the third member of our family that is expected to join us then."

"Enclosed find a check for \$3.50 for my 1949 dues and may our association be as successful in the future as it has been in the past."

John Glavan, Box 423, Ely, Minn., is another lucky Ninth man—he has just received his Division history and from what he's read believes it to be as interesting as any Division history ever published. John sent his '49 dues and says "Hello" to all his 47th buddies.

Raymond Banks, Liberty, Me., forwards his '49 dues and says he has received his copy of "Eight Stars to Victory." "It is really a wonderful book and I regret it wasn't even larger than it was. Once I started reading it, I had to force myself to lay it down to eat, sleep, etc. It goes without saying that I felt a great deal of pride every time the Falcons and AAA-O was mentioned, though I was only in the Division a short time, five months to be exact. In that time I received two wounds and considerable hospitalization, so only a small part of those five months was spent in combat with the 39th. Even so, the Ninth Div. will always remain one of my proudest memories. Thanks for publishing such a wonderful history."

Rexford H. Pierson, 4811 W. Saginaw Rd., Lansing, Mich sends congratulations on the history—and adds: "It is without a doubt the best Division History ever written. It shows all the hard work that must have been put in to it. Let me be one of the first to thank you for this wonderful job."

Jim Harbaugh, 1804 Menard St., St. Louis, Mo., received his history. Jim will be remembered by all the fellows from Co. E, 60th. Excerpts from his letter reads as follows:

Enclosed are my '49 dues. Received "8 Stars to Victory." It is well written and one can get a realistic picture of the various battles and campaigns. I was interested in Peace Time Training in U. S., the campaigns of Africa and Sicily, since I was in the states at that time. My first combat battle was during "Operation Cobra." I joined Co. E, 60th the day before. It was a dry run. I will never forget "Operation Cobra." The Go-Devs chased the Krauts out of Normandy; Co. E, 60th held the line at Lozon, France, for several days. After several scrimmages the Krauts quit trying to break through our

line. The enemy tried several counter attacks to slip a patrol behind us. Mortars soon changed their mind. Another day and 10 enemies tried to get back of Co. G (across road from Co. E); a rock wall protected them and a meadow to the front. They got four men in the rear of Co. G, upstairs in a building to snipe at anyone. The other six were discovered and killed; the four were located and persuaded to come out and surrender. They stopped the sniping and were then covered, and a rain of shots put a stop to all resistance. Someone in Co. G asked them to come out. After several minutes they come out—shooting and running across the road into Co. E territory; one shot at our captain; a machine gun cut loose and all four fell. That was the end of enemy action at Lozon. Moving back to a rest area we halted and dug in for a night. We were between two roads on a hill; a barrage of 88s fell like rain. I am one of the nuts who cut across the meadow and went to a wrecked building and tore off a piece of corrugated tin while a hot fight was in progress. Bullets flew; my buddy, from North Carolina, and I retraced our way and put the tin on top of our hole and covered it with dirt. Guess the company trading shots with the Germans thought we were nuts. Next morning we proceeded for about seven miles; I was wounded and that ended my fighting with the Ninth. Harbaugh's narrative goes on and on and would no doubt bring back some pointed memories to the old gang, but limitation of space prevents publishing in full his recording of Operations Cobra.

Alexander Lagiewski, 61-18 Myrtle Ave., Glendale, L. I., N. Y., formerly with Co. B, 899th Tank Des. Bn., received his copy of the history and has this to say:

My history arrived and I sure was surprised to see what an elegant book it was. It is one that a person can be proud to display on his library shelf.

Being a veteran of seven of the eight campaigns, it is useless to say what a thrill I received when reading it. "Our" book brought back many memories, some bitter and some pleasant. I might add too, what a bang I'm getting out of showing members of my family many of the places I was at.

I think all the members feel as I do, and I want to say The Octofoil is well worth reading from cover to cover. Enclosed you will find my '49 dues. I do hope the Association never disbands, for although many of us are not what you would call active members, still we have the Ninth Division Spirit rooted deeply in us.

Bill O'Shea, 643 Concord Ave., New York City, sends his '49 dues and says "This is one money order I do not mind buying. It is a wonderful organization. I did not receive my history, but I am sure it will arrive soon. I am working on a few men to join the Association. I hope to have them in before Christmas."

In referring to his copy of "8 Stars to Victory," Sam Bruno, 101 N. E St., Lake Worth, Fla., has this to say:

I received my "8 Stars to Victory" and am enjoying myself reading it. It certainly brings back memories. To my amazement there's a picture of another Sam Bruno from my Company, E. Now I am anxious to get the little pamphlet of the 60th Inf. to complete my collection.

Bill Zimmerman, 1512 Abbotson St., Baltimore 18, Md., formerly of Co. M, 60th, writes that he has received his "Eight Stars to Victory" and thinks it is really a wonderful book—well worth waiting for. His wife is now interested in reading it, so Bill doesn't know when he will get it again. He sent 25 cents extra with his dues so he can read The Final Thrust in the interim. He has the "Go Devils" and likes it.

George Hegal, Rt. 11, Box 65, Lemay 23, Mo., sends in '49 dues and thanks everyone for their efforts in publishing the history. "I don't believe you can find a better Division History," writes George.

The above paragraphs would indicate everyone has received a copy of the history. However, Stanford L. Downs, 215 E. Boyd St., Norman, Okla., sends in his

'49 dues and says: "I have not yet received my copy of "Eight Stars to Victory," and it has occurred to me your office records may not have my correct address. Will you check up, and if necessary, correct the situation."

Roland E. Pope, 401 Fullerton St., Roseburg, Ore., says "I am looking forward to receiving my Ninth Division History. Money order enclosed for next year's dues and some windshield stickers. "I have enjoyed reading The Octofoil. I always look forward to each month's issue. This is the only way I have contact with the Division as I did not have time to make many friends in the Division. I joined the 60th Med. Bn. on March 11, 1945 and was severely wounded March 17, 1945. If you should happen to come into contact with any of the boys from the 60th Med. Bn. when it was stationed at Giesenfeld, Germany, I would sure like to hear from any of the fellows or at least receive their address."

Another happy receipt of "8 Stars to Victory" is Sammy Jobe, Rt. 10, Riverside Dr., Evansville, Ind. Sammy is busy as a shipping clerk at Craddock Furniture Corp. in Evansville and enjoys reading the book when he gets home at night. "As I recognize myself and some of my buddies in the pictures, it brings back memories—some that I had almost forgotten. I am very proud to know that I have a wonderful reminder and I can always remember every place we went."

"My wife would also like to say that she thinks '8 Stars to Victory' is wonderful and enjoys reading it almost as well as I. We also enjoy The Octofoil and would like to extend our wishes for the best of everything to the whole Ninth Division."

"Attended the last rites of Sgt. Richard E. Martin, Ontow, Ky., Jan. 8, 1948. We were proud to extend our sympathy to his family. I was one of the firing squad and my wife was a flower girl."

"I'd like to hear from some of my buddies."

Marion O. Brooks, formerly first lieutenant, 39th, who is with Friedman's Jewelers, Rock Hill, S. C., does his part toward building up the Association by sending in his '49 dues and \$10 for a new member, Martin D. Mosca, also of Rock Hill. Marion states that he has talked to a few other boys in his section of the country about the Association and gradually they are making up their minds to become members. He needs his copy of the history to convince some others to come across. By the way, your guys of First Bn., Hq. Co. or Sv. Co., 39th, Marion asks you to drop the old boy a line and he will answer at once.

Robert I. Vosburgh, Rt. 2, Box 621, Hanford, Calif., encloses a note with his '49 dues. "I received 'Eight Stars to Victory' in good shape. As yet, I haven't finished the complete book—only parts. From what I've read, I say it's the best! Congratulations to all those who have prepared the material for this fine book"

Harlan Adams, 712 W. 15th St., Odessa, Tex., who is going to business school under the GI Bill there, is still waiting for his history. "I am looking for it to come in any day now. I can hardly wait to see it. I also look forward each month for The Octofoil. I really enjoy reading it," Harlan says. He would like to hear something from some of the 2nd Bn., Hq. Co. bunch. If some of them would write and let him know their addresses, he would answer.

Edwin E. Brewer, 212 E. 39th St., Kansas City 2, Mo., is getting impatient and he can't be blamed. Ed sounds off this way: "This is my fourth dues payment and if I can believe what I read in The Octofoil, I should have had my '8 Stars to Victory' before this. I intend being a paid-up member as long as there is an association and I've attended all the reunions—New York, Columbus and Philly. To say I enjoyed them is putting it mildly. But I was disappointed as hell that Pittsburgh was chosen for 1949 instead of Chicago. Hope I get that history in a couple of weeks—or you'll be hearing from me again!"

Another disappointed member, Donald C. Wilhelm, 415 Terrace St., Honesdale, Pa., writes: "As yet no copy of the history, 'Eight Stars to Victory,' has been received. Perhaps I haven't given it sufficient time to arrive. If the delay will only be a few days, you need not answer."

"Would like to hear from some of my buddies who were with me at Friesing, Germany, in Co. L, 47th Inf., especially Ray Weber, who lives somewhere in Pennsylvania."

John G. Yuest advises of a new address, 117 Hazelhurst Ave., No. Syracuse, N. Y. Writes John: "Here's my 1949 dues, now where is my 'Eight Stars to Victory'?"

Robert J. Holsinger, former staff sergeant, 47th Inf., 1318 Rockwell Ave., Cleveland, O., sends in dues and states he's sorry for letting his dues fall behind—pure neglect on his part. He enjoys The Octofoil and is anxiously awaiting his copy of the history.

National headquarters recently received a new address for CWO Horace Wood, Springfield Sub-Office, Ill., State Senior Instructor, OR, 400-401 E. Monroe St., Springfield, Ill.—but not in time to send his history to that address. Consequently he is still waiting to see if it will be forwarded from his old address or be returned to the publisher to be reshipped to the new address. He writes: "I am still in the Army and have had several changes of stations since I returned from the ETO. This is the first letter and information I have received from the Association. I am sorry I am behind in my dues and am enclosing a check for \$3.50, and will try to be more prompt in the future. I plan to attend the next convention if at all possible. I believe the Local Chapter idea to be a good one. However, I have found very few former Ninth Infantry Division men in or near Springfield. I am the Administration Instructor for the 85th Infantry Division Reserve and always ask for former members of the 9th Inf. Division."

"I met Col. Gentry, Little Rock, Ark., while I was stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark."

"In the future I will keep the Association informed of any change of address."

Still waiting patiently for his copy of the Division History is Leslie B. Copeland, Ainsworth, Nebraska, formerly of Co. M, 39th. He sent in '49 dues as he feels that The Octofoil alone is worth the price of dues and reads each issue from cover to cover—and says he'd certainly like to hear from any of the boys of Co. M, 39th Inf. Leslie is a meat cutter since getting out of the service and has been cutting up a lot of that high-priced "spam."

"It seems like that history is never going to arrive; please send me a copy as soon as possible," writes Raymond E. Jackson, Jr., 106 Cherry St., West Orange, N. J. He ordered copies of the 60th History and The Final Thrust when he sent in his 1949 dues and now wants the "Eight Stars to Victory" to add to his treasure. Raymond is trying to locate two fellows. Please write him if anyone reading this item should know the address of either Raymond Petit, former T-5 with Btry. D, 376th AAA, and Raymond Werkman, a former sergeant with Btry. D, 376th AAA.

Albert C. Geist, 1240 W. 31st St., Chicago 8, Ill., is happy because of receiving his history. He writes: "I just received my copy of the Division History and it is all that it is cracked up to be. I am looking forward to many hours of interesting reading."

W. C. Hornady (formerly staff sergeant with 60th), 217 Whiting Ave., Montgomery, Ala., takes a bit of time out from his work with the Davis Motor Co., Inc., to say "Hello" to all his buddies of Co. M, 60th Inf., and tell them he is now a married man and has the sweetest little daughter, who will be two years old on Christmas Eve. He's still looking for his history. That is, he was on Oct. 25. He's probably reading it by now, though.

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Former Ninth Men Can Do Other Things Besides Chasing the Krauts

IT'S A BOY AT CLARKEY'S
From Ezra L. Clark, former Co. E, 60th sergeant, comes the information about a "Bundle from Heaven," that has been named David Larry Clark. He was born Oct. 6, 1948, at 12:35 P. M., weighing in at 8 lbs. 4 ozs. The Clarks are living in Niday, Virginia.

A WAC FOR BONNETTES
Little Gail Louis Bonnette arrived Oct. 7, 1948, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rene Bonnette, 103 Wells St., Greenfield, Mass. Gail's daddy was formerly with the 34th F.A.

BOY AT TATTERSON'S
Richard Tatterson, 190 Park St., Point Pleasant, W. Va., a former lieutenant in the 47th, advises The Octofoil that Richard Tatterson, Jr. arrived on Oct. 23. He weighed 8 lbs. 10 1-2 ounces. Dick postscripts his announcement card thusly: Enjoy reading The Octofoil very much, and I would like to hear from some of the old gang from the 47th.

STORK VISITS "LITTLE JOE" MILLER'S HOME
Joseph Miller, 10426 Yale Ave., Suite 8, Celveland 8, Ohio, known to his old 39th buddies as "Little Joe," sends The Octofoil a birth announcement and adds a postscript asking for some of the old

gang drop him a line at the address given. The card reads:
Born: Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1948.
Name: David Bennett Miller.
Weight: 4 pounds 15 ounces.
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller.

TOM MORGAN IS A PROUD PAPPY
Formerly known as Pfc. Thomas Morgan, Co. M, 47th, but now known as "Daddy" Tommy, comes a birth announcement.
Mr. and Mrs. Morgan live on Long St., in Dayton, Tenn., and on Oct. 21, 1948, adding to their happiness come Ralph Thomas Morgan. The little tike weighed in at 9 1/2 pounds—not a bad start.

THE CAMERAMAN'S FAMILY INCREASES
A unique card that only a Capt. Bob Turner could originate, was received by The Octofoil during the past month. Pictured reading baby books in bed is Bobby and Ross Turner. To their left is Mickey Mouse announcing he took the picture. Below is Donald Duck advising the two youngsters should be reading up on "baby books" because just arrived is a new baby brother named John David, born October 14.

BOSTON TO SEEK 1950 NINTH INFANTRY DIV. CONVENTION 400 ATTEND MEMORIAL SERVICE

By MARTIN D. CONNELLY, Publicity Director, New England Chapter, 9th Inf. Div. Assn.

BOSTON! . . . It has been definitely decided that the New England Chapter will attempt to procure the National Convention for Boston in 1950. The necessary information and invitations are now in process of being prepared by a committee upon the mandate of the organization given at the meeting held on October 25. The New England Chapter has purposely withheld its offering of a previous invitation until they felt the Chapter was strong and capable enough to show everyone how New England entertains. The time is at hand.

Washington, D. C. . . .
The National Headquarters has mailed to all members a request to forward their 1949 dues now. To this the New England Chapter gives local support with an all-important addition: FORWARD YOUR DUES TO BOX 892, N. E. CHAPTER, 9TH INF. DIV., BOSTON, MASS. Without wanting to compete with the National office for your dues we remind you of New England! . . . Chapters are the life of the National Association and do not receive their share if your dues do not go through Box 892, New England Chapter, 9th Inf. Div. Assn., Boston, Mass.

Columbus, Ohio. . . .
The New England Chapter wishes to congratulate the History Committee upon its completion of a job well done. The histories have arrived in this area and are well received. A balance so hard to maintain in writing such a history about so many units is admirable.

Boston . . .
Between now and Jan. 1 the all-important plans for the Third Annual Convention will be formed. If you have suggestions, criticisms, or a will to work now is the time to show up with them. The meetings are held the last Monday evening of every month at the First Corps, Cadet Armory, Arlington St., Boston.

Chaplain Propst Is Lieutenant-Colonel

Former Ninth men everywhere will be happy to know that Uncle Sam has finally discovered the true worth of the Ninth's former chaplain, who was loved and respected by all the G.I.s who knew him, Chaplain Cecil Propst. He was officially recognized as of July 1, 1948, by the title Lt.-Col. Cecil Propst.

Mrs. Nora Culhane Sends a Short Note

Mrs. Nora Culhane, 29 Maple Ave., Waterbury, Conn., has for a long time been a booster for The Octofoil. Her short notes are always gladly received.

Having misplaced a back issue Mrs. Culhane sends for the missing copy and enters her subscription for The Octofoil in 1949.

PITTSBURGH LADIES' AUXILIARY REALLY GO OUT AND DO THINGS

By MRS. RAYMOND E. PIFER, Secretary-Treasurer, 409 Fairywood Ave., Pittsburgh 5, Pa.

A lot of people have been wondering and asking just what the Woman's Auxiliary of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter has been doing. First of all, our Auxiliary consists at the present time: First, the wives of the Ninth Infantry Division men. They meet twice a month in the Directors' Room of the Commonwealth Bldg. on Fourth St., Pittsburgh, the first and third Fridays. The first Friday meetings are held by the girls only—but on the third Friday we have a joint meeting with the men.

We have been having very nice get-togethers, which we all enjoy very much. We have had luncheon engagements, taken part in radio broadcasts, worked together with the men to help complete their banquet arrangements and also helped with their annual dance. We took care of table decorations and also made plaques for the banquet—a notorious couple—to represent the code name of the Ninth Infantry Division, "The Notorious Ninth." A set of these plaques were sent to the Ninth Infantry Division veteran who was interviewed on Ralph Edwards' new program on Nov. 9, 1948, "This Is Your Life." We hope he has received them along with our best wishes for a very prosperous future.

HELP HOSPITALIZED

We are also sending to Ninth Infantry Division veterans who are hospitalized and taking part in occupational therapy—a complete set of rubber and plaster-paris molds and complete directions for making and painting them. We hope this will be something new for them to do with a very appropriate meaning behind them.

TO BE ON RADIO

We are making arrangements to participate on Evelyn Gardner's

program on the National Broadcasting stations. Any of you girls who are interested, you will be notified of time and date through the Chapter's "Chapter Chatter." Keep watching for the date.

Each girl receives a birthday card on her birthday—and if there is illness—each one who wishes—sends a get-well card or whatever the occasion calls for. Showers are being held for our new mothers, in which we all have a wonderful time, including "Father"!! We have beautiful Christmas cards which we are selling to our relatives and friends, and are making plans for the convention that will be held in Pittsburgh next year.

If you haven't heard—Convention in Pittsburgh, 1949!

Plans are being made for the wives, mothers, Gold Star mothers and girl friends of the visiting Ninth Infantry veterans, to keep them occupied with plenty to do while the men are busy with their business meetings. We have a lot of good ideas for you girls, so don't think you are coming to Pittsburgh just to sit in your hotel room by your lonesome.

Pittsburgh's Woman's Auxiliary is a very active Auxiliary and are always thinking of more things to do in the future. After our meetings we get the group together and spend the balance of the evening in a social gathering—dancing somewhere or just talking over a sandwich.

We are exceedingly proud of our Woman's Auxiliary and its steady growth. If there are any Chapters interested in getting a Woman's Auxiliary started and we can be of any help to them—we will be more than glad to give them all the help or information that we possibly can.

CENTRAL NEW YORKERS ARE FORMING A CHAPTER

Conse De Lutis, Leo Henry and Bob Woodside Finally Hit Pay Dirt - - - First Meeting Held Was a Most Enthusiastic Session—December 12 Date for Next Get-Together.

Under date of Nov. 9, a most welcome letter was addressed to The Octofoil. It has been many moons since the Rome, N. Y. members have taken pens in hand and scratched off a few lines for their paper.

Conse R. De Lutis, city editor of the Rome Sentinel, Rome, N. Y. writes in part, as follows: Dear Paul:

Leo Henry, Bob Woodside and I hereby cordially invite you to attend a reunion of Ninth Division boys in Rome on Dec. 12.

We've finally taken initial steps towards forming a Central New York Chapter of the Ninth Division Assn. In fact, we've already had one meeting.

There were several boys, plus their wives, present, and all were greatly enthused about forming a Chapter. They were from Syracuse, Auburn, Ithaca, Utica, Oneida and Rome.

Bob and Leo have written Al Bruchac, issuing him an invitation to attend.

The meeting will be held Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3 p. m. in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Home, 315 N. Washington St.

ALEX FORREST A MARRIED MAN

Alex T. Forrest, former president of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter and Major in the 15th Engrs., left his bachelor buddies on Oct. 30, 1948. Received recently by friends of Alex and his charming bride was the following announcement:

Mr. and Mrs. Ross M. Palmer have the honor of announcing the marriage of their daughter Olive Elizabeth

to Mr. Alexander T. Forrest on Saturday, the thirtieth of October nineteen hundred and forty-eight Homestead Park, Pennsylvania. The address of the newlyweds is 2111 Orchard St., Munhall, Pa.

Where's Soditus?

Mail sent to Joseph Soditus, 1665 Park Ave., New York 35, N. Y., is being returned because Joe left no forwarding address. His copy of the history has been returned to the Heer Printing Co.

Anyone knowing where this fellow lives should have him send his address to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington, D. C., at once. He's probably being his head off somewhere because he hasn't received his copy of "Eight Stars to Victory."

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AIN'T THAT SOMETHIN'?

Woman in detective agency: "I want my husband and the other woman followed, night and day, and a complete report on what she sees in him."

Buddies Attend Rekeyette Rites

By KENNETH MEYER, 468 Pearl St., Akron, O.
Pfc. Tibby Rekeyette was buried at 10 a. m., November 15, at Glendale Cemetery, Akron, O. Graveside services were delivered by Mr. Harry H. Beck, chaplain, Wendell L. Wilkie Post No. 19, American Legion, of Akron.

The firing squad and bugler were dispensed with due to the emotional condition of the family. Several Association members called at the funeral home to pay their respects to the bereaved family.

Among them were former Capt. Roger Shaffer, 60th Regt. and Division Hdqtrs., and former Cpl. Addison (Pinkie) Pinkerton, Co. L, 39th Regt.

Pinkerton especially deserves praise for turning out in uniform for the three hours friends could call at the funeral home. He performed many tasks that were most helpful.

Praise also goes to Pearl Nickles, Columbus, O., one of Tibby's closest buddies. He was a lot of comfort to the family. He also acted as pallbearer.

All in all, the Association can be proud of the small part it played in the rites of laying away one of its Comrades.

Ken Meyers phoned The Octofoil just a few minutes after the burial, advising he was sending the above story air mail, special delivery. Enclosed with his write-up was a beautiful Memorial Folder for friends and relatives of Tibby's. The XXIII Psalm is quoted in the folder, prefaced by this poem:

Is it not a beautiful fancy?
This sunset thought of mine:
That the gates of Heaven are always

Open at the day's decline;
That those whose day is ended
Of earthly woes and ills,
Have passed to the morning
brightness
That shines on the heavenly
hills.

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Bill O'Shea, N. Y., On Mid-West Visit

One of the pleasant surprises experienced during the past month by The Octofoil editor was an unexpected telephone call from Bill O'Shea.

Arriving in Columbus early on Saturday morning O'Shea attempted to locate the editor who was away for the day. Just before time for his train to leave for New York City Bill made contact via telephone.

O'Shea is a proud member of the Greater New York Chapter, and was in Columbus attending a football game. Everyone around the Octofoil printing plant feels badly about not getting to meet the Irishman personally. One had to talk to him for only a few seconds to arrive at the conclusion he lives, breathes and sleeps with a Ninth Division conscience.

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Not Any More Is Life Like a Bed of Roses

From a New England member The Octofoil received a very interesting letter relative to plans that were in the making for the presentation of an appreciation token for their love and esteem for Father Connors. A few days later another equally prominent member writes and asks cancellation of that portion since the little appreciation token was to be a secret and Father Connors is as devout an Octofoil reader as are the others and the "secret" could not be kept from him if it was printed what the plans were. The latter member's request was carried out.

Lo and behold, under date of Oct. 26, the writer of letter No. 1 writes in giving The Octofoil holy hell for having "emasculated the previous month's story," saying an adjustment should be demanded for the way his story was printed.

For several days now this thought has been running through the mind of the Editor: "Oh, death, where art thy sting?"

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PAY '49 DUES NOW.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

WHEN GOOD FELLOWS GET TOGETHER



Wilton Taylor, Box 446, Taft, Calif., sends a picture of this group of Co. M, 47th men, taken at Hershey Camp in England, in 1944. Left to right, standing: Pfc. Jack Shepherd, Canton, N. C.; Pfc. Jones, Georgia or North Carolina; First Plt. M Co. drivers, Devain of Canada, standing, and Benjamin Gunn of Pennsylvania; last standing, Richard L. Ken Kennon, 603 W. Spencer St., Creston, Iowa; drivers, sitting, Floyd Watson, West Point, Miss.; Ed Dochowski, Reading, Pa., was the photographer.

PHILADELPHIA BOYS SECURE A BRAND-NEW MEETING PLACE

By JOHN H. WOOTEN,

117 French Ave., Westmont, N. J.

The Philadelphia Chapter held its November business meeting in new quarters at the Essex Hotel on Thursday evening, Nov. 4th.

We were a little late in forwarding our November communique and failed to get space in The Octofoil. All members, however, were notified by the secretary of our change of address.

For the benefit of all Philadelphia Chapter members we wish to announce that our new location is the Essex Room of the Essex Hotel, standing in the shadow of Billy Penn, at 13th and Filbert Streets, in downtown Philadelphia.

EXCELLENT CHOICE

The new meeting place was secured through the efforts of Vice President Sykes and Secretary Parker and all hands present agreed their choice was excellent. The Essex Room is capable of large attendance, is warmly furnished, and best of all, is centrally located at the hub of all transportation facilities. There is also ample parking space for those who drive.

CHANGE MEETING DATES

The Chapter also wishes to announce that all future meetings

will be held on the first Friday of each month at 8:30 p. m. The December meeting will fall on December 3.

There was a nice turn-out at the November meeting and the business at hand was discussion and approval of Chapter By-Laws. After a 15-minute break for refreshments the meeting was then opened for nominations of new officials to be elected at the December meeting and installed in January.

All members will appreciate that election of officers is a very important function and it is urgently requested that all make a special effort to be present at the December meeting—and more important—bring a new member if possible. All Philadelphia and South Jersey fellows who have not joined the chapter are cordially invited with a view toward increasing our membership.

Remember, Dec. 3rd, at the Essex Hotel. For more information get in touch with John H. Wooten, 117 French Ave., Westmont, N. J., or John P. Farson, 716 Powdermill Lane, Philadelphia 31, Pa. Phone Ardmore 0621.

English Truck Driver Wants Ninth Infantry Div. History

John E. Thornton, 17 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill., recently received a request from an English Ninth Division admirer, who wanted a copy of "8 Stars to Victory." The Englishman saw John's name in a recent issue of the National Legionnaire and addressed the following letter to him:

827 Harrogate R.
Greengates
Bradford, Yorkshire,
England, Sept. 27, '48.

Dear Sir:

Please let me introduce myself: During the war I was a civilian truck driver, working on contract for the British W. D., owing to me being unfit for military duty.

During my work I come in contact with a lot of U. S. Army outfits, and for quite a long spell I was stationed at Barton Stacey

Camp (winter 1943) in Winchester, England. I made quite a lot of friends among you boys, especially from the Ninth Division and the 34th FA Bn., with whom I still correspond.

A few weeks ago I come across a copy of the National Legionnaire paper, in which I saw an article regarding the Ninth's reunion, from which I obtained your address. Also in the paper I saw quite a lot of U. S. Divisions have had a history published in book form. I wonder if there is one of the Ninth Division? If so, I would very much like to have one. Hoping you will write me in the very near future regarding this matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

(Signed): JACK BELL.

KEEP YOUR SHIRT ON IF LETTER IS DELAYED A BIT

Although dues are not coming in as fast as they should members are sending them in to such an extent Secretary Tingley has been forced to be a bit tardy in answering some mail received at headquarters. At this time of the year the membership should be patient and not expect answers immediately when writing to Secretary Tingley.

Lawrence Wollenberg Dies of Army Injuries

The Octofoil has learned of the death of Lawrence J. Wollenberg, former staff sergeant, Co. K, 60th. His mother, Mrs. Mary Wollenberg, Hollenberg, Kansas, advises that Lawrence passed away in February from injuries he received while in the Army.

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A miser is a man who is perfectly willing to let the rest of the world go by. — By Pete Simer.

HOUSER ASKS FOR ACTION FROM THE 9th ARTILLERYMEN

Richard Houser writes from 2104 Stamford Lane, Austin, Tex. Dick advises he is so far removed from any appreciable number of former Ninth men that it is next to impossible for him to be as active in the Association as he would like to be. Parts of Dick's letter follows:

With pleasure I pay my 1949 dues. This organization has more to offer its members than any I know, simply because its members have so much in common. This common interest in a past that we can well be proud of will never wane, but it is important that there be some link to enable us to keep in touch with friends and fellow members we do not know. The Association and The Octofoil has been that link, and I sincerely hope they continue to grow.

A SUGGESTION

I find that when I first receive a copy of The Octofoil I scan its pages for mention of old friends. There are not so many artillerymen. I am sometimes a bit disappointed in my search. I would like to see a section of the paper set aside for the personal use of artillery members. I believe that it would stimulate the interests of this group to the point where more and more members would begin to use the paper to get in touch with lost friends. It is possible such a section would aid in enlistment of new members. This could be used for other small unit groups who lose interest because of lack of participation.

Okay, you guys, Dick has challenged you. Send in enough dope from former Artillery men to have the stories grouped under one heading and The Octofoil will do the rest. Thanks, Dick.

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Jim Hart, Jr., Heard a Lot of Yakety-Yak

Jim Hart, Jr., 1805 Woodlawn Ave., Wilmington, Del., admits he got tied up in a bull session and elbow bending contest in Philadelphia and spent too much time in one place to get around and see everyone he originally planned to contact. Hart says he hadn't heard so much yakety-yak since the point system until he ran into those K, M, I and L fellows from the 60th who were down in Philadelphia for the Reunion.

SEES NOTICE IN PAPER

Parts of Jim's letter reads: "I recently saw a notice in our local paper where Sgt. Robert Barnes, 60th, would be buried the next day. I was surprised, as I knew there was no one listed from Delaware in November Octofoil. His dad was listed as next-of-kin and lived in New Jersey. Checking back I found him listed there. I talked with Mr. Barnes for a short while. He said he had no communication from the Association. I told him he would receive a copy of the history. I extended sympathy to the father in the name of the Association."

HARD WAY TO GO

Another "news" item in Jim's letter runs something like this:

I received the November Octofoil the day the big broadcast was supposed to be on the air. It was all I could do to contain myself until the paper arrived with the radio log. The paper arrived and I can't find the program scheduled! I grabbed the phone, called the local NBC outlet. It was all Greek to them. Thinking it could be an error in The Octofoil, fool that I am, I called the other stations here and got a negative reply. Now, to quote my boss, "My question to you is: 'What in the hell went on? Never spent such an evening in my life.' Every few minutes I tried the whole dial trying to catch the show. No luck."

RECEIVES HISTORY

Received my copy of history and what a swell job it is. I am putting in a lot of time on it. I happened to pick up a copy of the 78th Div.'s history recently. When they come to the Roer River operation I checked Final Thrust and the 60th History to make sure they told the story truthfully. They didn't do too badly, but naturally we only got small mention.

What would some of those outfits have done if we hadn't been right there to pull them out?

HELD AT ROOSEVELT HOTEL IN NEW YORK, ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2; PRESIDENT DON E. CLARKE PRESIDES

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DEVISE WAYS AND MEANS OF ELECTING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS; OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS COME UP.

The Board of Governors met October 2, 1948, at the Roosevelt Hotel, New York City. Those present were: Messrs. Clarke, Wade, Polivy, Bruchac, Storey, Mahon, Brogan, Moore, Rigby, Olender. Secretary Tingley acted as recorder. Meeting was called to order by the President, Donald M. Clarke, at 2:30 p. m.:

Minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved.

Convention plans for 1949 were discussed and it was agreed that the president and the secretary would co-ordinate all plans and suggestions with the Pittsburgh Chapter.

Mr. Bruchac made a motion that no profits from any national convention be shared with any local chapter. Motion seconded by Mr. Wade. Motion passed.

Mr. Moore proposed a resolution to give an award to a local chapter as a token of appreciation for work well done at any particular national convention.

Mr. Moore made a motion authorizing payment of the sum of \$100 to the Philadelphia Chapter for work well done at the 1948 convention. Mr. Mahon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Storey made a motion authorizing the secretary a sum of \$200 for the use in purchasing suitable emblems of the Association, in various forms, for resale to the membership. Proceeds from such sales to be reinvested in further items of insignias. Such a fund to be kept separately from the regular accounts. Mr. Mahon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The following committee appointments were decided upon:

Memorial Committee: Col. Geo. B. Barth, Col. Richard Storey, Mr. John J. Clouser, Brig. Gen. Geo. W. Smythe, Dr. Harold C. Sternlight.

The National President shall be a member and shall act as Chairman. The National Secretary shall also be a member.

Committee for making a study of new system of electing members to the Board of Governors:

Mr. Walter J. Mahon, Chairman. Other members to be announced at a later date.

Committee for purpose of carrying out plans for the formation and profitable utilization of a committee of Combat Veterans Associations:

Maj. Gen. Donald A. Stroh, Chairman. Mr. William L. Peverill, Mr. Harold W. Smith.

Committee for investigating the machinery for selecting convention cities and suggestions pertaining thereto to be submitted to the 1949 convention for action:

Mr. Michael Puzak, Chairman. Other members to be announced later.

A discussion on the possibilities of offering assistance to members in "hardship cases" was discussed. Mr. Moore motioned to table. Motion carried.

Mr. Polivy made a motion limiting the amount of salary for payment for office help to \$2500 per year, exclusive of the secretary-treasurer. Motion carried.

Mr. Wade made a motion authorizing an increase from \$100 to \$140 per month in the expense allowance made to the secretary-treasurer. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on 1949 membership drive. Mr. Moore made a motion that the first page of the November issue of The Oc-

tofoil be devoted entirely to payment of annual dues and membership drive. Also to send this copy of The Octofoil to entire mailing list. Motion seconded by Mr. Mahon and passed.

Mr. Polivy made a motion instructing the secretary to follow up mailing of Division History with a post card suggesting payment of dues. Mr. Mahon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Bruchac made a motion that Mr. Paul S. Plunkett be invited to attend all meetings of the Board of Governors as the newspaper representative and that necessary expenses be authorized for such attendance. Motion passed.

Mr. Bruchac made a motion instructing the secretary to write a letter to Brig. Gen. Birks requesting that, in view of his inability to attend meetings of the Board of Governors due to the length of travel involved, he withdraw as a member of the Board of Governors in order that a new appointment may be made of a member living within reasonable travelling distance. Motion seconded and passed.

Mr. Wade moved for adjournment. Mr. Moore seconded and motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

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Mailman Takes Spite Out On Ed McHugh

Ed McHugh, Thompsonville Rd., Suffield, Conn., was the only member registering a protest because of not receiving an Octofoil last month.

Ed registered his complaint promptly and was sent a copy.

It is a physical impossibility to keep one of the stickers from losing off an Octofoil occasionally—and when that happens all members should do as Ed, and notify The Octofoil at once. As long as the supply lasts a copy will be sent to any member failing to receive one who should have.

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Three-War "Lad" On Cooties' Official List

A recent issue of The Octofoil carried a story to the effect that a former Ninth Division man, Paul S. Plunkett, when elevated to the Supreme Chief of Staff position in the Military Order of the Cootie was the first World War II man to have the honor of a seat on the body's Council of Administration.

But now comes a letter from one Thomas C. "Doggie" Ryan, long-time quartermaster of the Cootie organization, who wants it to be known although he did put in a hitch with the Armed Forces during the Spanish-American War, as well as rounding out 33 years in the U. S. Navy, when World War II broke out Uncle Sam made him a commissioned officer during the last war in the U. S. Army—which undoubtedly qualifies "Doggie" as the first World War II "lad" to be elected on the Cootie Council of Administration. Thanks for correcting this inexcusable mistake, "Doggie" Ryan.

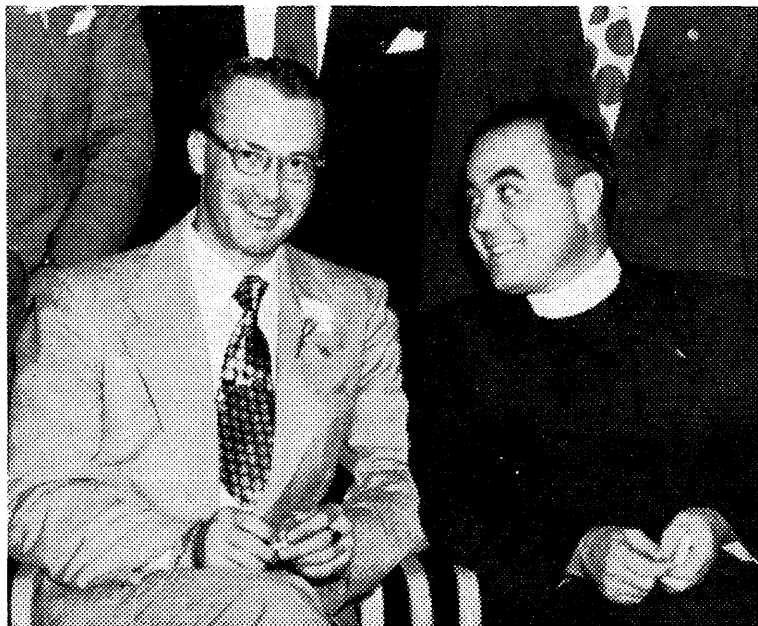
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THOSE MORNINGS AFTER

Eat, drink and be merry—and tomorrow you'll wish you were dead.

NEW YORK OUT FOR MEMBERS

President Clarke Likes the Joke



National President Don E. Clarke, District of Columbia Chapter, enjoys the big-time festivities at New York Chapter's Fall Dance, while listening to one of Father De Laura's side-splitting tales about his boys.

SOME OF THEM BEGINNING TO BULGE



This mixture of smiling faces and sourpuss maps includes, standing from left to right, as the crow flies: Doc Sokolofsky, Mike Gatto, Jim Bruno, Frank Wade, Smith, Al Bruchac. Seated, left to right is National Secretary Charles O. Tingley, National President Don Clarke and Father De Laura.

COMMENTS ON 9TH DIV. HISTORY

(Continued from Page 3)

Ezra L. Clark, Niday, Va., writes he will surely be glad when he gets his copy of "Eight Stars to Victory." "It is a pleasure to belong to the Association and to get the paper and read of all my old buddies. I sure would like to come to some of the conventions. "I am now the father of two children, both boys, the oldest one is two years, five months, and the youngest one is two weeks old. "Give my best regards to all of the boys of the Division."

Dale E. Deardorff, 153 Carlisle St., Gettysburg, Pa., formerly of Co. H, 60th, is trying to be patient about his history, but a note of anxiety creeps into his letter: "I was sure I should have my copy by now but I am still looking forward to its arrival. Since I meet the qualifications as to be among the first to receive the history, I am beginning to think something has happened to my copy. I paid for my copy when the Association was first formed and have kept up my dues regularly. Here's hoping it won't be long before I can be reading the marvelous record of the Ninth Division, which I was proud to serve with." Dale receives his Octofoil regularly and enjoys reading it very much, but finds little news about the fellows from Co. H, 60th. He is also trying to locate the Protestant (Lutheran) Chaplain, who was with the 60th Inf., 2nd Bn. at Winchester, England, but left about February or March to go to Division Headquarters. Dale thinks the chaplain was from Chambersburg, Pa., but doesn't know his name. Can any of the members reading this help him out?

Members Should Help If Possible

Information is desired relative to the death of Pvt. Berkley P. Bean, Co. B, 39th Inf., who was killed in action on Oct. 13, 1944, near Germeter, Germany. Anyone knowing anything concerning this case please write directly to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

60th Inf., Co. A—Pfc. John F. Walczak, killed Jan. 10, 1945, near Katterherberg, Germany. Write Mrs. J. Walczak, 335 Dexter St., Toledo 8, Ohio.

Headquarters Battery, 60th Inf. 9th Div. Artillery—I would deeply appreciate a letter from anyone who was with my son, Robert E. Warrick, 38120441, killed in Normandy, France, Aug. 5, 1944. Any information will be appreciated. Mamie Warrior Bolton, Fairfax, Osage County, Oklahoma.

Company C, 60th Infantry—I would like to hear from anyone who knew my son, Pvt. Frank P. Proscia, 42047346, killed in action on July 25, 1944, in the invasion of Normandy. Please write to his mother, Mrs. Joseph Proscia, 28-24 41st St., Long Island City, N. Y.

MONEY TALKS

Wandering aimlessly along a lonely road in Scotland, a G.I. met a kilted Highlander. "Say, pal," exclaimed the G.I., "I'm lost." "Is there a reward for ye?" inquired the Scot. "No, why?" asked the Yankee. "Well," replied the Scotsman, walking on, "ye're still lost."

FORMER NINTH MAN GETS DSC

For the benefit of the hundreds of Association members who have been photographed by Ted Matusik and may want to contact him, his new address is 2058 W. 76th St., Chicago, Ill.

Ted enclosed in his most recent letter a clipping from The Chicago Sun-Times, published Nov. 6, 1948. Al Geist, the former Ninth man awarded the DSC, is an active member of the Illinois Chapter of the Association. The clipping reads as follows:

Albert C. Geist, 34, who spilled enemy soldiers and tanks all over Germany in the last war, will be honored Saturday at the Illinois National Guard dance in Northwest Armory, 1551 N. Kedzie Ave.

He will be presented with the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest award for heroism, by Lt. Gen. S. J. Chamberlin, commanding general of the Fifth Army.

Geist, who went into the Army a private and came out a major, was awarded the medal for his actions in Germany on April 15 and 16, 1945, when he was a captain in the Ninth Division.

The citation accompanying the medal reported he personally killed seven Germans, captured 17 and destroyed two anti-tank guns.

His "fearless actions" were credited with being "directly responsible" for capturing three bitterly-defended towns.

The one-man army from Chicago also holds the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart with cluster.

A graduate of Immaculate Conception High School in 1929, he entered the service in 1941 as a private and was made an officer in 1942.

Geist, who is single, lives at 1240 W. 31st St., Chicago.

A TREE MAY HAVE GROWN OVER IN BROOKLYN, BUT A GOOD 9TH DIV. IDEA BORN IN NEW YORK CITY

GO-GETTERS OUT TO LOCATE EVERY FORMER 9TH DIV. MAN LIVING ANYWHERE IN GREATER NEW YORK'S AREA—MEMBERSHIP BACK OF COMMITTEE.

By STAN COHEN,

Publicity Director, Greater New York Chapter. From the inner sanctums of the Ruppert Brewery in New York City, the New York Chapter met for their October meeting. . . . The brew that was served stimulated discussion and led to getting things done as only the New York Chapter can do.

Dick Galloway Wants Co. H, 47th Men to Start Writing Letters

Dick Galloway, 137 S. 7th St., Steubenville, O., in mailing his 1949 dues to the Ohio Chapter, asks why some of the old gang out of Co. H, 47th doesn't send in a few lines to The Octofoil. He says someone should start the ball rolling for that outfit and keep it rolling.

Dick wasn't able to get away from work for the Philadelphia Convention, but he says he's already fixed it with his boss to be in Pittsburgh next year early and stay late. Atta boy, Dick. Maybe that will remind some of the others to start making plans early.

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ED BRACKER, 746th TANK BN., WRITES

Ed B. Bracker, 253 Edgerton St., Rochester, N. Y., congratulates The Octofoil as a former member of the 746th Tank Bn., for what he calls its wonderful issues. But he does complain about no more men from the 746th Tank Bn. writing in than have been writing heretofore.

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A rich man's jam is usually a gold digger's bread and butter.—By Pete Simer.

DOPE ON WHAT SOME NEW YORK GUYS ARE DOING NOW

By STAN COHEN,

Publicity Director, Greater New York Chapter.

The average meeting in New York City of the New York Chapter, brings together men of varied occupations. For example, taking a local poll we run across such men as:

Mike Deresh (60th Cannon), 153 Madison St., New York 2, N. Y., and his wife, Nina. They have a little fellow, 2½ years old, Richard by name. Mike is now employed in the Lincoln Tunnel as a traffic cop. . . . Mike Panuthos (60th, I Co.) and his wife, Helen, are the proud parents of a little 6-month-old daughter, Arlene. Mike works for the post-office and is now living at 1310 Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn. . . . Herman Suarez (39th, Hqtrs.) and his wife, Elsie, are living at 527 W. 134th St. Herman is attending the Merchants and Bankers Business School.

E. T. Hopkins (47th, F Co.), 78 Congress St., Jersey City, N. J., not to be outdone, fathered his paternal feelings to many a Mohamed), is an inspector of rails. . . . wants fellows to get in touch with him as he gets around a lot and would like to hear and visit with some of the old gang in his travels. . . . Howard Boehm (Cannon, 47th), of 743 E. 133rd St., New York City, is now a typewriter mechanic. . . . Frank Fazio (H, 47th), and his wife, Vita, are now living at 529 Dun St., Brooklyn, with their son, Frank, who is 20 months old. Frank is a mechanic. . . . William Skelly (B, 15th Engrs.), and his wife, Helga, with their son, Brian, are residing at 2059 E. 37th St., Brooklyn 10, N. Y. Bill is with the IRT as a railroad clerk.

Doc Martin Gross (15th Engr.) and his wife, Florence, with Jane, 2½, and Barbara, 7 months old, are now located at 1502 Ditmus Ave., Brooklyn. . . . Vincent D'Adda (9th Recon.), a lithographer, and his wife, Lena, with his son, Lawrence, 2½, live at 1064 Ward Ave., in the Bronx.

James A. Meguigan (H and G, 15th Engrs.) hasn't found the right girl, so he is doing time study work for the New York Transit Corp. . . . and he is living in Brooklyn at 628 E. 17th St. . . . Walter and Muriel Goucher (Hqs., 15th Engrs.) have a thriving little family, Eileen, 6; Dick, 3, and Ed, 2, all are living at 66 Nicholas Ave., in Brooklyn. Walter is a secretary by profession. . . . J. Margolise (H, 47th), is now an insurance broker. He and his wife, Christine, and John, 4, and Elaine, 2½ months, are living at 1552 Williams Bridge Rd., in the Bronx. . . . Pete Castellano (Serv., 60th), a local truckman, with his wife, Tina, and Suzanne, 3½ years old, Eileen, 1½, can be found in Brooklyn these days at 1753 74th St.

All the way from Garnerville, N. Y., comes Earl Carinan (60th, H). Earl is an engineer with the Hudson River Reserve Fleet. . . . From Haverstraw, N. Y., Andrew Vransky (Cannon, 60th), is a machine operator in a sweater factory and lives at 7 Pratt St., in Haverstraw. . . . Cliff Heller (39th, L Co.), is now a tool and dye maker, and is living at 2300 Morris Ave., Union, N. J.

John Frevola (39th, L), is with the Brooklyn Union Gas Works. John and Margaret have a 2-year-old daughter, Lucille, and they are now living at 122 3rd Pl., in Brooklyn 31, N. Y.

These are just a few of the men who are now attending the meetings in New York City.

REAL ESPRIT DE CORPS

A very progressive idea of lending support to the families of former G.I.s of the Ninth who are brought back for burial, was the keynote of the evening. A group will function under the chairmanship of Stan Cohen, to act as representatives of the Association. Among those men who volunteered their services, Ed Goldstein, George J. Apap, Mike Deresh, Ed Keating, Sidney Himmel, Joseph Lips, Jose M. Torres, Dominick Miele, E. MacDevitt, Michael Jessup, Paul F. Mooney, V. Montera, Anthony Klimasz and John Washine and Mike Gatto. These men will try their best to attend services that are within traveling distance of New York City.

GOOD MEMBERSHIP START

The "Kick Off" on the 1949 Membership Drive hit an all-time high. . . . Here are the list of men who have started the membership drive on its way and also paid their dues for the 1949 year:

Albert Sultan, Carl Lidly, Dr. Hyman Seslow, Condalora M. Gatto, Fred Golub, Vincenzo Guglielmino, Dr. Martin Gross, Herminio Suarez, Carl Shopff, John Waschin, William Weinstein, George J. Stein, Robert S. Barbargallo, Jose M. Torres, Francis La Flash, Herbert R. Dietz, Edmond MacDevitt, Walter F. Goucher, Edward Goldstein, George H. Grossman, Raymond Greenberg, James Bruno, Albert E. Bruchac, Howard J. Boehn, Vincent Calabro, Vincent D'Addona, Michael Derest, Lester Erdely, Louis Escobar, Irving Feinberg, Frank Fazio, Michael J. Fazio, Clifford Heller, Sidney Himmel, Stanley Hull, Dr. B. Stuart Horadas, Michael J. Jessup, Henry McLaughlin, Dominick Miele, Alfred M. Muller, Harold B. Logan, Joseph Negrin, Edward T. Hopkins, Harold Pepper, James A. McGuigan, Calvin Polivy, Jerome Shapiro, Dr. Harold Sternlicht.

HAVE BACKING

The men of the New York area are solidly behind the efforts of Harold Pepper and his membership drive. We here in New York intend to gather momentum as we go along. We believe that many men who have not as yet been contacted about the Division Association will join if someone just tells them how and where to do it. That is the purpose of our Membership Committee.

Just being able to chew the rag about the old days and recover the old beefs seem to satisfy most of the men in the New York Chapter. This is not the only reason for the closeness of the group, but we find that we here under the auspices of the association we share something which no one else outside of our group understands. It is this feeling of understanding that permeates the meetings of the New York Chapter. We are gathered together for just one purpose and that is good wholesome comradeship. This is the mood that we intend to spread in going after new members.

Those members that are located in the New York area are urged to come to the next meeting. We need each and every new member to help us share the comradeship that is due them as former Ninth Division members.

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Some girls are very hard to figure out—but it's very interesting research.

REHASHING 47th REGT. RECORD

Father De Laura At the Microphone



Attending New York dance, l. to r.: Bob Barbigella, Stan Cohen, Fr. De Laura, Mrs. Theresa Smith, Jim Bruno, Ernie Siegel.

EX-NINTH MEN ASKING WHERE THESE BUDDIES ARE LOCATED

Harlan E. Scott, Box 48, Zulinger, Pa., wants to hear from some of the boys who were with him in Co. A, 60th, especially Harry Pohl, and his platoon sergeant, Lupe Valcazar.

Chester Nelson, formerly with Second Bn. Hq. Co., 47th, whose address is 588 E. Lawson Ave., St. Paul 1, Minn., would like to hear from some of the boys in his old outfit.

Peter Pastor sends in a new address, 5407 Lexington Ave., Hollywood 27, Calif. He would greatly appreciate letters from former members of Co. C, 15th Engrs.

Sheldon B. Stoddard, who is now with Hq. and Hq. Co., 2nd Plt., Ninth Inf., Fort Dix, N. Y., would like to hear from his former buddies, especially men living in New Jersey or Philadelphia. He was formerly with 34 F.A. and says that he has never seen an item in The Octofoil about where the noisy bunch disappeared to.

Earl Carman, Garnerville, N. Y., would like very much to hear from some of the boys from How Company and Cannon Co., 60th, especially, Frank Moulton, Sgt. Davis, Cpl. Roche, "Junior" Bernard—many others. "I am always looking forward to finding The Octofoil in the mail, but I never get a chance to read it until the rest of the family are through. We are also looking forward to seeing 'Eight Stars to Victory'."

Frank Weir, Lake Rd., Apple-

ton, N. Y., wants to know how the old Q. M. Co. is. He doesn't see much in The Octofoil about them.

Enrico Caruso, 505 Grante St., Hurley, Wis., wants the guys of A.T. Co., 39th, to write a little, especially Carmelli Zocca.

Clayton Afkand, 1216 E. 4th St., Marshfield, Wis., has been looking for some former Ninth Division men around his neck of the woods; he states that Marshfield is a city of 12,000, but he rarely ever sees any former Ninth men. "I'd appreciate seeing or hearing from some of them. I can be found at my place of business, Edgetown Market in Marshfield. I would like to say 'Hello' to the fellows from the 60th, especially M Co. men."

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HUMOR IN RED

An American correspondent called at the Soviet liaison office in Frankfurt. He had his papers ready and wanted to go to Berlin.

"Of course," said the Russian officer, "just pick up your pass at our consulate."

"Where's that?" asked the reporter.

"In Berlin," said the Russkie with a smile. —San Francisco Chronicle.

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LESH GET STARTED

"You were brought in here for drinking," lectured the police sergeant to the inebriate. "Thash mighty fine, Sarg," replied the culprit. "Lesh get started."

WILBES-BARRE TO HOLD SESSION ON SUNDAY, DEC. 12

The Book reads: "He who persevereth shall overcome," and evidently Francis Wolman, 74 Hillside Ave., Kingston P.O., Edwarsville, Pa., believes the parable. Starting out to organize a Ninth Division Chapter many months ago Wolman has overcome situations that to others would seem insurmountable. Read Wolman's letter written to The Octofoil October 31, 1948:

After missing a few publications I'm back on the job again with some darn good news: The Wilkes-Barre Chapter to the 9th Infantry Division Association, will hold its first meeting on the 12th of December at the American Legion Home, North River St., Wilkes-Barre.

WARNING

Here's a warning: All you lazy jackasses better be on the ball and get there. Anyone within a radius of 50 miles will be tarred and feathered for not showing up. Remember, Sunday, Dec. 12, at 2:30 p. m., the American Legion Home, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

It has taken many months and much time to get this meeting, so you birds better start flying towards Wilkes-Barre.

The Division combat films will be shown through the donation of a projector by the local recruiting station and the courtesy of Secretary Charles O. Tingley.

A large amount of credit is due Chappy Lynch of Ashley, and Leo Blaum, of Wilkes-Barre, for their work in bringing about the meeting place and projector.

They are also working other angles to make this meeting successful from start to finish.

Once past its birthday, big things are going to pop from the Wilkes-Barre Chapter. We are not going to take a back seat for anyone. All the other Chapters in the country are not going to have all the limelight. We will be small, but powerful—so take warning.

DUES WILL BE COLLECTED

We are going to make certain that dues will be paid at the monthly meetings or whatever dates are decided upon. We are going to harp on the subject.

A buck this month, a half next and so on, your dues are paid—they have to be paid.

Come on, fellows, buckle down. After seeing what the Association can do, are you going to let it fall apart for a few bucks a year? Knock off a beer or two a few Saturdays—that adds up.

WANTS OCTOFOIL

I know that all of us enjoy The Octofoil greatly. It's something to look forward to every month. Look at it this way: No Association, no Octofoil. See what you will miss.

Let's flood The Octofoil with letters and suggestions. How about that overseas trip?

The 899th is back in circulation, thanks to Captain Turner. Nice going, Captain. We will not let them kick off yet.

Where's Ralph Butcher, one letter and he evaporated.

Here's the last warning to former Ninth men living anywhere near Wilkes-Barre: Show up Dec. 12, or request immediate overseas duty. You will need to be there.

WILKES-BARRE, DEC. 12, AT 2:30 P. M., AMERICAN LEGION HOME.

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JACK AT ALL TRADES

In a school in one of the poorer districts of a big city, a questionnaire was sent home with a new pupil, requesting information regarding the home environment, number of brothers and sisters, father's occupation, etc. The next day the child returned with a scrap of paper on which was the following information: "We have 11 children. My husband can also do plumbing and carpentry work."

IT'S LT. HENRY PHILLIPS, AND HE IS WITH 23RD INFANTRY --- WRITES A MOST INTERESTING LETTER

IN CASE YE OLD CO. M, 47TH MEN, HAVE FORGOTTEN THE DOPE—YOU LANDED ON UTAH BEACH AND FOUGHT THROUGH TO RELIEVE 82ND AIRBORNE.

Wilton M. Taylor, Box 446, Taft, Calif., sends The Octofoil copy of a letter that will be appreciated by all the members, but most especially by former M Co., 47th boys.

Fort Lewis, Wash.

My Dear Taylor:

I was very pleased to receive your letter in my mail yesterday. It's always good to hear about how the old M Company boys are doing now that they are safe and sound and home again. I'm really sorry that your trip to Burbank turned out to be a disappointment insofar as seeing me was concerned. That is my permanent address but I'm hardly ever there, as I'm moving around quite a bit these days.

I guess you've heard all about how the company fared after leaving England and hitting the Krauts again in Normandy. When I think back now to those days in England when we officers knew vaguely what was coming and worrying somewhat of how the company would do it seems quite ridiculous that we should be so concerned. A company never behaved better in combat.

STATISTICS

We landed on Utah Beach June 10, and as soon as all were on shore the Ninth Division attacked through the 90th Division to relieve the 82nd Airborne. We had no sooner pushed off than Lt. Fields, and Lt. Rosenfeld were wounded by 88s. Lt. Fields was given limited service somewhere in England and Lt. Rosenfeld came back in November. It was the next day, I think, that Sgt. Leander Davis, Lt. Horan, Maltrader, Eddie Dachowski, Sheko were all wounded and Sgt. Albert took over the First Platoon. He was killed about five minutes later. Then Underwood took over what was left and did a fine job of platoon leading.

The Division then went on to cut off the Cotentin Peninsula and turned to lead the way into Cherbourg. Colonel Johnson was killed in that attack. After Cherbourg, the company fought in the St. Lo area for a month prior to the break-through. There I guess they had the heaviest losses in the war. Lt. McDermott, Sgt. Kalsas and a couple of others were killed; then they hit a mine in a jeep. Lt. Schweighofer was wounded then too, but was able to return to duty later. Sgt. Elliott was killed by a shell that landed in his foxhole with him. Finally the break-through came and the Ninth was right in there on that too. Capt. Garner, L Co., was killed in an air raid and Lt. Rackstraw was wounded but came back later.

ATTACHED TO 3D ARMORED

From Paris north across France the battalion was attached to the 3d Armored Division and led the way into Belgium. Sgt. Johnny Davis got a battle field promotion to lieutenant. The company was among the first into Belgium and then into Germany. There the 3d Battalion was in a defensive position for a month or two. Much the same situation as when we were at S'Beitla in Tunisia, only of course, the Germans were much more active.

BACK FROM HOSPITAL

Cebulski, in the mortars, made second lieutenant there, as well as Leander Davis. Lt. Rosenfeld and Lt. Rackstraw rejoined the company from the hospital. And Lt. Horan too. I had been hit slightly in North France and got back around the same time. Capt. Murphy had suffered several attacks of malaria and left for the states around Nov. 4. Sidney Schwartz was wounded pretty badly there, I remember, and I guess he made it back to the states. Following this came the bulge and shortly after that I was rotated back to

the states for a couple of months. When I returned I found that Col. Clayman had been promoted to full colonel and sent to another outfit. Capt. Turner became Battalion Commander, but was wounded and sent back. And Lt. Rosenfeld and Lt. Rackstraw were captains and they were rotated. When the war was over about all that were left of the original bunch of us were Lt. Horan, who stayed on in the army of occupation. Our Company Clerk, Udevich, Lt. Johnny Davis, Lt. Cebulski, Lt. Schweighofer, Winkleman, Rheburger, Case, Kinkennon, Choma and a couple of fellows in the mortar platoon. The rest had been rotated, become casualties or transferred. Then when the points came out, everyone scattered. I was in Austria for a while with Lt. Johnny Davis and Schweighofer and then we came home together in September, 1945.

BACK IN SERVICE

I got out of the Army and tried school but the books were a little dull so I re-enlisted as a First Sergeant. Then I was offered a Regular Army commission as a First Lieutenant, so here I am at Fort Lewis in the Second Division. I hope to be heading for overseas again soon. I'd prefer Europe, but I imagine it will be the Pacific Theatre.

THEY'RE SCATTERED

Lt. Rackstraw now works for the Bank of America in Palo Alto, Calif., and I know he would be pleased to see you again. Lt. Rosenfeld teaches school in New York and Johnny Davis is home in Nazareth, Pa. I guess you belong to the Division Association.

A FINE BUNCH

I feel the same as you, Taylor, about the old Company. I'm sure I'll never be associated again with a finer bunch of men anywhere. I'm very proud of the way it performed in combat. Did I tell you that it received the Belgian Fourragere and at least one Presidential Citation?

When the time came, every man to my knowledge, gave all he had to help win the victory. It was sad to see them drop off one by one after you had come to know them so well and respect them so sincerely. When those boys were killed I couldn't have felt worse if it had been my own brother, but that's the horrible part of war. Their contribution to our country's security was the greatest that could be made and they made it bravely and like men.

When you see any of them pass on my regards and best wishes for their happiness.

Sincerely,

LT. HENRY G. PHILLIPS,
036383, Hq. 3rd Bn.,
23rd Inf., U. S. Army,
Fort Lewis, Washington.

—Pittsburgh In '49—

A \$64 QUESTION

Judge: "So you say the defendant stole your money from your stocking?"

Plaintiff: "Yes, your honor."

Judge: "Then why didn't you resist?"

Plaintiff: "Well, how did I know he was after my money?"

—Pittsburgh In '49—

FOR SHAME!

First Girl: "I wonder what soldiers talk about when they are together?"

Second Girl: "Oh, about the same thing girls talk about, I guess."

First Girl: "Gee! Aren't they awful?"—Exchange.

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MARION LEE BUSY AS A BEE --- BUILDING BRIDGES BACK HOME

Printed elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil will be found two swell poems written by one of Marion E. Lee's youngsters while Marion was overseas. Mrs. Lee says Marion is too busy building bridges back in his Hoosier native land to write, so she sent in young Lee's poems and added a few lines for herself.

Mrs. Lee says that job with the Illinois Railroad keeps Marion so busy he doesn't have time to write often but he likes to hear from his old buddies and Mrs. Lee says she will answer for Marion if any

of the old gang will write. They are especially anxious to hear from Gilbert and Drake.

They have three sons and one daughter. One of the boys will soon enter the Armed Forces and adds the mother, in referring to the poems: If poems like these are in the hearts of all our young Americans surely we cannot fail to win the big battle of Freedom, in time, for which we are fighting so hard to keep.

Mrs. Lee enclosed some negatives which will be printed in the next issue of The Octofoil.

FRIEND TAYLOR BACK IN PRINT WITH PLENTY NEWS OF INTEREST

Printed elsewhere in this issue is a copy of a letter Wilton Taylor, Box 446, Taft, Calif., received from Lt. Henry Green. Accompanying the lieutenant's letter was some comments written to The Octofoil in typical Taylor-style. Excerpts from Taylor's letter reads:

I am sorry to have waited so long to write. But why isn't some more Co. M, 47th men writing.

I had a nice card from Dominick Neely, New York City, expressing regrets because I was absent from the National Convention in July. I notice where Pittsburgh will get the 1949 convention. That's swell, but you Eastern fellows are not giving us fellows a break. We are just as proud of the Division as you, and our buddies in cemeteries in Europe are just as much of the 9th Division as you buddies, so let's compromise for say, Kansas City. It's halfway across the country and about the same from North to South.

THREE IN EAST

Remember, you Eastern boys have had three conventions. How about meeting us fellows from the West halfway across. We would appreciate that Ninth Division Spirit in having a convention handy for all. I believe the attendance would be record breaking as well as educational.

CAPT. HORAN LOOKS GOOD

I also noticed Captain W. H. Horan of Co. D, 39th Inf., 9th Div., in the photo at the National Convention. Mighty good to see you captain. I hope all Co. M, 47th men see that picture and it brings back happy memories.

COMMENTS ON HISTORY

I am happy to get the history,

but I think we should print a second edition with all the pictures the G.I.s could send in. I noticed a Field Artillery unit from Fort Lewis, Wash., had all kinds of pictures, personal contributions of the G.I.s in the outfit and what a difference the pictures made. They had about 300 pictures and the history only cost \$10. A history of the 9th like that would be worth \$15. It would be so much more like talking to the boys again. This is not criticism; it's only a helpful suggestion what to do. You fellows think of a history with photos that you took. The Ninth has a valuable collection, I know, if all you fellows would dig up your war photographs you'd be surprised how nice they would look to those who hadn't seen them. I hope we can print a history that is 50 per cent G.I. material, "Ernie Pyle" style. It would certainly be a thrilling history even if it cost \$20. If we could print a photographic history it would surely be interesting. Just a suggestion, but send a few to The Octofoil. Anyway, that's what makes The Octofoil grow. It is what each one contributes. The editor can only print what he has on hand. I dare each one of you to write one letter of appreciation and send one photograph. If you do I'll bet you'll enjoy a bigger and better Octofoil. Let's all write for The Octofoil and tell where you are. A lonesome buddy is anxious to hear from you and The Octofoil will save you writing to Service Organizations, for only The Octofoil can reach deep into Ninth Division territory, and that is every place the sun shines.

MISSOURI, KANSAS AND NEW JERSEY WANT TO ORGANIZE LOCAL GROUPS

Following are a list of members' who are anxious to organize Chapters in their respective sections of the country. They deserve the support and cooperation of all former Ninth men:

Missouri and Kansas

Boyd A. Wiley, 3406 Penn St., St. Joseph, Mo., formerly with K Co., 47th, and later Motor Sergeant of Hqtr. Co., would like to contact fellow members living in the northern part of Missouri and Kansas. Get in touch with Boyd at once, fellows.

New Jersey

Peter J. Imbesi, formerly Co. H, 47th Inf., 214 Mt. Way, Lyndhurst, N. J., is anxious to form a chapter for the New Jersey area. In his own words: "I think it is about time that all northern New Jersey members of the Ninth Infantry Division get together and organize a Northern New Jersey

Chapter. So, come on you fellows, come alive and fall in; let us form one of the best, if not the best chapters in the country. We have all the members we need and there is no reason why we can't.

"All persons interested can contact me by mail or phone. I hope to hear from Mr. Lawson, Jack Scully, Zep Avila, Lou Greco, Abe Gottfried, Sal Guinta, Dedecker and all the others. We could meet somewhere in Newark; so let's get going.

"Write to me at 214 Mt. Way, Lyndhurst, N. J., or call me: RU. 2-3236-M.

"We can always call a meeting through an announcement in any issue of our Octofoil.

"Of course, any Ninth Division member who lives in nearby New York City, like Fazio, Oliveri, Brown, Bone and many others would be welcome too; even Getsy would be welcome."

SLIGHT REVERSAL

President Lincoln, in a message to a general he had sent to replace Gen. McClelland in Virginia, asked the location of the new commander's headquarters.

"Headquarters in the saddle," the zealous officer wired back.

That afternoon, in his cabinet meeting, the President remarked: "General Blank has his headquarters where his hindquarters ought to be."—Exchange.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

IN RINGING TONES

Three immortal words in Ninth Division convention circles—"Room service please!"—Exchange.

WHO'S CHEATING?

The wife was always antagonized by her husband going out at night. His departing words, which especially angered her, were always, "Good night, mother of three." But one night she could stand it no longer, and when he took his hat and started out the door, and called cheerily, "Good night, mother of three," she answered cheerily, "Good night, father of one." Now he stays at home.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

TIME MARCHES ON

The latest invention is said to be a beer glass with a magnifying bottom for watching television.

DOPE ON WHAT SOME OF THE OLD GANG DOES TO PASS TIME AWAY

Louis A. Vircillo, Co. E, 39th, now living at 280 Washington Pl., Englewood, N. J., says that he sometimes misses his copy of The Octofoil and he doesn't like it. He stated that he was sorry to miss the last convention in Philly too, but couldn't make it because at that time his wife gave birth to Junior. Louis outlines his activities since being discharged: "Last year, I returned to Europe and married in Italy and in my travel visited some of the places we liberated. France looked different this time and while in Cherbourg I couldn't convince myself that not too long ago our Division was the one to help capture it."

A flash from Harry Schwartz, 475 N. 12th St., Newark, N. J.: "My wife and I are expecting a delivery from the stork sometime this December." Harry extends best wishes for the Association in the future and wants to wish all his old buddies of A Btr., 26th F.A. and all the Ninth Division a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Lowell Frederick, Sr., 921 Gould St., Toledo, Ohio, advises that her son, Lowell, Jr., is still in Germany (T-Sgt., A Troop, 15th Const. Sdn., APO 154, care Postmaster, New York). Lowell was home on a 60-day furlough three years ago and returned to Germany. Last July, while the Ninth Division Convention was in session in Philly, Lowell talked via telephone to his mother and father and said he hoped to be at the next convention. Mrs. Frederick keeps his dues paid up because Lo thinks there is no other outfit like the Ninth.

Major Joh P. Cnchristiansen is now assistant professor of Military Science and Tactics at the State University of Iowa.

Cpl. Wendell L. Rich's new address is Co. L, 16th Inf., APO 742-A, care Postmaster, New York. Wendell was formerly with the 39th.

Captain Bernard Ross sends in his new address as Box 706, N. G. Instructor Group, Twin Falls, Idaho. He would like to have some Association members pay him a visit if any of them get out that way.

Pete Brownley III is out of the Army. He left Tokyo last November and got out of the Army in April. In July he went to work with the Texas Company's Sales Dept., and he and his wife now live at 1851 Sherwood Rd., Petersburg, Va.

Otto A. Hackrad, formerly with the Ninth Medics, is now at 752 N. W. 18th St., Miami, Fla., and is looking for a place to practice.

Thomas J. Glosson, 358 Wythe Ave., Brooklyn 11, N. Y., has been spending his spare time making an Octofoil scrapbook. He has every copy bound into a scrap book and says it is his pride and joy. He looks forward to each copy and has his family doing the same thing.

Charles W. Minshew, formerly of Co. L, 60th, has married and gone into the grocery business since his discharge. He sends his thanks to The Octofoil editor for such a good paper. "I never miss a single word and often re-read it several times. Couldn't help but howl at James McGrath's picture in the issue today. He and I were in the same company overseas."

Lyle Webb has paid his 1949 dues and furnished a new address, 503 Second Ave., Dowagiac, Mich.

John R. Hill's new address is 506 Hampton Pl., Apt. 8, Portsmouth, Va. John paid his dues for 1949 and feels like it is money well spent.

Myles F. Bartusek, New Prague, Minn., has been putting his spare time to good use as indicated by his letter: "Today I'm sending an application blank to a buddy who started to correspond with me. In my previous letter to him, I have mentioned the Association and he wants to know more about it. Robert Arnszen was in my company (I, 60th) until we were separated by being reclassified."

Pop Dimineck, formerly of Co. E, 39th Inf., 310 Elizabeth Ave., Cranford, N. J., writes: "Here is

the dough for current year's dues. For the enjoyment and fun I get from our little newspaper, I am repaid a thousandfold."

"Sometime when the spirit (not vino wine) moves me, I would like to write a few choice morsels of nonsense and wisdom for The Octofoil. That is, if my scribbling is not too hard on the eyes.

"Wonder if you could enlighten this gray-headed master mind if there are any 39th Infantry Histories available. Would certainly like to get my mitts on one."

(Sorry, Pop, they didn't get any published.)

Curtis H. Spence, Rt. 4, Winder, Ga., is a Ranger and wants to tell all his Buddies that it is "hunting time" in Georgia and that all former Ninth Div. men have a standing invitation to come down and hunt an dfish with him any time. He would like very much to hear from Aubrey Winslow, formerly with the 9th Q. M.

Osco E. Ferguson, China Grove, N. C., has just returned from the ETO and sends in 1948 dues along with 1949 dues. He makes no excuses for being late with the '48 dues. As they say in the Army, "No excuses, sir." Osco was in M Co., 47th, from '44 until '46 and would like to hear from some of his former Buddies now that he is home again. He would like to locate Sgt. T. W. Jackson, S-Sgt. Ralph Reynolds and Norman Stollmon, and also a fellow by the name of "Slim" Lebar, who was the best gunman to ever fire an 81 mortar. (The address headquarters has for Lebar is 17 Walnut St., Wyandotte, Mich.)

Glenn F. Elliott, 3612 Randolph, Lincoln, Nebr., sends in his dues for 1949 and stated he had just received his copy of "8 Stars to Victory." Glenn writes: "I certainly am enjoying the book. It represents a lot of careful hard work."

"I took two weeks active duty at Fort Ord, Calif., in September. Certainly enjoyed it. Sorry I did not get to come to the convention but work wouldn't permit. I read The Octofoil with keen interest, however, and I was with you in spirit."

—Pittsburgh In '49—

GEORGE KOPAC A FOOTBALL FAN

George Kopac, 619 Remaley Ave., Springdale, Pa., an active member of the Pittsburgh Chapter is a rabid football enthusiast. He trekked down to Columbus, O. recently to see his Pitt team take an awful shellacking—and to top it all off, George stayed at a VFW Club several hours trying to locate some Columbus Ninth men he met when attending the Reunion in that city. But all the former Ninth Buckeyes were evidently on the water wagon because George went on back to Pittsburgh and wasn't able to contact "nary a one" while in Ohio's capitol city.

By way of getting even with the Buckeyes for trouncing his favorite team, George sends a letter to Glenn O. Moore, former Ohio president, demanding eight or 10 tickets to the Ohio-Michigan game.

Moore furnished The Octofoil with a list that was composed of various individuals' names he had contacted trying to get those ducats—but all to no avail. After calling several outstanding city, state and county officials, known for their interest in Ohio State's football program, Moore claims those he called began telling him: "If I knew where there was just one I'd get it myself for this big-time Homecoming Game." Finally in desperation Moore called on Wes Fesler, the coach, and was given the horse laugh.

Sorry, George, old boy. You can't say, though, your Ohio buddies did not try to accommodate you.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

DURABILITY

A Negro father of 12 children, all of who had been rocked in the same cradle, was putting his latest arrival to sleep. "Rastus," said his wife, "that cradle's just about wore out." "Hit sho' is," he replied. "Next time we'll get a good one that'll last."

Former 39th Soldier Returned to Akron, O., For Burial Rites

Pfc. Tibby Rekeyette, 39th Regt., was returned to Akron, O. Nov. 15 for final burial rites.

The family made every effort to arrange for funeral services on Sunday, since former Ninth Division men from all parts of Ohio had signified a desire to attend the services. But complications arose at the last minute that precluded the possibility of a Sunday burial. The Ohio Chapter had scheduled a special meeting for Nov. 19 to arrange transportation for all former Ninth men living in Central Ohio who could attend. Last-minute change in plans kept a score or more from attending the rites who had planned to.

KEN MEYERS ACTIVE

The Octofoil sent a short note to Kenneth L. Meyer, 468 Pearl St., Akron, an enthusiastic Association member, asking that he call on Tobby's parents and help in any way that he could.

It is impossible to convey to Ken in words the debt of gratitude the Ohio Chapter and The Octofoil owes him for the magnanimous way in which he has performed. He has put in many long distance telephone calls to The Octofoil and Association members in various sections; through Ken the Army Depot was contacted and certain information secured for the family. He contacted Akron service organizations and arranged all the details for a military funeral. In many other ways he has relieved the family of details. The Octofoil is proud to pay this inadequate but deserving compliment to Kenneth L. Meyer, 468 Pearl St., Akron, O.

Pearl Nickle, Columbus, was one of the Central Ohioans who journeyed the 150 miles necessary to attend Tobby's final burial rites.

The Octofoil editor called on the Rekeyette family, 1079 Mercer Ave., Akron, O., a few days previous to the arrival of Tobby's body. While on this visit it was learned Paul Rekeyette, Tobby's dad, had contacted a few of his son's old buddies in various parts of the country and had defrayed their expenses to Akron just for a friendly chat with he and Tob's mother. Many of those who attended the Columbus Reunion will remember Paul Rekeyette's generous offer to pay the hotel expenses of Tibby's personal friends and buddies attending the Reunion.

The Ninth Infantry Division Association will go on and on and on as long as it has people like the Rekeyettes supporting the cause of comradeship between those who did come back.

May God bestow on you, father, mother and sister of Tobby Rekeyette, His richest blessings, is the prayer offered by The Octofoil, a little paper dedicated to the cause of keeping alive in the minds of former Ninth men memories of comrades like Tibby Rekeyette of Akron, O.

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PHIL CAMPUS' MOTHER SEEKS INFORMATION

Sam Bruno, 101 N. E St., Lake Worth, Fla., appeals to the membership to help him locate someone who knew Philip Campus, Jr., E Co., 60th, and have them write Phil's mother, Mrs. Loretta Campus, 3170 W. 30th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Campus feels sure that Phil left some personal message for her and if she can contact some of his buddies who were with him when he was killed that she may be able to determine what message he had for the family.

Sam has sent photos and letters trying to comfort the family—but he feels letters from others who knew Phil will help considerably.

Bruno says he's a determined guy and intends to keep plugging away until some of Phil's buddies writes his mother.

In closing his letter Bruno says: "I've been trying to contact several of my buddies of E Co., 60th Weapons Plt., but so far have contacted only one. I wish some of the other guys from our old platoon would write me."

—Pittsburgh In '49—

Overheard (girl to guy on the front porch): "Okay, then, come on in, take off your hat and coax."

—By Pete Simer.

Cheating at poker can be dangerous. But, so can any game in which you hold hands.—By Pete Simer.