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THE OCTOFOIL

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COMBAT UNITS CONSOLIDATE

A REAL SOLDIER



The above picture of Capt. Jesse F. Nivens, former CO of D Co., 47th, was sent to The Octofoil by Fred Scheel, 927 1/2 W. Monroe St., Sandusky, O. Fred says every man in the outfit swore by Capt. Nivens, and after he was killed his old buddy who sent the above picture had a awful time trying to replace the captain.

CHICAGO IN 1950

FATHER CONNORS WILL HOLD FIFTH MEMORIAL MASS

Joseph A. McKenzie, director, Dept. of Veterans' Services, for the city of Waltham, Mass., advises The Octofoil that he recently visited Father Connors' office and the Father advised that he is going to celebrate his Fifth Memorial Mass for the deceased members of the division on Nov. 6 at 10 A. M., St. Peters Church, Worcester, Mass.

Joe says now is the time for the boys in other parts of the country to start saving their dimes in order to be able to attend this Mass. He adds that fellows from out of New England should write to friends in or around Worcester and say "I'll see you in Worcester on Nov. 6."

(Ed's Note: Someone in New England is giving Fr. Connors' Memorial Mass good coverage. A Columbus (O.) merchant, Nick Francisco, stopped a local Chapter member on the street and asked if the 9th wasn't his old outfit. When the lad answered in the affirmative Nick produced a letter from a friend in Worcester advising of the Nov. 6 Mass.)

CHICAGO IN 1950

Inquiry Is Made About Lt. Spears

Mr. O. W. Richardson, vice-president of the Duquesne Lumber Co., Columbia Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa., has asked The Octofoil to request any of the members who knew his nephew, Lt. William McIndoe Spears, to write Mr. Richardson at the address given above.

Lt. Spears was with Co. I, 47th. He was killed at El Guetta on 6 April 1943.

There must be dozens or more members who went through the El Guetta hell who will remember Lt. Spears and can give Mr. Richardson the information he is anxious of obtaining.

AL BRUCHAC CALLS ATTENTION TO ERROR IN NEW YORK DANCE DATES

DATE FOR NEW YORK'S BIG DANCE IS NOVEMBER 12, 1949, NOT NOV. 13—MARK THAT DATE DOWN.

Thanks to Al Bruchac, member of the National Association's Board of Governors, The Octofoil received information in plenty of time to correct the error that appeared in the last issue.

Al says that the New York Chapter proposes for each and every one of these annual affairs to be an improvement on the one previously held, and that the proper kind of publicity is their greatest asset in putting over the affairs.

Members of the Board of Gov-

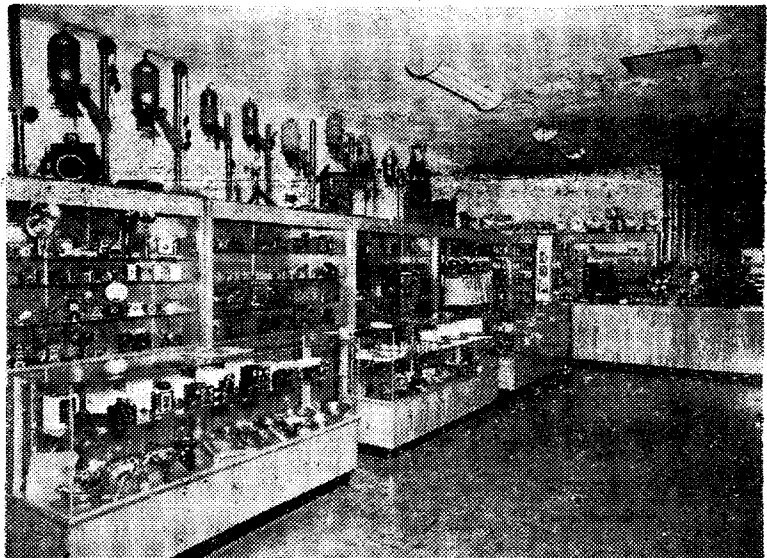
ernors from the National Association have been invited, along with many other leading workers for the Association in various parts of the country.

The number of tickets that can be sold are limited. Members who have attended these New York affairs previously know they are well worth traveling many miles to attend.

WRITE HAROLD PEPPER

Anyone who can possibly attend this big annual New York affair should write Harold Pepper, Secretary Greater New York 9th Division Chapter, 1696 Third Ave., New York 28, N. Y., for tickets AT ONCE.

Turner's Well-Equipped Camera Shop



The above photo shows the interior of Bob Turner's Camera Shop, 621 South Atlantic Boulevard, Los Angeles 22, Calif. Former 9th men who are camera fans, from coast to coast, have learned they not only get better merchandise at better prices when ordering from Bob Turner's Camera Shop, but they have the satisfaction of knowing they are patronizing an old Buddy.

BILL BUEMI "SOUNDS OFF" ABOUT BANQUET SET UP BY CLEVELANDERS

Bill Buemi, a former Co. F, 47th Inf. man, now living at 11913 Cromwell Ave., Cleveland 20, Ohio, writes:

The Greater Cleveland Chapter is planning its First Annual Banquet for October. I think it will be October 22, Saturday night, at 8:30.

It'll really be a good one—with music, entertainment and delicious filets with all the trimmings.

Place: VFW Post 3003, East 44th and Prospect.

The banquet tickets will not be over \$3.25 per person. Where in

the devil can a guy dine, dance and eat \$6.50 per couple?

Buemi says reply cards were being sent to all members of the Association in that area and advises he wouldn't miss this affair under any circumstances and insists on other members taking his advice and attending. It's a cinch everyone is gonna have one good time on that day.

Anyone who is interested and does not get a card they should write Bill Buemi at the address given or contact

Secretary Lazar Kay,
1551 East Blvd.,
Cleveland 20, Ohio.
Telephone: SW. 1796.

NOT MUCH

Tom Gray was attending a meeting of the Henpecked Club in Pittsburgh, Pa. Suddenly the door opened. Peggy Gray sailed in, grabbed him by the collar, shook him until his teeth rattled, and exclaimed: "What do you mean by attending this club? You are not henpecked."

CHICAGO IN 1950

No girl is too dull not to have bride ideas.—English Digest.

Ed Walters Sends Group Photo In

Edgar Walters has moved to 16 Chamberlain St., Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.

Ed forwarded to The Octofoil a group picture of former 47th men. It appears elsewhere in this issue. Walters is in hope some of the Joes whose pictures appear in this issue will take time out to write him. He could not identify all of them.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMBAT UNITS HOLD SESSION IN WASHINGTON, ON 6 OCT. 1949

GENERAL STROH AND CHARLIE TINGLEY ELECTED PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY, RESPECTIVELY; WILL SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Pursuant to a call issued by a committee appointed at a preliminary meeting held on 11 June, delegates from 47 Combat Unit Associations assembled in Washington, D. C., on 6 October 1949. These delegates met for the purpose of organizing a confederation of such Associations or societies.

The meeting was called to order at 1000 hours at the

Hamilton Hotel by the Chairman

of the Organizing Committee. It

was addressed by Lt. Gen. Robert

L. Eichelberger, former commander

of the Eighth Army. General

Eichelberger spoke briefly on the

value of alumni associations. Upon

conclusion of his talk, the convention was addressed

by Mr. Edmund G. Love, chairman

of the committee. Mr. Love explored

the problems now confronting the

Associations, laying particular stress

upon the failure of most of the groups

to reach anywhere near the full potential

of their membership. The principal

causes for this failure, Mr. Love

indicated, were inability to secure

a full roster, mechanical breakdowns

in administration, and inefficiency

and an unsatisfactory approach to the

individual prospective members. Mr.

Love proposed that the contemplated

central organization have two main

objectives. The first of these was

the establishment of a coordinated

and systematic publicity campaign

designed to attract the lost members.

The second part of the proposed

program was to see the establishment

of a secretariat, or service, section

through which member Associations

who so desire could take advantage

of decreased operating costs and

increased efficiency in operation.

DISCUSSION PERIOD

Upon conclusion of the Organizing

Chairman's address, the convention

recessed for lunch, reconvening

at 1330 hours. The second session

was given over entirely to discussion.

The delegates were encouraged to state

their views, first on the question of

whether a central organization would

be necessary and beneficial; secondly,

whether the aims and objectives as

outlined in the Chairman's address

were possible of accomplishment; and

thirdly, whether the contemplated

costs were within reach of the

Associations and were worth the

price. It was unanimously agreed

both that the central organization

was desirable and should be formed,

and that the objectives could be

accomplished. No agreement was

reached during the afternoon on

the subject of finance. Several

alternative financial plans were

presented by the delegates and

discussed thoroughly without

reaching agreement. At the close

of the meeting, it was proposed

by Mr. Rothenberg, the delegate

of the 8th Armored Division, that

the problem be turned over either

to the proposed governing board

or to a special committee for

solution. This proposal was ac-

cepted. The meeting adjourned for the afternoon at approximately 1700 hours.

ATTEND SMOKER

On the evening of 6 October many of the delegates attended an informal dinner and smoker at the Hamilton Hotel, during which some of the problems were discussed by the various persons present.

The session on 7 October

was convened at 1000 hours. The

chairman appointed a finance

committee to consider and report

a workable solution to the convention.

This committee was under the

chairmanship of Mr. Carl

Trimble of the 101st Airborne

Division, and included Mr. Jack

Bochner of the 8th Infantry

Division, and Mr. Ernest Clay of

the First Special Service Force. While

the finance committee was at

work, the convention moved to the

consideration of the charter. The

delegates voted to name the

confederation the National Association

of Combat Units after several

alternatives had been suggested.

Many minor changes were

made in the proposed draft which

was made by a preliminary

committee prior to the convention.

The two principal changes were

made in Section VI and Section

VII, the sections dealing with the

power of the Association to borrow,

and that dealing with the election

and structure of the governing

board. The charter was finally

completed by a special

drafting committee composed of

E. P. Thomson, 63d Division;

Henry B. Rothenberg, 8th Armored

Division, and Mr. Robert

Haeslinger, XIII Corps. The

Charter was adopted by unanimous

vote after a roll call of the

delegates. Upon completion of this

business, the convention recessed

for lunch.

The first business of the final

session was the report of the

finance committee. Discussion of

this report consumed more than

two hours. It was pointed out by

Mr. Trimble that the committee

had considered only the budget

for the publicity functions of the

Association. No concrete figure

was available for the Secretariat,

and no estimate could be presented

until it was learned definitely

how large an organization would

be established. Consideration of

this fact was left to the Board

of Directors, and it was generally

agreed that those units who

participated in the Secretariat would

support the operation of that

section, the budget being kept

entirely separate. Mr. Trimble

then went on to explain that the

budget adopted by his committee

for the publicity section of the

Association, which was to be

supported by all Divisions which

choose to participate, was the

minimum allowable for the

first year of operation. It

amounted to \$11,300. It was

decided, therefore, to set the

annual membership fee at

\$240 per year per Division. An

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Beautiful Poems Taken From "History of the Lost Battalion"

A World War I friend of The Octofoil has sent in a very beautifully mounted edition of poems by Frank McCollum, who belonged to that famed "Lost Battalion" in World War I. The poems make excellent reading and many of them apply eloquently to the boys of the Famous Ninth Infantry Division of World War II. A few of the poems extracted from the edition are printed below:

THE DEBT

My Pals are all around me,
It seems like a horrible dream,
But there goes my "Buddie" damn
bad hit,
And I go mad when I hear his
scream.

My blood boils up in red, red rage
And I lose the last of my will;
I'm turned to beast and mad man,
And my cry is to kill—to kill!

I rage and mutter all the night,
And wait for the break of day;
For my mind is mad with that one
thought,
They must repay!—repay!

You're gone, so why should I live,
And say that life's worth while,
When gladly I'd join you where
you are,
Just to see once again your
smile.

I'll try my best to square the debt,
But Pal, it can never be done,
So may you rest in peace o'er
here,
'Neath the new-made cross that
you've won.

OUR CHAPLAIN

He came and went amongst our
midst,
With never a sign of a gun,
His mind unseared or war-crazed,
With thots of taming the Hun.

His mission was one of kindness,
And no matter what his creed,
You'd always find him near us,
Whene'er we were in need.

I've seen him go amongst the
maimed,
To bind and dress their wounds,
Then pray o'er loved ones laid to
rest,
While shells played shrieking
tunes.

When "Going In" to do our spell,
He'd grasp us by the hand,
And tell us in this simple way,
That God did understand.

You proved yourselves God's no-
blemen,
And played the game clear
thrus

Where'er your station is today,
My hat is off to you.

BUDDIES

From the North, the East, South
or West,

When called upon, we sent our
best,

And thru that "Melting Pot" o'er
there,

Hearts were moulded, souls laid
bare.

A simple greeting known as
"Buddy,"

Is worthy of a philosopher's study,
No matter whether man or lad,
That's the one greeting we all
had.

From as a small a thing as—
"Gimme a light,"

To laying down his life in a fight,
There was no color, nor was there
creed,

Whenever a "Buddy" was in
need.

A man may have been of the Gos-
pel bred,

Or so low, that even his name was
dead,

Yet when he grasped a "Buddy's"
hand,

There passed a love they alone
understand.

Country, color, creed or station,
Were moulded as one, in War's

Devastation,
When "Buddies" went on to that
unknown goal,

Shoulder to shoulder, soul to
soul.

Tell Him, Girlie

—By Charles M. Plunkett



Those guys who wait until past the deadline to pay dues for 1950 and then write for back issues of The Octofoil will be furnished slips instead. Because only the necessary number of copies needed for paid-up members can the Association afford to have printed.

NOVEMBER IN THE HISTORY OF THE NINTH DIVISION

(Compiled by Major General Donald A. Stroh)

- 1 (1941) "The Raiders" becomes the official name of the 47th Infantry.
- 4 (1943) Division completes movement into staging area, at Mondello, Sicily, preparatory to sailing for England.
- 5 (1944) Division (less 47th Combat Team) completes relief of 4th Division on the right flank of the front of the V Corps, Germany.
- 7 (1942) Transport carrying 2d Battalion 39th Infantry is torpedoed in the Mediterranean.
- 8 (1942) 39th, 47th and 60th Combat Teams participate in invasion of North Africa.
- 9 (1942) 2d Battalion 39th Infantry, transferred from their torpedoed transport, land at Algiers on a British warship.
- 10 (1942) 2d Battalion 60th Infantry captures the Kasba, Port Lytautey.
- 11 (1941) The arrival of a recruit from Nevada completes the 48th state to have representatives in the Division.
- 11 (1942) An armistice ends fighting against the French in North Africa.
- 11 (1943) Division sails from Sicily for England.
- 14 (1944) Division (less 47th Combat Team) is relieved by 99th Division and reverts to corps reserve.
- 16 (1940) Division holds its first parade in nondescript uniforms, Ft. Bragg, before General Devers, who had recently assumed command.
- 16 (1944) 47th Combat Team, detached from the Division, and reinforced by Company C 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Company A 746th Tank Battalion, Company D 87th Chemical Battalion and one gun Battery D 376th AAA Battalion, begins a memorable attack east of Eschweiler, Germany.
- 17-19 (1944) 1st Battalion 47th Infantry (reinforced) wins a Distinguished Unit Citation during continuous attacks near Norhernberg, Germany.
- 19 (1941) Division bivouac is invaded by "enemy" parachutists during Carolina Maneuvers.
- 20 (1944) Staff Sgt. Briles, Company C 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion, wins the Medal of Honor near Scherpenseel, Germany.
- 21-27 (1944) Medical Detachment 47th Infantry wins a Distinguished Unit Citation for evacuating 800 casualties during heavy fighting near Huecheln, Germany.
- 25 (1943) Division debarks at Liverpool, Swansea and Gourock, U. K., on Thanksgiving Day.
- 26 (1944) Pfc. Sheridan, Company K 47th Infantry wins the Medal of Honor, while attached to the 2d Battalion, during an attack on Frenzenberg Castle, Germany.
- 28 (1941) Carolina Maneuvers, the largest ever held in the United States, officially end.
- 28 (1944) 47th Combat Team captures Frenzenberg Castle to end 145 days of continuous combat without rest.
- 30 (1944) 47th Combat Team rejoins the Division at Camp Eisenborn for rest.
- 30 (1945) Division is awarded the Belgian Fourragere with two citations, Nuernberg.

NEWS FROM PHILADELPHIA ARRIVED THE NEXT DAY AFTER LAST EDITION

John H. Wooten, 117 French Ave., Westmont, N. J., rushed his last news bulletin concerning the Philadelphia Chapter's activities in by special delivery air mail, but at that, The Octofoil had been off the presses at least 24 hours when John's letter arrived. However, parts of the letter follows:

By JOHN H. WOOTEN

The Philadelphia Chapter is swinging into the Fall season with plans for many interesting activities designed to stimulate interest in the organization, increase membership and provide a means of recreation and enjoyment for all members.

TO SHOW FILMS

Our hard working vice president, John Callahan, has arranged for the presentation of combat films to be shown after the close of business at Chapter meetings. It is planned to show the films at every other meeting, starting in October. Lists of films to be shown will be printed in The Octofoil. This should prove a strong drawing card and all Philadelphia and vicinity members and their wives or girl friends are invited to attend.

Bill Saliday has taken over the duties of secretary until the end of the year, for Rog Parker, who was forced to vacate due to the press of other business. Roger is to be commended for the splendid job he has done since he assumed the duties over a year ago.

URGE ATTENDANCE

Now that the vacations are all over all members of the Chapter are urged to attend the meetings regularly in order that business can be properly transacted with everyone having a voice in the proceedings. The fellows are also reminded to bring the wife or girl friend so that the ladies can formulate Auxiliary plans for the fall and winter.

DUES ARE PAYABLE

Treasurer Bob Colflesh also wishes to remind all hands that the coffers need replenishing from time to time and 1950 dues are coming due.

The October meeting was held Friday, Oct. 7, at 8 P. M. at the Essex Hotel, 13th and Filbert Sts. Combat films and refreshments were on tap after the meeting.

BOARD WILL MEET IN NEW YORK CITY ON NOVEMBER 12th

Secretary Tingley has sent out notices for the Board of Governors to meet on Nov. 12, 1949. The meeting has been timed so as to coincide with the date New York Chapter will hold their big Fall Dance.

The meeting will be held on Saturday at 1 P. M. at the Manhattan Towers Hotel, 76th St. and Broadway, New York City.

Every effort will be made to have a transcription of the proceedings in the next issue of The Octofoil.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Listed Are a Few Address Changes Sent to Tingley

Quite a few of the members moved to new addresses during the past month. Due to mechanical difficulty Secretary Tingley experienced with the office Addressograph machine prevented the secretary from sending a complete list of new addresses. However, they will be printed in the next issue. Following is the list The Octofoil has available now:

1st Lt. Arthur Gardiner, 526th LSC, APO 407-A, Postmaster, New York City.

Herbert Temkin, 409 Winthrop Ave., New Haven, Conn.

Richard B. Sharpnack, 4641 Mt. Troy Rd., Pittsburgh 14, Pa.

Leonard F. Kokko, Rt. 2, Box 23, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Lucius W. Johnson, Jr., General Delivery, Carmel, Calif.

Merrill I. Perry, Rt. 3, Box 292, Wapato, Wash.

Mrs. Vera N. Blake, the Mazza Apts., 12 1/2 S. Main St., Bangor, Pa. (Next-of-kin.)

Stanley J. Petlak, 4 East Drive, Chicopee, Mass.

Glenn E. Griffin, 1128 15th Ave., S. W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Richard T. Houser, 437 W. Magnolia, San Antonio, Texas.

Joseph P. McAndrews, 904 Ogden Ave., Bronx 52, N. Y.

Edgar Walters, 16 Chamberlain St., Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.

CHICAGO IN 1950

BEG YOUR PARDON, SAYS KEN MEYER

Just as The Octofoil was ready to hit the pressroom a special delivery letter arrived from Ken Meyer, 468 Pearl St., Akron 4, Ohio. Ken is secretary of the Greater Cleveland Chapter. His letter reads:

At our National Convention in Pittsburgh I had made arrangements for Bill Mauser to accept our charter at the banquet. The afternoon of the banquet, Bill, without my knowledge, came back to Cleveland. Imagine my surprise when I was called up to accept the charter.

While in front of the microphone trying to collect my wits so I could say something I saw two of our Chapter members sitting at a table. I called on them on the spur of the moment to stand up and share the honor of accepting the Charter with me. In doing so, I slighted another member, Frank Chatto, who has worked harder to assure the success of our Chapter than any other member.

JUST HEARD ABOUT IT

It was not called to my attention until a few days ago. At this time I wish to publicly apologize to Frank for the injustice I did him. There is not a better man in our outfit and we certainly are lost without our sergeant-at-arms.

BANQUET OCT. 22

Our first annual banquet-dance will be held Saturday evening, Oct. 22, in Cleveland.

The price is \$6.50 per couple and we promise that the meal itself will be worth that price. There will be an orchestra for dancing (waltzes, jitterbugging, polkas, etc.) from 9 P. M. until 1 A. M. Free beer will be served. A beautiful and unique lamp will be won by someone present.

START DRIVE

We are starting our 1950 membership drive at our next meeting. To encourage better attendance at future meetings, there will be free beer and sandwiches. We are trying to rig up a hot coffee deal for those who do not want beer.

APOLOGIES AGAIN

I again extend my sincere apologies to Frank Chatto. Please accept them, Frank.

CONFEDERATION OF COMBAT UNITS

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additional subscription to capital stock in the form of an initiation fee was agreed upon.

FLEXIBILITY

After considerable discussion it was agreed by the delegates that the figures presented were reasonable. It should be noted that a method of payment was provided by which the various units in less favorable financial circumstances could make arrangements to join. The finance committee recommended that the Board of Directors allow some flexibility in the arrangements for Associations in obvious difficulties. The convention adopted this recommendation. The finance committee proposed that Divisions joining the Association after 1 May 1950 be not considered as charter members, and that the initiation fee be doubled for non-charter members. Mr. John C. Evans, 76th Division, moved that the report of the committee be accepted and that Divisions joining the Association at any time during the first year of operation be required to pay the full annual dues. This motion was seconded and adopted by unanimous vote. Mr. Warren Huguelot, 1st Armed Division, asked that the Chairman of the convention point out specifically what the publicity program included. The Chairman replied that no specific program had as yet been adopted because of lack of authority and time to prepare one, but a general description was given which provided for two definite courses of action in the near future and many other probable projects. The Chairman stated that it was hoped to place an article in a national magazine and to set up a system of mutual assistance between Divisions. The convention accepted the program as put forth. The report of the finance committee which was adopted by the convention as the scale of payments for participating Associations is appended below. It should be noted that, although Divisions have until 1 May 1950 to join, earlier action is recommended so that full benefit of early publicity can be received.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Each Association joining the National Association of Combat Units shall pay an initiation fee of \$100.00 annually.
 2. Each Association of Division size or larger, joining the National Association of Combat Units during the fiscal year 1949-50, shall pay a membership fee of \$240 for that year.
 3. So that inability to meet a lump sum payment will not keep Associations from participating, it is recommended that the following schedule of payments be adopted: On or before Nov. 1, 1949
- | Initiation | Annual Fee | Fee |
|---------------------------|------------|----------|
| On or before Nov. 1, 1949 | \$100.00 | |
| On or before Feb. 1, 1950 | 50.00 | |
| On or before May 1, 1950 | 50.00 | \$ 50.00 |
| On or before Aug. 1, 1950 | 40.00 | |
| On or before Oct. 1, 1950 | 50.00 | |
| | \$240.00 | \$100.00 |

Should a Division not join the Association until Feb. 28, 1950, for example, the sum of all payments due prior to that time becomes immediately payable.

4. Units which join the Association after 1 May 1950 should pay an initiation fee of \$200.00, plus full annual fee.

5. All units with a potential membership smaller than a Division, but equal to an RCT in size, shall pay all fees on a scale one-half that listed in Section 4.

6. All units with a potential membership smaller than an RCT shall pay all fees on a scale one-quarter that in Sec. 4.

7. The Board of Directors shall have final determination as to which group (Sec. 6 or 7 above) an Association belongs to, or whether it shall be considered equal to a Division in size.

8. It is recommended that the Board of Directors allow an Association some flexibility as to payment dates, should obvious financial difficulty be involved.

CARL TRIMBLE, Chmn.,
101st Airborne Div.
JAMES M. BOCHNER,
8th Inf. Div.

ERNEST CLAY,
1st Spec. Serv. Force.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The business of the convention was continued with the report of

the nominating committee, after which the officers were elected. **GENERAL STROH AND TINGLEY ELECTED**

The election of Generals Stroh and Holbrook were unanimous. The six directors were chosen from a field of nine who were nominated. The president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer are also directors, which makes a total of nine directors. The list of officers of the Association is as follows:

President — Donald A. Stroh, 8th Inf. Div.

Vice-President — William A. Holbrook, 11th Armored Div.

Secretary-Treasurer — Charles O. Tingley, 9th Inf. Div.

Directors (1 year): George W. Rayne, 83d Inf. Div.; Thomas W. Griffin, 99th Inf. Div.

Directors (2 years): Leo B. Connors, 1st Armored Div.; Carl E. Trimble, 101st Airborne Div.

Directors (3 years): D. McB. Curtis, 1st Inf. Div.; John A. Rees, 3d Inf. Div.

Mr. Edmund G. Love was appointed by the Board of Directors as Managing Director.

The convention prepared to adjourn by unanimously rendering a vote of thanks to the organizing committee. Selection of the site and time of the 1950 meeting was left to the Board of Directors. The convention adjourned at approximately 1700 hours, 7 October. CHICAGO IN 1950

Joe McKenzie Says Pergiovanni Moved "Across the Tracks"

A neat little birth announcement card reaches The Octofoil office via Joe McKenzie, Waltham, Mass. The card reads in part, something like this:

HERE I AM!
I'm not much bigger than a DEWDROP
But I'm making a BIG SPLASH!
I arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pergiovanni on Sept. 13, 1949,
Weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz.
and my name is LOUIS MICHAEL.

Then what does Joe do, but write an appendix to this nice little card which reads:

"During the past year Mr. Pergiovanni must have moved his family to the other side of the tracks. Since our early association at Fort Bragg and up until the receipt of this announcement he has always been Quintino Luigi Pergiovanni. Now he calls himself just plain Louis. Bob Hamilton, 138 Campbell Ave., Troy, N. Y., our ex-company clerk, will back me up as to his correct name.

"Anyone wishing to send congratulations to Pergi can address their letter to him at Chester, Mass."

Ex-members of the 26th FA Bn. will remember him as the wild Italian of battalion motors. CHICAGO IN 1950

Mrs. Sutherland Says History Was Enjoyed In Merrie Ole England

A letter received recently by Secretary Tingley, signed by Mrs. W. A. T. Sutherland, "The Star Inn," East Cowes, Isle of Wight, England, is self-explanatory:

Dear Sir: It gave me great pleasure when I received the automobile emblem of the 9th Infantry Division, which is now displayed on our car. I enclosed my contribution to your Memorial Fund.

I must add how much my husband and I enjoyed reading "8 Stars to Victory," kindly sent through ex-G.I. Goldsmith. Honest, it is a grand book. We also enjoy The Octofoil and find it most interesting.

I wish the Ninth Infantry Division Association the best of luck and success for the future. Please convey our kind regards to all ex-G.I.s who stayed at and visited "The Peaceful Home," Alresford. We have left there now—and should any of them visit the "Isle of Wight," we would be very pleased to welcome them at this address. (Address given above.) CHICAGO IN 1950

BAD BREAK FOR PUZAK

Mike Puzak says life has its dark moments. Every time he wants to marry a gal for love, he finds that she has no money.

EVERY MEMBER OWES A NEW MEMBER IN '50

Secretary Tingley Submits the Honor Roll for Past Month; Are You On It?

The bold cap line indicates the sponsor.

NEW YORK CHAPTER

George J. Whitehurst, Lake Drive, Bedford, Va.

Hq. 9th Inf. Div.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHAPTER

Lt. Col. Herbert N. Turner, Quarters 022, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Lt. Col., 1st Bn., 47th.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

William E. Lovejoy, 2003 E. 5th St., Tuscon, Ariz.

Eugene Dillman, 711 W. 59th St., Chicago, Ill.

CLEVELAND-AKRON CHAPTER

Eddie Blecharzyk, 7412 Halle Ave., Cleveland 2, Ohio.

S-Sgt. A. Co., 47th.

CPL. STEVE BUDRICK

1st Sgt. Charles V. O'Donnell, 384 East 3rd Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

1st Sgt., Cannon Co., 60th

NO CHAPTERS NOR SPONSORS MENTIONED

Carlos B. Esteve, 722-A Broad Ave., Ridgefield, N. J.

Pvt. G Co., 39th.

Carlton A. Rhoads, Jacksonwald, Pa.

F Co., ??

Leonard A. Czupak, 454 Park Avenue, Perth Amboy, N. J.

S-Sgt., AT Co., 39th.

Major James W. Eaton, Hqs. 4th Army AG RS

Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, M-Sgt. Serv. Co., 60th.

Thomas R. Matuszewski, 424 Edwards Street, Rockford, Illinois.

Pfc., G Co., 39th.

HONOR ROLL STARS TO DATE

Atlanta Chapter — 4

Buffalo Chapter — 3

Connecticut Chapter — 2

New England Chapter — 1

Illinois Chapter — 10

Detroit Chapter — 3

New York Chapter — 25

District of Columbia Chapter — 3

Philadelphia Chapter — 2

Pittsburgh Chapter — 13

Wilkes-Barre, Scranton — 7

Cleveland Chapter — 8

Total New Members to Date for Year 1949

CHICAGO IN 1950

MARCELLA PASTOR WRITES FOR PETER

Peter P. Pastor, former T-4 with the 15th Engineers has a good secretary in the person of the charming Mrs. Pastor (Marcella.) She knew Pastor would like to look over one of those maps Secretary Tingley has, so she sent for one, paid the lad's dues at the same time and made a sizeable contribution to the Memorial Fund.

Marcella enclosed a snapshot of Pete and his "extra 10 points."

Marcella says they both enjoy The Octofoil and would like to hear from any of the old gang. They live at 1025 1/4 Blaine St., Los Angeles 15, Calif. CHICAGO IN 1950

Pastor and His Points



Peter Pastor, former T-4, 15th Engrs., poses with what he calls his "extra 10 points," Elizabeth, 3 years old, and Stephen, 1-year-old. Peter, Marcella, Elizabeth and Stephen live at 1025 1/4 Blaine St., Los Angeles, Calif.

MORRIS OLENDER HEADS VETS IN HIS HOMETOWN

Morris Olender was a member of the original Board of Governors for the National Association. He has consistently co-operated with The Octofoil and furnished noteworthy items from his part of New York state. One item that Olender furnished The Octofoil was clippings from various publications praising the work Chaplain Topper did while with the 9th Division. That feature article was published over a year ago and at this late date requests continue to come in asking for that particular back issue of The Octofoil.

It is with pleasure that The Octofoil reprints an article from an Amsterdam (N. Y.) newspaper that advises Olender now heads a Veterans' Council in that community which is comprised of 11 Posts.

The article reads:

VETS' COUNCIL NAMES OLENDER NEW CHAIRMAN

Morris Olender of Amsterdam Veterans of World War II, Inc., was elected chairman of the Amsterdam Veterans' Council at a meeting of the council held in the clubrooms of World War II veterans on Chuctanunda Street.

Other officers named include the following: Vice chairman, Adolph Jaser, Polish-American War Veterans; Philip E. Burgette,



Morris Olender

treasurer, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

11 POSTS

The new chairman was escorted to the rostrum by commanders of 11 war veterans' organizations making up the council.

"Morrie" gets his mail at 131 E. Main St., Amsterdam, N. Y., and would be glad to hear from any of the old gang.

In a short note to The Octofoil recently "Morrie" writes: "The Octofoil is still tops. Keep up the good work."

BOB TURNER SAYS HE IS PROUD TO BE AN ASSOCIATION OFFICER

Turner's Camera Shop Has Moved Into More Elaborate Quarters; Although a Busy Guy, Bob Still Has Time to Help the Association Carry On.

Under date of Oct. 10, 1949, the former Captain Bob Turner took time out to write a few lines to the editor of The Octofoil. The liberty is being taken to quote a few parts of the letter:

"I moved into a new store about three months ago and everything is going swell. I am enclosing an interior photograph of the new store. (Ed's note: The view will be noted in both the news columns of this issue and in the Bob Turner's Camera Shop ad.)

A PROUD JOE

"I was very much surprised and so extremely proud when I was elected third vice president of the Association. I have never in all my life been so proud of anything. It is something I will always brag about.

"I see quite a few 9th men from time to time, but we are so far apart out here.

THORNBURG DROPS IN

"Everett Thornburg dropped in from Crow's Landing Calif., recently. He was with the 899th TD Bn. and a really good boy. He has a farm and dairy in Central California and has been going great guns. He deserves a hand for all he has accomplished.

LIKES OCTOFOIL

"I still read The Octofoil word for word. I think it is the finest thing that ever came about. I enjoy Ted Matusik's pictures. He should shoot more, since he is back in that section.

WANTS TO STIR 899TH TO ACTION

"I have a batch of pictures of boys from the 899th. Maybe if I send some to The Octofoil for publication, it will cause many of the old gang to start writing letters in to the paper. I'm going to do all I can to get as many former 899th boys to join the Association as possible. I have most of their addresses."

(Ed's Note: By all means send some of the boys' photos in. Anything to get them interested. We must remember what Gen. Craig says: "As long as there is one former Ninth man left we will meet, and the last man will bury himself.")

In a short note to Secretary Tingley, Bob mentions having made several efforts to see a former Ninth man who is confined to a California VA hospital. And he likewise promised the secretary to continue going to the institution until he succeeds in seeing the lad, and likewise will see that he is being properly treated and report to the secretary as quickly as possible. That's the old Ninth spirit. What about all members adopting Bob Turner's charitable disposition. Such deeds as Bob is attempting to accomplish is another of the prime reasons for the 9th Infantry Division Association to perpetuate itself.

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Special Discounts on Everything to All 9th Division Buddies

WON'T HURT

A college education won't hurt any man—providing he's willing to learn something afterwards.

Nothing can hold liquor as well as a bottle. Leave it in the bottle.

PAGING GLENN MOORE

Rags make paper. Paper makes money. Money makes banks. Banks make loans. Loans make poverty. Poverty makes rags. (Now what?)

CHICAGO PARTY BIG SUCCESS

Much to Talk About and Very Little Time



During a lull in the festivities at the recent Illinois Chapter's Midwestern Convention the following former Ninth men took time out to relieve a few experiences that only Army men know about. Left to right: Dr. Michael Kaminski, 9th Meds.; Brother Dominic John, former 9th MP, studying for priesthood, and John Edwards, former 60th Inf. man, who is the retiring treasurer of the Illinois Chapter.—Courtesy Ted Matusik.

COLUMBUS LADS HOPE TO HOLD A PARTY EARLY IN NOVEMBER

Richard Schumann, President; and Miles F. McFarland, Secretary-Treasurer of Ohio Chapter, in Columbus, have mailed out several hundred form letters to former Ninth men in hopes of receiving sufficient replies as to warrant consummation of tentative plans being arranged for a get-together at the Chittenden Hotel on Nov. 2, 1949.

Anyone who feel that they will be able to attend should contact Miles F. McFarland, Secretary-Treasurer, 215 S. Burgess Ave., Columbus 4, O. The menu submitted by the Chittenden is outstanding and they have agreed to serve the dinner to former Ninth men for \$2.75 per plate.

CHAPLAIN PROPT WILL ATTEND

As all Association members already know, it is Lt. Col. Cecil Propst, Base Chaplain at Wright-Patterson Air Base, Dayton, O. No chaplain in any man's Army was ever more respected and admired than was Chaplain Propst while with the 60th.

In a short note to Columbus Lt. Col. Propst in reply to an invi-

tation he had received asks: "Will I have to say anything, or do I just sit and enjoy the evening?"

Naturally the boys replied they were expecting to take advantage of the chaplain's presence and listen to some of his sage advice and native wit.

BRING THE GIRL FRIEND

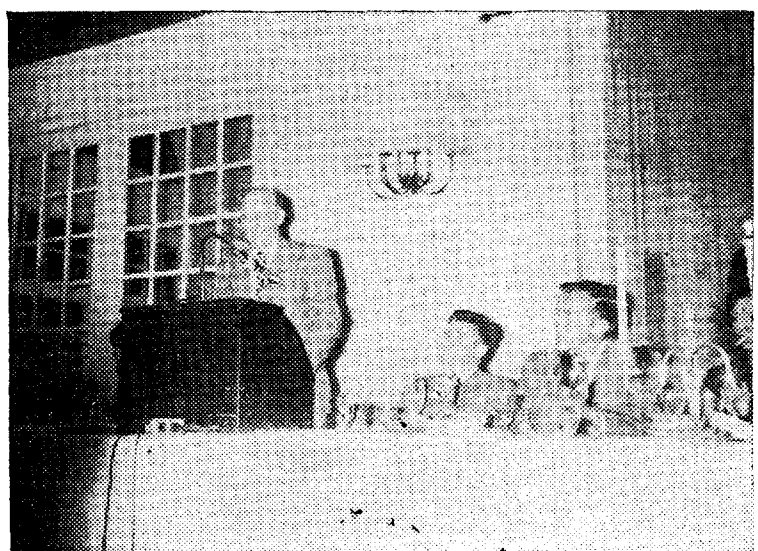
The lads have finally begun to realize that those chapters that have encouraged the wives and girl friends to become interested in the Association, are the Chapters that are growing by leaps and bounds. So they are insisting on each of the lads to bring their best girl friend.

TINGLEY HELPS

Secretary Tingley has stayed in his office extra hours to run off revised tape of members, former members and next-of-kin in the Columbus area. He is so thorough in his co-operation with the chapters that are trying to help themselves that he even addressed a stack of envelopes for the Columbus lads.

Full and detailed information will be sent direct through the mail at an early date.

Tingley Must Told a Good Yarn



National Association Secretary-Treasurer Charlie "Curley" Tingley pinch-hit for President Don Clarke at the Illinois Chapter's Midwest Reunion. President Clarke was too ill as to be able to make the trip. Judging from the grin of Walt Mahon's "mug" Tingley must have just told 'em a good one—but John Clouser, next to Walt, doesn't seem to have caught the point—or else he and Mahon have different ideas on humor.—Ted Matusik Photo.

TRUE TO HER WORD

"If you kiss me, I'll call a member of my family," she warned. So he kissed her. "B-r-o-t-h-e-r!" she whispered.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

The less a man knows the longer it takes him to tell it.

NERVOUS

Patient: "This is my first operation and I'm terribly nervous." Surgeon: "I know just how you feel. It's my first, too."

CHICAGO IN 1950

An expert is an ordinary man, away from home, giving advice.

HISTORIES...

STICKERS

Just send two bits to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C. and he will mail immediately a copy of the outstanding little history of the 60th Regiment. You don't have to be a former Go-Devil to obtain one of these beautifully colored books.

Might as well put in another two bits and let him enclose a half dozen windshield stickers.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Good Ole Fort Bragg



Back to Bragg with memories. Shown are two M Co., 47th men. Squatting is Pvt. Stahl, and in door but barely noticeable is Pvt. Russell Graves.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Boys In Detroit Planning a Stag

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

The Greater Detroit Chapter reports that their Family Picnic a month or so ago was a great success. The ball game was quite a contest—the Blues and the Greens were only a couple of runs apart all through the game! The husbands and wives really played ball! Both the gal pitchers shared the joy of striking out several batters. The kids had a wonderful time too, trying to win a prize in each of the different races.

PLEASANT MEETINGS

The last couple of meetings have been pleasant ones, and since there is not too much business to discuss, we talked about a Stag Party. It will be held in the first part of November and cards will be sent to all Chapter members, in time to set all other things aside for that one evening. We had a lot of fun last year and we certainly should have a lot more this year, since we have been exchanging names and phone numbers all year long and have learned each other's nick names, and hobbies, and showed each other snaps of those cute little kids and those sweet little wives and all that.

REMEMBERING THE WIVES

We are not forgetting those sweet little wives, even for that one evening of our Stag Party. Preliminary plans for our next Michigan Reunion have been made and all those little wives will have a grand time at our Reunion, we promise. You wives, just give that husband of yours a pat on the back and send him to the Stag Party, and he will be sure to see that you come to our next Reunion and Dance.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

Wo Jg Norris Wants to Know Where He's Been; Sends For Map

M Co. of the 47th used to have a dad-blamed good top kick. His name was Willard Norris. But he has deserted the fighting infantrymen and gone soft, taking a berth with the Air Forces. He's a warrant officer, junior grade, stationed at Huntsville, Texas. His postoffice box number is 702.

The Air Force Joe writes Secretary Tingley to send him one of the maps PDQ since he expects to be assigned in the near future to one of the sections that he helped the Ninth Division liberate.

CHICAGO DOED IT AGAIN... HELD A MIDWEST CONVENTION THAT WAS MOST OUTSTANDING

SECRETARY-TREASURER TINGLEY WAS ONE OF THE MAIN SPEAKERS; NEW OFFICERS WERE ELECTED; OTTO KERNER WAS MASTER OF CEREMONIES.

Ed W. Machowski, 1822 Haddon Ave., Chicago 22, Ill., was elected secretary-treasurer of the Illinois Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association at the recent Mid-Western Convention held in Chicago. Frank Ozart, 2241 South Marshall Blvd., Chicago, was elected president, and Neville (Danny) Ford, 1205 S. First Ave., Maywood, Ill., treasurer.

Secretary Machowski has furnished The Octofoil a very comprehensive report on the various activities that transpired during the Convention as well as a breakdown on some very ambitious plans for the future. Parts of the letter reads as follows:

The recent Illinois Chapter's Convention, held in the interest of all former 9th men living in the Mid-West was a tremendous success—both financially and socially.

The gala affair, which was held at the Sherman Hotel on Sept. 17, 1949, was attended by many outstanding former Ninth men. Old buddies reminisced until the wee small hours of the morning.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

The affair started off early in the afternoon with a very impressive Memorial Service. No Memorial Services ever held have surpassed the services held on Sept. 17, under the direct sponsorship and leadership of Dr. M. V. Kaminski, D.D.S.

Memorial Services were followed by a short business meeting—after which officers were elected for the ensuing year. A complete roster of the new officers follows:

President—Frank Ozart.
First Vice-President—Herb Waples.
Second Vice-President—George Waite.

Secretary—Edward W. Machowski.

Corresponding Secretary—Ted "Shirts" Matusik (appointed).

Treasurer—Danny Ford.
J. A.—Al Pitman.

B. of M.—John Dawson, Alex Wilcopolski, Joseph Lacie.

TO THE PUBS

After the election adjournment was made to the nearest pub and bars—as well as adjacent rooms of the hotel. Chet Fuller's room had the old atmosphere of a bivouac area, with jokes, fun, drinks and such taking place most freely.

EVENING SESSION

The evening session found all the gang in the Louis XIV ballroom with a well planned program of music and community singing, which was enjoyed by those present. Leo Terry was at the organ while chow was being served.

KERNER M.C.'s

The Chapter was honored by the presence of a charter member of the Illinois chapter, Otto Kerner, Jr., U. S. District Attorney, who did a marvelous job as the Master of Ceremonies for this occasion.

First of the speakers presented was Walt Mahon, who has done an awful lot of good work while serving as president of the Illinois Chapter; after presentation of Retiring President Mahon, the newly elected president, Frank Ozart, was presented.

TINGLEY SPEAKS

Charles O. Tingley, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association, made a very interesting talk. He was followed by many notables from various circles of life, many of them from out of the state.

GRAND BALL

The Grand Ball followed. The music of Leo Terry and His Orchestra was superb. Terry sprang the "Treasure Hunt," and until this date the "Blue Garter" remains the secret weapon of those who are acquainted with the "Treasure Hunt." Prizes by the winners were cherished and taken in the good old 9th Div. spirit.

When the orchestra was ready to pack up and call it a day there were few who were ready to go home. Any members who failed to attend will never know what they missed. Ask anyone who did attend.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

And so another year with many successful affairs has come to a close for the Illinois Chapter.

NEW OFFICERS MEET

The Illinois Chapter's newly elected officers held a short concise meeting under the direction of the newly elected president, Frank Ozart.

Most of the discussion were plans in creating a new drive which will benefit all Illinois men and the 9th Division Association as a whole.

Plans were drawn for the coming National Convention in Chicago—the formation of the Ladies' Auxiliary—and a drive for new members.

Illinois Chapter meetings will be the same as heretofore—on the second Friday of each month, at the usual meeting place, the Rocket Club, 1122 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill., which is the headquarters for the Illinois Chapter.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

On October 14—Formation and installation of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Movies.

Informal get-together.

November meeting—Monte Carlo Nite.

December meeting—Christmas party. (Those planning to attend should notify the secretary at the address given above.)

BRING IN PROSPECTS

Those who know of any prospects or buddies eligible for membership should contact the officers of the Illinois Chapter.

Any members having new addresses or changes in address during recent months should notify the Illinois Chapter Secretary.

The Illinois Chapter is looking forward to a new year and many more successful affairs—and expecting to see the largest attendance in 1950 in Chicago that has attended any of the other four national conventions.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Made In Kraut Land



Above is another of the many pictures brought back by Lt. Jess Nunn. The above picture of Lt. Langland, Hq. 1st Bn. 47th, was made in Germany.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Be sure you're right, then ask your wife what she thinks about it.

NEW YORKER COMES THRU WITH TIMELY NEWS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

It's rather difficult to understand just how The Octofoil could function very smoothly any more if the newsy notes from New York State were not forthcoming each month from good ole Bob Woodside, former Co. B, 60th man, now living at 207 S. Doxtater Ave., Rome N. Y.

Extracts from Woodside's letter of Sept. 25 1949, read:

I received a very interesting letter from Andy Book the other day. He is now Staff Sgt. Andrew Book, 6943056, G Co., 5th Inf. Regt. APO 957, care P.M. San Francisco, Calif. He is serving in Hawaii now, but is still a great booster for his former outfit, the good old 60th of the Ninth Infantry Division. Andy states the Army isn't what it used to be. A good many changes have taken place since the Fort Bragg days. He also informed me his family will join him this fall.

SCHRANTZ FOUND

Another bit of news from Book was to the effect that our long-lost boy, Bernard (Boo Boo) Schrantz, has been located, hiding out in a Brooklyn brewery. However, he was careful not to disclose which brewery. Some day I aim to scout him out and put an end to this hideaway business. And a brewery sounds like an ideal place to renew an old friend-

AGREES WITH TAYLOR

Woodside adds: "Wilton Taylor must be thinking in the same channel as I am. His idea of holding a convention in Fayetteville, N. C., meets with my approval 100 per cent. I believe a good many others of the old gang from Fort Bragg would like to visit the old stamping ground. Holding the convention there gives us all a good excuse to make a trip down there."

Bob Sullivan and Bob Woodside recently had a pleasant visit with one another. Sullivan loaned the pictures that appear in other parts of this issue which will bring back memories.

Another interesting clipping sent by Woodside is printed below. All former 9th men will rejoice because of Lt. Col. Lewis E. Maness' continued much deserved recognition. His record with the 47th Regt., 9th Div., will go down in history as marvelous. The article read as follows:

YOUNG COLONEL HEADS MANLIUS MILITARY DEPT.

Lt.-Col. Lewis E. Maness of Georgetown, S. C., has been appointed professor of military science and tactics at the Manlius School, it was announced by Maj.-Gen. R. W. Barker, a former Rome, N. Y. resident, now the superintendent.

Col. Maness succeeds Lt. Col. Donald C. Clayman, who has headed the military department at Manlius for the past three years. Col. Clayman now is attending the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Va., after having qualified this summer as a parachute jumper in airborne training at Fort Benning, Ga.

Only 30, Col. Maness was an outstanding officer during the war, having been given battlefield promotions from captain to major and then to lieutenant colonel.

He was decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross, the French Croix de Guerre and twice received the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He was wounded twice in the Normandy campaign.

PROMOTED ON LINE

The military department head at Manlius was one of the two youngest battalion commanders in the European Theater. He was only 24 when he was promoted to lieutenant colonel in December of 1944 on the Siegfried Line.

Col. Maness graduated with a civil engineering degree and a reserve commission of second lieutenant from Clemson College in 1941. He was quarterback on the varsity football team for two seasons under Jess Neely and for another season under Frank Howard and won All-Southern Conference first team ranking in 1940. He was the field general for Clemson in its 1940 Cotton Bowl victory over Boston College.

Col. Maness was attached to the 47th Infantry, Ninth Division of the First Army and remained in the same battalion throughout the war.

He participated in the following campaigns: Algier-Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes (the Battle of the Bulge), Rhineland and Central Europe.

Dig Deeper, Soldiers



Harold Pepper, now secretary of Greater New York Chapter, and his buddy Soldier Gunn, were snapped in the above pose while in Sicily. Bob Woodside sent the picture to The Octofoil. —CHICAGO IN 1950—

HERVE LAFOND MET DEATH IN SMASH- UP ON OCTOBER 1

Secretary Ed Machowski of the Illinois Chapter, advises he received a letter from the family of Herve Lafond, 117 Pleasant St., Easthampton, Mass., that Herve was killed Oct. 1 in a plane crash. He was a former Btry. C, 60th F.A. man.

Funeral was held from Boucher's Funeral Home, followed by Mass at the Notre Dame Church on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 1949, at 9:00 a. m.

CHICAGO IN 1950 Ed McHugh Writes About His Bad Luck

Ed McHugh's address is Dean Ave., Warehouse Point, Conn. But Uncle Sam's postmen have had difficulty getting the lad's Octofoils to him. Back issues have been sent and complaint registered with the proper postal authorities. If it happens again, Ed, let Secretary Tingley know about it. —CHICAGO IN 1950—

Taylor Explains About Record Album Mix-Up

Wilton M. Taylor receives his mail now, care Belridge Oil Co., McKittrick, Calif. In a recent letter to The Octofoil, he writes in part as follows:

"Sound Off," the record album, I regret to say was not about the Ninth Division. What I meant was it sounded just like our reviews. It is an excellent album all infantrymen will be proud to own. The review commands are in marches, "Stars and Stripes," and "Hail America," also El Capitan and "Sound Off Chant." Two double records. Manufactured by Coast Record Mfg. Co., Los Angeles, Calif.

Quoting Taylor: "The records are excellent. If any of the boys will go to some music store and listen they will verify this. It is called 'Sound Off,' by Mark Warnow's Orchestra and Chorus from U. S. Army's Sound Off Radio Broadcast. I'd give my right arm for a recording distinctly Ninth Division, like this, but this set of records is the nearest thing that I could get. Prices vary according to the community they are purchased. Some communities \$3 for the set, some a bit more, some a bit less.

"The 'Review,' I mentioned previously will bring back happy memories of 9th Division days—where 'The Review' ended with 'Eyes Right' and 'Ready Front,' I felt as though I was back at Bragg. A person just has to hear the records to really appreciate them. I can't adequately explain them."

Taylor closes his letters with a boost for bigger and better Octofoils; more pictures and thank heavens the 1950 convention will be near the center of the country so the West Coast lads will have a chance to attend.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

GOOD ADVICE

The best way to stay single is to wait until you get out of debt to get married.

ADDITIONAL TALES LEAKING OUT OF CHICAGO AFTER THAT BIG BLOWOUT

Walter E. Lovejoy, Jr., former 47th man, from Africa to eight miles east of St. Lo—held the long distance record for attendance at the Midwest Convention. He traveled from Tuscon, Ariz. Walt stayed over in Chicago to attend a meeting of the National Mortgage Officers' Association. He is manager of the Mortgage Loan Dept. of the Arizona Trust Co., in Tuscon.

Illinois Chapter gained a long distance member when Walt made his trip for the Midwest Convention. He made application for membership in the Association through the Illinois Chapter. He became a 10 buck member, because he wanted the history and after seeing a copy of The Octofoil, exclaimed: "How long has this been going on?" He read about the Association in a veterans' service organization paper. Walt is making plans to attend the 5th annual convention in Chicago next year. The Illinois Chapter extends a welcome invitation, and hopes he enjoys himself. He is invited to bring along his charming sister again.

Mrs. Robert Winkelman, 1818 Orchard, Des Plaines, Ill. (Co. M, 47th) is counting pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, thrupence, shillings, bobs and the days until next March when she returns to her native England for a 60-day stay, visiting the folks in London. She will take their 3-year-old daughter and see grandma and grandpa. Mrs. Winkelman is a former service woman, having served in the ATS (English Army) during the war.

Someone in Chicago did dirt to Ed Machowski, 47th and 9th Medics. His octofoil emblem was taken from his license plate. Ed had to appeal to Charlie "Curly" Tingley for a new emblem by

sending a contribution to the Memorial Fund.

Brother John Dominic (formerly Gerald Rowan, 9th MP) made an appearance at the Midwest Reunion. Those present were glad to see him, since his public appearances are limited and the Illinois Chapter appreciate Brother John Dominic's willing to attend this reunion.

Stanley Solak, 2021 W. 21st Pl., Chicago, former 39th and Div. Hqtr. man, is some conversationalist. Stanley, who is in the coal business in Chicago (call Virginia 7-7055, free ad), recently delivered coal to the home of "Shirts" Matusik. "Shirts" was away. Stan talked to "Shirt's" stepfather for over an hour. (This coal business must be a pretty hot business because Stan is sporting a red 1949 Buick.)

Speaking of autos: John Novak, 1421 W. Cortez, Chicago (Co. M, 47th), got a new Pontiac several months ago and hasn't put 1,000 miles on it yet. Wraps it in cellophane every night!

Illinois Chapter's secretary was checking the roster to see why no response from Emmett Gaul. It was learned he had re-enlisted in the Army and is now in Alaska.

"Shirts" Matusik was recently reaccepted for admission to the University of Illinois, Chicago Undergraduate Division, located at Navy Pier, Chicago. The campus has one building, 3,000 feet long, surrounded by three sides of water. When asked what he was taking up, "Shirt" says time and space mostly—and money under false pretenses.

(Ed's Note: The Octofoil appreciates the pictures sent by Matusik that appear in this issue and hopes his arduous studies do not prevent him from sending other pictures from time to time as he has in the past.)

OCTOFOIL EDITOR RECEIVES FINE LETTER FROM FORMER HEAD OF GOLD STAR MOTHERS

Mrs. Anna G. Hagerty, Former National President, Submits Additional Information About Lt. Keyser; This Good Gold Star Mother Has Contacted Lt. Hewitt's Mother.

Any feeble efforts put forth by The Octofoil in behalf of the Gold Star Mother or Dad of any ex-G.I., whether a 9th buddy or not, that is a means of getting someone who knew the departed buddy to contact the buddy's grieving parent is sufficient reward and repays any and all parties concerned many times over for the little extra effort expended. But when so noble a Gold Star Mother as Mrs. Anna G. Hagerty, 346 N. Tienton Ave., Atlantic City, N. J., the immediate past National President of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., takes time out to write and express her appreciation to The Octofoil, it makes the editor feel very humble, indeed.

Mrs. Hagerty also has helped gather information and make contacts for The Octofoil. Mere words of thanks to this good Gold Star Mother are inadequate. But read a letter addressed to The Octofoil dated Sept. 26, 1949:

Dear Editor: First of all, please accept my sincere thanks for the courtesy extended me, by mailing me The Octofoil each month. Be assured, I read every line of it, and note the many nice things the paper does for the Gold Star Mothers, especially in the field of obtaining information relative to the death of the boy, the Gold Star Mothers and Dads loved so well.

LOCATES LT. JOE HEWITT

The October issue has just arrived and here is other information concerning Lt. Keyser and Lt. Joseph Hewitt: After reading about Lt. Hewitt, I contacted the address given, 9 S. Cambridge Ave., Ventnor City (not Atlantic) and talked with Lt. Hewitt's mother, Mrs. Ada C. Hewitt. She gave me the following information:

Lt. Hewitt was discharged from the service with the rank of Captain and now resides at the Franklin Manor, 114 Franklin Ave., Morristown, N. J., Apt. 2-H-I. He was married last April, and is again working for the Armstrong Cork Co., in a supervisory capacity. Joe's mother has heard her son speak of both Lt. Keyser and Lt. Stangl, and she is sure if contacted, he will be able to supply the needed information about Lt. Keyser.

I am glad to be of service, in this small way, and again many thanks to The Octofoil, and the Ninth Division men, for all the help given to the Gold Star Mothers. It is indeed greatly appreciated.

ANNA G. HAGERTY.

Mrs. Joseph S. Hagerty, National Past President, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

JACK DONOVAN IN NEW JERSEY

Jack Donovan, Jr., 484 S. Edgemere Dr., West Allenhurst, N. J., when sending in his dues asks to be remembered to "all the great guys I knew in the 9th Q.M."

The Mick was with the 9th Q.M. Military Govt. Section and made for himself plenty of friends with his Irish smile and wits. He wants some of those old buddies to write him a few lines.

Dick Houser Is a Very Cautious Lad

Richard T. Hauser, a former corporal with Hq. Div. Arty., is about to move to a new address. Fearing he will miss an Octofoil during the moving process, he sent a dime to have one sent first class to 437 W. Magnolia, San Antonio, Texas. The old address was 2104 Stamford Lane, Austin, Texas.

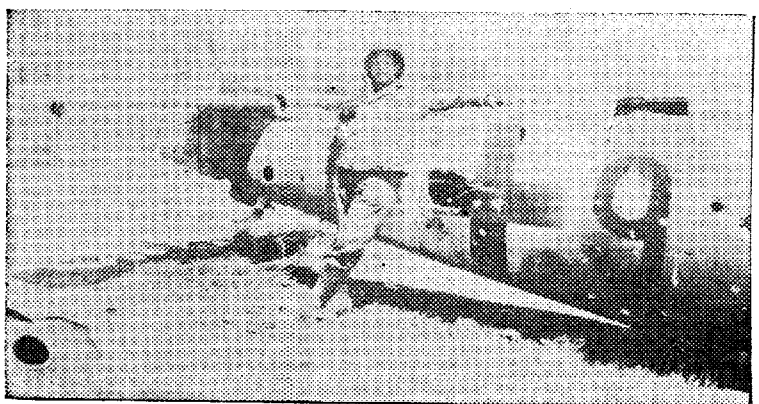
Dick also asked the secretary to send him a map.

Just Before the Band Strikes Up



Remember when the Division Band played for the patients in the hospital area around Algiers, North Africa? That's exactly where the above picture was made. Neither Sullivan or Woodside could identify any of the "musicians???"

Another Superman Has Just Bit the Dust



Shortly after this Kraut jalopy had been punctured through the innards by Yankee fire, Westerman of the Ninth Medics posed for the above picture, which is another one that Sullivan has in his collection and loaned to Woodside and The Octofoil.

NINTH DIV. HAS NEW COMMANDER

LARRY O'KEEFE IS LOCATED WAY OUT IN SEATTLE, WASH.

The \$64 question confronting officers of the Association right now is trying to estimate how many former members have become "lost" as Larry O'Keefe did. Read parts of a letter from Larry and Secretary Tingley's prompt reply. They are both self-explanatory. They prove beyond any reasonable doubt there are many former 9th men in all parts of the country who would come into the Association if they knew the "ropes." It is up to the members who are in the Association to be ever on the alert for former members who find themselves the victim of circumstances similar to Larry O'Keefe's. The letters read in part:

"Gentlemen: I would appreciate you checking the records regarding my status as a member of the Association. My \$10 dues were paid prior to my departure from Hq. Co. 47th, in Bavaria. I did receive a membership card. That was the last mail received from the Association. I just visited an old buddy. He advises the Association has been publishing a monthly paper but has also published a history. I am entitled to a history and would like to get

back copies of the papers. Let me know the amount of dues I am in arrears and put me back on the list.—James L. O'Keefe, Hq. 47th Inf. Present address: 9019 20th Ave., N.E., Seattle 5, Wash."

Parts of Tingley's reply: "We have been carrying your records in our inactive file due to the fact we were notified sometime ago by the Post Office Dept. that you had moved from 312 E. 22nd St., and left no forwarding address.—Charles O. Tingley, secretary-treasurer."

O'Keefe, who operates an insurance agency at 7120 E. Green Lake Way in Seattle, lost no time answering that letter. To top it off he sent a substantial donation to the Memorial Fund, paid up dues that were in arrears and bought for himself a gold plated insignia tie clip and a silver charm bracelet with gold filled emblem for the "little woman."

Secretary Tingley sent Larry 18 back issues of The Octofoil and a copy of "8 Stars to Victory." In a later letter dated Sept. 23, he was very complimentary as regards both the history and The Octofoil.

SHIMKOSKI ASKS NAMES OF GUYS HURT JULY 17

Under date of Sept. 23, 1949, Henry W. Shimkoski, 77 Cutler St., Worcester, Mass., asks The Octofoil to insert the following notice:

"I would like very much to contact anyone from the 9th who was wounded in France on or about July 17, 1944. Could you help me with this request?"

Some of you Joes who stopped a Jerry bullet or shrapnel fragments during mid-July write to Hank and help him with his claim.

FORT DIX POST SPORTS A GREAT BIG OCTOFOIL ON FRONT PAGE MAST- HEAD --- AN INTERESTING SHEET

NEW NINTH COMMANDER HAS HAD COLORFUL CAREER WITH THE ARMED FORCES; SUPPORTED 82ND AIR- BORNE AT NORMANDY.

Soldiers in the reactivated Ninth at Fort Dix are publishing a newsy publication—and true to G.I. tradition scare crow headlines taking up half the front page, shouts out that PRESIDENT TRUMAN SIGNS NEW PAY BILL.

What they consider next of importance is that the 9th has a new commander in the person of Major General John M. Devine.

Major General John M. Devine is an officer of distinguished service in two World Wars, the bearer of eight individual awards, three from the United States government and five from foreign governments. He assumed command of the Ninth Infantry Division and other units stationed at Fort Dix recently.

Gen. Devine had command of the 1st Cavalry Div. in Tokyo previous to his assignment to Fort Dix. He was Commanding General of the Universal Military Training experiment during the period of its existence at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

A graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, Major General Devine received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery on April 20, 1917.

After several assignments in the United States, which carried him to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Fort Sill and Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma, he sailed for Europe as a Captain in command of Battery F, Third Field Artillery, in July, 1918.

In July, 1940, when the Armored Force was organized, he went to Fort Knox, on the staff of the First Armored Division. In December of 1941, just before Pearl Harbor, he was made Chief of Staff of the Corps. He remained with the Division until September 1943, working under General George S. Patton.

SALES FOR ENGLAND

As Artillery Commander of the 90th Infantry Division, Gen. Devine sailed for England in 1944, and landed in Normandy on the 8th of June in support of the hard-pressed 82nd Airborne Division, which had landed two days before.

IN HARTZ MOUNTAINS

During the ensuing war years Gen. Devine was with the 90th Infantry Div. at Falaise Gap, with the 7th Armored Division at the Moselle River, also with the 8th Armored Div. for the Battle of the Bulge, and with the same Division in Holland, on into the Saar River, took part in the drive to the Rhine and was a part of the XIX Corps for the thrust to Berlin. At the time the war ended the 8th Armored Division was meeting the threat of the Ruhr Pocket and was cleaning up the Hartz Mountains.

MAJ. GEN. WHITE SAYS GOOD-BYE

Excerpts taken from the remarks made by Maj. Gen. Arthur A. White at the Division Review held in his honor at Dix just before the general left the Post are very impressive:

"My friends and comrades: "The profession of arms is an honorable one. But so also are the endeavors of all our citizens engaged in legitimate enterprise. The contribution of all sums up in giving us this wonderful country we call our own."

"You in the active service have a rare opportunity to prepare the great mass of our people who must meet the possible national emergency of tomorrow. You are in a position to become the leaders in such an emergency."

"What our Armed Services had represented in the past—what it represents today and what it will represent in the future—is something of far greater importance than any one of us as individuals. "My retirement requires no discussion. The passage of time makes that event inevitable for all of us."

"Mrs. White who has been my most helpful companion through practically all my years of service, joins in wishing all of you a full measure of happiness and success."

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER GETS OFF TO ENTHUSIASTIC START

By AARON L. ALPERT

The Connecticut Chapter got off to an enthusiastic start at its September meeting, and the large turnout of the members augers well for a successful Fall season. The meeting brought out a cauldron of ideas for future events to keep the Connecticut Chapter full of activity. The October meeting will be an open social affair for members and their wives. It seems that the wives had an enjoyable day at the picnic held last July at Hank Garguilo's farm. It is the wives' idea for another social get-together.

TURKEY RAFFLE

A Thanksgiving turkey raffle is also in the works, and some lucky member—or friend—will have his Thanksgiving turkey as a gift from the Connecticut Chapter. The drawing for the holiday delicacy will be held Nov. 10, 1949, at the New Haven Armory. The winner will be notified and the turkey delivered to him several days before Thanksgiving.

MOVIES TO BE SHOWN

General Hoyle is making arrangements for the movies to be shown at the October social, and the refreshments will be taken care of by Nick Cappobianco and Ed Sullivan. Some lucky lady will receive a door prize donated by Aaron L. Alpert from his Ladies' and Children's wear store. All right, you Connecticut men, let's make this another event to be talked about by attending with your wife or girl friend.

VISIT WAR BUDDIES

Several Connecticut men and their families played host last September to visiting war buddies. Bill Palady, Q.M., closed his tontorial salon in Pittsburg for a week to travel through New England. Bill and his charming wife spent time with Buddy Reisfelder, Aaron L. Alpert and Bob Cestaro in New Haven. No need to say that the visit recalled many nostalgic war time incidents. Bill and his wife left after a warm parting, to continue his vacation trip to visit more buddies in Massachusetts.

MCGRATH PLAYS HOST

Bill McGrath, now with the Army and stationed in his home town of Hartford, played host to his former war buddy, William Abramson, both from AT 39th Inf. The last time Mac saw Bill was in Germany when Mac was spared, but saw a shell disintegrate Abramson's leg. Abramson's tragedy had its silver lining, for while recuperating in the VA Hospital in Atlantic City, he there met, and like a story book novel, married his nurse. Bill and his pretty wife drove down from Syracuse, N. Y., in a government specially devised Oldsmobile. During the very pleasant weekend visit to Hartford, Bill avidly read Mac's old issues of The Octofoil and the fine war documentary, "Eight Stars to Victory."

Abramson said he was going to write for his copy and also wants to join the National Association so he will be assured of his issues of The Octofoil.

FIVE "RAIDERS" ... THREE UNKNOWN



Edgar Walters, 16 Chamberlain St., Hempstead, L. I., N. Y., sent in the above picture of these five swell looking G.I.s from the 47th Regt, Hqtrs. Co. The photo was made in Germany during the war. Ed could only identify the Joe who is second from the right. It is Robert Taylor (not the movie man), and the first one on the right is Ed Walters himself.

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.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY.

Tar Heeler Jobe Wants a Map

Coy W. Jobe, a former Co. D, 60th man, is living on Route 3, Kinesville Lake, Liberty, N. C. In a short note to Secretary Tingley the lad asks for some windshield stickers and one of the maps. He closes by asking that his present address be printed for the benefit of his old buddies—and he hopes some of them will take a "break" from other details long enough to scribble off a few lines.

NO CHECKS UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1950

VA officials advise there is no possibility that any checks in payment of the special National Service Life Insurance dividend will be mailed before January, 1950.

CHICAGO IN 1950
America is a land where Groucho Marx has more followers than Karl Marx.—Curry Williams.

CHICAGO IN 1950
Nowadays you can't judge a woman's character by her clothes; insufficient evidence.

WHAT'S IN A TITLE

SHADES OF WINCHESTER

She seemed to resent the bold young Yankee soldier's advance.

"I'll have you know," she said through an upturned nose, "that my father is an English peer."

"Good," he exclaimed joyfully, "we've got lots in common. My old man is an American doc."

IMPORTANT

If you want to see how important you really are in this world, stick your finger in a bucket of water and see the big hole it leaves when you pull it out.

CHICAGO IN 1950
Drive carefully—a hearse is a poor thing to ride to church in.

CHICAGO IN 1950
The initial cost of building a home is a lot.

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.

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Happy Birthday to You... Little Miss Marie McAndrews

Mary McAndrews writes The Octofoil to advise she and Joseph P. have moved to 904 Ogden Ave., Bronx 52, N. Y. Joe was a Pfc. with AT Co., 39th.

Mary says their little daughter, Marie, will be 7 years old on Nov. 1st. The Octofoil extends happy birthday greetings to Marie—because her Mommy says Marie is awful proud of her Daddy having served with the good old Ninth Division.

Both Joe and Mary are boosters for The Octofoil.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

BILL REIMUTH HAS A WIFE WHO IS A "GEM" AND A PAL

Bill Reimuth and his lovely wife live at Red Hook, N. Y. Bill is a busy boy so unbeknowning to William Mrs. William writes Secretary Tingley a short note and encloses a dollar william for one of the maps, because she knows Bill will enjoy it. She asks for his old buddies from Co. D, 9th Med. Bn. to write them, and if Bill doesn't have the time to answer Mrs. Reimuth will answer for both she and Bill.

Bill has built a gas station that is privately owned by the Reimuths and operated, and on top of that Bill works for the New York Central from 3 to 11 P. M., so it is as Mrs. Bill says, he is a pretty busy fellow.

However, she says he takes time out irrespective of what comes up and reads The Octofoil—and so does she. She has finished reading "8 Stars to Victory," and Bill is in hopes of having sufficient time on his hands to finish it within the next few days.

It's the good gals like Bill Reimuth's wife, who are helping to keep the Ninth Infantry Division Association up and at 'em.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

A Little Recon For Capt. Ortof

Phil and Natalie Ortof are living at 2260 79th St., Jackson Heights, L. I., N. Y. Phil's old buddies who knew him as Capt. Ortof with the 9th Recon., will be interested in a little card that reached The Octofoil which reads:

We're proud to announce
And happy to say
A dear little son
Just happened our way.
Name: Harvey Charles.
Weight: 8 lbs. 12 ounces.
Born: Sept. 23, 1949.
Parents: Natalie and Phil Ortof.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

DAVE HELLER ASKS WHAT IN THE H... ARE THESE "SFCs"?

David H. Heller writes from 6143 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago 37, Ill., and asks for a map. Dave was with the 1st Bn. Med. Sec. of the 60th Inf., also with 9th Div. Hqtrs.

The boy says after reading how the gang made whoopee in Pittsburgh at the fourth annual reunion he is sorry he did not make it, but reading about it in The Octofoil was the next best thing to being there.

Another suggestion made by Dave was that when the directory as is being published in The Octofoil now has been completed, then publish another directory arranged by the organizations the men served with.

The lad can ask some of the darndest questions. Read this: "What in the h... is an SFC? How does he rank on a latrine detail?"

(Ed's Note: Listen, Dave, all that anyone knows around here is what they read in the papers. It seems that Sergeant First Class is supposed to sound more dignified. Other definitions that may or may not be right: Rct.—Recruit; Pvt.—Private; Pfc.—Private First Class; Cpl.—Corporal; Sgt.—Sergeant; Sfc.—Sergeant First Class; M-Sgt.—Master Sergeant. The Air Corp has a lot of new fangle stuff but good infantrymen are not interested, so why take up space?)

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

TILL THE BULLS COME HOME

The handsome young man was seated on the davenport with his latest flame.

"I'm going to kiss you till the cows come home," he said.

"Oh, but my father and brother are both policemen," she said.

"Okay," he rejoined, "I'll kiss you till the bulls come home."

WALTER VICTOR BACK ON JOB

Walter Victor, 580 Holderness St., Atlanta, Ga., kinda let The Octofoil down during the summer vacation period, But he has some good excuses. A fellow going to night school and working days does not have much available time. At the time he wrote the last letter the Georgia group were planning a meeting at John Booth's home at an early date. No doubt the next Octofoil will have details about that meeting.

Victor recently contacted Sgt. Pittman, former 60th man, who is now at Fort Benning.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

Dix Officer Says New Army Doing O.K. Job

Major Hal C. Kestler, Public Information Officer, Fort Dix, under date of Oct. 4, 1949, writes the editor of The Octofoil in part as follows:

"We are spending and probably will continue to spend an increasing portion of the training cycle on such programs as character guidance, information and education, the chaplain's hour and the special services facilities in order that our soldiers, most of whom are much younger than the combat veterans of World War II, will develop into well-rounded, mature individuals, competent to meet emergencies either in or out of the Army. . . .

"I think that the continuing interest of the Ninth Division Association is a very wholesome thing and one that offers much beneficial assistance to the development of today's United States Army."

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

DICK SHASBERGER HAS NEW HOME

Dick Shasberger will move on Oct. 21 to 801 Burns Ave., Wyoming 15, Ohio, but will be in Greater Cincinnati. He advises The Octofoil that he hopes this notice will be a means of some old buddies from Cannon Co., 47th, writing him a few lines.

Dick says both he and Mrs. Shasberger enjoy The Octofoil. Mrs. Shasberger is the former Jean Van Sant, 38th Sta. Hospital, Winchester, England. They plan to be at the Chicago convention, and heartily agree with the feasibility of the Pittsburgh chapter's savings plan for the purpose of having monies available when the time arrives for the trip.

BUFFALO CHAPTER TO PRESENT COPY OF HISTORY TO LIBRARY

By GEORGE A. SIMON, Acting Secretary

The September meeting of the Buffalo Chapter was held at the 174th Regiment Armory on Wednesday, September 21, 1949. After the general business meeting was held, motion pictures of the Pittsburgh Convention and the Annual Stag of the Greater Buffalo Chapter were shown. Then after refreshments were served, the usual "bull" session was on, much to the enjoyment of those in attendance.

NICE PUBLICITY

We have plans for the next meeting for another film showing which will be thoroughly enjoyed by all those attending. And by next meeting time, we hope to have obtained a nice piece of newspaper publicity, through presentation to the Buffalo Library System, a copy of "Eight Stars to Victory."

AN APPEAL

Before the winter meetings are

John McLeod Looking For His Lost Buddies

John J. McLeod, 13756 Wadsworth, Detroit 27, Mich., makes the following request of the secretary:

Dear Mr. Tingley: Have you any information on Sgt. Harold Jensen (Iowa), 2nd Bn. 60th Inf.; Willis D. Ankerholz, B Co., 15th Engrs., Little River, Kansas; S. Sgt. Robert Ruckel, L Co., 60th, and Pvt. Louis Jury (Detroit), 2nd Bn. 60th Inf.?

Secretary Tingley replied that the last address he had on file for Ankerholz was prepared in 1945, and it was Little River, Kansas. No listing is available for either Sgts. Ruckel or Jensen. Neither is there an address for Pvt. Jury at headquarters.

Any members who know the whereabouts of any of the Joes listed above will do McLeod a big favor to drop him a card with the desired information.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

Archie Rohrer Asks For Old Gang to Write

Archie Rohrer has isolated himself on a ranch he recently purchased way out in Church's Ferry, North Dakota. But Archie says "a 3-cent stamp will still bring me any letter the boys from G Co., 47th will write."

The 4th Plt. G Co. 47th boy is glad the next convention will be in Chicago. They have all been so far from home he has never been able to attend. But he plans on making Chicago in 1950 if he has to ride one of those North Dakota ponies bareback all the way.

Archie is like a lot of other Joes, he wants one of those maps so he can learn where he went while in the Army. The boy is just like the rest of the gang—while he was in the Army, he never knew where he was going; when he got there he didn't know where he was and if he lived to get back he didn't know where he had been. So he wants a map. Any other Joe that has an interest in knowing where he has been may contact Secretary Tingley and get the map that is advertised in this issue.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

Father: "Say, it's 2 o'clock. Do you think you can stay all night?"
Sutor: "I'll have to telephone home first."

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

THE NEW LOOK

He: "That's a flimsy dress you are wearing."
She: "That's a flimsy excuse for staring!"

Harking Back to Days With the Arabs



This old familiar scene should revive many memories of former Ninth men. The above picture was made in Tunisia one day when the Ninth Medics Receiving Station was in the path of the Arabs and their camels—but such a little thing as that didn't phase the Arabs—right through the area they proceeded, demoralizing the Medics for a short while.—Courtesy Woodside-Sullivan.

FLY YOU SON OF A GUN

At the end of the first week away from home on a new job, the young husband wrote to his wife: "Made foreman—feather in my cap."

After the second week he wrote: "Made Manager—another feather in my cap."

After the third week he wired: "Fired—send money."

His wife telegraphed back: "Use feathers, fly home."

DULL COMPANION

"Do you smoke?"

"No."

"Drink?"

"Nope."

"Neck?"

"Of course not!"

"Eat hay, maybe?"

"Well, certainly not."

"Woman, you're not fit company for man or beast."—Ex.

Now Available

Official Ninth Infantry Division Association emblems

	Price
Gold Plated Lapel Brooch, with Safety Catch	\$1.20
Gold Plated Lapel Button—screwback type	1.20
Gold Plated Tie Clip	2.10
*Sterling Silver Ring with Gold Filled Emblem applied 5.40	
(*Be sure to give correct ring size when ordering the ring.)	
Sterling Silver Key Chain with Gold Filled Emblem attached	2.70
Lady's Sterling Silver Charm Bracelet with Gold Filled Emblem attached	3.00

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

NATIONAL SECRETARY
POSTOFFICE BOX 1704
WASHINGTON 13, D. C.

DIRECTORY OF FORMER NINTH DIVISION MEN

ANOTHER LONG LIST OF ORIGINAL AND PRESENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERS IS GIVEN IN THIS ISSUE

STILL MORE NAMES TO BE PRINTED NEXT MONTH—THE MEMBERSHIP SHOULD SEE THAT ALL OLD BUDDIES LISTED PAY 1950 DUES.

The Octofoil is running another Directory of members who originally joined the Association. Many of them still belong. Many have become lax in paying dues. This list is being printed at a very appropriate time, members should start thinking about and then really doing something about 1950 dues now. Buddies who are listed should be contacted and urged to pay their dues. Most everyone is broke or badly bent right after the Christmas holidays. Now is the time to pay 1950 dues. The list as continued from last month's Octofoil reads:

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