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# THE OCTOFOIL

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## NEW YORK AUXILIARY HAS PROSPECT

B Btry., 84th FA Man Wants to Contact



Of the three pictures Richard O'Connor, 30 Laurel Ave., Arlington, N. J., sent in, the above was picked for this issue. Dick is in hopes publication of the pictures will be a means of many B Btry, 84th FA men contacting him. Left to right, above: S. Scheslan, Clarence May, Hank Downs, "Bushel," Dykes, an unidentified Joe and Dick O'Connor himself.

### Lester Drake Dies From Result Of Accident

One of the most pathetic letters to reach The Octofoil was penned by Mrs. Mattie Hastings, 5143 Prairie Ave., Chicago 15, Ill., mother of Lester Drake, formerly of the 39th Regt.

Lester Drake passed away July 5, 1949, due to an accident that happened while swimming at the Jackson Park Beach. He suffered a broken neck and lacerated spine after making a 20-foot dive off the pier and hitting a rock. The accident occurred on July 4 at 4 p. m. He died the next morning at 6:30.

Mrs. Hastings penned: "Without a warning I lost my only child. A good boy who brought happiness and fun to everyone who knew him. They say time will heal a broken heart, but I find it very hard to forget him, as now I am a widowed mother with nothing to cling to."

Certainly, members of the Illinois Chapter will find some ways and means of making this mother's life more bearable.

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### Picture of Sheridan Barracks Received

A beautiful glossy finished photograph of Sheridan Barracks, Garmisch Military Post was received at The Octofoil office. 1st Lt. Arthur Gardner forwarded the print to Secretary Tingley from Munich, Germany, and suggested the picture be sent to Sheridan's dad after the cut for The Octofoil is made. The picture arrived too late for use in this issue.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

### Mrs. Tingley Has Been Hospitalized

A short note from Secretary Charles O. Tingley, dated Feb. 21, addressed to The Octofoil, advised that Mrs. Tingley at the time was hospitalized. Because of this fact the secretary said he was a bit behind with some accumulated correspondence.

Mrs. Tingley has become almost as great a fixture at Ninth Division Conventions as has Charlie and The Octofoil knows that all the members share the same sincere hope as does The Octofoil—that Mrs. Tingley experiences a speedy recovery.

### Where Is Grady Holman Living?

A former 60th Inf. Lt. Col., Lee W. Chatfield, lives at 2427 Park Ave., Lincoln 2, Neb.

The former 60th man hopes to be in Chicago and see many old Ninth friends. In the meantime he is trying to locate Grady Holman, former captain, "B" Co., 60th. Holman was originally from some place in Georgia and was a real soldier. He personally picked up the remnants of his company, plus elements of two others units and led them in a major drive on Dec. 12, 1944, for which the company was awarded a Distinguished Unit Citation and Grady the D.S.C. He was wounded near Katterherberg a few days before the Lt. Col. was wounded. The former Lt. Col. wants to locate Holman and personally thank him for his excellent soldiering.

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### PAGING MAX KLEIN, DETROIT

Martin Hirschfeld, 201 W. 89th St., New York 24, N. Y., was in Co. G, 60th, until evacuated by the medics in Heurtgen Forest in October, 1944. Since that time Marty has tried to get information concerning Max Klein, a Detroit, Mich., former 9th man.

Max Klein did live at 3732 Humphrey, Detroit, Mich. Since he is not a member Secretary Tingley had no way of knowing whether that is the correct address or not. The Detroit Chapter members might make it a point to see that one Max Klein is signed up right away.

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### Another Mother Makes Appeal

Mike Gatto, 261 Avenue P, Brooklyn, N. Y., sends this notice for publication. Certainly, the least that can be done to help this mother is for any member who knew Pfc. Rader to take a few minutes' time and write his mother a letter. The notice reads:

Co. E, 39th Inf.—Appreciate letter from anyone who served with my son, Pfc. Leroy Junior Rader, reported killed near St. Lo, France, Aug. 7, 1944. Mrs. Roy Rader, 403 Yellowstone, Alliance, Nebraska.

### CLAUD CARTER'S WIFE SEEKS DATA ABOUT HIS DEATH

Mrs. Claude C. Carter, Route 1, Lawrenceville, Ga., writes a tearful appeal to Secretary Tingley for help in trying to locate someone who knew Pfc. Claud C. Carter Co. E, 47th Inf.

Pfc. Carter was killed in Germany April 17, 1945.

Failure on the part of our members who knew Pfc. Carter not to write Mrs. Carter will be a let-down for the Association. She had advertised in The VFW Foreign Service magazine and a reader in Nebraska who did not know Pfc. Carter wrote Mrs. Carter and told her to contact the Ninth Infantry Division Association, assuring her that she would get help, the stranger added . . . "Since it (the 9th Inf. Div. Assn.) has more members who read a paper than any other probable group." Mrs. Carter has subscribed for The Octofoil.

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### Cpl. Walter Edwards Passed Away While With U. S. Troops



CPL. WALTER A. EDWARDS

Stan Cohen, New York Chapter, furnished The Octofoil with the above picture, and advises that the former Co. M, 39th man died recently while on active duty in the U. S. Occupation Army. According to his mother, Mrs. Jane Skrypak, 151 Culver Ave., Jersey City, Walter praised the 9th and always said he would never forget the 9th. Mrs. Skrypak enjoys reading The Octofoil. She'd like for some of the fellows who knew Walter while he was with Co. M, 39th, to get in touch with her at the above address.

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### Dick Beaumont Looks For Wilhelm

Richard Beaumont, Main St., North Reading, Mass., wants to hear from any of his buddies who he knew in Co. F, 60th.

Dick was attempting to locate William Wilhelm, former Co. F, 60th man. But since Wilhelm was not a member Secretary Tingley was unable to help the boy very much.

### NEW YORK PRESIDENT AND THE NEW MRS. STERNLICHT WERE MARRIED IN LONDON

NEW OFFICERS OF GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER OFF TO A GOOD START; AL BRUCHAC INTRODUCED THE NEW OFFICERS; PEPPER IS RECORDING SECRETARY.

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

Well, frankly, I don't know where to start. It seems I owe about two dozen guys apologies, including:

President (JUST MARRIED)

Doc Harold Sternlicht. Doc tied the bow of happiness with Miss Irene Leslie in London, just recently. They were wed in a London synagogue and then returned to make the states their home.

Second: (Remember, Cohan, I'm Sec.) Harold Pepper wants to see the following in print . . . HAROLD PEPPER, formerly of the Ninth Medics was elected (appointed and volunteered) to the post of Recording Secretary in the recent New York election . . . Gosh, so much to say about the past two meetings. . . Well, first of all the nicest news was the way the new officers were inducted. Brother Getzy, as usual, outdid himself with his snack sandwiches.

BRUCHAC ON THE BEAM

Al Bruchac did a swell job of introducing the new officers and our outgoing President, George Whitney, was awarded a very fine lighter. Brother Pepper received a pen and pencil set. The attendance at the meeting was really great. . .

From in and around the hall the following messages were received . . . Harold Logan requests that more Arty. men ought to show up at the meetings. Harry Kerner, 47th Cannon, wants to say hello to all of his old buddies. . . Henry McElroy bought a new home at 209 Hathaway Ave., in Elmont, L. I. Henry would also like to see some of the fellows from the 34th FA. . . Jacob Laskare (A Co., 47th) is now living at 1447 First Ave., sends his regards to all his buddies. . . Brother Carl Shopoff (I Co., 39th), Rhona and Jeanette are Pup Tenting at 1510 Jessup Ave. in the Bronx. Carl is employed as a hotel manager. . . Geraldine and Sol Brodske are now living at 132 Clarkson Ave. in Brooklyn. . . Harry Kerner was married this past Oct. 30, to Viola, and they are living at Rockaway Beach. . . It seems that Hy Shakin and Izzy Breshinsky are having a little feud. Who has more to say a 10 per cent or a 40 per cent disability? Gentlemen, I leave to you to decide. Somebody better pay back somebody. How about it, Izzy? (No matter what you told me on the side)—Brother Hy has a sight edge on you.

SOLDIER'S BODY COMES HOME

(Reprinted from Jersey Journal)  
Cpl. Walter A. Edwards, 38, of 151 Culver Ave., hero of nine major campaigns in European Theater during World War II, died Dec. 9, 1949, in Germany of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was a student in the United States Army Intelligence School at Garmisch, Germany. He was serving his third enlistment in the army.

The young soldier's body will be interred with full military honors at Cypress Hills National Cemetery, Brooklyn. Cpl. Edwards was inducted into the army in 1942, landed with the American force in French Morocco, North Africa, four months later. Pushing eastward he and his comrades fought through the battles of Al-

geria and Tunis, engaging in the historic battle at Kasserine Pass. Turning north, American forces struck at Sicily and Cpl. Edwards was among the first to land on the Island. Following the Sicilian campaign his trail was then across Northern France, the Rhineland, and into the heart of Germany.

During the war Cpl. Edwards earned the Bronze Star, the Good Conduct Medal, the European Theater Medal with nine battle stars and three bronze arrowheads for invasions and the Occupation theater. Palermo, El Gate, St. Lo, Remagen, Bridge, Aachen, the Bulge, Heurtgen Forest. Prior to entering the service, Cpl. Edwards was a machine operator. He was a native of Bayonne and had resided most of his life in Jersey City.

MOTHER ANXIOUS

Mrs. J. Skryhak, 151 Culver Ave., Jersey City 5, Cpl. Edwards' mother, informed yours truly that she would appreciate hearing from any of the fellows who knew Cpl. Edwards. O.K., you guys from M Co., 39th Inf.—let's get on the ball . . . especially Tony Godino, 360 Orange Rd., Montclair, N. J. Anybody who is near this address, I am sure that the Skryhak family would appreciate hearing from former Co. M, 39th boys.

VACATIONING

Brother Harry Hammond is really taking himself a fine vacation underneath the Florida skies. . . More power to you, Harry—have a swim for us guys up here. Jimmie Bower, 1020 E. 179th St., Bronx, would like to hear from some of the Joes of the A. T. Co., 60th Inf. . . Joe Gralto, 786 Schenck Ave., Brooklyn, would like to get in touch with Fred Benackie, A Co., 39th. . . Tom Quinn is now in Phoenix, Ariz. on a trip. . . Joseph Schettini, C Co., 60th, of 1991 Washington Ave., Bronx, N. Y., is now a bartender at Dailies at 167th St. and Jerome Ave. in the Bronx. . . Watch for the Safari leading to the new water holes. . . Jerome Meyers, Hq. 1st Bn., 60th Inf., wants to say hello to all the boys of the battalion.

Here is a bit of news that I feel sure most of the fellows would like to know about. Joseph B. Gilligan, 42-34 78th St., Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y., is now an insurance broker. Now listen, you lugs—if anyone wants to know anything about insurance of any kind . . . here is the guy who will help. . . And he won't charge you a cent. . . Just get in touch with him at Illinois 8-1531 and tell him your troubles. Joe promised me that he wants to help—so just get in touch with him. Remember, if anything in insurance troubles you, get in touch with Joe.

By the way, here is some early marital notice. . . Stretch and Mae Schenbmeyer of South Orange are going to make it official. . . Tip to The Octofoil, from the guys in New York.

How about a column devoted ex-

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## LOST BATTALION POEMS ARE APPRECIATED BY NINTH MEN

Many former Ninth men have written The Octofoil and asked for another series of the poems being extracted from Buck Private McCollum's collection. Pvt. McCollum was with the famed "Lost Battalion" during its sad experiences in World War I.

### THE MEDAL

It is only a bit of bronze and metal,  
That tells the time-worn tale,  
Of some act of heroism,  
Where the bullets whine and wail.

Nor is the colored ribbon,  
Pinned on some strutting chest,  
A truthful indicator,  
Of the man who fought the best.

Nor do gold stripes upon the arm,  
Always tell the story,  
Of men who have seen action,  
Or fought their way to glory.

Those are outward indications,  
Made by the hand of man,  
The way they're sometimes passed  
about,  
Is quite hard to understand.

They'll tarnish with the weather,  
In the push or on the shelf,  
For the real and lasting medal,  
Is the soul within yourself.

If you did your best when called  
upon,  
In the air or gutted shell-hole,  
You've got some real satisfaction,  
Buried deep within your soul.

No bit of bronze or ribbon bright,  
Or words of praise high spoken,  
Can change the thots that lie  
within,  
As they are the real true token.

They'll tell the tale as long as you  
live,  
And the truth of how you  
fought,  
If you played the game like a  
man, my friend,  
You've the medal, that can't be  
bought.

### MOTHER

At the close of a spring day in  
Sable,  
I sat in my room alone,  
The sun was slowly sinking  
And my thots turned back to  
home.

Thots of my dear old mother,

And how much was hers to  
bear;  
Then in fancy I could see her  
In the old familiar chair.

Always thinking of me,  
And always praying, too;  
Slowly, the truth dawned on me,  
Of how much she's been thru.

Of the long, endless nights of  
waiting,  
And those anxious days of pain;  
Wishing, hoping, praying,  
That I might return again.

### THE BUCK

I'm a lucky son-of-a-gun,  
I'm the guy that had the fun,  
My clothes were never spick and  
and span,  
I was just "Plain Buck"—"The  
Fightin' Man."

I should worry if my feet were  
bare,  
Or cooties made their nests in my  
hair,  
Or the Captain cussed me every  
day,  
I went right along in my own  
plain way.

I fought the battle of "Ole Vin  
Roo"—  
And was in on the drive on "Army  
Stew,"  
No hampered looeys ever broke  
my heart,  
I just stalled along and did my  
part.

Whenever the boys felt homesick  
and blue,  
They'd call on me for a story or  
two,  
I made them laugh with my  
song and dance,  
And helped put some sunshine in  
"Rainy Ole' France."

I never craved for rank or fame,  
I always took things just as they  
came,  
And I earned a title that will al-  
ways stick;  
"Plain Ole' Buck,"—"Champion  
Gold Brick."

## Octofoil Scares Joe

—By Meyer



They tried to scare Stalin and his Communist stooges with the A-bomb, then the H-bomb—but when the dictator saw a replica of the 9th Division's Octofoil, he pulled his horns in.

## NOW HEAR THIS...

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

Q—Will V-A give a free medical examination to any veteran?

A—A free medical examination will be given any veteran when such an examination is necessary to determine the veteran's entitlement to some V-A benefit.

Q—Did the dividend which I received on by NSLI policy result from fewer war deaths?

A—No. The Government assumes liability for claims traceable to extra hazards of service in the United States armed forces as a cost of war.

Q—I want to make dancing my life work. How can I arrange for lessons under the GI Bill?

A—Since the course you contemplate is one which is frequent-

ly pursued for recreational purposes you will have to submit to V-A complete justification that the course you want is in connection with your present or contemplated business or occupation. Prior approval must be obtained from V-A before you start such training.

Q—Since my discharge from the Army, V-A has waived the premiums on my NSLI policy because of my total disability. Will the waiver affect the amount of the dividend I will get?

A—No. Dividends will be paid for all periods the insurance was in force under waiver of premiums.

## LT. McLAUGHLIN DESERVES MENTION IN "BRAVE MEN"

Victor A. Campisi, 98 Fal-mouth Rd., West Newton 65, Mass., forwarded to The Octofoil a most interesting article taken from The Boston Globe, Jan. 29. Two pictures of Lawrence J. McLaughlin were printed. One was a likeness of the former 9th man when he attracted Pyle's attention. The story was written by Arthur Riley and reads in part as follows:

Ernie Pyle had a habit of checking up on his own instinctive ability. During street fighting in Cherbourg he heard commands issued by former Lt. Lawrence J. McLaughlin. Later he asked the company executive officer if the lieutenant hailed from Boston. He was familiar with the Boston accent.

"We were cleaning out some houses," McLaughlin said. "I saw Pyle talking with Lt. Shockley of Missouri, our executive officer. At the time I was company commander and directing operations. That night I was talking with Shockley. He told me Pyle asked if I came from Boston. 'He knew by your accent you were from the Boston area,' Shockley said.

The former lieutenant was a member of the ROTC while attending Boston University. For four years he participated in C.N.T.C. training at Camp Devens and was commissioned a second lieutenant in October 1941. He was sent to Camp Croft, S. C., and while there was transferred to Fort Bragg for amphibious

training with the 9th Infantry Division. He was with the 9th which landed in North Africa Nov. 8, 1942, and fought the French at Safi as a rifle platoon leader. He was the first American troops to parade through Casablanca and continued through the North African and Sicilian campaigns.

His division was then sent to England, and he landed in Normandy with the 47th. Mc participated in eight campaigns and was in active combat up to the Elbe River.

During action at Frenzenberg Castle, he was wounded when a Nazi bazooka hit a tank. The blast caught him in the eyes. His battalion received a Presidential citation.

McLaughlin married the former Doris Mae Ramsey. They have one daughter.

The one-time combat officer is one of countless thousands of former G.I.s who prefer the way of peace but who are ready to fight for the American way of life in civilian activities or on the battlefield. His magnificent battle record attests to this spirit. Pyle observed this. McLaughlin is well deserving of the mention Ernie Pyle gave him in his book, "Brave Men."

CHICAGO IN 1950

There would be a great many more brunettes in this country if so many hadn't died.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Many a village belle would have been better off if she hadn't been killed.

## Lack Of Dues Payers Pathetic

Dues are still coming in much slower than they did last year, and Secretary Charles O. Tingley advises The Octofoil he is just about to the end of his wit try to figure out what move to make next.

It's hard to believe that the same group of men who comprised the greatest fighting combat team of all-time are willing to let the team disintegrate because teamwork is being forgotten.

Local chapter secretaries should contact personally and by phone when Uncle Sam's mail fails—and get those dues in to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

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## Deserving Names Should Be In Mail

Again it is called to the various chapters' attention that many of them are still classified as not having submitted the names of youngsters entitled to and deserving of benefit from the Association's Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Chapters should submit names to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington, D. C., at once.

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## ED MACHOWSKI PLEADS FOR DUES

By ED W. MACHOWSKI,  
1822 Haddon Ave.  
Chicago 22, Ill.

Secretary Illinois Chapter

D U E S—Doesn't this mean anything to you?

If not, read on further and see if you can change your mind. You say you love your wife, sweetheart, your buddies, past and present, but do you know that you've omitted someone? That's right, the 9th Div. Association—but, alas someone more dearer to you—YOUR SON. And I'm sure there must be plenty of Juniors.

This is no conscription of Junior G.I.s, but it does mean—a subscription for you to get busy and subscribe a year's dues in behalf of your son. I'm sure if he was old enough he'd go out and pay your dues for you. Let's not wait for your son to do that—but instead let's go out and do it for ourselves, our buddies and the 9th Div. Assn.—right now.

DUES—DUES—DUES.  
NOTICE—Make your G.I. Insurance refund be a down payment for the Chicago convention in July. Also a payment of your dues for the coming year.

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## Association Went to a Lot of Trouble

The Association went to a lot of trouble and expense to get the 60th Histories over here from Germany, where they were printed shortly after VE Day. It was thought at the time former 60th men would be scrambling to get possession of a copy of this beautiful little book, especially since the Association proposed to charge only 25 cents a copy, just enough to defray postage and packing. It's the biggest two bits worth of merchandise on the market today. Write Charles O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., and send him 25 cents for a copy of THE 60TH HISTORY.

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## MAHON GIVES BIRTH TO IDEA

In a short note received just before this issue of The Octofoil went to press, Walter Mahon, member the National Board of Governors and one of the organizers in the Illinois Chapter, had this to say:

How about The Octofoil suggesting that the fellows put aside part of their G.I. insurance dividends to attend the convention? The money is a windfall anyway and would be put to appropriate use by them if they invested it in their memories. It will be a long time before some of the fellows get a chance to see their buddies and former comrades in arms again.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Father: "Who broke that chair in the living room last night?"

Daughter: "It just collapsed, all of a sudden, Father, but neither of us were hurt."

## THEY ARE STILL FINDING PLACES TO MOVE INTO FROM DAY TO DAY

The following members have changed address since the last issue of The Octofoil. New addresses follow:

Roy J. Cortese, 2932 No. Fraternity Ave., Milwaukee 12, Wis. (26th FA.)  
 Clayton R. Taylor, 16 Stevens St., Norwalk, Conn. (746th)  
 Robert E. Legg, R 710 Taylor St., Taylor, Pa. (9th Med.)  
 Robert M. Lock, 454 East Ave., Minoa, N. Y. (60th Inf.)  
 Raymond A. Vallere, c/o American Embassy, Box 2016, Balboa, Canal Zone (47th).  
 Paul M. Esterle, 511 Elbon Ave., Akron 6, Ohio (60th).  
 Clifford S. Johnson, 1903 Jefferson, Tampa, Fla. (60th Inf.)  
 Richard G. Schumann, 558 East Beaumont Rd., Columbus 2, Ohio (60th Inf.)  
 James A. Browning, 11031A E. Grand Ave., St. Louis 7, Mo. (39th).  
 Louis E. Wilson, 59 Oak Ave., Mountsville, W. Va. (84th FA.)  
 Alfred A. Kriger, Kellogg St., Alden, N. Y. (84th FA.)  
 Warren W. Bennett, 219 Lawson St., Orlando, Fla.  
 John F. Miller, 2308 6th Ave. So., Great Falls, Mont. (47th).  
 Col. John B. Shinberger, Purcellville, Va. (60th).  
 John A. Poehelman, 1710 State Ave., Cincinnati 4, Ohio. (9th Sig)  
 James F. Carlton, 2955 Springhill Ave., Crichton Station, Mobile, Ala. (S/Sgt. 9th Med.)  
 George J. Kortas, 2333 No. Lockwood Ave., Chicago 39, Ill. (Pfc. 60th Inf.)  
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 Lewis W. Ingraham, 508 Canal St., Portland, Mich. (Pvt. M Co. 60th Inf.)  
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 Harold D. Kennedy, 515 Otey St., Bedford, Va. (S/Sgt 47th).  
 George T. Campbell, 409 Darlington Ave., Greenville, So. Car. (Pfc. 60th Inf.)  
 Leon D. Robins, Field Office, 39th C. I. Det., Room 450, P. O. Bldg., Baltimore 2, Md. (47th Inf.)  
 Bernard G. Serota, 220 Oglesby Ave., Birmingham 9, Ala. (1st Lt. Texas (60th Arty.))  
 Walter C. Doty, 5518 N. 2nd St., Loves Park, Rockford, Ill. (1st Lt. MP).  
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 Donald L. Swinehart, 135½ 3rd St., NW, Barbenton, Ohio (47th).  
 Fred L. Howe, Box 164, Washington C. H., Ohio. (60th FA.)  
 George F. Matthews, 69 Lincoln St., East Orange, N. J. (34th FA.)  
 Malcolm L. Baker, Box 1445, Marysville, Calif. (60th Inf.)  
 Norman Routson, 1218 Park St., Cranston, R. I. (47th).  
 Taylor B. Jackson, Gen. Del., Knoxville, Tenn. (47th).  
 Albert Lake, 8401 Crandon, Chicago 49, Ill. (39th).  
 Ralph Norman, 615 Portland Ave., Morrison, Ill. (899th TD).  
 Robert P. Helton, R R 1, Owassa, Okla. (47th).  
 Luther V. Lewis, Chapmanville, W. Va.  
 Joe A. Bolt, 5002 Loucous, Belaire, Texas (Div. Arty.)  
 Frank J. Gallucci, 105 Maple Ave., West Warwick, R. I. (376th AAA).  
 Robert E. Trine, R 3, Delton, Mich. (39th).  
 Carl P. Throntveit, 555 F. A., APO 957, San Francisco, Calif. (899th TD).  
 Melvin Knapp, Severy, Kans. (47th).  
 Leroy E. Grefe, Sheffield, Ia. (Military Govt. Sec. Div. Hg.)  
 Stephen J. Yovich, MC 37, Warren, Ohio (84th FA.)  
 Gordon C. Herwig, Box 795, Huron S. Dakota (47th).  
 William C. Riecker, Jr., 10 Hilton Ave., Garden City Park, N. Y.  
 Melvin T. Fleming, Sweetwater, Texas (Div. Arty.)  
 Samuel L. Mining, Rt. 2, Cooper, Texas (60th Inf.)  
 Wm. A. Buron, 2405½ Wheeler, Houston, Texas (9th Med.)  
 Kenneth R. Helberg, Gen. Del. Kingfisher, Okla. (47th).  
 Sam T. Ferranti, Murphy Rd., R. D. 1, Conklin, N. Y.  
 Max O. Regensteiner, 61 Shirley Blvd., Cranston 10, R. I. (60th Inf.)  
 Ermal Williams, 2611 East Jackson, Muncie, Ind. (47th).

Mark H. Sanders, 602 W. Virginia, Floydada, Tex. (60th Inf.)  
 Major H. Benefiel, RR, Frankton, Ind. (39th).  
 Ernest H. Guenther, 2604 Hilton, Dayton 9, Ohio (47th).  
 Ignacio Gaona, 540 W. Yturria Ave., Raymondville, Texas (9th Recon.)  
 James K. Hall, PO Box 712, Proctor, Minn. (60th).  
 David Sperling, 3565 31st Ave., Jackson Heights, N. Y. (47th).  
 Bernard W. Lubinski, Box 494, Rt. 3, Waukesha, Wis. (709th Ord.)  
 Sherrel R. Dean, Rt. 2, Fincastle, Va. (60th).  
 Adam A. Beinick, Rear 220 E. Green St., Nanticoke, Pa. (47th).  
 Leon Sieminski, 190 Fayette St., Wollaston, Mass. (47th).  
 Francis J. Nugent, 168 New York Ave., Bergenfield, N. J. (39th).  
 Paul E. Wilson, 5930 Howe St., Pittsburgh 32, Pa. (34th).  
 Frank Grisman, 59 Riverside Ave., Merrick, N. Y. (39th).  
 Charles R. Hodge, 33 Norman Rd., Newark, N. J. (47th).  
 James H. Lind, 167 N. Grove St., East Orange, N. J. (47th).  
 Alphonse Munatore, 204 Hunterdon St., Newark, N. J. (47th).  
 Lewis Levay, 26 Lincoln Ave., Newark, N. J.  
 Herbert Treuting, 39 River Edge Rd., Lincoln Park, N. J. (39th).  
 Alfred Demartino, 100 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Newark, N. J. (47th).  
 Howard V. Ellis, 199 Bernice St., Rochester 16, N. Y. (47th).  
 Lamond K. Brownell, Penfield P. O., Penfield, N. Y. (9th Med.)  
 Vincent P. Cunningham, 46 McAlister Ave., Hicksville, N. Y. (MPs).  
 Otis B. Russell, 409 Spurgeon, Ft. Worth 10, Tex. (39th).  
 Wallace W. Lindsay, 215 10th St. No., Fargo, N. Dak. (746th).  
 Charles A. Joyce, Liberty, No. Car.  
 Lester L. Nimm, 11917 Front St., Norwalk, Calif. (60th Inf.)  
 Edward W. Stachowicz, Whitehall Rd., Garden City, L. I., N. Y. (60th Inf.)  
 Lloyd Williams, 1014 Findlay St., Cincinnati 14, Ohio (47th).  
 Joseph M. Foye, Gen. Del., Spencer, Iowa (Div. Hq.)  
 Anthony S. Saitta, 1350 So. Westlake, Los Angeles 59, Calif. (47th).  
 Geo. H. Hurley III, 212 16th St., Manhattan Beach, Calif. (60th Inf.)  
 Benjamin F. Ziemski, 3064 33rd St., Astoria, L. I. 3, N. Y. (Pfc. 39th).  
 William F. Braun, 121 New York Ave., Brooklyn 3, N. Y. (1st Sgt. Div. Arty.)  
 Stanley F. Hull, 216 24th St., Brooklyn 32, N. Y.  
 Charles H. Kelley, Jr., 35 Elk St., Hempstead, L. I., N. Y., Apt. 80 (Cpl. 84th FA.)  
 William G. Robey, 1234 Weston Rd., Falls Church, Va. (15th Eng.)  
 Sgt. Tony Lappas, Co K, 14 RCT, Camp Carson, Colo. (47th).  
 Col. E. S. Mathews, Arty. Br., Ind. Div. Office Chief of Ordnance, Washington 25, D. C. (Div. Ord. Office).  
 Jos. L. Kelly, 43 Avery Ave., Buffalo 7, N. Y. (47th).  
 Harry Sondermark, 7649 Hamilton, Rear, Detroit 2, Mich. (Band).  
 Cecil E. Maberry, Rt. 3, Puritan Rd., Buzzards Bay, Mass. (60th Inf.)  
 Ernest F. Simpson, 20 Thorn Dr., Rt. 1, Verona, Pa. (60th Inf.)  
 Lyle Lambert, Rt. 1, Frank Rd., c/o Esther Frase, Grove City, Ohio.  
 Merton H. Beebe, 176 E. Robbins Ave., Newington, Conn. (60th Inf.)  
 Edmond J. Kabot, R. P2, Box 5495, Des Plaines, Ill. (60th Inf.)  
 Wilbur Sherman, 409 S. Western Ave., Chicago 12, Ill. (47th).  
 Harvey Goodrich, 181 Hawthorne St., Brooklyn 25, N. Y. T/5 15th Eng.)  
 Richard G. Granberry, Jr., 909 Haines St., Dallas 8, Texas (T/5 9th Recon.)  
 George R. McCarthy, RFD 1, Joliet, Ill. (T/5 47th).  
 Daniel J. Doyle, 532 W. Spruce St., Mahanoy City, Pa. (Pfc. 47th).  
 Lee W. Chatfield, 2427 Park Ave., Lincoln 2, Neb. (Lt. Col. 1st Bn 60th).

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## Chicago Artillery To Hold Party

Mrs. Georgina Winkelman, 1818 Orchard St., Des Plaines, Ill., asks that this notice be published:

The wives of the Illinois Chapter are giving an open house on March 10 at the Rocket Club. All members' wives and their friends are more than welcome.

It will be a St. Patrick Day party. Coffee, sandwiches, games, cards and dancing, and what have you. Come "one and all"—laugh and be happy.

We wives are coming along very well with the convention plans. Starting next month there will be some of the events which it is hoped all you wives will join with us and have a good time.

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## Dr. James White Located In Texas

Dr. James N. White, M.D., Physician and Surgeon, has his offices at 206 E. Harris, San Angelo, Texas. Dr. White was battalion surgeon for the 3rd Bn., 60th Inf. from about March, 1945 until July, 1945, under Lt. Col. Wilson.

Leslie Ronay, the lad who worked so hard to organize the New York Chapter was Dr. White's clerk in the aid station. Sgt. Alfred Hafford and Sgt. Charles Burba were also in the doctor's outfit. Sgt. Dick Volosin is another who was with that medic outfit.

Dr. White has a big practice in that western community and it looks like he will be unable to get away for the Chicago Convention in July.

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## New York Doings

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clusively to the publication of the meeting dates of the local chapters? . . . We know of a heck of a load of fellows who receive The Octofoil and don't know the meeting dates of their local chapters. We pass this on for criticism and discussion.

(Editor's Note: The Octofoil has a directory of chapter officers and the last line under each head meeting dates are given. It takes up a lot of room and for the past several issues news notes from various parts of the country have been so heavy that if the directory had been printed, much news would have been left out—then we would have caught heck. However, it's a good subject to debate. The Octofoil is the members' property. If a majority says the directory of chapters goes each issue irrespective of anything else, then such will be the case.)

### THANKS TO HUGHES

To John F. Hughes, Box 1364, Charlotte 1, N. C., thanks for the tip about the Bonus Law. It just didn't occur to us to print this info.

### TIPS

Speaking of tips . . . we of the New York Chapter would like to pass this tip on to the lads . . . New York is going to have a very outstanding program come the first week in March. That is the first Friday at the Hotel Times Square, New York City. We are certain that this meeting will be listed as the best yet . . . So take the advice of one who is on the right info . . . you're in for a treat that can't be beat—at New York's next meeting.

Ran into Jimmy Ryan, Hq. Co., Div. Hqs., last week, who is making the advertising circles conscious of promising young executives. Our x-Prez, George Whitney, had a dinner date with George Anderson, A.G., Div. Hqs., who just returned from a three-year stint in China. Andy is with the Vacuum Oil Co., after a brief rest and a trip to Florida. Andy is headed back to the Rice fields. . . . This very afternoon had lunch with Art Heim, of 75 Maple St., Irvington, N. J., who informed me that he and Willy Viebrook are getting together . . .

Remember, if it's a good time you want, that is just what will occur at the next New York meeting, the first Friday in March at the Hotel Times Square, 43rd St. and 8th Ave., in New York City.

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### MARATHON

He: "My wife can talk for hours on any subject."

Him: "My wife doesn't need a subject."

## KEN MEYER REPORTS ON ACTIVITY IN THE CLEVELAND-AKRON SECTION; PLAN BIG MEET

By KEN L. MEYER,  
468 Pearl Street,  
Akron 4, Ohio

Our last meeting, held on Feb. 12, just wasn't the day for the boys to turn out. Attendance was far below that of previous meetings. However, a meeting was held and several important pieces of legislation were passed by the membership.

Among those present were two new fellows, Raymond and Bob Kalvitz, a brother combination of the AAA-O. They joined Co. B, 39th, at St. Lo and went the rest of the way with the 39th. Another Co. B, 39th man is Bill Lektis. These three Co. B men, backed up by Steve Ganns, Lazy Kay and Steve Hertz, all ex-39th men, dominated the attendance.

There were only two 47th Raiders present. They were a couple of big boys by the names of Frank Chatto and Carl Grizer. The Go-Devils representation was a little better. There was Bob La Turner, Johnny Grill, Roger Schaeffer and yours truly, Ken Meyer, although basically I am an M.P. at heart. Andy Sinare, Old Reliable from the Q.M., was there and last, but far from least was "Big Bill," our prexy. "Big Bill" whose full name is William C. Mouser, is an ex 84th FA man and one of the best liked fellows in the chapter.

Our next meeting will be held on March 12. That is on Sunday and the time is set for 1500 hours. As our English friends would say, "This is going to be a wizard of a meeting." Tentative plans call for the complete showing of the film, "Crusades in Europe." All fellows are asked to bring their wives or girl friends. There will be free eats and a general get-to-know-each-other period.

The Greater Cleveland Chapter will celebrate its first birthday in March and that is one of our main reasons for such a gala affair. (Note: Send all congrats to Bill Mouser, 6632 Bliss Ave., Cleveland 3, O.) Those old Co. B, 39th men can contact Bob Kalvitz at 1682 W. 69th St., Cleveland, and Raymond Kalvitz, at 1340 West 49th St., Cleveland.

The writer was agreeably surprised and pleased to see my old friend, Bob Costello, his lovely bride, his sister and old Howard Ellis, of all people in the last issue of The Octofoil. I hope I see all of them in Chicago. I'm sending Bob a negative of a snapshot taken of he and the Guinzo, Della Terga. Hope he gets a laugh out of it.

Let's have at least 50 couples at our first anniversary meeting. You'll be notified by card.

## WILKES-BARRE-SCRANTON MEMBERS PLAN TO SEND BIG CROWD TO CHICAGO REUNION

By FRANCIS H. WOLMAN,  
Secy.-Treas., W.-B.-Scranton,  
257 Green Street,  
Edwardsville, Pa.  
(Kingston Postoffice)

The Wilkes Barre-Scranton Chapter held their monthly meeting with a wonderful turnout. There were over half a dozen new faces, all eager for information and joining. Brother, don't think we didn't oblige them. This will be good news to Secretary Tingley. A few will be paid up by next month.

The Chapter held its biggest discussion when President Blaum brought up the subject of the Chicago convention. Every member present had something to say and wants to go. We are going to be well represented.

Beginning with our next meeting on March 12, Sunday, at 2:00 P. M. we are going to sponsor a game for the convention kitty. The money earned will be used to send as many delegates as possible to Chicago with fare and hotel bills paid.

### INVITE ALL TO PARTICIPATE

That is something to buck for. Every 9th man in or anywhere near our territory is invited to attend this meeting and get in on the opportunity. Only about six or eight weeks to get rid of the tickets. You must attend this meeting. Big surprise in store.

### PAY DUES

How about getting your 1950 dues paid? The weeks and months are flying by but the dues are still very slow in coming in. How about a small piece of that insurance money?

### MEET PRESIDENT CLARKE

Two of our members attended the Memorial Services held in Boston by Father Connors. They met President Clarke and threw quite a party. The visitors were

Joe O'Neill, of Forest City, and Frank Machek of Pleasant Mt.

Frank Wyandt is taking care of our ticket printing. He is one of our most active members and deserves a hand for his fine work. The Entertainment Committee with Henry "Hawk" Davis putting in a bid for a job on Television. Even though his partner, Chappie Lynch, did not show up, Hank put on a two-man show.

One of the new men who attended was George Berday, of Kingston, who has just finished a 22-year hitch for Uncle Sam. George told many interesting experiences in his more than 10 years spent overseas.

Other new faces were Leroy Wolfe, Peter Carr, Benedict Obaza and William Bell.

Francis Wolliver showed up with his movie equipment and he showed some fine film on the A-Bomb and Iwo Jima. Even though he is not a member, Fran is one of our best attendance men.

Now don't forget, March 12, at the American Legion Home, N. River St., Wilkes Barre. That is our next meeting date and place and it will be a humdinger. There will be a great surprise for everyone attending. Who knows, maybe a trip to Chicago.

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## Ginsburg Uses a Regular Box Camera

George Ginsberg, 146 Seabury Rd., Bronx 60, N. Y., sent in a picture of Jim Bauer, taken at Fort Bragg. After Monchau, Jim was taken prisoner by the Jerries and held 6 months until freed by the Russians.

Another excellent shot is a view at Fort Bragg showing Mott Lake. George took the picture with an ordinary box camera. The picture will be used as soon as possible.

## 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.

# Detroit 'Lets Hair Down' April 15

## They Have Moved

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Sylvester V. Stake, 1116 N. Summer St., Appleton, Wis. (26th FA).

David A. Bodurtha, Main St., Southampton, Mass. (47th).

Jos. J. Reale, 157 E. Herman St., Philadelphia 44, Pa. (Div. Arty.)

James A. Lebar, 4073 Seventh St., Wyandotte, Mich. (47th).

Amos H. Davis, 208 Illinois, Peoria 4, Ill. (47th).

Robert Davis, House 51, Lindenhurst, L. I., N. Y. (60th Inf.)

Charles Voichard, 1218 Wachtel Ave., St. Louis 23, Mo. (39th)

Estil L. Ellis, 5324 Hodiament Ave., St. Louis 20, Mo. (39th).

Loren H. Otto, 4139 Osceola St., St. Louis 16, Mo. (60th Inf.)

John Sacher, 673 East 235 St., New York 66, N. Y.

Alfred F. Seeley, 5517 98th Lane, Corona, L. I., N. Y.

Geo. Stanford, Brooktondale, N. Y.

Jos. P. O'Brien, YMCA, Parsons Blvd., Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.

John F. Florence, 168 Park Ave., Huntington, L. I., N. Y.

Harvey B. Hadden, Second St., Geneseo, N. Y.

George Pfalzer, Jr., RFD 4, Foxhurst Rd., Huntington, N. Y.

Salvatore J. Mortifoglio, 130 Guenther Ave., Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y.

Robt. W. McCallen, 11 Monroe Heights, Cortland, N. Y.

Lt. Col. Lewis E. Maness, Manlius School, Manlius, N. Y.

Howard D. Brooks 7 East 75th St., New York 21, N. Y.

Charles Wollrich, 435 E. 14th St., New York 9, N. Y.

Harold D. Hale, Jr., 948 Lancaster Ave., Syracuse 10, N. Y.

Albert Lipton, 10 Harvest Lane, Levittown, L. I., N. Y.

John S. Valenti, 7829 90th Rd., Wood Haven, N. Y.

Jos. Pkillen, 843 13th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Justus W. Schleisner, 336 West 95th St., Apt. 64, New York 25, N. Y.

John J. Service, 5142 30th Ave., Blvd. Gardens, Woodside, L. I., N. Y.

Jordan Bierman, 510 East 20th St., New York 9, N. Y.

Jonas E. Siegel, 2825 Claflin Ave., Bronx 63, N. Y.

Paul T. Quaranta, 22 King St., New York 14, N. Y.

Carl F. Olszewski, 13 River St., Schenectady, N. Y.

Robert Davis, House 51, Lindenhurst, L. I., N. Y.

Edward W. Stachowicz, Whitehall Rd., Garden City, L. I., N. Y.

Vincent P. Cunningham, 46 McAlister Ave., Hicksville, N. Y.

Lamond K. Brownell, Penfield P. O., Penfield, N. Y.

Howard V. Ellis, 199 Bernice St., Rochester, N. Y.

Frank Grisman, 59 Riverside Ave., Merrick, N. Y.

David Sperling, 3565 31st St., Jackson Heights, N. Y.

William C. Riecker, Jr., 10 Hilton Ave., Garden City Park, N. Y.

Sam T. Ferranti, Murphy Rd., R. D. 1, Conklin, N. Y.

Robert M. Lock, 454 East Ave., Minoa, N. Y.

James E. Kinzinger, 5934 Ogden, Detroit 10, Mich. (Cpl. 47th)

Donald R. Lewis, Box 122, Reese, Mich. (Pfc. 47th).

James Bauer, 1020 East 179th St., Bronx, N. Y.

Charley H. Kelley, Jr., 35 Elk St., Apt. 80, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.

Benjamin F. Ziernski, 3064 33rd St., Astoria, L. I. 3, N. Y.

William F. Braun, 121 New York Ave., Brooklyn 3, N. Y.

Benjamin B. Budzinski, Jr., 507 Ave. C, Bayonne, N. J.

Alfred A. Kriger, Kellogg St., Alden, N. Y.

Frederick H. Freidman, 5299 East Ocean No. 7, Long Beach, Calif. (Cpl. 47th).

Robert E. West, 3819 Storer Ave., Cleveland 9, Ohio (899th TD).

Richard E. Heisler, 1094 E. 68th St., Cleveland, Ohio (60th Inf.)

John M. Powell, 2114 W. 83rd St., Cleveland, Ohio (MP).

Leonard Flora, 3090 W. 115th St., Cleveland 11, Ohio (Div. Hq. Co.)

James M. Bankston, Rt. 2, Crandall, Miss. (47th).

Clarence J. Gilbert, Estherville, Iowa (47th).

## Late Greetings But Mighty Cute



Jack Donovan and his rapidly increasing family are living at 484 So Edgemere Drive, West Alenhurst, N. J. Pictured above are the four Donovan kiddies as they appeared on Dad and Mom's Christmas and New Year greeting cards.

## It's a Girl At Sgt. Little's Home

From Kaysville, Utah, former S.-Sgt. Ernest Little, F Co., 60th, sends a card that reads:

Name: Christine.

Parents: Ernie and Roberta Little.

Date of Birth: Jan. 4, 1950.

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## Cute Card From The Ray Inzers

Coming too late to be made into a cut for this issue was a cute holiday cut from the Ray Inzers, 7th and Colorado Sts., Austin, Tex.

Taking up half of the card in a most natural pose was Ray, Jr., who looks to be about 3 years old.

Robert L. Warsk, 26409 73rd St., Bellerose, N. Y.

Martin E. Malcom, US Vets Hospital, Livermore, Calif. (9th Med.)

Cpl. Joseph F. Hayes, Co. A, 508 MP SV. BN. Apo. 407A, PM, New York, N. Y. (9th MFs and 47th Inf.)

Cpl. Stanley N. Allen, 6217 ASU Repl. Ctr. Det. C, Ft. Lawton, Seattle, Wash. (Pfc. 60th).

Lt. Col. Donald C. Clayman, Student Det. Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.

Clayton I. Goodrow, Gen. Del., Applegate, Calif. (Pfc. 84th FA).

Jos. P. Killen, 384 13th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dolph R. Atkinson, 1847 Arlington Rd. SW, Roanoke, Va.

Ernest Morgan, Cape Bldg., San Marcos, Texas.

Jack Rudlosky, 597 Chartiers, McKees Rocks, Pa.

Albert N. McCamey, 234 1/2 Pine St., Grove City, Pa.

Evert E. Strong, 2102 Elmhurst Ave., Oklahoma City 12, Okla.

John H. Doozee, 1202 W. Live Oak, Durant, Okla.

Harry L. Leon, Bldg. 1-25, Pathfinder Courts, Fulton, N. Y.

Gordon L. Foster, 5052 Quail Ave., N., Minneapolis 22, Minn.

Sam J. Ciluffo, 125 E. Oak St., Coal City, Ill.

Otto Kerner, Jr., 219 So. Clark St., Chicago 4, Ill.

Thomas J. Ingle, Box 129, Irion, Georgia.

George H. Davidson, 4263 Ormond St., Philadelphia 24, Pa.

Capt. Bruce S. Coleman, 239 Walcott Way, Pacific Grove, Cal.

Charles E. Hall, 602 Park St., Dorchester 24, Mass.

John R. Saylor, 137 E. Lytle, Ionia, Mich.

Capt. R. S. Dougherty, Det. 9, 1262 ASU, Ft. Dix, N. J.

Peter J. Casey, General Delivery, Pemberton, N. J.

Lester W. Clark, 70 Pine St., Franklinville, N. Y.

William R. Miller, 6 Plover Lane, Levittown, L. I., N. Y.

Stanley Frederick, 1072 Webster St., Schenectady, N. Y.

Cpl. Chester Kopacz, Co. A 83 Eng. Const. Bn., Fort Sill, Okla.

Daniel Scheiry, New Berlinville Hotel, New Berlinville, Pa.

Harold W. Holtz, 4 Williams Rd., Rosemont, Pa.

Ronald M. Hirst, 367 W. Russell Pl., San Antonio 1, Texas.

Daniel J. Stevens, Jr., 507 Easley St., South Boston, Va.

Marvin J. Heimerl, RR 2, Oakfield, Wis.

Ellsworth W. Waller, 221 Ash St., Onalaska, Wis.

Darrell Bartels, Seguin Texas (746th Tk.)

## 60TH MAN FOUND DEAD IN HOTEL

R. T. Houser, San Antonio, Tex., has forwarded a newspaper clipping concerning John Vanderslice's death. John was a former Co. K, 60th man. Houser advised the incident happened almost a year ago. The article read in part:

A 36-year-old man was found dead in his room at the Driskill Hotel, San Antonio.

The man, John M. Vanderslice, was discovered dead in his room by a hotel employee.

His father, J. M. Vanderslice, Sr., 311 E. 8th St., San Antonio, said his son had been ill since his discharge from the Army. He had been under the care of a doctor from the VA.

City detectives said they found no evidence of foul play.

He served overseas with Co. K, 60th Inf., 9th Div. He held the Bronze and Purple Heart.

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## Capt. Bruce Coleman Back In States

A former D Co., 60th man has received a Regular Army Commission. The former 60th man is Capt. Bruce S. Coleman, 239 Walcott Way, Pacific Grove, Calif.

The captain has just returned from a tour of duty in Hawaii. While there he run across Capt. Payne, who was with G Co. 60th from Bragg until Sicily. Capt. Coleman lost no time telling Capt. Payne all about the Association.

It was the first time he knew there was such an organization. Secretary Tingley has already sent an application blank to Capt. Payne.

Capt. Coleman and his wife are planning on being at the Chicago Convention.

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## Vosburgh Locates Former 9th Man In California School

Robert Vosburgh, Box 2198, Cal-Poly, San Luis Obispo, Calif., was battling the breeze with a fellow student in his dorm and discovered the lad was injured during the North African invasion.

He was with the Navy so he did not know what unit he was actually attached to until he read Vosburgh's "8 Stars to Victory."

Since the gob was injured at Port Lytautey on Nov. 8, he knew he was on duty with the 60th Combat Team. Since reading the history the sailor lad has become so enamored with the 9th Division he has sent for one of the maps and a copy of the 60th History.

Vosburgh's permanent mailing address is Rt. 2, Box 621, Hanford, Calif.

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## Chicago's Vice-President Is Ill

Ed W. Machowski, 1822 Hadson Ave., Chicago, and secretary of the Illinois Chapter, advises that Chicago's 2d Vice-President, George Waite has been in Hines Veterans' Hospital for three weeks with an acute sinus ailment. George's absence grieves all the members of the Chapter.

## LT. COL. CECIL PROPST, FORMER 9TH CHAPLAIN, WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOR ON APRIL 15

COMMITTEES ARE FUNCTIONING NICELY . . . DANCE PROGRAM WILL BE PUBLISHED . . . RATES WILL BE VERY REASONABLE.

By HAROLD PERRY, President Greater Detroit Chapter, 2453 22nd St., Wyandotte, Mich.

This Chapter told you all about the Third Annual Michigan Reunion in the last issue of The Octofoil. Tickets have been printed and are being sent out and a penny postcard will bring additional tickets for any member of the Division who may not have joined our Association yet. There are a few prospective members who have not yet parted with an initiation fee, and who have not been convinced that membership in our Association is most desirable, and who should come to a reunion in the back of the family chariot of a member, to get that old-time Division Spirit.

COMMITTEES WORKING

The various Committees are on their toes, just so all who attend the Michigan Reunion can dance on their toes, or their partner's toes, or sing the Ninth Division March, or tell each other all about those good old days when we danced the "Clothes-Order Quadrille." Our 9th Division movies will not be shown this year, but can be shown again at the next Michigan Reunion if there are yet a number who have not yet seen them. The movies were shown at the last two Michigan reunions and will probably be shown in Chicago, this July, when the National Convention is going to knock the wind right out of "The Windy City," which is a next door neighbor to "Dynamic Detroit."

MARCH 15 DEADLINE

March 15 is the deadline for payment or application for refund as far as the Internal Revenueurs are concerned, and it is also the deadline for payment of your 1950 dues, as far as your Ninth Division Association is concerned. Send in your dues to your Chapter Secretary or Chapter President or to Charlie Tingley, Box 1704, Washington, "The Nation's Capitol," or Charlie will put your name on his T. S. List—Terribly Sorry—no Octofoil, no, no nothing, nothing! And if you are waiting for your NSLI refund so you can become a SUSTAINING MEMBER, please do not wait if your number is 999, but send in your membership dues NOW, for all these checks for all those civilians probably will be coming—next Christmas. Which comes FIRST—the 9th Division Association, March 1 or the Tax Collector?

The Dance Program is to be arranged by Hal Perry, Chapter President, and any Michigan member who feels that he would like to see his name, his unit and his business advertisement in the Dance Program of our Third Annual Michigan Reunion—just drop a line to Hal, at 2453 22nd St., in Wyandotte, Mich., a town that was named after a famous Indian Chief. Hal promises that he will not scalp any Michigan member for rates are nominal.

Nick Gorno, C Co., 47th, has already taken the opportunity to inform our members, on the back of the Reunion tickets, that he will be glad to take you for a ride in a new car—so you can go to the National Reunion in Chicago, or to visit your other shelter half Buddy on your summer vacation.

We will tell you more about our Michigan Reunion in the next issue so just mark the date—April 15, 1950—on the kitchen wall or the alarm clock, so you will not forget to arrange for a baby sitter when you take your wife to our Reunion.

FLASH . . . Before this issue of The Octofoil went to press a telegram was received, signed by Hal Perry, President, Greater Detroit Chapter, and it read:

"Lt. Col. Cecil L. Propst, former chaplain, 9th Division, has accepted invitation to attend third annual Michigan reunion in Detroit April 15, 1950."

## Edward Winsch Visits Europe

Edward Winsch, 118-08 97th Ave., Richmond Kill, N. Y., has just returned from an air trip to Europe which covered Portugal, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, France, England and Ireland. With all the traveling I did with the Ninth from Africa all the way through to the end—the only countries I revisited were France and England, Winsch writes.

Former Ninth men would be interested to know that he visited Andover, Winchester, Basingstoke, Barton Stacey and the Ports-Arms at Hurstborne Priors. This was well known to 84th and also 39th men. Winsch says all the people he spoke to, fondly and proudly mentioned the Ninth.

The globe trotter wrote The Octofoil that anyone who was interested in all the details about the changes that have taken place in England and France since the 9th was there if they will drop him a card he will answer. Ed is a former 1st Sgt., C. Btry., 84th FA.

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## Look Magazine Publish Full Page Ninth Pictures

Look Magazine in its July 25 issue had a full-page picture of a Catholic chaplain holding mass for fighting men in the Mediterranean theater. The picture was taken about 10 miles west of Sedjeanne in North Africa. The area Ninth men fought through hell to take.

The cutlines read: "These are photographs of men facing death. They are brave men."

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## 47th, M Co. Lads



Two good men from Co. M, 47th—Sgt. Edward Dachowski, left, and Gauliteer "Wimpy." Pictures made while the two were moving up in Germany.

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## JAMES BAUER BECOMES A NEW YORK MEMBER

The latest member to be signed up by Greater New York Chapter is James Bauer, 1020 E. 179th St., Bronx, N. Y.

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## LESTER CAMPEN KNOWS HOW TO PICK 'EM

Lester E. Campen was a B Co. Sgt., 47th Regt. He gets his mail now at Rt. 2, Box 24, Roanoke, Ill. He recently married a mighty pretty gal. The Octofoil has a photo of both the Mr. Campen and the new Mrs. Campen. It will be used in the next issue.

# Chi's Facilities Are Unsurpassed

## MACHOWSKI SAYS THE WINDY CITY IS JUST ABOUT READY TO WELCOME THE 'CARAVANS

By ED W. MACHOWSKI,  
Secretary, Illinois Chapter,  
The February meeting of the Illinois Chapter proved conclusively that all signs lead to Chicago's 9th Division Convention in July, 1950. This can be emphasized from the very offset of the sidewalk to the immediate atmosphere of the meeting place of our general headquarters in Chicago.

Along with the regular meeting an accurate account of all past conventions were shown on the screen by Walt Mahon. Faces, names and incidents were pointed out by the able kibitzer, "Shirts" Ted Matusik.

### WOMEN SURPRISE

Another surprise and most welcomed gesture was added by the very capable Woman's Auxiliary, who have made out their plans for the incoming G.I. mothers, wives and sweethearts here in Chicago to the 1950 Convention. A well spent time will be assured for their stay by the Woman's

Auxiliary. I'm sure they too will agree with me when I say the time will be well spent. So all you wives, sweethearts and mothers, come on out and bear in mind that you have already been taken care of with your stay in Chicago. Thanks again to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Illinois Chapter.

Last, but not least—another fact which should not be misprinted (due to a typographical error)—Doris—chief bartender—was on the job in her usual, capable and laborious way. P.S. You see "Doris" can be spelled out correctly.

The March meeting will be "Open House." Bring friends—old and new—music, entertainment, sandwiches, dance and bar is open to anyone present. Until then the March meeting is open to you.

P. S.: Don't forget the bowling meet men, at Sherman Hotel Saturday night.

## GREATER BUFFALO CHAPTER PROPOSE NAME OF HERO FOR VA HOSPITAL

George Simon, 977 Northland Ave., Buffalo 15, N. Y., secretary of the Greater Buffalo Chapter, secured an outstanding photograph of the Chapter's presentation of a copy "8 Stars to Victory" to the Grosvenor Library, Buffalo. However, the picture arrived at the printer's too late for processing for this issue. It will be used next month. Other parts of Secretary Simons' excellent report reads as follows:

The 17th general meeting of the Greater Buffalo Chapter was held Tuesday, Jan. 17, at the 174th Regt. Armory.

One of the main discussions of the meeting was the possibility of the naming of the new Buffalo area's VA hospital after the late Congressman Andrews. While he was a veteran of World War I and a D.S.C. winner and an able congressman, we felt that in view of the fact there were five Congressional Medal of Honor winners in the Buffalo area, including one from World War I and the 9th Division's own Lt. John Butts, the name of the hospital

would be more suitable if not named for an individual. The windup will possibly be that the wings of the hospital will be named after the area's heroes.

After the meeting a film was shown and refreshments served. The usual bull session took place. Cards were played.

Much discussion was held on the coming annual dinner. No definite date has been chosen. It shapes up as a bigger and better one than last year's. It should be something.

### HEIKKILA TRANSFERRED

The Buffalo Chapter's loss is Pittsburgh's gain in the transfer through a grand promotion, of Frank Heikkila. His efforts in behalf of the Buffalo Chapter will always be remembered. Best of luck, Frank.

The boys are really talking up the Chicago date we all have, and Buffalo is sure to have a good representation. Some are already arranging their vacations to coincide with July 13-14-15. Let's hope a lot more will do the same in all parts of the country.

## STILL SENDING OUT CHRISTMAS ISSUE OF OCTOFOIL

Wilton Taylor, former M Co., 47th man, has written for 10 more copies of the Christmas issue of The Octofoil. Taylor lives in McKittrick, Calif., and says he is making contacts with many old buddies by sending them the papers. He recently heard from Raymond Ledwith, 62 Montgomery Ave., Staten Island, N. Y. Ray was in Co. A, 9th Medics. He is anxious to hear from other Co. A men. Another A man is Olaf Engelsen. He is married and lives in Brooklyn. Raymond is married and has two girls. He is driving an ambulance at Sea View Hospital, Staten Island.

Quoting from Taylor's letter he says: "These Octofoils bring good cheer men. Let's spread 9th Division hospitality to some long lost buddy who would enjoy reading about the 'old gang.'"

Robert Ledwith, brother of Ray's is a guard at Alcatraz.

Taylor adds that Sgt. Gerald Wheelock was in El Guettar, Africa, Sicily and ETO. It was he who helped me perfect the waterproof gas mask we submitted to Ordnance at Fort Bragg.

Sgt. Joseph Smith also went from Bragg to the ETO.

### ASKS QUESTION ABOUT RECORDING COMPANY

Taylor asks that The Octofoil make inquiry and learn any of the members know of a phonograph recording company that has "The Ninth Division March" for sale.

In the same letter Taylor sent several pictures that are quite interesting, including many African scenes. As space is available they will be used.

### LOCATES CASE

Sgt. Donald Case of M Co., 47th's kitchen staff lives at 839 Belmont Ave., Springfield, Mass.

### REALLY SPOTS 'EM

Another address Taylor sent in was Harry Stuart, 34 Blue Ridge Ave., Natrona, Pa. Harry was a Heavy Weapons, M Co., 47th man. Addresses that Harry furnished includes Joe Barry, 6 Walnut St., Farmingdale, N. Y.; Harry Kennett, Box 94, Fieable, Va.; Tefol Porowski, 163 Church St., Bristol, Conn.; James Mullis, Rt. 3, Laurenberg, N. C.; Wyatt F. Chappell, Box 12, Charleston, Mo.; William B. Cagle, Rt. 2, Dawson, Tex., and Charles Thomson, Loda, Ill.

Other former 9th men Taylor has contacted during the past few weeks included Gen. Randle, who sent kindest regards all former 9th Division men. Also writing was Robert Winkler and family, former Co. M, 47th man. Bob has two children and lives on Rt. 2, Temple, Tex. Johnny Tomostick lives nearby. He was married recently. Johnny reports having contacted Morris Taylor and West Brook. Both are fine and send best regards.

### PRAISES HISTORY

Taylor closes by saying: "The history is more interesting day to day. I have been so busy I only read a few pages at a time. Description of 47th Regt. activity is exciting and brings happy memories. I still maintain we can beat that Artillery unit in having a pictorial history as good or better than theirs. We could get each member to dig in his old barracks bag and bring out some photographic masterpieces. All you fellows dig down and send in the photographs. They may be a means of locating that long lost buddy."

### TWO SONS FOR MR. AND MRS. EAMON WHITE, SR.

A birth announcement says that Charles Jerome (Jerry) White was born Jan. 15 at 9:50 a. m., to Mr. and Mrs. Eamon White, Sr., making two sons the couple have.

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Women who swear they have never been kissed, can't be blamed for swearing.

## PLENTY OF WAYS TO BE ENTERTAINED IN AND AROUND CHICAGO ... JUST A FEW ARE LISTED IN THIS ISSUE

GRANT PARK CONCERTS ARE EXCELLENT; THEATERS IN WALKING DISTANCE OF HOTEL; CHICAGO CLAIMS TO BE WORLD'S STRIP TEASE CAPITAL.

By JOHN J. CLOUSER

One of the big questions which will be heard at the Sherman Hotel July 13, 14 and 15 when we all get together for our annual convention is "What shall we do?" In Chicago you do not have to try to find something to do; the greatest difficulty will be to decide which to do.

The entertainment in Chicago is exceeded in quantity only by the entertainment found in New York. We will let you be the judge as to quality. Naturally we prefer Chicago.

The Cubs or the White Sox will be in town during the convention so you can enjoy a baseball game if you prefer baseball. What about the sport of kings? Well, we have harness racing at two tracks, the harness racing is held at night, and we have at least four running tracks. In the past the running races have been held during the day but the last session of the legislature passed a bill permitting night running races so there will probably be some this summer. For the car racing enthusiasts there is midweek auto races at Soldiers' Field every Saturday night. Stock car races and hot rod races are held on alternate Sunday nights. Many other sports events are held during the summer such as wrestling and boxing but we do not know what will be scheduled for the weekend of July 13, 14, and 15.

### WIDE CHOICE

The Sherman Hotel is in the heart of the theatrical and movie district of Chicago. You have a wide choice of movies and stage shows within a couple minutes walking distance of the hotel. At least two of the movie houses have a stage show with the movie. This writer considers that the best buy in that type of entertainment. For a very inexpensive evening's entertainment nothing, in our opinion, can beat the Grant Park concerts. These concerts are held every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights at 8 p. m. The concerts are free and it is advisable to get there early so as to be sure of a seat. The programs range from classical to light musical comedy. It is a perfect place to go on a warm evening.

As we will have entertainment at the convention most of us will be looking for some amusements after the program is over at the convention. There are lots of nite clubs close to the Sherman or within a short distance. These places stay open till 2 a. m.; most are open until 4 or 5 a. m. and there are a few joints that never close. Many places have continuous entertainment. This entertainment usually consists of musical combinations, singers and bands. Some of the biggest name bands in the country will be found in Chicago's night spots.

### STRIP TEASE CAPITAL

Chicago is the strip tease capital of the country and we really have some nice disrobing joints. The main areas are West Madison Street and North Clark Street, a few minor spots are on South State, South Wabash, and Wilson Avenue. These places are open until 4 or 5 a. m. every morning. Some of the boys who have come in from out of town to our Midwest Reunions say "Home is never like this."

Well fellows when you get to Chicago next July there will be plenty of things to do, there is even more than I mentioned here.

We are quoting two helpful articles from the Chicago Welcome, which is the conventioners guidebook to Chicago.

### "Engaging a Taxi-Cab in Chicago"

Chicago has adopted an ordinance regulating taxi-cabs and establishing the rate, fares which every visitor should study to avoid disagreements as to charges. Fol-

## A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK



LOUIS STROLLA, JR.

Louis Strolla, 1141 Wyatt St., Bronx, N. Y., who was a sergeant in Hq. Co., 47th, writes:

"We're proud of our little son, Louis, Jr. Thought maybe some of my old buddies would like to see a likeness of Louis, Jr."

### FRANK GEERS BARBERING OUT IN MINNESOTA

Frank Geers was a corporal in the Military Govt. Section. Now he's barbering in Richmond, Minn. Frank sends his kindest regards to the old gang.

### UNCOMFORTABLE

Mrs. Flanagan: "Was your old man in comfortable circumstances when he died?"  
Mrs. Reilly: "No, he was half way under an automobile."

Following are the highlights of this ordinance:

When engaging a cab, the driver will pull down the "flag" of his meter which instantly registers "20 cents"—the minimum charge for all cab rides. This initial 20 cents also covers 1/3 mile of transit for one person after which the meter will register ten cents for each succeeding 2/3 mile, or a fraction thereof.

An added charge of five cents will be assessed for each additional passenger over 12 years of age.

### A Few Legal Facts About Chicago's Drinking Places

Visitors to Chicago who desire an occasional drink in one of the 10,000 alcoholic beverage retail outlets in Chicago should know the following facts regarding the legal aspects of the sale of liquor:

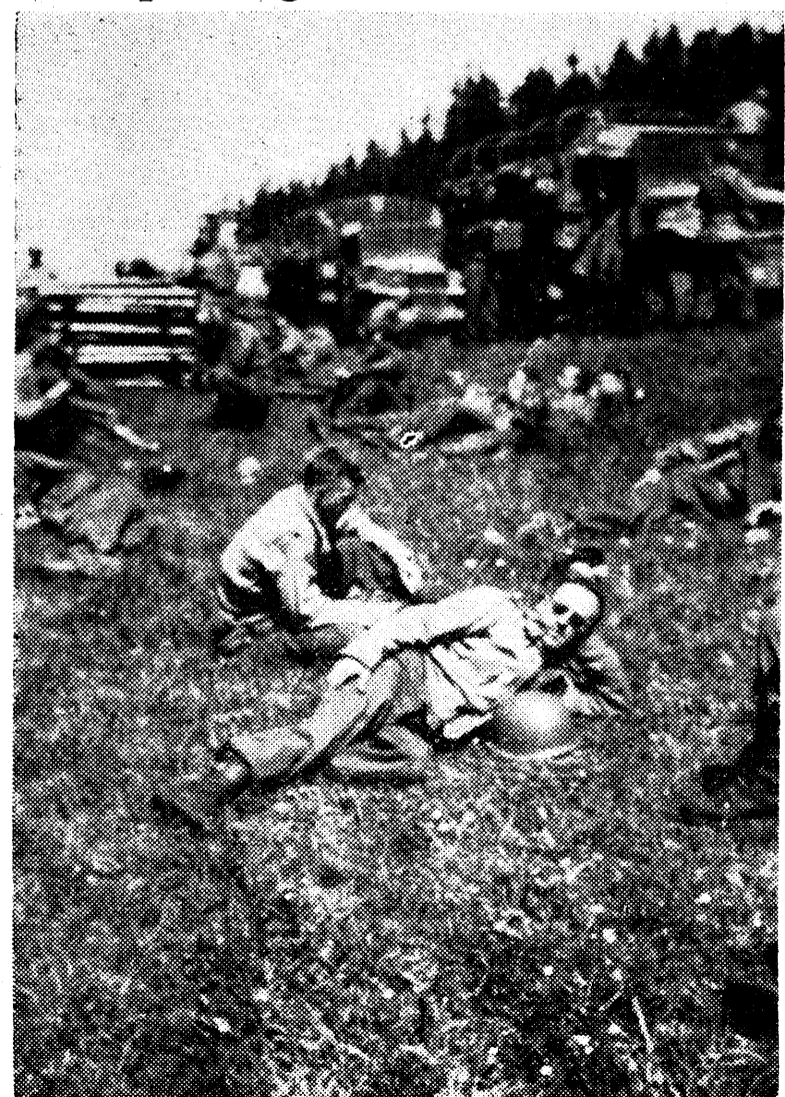
The legal hours of sale in Chicago are from 7 a. m. until 2 a. m. on weekdays; from 7 a. m. to 3 a. m. on Saturdays; from 12 noon on Sundays to 2 a. m.

A great number of Chicago's drinking spots have an additional permit to remain open until 4 or 5 a. m. each morning where amusement is provided with the sale of drinks. Restaurants having an alcoholic beverage license may remain open all night but must discontinue the sale of alcoholic beverages at the prescribed hours unless they have a late closing permit.

The Illinois State Liquor Act provides that no drinks may be sold to any female under 18 or any male under 21 years of age. There is a local ordinance providing for fines up to \$100 for any minor who shall misrepresent his or her age for the purpose of obtaining alcoholic beverages.

It is always advisable for young adults to carry credentials establishing their legal age to avoid embarrassment in drinking establishments whose proprietors are striving to enforce the minor laws.

## Perhaps Only a Five Minute Break



Anthony Forta, 506 W. Williams St., Port Chester, N. Y., furnished the above picture showing Co. C, 47th, taking a few minutes break as they moved on and on up into Germany.

## CONNECTICUT CHAPTER HOLDS UNEXPECTED "GUEST" NIGHT; GEN. HOYLE'S FAMILY THERE

By AARON L. ALPERT,  
"The Bargain Counter"  
656 Grand Ave.,  
New Haven, Conn.

The December meeting of the Connecticut Chapter, held at the New Haven Armory, unexpectedly turned out to be "guest night." General Hoyle had as his guests for the meeting, his son, Jack, and grandson, Rene (but you better call young Rene Red, or else!) The General's son, and his family, were up from Texas, visiting for the holidays. Jack Hoyle, a former Captain in the Air Force, and P-38 pilot during the war, spent his active time in the Aleutians. The ex-Captain had many interesting and hair-raising experiences while detailed in the Aleutians.

### MERCER STILL AT IT

Many Signal Co. men will be pleased to learn that Ralph Mercer is still doing communications work, only now for the Lansdowne (Pa.) Telephone Co. Ralph is on a special job for his company in Danbury, Conn. And on coming to Connecticut, Ralph looked up his former war buddy, Bruce Fraczek, of Bridgeport, Conn. Syd Heiberger thought he was seeing a ghost when Ralph walked in with Fraczek, for while at the Remagen Bridge Head, a shell fragmentation pierced Mercer's body. But thanks to the quick, thorough action of the 47th Inf. Medics, especially the Indian who was with them, Ralph now abstractly looks back on his harrowing experience.

The business part of the meeting delegated Syd Heiberger to complete the details for registering the Connecticut Chapter's charter with the State of Connecticut. It was also tentatively decided to hold the next open social meeting for wives and girl friends at the April meeting.

The films procured for the meeting by General Hoyle, were particularly interesting. One film showed the part the Army plays during a National disaster, such as floods or the terrific snowstorm the Mid Western states had last year, and the terrible conflagration and explosion at Texas City, Texas. The other film showed the Marines and 27th Inf. Div. taking the Tinian Island during the War in the Pacific. It was a mighty rough battle and crammed full of action. After the movies, sandwiches and beer, as usual.

It was good to see Andy Stonick at the meeting. Andy was laid up with a serious case of pleurisy and therefore missed the last few meetings, but he's now back in the fold.

### FREE TRANSPORTATION

Any of you Hartford boys who need transportation for meeting night, may call Boardman Lockwood at his Hartford Travel Agency, telephone Hartford 6-2719. No charge for the transportation services to the meeting. Boardman rarely misses a meeting, and it would be good to see more Hartford men at the meetings.

## PITTSBURGH LADIES ARTILLERY ARE BACK ON THE BEAM AFTER A REST

By MRS. RAYMOND PIFER,  
409 Fairground Ave.  
Pittsburgh 5, Pa.—WA. 1-8641

Now that the Woman's Auxiliary of the Pittsburgh Chapter has had a breathing spell since the convention, they are all rested up and raring to go. So hold your hats folks—big things are brewing again here in Pittsburgh. The Auxiliary has been very quiet trying to get caught up on all unfinished business that had to be set aside due to the convention in 1949.

Pittsburgh's Auxiliary has started its third year with flying colors. On Jan. 20 we held our election for 1950 officers. The following were nominated: President, Mrs. William Hilton; Vice President, Mrs. Steve Lelak; Secretary, Mrs. Raymond Pifer; Treasurer, Mrs. Paul Leschak.

### BABY SHOWER

After the election we had a surprise baby shower for our new

mother, Mrs. Ora Brogan. It was followed by a gay celebration and dinner at Angelo's Restaurant.

The girls are planning on having more social affairs and less business meetings. We have had many outstanding achievements completed in the past years and hope to complete many more in the future.

All you folks who live in the Crafton, Ingram vicinity will find a lot of news in your local paper, so keep watching for items from time to time.

We are still trying to get in touch with our Gold Star Mothers and Mothers. Please fellows—tell your mothers about the meetings and see that they are able to come. We have several mothers who attend regularly and enjoy themselves. So if you will send me her name and address, I will see that she is notified before each and every meeting.

## GEORGE KRASA'S BROTHER APPEALS TO THE MEMBERS FOR SOME VITAL INFORMATION

John Krasa, 159 Broadway, Valley Stream, New York, writes the letter printed below. It is self-explanatory and deserves to be answered immediately by any member who can help George Krasa's family in any way:

Gentlemen: I am writing this letter regarding my brother, George Krasa, a Pfc., Serial 32803947, Co. I, 39th Inf., 9th Division, who was killed in or around Cherbourg, France, on June 24, 1949. My brother's remains have since been brought back to this country and buried in our family plot.

The reason for this letter is to ascertain if there is any way of contacting any former members of my brother's company regarding the events that led up to my brother's death.

### UPSET HIS MOTHER

My brother's death upset my mother a great deal for he was only in the service four months before going overseas. He went into the Army in March, 1943, and was in Africa before his 19th birthday, which was in July, 1943. Before he went overseas he never came home on leave; my mother never saw him in the uniform of the country for which he died. My brother was as close to home as a "shipping out" point in Pennsylvania, about 450 miles from New York City, which is only 18 miles from our home.

My brother was buried in the cemetery at Sainte Mere Eglise in France and we have never been able to contact or communicate with any one who served with

him during his short period of service with the Army.

Would you be able to furnish me with the names and addresses of the Commanding Officers of my brother's outfit while he was still in the United States during the period from March to July of 1943 before he went overseas without ever having come home on leave? Also if it is possible, inform me if there is any way to insert in, perhaps a "reunion" paper, a notice to former members of Co. I, 39th Inf., 9th Div., requesting them to communicate with me?

I, myself, served in the Navy over eight years, both in peace time and war time, and am at present a police officer in Nassau County. My reason for this inquiry is to get more information about the death of my brother than we have been able to obtain up to the present time.

I do not know whether my father, Adolph Krasa, has written thanking your organization for your wonderful book on the exploits of the 9th Div. I want you to know that I think it well "put over."

I will appreciate any information you will be able to furnish our family regarding my brother.

(Secy. Tingley is making every effort to determine who the company commander was at the time George Krasa was killed while serving with Co. I, 39th. But that should in no way have any bearing on others who knew the 39th lad from contacting his brother at once.)

## Columbus, O. Has New Spot to Meet

The Ohio Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association has changed its meeting place.

Heretofore they have met in the clubrooms of Civic Center VFW Post, 237 S. Front St. But Glenn Moore talked President Richard Schumann and Betty into building a new home that is a "dream house" at 558 E. Beaumont Rd. The basement recreation room is a wonderful meeting place—so the boys and their wives meet there the third Friday of each month.

The regular meeting was postponed during February to the 4th Friday, after President Donald Clarke, president of the National Association, advised he would be passing through Columbus on that date. Then he was unavoidably detained and couldn't leave Washington. All this after Schumann had purchased a new flag and installed a long table for the honored guests.

Even after the disappointment the boys had a very successful meeting. Richard and Betty are ideal hosts, and those fellows who have been missing meetings at the old place, better come out on Beaumont Rd. to President Schumann's house the third Friday in March.

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## DETROIT CHAPTER COMPILING UNIT ROSTER FORMS

The Chapter Secretary, Joe Casey, 8621 Colfax, Detroit, Mich., hopes that Michigan members will send in that file-card, so that the Unit Roster may be complete. "How many other fellows are there from MY Company?" is a question that can be immediately answered, if ALL you fellows send in your card. This project is a recent one, that will help save your time and that of a Buddy who may be trying to find out where you are now, since one of the purposes of our Association is to maintain contact with all the men who served together in the Ninth Division. If you have already sent in your dues, just put a penny stamp on the card and send it to Joe, because he wants all 400 cards from all Michigan members—he is not satisfied with 300 cards to help maintain contacts—not when he is trying to help locate a Buddy who was in "MY Company, the BEST Company" of the Ninth.

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## Thought Tom Graves Was Lost In Flood

Richard Hext writes from way out in St. Johns, Ariz. The former 709th Ord. boy owns a nice farm is getting a Grade A dairy started. Any former 9th men who will stop by his farm he promises them plenty of free milk.

Dick says he was glad to learn from the February issue of The Octofoil that Thomas Graves, Rt. 1, Summerland, Miss., had not been drowned in the floods they have been having in that neck of the woods. Dick has sent Tom several Christmas cards and never got an answer, so he thought the joy was in the bottom of Ole Man River. Dick's wife enjoys The Octofoil as much as he does.

The boy wants to hear from some of his old "gold brick" buddies from 709th Ord. At Duncan, Ariz., near Dick is another former 9th man, Lark (Doc) Wilkins, Co. G, 47th.

The boy closes by saying he and his wife will be unable to get to Chicago because if you have a job juicing Jerseys you get no days off.

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## LEON ROBINS SAYS HE'LL BE IN "CHI"

Leon Robins is an agent with the Criminal Investigation Division of the Army. His address is Mr. Leon D. Robins, Field Office, 39th CI Detachment, Room 450, P. O. Bldg., Baltimore, Md. Leon says he hopes to be in Chicago and see a lot of old friends.

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PAY YOUR DUES TODAY—NOT TOMORROW!

## This Must Not Be Staten Island



Through The Octofoil Wilton Taylor recently contacted Raymond I. Ledwith, former Co. A, 9th Med. man. Ray now lives at 62 Montgomery Ave., Staten Island. Pictured above is Ray; his wife, Eileen, and baby, Mary. The Ledwiths have another little girl, not pictured. But with a green tree and green grass as the background, the above picture must not have been taken on Staten Island.

## ALBERT GLANT'S MOTHER SEES THAT DUES ARE PAID

Albert W. Glant, former T-3, 60th, lives at 34 Morse St., Coldwater, Mich. Al's mother forwarded his 1950 dues to Secretary Tingley, saying they both enjoy reading The Octofoil.

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## EDMUND NABER PLANS TO BE IN CHICAGO

Edmund M. Naber, O'Cheydan, Iowa, was a Pfc. in the 47th. When he sent 1950 dues in he mentioned the fact that he wants to see a big turnout from the 47th at Chicago.

## MILLARD RUE IS IN ELLIS HOSPITAL

Mrs. Jennie Rue, Rt. 2, Ballston Spa, N. Y., forwards some sad news to The Octofoil. Parts of her letter reads:

Millard H. Rue, former 60th man, is confined to Ellis Hospital, suffering from a compound fracture of the skull.

He and his family have moved to 300 Maple Ave., Ballston Spa, N. Y., and Millard would like to hear from his old buddies, his mother adds to the letter.

## 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.



# DIRECTORY OF FORMER NINTH DIVISION MEN

## GROUPING OF PRESENT AND FORMER NEW YORK MEMBERS SHOULD BE A HELP TO NEW OFFICERS

1950 MAY WELL PROVE THE CRUCIAL YEAR IN THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION'S EXISTENCE; TRY AND CONTACT BUDDIES LISTED.

Many old Buddies have re-located one another since the Directory of present and original members of the Association has reached the New York area alphabetically. However, the number of new members being signed up would be greatly improved with a bit more effort on the part of all the members. Following is a continuation of last month's directory:

(Continued from last month)

Leonard Kupkowski, 315 Eagle St., Dunkirk, N. Y.  
Donald A. Muck, Dodge Rd., East Amherst, N. Y.  
Harry T. Briggs, 350 Linden Ave., East Aurora, N. Y.  
Donald W. Coddington, Porter-ville Rd., East Aurora, N. Y.  
Thomas J. Smyrski, Court St., East Islip, L. I., N. Y.  
Richard J. Koenig, 721 Scranton Ave., East Rockaway, L. I., N. Y.  
Robert M. Lock, Rt. 3, Fremont Rd., East Syracuse, N. Y.  
Charles J. Bingert, 3962 Seneca St., Ebenezer, N. Y.  
M. Allen Webster, Church St., Box 333, Eden, N. Y.  
Ralph E. Ludington, Edmeston, N. Y.  
Alvin P. Becker, 7704 Kneeland Ave., Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y.  
Robert Davis, 79-44 Calamus Ave., Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y.  
John F. Herkert, 83-05 Broadway, Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y.  
George Hurray, 86-12 57th St., Elmhurst, N. Y.  
Daniel P. McGuigan, 89-16 48th Ave., Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y.  
Armond L. Mele, 91-43 Lamont Ave., Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y.  
Albert J. Baccile, 969 Davis St., Elmira, N. Y.  
Kenneth Ray, Box 105, P. O., Elmira, N. Y.  
Earl W. Hanna, 238-15 117th Ave., Elmont, L. I., N. Y.  
Louis A. Longo, 190 Gotham Ave., Elmont, L. I., N. Y.  
Peter A. Radichio, 208 Woodstock St., Elmont, L. I., N. Y.  
Homer P. Losee, 46 N. Perkins Ave., Elmsford, N. Y.  
Fred J. Bicking, Jr., 608 North St., Endicott, N. Y.  
Mrs. Isabella de Benedittis, 221 Oak Hill Ave., Endicott, N. Y.  
Micheal Kowbasnyk, 1603 Watson Blvd., Endicott, N. Y.  
Albert P. Di Risio, 13 N. Main St., Fairport, N. Y.  
Donald J. Bates, 125 Main St., Faust, N. Y.  
Herbert J. Merk, 238 Tyson Ave., Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.  
Myron Weslowski, Box 136, Florida, N. Y.  
Patsy Catraro, 131-38 40th Rd., Flushing, N. Y.  
William Dwyer, 148-19 N. Hempstead Turnpike, Flushing, L. I., N. Y.  
John F. Florence, 189-02 64th Ave., Apt. 6D, Flushing, N. Y.  
Henry G. Havemeyer, 45-32 Burling St., Flushing, L. I., N. Y.  
Harold T. Jaffe, 135-20 78th Ave., Flushing, N. Y.  
Eugene Magidson, 67-20 East 86th Lane, Flushing, L. I., N. Y.  
Leonard J. Mahan, 134-09 36th Rd., Flushing, L. I., N. Y.  
John G. Tschupp, 158-33 75th Ave., Flushing, L. I., N. Y.  
Frank Witson, 69-09 B 186th Lane, Flushing, L. I., N. Y.  
A. M. Zundell, 5814 187th St., Flushing, L. I., N. Y.  
David Gelman, 109-20 71st Rd., Forrest Hills, L. I., N. Y.  
Fred Stanley Gold, 68-12 Yellowstone Blvd., Forrest Hills, L. I., N. Y.  
Lawrence F. Kurshan, 98-41 65th Ave., Forrest Hills, L. I., N. Y.  
Raymond P. Kurshan, 98-17 Queens Blvd., Forrest Hills, L. I., N. Y.  
Leon Trauber, 96-11 65th Rd., Forrest Hills, N. Y.  
Michael V. Williams, 9 Lock St., Fort Edward, N. Y.  
William E. Varcoe, Bridge Terrace, Box 7, Fort Montgomery, N. Y.  
Daniel J. Taggart, 71 Coe Rd., Fort Tilden, N. Y.  
Joseph J. Devine, 15 Center Dr., Franklin Sq., L. I., N. Y.

W. C. Richardson, 101 Gabriel Ave., Franklin Square, N. Y.  
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