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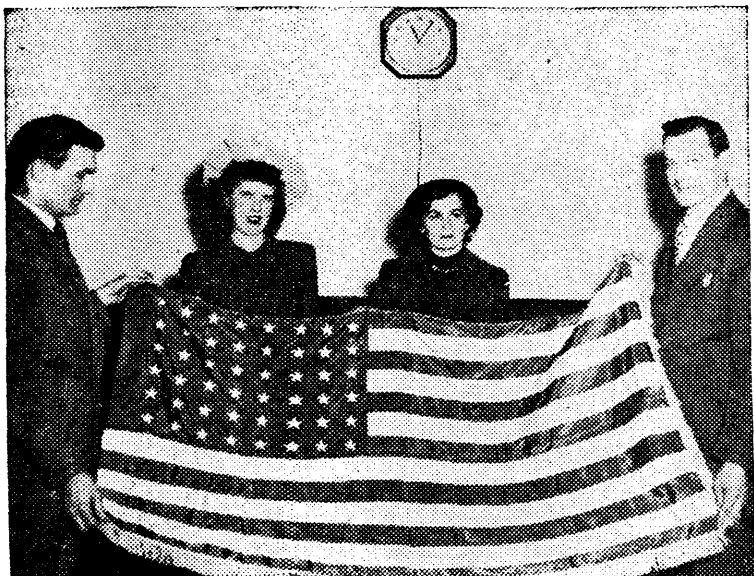
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BOARD TO MEET IN PITTSBURGH

Typical Scene At Pittsbmrgh Meeting



Pictured left to right at a recent joint meeting of the Greater Pittsburgh group are William Hilton, Secretary, Greater Pittsburgh Chapter; Margie Schmidt, President, Woman's Auxiliary; Jackie Hilton, Past President, Woman's Auxiliary; Raymond Pifer, President, Greater Pittsburgh Chapter.

MARGARET GRAY GIVES SOME IDEA OF WOMEN'S PLANS FOR REUNION

By MARGARET H. GRAY, Publicity Chairman, Women's Activities, Fourth Annual Reunion, 9th Inf. Division Association

The Women's Auxiliary of the Pittsburgh Chapter is busily arranging ways of entertaining its "Petticoat Brigade," and is hoping for a record turnout of wives and mothers—Gold Star and others.

A complete program will be announced next month, but a committee headed by President Margie Schmidt and assisted by Frances Millstone and Jackie Hilton is putting finishing touches on the plans. A trip through one of the best known and most interesting Pittsburgh plants (with luncheon) is part of it; a tea and fashion show at our oldest and best known department store with gorgeous models—sorry, boys, this is not for you—is another part of the plan. These events will take place Friday, as Saturday is pretty well filled with convention activity, so plan to come Thursday night. Saturday will not be a complete blank, however. Optional activities will be offered, and the women's own meeting will take place in the early afternoon.

SEPARATE PARLOR

There will be a separate parlor available, so for the first time the girls will not have to sit around in the lobby wondering what to do. The Chapter plans to keep a record of registrations so that it will be easy to look up friends. A hostess will be on hand at all times to assist and extend a wel-

come to Pittsburgh. A list of all events will be posted, and every attempt will be made to enable the visiting women to meet people they want to see. We hope to help especially any Gold Star people to contact whoever they desire to chat with.

INFORMAL CLOTHES

Being women—and particularly if this is your first Convention—you may be wondering about what to wear. Those who have been at previous gatherings know that this is not a serious problem. Informality reigns at most of the events, and regular street clothes are suitable. It will probably be hot, so plan accordingly. Our own girls have asked about the banquet Saturday night. Dress there has always been optional; if you would like to burst out in evening dress, you will be perfectly proper and will have plenty of company. If you prefer street things, perhaps a little more dressy than in the afternoon, you will feel equally at home. So do not let hubby tell you that the clothes budget need be one of the problems in deciding whether to come or not.

We will be very appreciative if you will let us know if you plan to come, so please send in the coupon or a card to Margie Schmidt, 106 Dilworth St., Pittsburgh, Pa. Some of our plans call for reservations, and a reasonably accurate count would be helpful. However, we are counting on the largest number of women ever—don't disappoint us!

60th HISTORIES ARE AVAILABLE

Those members, whether former 60th men or not, are certainly passing up the greatest 25 cents bargain obtainable any place if they fail to write for one of the beautiful picture colored 60th histories. The text matter alone is worth many times over the two bits.

And when sending for the history members might as well add 25 cents more and let the secretary include six Octofoil windshield stickers.

Send orders to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

REQUEST FOR INFO ABOUT LT. ROBERT BROEDEL, 60th MAN

William Brabson, a former lieutenant in Co. B, 60th, is now a radio announcer over Station WVKO, Columbus, O. He has asked The Octofoil to request any former Ninth man who has any of the details concerning Lt. Robert Broedel's death in North Africa to write him in care of the radio station, and he in turn will contact Lt. Broedel's mother in New Jersey. Lt. Broedel was also with Co. B, 60th.

Family Increases At Prexy's Home

Secretary Tingley advises The Octofoil thusly: "Our National President has gone and done it again: Don Clarke proudly announces the birth of a gal (the first two were boys), on March 15, 1949, at 12:10 a.m., weighing in at 6 lbs. 8 ozs. The new arrival has been named Susan Rollins Clarke."

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

AL BRADLEY NEEDS TO CONTACT JOES WHO SAW WRECK

Albert D. Bradley, Rt. 2, Jerseyville, Ill., is in desperate need of aid that no doubt there are many buddies who read this Octofoil can and will give.

There was an accident in Wales when a 6x6 truck driving at a high rate of speed turned over. Occupants were men of 899th T.D. Bn. and a F.A. Bn.

Al suffered a broken hip and leg bone and injuries in the back and left side. He has been unable to hold a steady job since and he can do little work on the farm.

The lad has been forced to live on 20 per cent disability, now it is proposed to cut him to 10. He must have proof the injuries were service connected. For God's sake, fellows, anyone who can do something to help this boy in the way of submitting a statement. Address it thusly "To Whom It May Concern:" Then give the statement in your own words—after having a Notary sign it—but send it to Albert D. Bradley, Rt. 2, Jerseyville, Ill.

Al sent a pretty good picture too late for reproduction that will be used next month.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

METAL EMBLEMS BEING SENT OUT

Another big job being undertaken by the secretary is the mailing out of a beautiful colored metal Octofoil with holder for attachment to automobile tags.

A printed slip accompanies each emblem explaining the Memorial Fund is taking shape and definite plans will be made at the Pittsburgh Convention. Donations derived from those receiving these beautiful plaques is known as the Memorial Fund.

It is a slow process, along with the hundreds of other details the secretary has to fulfill for him to stuff individual packages for every member as their names appear on the mailing list. But as has been other apparent unsurmountable obstacles, the members can rest assured each and every one will eventually receive an emblem. They in turn, should show appreciation by sending their donation in the same day the emblem is received.

Send donations directly to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Buddy Ryan's Mother Would Like to Get a Line From His Pals

Mrs. James C. Ryan, 3020 7th Ave., Troy, N. Y., would appreciate hearing from any of her son's buddies. Pvt. Lawrence W. (Buddy) Ryan was in Co. M, 60th. He was killed in North Africa. Final rites were held in the states May 27, 1948.

One of Buddy Ryan's old buddies, Emidio Papa, Glen Falls, has called on Mrs. Ryan.

1950 CONVENTION CITY WILL BE DECIDED AT THIS MEETING - - - ALSO BOARD VACANCY WILL BE FILLED

BOTH BOSTON AND CHICAGO BUCKING FOR 1950 CONVENTION—MAYBE OTHERS WILL HAVE HATS IN THE RING BEFORE BALLOTING STARTS.

Under date of March 7, 1949, Secretary Charles O. Tingley sent a letter to all members of the Board asking them to meet in Pittsburgh, Pa., on 9 April 1949 at 1400 hours at the William Penn Hotel.

Some of the matters to be discussed are listed below:

1. Selection of location for 1950 convention.
2. Appointment of member of the Board of Governors to serve out balance of Brig. Gen. Birks' term, who has submitted his resignation.
3. Discussion of convention plans with local committee.

The next issue of The Octofoil will print a detailed account of the plans that were "nailed down" at the meeting for the benefit of members attending this big Reunion June 30-July 1-2, 1949, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The members and their up and at 'em Woman's Artillery in Pittsburgh are not letting any grass grow under their tootsies. It might be well to read elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil Bill Hilton's correspondence sent to The Octofoil from Pittsburgh. Mrs. Ora Brogan's newsy letter from the Woman's Auxiliary will also prove itself to be interesting reading.

TOM GRAY IS CHAIRMAN

Many individual members and all Chapters have been advised by Thomas M. Gray, Chairman of the Convention Committee, that on Saturday, April 30, 1949, the Pittsburgh Chapter will award to some lucky member a \$400 television set. For further information members should contact Walter A. Millstone, Convention Treasurer, 3114 Glendale Ave., Pittsburgh 27, Pa.

TWO CITIES OUT FOR 1950

Both members of the Association from Chicago, Ill., and Boston, Mass., will move into Pittsburgh "loaded for bear" at this next board meeting, in an effort to swing the 1950 Convention to their own home towns.

As time marches on the Ninth Infantry Division Association Conventions are becoming more and more important to the boys who wore the Octofoil and who terminated Hitler's career and proved to the world that America's democratic way of life is the one and only way.

Any of the members who have not already arranged with the boss to have the convention dates as their vacation dates should do so at once.

SEE NEXT OCTOFOIL

Let The Octofoil remind you again: Be sure and watch for definite details on many phases of the big show in the next issue.

Bring the whole family—kiddies and all—they will be well taken care of by the efficient Pittsburgh committees.

COMMITTEES

Following are the committees as announced by General Chairman Thomas W. Gray for the arrangements of the Convention to be held June 30-July 1, 2:

Publicity—John Kowalski. To (Continued on Page 3)

NOTICE

Many proper names are misspelled in this issue. The rewrite editor, the linotyper nor the proofreader could not decipher some of the names. Please when sending in correspondence in long hand—no matter how good a penman you may be when using a proper name PRINT IT, please!

MRS. BERNICE E. GETCHELL SENDS A FINE PICTURE

Mrs. Bernice E. Getchell, Rt. 1, Bangor, Maine, was kind enough to let The Octofoil use a picture of her son, Sgt. Howard W. Getchell, Co. E, 39th. Howard's mother hopes some of his buddies will recognize the picture and write to her.

March 28th would have been Howard's 25th birthday—so The Octofoil is proud to put the picture in what is really the March issue even if predated April. He is buried in St. James Military Cemetery, St. James, France.

After going into the service Howard was shipped almost immediately and never saw his parents again.

Sgt. Getchell's mother is Chaplain of the Bangor Gold Star Mothers.

The last letter Howard sent to his parents he said "I am proud to belong to the 9th Inf. Division. I have been promoted to sergeant and I do hope the boys all like me."

In closing her letter Mrs. Getchell adds: "I do hope you can keep the organization going and if at any time I can help, I will be more than glad to do my part."

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Another Fallen Hero



SGT. HOWARD GETCHELL

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APRIL

IN THE HISTORY OF THE NINTH DIVISION

(Compiled by Major General Donald A. Stroh)

- 1 (1945) 39th Infantry advances on the Astenberg, via Winterburg, to stop an attempted German breakout from the Ruhr; the 47th moves via Berleberg on Oberkirchen, Germany.
- 2 (1945) 1st Battalion 60th Infantry is driven out of Neu Astenberg by a counterattack by elements of two German panzer and one infantry division. The town is later retaken by the 3d Battalion 39th Infantry, attacking from its zone.
- 2-5 (1945) 2d Battalion 47th Infantry reinforced by 2d Platoon 746th Tank Battalion and 2d Platoon 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion wins the last Distinguished Unit Citation of the war by capturing and holding Oberkirchen against two days of counterattacks.
- 4 (1943) Anticipating a German counterattack at El Guettar, the 15th Engineers, acting as infantry, take up defensive positions.
- 5 (1945) Task force Birks (47th Infantry (less 2d Battalion), CCA 7th Armored Division, 32d Cavalry Squadron) leads the Division from the Winterberg-Oberkirchen area in a new attack toward Brilon.
- 6 (1942) 60th Infantry wins competitive military tournament on Army Day, Ft. Bragg.
- 7 (1943) Hill 369 occupied by 39th and 47th Infantry as Germans withdraw, North Africa.
- 8 (1945) Task Force Birks, turning abruptly west, captures Meschede, ending the Division's operation in closing the Ruhr pocket.
- 9 (1944) Division participates in last pre-invasion combined maneuvers near Warminster, England.
- 11 (1945) Division starts a 150-mile motor march toward Nordhausen, with the mission of clearing the Harz Mountain area.
- 13 (1943) 47th Combat Team, completing a march of 200 miles from Southern Tunisia, relieves the British 138th Brigade in Northern Tunisia.
- 14 (1943) 9th Reconnaissance Troop replaces British 46th Reconnaissance Squadron near Bazina, North Tunisia.
- 15 (1945) A double envelopment, in conjunction with the 1st Division, begins through the Harz Mountains.
- 16 (1943) 39th Combat Team relieves British 1st Parachute Brigade south of Sedjenane Valley, North Tunisia.
- 18 (1943) 60th Combat Team completes the division movement from Southern Tunisia and is held in reserve near Djebel Abiod, North Africa.
- 18 (1942) 39th Infantry's "Whacky in Khaki" opens before a packed house in Ft. Bragg theater.
- 23 (1943) Drive toward Bizerte gets under way, North Tunisia.
- 24 (1943) 3d Battalion 39th Infantry and remnants of 1st Battalion capture Djebel Ainchouna, the key German position in the center. 2d Battalion 60th Infantry, counterattacked on Djebel Dardys, holds the hill and wins a Distinguished Unit Citation.
- 24 (1945) Task Force X (39th Combat Team reinforced by 4th Cavalry Group) after a week of rapid moves, completes the encirclement of the 11th SS Panzer Army, contacting the remainder of the Division near Thale.
- 25 (1942) Baseball season opens Ft. Bragg.
- 27 (1943) 2nd Battalion 39th Infantry scores the only advance on the division front by seizing Hill 382, North Tunisia.
- 27 (1945) Patrol of 3d Battalion 60th Infantry contacts Russians.
- 28 (1942) Company A 47th Infantry, the prize close-order drill unit of the division, parades in Raleigh.
- 30 (1943) 1st and 3d Battalions 39th Infantry seize the last hills to outflank and cause German withdrawal from Green-Bald Hill positions, North Tunisia.
- 30 (1945) General Craig personally meets Russian commanders at Partau on the Elbe.

Embarrassing Moments - - By Plunkett



When G. I. Bill come marching home to finish his college work, he probably received quite a thrill in seeing his old foxhole playmate a part of the austere and dignified faculty.

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G.I. BILL

GEN. RANDLE IS OPERATING FARM

Information reaches The Octofoil that Brig. Gen. Edwin H. Randle has retired from active duty in the army. Gen. Randle was Ex. C.O. 47th from February, 1942 until June, 1943.

His printed stationery now has inscribed Woodlawn Farm, Earleville, Maryland, and boys what a farm! No kidding, you have to draw a map to get around—and at the entrance is a big Ninth Division insignia. The general says any old comrades of the Fort Bragg and African days will always find a hearty welcome.

The general retired after 31 years of as honorable service as any soldier ever give his government. He says he is devoting his time to growing essential food—including Angus cattle and Hampshire hogs.

A map showing the various highways available to reach the farm was received by The Octofoil too late for processing. A big two-story house shown in the margin of the map would indicate the Gen. Randall homestead could just about take care of one company at a time. What say, 47th men—what about ganging up on the general. Think it'd make him mad? It'd make him the happiest gentleman farmer in Maryland!

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Will Print Picture of Glenn Hawkins' Son, "Bobby," Fire Victim

Some time ago The Octofoil run a story of the misfortune that had overtaken former Sgt. Glenn Hawkins, 9th Medics, and his wife Helen, when all of their belongings were destroyed by fire.

The Octofoil at that time did not know how tragic the catastrophe had been. It now develops their 16-month-old son, Bobby, was taken from them by the fire. The Octofoil has obtained a picture of Bobby, one of the finest appearing youngsters to ever appear on the pages of The Octofoil—and right on Page 1 it will be in the next issue. The picture arrived too late for processing in this issue.

Glenn and Helen live at Brinkhaven, Ohio.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

BILL ANDREWS HAS FULL STEAM AHEAD

William C. Andrews, 125 Kenwood, Rt. 4, Muskegon, Mich., was a bit slow in getting started to contributing news notes to The Octofoil, but he's making up for lost time now. Bill is the lad who who finally located a copy of the paper carrying the landing story that was printed in the last issue.

On Feb. 2, 1948, the stork visited the Andrews' family, leaving a baby boy.

While in the vicinity the stork stopped off at John Groeneveld's home, 1510 E. Hile Rd., Muskegon, Mich. John served in the 9th with the 26th F.A.

While Mrs. Andrews has Bill in the mood to write he got off a letter to M. Sgt. James Benane, 9135 TSU, Q.M. Board, Camp Lee, Va., a former lieutenant in Cannon Co., 39th — and as Bill Andrews puts it: "He is a pretty good Joe."

—Pittsburgh in '49—

WHERE IS JOHN R. GERINOR HIDING?

Roscoe L. May, 93 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn 17, N. Y., sends out an SOS call for the whereabouts of John R. Gerinor, Milwaukee, Wis. John and Roscoe soldier together in Co. G, 47th for three years and became separated in Germany. John was called "Houseboat" by the other G.I. According to Roscoe he was one of the hardest workers in the Ninth, and that's saying something. Roscoe feels sure "Houseboat" came from Wisconsin and probably Milwaukee.

You Milwaukee members, get busy on the city directory, inquire at Legion Halls, VFW Posts. Help Roscoe May find his buddy.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Mr. and Mrs. Ozley Cook Express Thanks

In a short note addressed to The Octofoil Mr. and Mrs. Ozley S. Cook, Roanoke, Ala., parents of the late Lt. Claude B. Cook, Co. A, 60th, send a donation to The Octofoil and advise they appreciate the good work being done by The Octofoil and the Association.

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PLANS FOR FALL DANCE ARE BEING MADE BY NEW YORKERS

By STAN COHEN, 192 Danfor, Jersey City, N. J.

Plans are now being made for the coming Fall Dance around November, this year. Chairman Phil Ortoff gave a full and comprehensive report on what has to be done and how it should be executed. A good deal of kibitzing followed, both pro and con, and ended up with the follow through at the refreshment tables.

FINANCES GOOD

Compliments should be handed our genial finance staff who every meeting night take care of our increasing savings.

LADIES APPEAL

A plea was made on behalf of the ladies' auxiliary by Mrs. Stan Cohen, who would like to see more ladies attending. The ladies meet the same night their husbands do. If the ladies can get together there is quite a bit of work that can be done.

DRAFTED AND WINS JUG

A quick look around the meeting floor and we find such men as former Top Kick Larry Krogbin, who won a bottle of liquor on the lucky draw, and he had to be persuaded by Dan Quinn to attend.

John McPherson, please contact Ted Martine, 80 Stevens St., Freeport, L. I. . . . Harold Biegersen, A. T. 60th Inf., is a salesman. . . . Hans Schwarzkops, Hq. 2nd Bn., 47th, of 636 West 72nd St., is now working in a knitting mill. . . . John York, 1st

Bn., 47th Med., his wife, Florence, and son, John, age 5 years, are living at 301 E. 49th St. John is in the transportation game. A long lost bachelor of Co. B, Ninth Med., George Stein, and Catherine, are finally tying the fatal knot of matrimony and will set up housekeeping in Hicksville, L. I. . . . Stein wants to get in touch with Bartroff of Kingston, N. Y. . . . Former Lt. Herbert Storbeck of the Division Interrogation Team, is now an engineering technician, and is stationed at 43-23 41st St., Long Island City 4, N. Y. . . . John Agosta of Co. A, 60th, is now a post office employee. John and Mary Ann are located at 119-26 145th St., South Ozone Park, L. I. . . . Vincent J. Montera, 60th Meds., and Dot, with Vincent, Jr., and James Michael have found a home at 18 Forest Ave., Baldwin, L. I. . . . Vincent is working for the Socony Vacuum Oil Company. . . . Only the other day I received a letter from a former Ninth man who decided that Army life was the thing to do these days. . . . Sgt. Elvin D. Nicholas, Projection Supervisor, Base Theatre Office, APO 731, care P.M., Seattle, Wash., writes that everything is fine these days in Alaska. Nick is really making it a point to see the world.

APRIL 23 DATE SET FOR NEW ENGLAND FELLOWS' REUNION

By MARTY CONNELLY, Box 892, Boston, Mass.

It has been a few months since a good sized "Sound Off" was published, but not because there is any lack of news. Now we are doing business again and perhaps the fastest way to get some long overdue action from some people is to take off the soft gloves as expressed by "please" and "won't you help." . . . For three years now your organization has been pleading for help, both on a local and national scale and have received a response not sufficient to that which is necessary to carry on. We will not give the effort up, for the Ninth Infantry Division Association means too much to us who will make the small effort to carry on, but it could be so much greater if you who will not do your small share would realize the damage done by apathy and a negligent, careless attitude. You couldn't have been a slacker in the outfit. All of those were shanghaied to the Navy or to the Marines—why fall out now?

Over a period of a year you are not asked for much—1: Dues—\$3.50, for which you receive a good return, via: membership, Octofoil and Sound Off; 2: Interest and Activity. All this does not cost you anything but the gain of renewed friendships. DO NOT SAY WE DIDN'T TELL YOU—COME TO YOUR MEETING. PAY YOUR JUST DEBTS AND "CARRY ON!"

THIRD ANNUAL REUNION

The tickets for the Third Annual Convention will be in the mail soon. Don't wait until too late to make known whether you will attend or not. The date is April 23; the place is the Hotel Bradford Roof and the cost is \$5 a plate. YOU CAN MAKE IT IF YOU WANT TO!

The National Secretary advises as to the National Convention in these words: "The proposal for having the Convention in Boston in 1950 will be brought up at the April Board meeting for action and your Chapter will be advised of the outcome immediately after the meeting."

NEWSY NOTES

Sam Robinson is opening up an auto repair service on April 1, at 14 Walnut Ave., Roxbury, the corner of Warren St., the same location he sells used cars. If your car needs repairs you will receive your parts from Sam at 25 per cent off if you are from the 9th Division.

Jack Karger of Hq. Btry., 84th F.A., is strutting after his baby girl.

Edmund C. O'Brien, C Co., 15th Engrs., counters with a boy.

Box 892, Boston, Mass.

The Ralph Renna family is anticipating some time in June. The Frank Lovells are sought by the stork for delivery in late March.

Fred D'Amore, et al., are looking in the flour barrel in April. Momentarily it is expected Hank Handlman's heir will be heard from.

John Moynahan is either the proud father of their third, or is awaiting to be.

Where is the fellow who said attabrine made the boys non-prolific?

Danny O'Rourke broke his leg at work recently, and while on the mend and navigating on crutches he fell and rebroke it. It ain't a bit funny, is it Dan?

The M.T.A. and the post office seem to have a lion's share of the gang at work. Joe Strobel, Nick Yaroz and Phil Dubina are street car jockeys; while George Bender, Ronnie Murphy, Frank Lovell, Ralph Renna, Jim Hennelly and many more are working for their Uncle.

Don't forget, Jim Flanagan is at Bond's Clothing when you want that Easter suit.

We could use information on at least three jobs and about four or five apartments.

John McColgan, 26 F. A., just come back from California—who said "Santa Anita?"

BIG TIME NITE FOR COLUMBUS, O. LADS

Friday, March 25, will be a big day for members of the Ohio Chapter who live in or near Columbus.

Through accident it was discovered many U. S. Army recruiting offices have a film titled "True Glory" that has Ninth Infantry Division action shots at various spots. The local recruiting office traced the picture down and after locating it at Fort Knox arranged to show it to the Ohio lads. It might not be a bad idea for other chapters to consult their local U. S. Army recruiting offices and they probably can arrange to see the film at some future date. Recruiting offices say the film is in big demand.

Extra copies of the music and words to "Ninth Division March" have been printed, and Roger Moore, a non-member, but brother of Glenn O. Moore, two-time president of the Ohio Chapter, will provide the music. Roger has played with name bands from coast to coast. His appearance is worth all members attending even without the outstanding pictures to be shown.

All the members have been asked to bring their wives, sweethearts and mothers.

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER HAS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS WORTH NOTING

New Haven Members Plan to Go As a Group to Visit With the Hartford Lads . . . Other Innovations Are Announced By Carl Stonick, Former Go-Devil.

By CARL STONICK.

On a special GO DEVILS stationery page, mentioning Africa, Sicily, England, France, Belgium and Germany, Carl Stonick, 91 Bradley Ave., East Haven, Conn., wrote the following news notes:

On Thursday evening, Feb. 24 the Connecticut Chapter held its monthly meeting. The last Thursday of each month is our regular meeting night. Thus far, all have been held in New Haven. While this is a small but active Chapter, each meeting brings the same familiar faces. Occasionally a new member shows up.

Since the Chapter comprises all of Connecticut, it was decided to try an experiment next month in the hope of interesting more ex-Ninth men in the organization, i.e., the New Haven members are going in a body to Hartford. The Hartford men will be hosts for the usual monthly meeting, which will be followed by films and a social. Thus it is hoped to attract all the ex-Ninth men in the Hartford area to attend this meeting. Should this succeed it is tentatively planned to alternate meetings between New Haven and Hartford and subsequently include Waterbury and Bridgeport.

A point that should be made at this time, is, if we can show the non-members the advantages of

joining, i.e., the good fellowship, the bull sessions, films, socials, etc., they will become interested and join. Once a member, they add strength to the Chapter.

It is sincerely hoped the plan of alternating meetings works out. If it does, results will be passed on to other Chapters.

LIKED EDITORIAL

At the last meeting discussion was held relative to the front page editorial in the February issue of The Octofoil. It was a splendid piece of work, well written and to the point. It is hoped the result will be an overwhelming deluge of renewal membership dues.

General Hoyle, who commanded the Ninth Division in the early days at Fort Bragg, is a charter member of the Connecticut chapter? Thanks to his efforts, the chapter has been able to get some excellent Army films for meetings. One of the Chapter's most frequent visitors, although not a 9th man, is Col. Stephen E. Stancisco, Professor, Military Science and Tactics, at Yale University. He has also donated many combat films.

Editor's Note: Carl, what about sending to The Octofoil some of the memoirs of the Connecticut members who were P.O.W.s?

ILLINOIS BOYS GOING GREAT GUNS ON CONVENTION PLANS

By FRANK OZART and

NATE GAYNOR,

3954 Cermak Road,

Chicago 23, Ill.

Action will take place shortly on the Annual Midwest Convention scheduled in Chicago for September. Frank Ozart and Herb Waples accepted the co-chairmanship for the affair. It's a nice gesture because both are aware of the work associated with the assignment. Frank was one of the co-chairmen last year and proved very capable.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

So far Ted Matusik, Joe Lacie, George Waite, Bill Conley and Jerry Lindner have offered to serve on one of the committees to be set up. Many more volunteers will be needed.

IT'LL BE STAG APRIL 8

At the March meeting of the Illinois Chapter, Walt Mahon announced that the April 8 meeting will be strictly stag. Oh, brother!

Three new members have come into the folds. This Octofoil publicity is starting to work already. The meeting was adjourned early so that the good bowlers could make it a field day. It was duck for them to bowl against such "bowlers" as Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lacie, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Conley, Tony Krollicki, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lindner, Mrs. Herb Waples, Vic Wojtas, Nate Gaynor, Ted Matusik, Poplawski, George Waite, and least, but very definitely last—Walt Mahon, the Illinois prexy. Some of the guys like George Waite, for example, bowled their best games at the bar. George had quite a few doubles but no turkeys.

MAHON WELCHES

Mahon had dates with two women for that evening and when they heard what kind of bowler he was they stayed home. That was his yarn to Ozart and Gaynor, who had agreed to have dates for the evening if Mahon did. They were teed off when Walt showed up, as usual, stag. Why doesn't some gal give Walt Mahon a break? For further information contact Nate Gaynor at the above address.

It is fortunate for the men that there were separate prizes for both men and women because the women would have captured the whole works. The results were as follows: High Team 3-game series was won by Co. M, 47th, whose team was comprised of Rose Novak, who bowled a 435; John Novak, 460; Ted Matusik, 307; Ann Kaszuba, 512. Total pins for the three games, 1714. Prizes for each of the four was a "Pin Money Pete" trophy.

High 3-game series for couples was won by Mr. and Mrs. John Novak, who run up 895 pins. They were awarded a large bowling pin trophy.

Men's 3-game series: Frank Ozart with 433. Prize: Bowler's gold medal.

Men's single high game: Herb Waples, 172. Prize: Bowler's gold medal.

Men's low series: Joe Lacie, 281 Booby Prize. (Mrs. Lacie helped or he wouldn't have done even that well in his condition.)

Ladies' 3-game series by Ann Kuszaba, who bowled a nifty 512 to win a Bowler's gold medal. Ann took a little time to warm up, but for the third game she knocked out a 222, a really terrific game because she had six consecutive strikes after the first frame. Her fourth game would have been a perfect 300 if she had stayed to play it.

Ladies' single high game won by Marge Ducoff, who attended as Ozart's guest, and then showed him how to bowl. Marge received a Bowler's gold medal.

Ladies' low series: Marge Lindner, Booby Prize (and she was sober). Anyway, Marge's form is as good as the best of them. She took her prize like the real sport that she is.

All the ladies who participated in bowling received a bowling pin cigarette lighter that worked.

Excuses given by the men: Too many pins on the alley and not large enough balls, or not enough on the ball.

Excuses given by the women—None. They said they didn't need any. The fact that the women made better scores is not surprising in view of the much better form they displayed.

MEETING CARDS LATER

Meeting place for April has not been determined. Cards will be sent to members notifying them of the meeting time and place. This meeting is expected to draw quite a crowd. Last year's "smoker" was held at the Congress Hotel and was a big success, although publicity given was little.

PAY DUES NOW

Attention is pointed to the fact there are many members in the Illinois Chapter who are on the pan for being behind in payment of their dues. Please send your dues to the Treasurer, Illinois Chapter, Ninth Infantry Division Association, Box 855, Chicago 90.

He turned to her and said, "I could never get over a girl like you—get up and answer the phone."

TOPKICK IS ABOUT READY TO SPRING

"Herb" Waples 6210 Harper Ave., Chicago 37, Ill., advises The Octofoil he is just about ready to break down and buy a few drinks. He wants to hear from any of his old gang from A.T. Co., 60th Inf. Herb proposes setting up an A.T. Co. C.P. at the Convention in Pittsburgh immediately after the banquet. The drinks as well as the mix will be all on Herb if those desiring to attend this party will let him know. The old Topkick is on reconnaissance. He's trying to locate someone from the old gang who can top the yarns that Smythe told in Philly.

It seems miracles will never cease. Now the gang can sing—"For Waples is a damn good fellow—he's gonna buy us all a great big drink."

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CONVENTION COMMITTEES

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handle all advance publicity, arrange for publicity at reunion; plan advertising for program as desired; arrange for photographer; secure advance publicity from Chamber of Commerce to be sent members of the Association.

Registration—Ray Pifer: To secure clerks for registration; arrange for printing of badges; conducting the registration in conjunction with C. O. Tingley; making up of registration lists to be distributed to those attending. To arrange for souvenirs from C. of C. To arrange for supply of registration cards.

Finance and Entertainment: Walter Millstine; to arrange entertainment for dance and Friday floor show, and to make advance arrangements to raise money, account for money and disburse same.

Banquet and General Hotel Arrangements: Bert Murphy; To make all hotel arrangements such as general locations of C. P. Rooms, place for registration, suites for national officers, lobby signs, bars, etc. To make banquet arrangements with C. O. Tingley.

Memorial Services: Alex Forrest. To make all plans for band, parade, speakers, location, etc., for Saturday morning.

Printing and Program: Joseph Wasnicki. To cooperate with other committees and national officers to arrange for all printing.

C.P. Rooms—Mike Puzak. Following arrangements made by Hotel Committee, this committee will cooperate with C. O. Tingley for photographs and display boards, signs (all signs needed such as lobby signs and banners), setups, if decided upon, etc.

Women's Activities — Frances Millstine and Jackie Hilton in cooperation with Margie Schmidt, president. To arrange for entertainment of Gold Star Mothers and women visitors and to arrange for a room for their convenience.

Note: Chairmen of committees are listed only, as each chairman is permitted to add to his group any one with whom he can work easily and with whom he is in a convenient geographical location. These committees were partially appointed at the special meeting Feb. 4th, but will probably be enlarged. Each chairman is to work in direct conjunction with the General Chairman and the national officers.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

CLEVELAND FELLAS OFF AND RUNNING

In Cleveland, Ohio, Bill Mauser, 6632 Bliss Ave., and Ken Meyer, 468 Pearl St., Akron, O., have gotten some interest aroused and they held a meeting March 13 at 3 P. M., VFW Post, at 2128 E. Fourth St., in Cleveland. At that time they elected officers. Mauser was acting as temporary chairman of the Chapter and Meyer as secretary. Lazar Kay was acting as temporary treasurer.

The notices they sent out were most artistically arranged.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

The doctor told him to go to bed on an empty stomach—he called his wife and told her to get ready for bed.

PITTSBURGH MEMBERS WILL GET CHAPTER CHATTER OUT

By WILLIAM J. HILTON, 57 Maplewood Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. (Recording Secretary)

There hasn't been anything exciting going on within the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter since the last report. All the fellows around here are busily engaged in making the many plans necessary to make the coming 4th Annual Convention one not to be forgotten.

'Twas A Big Day

As reported in the last issue of The Octofoil, the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter was having a 9th Infantry Division Day in Pittsburgh. This day was for the purpose of blood contributors at the Red Cross Blood Bank in Pittsburgh. The Chapter is happy to report that the event was a huge success. According to the report from those in charge at the Red Cross Blood Bank there were 78 pints of blood donated on Ninth Infantry Division Day. This turnout permitted the scheduling of many necessary operations at the Aspinwall Veterans Hospital. According to the Red Cross this turnout helped the Blood Bank fill its quota for the second time in a year. Knowing what good can be done with a pint of blood, the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter is planning another such day in the very near future. The Pittsburgh Chapter would like to suggest that other Chapters get on the bankwagon in their own cities and have blood bank days.

ONE MEETING A MONTH

As reported in the last issue of The Octofoil the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter has given up the holding of two monthly meetings.

After a tryout for a period of one year it was learned that it was not working out, so the Tuesday meetings were dropped. From now on the THIRD FRIDAY of each month will be meeting night. The Woman's Auxiliary also meets with the Chapter on this same evening, besides having their own meeting night on the first Friday of each month. So come on out fellows and join in with us . . . at the third Friday meetings and bring the wife along. She will find the welcome mat out for her also.

CHATTER COMING UP

Fellow members of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter, I would like to inform everyone of the fact that the Chapter Chatter will be back again next month. That is, after the 15th of April and each month thereafter. It became necessary to interrupt the printing of the CHAPTER CHATTER a few months ago due to the fact that the Chapter did not possess a duplicating machine of its own. But the Chapter now owns a nice new mimeograph machine so be on the look out for The Chapter Chatter next month. If there are any of you fellows in the Greater Pittsburgh Area who have changed your address please drop me a card and let me know so that our mailing list can be brought up to date.

That's all for this time fellows. Will be seeing you all again next month through the pages of The Chapter Chatter.

SCORE ANOTHER FOR WOLMAN'S ENTHUSIASM AND HARD WORK

By F. H. WOLMAN, Secretary Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Chapter, 257 Green St., Edwardsville, Pa. (Kingston Postoffice)

The Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Chapter did it. We just obtained enough new members to apply for our charter. Dues have come in from all directions. To date we have six new members paid up.

The confusion in meeting places was no help, but we are not complaining. The Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Chapter can now take its place amongst the other great chapters of the country.

Next month's meeting that is the 10th of April will definitely be held in Scranton.

The place of meeting will be made known by card or through local newspapers.

A new man who will prove to be of considerable help showed up. He was John Wilczewski of Dickson City, proprietor of Johnny's Cafe. Johnny has offered his cafe as the next meeting place and his offer will be acted upon. All you Ninth boys up that way drop in and say "hello to Johnny"—also drown a few sorrows.

Paul Yaggi, of Scranton, was elected vice-president, with Julius B. Ulovich as recording secretary. Les Blaum remains president, with Francis H. Wolman as secretary-treasurer. All names of charter members are being forwarded to Secretary Tingley immediately.

Kenny "Hank" Davis of Forty Fort, former Captain of K Co., 47th, entertained and kept things very lively. He told humorous jokes and stories (clean ones) by the score. He also led the boys in group singing. A few boys like Hank and the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Chapter is going vaudeville.

William Saliski of Wilkes-Barre, paid his dues and bid farewell for the next nine months—as he left for the Great Lakes and some cruising money.

President Blaum did quite a bit of pacing the floor and had a new look in his eye. He's now the proud father of a bouncing baby boy, one month old. Interested parties can contact Leo for the details.

A GREAT TRIBUTE

The Luzerne County School of Floral Designing has offered free wreaths for all returning war dead. A great tribute to our heroes. Secretary Tingley will be asked for a list, so returning 9th men can be so honored. For this beautiful gesture, thanks to Adolph Buddell of Kingston.

A CONVOY

The future trip to Pittsburgh

MEET AT LEGION

All members living in or around Wilkes-Barre should meet at the Legion Home on N. River St. at 1 o'clock on April 10. We will then leave by car in a group for Scranton. Do not worry about transportation. Plenty will be available.

The first big hurdle has been accomplished in obtaining our charter, so now look for great things. You will note the amount of new members to date. That is nothing compared to what is coming.

Plenty of free beer is always available at our meetings—so the guzzlers, big or small, are invited.

COMBAT FILMS

At our next meeting we will have plenty of special combat films to show. Leo Blaum went through much trouble to obtain the films. We should have a big turnout.

Chappie Lynch tried to screw up the details, unintentionally, of course. He's a great guy, who always is a big factor in planning the Ninth's activities.

MEMBERS LISTED

Here are our members to date: Robert Davis, Joseph Nitz, John Knight, Julius Ulrich, Paul Yaggi, Stanley Serafin, Herbert Donath, Frank Dennis, William Saliski, Mark McKeoun, Joseph Junto, Paul Callahan, Simon Cichy, Joe Glasewski, Adolph Buddell, Kazmer Droliski, Stan Mozer, Al Aubrey, Adam Druab, Chappie Lynch, Charles Shultz, Anthony Trotsky, Vence Kovalinas, Hank Davis, Joe Lawson, Frank Wyandt, Frank Machek, Joe O'Neill, Bill Leslie, John Sabieski, Pete Kaminski, Larry Poslock, John Wilczewski, Zig Sulkoski.

O. K., gang—join our happy, go-lucky gang: Beer, wine, women and song (maybe)—Scranton at 2:30, Sunday, April 10. This is it men!

HANDSOME VET

"My, that's certainly a handsome veteran in Room 202," exclaimed one student nurse to the other.

"He sure is, but don't let him talk you into giving him a bath. I've given him five already this morning," replied the second nurse.

MICHIGAN MEMBERS HOLD A REUNION THAT WAS REAL

By JOE CASEY, Secretary, Greater Detroit Chapter, 8621 Colfax, Detroit 4, Mich.

Nearly 200 attended the Second Annual Reunion of Michigan members on Saturday, March 12, at the American Legion Memorial Home in Detroit. Eddie Casper and his Melody Masters provided the music to which members and friends danced until the wee small hours. Combat films of the 9th Infantry Division were shown.

The inside pages of the program were blank. Some thought the Entertainment Committee had slipped up. But they were not blank very long! A Grand Prize was to be given to the member who collected the greatest number of names and addresses of other members present at the reunion. Members who were in the Medics, Artillery, Anti-Aircraft, Ordnance, Quartermaster, 39th Regt., A.P.O., 47th Regt., the M.P.s, 60th Regt., Tank Destroyers, Division Band and all other units went around meeting other members and filling up the pages with names. Wives wanted to help but the prize was for the member who became acquainted with the largest number of other members.

PRIZES GALORE

Ernest Trethewey, Bty. B, 26th F.A., won the Canadian Club, and his wife received a nice Consolation Prize for sitting out the most dances before the intermission. Elmer Wagner came all the way from Bay City to receive a prize for coming the greatest distance. That toy aeroplane may not bring him to the Pittsburgh convention, but he can wear that Lapel Pin. Mike Lowrie, a new member, won a Lapel Pin for being the Family Man at the Reunion, and he and his wife will tell their five little ones what a good time everyone had at the Second Annual Reunion of the Detroit Chapter.

There was another prize, a little turtle, for the member who had not yet paid his annual dues. But it was a tie, and the turtle danced on top of the piano all the rest of the evening, as two members paid up rather than toss a coin for the prize.

GOLD STAR MOTHER THERE

Mrs. Purtzenski, a Gold Star Mother, came to the Reunion and everyone wished they had known her son, Barney Purtzenski, who was in Co. I, 60th. Two of the Chapter members who were in the Drum and Bugle Corp with Barney will see that his mother receives The Octofoil from now on, and will also see that his mother receives a personal invitation to come to future Reunions. Honored Heroes of the 9th Division will always be remembered in thoughts and prayers.

The Melody Masters played the martial music of the Ninth Div. March; members sang the words. There was encore because all the wives were not as familiar with the words and music, and they wanted to sing too! Many who had seen the combat films at the Reunion a year ago were able to appreciate the larger screen this time. Everyone approved the congenial atmosphere of the American Legion Memorial Home and the fine ballroom and the refreshments that were available.

ABSENT-MINDED GUYS

The Membership Committee is finding a few absent-minded Professors of Procrastination, and are tutoring them for a P.D. Degree. The Banking Committee is accepting deposits of blood in the near future and expect to do a capital job.

The Detroit Chapter hopes to have a representative delegation at the convention in Pittsburgh.

HONOR ROLL INCREASING BUT NOT BIG AS SHOULD BE

Secretary Tingley "Knocking Himself Out" Trying to Devise Ways and Means to Keep Association Operating—Renewals is the Only Answer—Everyone Can Help.

As in previous issue of The Octofoil, the name of the Chapter and the name of the individual member who sponsors a new member is printed in bold face capital letters.

The Honor Roll that Secretary Tingley has set up at headquarters must be a much longer list before the end of the fiscal year to avoid dire results. It behooves each and every member to do his part. If there are no former Ninth men near a member's home, the membership directory being printed in this issue will afford all a medium through which they can write to former buddies and solicit their membership.

ATLANTA CHAPTER

Walter R. Sanderson, 2165 Stewart Ave., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.
M. L. Martin, 11 E. Wesley Rd., Atlanta, Ga., Major, 39th Inf.

BUFFALO CHAPTER

Jack Brunetto, 18 Lakeview Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

Donald Sagie, 1763 Sedgwick St., Chicago 14, Ill.

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Hans Schwarzkopf, 636 West 172 St., New York 32, N. Y.
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Harvey R. Kahn, 398 E. 152nd St., Bronx 55, N. Y., Pvt. B Co., 15th Eng.
Hyman Shakin, 2518 Webb Ave., Bronx 63, N. Y., T-5, E Co., 39th.

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

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Thomas H. Garde, 594 McKean Ave., Donora, Pa., Pfc. F Co., 39th.
George A. White, 620 Dick St., Carnegie, Pa., 47th Inf.

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JERRY M. SMITH

Emil E. Kolesar, 1308 S. 27th St., Fort Dodge, Iowa, Pfc. L Co. 47th.

HAROLD PERRY

Alex R. Borkowski, 503 N. Center, Gaylord, Mich., Co. E. 47th.

CHARLES SCHEFFEL

William L. Lockett, 910 Elm St., Norman, Okla., Lt. Col. 26th FA Bn.

HARRY CRIST

Willard H. Haas, 1037 Douglass St., Reading, Pa.

PAUL H. SAWYER

John R. Sells, West 14th St., Falls City, Nebr., Pfc. Cannon Co., 60th.

M. REICH

Geo. J. McGovern, 224 Beach 86 St., Rockaway Beach, N. Y., T-4, Hq. Co., 899th T. D. Bn.

NO SPONSOR NAMED

Paul B. Bailey, 700 Kawana Rd., Columbia, S. C., Capt., 709th Ord.

Patrick E. Fehily, 370 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, N. J., T-5, Hq. Btry, Div. Arty.
Alvin H. Cohen, 5408 12th Ave., Brooklyn 19, N. Y., Sgt., 1st Bn., 39th.

Joseph F. Cirelli, 610 E. 136th St., New York 54, N. Y., Cpl. Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 60th.

Joseph P. McAndrews, 859 Southern Blvd., Bronx 53, N. Y., Pfc. A.T. Co., 39th.

Hail M. Wilson, 504 W. Brighton Ave., Apt. 15, Syracuse 5, N. Y., Major, 709th Ord.

Roy O. Fairchild, 213 Holbrook Aurora, Ill., S-Sgt. D Co., 60th.

Warren P. Terry, RFD 1, Covington, Va., Pfc. C Btry, 60th FA.

Irving Nagel, 340 Beach 69 St., Arverne, L. I., N. Y., Pfc. K Co., 47th.

Clement H. Abbott, 48 Center Ave., Emsworth, Pittsburgh 2, Pa., Pfc. 1st Pl., B Co., 15th Eng.

HONOR ROLL STARS TO DATE

Atlanta Chapter	4
Buffalo Chapter	2
Connecticut Chapter	2
New England Chapter	1
Illinois Chapter	8
Detroit Chapter	2
New York Chapter	15
Dist. of Columbia Chapter	2
Philadelphia Chapter	2
Pittsburgh Chapter	4
Jerry Smith	1
Harold Perry	1
Charles Scheffel	1
Harry Crist	1
Paul H. Sawyer	1
M. Reich	1
Total number of new members to date for 1949	98

CHICAGO JOES ARE STILL BUCKING FOR THE 1950 REUNION

By TED MATUSIK, 2058 W. 76th St., Chicago 20, Ill.

More conventions meet in Chicago than in any other city in the world—800 a year. These conventions bring more delegates here than visit any other city. Almost a million annually. And the delegates spend more money in Chicago than any other place in the world—\$80,000,000 each twelve months.

Benefits—direct and indirect—are divided up between all Chicago citizens.

The conventions vary in size from small one day affairs confined to a few rooms in a single hotel to huge gatherings which utilize one or more of the city's auditoriums and house their people in hotels far from the downtown area.

Why did Chicago win convention leadership a generation ago and hold it ever since?

Some of the reasons are obvious: Chicago is the industrial, agricultural and population center of the United States. More people can reach the city by more methods of transportation at lower cost than any other city.

A railroad train arrives at or leaves Chicago every 44 seconds. Its airport is the busiest in the world.

Thirty bus lines serve the city. It is a regular call of port for the leading Great Lakes Shipping lines.

The city can accommodate 225,000 guests daily in its 1,385 hotels. Seventeen thousand of the guest rooms are in the downtown area. So are 600 of the city's 5,160 restaurants.

It has famous night clubs, theaters, movies, churches and concert and opera houses right in the heart of town. Chicago's State St. comprises the most notable shopping area in the world. The city has not one but five great auditoriums: Chicago Stadium, Chicago Coliseum, International Amphitheater, Navy Pier and Soldiers Field.

The Chicago Convention Bureau, which is largely responsible for the city's convention industry, says there is a tremendous unseen benefit to the city from convention. It is this, conventions promote tourist travel. When dad gets home from a convention and tells the family about Chicago—then they want to go too. A sizeable part of the \$250,000,000 spent annually by tourists in the city can be credited to conventions.

Ted Matusik Is Teed Off With The Journal

In a letter addressed to The Octofoil during the past month, written by Ted "Shirts" Matusik, 2058 W. 76th St., Chicago 20, Ill., the lad states:

This truly can be a small world. A few days ago, I was stopped on my way home from work by a neighbor, who said she read about me in The Octofoil. This fact interested me; she told me her son, Jim Landis, was in the 9th. He served from North Africa to Germany. I planned a little salesmanship on him only to find him a full paid member of the Association and the Illinois Chapter.

WHAT ABOUT MOLOTOFF

Another query sent to The Octofoil by the Windy City member was: Speaking of Molotoff Warner—what has happened in way of action on the resolution to get the Medal of Honor for him?

INFANTRY JOURNAL LET "8 STARS TO VICTORY" DOWN

Quoting further from the letter: In looking over my latest copy of the Infantry Journal I made a special search of their book list of books for sale. No mention of "8 Stars to Victory." My subscription to The Journal is due to expire and when I send my payment I am going to do some tail chewing of The Journal for failing to give even a book review of it.

—Pittsburgh In '49—
There's nothing more certain than an "expecting" mother.

WOMAN'S ARTILLERY MAKING PLANS

PITTSBURGHERS AT THE BLOOD BANK



When the Pittsburgh boys and girls celebrated Ninth Division Day, they made a most spectacular showing. Pictured, left to right, front row, standing: William Vanderbrook, John Kowalski, Ed Green, Mike Puzak, "Jackie" Hilton, "Margie" Schmidt, Wanda Valvernack, Sylvia Kowalski, "Dottie" Pifer (seated). Left to right, back row: Ray Pifer, Ray Kennedy, Anthony Szymanski, Bob Brogan, Ralph Crandall.

PROPOSE WILLIAM NELSON, NINTH HERO, FOR V.A. HOSPITAL'S NAME

By a queer coincidence two former Ninth men sent to The Octofoil identical clippings from a Wilmington, Del., newspaper — James F. Hart, Jr., 1805 Woodlawn Ave., Wilmington, Del., for K Co. 60th man, and H. Temple Stafford, 118 N. Main St., Smyrna, Del., former sergeant 9th Signal Co.

The clippings, in effect, had this to say:

The Delaware congressional delegation recently introduced legislation to have the new V.A. hospital being erected near Wilmington named after William L. Nelson, a sergeant with the 9th in Tunisia, when he was killed April 24, 1943.

Sgt. Nelson's citation for the Congressional Medal of Honor read, that on the morning of that day he was killed he led his section of heavy mortars to a forward position in the bitter fighting at Djebel Dardys. Under intense fire he advanced alone to a chosen observation position where he directed the laying of a successful barrage that halted an enemy counterattack.

CRAWLED TO ADVANCED POST

He was severely wounded and although his duties had clearly been accomplished, he crawled to

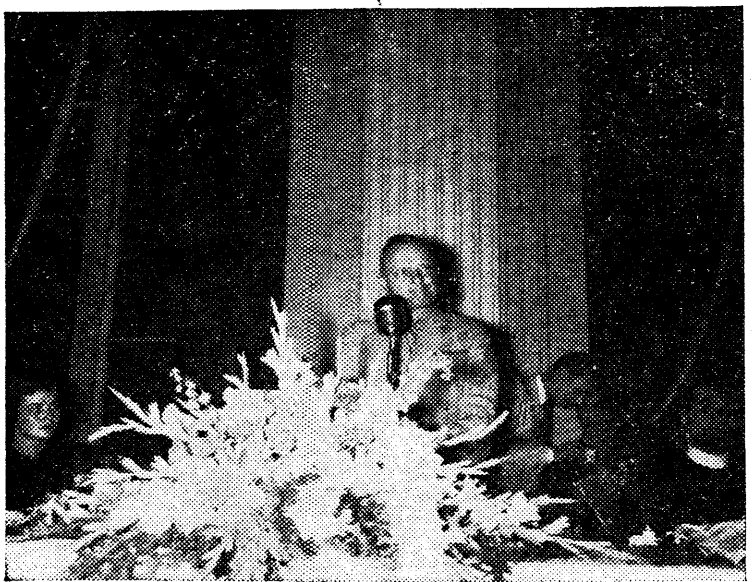
a still more advanced post and continued to direct his unit's fire. Dying of hand grenade wounds, and only 50 yards from the enemy, Nelson encouraged his section to continue its fire and it took a heavy toll of enemy lives.

Among other statements made in Hart's nice letter was the following pointed remark:

I am worried that a lot of the fellows have let the outfit down through carelessness rather than lack of \$3.50. It seems a shame to have to waste so much of our little bundle sending reminders to fellows for something they should consider a duty. The only real link we fellows have and should maintain is the medium of The Octofoil and should things get so that we should have to suspend publication I fear for the future.

Aside from the clipping sent by Stafford, he advises both he and his wife will be in Pittsburgh, saying Mrs. Stafford had as good a time in Philadelphia as he did — and he certainly did when he got such former 9th Sig. men together as Poehle, Bill Miller, Bill Ellis (and wife), Matuzek, Spink, Samole, Connelly (and wife), Wago, Gingielano, Al Miller and many others.

GENERAL STROH IN ACTION AT PHILLY



Plans are rapidly taking shape at Pittsburgh, for a greater Convention than took place in Philadelphia. Pictured above is Maj. Gen. Donald A. Stroh before the microphone reminiscing with the old gang at the Philadelphia Reunion.

FORMER 9TH MAN AT GEORGIA POST

Former 60th Capt. John H. Cisil is back in the service, G-1 section, Third Army Hdqtrs. He sent for a 60th History and compliments both the Octofoil and "8 Stars to Victory." The former 60th captain belongs to the Georgia Chapter of the Association. Commenting further, he adds that Fort McPherson (Ga.) is a good assignment and he sees a lot of former 9th men in that area.

Charles Schade Will Hear Wedding Bells

Charles E. Schade, Jr., a former 1st lieutenant in the 60th is professor of Military Science and Tactics at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. But for the big news: Captain Schade and Miss Dorothy Martin of New Orleans were married March 22.

The happy bridegroom met Dorothy while stationed at Camp Claiborne, La.

Detroit President Is Most Grateful

Harold G. Perry, president of the Greater Detroit Chapter, has asked The Octofoil to convey his heartfelt thanks to all those responsible for the success of the Second Annual Reunion. He also added:

"The success of our March 12 affair was measured in the spirit of comradeship displayed by those who attended and in the enjoyment in being reunited once again, rather than in any financial gain. We look forward to future reunions with keen expectation — and fondly hope they will be bigger and better."

—Pittsburgh In '49—

Captain Turner Owns The German Pictures

Printed in this issue are some views of deposed and decomposed Nazi dictator. Last issue of The Octofoil gave Ted Matusik credit for having "liberated" the photos. However, Matusik advises the pictures were turned over to him by Bob Turner, 623 S. Atlantic Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., when Ted was on a visit, with instructions to see that the interesting views reached The Octofoil. Thanks to both Ted Matusik and Captain Bob Turner, Octofoil readers will be able to observe this series during the next several months.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Good Ole Andy Book Back With His Uncle Sam

All the old-timers from Co. B, 60th, will remember that inseparable pair, Book and Schrantz. Well its Sgt. Andrew G. Book again. Mail reaches him at 202 S. 16th Ave., Hopewell, Va. The boy has over 13 years with Uncle Sam's Army.

Book recently sent a letter to a national Military Order of Cootie paper wanting to know if the editor of that paper was the same guy who served in Co. B, 60th. Needless to say, the Sarge got an answer right away advising such was the case. The Octofoil is expecting to receive an application properly filled out for membership in the Association and signed by Andrew G. Book.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

"Red" Simpson Lives In the Snake Country

No one who served with the 9th in Africa can help but remember Captain "Red" Simpson of the 47th.

Captain Simpson was noted in all the regiments as the wildest Jeep driver ever to get under a steering wheel. Many is the time 9th men were heard to remark: "I'm not afraid of those 88's or the Stukas, but may God deliver me from ever being the pathway of Captain Simpson and that Jeep he has."

Well, it's just plain old "Red" Simpson now. He is living in the state of West Virginia, working for the Weirton Steel Corp., at Weirton, W. Va., and he would like to hear from any of the old gang. Just write him in care of the company.

ORA BROGAN SAYS, "JUST LIKE TOPSY, WE GROWED" -- PITTSBURGH'S PETTICOAT BATTALION ON THE BEAM

ANY JOE FAILING TO ATTEND THE PITTSBURGH SHOW THE LADS AND LASSIES ARE COOKING UP WILL MISS OUT ON ONE GRAND TIME.

By ORA W. BROGAN, Secretary, Pittsburgh Woman's Auxiliary, 332 Second St., Aspinwall 15, Pa.

On Feb. 20, 1949, the Woman's Auxiliary of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter lighted the first candle on its birthday cake and as our second year gets under way, we hope to keep right on growing. That is why we are taking this opportunity to extend a cordial invitation to all the Mothers of former Ninth Infantry men in Pittsburgh and vicinity to join our group. We deem it not only a pleasure but an honor to extend this invitation — for, after all, who has a better right to belong to our organization than the little lady who was right on hand when our own particular "doughfoot" first saw the light of day. We know we shall like you; we will do our best to have you like us. If you are interested in joining, please send a card to Mrs. Ora Brogan, 332 Second St., Aspinwall 15, Pa.

Sgt. Dick Martin's Mother Wants to Hear From His Pals

Mrs. Richard I. Martin, Onton, Ky., mother of S-Sgt. Richard E. Martin, Co. B, 60th, who was killed Dec. 11, 1944, at Echt, Germany, writes The Octofoil:

He slept for three years in Henri Chapelle, Belgium. He was returned to us Jan. 9, 1946.

There are so many things we would like to know. Anyone who knew him please contact us. Our son had a baby boy 15 days old, who never saw his dad. The little fellow is now 4 yrs. old and such a comfort to us. Anyone who wears the insignia of the 9th is very dear to us.

—Pittsburgh In '49—

CALLS NEW YORK LADS BAD NAMES

Quoting verbatim from a communique sent The Octofoil by Ted Matusik, it reads:

I demand a recount! Foul! Carpetbaggers, this New York Chapter! Among new members (last issue of Octofoil) 1st Sgt. Carmen Carnella, Co. M, 47th, is listed. That's a lie, a prevarication and not the truth. "Moc" showed Co. M the way to the table for signing up in the Association in Germany back in 1945.

—Pittsburgh In '49—

BILL BARRINGER'S HISTORY 'FOULED'

William N. Barringer, 201 E. Barringer, 201 E. Sumner St., Hillsboro, Ill., former Co. A, 39th man, advises The Octofoil that he had a duplication of Section X in his "8 Stars to Victory," and fears the bindery girls when assembling the sections may have left out a section. This is a mistake that happens frequently in bindery assembly rooms. If any other member has run across a similar or otherwise imperfect copy of the history, they should notify Secy. Charles O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., at once.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Charlie Patton Finally Sees a Familiar Name

Chas. H. Patton, 2215 Spaulding Ave., Berkeley 3, Calif., a former Co. D, 60th man, writes to say he's read The Octofoil for three years expecting to read an item about an old buddy. He was rewarded last month when he saw Hank Hauzenberger's name in print. Patton says those Dog, 60th guys certainly believe in not letting people know about them.

He has written to some of the old gang but they've either moved or are too lazy to answer.

PRESENT FLAG

At our March 4, 1949, meeting, the "gals" took great pleasure in presenting to the Pittsburgh lads a flag to express our appreciation for their splendid cooperation, and the little extra "boost" they supplied when the going was rough. Margie Schmidt, the Auxiliary President, made the presentation, and Raymond Pifer, President of the Chapter, accepted it.

GO TO BLOOD BANK

March 10, 1949, proved to be a momentous occasion when the Chapter's "Petticoat Battalion" turned out in full force and marched to the Blood Bank. Talk as well as blood flowed freely and another donation at a future date is planned. The gratifying thing is, a blood bank official remarked, this was only the second time since the first of the year that the Blood Bank has met its quota, "78 pints, thanks to the Ninth."

"HEIR CONDITIONING"

Any of you old Co. B, 47th fellow remember Steve Lelak? (How did he get into this woman's chatter?) A surprise shower was held for his pretty wife, Wanda, by the ladies, with Jackie Hilton in charge of arrangements. Yep, the Lelaks are "heir conditioning."

DON'T FORGET REUNION

Well, this just about brings you up to date, on the activities of Pa Pitt's ladies. We hope to have some interesting reports in the next issue from our Convention Committee.

Don't forget Pittsburgh in 1949!

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

WALT VICTOR VISITS BUDDY

Walter J. Victor, 580 Holderness St., S.W., Atlanta, Ga., and secretary of the Georgia Chapter, advises that cards will be sent to members as soon as a definite date and place is arranged for their next meeting.

Again some of the spicy fillers used in The Octofoil were sent by Walter in the form of a trade journal called "Parts Pup."

Quoting from the letter: "I drove to Calhoun, Ga., about 75 miles from Atlanta, to see an old friend, Major Shumaker, and we really enjoyed seeing one another. I did not know he was in Georgia until I read about it in The Octofoil. So you see the paper is doing a lot of good."

—Pittsburgh In '49—

Ginsberg Will Be a Married Man In Very Short Time

Through The Octofoil's reliable grapevine the information comes through that George J. Ginsberg, 1140 White Plains Rd., Bronx 60, N. Y., will be married in the very near future to Miss Ida Berman.

George is a former 60th man, and now a prominent member of the Greater New York Chapter.

Mrs. Margie Schmidt,
106 Dilworth Street,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

I am interested in hearing details of the women's activities of the 1949 Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion. I am the () Wife; () Mother; () Gold Star Mother of.....

of the..... (Outfit)

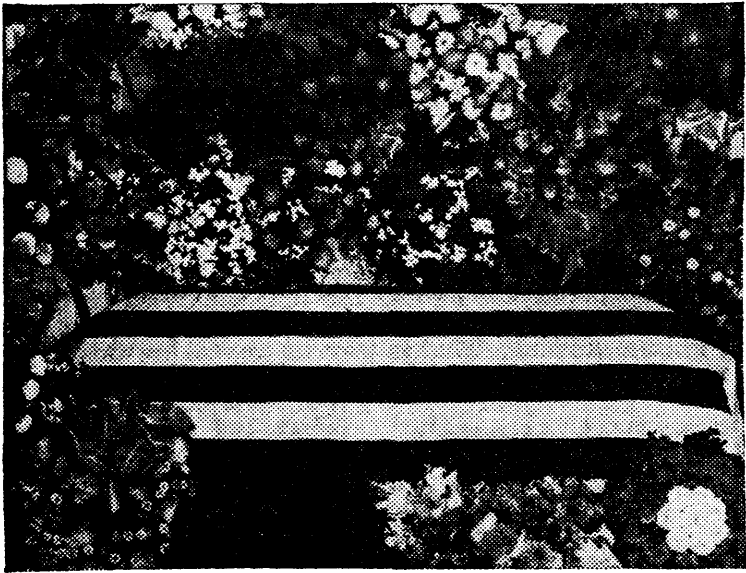
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I do.....do not.....expect to attend the Reunion in Pittsburgh, Pa.

TRIBUTE IS PAID TO DESERVING BUDDY

Commemorating a Great Soldier



Surrounded by beautiful flowers sent by loyal friends, including a beautiful spray in the form of the Octofoil, which he loved so well, Captain Jeffe Franklin, Jr., arrived at his final resting place, the land he loved—the land he died for. May the Captain's body, covered by the grandest flag on earth, remind all that freedom is bought with a great price.

A NICE SESSION IN OKLAHOMA

Charles Scheffel sends the following encouraging news from Oklahoma:

We had our little local Oklahoma gathering. It was a real success. The combat films are being returned parcel post.

There were about 25 there, which included the following: W. J. Oates and wife, formerly 39th; Ed Glover and wife, 39th; E. B. January, his father, Neil Galloway and wife, both January and Galloway, former 9th Div. and 84th Field; E. C. Waller and wife, 9th Div.; Everett Stong and wife, 26th Field; LeClaire Maricle and wife, formerly 84th Field; Lloyd Lockett and wife, 26th Field; Bill Osborne and wife, 60th Inf., and Emmet Walker and wife, 39th Inf.; Stanford S. Downs, 39th; Bill Hanks, 9th Div., Charles Scheffel, and wife, 39th Inf.

Accompanying this nice letter was an application for membership from former Lt. Col. Lockett. —Pittsburgh in '49—

John D. O'Rourke Living In Florida

John D. O'Rourke, 1120 Ivanhoe Blvd., Orlando, Fla., former Captain, Special Trps., 9th Div., writes that Ernie Chambers, former 60th man, visited him recently. Ernie is in business at Kenosha, Wis.

O'Rourke also mentioned hearing from Maj. Dilley in Japan. —Pittsburgh in '49—

PFC. BOB McIVER'S FAMILY ASK THAT HIS BUDDIES WRITE

Pfc. Robert C. McIver, Jr., Co. B, 60th, who was killed July 26, 1944, was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. McIver, 2426 Carolina Ave., Louisville. Until they received the history the family had been unable to learn what division the 60th Inf. was attached. Months after Bob's death information reached the McIvers that he was killed by a German sniper when he exposed himself in an effort to save a buddy whose clothing had caught fire from an explosion. The family would like to hear from any of Bob's buddies who can further enlighten them. —Pittsburgh in '49—

June Cripe, Hoosier Lassie, Is a Booster

June Cripe, 7 Dixie Dr., Anderson, Ind., pinch hits for hubby, former Pfc. Clyde Cripe, 9th Medics, and writes a newsy note. Clyde liked the last issue of The Octofoil because he recognized some of his old buddies' pictures. The Cripes have some pictures of their own they plan to loan The Octofoil. They plan to take their entire picture album to Pittsburgh with them. And how Jean is looking forward to Pittsburgh; it will be a double celebration for her—June 30 is her 21st birthday. (Attention, you Pittsburgh girls.)

PFC. ROBERTS, 60th, MOTHER ASKS HELP

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Roberts, Independence, Kan., parents of Pfc. Charles Roberts, 60th, are trying to locate 9th Sig. Co. Capt. John C. Liggett, who wrote them a letter after Charlie was killed at Port Lyautey. Secretary Tingley has unsuccessfully tried to locate him. If any member of the Association can help Charlie's parents either by contacting them with Capt. Liggett or with some personal information of their own, it will be appreciated. —Pittsburgh in '49—

Information Is Being Sought By Sgt Chas. Rouse's Fine Family

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie L. Rouse, Rt. 1, Box 211, Saucier, Miss., make a very strong appeal to former 9th men who knew their son, Sgt. Charles C. Rouse, better known as "Mississippi," to write to them. He was with Co. E, 39th Rgt., and was killed in Germany on April 5, 1945. Now, fellows do not put it off a day if you can help this fine family. It means so much to them. Not a word from anyone who knew their boy—please help, if you can! —Pittsburgh in '49—

PVT. LES. BENTLEY'S MOTHER ASKS BOYS GIVE SOME DETAILS

Mrs. Ada B. Bentley, 1220 Dewey Ave., Wauwatosa, Wis., mother of Pvt. Leslie R. Bentley, 60th, writes that she and Les' father are reading "8 Stars to Victory" slowly as it makes them feel near their son, who was killed in Sicily, Aug. 7, 1943.

Not one word of particulars has ever reached the parents. Certainly some member along the line can help. Don't delay, if you can. Suppose it was your parents. Can't you see, fellows? Write and help these people who are still and will forever suffer the curse of war. —Pittsburgh in '49—

This Act Restores Faith In Mankind

A true son of the Ninth Div. is running loose in Brooklyn. Although not a rich man, he wrote Secy. Tingley to search his records and to locate two deserving former Co. G, 47th men who, because unexpected domestic bills, illness or unemployment or other reasons they could not pay their 1949 dues, to accept the enclosed \$7 and forward paid-up cards to them. He pleaded that it must be strictly confidential—is the reason no names are being mentioned.

Those who can afford to would do well to search in their respective communities and pattern a similar noble deed.

The Ninth Infantry Division Association will go on and on and on as long as there are men left like the one mentioned with that true and untarnished 9th Division spirit.

Oregon Joe Gotta Get His Octofoil

Robert A. Herzog, 5572 N. E. Sandycroft, Portland, Ore., advises when sending in 1949 dues: "There are too few ex-9th men on the coast to do without The Octofoil. My regards to the old gang from the 60th Inf." —Pittsburgh in '49—

COLORED JOE HAS A WRONG SLANT

Charlie White, 2339 St. Albans St., Philadelphia 46, Pa., a former soldier with the 9th Div., 47th Regt., 2nd Bn., writes a bitter letter because he thinks the Association has failed to give proper credit to the heroic work the attached colored soldiers gave. The Octofoil is indeed sorry Charlie feels that way. If he will refer to past issues of The Octofoil he will see in two or three issues two column pictures of these boys, taken in combat areas, and they were given plenty of credit for their heroic part. —Pittsburgh in '49—

HARRY CRIST GETS WELCOME MEMBER

Harry Crist, former Co. B, 9th Med., loaned his copy of "8 Stars to Victory" to Willard Haas, an old buddy from the same outfit. Result, Haas sent Secy. Tingley \$10 for membership fees.

In sending in his application, Haas wrote: "Perhaps some of my old buddies would like to know that I am now an English instructor at Albright College, in Reading, Pa."

He explains in the letter of having taught young Laird Rehrig in a foreign language class back in 1940 at the Leighton, Pa. High School, and how he with Laird, prayed and sang hymns at a chapel on a rainy Sunday in a Normandy apple orchard just before young Rehrig went into battle and was killed.

The Octofoil welcomes Willard Haas into the Association. He is a good member. —Pittsburgh in '49—

ON THE PROWL FOR G CO., 60TH MEN

John Kacsala, 2902 E. 92nd St., Cleveland, O., wants some of the old gang from G Co., 60th, to write, especially Pizzi, Cassel, Dimick, Muggy (the platoon sarge), Erwin, Capt. Voller, etc.

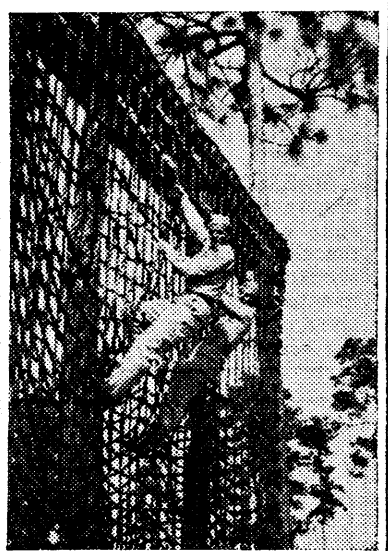
John is in the fruit and vegetable business. He got married in 1946 to a WAVE; says Congress need not worry about that part of the services merging. In May of 1947 a baby boy was born.

While visiting his wife's home in Sioux City, Iowa, he located Al Horland.

John has loaned "8 Stars to Victory" out so many times he hasn't read it himself.

He wants to see the old gang in Pittsburgh. He'll be there. —Pittsburgh in '49—

'Twas A DRY RUN



Wilton Taylor, Taft, Cal., former Co. M, 47th lad, doesn't want anyone to forget the days at Bragg. —Pittsburgh in '49—

CHECK YOUR SHIRT, SIR?

Sign outside a curb service cafe on one of the highways leading to a West Coast race track: "On your way to the races, stop here. Leave a deposit and be sure of your evening meal."

FALLEN NINTH HERO RETURNED FOR FINAL BURIAL TO THE LAND THAT HE LOVED AND DIED FOR

FORMER NINTH BUDDIES ATTEND THE RITES HELD AT ALBEMARLE, N. C. . . TARHEEL STATE PAPERS PAY GLOWING TRIBUTE TO HIS VALOR.

Mrs. J. F. Niven, 422 S. Fourth St., Albemarle, N. C., mother of Captain Jeffe Franklin Niven, Jr., was kind and considerate enough to furnish The Octofoil with newspaper clippings from various Carolina papers that saw fit to pay homage to a true son of the Ninth Division when he was returned from overseas for final burial rites.

TAYLOR MAKES MAG CONTACTS

The Octofoil's standby, Wilton M. Taylor, Postoffice Box 446, Taft, Calif., sends four interesting pages clipped from the National Geographic Magazine. On Pages 577 and 618 are pictures of the Potomac Bridge and the "Thomas Stone" ship, both familiar sights to those 47th men who were on maneuvers with the outfit in 1942. Another of the magazine's photographs depicts a 39th lad in a Paris perfume shop—letting the "Froggies" extract from him the francs he had accumulated while on the front lines.

Page 31 of the magazine shows Generals Patton, Bradley, Eisenhower, Eddy and Col. H. A. Burnstein examining some Nazi loot in a mine, that was deserted so hurriedly by the Krauts they had to leave an estimated treasure of \$200,000,000.

HARD WAY TO GO

Taylor wants all Octofoil readers to see these interesting pictures—so he writes the magazine requesting use of the prints. The Octofoil is in receipt of a letter, which reads, in part: "The photographs appearing in our July, 1945, issue and April, 1945, issue came from the U. S. Army Signal Corps and we are not privileged to release them further. You could undoubtedly get prints from the same source," etc.

Having had some previous experience with G.I. red tape along similar lines The Octofoil came to the conclusion to enter into correspondence with the Army in an effort to locate these prints at this late date was a detail that should be assigned some recruit who has a 30-year Army career in mind. It is possible a youngster assigned such a detail might begin to get "hot" on the trail of his objective at the expiration of his 30 years. For that reason it seems Octofoil readers will be deprived of seeing these copies of the National Geographic Magazine unless they write in for the back copies. However, The Octofoil sincerely appreciates Friend Taylor's efforts to make The Octofoil more interesting.

BRITISH PAPER SENT

A British War Department sponsored magazine, 64 pages of Saturday Evening Post proportion, was sent to The Octofoil by Taylor. The text and pictures is a marvelous panorama of the Tunisian campaign. But after reading the text carefully twice and asking the opinion of others, The Octofoil came to the conclusion those Limeys "tooted their own horn" too d— much, failing to give the Ninth Division credit for saving their skins after Rommel just about had them pushed out of existence until the Ninth Division landed. And for that reason printing the text from the British magazine is being held in abeyance.

WHERE'S CONNOR?

Taylor asks anyone knowing the address of Carey Connor, formerly of the 47th, who come from some place in Georgia, to write Wilton M. Taylor, P. O. Box 446, Taft, Calif.

GREETINGS

Taylor asks if any of the gang remembers when "Pop" was on permanent K.P. and made that chocolate pudding Christmas, 1942, in North Africa—and old "Pop" give each one in line a full pint until it run out and the supply was gone by the time the First Plt. had been served—and oh, the hell Pop caught from the rest of the outfit. —PITTSBURGH IN '49—

MINE, TOO

Many a man's ambition is to be able to spend what he's already spending.

Active pallbearers were lifelong friends of the captain, and honorary pallbearers were friends and neighbors.

Some of the former Ninth Division men who attended the service were Gen. George Smythe and Capt. McWorter, Fort McPherson, Ga.; Capt. and Mrs. J. Edell Clark, Fort Jackson, S. C. Mrs. Eugene Towery, Concord, N. C., wife of Capt. Towery, attended.

Captain Jeffe Franklin Niven, Jr., was attached to Co. D, of the 47th. One of his buddies wrote his mother: "The captain's favorite expression was—I have no fear in my heart for my God is with me."

Most impressive was the church choir from Captain Niven's hometown when they blended their voices in singing "Not Now But In the Coming Years," and "Sweet Peace the Gift of God's Love."

In a letter to Secretary Tingley Captain Niven's mother writes:

"Appreciate your invitation to the Reunion in Pittsburgh, and while we appreciate your plans for entertainment, we feel we should do for you who did so much for us, to meet my son's friends and to hear that they loved him, has been a great comfort to me."

An article clipped from The Charlotte (N. C.) Observer, read as follows:

HEROIC FALLEN CAPTAIN HOME

Stanly Man, Whose Valor Won Silver Star, Paid Final Tribute ALBEMARLE, N. C.—Graveside rites were held in Fairview Cemetery for Captain Jeffe Franklin Niven, Jr., fallen Stanly, N. C. war hero, whose body has been returned from France.

Captain Niven, who received many awards for leadership and valor, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Niven, Sr., of Albemarle.

He held the Silver Star medal, Bronze Star medal, Purple Heart and Croix de Guerre.

Captain Niven entered the Army as a first lieutenant immediately after graduating from Davidson College in 1941.

His first overseas duty was in North Africa, and he followed the war to Sicily, Italy, and finally to France, where he was killed at Marigny, July 20, 1944.

Rites were conducted by Rev. Sam Milton, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Wadesboro, assisted by Dr. G. H. Rhodes, pastor of First Lutheran Church of Albemarle.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Kenneth Herman, Austin, Texas.

Newspaper clippings from other papers in North Carolina were as equally well-phrased in their praise for Captain Niven's record as a Ninth Infantry Division soldier.

The Octofoil wants the next-of-kin of Captain Niven to know that a Ninth Division man never forgets his buddies and especially those who did not come back as they were when they went away. It is hoped she and any other of the captain's next-of-kin who see fit to call on The Octofoil and the Association at any time, any service that can be rendered will be a pleasure and an honor. —PITTSBURGH IN '49—

A CONFIRMED FACT

Deranged patients in a mental hospital have been designing women's hats.

A Suggestion and Pat On the Back

Noted in the editorial page masthead box in this issue will be a notice advising the members the deadline date that copy can be accepted for a current month's issue. The 15th has become very commonly known as the deadline, but there are a few members who do not know this.

Ted Matusik suggested such a notice be printed. Matusik is one member of the Publication Committee, appointed at Philly who really functions, with contributions, suggestions, occasionally a little praise and then a lot of his friendly, constructive criticism.

While in a complimentary mood this month, he complimented Secretary Tingley in changing to a neater size the address labels used on The Octofoil.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

The Bernard Steins Have New Address

Mrs. Bernard Stein would like for Bernard's friends to know their new address is 310 Riverside Blvd., Long Beach L. I., N. Y.

They both enjoy The Octofoil and recorded the change of address early so not to miss an issue.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Search For Bodies Is Most Intensive Task

An interesting item appeared in a recent issue of The Vet Times relative to the painstaking duties of the American Graves Registration Command, European Area. The command has recovered 1,366 remains from isolated graves.

One part of the story in particular will interest Octofoil readers. It reads:

One of the most spectacular recovery operations centers on the mined areas, particularly in the Heurtegens Forest, where Grave Registration recovery teams follow closely behind the de-mining squads.

Any remains still in gun emplacements, foxholes or dugouts which haven't been demined present a risk considerably above the call of duty.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

It is the diminutive mind that always has room for slights, insults, jealousies and hatreds.

CAMPISI TAKES TIME OUT AND WRITES A NOTE

Victor A. Campisi, 98 Falmouth Rd., West Newton 65, Mass. and a prominent member of the New England Chapter is a pretty busy lad, temporarily with his college studies and National Guard officer responsibilities, and he explains to The Octofoil that is why his news notes have not been coming in as frequently as they were a year ago.

Vic says his lack of news notes to The Octofoil is no indication that the boys have been inactive. He says they are burning midnight oil preparing for their state convention in April and plugging to get the national convention for 1950 in Boston.

Campisi will be on active duty at Fort Benning, Ga., during the Pittsburgh Convention and will be unable to attend.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

WHERE'S THOSE CO. D, 60th GUYS?

Melvin A. Cagle, Rt. 3, Travelers Rest, S. C., writes that he will be in Pittsburgh at the Reunion with bells on. He hopes to see a lot of Co. D, 60th guys and in the meantime wants to hear from some of the boys.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

LT. HOOPER'S MOTHER MOST EAGER TO HEAR

Mrs. Ann M. Hooper, 1500 Washington Ave., Fort Worth, Tex., mother of 2d Lt. Preston L. Hooper, Jr., 60th Inf., has asked The Octofoil to appeal to any of the lieutenant's former buddies who can enlighten her one iota on the circumstances surrounding his death June 29, 1944, so please write her. She has heard some conflicting stories.

Mrs. Hooper says she became so engrossed while reading the history of the 9th that she read 14 hours continuously, stopping to eat only once.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

If a man could have half his wishes, he would double his troubles.—Franklin.

Dave Halleran Is "Expecting"

Dave Halleran, 17 Foxhane, Island Trees, L. I., N. Y., writes that he has not joined the Association but plans to in just a few days, but in the meantime he wants some stickers for his car.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

PAGING CO. L, 47th REGT. JOES

Cpl. Harold J. Rediske, 5014th ASU, Branch USDB, Milwaukee 9, Wis., says he'd be more than pleased to hear from anyone who served with Co. L, 47th, during February, 1945, through June, 1946.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Jankowski Back On Pre-War Job

Edward Jankowski, 417 Hoyt St., Michigan City, Ind., a former 60th staff sergeant, advises he is back working for the same dairy he worked for before going into the service.

He asks for some of the old gang to drop him a few lines, especially Snelling, Williamson, Thielitz.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

A GOOD MOM PAYS HER SON'S '49 DUES

Mrs. Violet Herwig, Santa Barbara, Calif., writes The Octofoil that her son, Gordon E. Hewig, is a newly married man, living at 634 Berry St., Toledo 5, Ohio, and she's afraid he'll forget to pay '49 dues so she sends them in.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

HENRY ROYALL ASKS FOR SNOW

Henry E. Royall, Col., U.S.A., retired, now living at 105 Noble St., Chapel Hill, N. C., makes inquiry about Sgt. Joseph M. Snow, who was with the 60th when it reached Barneville in the Cherbourg campaign.

For the benefit of other buddies of Joe's, Secy. Tingley has learned and so advised The Octofoil that he was commissioned after Cherbourg and his last known address was 1509 Bennett Ave., Chattanooga 4, Tenn.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

A janitor starts at the bottom and warms up.

Briton J. Hall Liked the Book

Briton J. Hall, a former Pfc. in A Co., 47th, is living in Escanaba, Mich., in the insurance business at 801 Ludington St. Hall says "8 Stars to Victory" is tops.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

MIKE BATELLI ON THE BALL WITH A BATCH OF NEWS

Michael F. Batelli, 67 E. 20th St., Paterson 3, N. J., a former corporal in Hq. Co., 2d Bn., 39th, writes that he is working at the Paterson postoffice and of all the histories he's handled the 9th is the best. Says he got his postal experience from gab sessions held in Sgt. John's (Ardison) 39th Regt. P. O. Other items sent in:

Ole Sgt. Andy Macera was joined in a column of ducks by his life-partner, the former Rose De Sarno, in Newark, Feb. 11. Ex-Regt. P. O. Sgt. Johnny Ardison also delivered unto himself a nice bit of "fe-male" last October, up Amsterdam, N. Y. way. . . Henry Klomp, ex-Hqs. and star 60th basket ball player, signed up to coach Oakland (N.J.) Military Academy five, and immediately halted a losing streak. . . The 39th's Bragg basket ball ace, "Mexie" Lambert, is officer in charge of the Paterson V.A. office. . . How many ex-47th men remember George Simmons, ex-1st Sgt. of Hqs. 3rd Bn. in the early days at Bragg? Last summer George (who was athletic officer at Benning after leaving the 9th) gave youngsters lessons on the North Jersey sand lots—and also took unto himself a better half.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Fred Bicking Will Be In Pittsburgh

Fred J. Bicking, Jr., 608 W. North St., Endicott, N. Y., wants to hear from former 60th Medics who were in from Jan. 15, 1941 until Dec. 10, 1944.

Fred, his wife and Delbert Pembroke are shaking the bushes around Endicott to get everyone they can to accompany them to the Pittsburgh Convention.

Delbert was a 1st lieutenant in M Co., 60th.

Dick Million Living In Blissfield, Mich.

Richard H. Million former staff sergeant H Co., 60th, is living at 409 Adrian St., Blissfield, Mich. Dick says everyone in his household enjoys The Octofoil.

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GLANT'S MOTHER PRAISES OCTOFOIL

Mrs. E. Glant, 34 Morse St., Coldwater, Mich., mother of LeRoy, Glant, former T-3, 60th, says she is glad he works at night because she gets to read The Octofoil first.

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Capt. Bill Horan Is a Busy Man

Captain William H. Horan, former 1st Lt., M Co., 47th is busy training rookies at Fort Dix.

Mrs. Horan made that alibi for the captain when sending in his yearly Association dues.

It's Capt. W. H. Horan, D Co., 39th, Fort Dix, N. J.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

GEORGIA CRACKER ASKS ABOUT 26th

Jones T. Howell, care P.O., Duluth, Ga., writes and asks what has happened to all the 26th F.A. boys, special Btry B.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

IT'S T-SGT. TOM RITCHEY, PLEASE

T-Sgt. Tom Ritchey, former S-Sgt., 60th, is still in the Army, but in a less strenuous capacity than infantry soldiers. He's stationed at Perrin Air Force Base, Sherman, Tex. His mailing address is 510 W. Jefferson, Van Alstyne, Texas.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

OH, BROTHER!

Pedro: "Father, I think I have commit big sin."

Father: "Why, Pedro?"

Pedro: "I think I married my sister."

Father: "No, no, Pedro. I've known you and your wife all your lives, and there is no relation. What makes you think you've married your sister?"

Pedro: "Last night—we undress for bed—she look at me—she say, "Oh, brother!"

DIRECTORY OF FORMER NINTH DIVISION MEN

FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS MEMBERSHIP LIST WILL BE PRINTED IN THE OCTOFOIL ON PAGES 7 AND 8

SOME OF THE JOES LISTED HERE HAVE FAILED TO PAY THEIR ANNUAL DUES SINCE RETURNING FROM OVER THERE—WHY?

The directory idea that is being started in this issue of The Octofoil was suggested by Doc Hackradt. It will take 12 issues to print the entire list of original Ninth Infantry Division Association members. The list is being printed in such a way as to enable the reader to tear out the directory for filing purposes without damaging any reader items that are considered worthy of preserving. Secretary Tingley has suggested that any of the members in good standing who locate a buddy in the list, when writing always make inquiry as to whether the buddy has paid current year's dues in the Association.

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Bill Robey Is a Married Guy

Bill Robey, former T-5, 15th Eng., has a new address, 418 Melton St., S.E., Washington 20, D. C. The lad left his bachelor pals on Oct. 16, 1948, but he says going to school at night is why he can't attend D. C. meetings.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Lt. Clark's Mother Admires the Ninth

Mrs. Charlotte E. J. Clark, 352 William St., East Orange, N. J., writes how she enjoyed every bit of the history. In speaking of the death of her son, 2nd Lt. Stanwood V. W. Clark, in a foxhole on German soil, she says: "He wrote me with such pride of those soldiers who had been through the Sicilian and African campaigns with him, and with affection and great humility."

—Pittsburgh in '49—

WHERE IS TATUM AND BARTHEMEW

R. M. Hirst, Rt. 4, Box 72-A, Merrill, Wis., writes "I've turned traitor. I knew there'd never be another outfit like George Co., 60th, so when I went back in the service I took a fling with the fly boys."

He wants to locate Bart Barthemew and Tex Tatum, 2nd Plt., George, 60th. Secretary Tingley has tried, unsuccessful. Anyone who can help Scotty he will appreciate it greatly.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Ray Conway Gets Very Bad Break

Ray Conway, 3722 W. Kilbourne, Milwaukee 8, Wis., sends his 1949 dues in and says that he was just about ready to get married and blooey—the outfit he was working for blew up and 900 employees were laid off work.

They can't keep a Conway, especially a 9th Div. Conway, down. He's probably got a job by now. If not, any former 9th men in that area who can give him a good tip or lead, please do so.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

A dentist lives from hand to mouth.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

A jitter bug is foot loose and fanny-free.

Name Is Officially Changed to Davids

Formerly known as Edward Davidowitz, AT Co., 47th, the name has been changed to Edward Davids, and he recently joined the Association, and he wants his old pals to know his address is 57 St. Paul's Place, Brooklyn 26, N. Y.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

HINTZ LOANS HIS BOOK TO BUDDIES

William P. Hintz, 3314 N. 10th St., Milwaukee 6, Wis., has loaned his history to some former Co. A, 60th non-members, now he orders them two copies of the 60th History in order to induce them to join the Association.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Joe McKenzie Locates Stray

John Mitchell, 100 Bacon St., Waltham, Mass., was with Co. H, 47th. He joined H Co. in England, was wounded in Normandy. After his discharge from the hospital he rejoined H Co. near Stolberg. In December while the 47th was enjoying Elsenborn and Viviers, John was sent home for discharge. He contracted an ailment, affecting his voice. He was told he had laryngitis. Whatever it was he still has it. Any of the boys remember John, he would like to hear from them.

John Murray is expecting to be a father for the second time in June. He was with Serv. Battery, 26th F.A.

Arnold "Sheriff" Leach, 13 High St., St. Albans, Vt., is making TL 122A flashlights for the National Carbon Co., in St. Albans. The Sheriff would like to hear from any ex-members of Service Battery.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

VERNE KING IN TRUCKING GAME

Verne D. King, Donnellson, Iowa, formerly 47th, since being discharged, has gone in the trucking business with his brother and they have two large semi-trailers and one straight on the road. Later they plan two more semis.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

The only difference between Stalin and Hitler is six feet of dirt.

Fred Treglown Takes It Easy In the South

Frederick Treglown, former 9th Div. Hq. man, is living at 1301 Florida Ave., St. Cloud, Fla. Writes he is the only former 9th man there but swaps yarns with two 1st Div. men about Tunisia, etc. Fred sent in his \$1 donation to the Memorial Fund and one for his widowed aunt, Mrs. Sadie Young, who incidentally showed Fred William Young, her husband's Army discharge from World War I, in which it showed him in the 39th Regt. of that war.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

ELSIE ESTERLE IS A GOOD SOLDIER

Mrs. Paul (Elsie) Esterle, 996 Baird St., Akron 6, Ohio, sends in 1949 dues for Paul. He is in Crile Veterans Hospital, Cleveland, O., suffering from an injury suffered in France.

Elsie says she certainly enjoyed "8 Stars to Victory," especially parts that mentioned England. You see, Elsie is a long ways from home. Paul talked her into moving from Winchester to Ohio.

Since Paul has worked only one week this year, but he and Elsie were willing to sacrifice his annual dues it certainly should be a means of causing red faces on those working regularly and have not paid this year's dues.

Cleveland and Akron, former 9th men, take note of where Paul is. Go and see him!

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Former Cannon Co. Man With Natl. Gd.

Ralph D. Powell, 1018 G St., Fairbury, Nebr., former Cannon Co., 47th man, has Co. D, 134th Inf., 34th Inf. Div., Nebraska National Guard, and says former 9th are so few and far between The Octofoil is all he has to keep in touch with the old gang. Says he wishes any of the former officers of the 47th, and any of the men from Cannon Co. would write.

Orion Shockley, Georgetown, Colo., stopped off to see the former Cannoneer. Occasionally he saw Lt. Leonard Reynolds, who lived in Hastings, Nebr., but the lieutenant has rejoined and is now at Camp Hood.

Scheerbaum-Parks Nuptials Is News

Harold M. Scheerbaum, former 2nd Lt. I Co., 60th, was married to Agnes M. Parker on Nov. 11, 1948. Harold says he spent all his extra time last year building a home for he and Agnes. It's a finished product now and they live in it on Church Lane (no number given), Pittsburgh 15, Pa.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

BUCKEYE LOOKS FOR CO. M, 47th MEN TO WRITE

Conda W. Knee, Rt. 3, Galion, O., wants some of the old Co. M, 47th men to write him. The only ones he's heard from is through The Octofoil. He wants that personal touch.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

WALT BROWN IN THE WINDY CITY

Walter M. Brown, 437 S. Bell Ave., Chicago, Ill., former 47th sergeant, writes to advise how well he enjoyed reading "8 Stars to Victory," and that he would like to hear from the old gang.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Uncle Sam Has Books Available

A long list of combat books, too lengthy to reprint in The Octofoil, may be purchased by writing the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. By writing the same address a complete list may be obtained.

The book entitled, St-Lo, \$1.25, postage included, would prove excellent reading for former 9th men.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

John Lammis Has Quite a Few Pix

John Lammis, 1851 Dau St., Apt. 1, Toledo, O., former T-5, 60th, advises The Octofoil he has some excellent pictures that he believes the old gang would like to see in The Octofoil. He is being contacted and some of the pictures will begin appearing from time to time very soon.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Peace on earth: Girl laying on ground—say Confucius.

Before Hearing of 9th



Above photo of the sign painter was made before he heard of the 9th or there'd be no smile. —Pittsburgh in '49—

After Hearing of 9th



Dates on the back of this picture indicate it was made after the 9th Inf. Div. hit Normandy. The worried look would prove as much without the dates.

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