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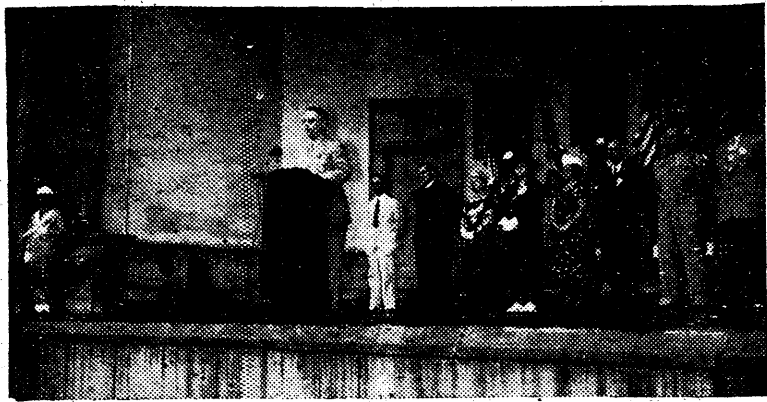
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PITTSBURGH OR BUST IN JUNE

An Impressive Scene Made At Philly



The above scene made at the impressive Memorial Services held at Philadelphia during the Third Annual Convention of the Ninth Infantry Division Association is one of many contributed to The Octofoil by Ted Matusik, Chicago. Pittsburgh Chapter is making equally as elaborate plans as did Philly for the Memorial Services. During the services it is a most serious and sacred moment for those attending the Conventions.

MARGARET GRAY RECOMMENDS SEARCHING HUBBY'S POCKETS

The following letter for the girls, from Mrs. Tom (Margaret) Gray, of the Pittsburgh Woman's Auxiliary, is self-explanatory:

Dear Girls:
Time to start getting your best bib and tuckers ready for the big days—June 30, 1 and 2—because the Auxiliary here is ready for you. Jackie Hilton has secured transportation for us for our tour of the Hainze plant, and Fran Millstine has an interesting idea for the style show—so don't let us down.

THANKS DETROIT LAD

Our thanks to the Secretary of the Detroit Chapter for his interesting letters. We hope a lot of the Detroit girls will tag along with their heroes. It will be well worth their while.

Our appreciation also to the girls from over the country who

have sent in the coupon. We hope to receive many more as the time nears. Don't forget that this invitation applies to the "Gold Stars" who are always our honored guests.

As stated before, a small registration fee of \$1 will be charged but you are assured that your dollar will be returned to you many fold in the fun we have planned for you.

CHECK WITH HUBBY

Be sure to see that hubby sends in the coupons making reservations for hotel rooms and banquet tickets. If you can not do it any other way, go through his pockets after lights out for banquet ticket money. You know how the boys neglect these details.

Let us hear from you!
(Signed): Margaret H. Gray,
720 Ohio River Blvd., Avalon, Pa.

AL BRUCHAC TACKLES NEW ASSIGNMENT WITH GUSTO

President Donald M. Clarke recently appointed Al Bruchac, immediate past president of the Greater New York Chapter, chairman of the committee to study ways and means of increasing income and raising funds for the operation of the Association.

Al has tackled the recently acquired detail in typical Bruchac style, and that means "Success" with a capital "S."

Address of the Committee Chairman is Mr. Albert Bruchac, 42-05 27th St., Long Island City 1, N. Y.

Al advises he wants to receive ideas and comments from any members of the Association. Remember, fellows, anyone who has any suggestions as to ways of increasing income for the Association should contact the chairman at the address printed above.

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.

PAGING THE GOLD-BRICKS

Although the deadline for copy to be used in The Octofoil is the 15th of each month, the news columns were left wide open until the 17th of May, anticipating a news release from Stan Cohen, in Little Ole New York; Francis Wolman, Wilkes-Barre; Nate Gaynor, Chicago, and others—but the delay was wasted effort. The heathens named are evidently on a sit-down strike or have contracted spring fever. If members of these chapters have any business to do—contact the culprits mentioned and lay off The Octofoil, please!

MILK BARS AND COKE MACHINES WILL BE PLACED AT CONVENIENT SPOTS DURING THE CONVENTION

FILL IN HOTEL RESERVATION CARD THAT IS PRINTED IN THIS ISSUE OF OCTOFOIL; SEND FOR BANQUET RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY TO SECRETARY TINGLEY.

JUNE 30, JULY 1 AND 2 will be here before the average members realizes it. The dates mentioned are to be Red Letter Days in the memoirs of former Ninth Division men, especially those who journey to Pittsburgh, Pa., for a Reunion with their old Fox Hole playmates.

The Pittsburgh members and the Ladies' Auxiliary are working like work horses to assure every convenience, every pleasure as well as time for serious deliberations for their guests at this Big Fourth Annual Convention of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

PRESIDENT DONALD M. CLARKE ANNOUNCES THE COMMITTEES

Under date of May 3, 1949, Secretary Charles O. Tingley mailed to all Chapters committees for the Pittsburgh Convention as announced by President Donald M. Clarke. Following is the list:

Finance and Budget—Albert E. Bruchac, Chairman.

Nominating—Walter J. Mahon, Chairman.

Miscellaneous—J. Guy McCormick, Chairman.

Membership—Joseph T. Casey, Chairman.

Convention—Michael Puzak, Chairman.

Newspaper—Louis R. Becker, Chairman.

Policy and Chapter—Henry S. Rigby, Chairman.

Each chapter is requested to designate one member to serve on each of the seven committees named above. Two non-chapter members will be selected by the President to also serve on each committee.

SEND RESOLUTIONS IN

All Chapters desiring to present any type of business before the Fourth Annual Convention are requested to submit all such proposals in duplicate to the National Secretary, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., prior to June 1. Such proposals will be presented to the appropriate committee for study and recommendation at the convention.

Secretary Tingley has asked chapters and individual members not to hesitate if there are any question he can help with.

Another point the secretary was most insistent on, was to impress the members who do not belong to a Chapter that it does not prevent such members from forwarded proposals that are worthy of consideration. Just send them to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

TINGLEY ATTENDS PENN. MEETING

A short note, dated May 14, sent The Octofoil by Secretary Tingley, advised he was leaving at that time for Wilkes-Barre, Pa. to attend a Wilkes-Barre-Scranton jamboree scheduled for Sunday, May 15.

Both President Donald M. Clarke and Secretary Tingley were scheduled to attend a meeting of the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Chapter some time back, but an automobile accident enroute prevented them from arriving in time for the meeting.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Remember?...



Don Lavender wonders how many former buddies will remember this common sight of the chimney sweeps in Bavaria.

Puffed rice should be used at weddings of the swells.

Bill Mauser Is A Married Man

William C. Mauser, 6632 Bliss Ave., Cleveland, O., a former captain in the 84th F.A., Btry. C, was married Saturday, April 23, 1949 to Dorothy Virginia Drumwright of Fork Union, Va.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

WHO NEEDS A GOOD ENGINEER?

Richard Schumann, 422 Hanford St., Columbus, O., a former 60th man, recently graduated from Ohio State University's Engineering School. Now all he needs is to locate someone who appreciates his talent and knowledge to the extent of paying him a salary.

Dick will be remembered by hundreds of former 9th men who attended the Columbus Reunion. He is the lad who rigged up a contraption that made phonograph records of the Memorial Services held at the 2nd annual reunion.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Tennessee Lad Asks 84th F.A. Men Write

Walter E. Ricker, Rt. 1, Kingsport, Tenn., formerly a corporal in the 84th FA, Hq. Btry., states that it would make him mighty happy if some of his old buddies would write him a few lines.

Walt is married now and has a little WAC named Linda Gale.

Chairman Tom Gray of the Pittsburgh Convention Committee, passes on to The Octofoil a few suggestions if heeded by the members will make life a little easier for this hard working committee, and at the same time assure members and their families attending this fourth annual convention a smoother and more enjoyable convention.

JUNE 30-JULY 1-2

Registration will start at 1:00 P. M. Thursday, June 30. A get-together and showing of 9th Div. movies will be held in the evening.

Registration will continue thru Friday, July 1. A business meeting will be held at 10:30 A. M. on July 1. At 8:00 P. M. on Friday, July 1 a dance and floor show will be held.

On Saturday, July 2, the parade and memorial services will start at 9:00 A. M. A business meeting will be held at 1:30 P. M., and the banquet is scheduled for 7 P. M., Saturday, July 2.

Keep this agenda of events handy. Don't forget the schedule.

Details such as banquet menus, the exact line of march for the parade and the banquet speaker will be published in the next issue of The Octofoil, which will reach the members about one week before the convention.

MAKE RESERVATIONS

1. Make reservations at the William Penn Hotel early. A coupon is provided to simplify this detail. Chairman Murphy of the Hotel Arrangements Committee hopes to place men of the various units on the same floor in so far as possible. This can only be done successfully if he knows how many to prepare for. If members wait until the last minute to make reservations it may be impossible to place them among old buddies. If a members not on the same floor with a buddy it will be some consolation to know the hotel provides elevator service (free)—so "floor hopping" is a simple job.

2. Make banquet reservations early. Tickets, as usual, are \$5 per person, and reservations will be made through Secretary Chas. O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C. As in the case with rooms, every effort will be made to seat the various outfits together. Success of this effort depends upon early reservations. Anyway, you are more likely to have five bucks now than after several days in Pittsburgh.

3. Special effort is being made to make CP rooms really of service. If possible, a file of members present will be in these various rooms, which help a member to find anyone he is interested in.

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JUNE

IN THE HISTORY OF THE NINTH DIVISION

(Compiled by Major General Donald A. Stroh)

- 1-15 (1942) 39th Combat Team participates in amphibious exercises, Solomons Island.
- 3 (1944) Division en route from Winchester to Southampton and Wemouth preparatory to invasion of the Continent.
- 6 (1943) General Irwin, receiving his second star, leaves the Division in North Africa to assume command 5th Division, Iceland. Colonel Randle, receiving his first star is relieved from command of 47th Infantry, and is assigned to 77th Division.
- 7 (1941) 60th Combat Team reinforced with 34th Field Artillery and elements of 9th Reconnaissance Troop outmaneuvers 44th Division in two-day exercise in Virginia.
- 7 (1944) First transports leave southern England ports for Normandy.
- 9 (1942) During visit of Mountbatten 47th Infantry conducts demonstration under overhead fire delivered by 84th Field Artillery, Ft. Bragg.
- 10 (1944) First elements of Division land in Normandy.
- 12 (1944) 39th Combat Team, reinforced by 34th Field Artillery attached to 4th Division, initiates the division's offensive in Europe, with a drive toward Quinville.
- 13 (1944) 3rd Battalion 39th Infantry captures Quinville, silencing the last enemy coastal batteries within range of Utah Beach.
- 14 (1943) 2d Battalion 47th Infantry acts as guard of Honor of the British King; 39th Combat Team parades before His Majesty, Oran.
- 14 (1944) 60th Infantry starts the Division drive across the Cotentin Peninsula, passing through elements of 90th division near Renouf, Normandy.
- 15 (1944) 47th Infantry join the 60th in the drive to the west.
- 16 (1944) 2nd Battalion 60th Infantry wins its second Distinguished Unit Citation by fighting its way across the Douve River, Normandy, in advance of any unit of the VII Corps.
- 17 (1943) General Howell assumes command Div. Arty, North Africa.
- 18 (1944) 1st Battalion 47th Infantry cuts the Cotentin Peninsula by capturing Port Bail, at approximately the same hour that the 3d Battalion 60th Infantry, led by Company K, duplicate the feat at Barneville. The 1st Battalion 39th Infantry wins a Distinguished Unit Citation in stopping an attempt by elements of the German 77th Division to break out to the south.
- 20 (1942) 47th Combat Team participates in amphibious exercises, Solomons Island.
- 21 (1944) Lt Butts, 60th Infantry, wins the Medal of Honor near Flotemanville as the Division reaches the outer defenses of Cherbourg.
- 21-26 (1944) 2nd Battalion 47th Infantry and 2d Platoon, Company C, 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion, supporting the battalion, win Distinguished Unit Citations for uninterrupted advances of more than 10 kilometers toward and into Cherbourg.
- 22-29 (1944) 3d Battalion 47th Infantry wins a Distinguished Unit Citation for its drive to Cherbourg and thence to the Northwest.
- 24 (1944) 2nd Battalion 39th Infantry captures Hill 128 while the 3d Battalion reaches Octeville, both key positions on the outskirts of Cherbourg.
- 25 (1944) Eleven days after the jump-off the 2nd Battalion 47th Infantry fights its way into Cherbourg, the first American Unit to reach the city.
- 26 (1944) Von Scheilben, the German commander in Cherbourg, is captured by the 39th Infantry.
- 27 (1945) Announced that division would remain in Germany as part of occupation forces.
- 29 (1943) 39th Infantry leaves Magenta for Bizerte, en route to Sicily; followed the next day by Div Arty.
- 29 (1944) The Division, with 47th and 60th Infantry abreast, begin the final drive to clear out 6,000 German remnants remaining in the CAP De la Hague.
- 30 (1941) Division begins its first large scale Maneuver, Ft. Bragg.
- 30 (1944) The 3d Battalion 39th Infantry, reinforced by Company A 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion, passing through the 60th Infantry, begins the final drive of the Cherbourg campaign, reaching the tip of the cape early next morning and capturing Audreville.

VETERANS PAY THEIR TRIBUTE



Former Ninth Division men owe a solemn obligation to those Buddies who did not return. The least that can be done is to help make Memorial Day Services all over the country the most impressive that have ever been held.

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MATUSIK CLAIMS HE WAS 'FOULED' BY MIKE GATTO

The Octofoil is neutral in this friendly feud being staged between two former Ninth men, namely, Ted Matusik, Chicago, and Mike Gatto, New York.

Matusik's latest outburst reads in part as follows:

1. I have been prevailed upon by many members not to make an issue about Sgt. Carmen Cannella's membership. However, one point I must bring up: Does the New York Chapter check its membership carefully? While I was in Philadelphia I met one of the New York members who used to see Sgt. Cannella at Chapter meetings and this was in the early part of 1948.

2. As for being publicity hungry I've asked the editor of The Octofoil several times to refrain from excessive usage of my name. Could it be a lack of news from the New York Chapter that forces the editor to use everything I send in, even post card notes.

3. Fourteen pictures have been published that were submitted by myself in the past year; of these 14, nine do not give me credit. I do not care. Oh yes, Mike, despite the popular belief that picture taking does not cost money, ask any one interested in photography as a hobby. I've made a cost analysis of taking a shot from beginning to end and for the size film I use each shot costs me 50 cent each. I've sent prints to the editor of The Octofoil which I haven't yet had returned, and if I don't get them I will not complain. I've sent prints to people of the Association. To mention a few, Father Connor, Father De Laura, General Eddy and President Don Clark and Mrs. Jesse Niven. If any of them tried to pay I'd refuse to accept.

Do I give time to my Chapter and the Association? I do — as much as is available under present conditions. My mother has been confined to the bed for past several months and confined to the house for about a year. She requires much personal attention, and yet despite these handicaps I attend most meetings of my Chapter. I am chairman of the program book for the Third Annual Midwest Reunion.

As for efforts in behalf of the Association, the editor of The Octofoil has in his possession letters I've received from national magazines. One was a project I outlined to the magazine for coverage of the Fourth Annual Reunion. The second was in protest of an award of an American Military award to a Russian officer. In my letter I outlined our (9th Assn.) efforts to get "Molotoff" Warner a Medal of Honor. They replied they would publish my letter in a future issue.

As for the count of members, 15-8, rather is it 18 to 8? We of the Illinois Chapter do not twist people's arms to line up for the Chapter to get credit. Three of the individual credits in the May issue were at the April meeting of the Illinois Chapter (sponsor, and new members, that is.) Incidentally, we are the Illinois Chapter and don't pick up members from nearby states. It has been Chapter policy to confine ourselves more or less to the state borders, which is a partial answer to the story on Page 7 under the heading "Clarence J. Porte In Town Near Chicago." About losing dues (per capita head) to the National Headquarters, we of the Illinois Chapter are of a democratic nature any way. We let any Ninth man attend our meetings and vote on issues that pertain to Chapter policy.

(Signed): TED MATUSIK.

NEW GADGET

In a postscript to Matusik's letter he adds: "Newest gadget in my 'loot' bag is an electronic flash gun, one of those flash guns with a radio type tube in a reflector. So beware of the guy with those loud shirts, he is equipped with a blinking electric eye."

—Pittsburgh in '49—
Democrat: A voter who wasn't polled.

The favorite Racing Forms for a lot of guys is a girl late for work.
Be a go-getter! — If you find a worm in your apple, have fish for dinner.

GENERAL HOYLE KEEPS CONNECTICUT CHAPTER'S MEMBERS ENTERTAINED

By AERON L. ALPERT

The Connecticut Chapter, 9th Inf. Div. Assn. held its April monthly meeting at the New Haven Armory.

It was an enthusiastic meeting. The next meeting will be held at the Hartford Armory.

Next important topic discussed was the first annual picnic to be held in July at Adam Mugni's (109th Ord.) country home. He has seven acres of wooded and grass land for the members' families to cavort. A lake for fishing and of course the outdoor fireplace for simmered hamburgers and hot dogs.

The Connecticut Chapter is extremely fortunate in having Gen. Hoyle as an avid, active member. It is through the general that we enjoy such niceties as having combat films at each meeting and the acquiring of the various armories for a place to meet. Several times the General has brought Army notables to the meetings; and they were duly impressed with the comradeship.

After the meeting about 10 of the men and the General went to Frank Mangini's (47th Inf.) Squire Restaurant for a beer and sandwiches. There the General regaled us with incidents of his days at Fort Bragg, and of his

days during the Mexican Border Campaign. We almost forgot to drink our beer we were so enthralled.

McGRATH BACK IN ARMY

Among the men attending was Sgt. 1st Cl. McGrath (T-Sgt. to you old timers), who re-enlisted last June and is now stationed at the Hartford, Conn. Armory. Mac is in charge of the Enlisted Reservists for Connecticut. Many an old Ninth man comes under Mac's jurisdiction . . . such as

George Swanson, former 709th Mess Sergeant, who now has his own meat market.

Howard Reisfelder, Q.M. mail clerk, now with the postoffice in New Haven.

Nick Capobianco, 9th Recon., also with New Haven postoffice, and Connecticut Chapter's erstwhile secretary.

Hank Garguillo, 47th Inf. and ex-POW, now a salesman with Dugan Brothers.

Aaron Alpert, Q.M. (your scribe), who now has his own ladies' and children's store in New Haven.

From time to time thumbnail sketches of your former Connecticut buddies will appear. Drop them a line—they will be glad to answer you.

GREATER CLEVELAND CHAPTER MAKING PROGRESS RAPIDLY

By LAZAR KAY, Secretary Greater Cleveland Chapter, 9th Infantry Division Association

On March 13, 1949 the Greater Cleveland Chapter met at the VFW Post, 2128 E. 4th St., Cleveland, O. With a turnout of 30 men, elections were held and the following are officers for the current year:

President—Ken Meyer, 468 Pearl St., Akron, O.

First Vice President—William Mauser, 6632 Bliss Ave., Cleveland, O.

Second Vice President—Jerry Kurka, 3419 E. 102nd St., Cleveland, O.

Secretary—Lazar Kay, 1551 E. Boulevard, Cleveland, O.

Sergeant At Arms—Frank Chatto, 5343 6th St., Cuyahoga Falls, O.

Chaplain—Dr. Robert J. Sating, 1194 Belle, Lakewood, O.

ADOPT CONSTITUTION

The Constitution was adopted at this time by the majority. It was decided that a monthly meeting would be held at the VFW Post, 2128 E. 4th St., at 3 P. M. on the second Sunday of every month. For information write or call Lazar Kay, Secretary, 1551 E. Boulevard, Cleveland, O., or phone Sweetbriar 1796.

Discussion was held as to how to raise an operating capital and it was decided to undertake a raffle, a prize to be a television set.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Committees were appointed, and Andrew Sinare was appointed head of the Membership Committee with Ross LaMonica and Frank Coppelino as his able assistants. Jerry Kurka as head of publicity, has been doing a fine job. "Join the Greater Cleveland Chapter of the 9th Infantry Division Association" has been a morning, noon and evening password on the radio and in the papers for the past few weeks. The advisory committee was selected by President Meyer, and are: Bill Buemi, Doc Sating, and Bill Sopko. Dr. Robert J. Sating heads the social committee, with Lazar Kay, Bill Buemi and Roger Schaeffer as his assistants.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

IN DOUBT

Ever since Percy received a pair of pink pajamas and a military brush for a present, he does not know whether to try to enroll in Agnes Scott, or go to West Point.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

You can't feather your nest by running around with chickens.

GLEANINGS FROM PITTSBURGH LADS

CHAPTER CHATTER, the official voice of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter is off the press with a typical newsy sheet. William J. Hilton, editor, 57 Maplewood Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., Walnut 9073, appeals to the members for news notes before the 15th of each month.

MEETINGS

Two meetings a month have been discontinued; regular meetings are held the third Friday of each month in the Corporation Room of the Commonwealth Bldg., 4th Ave., Pittsburgh, at 8:00 P. M.

The Woman's Artillery meets on the first Friday, same place, same time as the men. The Chapter also invites the Artillery to attend their meetings.

HEAR YE

The editor pictures himself on page 2, atop a soap box, appealing for dues from delinquent members.

Chapter Chatter extends birthday greetings to the following:

Ella Warner, Raymond Pifer, Anthony Ponticello, George Boris, Bruce M. Bronski, Andrew White, Mary Lou Nalitz, Paul Leschak, Robert Bell, Vernon Cratty, Robert Brogan, Malinda Thomas, Laura Moessinger, Lee Roy Thompson, Bertram Murphy, Virginia Slater, Edna Fleming, Carol Ann Stuck, Arthur E. Schmidt.

WEDDING BELLS

Members of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter and the Woman's Auxiliary extend best wishes for a happy married life to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Woznicki.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Borkowski Hibernates In the North Woods

Alex Borkowski, a former 47th man, recently joined the Greater Detroit Chapter, then he moved out and settled near the wilds of Northern Michigan. His mailing address is 503 N. Center St., Gaylord, Mich. (Phone, Gaylord 468.)

Through Joe Casey, The Octofoil received one of Alex's business cards. He and his swell wife operate an institution known as LOGHAVEN, a tourist camp on U. S. Route 27, boasting private showers, automatic hot water, gas cooking, and innerspring mattresses.

Quoting from parts of a recent letter from Alex, he has this to say:

My wife and I have lived all our lives near Detroit, we are happy with the move we made. We have groceries, souvenirs, beer and gas. Loghaven is a convenient stopover before reaching the "Straits."

Gaylord is the "Top of Michigan" and we are busy all the year around. Climate is excellent for hay fever; deer hunting is good. Skiing is wonderful in winter—and a summer vacation here is very cool and restful.

We would be ever so glad to have any of the boys from the 9th to stop and say "hello" and introduce themselves when passing this way. I hope to meet some of the other members who may live near me. I would also like to have any of my Detroit friends or any of my buddies who were in the 47th drop me a line here at my new address.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

CHATTO DOES A \$1 "BEEFING" JOB

Frank Chatto, sergeant-at-arms of the new Akron (O.) Chapter, has this to say in a recent note:

I am writing a protest on the article "Gold Bricking Costs \$1," on Page 4, Column 5 of the May issue of Octofoil.

I called the secretary of the Cleveland-Akron Chapter and he says he's had Howard A. Davis, Box 53, Brilliant, O., on the mailing list for the past three months and he has been sent notices to attend each meeting.

I don't see why we shouldn't get credit for that dollar.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

NOSEY

A snuff manufacturer is a fellow who goes around putting his business in other people's noses.

PROPOSE DISTRICT SOUTHERN SET-TO

Walter J. Victor, 580 Holder-ness St., Atlanta, Ga., secretary of the Georgia Chapter, sends the following official communication being sent members of that chapter:

We have received a communication from Secy. Tingley requesting Atlanta Chapter's aid in conducting a regional convention to be held in Atlanta. Proposed convention to be held in September or October and include seven states comprising Third Army area.

In order to give this important business proper consideration we will conduct a strictly business session at 1930 hours (7:30) Wednesday, 25 May, 1949, at the home of William H. Waikert, Apt. 6, Bldg. 1, 251 10th St., N.W., Atlanta, Ga.

It should not take long and if you have something else to do on that evening you can drop in and enter discussion for a few seconds.

ELECT OFFICERS

At the same time officers will be elected for next 12 months. Remember date; contact others. This will probably be last meeting until September or October.

(Signed): William H. Waikert, President.

PURELY PERSONAL

Secretary Victor recently completed a tour of Down East burgs. Quoting from his letter:

Just returned from a trip thru Pennsylvania, Connecticut and New York. Didn't get a chance to visit any chapters because it was too cold up there. I didn't stay very long. I missed the Sunny South. Whenever any Eastern 9th men are passing this way, if they will stop over I will show them what I mean.

Recently I have met five former members of the 9th, and all but one were members of the Association. His name is Alex Andracky, 608 George St., Throop, Pa. Let Wolman and his Wilkes-Barre-Scranton crew get busy on him.

Walt sent his copy of the current month's Part Pups magazine. Used as fillers in parts of this issue will be noted some of the wit reprinted from the house organ.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Wilton Taylor Praises Last Issue of Octofoil

In a letter dated April 20, 1949 Wilton M. Taylor, Box 446, Taft, Calif., former Co. M, 47th man, among other things, has this comment to make:

The last issue of Octofoil was most interesting; quite a variety of articles about different fellows, their present location, their families, etc. I was especially glad to learn that Gen. Randle is happily situated since retiring from the Army, on his Maryland farm.

Kindest regards and best wishes to you, General Randle. Do not be surprised if the 47th drops in for a pleasant visit. We appreciate your invitation and look forward to that happy day when we can all have a visit together.

LIKES DIRECTORY IDEA

Another article worth special mention is the name and addresses of former Ninth men. It is a good idea and all the Joes who have a list of addresses in the old note book in the old barracks bag, should make a copy and send it to The Octofoil. Be sure and do this; you may have the address of someone's long lost buddy.

I received several nice letters about the article I turned over to The Octofoil in which I gave the addresses of the men of the 15th Engineers, 9th Medics, 47th Inf., attached to 709th Ord. Detail in Sicily, 1943, under command of Lt. Fred K. Veno, 47th Inf. Let us see some of your addresses in future issues.

Another item of interest to M Co., 47th men was that Capt. W. H. "Bill" Horan, Co. D, 39th Inf., Fort Dix, N. J., is busy training rookies at the Ninth's Post. Sounds like days we had as rookies. Best wishes, captain. The 47th men would like to see you.

(Signed): Wilton M. Taylor.

Ain't That Somethin'?



In Marquette, Mich., they are preparing for a Centennial celebration July 2-3-4. Toino L. Kyto, 1007 Spruce St., Marquette, former AT Co., 60th man, and "Mike" Booth, former "B" Co., 60th man are doing a good job towards growing a beard for the event. Both the Joes extend a cordial invitation to former Ninth men to visit them during the Centennial or any other time.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

BACK FENCE DOPE SENT BY 'BLACKIE'

Henry "Blackie" Caldaro, 6716 13th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., sends in a few notes concerning the whereabouts and welfare of some former Ninth men. Parts of "Blackie's" letter reads:

I met Nick Carnevale (former Co. B, 60th man) a few weeks ago. He looks swell. Also saw D'Orazio, from Philly. He was at my home for a visit. Both are married and have one youngster.

Herb Torre, former Co. B, 60th company clerk, has had some bad luck; eight months ago he lost his brother; two weeks ago his add died. Both died from heart attacks. Herbert was planning to be married the day his dad died. His father was probably too happy. So instead of a wedding it was a funeral.

I read the "60th Go-Devs" history and "8 Stars to Victory." Enjoyed them both.

At this time let me publicly compliment Stan Cohen, Greater New York Chapter's publicity director for the wonderful job he is doing.

Since I am in the printing business myself, I know the headaches encountered in getting cuts processed and getting stories condensed for limited space—but my wife and I do enjoy The Octofoil and look forward for it each issue, appreciative of the work involved in getting it out. It tells me a lot I want to know about the boys and how they are progressing in civilian life. My heartiest best wishes and good fortune to The Octofoil. Keep up the good work.

(Signed): Henry "Blackie" Caldaro.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Where He Belonged



The paint dobber returned on the 10th anniversary of his imprisonment to the cell that had been his home.

You Will Be Hearing More Later



Executive committee of the new Cleveland-Akron (O.) Chapter are pictured above. Left to right: Robert Lynch, Lazar Kay, Kenneth Meyer, Jerry Kurka and Dr. R. J. Sating. (Frank Chatto and Bill Mauser missed out on this picture.) Note the Octofoil emblem on Meyer's brief case.

A NEW CHAPTER FOR ILLINOIS

DETROIT CHAPTER HAS LOT OF FUN

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

The Greater Detroit Chapter is going to have two meetings in the marry, marry month of June, when all the rose bushes bloom, in tune to the Annual Honey-moon of our Ninth Division Reunion. Well, come a Longfellow, to that Reunion.

The first meeting of our Chapter is to be on a Wednesday evening—yes, EVENING! Quite a few of our members seem to favor an evening meeting, according to the grapevine, usually a reliable source of information. So, check the date, Wednesday evening, June 8, and come at 8 p. m.—with or without grapes. Refreshments will be available, and a cordial reception to all those who have been working every Sunday will also be available.

The second meeting of our Chapter is to be on Sunday afternoon, June 26, at 2 p. m.—the Sunday afternoon before the Reunion in Pittsburgh. Any Chapter business to be presented at the Reunion will be agreed upon, and there will be an opportunity for some of our Chapter members to arrange to share a ride to Pittsburgh a few days later.

Pittsburgh and Chicago are just as close to Detroit, which makes us neighbors, even if our backyards are only 300 miles apart. Three hundred miles is just around the corner, down in Texas, or even in Rhode Island, when the Ninth Division meets again.

Our Greater Detroit Chapter meets at the same place, for both meetings, at 624 Brush St., centrally located in our large and dynamic city. Future meetings of our chapter may be held in the evening if our members indicate their preference for an evening meeting, on Wednesday evening, June 8, at 8:00.

We will see you, Neighbors—in Pittsburgh!

—Pittsburgh in '49—

LIST OF AWARDS TO BE PRINTED IN NEAR FUTURE

Secretary Charles O. Tingley advises The Octofoil that many of the members have requested a complete list of all awards, etc., which the Division and its units received. The secretary has received a list from the War Dept. but learned it was not complete. He is now digging back through the files and it will take a bit of time. But just as soon as the job is completed he will release the information to The Octofoil for publication.

HONOR ROLL FOR PAST MONTH SHOULD BE MUCH LARGER LIST

CLEVELAND CHAPTER
Jack D. Porter, 659 Madison Ave., Akron 20, O. (Pvt. E Co., 60th.)

NEW YORK CHAPTER
Manny Schonfeld, 668 Riverside Dr., New York 31, N. Y. Carl K. Kohn, 21 Elm Place, field, N. J.

Henry Bailous, 51 Newel St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Harry Schwartz, 80-88 Dumfries Pl., Jamaica, L. I., N. Y. (39th Inf.)

Carlton J. P. Patterson, Box 1491, Magnolia Ave., Fairview, Decatur, Ala. (I Co., 60th.)

DETROIT CHAPTER
Leonard De Bell, 8813 Woodlawn, Detroit 13, Mich.

JOHN W. McCLAREN
Stephen E. Heitz, 4419 Train Ave., Cleveland 13, O. (Pfc., 1st Bn. Hq. Co., 39th.)

NO SPONSORS NAMED
Sgt. 1st Cl. O. M. Ellis, 1215 Holden Dr., Augusta, Ga. (T-Sgt., 9th Signal Co.)
Frank Markland, 47 East Shore Rd., Port Washington, L. I., N. Y. (S-Sgt. M Co., 39th.)
Lt. Col. John C. L. Adams, Box

SGT. DAVE COY IS HOTTER'N A FIRECRACKER; READ THIS

Sgt. 1st Cl. David V. Coy, 30th Ord. Tank Main. Co., Fort Bragg, N. C., received one of those Please Remit notices Secretary Tingley has been mailing out in an effort to get enough dues in to keep the Association functioning. The sergeant has been moving around a bit, failing to get Octofoils or other official notices so he was pretty well teed off when he got the Secretary's notice. Sgt. Cole was formerly with the 709th Ord. His case is similar to many others and it will take time and cooperation of all the members to round these wayward lads up. When Sgt. Cole learned what the score was it will be noted he was glad to send his dues to the Secretary. Read parts of the sarge's letters and the secretary's reply:

Quoting Sgt. Cole: "I joined the Ninth Div. Assn. in Germany for a fee of \$10. They were going to have annual conventions. Today I get a card saying I have not paid 1949 dues. Of course I haven't. I haven't paid for '46, '47 and '48, for the simple reason I have heard nothing from it. As for your publication I have never received that first copy. Furthermore, I will not pay dues until I find out if it is a legitimate organization."

Parts of Secretary Tingley's answer to the sergeant reads:

"Our records have indicated your address to be Waupeton, Iowa, which was given to us at the time you joined the Association in 1945. We have sent your

newspaper and numerous notices and our records indicate that your letter of April 20 was the first communication from you.

In order that membership in our Association may receive communications from us, we feel that it is their responsibility to inform us of their correct address.

Your copy of the Division History was mailed to your Iowa address. Advise if you have not received it and another will be sent to you."

The secretary advised the sergeant of the highlights noted at the last three reunions, and also sent several back issues of The Octofoil, as well as furnished him with a long list of Association members who are now stationed at Fort Bragg. The secretary's letter did the trick—now Sgt. Cole is again a member in good standing and has been mailed another copy of "8 Stars to Victory."

However, the sarge wants it understood he is only at Bragg on maneuvers, the 30th Ord. Tank Main. Co. is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky.

Sgt. Cole explains that June, July and August will be rugged days for his outfit since they are being called for by various regular army outfits and are supporting National Guard and ORC—which precludes the possibility of his being able to attend the Pittsburgh Convention. However, he would appreciate hearing from any of his old buddies he served with in the Ninth Division.

MATUSIK COMMENTS ON PROPOSAL AS SUBMITTED BY MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Ted Matusik, a member of the Illinois Chapter submits his own personal reaction to the proposal that will be presented to the convention relative to a Memorial Foundation, sponsored by the 9th Infantry Division Association.

There will be only one more issue of The Octofoil before the Pittsburgh Convention, and it might be beneficial and tend to iron out some of the bugs before the Convention if other members will air their views on the subject in the next issue.

Parts of Matusik's letter follows:

I agree with much of the proposed plan, but my idea is that when scholarships are set up they should be named for our Medal of Honor winners, Carl Sheridan and John E. Butts. In order to keep the 39th from feeling slighted our own "Paddy" Flint, too, might be named for a scholarship dedication as well as a few other Ninth heroes.

If such a proposition meets with approval by the Association I'm going to seek permission to solicit funds while at the convention from members of the 47th for the Carl Sheridan Memorial Scholarship, all such funds to be turned over to the Memorial Fund.

The 39th could well tie in with the University of Illinois Alumni Association for a Memorial Scholarship for the memory of Paddy Flint, as prior to the war Paddy was ROTC head at the University of Illinois.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

MARY BRUCHAC HAS ARRIVED

Al E. Bruchac, member of the National Board of Governors and former president of the Greater New York Chapter, announces the newest addition to the Bruchac clan, little Mary, who weighed in at 8 pounds, 3 ounces on May 4, 1949.

Both Mary and Mrs. Bruchac are getting along swell. Al's condition is not too well known.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Ronald Lee Mong Arrived April 16

Wayne Mong and Mildred Mong sponsored the personal appearance of Ronald Lee Mong, who was born April 16, 1949, and weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces. He is doing fine; so is Mildred.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

JUNIOR BROOKS ARRIVED MAY 5

Former 1st Lt. Marion O. Brooks, 1st Bn., Hq. Co., 39th, is living at 421 S. Jones Ave. Ext., Rock Hill, S. C.

On May 5, 1949, Mrs. Marion O. Brooks presented the lieutenant with Marion O., Jr. ("Manny"). He started off with a handicap of 6 pounds, 13½ ounces.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

A BOY AT THE KYTOS' HOME

Little Paul Kyto made his appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Toino "Taupe" Kyto, 1007 Spruce St., Marquette, Mich., on March 22. Paul's old man will be remembered by his old buddies from 60th Anti-Tank.

DOWNSTATE ILLINOIS GROUP HOLDS A MOST ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT SPRINGFIELD ON MAY 8

MANY OF THE BOYS BROUGHT THEIR MOTHERS ALONG TO WITNESS NINTH DIVISION COMBAT FILM SHOWING; GOLD STAR MOTHER ALSO THERE.

John J. Clouser, president of the Illinois Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, confides to The Octofoil that he feels very optimistic about the possibility of a very militant downstate unit of the Association becoming a reality in the very near future. Among other encouraging news sent in by Clouser relative to the May 8 meeting in Springfield, he has this to say:

McFadden's Pond



Another Bragg memory from Clyde Cripe, showing Sandy Frazier and Dave Aspel in serious conversation near McFadden's Pond.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Bob Nicholes Looks For Paper Monthly

When Robert W. Nicholes, Rt. 1, Ahoskie 3, N. C., former Pfc., 47th, sent his current dues in to Secretary Tingley he took time out to pen a short note paying his respects to The Octofoil in this way: "I sure do not want to miss a single copy of The Octofoil. I look forward for it each month."

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Don Lavender Claims Octofoil Keeps Assn. Wide-Awake Set - Up

Don Lavender is living at 5553 Maryland, Chicago 37, Ill. Don also sent a couple of pictures he made shortly after VE day.

Commenting on The Octofoil, the lad has this to say:

I think you are doing a swell job with The Octofoil and I think the old gang would fall apart without it. The directory that is being printed is real fine and I will hold on to it permanently.

Don will finish college in June and will probably have a new address, but says he will advise The Octofoil at once in order to avoid the possibility of missing an issue.

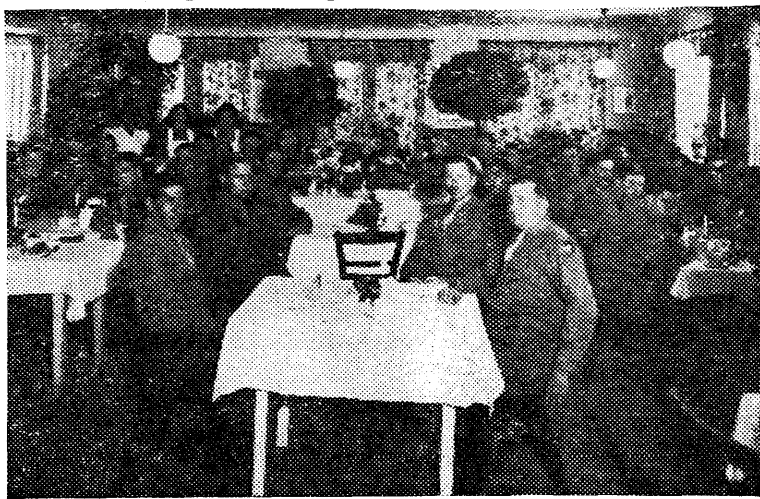
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EAST SIDE—WEST SIDE

Al Bruchac: "All of my family were great swimmers."

Cal Polivy: "Yeah, I know. I heard one of them was killed in a dive on the East Side."

Birthday Party In Kraut Country



James C. Downs, 41 Meriline Ave., Columbus, O., a new Association member, dropped by The Octofoil plant to leave the above photo, made in Germany, when Co. C, 47th, was throwing a birthday party in honor of the Company Commander, Lt. Phillip Barnas.

HONOR ROLL STARS TO DATE	
Atlanta Chapter	4
Buffalo Chapter	2
Connecticut Chapter	2
N. E. Chapter	1
Illinois Chapter	8
Detroit Chapter	23
New York Chapter	23
D. C. Chapter	2
Philadelphia Chapter	2
Pittsburgh Chapter	5
Wilkes-Barre-Scranton	6
Cleveland	4
Columbus	1
John W. McClaren	1

Total new members to date for 1949145

FATHER DE LAURA ADMINISTERS LAST RITES TO ACCIDENT VICTIM

Several former Ninth men living in different parts of Greater New York have sent to The Octofoil copies of New York dailies dated April 20.

The New York Journal-American printed a quarter page picture of Father De Laura administering the last rights to a Brooklyn man who was hit by a steel beam at a new toy factory where he worked. The accident victim's son is pictured holding his dad in his arms, crying and sobbing because of the untimely death.

Other members sent copies of The New York Daily News. This

newspaper carried a full half page showing Father De Laura, the accident victim and his son.

Another member wrote: "Looks like Father De Laura is still at it, even though he is not in the Army. This picture of him administering the last rites is most realistic and brings back many memories of the combat areas where Father De Laura was always to be found."

A. J. Wodalanage, 38-17 384th Ave., Long Island, and Francis Finnegan, 136-63 41st Ave., Long Island City, N. Y., were two of the Father's former "boys" who sent the newspapers to The Octofoil.

MRS. MABEL MALMSTROM WANTS SON'S PALS TO WRITE

Mrs. Mabel P. Malmstrom, 71 Cathedral Ave., Nutley 10, N. J., the Gold Star Mother of S-Sgt. C. Hayden "Happy" Malmstrom, of 9th Recon., writes The Octofoil that it would make her most happy for some of the boys who knew "Happy" if they would drop her a few lines.

If ever The Octofoil printed an appeal from a former Ninth man's mother that was deserving of recognition, certainly "Happy's" mother's letter is one.

After reading in the last issue

of The Octofoil that Louis Blucher, Chicago, was asking for old Fort Bragg Post papers, Mrs. Malmstrom went through her scrap book, located what Lou was asking for and mailed the papers to the Chicago lad.

On top of that Mrs. Malmstrom mailed Secretary Tingley a check as a token of esteem she has for the Association, and doing her bit to see the Memorial Foundation plans carried to successful conclusion.

ALMOST ONE MILLION EX-G.I.s HAVE FAILED TO RECEIVE DECORATIONS THEY WERE DEFINITELY AWARDED

A recent issue of Report to the Army had on Page 1 the following information:

D/A notes almost a million men and women decorated during W. W. II have not yet received certificates of award. . . . Estimates indicate 4,300 eligible for DSC certificates; 73,000 for Silver Star, 19,000 for Legion of Merit, 12,000 for Soldiers Medal, 260,000 for Bronze Star, and 568,000

for Purple Heart. Decoration winners should send requests for certificates to Adjutant General of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., including number, date and headquarters of General Orders awarding decoration, with complete citations if available. Next-of-kin are eligible to receive certificates for decorations awarded posthumously.

FORMER NINTH MAN IN PANAMA WANTS MEN TO VISIT WITH HIM

Lt. Col. C. L. Adams (U. S. Army Retired), receives mail now at Box 2070, Ancon, Canal Zone.

Col. Adams is president of Adams Enterprises in Spanish America, S.A.; and director general of Aviacion General, S. A., and Aviacion Martin, S. A.

In a letter date April 25, directed to Secretary Tingley, Col. Adams writes:

Dear Mr. Tingley: I appreciate your letter of April 5, and am sending back the executed application blanks, together with \$10, so that I may receive the subscription and Division History as well as pay my initiation fee and dues. I will possibly be able to drop

in and meet members of the Association during my frequent visits to the United States in my personal planes in order to buy equipment for my airlines. On the other hand, I will always be glad to welcome any of the Division members who come into my bailiwick in Central America.

I now live in Panama, and am the president of a few Corporations in Central America. I am particularly devoting myself to developments of aviation and airlines. I also am a member of various export concerns. I trust I will be able to see some of the old 9th Division men during their travels and mine.

GROUP OF FINE G.I.s FROM CO. I, 39TH



Don Lavender, 5533 Maryland, Chicago 37, Ill., sent the above photograph of Co. I, 39th men to The Octofoil. Left to right, top row: Elkins, Byrd, Gotcher. Bottom row: Calahan, Coen, Holsapple, and Dewitt.

Said 'Ole Lush as he entered a joint to shoot some dice: "Golly, I wish I had all the money I'm going to lose here in the next week."

Incompatibility: When a husband loses his income and a wife loses her patibility.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Burlesque show: Where everyone is from Missouri.

DESCRIPTION OF THE "GOUMS"

Mike Gatto, secretary of the Greater New York Chapter, sent The Octofoil newspaper clippings that were written by Lt. Sam Bowman. Parts of the lieutenant's letter were printed in the last issue. The concluding paragraph last month made mention of the fact the outfit was moving out to contact a group of French "Goums," who were to be attached to the 9th.

Mike Gatto and Lt. Bowman were bosom pals, and Mike explained that the Lieutenant was killed in action in an effort to help Mike and his detail escape from a tough spot.

A continuation of last month's story as written by Lt. Bowman is being reprinted in this issue as follows:

The "Goums" are a colorful bunch of soldiers and very fierce fighters. They are colorful inasmuch as their battle dress consists of a gaily colored bathrobe affair and headress to match. They are very handy with a knife and prefer to do their reconnaissance in the daytime and then slip in at night and kill the Germans and Italians with a knife while they are in their fox holes. Their favorite trick is to cut off their enemies' ears and bring them back. However, there is a good reason for this. In former years when they were fighting in Africa their officers (they are commanded by French Army officers) required that they bring back the ears of the enemy on a string and they were paid on this basis, so much money for each pair of ears. After each campaign the Goums go home to see their families. When they return each man usually brings three or four relatives back with him. Fighting is their business and they love it. The Germans and Italians are mortally afraid of them, and I have seen more than one group of prisoners being brought in by one "Goum." He has a big grin on his face and has the Jerries and Eyties doubling-timing.

FRIENDLY TO YANKS

The "Goums" are friendly towards Americans and like our cigarettes and guns.

The rest of Lt. Bowman's story deals with the part the 9th played in routing the Jerries from Sicily. After 15 days without shaving or changing clothes, and eating berries and wild vegetation clean clothes were brought up to the Fighting Ninth and they all started trying to get the filth and the grime off their bodies.

FORMER ACK-ACK LEUTENANT A BIT HOT UNDER HIS COLLAR NOW

Thomas Steckline, 39 N. 10th St., Reading, Pa., was formerly a first lieutenant in Btry. A, 376th AAA, thinks many of the former attached units are forgotten by the Ninth Div. Assn. The Octofoil feels as though the former Ninth men themselves are to blame because of their failure to write to The Octofoil. Anyway parts of the ack-ack soldier's letter reads:

"You great 9th stand alone. It's good to feel proud but what happened to the teamwork story. I feel sure if the War Dept. felt the Tanks, T.D.s, Ack-Ack, etc., were not sorely needed we would not have been there. But does the 9th think along those lines—NO.

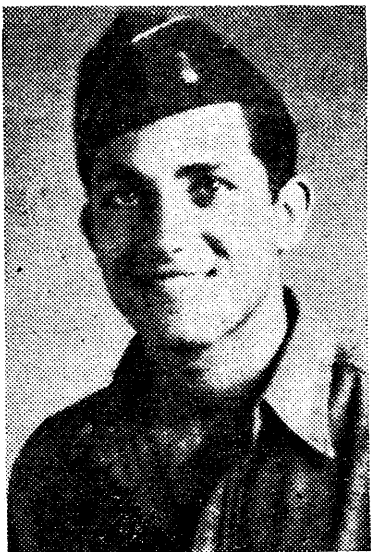
Art Vollkommer Gonna Do Better

Arthur Vollkommer, 244-52 90th Ave., Bellerose 6, N. Y., a former 39th Pfc. failed to give Secretary Tingley his new address as listed above and naturally received no Octofoils for a couple of months. However, the secretary sent Art the back issues—and everybody's happy.

Art apologizes for not having attended any more meetings of the New York Chapter than he has, but promises to do better on that score from now on. The first meeting he attended he saw several of his old buddies from Co. G, 39th.

It seems little Karen, his daughter, has been taking up a lot of the Vollkommers' time.

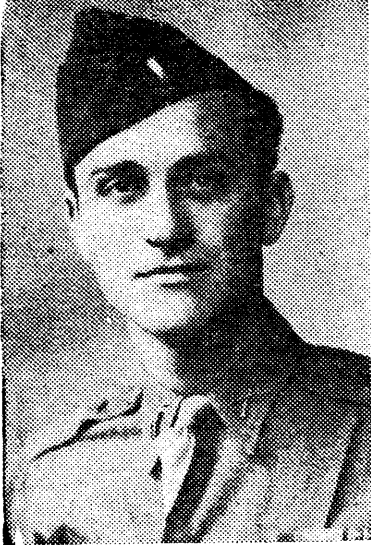
Lt. Bowman's Buddy



Above, Lt. Mike Gatto, 261 Ave. P, Brooklyn 4, N. Y., who went all the way with "Fighting Item" of the 60th. Mike was a great pal of Lt. Bowman. He furnished the photo of Lt. Bowman and the reprinted story for The Octofoil.

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

True Son of Ninth



Lt. Sam Bowman, hero of the 60th Infantry. The above picture was made in England in May, 1944.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

Aaron Lubinsky Has New Address

Aaron D. Lubinsky, 620 W. 171st St., New York 32, N. Y., former T-4 in the 84th FA, has asked The Octofoil to call this new address to the attention of his old buddies.

LT. JOE WILLIAMS GOING TO TRIESTE

Lt. Joseph H. Williams was recently transferred from Fort Benning to Oliver General Hospital for treatment. He has been discharged from the hospital and has been recuperating at Denton, Ga.

Lt. Williams is a former staff sergeant of Co. A, 47th; former 1st sergeant E Co., and 1st Lt., L Co.

Lt. Williams regrets he can't attend the Pittsburgh Convention because he says he had a wonderful time in Philadelphia. But such is life for an Army man. He reports to Camp Kilmer May 20 for shipment to Trieste.

Lt. Williams asks The Octofoil to request any former 9th men who know of anyone stationed in Trieste who ever served with the Ninth to send the information to this address: Lt. Joseph H. Williams, care J. H. Girtman, Denton, Georgia.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

MOTHER IS ASKING FOR INFORMATION

Mrs. Frank E. Fulkerson, Jerseyville, Ill., Gold Star Mother of Pfc. Frank E. Fulkerson, Co. D, 47th, is most anxious for some of Frank's buddies to contact her.

Pfc. Mark Shrader visited Mrs. Fulkerson two years after the war but could not furnish all the information she would like to get concerning the circumstances under which Frank was killed in action.

Mrs. Fulkerson gained a bit of consolation by reading "8 Stars to Victory" and visualizing her son's position at various times on the maps in the history.

Mrs. Fulkerson can trace her son's movements up until August 2, 1944, and there her records end.

Certainly there is some former D Co. 47th man who will read this appeal from Mrs. Fulkerson and will be considerate enough to write her a few lines.

—Pittsburgh in '49—

JACK WEHRELL LIKED HISTORY

Alfonse (Jack) Wehrell, 393 Summer St., Paterson, N. J., a former Pfc. with Hq. Co., 9th Div., writes "I received the division history and I'll say you fellows did a beautiful job on it. It's something I'll treasure the rest of my life."

—PITTSBURGH IN '49—

NEW ADDRESSES BEING SENT IN

The following former 9th men have recently changed their mailing address and have asked The Octofoil to so note the fact for the benefit of their former buddies:

CWO. Horace Wood, 5616th ASU, Granite City Eng. Depot, Granite City, Ill. He was formerly at CWO with the 60th.

Donald R. Higgins, Tuttle Ave., Cheshire, Conn. Don is a former 9th MP T-4.

Irving F. Blabon, 239 Union St., San Rafael, Calif. Irv was formerly with C Co., 39th.

Charles V. Bailey, Box 997, 3480 Longview Ave., Redding, Calif.

Robert H. Kern, 34 E. Marion St., Princeton, Ill. Bob was with the 60th FA.

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Joe Casey Should See Joe Macchi

Joseph Macchi, 3934 Bewick St., Detroit, Mich., a former 47th Pvt., sent in his dues and advised Secretary Tingley that when he received the notice it was the first word he had received from the Association since he left the Army.

Slowly but surely Secretary Tingley is locating these boys one by one, and he is doing a marvelous job, but the local chapters must help the secretary else his efforts will be wasted.

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Former 9th Medic Sends Those Dues

Herbert J. Merk, 238 Tyson Ave., Floral Park, L. I., N. Y., a former M-Sgt., 9th Medics, when sending in his 1949 dues asked that The Octofoil extend his best wishes to all his old buddies in the Pill Rollers outfit.

ANGELO ARENA WANTS BUDDIES TO WRITE HIM

Angelo "Pluto" Arena, 64 Eastwood Pl., Buffalo 8, N. Y., wants his old buddies from Co. A, 47th, to write him a few lines. He is especially anxious to hear from James Macedo, 1st Lt. Lomen Taylor, Sgt. Doc, "Red" of Baltimore and the Medic of Co. A.

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Kenny Ray Wants Octofoil, For Sure

Kenneth Ray, Box 105, Elmira, N. Y., former 39th man, writes to pay his respects to The Octofoil, adding that under no circumstances does he want to miss an issue.

39th REGIMENT WAS "ON THE BEAM"

CONCLUDING CHAPTER OF SHORT HISTORY OF 39TH STARTS AT BRAGG AND ENDS ON KRAUT SOIL

A THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF FEATS PERFORMED BY A FINE FIGHTING TEAM THAT SHOULD BE READ BY ALL FORMER 9TH MEN AND THEN PASSED AROUND.

Last month The Octofoil printed a short breakdown of the enviable record established in World War I by the 39th Infantry. This month's issue brings the famed outfit right up to V-E Day. Story as printed in this issue explains many "mysterious" movements that were made overseas.



39TH INFANTRY IN 1942-1944

(Continued from Last Month)

Selected for a "Special Mission", the 39th Infantry advance elements began to move from Fort Bragg, N. C., about September 13, 1942, destined for the New York Port of Embarkation at Staten Island, New York. The main body of the Regiment moved from Bragg by rail on September 17, and closed into the staging area at Fort Dix, New Jersey on the following day. Movement to the Port of Embarkation began on September 24 and was completed on the 25th when the men were checked onto four U. S. Navy vessels, and one merchant marine ship "drafted" for the trip. The ships were the U. S. S. Leedstown, formerly the Santa Lucia of the Grace Lines; the U. S. S. Samuel Chase, formerly the African Meteor of the South African lines and the flagship of the flotilla; the U. S. S. Thomas Stone, formerly the President Van Buren; and the U. S. S. Almack, formerly the Exeter of the American Export Lines. The Exceller of the American Export Lines was the fifth ship in the flotilla.

DESTINATION UNKNOWN

All hatches were buttoned by midnight of the 25th and dawn of the following day, Saturday, September 26, 1942, the ships steamed out into the Atlantic. The destination was not generally known beyond Halifax, Nova Scotia. The U. S. S. Arkansas escorted the convoy as control ship, and Nova Scotia was reached on the evening of September 28th. An overnight stay while the destroyers refueled, and the journey to Belfast, Ireland began the next morning. Several Canadian and British ships joined the convoy at Halifax.

The notoriously rough North Atlantic did not live up to its reputation as the convoy steamed for Ireland and there were no definite submarine attacks, something that was quite unusual at that time, but welcomed by all. Land was sighted on October 5th, and the following afternoon the convoy dropped anchor in Belfast harbor, two ships later moving over to Glasgow, Scotland.

There followed a period of training, reloading of the ships, and the all important matter of waterproofing of all vehicles. (There were opportunities for short sightseeing trips, and the Falcons availed themselves of every chance to "tour" North Ireland and Scotland.) The mystery of the coming mission began to take form when it was learned that the 39th had become a part

of the Eastern Assault Force commanded by Major General Ryder. Big things were obviously in the making for on October 26th, when last minute details were finished, and the secret maps and orders had been put aboard the ships, the five ship flotilla bade farewell to the British Isles and joined an immense convoy of troop-laden ships under heavy escort.

HEAD DUE SOUTH

The convoy course during the first few days was a retracing of the trip from New York, but after about three days of sailing, in rough weather, the course was suddenly shifted to due south. Immediately the predictors of an African invasion began their "I told you so's", and on D minus 7, Sunday, November 1, 1942, announcements were made on all ships that the task force in conjunction with two other forces was to make an Allied invasion of French North Africa. D day was to be November 8, 1942, and the Eastern Assault Force, consisting of the 39th Combat Team and the 168th Combat Team, with supporting troops, were to sail into the, at that time, "very hot" Mediterranean. A "pincers" landing was to be effected on the City of Algiers; the 39th was to make a landing to the east of the city with the 168th landing west of the city.

RIGIDLY BRIEFED

During the week preceding "D" day, many hours were spent pouring over intelligence bulletins and specially prepared maps. Every man was meticulously briefed in just what his duties would be on reaching shore. Special reconnaissance forces and Commandos studied every minute detail of their particular objective, even down to descriptions of key men likely to be encountered.

On November 7, in the early hours of dawn, shadows of coming events cast themselves upon the E. A. F. During general quarters that morning, explosions with accompanying geysers of blue Mediterranean were seen under the stern of the U. S. S. Thomas Stone. She had been hit by torpedoes just under the fantail and began to drop out of the column—smoking badly. The 2nd Battalion, commanded by Lt. Colonel Walter M. Oakes, was aboard the Stone, and had been designated by Colonel B. F. Caffey, Jr., 39th commanding officer, as one of the assault battalions in the landing operations. It was soon learned that the Stone had suffered extensive damage, and would not be able to proceed without tow. This event was the first that had caused the trip of the Task Force to be anything but a sightseeing cruise. Throughout the trip there were thoughts of submarines, diving enemy planes with their deadly bombs, but until the Stone fell victim, war had not been a reality in anyone's mind. The entire picture was changed with the loss of the stone, and the 3rd Battalion, aboard the U. S. S. Leedstown and originally scheduled to remain in reserve, became an assault battalion and there was no reserve.

SHIP PETERS OUT

It was H minus 24 hours, and the Force was some 160 miles from the beaches of Algiers. A full battalion with its precious equipment was stranded aboard a disabled ship dead in the water, easy prey for enemy subs and scout planes. Things did not look too good about this time; the con-

voy had another full day of steaming in dangerous waters, one battalion had been lost, and the enemy had discovered the presence of the Assault Force ships.

The remainder of the long voyage was made without serious incident however, and just before 1 o'clock, on the morning of Nov. 8, the convoy arrived at a rendezvous area just off the Algerian coast—east of Algiers. Disembarkation was begun immediately and the assault troops raced ashore. Sporadic fire between coastal batteries and the accompanying warships took place during the remaining hours of darkness, and ashore, token resistance was met. By noon, all objectives had either been taken or were under the Allied guns, and both sides tensely awaited the outcome of talks going on in Algiers between French and Allied leaders. Full agreements were reached during the ensuing 24 hours, and Armistice terms were accepted. Resistance ceased entirely and the great tasks of racing the Germans into Tunisia began. The 39th Headquarters set up in Maison-Caree, a small city just east of Algiers, and Company "L" loaded aboard a destroyer, with a band of Rangers, to accompany the British First Army to Bone and thence to Tunisia by an overland route.

MAKE HISTORY

While the landings and the advance from the beaches were being made, the 2nd Battalion aboard the Stone was making history also. Not to be denied the opportunity of sharing in the fight, Lt. Col. Oakes, the battalion Commander, decided to put to sea in the landing craft carried by the Stone. Provisions were loaded and some 700 men boarded the landing craft. Just after dark, the same day, this flotilla of small ships began a perilous 100-mile journey led by a British Corvette. During the night the boats began to break apart one by one, and as they became unseaworthy the men and equipment were taken aboard the Corvette. This process was repeated so often that it was finally decided that the battalion would have to be taken aboard in its entirety. This was done and the small boats were sunk by the Corvette's guns in order to not compromise the landings. The Corvette headed for the port of Algiers, and early on Monday, Nov. 9th, the ship pulled alongside a dock in the heart of the city. A few days later the Stone was towed into port and not a man or a piece of equipment had been lost by the 2nd Battalion. They had made a gallant and historic contribution to the successful Allied occupation of French North Africa.

GIVE AXIS HELL

Following the initial occupation of Morocco and Algeria, the 39th went through a period during which elements of the regiment were to be engaged in fighting at all times. Early in December, Cannon Company was ordered to join Combat Command "B," then swapping blows with the Axis in Tunisia. The company battled with CCB forces throughout the winter months and was at Sidi Bou Sid when the Germans broke through at Faid Pass in February. They were completely overrun and lost all of their officers and 50 per cent of the enlisted men. About the time Cannon Company went into Tunisia, the remainder of the regiment was spread out over 300 miles of communications between Algiers and Tunisia. The Regimental Headquarters, Service Company, and the 2nd Battalion remained in Algiers until late in January when it moved into Palestro. The 1st Battalion moved to Bougie and the 3rd Battalion took over the area in and around Souk Ahras. Duties during this period consisted of guarding important communications, maintaining order, and chasing paratroops.

Early in February the Anti-

Tank Company was ordered to join the 3rd Battalion at Souk Ahras and the two units moved into Kasserine Pass. As the Axis forces moved down the Faid Pass, through Sidi Bou Sid (overrunning Cannon Company), Sbeitla, and on toward Kasserine Pass, it became evident that the 3rd Battalion and Anti-Tank Company were in for some tough fighting. Veterans of that engagement recall sitting on the high ground in and around the Pass, and watching great tank battles being fought on the plains below, and watching the inevitable advance of the enemy toward their positions. About February 20, the Axis forces rolled through the town of Kasserine and on into the Pass. The 3rd Battalion was routed and the remaining elements filtered back towards Thal and Tebessa.

REJOIN NINTH

While these events were taking place, the Ninth Division was moving from French Morocco, through Algeria, and as they passed Algiers the 39th rejoined them. The long journey to Tunisia was begun and as the convoy moved eastward the battalions fell in line. The 2nd Battalion had moved from Algiers to Palestro, the 1st was at Setif, and they in turn joined the Tunisia-bound caravan. The Ninth Division Artillery preceded the Infantry, and arrived at Thala just in time to stop the Axis on the plains west of Kasserine—but that is another story. The 39th formed for battle in the Division assembly area near Tebessa and Bou Chebka. The first mission consisted of acting as a screening-force for airports located in and around Thelepte and Kasserine, but it was not long before orders came moving the regiment to Gafsa. This took place about March 24, and the regiment was in battle until the Maknassy and El Guettar sectors were closed out by the northward advance of the British 8th Army on April 8. The 3rd Battalion, Cannon Company, and Anti-Tank companies were reorganized prior to the move to Gafsa and played important roles in the above actions. While the El Guettar engagement was the first real battle test for the majority of the regiment, these three units had tasted battle at Kasserine, and they performed like veterans.

GET A SHORT REST

The regiment got a few days of well-earned rest following the El Guettar action and the time was devoted to reorganization and training. On April 12 orders came moving the regiment with the Ninth Division to the vicinity of Sedjenane, on the extreme left flank of the Allied North-South line. The 39th was in action in this sector until the Axis capitulation in North Africa, and was officially credited with taking Ferryville, and assisted in the capture of Bizerte and Tunis.

Following the conclusion of the Tunisian campaign the 39th moved with the Ninth to a rest area near Magenta in the Western part of Algeria. It was during this period that the regiment paraded before the King of England and Lt. Gen. Mark Clark. The period of reorganization was brought to a sudden close when on June 27, orders were received detaching the 39th from the 9th Division again, and a Combat Team, it moved out for Bizerte the following day.

PREPARE FOR BATTLE

Arriving in a staging area near Bizerte, on July 2nd, the Combat Team began preparing for battle. Replacements poured in and new equipment was drawn. On the morning of July 6th, the regiment endured a terrific two-hour bombing attack and a week later began loading on ships for a move to Sicily. The trip began on July 14, and the following day disembarkation was effected at Licata

on the southern coast of Sicily. The regiment was attached to the 82nd Airborne Division for a drive up the southern coast that netted several thousand Axis prisoners and the towns of Agrigento, Porto Empedocle, Sciacca, Ribera, Castelvetro, Campobello, Mazara del Vallo, and finally Mersala. Little resistance was met during this drive and the 39th ended up in Marsala in excellent fighting condition. On July 26th they were detached from the 82nd and moved eastward across Sicily to join the 1st Division near Nicosia. Fighting as a fourth regiment in the First Division, the 39th figured prominently in the engagement at Troina and was highly praised by General Terry Allen, First Division Commander. The conclusion of the Troina action was drawing near as the 39th moved eastward to rejoin the 9th Division to take the key town of Randazzo.

SHORT SICILIAN REST

Upon completion of the Sicilian campaign the 9th Division moved to a rest area near Cefalu, Sicily. The 39th set up in a semi-permanent camp on the shores of the Tyrrhanean Sea, and training consisted of overnight problems with an emphasis on small unit tactics. Softball, volley ball and swimming were daily features. Orders were soon received to prepare for a long ocean voyage, and in late October an advance detail left for the marshalling area near Palermo. The 39th was soon loaded onto their ships and on Nov. 11, 1943, the convoy pulled out of the Palermo harbor and headed west. After 11 days of rough sailing the coast of Ireland was sighted, and on Nov. 25, the Ninth Infantry Division disembarked at Swansea. The 60th moved by train to a former British Army camp near Winchester in Hampshire County, and for the second time they were set up in garrison in the British Isles.

RUB ELBOWS WITH LIMEYS

A six-month training program for the invasion of the Continent kept the 39th occupied, but passes and furloughs were issued to London, Bournemouth and other points of interest in the British Isles.

Following this six months training period the regiment moved to a marshalling area in southern England, and on the 6th of June, 1944 (invasion day), men of the 39th began boarding ships which were to carry them to the coast of France. On the 10th of June the regiment was assembled on the invaded coast of France, and as in 1918—they were a part of the Fourth Division, having been attached urgently. Their mission during this period was the attacking and capture of several small towns and enemy strong points in the vicinity of Utah beach. The performance of the 39th while with the Fourth Division, in the words of the Commanding General, "they were magnificent."

CHERBOURG CAMPAIGN

The 39th once again rejoined the Ninth Division. The first important assignment of the division in France was the cutting of the Cotentin Peninsula. This was accomplished on the 18th of June; they then took part in the capture of the important port city of Cherbourg—the first large city and port to be liberated by the Allies. It was here that the late Colonel Harry A. Flint, commanding the 39th, accepted the surrender of the German military and naval commanders of Cherbourg. With the capture of Cherbourg the 39th was used in the mopping up of isolated enemy pockets remaining on Cape Hague.

HIT HEDGE ROWS

After a six-day rest period the regiment took part in the bitter hedgerow to hedgerow fighting in the St. Lo sector. Every hedgerow contained enemy snipers and

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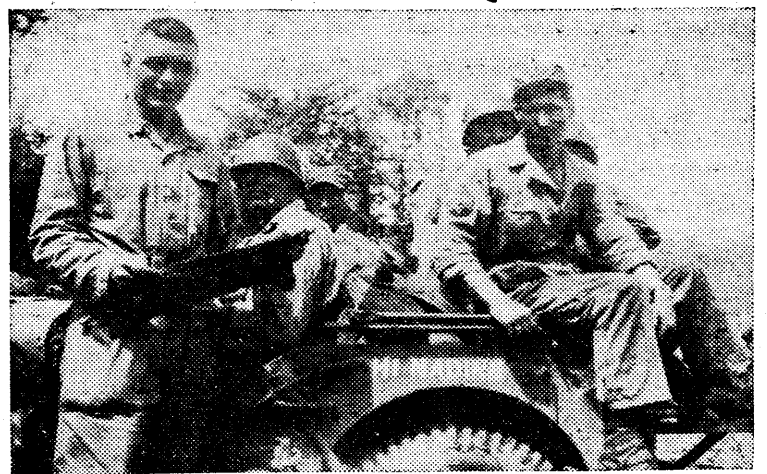
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Clifford Holmes Way Out West In Texas
Clifford T. Holmes, former Pfc., 746th TK., recently moved from 2503 E. 2nd, Austin, Tex., to 1001-A Spence St., Austin.
Cliff bemoans the fact he will not be able to make the Pittsburgh Reunion but hopes to make the one held in 1950.
However, he says he is doing the next best thing to attending a convention and that is to read The Octofoil from cover to cover.

Joe Cirelli Profuse With Compliments
Joseph F. Cirelli, 87-37 116th St., Richmond Hill, L. I., New York, a former corporal with Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 60th Inf., recently moved to the above address.
Joe wrote Secretary Tingley a very nice letter, thanking the Association for the kind attention he has always received when making inquiries to the Association.

MOTOR POOL GANG, HDQTR. BN., 47TH



The above photo of the Hq. 1st Bn., 47th Inf. Motor Pool Gang was made at Alresford, England. Any member able to identify the Joes, The Octofoil would appreciate such information.

Wilfred Thornton Does a Good Deed
Wilfred M. Thornton, 515 E. DuBail, South Bend, Ind., writes Secretary Tingley: "I am anxious to see a lot of new members in the Association. I have written a lot of the boys who were in my company and asked them to join. I am now sponsoring a new member, Michael Ros, 1829 W. 19th St., Chicago, Ill. He joined Co. M, 60th, in 1940 and was a part of that outfit until late in 1944. He was wounded seven times in France, and was finally forced to accept limited duty."
Secy. Tingley sent Mike Ros a very nice letter, enclosing back issues of The Octofoil.
The Association needs a lot more members like Wilfred M. Thornton.
—Pittsburgh in '49—

Capt. Jesse Wheeler Wants Off The List
Capt. Jesse L. Wheeler, Jr., Headquarters, 2828 ASU, Fort Knox, Ky., sends his 1949 dues to Secretary Tingley and says in no uncertain terms: "Take me off that inactive list and consider me an active member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association."
—Pittsburgh in '49—
Jasper N. Cliburn Pays for 2 Years
Jasper N. Cliburn, 310 W. Cedar St., Franklin, Ky., apologizes to Secretary Tingley because he let the little matter of paying his 1949 dues slip his memory. To avoid that happening in 1950 the lad sent his check for two years' dues.
—Pittsburgh in '49—
Ernest Shanko Liked "8 Stars to Victory"
Ernest I. Shanko, 2816 Barton Ave., Richmond, Va., former 39th man, writes to say he enjoyed reading "8 Stars to Victory" more than any book he has ever read. Ernie also is quite a booster for The Octofoil.

ELVIN ARNOLD IS CALIFORNIA LAD
E. T. Arnold, 6111 Tahoe Way, Sacramento 17, Calif., writes to advise he is back in Uncle Sam's Army, but wants mail to be sent to the address given above.

39TH HISTORY ...

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machine gun nests, and gains were counted in feet and yards. Colonel Flint, in an effort to keep his men advancing, asked for volunteers to go forward and flush out some enemy snipers. At the head of his men he moved forward firing his carbine and throwing hand grenades. Standing erect to get a better target he suddenly pitched forward—shot by an enemy sniper. Colonel Flint died the next day and Lt. Col. Van H. Bond assumed command of the regiment.
39TH OUT FRONT
The breakthrough at St. Lo was the decisive engagement of the French campaign. Preceded by one of the most devastating, concentrated, aerial bombardments ever witnessed, the American forces succeeded in breaking through the St. Lo-Periere road on July 25th. The 39th in the front of this attack suffered casualties due to the bombardment of the friendly aircraft. What happened next is history: The American Third Army, under Gen. Patton broke into the Brittany Peninsula. The Germans made a desperate all-out effort in an attempt to sever the narrow link of land joining the American forces in Normandy with those in Brittany. The 39th Infantry bore its share of this attack and in turn share in the decisive defeat of the German effort. The pursuit of the enemy across France followed; Montagne, Chartres, Etampes, Melun, Coulommiers, Chateau Thierry, and Hirsion. On Sept. 1, 1944, the 39th Infantry crossed the Belgium border, and thus became the first Allied troops to begin the liberation of another European country. The one remaining obstacle before the German border was the Meuse River. This crossing was accomplished after a bitter struggle in the vicinity of Dinant, Belgium, and on 14 September troops of the 39th Infantry were fighting on German soil.

DIRECTORY OF FORMER NINTH DIVISION MEN

MEMBERS SEND LETTERS OF APPRECIATION TO OCTOFOIL FOR PRINTING DIRECTORY OF FORMER 9TH MEN

JUST THE MENTION OF A FORMER BUDDY'S NAME IN DIRECTORY, BRINGS BACK MANY MEMORIES TO OCTOFOIL READERS.

Many contacts have been made by "lost" buddies since The Octofoil began running a directory of former Ninth men. Members when writing to a buddy whose address is located in this directory should make direct inquiry as to whether the Buddy is delinquent with his dues to the Association. Any member who observes the omission of a Buddy's name from some particular community should notify Secretary Charles O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C. It could be the former Ninth man whose name is missing left the Division before the Association was organized and has never been a member. If that is the case the secretary will send him an application blank. It might be the secretary has the name of a Buddy who did not appear on the printed list, filed on his inactive list. Later a list of inactives will be printed, arranged according to States as is the present Directory. Okay, fellows, it's up to each and everyone to pitch in and help, and in this way assure perpetuation of the Association, an organization composed of the greatest group of former combat soldiers of all time.

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- John M. Powell, 642 First St., La Salle, Ill.
- John C. Forsberg, 218 Prairie, Libertyville, Ill.
- Luke J. Ouska, St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, Ill.
- Ray D. Martin, Maquon, Ill.
- Noble L. Clevenger, Bank Bldg., Marissa, Ill.
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- William J. Brady, 513 South Humphrey Ave., Oak Park, Ill.
- William J. Conley, 435 W. Harrison St., Oak Park, Ill.
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- James C. Sandilands, 607 S. Taylor Ave., Oak Park, Ill.
- Isaac H. Rowand, c/o Story Farm, Oswego, Ill.

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TONY DAMATO IS A SPEEDER

Anthony Damato, 524 W. Mill St., Colton, Calif., a former 47th sergeant, recently had a nice visit in Los Angeles. Among the highlights of his visit was going out to Capt. Bob Turner's camera shop and chatting for awhile.

One other highlight of the trip was when Tony slowed that new Oldsmobile of his down from 110 miles an hour to 80 in order to take a curve in stride, a California law enforcement officer nabbed him, and Tony had to fork over an awful pile of francs to the minions of the law.

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Former S-Sgt. Lloyd Roberts Pays Dues

Lloyd A. Roberts, 29 Susquehanna Ave., Cooperstown, N. Y., one time Supply Sergeant for Co. B, 60th, sent his dues in accompanied with greetings to all of his former rugged buddies who made up good old Co. B.

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Walt Rockwell Says Assn. Officers Are Doing a Fine Job

Walter V. Rockwell, Jr., 6 Warren Pl., Montclair, N. J., former T-5 with the 60th, writes:

"Here's my check for 1949 dues. You're doing a great job. Keep it up. The '8 Stars to Victory' was superb. I am more proud than ever to have been a 'Ninther'."

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LOONEY FEELS HE IS "OBLIGATED"

Daniel A. Looney, 58 Ridgefield Ave., Ridgefield Park, N. J., a former 26th FA corporal, acknowledges receipt of "8 Stars to Victory," and adds "I feel more than obligated, and the least I can do is send in my dues and continue my membership in the Association."

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PAY YOUR DUES TODAY!

JOHN MILLER IS A CIVILIAN TOP-KICK

John F. Miller, a former Co. A, 47th Pfc., gets his mail at 204 E. State St., Helena, Mont.

John is plant superintendent for the Elk River Concrete Products Co. of Montana. His work is in Great Falls, Mont., but like many other former Ninth men, he can't find a place for his wife and baby to live, so they are staying in Helena, and John gets to see them only on week-ends. Quoting from his letter of April 6:

"I certainly have no intention of ever dropping my membership in the Ninth Div. Assn. It means a lot to me."

"As for The Octofoil, it is the best means of keeping in touch with our buddies."

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Former 39th Man Very Appreciative

John G. Pohorilak, St. Procopius Seminary, Lisle, Ill., a former 39th man. He recently received "8 Stars to Victory" and writes "Accept my thanks for a job well done. It really is encouraging to find men working in the face of so many obstacles."

"May the Good Lord bless your endeavors throughout the years and may each year bring to you the glorious fruition of your toil and efforts."

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Illness In Cloud Sipe's Family

The Octofoil is sorry to learn from Claud M. Sipe, 1319 N. College Ave., Newton, N. C., a former Pfc. with K Co., 60th, that there has been considerable illness in his family during the past several months.

Unexpected expenses incurred because of the illness will probably prevent Claud from attending the Convention in Pittsburgh. But he says that he is looking forward to getting all the details out of The Octofoil.

Urbanyi Fiddled and Forgot to Pay Dues

That long, tall drink of water, Stephen G. Urbanyi, 2138 Oakdale Ave., Toledo 5, Ohio, a former corporal with B Co., 60th, lost track of time and didn't realize this was the year 1949 and that his association dues were past due until he received a gentle hint from Secretary Tingley.

However, Steve sent in the dues accompanied by a pledge that it wouldn't happen again.

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LOMAX ATTENDS GORHAM'S VOWS

Russell E. Lomax, 1418 Adams Ave., Evansville, Ind., a former 60th Pfc., advises that he recently was best man at Jim Gorham's wedding. Jim is another Co. C, 60th man.

Russ says that both he and Jim enjoy The Octofoil and think the officers of the Association are doing a wonderful job.

Russell wants any of the old Co. C, 60th gang who read this to write a few lines to the address given above.

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Earl Sullivan Has 2 Fine Daughters

Earl J. Sullivan, Box 125, Adams, Mass., a former 60th corporal, is the daddy of two fine youngsters to keep his mind occupied.

Work has been a bit slow around Adams lately and Sully hasn't been working regularly—but despite that, he got his 1949 dues paid. Shame on some of you bums who work every day and still refuse to cooperate in helping to perpetuate the Association, an organization composed of the greatest group of former combat veterans to ever band together under one banner.

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There's another Freedom Train—the one that runs from New York to Reno.

AUTO TAGS GETS MANY MEMBERS

Paul J. Keller, 5019 N. High St., Columbus, O., a former 39th man, and president of the Columbus (O.) Chapter, recently obtained one of the auto metal 9th Div. insignias for auto tags.

Crusing own one of the streets of Columbus, he heard someone yell "wait a minute." Stopping as quickly as he could a youngster walked up to the car and asked, "Where'd you get that 9th Div. auto plate?"

Keller learned the guy's name was James Downs, Merilene Ave., Columbus, O., and was a former Ninth man, but had never heard of the Association. It was only a matter of a few minutes until Keller had signed Downs up as a member.

No doubt those beautiful metal plates have attracted attention of former Ninth men who had never heard of the Association, in other towns. Anyone who has experienced a similar thrill to the one related above should write the details down and send them to The Octofoil.

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SGT. COLTRIN SAYS HE'LL ALWAYS BE AN ASSN. MEMBER

It is T-Sgt. Wm. H. Coltrin, 1500 Supply Sq., Box 184, APO 953, Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. Bill was a former staff sergeant in the 39th. He is now stationed at Hickman Field, Honolulu, and says it's wonderful down there.

Sgt. Bill says quite frequently some G.I. comes through that part of the world with an Octofoil on his uniform and he rushes right up and starts a conversation as well as going out of the way to see that the Octofoil wearer is given every consideration is his due.

The sarge enjoys The Octofoil, and adds "I'll always be a member of the Ninth—here are my dues."

Former 60th Officer to Graduate in May

Bernard Serota, 1801 Wellington Rd., Birmingham, Ala., a former first lieutenant in H Co., 60th Regt., will graduate from college during the month of June.

Some way or another Bernard got lost from the Association in the shuffle and the notice Secretary Tingley sent him asking for 1949 dues was the first time the former lieutenant had heard from the Association since he forked over 10 bucks in Germany for his membership. He said he was glad to make contact with the old gang and forwarded in 1949 dues.

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Special Homes Are To Be Available

A veteran of war or peacetime service with a permanent-total, service-connected disability due to a spinal cord disease or injury, which results in paralysis of the legs and lower part of the body, may qualify for Federal aid to acquire a home specially designed for wheel chair living.

Eligible veterans will receive a Federal grant of not more than 50 per cent of the cost of the home or a maximum of \$10,000 with which to buy or build a new home, or to remodel an existing home for their requirements.

The grant also may be used to pay off the indebtedness on such a special home already acquired by an eligible veteran.

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ABSENT-MINDED JOE

Mother: "That brazen Miss Vamp boasts that she has been kissed by every married man in town except one!"

Father (absently): "I wonder who he can be?"

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FOR BETTER BUSINESS

"Hello, is this the Better Business Bureau?"

"Yes, it is."

"Well, how'd you like to come down and make ours a little bit better?"

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