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ALL ROAD SIGNS POINT TO PITTSBURGH

MEMBERS MOURN BOBBY'S DEATH

Received too late for processing for the last issue of The Octofoil was the picture of little Bobby Hawkins, 16-month-old son of former Sgt. Glenn and Helen Hawkins. The sarge served with the 9th Medics. They now live at Brinkhaven, Ohio.

In the February issue of The Octofoil an article was published telling of the fire loss suffered by Glenn and Helen when they lost their home and all their personal

belongings. But The Octofoil did not know at the time how tragic the incident really had been. Later it was divulged that this swell couple had suffered an ordeal because of the fire that nothing, absolutely nothing, can ever erase from their memory. Little "Bobby" perished in the fire.

Sympathy from the bottoms of the hearts of every former Ninth Infantry Division man goes out to Glenn and Helen.



"BOBBY" HAWKINS

Linda Darlene Comes To Brighten Home of Glenn, Helen Hawkins

A BABY GIRL ON MARCH 19th
Under date of March 23, Mrs. Clyde Cripe, 7 Dixie Dr., Anderson, Ind., writes The Octofoil a note, which reads in part:

Dear Mr. Plunkett: We have received word from Glenn and Helen Hawkins that they are the proud parents of a baby girl born March 19. Her name is Linda Darlene and she weighed in at 8 lbs. 6 ozs.

You know that Glenn's and Helen's home was destroyed by

fire. Helen suffered severe burns and was treated for nine months. The greatest tragedy was that 16-month-old Bobby perished in the fire.

I know this baby is like a ray of sunshine on a rainy day to them. Let's all former Ninth men and their wives send them the very best wishes, and I know it will make them happy.

In behalf of my husband and myself, allow me to thank the staff of The Octofoil for such an interesting paper. I hope it continues. It means a lot to my husband and I, and I know it must mean a lot to all other former 9th men.

JIM KENNEDY'S MOTHER ASKS BUDDIES WRITE

The mother of Pfc. James E. Kennedy, 60th Inf., wants some of Jimmie's friends, and learn just a bit of information relative to the circumstances surrounding his death. Quoting from the letter: "I would like to hear from some of Jame's friends, and learn just anything they have to tell about the war while with James, or a bit of information about his experiences in the hospital after he was wounded. I would like to know where his body was struck and near what place in Germany."

James' mother's address is Mrs. James P. Kennedy, Rt. 1, Marion, La. Okay, fellows, get out the old pen and help take a load off the mind of this good mother.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Al Seeley Praises the Division Book

Alfred F. Seeley, former Co. C, 60th, writes from 55-17 98th Lane, Corona, Long Island, N. Y.

Al says his copy of "8 Stars to Victory" was greatly enjoyed by himself and is now making the rounds, being loaned to former G. I.'s from other divisions. The ex-G. I.'s from the other divisions are enjoying the book as well as Al did.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

'Tention, Ladies!

Mrs. Mae M. Spencer, 239 Mosholv Parkway, Bronx 67, N. Y., the Gold Star Mother of Lt. Spencer, issues an urgent appeal to the ladies of Greater New York, asking them to become active in the New York Auxiliary of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Mrs. Spencer advises the ladies meet the same night as the men, but adds, as soon as the ladies are more firmly organized they will arrange to meet when it is most convenient for the ladies.

Keep an eagle eye on The Octofoil for news relative to the ladies plans relative to future activities for the betterment of the Association and the mutual enjoyment of themselves.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

The Dirty So-and-So



One of Capt. Bob Turner's "liberated pictures" shows the Son of a Sea Biscuit holding the paw of one of his super-super men.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

An office monkey is a secretary who hangs onto her job by her tail.

PITTSBURGH LADS AND LASSIES "GOING TO TOWN" WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT CONVENTION

TOM GRAY ANNOUNCES THE PERMANENT PERSONNEL OF COMMITTEES FOR THE RECORD-BREAKING CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN PITTSBURGH.

Someone down in Brooklyn may have grown a little old tree—but they sho as heck "ain't" letting no grass grow under their feet in Pittsburgh. They don't even stop to mark time. Cadence has been set up and both the Infantry and Artillery are "going to town."

General Chairman Tom Gray, 720 Ohio River Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa., submits a roster of committeemen whose responsibility it will be to see that the Pittsburgh Convention goes over in a big way. And boys, here they are:

Publicity: John Kowalski, chairman; Associates: Ora Brogan, Arthur Schmidt, Margaret Gray. Included also is a splendid "ex-officio" member, who was not a part of the 9th Division. He is an ex service man. The Joe is called Dean Gilmour. He had a brother who helped make fame for the 9th Div. Dean is always available with his camera and contacts . . . which have enabled the Pittsburgh group to obtain necessary publicity.

Registration: Ray Pifer is the chairman, assisted by William Hilton and Paul Leschak. These fellas will be on the job with assistants at all times to see that visitors have an opportunity to register, and to see a list of the other Joes who are registered.

Finance and Entertainment: Walter Millstone, chairman (the Big Egg and Butter Man), having as his rear eschelon such ex-G. I.'s as Mike Puzak, C. O. Ellenberger, Bob Brogan, LeRoy Thompson, Bill (Marconi) Hennemuth. This group is sweating out the money angle, and that is a problem at this time.

Banquet and Hotel Arrangements: Bert Murphy, chairman. Supported by Bob Buck, Sam Barbnell, Al Berkman. They have done a pretty swell job of arranging for accommodations for guests expected to attend, such as banquet rooms, and confidentially, that Gray lad could be talked into setting up a temporary bar in one nook and then another.

Memorial Service: Alex Forest, chairman. Alex will have the able assistance of C. O. Ellenberger. This committee is most important of them all. And listen, you fellas, knowing Alex the way The Octofoil does, you can depend on the arrangements he makes to be all that could be desired in a way of paying the proper respect and loyalty to those buddies who will never be able to attend a Convention, but whose memory will always be with the good old 9th Inf. Div. Assn.

Printing and Programs: Joseph Wienicki, chairman; advised and assisted by Bill Hilton. These programs will be gems of the "art preservative," worthy of a place in anyone's library.

CP Rooms: Mike Puzak, chairman (and what a chairman? No one will have difficulty finding him. He'll be in one spot continuously. From necessity. Unable to navigate further.) However, he will have capable assistants by the names of Bill Hennemuth, John Kowalski, Ray Kennedy and

Steve Lelack. The assistants will see that the various outfits have an opportunity to renew old contacts in their own quarters.

HERE'S THE BREAK-DOWN—SUBJECT TO MINOR CHANGES
Wednesday—29 June:

8:00 P. M.: Policy and Charter Meeting.

Thursday—30 June:

1:00 P. M. Registration.

7:00 P. M. Reception and Get Together.

8:00 P. M. 9th Div. Movies.

8:00 P. M. Board of Governors Meeting.

Friday—1 July:

9:00 A. M. Registration.

9:00 A. M. Meeting of all Chapter presidents and representatives.

10:30 A. M. Business meeting.

1:30 P. M. Committee meeting.

8:00 P. M. Dance and Floor Show.

Saturday—2 July:

9:00 A. M. Parade.

9:45 A. M. Memorial Service.

1:30 P. M. Business Meeting.

1:30 P. M. Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting.

7:00 P. M. Banquet.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

It's a Future WAC

At Sgt. Andy Book's

Former B Co., 60th Soldier Andy Book, now Sgt. A. G. Book, 202 S. 16th Ave., Hopewell, Va., advises The Octofoil that on Feb. 24, 1949, Mrs. Book presented him with a baby girl.

Andy only recently heard of the Association and never seen but one copy of The Octofoil; neither has he received his copy of "8 Stars to Victory." Says he'll be an Association member within a few days now. What about some of the old gang sending Andy a few lines?

Book says this modern Army is not what the boys knew a few years ago. He'd prefer the old days. The new set-up has him in a quandary whether he wants to be a 30-year man or not, after his close to 15 years. But he's still plugging trying to get these new recruits off on the right foot. Everyone who knows Andy is aware of the fact Army life is in his heart, but he says the old ticker is taking one helluva beating now.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

GOING TO TOWN

A country couple married and arrived at the hotel about 9 p. m. The wife got undressed ready for bed and the groom sat in the chair with his hat and coat on. She asked him why he was not getting ready for bed and he replied: "Paw said I'd be going to town about 11 o'clock so there is no use getting undressed."

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)

Name.....

Address.....

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

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MAY

IN THE HISTORY OF THE NINTH DIVISION

(Compiled by Major General Donald A. Stroh)

- 1 (1943) Germans, outflanked by 39th Combat Team and attacked in front by 47th, withdrew from Green-Bald Hill positions, North Tunisia.
- 1 (1944) Division participates in a dry run assembly for invasion, England.
- 4 (1945) Division suffers its last battle casualty of the war, Pvt. 1st Cl. Seace, 39th Infantry.
- 5 (1943) 47th Combat Team begins final advance toward Bizerte.
- 6 (1943) 1st Battalion, 60th Infantry, assaults and captures Djebel Cheneti, the last strong German position covering Bizerte.
- 7 (1943) 39th Combat Team, attached to 1st Armored Division, enters Ferryville, North Tunisia, 894th Tank Destroyer Battalion and Company A 751st Tank Battalion enter Bizerte during the afternoon and withdraw on orders. 47th Combat Team completes occupation during the night.
- 9 (1943) Bulk of German Afrika Corps surrender to II Corps.
- 9 (1945) Fighting officially ends in Europe.
- 13 (1943) Last of Germans in North Africa surrender.
- 17 (1943) Led by 39th Combat Team the division marches west from the Northern Tunisian battlefields.
- 19 (1942) Secretary of War Stimson visits division, Fort Bragg.
- 26 (1943) Division moves in bivouac near Magenta, North Africa.
- 27 (1944) Division goes on 6-hour alert preparatory to continental invasion.

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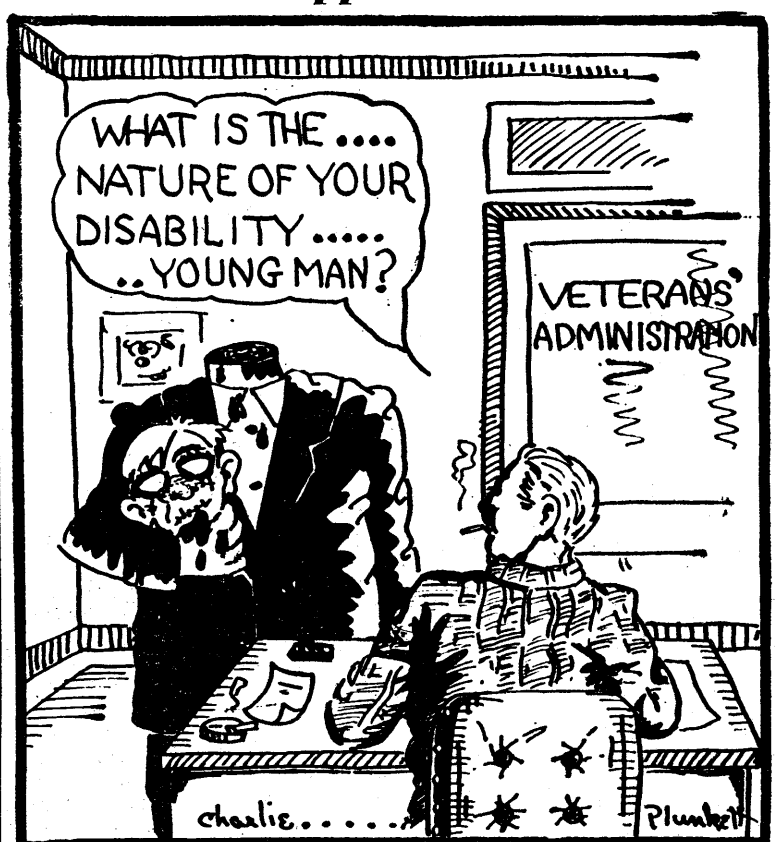
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This Could Happen - - - - -By Plunkett



Any Joe who thinks such an incident as pictured above is far-fetched, just ask any former Ninth Division man who has found it necessary to deal with these V.A. pill-pushers.

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FED UP WITH FIGHTING

"We are a peaceful people. Enough has happened since the last war to start a dozen others if we hadn't been fed up on fighting."

—Pittsburgh In '49—

Seven days of honeymoon make a whole week.

—Pittsburgh In '49—

Fifty per cent of the modern girls smoke—the other 50 per cent are pretty hot, too.

SLOW BOAT TO CHINA

The couple had a baby on their honeymoon. Hold it! Hold it!—don't get excited; they were on a SLOW BOAT TO CHINA.

—Pittsburgh In '49—

Practice moderation: Never enter more than one beer joint at a time.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

"There once was an Indian Maid . . ." but it took a buck to do it.

Narrow Escape For the Officers

Noted elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil will be read Francis Wolman's report from the Wilkes Barre - Scranton Chapter. Wolman comments on their next meeting being Charter Meeting Day and that Secretary Tingley fouled up on getting the charter in for the last meeting.

For the benefit of Wolman and the other lads in that district The Octofoil advises that both President Clarke and Secretary Tingley left Pittsburgh, after a series of pre-convention meetings with the intent and purpose of making Scranton in time to personally present the charter.

Chauffeur President Clarke misjudged one of those treacherous curves in them thar hills, and the result was about 700 bucks' damage to his chariot. Thank the Lord though, the two officers were spared and neither of them suffered any permanent injuries.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

GET BANQUET TICKET TODAY

Get out that pen and pencil set, Joe, today, and write Secretary Charles O. Tingley, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., and tell him how many of those banquet tickets you will be wanting. They are only \$5 per copy. Just about what they cost the Pittsburgh Chapter. Take a look at some of these other Reunion group banquet prices that range from \$7 to \$18 and you'll appreciate again and again how the Ninth Infantry Division Association operates.

GALS GET OFF FOR A BUCK

Money has to come from some place to pay the high class entertainers who will keep you guys and gals in stitches for a couple of days. The Pittsburgh gang didn't want to do it, but they were made to see the "light of day" and prevailed upon to charge a \$2 registration fee for the he-male visitors and \$1 for the she-males.

Fill out a hotel reservation card today and let those birds know in no uncertain words that you want the reservation because of the Ninth Infantry Division Association's Convention. By doing it that way your boudoir will be in close proximity to all of the shenanigans.

Arrangements are being made to seat units together. These arrangements will be made at the convention, but request them before 10 A. M. on Saturday, July 2, the day of the big chow. The Pittsburgh Convention Committee will have their Pup Tent pitched at a convenient location. Let them know where you want to be seated and they will do the rest. Yard birds buying banquet tickets after 10 A. M. on the day of the blow-out will sit any place they can find that isn't already reserved, and no b - - - ing will be tolerated, either.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

60TH HISTORIES STILL AVAILABLE

A couple of former 60th Joes breezed into The Octofoil print shop recently wanting to pick up copies of the 60th History. They were told "they ain't no more." One of the Smarties picked up the telephone apparatus and called Secretary Charles O. Tingley whose address is P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C. And whatta you know . . . Tingley told 'em "I just got another shipment of the histories, send me two bits to pay postage and you'll get one—and if you wanta put in another two bits I'll send some auto windshield stickers."

—Pittsburgh In '49—

VICTOR WILL VISIT CHAPTERS IN EAST

Walter Victor, secretary of the Georgia Cracker Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Assn., who lives at 580 Holderness St., Atlanta, Ga., is making a trip that will put him on 'tother side of the Smith & Wesson Line. The guy plans to motor through Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut, not to mention way points. Walt plastered the family omnibus with Ninth Division stickers before leaving Georgia's capital city.

The Octofoil is expecting to get a report from Walt when he gets back home about the contacts he made on this trip.

Memorial Plans Taking Shape

PLANS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IMPRESSED BOARD MEMBERS --- COMMITMENTS WITHHELD FOR COMPLETE STUDY

LENGTHY BRIEF WITH OPTIONAL PLANS PRESENTED TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR STUDY AND PRESENTATION TO PITTSBURGH CONVENTION.

John J. Clouser, Vets Unit C-2, Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill., Chairman of the Memorial Committee, and Richard C. Storey, Rm. 700, 84 State St., Boston 9, Mass., a member of both the Memorial Committee and a member of the National Board of Governors, have devoted many hours to the Memorial Foundation project, pledged by the Ninth Infantry Division Association to perpetuate the memory of buddies who did not come back. Members from all parts of the country have begun to contribute to this commendable cause, as will be evidenced from excerpts of letters printed in this issue that have been received by Secretary Tingley during the past month.

In a letter dated March 18, 1949, John Clouser, chairman of the Memorial Committee, wrote Richard C. Storey, in part, as follows:

At the convention last year when it was decided to have a committee work out details for a memorial it was felt that a "live" memorial would be desirable. A scholarship would seem to answer the requirements as it will be continually building for the future. Perhaps you or some other member of the committee have a better idea. I will appreciate it if you will consider this matter and submit your suggestions to me as quickly as possible so we can have a full exchange of ideas among the committee members and work the thing out as far as possible before the convention in June.

I talked to Gen. Smythe concerning this matter and he seems quite enthusiastic about it.

CLOUSEY'S PROPOSAL

PURPOSE: This fund shall be created as a memorial to the men of the Ninth Infantry Division who died in battle.

ELIGIBILITY: In order of precedence the following persons may be eligible for the benefits of this fund:

- (1) Dependent children of men who served in the Ninth Infantry Division and were killed in action or died as a result of wounds received in action.
- (2) Dependent children of men who died from other reasons while serving in the 9th Infantry Division.
- (3) Dependent children of deceased members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.
- (4) Dependent children of deceased men who served in the 9th Division but who were not members of the 9th Infantry Division Association.
- (5) The direct descendants of men who served in the 9th Infantry Division Association.

In addition to the above conditions of eligibility, persons to be eligible must:

- (1) Meet the entrance requirements of the school of their choice, which must be approved by the Scholarship Committee of the 9th Infantry Division Association.
- (2) Be in need of financial aid to receive a higher education.

The date of service in the 9th Infantry Division shall be between Aug. 1, 1940, and Aug. 25, 1945.

BENEFITS: Any person meeting the eligibility requirements of this fund may receive for four years (or more at the discretion of the committee) tuition and one half of board and room up to the amount of \$1,000.00 per year at a college, university, or other institution of higher learning of their choice which must be approved by the committee.

Means of raising funds, administering such funds, powers and duties of the Memorial Committee, and ways of investing funds will be more thoroughly discussed and decided upon at the Pittsburgh Convention.

Excerpts from Dick Storey's communications to John Clouser included the thought that in selecting desiring youngsters for the scholarships a geographical problem and a time problem might

exist. The fact that a young man who would otherwise be eligible, might live some distance from the meeting place of the Committee, which might be a serious bar to someone receiving a scholarship. Dick thinks that we should have a Scholarship Committee which is essentially geographical, meaning that its members would be chosen to represent as large an area as possible. Their duties would be limited to screening applicants from their areas and making recommendations to the Board of Governors.

Storey's stand relative to management of the fund was expressed thusly: I do not believe that the fund should be restricted to the 2 1/2 % yield on Government bonds, but in order to set up a separate fund it would be necessary to appoint a bank as trustee.

GOOD AND LOYAL GOLD STAR MOTHERS HELPING TO START MEMORIAL

Just a few of the letters received by Secretary Tingley during the past month with contributions for the Memorial fund are printed in part in the following paragraphs:

Mrs. Nora Culhane, a Ninth Division Gold Star Mother, 29 Maple Ave., Waterbury, Conn., writes: "I received the automobile emblem sent me and am enclosing \$10 as my contribution to the Memorial Fund to help establish a Memorial to the Ninth Division men who did not return."

"Accept my thanks for remembering me with a copy of 'Eight Stars to Victory,' presented me in memory of my son, Pfc. Edward J. Culhane, Co. E, 39th Rgt., who gave his life for his country in Normandy July 21, 1944. It is a splendid history of a magnificent division. Even though I feel deeply the loss of my son, there is a glowing pride in the knowledge he belonged to such a brave division which had achieved a fighting record equalled by few others."

ANOTHER WONDERFUL GOLD STAR MOTHER

From Mrs. Margaret Husfelt, Barn Stables, Rt. 3, Newark, Del., comes the following:

I am sending \$5 to the Memorial Fund. I am so glad to do anything I can to help the Ninth Division boys. Our darling boy, Cecil C. Husfelt, was killed in St. Lo, July 25, 1944. May God bless every one of you. Signed: Cecil's Mother.

CARTER SENDS \$5 FROM TOKYO, JAPAN

LeRoy L. Carter writes: Received letter with car emblem in it a few weeks ago. I have finally secured the use of a jeep and am making it to the post office for a money order. I receive The Octofoil regularly and really enjoy it. The Division history is swell. I have read it over quite a few times along with several other fellows who were also in the Division.

CALIFORNIA LAD DOES HIS PART

Adolph J. Woods, Box 236, Lakewood, Calif., when sending in

his 1949 dues including additional money as his contribution to the Memorial Fund.

HIS WIFE KEEPS REMINDING HIM

Edward J. Craton, 1335 Leavenworth St., San Francisco, Calif., writes: After several reminders from my wife, I am sending my contribution for the Memorial Fund.

IRVING BLABON SENDS MONEY IN MEMORY OF HIS K.I.A. BUDDY

Irving F. Blabon (Membership Card No. 1814), San Rafael, Calif., writes in part as follows:

Enclosed you will find my check for \$2 for the 9th Infantry Division Memorial Fund. I want \$1 to be credited from me and \$1 to be from my buddy, Paul Bean, who was killed in action in Germany, in October, 1944. I think it is a wonderful idea, and I am for the Memorial idea 100%.

Irv thinks the Association might well start thinking about a supplement to "8 Stars to Victory," including names of all who served with the Ninth, stipulating those who were awarded medals, etc.

Irv is also getting restless for a Convention to be held a little nearer California.

IT WAS A GREAT INFANTRY DIVISION

Edward Slosson, Jr., Havemeyer Lane, Old Greenwich, Conn., writes: I am enclosing my contribution for the Memorial to the boys of our great Division who did not return.

THINKS EMBLEM WELL WORTH THE BUCK

James F. Hart, Jr., 1805 Woodlawn Ave., Wilmington, Del., has this to say: Enclosed is my buck, which seems very reasonable for the swell emblem I so proudly attached to my car. After you take out cost of the emblem and postage, I can't see how much cash can be left for the Memorial Fund. I hope all the boys come through and give this excellent cause a good start.

AT LEAST ONE CAR IN ARIZONA DISPLAYS THE OCTOFOIL EMBLEM

From Edwardo F. Padilla, Box 15, Winkelman, Ariz., comes a short note, reading: Enclosed you will find the dollar for the automobile emblem. It is for a worthy cause.

GEORGIA CRACKER PROUD OF HIS OCTOFOIL EMBLEM

From James T. Howell, Duluth, Ga., comes this short note: I received the car emblem of the Division Association. Was very proud to get it. I am enclosing the dollar.

TOP KICK HAS A HEART OF GOLD

From First Sgt. K. E. Brown: comes this sincere message:

Hope this little bit helps in building funds for a Memorial to the boys who did not come back. I remember many from old Co. L, 47th. They were great men from a great Division.

MIAMI, FLA. CARS DISPLAY THE EMBLEM

Henry Daszizynski, 2811 S. W. 68th Ave., Miami, Fla., advises: Received the emblem, enclosing pay for same immediately. It is for a worthwhile cause.

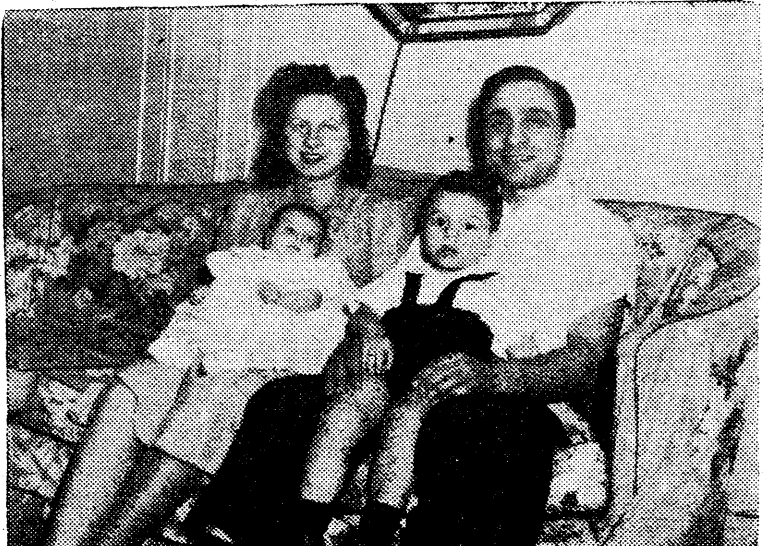
FORMER CAPTAIN WITH PILL PUSHES LIKES EMBLEM

Former Capt. Otto Hackradt, now living at 752 N. W. 18th St., Miami, Fla., writes: Enclosed find my buck in contribution to the Memorial Fund. That auto emblem satisfies the want for identification of Ninth Division members. It is attractively designed.

NEW YORKER IN ARIZONA REMITS

Les Ronay, a member of the Greater New York Chapter, and the main spark plug behind the

Caldaro's Family Increasing Fast



Hank Caldaro's family presents a happy and contented scene. Left to right, Mrs. Josephine Caldaro and Thera; Henry and Henry, Jr. Picture made at the Caldaro home, 67-16 13th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Little Theresa was baptized Jan. 23, 1949.

FILL OUT COUPON AND SEND IT TO PITTSBURGH ARTILLERY

By MRS. TOMMY GRAY

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Pittsburgh is really making up a schedule for the Fourth Annual Convention of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, which will convince any doubting females that Pittsburgh is the place to be bright and early on June 30.

The tentative program follows: Thursday, June 3: Registration. No special events, but hostesses will be present to welcome any early arrivals.

Friday, July 1: You will be the guests of Pittsburgh's Auxiliary at the following events:

9:15 A. M. Trip through the H. J. Heinz plant, where a light lunch will be served. Meet in the Ladies' Parlor. "Jackie" Hilton will be the chairman.

2:45 P. M. Fashion show and tea at Joseph Horne Co., Pittsburgh's oldest and finest department store. Meet in ladies' parlor. Frances Millstone will be the chairman.

Saturday, July 2:

9:00 A. M. Memorial Services and Parade.

1:00 P. M. Women's meeting. After meeting optional sight-seeing tours, including Phipps Conservatory, at the height of its summer glory; Carnegie Museum, Cathedral of Learning, the only skyscraper university in the entire

world, with its famous nationality room; the Buhl Planetarium, which is second to none; the incline ride to Mount Washington for a bird's eye view of the city—just to prove that smoke control has licked the "Smokey City" legend. Margie Schmidt will be chairman of this detail.

THANKS TO YOU FINE GALS

Thanks a million to the girls who have sent in the coupons indicating their intention to be in Pittsburgh for the Convention. As can be seen from the schedule, the Pittsburgh Auxiliary Committee's task will be easier if reservations for the Heinz trip and Fashion show are sent in. Fill in the coupon. Send it in. If something unexpected arises that prevents attendance, a postal card notifying the committee will be sufficient to allow the committee time for rearrangements.

AIN'T THIS SOMETHING?

Emphasis must be added to this—The Pittsburgh Auxiliary will have a parlor and it will be staffed with girls at all times, from Pittsburgh's own Auxiliary. Visitors will be able to get information about the city how to find friends, where to shop (if there is any available time)—and if relaxation is all that the visitors crave, someone will always be on hand with a cheery "hello."

PITTSBURGH'S ARTILLERY SUBMITS THEIR MOST RECENT FLASHES

By ORA BROGAN, 332 Second Street, Aspinwall 15, Pa.

Here it is, time for another issue of The Octofoil and the Pittsburgh gals have hardly had time to redecorate Easter bonnets. Yep, these are busy days in the city of Pittsburgh!

Of course, time was taken out to attend a meeting at the William Penn Hotel to discuss convention plans with Secretary Tingley and President Clarke. Please do not say everyone has not been warned about a swell time being in the making for Pittsburgh's visitors in 1949.

THE STORK ARRIVES

The Lelaks are all smiles now. It is a "Linda Jo," born March 19, 1949. Ma says she looks like Pa and Pa says she looks like Ma. Incidentally, Easter Sunday was Baptisimal with Joseph Robert Patrick Brogan being the Godfather. . . . Infant and sponsor were equally nervous.

Dottie Pifer, Treasurer, just could not stand seeing her hubby,

movement to organize the New York group, is living in Arizona. Les writes: Enclosed is my contribution to the Memorial Fund, and I hope to donate more later.

Frank Pouicato sends his contribution and wishes the Memorial project the best of luck.

Ray, lounging around in bed—so, she proceeds to keep him company with a "strep" throat. Sorry, Dottie, but it seems that's the only way wives can get a good rest on occasions, huh?

A NEW MEMBER

Latest Auxiliary member is Diana Schmidt, age 3, daughter of President Margie Schmidt. Yes—Pittsburgh has "baby setter" problems. All motions were passed with Baby Schmidt's approval.

Pittsburgh's Auxiliary is anxious to have the questionnaire filled out by any female member of the family who is eligible to belong to the group. Great things are being planned for the Fall with a volunteer hospital project.

A little belatedly, but nevertheless Pa Pitt's ladies send Easter greetings to former Ninth men's mothers, wives, sweethearts, sisters and girl friends.

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THAT CASEY BOY, AIN'T HE A CARD?

The Easter Parade is over, but the memory lingers on! And one of the fondest memories is a most unique card received from Joe Casey, the up and at 'em secretary of Greater Detroit Chapter, 9th Infantry Div. Assn.

Casey and the corps of Detroit lads supporting him can hatch up more ideas than any Easter Bunny ever thought about hatching up.

CHAPTER CHATTER IS BACK IN CIRCULATION

William J. Hilton, Recording Secretary of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter, 57 Maplewood Ave., Pittsburgh 5, Pa., got around to mailing a copy of Pittsburgh's Chapter Chatter to The Octofoil.

The Pittsburgh group now owns their own mimeograph machine and is able to definitely state what the publication dates will be. News stories are urgently solicited so as to make each succeeding issue of Chapter Chatter more interesting.

MEETING NIGHTS

The third Friday of each month should be set aside by former 9th men for the purpose of attending meetings of the Pittsburgh Chapter in the Commonwealth Bldg., at 8:00 P. M.

The Auxiliary conducts a meeting on the first Friday of each month in the Commercial Bldg., Fourth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. As in the past, the Auxiliary also has a meeting on the third Friday at the same time the men meet.

CONVENTION REPORT

The Entertainment Committee promises a program that will be pleasing to everyone.

Pittsburgh's Ladies' Auxiliary has some excellent plans made to assure top flight past time for the girls who attend the Pittsburgh Convention.

Someone will get that television set pretty soon. Check with Wal-

ter Millstine, 3114 Glendale Ave., GARRICK 7829-R, on the donations.

FOR MEN ONLY

There will be a big spring festival held in Pittsburgh for former Ninth Division men and their men friends only. This shindig is slated to be a daddy of them all. Contact Millstine for further information on this party.

NOTIFY SECRETARY

Secretary Hilton issues an urgent appeal for the correct mailing address of members.

NEW MEMBERS:

1. Blair J. Mauk.
2. Thomas H. Garde.
3. George A. White.
4. Paul Leschak.
5. Henry J. Gault.

There are still some Gold Bricks around Pittsburgh who have not paid 1949 dues. Get in touch with the Pittsburgh Secretary and take care of that little detail, fellows!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Chapter Chatter's current issue extends birthday greetings to the following:

- Nellie M. Gaughey, April 26.
Meira Murphy, April 13.
Mary Lou Rahner Nalitz, April 11th.
Thaddeus Plucinski, April 17.
Kaye Loraine Schneider, April 27th.
Joseph L. Shetler, April 1.

EAST SIDE, WEST SIDE... ALL AROUND THE TOWN

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

East side, west side, all around the town: Whenever you go walking there is always an ex-Ninth man around. . . . This is getting to be something to look forward to—meeting old faces in new environment. Just to show what I mean, here is how it happened:

While walking on Canal St., in New York City, some fellow stops me and asks directions to the nearest subway. We chat a bit, and then he opens his coat and a Ninth Division button comes into view. He turns out to be Raymond Carter, 899th T. D., of Pittsburgh, Pa., who is now a confirmed New Yorker. As if one was not enough, but two in as many weeks: The phone rings one morning and the operator asks for "Stan Cohen." Yes, this is he, and then John (Snafu) Simon of Div. Hqs. and 47th speaks. "Stan, I'm on my way into New York to join up." Yes, another good man scheduled for three more years of khaki in the armed services of the Air Corps.

One thing about New York City, a fellow never knows who he will meet next. Oh yes, on his way to C.C.N.Y., former Lt. Harold Shane (M.P.) is studying hard to become an accountant. Gogie is also hav-

ing visitors, only his are relatives from Italy.

Due to a let down in the beer situation, the meeting scheduled for the Ruper Brewery has been cancelled. Instead the next meeting of the New York Chapter will be held in the Manhattan Towers, 76th St. and Broadway.

The mail this last time was not as quick as Harold Pepper thought it was, and not too many fellows showed up in time for the meeting. Harold has promised this time to get the letters off in quick time, so all will get their notices in time. Don't forget to stop off at Getzy's place. He is really showing off his new linoleum. . . .

Here is a red hot flash that came from Bob Barbagallo about Bart Schibel (formerly Div. Hqs.) He will be married May 7, 1949, to Clara Jean, at Fulton, N. Y.

Do not forget, all you New Yorkers, the next meeting of the New York Chapter will be on May 6, 1949, at the Hotel Manhattan Towers, 76th St., and Broadway.

We must not forget our newcomers who stopped in to say "hello"—Hy Shaking and Isidore Breshinsky. . . . Let's see more of the gang more often. . . . What do you say, fellows? Let's make it a date on May 6, to come to the meeting at the Manhattan Towers? . . . Plenty of brew and chatter available!

WOODSIDE VISITS BUDDY'S FAMILY

Robert (Bob) Woodside, 207 S. Dextater Ave., Rome, N. Y., has asked The Octofoil to request any of the old gang who knew Clifford Phillips, 60th Medics, to drop a few lines to his dad, Mr. Fred Phillips, Rt. 3, Booneville, N. Y.

Cliff served with the 9th from 1941 until his death in France in 1944. But somehow, somewhere, somebody along the line has fouled up something terrible. Last July when Cliff's body was returned for final burial his name was not on the list sent The Octofoil of those being returned at that time. The



CLIFFORD PHILLIPS,
60th Medics, 1941-1944.

family was not on the list for a copy of "8 Stars to Victory" either.

Bob Woodside was a good pal of Cliff Phillips and has recently visited the family and also enlisted the aid of Secretary Charles Tingley in seeing that the family gets a history. Bob also sent in a subscription for The Octofoil to be sent Mr. Phillips as a gesture of old-time friendship for Cliff.

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They Ordered An M.P., Got a WAC

Alban Krantz, 706 Main St., Charleston, W. Va., advises The Octofoil he and his charming wife ordered a little M. P. some months ago, but the Stork crossed them up and brought a little WAC. But they're going to keep her, and she will make her Ninth Infantry Division Association debut at the Pittsburgh Convention.

The former M. P.'s little WAC has been named Patricia Lynn. Patty arrived on March 29, weighing in at 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

Al, Maxine (Mrs. Krantz) and Pat will be seeing you all when the bugler sounds off at Pittsburgh.

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SGT. MAHONEY'S FAMILY SEEKING TO LOCATE PALS

William J. Hilton, Recording Secretary of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter, 57 Maplewood Ave., Pittsburgh 5, Pa., issued an urgent appeal to The Octofoil for someone who is in position to help to answer immediately the following request for information. Hilton writes:

T-Sgt. Michael J. Mahoney, Co. A, 60th Inf., was killed on September 23, 1944. If there are any of his buddies who can give a little information on the sergeant, please contact the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter. Sgt. Mahoney's family would like to have a few more details concerning Sgt. Mahoney, other than the regular "dope" released by the War Dept.

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GOLD BRICKING COSTS 1 DOLLAR

Howard A. Davis, Box 23, Brilliant, Ohio, sent his dues directly in to Secretary Tingley. He says that he has been waiting to hear from an Ohio Chapter to clear '49 dues through the chapter, but having received no word from a chapter since 1947 he had no alternative but to send the dues money direct to headquarters.

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Nix, Lulu—"Piece de Resistance" isn't a French woman's NO.

ONLY BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE 9TH DIVISION YOU SEE THIS--



Pictured above is what Americans see because of the Ninth Division—Old Glory in all of its glory, rather than the goose-stepping Nazis. Although the parade to Memorial services in Philadelphia, where the above picture was made, left spectators flabbergasted—when former Ninth men fall out at Pittsburgh for the parade they will outstrut their Philadelphia maneuvers.

JOHN D. STEED PASSED AWAY 2½ YEARS AGO

Walter Victor, secretary of the Georgia Cracker group, who lives at 580 Holderness St. (wherever in the heck that is), Atlanta, Ga., advises that mail is still being sent a former Ninth Joe who was one of the most likable fellows ever to have served with the 9th. His name, John D. Steed, 1125 Kirkwood Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

John passed into the Great Beyond over two years ago.

Due to the fact that Georgia's Chapter did not start to function until recently, the above information has not been available until now.

For the benefit of the uninitiated, Kirkwood Ave., Atlanta, is on the outskirts of Decatur, Ga., and Atlanta is really a suburb of Decatur.

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Warren Wright In the Land of Cotton

Old buddies can contact Warren Wright by dropping him a card at Caryville, Tenn. Warren's only contact with the old gang is through The Octofoil, and he says the paper is read thoroughly from cover to cover. He was a T-4 with the 60th.

Sfc. Shelton Stoddard Asks About Red-Legs

Sfc. Shelton B. Stoddard, Hq. and Hq. Co., 2nd Plt., 9th Inf. Div., Fort Dix, N. J., and a former Second Looey with the 34th F.A., promises The Octofoil a few pictures of the old gang in the near future, hoping, as he says, that they will help bring the Red-Legs back into action.

The lad has read "8 Stars to Victory" twice and thinks it is a great book.

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George Beaver, Down Carolina Way, Sends Dues For Two Years

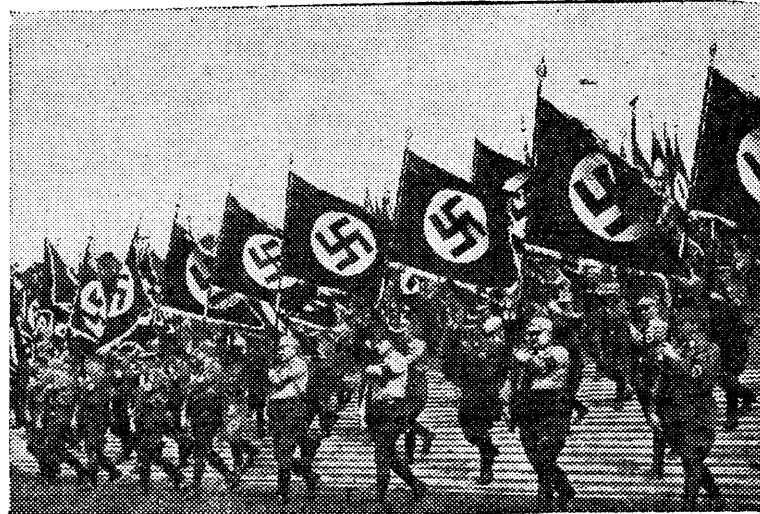
Former 2nd Lt. George Beaver, A. T. Co., 47th, doesn't believe in doing things half way. His address now is Rt. 2, Box 175, Gaffney, S. C. For fear the matter will slip his mind when dues are payable in 1950, so he paid for '49 and '50.

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Andy Marella Hopes to Make Convention

Andrew Marella, former Co. B, 60th, lives at 15 Mill St., Quincy, Mass. Andy is going all out with his plans to attend the Convention in Pittsburgh.

INSTEAD OF A GANDER AT THAT--



Had it not been for the Ninth Infantry Division the above grotesque sight would have been a very familiar one on Broadway and Fifth Avenue.

LARRY COURTNEY NOTES OMISSIONS

Elsewhere in this issue will be observed a request for members to advise Secretary Tingley if it is known someone should be listed in the directory being printed from month to month who is not listed.

Thanks to Lawrence L. Courtney, Jr., 10539 Crockett St., Sun Valley, Calif., The Octofoil is able to supplement California's list as printed last month, with the following names:

Former S-Sgt. Bob Mehil, 823 Dee St., Elmonte; former Pfc. Mike DeVigillo (cook), No. Hollywood; former Capt. Harvey Jenette, care Snyder Lynch & Ford, No. Hollywood; former Sgt. Warren Hudson, Burbank, Calif.; former Sgt. Eddie Thompson, Los Angeles; S-Sgt. Bill Coltrane, San Jose or Santa Rosa.

Larry writes a pretty dog-gone interesting letter. He's as mad as all get-out about some of the alleged upper crust changing the name of good old Roscoe, Calif., to Sun Valley, when they are already in the San Fernando Valley. But his real gripe is about those \$3,000 homes they are selling former Ninth men for \$12,000.

As soon as work got a bit slow the shysters started foreclosing, and some cases cited are pathetic. Courtney is in position to give detailed information to former Ninth men relative to California's law whereby loans are granted for the purpose of erecting homes for veterans.

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EXPERIMENTING

A traveler seeing a farmer plowing without his pants walked over to the edge of the field to inquire why. The answer was: "Wal, I plowed without my shirt yesterday and it made my neck stiff. This is my wife's idea."

BORIS RAYNES IS ATTORNEY IN L.A.

A nice appearing professional announcement card reached The Octofoil during the past month. It was from a former member of the 26th F.A., Bty. C, none other than Boris Raynes, now a practicing attorney at 756 S. Broadway, in Los Angeles, Calif.

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HERB STERN GOES WAY OUT IN TEXAS

From Way Out West in Texas comes a letter from Herbert Stern, a former sergeant in Co. D, 9th Medics.

Herb asked The Octofoil to insert the following notice:

"I have recently been transferred from Cincinnati, O., to Houston, Tex., where I am now making my home. I am associated here with a branch office of a Cincinnati, O., firm of scrap iron brokers. My address is 2314 Watts Rd., Houston, Tex., and I would like to hear from any association member who lives in this vicinity."

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T. W. Muirhead Finally Wakes Up

Former Top Kick Travis W. Muirhead, of the 60th, now lives at 800 Taylor St., N.W., Washington, D. C. The sarge apologizes to Secretary Tingley for being tardy sending in 1949 dues. Here is what he says "You know it's a darn good thing that everyone is not as lazy as I am. Here are my dues for 1949."

Never before has a first sergeant admitted such a thing; a lot of Joes had stinking hunches about their top kicks.

HOWITZ-ABOUT-IT

TONY LOSCALZO FOULED UP WITH RED BYRNE'S LETTER

Tony Loscalzo, 70-35 Broadway, Jackson Heights, L. I., N. Y., sent in a note a few months ago appealing for news items for the "Howitz-About-It?" column. Then what happens? On January 2, 1949, Red Byrne sent Tony a nice, newsy letter. What did Tony do? He immediately forgot to mail Red's letter to The Octofoil until March 14, 1949. He answers his own question, when he asks "What is wrong with us artillerymen? Don't answer that—I know. I am the worst!"

Since Tony says he'll stay on the ball hereafter he is forgiven.

One item of interest in Tony's letter reads: "Rinky Dink Red" Crosbie of the 276th AA, Hq. Btry., is teaching Latin at the Choate School, Wallingford, Conn. He asked Tony to convey his best wishes to all the old gang.

Quoting from "Red" Byrne's letter, it reads:

Hi Tony: Read with pleasure your column in The Octofoil and hope you can always get material to keep it in every issue. Perhaps this will get the fellows to writing. Here is a little dope on some of the gang from up this way:

QUITS SHOOTING CRAPS

Nick Caruso has stopped rolling the dice long enough since he was discharged to attend a school to become a radio announcer. At

present he is on a local station, and has the voice to go further, like his brother.

AUTO MAGNATES

Nick DiMella and Jim Guttadaro (Bragg days) have invested their money in the Tucker auto. Nick expects to open in Everett and Jim has his place in Wakefield, Mass.

Jim Dulong is still in the employment of Uncle Sam in the Postal Department in Reading, Mass.

Joe Bellengi, between hours, is in the liquor business. His Sports Roadster is a refugee from Barnum & Bailey. It is hideous, to say the least.

ATTEND CHUCK'S FUNERAL

Bellengi, DiMella, Joe LeBlanc, Jake Redden, Tom Delmore, Father Connors and "Red" Byrne, attended the funeral of "Chuck" Constantine. Father Connors said the Mass, and Prayers at the Cemetery.

Joe LeBlanc is one of Boston's finest firemen. Plenty of sack time, smoking and television helps keep him home.

The "Fox," otherwise known as Joe Borucki, has hibernated since leaving the Ninth, but it is believed he could come out if he heard from some of the Wire Crew.

Red Byrne's address is 18 Morton St., Somerville, Mass.

YOUNG JAMES ROBINSON, FORMER 39th MAN, MEETS DEATH IN AN ACCIDENT

Steve D'Orrigo, Jr., relays to The Octofoil the tragic news of James G. Robinson's death. Oakland, Calif. newspapers printed 3-column pictures of young Robinson's car, and the car with which he collided. Never did a Ninth man when moving into towns that had been attacked by planes and artillery fire for days, see such a completely demolished vehicle.

Parts of the story as printed in the California papers reads:

James Gordon Robinson, 25-year-old mechanic for a San Jose garage, 205 Locust St., was killed when his car collided with an automobile driven by Duane E. Williams.

Williams was critically injured in the accident. Frank Dorr, 20, a passenger in Robinson's car, was slightly injured.

EXPECTING A BABY

Robinson was dead upon arrival at Community Service Hos-

pital, where his wife, an expectant mother, was also a patient. She was notified of her husband's death by her mother.

The accident occurred during a lull in the heavy rain storm which swept across Northern California and the Santa Clara Valley, which made driving hazardous.

WOUNDED IN WAR

Robinson was a veteran of the 39th Regiment, Ninth Infantry Division, in France. He was seriously wounded while attached to the 39th Regiment.

He was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal in May, 1945, for his bravery in killing a German tank operator and leading his squad in breaking up a German attack.

Robinson was discharged a staff sergeant. He was married last May. He and his wife were expecting their first child some time this month.

Call 'Em Eagle Eyes



A couple of Recon. Co., 897th Bn. Joes. Left is John Dean, and he's flanked by Branson Husker. Al Bradley, Medora, Ill., sent this above picture to The Octofoil. He says the Joes pictured were always standing by just waiting for the words: "When and where?"

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He: "I've loved you more than you'll ever know."

She: "So you took advantage of me when I was drunk, huh?"

Ransford Jones' Married a Girl Who Boosts 9th

Ransford I. Jones, a former Pfc., 376th AAA Bn., lives at 4309 No. Fourth St., Apt. 1, Arlington, Va. And does he have a jewel for a wife? Just read what she thinks of the Ninth:

"Let me take this opportunity of telling you and my husband's buddies that I myself really and truly enjoy The Octofoil. I read it column by column and many is the time I see a name that has a familiar ring and my way of knowing it is by having heard my husband speak and remember the things they did together.

"Sam is at present working as a street car motorman for Capital Transit. He has met a lot of the boys who happen to get on his car. These grand occasions are shared with me when he returns home after work. The next time any of you get a Kenilworth or Rosslyn car and the operator's badge is No. 1546, just you dare try not paying the fare, or you will know you've run into one of the Old Fighting Ninth gang."

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PREPAREDNESS

Whatta gal — I made a date with her to see "Grand Hotel," and she showed up carrying a suitcase.



RUSS SIPE WAY OUT IN OREGON

Russell L. Sipe, 222 S. W. Washington St., Portland 4, Ore., and a former First Lieutenant in Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 39th Inf., is very well pleased with the text and general appearance of "8 Stars to Victory."

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Long Island Joe Is "Running At Large"

Dave Holleran, 17 Fox Lane, Island Trees, New York, L. I., N. Y., plans to file an application for membership right away. The inquiry card he sent to The Octofoil has been forwarded to Secretary Charles O. Tingley.

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899th T. D. Joes Pose For a Shot

Albert Bradley, P. O. Box 281, Medora, Ill., dug up an old picture of two former 899th T.D. Bn. Joes in the person of John F. Dean and Branson K. Husker.

Dean hails from Mobile, Ala., and Brandy Husker from La Forge, Wis.

Former 899th T. D. Bn. boys. Left to right, John F. Dean and Branson K. Husker.

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Another Arty. Man Is "Sounding Off"

Gordon Sampson, a former sergeant from the 84th F.A., sends his kindest personal regards to all his old buddies and asks them to write to him at 96 First Ave., Secaucus, N. J.

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Four Down, 3 to Go



Pictured above is a group of Division Arty. Pill Pushers, sent in by Red Byrne. The above group picture of the "Butcher Boys" was made at St. Mere Eglise, by Irion. It was made shortly after Le Blanc had consummated a big deal for a supply of Vin Rouge.

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Chuck Fisher Will M.C. the Big Show

Very few Joes ever battled for the Ninth Division who do not remember the inspiring personality of Charlie Fisher, who served with Special Service. Well, after a bit of persuasion, Secy. Tingley was able to get Chuck's consent to M. C. the big banquet show at Pittsburgh. 'Nuff sed!

In the next issue of The Octofoil announcement will probably be made of who the main speaker will be at the banquet.

"MIKE" GATTO BLASTS MATUSIK

In last month's issue of The Octofoil Ted Matusik, Chicago, alleged that the New York Chapter was guilty of piracy in claiming as a new member former 1st Sgt. Carmin Cannella. And now along comes Mike Gatto, former secretary for the Greater New York Chapter and demands that The Octofoil print an "Open Letter" he directs to Matusik. The Octofoil occupies a most neutral corner in this Chicago-New York feud—so carry on boys, carry on!

Mike's letter is printed verbatim as follows:

"If Mr. Matusik of Chicago, would give his chapter and the association half the time and energy he expends to get his name splashed around in The Octofoil, the Illinois Chapter would be the strongest in the association.

"If he knows anything about how the association and the chapters function (which he evidently does not), he would know that it was up to the national secretary, Mr. Tingley, to return 1st Sgt. Carmin Cannella's money if it was found that he was already a member of the association. Mr. Tingley did not see fit to do so, hence Mr. Cannella is a new member and we here in New York deserve to get credit for him.

"The score:

"Illinois—8.

"New York—15, plus three more this month.

"I hope this letter serves to put the record straight."

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Downstate Boys In Illinois Will Hold a Session

There will be a get-together of all downstate members of the Illinois Chapter at the American Legion Post, 625 So. Second St., Springfield, on Sunday, May 8, at 2:30 P. M. The Combat film of the Ninth Division will be shown at that time.

All members of the Illinois Chapter are urged to be at this get-together. Bring along the wife and kids (if bursting shells and bombs do not scare them.) Tell all former Ninth Division members to be sure and be at this affair. You might even see yourself in the film. It is FREE!

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INSULTS GUESTS, EMBARRASSES HIS CHARMING WIFE

Mrs. Wilbur Guelzan, 374 So. Wing St., Northville, Mich., has really become a convert to the cause of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. If there are any doubts, just read parts of a letter she recent sent to the Octofoil:

"I am the wife of a former 9th man, of which I am proud to be. On last Christmas Day the mail man brought my husband his copy of (8 Stars to Victory.) I was almost ashamed of him that day. We had guests—one was a buddy of his from the Ninth and his wife, and another couple. What did the two former Ninth boys do but stack records on the radio, turn it up real loud, and then grabbed the history and read while they should have been entertaining the guests. My 1948 Christmas night was spent with my husband and "8 Stars to Victory." I am glad it has been read from cover to cover, at least one time. It doesn't come to bed with him any more anyway. But it is still his pride and joy."

Mrs. Guelzan let The Octofoil in on a couple of more little secrets, and The Octofoil will not betray her trust until she gives the go-ahead sign.

Okay, Joe Casey, up in Detroit, copy down the name and address of this Booster Family.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

SHE'S WRAPPED IN SABLE

There was once a girl named

Mabel,

Who was ready, willing and able;

Although she was nice,

She named her own price,

And now she's all wrapped up in

sable.

George Kmetz Wants To Hear From Co. H, 47th Infantry Buddies

Quoting from a recent letter signed by George Kmetz, it reads: "George Kmetz, 223 South St., Girard, Ill., former Co. H, 47th man, would like to hear from any of the old gang. Last week-end I



GEORGE KMETZ

spent with John Kohl and Robert Kirk, and what a time we had. I am working for a railroad as a station agent at Auburn, Ill."

—Pittsburgh in '49—

BOB ST. CLAIR SENDS OCTOFOIL A UNIQUE GIFT

Both Secretary Tingley and The Octofoil editor were recipients of welcomed letters from Bob St. Clair, Elwood, Ind., during the past month. Bob sent his '49 dues to Secretary Tingley, and to The Octofoil he sent one of the most unique paper weights imaginable. The one and a half pound glass paper weight has a foundation of beautiful colored designs. The top design reads "Eight Stars to Victory," showing the eight stars; a center setting in display script are the words THE GAL-LANT NINTH DIVISION—1942-1945; the bottom line reads "Hitler's Nemesis."

This novelty is one that every former Ninth man will be proud to have either in his home or office. However, the number that can be supplied for the next few weeks is limited, because of other glassware orders and a shortage of glassware craftsmen.

The St. Clair Glass Works, Elwood, Ind., is operated by Mr. John St. Clair and his five sons, one of which is Robert, a former Ninth Division man. Products of hand-made glass items manufactured in this plant are on the shelves of practically every fastidious department store in the United States as well as many of the Latin-American countries. Recently President Truman sent a personal "thank you" letter to the St. Clairs for sending him a paper weight similar to the one proposed for the Ninth with different inscription. Lodges, unions, fraternities and other social agencies have patronized the St. Clairs for similar products for the past ten years.

Bob explained in his letter to The Octofoil that recently a couple of visitors called at the plant and were interested in having some name plates made with the name of their former outfit embedded in the glass. Quoting from the letter:

"I decided if any name plates were to be made I would make sure the Ninth would be made up first. Yesterday I sent the first one out to you. It will last a lifetime."

Bob advises that if Chapters or the National Association will take orders for these name plates they can be supplied at a discount, thereby permitting a margin of profit for the chapters or the Association.

For further information and dates shipment might be expected, write directly to Robert St. Clair, care St. Clair Glass Works, Elwood, Ind.

CLEVELAND - AKRON JOES ORGANIZED

HERE IS THE HONOR ROLL --- ARE YOU ON THIS LIST?

**WILKES-BARRE-
SCRANTON CHAPTER**
Mark S. McKeown, 134 East Green St., Nanticoke, Pa., C Co. 15th Eng.
John B. Knight, 1411 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. S/Sgt. M Co., 47th.
Joseph E. O'Neill, 510 Main St., Forest City, Pa. Sgt., 47th.
Julius Ulrich, 527 Maple St., Scranton, Pa. Pvt. A Co., 47th.
William Saleski, 26 Garrahan St., Lynwood, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Pvt. Hq. Co. 9th Div.
Henry T. Davis, 92 Taylor Pl., Forty Fort, Pa. 1st Lt. 3rd Bn. 47th.

CLEVELAND-AKRON CHAPTER
Ross A. LaMonica, 11416 Kinsman Rd., Cleveland 4, Ohio, Pvt., 9th Signal Co.
William V. Sopko, 4421 Bridgeview Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, Pfc., F Co., 39th.
Samuel B. Buemi, 11913 Cromwell Ave., Cleveland 20, Ohio, I Co., 47th.

NEW YORK CHAPTER
Nicholas J. Santangelo, 70 Bush St., Brooklyn, N. Y., Sgt., Cannon Co., 60th.
Isidore Breshinsky, 1482 Montgomery Ave., Bronx, N. Y., Pvt. E Co., 39th.
Philip E. Longobardo, 1472 71st St., Brooklyn, N. Y., Cpl., 39th.

COLUMBUS CHAPTER
Robert Andre, 308 Second St., Butler, Pa.

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER
Wm. F. Vanderbrook, 252 Glenrock Drive, RD 2, Bridgeville, Pa., Pfc. L Co., 39th.

WILLIAM O'SHEA
John W. Dawson, Box 136A, Arlington Hgts., Ill.

JUDD FULLER
Neville B. Ford, 1205 S. First Ave., Maywood, Ill.

WM. H. SOLIDAY
Frank Fidler, 208 Sprague Ave., Tottenville, S. I., N. Y., T/5, Hq. Co. 1st Bn., 39th.

WILFRED M. THORNTON
Michael Ros, 1829 W. 19th St., Chicago, Ill., T/Sgt., M Co., 60th.

CHARLES ALCORN
Michael E. Lowrie, 32562 Mason Court, Wayne, Mich., A Co., 60th.

NO SPONSORS NAMED

Raymond C. McKenna, 7474 McClure Ave., Pittsburgh 18, Pa., Pfc C Co., 60th.
Louis Almasy, 605 W. 156th St., New York 32, N. Y., Lt. D Co., 39th.
Edward A. Marvin, 3028 Wisconsin Ave., N. W., Washington 16, D. C., 1st Lt. Hq. 2nd Bn., 39th.
John Pappas, Box O, Station F, Milwaukee 9, Wis., Pvt., C Btry, 34th FA.
David S. Clarke, Rt. 1, Butler, Ky., S/Sgt C Co., 60th.
Adrian C. Saxerud, Lake Mills, Iowa, Pvt G Co., 39th.
T. G. Gilliam, 609 South 1st, Temple, Texas, S/Sgt, I Co., 39th.
Thomas P. Coyne, 3808 Dalewood St., Brentwood, Pittsburgh 27, Pa. T-5 B and Hq. Co., 899th TD.
Wallace J. Meyer, RFD 1, Campbell, Minn., Pfc. E Co., 60th.
Richard Dingman, 2524 West Broadway, Council Bluffs, Ia., Pfc K Co., 39th.
Henry J. Gault, 1506 Wesley St., McKeesport, Pa., T/Sgt., I Co., 39th.
Samuel Wukich, Northern Pike Rd., No. 1, Box 71, Pitcairn, Pa., Pfc, F Co., 60th.
Robert J. Pichette, 27 W. Columbia, Detroit 1, Mich., Pfc, 84th FA Bn.

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	18
D. C. Chapter	2
Philadelphia Chapter	2
Pittsburgh Chapter	5
Wilkes-Barre, Scranton	6
Cleveland-Akron	3
Columbus Chapter	1
William O'Shea	1
Judd Fuller	1
Wm. H. Soliday	1
Wilfred M. Thornton	1
Charles Alcorn	1
Total New Members to date for 1949	130

LeRoy Thompson Wants to Compile 5th Plt. Directory

Printed elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil are excerpts from a letter written by Ted Matusik. In this letter Ted cites experiences he had with the Colored troops while they were attached to the Ninth.

A letter written last month by Charlie White, Philadelphia, has been the cause of other letters being written to The Octofoil during the past month.

LeRoy Thompson, 713 Clarissa St., Pittsburgh 19, Pa., contacted The Octofoil via long distance shortly after the issue with White's letter was off the press. Leroy is the colored sergeant mentioned in Matusik's letter who distinguished himself so nobly while attached to the Ninth.

At one time Thompson had a directory with most of the names of the colored boys who served with the Ninth. The directory has been lost and the former sarge wants any and all of the ex-G. I.s who were with the famous 5th Platoons to write him at the address given above, in order that he may compile another directory and inaugurate plans by which those boys can re-establish contacts and keep in touch with another from now on. Don't let Leroy down, fellows. Write him, please.

OREGON JOE IS PAGING GATTO

Robert M. Hollingsworth writes from way out in Oregon. His address is 1041 1-2 Pearl St., Eugene, Ore. Bob was with Co. I, 60th, until he was wounded June 24, 1944. Since then it has been one hospital after another for the lad.

The former 60th Joe asked to be given the address of former Captain C. M. Gatto, New York, and John Fay, 39th man, originally from Chicago. Secretary Tingley was able to forward Gatto's address but has no record of John Fay. Any members who might know Fay's address are requested to send that information to Bob at the address given.

Cpl. Tom Samul Is Over There

It is Cpl. Thomas J. Samul, Co. M, 18th Inf., APO 807, care Postmaster, New York, if you please. The corporal is back on occupation duty in Germany and advises former Ninth men returning to that area certainly get a surprise because of the changes that have taken place. Cpl. Tom was formerly with A. T. Co., 60th.

The Octofoil evidently comes in handy over there. The corporal writes in his letter:

"The only thing that I would like to have more than an edition of The Octofoil is two issues."

JAMES GIFFORD LIKES OCTOFOIL

James W. Gifford, Rt. 2, Hamburg, Ark., a former Co. A, 47th man, says he would like to hear from some of his old buddies.

Somewhere along the line Jim's Octofoil went astray in October, an incident that disturbed him greatly because he keeps all back issues on file.

The big news in Gifford's note read: "My new son has kept me busy. Yes, buddies, I'm a married man now with a baby boy born Nov. 12, weighing in at 7 pounds, 12 ounces, named James Ernest."

Jim Cornell Does Not Take Risky Chances

S-Sgt. James A. Cornell, 43rd Communications Sq., Tucson, Ariz., although having joined the Association when it was formed shortly after V-E Day, shot a saw buck into Secretary Tingley for a copy of the history and a membership card. Checking the records the secretary learned about the original membership of the sarge; he was sent a copy of "8 Stars to Victory"; \$6.50 of his money was refunded, the remaining \$3.50 applied on 1949 dues.

BUCKEYES WILL MEET REGULARLY ON SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH; KEN MEYER ELECTED PRESIDENT

CLEVELAND-AKRON (O.) CHAPTER OFF TO A GOOD START... TOM SOLON, TWIN CITIES CHAPTER, IS CONFINED TO HOSPITAL.

Printed in the Chapter Directory of this issue will be noted two additional Chapters. The Twin Cities Chapter has been functioning for quite some time, but those wide-awake Cleveland and Akron, Ohio, lads have just completed the mechanics for what indicates the possibility of a very militant, and progressive Chapter. Excerpts from letters received from Bill Mauser and Bill Buemi, of the Cleveland Chapter, and Chick Hennen, of the Twin Cities Chapter, will be noted in this issue of The Octofoil.

CHARTER SIGNED

Bill Mauser, Cleveland, recently forwarded to Secretary Tingley an application for a charter, after obtaining the required signatures. Bill says he knew all the time they could do it. Arrangements were made to meet the second Sunday of each month. Mauser is still going to school, coupled with the Travelers Insurance agency for the Cleveland district, keeps Bill pretty busy and out of too much mischief.

ROSTER OF OFFICERS

President, Kenneth L. Meyer, 468 Pearl St., Akron 4, O. JE. 3093; First Vice-President, William C. Mauser, 6632 Bliss Ave., Cleveland 3, O. EN. 1007; Second Vice President, Jerry A. Kurka; Treasurer, Robert J. Lynch, Cuyahoga Falls, O.; Secretary, Lazar Kay, 1551 E. Boulevard, Cleveland 6, O. SW. 1796; Chaplain, Dr. Robert J. Sating, 1194 Belle Ave., Lakewood, O.; Frank Chatto, Sergeant at Arms.

KEN MEYER A HUSTLER

Quoting further from Mauser's letter, it reads: "Ken is really a swell guy and comes time for the Pittsburgh Convention, you can roll out the Greater Cleveland Chapter charter in all its glory. I predict we shall have at least 25 at the Convention!"

Parts of an enthusiastic letter received from Bill Buemi, 11913 Cromwell Ave., Cleveland 20, O., read:

The Cleveland-Akron Chapter of the 9th Infantry Division Association has been doing everything possible to obtain members. At our first few meetings we had no money in our treasury, so donations were taken up to pay for post cards, printing and mailing; 350 cards have been sent out.

Jerry Kurka, heading our advertising committee, has done a wonderful job. He has almost all the radio stations in town giving the call for more members. He has all the newspapers running ads. And we really appreciate these men donating space and time to help us. We are batting this 101 per cent. We may have to ask for some help, one way or another, because we'll need all the help we can get. At present tickets are being printed for the purpose of donating a good television set to someone. The tickets will be given to anyone donating to our movement. For further information contact the secretary, whose name appears in the official directory.

Bill Buemi closes his letter by requesting former Ninth men who address letters to him to stop that Samuel Buemi stuff, because his old man gets mail addressed that way. Just call him Bill, please!

SOLON A SICK MAN

H. J. Hannen, 3455 Irving Ave., North, Minneapolis 12, Minn., Vice President of the Twin Cities Chapter, and now acting president, forwarded to The Octofoil a roster of the Twin Cities Chapter officers which is being printed in this issue.

Chick Hennen is acting president-pro tem because of the illness of President Tom Solon, who is confined to Glen Lake Sanatorium, Oak Terrace, Minn.

Certainly some of Tom's old buddies will drop him a few lines at the above address. He has been

CANNELLAS ARE PROUD PARENTS

Former Top Kick Carmen Charles Cannella, of Co. M, 47th, has an address now that reads, Rt. 7, Box 545, New Brunswick, N. J. If there ever was an ex-G. I. who practices what he preaches about perpetuating the old Ninth Division spirit it is Cannella.

On Feb. 11, the Stork visited the Cannella family. When time came to summon medical services, Dr. H. B. Copleman, 111 Lexington Ave., New Brunswick, N. J., was summoned. Dr. Copleman is well and favorably remembered by former 47th men as Capt. Copleman, battalion surgeon of the 3rd Bn., 47th Inf.

Then on March 13 when little Toni Marie Cannella was baptized, guess who her sponsors were? ... That's right, a former 9th man—John Davis, 17 Penn St., Nazareth, Pa., a former company commander of Co. M, 47th. (And incidentally, 'tis reliably reported that the Stork will make a visit to the Davis' home in the very near future.)

NATE ZUSES ASKS ABOUT 376th JOES

Mike Gatto, assistant secretary of the New York Chapter, has forwarded to The Octofoil a letter the New York Chapter received from Nathan Zuses, formerly Sec. 3, B Bty., 376th AAA. Nate does a bit of raving because none of the Joes send items to The Octofoil. He failed to give his civilian address, so The Octofoil knows no way any of Nate's old buddies can contact the lad except through the pages of The Octofoil; or it may be possible a letter addressed to Zuses, care N. Y. Chapter, 9th Inf. Div. Assn., Box 1168, Grand Central Station, New York, N. Y., would reach him. Anyway here goes Nate's gripe. It reads:

I am writing in hope of hearing some word from the boys of B Btry., 376th. Ever since The Octofoil has been publishing I have kept close watch, but have never seen any word from the boys.

I have been attending school since my discharge and will graduate in July. I am also engaged and will be married at the end of this year.

I met Frank Grilla, who lives in the neighborhood; also Carl Madalina. Hope this inspires some of you rebels to write.

CAPT. BROWN, 60th F.A., IN KENTUCKY

Former buddies of Capt. Jack Brown, 60th F.A. Bn., will be interested in getting his new address, which is John T. Brown, Glenn Aire Apt., 129 Kingston, Louisville, Ky.

John makes inquiry as to the existence of a 9th Chapter there. He makes a special appeal for former F.A. Bn., particularly Baker Btry. to write him.

The Captain thinks The Octofoil is tops. Thanks for the kind words, sir!

Luke calls his gal "tomorrow," for tomorrow never comes.

Printed elsewhere in this issue is an additional story from Minneapolis, giving further details on what's going on out there.

THE MOTOR CITY GREASE MONKEYS ROLL SLEEVES UP, LET HAIR DOWN

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

At the recent meeting of the Greater Detroit Chapter, all members removed their coats and rolled up their sleeves, for the Business Meeting. The day was very warm and sunny, and there was quite a bit of business to attend to, in any case. Perhaps the fact that the Board of Directors was also to meet about the same time probably had something to do with it all. Power of example!

The next meeting of this Chapter is to be on Sunday, May 1, the first Sunday, and the very first day of May. The time is 2 p. m., and the place is the same, 624 Brush St., right in back of the Wayne County Building, in the heart of Detroit.

When you all look at the calendar, you will find that the FIRST

SUNDAY is NOT Mother's Day—it IS the Sunday of our Chapter Meeting. If you look again at the calendar, you may be expected to also consider the Second Sunday, Mother's Day, as an important day, too.

Wash the car, or mow the lawn, or plant those rose bushes on a sunny Saturday afternoon, so that you can spend that sunny Sunday afternoon, May 1, with the other members of the Greater Detroit Chapter. The business part of the meeting is to last a half hour, and the Sociable Session lasts until a couple of hours later, with your choice of refreshments available.

Two hours together again to renew old friendships! Once a month! Spring is in the air! Put a bit of spring in your step, as you step to our next meeting, May 1, at 2 p. m.

Spots Outstanding Pictures In Book

A reader of The Octofoil scribbles the following note for the information of other readers:

"Was looking over Robert Capa's 'Slightly Out of Focus.' It has two very good pictures of Lt. Gen. Eddy; one with German General Von Schlieben."

Control Your Temper, Eddy, Bad On Liver

Edward J. France, 947 Arrott St., Philadelphia, Pa., a former 47th Pfc., calls attention to the fact he has always paid his dues far in advance, but through an oversight this year he had forgotten to attend to the matter—and then the mailman comes thundering with one of Secretary Tingley's S.O.S. calls for help from those who haven't paid for 1949.

BILL DRAKE, CO. G, 39TH, WRITES

William J. Drake, Rt. 1, 7081 Monroe St., Anaheim, Calif., a former First Lieutenant in Co. G, 39th, says "Of all newspapers, magazines, periodicals, etc., we get in the mail The Octofoil just can't stop coming."

Bill asks that his old buddies in G Co., 39th write him a few lines—especially 3rd Plt. Joes.

Elmore Lives In Land of Wild Women, Fast Horses, Strong Liquor

James A. Elmore lives at Annetta, Ky. He is a former Pfc., 60th Inf. Jim says he gets a bang out of The Octofoil. Okay, you Blue Grass Colonel, prove it. Send The Octofoil a hot tip on the next Derby winner.

BOARD MEETING PROCEEDINGS

WHATTA YOU GONNA DO? -- PAY DUES OR WILYA PROCRASTINATE?

FINANCIAL REPORT—OCTOBER 1, 1948 TO MARCH 31, 1949

Cash Balance September 30, 1948	\$ 8,547.18	
Cash Receipts	24,441.11	
Cash	32,988.29	
Cash Disbursements	27,857.11	
Cash Balance March 31, 1949	5,131.18	
Cash Balance Down	5,131.18	(See Note)
Consisting of:		
American Security and Trust Co.		
Checking Account	\$ 2,908.63	
Savings Account	2,197.55	
Petty Cash Fund	25.00	
	\$ 5,131.18	\$ 5,131.18
Assets as of March 31, 1949		
Cash Balance as above	\$ 5,131.18	
U. S. Treasury Savings Bonds		
Series F, due 8/1/57	22,200.00	
Series F, due 12/1/58	14,800.00	
Series G, due 12/1/58	200.00	
Office Furniture and Equipment	1,884.02	
1949 Convention Fund Advance	100.00	
Total Assets	\$44,315.20	
Note: Cash balance of \$5,131.18 does not include proceeds as follows:		
Sale of Jewelry	\$ 70.80	
Proceeds from Auto Emblems	219.25	

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 1948 TO MARCH 31, 1949

Receipts:		
New Members	\$ 523.30	
Dues Renewals	6,161.40	
History Fund (See Note 7)	835.98	
Newspaper Fund	1,548.81	
Advance Dues	16.00	
Interest on Bonds and Savings	33.37	
Gold Star Mothers Fund	1.50	
Redemption of 4-\$5000 U. S. Treasury Bonds—Cost Price	14,800.00	
Profit on redemption of above Bonds	400.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	120.75	
Total	\$24,441.11	

Disbursements:		
Salaries	\$ 2,588.71	
Less Payroll Deductions:		
W. H. Tax	\$173.50	
S. S. Tax	23.00	
Adjustment	4.00	200.70
	2,388.01	2,388.01
Employees Income Tax remitted	137.80	
Social Security Tax remitted	48.96	
Postage	570.85	
Printing	659.15	
Office Expense (See Note No. 1)	772.69	
Publication of Newspaper, The Octofoil	2,589.59	
Telephone and Telegraph	78.43	
Furniture and Fixtures (See Note No. 2)	210.20	
Board of Governors Expenses	352.03	
Philadelphia Chapter, 1948 Convention Payment	100.00	
History Expense (See Note No. 3)	18,867.05	
Miscellaneous Expenses (See Note No. 4)	477.60	
Jewelry Purchased (See Note No. 5)	235.37	
Auto Emblems purchased	269.38	
1949 Convention Advance	100.00	
Total	\$27,857.11	

Note No. 1		
Office Expenses, as reported	\$ 772.69	
Consisting of:		
Henry S. Owens Co., CPA		
Cost of audits for period July 1, to Dec. 31, 1947	187.50	
Period Jan. 1 to June 30, 1948	162.50	
C. O. Tingley — Expenses of trips to Pittsburgh Oct. 2, 1948 and December 17, 1948	80.93	
Office Supplies	41.99	
Addressograph Supplies and Service	76.77	
Typewriter Repairs	63.50	
Safe Deposit Box Rent	9.00	
Extra Help on Next of Kin History Mailing List	26.00	
State of Delaware—Tax Free	2.00	
Corporation Trust Co. of Delaware—Corp. Free	50.00	
U. S. F. and G. Co.—3 yrs. prem. on Treasurers Bond	62.50	
Total	\$ 772.69	

Note No. 2		
Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 210.20	
Consisting of:		
Purchase of Adding Machine	113.95	
Purchase of Post Card Printing Machine	14.25	
Purchase of Typewriter Table	19.50	
Purchase of Steel Storage Cabinet	62.50	
Total	\$ 210.20	

Note No. 3		
History Expense	\$18,750.00	
Consisting of:		
Final Payment on History Contract	\$18,750.00	
Payment to S/Sgt. Reed to reimburse for Miscellaneous expenses	10.97	
Postage on copies for General Eddy	11.70	
Purchase of suitcase for S/Sgt. Reed	33.50	
Express charges on Books from Heer Co.	56.88	
Total	\$18,867.05	

Note No. 4		
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 477.60	
Consisting of:		
C. O. Tingley, Monthly Expense allowance for Oct., Nov. and Dec., 1948	420.00	
(Subsequent expense allowance is included under salary.)		
Henry S. Rigby, 1948 Convention expenses	26.00	
Bank Service Charges	14.60	
Bad Checks returned—subsequently made good	17.00	
Total	\$ 477.60	

GEORGE WAITE SAYS MID-WEST DUE FOR BREAK

George F. Waite, 6117 S. Kenwood, Chicago 37, Ill., a former 60th Regt. Pfc., writes to advise he will be in Pittsburgh for the Convention and will make the 1950 Convention provided the Board decides on Chicago for the 1950 Convention city. Waite writes: "If the 1950 convention is held in the East, I am afraid I won't make it. Not because of the cost or the distance, but due to the fact that I think one out of every three should be held away from the East Coast. We can keep this wonderful organization going if we keep it a national association; not an outfit dominated by any section for their own desires. I am looking forward for a long and successful life for the Ninth Infantry Division Assn."

Lou Pandolfi Yearns to Hear From Buddies

Louis A. Pandolfi, 181 Hancoc Ave., Nutley 10, N. J., a former Bty C, 60th F.A. man, writes that if he missed a copy of The Octofoil it would grieve him much more than missing his hometown evening paper.

Lou seems just a bit disappointed because no more Field Artillery men write than do. He says that he is most anxious to hear from some of the old gang who made up Btry. C, 60th F.A. Also would like to have a directory of former Bty. C, 60th men. Anyone having a complete or partial list should contact Lou at the address given.

Steve Yuhasz Wants 84th F.A. Men to Be Present At Pittsburgh

Steve Yuhasz, Jr., former C Btry., 84th F.A., now lives at 527 S. Clinton Ave., Trenton, N. J.

Steve is trying to locate former Lt. John Hall, who was attached to the same outfit as Steve was. John was thought to be living in New Brunswick, N. J., but Steve has tried diligently to locate him there but to no avail. Anyone who can help Steve find his old buddy should write to the address given.

Yuhasz closes his letter by saying he expects to see many familiar faces from C Btry., 84th F.A. in Pittsburgh at the Convention this summer.

Virgil Langlotz No Longer a Bachelor

Out in the "Show Me" State, Virgil C. Langlotz, 1023 Santa Fe Trail, Boonville, Mo., left his bachelor buddies on March 13 and was married to Miss Wanda Lou Hill, of Glasgow, Wis.

Virgil is a former Pfc. from the 39th Regt.

Note No. 5		
Jewelry purchased	\$ 235.37	
Consisting of:		
Samples	13.95	
200 Emblems, Gold Plated, Screwback	70.00	
50 Tieclips	37.50	
50 Charm Bracelets	87.50	
20 Emblems, Gold Plated Brooches	7.00	
2 Rings	6.00	
10 Key Chains	12.50	
Postage	.92	
Total	\$ 235.37	

As of March 31, 1949, proceeds from sale of Jewelry amounts to \$70.80. The sum of \$11.80 of this amount represents tax collected.

Note No. 6		
History Fund Expenses	\$ 835.98	
Consisting of:		
Proceeds from New Members and Direct Sales	\$ 695.00	
Royalty from F. J. Heer Co., as follows:		
1055 copies sold		
at 75c per copy on 1st 1000	\$ 750.00	
at 90c per copy on 55 copies	49.50	
	\$ 799.50	

Less: Charges made by Heer Co.		
700 copies returned for bad address		
at 25c per copy	\$ 175.00	
Alterations on Copy	250.00	
21 Halftone and 1 Zinc Etching made but not used	\$ 233.52	658.52
Balance from Heer Co.	\$ 140.98	\$ 140.98
	\$ 835.98	835.98

BOARD HOLDS A SPIRITED MEETING IN PITTSBURGH --- NEXT CONVENTION CITY CHOSEN -- BUT IT'S A SECRET

FINANCIAL REPORT SUBMITTED -- CONTENTS PRINTED ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE -- PUZAK DONE AN INJUSTICE -- HE'S ASKED TO "THINK" ABOUT IT ALL.

The fourteenth quarterly meeting of the Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pa., on April 9, 1949, pursuant to written notices mailed on March 9, 1949, as provided for in Section 21 of the By-Laws of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Present: Donald M. Clarke, Calvin Polivy, Richard C. Storey, Walter J. Mahon, Henry S. Rigby, J. Robert Brogan, Glenn O. Moore, John H. Whitmore, Michael Puzak, Charles O. Tingley acted as recorder.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Donald M. Clarke, at 2 p. m.

The secretary read a financial report for the period of October 1, 1948 through March 31, 1949. Mr. Whitmore made a motion that the financial statement be accepted. Motion seconded by Mr. Moore. Motion passed, Mr. Polivy abstaining.

After much discussion on various ways and means of reducing expenses of the Association, a motion was made by Mr. Puzak directing the appointment of a committee to make a study of the financial resources of the Association with the purpose of submitting a report to be presented to the next meeting of the Board of Governors suggesting methods of decreasing expenses. For the purpose of this report the Committee is directed to base its proposals on expenditures for the first quarter of the current year. Motion was seconded by Mr. Moore. Motion passed.

A committee was appointed to carry out the above motion consisting of Mr. Tingley, Mr. Rigby, Mr. Polivy and Mr. Clarke. Recommendation was made that copies of the report be mailed to each member of the Board of Governors in time for individual study prior to the next Board of Governors meeting.

Mr. Whitmore made a motion for the appointment of a committee to make a study of ways and means of increasing the income of the Association and that Mr. Bruchac be the Chairman of such a committee. Further, it is proposed that all chapters be contacted for constructive suggestions. If Mr. Bruchac is not available to act as Chairman of this committee the President shall appoint a Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Puzak. Motion passed.

Mr. Mahon presented a report from the committee on the selection and election of members to the Board of Governors. After considerable discussion it was recommended that further study be made by the Committee and a definite proposal be prepared and submitted to the Board of Governors at their next meeting.

Mr. Storey submitted a report on the Memorial Committee. After considerable discussion Mr. Polivy made a motion to table the

discussion. Motion seconded by Mr. Puzak. Motion passed.

Mr. Polivy made a motion that no action be taken on the vacancy existing on the Board of Governors created by the resignation of General Birks. Mr. Rigby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bids were received from the following cities for the site of the 1950 convention, Chicago, Baltimore and Boston. After considerable discussion on the merits of each bid Mr. Moore moved that a secret ballot be held. Such motion being seconded by Mr. Mahon and unanimously passed.

The 1950 convention site will be announced at the Pittsburgh banquet.

Upon recommendation by Mr. Tingley, the Secretary, authority was granted to the secretary to purchase a laminating machine at a cost of approximately \$120.00. This machine will be used in producing laminated cards for sale to the members, such cards designating the name, rank, serial number and unit affiliation of each member desiring to purchase such cards. Such cards will further show a brief 500 word history of the Division and shall bear the signature of General Eddy and the President of the Association.

Mr. Thomas M. Gray, Chairman of the 1949 convention committee, provided a brief report on the development of plans for the convention, after which a tour was made of the facilities of the William Penn Hotel which the Association will use during the convention.

Mr. Puzak moved for adjournment. Mr. Rigby seconded and motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p. m.

HE WANTS A COPY OF FT. BRAGG POST

Louis N. Blucher, 540 N. Lawndale St., Chicago, Ill., is trying to locate someone who can loan him a couple of issues of the old Fort Bragg Post. The editions he wants are, the first edition of the paper and the one that commemorated the Ninth Division's first anniversary at Bragg. He has contacted the Fayetteville (N. C.) Observer, but they have none on file.

Anyone who can help Lou may contact him at the address given. (Editor's Note: Wilton Taylor loaned The Octofoil several copies of The Fort Bragg Post about three years ago when The Octofoil first started publishing. They were returned. Taylor's address is Box 446, Taft, Calif. The Octofoil is unable to say whether he has these papers yet. However, no harm will be done by inquiring.)

Clarence J. Porte In Town Near Chicago

Clarence J. Porte, a former 9th Division staff sergeant, is living at 5035 Conn. St., Gary, Ind. Porte sent his dues directly to Secretary Tingley. Looks like those boys in the Windy City are slipping—after all, Chicago is really a suburb of Gary. Why didn't those up-and-at-em Chicago lads get to Clarence before he paid 1949 dues.

Capt. Turnipseed Sends 1949 Dues

Captain L. L. Turnipseed, 9th Medics and Medic Administrative Officer, has forwarded his 1949 dues to headquarters and sends best wishes to his old buddies.

MIKE GATTO RECALLS LT. SAM BOWMAN'S HEROIC G.I. RECORD

The Lieutenant Went All Out to Help Mike's Recon. Patrol Before the Krauts Got His Range; Two Others Killed in the Same Foray.

Mike Gatto, 261 Avenue "P," Brooklyn 4, N. Y., has submitted to The Octofoil the outstanding story for the current issue.

It is a story written from overseas by Lt. Sam Bowman, for a New York newspaper. Mike advises the clipping is one of his most treasured possessions.

It is well to quote from Mike's letter so members who read the reprinted story may better appreciate the comradeship that existed between Mike and Lt. Bowman. Quoting from the letter:

"My company, 'I,' of the 60th, had relieved a company of the 2nd Bn., in Normandy, and was in a holding position. On the morning of June 25, 1944, Capt. Werfel (later killed in Normandy), ordered me to take out a combat, reconnaissance patrol. The patrol was from my platoon, the 2nd; we got out there and were pinned down. We shook off one man, however, to get back to the company for help. Lt. Bowman chose to lead his light machine gun section and some riflemen to our assistance. He was coming out to help me (we were close friends). His relief group was taken under fire. Sam and a few of the other men were wounded. He succeeded though, because the Germans took off, thus saving me and the patrol. I hurried back to Sam, and held him in my arms and spoke to him for a few moments. He knew he was dying. He died in my arms June 25, 1944, in a field in Normandy. My patrol also suffered losses for that action. Pfc. Hartman, South Carolina, and Pfc. Foglesong were killed. A few others were wounded."

Following is the story written by Lt. Bowman that had a lead-off three column display head with a picture of the lieutenant:

HIGH POINTER IN SICILY TELLS OF ALLIES' MARCH OVER AXIS

Lt. S. N. Bowman Writes of Fight That Led to Italy . . . Now Serving with Gen. Patton's American 7th Army.

By LT. SAM N. BOWMAN.

We sailed into the harbor of Palermo, Sicily, at dusk on Saturday, July 31. Due to the wreckage in the harbor and the blackout in effect, we were forced to drop anchor in the outer harbor and spend the night aboard ship. I guess lady luck was with us as the previous day our convoy was spotted in the Mediterranean by a German reconnaissance plane, and that night the "Jerry" bombed hell out of the harbor. Everyone agreed that they were "gunning" for us, the troop laden ships, as there were very few supply ships at the docks. Fortunately, none of our ships were hit but three 500-pounders landed in the water about 100 yards in front of our ship and between us and a British cruiser. It rocked us about a bit but no damage was done.

EXTREME HEAT

Due to the extreme heat on board ship that night, I was sleeping on deck, and about 4:00 a. m. was rudely awakened by what seemed to be all the guns in Sicily firing. When I opened my eyes the entire city harbor and surrounding areas were brilliantly lighted by several parachute flares dropped by the first "Jerry" plane over the city. By this time the bombs were falling and we could see the terrific explosions as they fell among the docks and waterfront installations. The anti-aircraft batteries were putting up an awful lot of "stuff" and the sky was literally filled with tracer bullets and bursting shells. Most of the A. A. fire was coming from the British and American warships in the harbor, but several shore batteries were also in action. I particularly noticed the British cruiser that was nearest us. It seemed to me they threw everything but the smokestacks at the planes. They have a tremendous amount of firepower and were in action from beginning to end.

One of the bombs hit an ammunition train and it was 7 a. m. before all the shells quit exploding.

I also saw two German planes crash into the hillside and explode and one exploded in mid-air. It was rather a warm reception and I shall never forget it. "I wonder if we will be received as warmly when we visit Italy?"

We disembarked on Sunday, Aug. 1, and moved through Palermo to a bivouac area in the hills on the outside of town. From this point we started our long trek through the hills in pursuit of the Germans.

On Monday, Aug. 2, we loaded in trucks and moved about 80 miles east of Palermo to a point just behind the front lines. We arrived here about midnight and it was a relief to get off the trucks and get our feet on terra firma again as we were driving blackout all the way over the mountains and if we had missed any of the curves—well it was a long ways down.

HUGE VALLEY

We were now located in a huge valley and there were approximately 100 American artillery pieces located up and down the valley. One hundred and five mm. Howitzers and "Long Toms" (155 mm. rifles). They were shelling German positions over on the next range of mountains. We were able to see the flash of the guns long before we arrived there. The guns kept firing at intervals all night and it seemed as if I were right under the muzzle of a couple of them as I could feel the concussion each time they fired. I didn't mind as I was so tired I soon fell asleep.

PREPARE FOR ATTACK

I was awakened at dawn the next morning by a terrific artillery barrage. Our guns were laying down an artillery preparation for an attack by our infantry, on a hill about five miles to our front. I picked up my glasses and got a bird's eye view of the whole attack as it progressed. By 7 o'clock the Germans had been thrown off the hill but not without putting up a terrific struggle. Everything was quiet except the intermittent fire of our artillery until about 10 o'clock, and then the Germans started a counter-attack. It was soon broken up by our artillery and infantry, and the infantry remained in possession of the hill. A huge column of black smoke was rising from the reverse slope of the hill and evidently our artillery had hit a tank or supply dump of some kind.

Aug. 3: Just after noon today we received our marching orders. We were to move east tonight under cover of darkness and at a certain spot we were to make contact with a battalion of "French Moroccan Goums," who were to be attached to us for the duration of the Sicilian campaign.

The Octofoil requested Mike Gatto to furnish a picture, if possible, of both he and Lt. Bowman. A rather difficult task on short notice, but Mike doctored it. However, the photos were received in The Octofoil office too late for processing in this issue. The two pictures will appear in the next issue.

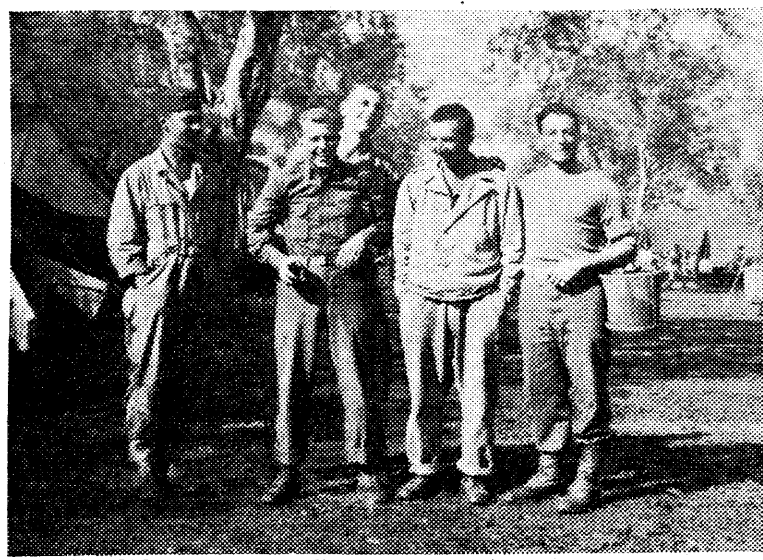
COL. ADAMS IN PANAMA CITY

Colonel John C. L. Adams was a commander of the 39th at one time while the Regiment was at Fort Bragg. His address is now Box 2070, Ancon, Canal Zone. He is president of Adams Enterprises in Spanish-America, S. A.; Director General of Aviacion General, S.A., and Aviacion Martin, S. A. (Costa Rica.)

The colonel didn't know about the Association or "8 Stars to Victory" until he read about them in Winchell's column. He lost no time contacting headquarters for full information as to how he was to go about getting to be a member of the Association.

No one knows whether Lulu is good or bad—she sat on her boss' lap, but wouldn't admit it.

READY TO LEAVE THE SICILIAN FLATS



Headed for Merrie Ole England—bidding adieu to the mud flats of Sicily, Lt. Nunn snapped the above picture of Lt. Murray, who was killed in action shortly after Normandy; to the immediate right of Lt. Murray will be noted Lts. Langland, Veno and Chiarini—all of Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 47th.

INFANTRY JOURNAL GIVES "EIGHT STARS TO VICTORY" A GOOD PLUG

Ted Matusiw, 2058 78th St., Chicago, Ill., entered a mild protest to The Octofoil last month because The Infantry Journal had not printed a plug for "8 Stars to Victory." The lad threatened cancellation of his subscription to The Journal along with many other dire threats. Now he's glad he was able to control his temper. Quoting from a letter received from the Chicagoan dated March 28, it reads in part:

In the April, 1949 issue of The Infantry Journal, two combat histories were reviewed, "Follow Me—The Story of the Second Marine Division in World War II," by Richard W. Johnston, Random House, 1949, and "8 Stars to Victory," a history of the veteran 9th U. S. Infantry Division, by Captain Joseph B. Mittelman.

Quoting verbatim from Matusik's letter, which he in turn had quoted from The Infantry Journal, it reads:

GREAT DIVISIONS

These are the histories of the two great divisions of World War II; divisions as competent and tough and professional as any that ever went into battle for the United States. It may be that two or three other divisions were better known but these two were work horses of combat—on opposite sides of the world.

The 9th Infantry Division had only a brief period of activation during World War I but the regiments which would comprise the 9th for World War II, the 39th, 47th and 60th, saw bitter service in three different offensives—Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel and Meuse Argonne. . . .

9TH WENT ALL THE WAY

The 9th Division of World War II fought in North Africa, fought again in Sicily, slugged its way brilliantly through Normandy and across France; fought in the gloom of the Huertgen Forest, stood fast through the Andennes counter-offensive and then stormed back into the battle for the Roer River dams, and with the 9th Armored Division held and expanded the Remagen bridgeheads across the Rhine until enough force could be built up for a breakthrough. . . .

Both of these histories are fitting tributes to their first rate fighting units. Captain Mittelman and Mr. Johnston have written fairly and objectively, both of their own units and the outfits that fought beside them. When other units fought not so ably as these two, the authors of these two books have very rightly concluded that there is little reason to make an issue of it at this late date.

Maps and illustrations are uni-

formly excellent. Only in occasional oddities of design and style and several unfortunate typographical errors does "8 Stars to Victory" betray the fact that Captain Mittelman is not a professional writer and the 9th Inf. Div. Assn. not a professional publisher. Mr. Johnston and Random House are.

COMMENTS ON COLORED LAD'S LETTER

Quoting from another part of Matusik's letter:

An item that interested me in the last Octofoil was the item by Charlie White, Pittsburgh, and his complaint about the treatment of the colored soldiers attached to the 9th. Recognition is due the colored boys who made up the "5th Platoons." However, White should not be too critical, the 5th Platoons were in combat a very short period of time, and the numerical number of white soldiers was far greater. I do remember one incident when a "5th Platoon" man distinguished himself. Charlie may remember the place, I forget. It was the town before we went into place where the magnesium plant caught on fire and lighted up the countryside for hours. The 3rd Bn., 47th, was passing through the 2nd Bn., 47th, and the 5th Plt. stopped to rest. Some 3d men went over to talk to the 5th Plt. men, and during the conversation it was learned that Sgt. Leroy Thompson, Pittsburgh, had gotten three Nazis with a B.A.R. earlier in the day, which was the first day of combat for the 5th Plt.

Why doesn't Charlie attend some Chapter meetings? He might feel lost for a meeting or two, but he will be accepted as a fellow soldier, a wearer of The Octofoil!

PICTURES FOULED UP

Ordinarily the pictures Matusik sends The Octofoil are most outstanding, but during the past month he made two at a Chicago bowling alley that were not suitable for reproduction into cuts. They both had black backgrounds. One showed Vic Wojtas doing a hula-hula dance after making a good score, and the other was a candid shot of Walt Mahon pulling his hair out by the roots after several bowling balls in succession had taken the gutter route.

PLUGGING FOR 126th ORD.

Matusik advises that both he, Walter Mahon and other active Chicagoans are trying to work out suitable arrangements whereby the 126th Ord. may obtain admission to membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Tar Heel Stater Wants Octofoil

Alexander Smith, a former 60th Pfc., gets his mail in care of the Queen City Bus Co., Ashboro, N. C.

Alex is making big plans to see his old buddies in Pittsburgh. This will be the first Reunion he has been able to attend.

BECHET PLANS TO BE IN PITTSBURGH

D. A. Bechet, former Med. Det., 89th, asks that mail directed to him be addressed thusly hereafter: Dick Bechet, care French Cable Co., 25 Broad St., New York, N. Y.

Dick plans on going to Pittsburgh early and staying late.

CAPT. ALGORN BACK WITH 9th

Former Capt. of the 1st Bn., 60th, Charles B. Algorn, is back on active duty. His home address is 205 5th Ave., Brooklawn, N. J. Military address is Hq. 26th F.A. Bn., 9th Inf. Div., Fort Dix, N. J.

John Quigley Has Gotta Get a Job

John P. Quigley, 8 Clinton St., Wappingers Falls, N. Y., a former private with Co. C, 60th, has been looking for a job for quite some time. But he come through with his 1949 dues irrespective of his bad luck. He also sent Greater New York a \$1 since his national dues went direct to Secretary Tingley. A guy like that deserves a break. Quig was inducted into the Army before he had an opportunity to take up a trade or craft to specialize in. However, the lad is willing to do any kind of honest work regardless of how hard it is. Any old Ninth man who can help John in getting located should write him at once.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Former Sarge Has Been On Ailing List

Former S-Sgt. John Grill, Jr., A Co., 60th, writes from Rt. 8, Box 581, Akron 10, Ohio, that he has been seriously ill and there has also been a death in his family recently. However, John is back in there pitching again now, feeling fit as a fiddle.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Hoosier Lad Sends His Current Dues

Fred R. Fershin, former Pfc., 47th, when sending in his 1949 dues asked that the following address be printed for the benefit of his old buddies, any of whom he would like to hear from: F. R. Fershin, care North Side Cleaners, 501 N. Main St., Mishawaka, Ind.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

FORMER C.O. A-T. 39TH, IN JERSEY

F. J. Nugent, 19 Kensington Ave., Jersey City 4, N. J., sends his kindest regards to all the old gang and especially to President Don Clarke—as Nugent puts it—"That is salutation from one gold brick to another." He was a former C.O. of Anti-Tank Co., 39th.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

JOHN SHENNEY IS GOING TO P'BURGH

John Shenney, 747 Newark Ave., Jersey City 6, N. J., is another Joe that doesn't do things halfway. He recently sent a check for his 1949-1950 dues.

John has been seriously ill recently but has recovered and is now looking forward to making the Pittsburgh Convention. He was a former T-Sgt. in Co. E, 39th Regt.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Carl Lechtenberg Sends For History

Carl Lechtenberg now lives at 1680 Commonwealth Ave., Brighton, Mass. Carl enclosed a check for \$5 for the purpose of securing an additional copy of "Eight Stars to Victory."

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Recruiting Personnel Favor Ohio Members

Appearing at the last meeting of the Ohio Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association were Lt. James L. Roht, 796 S. 18th St., Columbus, O.; T-Sgt. Mack L. Woodgeard, 402 Williams Rd., Columbus, and Sgt. John Helmbrecht, 410 S. Wayne Ave., Columbus.

The three G.I.s are attached to the Columbus recruiting office. They showed up with a bus load of G.I. moving picture equipment and some real good action pictures for the entertainment of the former 9th men assembled.

Resolutions were passed thanking the G.I.s for their outstanding show that they so graciously put on after their regular hours on Uncle Sam's official detail.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

MODERN FEMALES

The modern woman's place is in the home, working out a slogan for soap, soup or baking powder to win an automobile in a prize contest.

APPLICATION BLANK

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

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

1. By paying an initiation fee of five dollars (\$5.00) you will be entitled to membership for the current year, issuance of a membership card and lapel button and the monthly publication for one year. This type of membership does not entitle you to a copy of the Division History. You would have to purchase such at the time of publication.

2. By paying an initiation fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) you will be entitled to all the benefits as stated above, plus a copy of the Division History, which we will mail to you.

Annual dues in the Association amount to three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) per year, which includes the cost of the monthly publication.

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

Enclosed herewith is \$10.00 in check—money order (cross out one) to cover initiation fee for membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association, of which amount sixty (\$0.60) is for one year's subscription to "The Octofoil." This \$10.00 initiation fee also entitles me to a copy of the Division History.

(DATE)

My present address is: (Please print or typewrite.)

Name _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

R.F.D. or Street _____

City and State _____

Zone _____

My address while with the Ninth Infantry Division was: _____

Rank and Name _____

Organization _____

Signature _____

Recommended by _____

Enclosed herewith is \$5.00 in check or money order (cross out one) to cover initiation fee for membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association, of which amount sixty cents (\$0.60) is for a year's subscription to "The Octofoil." I understand that this initiation fee does NOT entitle me to a copy of the Division History.

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(Signature)

Recommended by _____

Now Hear This ! ! !

This is your information service. Questions furnished by you will be answered to the best of our ability with the facilities at our disposal. Service questions regarding you or your dependents are especially welcome. Please address: NOW HEAR THIS, Ninth Infantry Division Association, Box 1704, Washington (13) D. C. Be sure to include your name and address. However, initials only will be used when publishing the question and answer.

Q.—I received a leg injury in an automobile accident recently, which requires outpatient treatment. Will VA furnish the required treatment?

A.—Outpatient treatment is available only for service-connected disabilities.

Q.—My son was disabled during World War II. Will Veterans Administration pay him an additional sum for dependents?

A.—If your son is rated 60 per cent or more disabled, he is entitled to an additional sum for his dependents.

Q.—I wrecked my automobile, which was furnished by VA under provisions of Public Law 663, 79th Congress. Will VA give me another car to replace it?

A.—No. There is no provision under the law to provide more

than one automobile to an eligible veteran.

Q.—Must a disabled veteran go to a vocational school or may he go to a liberal arts college, a high school, or similar institution under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act?

A.—He may enroll in any VA-approved educational institution or training establishment offering the course of training which VA has found he needs to insure his proper rehabilitation in line with his own desires.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Twin film projectors, in use in a number of Veterans Administration hospitals, save 15 to 20 minutes in each 16 millimeter feature movie shown to bedfast patients. Mounted on carts, the projectors are operated through a central control switch.

MINNESOTANS ALL SET FOR A BIG FAMILY PICNIC

By N. J. HENNEN,
3455 Irving Ave., North,
Minneapolis 12, Minn.

The Twin Cities Chapter of the 9th Infantry Division Association will hold its annual family picnic on the grounds of the Officers Club at Fort Snelling, Minn., on Sunday, May 1. Members and their families, complete with picnic lunches and maybe even a can of beer or two, will assemble at 1300 hours. Following the lunch a business session will be held in the main hall of the clubhouse at 1500 hours.

URGE NON-MEMBERS TO ATTEND

Especially urged to attend are former Ninth Infantry Division men who live in the Twin City area, but who are not yet members of the chapter.

Anyone interested in further details should contact any of the following officers: Chick Hennen, vice president, 3455 Irving Ave., North, Minneapolis, CHerry 8823; Dick Sims, Secretary-treasurer, 3932 Brunswick, St. Louis Park,

WHittier 3311; or Paul E. Johnson, membership chairman, 1827 14th Ave., South, Minneapolis, BRidgeport 8248.

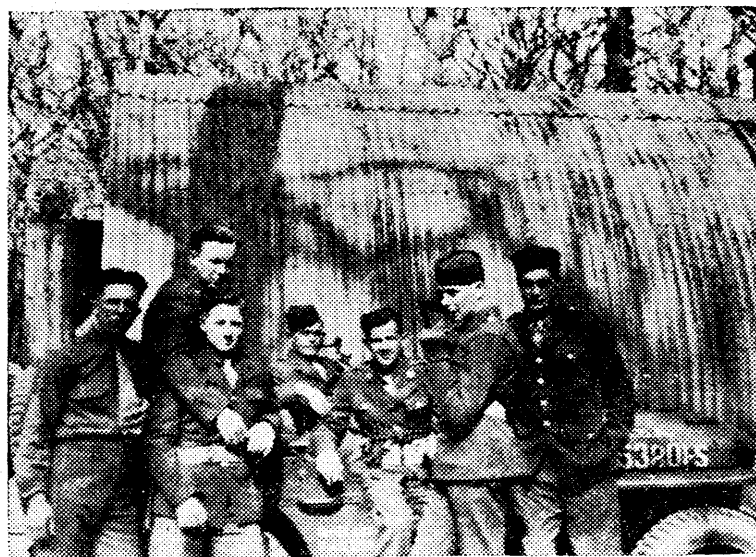
HOLD EXECUTIVE SESSION

Decision to hold the annual picnic on May 1 was made at an "executive session" of the officers, together with Ted Youngquist, delegate-at-large, held Saturday evening, April 9, at the Sims home. A further item of business transacted at the executive session was approval of the printing of some beautiful color stationery, the plates for which have been donated by Howard Felix, former Go-Devil now living in St. Paul.

ONE BLUE NOTE

One blue note, as previously reported to Secretary Charles Tingley, is the recent illness of Chapter President Tom Solon, who is now a patient at Glen Lake Sanatorium. However, many of the Chapter members have visited with him and report him looking fine and feeling cheerful. A big May 1 turnout would be the finest "medicine" Tom could get.

REFUGEES FROM ENGLISH HAYSTACK



Wilton Taylor, Taft, Calif., is hell-bent on keeping the mugs of former 47th men in print for Octofoil readers. Pictured here are some former Co. M, 47th Joes. The picture was made in England in 1944. Left to right: Pfc. Jack Shepherd Standing, Pfc. Jones Pfc. Ben Gunn, Pfc. DeVoir, Pfc. Richard L. Kin Kennon. Sitting: Pfc. Creaton, Pfc. Floyd Watson.

FRANK OZART ANNOUNCES NEXT ILLINOIS GROUP MEETING MAY 13

By NATE GAYNOR, Secretary, Illinois Chapter,
3944 Cermak Road, Chicago 23, Ill.

The Windy City boys put on a stag at the April 8 meeting that was held at the Hotel Sherman in downtown Chicago. A business meeting preceded the show and consisted primarily of convention discussion. The turnout was fairly good, with about 75 members showing up.

HOTEL SHERMAN PICKED

Frank Ozart reported that Herb Waples, George Waite and himself toured the Chicago Loop in an effort to obtain the best deal available for the Midwest Convention. The decision they arrived at finally was that for our purpose the Hotel Sherman had the best facilities at the most reasonable price. This was accepted by the members and a definite date was to be reported at the May meeting.

WANT '50 CONVENTION

The boys were pretty hot under the collar on the National Convention for '50 discussion. Walt Mahon was injected full of ideas to take with him to the Board of Governors meeting in Pittsburgh, but no doubt he had different ideas after seeing three reels of stag movies.

Walt read several letters received from various chapters indicating their support for Chicago in 1950.

The average member felt that even though the location of the national convention is a prime factor in the financial success of such an affair, the emphasis was strong in the point that the Association should have conventions with a primary function to provoke greater comradeship among the members throughout the country, but that confining the convention sites to a particular area would ultimately result in discon-

tentment of all members in those areas not given the opportunity to play host.

NEXT MEETING MAY 13

Frank Ozart reported that the next meeting would be held on Friday, May 13, and would be a social. Frank reported that plans were being made to have dancing, community singing, card games for those who want to make expenses for the evening, and of course the bar will be open. The meeting will be held at the Rockett Club, 1122 N. Milwaukee Ave.

FULLER HAS GUEST

Judd Fuller showed up at the April meeting with Neville Forp, who was formerly with the 60th Inf. Forp has been anxious to join the Association but has been unable to make the right connections to do so. It takes guys like Judd Fuller to build up the organization by bringing guys around who are about 6 feet 4 inches. Let's be friends, Forp?

GETS AN M.D. CHECK-UP

Ted "Shirts" Matusik went in for a physical check up recently and the docs told him, "... Too much wine, women and song." "Shirts" quit singing, but he will be up on Friday the 13th to tell the members all about the program book being produced in behalf of the Midwest Convention. "Shirts" is in charge of that detail and is open for suggestions on how to make the most of it. ... See you guys May 13—FRIDAY!

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

Rev. Robert Curtis Pays Through 1950

Rev. Robert J. Curtis, a former 39th man, has sent his dues in for 1949 and 1950. His new address is care St. Rose High School, 479 N. West St., Lima, Ohio.

W.-B. SCRANTON GROUP REPORTS

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

The Wilkes Barre-Scranton Chapter held its monthly meeting on April 10 and had a wonderful attendance. It was held at John Wilczewski's Cafe in Dickson City. Johnny serves a nice brew, so all you deadbeats up that way should drop around and pay your respects.

DEPENDABLE WOLLIVER

Once again Francis Wolliver of Kingston, Pa., made the trip with his projector to show movies. The Chapter extends its sincere thanks and appreciation.

TARDY WITH CHARTER

Secretary Tingley slipped up and didn't get our charter to us in time for the meeting, so our next get-together has been designated as our Charter Meeting. That will be held on the 15th of May at the American Legion Home, No. River St., Wilkes Barre.

Formal presentation of the Charter will be made by Captain Foster, of the Organized Reserve Corps in Wilkes-Barre. Other notables of the area are being sought and a great program is being planned. All guzzlers are cordially invited to partake of our free brews until they hear the wife's call.

At the April meeting plans were beginning to take shape for a clam bake to be held in August. The plan met with great response and seems to be a sure fire hit. The subject of bringing wives was batted around for a good while. The final outcome leaves the little women at home knitting. Sorry, ladies, maybe next time. Our indoor party will be held later in the fall and then the women can put their 2 cents worth in.

The clam bake is for men only, and everyone is entitled to bring his friend or friends, of course, if they pay.

LYNCH IS SERVICE OFFICER

Chappy Lynch was appointed Service Officer and had his first duty performed before the nomination, by supplying the film.

The Chapter received a card from Bill Saleski, who is now up at Great Lakes, working. Congratulations and lots of luck, Bill. You will no doubt contact a Chapter in that section.

BLAUM A "NATURAL"

President Blaum had the meeting well under control and seems to be an able leader. His experience as Chief Steward at the Legion is of great help to our growing organization.

DON'T FORGET

Don't forget, Yard Birds . . . Sunday, May 15, at Wilkes Barre-Scranton Chapter Day. Come along and bring a new member. Build the Wilkes Barre-Scranton Chapter to the largest in the country. It's possible.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

PLAYING ANOTHER GAME

"How about a poker game tonight? Mike will be there."

"He will? Can't make it."

(A week later.)

"We're having another poker game tonight. Can you make it? Mike will be there."

"He will? I won't be there."

(The following week):

"Another game tonight. We're expecting you. Mike will be there."

"He will? Then count me out."

"Look! What have you got against Mike? Every time you learn that he'll be at one of our games you refuse to come. What has he ever done to you?"

"Mike has never done anything to me. I don't dislike him. In fact I've never seen him. All I know is that when Mike is playing poker, I'm with his wife."

—Pittsburgh in '49—

TRIGGER HAPPY?

Private Ed Samuels wounded the beautiful widow, who lives in a house adjoining the camp's rifle range, last Saturday, while spying on her through the telescope sight on his gun.

"I didn't mean to hurt her," he asserted. "I was just admiring her through my scope. Then I got excited and my gun went off."

SHORT HISTORY OF 39TH REGT.

OLD 39TH REGIMENT JOES, BACK IN 1917, WERE ALMOST AS GOOD AT STARTING RUMORS AS LADS OF 1942

BACK IN 1917-1918 THE KRAUTS LEARNED TO FEAR 39TH G. I.s . . . BUT WHEN 1942 CAME AROUND JERRY LEARNED HIS PAPPY HAD GOTTEN OFF EASY.

The Personnel Section of the 39th Regiment compiled a thumbnail sketch of that regiment's remarkable record that was chalked up during the two global wars. Although condensed to the 'nth degree the document is still a bit too lengthy to print in full in one issue of The Octofoil. The first installment is printed in this issue and will be followed in the next issue or may be two, until the interesting data has been printed in its entirety.

39TH INFANTRY IN 1917-1918

June 1, 1917, marks the birth-day of the 39th Infantry. It was then, at the State Fair Grounds, Syracuse, N. Y., that a cadre furnished by the 39th Infantry was officially titled the 39th Infantry, with Col. A. P. Buffington commanding until July, when Col. William C. Bennett assumed command.

At first, the new-born regiment was a skeleton, each company consisting of only three officers and 60 men. Basic training began at once, however, and on October 27, when the regiment entered Camp Greene, N. C., it was already well seasoned.

In December, the regiment became a part of the Fourth Division. By spring it had reached full strength, and when Col. Frank C. Belles arrived from Hawaii to take command on April 9, 1918, he found a regiment of high efficiency and splendid esprit de corps.

RUMORS BACK IN '17

Rumors of an early voyage overseas became realities on April 26, when the regiment was moved to Camp Hills, N. Y. At 6 p. m., May 8, Company I and the Supply Company sailed from Hoboken for France; the rest of the regiment steamed out of port two days later.

The two companies landed at Bordeaux, France, and the others at Brest. They moved at once to a British training area near Dondeauville, in Northwest France, where British equipment was issued and field training begun. Two weeks later, again in possession of American equipment, the 39th Infantry went under French control on the Chateau Thierry front.

On July 17, 1918, the regiment relieved the 11th French Infantry near the villages of Troisnois and Favorolles, just north of the Oureq River.

Their baptism of fire came next day, when the regiment attacked and, after two days of fighting, captured all its objectives, including Cresnes Wood and the villages of Noroy and Chouy. It was not an easy victory; two officers and 54 enlisted men were killed, nine officers and 218 men wounded.

On the night of August 1, the first battalion was caught in a disastrous aeroplane bombing while taking up new positions in the Foret de Fere. The battalion was in column of twos, ready to move, when an enemy bomber flew overhead. He dropped a string of bombs down the column so rapidly that the separate explosions could not be distinguished. Every company was hit, total casualties amounting to 27 killed and 94 wounded.

On the morning of August 3, the 39th Infantry took part in the pursuit of the Germans from the Oureq to the Vesle Rivers. Patrols from the 39th were the first Allied troops to cross the Vesle River on the morning of August 5, 1918. Repeated attempts of large forces to cross the Vesle met with terrific resistance from Bazoches, and, after severe losses, the regiment was relieved by the 47th Infantry on the morning of Aug. 7. In the meantime, Bazoches had been virtually reduced to ruins.

HELD ON RESERVE

The 39th Infantry was not an

assault unit in the St. Mihiel attack. It was held in reserve, at first in the Bois de Behola and later near Les Eperges.

In these early engagements the regiment had proved its fighting worth outstanding recognition came in the Meuse-Argonne offensive then facing it.

At 5:30 on the morning of Sept. 26, 1918, the 39th Infantry jumped off in assault from a position north of Benes and west of Dead Man's Hill. The Germans lay on a rising hillside opposite. Between was Forges Brook, pounded to a treacherous swamp by the shattering impact of constantly bursting shells.

For three hours the German position was churned by artillery barrages, then the troops advanced through lanes cut in the barbed wire, under the cover of fog. The third Battalion in assault captured Cuisy, with many prisoners, a large number of machine guns, and twelve 77-mm. cannon.

CAPTURE 100 KRAUTS

The First Battalion lost direction, and was drawn into combat with aggressive enemy forces on the slope of Montfaucon. They captured more than a hundred prisoners and suffered heavy casualties. At 3 p. m., the battalion broke off an indecisive engagement and rejoined the leading elements of the regiment near Septsarges. The regiment dug in that night on the line of the corps objective. The seventh Brigade—39th and 47th Infantry—had captured about 1,700 prisoners and more than 40 pieces of artillery, many minnenwerfers and machine guns. It had reached a line running east and west about two kilometers north of Septsarges. The enemy was withdrawing, leaving small rear guard detachments. At 5:30 p. m., a further attempt was made without success.

On Sept. 27, the attack was renewed at 6:30 a. m., the 39th Infantry pushing on to the north and finding that the German resistance had greatly increased. The advance was over open ground between the Bois de Briulles and Nantillois. Infantry attempts to advance down the northern slope of Hill 295 were met by withering fire of shrapnel, high explosives and gas from the Bois de Ogens and the Bois de Fays, and machine gun fire from Nantillois.

The men were forced to cover behind Hill 295 and in the west edge of the Bois de Septsarges. Losses were severe. That night the regiment bivouaced along the railroad between Hills 295 and 266. The rain poured down; roads were impassable. Supplies and food were low.

At 7 o'clock on the morning of Sept. 28, with increased artillery support, the 39th moved forward toward the Bois de Ogens. Despite furious resistance, the regiment dug in on the crest, one-half kilometer south of the Bois des Ogens, and held its ground until passed through by the Eighth Brigade at 5 a. m., Sept. 29. The regiment then went into bivouac in the southern part of the Bois de Septsarges.

The second phase of the Meuse-Argonne offensive began on Oct. 4. The 39th Infantry was initially in reserve, becoming the as-

sault unit of the division on Oct. 9, when it attacked at 8:30 a. m. in column of battalions.

GET GASSED

In the line of advance was the Bois de Fays. The Germans tore it to shreds, deluged it with gas. The hour of attack was delayed, and darkness was falling when the advance began. Soon there was no visibility, and the attack failed, to be resumed at 7:30 a. m., next morning. At tremendous cost, the Bois de Fays was finally passed, and the lines halted that day in the northern edge of the Bois de Peut de Faux.

At 7:28, on the morning of Oct. 11, the attack was renewed. Col. Belles had been wounded in the first phase of the Meuse-Argonne and had been succeeded by Col. James K. Parsons. He and his entire staff were gassed early on the morning of Oct. 11, and Lt. Col. Troy H. Middleton of the 47th Infantry assumed command.

The Bois de Forêt was taken and with it 200 prisoners. A machine gun was captured for each prisoner taken. Artillery fire killed or wounded 200 men. The troops remained in the Bois de Forêt, sending outposts to the ridge beyond. This was the farthest north reached by the Fourth Division. The regiment remained here, repulsing several German counterattacks, until relieved on the night of Oct. 13.

KRAUTS QUIT

With the balance of the divisions, the 39th Infantry, in reserve, then moved into rear areas. Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1918, saw it prepared to attack with the Second Army to the south of Metz. Rather than face this attack, the Germans capitulated.

On Nov. 20, the march into Germany began, the columns converging down the Moselle Valley and crossing a corner of Luxembourg en route. The Second Battalion of the 39th was moved to Coblenz on Dec. 8, the first American unit to reach the Rhine.

The remainder of the regiment soon followed, and was billeted first near Bruck, later near Kempenich, in the Moselle region. Early in April the division moved down the Rhine Valley and the 39th Infantry was stationed near Remagen. On July 9, 1919, the return to the United States was announced, the regiment moving by train to Brest, its last detachment sailing on July 31.

In the barest outline, that is the history of the 39th Infantry. The regiment was inactivated in 1921, when the Regular Army was generally reduced. Then, it seemed, the final chapter has been written; no one could foresee that again, on Aug. 1, 1940, the 39th Infantry would come to life and take stations again in North Carolina, at Fort Bragg.

30TH INFANTRY IN 1940-1942

The year 1939 found the German and Japanese nations assuming militant proportions once again. In Europe, Adolph Hitler, at the head of the Nazi party in Germany, began to shout for more room for the super-race; Austria was annexed and Czechoslovakia soon followed. Hungary, Roumania and Mussolini in Italy hastened to get on the bandwagon when, on Sept. 1, 1939, Hitler lunged to the east and suddenly enveloped Poland. This act brought a declaration of war from Britain and France, and for several months the so-called "Phony War" was waged in the west. Then it came—Hitler attacked to the west through the lowlands and Northern France. With his Panzer armies and his, then fearsome, Stukas, Hitler brought France to his will and the Battle of Britain began. The American nation at this time claimed strict neutrality, but inaugurated a lend-lease arrangement with Britain and other countries who chose to fight rather than submit to Nazi aggression. The Selective Service Act became law and plans were swung into effect to increase the standing Army. On Aug. 1, 1940,

the Ninth Infantry Division was reactivated at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as a "streamlined, triangular" division—i.e., three infantry regiments with supporting troops instead of the four regiment, two brigade "square" division of World War I. The three regiments were designated as the 39th, 47th and 60th Infantry Regiments.

REGULAR ARMY CADRE

Cadre for the 39th Infantry was drawn from the 2nd, 10th and 11th Infantry of the 5th Division. A group of Regular Army and Reserve Officers were ordered to Bragg, and along with the Cadre of non-commissioned officers, began organizing the regiment in the old Tent City area. Work was begun on semi-permanent barracks at another point on the Fort Bragg reservation, but it was not until December that the buildings were ready for occupancy. Some selectees had already come to the division, but on March 1, 1941, the main group of 7,000 men, most of whom hailed from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, unloaded at Fort Bragg and became the man power for the Ninth Division. Training was begun under the skillful direction of Lt. Col. William R. Schmidt. The Ninth Division at that time was commanded by Maj. Gen. Jacob L. Devers. Progress was slow but sure and the value of a well-trained, professional, peace time Army was never more evident than during this period. The "old timers" from the 5th Division skillfully molded the raw recruits into well trained, well disciplined soldiers. Gen. Devers was succeeded as Commanding General of the Ninth Division by Maj. Gen. R. E. D. Hoyle in August, 1941.

STRENUOUS TRAINING

The late spring and summer weeks were devoted to gruelling four to six-day problems on the Fort Bragg reservation. On one occasion the 30th Division journeyed up from Fort Jackson, South Carolina, to oppose the 9th in a strenuous problem. All efforts were directed toward the conditioning of the regiment for the Carolina maneuvers beginning in September. On September 22 the regiment was the first to move from the Fort Bragg cantonment to the vicinity of Rock Hill, South Carolina, and then followed two and one-half months of blow and counter-blow as the regiment took a leading part in the largest maneuvers ever held in the States up to that time. Nov. 20 saw the close of the Carolina maneuvers; the regiment headed back for Fort Bragg and plans were set into motion for leaves and furloughs, the Christmas holiday season was coming. The Japanese nation altered these plans. On the morning of Dec. 8, following the Pearl Harbor attack of the day before, the 39th moved to the northern and western part of North Carolina. The First Battalion moved to the vicinity of Raleigh, the Second went to Charlotte and Greensboro, and the Third Battalion to the vicinity of Asheville; live ammunition was issued and the regiment was given the mission of guarding all vital installations in the vicinity. The month of December passed and the regiment was relieved from guard duty in time to allow most everyone to have abbreviated Christmas furloughs.

COL. CAFFEY TAKES OVER

During the next few months training took on a new degree of seriousness. On March 28, Col. Schmidt, the beloved Regimental Commander, now a full Colonel, was relieved of command and promoted to Brigadier General. His place was taken by Col. B. F. Caffey, Jr., who had served as G-3 on the First Army Staff of Gen. Hugh Drum during the Carolina maneuvers.

The regiment began receiving intensive amphibious training with strenuous maneuvers at Solomon's Island, Maryland, and New River, North Carolina. Mock-ups were

built in the regimental area, rope debarkation nets were strung from trees and every phase of the intricate problem of landing on hostile shores were given strict attention.

GEN. EDDY MOVES IN

Gen. Hoyle was relieved from command of the Division, and assumed duties at Fort Benning, Georgia. Brig. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, who commanded a company in the 39th Infantry in World War I, assumed command of the Division, and was promoted to the rank of Major General. The month of August, 1941, began to bring restrictions that left little doubt in any one's mind that overseas duty was imminent.

39TH INFANTRY COAT OF ARMS

Regimental insignia have a true value to the members of each respective regiment which although undefinable in words serves as an inspiration to each real soldier. There is a high degree of relationship between the traditions and the records for which the 39th insignia stands.

(a) FALCON: The fierce fighting bird atop the insignia, is symbolic of the regiment's history. The falcon represents Montfaucon. Its capture was made possible by the 39th Infantry. The ivy leaf in his bill shows that the regiment was part of the Fourth of "Ivy" Division at that time.

(b) BOAR'S HEAD: The official insignia of the 30th Infantry Regiment is the Boar's Head. The 30th Infantry supplied the 39th Infantry, in June, 1917, with the original cadre, thus the Boar's Head indicates the regiment's origin.

(c) SHIELD: The shield is blue for Infantry.

(d) FLEUR DE LIS: Taken from the arms of Hoissons; the two trees represent the Grove of Cresnes. The 39th went into the lines on July 17, 1918. In attack the next day, they captured the Grove of Cresnes, their first objective, thus its commemoration on the shield.

(e) D'UNE VAILLANCE ADMIRABLE: (With a Military Courage Worthy of Admiration.) This motto, adopted by the 39th Infantry, is taken from a French citation to the regiment for their actions under fire for the first time.



"ANYTHING— ANYWHERE— ANY TIME— BAR NOTHING" . . .

Their slogan, created by the late Regimental Commander, Col. H. A. "Paddy" Flint, killed in action in Normandy, France, was adopted in Sicily when he assumed command of the regiment. It has been retained in memory of a gallant and fearless soldier to serve as an inspiration to his men.

(Next month the outstanding history of the 39th Regt. will include the years 1942-1945—days and experiences still fresh in the minds of Association members. Don't miss the next installment. It almost makes an ex-G. I. feel as though he was back in his fox hole.)

DIRECTORY OF FORMER NINTH DIVISION MEN

SECOND INSTALLMENT OF FORMER 9th INFANTRY DIVISION MEN SHOULD BE A MEDIUM FOR MANY REUNIONS

DIRECTORY IS BEING PRINTED WITH THE THOUGHT IN MIND BOOSTERS AND WORKERS OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL CONTACT NON-MEMBER BUDDIES.

NAMES SHOULD BE ON THIS LIST THAT ARE NOT ...

After publication of the first installment of this list of present and former members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, Secretary Tingley began receiving letters from members, advising "I knew G.I. So-and-So and he was a resident of Such-and-Such a town; he and I served together in the 9th, but his name did not appear when his home town's list of former 9th men were printed." Investigation on the part of the Secretary disclosed he had no record of these ex-G.I.s, but immediately made a record based on the information sent him. Any member who fails to locate the name of a buddy that he knows should be on the list should contact Secretary Tingley, Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., at once and give him the proper dope.

A few members construed this list to be a list of delinquent members. This is an error. The list is comprised of present members in good standing and former members who have become delinquent. That is the reason The Octofoil appeals to members when writing to a buddy whose name and address appear in this directory to ask them whether or not they have paid 1949 dues. A continuation of the list follows:

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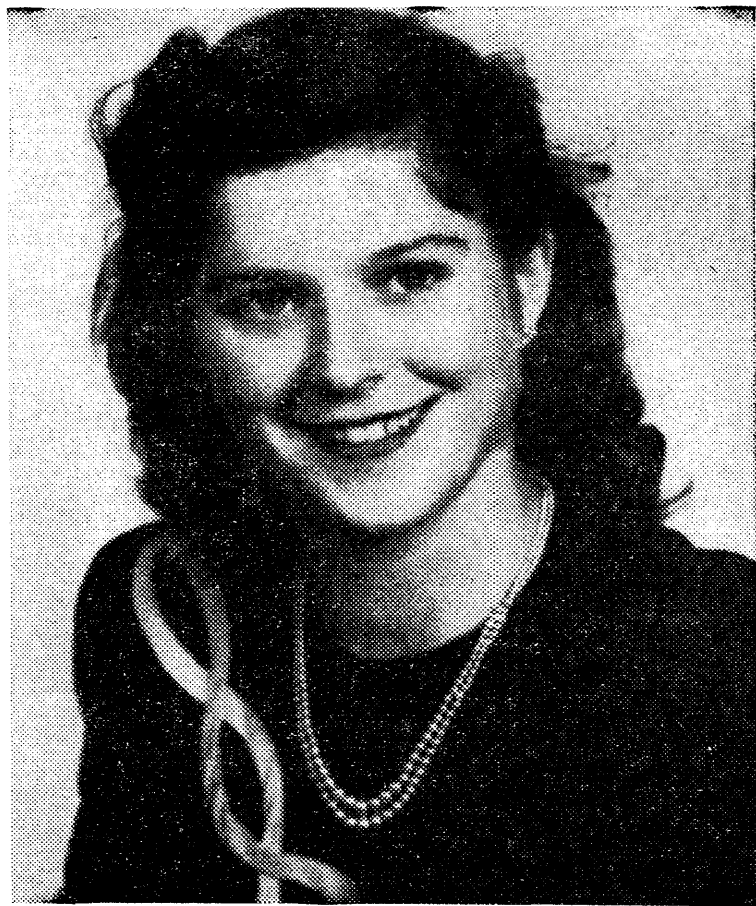
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 She asked him to go shopping with her, and he agreed.
 So she took him to the mill- ners; she took him to the fur- riers; she took him to the jew- elers; and, eventually, she took him to the cleaners.—Ex.

SCHUMANN DID O. K. OVER THERE



Pictured above is Mrs. Richard Schumann, 422 Hanford St., Columbus, Ohio. Dick was with Fox Co., 60th Regt., until V-E Day, and was then transferred to an Ordinance outfit. Taking advantage of his South Side Columbus lingo, which is mostly Dutch, the lad talked Barbara Beer into being Mrs. Schumann before leaving Ingolstadt. Betty recently appeared before an Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and delivered a lengthy address on the variation of customs as she had observed them since coming to the good old U. S. A.

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DIZZY BLONDES

Judge: "So you deceived your husband!"

Blonde: "On the contrary, your honor, he deceived me! He said he was going out of town and he didn't go!"

A SPENDTHRIFT

By now everyone has heard of the Ninth Division man who, when asked what he had done

with his month's pay, said: "Part went for liquor, part for women, and the rest I spent foolishly."

FOOT LOOSE, FANNY FREE

Police Chief: "What! You mean to say this man choked a woman to death in a cabaret in front of 200 people and nobody interfered?"

Captain: "Yes, chief. Everybody thought they were dancing."