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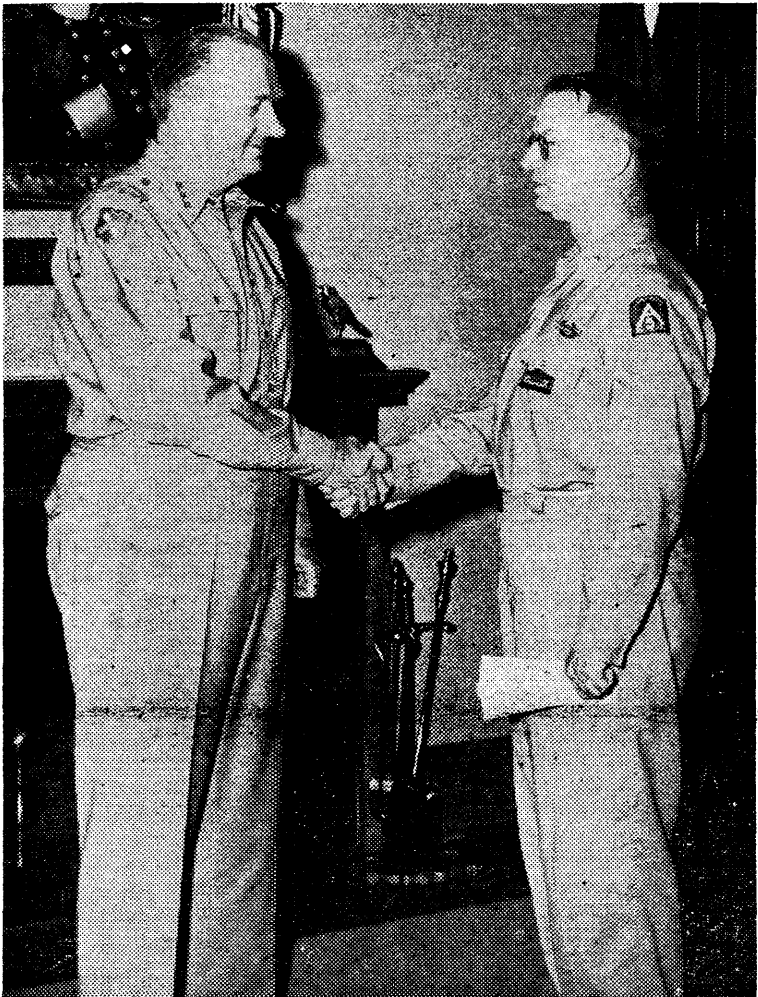
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CHICAGO EXPECTS BIG CROWD

Colonel Barth Gets Pushed Upstairs



Very few, if any, who ever served with the Ninth Infantry Division will fail to remember Colonel George Bittman Barth. The Colonel has served loyally on the Association Board of Governors during its most trying days. Shown above is Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy congratulating who is now Brig. Gen. George Bittman Barth. Gen. Barth is now Lt. Gen. Eddy's Chief of Staff at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He would be happy to hear from any of the old gang. The old gen's picture hanging immediately back of Gen. Eddy, only a small portion of which is shown is none other than General Henry Leavenworth.

A DAD APPEALS FOR SOME NEWS ABOUT HIS SON

A fine man and a fine dad is Mr. N. B. Kaplan, 5216 Reading Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio. Stuart A. Kaplan, E Co., 60th, was his son. Stew was killed in action on Sunday, Nov. 8, 1942, while the outfit was making its initial invasion near Port Lyautey, North Africa. Stew was 19 when he paid the supreme sacrifice and had volunteered for service in July of 1942.

His dad makes an earnest appeal for some of the boys who were with Stew when he was killed to get in touch with him at the address given above.

To drop Stew's dad a card is the least some of the boys could do. Not only was Stew a good soldier and a loyal buddy who got what but for the Grace of God could have been anyone of the members who are reading this notice, but his dad has stuck with the Association ever since he learned there was an Association of former 9th Division men. He is doing everything within his power to see that the Memorial Fund project is a success.

Col. Heikkila Has a New Assignment

A clipping sent to The Octofoil from a New York paper reads as follows:

Succeeding Colonel Charles E. Walsh, Jr. of Albany, retired, Col. Frank E. Keikkila, 50 Knowton Ave., Kenmore, has been appointed deputy commander of the 27th Infantry Division, New York National Guard, with headquarters in Albany. Colonel Heikkila has been chief of staff of the division and previously served as executive officer of the 74th Infantry Regiment, Buffalo. He is industrial manager for Upper New York State for Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

The 27th Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Ronald C. Brock of Buffalo, will have two weeks of field training at Pine Camp July 30-Aug. 13.

DR. ALMOUR HAS A NEW ADDRESS

Dr. Henry Almour, formerly with the 15th Engineers announces the removal of his offices for the practice of medicine to the Medical Art Bldg., 57 W. 57th St., New York City (19 floor).

Vacations Are Now In Order

Some of the members may wonder just a wee bit what it's all about when they receive this four-page edition of The Octofoil. It's been hot Joe; almost as hot as it was in Africa. Vacation time is here and Secretary Tingley is on active duty with the Armed Forces. The officers of the Association and the editor of The Octofoil feel justified in streamlining this one issue.

Some items were left out because of the four-page edition, but all of those held over will be used later.

STICKERS AND HISTORIES

Don't forget, by sending two bits to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., a copy of the 60th History may be obtained. It isn't necessary to have been a former 60th guy to get one either.

The Association's secretary has obtained more windshield stickers. They can be secured by sending 25 cents to the same address.

ALL 2 TRUE

Going back to the subject of vacations, please note what Ted "Shirts" Matusik from the Windy City pens to The Octofoil:

A vacation consists of 2 weeks which are 2 short after which you are 2 tired 2 return 2 work and 2 broke not 2.

HERE'S WHAT THEY CALL NON - COMS

Since the Ninth Division crushed Hitler's outfit Uncle Sam has seen fit to make some changes. As noted in bulletins issued quite a while back what the old gang knew as a Technical Sergeant is now Sergeant First Class. There are no Buck Sergeants—a Staff Sergeant is just a plain old Sergeant. Corporals, Pfc's. and Pvt's. still remain to be called by the same titles or whatever some Joe might elect to call them. But there is a new group known as Rct.—they are Mama's darling recruits.

Secretary Tingley Back With Uncle

A short note dated Aug. 2 from Secretary Charles O. Tingley advises that Uncle Sam will be his boss from Aug. 4 to Aug. 28. He has been called back to active duty at Camp Lee, Va. However, he will keep in contact with the National Headquarters and try to catch up on the accumulated work over the week-ends.

It Is Captain Jesse L. Wheeler, A.P.O. 403

The new address is Capt. Jesse L. Wheeler, Jr., Logistics Div., Hq. EUCOM, APO 403, Postmaster, New York City. The captain was recently promoted from a 1st Lieutenant to his present rating.

GUYS WHO COULD NOT GET TO PITTSBURGH SHOULD MAKE CHICAGO A MUST TRIP ON SEPT. 17

HOTEL SHERMAN WILL BE THE SPOT WHERE FORMER NINTH MEN WILL RELIVE MANY FOND MEMORIES; CAPACITY CROWD EXPECTED.

A full scale program has been mapped out by the Illinois Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association for September 17. Registration starts at 10 A. M. Then an informal get together will begin and last until 2 p. m. At the sound of two a short business session will be called in the air-conditioned Louis XVI Room in the Hotel Sherman. After the meeting everybody will make a bee-line for the nearest PUB.

Former Co. B, 60th Men Are Located

Robert Woodside, former Co. B, 60th man, living now at 207 So. Doxtater Ave., Rome, N. Y. continues to do a good job for the Association and The Octofoil.

Among other interesting things noted in a recent letter from Bob, he has this to say:

Since my last letter I have run into another of our boys, none other than Phil Scaroposki, Co. B's old Top Kick. Phil is residing at 551 16th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Bob says no one has ever approached Phil about joining the Association.

Frank Flynn, a former B Co. man, lives at 409 14th St., Brooklyn. Someone from the Greater New York group is passing up an opportunity to sign up two good men.

Ed Tobin, Martin Lunde, Bernard Schrantz, Louis Wexler and Nicholas Brancoccio all live within the Greater New York area. They are former Co. B, 60th men.

Chick Manning is in Hollywood, Calif. Jack Carlin, another former 60th man is living somewhere in Brooklyn and should be contacted for his membership.

Scaroposki has married a very fine lassie and they have an 18-month-old son.

"Red" Wexler has a store all his own in Brooklyn.

As for Woodside himself he is figuring on going back to school this fall.

IT'S A GIRL AT THE BUTZ HOME

Herb Butz, a former Top Kick with A Co., 60th, lives at 4518 Sherman St., Denver, Colo.

On July 8, 1949, Lynda Lee Butz was born. Her hair is brown and she has eyes of blue. Both Herbert and Mrs. Herb are justly proud of petite Lynda Lee.

Leo Howeling Is a Married Man

Martin Howeling married Carlma Luella Symes on July 23. He was a Pfc. with the 47th. They live now at 277 Andover St., San Francisco, Calif.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Leo Martin Howeling would like to hear from some of the 47th boys.

The main event of the day will be in the form of a dinner and dance. This gala affair will be held in the beautiful air-conditioned Louis XVI room. Music will be furnished by Leo Terry at the organ during the reception and banquet. Terry's Orchestra will then furnish music for the dance.

Otto Kerner, Jr., United States District Attorney for Northern Illinois, who was one of the Illinois Chapter organizers, will be Master of Ceremonies.

Chicago with its natural air-conditioning, effected by Lake Michigan, long has been the ideal site for conventioners. Chicago, noted for its beautiful parks, is offering the Ninth its most famous Grant Park, situated on the lake front adjacent to the Railroad Fair.

Places of interest located within a short distance of the hotel are the Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum, Buckingham Fountain, Soldiers' Field and the beaches.

SUPERB ENTERTAINMENT

In the entertainment field the Windy City refuses to be surpassed, offering the public the notorious Skid Row, the fast night life of North Clark Street, the bright lights of fabulous Rush Street, and the sophistication of the Gold Coast. For those who prefer a slower tempo Chicago offers the Opera House, many stage plays and movie houses.

The courtesy and friendliness of Chicagoans is well known to all servicemen who visited the city during World War II.

Members of the Illinois Chapter who have worked hard to make September 17 a Red Letter Day in the Chapter's history are:

Walter Mahon, Chapter President; and the committeemen—Frank Ozart, Herb Waples, Ted Matusik, Joe Lacie, Alex Wilcopolski, George Waite, Ed Machowski, Doc Kaminski, John Edwards, John Thornton, Nate Gaynor, Danny Ford, John Dawson, Michael Belmonte, Jerry Lindner, Bill Conley, Captain Harper.

SEND RESERVATIONS

Due to the expected capacity crowd Ninth men and their friends are urged to get their reservations in early. Send \$5 per person, which covers registration, business meeting, dinner and dance. Make checks or money orders payable to

Illinois Chapter Ninth Infantry Division Association, Box 855, Chicago 90, Illinois.

Hotel room reservations for out of town guests can be arranged for by writing to the Illinois Chapter.

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SEPTEMBER IN THE HISTORY OF THE NINTH DIVISION

(Compiled by Major General Donald A. Stroh)

- 1 (1944) Last battles on French soil are fought as leading elements of Division approach the Otse River.
- 2 (1944) 9th Recon. Troop, the first allied unit to reach Belgium, officially crosses the border at 1107 at Momignies.
- 3-13 (1944) Division wins citation from the Belgian Government for its operations along the Meuse.
- 4 (1944) 39th and 60th Combat Teams begin the last lap of a dash toward the Meuse River.
- 5 (1944) 3d Battalion 39th Infantry is first across the Meuse north of Dinant, while the 2d and 3d Battalions 60th Infantry sustain heavy casualties crossing the river south of the town.
- 6 (1944) Medical Detachment 3d Battalion 60th Infantry wins a Distinguished Unit Citation on the Meuse. 3d Battalion 39th Infantry, riding the tanks of the 3d Armored Division, storms toward Dinant. The capture of Hastiere by the 3d Battalion 60th Infantry paves the way for construction of the first bridge by the 15th Engineers.
- 7 (1944) 3d Battalion 39th Infantry, reinforced by elements 3d Armored Division, captures Dinant. Remainder of Division pushes out of the bridgehead and pursues to the east.
- 8 (1945) 60th Infantry athletic field in Germany is named in honor of Lt. Leyser, Company I, killed in action March 13, 1945.
- 9 (1944) Attached to the 3d Armored Division the 47th Combat Team enters Liege.
- 12 (1944) Division completes four months of almost continuous combat, an advance of almost 600 miles, and the capture of 28,000 prisoners to bring to a close the "chase" at the border of Germany.
- 13 (1944) 39th Infantry leads the advance into Germany and captures Roetgen.
- 14 (1944) 47th Infantry is first to crack the outer defenses of the Siegfried Line northeast of Roetgen. The 60th Infantry captures Monschau.
- 14-23 October (1944) 15th Engineers win a Distinguished Unit Citation for their technical and tactical activities in the Siegfried Line.
- 20 (1940) General Honeycutt; first commanding general of the Division, is killed in airplane crash.
- 21 (1944) 3d Battalion 47th Infantry is strongly counterattacked by German 48th Infantry at the point of its farthest advance at Schevenhuetten. Assisted by elements of the 746th Tank Battalion, 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion and 15th Engineers the attack is repulsed and the town reoccupied.
- 26 (1941) 39th Combat Team is first unit to arrive in Carolina maneuver area.
- 26 (1942) 47th and 60th Infantry move into tent bivouac, Fort Bragg, preparatory to movement overseas.
- 28 (1942) Transports carrying 39th Combat Team arrive at Halifax, enroute to Ireland.
- 30 (1944) Division holds a front of 28 miles from Elsenborn to Malsbach preparatory to further advance.

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Illinois Chapter	8
Detroit Chapter	3
New York Chapter	23
District of Columbia Chapter	2
Philadelphia Chapter	2
Pittsburgh Chapter	13
Wilkes-Barre, Scranton	7
Cleveland Chapter	7
Joseph W. Kilkenny	1

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Date for Year 1949.....174
CHICAGO IN 1950

INFORMATION IS WANTED

Any former 47th man who is in position to give any desired information to the next-of-kin of Harold Hoover should answer immediately the following notice that recently appeared in The Foreign Service Magazine:

47th Inf., Co./F—Pfc. Harold J. Hoover, killed in action March 17, 1945, near Rhine River, Germany. Anyone having information about Harold's death please write Wallace R. Hoover, 3621 E. Whittaker Ave., Cudahy, Wisc.

The Ninth Infantry Division Memorial Foundation

Established in Memory of Those Ninth Infantry Division Men who Sacrificed Their Lives in the Service of Their Country.

The purposes of the Ninth Infantry Division Memorial Foundation Are:

1. To establish scholarships for award to worthy candidates in under-graduate studies.
2. To provide grants for post-graduate studies in research and medicine.
3. To provide grants for purchase of essential and recreational equipment for use in Veterans' Hospitals.

All funds for the operation of the foundation are to be obtained by voluntary contributions from members, chapters, and private individuals.

Please send in your contribution now. Fill in the following form and mail it with your remittance.

"I desire to contribute to the Ninth Infantry Division Memorial Foundation. Please find enclosed the sum of \$....."

Name.....

Address.....

IMPORTANT . . . All contributions are tax deductible. You may deduct your contribution in preparing your income tax return.

MEMORIAL DRIVE GOES AHEAD

IN TRUE 9TH DIVISION CADENCE THE MEMORIAL DRIVE CONTINUES TO GO FORWARD

NOT ONLY FORMER NINTH MEN BUT THE DADS AND MOTHERS ARE HELPING TO SHOW OTHER UNITS HOW SUCH THINGS SHOULD BE CARRIED ON.

Members of the Association from coast to coast are falling in line and helping in every way they can to assure the success of the Ninth Division Memorial Fund Project. Printed below are excerpts from just a few of the many hundreds of similar letters received by Secretary Charles O. Tingley during recent weeks:

MEDIC HELPS THE CAUSE

From Dr. A. S. Kauffman, 4546 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa., a former 9th Medics C.O., comes this note:

Dear Tingley: Please accept my contribution to a most worthy cause.

WANTS MORE NEWS FROM THE MEDICS

I read The Octofoil very minutely and derive a great deal of pleasure from it, but I am disappointed by the lack of news items concerning the finest and most efficient Medical Battalion the U. S. Army ever trained. It was my honor to have commanded the 9th Medical Bn. from Magenta to Ingolstadt and to have been associated with a wonderful group of men who were members. I would like to hear from them and would appreciate having this letter referred to The Octofoil so the boys will know where to contact me.

26TH F.A. MAN WRITES

Harry Schwartz writes from 475 N. 12th St., Newark, N. J., and says he is very proud of the car emblem. Harry sends his regards to all his old buddies who were in the 26th F.A.

There was an addition to the Schwartz family about seven months ago. Her name is Donna Beth. And Speed Gawenus was the first old timer from the 26th F.A. to show with personal congratulations.

PAUL ESTERLE'S FINE WIFE IS STILL PINCH-HITTING

Paul M. Esterle, former staff sergeant with L Co., 60th is still under care of the medics, according to a short but sweet note from Elsie. She says that the Octofoil emblem is proudly displayed on their auto.

IRION SENDS REGARDS TO THE ARTILLERY GUYS

Ernest Irion, former T-5 in the Division Arty., lives at 3608 Fifth Ave., North, Great Falls, Mont. After acknowledging receipt of the car emblem and making his donation, he requested The Octofoil to extend his kindest regards to the guys who were with the Division Arty., 60th F.A. and the 84th F.A. Ernie is working at the carpenter's trade and on his days off the regular job he puts in erecting his own home. But he says he is not too busy to answer any letters the fellows might feel like writing to him.

IMPRESSIVE SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED BY KING

Verne D. King now lives in Donnellson, Iowa. He would like to hear from some of the old L Co. 47th gang. His remarks relative to the proposed Memorial are beautiful. Here is what he has to say:

"I believe all the members think as I do about the Memorial dedicated to our dead buddies. It is a wonderful thing. Those dead who died that we might carry on to try and make a more friendly world, deserve all we can give in their honor. We cannot do too much to keep the memory of those

boys alive. Many people forget so quickly. But if those people ever saw their closest buddy fall and never move again, they would not forget so quickly."

ANOTHER IRISHMAN WITH A FINE WIFE

Lyle Kelly, former 47th Regt. lad who was attached to Hdqtrs. Co., is a bit busy building a home but Mrs. Kelly took time out to write a note, paying the respect they both have for the Memorial Fund drive. The Kellys live at 141 Rose Ave., Fond du Lac, Wis. They too are anxious to hear from some of the old 47th gang.

EMBLEM ARRIVED ON DAY HIS VACATION STARTED

Irving E. Lamphear, former 9th Q.M. corporal, gets his mail at 431 W. 21st St., Upland, Pa. He writes that the car emblem arrived on the day he started out on his annual vacation trip. The good old Octofoil tacked to that Pennsylvania license attracted a lot of attention and was the means of making some contacts that he was proud to make.

GEORGIA CRACKER LIKES IDEA OF A MEMORIAL

Willard Johnson, former 9th Q.M. soldier, lives at 1318 Whitney Ave., Albany, Ga. In a short note to Secy. Tingley the Georgia Cracker pledges his support to help further plans for a lasting Memorial to the boys who did not return.

GEORGE KOVALAK WRITES FROM DONORA, PA.

George Kovalak, a former 9th Q.M. corporal, who now resides at 531 McCrea Ave., Donora, Pa., writes as follows:

"I am enclosing my contribution for the auto emblem. I sincerely believe that every member of the Association should contribute to this worthy cause."

BILL LEKUTIS WRITES FROM BUCKEYE STATE

Bill Lekutis' new address is 10826 Superior Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. Bill asks for some of the boys from Co. B, 39th to write him a few lines. In commenting on the Memorial Fund, Bill says: "The Memorial Project is a worthy cause and I am glad to do my bit to further it along."

TOM SOLON SENDS DONATION FROM HOSPITAL

Tom Solon who was president of the Twin City Chapter at Minneapolis, Minn., tendered his resignation when it became necessary for him to enter the Glen Lake Sanatorium, near Minneapolis. He was succeeded by N. J. Hennen, as will be noted in the official directory printed elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil. Regardless of the bad break Tom got in having to be hospitalized he sent his donation to the Memorial Fund and adds "I agree that it is a worthwhile undertaking." A letter or card from some of the boys would help Tom an

awful lot. Send it in care of the Glen Lake Sanatorium, Oak Terrace, Minn.

BILL GRIESBACH HAS A NEW ADDRESS

A former 26th F.A. Joe writes from 975 Virgil Ave., Ridgefield, N. J. His name is William J. Griesbach and he is proud to help the Memorial Fund Drive. In his note he has some very nice things to say about The Octofoil and "8 Stars to Victory." Thanks, Bill, for your kind thoughts.

NEWSY NOTES FROM ONE MICHAEL F. BATELLI

Mike Batelli lives at 67 E. 20th St., Paterson 3, N. J., and his letter is so full of news that it is being reprinted in full and here is what he had to say:

Dear Charlie: Enclosed is my contribution towards the Memorial. I believe it is an excellent idea and worthy of being supported.

Since my last outing on this ole German typewriter from Kothen, Germany way, I had a surprise visit from the "Petite" Angelo Ferraro from Stop 3, Albany Rd., Schenectady, N. Y. Anyone who remembers the trim Angelo from the Fort Bragg days as well as the days of French North Africa, will be happy to know that "our private barber" is now a successful contractor, and riding in class in a Fire Chief Red '49 Pontiac—plus a wife and daughter!!!

Billy Nesbital, 39th Medics, out of Jersey City, is now selling insurance in Paterson, and enjoying an occasional double dip ice cream cone up in Harry Klomp's country, Pompton Lake's Old Barn.

Lenny Molendyke, former 47th man, stops by to "brag" a bit about his two boys!!!

George Simmons appears to have hung up his catcher's mitt after all these years.

Johnny Ardison and his missus, Jean, postcard from Nova Scotia that the fish are on vacation about the same time they are!!

Former 39th men would be amazed to see the "avordupois" being carried by Leslie Daichman. In the old days he probably was wearing himself thin earning his pet nickname "Couche Avec."

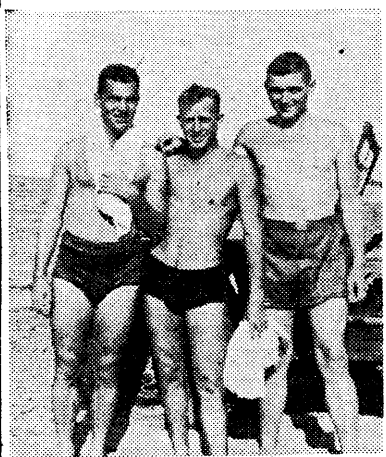
IT'S A GIRL

And since the last communique, my wife, Lillian, presented me with an 8-pound lassie named for her grandmother, Adelaide K.

Sincere best wishes and success in all Association endeavors — I remain—"MIKE."

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Sicilian Shores



The above picture was made by Lt. Nunn, Hq. Co. 1st Bn., 47th, at Cefalu, Sicily, just before the gang "moved out" for England. Left to right, Lt. Murray, who was later killed in action, Lt. Langland and Lt. Nunn.

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WHEN THEY GO COMMIE

No man ever becomes a Communist until he has given up all hope of ever becoming a Capitalist.—Country Gentleman.

PITTSBURGH BOYS TAKING A BREAK THAT WAS EARNED THE HARD WAY

The latest issue of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter's official publication, Chapter Chatter, edited by the Recording Secretary, William J. Hilton, 57 Maplewood Ave., Pittsburgh 5, Pa., is right up the sheet's usual standard.

EXTRA

After three years the boys over Pittsburgh way decided they were entitled to a vacation and voted to dispense with the August meeting. But when September rolls around Hilton says they expected the whole gang to report back full of Pep and Vinegar ready to go places and do things for the Association.

ARTILLERY CARRIES ON

However the Woman's Artillery decided to prove which group was composed of the "weaker sex." They held a meeting Aug. 19, and the thermometers were registering almost 100 degrees in shaded spots.

SAVE YOUR MONEY

The Pittsburghers have started a money saving plan in order that the members will have the wherewithal to get over to Chicago for the 1950 Convention.

All that is necessary is for a member to see the Chapter's Treasurer, Arthur E. Schmidt, give Art the money, and he in turn will give a receipt. The money will be banked in one ac-

count and held until convention time, unless the depositor needs to withdraw at an earlier date. There is no limit to the amount that may be deposited at one time nor is any amount too small.

BASKET PICNIC

It was decided the best way to get all the gang together at the least expense was to stage an old-time basket picnic. The place is Wildwood, near North Park, and the date is Sunday, August 21, 1949. Arrangements have been made to see that the little kids have as much fun as the big kids.

BOB MASON NEEDS HELP

Robert J. Mason, 33261314, a former 26th F.A. corporal is suffering from a service connected ailment and he needs to contact someone who knew him while in the service. Anyone who knew Bob should write Secretary Hilton at once at the address given above.

BLOOD BANK A SUCCESS

Both the Chapter members and the Artillerywomen have responded wonderfully to the calls that have gone out for blood donors.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Pittsburgh's Women's Artillery are selling Christmas cards again this year. People who patronized them last year say the cards are "tops."

THEY ARE GOING GREAT IN WILKES BARRE-SCRANTON

Francis Wolman, the up-and-at-'em secretary of the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton (Pa.) Chapter still gets his mail at 257 Green St., Edwardsville, Pa. (Kingston Postoffice.) Quoting from his August 1 letter, it reads:

The Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Chapter has been going great guns since its last report.

We held our first clambake on July 24 and the local gold bricks who did not attend do not know what they missed. The turnout was wonderful and everything materialized better than anyone had anticipated.

BLAUM IS PITCHING

At every get together we learn to a greater extent what a fine selection we made in having elected Leo Blaum president. He is a natural for the job. A chug-a-bug happened to show up and Leo turned it into a few bucks for the treasury.

Leo also was the chief cook along with such able assistance as Chappie Lynch, and Herb Donath. Adolph Buddell served as bartender and did a good job of putting away as much as he served.

IRISH SERENADE

Bob Davis brought his father with him and he did a great job of serenading. Irish melodies echoed throughout the nearby woods. Bob's driver, Tometchko, can surely play an accordion. He kept the gang amused for a long while.

BALD HEADS VS. FATSO

The volley ball net was in constant use. The bald headed guys played the fat. Suppose I just skip over saying who won.

The softball game also turned into a slugger's dream. Teddy Williams has competition here in the valley.

Bob Davis tried to make a fly catch with his nose. It didn't work so he had to retire from the game.

Chappie thinks he got a home run but there are witnesses who

saw the opposing outfielder get a pay-off after the game.

All in all the outing was a success and next year's promises to be a humdinger.

TAKING A BREAK

No meeting will be held in August. The next one will be Sunday, Sept. 18, at 2:30 P. M. in the American Legion Home, No. River St., Wilkes-Barre.

Things are looking up for the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Chapter. With a few more go-getters there would be nothing to worry about. Even the attendance at these past meetings during the hottest days imaginable, has been good. With better weather on the way the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Chapter is looking for a 100 per cent turnout for meetings.

REMEMBER NEXT MEETING

What say, gang? Buy the wife a new fur coat this winter. That should rate a day or two off a month. Don't forget the September meeting.

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Nancy Ruth Croskill Makes Appearance

A cute little birth announcement made its appearance in The Octofoil office recently. It announced the arrival of a brand-new family member who came to live with Esther Ruth and Don Croskill, who live at 1120 Franklin Ave., Fremont, Ohio.

The little lady has been named Nancy Ruth Croskill. Her dad was attached to Ninth Division Headquarters.

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A PAIR ARRIVE ON JUNE 30th

Frank Ridzi, a former T-5 with the 60th F.A., announces from 213 17th St., Brooklyn, N. Y., that on June 30, 1949, it was TWINS who arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ridzi—and is he a proud poppa?

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Sandwich spread is what you get from eating between meals.

GREATER NEW YORK OUTFIT HAS A GOOD REPORT FOR THIS MONTH

By STANLEY COHEN,
192 Danforth Avenue,
Jersey City, N. J.

Now that the echoes of the convention shouts have died down New York's Ninth Division Chapter is back in strength for the coming fall season.

PEPPER IS ON THE JOB

Quickly looking back at the reports that have filtered my way, it seems that Brother Pepper did a job on catching hold of some New Yorkers who have been a bit delinquent about joining. . . Good work, Pep.

DELEGATES CLICKED

From reports, activity on the part of New Yorkers at the Pittsburgh Convention were as usual, up to the standard of what happens when good fellows get together.

KINDA RED IN THE FACE

The writer is sincerely sorry that the news has not been on time, and makes an open apology to the interested readers of The Octofoil and the New York Chapter. My excuse is not a lack of interest, but due to the fact that I have just started my own business and my time has been completely consumed in making a go at my latest venture, in the advertising agency business.

35 ATTEND CONVENTION

Approximately some 35 odd New Yorkers turned out for the convention and to quote our prez, George Whitney, "I think that the boys who were responsible for the Convention this year deserve a lot of credit. They certainly did a very fine job and deserve all the credit in the world for turning out a wonderful program of activity and assuring the usual success of a Ninth Division Convention."

NOTES FROM JOISEY

Excerpts from my home town in Jersey City: It seems that Joisey City sponsors the headquarters of some of the 39th Anti-Tank Co. oldsters. Such men as Mike Shaw, Sal D'Alvia, Patsy Castellano, Ray Benviono, Joe Benzone, Ralph Scooco. Saw Lee Schneider who ended up as a major in the Asiatic Theater. Heard that Johnny Cassetta is now located in Rochester, N. Y.

To quote a letter received from Adolph J. Wadalavage, of 28-17

38th Ave., Long Island City, N. Y.: "The reason Joe Brady couldn't make it to the Pittsburgh Convention was a blessed event. Katy brought Joe a little bundle of joy, Kathleen Jeanne, a 6-pound package born on July 1. . . Now all you M.P.s must take off your hats when you see Brady on the street.

Phillip O'Reilly (Col. Pickett's old chauffeur) is still driving—only this time a bus around Brooklyn.

William B. Clark is now shifting his freedom to spend some time up Detroit way during the Labor Day holidays. Tony Brezos, 60th Infantry man, is making tracks in Jersey, and word has it that Sir Cupid is hot on his trail. Signed—A. J. Wadalavage."

NEXT MEETING SEPT. 9

The next meeting of the New York Chapter will be held at the usual place at the Manhattan Towers on or about Sept. 9, 1949. Check your mail boxes, you New Yorkers, for further information. At that time we will again discuss our final dance plans for the coming fall dance of the New York Chapter.

By the time this issue goes to press (thanks to Uncle Sam) this correspondent will finally receive his B.S. from New York University. It has only taken 10 years to do it, but time and fortune have made it possible.

SGT. NICK TO GET MARRIED

A note just received from Nick up at Fairbanks, Alaska, tells that he will be married on his next furlough, and will next be assigned to a Texas field. Sgt. E. Nichols has met some former 9th men up there in Alaska. Sgt. Newell (former cook with Casual Co., Nazi), is now a mess sergeant of the Fourth Fighter Group. Joe Mertes is in the same squadron with Nick and Joe was with the I and R of the 47th in England. He is NCOIC at the Base Aircraft Electric Shop.

In case Major Wilson or Lieut. Bradley read this remember that Carl I am sorry that we could not see you at Pittsburgh; but hope to see you the next time.

The above news bulletin was prepared by a busy lad. So long until next month.—Stan.

New Prexy Has Some Real Ideas

Dick Schumann, the newly elected president of the Ohio Chapter has some very progressive plans in mind for the betterment of the Chapter.

He is calling a meeting of the line officers at regular intervals at his home, 422 Hanford St., Columbus, Ohio.

Standing committees were appointed at the last officer meeting. Miles McFarland, the newly elected secretary, was appointed Program Chairman. Miles has already contacted the V.A. and asked for a speaker to attend the September meeting. Invitations will be mailed out to all parts of the country previous to the September meeting. It is hoped arrangements can be made to have someone on the speaking program from Fort Dix, who can tell the old Ninth boys what the new Ninth is doing.

Glenn Moore will handle the publicity for Dick's administration, while Richard Pestel and Don Jewell will get a membership drive under way.

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Fixed Up Good Chow



SGT. DONALD CASE
Sgt. Case was undoubtedly the best "goolash" mixer-upper that the Ninth Division had. He was with M Co., 47th, and was shot at only three times by lads who contracted ptomaine poison.

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Record Album For Infantry Available

The Octofoil has been advised that a very interesting record album is now available that is of especial interest to all former Ninth Division men. Title of the album series is "Sound Off." The Commanding Officer gives the command "Sound Off," and "Pass In Review," then says the writer, as the records progress it is easy to visualize the good old Ninth on review in Bragg, Africa, England and other places. The Octofoil is displayed and an Army choir sing "Stars and Stripes Forever."

And speaking of records, Wilton Taylor, Box 446, Taft, Calif., makes inquiry as to what happened to the lad who made recordings of the Columbus (Ohio) Second Annual Convention Memorial Services. (Editor's Note: The lad who made the records was Richard Schumann, 422 Hanford St., Columbus, O., but the demand for the records finally ceased to exist entirely and it is doubtful whether Dick is equipped to make any more of the recordings. However, there may be an extra set of records some place that can be obtained.)

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TARZAN

He had Tarzan eyes—the swung from limb to limb.—Exchange.

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HICK TOWN

A hick town is where, if you see a girl dining with a man old enough to be her father, he is.—Exchange.

FORT BRAGG'S DEAR OLD PINEY WOODS



Clyde S. Cripe, 7 Dixie Dr., Anderson, Ind., provided the above photo, bringing back memories of days on Chicken Road at Fort Bragg. Pictured above: First name, not known . . . Serine; Charles Stevens, Captain J. P. Roller (later major), Sgt. Mercolino and Sgt. Nabors.

Connecticut Group's Picnic Really Was a Humdinger

By AARON ALPERT

Sunday, July 31, the Connecticut Chapter had its first annual lunch basket picnic at Hank Garguilo's farm. It was a huge success; and all those who came thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Families came from all points of the state to indulge in the sports of bocci, horse shoes, baseball and other games. The kiddies had their day romping all over and drinking soda to their fill. Before the happy day ended, it was the members' wives who asked that a similar affair be given next year.

The door prize for the women, donated by the writer, was won by Stan Trickett's wife. Blonde Ernie Micha, Jr., all of a year and a half, drew the lucky number for the choice prize of the day.

CAPOBIANCO GETS THE VINO

Nick Capobianco and his wife had to win their prize of a choice

bottle of sherry wine the hard way. They took all competition at the pitching of horseshoes contest. Hank Garguilo and his wife took the honors at bocci and their prize was also a bottle of choice wine.

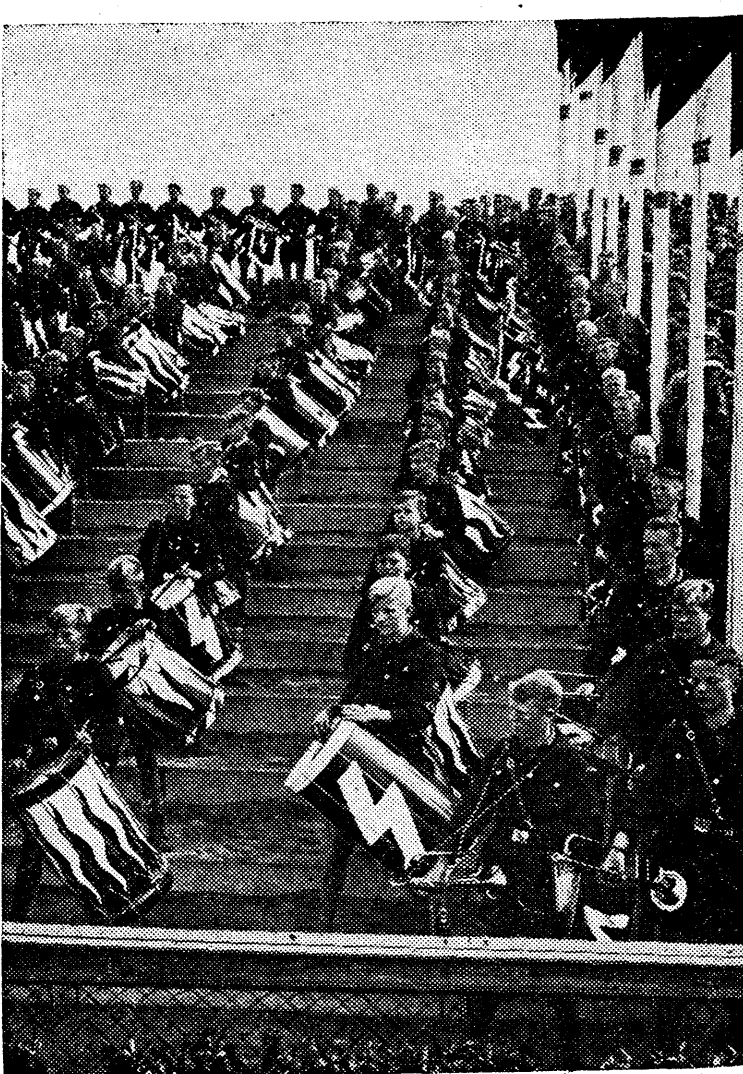
TIME OUT FOR BEER

The Joe Di Maggios of the baseball game included Syd Heiberger, Boardman Lockwood, Ed Sullivan, George Swanson, Vin Amore and Jack Iovene. The losing pitcher was the usually topnotch softball, Howard Reisfelder. The ball game had many time outs—for a cool beer.

MEET AUG. 25

The next meeting of the Connecticut Chapter will be held at the New Haven Armory on Aug. 25, 1949. If you missed the picnic come to the meeting, for even at the meeting there is always plenty of beer, soda and sandwiches. And of course your old buddy.

NINTH DIVISION SAVED THEIR LIVES



Dick Schumann's war bride, the former Barbara Beer, of Ingoldstadt, has translated the writing on the back of Captain Bob Turner's "liberated" Kraut pictures. Pictured above is a gang of Hitler's embryonic soldiers, ballyhooed as the youngest drummers in the nation. Thanks to the Fighting Ninth Division Hitler's goose-stepping supermen had their "goose cooked" before the tots were mature enough to be made into cannon fodder.

ECONOMICS

Small town man to big city minister:

"Do you think I could lead a good Christian life here in the city on \$20 a week?"

"My boy, that's all you could do."—Exchange.

"Oh, dear," she cried. "I've missed you so much. Then she fired the pistol again.

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Her father: "And what are your prospects?"

Mike Puzak: "Pretty good, unless your daughter has misled me."

Special Offering

A large map showing the routes taken by the Ninth Infantry Division in all of its campaigns, through Africa, Sicily, England, France, Belgium and Germany.

Size 18" by 22½", suitable for framing.

This map was on display at the Pittsburgh Convention and several members signified their desire to have a copy so arrangements were made to have it reproduced and it is now available. Everyone desiring to obtain a copy of this map, please write in to the National Secretary, Postoffice Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., enclosing only one dollar to cover costs and mailing charges. The map will be mailed in a "mailing tube" to prevent folding.

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