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ONE CENT A DAY

(Reading Time . . . Three Minutes)

YOUR ANNUAL DUES AMOUNT TO LESS THAN ONE CENT A DAY. PAYMENT OF \$3.50 ANNUAL DUES WILL MAKE THE FOLLOWING A REALITY:

1. ENABLE YOUR ASSOCIATION TO OPERATE ON A SOUND FINANCIAL BASIS.
2. CONTINUING TO PUBLISH YOUR MONTHLY PAPER --- "THE OCTOFOIL."
3. CONTINUATION OF SERVICE TO MEMBERS IN AFFORDING THE OPPORTUNITY OF KEEPING IN CONTACT WITH ONE ANOTHER.
4. CONTINUATION OF YOUR ANNUAL CONVENTIONS . . . ALSO THE FULFILLMENT OF PLANS TO HOLD REGIONAL CONVENTIONS IN SECTIONS WHERE LOCAL CHAPTERS DO NOT EXIST AND WHICH ARE DISTANT FROM THE NATIONAL CONVENTION SITE.
5. ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUITABLE MEMORIAL TO THOSE MEN OF THE DIVISION WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN ORDER THAT YOU MIGHT LIVE. (A COMMITTEE IS NOW AT WORK ON A MEMORIAL PLAN WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE 1949 CONVENTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE MEMBERS).
6. CONTINUATION OF GIVING ASSISTANCE TO NEXT OF KIN TO THE NINTH. MEN WHO DID NOT RETURN.
7. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW LOCAL CHAPTERS AND CONTINUED SUPPORT OF CHAPTERS NOW OPERATING.

FAILURE ON YOUR PART TO PAY Y-O-U-R ANNUAL DUES WILL LEAD EVENTUALLY TO THE FOLLOWING SITUATION:

1. AND ONLY ONE THING -- THE END OF THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION. . . ALL THAT WILL REMAIN WILL BE THE MEMORIES.

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To place a few of the facts briefly before you, stand by for this: Your Association is fast losing ground. Reserve finances are being used up each year to meet present operating expenses and such a condition can only go on as long as reserves hold out.

The Association started in 1945-1946 with about \$90,000.00, and during the course of the past three or four years, with operating expenses rising and the payment of over \$56,000 to cover cost of publishing "8 Stars to Victory" reserves now total about \$20,000.

Many have not paid annual dues in the past because as you so stated, dues would not be paid until delivery of the history. The history is off the press and everyone entitled to receive it should have a copy.

Many have complained about the increase in the rate of dues from \$1 to \$3.50. This action was taken at the First Annual Convention held in New York City in 1946 and approved by the members attending. Last year about 3700 members paid their annual dues. Annual operating expenses run about \$14,000 per year, so with annual dues for last year set at \$3.50 per member expenses were not met. Think what the situation would have been if the annual dues were only \$1.00. If 6,000 members were paying annual dues the rate could very easily be lowered. The cost of publishing "The Octofoil" amounts to about \$450 per month. Salaries, postage, stationery, printing and other miscellaneous office expenses all add up.

Letters have been received from many members expressing their reasons for not paying annual dues. All that is asked of each one who have not paid 1949 dues is that you seriously think about the situation—consider the cost of operation; consider the "ESPRIT DE CORPS" that existed in the Ninth Infantry Division during the last war—Consider what the Association stands for and what it wants to do and can do towards keeping a tie between former buddies—Consider the plans for a Memorial to those who did not return. Consider the Annual Conventions and the opportunities such affairs offer towards renewal of friendship—Consider your monthly publication, and then consider all the various other reasons why it is important to keep the Association alive and in existence and then compare these points with your reasons for not having paid your annual dues.

It is sincerely hoped that your decision will be to pay 1949 dues now. NO BACK DUES ARE BEING ASKED FOR.

Act now, without delay—send in your \$3.50 and thereby do your part in building up the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

For your convenience, a blank form appears on Page 2—tear it out, fill it in—write a check or buy a money order or send Secretary-Treasurer Charles O. Tingley, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., just plain old cash --- "H't don't make no difference" --- Do it now!

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

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

In conjunction with what appears on the front page of this issue, it is my desire to urge all of you who have not paid your 1949 dues to do so as soon as possible. It is of the utmost importance that your Association have the support of its entire membership.

When you consider that at one time, upon organization, our active membership amounted to over 10,000, and our paid-up membership for the year 1948 only totaled about 3,700 members, it presents a very unhealthy outlook for the future. However, those of us who are charged with the responsibility of keeping your Association alive are extremely hopeful and confident that our paid-up membership for 1949 will far surpass last year's and we ask your cooperation in making this a reality.

I would like to bring to your attention once again that your Association has great possibilities for the future. There are about 30,000 to 40,000 men who were at one time or another part of the Ninth Infantry Division. This means that there is a great potentiality for new members and I urge each and everyone of you to make an earnest effort to bring in at least one new member during this year. If you desire any information as to who is a member and who is not a member, I know that our national secretary will do all that he can to furnish this information.

Think back to the time when you were in the Division and recall the names of some of your former friends. If you have their present address drop them a note and ask if they are members. If they are not, then see what you can do about getting them to join. If you do not have their address write in to the national secretary and the address will be forthcoming if available. Let us all make it our duty to keep our Association active.

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

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Above prices include the 20 per cent Federal Tax as well as Postage cost.	

Send your order together with the proper amount of money to the following address:

NATIONAL SECRETARY

POSTOFFICE BOX 1704
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FEBRUARY IN THE HISTORY OF THE 9TH DIVISION

- (1943) Anti-tank Company 39th Infantry marches 266 miles to guard airport at Biskra, North Africa.
- (1945) 2d Battalion 39th Infantry and 3d Battalion 47th Infantry attack and capture Wehlerscheid, Germany (Hell's Corner).
- (1945) 39th Infantry captures heavily defended strongpoint at Forsthaus Wahlerscheid, Germany; 60th Infantry finds the going tough in and around Rotheckrenz; 47th Infantry advances to high ground east of the Hofen-Wahlerscheid road.
- (1945) After an all day fight beginning at 0200 the 1st and 2d Battalions 60th Infantry capture Dreibern and its strongly defended castle; the 3d Battalion goes through to capture Herhahn (Heartbreak Crossroads). 47th Infantry captures Einruhr.
- (1945) 39th Infantry, relieving the 60th, successfully counters German counter attack at Herhahn, pushes on to Morsbach, and pursues enemy across the Urft River by fire. 47th Infantry advances through Vogelsang, Ordensburg and Wollseifen; Company A is first to reach the Urftalsperre Dam—the first of the Roer dams captured after five months of fighting.
- (1946) 25 Landkreise taken over for occupation from 71st Division.
- (1945) 39th and 47th Infantry continue their drives toward the Urft and Olef Rivers, capturing Malsbenden and Hohenried near Gemmend.
- (1945) Division (less 39th Combat Team and 34th Field Artillery) commences spectacular movement toward Schmidt.
- (1945) 60th Infantry attacks from Schmidt to capture Hasenfeld near Schwammenanel Dam.
- (1945) Division Artillery with 28 battalions attached paves the way for capture of Schwammenanel Dam.
- (1943) 47th Infantry completes 482 mile rail trip from Port Lyautey to Asis Ben Okba, North Africa. Division Headquarters completes movement to Tlemcen.
- (1945) Division reassembles in area west of Gemmend.
- (1946) Division headquarters moves to Auesburg.
- (1943) Division Artillery (less 26th) and Cannon Company 60th Infantry leave Tlemcen to begin 777 mile forced march to Southern Tunisia.
- (1945) Division (less 39th Combat Team and 34th Field Artillery) ordered to relieve 82d Airborne Division in Hurtgen Forest. 39th and 34th attached 2d Division.
- (1943) Elements of Division still at Tlemcen depart for Bou Chebka.
- (1943) 3d Battalion and Anti-tank Company 39th Infantry badly hit at Kasserine Pass.
- (1943) Division Artillery (less 26th) and Cannon Companies 47th and 60th Infantry conclude forced march at Thala.
- (1943) Division Artillery (less 26th) and Cannon Companies 47th and 60th Infantry win division's first Distinguished Unit Citation for action near Thala.
- (1945) 39th Combat Team and 34th Field Artillery rejoin Division preparatory to crossing the Roer River.
- (1941) 500 members of Division leave Bragg for New York and Philadelphia on pass in chartered busses with police escort.
- (1944) General Collins, new commander of VII Corps, officially inspects Division in England.
- (1943) Germans begin retreat from Kasserine Pass.
- (1945) 39th Infantry (1st Battalion 60th Infantry attached) crosses the Roer, pushes south and captures Thum and Nideggen.
- (1945) Remainder of 60th Infantry crosses the Roer in Division zone, and 15th Engineers complete the first bridge.
- (1945) 47th Infantry crosses the Roer. Entire Division sweeps to the east, capturing Berg, Abenden, Thuir and the outskirts of Muldenan.

'Twas a Grand and Glorious Day



Pictured above is a group of Ninth Meds., Co. A. These Joes are the first ones who left Co. A under the point system. No wonder they all look kinda happy!

1949 DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE 1949 DUES MUST BE PAID IF A MEMBER EXPECTS TO RECEIVE HIS OCTOFOIL REGULARLY

Either through your local Chapter or directly to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, Ninth Infantry Division Association, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., members should send in their 1949 dues AT ONCE. Dues are \$3.50 per year. This amount includes one year's subscription for The Octofoil. Pay either directly to Secretary-Treasurer Charles O. Tingley, P. O. Box 1704, or if you have a local Chapter, pay your local Chapter Secretary-Treasurer.

When members are listed as delinquent the Secretary is mandated by the Constitution and By-Laws to remove such names from The Octofoil mailing list.

For your convenience the following blank form is printed in a position of The Octofoil that will not cause any news items to be mutilated if clipped out:

MR. CHARLES O. TINGLEY, Secretary-Treasurer,
Ninth Infantry Division Association,
P. O. Box 1704,
Washington 13, D. C.

Enclosed herewith is check, money order (mark which), for my 1949 dues in the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Signed.....
Street or R. F. D.....
City.....Zone.....State.....

General Donald Stroh Puts In Much Time Doing Research Work

The story appearing on the editorial page outlining various division activities during the February dates noted, was compiled by General Donald A. Stroh first vice-president of the Association.

In a letter of recent date to The Octofoil Gen. Stroh explains when he first suggested such a feature for The Octofoil an experience of some years back had proven to him that veterans like very much to be able to look at such charts and reminisce on the events that happened two years or five years or ten years ago.

The General's feature that has attracted so much favorable comment will be a regular feature in The Octofoil for the next several issues.

—Pittsburgh In '49—

SGT GEORGE ROSEN PICTURED IN MAG

The Mohawk Rhoadsman, a publication published at the Rhoads General Hospital, Utica, N. Y., back in September, 1945, had a full column write up with an excellent picture of Sgt. George Rosen. The sarge accumulated 163 points while with the 39th Regt. Quoting from the paper: "Rosen was inducted on Jan. 10, 1941, taking his basic at Fort Bragg. In September, 1942, he walked up the gangplank to begin his overseas adventures with Co. B, 39th, 9th Div. In the assault on Algiers on Nov. 8 his Higgins boat was bombed and sunk and he swam ashore after seven hours in the Mediterranean. For the next four days his outfit was under incessant aerial attack.

"At Kasserine Pass he was wounded for the first time. Recovering, he went aboard ship on July 10, three days later going ashore at Licita, Sicily. While on this junket he was wounded again, this time at Troncia.

"On D plus 3 Rosen was facing another beach assault, this time on the Normandy coast. In the Hurtgen Forest he was again wounded. It was in the bloody battle for that terrain that he added the Bronze Star to his achievements.

"His Silver Star was won during the Battle of the Bulge. Penetrating the enemy lines in the Ardennes Forest he wiped out a machine gun nest, set up an observation post, and directed artillery fire on German positions."

PITTSBURGH IN '49

MAJOR SHUMAKER GIVES RIGHT DOPE

Major M. L. Shumaker, 233 Dews Pond Rd., Calhoun, Ga., sends The Octofoil some appreciated information. In reference to inquiries heretofore received by Octofoil, the major writes thusly: I noticed an article about a little warrant officer from the 60th Inf. who helped the 39th out of a jam. That little officer was the ammo warrant officer of the 60th Serv. Co., and his name is Paul Quaranta. He lives at 64 McDougal St., New York 12, N. Y.

I knew that gang pretty well—and I remember the incident as if it were yesterday. I was regimental S-4 of the 60th at that time, and can tell you fellows from the 39th that the 60th Serv. Co. was always ready to serve anywhere and to anyone.

At this time I would like to tell my friends in the old Ninth where I am. I re-entered the military service in October, 1948, and am now on duty with the Georgia National Guard, located in Calhoun, Ga.

OKAY YOU ATLANTA LADS

Help the major. He wants to locate the medical officer who commanded Co. C of the 9th Med. Co. in France, Belgium and Germany. He lives in Atlanta, but Major Shumaker can't remember the name.

Closing the major writes: "The 8 Stars to Victory" was superb—and I shall treasure it as my most valuable possession. Another job well done (typical of the Ninth.)

PITTSBURGH IN '49

BOB FARREL DOING O.K. IN WISCONSIN

Robert L. Farrell lives at 409 E. Beacon St., New London, Wis. He wants to hear from the fellows out of Hq. Co. 3d Bn., 39th. Bob is married and they have a 20-month-old daughter. He and his wife both thought mighty well of the history.

NEW SET OF OFFICERS AND NEW MEETING PLACE FOR NEW YORK

By STAN COHEN,
192 Danforth St.,
Jersey City, N. J.

The year 1948 will long be remembered in the history of the New York Chapter because of the wonderful leadership inspired by Al Bruchac. To Al and his staff of '48'ers goes the thanks of the New York lads for a fine job done.

Now 1949 heralds names of the following men, the new President, George Whitney. George was a Tech. Sergeant with the Div. Hqs. Adj. Gen. office. His First Vice President will be Dick O'Connor of B Btry., 84th F.A.; Second Vice President will be Vincent Guglielmino of G Co., 47th Inf. The man who takes over the bulk of the work as Recording Secretary, Harold Pepper of 9th Med. Bn. The slogan that was attached to Pepper by Fred Golub and unanimously accepted by the group is as follows: "DON'T BE A SHLEPPER, BRING YOUR MONEY TO PEPPER."

The new Board of Governors that was selected for the coming year is as follows: Sp. Trps., Jordan Bierman, 2 yrs.; Sol Brotskey, 1 yr.; 39th, Cliff Heller, 1 yr., and Jim Brun, 2 yrs.; 47th: Getzy Schiff, 2 yrs., and Harry Ker-

ner, 1 yr.; Div. Arty., Anthony Lascalo, 1 yr., and Harold Logan, 2 yrs.; 60th Inf.: Fred Golub, 2 yrs., and Henry Galdaro, 1 year.

The next meeting of the New York Chapter set for February 4, will be held at 76th St. and Broadway, Hotel Manhattan Towers. All members are invited to attend; a special film will be shown as part of the evening's entertainment.

All those members whose wives complain, whose sweethearts rebel, whose mothers and sisters yell blue murder, gentlemen, be firm; act nonchalant, now is the time to tell them off.

Listen kids—don't knock yourselves out—the 9th Div. Assn. also has a ladies' auxiliary that meets the same time that we do. All you have to do is to toddle down on Feb. 4 and Mrs. Spencer will be delighted to explain all the details of what the Ladies' Auxiliary association has in mind for the coming year. So next time remember, give the little ladies a break, take them with you on Feb. 4 and let them in on a darn good time.

See you next then at the New York meeting on Feb. 4, 1949.

RETIRING PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK CHAPTER AL BRUCHAC EXTENDS HIS THANKS FOR CO-OPERATION GIVEN

Al Bruchac, who has chalked up such a marvelous job as prexy of the Greater New York Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, forwards to The Octofoil a statement expressing his heartfelt gratitude to those who have co-operated with him to establish the enviable record. Al's letter speaks for itself:

"On behalf of myself and the other outgoing officers of the Greater New York Chapter I want to thank The Octofoil for the cooperation we have received from you during my term of office. I sincerely feel that your well 'editing' and brushing up of our articles and notices was most instrumental in the favorable progress of the Greater New York Chapter. As a member of the National Board of Governors I feel that you are also doing a swell job for the National Association as a whole.

"As for the newly elected officers you will find you are going

to work with almost an entirely new group of people. New as officers but old insofar as active and good members of our Association. I know if they continue to receive your cooperation and the cooperation of the membership that I received that we here in New York will have a Banner Year.

I know they will receive that cooperation . . . so it will be another banner year for the Greater New York Chapter.

"I also want to thank not only the Editor of The Octofoil, but Charlie Tingley, our National Secretary, and the two Presidents during my term, Henry Rigby and Don Clarke, for the cooperation insofar as all our activities were concerned. Needless to say, these men don't very often come into contact with our local Chapter as much as the editor of The Octofoil but they are instrumental in keeping our National Association on the right track."

KRASOVETZ ELECTED TO HEAD THE PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

Under date of Dec. 17, 1948, shortly after having gone to press with the last issue of The Octofoil John H. Wooten, the efficient publicity director of Philadelphia's ever-growing Chapter was received. Members in the Philadelphia area having news notes of interest to the membership should contact John at 117 French Ave., Westmont, N. J.

Popular Martin Krasovetz was elected President of the Philadelphia Chapter by a large vote at the December 3d meeting held at the Essex Hotel. The former 39th man succeeds Guy McCormick, who has ably presided over the Chapter since its initiation over a year ago. Marty is well liked and has demonstrated ability to lead this growing organization through its second year.

Other officers elected were Art Sykes, who succeeds himself as First Vice President; John Callahan, Second Vice President; Bob Colflesh, Treasurer, and Roger Parker, Secretary. A 9-man board of governors was elected.

At the January 7th meeting the new officials were installed and took up in a workman-like manner.

It was learned that Ex-President McCormick had undergone an appendectomy. All who know Guy wish him a speedy recovery.

There was a fine turnout at the meeting and many of the fellows were accompanied by their wives or girl friends. This was accord-

ing to plans formulated in December to allow the girls to set the machinery in motion themselves for the organization of an Auxiliary. The girls made themselves acquainted in the lobby and had a lively discussion. Someone eavesdropped a bit and it was noted that a good part of the conversation, among the married ladies, centered on babies and their respective spouses. The ladies, God bless them, conducted a business-like session. When they joined the men in the latter half of their meeting they came up with some sound ideas for the formation of their own unit.

After business was terminated, refreshments were served and the ladies and gentlemen proceeded to make themselves acquainted.

The girls plan to meet again at the same time and place in conjunction with the Chapter's regular meeting to be held on Friday, Feb. 4 at 8:15 P. M. in the Essex. All who plan to attend should arrange early for baby sitters, etc., and the gals who missed the last meeting should make it a point to remind the boy friend or hubby that you have an important date that evening. As always, new members are cordially invited.

For more information contact John H. Wooten, 117 French Ave., Westmont, N. J., or John P. Farson, 716 Powdermill Lane, Philadelphia 31, Pa. Phone Ardmore 0621.

Paging Pete Carroza For C. F. Caldwell

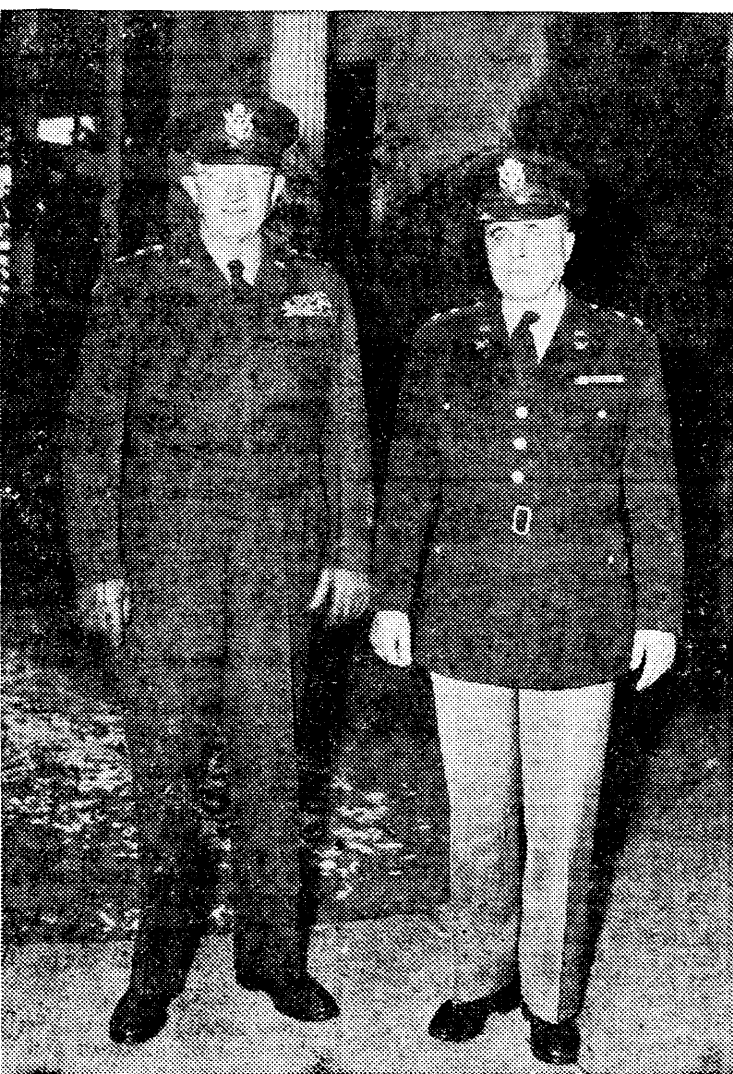
C. F. Caldwell, 302 "C," Warner Robins, Ga., would like to secure the address of Pete Carroza, formerly of A-T Co., 39th.

Carroza is not listed in the files Secretary Tingley maintains at National Headquarters. Anyone who can help Caldwell out should do so. He would appreciate any information submitted.

SECY. TINGLEY IS SEEKING TO FIND BEAN'S BUDDIES

Secretary Charles O. Tingley, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., asks that anyone having any information about the death of Pvt. Berkley P. Bean, Co. B, 35th, who was killed in action on Oct. 13, 1944, near Germeter, Germany, should contact the secretary at once.

A Pair That Will Win Any Hand



The two G.I.s pictured above need no introduction or caption lines to advise former Ninth men who they are. Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, now commandant of the General Staff and Command College, Fort Leavenworth, and Lt. Gen. Louis A. Craig, Inspector General, are admired and respected by former Ninth men to a greater extent than any Division commanding officers in the history of American armed forces. Gen. Craig recently spoke before a Class at the Staff College on the functions of the Inspector General's office at which time the above picture was made by the Instructional Aid Service. The Octofoil felt sure former Ninth men would be made happy to learn both of these great and understanding former Ninth Commanders were looking fine and feeling fit—and a picture is more convincing than words.

WILKES-BARRE ALL SET FOR A SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 30

Laird Rehrig's Dad Showed Up At Last Meeting In An Effort to Locate Some Former Ninth Men Who Knew the Former Company A, 47th Regt. Boy.

Francis Wolman, 257 Green St., Edwardsville, Pa. (Kingston P. O.) is a typical Ninth man—he doesn't know what the term "give up" means. A special meeting has been called for Jan. 30 at the Wilkes-Barre American Legion Home, for former Ninth Division men.

In a letter to Secretary Tingley dated Jan. 10, Wolman asks for additional application blanks for the next meeting and is also endeavoring to get some combat films for the occasion. To date Wolman has sent out over 600 cards to former Ninth men.

Quoting from one of Wolman's letters to The Octofoil, it reads: "On 9 January 1949 the Wilkes-Barre Chapter held its second session with a few new accomplishments. Due to late arrivals and a Wilkes-Barre-Scranton basketball game the turn-out was not as good as expected."

"The scheduled collection of dues was not held but will be held on the 30th of January. A special meeting is being called on the 30th of January at the Legion Home, North River St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

"Every jackass from here to hell and back better turn out—because we are going to get that charter or know the reason why. The following list of men have so far attended our meetings. Come on gang and join them: Robert L. Davis, Joseph Witz, John B. Knight, Julius B. Urich, Paul Yuggi, Stanley Serafin, Herbert Donath, Lawrence Lynch, Frank Dennis, William Saleski, Mark S. McKeown, Joseph A. Junti, Lee Blaum, Paul J. Callahan, Simon W. Cickey, Joseph Glazewski, Adolph A. Buddell, Kazmer Drobricki, Stanley Marzer, Alfred Aubrey, Adam Duesh and Peter Kaminski.

"Before the meeting got underway the Wilkes-Barre Post was given its first chance to accomplish a good deed—a purpose for which the Association is founded.

"Mr. William B. Rehrig of Rt. 1, Lehigh, Pa., made a special trip to Wilkes-Barre to obtain some information concerning the

60th Histories and Windshield Stickers Are Still Obtainable

Secretary Tingley advises The Octofoil that his supply of Final Thrust books has been exhausted, but he does have quite a few copies of the 60th History available that will be mailed upon receipt of 25 cents to cover postage and packing fees.

And while sending two bits for a 60th History another 25 cents might as well be included for the purchase of a half dozen Octofoil windshield stickers.

MANY GOOD ITEMS BEING HELD OVER

No doubt The Octofoil editor will catch a lot of heck during the next few days. Due to the front page being devoted entirely to the dues paying campaign a large number of items were held over. Many others were abbreviated to the point it being almost criminal. But there was no alternative. Correspondence was unusually heavy any way due to members who admired the history writing in their thoughts.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Richard L. Fuller, 1938 Estes Ave., Chicago, writes "My wife just said 'Look, Dogface, our little boy was almost four months ago, so grab that pen and write to The Octofoil immediately.'"

Accompanying the birth notice was a swell photo. It was received too late to get a cut made—but it will be used next month.

A swell picture of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Bernstein's youngster was sent in by Stan Cohen. For the same reason it can't be used until next month. The Bernsteins live at 3373 12th Ave., Brooklyn.

Henry Geisel, Elkhart, Ind., sent some clever drawings that will be used as soon as space is available.

—Pittsburgh In '49—

Columbus. O.

Lads Send Miss

Raye History

Remembering the dreary days put in over in North Africa when Movie Actress Martha Raye dropped in various areas to brighten the day with her inimitable and versatile entertainment programs, a group of old-time former Ninth men living in Ohio decided the least they could do to show their appreciation to Martha was to secure an extra copy of "Eight Stars to Victory" for her. After passing the book around from lad to lad, all eager to autograph the volume, a copy has been sent to the actress.

Shortly after hitting Algiers in early 1943 Martha's entire troupe of performers were stricken with ailments that God-forsaken part of the world exposes one to—that is all except Martha herself—and she carried on and on and on—in true Ninth Division spirit—putting on one-woman performances day after day. Never will old-time Ninth men forget Martha Raye.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Ray Burlile Enjoyed

Reading the History

Raymond Burlile, 310 S. Main St., Marysville, O., enjoyed the history and along towards the back part of the book he spotted the picture of an old buddy, Harry Davis, who used to live on the banks of "The Beautiful Ohio."

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

CLAIR MCKEE IS A MARRIED MAN

On Oct. 16 Clair McKee, former B Btry., 60th F.A. man, was married to Ruth Ellen Reed of the same neighborhood as Clair, Rt. 3, Findlay, Ohio.

On their honeymoon the couple visited an old buddy, Dick Foley, of Salem, O. After leaving Dick's home they journeyed to West-cornwall, Conn., to visit Ralph Scoville, another buddy from the same outfit.

McKee says he enjoyed reading "8 Stars to Victory," but the only trouble was the Ninth covered so much territory it all couldn't be put in one book, the way the other Divisions were able to do.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

JACK LEAHY ACTS AS PALLBEARER AT A BUDDY'S RITES

In a short note to The Octofoil Jack Leahy, Jr., now living at 8 W. Concord St., Dover, N. H., and a former staff sergeant with the 39th, has this to say:

"I acted as pallbearer at the funeral services for Pvt. George Fogarty, 60th Inf., who was returned to Dover for final rites. I lived but a few doors from him prior to moving to my present address. I was greatly honored by Mrs. Fogarty at being asked to be a pallbearer."

Jack advises that he liked the history and will see all the gang in Pittsburgh. He hasn't missed a Reunion held by the Association.

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Visiting Minister: "Well, well, I can see you're a bright little man. And how high can you count?"

Boy (proudly): "One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, Jack, Queen and King."

UNANIMOUS ACCLAIM FOR HISTORY

24 COURTESY COPIES OF "8 STARS TO VICTORY" WERE SENT OUT --- THE RECIPIENTS ARE VERY GRATEFUL

GENERAL MANTON S. EDDY KIND ENOUGH TO ALLOW OCTOFOIL USE OF LETTERS RECEIVED FROM THOSE WHO APPRECIATED THE GESTURE.

The following names of those who were mailed complimentary copies of "Eight Stars to Victory." Their replies are also printed, which are self-explanatory. No Division has ever published a history that met such universal acclaim from all walks of life as has the Ninth Division history.

Those who received copies of the history include Generals Eisenhower and Bradley, all the 9th Division Commanders, Commanders of the Corps and Armies in which the Division served; the Post libraries at Fort Sill, Fort Benning, Fort Riley, and Mrs. Doris Crompton, Lady Mayor of Winchester, England.

A complete list of those receiving copies of "8 Stars to Victory" follows:

General of the Army D. D. Eisenhower.
General Omar N. Bradley.
General J. Lawton Collins.
General Jacob L. Devers.
General Courtney H. Hodges.
Lt. Gen. L. T. Gerow.
Lt. Gen. C. R. Huebner.
Lt. Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer.
Lt. Gen. James A. Van Fleet.
Maj. Gen. R. E. D. Hoyle.
Maj. Gen. R. B. McClure.
Maj. Gen. John Millikin.
Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr.
Mrs. Francis W. Honeycutt (widow of Gen. Honeycutt, first 9th Div. Commander.)
Mrs. Doris Crompton (Lady Mayor of Winchester.)
Comdt., Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.
Comdt., Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia.
Commanding General, Ground General School, Fort Riley, Kansas.
Commanding General, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.
Dr. Lawrence H. Baker.
Colonel Clarence T. DeHaven.
Mr. Hans C. Meile (German artist in initial stages of book.)
S-Sgt. Lawrence E. Reed.
Mrs. Hazel McGuire (manuscript typist.)

Dates, senders' address, etc., are deleted from letters to conserve space. The letters, all addressed to Lt. Gen. M. S. Eddy, Commandant, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, read as follows:

Dear Manton: Thank you for the copy of "Eight Stars to Victory." While my leisure for reading these days is scant and cramped, I hope before the winter is out I will have time to brush up on the Ninth Infantry Division. In the meantime, the book has an honored place on the reading table in my library.

Sincerely,
EISENHOWER.

Dear Manton: Many thanks for sending me a copy of "Eight Stars to Victory." I am building up a war library and the history of the Ninth Infantry Division certainly has a place in it.

This history is particularly interesting to me because of my close association with your old Division. In glancing through the book it appears to be one of the best I have seen. It is indeed a fitting tribute to the men who wore The Octofoil. I am looking forward with keen anticipation to an opportunity to read the text. (Signed) OMAR N. BRADLEY.

Dear Matt: I appreciate very much the lovely copy of the history of the 9th Division in World War II. "Eight Stars to Victory" is an appropriate name and as one peruses the book the title is justified with increasing emphasis.

I feel that you and all the men and women who served with the Ninth Division enjoyed a privilege extended only to red-blooded Americans and you all measured up fully to the responsibilities of such service with credit, not only to yourselves, but to your country.

(Signed) AL.
(A. C. Wedemeyer, Lt. Gen., GSC, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Combat Operations.)

Dear Manton: I have just received the Ninth Division History, "Eight Stars to Victory," and wish to say it is indeed a beautiful volume and one that I shall add to my history with a

great deal of pleasure. Thank you very much for thinking of me.

Your History Committee is to be complimented on turning out such a splendid book, which, I am sure, will be highly treasured by all members and former members of the Division.

(Signed): COURTNEY.
(General Courtney H. Hodges, U. S. Army.)

Dear Manton: I received your letter of 12 November, which announced the forwarding of a copy of the History of the Ninth Infantry Division in World War II. We appreciate it greatly.

I shall be personally interested in reading the history of this famous Division, and after the copy has circulated through the Headquarters, shall have it placed in the Post Library, which is in the process of building up a section of Combat Unit Histories.

(Signed) JOHN R. HODGE,
(Lt. Gen., U. S. Army.)

Dear Manton: I appreciate you sending me a copy of "Eight Stars to Victory." The book has not yet arrived, but I am looking forward to reading this record of the achievements of the 9th Div., which you started on the road to glory.

I am glad Second Army Headquarters could be of some little assistance to you and your associates in making of record the outstanding accomplishments of this fine division.

(Signed) L. T. GEROW,
(Lt. Gen. U. S. Army.)

Dear General Eddy: I spent most of Christmas Day sitting by the fire reading "8 Stars to Victory." With the book, I didn't miss going out. I agree with you that it is a splendid book. I particularly like the maps, which are really excellent. Having had such a time with the maps in George's book * * * I appreciate them.

When I look at all the division histories people have sent me, all of which I read, as well as the combat teams and even regimental ones, I feel it is the greatest possible tribute to George that they send them to me.

(Signed) BEATRICE PATTON,
(Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr.)

Dear Gen. Eddy: Please forgive me for being so long in acknowledging your lovely letter and the wonderful book.

It touches me deeply that you and the Ninth Infantry Division Association should send me a copy of "Eight Stars to Victory," as a tribute to Francis. Knowing in what high esteem he held you, I wish he could have known you were one of his successors. He would have been so pleased.

To you and to the members of the Association I send my heartfelt and sincere gratitude for thinking of me in this lovely way. MARGARET H. HONEYCUTT.
(Mrs. Francis H. Honeycutt.)

My Dear Gen. Eddy: I want to thank you, and through you the 9th Inf. Div. Assn. History Committee for the copy of the history of the Ninth in World War II. The "8 Stars to Victory" is a magnificent work, and I am delighted to have it. You and your committee have done a job that you can well be proud of and I know every member of the Division will cherish his copy—and those who join in the future will, I know, be proud of your exploits and successes and cherish the memory of the men who fought so gallantly.

It was a blow to me when I was told that I was too old to lead the Ninth in battle, but I watched for news of your continued success and the glory that came to my old command—and I was proud that I had a hand in the

training. You and your men did a great job and we take our hats off to you.

With every good wish for your continued success, I am,
R. E. D. HOYLE,
(Maj. Gen., U.S.A., Ret.)

Dear Manton: Thank you and the 9th Inf. Div. Assn. for their history, "8 Stars to Victory." I read it with interest. It is a record of which they are justly proud.

JOHN MILLIKIN.
(Major General, U. S. Army.)

Dear General Eddy: The Infantry School Library is much pleased to have a copy of "Eight Stars to Victory," and appreciates very much your thoughtfulness in sending this valuable and interesting history to it.

W. A. BURRESS.
(Major General, U. S. Army.)

Dear Manton: Many thanks for your letter of Nov. 10. It is good to hear that "8 Stars to Victory" is off the presses. I sincerely appreciate you sending me a copy and am looking forward to its arrival. We here in Second Army were only too glad to have been able to lend some assistance in the publication of the book.

(Signed): BOB.
(R. B. McClure, Major General, General Staff Corps, Chief of Staff.)

Dear Matt: If it was with a great deal of pleasure and pride that you mailed the library a copy of "8 Stars to Victory," it is with the same feelings that I thank you for the gift.

I hope you have included in your history Gen. Bradley's letter to the Ninth and First Divisions on VE-Day. I tried to get our people to include it in "Danger Forward" along with a few other comments.

I never pass up a man wearing a Ninth Division emblem, but always try to find out which outfit he was in and where.

(Signed): CLIFT.
(Cliff Andrus, Major General, U.S.A., Commanding.)

Dear Gen. Eddy: Thank you for your letter of 10 November and for the copy of "8 Stars to Victory," the history of the 9th Div. in World War II. . . .

As you well know, this Division holds a very special place with me, and I followed closely its progress through the war. I am indeed proud that I had a part in the training of this—one of our best fighting divisions—and I am sure you must be equally proud of the part you played in leading the Division in combat.

My first glance at this volume, which you so thoughtfully sent to me, assures me that it is a well prepared and most interesting history of the Ninth. I am very happy to have "Eight Stars to Victory" in my library, and I am looking forward with great pleasure to an opportunity to read it through carefully.

(Signed) JACOB L. DEVERS.
(General, U. S. Army; Chief, Army Field Forces.)

Dear Matt: "8 Stars to Victory" received and it is a beautiful book. You can be very proud of it; in fact, I am happy to put it in my library and am proud of the fact that this Division was in my command on several occasions.

(Signed): RALPH.
(C. R. Huebner, Lt. Gen. G.S.C. Chief of Staff.)

MRS. SPENCER APPEALS TO THE LADIES

The following letter from Mrs. Mae Spencer is self-explanatory: Dear Mr. Tingley: We want all the ladies who had brothers, sons or husbands in the 9th Inf. Div. to join the Ladies' Auxiliary in 1949. It is not only open to Gold Star Mothers and relatives but all New York mothers, wives and sisters of members of the Division Assn.

Ladies, get on the bandwagon, make this a banner year! You ladies who have men of your family who are members Please join up! Meetings are only one night a month. Ladies make it a date.

Signed: Sincerely—Mae M. Spencer, a "Gold Star Mother."

Chuck Anderson's Industrious Wife Writes Nice Note

Another lucky ex-G.I. is Chas. L. Anderson, 319 S. Franklin St., Fleetwood, Pa., who has a lovely wife imbued with the Ninth Div. spirit and let's the whole cock-eyed world know it in no uncertain terms. Read parts of her letter to The Octofoil:

Dear Editor: I am writing this letter without the knowledge of my husband. He receives The Octofoil each month. We both enjoy it immensely.

Recently my husband made inquiry relative to certain awards he should have received long ago. Recently the award arrived and attached is a clipping from a Pennsylvania newspaper that Mrs. Anderson enclosed: GETS AWARD

Charles L. Anderson has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster. It was awarded by Col. James B. Carroll, Executive of the Eastern Pennsylvania Military District.

Sgt. Anderson received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period, Jan. 1, 1945, to March 31, 1945, in Germany. The Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal was awarded Sgt. Anderson for exemplary conduct in ground combat against the armed enemy during the Algeria-French Morocco Campaign.

Sgt. Anderson entered the Armed Forces in April, 1942, from Philadelphia, and served in the European, African, Middle Eastern Theater with the 9th Inf. Div., which was one of the first American divisions to land in North Africa in November, 1942. During the time he spent overseas Sgt. Anderson won eight battle stars for participation in the Algerian, French Morocco Tunisian, Sicilian, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central European Campaigns. His other awards and decorations include one Bronze Arrowhead for the invasion of North Africa, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Meritorious Service Unit Emblem, European, African-Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

On his discharge from the service Sgt. Anderson returned to Fleetwood, Pa., where in 1946 he married the former Joyce Snyder, of Fleetwood.

IT'S A GIRL

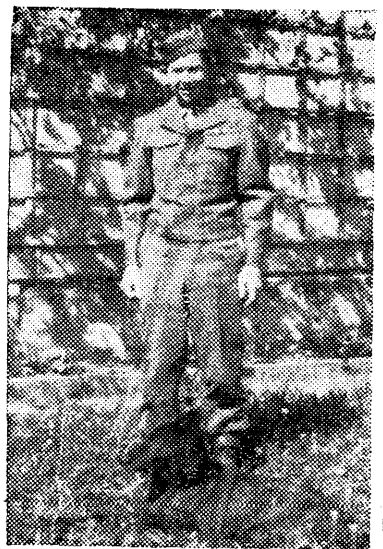
Accompanying the newspaper clipping was another very important announcement which reads: The doc says papa will pull thru, And mama—she is all right, too! And baby's doing fine!

It's a girl—born Nov. 20, 1948. Named Ann Louise. Weight: 6 lbs. 10 oz. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Anderson.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

HAS READ HISTORY THRU THREE TIMES

Roland E. Pope, who was a T-5 with the 60th Meds., writes from 401 Fullerton St., Roseburg, Ore. Says the Pill Pusher: "I have read my copy of the history through three times and each time I find it more interesting."



The above picture of Roland was made in Giesenfeld, Germany in 1945.

DON CROSSKILL "RIDING HIGH" IN FREMONT, O.

Don Crosskill, former 9th Pfc. is living at 1120 Franklin Ave., Fremont, Ohio. Don's charming wife writes that he has overcome the supposed handicap of being an amputee. And are they proud of the little daughter?

The whole family enjoyed "8 Stars to Victory." Don says many guys around Fremont who were in other outfits are jealous as all-get-out of the Ninth's history.

—Pittsburgh In '49—

Hoosier Boy Likes His Copy of Book

Bryce C. Miller, Box 205, Swayzee, Indiana, wants to hear from his buddies who served in Anti-Tank Plt., First Bn., 60th.

The Hoosier lad goes all out in praising "8 Stars to Victory."

—Pittsburgh In '49—

Howard Counselman Knows About Books

Howard C. Counselman, former Co. E, 39th man, now residing at 2809 Winchester St., Baltimore 16, Md., works in a large publishing house as a bookbinder. During the past year the lad has bound many division histories—and he says "8 Stars to Victory" is the best division history he has ever seen. Howard's employer also expressed his opinion that the Ninth history was an unexcelled product.

The former 39ther says his only regret is that he could not have been privileged to bound copies of "8 Stars to Victory."

—Pittsburgh In '49—

Mrs. Raleigh Thomas Is a Real Mother and Booster for Ninth Div.

Mrs. Raleigh Thomas, Sr., 1722 Culbertson Ave., New Albany, Ind., writes a nice letter in behalf of her son, James E. Thomas, a former T-5 in the 9th. Jim's health has been bad ever since he returned home. Certainly some of the 9th Signal guys will take time out to write Jim a few lines and cheer him up.

Mrs. Thomas closes her letter by praising "8 Stars to Victory."

—Pittsburgh In '49—

M. SGT. EARLL WELLS SAYS 39th DID NOT "RUN"

M. Sgt. Earll E. Wells, Hq. & Hq. Co., 9th Inf. Div., Fort Dix, N. J., has one criticism to offer relative to "8 Stars to Victory." He says "The only point that I will argue is the statement that the 3d Bn. of the 39th fled back to Souk Ahras. I don't believe we did. I know that the Kasserine Pass episode was one in which no one ever knew the true picture but I did not like that statement. This is a minor point to argue about for the book as a whole from the standpoint of facts and completeness is very fine."

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Shartzter's Dad and Mother Ask For Some Help

Excerpts of a letter dated Jan. 4, 1949, and signed by Mr. and Mrs. V. U. Shartzter, 2750 Edgewood, Gary, Indiana, follow:

We received "8 Stars to Victory." We want you to know how much we thank you for making it possible for those who lost loved ones to receive this book.

We know from things we have heard and read that our son was a part of a great Division.

His name was T-5 Alfred J. Shartzter, Hq. Co., 47th. It would make us happy if we could contact some of his buddies who were with him when he was killed in Cherbourg.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

SGT. WALTER SAMMIS WITH NINTH AGAIN

Sgt. Walter S. Sammis, former Pfc. with the 47th Regt., is back with the Ninth at Fort Dix.

The Sarge writes many interesting facts about the new 9th—and evidently he's doing okay for himself—he is in what they call Leadership School.

Front Line Soldiers Sound Off

HONOR ROLL FOR CHAPTERS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO GO AND SECURE NEW MEMBERS

Remember - - - Every Member Owes the Association a New Member In 1949 - - - It Can Be Done - - - The Association Must Stay Out In Front of Any Other Similar Group.

ATLANTA CHAPTER

Thomas J. Donnelly, Riverdale, Ga. (1st Lt. D Co., 39th.)
Sgt. Joseph E. Goode, Hq. Co., Hq. 3rd Army, Fort McPherson, Ga. (S-Sgt. 60th Inf. AT Co.)

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

Bruce Frazek, Rt. 4, Box 99, Bridgeport, Conn.

DETROIT CHAPTER

John Vander Meiden, Apt. 52, V.E.H.P., Ann Arbor, Mich.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

John W. Popowski, 1626 So. 49 Court, Cicero, Ill.

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Manual L. Brun, 385 Eddy St., Fall River, Mass.

DR. PETER G. HUNZIKER

Roger L. Vuilleumier, 2 Berkeley Rd., Scarsdale, N. Y.

EDWARD COYLE

Donald Ayers, 657 Ridgewood Ave., Upper Merion, N. J. (Pfc. Hq. & Hq. Btry., 9th Div. Arty.)

MOHAMED BEN SAID

Michael A. Woytovich, 288 8th Ave., New York, N. Y. (Pfc. F Co., 39th.)

NO SPONSORS MENTIONED

John J. Miller, 50 O'Dell St., Albany 2, N. Y. (L Co., 39th.)

Alfred E. Gasagrand, Box 218, Bayville, N. J. (S-Sgt. Hq. and Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 47th.)

Lt. Edward A. Wall, Ward E-4, Fitzsimons Gen. Hospital, Denver 8, Colo. (1st Lt. F Co., 39th.)

Frank S. Chatto, 5343 Dolloff Rd., Cleveland 4, O. (Co. C, 47th.)

James V. Kauth, El Paso, Ill. (Pvt. F Co., 47th.)

William E. Varco, Bridge Terrace, Box 7 (Fort Montgomery, New York. (Pfc., G Co., 39th.)

Waldon K. Lewis, 440 Vandalia St., Edwardsville, Ill. (Capt. C Btry., 84th F.A. Bn.)

James P. McManus, 520 First Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah. (T-4, Cannon Co., 47th.)

John F. Moran, 3633 Evanston Ave., Cincinnati 7, Ohio. (Pfc., Co. C, 60th.)

HONOR ROLL STARS TO DATE
(Including last issue.)

New York Chapter 8

Illinois Chapter 7

Detroit Chapter 2

Atlanta Chapter 2

Connecticut Chapter 2

District of Columbia Chapter 2

New England Chapter 1

Buffalo Chapter 1

Dr. P. G. Hunziker 1

Edward Coyle 1

Donald M. Clarke 1

Total new members to date for 1949—42.

PHILLY GROUP ENACTS NEW LAWS TO GOVERN THE BODY

The Philadelphia Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association has adopted a Constitution and set of By-Laws which are most comprehensive. Much time and efforts was spent to compile so complete a set-up.

The Constitution, beginning with Article I and concluded with Article X, beginning with the title of the group lists membership requirements, meeting dates, the number to constitute a constitutional quorum as well as prescribing ethics that will be enforced during meetings.

Initiation fees are set and un-

less dues are paid before March 31 of any year, then the member is delinquent. Officers may be removed for cause. Duties of the various officers are enumerated.

The laws mandate that an audit be made at certain intervals, and a Board of Governors, composed of the president and Past President with nine elected members govern the body, subject to approval of the entire body. No amendment can be made to the Constitution or By-Laws unless notice is given of such proposed changes.

SECRETARY TINGLEY'S MESSAGE CONVEYS HISTORY INFORMATION

Under date of Oct. 22, 1948, Secretary Charles O. Tingley directed an open letter to all members of the Board of Governors which should be of interest to all members of the Association. The letter follows:

Final payment in the amount of eighteen thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$18,750.00) has been made to The F. J. Heer Company to cover the full contract price for "Eight Stars to Victory."

To provide the necessary cash for this final payment four (\$4) five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) maturity value United States Savings Bonds, Series F, were cashed at the U. S. Treasury, the proceeds of which amounted to fifteen thousand seventy-three dollars twenty-nine cents (\$15,073.29) was closed out and transferred to our checking account.

It was not necessary to negotiate a loan with the American Security and Trust Company as had at first been anticipated, due to arrangements made with the Treasury Department for immediate payment on our bonds.

Before final payment to the Heer Company was made, a letter was sent to Lt. Gen. Eddy advising him of certain errors which were noted in the final published copy of the History. His advice was desired as to the advisability of making a check with the Heer Company in order to definitely place the responsibility for such errors as had come to our notice.

ORDERS EDIT OF BOOK

Upon receipt of this letter, Gen. Eddy turned a copy of the History over to the Editing and Publication Section of the Command and General Staff College with in-

structions to edit the book and make a report on the findings.

The editing report states in effect that the errors noted are of a minor nature and that none of them interfere with the readability of the book. It further stated that from the over-all point of view our History is an excellent book and that the fine quality of the illustrations and the general arrangement make the book very appealing to the eye. The reading material is easy to follow, and the author is to be complimented on his picturesque choice of words and his composition.

EXCELLENT BOOK

General Eddy, in his reply, stated that "it was his personal opinion that an excellent History has been produced and that the artist, the author and the publisher have all done excellent jobs. The History has been printed and is now being put in the hands of the subscribers and let's be thankful that we have a history and forget and ignore further criticism."

It is sincerely hoped that this memorandum will dispel whatever criticism that may exist relative to our History.

This office is making every effort to obtain all possible publicity for our History. Your advice and suggestions are urgently requested in order that a thorough job may be accomplished.

Sincerely,

CHARLES O. TINGLEY,

Secretary-Treasurer.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Johnny: "Dad, my Sunday School teacher says that if I am a good boy I'll go to heaven."

Grocer: "Well?"

Johnny: "Well—you said if I was good I'd go to the circus. Now, what I want to know is who's telling the truth?"

MRS. WATSON LIKES TAYLOR'S OCTOFOIL NOTES

Mrs. Rufus M. Watson, Roxton, Texas, mother of John W. Watson, formerly of M Co., 47th, is an ardent reader of The Octofoil, especially Wilton Taylor's articles, and to prove it she takes time out to write a very interesting letter to Taylor, which he has kindly forwarded to The Octofoil. Parts of the letter reads:

Dear Mr. Taylor: I have been reading your letters in The Octofoil. My son, John, is still single and lives here at home. He is farming, raising cotton. God has been so good to him. He went safely through the war; has made two good crops since returning.

THRILLED

He is so thrilled over your letters. I don't know why he never takes time to write you. Last night when The Octofoil came and I said "Wilton has a letter in The Octofoil," he was dressed to go to town, but took off his jacket and hat and stayed home to read it. You cannot realize how close the Ninth is to me. I tried to keep up with it as much as possible during the war. Not too many former Ninth men live near us. You know Henry Via, one of John's buddies, was killed in France. His mother lives at Broken Bow, Okla. Walter Chancellor, who joined the 47th in England, lives near us. Rip Westbrook, of M Co., also comes by now and then. Louis C. Meeks, who was captured in North Africa, lives in Dallas. However, he was not in M Co. John recognized the boys in the picture and was pleased with Lt. Phillips' letter.



WILTON TAYLOR, In Person
Many Octofoil readers who have enjoyed reading Wilton Taylor's article have expressed a desire to know what the guy looks like. Taylor is a modest sort of a cuss and it took some "maneuvering" to get Possession of the above picture.

LIKES PICTURE IDEA

I agree with you about pictures. We might start a "round robin" letter among M Co. men for a collection. Right after John returned home we lost our home in a fire and lost all the pictures I had saved.

I wish all the boys would give their company and regiment when writing so we could identify them more easily.

The history has arrived, and although I haven't had time to read it, I feel as though I know it by heart.

You must keep on writing and urging the boys to write. I am sure they are like my son, just fail to write but look forward to your letters in The Octofoil. Keep urging the picture business; maybe we can work out a way to get a picture history, and have names and addresses of all the living and a special section for those who did not come back.

I feel like Lt. Phillips—I love these M Co. boys as if they were my own.

We could hardly control ourselves while the Ralph Edwards program was on. Oh, yes, a 60th boy, Jack Terrell, lives not far from us.

Ed's Note: It's mothers like John Watson's as well as the Association members that helps create the determination for The Octofoil to carry on and on and on.

FORMER NINTH MEN FROM COAST TO COAST ARE RELIVING DAYS SPENT RIDDING THE WORLD OF NAZIS

DADS, MOTHERS, WIVES, KIDDIES AND SWEETHEARTS OF FORMER NINTH MEN ARE LOUD IN THEIR PRAISE FOR THE OUTSTANDING HISTORY OF ALL TIME.

The complimentary letters pouring into The Octofoil office and Secretary Tingley's office from former members of the Ninth Infantry Division and their families praising "8 Stars to Victory" means a lot to the Committee that labored long and well compiling this great book. Taken at random are printed brief excerpts from a few of the hundreds of letters on file:

Please extend my sincere thanks to those responsible for sending me a copy of "8 Stars to Victory," for their kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity.—A. Jankoski, 211 N. Market Ave., S. Plainfield, N. J. (next-of-kin of Pfc. Anthony Jankoski, 47th.)

I want to let you know I received the History, and it is a fine book. Many thanks for it. Am enclosing dues for 1949. I like The Octofoil and look forward to receiving it regularly.—Alfred F. Kostenblatt, Box 16, No. Hoosick, N. Y. (Pfc. 60th.)

Received my copy "8 Stars to Victory." It is a genuinely scholarly work and does due credit to one of Uncle Sam's greatest fighting divisions. It reflects the magnificent "esprit de corps" that distinguishes 9th men from all others. I'm filled with pride when I see in The Octofoil the fact that the Ninth spirit is still very much alive, even though men who made the Ninth are scattered throughout the nation. Congratulations on a job superbly done.—Charles M. Sacco, 2402 Mandell St., Houston 6, Tex. (G Co., 60th, an old "Go Devil.")

You will find enclosed \$3.50 for my son, Wignold J. Smith, T-5, 34th F.A. for The Octofoil. Please send it to Rt. 1, Butler, Pa. My son is back in the Army at Fort Dix, N. J. I get a big kick out of that paper.—J. W. Smith, Rt. 1, Butler, Pa.

I wish to express my appreciation to you for the copy of "8 Stars to Victory." You and all the men of the Ninth have every right to be extremely proud of this publication, and this gesture on your part is gratefully acknowledged.—Rachel J. Wilcox, 1812 Pennsylvania Ave., Augusta, Ga. (widow of 1st Lt. Len J. Wilcox, Co. B, 47th.)

WANTS NAME OF JUST ONE OF SON'S BUDDIES

Just received "8 Stars to Victory." Let me thank the friends of my loved one, Pvt. Onis W. Strong I Co., 60th, for sending it to me. Please sir, can you give me the name of just one person who was with him in battle? I've never learned how he died—only just killed in action. Surely there is someone in this world who could tell me something about my beloved son and my only child. There isn't one thing left in the world for me but tears and heartaches. Please sir, try and locate someone who will help me.—Mrs. Virgie (Strong) Kerr, Mt. Home, Ark.

"I recently finished the division history and feel that everyone who had anything to do with its writing deserves a load of congratulations for doing a fine job.

Can you do me a favor and insert a notice in the paper inviting all former 9th Recon. men to the annual convention? I believe some are bashful.—Bob Lynch, 2278 6th St., Cuyahoga Falls, O. (Lt. 9th Recon.)

I received my copy of "Eight Stars to Victory," and it was well worth the wait. Had a wonderful holiday season because I received cards from quite a few old 60th buddies.—William M. McDougall, 119 Grove Dr., Ashtabula, Ohio. (60th Regt.)

I received my copy of "Eight Stars to Victory" and am very proud of it. If any of the boys who were in the 60th Inf. want my address it's just Virgil H. Fry, Gainesville, Mo. Would enjoy hearing from any of them.—Virgil H. Fry, Gainesville, Missouri. (60th Regt.)

A GOOD EGG

When sending in his 1949 dues, William Sherwen, 98½ Ross St., Newark, N. J., former Hq. Co. 3d Bn., 60th, sent an extra dollar. Quoting from Bill's letter: "Enclosed also is a dollar to help pay for the postage on notices of back dues to Schmoes like myself. Division history is tops."—Bill.

T. J. Zytowicz, former M-Sgt. Div. Hq. Co., is living at 4 Mose Ave., in Dover, N. J. The Sarge recently changed addresses—but he sent in his dues with the new address. That is something all the members should and must do if they expect to get The Octofoil.

William H. McLaughlin, former 709th Ord., now living at 379 E. Welch Ave., Columbus, Ohio, was one of the first bunch that come back to the states because of accumulated points, and Bill says he is of the opinion a lot of Joes, like himself, left before the Association was formed, still do not know of its existence. Mac has nothing but praise for the history.

Raymond Porter, former T-5 in the 60th is now living in North Oxford, Mass. Letters will reach him addressed to Box 22, Main St. Ray wrote in extending his personal vote of thanks to the history committee for a marvelous job.

John Boswell, who was a corporal in the 84th F.A., is living at 719 11th St., N. E., Massillon, O. Quoting from John's letter it reads like this: "I want to take this opportunity to express my greatest thanks to everyone responsible for making the history a reality."

From way out in Sunny California Dario A. Gagliasso, Rt. 2, Box 39, Cupertino, Calif., a former 47th Regt. Pfc. sends in his letter of praise for the history.

Call off the blood hounds—the search is over, Michael Zvolensky is living at 67 Somerset St., in New Brunswick, N. J. Mike will be in Pittsburgh, but in the meantime he would like to get a letter or two from some of the 84th F.A. men he soldiered with. He also praised the book.

Here is a new address: S-Sgt. Tony Lappas, Hq. 73 L.S.C., APO 407-A, care New York Postmaster. Tony is back in Kraut territory. He formerly was with Co. E, 47th. His 1949 dues have been paid. He likes The Octofoil and believes if some of the old gang would write he could give them some interesting notes in his answers from the old country.

Henry A. Dabrowski, a former 60th sergeant, is living at 282 Semel Ave., Garfield, N. J. Hank sent in his dues and complimented "8 Stars to Victory."

Norman Epstein, a former T-4 in the 34th F.A., Hq. Co., lives at 1848 Andrews Ave., New York, N. Y. Norm says "8 Stars to Victory" will always be one of his most treasured possessions.

Leslie R. McCann, a former 60th Pfc., writes from 732 S. 6th St., Carrollton, Ill., saying the 9th history is absolutely the best history of any division that has been published.

Edmund Naber, a former 47th Pfc., is back in Ocheyedan, Iowa. His dues are paid up to date—and he, too, looks forward for each issue of The Octofoil—not to mention how he enjoyed reading "8 Stars to Victory."

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PAY '49 DUES TODAY!

CONVENTION PLANS ARE IN THE MAKING

MRS. ORA BROGAN MAKES HEADLINES IN PITTSBURGH

Adorning Page 2 of The Pittsburgh Press on Sunday, Dec. 19, 1948, was a 2-column cut of a couple of big-hearted individuals, and immediately adjoining the 2-column cut was a single in which was pictured Harry Kiestler, a disabled veteran.

In the 2-column cut was U. G. Hodgins district traffic superintendent of the Pittsburgh Bell Telephone group, dressed just like Santa Claus is supposed to dress. Standing by holding the telephone apparatus for Santa is none other than Ora Brogan, the petite little wife of Bob Brogan, recently

elected member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association Board of Governors.

The noteworthy occasion for the photos to be printed in the Pittsburgh newspaper was due to the fact the Pittsburgh "hello" girls had banded together and purchased a \$500 electric wheel chair for Veteran Kiestler. The photo also showed an outline of the unique contraption old man Alexander Bell's hired help went out and had rigged up for this veteran.

Nice going Ora. Keep up the good work.

KENNETH MEYER MEANS TO START CHAPTER IN AKRON

Kenneth Meyer, a real "Ninth man" submits this report to The Octofoil:

Did you know that situated in the area enclosed by Cleveland, Youngstown, Canton and Akron there are 164 former Ninth Inf. Div. men who belong to our National Organization.

Several fellows in Akron feel that with this many men around, it would be worthwhile to form a North-Eastern Ohio Chapter. This chapter would be active both socially and in other affairs. What is your response to this suggestion? What night would you prefer a meeting? Please drop a reply to the Akron Committee by Feb. 1, if possible.

Signed Kenneth L. Meyer, 468 Pearl St., Akron 4, O.

During the latter part of November Kenny has sent out 150 letters as above. The response has certainly not been what his efforts deserve. He thinks maybe some were undelivered because of address changes and has asked The Octofoil to print his form letter.

Herman Sharpnack, an old-line Ninth man, formerly with Division Message Center and Ninth Signal is confined to the Veterans Hospital in Chillicothe, O. Kenneth met Herman when they both became attached to the Division in 1940. The Ohio Chapter has been given Kenney's letter for proper action.

NEW YORK HAS NEWS NOTES COMING THROUGH REGULARLY

By STAN COHEN

A reunion is being planned of all former members of Co. B, 47th, who live in or near New York City. To those men who would be interested in getting together for a little reunion they are asked to contact either Art Stenzel, 89-49 215th St., Queens Village 8, N. Y., or Jack DiSanto, 75-10 Caldwell Ave., J. I. Maspeth, N. Y. Kindly include your address, plus any suggestions you may have to offer to help this reunion along. C'mon "BAKER" let's have some action on this.

Interesting happenings occur almost every day in this city. Here is one that Damon Runyon would like to print: Tony Lascazo puts an advertisement in a New York paper offering his plea for some office space he needs. Well one fine upstanding gentleman answers Tony's ad and here is what happens: Tony always wears his 9th Div. pin, so this day being 10 different from all the rest we find Tony approaching the door. The knocks, walks in, and low and behold guess what! The guy who advertised is also a former 9th man. He takes one look at Tony's pin and you guessed it, Tony is now operating his Decon Art Agency in Manhattan because his landlord was an ex-9th man.

Something new every day... here is an offer that cannot be overlooked: If you are ever near 399 W. 37th St., stop in at Getzy Schiff's restaurant and you get a FREE CUP OF JAVA. Yes—Getzy offers to any former Ninth man a free cup of coffee—all of this in a newly redecorated atmosphere, so fancy that most of his guests (coaches) have left for the coming season.

Where, oh where is Wally Wolfson cries Jordan Bierman? Doc Gross is also having his hands full lately. Only the other week Doc had to spend all his time at the local bar, just to catch up on Howdy Doody—(seems like his television set went on the blink). Doc Seslowe is foaming at the mouth. Doc claims that if Doc Humphries doesn't answer soon, the old man is going to tear him limb from limb. . . . Better answer him Doc Humphries as there is still plenty of life left in the old boy.

Speaking of Doc's—most of the guys at the last meeting remember the plague of "I Decline" from the Doc's. Incidentally, Doctor Sternlicht will be Grand Marshal at the installation. His assistant will be Doc Seslow, and his assistant will be Doc Gross. Positions are still available as assistants to any honest hard working pfc. . . .

Apology to Ted Martine; last month he was called Fred Marino. Honest, we didn't mean it.

Tom Flynn and Irv Feinberg are going to Florida shortly. The married men will still be found at the usual haunts every month at the 9th Div. Associations. . . Reason: More and more fun at every meeting they go to.

Phil Orto, 9th Recon., and his wife, Natalie, are now living at 2260 79th St., Jackson Heights, N. Y. Phil is now a salesman. Bill and Sally Riecker, 2530 17th Walk, Jackson Heights, N. Y., are doing fine these days. Bill is also attending New York U. at night and during the day is working in the Texas Company in New York City. Bill was with the 47th and Finance Office. . . Eugene Kyhberger, A. 39th, can now be found at 29A S. Portland Ave., in Brooklyn. . . Don Croto, 39th, Hqs., comes down to the New York meeting from Westport, N. Y. . . Don is with the State Conservation Department. . . Bill Simonson, 34th F.A. Hqs., and Agnes, and his daughter, Jean, age 2, are bunking at 94-42 43rd St., in Elmhurst, L. I. Bill is working for Sheffield Farms. . . Snuffy Dejulus, Hqs. Div. Arty., can be found at 2525 Grand Concourse in the Bronx, N. Y. . . Sam Sternlicht, 39th, B Co., of 1310 Ave. U, Brooklyn, will sell you anything you need in insurance these days. . . Attention, attention. . . Calling Captain George Sthurtle somewhere in Nebraska: All your boys want you to know they are asking about you and hope that you are okay and doing well. . . Harry L. Hammer, B Btry., 60th FA, of 1563 55th St., Brooklyn, says "Hello to all his old buddies."

Ralph Butcher a Big Butter and Egg Man

Ralph H. Butcher sends a plea for former 899th T.D. fellows to drop him a few lines to Rt. 2, Farmington, Wash. Ralph says he is getting along swell operating a farm with his dad and brothers.

GOTTA GIVE RIGHT DOPE TO GET THE OCTOFOIL REGULAR

John W. McClaren (known to some of the old timers as Bibs—to others it was Junior), writes from 12231 Matherson Ave., Cleveland Ohio, and admits it is his own fault he hadn't received recent issue of The Octofoil because he had changed addresses without notifying Secretary Tingley. Mc served his time with the 9th as a part of Hq. Co. 1st Bn., 39th. He wants some of the old gang to write, especially Sgt. Tom Donovan. Where is Tom, anyway?

Help This Boy's Dad



Pictured above is Laird E. Rehrig, Co. A, 1st Bn., 47th, who was killed during the Cherbourg campaign. Any member who was with young Rehrig during this campaign should contact his dad. Here's the father's name and address: Mr. William B. Rehrig, Rt. 1, Lehigh, Pa.

Read Francis Wolman's story printed on another page.

MINNESOTA BOYS TO MEET JAN. 23

Richard W. Sims, Secretary-Treasurer, Greater Twin City Chapter, can be reached at 3932 Brunswick Ave., S., St. Louis Park, Minn. Dick forwarded dues for several members and enclosed the following announcement:

Several of our Chapter got together for New Year's Eve at the home of "Chick" Hennen and celebrated the New Year in true 9th Div. style. Wilson Langlev, Essex, Mo., formerly of A Co., 47th, also attended and got into an argument with Paul E. Johnson as to the date the Division cut off the Cherbourg Peninsula near Barneville. Chick brought out some old Division outlays and proved the discussion to the satisfaction of both parties. You might mention this in the next issue of The Octofoil. Any members in the Twin City Area may send dues to the address given above.

Tom Solon, President of the Chapter, announces that Sunday, Jan. 23 is the date for the next meeting at the Officers' Club, Fort Snelling, Minn., and anyone able to pay dues at this time should do so.

(The Octofoil regrets the fact that this issue will not reach the Minnesota lads until after the meeting date.)

MITTELMANS ARE IN CALIFORNIA

A Christmas greeting card from former Captain Joseph Mittelman, "Eight Stars to Victory" man, "Eight Stars to Victory" 1227 38th Ave., San Francisco 22, Calif.

Joe, Edna (Mrs. Mittelman) and little Linda are doing okay out there in the Golden Gate Bridge city.

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Information Obtained Regarding the Death Of Ed Prothero, Engrs.

A recent issue of The Octofoil carried a request from Wilton Taylor, Taft, Calif., for someone to submit any available information relative to the death of Edwin Prothero, Co. A, 15th Engrs.

Under date of May 10, 1948, from Beaver Falls, Pa., Taylor received the following card from David L. Prothero:

"Ed was killed in action Sept. 6, 1944. They were trying to cross the Meuse River when they met enemy fire. They had to retreat but some were caught. Edwin, with some other men, volunteered to try to save some of their buddies who they learned later had either been killed or taken prisoner. He was hit by a shell from an 88-mm. in the stomach and died before help got to him. If you would care for more information I could send you the address of a man who came to see us."

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START WITH PLANS FOR ATTENDING THE JUNE 30-JULY 1-2 REUNION

COMMITTEE SET UP - - WILLIAM PENN HOTEL WILL BE THE HEADQUARTERS - - ASK THE BOSS FOR RIGHT VACATION DATES TODAY.

A visit to Pittsburgh, Pa. the last day of June and the first two days of July should be a MUST with every former Ninth Infantry Division man in North America. Indications are that the next Reunion to be held in the Pennsylvania metropolis will go down in history as the greatest Reunion of former combat men ever held anywhere.

Belated Greetings Sent By Detroiters

Coming just a few hours after the last issue of The Octofoil went to press this short note with seasonal greetings and a optimistic report from the Greater Detroit Chapter, was received from the Chapter's aggressive secretary, Joe Casey, 8621 Colfax, Detroit 4, Mich.:

The Greater Detroit Chapter reports that a very active campaign is being conducted by the Membership Committee this past month to obtain new members and make sure that every member is an active member this coming year. The Social Committee reports that plans are being made for the Annual Reunion of Michigan members, their wives and families this coming year.

We hope all members have received "8 Stars to Victory," and have again recalled to mind the comradeship of these days they all shared together in the 9th Infantry Division.

Detroit Chapter extends best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our comrades all over the world. To the Gold Star Mothers and Wives of the Honored Heroes members of Detroit Chapter offer prayers that they may have received the gift of Consolation from Him who gave His own Son at Bethlehem for the salvation of all.

Fagg Production Co. Really 'On the Beam'

Kenny H. Fagg, Terre Haute, Ind., former Pfc. with the 60th, mails a brief announcement that will no doubt prove interesting to his old 60th buddies. It reads:

The Kenneth H. Fagg Production Co. announces the arrival of the new 1948 Diaper Model placed on display at the Union Hospital on Nov. 20, 1948.

Diaper Model has two blue headlights, 1 milk tank, 1 disposal can, 4 strong levers. Contains 6 lbs. 2 oz. of horsepower. It should be advertised as Mr. Thomas Stephen Fagg.

The Faggs will be glad to display their new model at 113 N. 18th St., ten days after the above date.

Call at this address for free cigars.

Kenneth H. Fagg, President. Nell Fagg, Production Mgr. (Editor's Note: Wonder if Ken knows that former Capt. Kreible, the best medic the 60th ever had was for a long time on the Union Hospital staff—may still be there. His charming wife was likewise on the staff of the same hospital.)

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Frank Moore's Gold Star Wife Thinks a Lot of the History

Pfc. Frank E. Moore served the 60th Regt. with distinction. His charmin': Gold Star wife, Vivian, 509 S. Wooster St., Algona, Iowa, writes a few lines to The Octofoil, which read:

I want to thank the Association for my copy of "8 Stars to Victory." It has given me a clear picture of the part my husband took in the last war. He was with Col. Paddy Flint and his AAA-O Regiment, which is shown so much respect by the writer of "8 Stars to Victory." These facts I never knew before. The book is something I will always treasure.

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Irvall Riggelman In West Virginia

Irvall Riggelman, former Co. B, 60th man, is living in Moccasin, W. Va. Irv is another who praises "8 Stars to Victory"

At a meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter held December 17, 1948, the following Committee was appointed to handle the "pick and shovel" work in making plans for the convention:

Tom Gray, Chairman.
Walt Millesine.
Bert Murphy.
Mike Puzak.
Ray Pifer.
Bob Brogan.
Alex Forrest.
Bill Hennemuth.
Bob Buck.

TINGLEY VISITS THE CONVENTION CITY

Secretary Charles O. Tingley met with members of the above-named committee Saturday, Dec. 18, 1948, at which time definite plans were outlined to the Committee as to what arrangements were to be made to make this Convention the best of all.

WILLIAM PENN THE SITE

Arrangements have been made with the William Penn Hotel to accommodate the Convention.

GUEST SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED

Efforts are now being made to arrange for an outstanding person to be the guest speaker for the banquet, which will be held on Saturday evening, July 2.

JUST A WARNING

This is just an advance warning to you fellows, mainly to notify you of the Convention dates so that schedules may be so arranged to permit everyone to attend.

MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH

More details will be forthcoming in the next issue of The Octofoil.

Indications at this early date prove beyond any reasonable doubt that this will be the biggest and most interesting convention the Ninth Infantry Division Association has ever held.

PLAN VACATIONS NOW

Now is the time to proposition the boss about vacation schedules. Many were unable to attend last year because the exact dates for the Convention were not released in sufficient time for work schedules of the members to be arranged.

NO USE TO BRING A DRINK

Those who like to socialize over a glass of foamy suds or on rare occasions take a wee sip of something a bit more potent, will derive considerable satisfaction from learning that Mike Puzak, the first secretary-treasurer the Ninth Infantry Division Association had, is in the lucrative business of dispensing alcoholic beverages in Pittsburgh.

No doubt many of the members especially former 39th men, will feel a bit timid about partaking of Mike's hospitality and will insist on the little Pollock accepting pay for his wares. But Mike says "no, a thousand times no." So it looks like the drinks will be on the Great Puzak's House.

WOMEN WILL BE LAVISHLY ENTERTAINED

The most outstanding ladies' auxiliary of not only the Ninth Infantry Division Association, but of any veterans' organization, exists in Pittsburgh, and the girls will be battling 1,000 in their role of hostesses to those members who bring their wives, mothers, sisters or sweethearts.

Hotel rates and all other desired information will be available for the members within the next few days.

This fourth annual reunion of the greatest combination of combat men ever to assembled will go down in history as the outstanding event in 1949 on this North American continent within the confines of all veterans' organizations. Be there early and stay late.

GREATER DETROIT CHAPTER MAKING PLANS FOR ITS SECOND REUNION

By JOE T. CASEY,
Secretary Greater Detroit,
8621 Colfax,

All Michigan members and their wives and families are planning to attend the Dance and Reunion, about the middle of March, at which the Ninth Division movies will again be shown.

The "active member" drive is going strong, and new members are to be person ly brought to the next meeting on the first Sunday in February (the 6th), at 2 P. M. at 624 Brush St., in downtown Detroit.

Detroit's group plans to form a "Blood Bank" for Michigan members—one pint in the bank, and you get all you need if the member (or his immediate family) should ever need any. Some veterans whose operation may require three transfusions are waiting for three nice people to make a donation so they can be sent home rather than wait.

When the Detroit "Blood Bank" has a balance of 25 pints, any further contributions to the bank will go to the veterans (any branch of service) who are sweating out operations and waiting in the Dearborn Veterans Hospital.

It is a bit of a surprise to find there are still many veterans who are putting in time in a Veterans Hospital for the sake of a few pints of blood. The Red Cross helps when there is an emergency, such as a fire, etc. But, a veteran whose operation is normally expected to require two (or seven maybe) is not quite an emergency, since he can eat and sleep, and wait a bit longer for that operation.

Kenneth Ray Liked "8 Stars to Victory"

From Elmira, N. Y., Kenny Ray, 400 1-2 Sullivan St., is singing praises for "Eight Stars to Victory."

Ray kills two birds with one stone (or was it a can of C rations?), by saying "The Octofoil is tops and so was every man in C. O. E. of the 39th." He wants to hear from some of the old gang.

HOOSIER LAD WILL SUBMIT CARTOONS

A former A. T. Co., 39th man, Henry Geisel, 117 1-2 W. Lexington Ave., Elkhart, Ind., has submitted some humorous cartoon strips he has drawn in his spare time. The ideas are excellent—and with a little touching up they will reproduce nicely for The Octofoil. In the very near future it is planned to publish some of Hank's art work.

Jeanne Finkle Is the Guilty Culprit

While rambling around Capt. Bob Turner's balliwick in the City of Angels, snapping pictures of bathing beauties Ted Matusik's bright colored shirts attracted the attention of Miss Jeanne Finkle, 4252 Bronson, Los Angeles, Cal., and she "mugged" old "Shirts" himself for the photo used in the last issue of The Octofoil. Thanks, Jeanne.

Capt. Turner claims Jeanne is the character who inspired the famous song, "Jeanne with the Light Brown Hair."

Still Wants the Pictorial Book

In sending holiday greetings to The Octofoil, all former Ninth men and relatives of deceased buddies, Wilton Taylor adds, that his greatest wish is for all the fellows to flood The Octofoil with photographs for a better paper, and to keep thinking it over for a "Pictorial History of 8 Stars to Victory."

Quoting from the letter: "I dare you fellows to send your photographs in. You'll get them back. The Octofoil and History Committee have taken care of a hundred or more I have sent in."

"Let's have each member who writes in be sure to give his unit address. Quite a few might not remember who you are if you don't identify your unit."

"Richard L. Kennon of Creston, Iowa, is back in the service. His wife and children have been transferred to the European Theater. His address is Sgt. R. L. Kin Kennon, ASN 37111864, Co. H, 350th Inf., care P. M. New York, APO 541. Dick was with 1st Plt., M Co., 47th."

THE MAN SAYS IT IS A GREAT BOOK

Alois E. Panfil, 1825 S. 18th St., Milwaukee, Wis., formerly with the Division Band says in a recent letter: "Have read '8 Stars to Victory.' It is truly a fine book."

WANTS C CO. 47th MEN AT REUNION

Carl Pope, C Co., 47th writes from 535 N. Queen St., Lancaster, Pa., asking that as many of the old gang as possible should be in Pittsburgh for the reunion.

He is proud of the history as well as his copies of The Octofoil.

PAYS 5 BUCKS FOR OCTOFOIL FOR SELF AND ONE OTHER

The Association would have no difficulty in financing publishing and printing The Octofoil if there were others as interested in the Association as Mr. Paul Rekettye, 1079 Mercer Ave., Akron, Ohio.

In sending in a subscription for The Octofoil in 1949 for himself and the mother of another Ninth boy who lost his life while defending America's way of living, Mr. Rekettye sent a check for \$5.

Paul Rekettye is the father of Tibby Rekettye, who was recently returned to his beloved country for final burial.

Georgia Cracker Honored By Uncle Sam's Big Court

Major Forrest F. Barefoot, 810 Mulberry St., Macon, Ga., was recently transferred to that city. The major recently contacted ex-Sgt. Raymond King from his old outfit, 34th B.A. Bn. Accompanying the letter was a newspaper clipping advising that Trammell F. Shi, another former 9th man, had been appointed law clerk to Judge Davis of the Middle District of Georgia Federal Court.

Rog Despardine Starts Plans Early

Roger V. Despardine, a former Corporal in Hq. Co., 9th lives at 21 Chester St., Woonsocket, R. I. Looking forward to seeing a lot of old buddies in Pittsburgh, Rog closes his letter by paying a real compliment to the history.

Cpl. Steven Budrick Back In the States

Members who attended the Philadelphia Reunion can not forget Cpl. Steven Budrick, a former G Co., 47th man. He is the Joe who personally provided the gifts that were given to the Gold Star Mother and Gold Star Father at the Reunion.

Cpl. Budrick left the Hawaiian Islands last October. After being pushed around a bit he thinks for a reasonable length of time a letter addressed to him at this address will be delivered: Cpl. Steven Budrick, A. S. N. RA-6901607, 5025TH A.S.U., Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

GLENN HAWKINS GETS BAD BREAK

Glenn Hawkins, Rt. 1, Brinkhaven, O., a former 9th Medic advises The Octofoil their home was completely destroyed by fire last year, nothing was saved. The sarge's medals were destroyed—but he got around to sending in his 1949 dues. That should make a lot of Joes have red faces. A fellow who suffers such a loss and still pays his dues is one in a million. The Octofoil, Secretary Tingley and the other officers doff their hats to Glenn.

Incidentally, Secretary Tingley is helping this deserving lad to secure replaced medals for those he lost in the fire.

GEN. DEVERS SENDS SEASON GREETINGS

In a short note dated 5 January 1949, addressed to Secretary Tingley, General Jacob L. Devers, Chief, Army Field Forces, has asked that every member of the great Ninth Division be extended his wishes for a most successful and Happy New Year.

Newell Anderson Back In Army

Secretary Tingley's files showed Newell W. Anderson as living in Kanapolis, N. C., the hometown of former Captain Cannon of B Co., 60th. But Andy advises he has a new address and it is now Sgt. Newell W. Anderson, Co. E, 514th ABN Inf. Regt., 17th ABN Inf. Div., Camp Pickett, Va. The Sarge asks for some of the old-timers from Signal Co. to drop him a card now and then.

FORMER 9th MEDIC LIVES IN FLORIDA

Taking the liberty of extracting certain sentences from a personal letter sent to Secretary Tingley from a former 9th medic captain, none other than Otto "Hack" Hackradt, The Octofoil feels such excerpts will bring back memories to many former 9th men. Quoting from the letter: "I am staying at Frank Boscia's house, 752 N. W. 18th St., Miami, Fla. He was one of the kids in my company who went to O.C.S. shortly after Pearl Harbor. We spend many pleasant hours talking over old times and have fought and refought the Carolina maneuvers many times. We are still going to the railheads and scrapping over the ration breakdown."

Nick Miele Sends Bronx Cheer to All

Former 9th Q.M. guys are on the ball this month with letters to The Octofoil, Dominick Miele, 853 South Boulevard, Bronx 59, N. Y., sends his greetings to all former Ninth men, advising he plans to see 'em in Pittsburgh.

JACK ELDRIDGE BURIED IN OHIO

Bill Mauser, 6632 Bliss Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, former captain, Btry. C, 84th F.A., advises The Octofoil that on 1 December 1948 final rites were held for 2nd Lt. Jack Eldridge, 84th F.A. Bn., in Aurora, Ohio.

Jack was killed in the bombing of St. Lo on 25 July 1944 while on a forward observing post.

Bill says that Jack's parents were grand about the solemn occasion. Five former 84th F.A. men were present, and among those who traveled over 1,000 to make the trip were Frank Heberling and Waldon Lewis. Others present were Dr. R. J. Sating and Steve Yovich. Ken Meyers, Akron, paid his respects to the family before the funeral.

Identify Pill Pushers



Jerome Cosenza, 9th Meds., Co. A, contributed the above picture made on a lonely road in Germany. Cosenza lives at 316 Van Buren St., Newark 5, N. J., and would like to hear from any of the buddies who recognize themselves.

Matusik Says 126th Ord. Men Big Help

Theodore Matusik, 2058 W. 76th St., Chicago 20, Ill., writes The Octofoil that he wants to see arrangements made for 126th Ord. Men to get into the Association. Says Matusik, "after all those guys in the 126th helped maintain our vehicles. They were in combat too. They were not rear echelon (Paris stationed). The 126th has a legitimate complaint."

Ted has finally gotten his membership in Father Connors' Chowder and Marching Club through the efforts of Joe McKenzie—and is he a happy lad?

Matusik claims he has a foxhole dug for himself as protection because he has seen fit to criticize "8 Stars to Victory," but he says the best policy is to call a "spade a spade."

BERT COY WRITES LETTER FROM OLE MAN RIVER TOWN

Bert Coy is living at 4200 McPherson Ave., St. Louis 8, Mo., and wants to hear from from his buddies from 746th Tank Bn., C Company.

The lad writes a nice letter, enclosing his 1949 dues as well as a snapshot of Glenn Gearheart, Bexley, O., Rt. 1; Joseph A. Thacez, 117 Lackawanna Ave., Oliphant, Pa., and himself.

Bert says he is shaking all the bushes, going up and down the banks of the Mississippi River looking for new members and asks The Octofoil to let him know of anything he can do that will be a help to the Association.

Bert says he has read every word in "Eight Stars to Victory" twice and really enjoyed it.



Pictured above is Glenn Gearheart, Rt. 1, Bexley, O.; Joe Thacez, 117 Lackawanna Ave., Oliphant, Pa., and Bert Coy, 4200 McPherson Ave., St. Louis 8, Mo.

DICK BLAYOCK'S BOY A HOWLING 8-MONTH FELLOW

Dick Blaylock, former 47th lad, lives at 1207 N. 35th St., Richmond 23, Va. The Blaylocks baby is 8 months old.

They recently moved into a new home, after Dick took time out to read his copy of the history.

George Cyphers Glad To Get Citation Dope

George W. Cyphers, former B Co. 60th Pfc., writes from 1656 Lockwood Ave., East Cleveland 12, Ohio. Naturally he likes the history, it was nice to refresh his memory of many localities he had forgotten by name, also to learn that B Co. 60th received the unit citation awarded the day he the Purple Heart.

Where's Everett Hyde Hiding Himself Now?

Robert Rogers' address is Rt. 1, Box 356, Cheyenne, Wyo. Bob was with the M.P.s.

The lad enjoyed his history. He is connected with the Continental Oil Co., and wants the address of Everett B. Hyde, who was in the same outfit.

Juna Is Throwing Noodles Together

From 508 Colonial Ave., Norfolk 7, Va., John E. Jung, a former 2nd Bn. 47th Anti-Tanker, wants the gang to know he's still making oodles of noodles with the Wah On & Co., Norfolk.

Octofoil and the history. He recently contacted Lt. Klitch, of wrie section, doing recruit work down in Norfolk.

Former O.M. Guys Can Still "Procure"

LeRoy F. Dreifus, a former staff sergeant in the 9th Q. M., writes Secretary Tingley he recently purchased a new Plymouth automobile after only five days of waiting.

Please do not inquire of The Octofoil how these former Q.M. guys can go out and do these things. It's a \$64 question.

Roy mentions getting a letter from Bill Brathuhn, who was pretty well liked by the old gang because he was a baker who concocted dishes that seemed clear out of this world.

James R. Thompson Has a New Address

James R. Thompson has recently moved from Crofton, Ky. to Nortonsville, Ky., Rt. 2.

Jim- claims "8 Stars to Victory" was the most interesting book he has ever read. He does not want to miss any Octofoils either.

JOHN HANUSCIN ATTENDS RITES

John Hanuscin can be reached by writing him at Box 461, Richeyville, Pa. In a letter written Christmas day John compliments both The Octofoil and the history. But most important, he wants to hear from some of the 47th Cannon Co.

Hanuscin has returned to work for a coal mining outfit. After getting out of the service John built a home, married and has three youngsters, two daughters and a son.

On Nov. 28 William Crago of Rice's Landing, Pa., a former 39th man was given final rites. Hanuscin says Bill's family seemed well pleased that so many former Ninth men attended.

Gets a "Bang" Out Of Reading Octofoil

Earl Hubbs, Box 109, La Jolla, Calif., former 47th man is attending school at the University of California and working for Uncle Sam in the summer with the Forest and Park Service.

Living so far away he has been unable to attend any of the conventions, but says he gets a big "bang" out of The Octofoil.

Former Ninth Man Prepares For Priesthood

Former Pfc. Gerald F. Rowan, 9th Div. M. P., can be reached by addressing him Br. John Dominic, Dominican House of Studies, Harlem Ave. at Division St., River Forest, Ill. He is studying for the Catholic Priesthood in the Dominican Order. Br. John says he enjoys The Octofoil, is proud to be member of the Association. Being unable to attend Chapter meetings, he closes the letter, "But I will remember the Association in my prayers."

Thanks a million for the kind letter Br. John Dominic.

FEB. 9 TO BE A BIG DAY IN GEORGIA'S BIG MUNICIPALITY

Walter J. Victor, 580 Holderness St., S. W., Atlanta, Ga., sent The Octofoil a copy of a trade magazine jammed full of short jokes the members would enjoy reading. Taking the copy to a Military Order of Cootie conclave in East Liverpool, O., to pass around, some culprit copped it—now The Octofoil will have to wait until Walt can send next month's issue. In his letter he asks that the following notice be printed in this issue:

The Georgia Chapter of the 9th Infantry Division Association will hold a dinner and dance at the American Legion home on Piedmont Rd., Atlanta, on Feb. 9.

Dinner will be served from 8 to 9 p. m. and the dance afterwards. The charge is \$2.50 a couple.

Contact Walter J. Victor, Secretary, at 580 Holderness St., S.W., Atlanta, Ga., at ONCE—and pay 1949 dues.

Cyril J. Guidry Doing O.K. In Delta Country

Cyril J. Guidry, former Co. C, 39th man, lives at 305 Washington St., Paquemin, La. Cy says "8 Stars to Victory" was well-written. He should know, having been with the Ninth from Fort Bragg until the war's end.

Since leaving the service he has married and they have two kiddies, a boy and girl. He wants to hear from the old gang.

WANTS CAL BRODO OF NEW YORK CITY

David E. Clarke, former Pfc. in K Co., 60th is sending out an SOS for Cal Brodo, formerly of the same outfit. Harold Beck's mother wants to hear from Cal since Harold often spoke of him. Write Mrs. Charles P. Beck, 204 W. Price St., Linden, N. J. Harold was in B Co., 60th. He was transferred to the Third Div. and was killed at Anzio.

Dave lives at 200 Montclair Ave., Newark 4, N. J.

ANOTHER INSTALMENT, P.O.W.'S DIARY

RUMORS ARE FAST AND FURIOUS AS TO DATE VIC WILL GO HOME -- BUT MANY TRYING DAYS STILL AHEAD

PLANS HIS FIRST MEAL WHEN HE GETS TO MOM'S PANTRY; SWEET TOOTH IN NAZI GERMANY IS ONLY A GREAT BIG HEADACHE.

By VIC J. WOJTAS,
1729 N. Wood St., Chicago, Ill.

Only two more instalments of Vic's remarkable diary are left for Octofoil readers. Then that day of days, the dream of months is realized—back in Mom's kitchen—be sure and read the P.O.W.'s reaction when he reached his home after all the months of dreaming. Continued from where Vic's diary left off last issue:

All kinds of rumors are going the rounds as to when we will be bidding farewell to this place, so, am looking forward to being on my way home soon, very soon.



WEATHER WINDY

The weather here is very windy, which gives us all another worry, living in tents. We had a few tents rip and blow down, a

Wojtas make conditions a little more miserable. Better days are ahead, soon, I hope.

THEY'LL THINK HE'S "NUTS"

April 4: Dear Mom, Pop and All: You will think I'm crazy when I get home and start buying preserves, dried fruits, vegetables, fruit juices and mixed nuts in large quantities.

Here is what the Germans fed us today: Three-fourths cup of soup, three thin slices of bread, with a ration of margarine. This has been our daily ration since March 20. The only exception was two issues of potatoes which amounted to five small potatoes per man. Wondering whether the Nazi heel is hurting more than we are.

RAINING

April weather, a driving rain—very windy and cold.

I have a sweet tooth but it is not doing me much good in the heart of Nazi Germany. So when I get home I'll have one of each: Mars Bar, Milky Way, Three Bears, Snicker, Dr. I.Q., Oh Henry, Butterfinger, Baby Ruth, Mr. Good-Bar, Guest House, Power House, Bit o' Honey, Tango, Mounds, Charleston Chew, Chicken Dinner, Pecan Roll, Hershey's Milk Chocolate, Tootsie Roll, Carmello, Dreams, Nu-Bar, Big Nick, Clark Bar, Ole Nick, Butter Scotch, D-Bar, Ritter House, Malt Teaser, Tootsie Fruiti, Whizz Bang, Puff Ball, Forever Yours, Frozen Magic, Red Sails, Jumbo, Cowboy, Toffee Bar, Peanut Brittle, Welch's Fudge Bar, Five in One, Whiz, Sensation, Heat's Toffee, Walnut, Pecan Feast, Almond Treat, Pay Day, 19th Half, Walnut Crush, Pecan Pete, 25 Carat, Holoway's Caramel, Chocolate Mints, Jolly Jack.

TRICKY FROGS

In my two years as a Prisoner of War I found the French prisoners the biggest collaborators, shylarks, pro-Nazi of any other nationality in Germany. They always seem to get into various towns and cities, go out on hikes and walk unguarded. They have more food on hand than any other nationality in the way of biscuit bread, and cereals. When we were down and out, the French would refuse us a cigarette butt. When we received Red Cross packages they would be the first to bargain with us. They get bread for two packages of cigarettes, and would sell the same loaf of bread from six to eight packs of smokes. In just about all their dealings their prices are tripled. My opinion is that the French are German professional shylarks, shysters and suck holes.

MORE FIGURING

April 6: Lyle Hetrick, Jack Rose, Al Hudy and myself figured the amount of food we eat daily. This includes German rations and whatever we eat from the Red Cross parcel. It amounted to a little less than a pound of food per man daily. What does the average man eat daily in civilian life? It's

between six and nine pounds that he eats daily, isn't it? So you people can just imagine the shape of our stomachs after eating the way we have for two years. You can see the Red Cross Bulletin tries to point out how well a Prisoner of War gets along. What is your opinion? My opinion is we're existing and that is all. I guess there is no American who knows the value of food, more so than we American Prisoners of War. I'll never forget.

LETTER FROM HOME

In a letter dated Dec. 6, 1944, and written by Mary, she mentioned the marriage of Genevieve to Kenny Caloud. Am very glad to hear of their marriage, and my only regret is that I couldn't be present at the wedding.

ATTENDS MASS

April 8 (Sunday): Attended Mass at Stalag 3-A, Luckenwalde, Germany. Mass held for Intention of 28 Comrades who were killed in an air raid in the town of Brandenburg. Most of those killed were men of Furstenberg Stalag 3-B, who were taken to Brandenburg after our evacuation.

ANOTHER RUMOR

April 12: There is a rumor going around camp that we will leave Stalag 3-A soon. One of the rumors is that we are going to an area around Munich. We're all hoping that if we do move, the move is for the best, and not the worst as it usually turns out.

Friday 13: According to the rumors going around camp I should be on my way home soon. If half the rumors are true I'll be satisfied.

HEARS OF FDR'S DEATH

Friday 13: We heard that our beloved President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, had died. On this day we were cut from a full Red Cross parcel to half a parcel per man. It's bad enough trying to stretch a Red Cross parcel for a week, and now it's just double trouble for the duration of this damn war.

KILL PRISONERS

April 14: Two British Air Corp non-coms tried to escape from Stalag 3-A today. One of them was killed instantly, and the other was seriously wounded. My opinion is that it was a little too late in the game to try to escape.

PLANES HIT

April 15: On the night of the 14th at 10:30 P. M. Allied planes hit the town of Potsdam, a suburb of Berlin. Since I've been in this game of war I have never heard or seen as much anti-aircraft fire. The searchlights amounted to 35 or 40 (fair guess). It seems to me the Germans have concentrated their aircraft units in the area around 3-A, for their last defense of Berlin. Besides bombing the town of Potsdam, Allied planes bombed targets South and Southwest of camp. For at least 20 minutes there was a continuous rumbling of anti-aircraft guns, flashes, flares, searchlights and then more rumbling and flashes. I really have to admit that the Germans have a perfect air defense of the Berlin area. It takes a lot of guts for our boys to fly through it.

SECOND BRITON DIES

April 16: Second British non-com died a day after his attempt to escape from Stalag 3-A.

Here is something I forgot to mention: It took place Thursday, April 12. On this day the Germans tried to move 1,400 British officers and 700 British non-coms from Stalag 3-A to an area around Munich. The British waited at the railroad depot for two days, and then were sent back to 3-A. We heard later the Germans couldn't move the British because Allied troops had control of part of the railroad somewhere around Mu-

nich. This was a good indication for us, and we are all looking forward to being liberated soon. Another good indication is that the rumors are flying thick and heavy. The tension here is growing by the hour.

MILITARY FUNERAL

April 17: They held a military funeral for the two British non-coms who were shot to death in their attempt to escape from Stalag 3-A.

HEAR THE GUNS

As I sit here and write, we can hear the guns of the front lines, and every once in awhile planes come over, drop their load. It is then when we see billows of smoke with some planes doing quite a bit of diving. I guess this action is about nine miles southwest from Stalag 3-A. Rumors are flying thick and heavy, and we are all hoping for the liberation of Stalag 3-A. If most of the rumors are true this should happen in the very near future.

JENNIE WRITES AGAIN

Received the fifty-first letter from Jennie Depa, dated Dec. 5, on April 17. (Ed's Note: Jennie is now THE Mrs. Vic Wojtas.)

LICE NOT SO BAD

The lice situation isn't so bad. I can only find 10 lice daily.

April 19: 1,500 British Prisoners of War arrived in Stalag 3-A yesterday. They were evacuated from a prison camp around Lemberg in Poland. Here's their story: They evacuated Lemberg around Jan. 20, three thousand strong. They said they walked from Jan. 20 to April 18, covering 900 miles in three months. The atrocities mentioned were men freezing to death, some of them starving to death. Some of them attempted to escape and were shot; others who could not make the walk were shot and left beside the road. Three thousand strong when they started out, arriving in 3-A with half their number. This was their story; take it for what you think it is worth. (We thought we had it rough on our eight-day evacuation walk from 3-B.)

ANOTHER RAID

We witnessed another daylight raid over Germany with our planes flying a lot lower than they usually do. There were nine waves that came over with 36 planes to a wave. Where they dropped their loads I didn't hear. Here's what most of us can't understand: We hear artillery and rumbling in different directions from 3-A. Once in awhile fighter planes come over to drop their loads, still we just do not know where the front lines are.

APRIL 21

April 21: As I sit here and write I can hear rifle, machine gun and artillery fire, which means only one thing: Our day of liberation is drawing closer. Another indication is the guards around camp have left their post. The noise and excitement here is growing by the hour. CHICAGO—HERE I COME!

(Be sure to read the next instalment of this Diary.)
—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

NO AMBITION

An Infantry company was in training for combat, when one day a colonel made a surprise inspection. As he walked down the line, he asked questions which the men answered properly. But, finally, he came to the last man in the rear ranks, the recruit the captain had tried to hide from the colonel.

"Do you like the Army?" the colonel asked.

"No!" the recruit answered. The colonel opened his eyes wide, "And why not?"

"Life is too hard!"

"Why, son," the colonel explained. "Life is hard everywhere. To succeed in life, you must be willing to do more than what the other man does. To become a general, you must be willing to get up at 5:30 in the morning, work all day at top speed until 10:00 or 11:00 at night. You must be willing to work, work!" The colonel paused, then asked, "Do you understand, son?"

For a moment, the recruit stared blankly at the colonel. Then he said, "I don't care to work hard. I only wish to be a colonel."—By Jon Chinen.

ROY STANTON SAYS DOLLARS ARE WELL SPENT

Roy J. Stanton, former 39th man is living at Midland, Md. Roy writes a nice letter, explaining he was a little late with 1949 dues, because on Nov. 10 a new baby boy arrived. Last Christmas, in 1947, a little girl arrived. Roy says he's proud of the history and gives his new address as 415 W. Pine St. He also plans to be in Pittsburgh.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Pearl Nickles Moves From Columbus, O.

Pearl Nickles, former 39th lad, has moved to Akron to be near the Rekettye family. Octofoil readers are all admirers of Paul Rekettye, the father of Tibby, who was recently returned to Akron for final burial rites.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

PAY '49 DUES TODAY!

Joe Coppelino Wants News From 60th Men

Joseph Coppelino can be reached at 430 Fountain Ave., Albany 3, N. Y. He wants more guys from G Co., 60th to send in letters to The Octofoil. Joe enjoyed "Stars to Victory."

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Ed Brown Holding Hanford, Calif. Fort

Edward Brown is living in Hanford, Calif. He showed a cousin of his "8 Stars to Victory." The cousin, is Paul Mathias, Box 176, Rodeo, Calif., Paul was with the 9th but was wounded before the Association was formed. Now that he knows about it he plans to join.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

A Cinema Club, composed of patients in the Veterans Administration hospital in Manhattan Beach, New York, is producing a documentary film depicting hospital life. Volunteer workers trained in motion picture production are helping with technical details.

APPLICATION BLANK

Give the coupon below to a fellow-member of the Division. Better yet, fill it out for the new member of The Association and then let him sign it in your presence. Remember !!! Every member gets a new member in 1949.

There are now two types of membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association:

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Note: Make check or money order payable to the Secretary-Treasurer, The Ninth Infantry Division Association, P. O. Box 1704, Washington (13), D. C.

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