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THE OCTOFOIL

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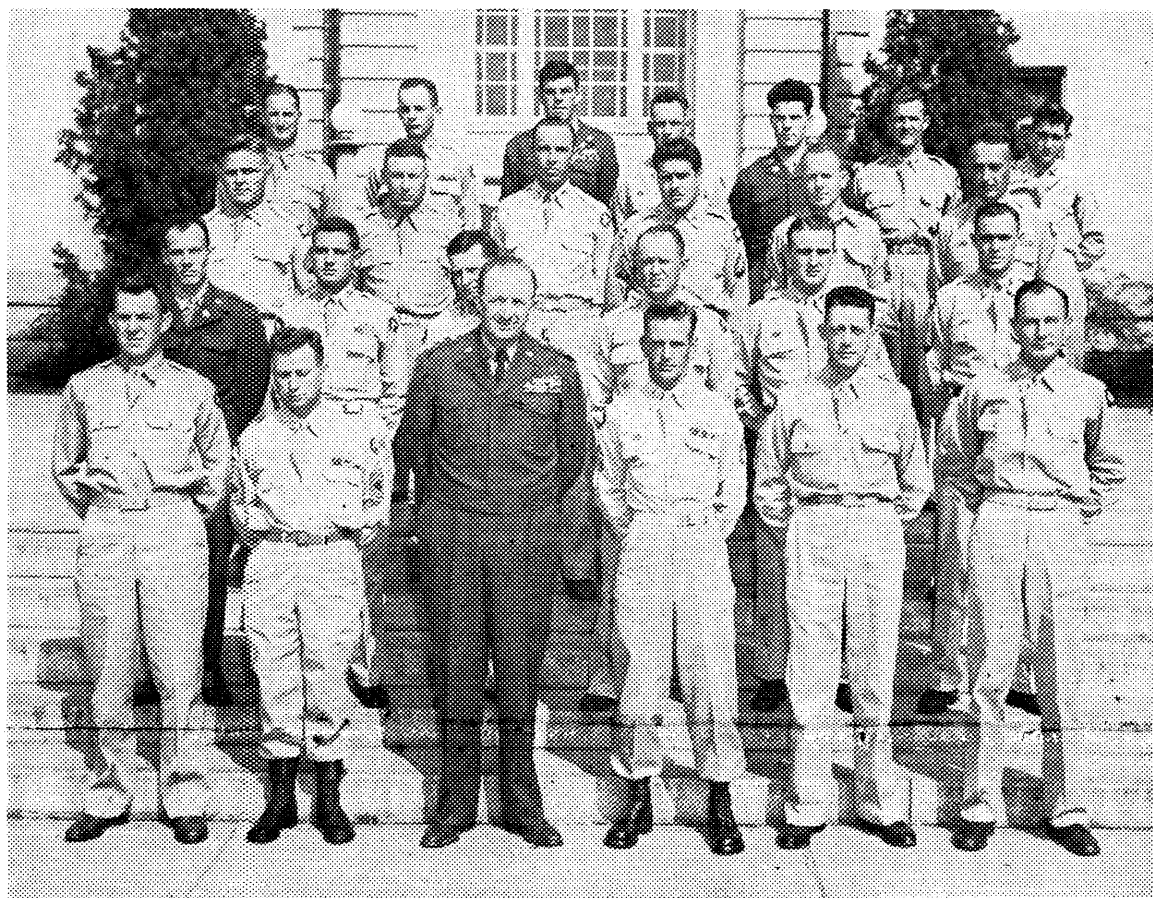
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GOOD SAMARITAN FINALLY LOCATED

SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT? - - - - -



During a recent visit to Fort Benning, Georgia, the above photograph was made of Lt. Gen. Eddy and a group of mighty fine looking G. I.s—many who are former Ninth Division men.

Pay Dues Now Or You Will Be Sorry

The year 1949 has almost arrived and still there are thousands of former Ninth Division men who profess an interest in the welfare of the Association who have not paid their 1949 dues. The ordeal is aging Secretary Tingley most rapidly. The funds of the Association that are sorely needed are being used to send notices to men who should need no notice to pay 1949 dues.

There is not a former member of the Ninth Division but who is proud of the Association and proud of the Ninth Infantry Division's enviable record—yet they imitate Nero as he fiddled while Rome burned. Had Ninth Division soldiers procrastinated and deferred action in the hope some other Buddy would carry more than his load, the end of the war would have been much longer arriving and even the results of the war might have been different.

Listen fellows, the Ninth Infantry Division Association must carry on and on and on—and as Gen. Craig says "Let the la man bury himself."

Pay those DUES TODAY!
—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Kuniansky Has Name Changed

Former Sgt. Perry Kuniansky of the 47th Inf., recently petitioned the court to permit him the right to receive mail and to be known otherwise as Perry Kaye, 4927 Elsbey Ave., Dallas, Texas. Perry's request was granted by the court.

Maurice Westrich Lives In Cincinnati

Maurice H. Westrich, former 60th Regt. man, is now living in Cincinnati, O. His street address is 4906 Cleves Warsaw Pk., Cincinnati.

Thanks to Maurice The Octofoil received a picture of Father Timothy Andrysiak. It was made in England, April, 1944, just as the Father had finished a very impressive mass.

Father Tim



Father Timothy Andrysiak, 60th Regt. Now let's get out the old pen and compile a lot of data on Father Tim's unselfish devotion to his boys. Not one man ever served in the 60th but who can write volumes on the good work Father Tim did.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—
PAY YOUR '49 DUES TODAY!

TWO-BIT BARGAIN FOR ONLY 25 CTS.

Again Secretary Tingley advises The Octofoil that for 25c he will mail postpaid a copy of the 60th History. For another two bits he will mail a copy of Final Thrust. With the enclosure of an additional 25 cents he will mail six of the Octofoil stickers for auto windshields.

The small fee charged merely covers the cost of packing and mailing charges.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Ralton Speers and Wife Enjoyed Book

Mr. and Mrs. Ralton M. Speers, 37 Buckingham Dr., Albany 3, N. Y., both put their stamp of approval on the history. In a joint letter dated Dec. 8, they both add:

Our copy of "8 Stars to Victory" was received several weeks ago. May we add congrats to others for the stupendous job our History Committee turned out.

In sending his '49 dues in Ralton pens this notation: It is an esteemed pleasure to be able to maintain (and for so little) my membership in the Association.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

LESSOFF WANTS TO HEAR FROM CROSS

Jacob Lessoff, former Co. C, 47th man, lives at 270 Linden St., Pittsfield, Mass. In writing to The Octofoil Jake says he wants to get in touch with a former buddy named Cross. He would appreciate use of the negatives made by his pal at the Philly reunion.

There's a six-month-old baby daughter at the Lessoff home who takes up all of Jake's spare time. He hasn't had time to finish reading "8 Stars to Victory," but the part he has had time to read can be classed as "tops."

PERSEVERANCE OF SECRETARY CHARLES O. TINGLEY LOCATES RAY GRIFFITH, ASSURING SUCCESS OF PROGRAM

OCTOFOIL SECURES STATEMENT FROM TINGLEY AS TO HOW HE LOCATED EX-MEDIC—AND A STATEMENT FROM PILL-PUSHER WHO HELPED PAUL JACKSON.

In answer to an inquiry from The Octofoil, Secretary-Treasurer Tingley sent the following reply which is self-explanatory and makes very interesting reading. Raymond S. Griffith's letter explaining his emotions when he met Paul Jackson at the Ralph Edwards' radio broadcast follows the secretary's letter and Ray's letter is also an all-absorbing narrative. The letters follow:

Mr. Paul S. Plunkett,
Editor, Octofoil,
216 S. Grant Ave.,
Columbus, O.

Dear Paul: On Thursday, Oct. 7 I received a long distance telephone call from Mr. Al Paschall, production manager for Ralph Edwards' new radio show, "This Is Your Life." I was informed they had picked Paul E. Jackson as their guest for the first program to be broadcast on Oct. 19. Paul was formerly with Co. A, 60th, and was wounded in the battle of Schmidt, Germany. His wounds resulted in paralysis from the waist down. At the time he was wounded Paul told Mr. Paschall there was a certain medic aid man who had picked him up from the battlefield and had cared for him throughout the night until he was able to be evacuated the next day. Paul did not know who the medic was and Mr. Paschall was very anxious to locate him in order that he might appear in Hollywood for the broadcast.

25 CALLS

After making about 25 long distance telephone calls I finally located Raymond S. Griffith, now living in Emporium, Pa., and determined that Ray was the medic who had saved Paul's life.

I notified Mr. Paschall that I had located his man and he immediately telephoned Ray and made arrangements for him to fly to Hollywood.

HURRY UP THE SHEET

In the meantime arrangements were made to hurry out the November issue of The Octofoil in order to notify the membership of the broadcast. The day after the paper went to press I received a letter from Mr. Paschall informing me that due to the elections coming up on Nov. 2 they had decided to postpone the initial broadcast until Nov. 8. This explains the postponement. In sending out the notices for 1949 dues I added a postscript giving the new date for the broadcast.

Before Ray flew to Hollywood I talked with him and suggested he make some notes of his trip in order that we might include them in The Octofoil. Attached hereto are the notes as compiled by Raymond S. Griffith.

Sincerely,

CHARLES O. TINGLEY,
Secretary-Treasurer, 9th Inf.
Div. Assn.

THE LETTER . . .

Emporium, Pa.
Dec. 1, 1948.

Dear Mr. Tingley:

Before I left for the trip to Hollywood, Cal., to meet Paul Jackson, I was telling my wife about me covering Paul with German blankets; but I told her I wouldn't mention that. Well, as soon as the program was off the air, Paul said: "I never expected to see you again." Then he said, "I could never figure out where you got the German blankets." I told him that about mid afternoon every day I would start looking for blankets for the night. The

next day I would leave them so I could travel light. However, on the day Paul was wounded I still had two blankets. I don't know why I didn't leave them that day. I was glad that I did not, the way things turned out. The day Paul was wounded we passed through the 78th and went on to Schmidt. We turned left and went down a gulch. I was right in the rear of our company and I heard someone yell, "medic." I started on the run. I didn't stumble over him, though. I gave him first aid and bundled him up in the blankets. The litter bearers didn't come, so I moved him out of the clearing and got him behind a tree. I remained with him all day. That night the litter bearers removed him. I never expected to see him again.

But when I did he made me promise to go visit him again. I may in July of 1949.

PICTURES COMING SOON

Right after the Ralph Edwards' program there was quite a few pictures made. I am supposed to get two of them. One group picture and one with Paul, his Dad, Mr. Edwards and myself. If The Octofoil wants to borrow them I will be glad to loan them.

Right after the pictures were made I was introduced to Mr. Edwards' wife and some fellow from New Castle, Pa., introduced himself to me. Then we all went over to the Airplane Lounge in the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel and had a big dinner. I sat at the table with Paul and his wife. After dinner we waited for the rebroadcast of the program.

Mr. Paschall praised the Ninth Division Association and the War Dept. every chance he got.

On Nov. 10, Paul Jackson and his wife asked me to go with them to see some of his friends in Los Angeles. I got the surprise of my life. There were five young fellows there with their wives and each fellow was sitting in a wheel chair. They all seemed to be in good spirits. They had all gathered there at one fellow's house to see Paul. After eating another big meal there we sat and talked, played music and had quite a nice time.

Now had arrived the time I dreaded—my parting with Paul Jackson and his friends. I had bid everyone else goodbye but Paul, and he followed me outside for that. We shook hands and he made me promise to visit him again sometime. I did not let on, but I saw the tears rolling down his cheeks and he sat there until I was out of sight. I'll never forget that either, and I do intend to see him again some day.

I want to thank you, Mr. Tingley for your part in getting in touch with me.

Sincerely yours,
RAYMOND GRIFFITH,
Box 15, Emporium, Pa.
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President Clarke, Secretary Tingley, Octofoil Editor Send Holiday Greetings to Members

Both President Donald Clarke and Secretary Charles O. Tingley have asked The Octofoil to send their sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and Most Prosperous New Year to each and every former Ninth Infantry Division man wherever he may be. The Octofoil editor takes the liberty of joining with these two officers of the Association in sending similar greetings not only to the members but to their loved ones—to the little tots who have come to brighten the days that all former Ninth men so richly deserve after the horrible experiences and hardships encountered that only a former Ninth man can ever know or appreciate.

THE PAST IN REVIEW

January Dates Worth Remembering

- 1941—
3—Division placed on wartime training footing of 44-hour week.
1945—
3—60th Infantry attacks Konzen, Germany.
6—First Bn. 39th Inf. captures German position at Rohe Mark, Germany.
1947—
15—Deactivation.
1941—
16—First selectees arrive from Camp Upton, chaperoned by Capt. Van H. Bond, 60th Infantry.
1944—
19—General Montgomery visits the division, England.
1945—
19—
20—During severe blizzard Division begins follow-up of German withdraw to the east.
1941—
20—One battery Div. Arty. parades in Roosevelt's third inaugural, Washington.

- 1944—
20—Special services for Division held in Winchester Cathedral, England.
1943—
25—Remaining elements of division arrive in North Africa.
1945—
29—Official end of German counter offensive in Ardennes.
1945—
30—60th Infantry captures Rohren; 47th captures Alzen, Germany.
1943—
31—Movement from Lyaute to Tlemcen, North Africa, begun.
1945—
31—60th Infantry captures Widdau, assisted by concentration of ten battalions artillery; 39th Infantry captures heights near Alzen.
—Pittsburgh in '49—

PAY YOUR '49 DUES TODAY!
—Pittsburgh in '49—

A Six-Pounder For The Harold Hubers

Hooray for the 26th FA Bn. It's a boy at the home of Harold and Leeta Huber, 118 1-2 N. 15th St., Olean, N. Y. Harold is a former staff sergeant of the 26th FA. Phillip Charles come to live with the Hubers Dec. 3, 1948. At that time Phil weighed 6 lbs. and 10 ounces.

—Pittsburgh in '49—
PAY YOUR '49 DUES TODAY!

They're Not Treating Louis Exactly Right

Louis N. Blacher, 540 N. Lawndale, Chicago, Ill., has a gripe coming up against Uncle Sam's post-office employees. In loud and no uncertain terms Louis protests his Octofoil reaching Chicago in a mutilated condition.

The lad has been sent another copy and his protest letter forwarded to Harry, down in Washington.

Tell-Tale Evidence - - - By Plunkett



Foolish question, indeed. Sherman said "War is hell," and he only walked across Georgia. What if he had followed the Ninth Infantry Division's "line of march." Maybe the Ninth men did develop big "dogs," it's easy to note the difference in the two ex-G. I.s. headquarters. Questioner probably was an Air Corps man.

DETROIT CHAPTER PLANNING A MOST ACTIVE NEW YEAR

One of the hardest workers for the Ninth Infantry Division Association is Joe Casey, 8621 Colfax, Detroit, Mich.

A letter sent to Michigan members reads in part: Our Chapter, here in Michigan asks your immediate co-operation, so that your copy of "8 Stars to Victory" may promptly be delivered, and so that our Chapter may be better able to help our Gold Star Mothers to know if there is a Comrade among our Michigan members who may have known their son.

In helping the secretary-treasurer in furnishing correct mailing addresses for copies of "Eight Stars to Victory," the Detroiters sent out questionnaires asking complete information.

Paragraph 2 of the bulletin has this to say in advising the prospective member of what he may expect when joining the Association:

2. A copy of "The Octofoil," each month of the current year. Our monthly newspaper brings to your door the latest news of our members all over the world. Our members keep in contact with one another in the columns of "The Octofoil," though separated now in the homes in many different parts of the world.

Quoting Joe Casey's story as written for The Octofoil:

DETROIT CHAPTER PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR

At the December meeting plans are to be made for a family party, and perhaps the showing of our Ninth Division combat films again.

Many Chapter members have already sent in their dues for the New Year, and the campaign to make Michigan a 100 per cent state will continue.

Plans are also being considered to furnish members in our larger cities with names and addresses of their Ninth Division neighbors, to promote local friendships for the ten or twelve who cannot travel all the way to Detroit each month.

High Hopes for The New Year

By JOE CASEY,
8621 Colfax,
Detroit 4, Mich.

Let us hope that the coming New Year will enable many of our members to know each other even better.

The history is now being distributed and each member of our Association all over the world is recalling to mind the scenes that may have grown a bit dim in these

last four, five or six years. Many of us remember vividly a certain town, or a particular road, or the crossing of a river. But we are now better able to understand that at the same time many of our home-town neighbors were on a nearby road, or near a different town, or were crossing that same river at a different place.

Very few of us were able to look at the big picture, to see on the map the positions of each of the many units of our Ninth Division, or to know which part of the team was to our right or left. Many of us saw only the squad or so of men on either side. Others only felt in the dark the broken ends of a telephone line, and then spliced those ends together. And another picked up the phone and then directed that others might send their artillery shells a few hundred yards further forward. Yet others were intent only on taping a bandage. Some stood at a road intersection and directed all those trucks carrying rations, or ammunition, or replacements. And others prayed for us all.

Each one of us did a particular job, while some may have looked down from the height of a little Piper plane, others saw the ground just an inch or so away. Perhaps, as we now read the History of our Ninth Infantry Division we can appreciate more the teamwork of the members of a squad, and the companies, in a battalion, and the regiments of the Division, and the mutual support and effort of all the units that enabled our Ninth Division to such proud fame.

Each of the fellows who receive The Octofoil in our own neighborhood did a particular job. Each of us have hopefully waited for our own copy of the history, to turn page after page and feel proud all over again of the way that our Ninth Infantry Division so ably performed on so many occasions—a job well done!

Our task now is to continue in the Ninth Infantry Division Association, the same feelings of teamwork and friendship, and loyalty to one another—to be an active member to the Association, and to realize that the fellow who lives just a few streets away in our own neighborhood is still the same Ninth Division Buddy.

—Pittsburgh in '49—
PAY YOUR '49 DUES TODAY!

Convention Plans Are Being Made

Secretary Charles O. Tingley asked The Octofoil to print a notice informing the membership that the next issue of The Octofoil will carry considerable information relative to the plans already completed and those under way concerning the 1949 reunion in Pittsburgh, Pa.

CAL POLIVY AND BRIDE VISIT THE SUNNY SOUTH

A provocative postal card was received by The Octofoil, signed by Cal Polivy, member of the Board of Governors and a former president of Greater New York Chapter.

The card arrived during an Ohio snow storm and showed Miami Beach's Sea Isle Hotel with a crowded beach of sun-tanners and merry-makers.

But Cal can be forgiven for rubbing in the weather contrast, since he was enjoying that much planned for honeymoon. He advised that he and the new Mrs. Calvin Polivy were spending an enjoyable honeymoon at Miami Beach, Fla., reading "8 Stars to Victory."

The Octofoil congratulates both of you fine people and wish you all the happiness and prosperity you both so richly deserve.

MORRY STEIN BURIED IN SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Under date of November 23, 1948, John A. Stelle, Brazil, Ind., received the following letter from Max Wauchope, Klamath Falls, Ore., which is self-explanatory:

Your inquiry concerning Morry Stein, which you sent to our local American Legion, has been referred to me.

I am deeply sorry but the rumor you heard is true. He was killed in an automobile accident Oct. 27, 1946.

He is buried in the Salem Cemetery in San Francisco, Calif. Morry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stein, reside at 2047 19th Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

Morry was my very best personal friend. We were in high school together and kept in close touch with each other after that. He had a great number of friends both here and in San Francisco, who have missed him a great deal.

I am sure you regret hearing of his death as much as all of us. If you desire further information do not hesitate to ask me.

DICK ROBBINS SENDS NEWSY NOTE TO ASSN.

Richard A. Robbins is married and they have one son and a daughter. The Robbins clan live at 64 W. Central St., Natick, Mass. Dick is connected with the Frost Higgins Co., 20 Mill St., Arlington, Mass.

Robbins complains in a letter to Secretary Tingley about the lack of news from his old buddies appearing in The Octofoil. Quoting further from the letter he has this to say:

I see P. P. Stone quite a bit. He is married. Has a fine wife and daughter. . . . Met Ray Miele on the road in Dorchester. He has an express business. Same old Ray. We hashed everything over for about an hour, and are going to try and get some of the gang together.

Charlie Cheevers is working at the VA in Boston. Miele lives about a block away from him. . . . "Hocky" Hockanson is still in the milk business with H. P. Hood. Received an announcement about two months ago of "Ricky" Richardson's nuptials. Also an announcement a year ago of Bill Johnson's addition of a baby girl. . . . LeRoy Lay is married.

Dick received his "8 Stars to Victory," and says he considers it a masterpiece.

Jerome Cosenza Sends Negatives

Jerome Cosenza, 316 Van Buren St., Newark 5, N. J., thinks "Eight Stars to Victory" is the best division history published so far. Jerry is a former medic with the Ninth Division. He enclosed a few negatives that were made overseas. However, they arrived too late for prints to be made for this issue. They will be used at a later date.

—Pittsburgh in '49—
PAY YOUR '49 DUES TODAY!

BUDDIES RETURN SINGLE FILE

MORE FORMER NINTH MEN RETURNED TO AMERICA FOR THEIR FINAL RESTING PLACE IN LAND THEY LOVED

EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE FOR SOMEONE TO CONTACT THESE BUDDIES' SURVIVING RELATIVES AND HELP WITH THEIR BURDENS.

Once again The Octofoil has a solemn duty to perform. Printing a list of Ninth Division Buddies being returned for final burial rites is not a pleasant detail—but a necessary one, as well as it is the solemn duty of every member of the Association to contact the next-of-kin during this hour of sorrow and offer condolences. Quoting the immortal words of Father John Wolf, The Octofoil hopes his prayer will be a means of consolation to the mothers, fathers, sisters and other loved ones of those Buddies who are listed below.

God is not One to be outdone by generosity. For each of these grave men He has reserved a worthy recompense. The soldier who dies to save his brethren, and to defend the hearth and altars of his country, reaches a very high degree of charity. "Greater love than this no man hath, than to lay down his life for his friend." God will be merciful with them because they were generous and whole-hearted in their sacrifice. Much is forgiven them because they loved much.

O God, into Thy Hands we commend their spirits. And may their bodies, covered by the grandest Flag on earth, remind us all that freedom is bought with a great price.

In the proper sequence is given below the rank and name of the returned buddy, his unit, the next-of-kin's name and address:

ALABAMA

Pfc. William D. Swindle, 47th; Mrs. Octavia Swindle, Box 65, Jasper, Ala.

Pvt. David W. Vaughan, Jr., 746th Tk. Bn.; David War Vaughan, Cuba, Ala.

CALIFORNIA

Pfc. Edward Diaz, 60th; Mrs. Inez R. Diaz, 879 8th St., Cucamonga, Cal.

Pfc. George R. Mohr, 39th; Robert B. Mohr, 1944 "K" St., San Diego, Cal.

Pvt. Daniel J. Murphy, QM Co.; Mrs. Margaret Murphy, 615 North Ave., Los Angeles 56, Cal.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Pfc. James O. Kenny, 39th; Elizabeth F. Kenny, 1739 North Capitol St., Washington, D. C.

FLORIDA

John H. Adams, 60th; Zera Adams, Mount Dora, Fla.

GEORGIA

S-Sgt. James E. Griffin, 39th; Othie M. Griffin, Rt. 1, Osierfield, Ga.

ILLINOIS

Cpl. Curtis E. Anderson, 47th; John W. Anderson, 105 S. Davis Ave., Amboy, Ill.

Pfc. William C. Belke, 39th; William E. Belke, 947 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Cpl. Charles W. Carrington, 60th; Charles Carrington, Mineral, Ill.

Pfc. Stuart W. Gathman, 60th; Ruth P. Gathman, 222 Lorraine St., Glen Ellyn, Ill.

S-Sgt. John C. Kosik, 39th; John Kosik, 1402 N. Hanlin Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Pfc. Vernon E. McKinley, 47th; Vernon McKinley, Rt. 1, Jacksonville, Ill.

Pfc. Edmund W. Nowicki, 47th; Chester J. Nowicki, 2846 S. St. Louis Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Sgt. Raymond I. Przybylski, 60th; Frank J. Przybylski, 2255 S. Sacramento Ave., Chicago 28, Ill.

Pfc. Alvin J. Buesch, 39th; Edward Buesch, Howard Ave., Norwood, Ill.

Pfc. Levy C. Willis, 60th; Leslev Willis, 1020 Walnut St., Ottawa, Ill.

INDIANA

Pfc. Alonzo Fields, 39th; Martha Sloan, Rt. 2, Vevay, Ind.

Pfc. Raymond D. Greear, 47th; Lela Greear, 2020 Prospect, Indianapolis, Ind.

IOWA

1st Lt. Robert E. Mische, 60th; Dr. Oscar C. Mische, Arlington, Iowa.

Pfc. Robert E. Uhl, 47th; Mr. Clifford Uhl, Mapleton, Iowa.

KENTUCKY

Pfc. William H. Crabtree; H. C. Crabtree, Rt. 1, Campbellsville, Kentucky.

Pfc. Herschel F. De Bow, 47th; Mrs. Dessie De Bow, 341 Oak St., Madisonville, Ky.

Pvt. Louis A. Hall, 47th; Mrs. Dorothy J. Hall, 1417 Versailles Rd., Lexington, Ky.

1st Lt. Woodrow W. Jones, 60th; William Jones, Orville, Ky.

Pfc. Frederick A. Krause, 60th; Charles J. Krause, 1825 Date St., Louisville, Ky.

Pvt. Louard I. Ramage, 47th; Luther C. Ramage, E. Washington St., Box 265, Princeton, Ky.

MAINE

Pfc. Charles E. Boyle, 15th Engrs.; Mrs. Mickelina M. Boyle, 23 Boyd St., Portland, Maine.

MARYLAND

T-Sgt. William J. Raab, 39th; Edwin J. Raab, 4217 Erdman Ave., Baltimore, Md.

MASSACHUSETTS

S-Sgt. Charles E. Constantine, Div. Arty.; William Constantine, 20 Waldo Ave., Somerville, Mass.

T-5 John Kell, 47th; Archibald Kell, 30A Union St., Attleboro, Mass.

S-Sgt. John B. Lunney, 9th Recon.; M. Frances Lunney, 19 Sherburne Ave., Worcester, Mass.

Pfc. Frank E. Sigle, 60th; Stanley Sigle, 706 Summer St., Lynn, Mass.

Pfc. Charles Ryan, 39th; Stasia G. Ryan, 61 Summer St., Hyde Park, Mass.

MICHIGAN

S-Sgt. William L. Minshall, 60th; Mabel Geer, Rt. 9, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Pfc. Edward H. Pyzik, 39th; John Pozik, 6654 Steadman, Detroit, Mich.

MISSISSIPPI

Pvt. Burnis G. Allen, 746th Tk. Bn.; Versie G. Allen, Rt. 2, Brookhaven, Miss.

Sgt. Charles C. Rouse, 39th; Leslie L. Rouse, Rt. 1, Box 211, Saucier, Miss.

MISSOURI

Pvt. Lloyd L. Holder, 47th; William L. Holder, Star Route, Eldon, Mo.

MONTANA

Pvt. Leo Gwin, 60th; Delpha A. Gwin, Harlowton, Mont.

NEW JERSEY

2nd Lt. Stanwood V. W. Clark, 39th; Charlotte E. J. Clark, 352 William St., East Orange, N. J.

Pfc. Hugh J. Fitzpatrick, 47th; Mrs. Nellie Fitzpatrick, 44 Union St., Jersey City, N. J.

Pvt. Edward G. Miller, 47th; Margaret Miller, 1709 Woodlyne Ave., Woodlyne, N. J.

Cpl. John Rozek, 60th; Andrew Rozek, 647 S. 17th St., Newark, N. J.

NEW YORK

Sgt. Jack Brooks, 39th; Sam Brooks, 89 Grafton St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Pfc. Albert A. Charney, 60th; Roslyn S. Charney, 102 John Barry Blvd., Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Pfc. John W. Daly, 60th; Anna M. Daly, 352 Eastern Pkwy., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Pfc. Alfred L. King, 60th; Lawrence King, 20 Elm St., Plattsburg, N. Y.

Pfc. Marvin Kurtzberg, 60th; Max Kurtzberg, 320 E. 55th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

NORTH CAROLINA

1st Lt. Charles B. Boyd, 47th; Mrs. Catherine B. Boyd, 2840 Jefferson St., Box 1551, Wilmington, N. C.

Pvt. James W. Dockery, 60th; F. A. B. F. Dockery, Sr., Rt. 4, Rockingham, N. C.

Cpl. Clyde L. Stewart, 34th; F. A. B. F. Stewart, Rt. 1, Broadway, N. C.

COL. SHINBERGER TO FULFILL VOW

The following excerpts from a story recently printed in The Washington Post will be read with genuine interest by the hundreds of loyal friends Col. John Shinberger had in the Ninth Infantry Division:

A 40-year-old retired Army colonel, who made a "covenant with God" while lying wounded on a Belgian battlefield, will begin his service in the Episcopal ministry next June.

The father of two young children, Shinberger entered the seminary in October, 1946, to fulfill a pledge he made at a time when he "didn't know for sure he was coming back alive."

Hit in both arms by mortar fire, and believing he had lost his right arm, Shinberger said he "looked into the heavens, prayed and told God that I would devote the rest of my life to His service" if he survived.

Shinberger was sent to England early in 1943 and hit Utah Beach on D-Day as commanding officer of the Second Bn., 60th Regt., of the Ninth Division. Almost three months later he received the wounds that precipitated his decision to enter the ministry, and eventually resulted in his retirement from the Army.

After making his pledge to devote his life to God's service, Shinberger said he was convinced an act of "divine providence" assured his safe removal from the battlefield to a first-aid station. The jeep, in which he was carried with several other wounded men, was riddled by 37 German machine gun bullets, but none of the occupants were hit.

Pvt. James P. Troutman, 60th; Joseph F. Troutman, Rt. 1, Four Oaks, N. C.

NORTH DAKOTA

Pfc. Nick P. Solberg, 60th; Dominick Schmidt, 213 W. Broadway, Dickinson, N. D.

OHIO

S-Sgt. Richard W. Miller, 39th; Mrs. Georgia L. Miller, New Madison, Ohio.

S-Sgt. Michael Rizzollo, 47th; Carrie Rizzollo, 11111 Danville Court, Cleveland, O.

OKLAHOMA

Pfc. David G. Dickerson, 60th; Mary Lou Dickerson, care Prairie Valley School, Rt. 1, Earlsboro, Okla.

S-Sgt. Olin R. Merritt, 60th; Sarah Ida Merritt, 1407 E. Maple, Enid, Okla.

PENNSYLVANIA

Pvt. Alexander J. Belesky, 60th; Charles Belesky, 56 Hemlock St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Pfc. Joseph A. Certo, 39th; Frank Certo, Sr., 525 Philadelphia Ave., Barnesboro, Pa.

Pfc. Warren Fenlin, 39th; Mrs. Ethel M. Fenlin, 606 E. Godfrey Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

S-Sgt. Herbert K. Kauffman, 39th; Earl Kauffman, 553 Union St., Columbia, Pa.

Pvt. Steve Kurilla, 47th; Mrs. Helen Kurilla, 108 Handley St., Eynon, Pa.

Pfc. William Page, Jr., 60th; William Page, 59 Burton Ave., Washington, Pa.

Pfc. Alvin G. Ream, 60th; Edgar Ream, Rt. 1, Confluence, Pa.

Pvt. John W. Thieman, 60th; Mrs. Elizabeth Thieman, 19 Garnet Lane, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Pfc. James A. Wagner, MP Plt.; Mrs. Thelma A. Wagner, 125 Chestnut St., Lewiston, Pa.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Pfc. Jerry Jackson, Jr., 746th Tk. Bn.; Jerry Jackson, Sr.; 13-15 Second St., Woodside Mill, Greenville, S. C.

TEXAS

Pfc. Floyd A. Bynum, 47th; Mrs. Louis Delamar, 1316 Hussion St., Houston, Texas.

Pfc. James C. De Goche, 60th; Mrs. James L. De Goche, Box 547, Ia Feria, Texas.

VIRGINIA

Pfc. Samuel V. Phillips, Jr., 746th Tk. Bn.; Mrs. Margaret W. Phillips, Locustville, Va.; T-4 Oscar Powers, Med. Det.; Jerry Powers, Rt. 1, Box 127, Wise, Va.

Pvt. Lyman S. Schlosser, 60th; Inez G. Woodward, 702 Ramsey St., Alexandria, Va.

WEST VIRGINIA

Pfc. Marvin K. Sherman, 39th; Vera I. Sherman, Authur, W. Va.

WISCONSIN

Pfc. John H. Attewell, 60th; Mr. Dain Attewell, Rt. 3, Mauston, Wis.

Sgt. George C. Mavis, 39th; Mr. Emil Mavis, Marion, Wis.

AN HONOR ROLL FOR CHAPTERS AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS ALSO

Every Member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association Owes His Organization One New Member Each Year—Make a Resolution to Get That Member In 1949.

Secretary Charles O. Tingley advises The Octofoil he has started compiling an Honor Roll at National Headquarters. For each new member an individual member signs up a gold star is placed back of the proposer's name.

Some of the new members listed below applied direct to National Headquarters, hence no local chapter or individual member is credited with having secured the applicant.

Printed in bold face capital letters below will be noted the name of the Chapter or member sponsoring a new member, followed by the new member's name, address and unit identification:

NEW YORK CHAPTER

Benjamin D. DeCillis, 172 Mulberry St., New York 19, N. Y.—G Co., 39th.

Carl Liddle, 745 58th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.—AGO, 9th Div. Hqs.

Eamon D. MacDevitt, 34-46 93rd St., Jackson Heights, N. Y.—B Co., 60th.

Robert G. Sullivan, 93-05 123d St., Richmond Hill 18, N. Y.—L Co., 60th.

Albert Sultan, 2148 65th St., Brooklyn 4, N. Y.

Michael P. Zuzchik, 335 E. 5th St., New York 3, N. Y.—H Co., 60th.

Frederick J. Falgiano, 681 Felton Ave., New York 55, N. Y.

William J. Nicholson, 78 Franklin St., Ansonia, Conn.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

Robert B. Harper, 226 W. Jackson, Chicago Sub Station OR, Ill.

Glenn Marquette, 8140 Drexel Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Claude Murray, 854 Case St., Jacksonville, Ill.

Elmer Roger, 5637 W. Cornelia, Chicago, Ill.

Al Sevoch, 4215 Green Bay Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Eugene Sitko, 1050 N. Honore, Chicago, Ill.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHAPTER

Henry H. Cook, 329 16th St., N.E., Washington, D. C.—Co. H, 39th.

Harrison J. Daysh, 8405 16th St., Apt. 107, Silver Springs, Md.—Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 39th.

DETROIT CHAPTER

Robert H. Corrick, 9774 Holmwood, Detroit 4, Mich.

BUFFALO CHAPTER

Patsy Solmaine, 431 Shanley St., Buffalo 6, N. Y.—M & D Companies, 39th.

BUFFALO GROUP ELECTS OFFICERS TO CARRY ON FOR NEXT YEAR

Nominations and election of officers was the outstanding business to come before the November meeting of the Greater Buffalo Chapter.

Henry J. Golabucki, formerly Co. C, 47th, was again elected President; Angelo J. Arena, Co. A, 47th, treasurer, and Ed Shiver, secretary.

The following committee had charge of the election details: Robert Elmes, George A. Buscaglia, and Everett H. Spink.

It was quite a party. There were plenty of refreshments of both types and the attendance was most encouraging. As an added feature movies of the 1948 Philly convention and of the Chapter's stag outing were shown.

Two new members were added to the Buffalo group's roster, Stanley Babi, 1129 Center Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Eugene Rydjewski, 259 Coit St., Buffalo.

Babi is a former 60th man; Rydjewski from the 47th Regt.

The Buffalo group is looking forward to the Pittsburgh convention and plan to be well represented.

Tony Damato Runs California Grocery

Anthony Damato is living in Colton, Calif., running a grocery store that keeps him pretty busy. That was the reason he couldn't attend the reunion in Philly. Says he'd like to see one held in Chicago, and he could probably get away from the grocery store long enough to make it.

Tony wants to hear from some old Co. C, 47th men, so as renew old times.

Both he and Mrs. Damato enjoyed "8 Stars to Victory." They read the book together, Tony explaining the towns and villages familiar to him as they progressed in reading the book.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Most Veterans Administration Hospitals have installed hearing aids in wards so that hard-of-hearing patients can see and hear 16 millimeter motion pictures from their beds.

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

George E. Swanson, 100 Pine St., New Haven, Conn.

*LT. COL. BILL LUCAS

Neil D. Cox, Box 969, Longview, Tex.—Div. Arty.

*HERSCHEL COLEMAN

Edward T. Majewski, Ward 8, Vaughan Unit, Hines, Ill.—K Co., 39th.

*MARION O. BROOKS

Martin D. Mosca, 343 E. White St., Rock Hill, S. C.—B Btry., 34th FA.

*MAJOR JOE WILLIS

Pfc. Harold A. Roate, Hq. and Hq. 1st Air Base Gp., March Field, Calif.—Hq. Btry. Div. Arty.

NO SPONSOR MENTIONED

Evans H. Almire, Box 94, Thaxton, Va.—Co. B, 15th Engrs.

Herschel Coleman, Ward 7, Vaughan Hospital, Hines, Ill.—B Co., 60th.

Walter Frasure, Allen, Ky.—M Co., 60th.

Joseph A. Fusco, 150 Etna St., Brooklyn, N. Y.—A Co., 15th Engrs.

Lt. Col. Frank L. Gunn, 40 B Cosgrove Ave., Naval Base, So. Carolina—2nd Bn., 39th.

Richard F. Hilliard, 91 Stone St., Waltham, Mass.—9th MPs.

George J. McDermott, 1130 E. Tremont Ave., Bronx, N. Y.—L Co., 60th.

William R. Paddock, care The Sporting News, 535 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y.—A Co., 60th.

Charles A. Repetti, 164 Vermont Ave., Newark 6, N. J.—Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 47th.

Donald R. Rupert, 1018 Walnut St., Marinette, Wis.—84th FA Bn.

Alfred Spingolo, 517 1-2 Brush St., Oakland 7, Calif.—D Co., 746th Tank Bn.

Sidney Thal, Long Lane Court Apts., Upper Darby, Pa.—47th.

Albert W. Werner, 1114 Fourth St., West, Cullman, Ala.—Div. Hdq.; also 1st Bn. Medic Det., 60th Inf.

Honor Roll Stars to date:

New York Chapter	8
Illinois Chapter	6
District of Columbia Chapter	2
Buffalo Chapter	1
Connecticut Chapter	1
Detroit Chapter	1
Lt. Col. Bill Lucas	1
T. P. Baskin, Jr.	1
Herschel Coleman	1
Marion O. Brooks	1
Major Joe Willis	1

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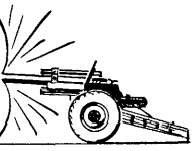
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HOWITZ-ABOUT-IT BUDDIES --- LET'S WRITE TO THE OCTOFOIL

Anthony A. Loscalzo, 70-35 Broadway, Jackson Heights, L. I., N. Y., admits his old buddy Dick "Red" Houser got under his skin in challenging all those ex-artillerymen in his December story appearing in The Octofoil.

Loscalzo drew a sketch for a heading that will be a regular feature if "Red" Houser and Anthony A. Loscalzo can make enough ex-artillery Joes get the lead out of their breeches and send in the items.

In his letter of Dec. 6 Loscalzo explains how former buddies can get "lost" from one another the way he and "Red" did after feeling so close to one another for the four years they were together in Hq. Btry., Ninth Div.

Some of the dope sent in about the old gang as printed below should make "Red" feel pretty good:

"Snuffy" DeJulius, Pete Cicoro, Bill Braun, Ken Grosse and Los-

calzo left New York for Father Connors Memorial Mass in Worcester during the past month. And among the 400 at the reunion dinner they met the following from Hq. Btry.:

Henri Godin, Fred Sargie, Dick White, Johnny O'Donnell, Julius Ionotti, Nate Balich, Frank Podsiadlo, Jim Dulong, Pat Feheely, Hank Bokina, Manley Gaines, Red Byrnes and the "Good Padre."

Dan Pratt surprised Loscalzo with a visit recently.

Moe Matises and Aubrey Berger are proud papas now—girl and boy respectively.

Jim Hartounian missed the train to Worcester and arrived by telegram instead!

"Snuffy" DeJulius and Loscalzo see each other every week. "Snuffy" is studying television—and he sees Harry Logan occasionally.

PITTSBURGH'S CHAPTER CHATTER CONTAINS MUCH VALUABLE INFORMATION

The November issue of Greater Pittsburgh Chapter Chatter is full of interesting information.

The Dec. 7 meeting was the second anniversary date of the Pittsburgh Chapter.

Emphasis is placed on the necessity for members to pay their 1949 dues through the Pittsburgh Chapter in a well written short article on page 1 of the November Chatter issue.

WEDDING BELLS

Robert W. Buck, vice president, Greater Pittsburgh Chapter, was married on Nov. 20. The Chapter and Woman's Auxiliary sent to Bob the following joint message:

"The members of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter and the Woman's Auxiliary wish to take this opportunity to wish you the very best of everything in your married life.

Although you haven't been able to be with us at all meetings due to your work, we want you to know that we appreciate the help you did give us when called upon.

If in the future you are able to attend as many meetings as you have in the past we can ask no more.

And don't forget about the Woman's Auxiliary which will be most happy to accept your wife into the ranks."

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Joseph Lazor, Nov. 6.
Teddy J. Plucinski, Nov. 6.
Richard Hahner Nalitz, Nov. 7.
Ronald E. Frank, Nov. 8.
Mary Lucet, Nov. 8.
Veronica Thomas, Nov. 10.
Kathleen Murphy, Nov. 15.
Romo Nesti, Nov. 17.
Elizabeth King, Nov. 19.
Augustine Thompson, Nov. 19.
Moreen O. Versetti, Nov. 20.
Adolph Dominick, Nov. 27.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary has discontinued sending cards notifying of meetings. Notices are run in Chapter Chatter.

TOP BRASS HOLD CHICAGO CONFAB

Ted Matusik sends The Octofoil a 3-col. clipping from a Chicago newspaper. In this issue of the paper appeared a 3-column picture of 11 outstanding generals of Uncle Sam's Army. The article was extracted from a Chicago Polish newspaper, and The Octofoil Pollock interpreter was on an extended holiday celebration spree which prevented anyone around The Octofoil getting much sense out of why all this top brass had congregated in Chicago.

However, outstanding in the group picture were Generals Bradley, Jacob Devers, Hodge and Eddy.

Recent Doings of the Auxiliary

Sept. 17, 1948, attended the "Brunch With Bill" radio program, at Station KDKA. Following the broadcast had luncheon at Stauffer's Restaurant.

During the summer enjoyed a luncheon date at Angelo's Restaurant on Liberty Ave.

Made souvenir plaques for the banquet in October, besides decorating the tables.

At the present time attempting to make arrangements with Evelyn Gardner in order to be on her radio program.

A letter has been sent to Secretary Tingley requesting names and addresses of a few of the 9th Division disabled veterans so they may be sent a set of the "Notorious Couple" plaque. Plans are to give the rubber molds used to make the plaques to one of these disabled veterans.

Selling Christmas cards; 50 boxes have been sold and the ladies are starting on the second 50. Anyone wanting a box of these beautiful cards should contact Mrs. Raymond E. Pifer, Secretary-Treasurer, 409 Fairywood Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. (Walnut 8641).

Mrs. Pifer writes as follows:

On the night of Jan. 21, 1949, the Auxiliary will hold an election of officers.

Up until this time the Auxiliary has been in the hands of temporary officers who have really done an excellent job in getting the organization on its feet and headed in the right direction.

And don't forget ladies, that Pittsburgh still is the only city which can boast of an organized Woman's Auxiliary of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. We were first to organize so let's all get together and see that this Auxiliary is first in everything. Come out and vote and see that we have the right people to lead us through another successful period.

CAPT. BILLY R. DOWNEY PAYS OCTOFOIL VISIT

An unexpected but welcomed visitor in The Octofoil office during early December was Captain Billy R. Downey. The captain is now stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Ind. He will be remembered by the men of the 39th Regt., as well as those who attended the second annual reunion in Columbus. It was the ingenuity of Captain Downey that arranged the most impressive memorial services held at that time.

Sales in Veterans Administration hospital canteens average between \$6 and \$7 a month per patient.

Paul Rekettys's Father Writes a Beautiful Letter

Tibby Rekettys has returned to the land he loved so well. Tibby was one of the thousands of Ninth men who gave their all for this great country. He was laid to final rest in Akron, O., amid the surroundings he had hoped and planned to return to and live a quiet and peaceful life with those he loved surrounded by an atmosphere of freedom. God in heaven, in His most infinite wisdom, called Tibby Rekettys to his eternal reward. No Ninth Division boy has been returned for final burial who is mourned by any more buddies and beloved relatives than Tibby. His love for his family may be well understood after one reads the beautiful letter written by the Rekettys family to The Octofoil and members of the Ohio Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

The letter should convey to all the members how much a visit from a former buddy means to his loved ones, and be a means of creating the determination that no Ninth Division man will ever go to his final resting place in America without a former buddy calling on his family.

THE LETTER

Akron, O.

1079 Mercer Ave.

Nov. 21, 1948.

Dear Mr. Plunkett and Members of Ohio Chapter, Ninth Infantry Division Association:

We are most deeply indebted to your organization for the loyalty, kindness, and sympathy you have displayed toward us since the loss of our son and brother, Tibby Rekettys. It is because people like you exist that makes life worthwhile and made Tib want so very much to come back home again.

APPRECIATION

The way you rose to the call and helped us through this difficult period will be eternally remembered and appreciated. The flowers and the wreath you sent are magnificent. We will keep the vase in which the flowers came as a remembrance and symbol of Tibby's fondness for his buddies and their endless loyalty to him.

We sincerely regret that we could not postpone the funeral to accommodate the boys who wanted to come up from Columbus as a group and be with him when he was laid to final rest. We know that he would have wanted all of them near him at that last hour. Our only hope is that those boys will come to see us nevertheless. Our welcome mat will always be out for boys from the Ninth.

Our special thanks to Kenneth Meyers and Addison Pinkerton of the Akron Division of the Association who stood by his side and received the many visitors who came to call. From the moment that he was alerted of Tib's arrival until the end of the funeral, Kenneth was on hand to run errands, help with the plans, and to cheer us up. He is to be most highly commended for his service beyond the call of duty, for we would have been lost without him. Thanks to you, Mr. Plunkett, for coming all the way up here to offer your help and your sympathy. We hope you will come again under more favorable circumstances. Pearl Nickle traveled all night and arrived in Akron at 7 a. m. so he could attend the funeral. We were very pleased and honored that he could be with us because, as Tib's diary testifies, he thought so highly of Pearl. Thanks also to Robert Schaeffer, of the Association, who went out of his way to call on us, and to Mrs. Faulhaber of Adrian, Mich., whose son, Dick, also lost his life in the 39th. She came down for two days to help us through.

Mr. Meyers, Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. Schaeffer and I, are hoping to start an Akron chapter of the Association. My motive for helping to organize such a group is because I firmly believe in reciprocity. In the meantime, I am enclosing a twenty-five dollar check to help out at Ohio headquarters, as a token of our appreciation to an organization of which my son and I are proud to be a part.

With kindest regards,
PAUL REKETTYS and FAMILY.

NEW YORKERS WILL MEET JANUARY 7, AT HOTEL TIMES SQUARE, 43d AND 8th

Mike Gatto, Secretary, Greater New York Chapter, Box 1168, Grand Central Station, New York, N. Y., advises The Octofoil the next meeting date the New Yorkers have arranged will be January 7, 1949, at 8 P. M. at the Hotel Times Square, 43rd St. and 8th Ave., New York City.

Mike says it will be a short business session, the main point of which will be the election of the new officers and Board of Governors of the chapter.

The New York members have voted that the elections take place at the first meeting of each calendar year, and that the chapter year start with the first of each calendar year, to be the same as the National Association's year.

Mike enclosed three letters he had received from members commenting on "Eight Stars to Victory" and The Octofoil. Parts of letter No. 1, signed by Ralph Cott, reads as follows:

I receive great pleasure reading The Octofoil. It is a great, little paper. It has a little of everything in it for me. Here's hoping for a greater and better year ahead for the immortal 9th Div. Assn. Will try my best to get a new member or two.

Under date of Dec. 7, 1948, Donald Simple, 161 Main St., Cooperstown, N. Y., writes as follows:

Hi Gang: Yes, I have received "Eight Stars to Victory," and it really is some grand piece of workmanship. Have read it once and now have started to read it through again.

I always want to be a member of the Greater New York Chapter and receive The Octofoil, which really brings news of the buddies I worked with.

Don was with Co. M, 60th Inf. From Walter Pyle, Pocantico Hills, Tarrytown, N. Y., comes the following letter:

Sorry not to be able to attend any local meetings, but follow all of them in The Octofoil, which in-

identally is greatly appreciated. Very glad to get "Eight Stars to Victory." It is something we can all cherish for life.

Noticed Joseph Lip's name at one of the New York meetings. I have lost his address, but have been in his vicinity and if someone would say hello to him for me I would appreciate it. I see Patsy Rich and Louie DeFalco often, both of which were in the 1st Bn. Hdqrs. 47th. Believe they are two who do not belong, but would like to. Both are also friends of Lips. Patsy Rich lives on Paulding Ave., Tarrytown, N. Y. Louie DeFalco owns the Premier Market in Tarrytown.

Would like to hear from some Co. D, 47th boys, especially Alfred Kongsle. I have written him twice but received no answer. Since I heard he had become a married man.

We have a little Walt who keeps me from meetings for the time being.

PITTSBURGH IN '49—

CLOSE SHAVE

An Alabama farmer, after imbibing a prodigious quantity of moonshine whiskey, attempted to blow out a candle, whereupon his alcohol saturated breath burst into flame. Horribly shaken by the experience the man begged his wife to bring him the family Bible, muttering, "Sarah this has been a terrible lesson to me. I gotta swear off."

Rejoicing that her boozing mate had at last seen the error of his ways the woman produced the desired volume. Placing his hand upon it the farmer intoned: "Before heaven I swear that never again will I blow on a lighted candle."—Barrage.

PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Ward carts, carrying samples of nearly every standard item stocked in hospital canteens, bring bedside PX service to disabled patients in a number of Veterans Administration hospitals. Patients look over samples, place their orders and receive the items in a day or two.

Three Youngsters At Leslie Bradley Home

Leslie H. Bradley, former Co. L, 60th man, and later transferred to 709th Ord., is living on Route 3, Sedso Woolley, Wash. He's another of those lucky former 9th men who have lovely and understandable wives who pinch-hit as secretaries and keep their dues paid up for them. When writing she even alibis for friend hubby, by saying the new arrival keeps him too busy to write. The new member of the family is Larry Dan Bradley, born Nov. 28, at 4:40 a. m. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 1/4 ounces. This makes two boys and a girl for the Bradleys.

Mrs. Bradley says both she and Harold enjoy The Octofoil and look forward to its arrival each month.

Les is working as a mechanic at Craft's Garage in Concrete, Wash. He wants to hear from any of the old buddies.

Mrs. Les says they were both well pleased with "8 Stars to Victory."

In "Sunny" France



Marion Lee, Rt. 4, Bloomfield, Ind., as he was remembered by the old gang, especially Gilbert and Drake. In the last issue of The Octofoil were printed copies of the two poems Marion's youngster wrote while his Dad was helping the Ninth Div. make history.

FREE TURKEY FEED IN CHICAGO-TOWN

Walt Mahon, 220 S. State St., Chicago, Ill., advises The Octofoil that the Illinois Chapter was to have a FREE turkey dinner on Thursday, Dec. 16. It is hoped this issue of The Octofoil will reach the Illinois members in time for all of them to make a "bee-line" for this chow line.

Walt says the Ladies' Auxiliary was to handle everything and the gold-bricking he-males were just going to sit back and enjoy it all.

The occasion was to be in the form of a Christmas Party. Old man Santa Claus was to see that everyone present received a gift.

No charge for the dinner, no admission charge. Former Ninth men were assured they could not spend a penny.

If this shindig doesn't bring out some of the characters who have not been attending recent meetings, then the guys are hopeless.

Mahon is honest enough to admit the Illinois Chapter would not be able to promote an affair of this kind if it wasn't for the ladies, especially Mrs. Jerry Lindner, Mrs. Bill Conley and Mrs. George Waite and Mrs. Johnny Edwards. The names mentioned are only a few of those who are so ably co-operating.

MOVIES, STAG

The last meeting held by the Illinois group featured movies. The January meeting is planned as a strictly stag affair.

AND A BAR!

The Illinois group's meeting place is 1122 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, the Rocket Club, second floor. It's a swell setup and they have their own bar.

PITTSBURGH IN '49—

CIRCUS STUFF

The moron at the wheel dashed through a red light, brushed the traffic cop's knees, missed the pedestrian island by a hair, and came to a sudden halt, tires screaming, after decorating the side of a bus with paint from his fenders.

The policeman came up holding a white handkerchief in his hand. "Listen, cowboy," the cop growled, "turn around and on your way back see if you can pick this up with your teeth!"—Kablegram.

9th History Rates Next To Bible

MANY OF THE GANG HAVE READ "8 STARS TO VICTORY" FROM COVER TO COVER SEVERAL TIMES

NOW THEY ARE YELLING FOR A PICTORIAL HISTORY AS SUGGESTED BY WILTON TAYLOR IN LAST MONTH'S ISSUE OF THE OCTOFOIL.

Letters continue to pour in by the hundreds filled with praise for "Eight Stars to Victory." Occasionally there is a bit of honest criticism in one of the letters—which is the perfect right of any individual. But even those who find a bit of criticism are always fair enough to close their letters with the statement: "All in all "Eight Stars to Victory" is a mighty fine job."

Taken at random from the hundreds of letters received during the past month, parts of the letters are quoted below, which is indicative of the contents of others:

From Harvey Goodrich, 587 Troy Ave., Brooklyn 3, N. Y.:

"The Association is to be commended on "Eight Stars to Victory." I am enjoying it immensely. Although I can't wait to finish it. I am sorry to see it coming to the end. It's great and I am sure I will re-read it many times."

Russ C. Hickey, Co. I, 60th, now at 44 Adams St., Rochester, N. Y., says: "Received the 60th History and 'Eight Stars to Victory.' Well reading and a good refresher to the memory. Co. I went through many towns that I never did remember until reading these swell books. If there's any more like them put out, keep me posted." Russ adds he doesn't understand why the Association has to plug so hard to get the guys to pay dues. The Octofoil alone is worth more than the dues to Russ.

Adolph B. Amster, Ohio State University, Columbus, O., writes: "After bouncing all around the city of Columbus, my history has finally reached me. Permit me to congratulate all those responsible. A wonderful job has been done. It makes me proud all over again to have been a member of the Ninth."

T-Sgt. Leon D. Robins, Hq. 722D MP Bn., Fort George G. Meade, Md.: "I received my copy of "Eight Stars to Victory," and could make a long drawn out letter of this trying to say how well it was written and what a wonderful job was done but I will just say—It Was Really Worth Waiting For."

W. H. Ward, Co. E, 47th, whose address is P. O. Box 151, Cuthbert, Ga., writes: "Please accept my compliments on 'Eight Stars to Victory.' Even though I haven't been able to finish reading it, what I have read has been very interesting."

Maj. Ned H. Anderson, Letterman Gen. Hosp., San Francisco, Calif.: "My Division History arrived and it has really been, and always will be a pleasure to have that information where it never changes, to refresh these aging memories." Something new has been added, it's now MAJOR Anderson.

John P. Picciano, 202 Markland Ave., Syracuse, N. Y., former T-Sgt., 26th FA: "Have been receiving my Octofoil regularly and have received my 'Eight Stars to Victory.' I've brought the history to my office and many of the veterans who are interviewed at my desk get so involved with the book, they almost forget their reason for visiting the V.A. It's a fine book and I'm proud of it. . . . Even my wife (an ex-Marine gal) admits she thinks the Division is tops. Thanks."

Charles H. Johnson, Jr., 336 E. S. Temple, Apt. 34, Salt Lake City 2, Utah: "I have received my copy of 'Eight Stars to Victory' and must say I have enjoyed reading it very much. It is very well written and one of my proud possessions."

Jerome Cosenza, Van Buren St., Newark, N. J.: "Received the book 'Eight Stars to Victory.' It really is a wonderful book. It sure brings back old memories."

Wallace C. Stine, 160 State St., Portland, Pa.: "Received my copy of the Division history. Think it is excellent. Have had many favorable comments on it from some of my friends who have read it."

Harry F. Browne, Rt. 5, Carlisle, Pa.: "I think our 'Eight Stars to Victory' should be the book of the year. It certainly is a thrill to read a book where the characters were your own personal buddies. Hollywood should grab that book for a thrill packing movie." Harry, a former B

Co., 47th man, later mess sergeant for Casual Co. is now a proud father of an 8-lb. baby boy, Philip Lindon Browne, born Nov. 9, 1948.

Raymond J. Hurst, 1016 Highland Ave., Louisville 4, Ky.: "I have received my Division History, 'Eight Stars to Victory.' It sure is a swell book. I'm sure going to hang on to it too."

Jack Shaw, 437 Claranna Ave., Dayton, O.: "I want to tell you how much I appreciate the Division History. I have had the opportunity of reading others and none can compare to this one. May I extend thanks and appreciation for work well done."

Dave Nudo, formerly I Co., 60th, 2125 S. E. Brooklyn St., Portland 2, Ore.: "Just a note to let you know how much I enjoyed "Eight Stars to Victory." That alone was enough to prompt me to send my dues in on time. Evidently there aren't many fellows out in Oregon who were in the Ninth, so I depend on The Octofoil to keep me in contact with the 'Gang'."

Lindsey Nelson, who is with WKGK Broadcasting Co., Knoxville, Tenn.: "The Division History is terrific! I am certainly appreciative of all the many hours of work that went into its final completion."

Alfred Kongshi, Upham, N. D.: "I received my 'Eight Stars to Victory' the first part of November and really think it is tops. My only regret is that it did not contain more pictures of the 47th. I agree with Wilton Taylor that a second pictorial edition would really be worth a great deal. How about making that a goal for next year?" Al wants to hear from some D Co., 47th men.

Leslie Ronay, 3206 S. 10th Ave., Tucson, Ariz.: "I well realize that you are quite busy with work but had to send you this letter to express my opinion of "8 Stars to Victory." After waiting three years I realize the wait was not in vain. I deeply appreciate Mittelman's and everyone else's efforts in producing a book which I doubt could have been written any better. I read the book from cover to cover and still go through the various phases of the book. I feel quite proud in having taken a small part in making this history."

From a former Co. M, 60th man, Wilfred M. Thornton, 515 E. DuBail, South Bend, Ind., comes a nice note, parts of which read: I received the Division History. It is a great book. I had only one regret and that the fact that Col. Wilson's name was not mentioned. He was battalion commander, 3rd Bn., 60th, and as good as any in the U. S. Army. I was with the Division almost five years. I knew a lot of great leaders such as Col. Hardtack (Hardtack), and Col. Coffman (Black Mike) and Col. Wilson was an equal to any of them. Of course I realize it was impossible to mention everyone. Don't get me wrong. I still think it is a wonderful book."

Mrs. Mary M. Frauenheim, 2314 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal., writes for Regis A. Frauenheim, her son who is overseas in U. S. government service. Regis' mother says she found the book very interesting, a great tribute to the Ninth Division and she knows Reg will find it likewise most interesting to read.

Joseph E. Heitz, formerly A Co., 60th, now living at 286 Corbin Pl., Brooklyn, N. Y., appeals to The Octofoil to have some of the old timers from Bragg and those days in Africa to drop him a few lines. In regards the history, Joe says the book just about caused

Nick Pieri Booster For The Octofoil

Dominick Pieri, 276 Oak St., Passaic, N. J., when sending in his 1949 dues comments on The Octofoil and "Eight Stars to Victory":

I have been getting The Octofoil regularly and enjoy reading it. So does my wife. Wish some of the fellows from the 34th F.A., especially Service Btry., would write.

Received "Eight Stars to Victory" two weeks ago and am enjoying reading it very slowly. I don't want to miss a thing.

Nick enclosed a picture made in England showing Joe Guiliaccio, East Boston; John Jones, Flint, North Wales, England; Kelton Byrd, North Carolina, and Nick himself.

Back in 1944



The above picture was made in England Feb. 2, 1944. Left to right, Joe Guiliaccio, East Boston; John Jones, Flint, North Wales, England; Kelton Byrd, North Carolina, and Dominick Pieri, 276 Oak St., Passaic, N. J. (sitting.)

In the Veterans Administration hospital at Fort Logan, Colorado, junction boxes have been installed in wards, permitting multi-channel radio equipment to carry 16 millimeter film sound to patients' bedsides.

another war in his home because of the argument "who gets to read it next?"

Willard Norris, Huntsville, Texas, agrees with Wilton Taylor that the Ninth should attempt to produce a pictorial Division history. Willard writes: Just finished reading the Octofoil and was impressed with the idea of a pictorial history of the Division. I believe this to be an excellent idea. Since the civilian members of a family rarely understand the true picture that is presented in words which contain many military quotes and phrases, I do not mean to be critical of "Eight Stars to Victory," because I think it is an excellent book and without a doubt one of the best I have had the pleasure to examine. I was disappointed at the lack of photographs, however.

Robert M. Douglas, formerly Co. D, 39th, now living at 521 Colonial Rd., West Palm Beach, Fla., is another all out to try and get a pictorial history printed. Quoting from Bob's letter: It was a thrill to open the book and first picture to hit my eyes was of men I knew in C. D, 39th. Hohenstein with the helmet was a surprise. He always liked to wear his overseas cap. The tribute to Colonel "Paddy" Rlint was well put and he will always be remembered by men of the 9th. Bob asks for some of the fellows from the 1st Bn 39th write to him, especially any from Co. D who might read this.

Gordon Taylor, 2343 Los Coches, San Jose, Calif., former 60th man with both Cos. D and G, writes as follows: Upon reading "8 Stars to Victory" I was quite surprised to learn that about all the 60th did in the last squabble was stay in reserve, protect a flank or relieve another outfit and set up defensive positions. I was in an awful lot of fire to be in a defensive outfit. Perhaps that's the reason we had to write our own history.

LINDSAY NELSON WRITES A NEWSY LETTER TO OCTOFOIL

Another former Ninth man is making good in his chosen field of work.

Lindsey Nelson is director of sports over a network of 40 radio stations.

In his letter, Nelson mentions another former Ninth man, Earl Ailor, 47th Regt., who is likewise located in the Smoky Mountains in the city of Knoxville, Tenn.

ELECTS GOVERNOR

Ailer was county campaign manager during the election for Gordon Browning. The next governor of Tennessee will be none other than Gordon Browning.

Any old buddies who want to drop Nelson a few lines may do so by writing: Lindsey Nelson, Director of Sports, Radio Station WKGK, Knoxville, Tenn.

Parts of Lindsey's letter reads: Dear Sir: I'd like to offer my belated congratulations on the fine job you're doing getting out

The Octofoil, which I find bulging with information and mellow with nostalgia. Incidentally, I served as Public Relations Officer of the Ninth Division from September, 1941, until July, 1945.

During the football season just completed I did the play-by-play for the Tennessee Broadcasting System, a network of 40 stations with outlets in Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Birmingham, etc.

WHERE'S CHUCK FISHER?

I'd like very much to get in touch with Charlie Fisher, formerly of the 60th Infantry, and later Division Special Service Officer.

Again, congrats on the swell job you're doing, and if you happen to know the whereabouts of Charlie Fisher, I'd certainly appreciate your passing the information along.

Regards,
LINDSEY NELSON.

McKenzie Grateful For Response Given to His Appeal In Octofoil

Joe McKenzie, Director, Department of Veterans' Services, Waltham, Mass., under date of Nov. 29, 1948, writes The Octofoil:

I wish my command of the English language was great enough to fully express my thanks to the men of the Ninth for their response to my letter in the October Octofoil.

Men of the Ninth from Maine to California, from Canada to the Gulf, from all units of the Division and all states of the Union gave generously towards a gift for Father Connors. The committee in charge decided on a Chalice. To those of his faith no explanation of the Chalice is necessary. To those not of his faith a Chalice is a gold vessel which holds the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ under the appearance of bread and wine. Every time this Chalice is used all members of the Famous Ninth will receive the benefits of the special prayers of Father Connors, plus the grace, guidance and protection of Our Lord and Savior. In civilian life we need prayers just as we needed the help of prayers through our Eight Campaigns to Victory.

I hope someone other than myself will send to you a good story on our Memorial Mass. The center aisle of St. Peters Church, reserved for us, was filled to capacity. As in the past, the weather was the best. Expressions of joy and happiness were on hundreds of faces as the back-slapping and hand shaking was going on. It was during the dinner that Fred Keyes made the presentation of the Chalice to Father Connors.

Service Btry. 26 FA was represented by John Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Bongiorno, Joseph Albanese, Walter Swenson, Elmer Roscoe, Louis Truscello, Mr. and Mrs. Periovanni, Manny Efron, Joseph McKenzie and Alice White (the school teacher). The Fitzgeralds took Eddie's place. Mrs. Puccini (mother of Henry, A Btry.) with her son and daughters had a place of honor at the head table. Other members of the 26th whom I recall are Messrs. Hennelly, Meehan, Ponokos, Mazeika, Wilcos, Warner, Katt, McColgan, Matulius and Casey.

Letters expressing regret at not being able to attend were received by me from Joseph Bolow, Charles Zablow, Harold Wallace, Robert Porter, Dan Looney,

Alexander Wilcopolski, Harold Huber, Lewis Ortica, William Sacco, Anthony Ponticello, Charles Lowey, James Boyle and General Louis Craig.

Harold Huber and Robert Porter are awaiting new arrivals and they wanted to be home to await the new one.

Dan Looney and Joe McGuick-in were making arrangements to attend but something came up at the last minute.

Jim Boyle and Anthony Ponticello from Pittsburgh; Harold Wallace, Dayton, O.; Charles Lowey, Kankakee, Ill.; Alexander Wilcopolski, Chicago, were unable to arrange vacations for that time so were unable to attend.

Harold Wallace and his Joan are expecting an arrival in January. If any of you ex-members of Service Btry. ever visit Dayton, there is open house at 1681 Humphrey Ave. Yes, Harold bought the house with a G.I. loan. He has a good white collar job with the Frigidaire plant of G.M.

Bob Porters advise that Provost Sergeant Pistol Pete Harris is the owner of Mitchell's Grill in downtown Pittsburgh. You wearers of The Octofoil in Pittsburgh give it a try. The food should be the best to satisfy Pete. We had the best cook in the Army and Pete did the most gripping so what must be his own cooking be like.

If you men in the Buffalo area saw Canisius play football you also saw a former member of Serv. Btry., 26th FA. Paul A. Griffin of Smethport, Pa., our former First Sergeant is the man. How did he look?

Quintino Pegiovannia is in the construction business. He owns all the necessary bull dozers, steam shovels, graders and trucks to do any size job.

John Murray and Elmer Roscoe are making General Motors richer. John will take your order for an Olds and Elmer will take it for a Chevrolet.

Bill Bongiorno is the sole proprietor of his own dry cleaning business.

Those who went to Worcester on Nov. 7 had a wonderful time. Next year about the same time I know, God permitting, Father Connors will celebrate our Fifth Annual Memorial Mass, so reserve that time for 1949.

Mac closes his newsy letter with a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all former Ninth Division men.

MATTER OF HEARSAY

The caller was offering condolences to the widow.

"Your husband was a good man with many excellent qualities," she said consolingly.

"So they say," the widow replied. "You see, I wasn't too well acquainted with him, being as how he belonged to four lodges and three veteran organizations."

—Exchange.

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A successful guy is one who makes more than his gal can spend. A successful gal is one who finds such a guy. —By Pete Simer.

LOVE ME, LOVE MY DOG

Wife (to husband behind newspaper): "Darling, don't you love me any more?"

Husband: "Love you! Listen, woman, I adore you, I worship you, I love you more than life itself. Now shut up and let me read my paper."

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Walter Suchanoff, World War II veteran, paralyzed from the waist down and a former patient in the Veterans Administration hospital in the Bronx, N. Y., now operates a watch repair service for the Veterans Canteen Service.

MEDICS, ANTI-TANK CO. IN ENGLAND



* Blundering through his old barracks bag Carl Weintraub, 1526 W. Fourth St., Brooklyn, N. Y., run across a couple of pictures that were made in Winchester, England. Left to right: Kane, Becheu, Murphy, Brennan, Montua, Weintraub, Behrens, Moose.

FORMER NINTH MEN SCATTERED IN ALL PARTS OF THE UNIVERSE

Wendell L. Rich, formerly 39th Inf., is still in the Army. His address is Co. L, 16th Inf. Regt., APO 742-A, care Postmaster, New York City. He recently located two other fellows from his old company—Cpl. York and Pfc. Maranda.

1st Lt. William P. Powless, Co. F, 60th, is back on active duty with the 87th Inf. Regt., 10th Div. His address is 417 N. 17th St., Manhattan, Kansas. Other former Ninth men at Camp Funston with Lt. Powless are: Capt. Loyd Tallent, Co. F, 60th, and Sgt. Mealy (39th), both with the 85th Regt. Lt. Houser, Div. Arty., is ration breakdown officer there.

Edward F. Wenzloff, formerly a 9th MP, has transferred to the Rahway Prison Farm as Director of Education. Mrs. Wenzloff writing for Ed, says: "Although we were uprooted from our farm which we bought last year, we are beginning to fit into our more metropolitan life. Edward's address has been changed to Lock Bag R, Prison Farm, Rahway, N. J."

Clyde Cripe's charming little wife gets ashamed of Clyde not writing to The Octofoil, so she pens a nice note as follows:

"We have been hearing from Tandy Frazier and his wonderful wife and kids quite often; however, we would like to hear from some of Clyde's old 'Cronies' from New York City.

"We have a new addition to our family. She is Connie Sue and arrived Sept. 16 at 5:47 a. m., and weighed 6 lbs. 8 ozs. She and I are both doing fine. So is daddy.

"We received 'Eight Stars to Victory' a while back and we both enjoyed it very much. We would like to thank all those who worked so tirelessly to perfect this history." Clyde served in the 9th Med. Bn., Co. A, and his address is 7 Dixie Dr., Anderson, Indiana.

Emil De Donato, formerly Hq. Co., 47th, has started his own art service under the name of "Advertising DEECAN—Art," at 331 W. 51st St., New York 19, N. Y. He would like to have some of the guys who were with him in the 9th to look him up some time. His home address is 39 Pink St., Hackensack, N. J.

Steve A. Salvi recently notified the National Office of a change of address—1871 29th Ave., San Francisco 29, Calif. A brief statement: "I am married now" accompanied the notice. Steve was formerly with Co. G, 60th.

Woodrow C. Gardella, formerly 60th FA, has a new address: 289 Bay Ave., Fairview, N. J. Woodrow recently sent Secretary Tingley \$7 for back dues and 1949. He stated that he had never lost interest in the Association—was too lazy to go through the procedure. Gardella wrote: "You gentlemen are doing a fine administrative job and have contributed the most towards making the Ninth Division Assn. the foremost Association of them all."

Major Jack Coulter's address is 7703 Trans Bat., Hq. CMD, EUCCM, APO 757, care Postmaster, New York City. He has been assistant post transportation officer at the Frankfurt, Germany. Military Post since January, 1947. He is one of the charter members of the Association, being S-3, 3d Bn., and later S-4, under Col. Westmoreland, leaving the 60th at Enslinger, Germany, in Decem-

ber, 1946. At one time during combat days he commanded "L" Co., 60th.

W. J. "Bill" White writes from 100 Locust St., Dresden, Tenn. He sends greetings to all former 9th men and especially 60th fellows. Having had such a good time at Philly Reunion he is now planning to be in Pittsburgh. Bill seems to think more members would be able to attend the reunion if it was held in September. Says he enjoys The Octofoil a lot.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Joseph W. Banton's new address is 403 Park Ave., South Charleston, W. Va. Col. Banton says he regrets he wasn't a Ninth Division man long before he did finally become one. He's just about to get tired of loafing and hunting and is contemplating taking a job after 30 years of Army life and only one month's rest. He was very complimentary in remarks made about "8 Stars to Victory."

Albert Hohmann writes from Port Arthur, Tex., Rt. 1, Box 290. Says he would like to hear from the REAL old Ninth men he was with at Bragg until his departure in February, 1942, when he left Co. F, 47th for cadre with 82nd Div. at Camp Claiborne; from the 82d he went to 98th at Camp Breckinridge, Ky. Married a swell little Southern belle while in the Blue Grass state; then he was assigned cadre with the 63rd at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Van Dorn, Miss. In December of 1943 they let Al out of the Army for an assignment as a crew member of a tanker transporting gasoline to the war fronts. He, his wife and two youngsters have settled down in this Texas town. He appreciates The Octofoil but still would like to hear directly from the old timers.

Charles Restall is a medical student in Memphis, Tenn. Street address, 88 N. Willett. Chuck enjoyed "Eight Stars to Victory," and tells about another former Ninth man making good in the good old Mississippi River town of Memphis. It seems that Robert Higgins is going "great guns" in the real estate business down in that part of God's country.

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THE FINAL TEST

After spending two days and nights in a Corpus Christi hotel room, waiting for clear weather in order to continue ferrying an airplane to Birmingham, Ala., an Air Force pilot was quite bored.

To relieve the tedium, he opened the Gideon Bible that had been placed in his room. Pasted on the inside cover was a sheet which said, "If you are lonely and discouraged, read Psalm 23 and 27."

He turned to the 23rd Psalm and read it through. Turning the page to read the 27th Psalm, he noticed a pencilled note in the margin, written in a feminine hand:

"If you are still lonely," it said, "phone 1864."—Exchange.

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Patients in Veterans Administration hospitals, who are unable to raise their heads, can see motion pictures from their beds on screens placed on ward ceilings. Prismatic lenses are attached to 16 millimeter projectors focused on angled mirrors. The mirrors throw the image on the ceiling.

Ed Hopkins Sees Good Old U.S.A.

The Octofoil received a letter recently mailed from Sidney, Nebr., the return address on the front of the envelope was a Park Hotel, Rock Springs, Wyo., envelope. On the back of the envelope was penned "Return to E. T. Hopkins, care Sperry Products, Inc., Shelton Rock Rd., Danbury, Conn." All of this was confusing until the letter's contents were digested.

The letter was from Ed T. Hopkins, and he is connected with the Danbury, Conn., firm traveling all over the United States, parts of Canada and Mexico. He wanted the lads who knew him in Co. F, 47th to make a note of the new Connecticut address. His former address was 78 Congress St., Jersey City, N. J. Ed says if they will just drop him a line sooner or later his travels will bring him nearby and he'll bend an elbow with any former Ninth Division man.

Ed is well pleased with his copy of the history.

Some of the members of F Co. Ed has visited recently include "Smig" Tokanchek in Philly; Tony Repetti, who is operating a restaurant in Newark; Pevis at 25 Branford Pl., Newark; Frank Gilsenan and Johnny Goldpaugh, Newark, and Hughie Hatrick, Brooklyn.

Ed tries to arrange his route so as to be back in the neighborhood of New York City when the chapter holds a meeting.

The Philadelphia Reunion was the first Hopkins had attended—but he says he'll hock the family jewels before he'd ever miss another one. He wants the date set at once for the next convention so he can start planning vacation dates accordingly.

Ed is boosting the Pittsburgh Convention wherever he goes and he says quite a few of the fellows get the idea "Oh, I wouldn't know anyone at the convention," but if each one would drop a line or two to three or four buddies it'd stir up interest and the Pittsburgh reunion would be bigger and better than any other held so far.

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Secretary Tingley Pleased With Last Issue of Octofoil

Under date of November 28, Secretary-Treasurer Charles O. Tingley addressed a short note to The Octofoil, which reads:

The December issue of The Octofoil arrived o. k. and I think it is a very interesting issue. It is mechanically arranged very good.

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DOUG COMMINS FINDS HIS PALS

Douglas Commins, 1950 Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn 10, N. Y. is kinda glad he sent a postal card to The Octofoil recently, parts of which were reprinted. To use Doug's own vernacular:

This notice did wonders for this ex-footslogger. Two buddies from E Co., 47th got in touch with me, and plenty quick. Joe D'Antonio, 1202 Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn—(note, I live at 1950. How small can this world be?) My wife, Lilyan, and I, visited Joe and his wife, Laura Sunday, Nov. 28, and had a most enjoyable time. They have a little boy named Ronnie, who is 9 months old. Words can't express how wonderful it is to grasp the hand of a buddy you haven't seen in years.

The other buddy is Isadore Lehman of 1946 First Ave., New York City. Lehman has invited Joe and Laura, Lilyan and I to visit him Sunday, Dec. 19. His wife's name is Juanita, and they have a 2-year-old daughter.

Thanks to our wonderful paper, The Octofoil, we buddies have finally contacted each other.

Come on, you old timers of E Co., of Bragg days, snap out of your Petrosky (remember that saying?) Get in touch with us, no matter where you are. This is a grand starter and we want more contacts. On the ball with those ball points, fellows—let's hear from you. This is an order—not a request. Who knows, maybe we will even round up our grand old skipper, Captain Ruppert of the days of old at Bragg.

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Q.—My brother, a disabled World War II veteran, is being rehabilitated under Public Law 16. Must he find his own job or will VA do this?

A.—Veterans Administration will help your brother look for a job after he finishes his training.

Here Is a Guy Who IS a Real Mr. Anonymous

There's a former Ninth man running loose somewhere who writes nice things about the history, The Octofoil, and the Association, but forgets to sign his name. Parts of the anonymous letter are reprinted below:

Gentlemen: Received my copy of the Division history. It's very wonderful.

Every year I read of the wonderful stand of the 39th at St. Jacques de Nehon on June 18, 1944, when the 77th Panzer Division was attempting to break through. I was a member of the 39th then; no mention is ever made of the 60th Infantry Regt. Hqtrs. Co. and some of their men who saved us a lot of embarrassment by being on the spot.

I remember we had been minus our ammunition train for some unknown reason and had two rifle companies and Dog Heavy Weapons with us. When the attack started we had to prevail on the 60th Ammo train for their ammo. They were in a field and had a tough time getting their trucks out, but they finally deployed to a field further back, but our mortars were coughing 81 mm. very fast. The cocky little warrant officer they had finally took the whole six ammo trucks he had and right on the front lines helped us with our mortars by uncrating 81 mm. cavers, handing the shells to our mortar men, passing machine gun ammo and such.

CRAZY—LIKE A FOX

We thought it was crazy bringing six trucks right up there, but as this little warrant officer later said: It was a case of supplying the 39th in a hurry and that was the only way. Two 60th Inf. battalions, Second and Third, were further down the road in the process of sealing the Contentin Peninsula.

General Eddy later come down to our mortar positions and he wasn't a bit worried.

His only words were to the little officer of the 60th, stay close by with the ammo.

The same little ammo officer dispatched his sergeant for more ammo and it came to us all morning until noon. The attack had started at 4:30 that a. m.

AMMO OFFICER PRAISED
A week later when this same 60th ammo train was deployed in a field near Dog Co., our commanding officer, Capt. Thomas, thanked this little 60th warrant officer and said: Boy, you guys sure saved our carcasses. Same with our executive officer, Lt. Hummert.

Sure would like to know that little warrant officer's name because I'm sure all the people who were there remember how important a part the 60th men played in stemming that break through. This is just a little story behind the actual news and let's give credit where it is due.

The 39th received a unit citation for this tough day in their combat annals.

Georgia Crackers Have Nice Session

Walter J. Victor, 580 Holder-ness St., Atlanta, Ga., is the secretary of the Georgia group. Any former Ninth men in that area should contact Walter at once.

This progressive group of former Ninth men held a meeting on Dec. 9 at the home of Gen. George W. Smythe, at which time a 2-hour combat movie film was shown. After the movies Mrs. Smythe in her own inimitable way of entertaining, served refreshments. They are all still talking about that delicious baked ham she served them.

Dues were collected at the feast and plans made for a February meeting. The date will be announced later. You former Ninth guys living in Georgia should get you '49 dues in to Victor at the address given above. Watch The Octofoil for announcement of the next meeting and make a special effort to try and be there.

The following members attended the last meeting:

Tom Donnelly, Horace E. Clary, General George Smythe, S-Sgt. Vernon E. Mugerdtchen, S-Sgt. Carl B. Wappler, Marion Martin, S-Sgt. Joseph E. Goode, Captain John H. Cisel, Major William Waikart, Lt. Col. Justin W. Stoll, James R. Helton, Capt. William E. McWaters, C.W.O. John M. Alley, Walter J. Victor, John H. Bonoth, A. L. Crowe, Lt. Col. Lucien F. Keller, M-Sgt. Andrew Parker, Burton E. Moore, and C. A. Ledford.

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SENDS BIRTH CARD IN UNIQUE FORM



Paul Esterle, 996 Baird St., Akron 6, Ohio, wishes to announce to his old buddies the fact that Merrillyn Jean arrived Nov. 3 at Paul's and Elsie's home, weighing in at 6 pounds and 3 ozs. Accompanying the announcement was the above picture of Merrillyn Jean and Elsie. (Paul is a former Co. L, 60th Regt. man.)

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LOGICAL ANSWER

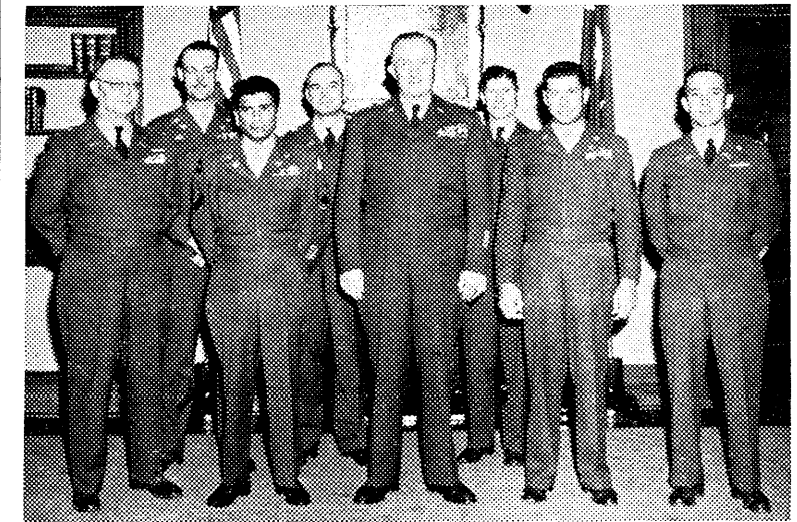
The income tax form for those earning up to \$3,000 a year has been greatly simplified. It still isn't as simple as one suggested by a tormented form filler. His contained only four lines:

1. What was your income for the year?
2. What were your expenses?
3. How much have you left?
4. Send it in.—Exchange.

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Pay '49 Dues TODAY!

WHEN GOOD FELLOWS GET TOGETHER



This group picture was made by the Instructional Aid Services, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kans. Any old-line Ninth man can pick out many familiar characters surrounding Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, center, front row.

Highway Dedicated To 9th Men

TED MATUSIK COMMENTS ON THE HISTORY

FINALLY RECEIVES BRONZE STAR AFTER WAITING FOR FOUR YEARS.

Matusik, well-known in Association circles because of his loud shirts and extraordinary ability as a cameraman explains he moved his "laboratories" into larger quarters, installing a darkroom so as to pursue his photographic hobby a bit more religiously.

In commenting on "Eight Stars to Victory" Ted has this to say:

I have been reading "Eight Stars to Victory," and it is quite well documented but to a certain extent I am disappointed in it. Originally we were promised that every man in the division would be listed in it. Perhaps for reasons of economy it was omitted, but can Capt. Mittelman tell me why the K.I.A.s were omitted? That single omission defeated one of the purposes of the Ninth Infantry Division Assn. Frankly, I do not like the frontpiece picture of the four G.I.s with bottles in their hands. The Ninth may have done its share of drinking but to my way of thinking the picture is entirely out of place in the volume.

In regards to the volume, the 47th History could have been used as a model. The Distinguished Unit Citation in the history could have been written up as they were in the 47th history. It would have been more effective than the box system.

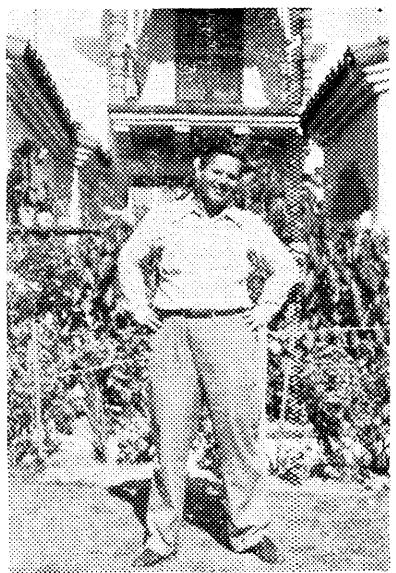
However, all in all, the volume is well written and historically accurate and stands heads over any other divisional histories I have seen.

THANKS FATHER CONNORS

Matusik asked The Octofoil to thank Father Connors for two very nice letters the Father wrote in appreciation for some photographic work executed by Matusik. He also wants the New Englanders to let him know what the qualifications are to join the "Father Connors Marching and Chowder Club." He wants to join.

The remains of Stanley M. Matusik were returned to this country for final burial during the past month and Ted wants his friends to know that is the reason he has been slow in answering their letters.

"Shirts" Matusik -- In Person



Ted Matusik has snapped a lot of former Ninth men's pictures. Now it's Ted's turn. Walt Mahon styled him "Shirts" Matusik after the combination of colored shirts the lad showed up in Philadelphia wearing.

Classes in operation and maintenance of 16 millimeter motion picture projectors are held for patients in the Veterans Administration Center in White River Junction, Vermont, as part of their medical rehabilitation. Veterans completing courses will help trained operators show movies to fellow patients in the wards.

ORLYN D. GILES WRITES FROM OLE ALABAMA

Orlyn D. Giles, his wife and a new baby boy, born Nov. 26, 1948, live at 608 Blythe St., East Gadsden, Ala.

Little Edward Lee Giles moved into the Giles domicile, bringing happiness with his 7 lbs. and 7 ounces of personality.

Orlyn writes The Octofoil as follows:

Hello Fellows: At long last I've decided to jot down just a few lines for The Octofoil (I almost said Octopus; you see the paper has so much grip on my wife and I we always fuss over who reads it first.) No kidding, you are doing a wonderful job with the paper and we all appreciate it.

I have received my copy of "8 Stars to Victory," and think it's just wonderful. I just don't see how anyone could have done a better job; and every time I pick it up I live over again some of the most thrilling experiences of my life.

WANTS BUDDIES TO WRITE

I would greatly appreciate hearing from any of the fellows whom I knew or who knew me in Co. K, 39th, especially the First Platoon.

I am working for the International Harvester Co. dealer here in Gadsden as office manager. I was married soon after returning to the states in November, 1944. My wife and I now have two boys, one born January 26, 1946; the other November 26, 1948.

Wishing everyone a Great Big Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year, full of Octofoils every month.

Sincerely,

ORLYN D. GILES.

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JERSEY PAPERS EULOGIZE GULL

George McDermott, 1130 E. Tremont Ave., Bronx, N. Y., advises The Octofoil that no soldier ever received the DSC award who was any more deserving than was Staff Sgt. Stanley P. Gull.

Mac sent a clipping from an old New Jersey newspaper with a 2-column picture of Sgt. Gull and Lt. Col. Arthur Miller when the sarge was awarded the DSC. However, it was impossible to get a good reproduction of the picture from the faded newspaper. Parts of the story read as follows:

Commended personally by Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges, commander of the First Army, Staff Sgt. Stanley P. Gull has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for bravery under fire.

The 29-year-old sergeant lost his left leg.

Sgt. Gull was seriously wounded during the breakthrough in Normandy. Attached to the 60th Regt. of the Ninth Division, Gull was leading his squad in an attack on an enemy hedgerow position when the enemy suddenly opened fire with automatic weapons and anti-tank guns from pointblank range.

Gen. Hodges, in describing Gull's heroism, said:

"Sgt. Gull suffered a severe leg wound and he fell in an open area where he was subjected to enemy fire of all kinds. Maintaining his calmness and completely disregarding his very serious wound, he continued to lead his men by means of hand signals and shouted orders, placing them into positions to bring effective fire upon enemy replacements.

"Disclaiming aid, he directed some of his men in the evacuation of another severely wounded man. When this was accomplished, though bleeding profusely, Sgt. Gull continued to direct the fire and movement of his men who were so inspired by his self-sacrifice and leadership, they overcame the enemy and were able to advance to their objective. It was only after he was convinced his squad successfully won the enemy position that he permitted himself to be aided and evacuated."

Read These and Answer -- Please

Co. A, 60th Inf.—Pfc. Stephen J. Wadnjak, killed July 1, 1944, France; buried Ste. Mere Eglise No. 2 Cemetery. Write Marie Wadnjak, 121 16th St., Barberton, Ohio.

Co. E, 60th Inf.—Pvt. Edgar Ripley, killed at St. Lo, France. Write Frank Ripley, Church St., Franklin, N. H.

60th Inf., Co. A—Pfc. John F. Walczak, killed Jan. 10, 1945, near Kalterberg, Germany. Write Mrs. J. Walczak, 385 Dexter St., Toledo 8, Ohio.

Co. K, 47th Inf.—Would like to hear from anyone who knew Pvt. Kenneth L. Shamway or anyone who was in this outfit between March and May, 1943. Don Shamway, Rt. 1, Box 406, Rockford, Illinois.

Edwin W. Wisniewski, Rt. 2, Box 92, Richmond, Mich., who was formerly a member of Service Co., 47th (Maintenance Section), would like to locate a buddy known as "Doc," who used to drive a 2nd Bn. 47th Jeep and did live in Toledo, O. Edwin is now working just out of Toledo as a Diesel engineer, operating a hydraulic dredge, and would appreciate some information that would help him locate "Doc."

Lloyd C. Guerin wants former members of Co. F, 39th Inf., to take note of his new address: 405 Washington Ave., Colonial Hgts., Petersburg, Va.—and drop him a few lines.

Albro Fessenden, 382 Foote Ave., Jamestown, N. Y., wants to hear from any of the fellows who were with him in Co. E, 2nd Plt., 60th Inf.

John M. Syens, Friesland, Wis., would appreciate some correspondence from former Co. K, 47th Inf. men.

Charles L. Harris, 254 Main St., Hartford, Conn., wants to hear from Harry Rohrer and Emilio Capelli, who were both formerly with Co. I, 60th Inf.

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Holmans Living In State of Iowa

Mrs. Clarence Holman, 204 S. Aggle, Hamburg, Iowa, gets tired of Clarence gold bricking and not writing to The Octofoil, so she takes her pen in hand and writes a nice note, expressing her feeling toward the Association.

Mrs. Holman's letter in part:

Enclosed is check for 1949 dues for Clarence Holman, former Co. H, 47th soldier. Keep up the good work for the division. I am proud to be the wife of a former Ninth man. We both read The Octofoil and we enjoy it very much.

The radio program was good. We watched the papers until we learned the correct date.

We have read "Eight Stars to Victory." For a subject not too pleasant, it is a grand book.

It was a pleasure to see Missouri wants to organize. We are contacting Boyd A. Wiley. We live about 100 miles from St. Joseph, Mo., so we are interested in getting a group started also.

Clarence and I would like to see a convention held in the Middle West. And he would like to hear from any of his old buddies.

More power to all for the good you are doing.

—Pittsburgh In '49—

Appreciate "Eight Stars to Victory" In North Dakota

Archie M. Rohrer, Church's Ferry, N. D., writes as follows:

Just a line to let you know I received the Division history and have already read it. I found it very interesting. The book is something to be proud of. The men who got the information and condensed it did a wonderful job. I found it most interesting reading for things moved as fast as the old Ninth was always jumping off some place.

I agree with Taylor that the reunion should be in a more centrally located city.

I am wondering if I know the Chappy Lynch, of Ashley, and Leo Blaum, Wilkes-Barre. If they are from Hqtr. Co., 2nd Bn., 47th, I know them.

I am also interested in the overseas trip, mentioned by Wolman in The Octofoil. You can count on me for that trip providing it takes place during the fall or winter.

The Octofoil is doing a swell job. Get more 47th men to write.

HIGHWAY FROM UTAH BEACH TO THE CHERBOURG PENINSULA DEDICATED TO NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION

COSTS OF BUILDING HIGHWAY PAID FOR BY FRENCH PEOPLE WHO BOUGHT COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS; QUOTA GREATLY OVERSUBSCRIBED.

By PAT DUNNAHOO.

NORMANDY, France.—Doughs of the Ninth are honored with a recently-completed memorial in France for the important role they played in the liberation of the country from the Nazi occupying armies during World War II.

MARKERS ON THE FRENCH HIGHWAY



Dotting the French highway in honor of the Ninth Infantry Division are these markers.

As a tribute to the ex-G.I.s of the 9th, the historic route along which they fought during their campaign to cut off the Cherbourg Peninsula in Normandy in the summer of 1944, has been designated as a part of the "Route of Liberty" Memorial Highway, by the French government.

The highway, which was recently dedicated, is France's major memorial to the World War II American liberating armies and is designed to preserve the routes along which the most important military attacks of the Campaign in Northern France were made.

The Memorial Head, which extends for 600 miles from the Atlantic Coast invasion beaches to the eastern border of France, is divided into a number of sections, each of which follows the combat route of the outstanding American military unit which took the lead in liberating that section from the Nazis.

9TH SIGNALLY HONORED

The Ninth Division has been honored by having a lengthy stretch of the route over which it fought during the "Battle for Cherbourg" designated as an important section of the "Route of Liberty" in the Province of Normandy.

The stretch of the road which memorializes the Ninth follows much of the route covered by the Division during June, 1944. It begins in the environs of Utah Beach, where the 9th G.I.s landed in France and continues to the city of Cherbourg, which fell on the 26th of June after one of the most bitterly-fought battles of the war.

By their successful campaign in this area, the Ninth doughs not only freed a large section of Normandy from the Nazi occupation, but also proved instrumental in the capture of the port of Cherbourg, control of which was vitally needed at the time for the continued success of the Allied invasion effort.

This historic route along which the Ninth G.I.s fought during the "Battle for Cherbourg" was recently dedicated, along with all other sections of the "Route of Liberty" Highway, as a memorial to the liberating soldiers.

MARKED FOR 600 MILES

The entire 600 miles of the highway is marked with four-foot high concrete, circular monuments placed at half-mile intervals along the sides of the road. On each marker in bas-relief are the words, "Route of Liberty, 1944," beneath which is a torch, symbolizing the "flame of liberty," which the American G. I.s helped to rekindle in France. Forty-eight red stars and a broad blue band, adapted from the

American flag, encircle the top of the monuments.

Costs of construction of the concrete markers were paid for by proceeds realized from the sale of commemorative stamps, which pictured one of the monuments, to the public. The sales quota set for the stamps was greatly over-subscribed, so enthusiastic were the people of France in their desire that the proposed memorial to the American G.I. liberators become a reality.

The "Route of Liberty" Highway is now open to motorists and maps of it have been prepared for their use. An elaborate guide book, giving histories of the various military units honored by the Highway, and the cities which each liberated, has also been printed.

The "Route of Liberty," crowded with jeeps, tanks trucks, and columns of combat infantrymen in 1944, is today filled with the cars, of tourists. The site of bitter battles four years ago, the Highway is today peaceful, winding through the picturesque French countryside, and motorists travel it with ease.

Those who drive along the "Route of Liberty" are constantly reminded, however, that they travel a road which played a vital role in the history of World War II. For every half-mile they see a red, white and blue marker, erected there by the people of France, in grateful appreciation of the sacrifices made in 1944 by the soldiers of the Ninth and other American infantry divisions in order that the Nazi armies might be defeated and the "flame of liberty" burn once again in France.

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CHICAGO LADS LOST A DOLLAR

Frank C. Proper, 1812 S. Morgan St., Chicago 8, Ill., sent his 1949 dues directly to National headquarters because he had not received any correspondence recently from the Illinois Chapter and did not know where to send his dues money other than to Secretary Charles O. Tingley.

LIKES HISTORY

Quoting from Frank's letter: I want to take this opportunity to join in the singing of praises about "Eight Stars to Victory." It's sure interesting. As yet I haven't completely read the book, due to my job taking up so much of my time, but rest assured that I'll not leave one single page unread. As we used to say in Germany, "IT'S PREMA GOOT."

Needless to say that I read The Octofoil from cover to cover, and I'm always looking for some word of the fellows who used to be with me in G Co., 47th, during the war, and Hqtrs. 2nd Bn., 47th, after the war.

In closing, may I wish you all on the staff, all the members of the 9th Inf. Div. Association all the holiday cheer in the world—a most joyous Christmas and the most Prosperous and Happy New Year of 1949.

Thanking you for your consideration and for the splendid way all the officers of the organization are working to keep this Association of ours a going thing, I remain as always, and forever, I hope—

A member of the Ninth Div. Association.

FRANK C. PROPER.

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Pay '49 Dues TODAY!

SHE'S NEW YORK CHAPTER'S FAVORITE



Everyone attending the New York Dance was happy, but a few were happier than others when Dame Luck overtook them. Left to right in this picture will be noted Stan Cohen, Al Bruchac, Mrs. Spencer, Getzy Schiff, Ernie Siegel and Jim Bruno.

SHORT, PEPPY NOTES OF INTEREST FROM SIDEWALKS OF NEW YORK

By STAN COHEN,
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York Chapter, 9th Inf.
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182 Danforth Ave.,
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Every meeting in New York brings additional information and added knowledge of what some of the New York members have done and are now doing. For example, this past month saw the induction of additional members that are rapidly increasing the families of former Ninth men. . . .

Jordan Bierman, formerly of Hqs. Sp. Trps., announced the birth of his son, Robert Irving, weight, 5 lbs. 9 ozs. Mrs. Ruth Bierman gave birth to Robert at the Beth Israel Hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Blackie Calladora telephoned yours truly to announce to the members of the meeting the birth of a new baby girl, Theresa, 6 lbs. 13 oz. at the Israel Zion Hospital in Brooklyn. Henry (Blackie) and Mrs. C. are now living at 67-16 13th Ave., Brooklyn.

Michael Joseph, 9 lbs. 2 oz., born Nov. 7, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Stan Mrozinski, 86 Glenwood Ave., Staten Island. Stan was with Co. G, 47th.

Fred Golub asks if Lee Schumacker, Raleigh, N. C., happens to read this column he should contact Fred. . . . John Foley, Serv., 60th, is now living at the Styvesant Apts., 17 Styvesant Oval, New York.

CAPTAIN GARLAND, formerly 39th Hdqtrs., please contact Harry McLaughlin, 1947 Lexington Ave., New York City. VERY IMPORTANT. . . .

Bill and Winifred Zachman live at 248 W. 42nd St., New York. Bill was with Co. H, 47th. He is now watchmaker as well as the proud father of two children, Guard, 6, and Theresa, 1. . . . Dick O'Connor, B Btry., 84th A.P., and his wife, Grace, with Richard, age 2, are now living at 30 Lauriel Ave., Kearney, N. J. . . . Jim (Pop) Quinn just got married. Pop was with the 84th and is now living at 55 Monticello Ave., in Newark, N. J. . . . Fred Martone, Co. E, 60th, and his wife, Dorothy; Ted, 2, and Dot, 1, are now at 80 Stevens St., Freeport, L. I. Ted is a chief clerk at Mitchell Field. . . . Anthony Buzas, Co. I, 60th, is a shipyard worker, living at 5502 68th St., Maspeth, L. I.

Adolph Wadalavage, MP Det., 2817 38th St., Long Island City, is now with the Board of Transportation Service Line. Robert Sullivan, Co. I, 60th, of 9305 123rd St., Richmond Hill, is working on the Long Island Railroad.

Doc Seslowe wants to hear from DOC LARRISY, Div. Hqtrs., and PAPPY FELTON, of the 9th Med. . . . Bob Sutler, Div. Hqtrs., and his wife, Mary; and Wayne, 1 1-2, live at 1561 Metin Ave., in the Bronx. . . . Bob is a claim ap-

prover. . . . Fred Falgiano, Co. M, 47th, of 681 Hilton Ave., the Bronx, and his wife, Eleanor, and Fred, Jr., want to hear from some Jerseyites.

A FINE LETTER

Not many times do we in New York get this kind of a letter. For that reason we would like for the rest of the guys from the Ninth to know how some fellows feel about the association. This is a reprint of a letter from Francis J. Ferrise, 1042 Louise St., Elizabeth, N. J.:

Dear Sir: I received your mimeographed letter today and I am sorry to say that I have already sent in my dues for 1948. I have already received my "Eight Stars to Victory." However, due to my ignorance in sending my dues into the National Headquarters I feel I should send you \$1 to the local chapter to compensate my error. Enclosed you will find a money order for the amount of \$1. I am an active member of your chapter and I want it to be used for anything that may help the New York Chapter to continue its great work and that I may remain on your mailing list. Sincerely . . . Francis J. Ferrise.

All that we of the New York Chapter can say to Francis is that your type of reaction is responsible for making the Ninth Division Association what it is today.

Attention, Kenneth Deck, Erwin, N. C.: Congratulations upon the birth of two lovely daughters. Ken writes he is now a port manager at the Hudson Place in Dunn, N. C. Bernie, Cleary, Jimmy Ryan and the writer all want to wish you well.

A last minute telephone call brought word that Lee Van Stetina, R. F. D., 65-111 Lorraine Ave., Schenectady, N. Y., is now the proud papa of a little girl. Lee is still playing trumpet up Schenectady way—just like he did with the Ninth Red Band. . . . Bob Schaeffer, also of the Red Band, is now living in New Britain, Conn.

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Notice

The Octofoil went to press right on the nose at 8 A. M. Dec. 16, 1948. Mail has been in a most chaotic condition for several days. All deliveries have been running six to seven hours late—some letters have been delayed for a couple of days. It is quite possible some letters will be received that were intended for this issue after The Octofoil is off the press. And no doubt the letters were mailed in plenty of time for delivery before or on the 15th of December had the mail service been normal. If there are letters received after the paper is published, they will be given proper recognition in the next issue.

NEW YORK MEETINGS FILLED WITH LIVELY DISCUSSIONS

By STAN COHEN,
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One block west of Times Square at the Hotel Times Square in New York City, once again the men of the New York Chapter met for their monthly meeting. As usual, the meeting was one of high tension and noteworthy discussion. The arrangements of how the new Constitution shall be worded and carried out, the procedure of voting for officers, etc. All were important in establishing the correct methods of running the New York Chapter. They were discussed and thrashed about. It is interesting to note how attentive and outspoken the membership is, nothing is passed; everything is discussed and everyone is noticed who has anything to say.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Chairman Harold Pepper announces the "Area Chairmen" for the New York Membership Drive. For Manhattan: Dr. H. C. Sternlicht; Brooklyn, Nick Orlando, Jr.; Bronx, Dominick Miele; Queens, Vincenzo Mrozinski; Nassau, co-chairmen, Harold Fredericks and Ted Martine; New Jer-

sey, co-chairmen, Dick O'Connor and Dan Quinn; Westchester, George Grossman. This group of men will have a special meeting to finish the arranged plans of conscription in January. It is interesting here to mention that the above men have given up their time to volunteer to enlist the names of new members into the fold of the New York Chapter.

MOVIES ON AGENDA

After the meeting was over and the business part dispensed with, the members were treated to a film on the "History of Boxing," a contribution of the Gallagher & Burton Corp., with the commentary by Ray Miller.

ELECTION JAN. 7, 1949.

Secretary Mike Katto announces that the next meeting of the New York Chapter will be Jan. 7, 1949. At this meeting the new officers will be elected. This will be a very important meeting and all those who can possibly attend are invited. The outcome of this meeting will be the men who are to lead us in the next year. Therefore it is vital that every man possible should attend.

The meeting will be held at the Hotel Times Square, 43rd St. and 8th Ave., New York City, at 7:30 P. M.

M. L. BUTTERTON HAS A REAL GRIPE TO SOUND OFF ABOUT

M. L. Butterton, 26 City Park Ave., Portsmouth, Va., former 126th Ord. man is a little put out because the 126th was not given proper credit in "Eight Stars to Victory." Writing to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, the lad registers his complaint in well chosen words in this manner:

I have received my copy of "Eight Stars to Victory" and must say that it is the best division history that I have had the pleasure of seeing, and I have seen the best of them, the 8th, 5th, 4th, 45th, etc. Naturally the Ninth is better.

As the habit of most everyone, I have just one complaint to make with the book. In the whole book the 126th Ord. MM. Co. was never mentioned. Not even in the back where attached units are listed. Working coherently with the 709th Ord. Co. from England to Ingoldstadt, I can't understand why the 126th is never mentioned. They were attached to the Ninth just about the time the 899th TD and 376th AAA were. I did a lot of duty with the 126th and found them to be a great bunch of boys and some of them would like to join the Ninth Div. Assn., but feel they are not qualified because the Ninth Division Assn. charter does not mention them. In spite of the fact that they were Ordinance, they went through the same thing that most of the Division did. They received the same awards and as many battle stars as did the division in the ETO. There are many who would like to join the Ohio chapter, the New York chapter, and the large majority to join the Detroit chapter.

164 STRONG

Composed of 164 strong, the 126th joined the Ninth at the Winchester-Barton Stacey area being stationed at Lopscomb Camp on the Salisbury plains, they landed in Normandy D plus 6, even before some of the Ninth units did, to work for the Ninth. They entered Germany Sept. 14 and set up operations at the same time as the 709th Ord. and before many troops had entered the Fatherland.

The company endured the hard-

ships that were to be endured during the winter of the Aachen siege and the cold of the Elsenborn plains and vicinity, including Monshau. They situated right next to the 709th from Stolberg to the other side of the Rhine and shared their food with the 709th. Near Bad Godesberg in the Rhineland they were with the 34th FA for a long while furnishing chow. Many of the men were constantly on DS with various combat units of the Ninth on the front.

PROUD OF NINTH

The most important thing is that they were as proud of the Ninth as any member of the Division. They used to brag on it. Sometimes ending in a brawl with opposite troops. This is not a bitch, but they all loved the 9th and feel hurt that they worked side by side with the Ninth during the hard days of Normandy, the rat race across France, the "goof offs" of Paris, liberation of Spa, Verviers, the uncertain battle of the Meuse, and the mud of Roetgen, and throughout the campaign but yet to be unaccepted by the same outfit in peace time. The men still feel as a part of the Ninth, and even when they were discharged, on their way home, most of them wore the First Army patch on one shoulder and the 9th Div. on the other. And then the last part—some of these boys are never coming back, either.

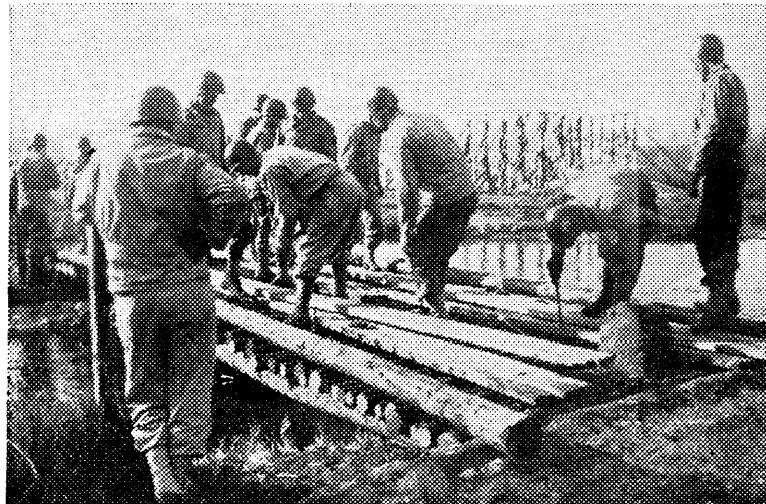
Outside of that I think "Eight Stars to Victory" is a swell book. —PITTSBURGH IN '49—

HOOKED BARNUM

P. T. Barnum had the reputation of outwitting anyone with whom he dealt. But a man from Vermont once turned the tables on him. The Vermonter wrote a letter to Barnum saying he had a cherry-colored cat which he thought should be added to the Barnum Museum, the price being only \$200.

Barnum immediately sent a check for \$200 for the cat. In return he received promptly a large, coal-black cat, with a note attached to its neck: "I neglected to tell you that Vermont cherries are always black."—Exchange.

A "MERRIE OLE" ENGLAND WORKOUT



Pfc. Melvin E. Tillman, Det. 1, 1262nd A. S. U., Fort Dix, N. J., sends The Octofoil a painful reminder of those strongback jobs assigned Hq. 1st Bn. 47th men around Alresford, England.

WILKES-BARRE, PA. CHAPTER IS NOW A GOING CONCERN

By FRANCIS H. WOLMAN,
Secretary-Treasurer, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Chapter Ninth
Infantry Div. Assn.,
257 Green Street,
Edwardsville, Pa. (Kingston P.O.)

Wilkes-Barre may take its place among the other chapters of the Ninth Division Association. A very successful meeting was held at which time the combat films were shown.

Leo Blaum was elected president, and Francis H. Wolman secretary-treasurer.

A few men showed up who heretofore had not heard of the Association. They in turn plan to contact others, so the future looks bright. Refreshments were served due to the generosity of our President Blaum.

THANK CAPT. FOSTER

We wish to give our thanks to Capt. Edwin Foster of the Organized Reserve Corps, who made a special trip from New Jersey to run off the film.

Scranton was well represented. Plans will be made in the future to alternate the meetings between Scranton and Wilkes-Barre. The second Sunday of each month has been designated as the date of our meetings, the next being on January 9.

Following is a list of the men who attended our first meeting: Robert L. Davis, Joseph Vitz, John B. Knight, Joluns B. Ulrich, Paul Yoggi, Stanley Serafin, Herbert Donath, Laurence Lynch, Frank Dennis, William Saleski, Mark S. McKeoun, Joseph A. Junto, Leo Blaum and Francis H. Wolman.

DISCUSS OCTOFOIL

The Octofoil and Division History were commented on very satisfactorily by non-members and seems to be the drawing card for membership.

Old times were discussed and the combat films brought back many memories.

All you fellows from Wilkes-Barre and vicinity who recognize your buddies' names, come along and join them on Jan. 9. We promise that you will not be sorry.

Next month the collection of dues will be dealt with and does not seem to constitute a problem. The willingness shown so far seems as a likely means of spreading out with many new members.

Once again the Chapter expresses its thanks to Chappie Lynch and Leo Blaum for their great help in making everything possible. Also Secretary Tingley, who kept me on the ball when I might have gotten discouraged.

Bad weather kept a few boys away the Sunday we met. But we know next month nothing can stop us. Wilkes-Barre is rolling on to greater heights—that will soon throw a shadow across many other Chapters.

Okay fellows, let's get on the band wagon. Remember that date, Jan. 9, 1949, at the Legion Home, River St., Wilkes-Barre. Do not keep your buddies waiting. Time becomes short after a spell. Contact the gang away from home, at work or school. Sunday is your day off, so spend it with a combat buddy.

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More of Wojtas' P.O.W. Diary Is To Be Published

There are three more installments of Vic Wojtas' interesting P.O.W. diary to be printed in future issues of The Octofoil. Board meetings, return list of overseas k.i.a.s, comments on history and other features have crowded the diary out of recent issues, but it is always interesting and always news, whereas many of the other items would be useless unless printed when received in The Octofoil office.