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# THE OCTOFOIL

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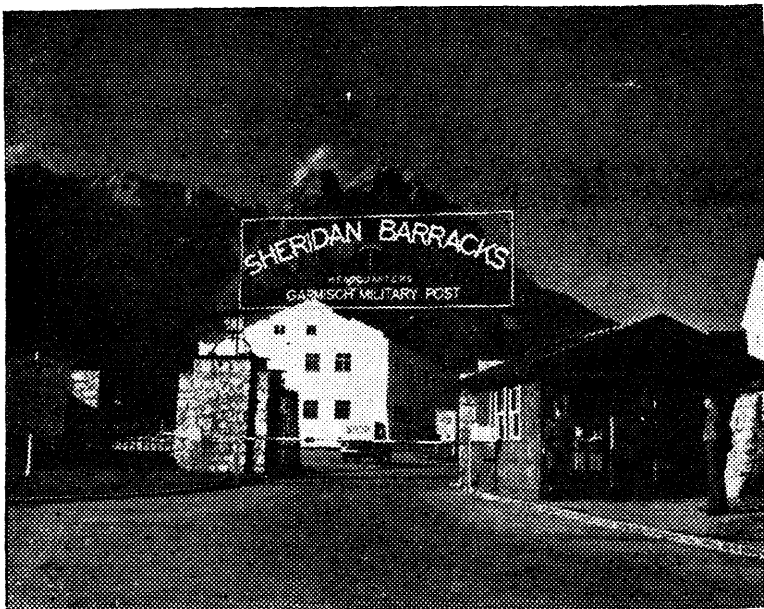
## ANOTHER MEMORIAL TO NINTH DIV.

### Ninth Heroes Honored By French



Stained glass in the little church in Etampes (sur Marne) on the outskirts of Chateau-Thierry, France, proudly display several Octofoils in honor of Ninth Division men who died for the Liberation of their country. Picture, courtesy of Mike Batelli.

### Sheridan Barracks Is Picturesque



Lt. Arthur Gardiner secured for The Octofoil the above beautiful scene from the Garmisch Military Post, of Sheridan Barracks, named in honor of the Ninth Division's "one-man" army, Carl Sheridan, whose heroism while with the Ninth was never surpassed and rarely equaled.

1950 Dues Must Be Paid Unless Members Are Unconcerned About Names Be Removed From The Octofoil Mailing List After This Issue.

### BOARD MEETS ON APRIL 22nd

The National Board of Governors will meet on April 22. The exact time and place will be decided later and individual Board members will be notified personally by Secretary Tingley. If any Chapter has a problem that should come before the Board the text of that problem should be mailed to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington, D. C., at an early date.

Consideration for the 1951 Convention site will be discussed and possibly decided at this meeting. Chapters that are interested should so advise Secretary Tingley. So far, New York City is the only Chapter that has asked for consideration as 1951 Host City.

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### Dick Blaylock Asks About Jim Goetz

Richard N. Blaylock, 35th St., Richmond 23, Va., writes to ask if anyone knows what has happened to Jim Goetz, formerly of Serv. Co., 47th Regt.

Dick heard a long while back that Jim had settled down in Alexandria, Va., and was planning on getting married, but he still can't be located. Goetz's home was in Pottsville, Pa. Any member who knows where Jim Goetz is hanging his hat up now, drop Blaylock a line, will ya?

CHICAGO IN 1950

### Tingley Wants More Memorial Fund Interest

Detroit Chapter members are setting a good example. They have agreed to send any and all profits made at their third annual party to the Memorial Fund. It might be well for other chapters to emulate this gesture and hold some kind of party with the net revenue going to the Fund, and whether that net is \$1 or \$100, either will help.

And while doing this, Chapter members certainly could discuss among themselves some youngster who is eligible to benefit from the Foundation and submit the name to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

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### EARL GATZKE IS COACHING

A short letter from Earl Edward Gatzke, 1113 Kilbourne Ave., Tomah, Wis., advises that he is teaching physical education in the Tomah High School. Earl has two youngsters, a daughter 4, and a boy 2.

He comments on Sgt. Butz still being as sharp as ever, and wonders if Butz knows what ever became of Sgt. Brown and Sgt. Newcombe, who were captured in the Huertgen Forest at the same time Gatzke was. The letter closes with an appeal for some of the boys who were with Co. A, 60th, while he was there to drop him a few lines.

Gatzke was a first lieutenant in Cos. A and D of the 60th.

### "MIKE" BATELLI ADVISES MEMORIAL COST 18,563 FRANCS... THE FRENCH PRIEST SENDS BEST WISHES

MOVEMENT STARTED IN SEPTEMBER, 1944, AFTER THE JERRIES HAD BLASTED OUT THE WINDOWS OF THE LITTLE CHURCH.

"Mike" Batelli is a former 2nd Bn., 39th soldier, and The Octofoil feels very grateful for his consideration in writing the story used in this issue concerning the respect the French in and around Chateau-Thierry hold for the Ninth Infantry Division. "Mike" also sent two pictures of the church windows, one of which is used on this page. The former 39th man now lives at 67 E. 20th St., Paterson 3, N. J., and parts of his interesting letter reads as follows:

### MAY OCTOFOIL TO PRINT DATA ON CONVENTION

CHICAGO, JULY 13, 14 and 15

The May issue of The Octofoil which will be printed the latter part of April will give complete details relative to the Chicago convention which has been arrived at with the Sherman Hotel for the banquet, who the principal speaker will be, and many other details that the members are anxious to learn about.

In the meantime, if there are any urgent questions that should be answered before the next issue, a letter to Ed W. Machowski, 1822 Haddon Ave., Chicago 22, Ill., secretary of the Illinois Chapter, will bring a prompt reply.

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### A FINE MOTHER REMEMBERS SICK SON'S DUES

Millard H. Rue, Rt. 2, Ballston Spa, N. Y., a former 60th sergeant, suffered two fractures of the skull and a brain injury while unloading logs at the Curtis Lumber Yard. He is confined to the Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, N. Y.

Millard's wonderful mother forward his dues and added 25 cents for a 60th History. Any former 9th men in that part of New York should call on Mrs. Jennie Rue, and offer any consolation possible, and likewise make inquiries about Millard from time to time. It's mothers like Mrs. Rue and many of the former 9th boys' young wives who have learned to love the Ninth Division who are doing as much to keep the Association going as are the active members themselves.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

### Delinquents Still A Bad Headache

A few sections of the country have made returns to Secretary Tingley approximating the number paid on last year. But those localities are greatly in the minority. What "ails" the drones in other parts of the country is the \$64 question. Again, an appeal is made to individuals and to Chapter Officers in particular to leave no stone unturned in collecting 1950 dues immediately in order to assure the successful operation of the Association during 1950.

The Ninth Infantry Division Memorial Fund has been established with its purpose well known to everyone, which is as it should be.

I am wondering how many members of the Association know of the Memorial established to the Memory of Our Departed Comrades who fell on the Road of Liberation from the Beaches of Normandy through France?

Enclosed herewith is a photograph of the Memorial in the form of stained glass in the little church in Etampes (sur Marne) on the outskirts of Chateau-Thierry, France. As you can see, the OCTOFOIL is proudly displayed four times — one in the uppermost point! The scripture at the bottom reads, "Dedicated by the Army in Memory of the Soldier of the Ninth Division (American) who died for the Liberation of Our Country."

### INSIGNIAS EXPLAINED

The Memorial represents the insignia of the Blossoms of Normandy, site of the Debarkation, and the Lions of Brittany (last of the area to be liberated) . . . the Flags of France and the American Red, White and Blue. . . . The entire Memorial is mounted on a Star, representing the "Sainte Vierge—Stella Maris" enframed under the OCTOFOIL.

### STARTED IN 1944

All this came about on Sept. 3, 1944, after the personnel sections of the Ninth Division had set up on the outskirts of Chateau-Thierry. Shortly before the advent of the Ninth men to this area, the Germans raided the railroad depot there, blasting out the windows of the church of "Aumonier Pansionnat St. Joseph." The men of personnel attended services that Sunday and after services, the Cure Abbe Raymond Menard (who was generous enough to pass on the information as well as the photographs) mentioned the rebuilding and repairing of the little Catholic Church. Members of the personnel sections suggested the Memorial, with the Ninth men contributing towards the establishing of one window as a Memorial to the Departed Comrades.

### JEWISH LADS

At this moment the names of the members of the 47th and 60th Infantry men who were instrumental in the fulfillment of this desire on the part of both Abbe Raymond and themselves escapes me. I do remember that two of the first who donated from the 39th Infantry section were two Jewish lads, Eddie Green and Herman Belitz . . . as well as T. Sgt. Joe McCullough and John McGowan, who spearheaded for the

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Extract from the certificate of incorporation of the Ninth Infantry Division Association: "This Association is formed by the officers and men of the Ninth Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the spirit de corps of the Division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively by means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to members and former members of the Division."

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## Thoughts Mother and Soldier Son Experienced Vividly Portrayed

"Buck Private" McCollum, of World War's I "Lost Battalion" who so vividly portrayed in poetry overseas experiences, has been memories based on similar experiences. Another series of the Private's poems are reproduced below:

### VISIONS

In early morn when day is born,  
Night shadows start to fade,  
I gaze upon a land shell-torn,  
That war alone has made.  
And as the mist begins to lift,  
Dim lines of a home I see,  
And by the fates' sardonic twist,  
There comes a vision to me.

Instead of walls which barely stand,  
Against skylines so drear,  
Quaint cozy rooms I see instead,  
And all that they hold dear.  
As plainly tho 'tis painted there,  
A happy family I see,  
Gathered 'round the glowing fire-side,  
And a child's on a fond father's knee.

He's telling oft told tales of old,  
Their childish love to endear,  
'Tis some wondrous fairyland picture he paints  
With a master's stroke that is clear.  
Then comes the end of this simple tale,  
'Tis awarded with cries of delight,  
Levelight glows in their trusting eyes;  
As in turn they kiss him good night.

Off to bed they go a-romping,  
Then climb up some queer turning stairs,  
By a crude old-fashioned home-made bed,  
They kneel to say their prayers.  
"Eless mama, and papa, and give  
Peace on Earth, good will to men."  
Then as the mother tucks them in,  
One shyly whispers, "Amen."

But now the vision is fading,  
And again by the will of fate,  
From behind barren walls comes a war-dog,  
And all thots of love go to hate.  
From my right comes the pop of a "Browning,"

Which makes my blood run chill;  
My Vision's gone—I stand alone,  
My business here is to kill.

### THOSE WHO WAIT

Who knows the thots of mothers who wait,  
Whether in grandeur, or lowly state,  
Who knows the sacrifice of those who give  
Their all, their sons, that we might live?

The days are long as I sit here and knit,  
Fashioning these socks for him—bit by bit;  
My thots are ever one constant prayer,  
For my boy, my all, who's "Over There."

The long endless nights bring no rest,  
My baby again nestles close to my breast,  
The sense of his touch brings sweet poignant joy,  
"May God watch o'er him, my own—my boy."

He was only a lad, but then he would go,  
I'm heartsick, dear Lord, but proud of him tho,  
Our country needed him, he heard the call,  
Light's gone from life, for he is my all.

Watching the mail box here by the gate,  
For I know not what, I wait—and wait—  
When the postman stops, my heart stands still,  
My body's a-sweat with a fevered chill.

Who knows the thots of mothers who wait,  
Whether in grandeur, or lowly state,  
Who knows the sacrifice of those who give  
Their all, their sons, that we might live?

## Lest We Forget, Lest We Forget - - -

## WELCOME!

In the name of the people of Liège, the "LIBRE BELGIQUE" cheers the soldiers who are coming to deliver us!

For the last four years, squashed, but not bent, under German boot, he waited impatiently, but with confidence, after the day he could breathe again a pur and free air, think and talk as he wants to, in as word, find again with his liberty, the beauty of his town and the charm of his life.

The people of Liège have paid a heavy tribut, and their love of freedom has grown with it. — He knew that, far away, over seas, millions of young men, sons of liberty, enrolled under the Stars and Stripes or the Union Jack, that the French forces of the interior were grouping for the final assault which was going to open the way to glory and victory.

Unfortunately! How many of these braves fell in the firsts and hardest fights. They sleep now in the liberated countries, side by side with our sons, our brothers which were in Mai 40, the firsts workmen of the final victory.

We salute their heroism! Their shedded blood, their sufferings, the gift of themselves won't be vain.

Because they died for us, their memory will live for ever in our hearts.

Liège, the town so often martyr, but always independant.

Liège who's «Perron» symbolises secularly Love of Liberty and the people's sacrifice.

Liège the beautiful,

Liège the cheerful,

Liège the «Ardent City».

Liège salutes and cheers you.

Be welcome among us, soldiers of Liberty on the land of Liberty. You are our brothers, because you have in your hearts the same Ideal and the same faith as we.

Soldiers of America and Great Britain, the heart of Liège receives you as his sons. You are at home in our City. Be here in our little land as in your native country.

Liberty for ever and long live the Heroes who have given it back to us!

Above is another reproduction of a "Welcome" letter handed out to Ninth Division men by the people of Liège. The reproductions arrived at The Octofoil office with a Philadelphia postoffice mark, but was not accompanied by any message indicating who the Ninth man was that had preserved these letters and had them reproduced.

## 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—After I mailed my last letter, I realized that I had failed to identify myself on the note. What shall I do now?

A—You should write to VA at once giving the amount of the postal note, the date and post office from which it was mailed as well as your name, address and policy number. In future premium payments on postal notes, you should make sure you write your name and address clearly on the back of the note and your policy number on the front.

Q—I am at present receiving \$15 monthly compensation. If I become permanently and totally

disabled for causes not due to service pension?

A—Yes. Payment will be made to you under the benefit paying the higher amount, if you are otherwise eligible.

Q—I dropped \$5,000 of my \$10,000 NSLI term insurance after my discharge from the army. Will I be permitted to reinstate the amount dropped and again carry \$10,000 worth of insurance?

A—Yes, but if the insurance has been lapsed more than three months, a physical examination is required. This will be given without charge at any VA regional office.

## VICTOR A. CAMPISI RECEIVES A MIGHTY FINE LETTER FROM GENERAL JOHN DEVINE

Maj. Gen. John M. Devine, who is a member of a special board to review Army Negro manpower policies, received a letter from a former E Co., 60th Inf. "Go Devil," which praises that unit's all-Negro platoon.

In answering the letter written by Victor A. Campisi, of 98 Falmouth Rd., West Newton, Mass., director of publicity for the New England Chapter, 9th Infantry Division Association, General Devine wrote:

"I was very much interested in your letter of Dec. 4. Yours is the most enthusiastic testimony I have yet received concerning the value of the Negro soldier in combat. I shall take your letter to Washington when I return next Sunday and show it to the other members of the Board.

"Surprisingly enough, it is rather difficult to get unbiased testimony on this subject and what I have seen, so far, is very contradictory. It was therefore, very gratifying to get the spontaneous and enthusiastic account from you."

### CAMPISI'S LETTER

Previously, Campisi had written the General, in part:

"My company was one of the

few that had an additional, all-Negro combat platoon. As combat soldiers, I would rate them, based on personal observations, as the equal of my platoon or any other platoon in the company. They were a bit apprehensive on outpost duty and perhaps a bit 'trigger-happy,' but they were superior to we whites in moving through woods and dense underbrush. Their discipline, morale, and obedience to orders were above average.

"We of Co. E, 60th Inf., welcomed this fighting, well-trained addition to our company. We fought with them, ate with them, slept with them. Their blood and our blood—red, American blood—mixed together on the German battlefields. The color of their skins made no difference then—it should not now. All that mattered was that they were Americans and they were fighting on our side.

"Today, they are still Americans and they are still on our side. Let's treat them on that basis."

Vic suggests that other interested E Co. men write Gen. Devine their impressions of the Negro unit.

## Want Copy Early For Next Issue

The editor of The Octofoil is here and now issuing an appeal for the members to send in copy at least a week earlier next issue. This issue did not go on the presses until March 27, and copy was still coming in that will be used in the next issue. The Board of Governors meets on April 22, and since the editor of The Octofoil finds it necessary to be in Washington on business for another group on that day, it is hoped arrangements can be made to attend sessions of the Board as well as the other organization. For that reason, efforts will be made to have the May issue of The Octofoil in the mail on April 20. Copy should be received not a day later than April 15.

CHICAGO IN 1950

## Clouser Overworked?

The historical sketches about Chicago that have been appearing recently in The Octofoil, prepared by John Clouser, was omitted this issue. John says the profs. at the school he is attending stuffed too many papers under his nose this past month. He'll be back in stride soon with more dope about the Windy City.

CHICAGO IN 1950

## HAVE YOU SENT FOR 60th HISTORY?

Maybe the Association will have to gamble on the members reimbursing the postage after receiving a copy of the 60th History, and have Secretary Tingley mail them out. It is a cinch after a member sees the beautiful little book he will not part with it for two bits.

The Association thought the membership would "gobble" the beautifully colored books up overnight when it was learned the only cost attached was the cost of packing and storage.

Send Secretary Charles O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington, D. C., 25 cents today and receive a copy of this beautiful and informative history.

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## A Correction

Mildred Costello, 132 E. 52nd St., Brooklyn 3, N. Y., the charming wife of Bob Costello, has penned The Octofoil another nice note. In the sweetest way imaginable she called attention to an error in The Octofoil in the issue in which wedding pictures and pre-wedding pictures of she and Bob were shown.

Parts of Mildred's letter reads: May I take this opportunity to tell you how much we enjoyed seeing our published letter in the February issue of The Octofoil. Also the prints of our wedding pictures.

May I make one correction. Notation under one picture read: "Mildred and Howie Ellis." I neglected to notice that sending along a notation like that would lead you to believe we were brother and sister. I'd like to say that, much to my regret, it is not so. My maiden name was Albrecht. Had I taken the time to read my captions, I would have discovered that to other people it would be taken as The Octofoil did—that we were related. Howard is a very close friend of Bob's. They met in Fort Bragg and continued together in the 9th Division until "Pop" was taken prisoner. After the war when Howie was released we were so happy to have him as best man. Of late we haven't seen or heard from him. Hope he is in the best of health. We miss not hearing from him.

Since the publication came out we have received many very nice letters from Bob's former buddies. One from Ken Meyer in Akron, O., and another grand, newsy letter from Bill Bateman, Galesburg, Ill. Nice to hear from these friends. Our thanks to them. Also to you for being instrumental in keeping such friendships aglow.

Keep it up. Our best to you all.



## KEEPING UP WITH ADDRESS CHANGES IS A FULL-TIME JOB

The following address changes have been made by Secretary Tingley during the past month. And while speaking of address changes, note in the editorial box on Page 2 that Secretary Charles O. Tingley's new address is 1101 "O" St., N. W., Washington, D. C., instead of 6230 Third St., N. W., as was published in the last issue:

Joseph J. Vigilante, 106 Pine-tree Lane, Roslyn, L. I., N. Y.

Garver O. Frazier, 314 N. 7th St., Marshall, Ill. Lt. 60th.

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David Boring, 16 E. 14th Ave., Columbus, Ohio. Sgt 47th.

Lt. Donald C. Weaver, Co. C, 39th Inf. 9th Division, Fort Dix, N. J. 47th.

T/5 John R. Shaffer, Box 237, Rossiter, Pa. Pfc. 60th Inf.

Sgt. R. L. Kinkennon, Hq. 2nd Bn 350 Inf. Apo 174 c/o PM, N. Y., N. Y. S/Sgt 47th.

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Gerald M. Lindner, 10731 Ave. G, Chicago 17, Ill. Sgt. 60th Inf.

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Leonard Castner, 1933 E. Whitton, Phoenix, Ariz. Pfc. F Co 60th.

Clement Lebreux, 34 Alpheus St., Manchester, N. H. Pfc. 60th Inf.

Henry S. Winkelspecht, 218 Burk St., Riverside, N. J. 39th Inf.

Edward C. Doherty, 272 Davidson, Buffalo, N. Y. C Bty 26th FA.

William Steer, 6811 Park Ave., Guttenberg, N. J. Sgt. Div Hq.

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Paul D. Keller, 2688 Potniac St., Columbus, Ohio. 39th Inf.

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Maj. Joe M. Willis, 2509 S. 16th St., Philadelphia, Pa. 9th QM.

## CHICAGO GROUP HAD A BIG TURNOUT AT LAST MEETING

Ed W. Machowski, 1822 Hadson Ave., Chicago 22, Ill., Secretary of the Illinois Chapter advises The Octofoil that the March meeting produced an excellent attendance. And all the gang expressed delight with the food, music and games. It was a pre-St. Patrick's Day get-together and that fact was noticeable because of the green ties, hats, dresses and even the food.

### NEW FACES

The affair was an added success because more new faces and names were noticeable, which certainly should prove that the boys are interested and of course their interest in the coming national convention was well exemplified as evidenced by the questions that were asked.

### THANKS THE GALS

President Frank Ozart wishes to extend his full thanks to the Ladies' Auxiliary for their help and assistance during the affair.

### NEXT MEETING

Illinois Chapter's next meeting will be the second Friday in April and don't forget the bowling meet a week after each monthly meeting at 9:00 P. M. at the Sherman Hotel. Prizes for the men and women are being considered.

The "Stag" will be held during May. Details later.

### A TIP

Let that GI Insurance Dividend pay 1950 dues and be a down payment on a vacation to Chicago during the Ninth Infantry Division Association's 5th Annual Convention.

## JOHN BARTHOLOMEW'S MOTHER ASKS FORMER 47TH, CO. F MEN TO WRITE

Mrs. Ruth Slater, Lilbourn, Mo., is the mother of John Bartholomew, Co. F, 47th Inf. John's mother is making an urgent appeal for some of his buddies to write and if possible send her a picture of some description. Parts of Mrs. Slater's appeal reads:

I'm writing to learn if you can help in locating some pictures of my son, who lost his life in combat on March 12, 1945, during the drive into Germany. He was wounded Sept. 17, 1944, confined in a hospital until Jan. 1, 1945, and then rejoined the First Army. He crossed at Remagen March 7,

1945, and was killed a few days later.

Listen, fellows, any of you who knew Johnnie Bartholomew and especially if you have any pictures in the old barracks bag please for God's sake do the charitable thing and contact his mother. So far, members of the Association have ingratiated themselves in the hearts of many mothers of their buddies. The loyalty of Ninth Division Association members to the memory of departed buddies has attracted nationwide acclaim.

Keep that reputation, please!

## Maxwell Katz Writes a Beautiful Poem Dedicated to His Mother

Maxwell Katz, 255 Pennsylvania Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., was formerly attached to 3rd Bn. Hq., 39th Regt. Max says he is ashamed of not having written to The Octofoil earlier. He enclosed two pictures that will be used in the next issue.

On May 9, 1943, Max sent a Mother's Day poem of his own composition, back to the states to his own mother.

At this time Max says he wants to dedicate that poem to all the mothers of 9th Division men and to the new mothers—who are the wives of former Ninth men.

The beautiful poem follows:

**MOTHER'S DAY**  
What a lovely thought, to wake and contemplate—  
This day, so long ago, must have been smiled upon by fate!

Although I'd like to write, all the blessings that I think,  
My wishes are so many—they run faster than the ink;  
But wherever I may be, Mother's Day, Mom—  
Will always be a day of joy to me!

Who looks after you, when you are lonesome, sad and blue?  
Who will scold you, sometimes, make you cry?  
Yet you know it hurts her more—even tho her eyes are dry;  
Who will share your sorrow, and have you enjoy the happiness, on the morrow?  
Who is our greatest inspiration, our greatest love, and consolation?  
There is only one—that's Mother, Mother Dear!

## PRIVATE JOHN WARD'S WIDOW APPEALS TO HIS BUDDIES FOR SOME INFORMATION

Through the good graces of Lt. William Whetton, Hq. 60th Ord. Group, Fort Lewis, Washington, Mrs. John (Ruth) Ward has been able to contact The Octofoil and ask that some of the boys who knew her husband to please get in touch with her at once. Lt. Whetton asked to be remembered to Ord. outfit.

Parts of the letter Mrs. Ward has written to Lt. Whetton, who in turn forwarded it to The Octofoil reads:

I am very much interested in securing all the information is possible on my husband, John H. Ward, who was killed in action in Germany in 1944.

The Adjutant General's office has advised me he was in Co. L, 60th Inf., 9th Division. This was a surprise to me. I was always to know what outfit he served with as all my letters to him were returned to me "deceased" stamped on them.

I received a letter from my husband dated Oct. 3, 1944, in which he told me he had just went thru the Seigfried Line.

I've tried to make myself realize that I am just one of the many, many girls who lost their loved ones, and that some information is just not available.

Lt. Wheaton if you could help me in some way as to finding out just where in Germany he was killed and also if there is any chance at all of contacting any boy who was perhaps in his outfit, and just any particulars that you may be able to furnish me.

Believe me I will be forever grateful to anything you can help me with in this matter.—Signed: Ruth M. Ward, care Veterans' Hospital, American Lake Wash.

Okay, fellows, don't let John's little widow down. Help lighten the load she has been carrying all these months. Certainly some former Co. L, 60th man will be able to give some information.

## BUFFALO CHAPTER WILL HOLD ANNUAL FEED AT BECKER'S TAVERN ON APRIL 29th

Henry J. Golabiecki, 265 Cambridge Ave., Buffalo, N. Y., and a member of the National Board of Governors, rushed a letter through direct to The Octofoil in which he gave the correct dates concerning Buffalo Chapter's second annual dinner party. Parts of Henry's letter reads:

The Second Annual Dinner Party of the Greater Buffalo Chapter will be held Saturday, April 29th, 1950, at 8:15 P. M. at Becker's Tavern, 1536 William St., corner of Bailey Ave. The movie, "True Glory," will be shown.

Our first dinner party was great. The Entertainment Committee says this one will be better.

### MEETING HELD FEB. 21

George A. Simon, Secretary of the Buffalo Chapter, 977 Northland Ave., Buffalo, N. Y., submits the following Chapter news:

The regular meeting of the Buffalo Chapter was held Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the 174th Regt. Armory, Connecticut and Niagara Sts.

Despite the fact the night was blustery and snowy, a good number of the boys attended.

The main item of discussion was the Second Annual Dinner. All members in Buffalo and Western New York are asked to remember the date and plan to be there. A good time is assured and there will be plenty of the boys and their wives attending. A pat on the back goes to Bob Klumpp and Don McNaughton for their good work on the Dance Committee.

### NEEDS A JOB

A Western New York buddy has written in asking if anyone knows where there might be a job in metal polishing. Anyone who can help this buddy out is requested to write me and I will contact him immediately. This is the first chance the Buffalo Chapter has had to be of real help to one of our own, so come on fellows. Let's hear from you.

Any inquiries about the annual dinner can be made by writing any of the following:

Henry Golabiecki, 265 Cambridge St.; Angelo Arena, 64 Eastwood Pl.; George A. Simon, 977 Northland Ave., all of Buffalo, N. Y.

## PITTSBURGH LADS ENJOYED "TRUE GLORY"

William F. VanderBrook, Secretary of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter has been preparing a one-page dope sheet for Chapter members, called Daily Observer News. The latest issue appealed to the members to attend the March 17 meeting, and the March 18 party sponsored by the auxiliary.

In a letter dated March 24 and addressed to The Octofoil, Bill reports that reports made at the March 17 meeting showed 45 paid members as of that date. After the business meeting, the movie, "True Glory," was shown. It is an 80-minute film showing pictures of the Ninth around Cherbourg. Any other Associations interested in obtaining this movie, may do so by requesting it thru any local recruiting office. They will requisition it under Miscellaneous Films No. 1211.

### GALS' PARTY

On Saturday evening, March 18, the gals reserved a big table at one of the local night clubs, and many couples enjoyed getting together with dancing and drinking ginger ale.

### PITTSBURGH WILL MISS BILL VANDER BROOK

The following note from Secretary VanderBrook is self explanatory:

It is with deep regret that I have to leave our Pittsburgh Chapter, but my Company has given me the opportunity of managing our Central Pennsylvania Department in Harrisburg. My wife and I have made many friends here in the past two years, and I really hate to leave, but that's the way things happen, I guess.

However, right off the bat, I know I am going to be close to my buddy, Jesse Myers, of Carlisle, Pa., who was our favorite Medic in Co. L, and many a time, we had companion fox holes, in the Harrisburg, Pa.

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## Campan Knows How



Pictured above is Lester Campan and his pretty wife. Les was a sergeant with B Co., 47th. Looks like he did "right well" for himself. The happy couple live on Rt. 2, Box 24, Roanoke, Illinois.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

## Another Heir At Calhouns' House

A baby girl recently arrived at the home of the Raymond Calhouns, address, Box 83, Virgie, Ky. Now they have a boy and girl in the family.

Ray wants to hear from any of his old buddies and promises to answer them at once.

He is quite a booster for The Octofoil and says each time he re-reads parts of "8 Stars to Victory" he receives additional pleasure from it.

Ray closes his letter as a good member should with an appeal that reads:

Come on boys with your dues. Let's keep the "Old Ninth" on top where she so rightfully belongs.

# Ninth Moves In On Washington

## These Ugly Guys Were Payne's Pals



Ward Payne, former Co. F, 39th soldier, says as ugly as the above hombies are they were his best friends. Payne now lives at 3240 Federal St., Los Angeles, Calif., and he wants to hear from the boys. Standing, left to right, are: Capt. Kenneth Hill, E Co.; 1st Lt. Tony Masewic, E Co.; Capt. Preston Gordon, G Co.; Capt. Albert Geist, H Co.; Squatting are 1st Lt. Merigan and Lt. Col. Frank Gunn, Battalion Commander. Picture was made in Hollenbach, Germany, after VE day.

## CECIL ROBERTSON ANXIOUS TO LEARN WHO MEDIC WAS THAT SAVED HIS LIFE

Cecil V. Robertson, a former C Co., 60th man, who lives in Lincoln, Neb., writes: "I want to learn the name of the fellow who picked me up and carried me back to the medics when I was hit. He was a sergeant in the 1st platoon of Co. C, 60th Regt. I was wounded in the head and could not move until after I gained consciousness. It was a pretty hot spot, in the hills, inside the Seigfried line, near Achen, Germany, on Friday, Oct. 13, 1944. Anyone who might know who the man is and how I can get in touch with him please write me so I can get in touch with him and thank him for his act of kindness to me. I was in pretty bad shape, and perhaps I owe my life to him. Maybe he did not get back, but I hope with all my life that he did. I only

hope this letter comes to his attention and that he makes himself known to me."

Cecil was assigned to the 9th as a Replacement, and going into combat immediately he didn't get to learn many of the fellows' by name. However, he plans to be right Johnny on the spot when the July, 1950.

Cecil is now 38 years old and is the dad of three fine boys—14, 12 and 2 years of age. The two older boys belong to the Boy Scouts, the older boy is first class and the younger is a Tender Foot. The youngsters have a paper route and make some pretty good dough.

Cecil took "On the Job Training" and is now on a job where he was trained. He is active in the D. A. V. and the American Legion in Lincoln.

## Memorial In France

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39th Infantry section. Others were John Ardison, Andy Macera, John Bauman, Charlie Gill, Stacey Prough, Jim Bailey, Louis Driskell, Stanley Solecki, John Cassidy, Dudley Peery, Francis Leo, Joe Garguilo, Howard Rogers, Aaron Rudder, Eugene Goodman, Hugh Black, Ken Bunney, Elmer Follick, "Big John" Anderson, Eddie Muller, "Mac" McDonough, Nat Nathanson, "The Kid from Troy," Burke, and the 39th personnel officers, Capt. John Wise, and Lt. William Southworth. If there are any I've forgotten to mention is because time is catching up to us...

I might add that 5,586 francs were donated by the Division personnel sections with the total cost of the Memorial being 18,563 francs... with the parishioners making up the deficit!

In his recent letter to me, the Reverend Father (Abbe Raymond Menard) (Cure d'Etampes sur Marne) Aumonier Pensionnat St. Joseph, 4 Place Thiers, Chateau-Thierry, Aisne, France) wishes to be remembered to any former Ninth Infantry Division members who remember him, and he may be reached at the address preceding this.

When you particularly want them to do their stuff for the benefit of guests, the dogs, children and old men are undependable.

## Anthony Carmeci Says It's a Boy

A son, James, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Carmeci, 541 61st St., West New York, N. J., on last November 30. Tony is a former 39th man.

Andy Wolchak, M Co., 39th, and Tony, attended the wake of a former buddy from M Co., Walter Edwards, Mortar Plt., M 39th.

Edwards re-enlisted in Germany after the war. He was buried in Brooklyn on Jan. 15.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

## Twins For the Joe Pawelaks

Jimmy and Jerry Pawelak recently arrived at 5636 S. Troy St., Chicago 29, Ill., the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cassimer J. Pawelak. Papa Pawelak was a 1st Lt. with Recon. Co., 899th T. D. Bn. Joe says he's looking forward to seeing Captains Bob Turner and Gerald Coody in Chicago at the Convention. He hopes to have regained normalcy by then, after experiencing the fatherhood of twins.

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## Katzen Says "Keep Up the Good Work"

Emanuel L. Katzen, Welch, W. Va., a former 39th man, writes to say he will be in Chicago, and to keep his Octofoil coming regularly. He enjoys it and appreciates the good work the Association is doing.

## Former Ninth Solon Works for Veterans

Michael F. Batelli, 67 E. 20th St., Paterson 3, N. J., attending a meeting of Post Office Veterans for the purpose of getting support for the Military Credit Bill, known as H. R. Bill No. 87. And you can imagine Mike's surprise and pride to see appear before the group a speaker who favored the bill who used to be a 9th Division man. It was none other than Hugh Addonizio, now a congressman from New Jersey.

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## NINTH IS BEST

Here's another good soldier who has been around and says no outfit ever has or ever will compare to the Ninth Division. Lt. Horace W. West, Co. F, 23rd Inf. Regt., 2nd Inf. Div., Fort Leiwis, Wash., recently arrived back in the states from Japan.

A former 60th man, Lt. West says a short notice in The Octofoil is his only means of saying "hello to all his old 9th buddies."

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

## Cleveland Joe Has a Gripe

Joe Banisauker, 1481 E. 71st St., Cleveland 3, O., has registered a "gripe" with The Octofoil—and he has one. Joe sent in his dues to a Chapter officer last December, hoping to be the first in that area to pay. A bookkeeping error has been made somewhere—Joe hasn't received his card yet. The Octofoil is calling it to Secretary Tingley's attention to trace down the error, if within the local Chapter.

Joe says if he misses any Octofoils on account of the error, he doesn't know who, but somebody's gonna get a black eye. Joe, if you miss a conv. you just notify The Octofoil hasn't forgotten how you co-operated with your POW stories that interested the members so much after you was "found" up there on that windy Lake Erie.

CHICAGO IN 1950

From the point of view of an under-endowed female, a streamlined woman has no problems and deserves no sympathy whatever her troubles may be.

—CHICAGO IN JULY—

## Right to Be Proud



Ray I. Inzer, 7th and Colorado, Austin, Texas, has a right to be proud of Junior, who is pictured above.

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## Fanis Apostolides Is a Proud Papa

For a Christmas present Fanis Apostolides, 46 Wallis St., Peabody, Mass., was presented with a baby girl, who has been named Lorraine. Fanis claims Lorraine resembles his side of the family. Mrs. Apostolides says no, Lorraine resembles her people.

Fanis was a T-4 with the 15th Engrs.

CHICAGO IN 1950

The sum of no man's generosity ever equalled the recipient's notion of what he could spare.

## KENNY GROSS ELECTED TO CONGRESS FROM FIRST DISTRICT IN YONKERS, NEW YORK

OTHER BITS OF NEWS CONCERNING STATUS OF MANY FORMER NINTH MEN NOW LIVING IN ALL PARTS OF THE BIG CITY.

By STAN COHEN, 182 Danforth Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

Laughs... you bet... fun, and how—that's the way it was on Friday, March 3, 1950, at the New York Chapter meeting. The only way to tell if the fellows enjoy themselves is to listen to the comments. (Even if they are unsigned letters.) All in all, each and every man that jammed, yes I said

jammed, the room at the Hotel Times Square, had a great time. And as old Capt. Henry of Show Boat, used to say, "It's only the beginning folks, only the beginning." Very, very true. For example, here is what the following meetings are going to be like: Our next meeting on April 14, 1950, will be a Wine and Hypnosis meeting. No, you won't be hypnotized by the wine, but we are having a professional hypnotist perform for our group. The wine will be on the house as part of that new special brand of always something different at the New York Chapter meetings.

That's not all, just listen to this: Boat rides in June, a Fall Dance on Nov. 11, 1950... Tea Dances, Bridge Parties... Brother Abe Fedder can give you more info on the boat ride, as he is the chairman, and Dom Miele, the chairman of the Dance Committee, can tell you all about the fall dance. Yes, sir-ee, for fun, frolic and good comradeship, stick with the New York Chapter and partake of the fruits of joy.

## LAST MEETING

Here is a quickie of what went on during the last meeting. After our worthy secretary (why don't I have minutes) Pepper, read the minutes, and being short of time, was donated by Sullivan of the 47th Inf.) we were given a good idea of what went on in the past. Financially, the future looks bright according to the records. For now at least, Dom Miele was appointed Dance Chairman, and the pillar of work, Mike Gatto, was made co-chairman... But the straw that broke the camel's back was brought up by Al Bruchac. After a short discussion it was adopted into the minutes... To increase our membership drive, to each member from now until the end of the year, who brings in five new members will be given free membership for 1951. An incentive, I'll say it is. New York is flooded with men who still do not know about the Association. If this way will do it, leave it to the New York boys to think about it. At the moment a memorial breakfast is being planned.

## GOES TO CONGRESS

Here is a true tidbit that deserves top mention in what's new with the New Yorkers: Kenny Gross (Father Connors' assistant) of the Field Artillery (Democrat now) was elected Congressman of the First District in Yonkers, N. Y.

Heard during the course of the meeting: J. Cohen of E Co., 39th Inf. ... Francis Grey, Cannon Co., 39th Inf., now living at 2223 Cortelyou Rd., in Brooklyn. He is busy these days taking charge of shipping merchandise about the country. ... Walter Oehlman (39th, K Co.) and his wife, Grace, have established a beachhead at 138-47 102nd Ave., in Jamaica. Walter is deep in currency these days. He is a bank teller. ... George Bako (47th, G) is now a route salesman, living at 571 E. 140th St., New York City.

Milton Schneider (47th, D Co.), stopping at 322 Alabama Ave., in Brooklyn. ... Paul Lozinsky (34th F.A., Serv. Bty.) and charming Estelle are still listening to wedding bells. They decided to pitch a love tent at 67 Morningside Ave., in Yonkers.

## WALTER KOZIEL'S WIDOW APPEALS

James J. Harrigan, State Veterans' Counselor, 120 W. Eagle St., Buffalo 2, N. Y., makes an appeal in behalf of Mrs. Mary Koziel, 31 Bauder St., Lackawanna, N. Y., regarding the death of Walter A. Koziel, while serving with the 9th Division. Neither Walter's widow nor Mr. Harrigan gave details as to Walter's unit, but The Octofoil still feels as though some old buddy of Walter Koziel's will recognize the name and be able to furnish Mrs. Koziel some information as to how he met his death while with the Ninth. Let the Executive Department of the Great State of New York know the 9th never fails to produce. Someone who can furnish the details that are being sought, please write either Mrs. Koziel or Mr. Harrington at once.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

## Winchell Mentions 9th Man's Twins

Walter Winchell recently mentioned on his nationwide radio hookup the fact that a former 9th man's wife, Hugo Addonizio's, had given birth to twins. Hugo is now a member of the United States Congress, representing a New Jersey district.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

## McCHESNEY SAYS OFFICERS DOING "A BANG UP" JOB

John M. McChesney, Jr., a former 60th Inf. sergeant gives his present address as 304 N. Magnolia Ave., Waynesboro, Va.

In a short note received recently Mac writes: "Best of luck to all and I might add that I think the officers of the Association are doing a 'Bang Up' job."

Paul and Grace were hitched on January 11, 1950. Congrats!

## VISIT "SUNNY" SOUTH

Mike Gatto wishes to release the following bit of news... He and John O'Donnel of Washington, D. C., took a trip down to Clinton, S. C. and met up with some former members of I Co., 60th Inf. They met former Plt. Sgt. John P. Patterson, at the home of T. W. Hardin, in Clinton. That's really bringing North and South together, Mike.

From the 1st Bn. Hq. Co., 39th Inf., Samuel B. Farrauto, of 203 Locust St., Trenton, N. J., journeyed into town to catch the New York meeting.

Samuel and lovely Marie and little Barbara Ann, 31-2 years old, are doing just fine these days. ... Natale Imbroglia (L Co., 39th) is now a mail carrier in Trenton. Natale lives at 401 E. Franklin St., in Trenton. These boys are to be highly praised for their willingness to travel such a great distance to meet with their friends. ... John E. Leo, 182 E. 31st St., Brooklyn, formerly Hq. Btry. 376th AAA, joined the throng and also had a great time.

## ATTENTION, GILBERT

Attention, Dave Gilbert... Brother Gellman is trying to locate you... contact him at 60-08 96th Pl., Corona, L. I., N. Y. ... Can't find your address anywhere. Calling MPs—try and help out on this.



# New Englanders Will Celebrate

**FULL DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN BY JIM FLANAGAN IN TIME FOR EVERYONE TO ARRANGE FOR ATTENDANCE**

**PRICE HAS BEEN REDUCED TO \$1.25; SID LEVISON, GEO. BENDER, DICK BUTLER, JOHN McADAMS, FRED FINN AND JOHN McLAUGHLIN ON COMMITTEE.**

By VICTOR A. CAMPISI, Director of Publicity,  
New England Chapter, 9th Infantry Division Association,  
P. O. Box 892, Boston, Mass.

Last year at this time, the New England Chapter was warning its members to save their simoleons for the annual state convention and election of officers (\$5 a head—remember?)

## SAVE YOUR PENNIES

This year, the New England Chapter warns its members to save their pennies—and not too many at that—because this year's price is expected to hit the all-time low of \$1.25!

It is expected that with such an attractive price, plus the other incentives for a big, annual reunion, that this year's turnout will break all previous attendance records.

Full details on the coming event are not yet known, but the whole story will be made public by Jim Flanagan, chairman of the convention committee, in time for publication in the next issue of the Chapter newspaper, Sound-Off.

Several details were settled at the last meeting held in the Y.D. Club, Huntington Ave., Boston, on Monday, March 13. First, it was decided to hold the affair in the McCauley Post, also known as the Theatrical Club, located on Commonwealth Ave., Boston.

## REDUCE CHARGES

Second, it was decided to reduce the usual admission fee from \$5 to \$1.25 or close thereto. Several members pointed out that this price may have to be raised to \$2, but this is still a savings of \$3 from last year's charge. When you consider that most members bring at least one guest, you find that the savings is doubled to \$6.

The third point settled was that the annual state convention and election of officers would be held on Saturday, April 22.

So whaddya say, guys and gals, let's remember this and make it a date. This should be the biggest and best, ever!

Other members of Jim Flanagan's Convention Committee are Sid Levison, George Bender, Dick Butler, John McAdams, Fred Finn, and John McLaughlin. From the energy and spirit they have displayed thus far, indications are that this affair will be our biggest success. You can guarantee this by being there. And be sure to bring your wife and buddies!

Dick Butler and John McAdams, recent additions to the active membership of the Chapter, announced that they would contribute free door prizes for the April 22 shindig. Butler said that he would donate a solid gold tie clip and cuff link set which normally retails for \$50. McAdams offered an expensive table lamp which, he said, ladies would find very attractive. It is planned to give Butler's prize to a male winner, and McAdams' donation to one of the fair sex.

## NEW MEMBERS

At long last, the Chapter's continual appeal for new blood in the form of new, active members has been answered. Seven former 9th Divisioners have been added to the local fold and it is believed that the impetus gained from their new ideas and energy will revitalize the Chapter.

Dick Butler, of Dorchester, formerly with the 15th Engineers and donor of the solid gold tie clip and cuff link set, is one of the recent additions. From all appearances, Dick is doing quite well in the jewelry business.

John McAdams of 432 Main St., Hingham, is another recent addition and a picture of success. John, formerly with 1st Bn., 47th Infantry, was Chaplain Day's assistant. He is now proprietor of the Gift and Sweet Shop at the

Old Hingham House on Route 128, Hingham. He sells a wide variety of gifts and candies and will welcome visits and business from all former 9th Divisioners. He is open every day except Monday.

Fred Finn, formerly of the 15th Engrs., now living at 220-A Quincy Shore Blvd., Quincy, Mass., is another new addition. Fred is a Ford car salesman for Bough Motors, Inc., of 338-348 Granite Ave., Milton 86, Mass. If there's a Ford in your future, put Fred in it, too.

## OTHER ADDITIONS

Other additions include Richard T. Robinson, 130 Blossom St., Lynn, formerly of K Co., 47th Inf.; Kendall Guilford, 334 Linwood Ave., Newtonville, formerly of the Ninth Signal; Alfred N. Thompson of 939 Pleasant St., Framingham, formerly of the 15th Engrs., and Henry Hill of 693 Concord St., Framingham, also formerly of the 15th Engrs.

Oddly enough, the latter two, Thompson and Hill, came to Boston separately. After renewing an "auld acquaintance," they returned to Framingham together.

Dick Martin, Purple Heart veteran, formerly with E Co., 60th Inf., came to the March 13 meeting all the way from Springfield. Dick, who was rendered hors de combat in the Huertgen Forest, vies with George Tskinsas of Hyannis, Cape Cod, for being the member who travels farthest to attend meetings. Your scribe doesn't know, offhand, the comparative distances for both cities, but he does know that Dick wins honors as being the most consistent member from a distant city to attend meetings. Such loyalty and devotion calls for public commendation.

## FINE REPORT

At the last meeting held on Monday, March 13 at the YD Club on Huntington Ave., Boston, Secretary-Treasurer Ronnie Murphy made an encouraging treasury report. According to Ronnie, the Chapter has a bank balance, all in black ink, totaling \$108.75. On this matter, the Chapter can boast of an enviable record. Since its conception several years ago, the New England Chapter has always operated in the black.

Ronnie also revealed that this year, to date, the number of dues paid through the local Chapter exceed by eight the total number of dues paid through the Chapter in 1949. Last year, only 40 members paid their dues through the Chapter. This year, Ronnie has already received 48 payments of '50 dues. This is an encouraging indication and shows that the Chapter is growing larger and stronger.

Ronnie stressed the fact that dues are \$3.50 and payable annually through the Chapter. This entitles the payee to membership in both the national organization and the local Chapter. When the dues are paid through the Chapter, Ronnie said, the local treasury is allowed to keep \$1 for itself. When members pay their dues direct to the Washington, D. C. office, the Chapter gets no remuneration. It is obvious, then, that paying dues through the Chapter is a valuable source of income. This year, to date, the New England Chapter has received \$48 in "kickbacks" from

## GRIPES BECAUSE 26TH F.A. MEN DO NOT WRITE

Maybe Paul R. Fribush, 3829 Pall Mall Rd., Baltimore 15, Md., won't criticize those 26th F.A. men too much for not writing to The Octofoil after he reads Charlie Webster's and other letters in this issue of The Octofoil.

Fribush says he enjoys Joe McKenzie's writeups that appear in The Octofoil from time to time.

Paul is the father of two fine boys, and mentions a former 26th man who drops by Paul's home when passing through Baltimore. The first name was Jerry, but the ink smeared on the last name and it was difficult to make it out correctly. Maybe a few of Paul's close buddies will know what Jerry's last name is. Anyway, drop a line again soon, Joe.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

## 39TH MAN WANTS COPY 60th HISTORY

Harold D. Hale, Jr. will have to miss the Chicago Convention because he will be finishing up work at Syracuse University.

Harold's present address is 948 Lancaster Ave., Syracuse 10, N. Y. and he'd like to hear from some of his old buddies out of D Co., 39th. When paying 1950 dues, this Dog Co. Joe enclosed an additional two bits for a copy of the 60th History. That's the spirit, Harold, old boy!

dues. With a larger treasury deposit, the Chapter can have more and bigger parties so it is to everyone's personal advantage to pay through the Chapter.

## PAY DUES NOW

If you have not yet paid your dues for 1950, send cash, check or money order to the New England Chapter, 9th Infantry Division Association, Box 892, Boston, Mass. Within four weeks, you should then receive a 1950 membership card. If you haven't paid your dues for '50, don't delay—act today!

## NEEDS A JOB

It was revealed that former 9th Divisioner Raymond Berthiaume, of 89 Fourth St., Turners Falls, Mass., is looking for a job. Ray is currently attending a school in Lynn under the G.I. Bill, but he finds Uncle Sam's subsistence allowance quite inadequate. He'd like to get a job working nights in Lynn such as bell hop, short order cook or clerk. If you have any offers for Ray, please forward them to the Chapter and we'll relay them to Ray.

Speaking of looking for jobs—it looks like Marty Connelly will be looking for clients soon. Marty graduates from Suffolk Law School this spring and is hitting the books in preparation for his forthcoming bar examinations. We're sure he'll pass the exams. His next step will be to find clients.

Vic Campisi also graduates from Suffolk University this spring, where he is majoring in journalism. He'll be pounding the pavement this summer looking for a job in some related field of journalism such as publicity, public relations, editing house organs, etc.

## EASTER OUTFITS FOR SALE

Jim Flanagan announces that if you want a smart new Easter outfit, see him at Bond Clothing Co., 620 Washington St., Boston. He's got just what you want—and need.

That's all for today, but remember, the next meeting will be held at the YD Club, Huntington Ave., Boston, at 8 P. M. on Monday, April 10. Come on down and see how attractive a meeting can be over a bottle of beer. We'll be seeing you!

## BILL BUEMI ASKING ABOUT MANY OF THAT OLD GANG

Bill Buemi, former Co. F, 47th man, who lives now at 11913 Cromwell Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, writes that every now and then he goes through his photo album for a gander at his old buddies such as Al Munatore, Art Beining, Dante Catti, Paul Daubner and Nick Bobak. Bill would like to know what those old buddies are doing and how they're doing. He asks if Tom Caffego is still pitching ball and whether he still "chaws" on that tobacco. And Denny Coan, Buemi wants to hear from him.

Quoting directly from Buemi's letter, it reads in part:

How many 9th men remember Camp Wolters, Texas, 63rd I. R. T. C.? Do they remember their instructors, Capt. Christairs, Cpl. Barham, Cpl. Overick, Sgt. Jepson? Very important men—what they knew and taught us rookies helped an awful lot. We owe a vote of thanks to those men who taught us left from right and how to throw lead. How about Andy Csontos? Whatta guy! He's probably hitched and has a couple running around.

## BAKER'S HOLLOW

Do you guys remember Baker's Hollow? I have a complete set of photos of Co. C on that hike. It seems like yesterday. Gilbert Cartwright, Wallace Chapple, Tony Czymbor, Joe Babalone, Bob Bright, Carlyle Cronk, Ted Czolgos, Frank Chatto, Mike and Bill Sopko, etc., were on that walk.

Then we hit the hell hole of hell holes—Beautiful Fort Bragg. With open arms the people of Fayetteville welcome us—that is, as long as we had some spending stuff.

Yes sir, Fort Bragg with its ticks, snakes, lovely pine trees, nice hard sand? MacFadden's Pond, Pope Field. Yeah, how about the Air Borne Outfit stationed there? They had a two-mile hike before breakfast. Then some smart "Jabrone" figured if they could do it, so could we. So we started it. If I remember correctly, we did it with gas masks.

## MORE THOUGHTS

Now I think again of Andy German, Clair Taylor, Otto Kanach, Hughie Hattrick, Frank Landati, Hugh Dunlop. What a story I COULD write about that Dunlop.

## IN COMBAT

I often think of how Joe Grupa and I were in prone position at El Guettar and he got it. It could have been me. . . . How Torni got it in the leg. He was right behind me as we were going up this wadi. I think of how we lost 17 men of Co. F, 47th (9 killed; 8 badly wounded) when we were policing up Sedjeanne Valley, Green and Baldy Hills and Victory Bend. That policing up was a smart idea. The SOB who thought it up should get a medal.

## BEAUTIFUL CAMP

Then comes our beautiful rest camp—40 miles from Sidi-Bel Abbas, and eight miles from Magento. Whatta spot. Beautiful—Yes sir, steaks, ice cream, milk. No flies, no dysentery—damn it, NO NOTHING! So Munatore, Phil Marasca and I took a walk over the hill.

Buemi closed his letter by bragging about his new '50 Ford and the fact he'd be a daddy for the second time most any day.

## 47th Commandos



Pvt. Al Munatore and Pvt. Bill Buemi, Co. F, 47th men. In an interesting story in this issue Bill reminisces quite a bit, and will be appreciated by all former 9th men and especially 47th men.

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## Kenneth Francis Perry Is Fixture

A card addressed to former 39th buddies reads: "We'd like to announce the birth of a son:

**Kenneth Francis Perry**  
4:30 P. M., Feb. 7, 1950  
7 lbs. 9 1/2 ounces.

Signed: Mr. and Mrs. Merrill I. Perry.

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## Sambuco Desirous of Finding Capt. Rybka

Orlando Sambuco, 72 Merline Ave., Waterbury, Conn., is desirous of locating Capt. Rybka, formerly of the 84th FA Hqs. outfit. Any information that can be furnished Orlando (Sam the Mad Barber) Sambuco, will be appreciated.

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One tax loophole remains—idleness.

## New Membership List Encouraging

The following list of new members that was furnished The Octofoil by Secretary Tingley is a bit more encouraging, but it seems as though even this list could be considerably improved upon:

Joseph J. Vigilante, Lauderdale Beach Hotel, T/4 Hq Bty 376th AAA AW Bn., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

George J. Mauromatis, 5425 19th Ave., Brooklyn 4, N. Y. Recommended by Roscoe L. May. Isadore Blumengarten, Hq Co. 3d Bn 39th, 113 Brighton 11th St., Brooklyn 35, N. Y.

Angelo Serrecchia, 80 Carroll St., Chelsea 50, Mass. Pvt. I Co., 47th. Recommended by Joseph Guirliaccio.

Albert H. Health, Pfc L Co 47th, 550 Atlantic Ave., Trenton 9, N. J.

William J. Poust, Cpl M Co 60th, No. 2 Camellia Drive, Winterville, Fla.

Leonard W. Pyles, 5000 Saratoga Ave., Friendship Sta., Washington 16, D. C. Recommended by William H. McNeil.

Thomas A. Oliver, Sgt I Co 39th, 1578 Third Ave. New York 28, N. Y.

Charles Witzel, through New York Chapter, 182 East 31st St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

John Edmunds, through New England Chapter, 51 Longwood Rd., Quincy, Mass.

Benedict D. Obaza, S/Sgt 47th, through Wilkes-Barre Chapter, 1592 No. 52nd St., Philadelphia 31, Pa.

George F. Levesque, A Bty 84th TA, 38 Aquidneck Ave., Portsmouth, R. I.

T. W. Hardin, 307 E. Florida St., Clinton, S. C. Recommended by Mike Gatto.

Earl L. Johnson, T/5 A Co 60th Inf, Rushford, Minn.

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## Medic Passes Away

Word recently reached The Octofoil advising of the death of Dr. Henry I. Almour, 57 W. 57th St., New York, N. Y. He was a captain with the 15th Engrs. Med Det.

## MICHIGAN MEMBERS WELL CIRCULARIZED TO ATTEND ANNUAL REUNION ON APRIL 15

Joe Casey, 8621 Colfax, Detroit, Secretary of Greater Detroit's Chapter, writes The Octofoil that he hopes their Third Annual Reunion will show a profit. If it does the boys plan to send a donation to the Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The Chapter will permit members to bring friends as guests, even if non-members, and many have asked for more than one table. So it looks like this third annual party will be more than a success.

Casey reminds the members it might be well to use a bit of the insurance refund as expenses to the Chicago Convention. The little Irish says he started saving for the Convention right after he left Pittsburgh, and since he has been able to escape capture of Sadie Hawkins days, his savings are intact and safe.

Enclosed in Casey's letter was a duplicate of a letter that has gone out to all Michigan members. It is signed by Hal Perry, Chapter President. Parts of that letter follow and are self-explanatory:

Our Third Annual Michigan Reunion, for Michigan members of the 9th Infantry Division Associ-

ation, is to be held in Downtown Detroit, Saturday, April 15, 1950. **BRING THE WIFE**

We are sending you a cordial invitation to bring your wife or your best girl friend.

Any of you members who plan to travel to Detroit can write to our Chapter Secretary to learn if there is a Ninth Division neighbor who can come along in the Family Chariot too.

There will be various kinds of refreshments, to suit every taste and every budget, and dancing to the melodies of Eddie Casper and His Band.

### MEET AT LEGION

The American Legion Memorial Home, Cass and 2nd Aves., is well known to members who live in or near Detroit. It is surrounded by parking lots. The Main Ballroom is the one where we will all meet again this year.

### CHAPLAIN PROPT WILL ATTEND

Chaplain Cecil Loy Propt expects to attend our Reunion. He hopes, too, that we may be able to contribute generously to the Memorial Scholarship Fund that will provide two scholarships each year to a son or daughter of a Ninth Division Man.

## INFANTRY JOURNAL LISTS MEN WHO WERE DECORATED IN THE BIZERTE AREA

It seems during the past month many of the boys had Camp Wolters on the mind. Wilton Taylor, McKittrick, Calif., dug up Col. Clark's picture. Bill Buemi wrote a story for this issue, much of it devoted to Wolters. The whole thing about it, The Octofoil editor got nostalgia and begin digging for Wolters pictures and located Ossovich, McComber, Mortz, Macomber and several unidentified who wound up in the 60th after they left Wolters.

After Taylor concluded paying respects to Wolters, he called attention to the fact that the Infantry Journal Book Service has on sale for 50c a book titled "To Bizerte With the Second Corps." It shows the 9th Division's part, with excellent regimental phases; clear maps of Sedjeanne sectors.

Also in the book is a list of decorations awarded in the campaign. In the list that follows there may be some 9th men omitted who received decorations. The book listed many names without identifying the soldier's unit; some of them may be 9th. In the list printed in The Octofoil only those who were definitely identified as 9th men are listed, which read:

### SILVER STAR

1st Lt. John V. Barnette, North Carolina.  
Capt. Howard F. Casey.

1st Lt. Albert J. Haft, New York.

1st Lt. Kent Herrin, Tennessee.

1st Lt. William W. Kriebel, Indiana.

Capt. Paul R. Lowry, Texas.

Capt. Isaac H. Rowand, Illinois.

2d Lt. Jack Sapp, Florida.

1st Lt. R. J. Shallenberger, Massachusetts.

2d Lt. Orion Shockley, Missouri.

1st Lt. Earl R. Sieber, Washington.

Capt. Anthony Sordill, New Jersey.

Capt. Edmund H. Torkelson, Washington.

2nd Lt. William R. White, Texas.

Cpl. Albert Andy, Wisconsin.

Cpl. Robert Ardell, Wisconsin.

Pfc. Walter Bryson, Texas.

T-5 David M. Kendall, Jr., New York.

Pvt. Ross A. La Monica, Ohio.

S. Sgt. Charles O. Lee, North Carolina.

1st Sgt. John W. Miller, New York.

Pfc. Clarence A. Norder, Wisconsin.

T-4 Thomas K. Ruby, New Jersey.

Pfc. Roy H. Scheers, Michigan.

Sgt. Irvine R. Schoonover, New York.

1st Sgt. Harold W. Sell, Wisconsin.

## RAY MORIN SAYS HE READS OCTOFOIL AS AVIDLY AS HE DOES THE BIBLE

Ray Morin, 34 Sherman Place, Meriden, Conn., a former sergeant with the 47th, writes The Octofoil thusly: "This is the first time I've written concerning myself. I read The Octofoil like the Bible. Only, I'm afraid, a little more regularly. I get a big bang out of what the boys are doing, and though lots of the names and faces I do not recognize, I do find a few that I know. And, boy, the flood of memories they bring back."

Ray knocked around a bit after his discharge, then he married and started raising a family. He has an 18-month-old daughter, Marty-Jo. Ray says she already knows about the 9th Division.

Ray is doing a bit of free lance writing. He advises some of his material, epigrams and the like will be found on the pages of such magazines as The Saturday Evening Post and the like. He also

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### YOU TELL 'EM

The fool that willingly provokes a woman has made himself another evil angel, and a new hell, to which all other torments are but mere pastime. — Beaumont and Fletcher.

does a lot of gag writing for cartoonists, etc. At present he says he's working on the Great American Novel and will probably never finish it, but is having a lot of fun doing it. Anyway, he's eating regular.

Quoting from Ray's letter, he asks:

"Whatever became of guys like 'Doc' Matera (Easy, 47th Medic), Joe Sciulli (Plt. Sgt., 1st Plt., Easy). Oh yeah, I was in Easy, 47th, myself, staff sergeant. There is a lot of others too. How about running a series of platoon or company news?"

"When I married, Walt Sammis, who was with me in the service, served as best man. He went back in the Service and is now at Dix. I see him now and then and we have great fun rehashing the old days. Hello, to all the boys and good, good luck."

One of the hardest lessons to learn is to cut a loss and forget it.

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In an evening a couple of cigar smokers can pile up ashes faster than a fireplace.

## Chicago Committee Working Hard



The above picture was made in Walt Mahon's office shortly after the 1950 Convention Committee had held a meeting of the Illinois Chapter. Pictured, back row, left to right: John Dawson, Ed Coyle, Frank Ozart, Doris Lundhom and Jud Fuller. Front row, left to right, Mrs. Winkleman, Danny Ford, Bill Conley and W. N. Kljman.

## HAROLD STEWART OUT AFTER A 2ND ARMY "HITCH"

Re-enlisting for another hitch after being discharged from the 9th Division, Harold E. Stewart, 1814 N. Whitcomb St., Speedway City, Ind., a former 39th sergeant, has decided to try it out as a civilian for a while now.

Harold is a good, loyal, boosting Association member. Read excerpts from his letter:

"I believe an organization as ours is now even more important than in previous years. Through our conventions and publications we can be well informed as to one another's point of view on the rapidly arising situations of present day life. I will do all I can to help our organization, so let's hear from a few of the boys."

## Sam Sallman Asks For F.A. Men to Write

"I certainly would like to hear from some of the boys from the 84th F.A.," writes Samuel R. Sallman, 348 Shaw St., New Castle, Pa. Sam was a sergeant in the 84th.

What's the matter with you F.A. Joes any way? It's as much your duty to perpetuate the Association as it is the duty of any other unit.

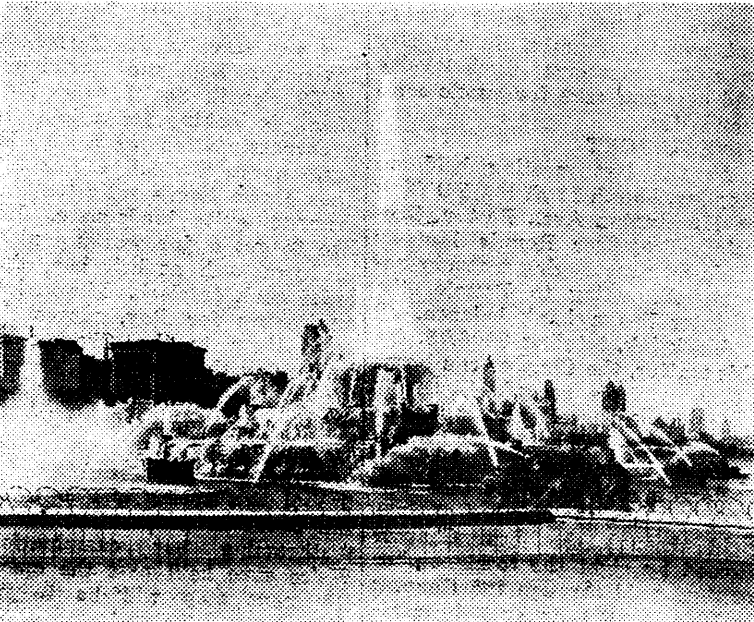
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## Phil Carman Lives In Fair Haven, N. J.

Formerly of Hq. Co., 39th Inf., Phil Carman gets his mail now at 12 Elm Pl., Fair Haven, N. J.

Phil would be glad to hear from any of his old buddies out of the 39th.

## Chicago Has Some Beautiful Spots



Pictured here is a beautiful Chicago scene that can be found in Grant Park, the Buckingham Fountain, on Chicago's lake front. The park is in walking distance of the Sherman Hotel.

## New 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.	

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POSTOFFICE BOX 1704  
WASHINGTON 13, D. C.

## JAMES WARD IS A FISHERMAN

James Ward's address is 17 River Ave., Box 192, Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Ward says he belongs to five fishing and hunting clubs. Fox hunting in the winter and fishing in the summer. Says he gets a kick out of having the dogs hitting those foxes and once every so often he gets a shot at one. He has a good fox hound, a rabbit hound, but one of these days, he thinks he might wind up in the dog house with the two canines because he puts in too much time with them to please Mrs. Ward.

Ward appeals for some of the old gang from Anti Tank Hqs. Co., 60th, to drop him a few lines. Sounds like a good buddy to renew acquaintance with.

In his letter Ward states that Charles Terresso is some place in New York; and little "Smitty" should be in Brooklyn, and Inferio, Elizabeth, N. J., but their exact address is unknown to him.

Ward concludes by saying The Octofoil is a great pleasure to him and he is glad to belong to such a Grand Association as the Ninth Division is trying to perpetuate.

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## CARVER WORKING ON THE RAILROAD

'Tis a small world indeed. Recently a copy of The Octofoil was sent to Jack Lackey, World War I veteran, and a conductor for the Erie Railroad. After reading the issue, Lackey left The Octofoil in the round house. A day or two later, he reports, a "youngster" come strutting up to him with The Octofoil in his hand and says, "That's me—this 9th Division—I was with Co. E., 39th Regt." The lad turned out to be Dale Carver.

Lackey never knew he was a veteran and Carver never heard of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Cleveland-Akron Chapter please note. Kent is in your backyard. Contact Carver either at the Erie Railroad Yards, Kent, O., or Box 153, Kent.

The above incident goes to prove the Association has only skimmed the surface in contacting eligible members who left the 9th before the Association was formed. That's why we must advertise in every known way. The emblems on our cars; wear the lapel buttons, the rings, and any other conceivable way. In the most unsuspecting place some former 9th man will see that Octofoil.

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## Blumengarten Asks About Jim Blount

Isadore (Blumy) Blumengarten, 113 Brighton 11th St., N. Y., has just joined the Association. So, fellows, if anyone can help him out, make him glad he's joined up. He's looking for a Joe named Jimmy Blount. He and Blumy were together in a replacement depot in England and went to France together on June 10, 1944. Both were assigned to the 9th Division. Blount was put in M Co., 30th, and Blumy in Hq. Co. After St. Lo Blumy has never heard from Blount. He has heard all kinds of conflicting rumors.

Maybe there's some former 39th man who can straighten the lad out. If there is, do so at once.

Blount was from either North or South Carolina, town unknown.

If any member knows where Blumy can get an AA-Q News edition of Sept. 7, 1945, printed in Germany, he'd certainly like to get that information also.

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## Travis Muirhead In His New Home

That new home of Travis Muirhead's must be taking up a lot of the old 60th's 1st sergeant's time. Living in Washington, D. C., at 235 Quackenbos St., N.E., when he sent his dues in to Secretary Tingley, he added, "I have been busy lately. I bought a house late in December and have been redecorating, etc. . . If I don't see you before the Convention, I'm sure I'll see you then."



# Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Members Plugging

## When Russians Met Ninth Division



Anthony Forta, 506 W. William St., Port Chester, N. Y., sent in the above picture which shows the company runners from Cos. A, C, and D, 1st Bn., 47th, shortly after they had contacted the Russian soldier, shown with the rifle.

## CHARLIE WEBSTER IS ON A FARM

Charlie Webster is farming and gets his mail at Buffalo Valley, Tenn. Chuck says that he wants former 9th men going South on vacations or business to stop by and chat with him, and especially men from C Btry., 26th F.A. Just ask in anybody in Buffalo Valley where Charlie Webster's farm is. You can't miss!

If no one from the old gang will be journeying South right away, Webster suggests some of them write him a few lines.

## Question and Answer

Q—I have been disabled ever since my discharge from the Army two years ago, but only recently did I make application for compensation. If VA allows my claim, will payment be made retroactive to date of my discharge?

A—No. The general rule with reference to the effective date of award of compensation is that it becomes effective as of the date of the application. If application is filed within one year from date of discharge, the award may be made retroactive to date of discharge.

## Columbus, O. Lads Have Big Time



Pictured above is part of the Ohio Chapter group that met in President Richard Schumann's home after he had remodeled his "recreation room" as a meeting hall. The members, their wives and girl friends are hard to distinguish because of the original picture's dimness. However, that Octofoil and American flag stick out like sore thumbs. Pearl Nickle, who is studying sign painting in a Columbus school, painted The Octofoil and presented it to the Chapter. It is awfully good work. Schumann installed the flag for the Chapter.

## 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.

## LEROY GREFE GOT A REAL GIFT

Leroy E. Grefe, a former Pfc., Military Govt. Sect., is now living at Sheffield, Iowa. He plans to be in Chicago, since Chicago isn't too terribly far from his part of the Tall Corn State. Last Father's Day, Mrs. Grefe presented Leroy with a fine boy, that looks just like Papa.

Grefe says he'd like to hear from any of the old gang, but especially from Tony Leama, Al Dashnaw, Bob Browder, Stuart Harper, Leon Bourgeois, Frank Geir, B. B. Brubaker and Keller.

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## Francis LaFlash Has Diner On Route 49, Dorchester, N. J.

Any former Ninth man going through Dorchester, N. J., on Rt. 49 should make inquiry where Francis E. LaFlash's dinner is on Delsea Drive.

Francis is a former Co. C, 34th FA, and used to live at 211 Harding Park, Bronx, N. Y., at which time he attended the New York meetings at Hotel Times Square. He says he misses those meetings and wants to know where the nearest meeting places to Dorchester are. LaFlash says he is going to put a big, big Octofoil in the window of his diner.

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## Lt. Col. Banton Has Been "Vacationing"

Lt. Col. Joseph W. Banton, formerly Division IG, writes from 403 Park Ave., So. Charleston, W. Va., to say that he has been vacationing this winter in Florida, Cuba and Mexico. Boy, what a life.

The retired Lt. Col. says the Ninth Infantry Division Association must go on and on and on. Too much good work is being accomplished to let the movement slip backwards one iota.

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## Mac Katz Asks For "The Woiks"

Mac Katz, 255 Pennsylvania Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., dropped Secretary Tingley a short note praising The Octofoil and "8 Stars to Victory," and enclosed a money order for one of the large maps, a 60th History and a contribution to the Memorial Foundation Fund.

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## COLORED MOVIES TAKEN OF OHIO GROUP BY KELLER

The last meeting of the Ohio Chapter was an outstanding success. It was held in the recreation basement of President Richard Schumann's home, 558 East Beaumont Rd., Columbus.

### PICTURES GOOD

Sgt. Sprinkle of the Ohio Military District, brought out some combat films that the boys voted unanimously as the best films of that kind they had ever seen. The sarge has been a long time ace in the hole for the Ohio boys and they owe him a debt of gratitude.

### MEET AT PAUL KELLER'S

The meeting scheduled for Friday night, March 31, will more or less of a housewarming for Paul Keller's new home. Paul is the immediate Past President of the Ohio Chapter. His new home is located at 2638 Pontiac St., Columbus.

Keller has arranged to have his camera apparatus in condition and will proceed to make colored movies of the boys and gals antics while they are guests at his new home. There may be method in the boy's madness. If there's any damaged furniture he'll have the documentary evidence of who did it by virtue of the all-incriminating pictures he is making.

## PENNSYLVANIA GROUP PLANNING FOR A JOINT GET-TOGETHER WITH THE LADIES

### PLANS FOR PROVIDING FUNDS TO HELP WILKES BARRE-SCRANTON MEMBERS GOING TO THE CHICAGO CONVENTION IS PROGRESSING NICELY.

Francis H. Wolman, secretary-treasurer of the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Chapter, whose address is 257 Green St., Edwardsville, Pa., Kingston Postoffice, forwards to The Octofoil one of the most optimistic letters received from any chapter during the past month. Parts of Wolman's fine letter reads as follows:

The Wilkes Barre-Scranton Chapter held a wonderful meeting with a tremendous turnout. Scores of members from far and near turned out to further the Chapter's bid for Chicago-bound delegates.

Our plan for providing funds to delegates is progressing rapidly. They will be chosen at our next get-together on April 16th.

### FAMILY GET-TOGETHER

Plans also will be made for a family get-together, including the little woman. This should make them happy and help to loosen the chains on a few guys.

### BLAUM GAINING SKILL

President Blaum is becoming a skilled motion picture operator and will shortly join the union. He has come up with some exceptionally fine pictures that are being enjoyed at every meeting.

### NEED AN ORCHESTRA?

Anyone in need of a fine orchestra just get in touch with Mark McKeoun. His Hooper rating is tops. The Chapter will probably throw some business his way in the near future.

### MISSING A LOT

Anyone not attending these monthly shindigs don't know what they are missing. There's always plenty of free brews. A few of the boys always leave on all fours. This is certainly a signal of contentment.

It looks as though Hank Davis never recovered from the last meeting. His entertainment program must have been too much or could it have been something he drank. (Of course not, not with the 9th Division.)

### TO THE GOLD BRICKS

How about you guys who have been sitting on your cans these past three years? Here we are sending you cards every month and not one of you have showed up. For Pete's sake, aren't you even curious to know what the score is? If not drop us a line so we can at least save on postal cards.

### BEST WISHES TO MRS. TINGLEY

The Chapter extends its sincere wishes to Mrs. Tingley for a fast recovery. Charley has enough worries with so many deadbeats evading payment of dues.

### CARS TO CHICAGO

There will be a few cars leaving for Chicago from the Chapter the week of the Convention, so there's no reason anyone should be lacking transportation. Suitable arrangements can be easily made. Frank Wyandt, one of the regular go-getters, will make the trip by auto. Frank rates a vote of thanks for the fine work he is doing in the Scranton area. He is personally calling on many members in the area to keep up interest.

Frank has also assumed the expense of printing all the tickets used by the Chapter to date.

With men like Blaum, Wyandt, Lynch, Bob and Hank Davis, Glazewski, Knight and McKeoun, the Chapter will be a great success and lead the Association from coast to coast and border to border.

Okay men, next meeting is Sunday, April 16th, at 2 P. M., American Legion Home, N. River St., Wilkes-Barre.

Plenty of free beer, movies and friends. What more do you want?

## PAGING CAPTAIN BENJAMIN SWAIN

Cpl. James L. Hand, Co. A, ISD, RA 14108072, Fort Benning, Ga., is in urgent need of locating Captain Benjamin C. Swain. He was Commanding Officer of Co. B, 60th Regt., from 1943 until June, 1944. The captain was captured at the same time Cpl. Hand was, on 15 June, 1944, between Cherbourg and St. Lo.

Cpl. Hand needs to contact Capt. Swain in order to establish his status as a POW. Any Association member who might know where the former Captain Benjamin Swain is now located should send that information to Cpl. Hand addressed as given above.

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## LEON LOWERY IN VOLUNTEER STATE

The following notice is being printed at the request of Leon Lowery, 1510 Springvale Rd., Chattanooga 4, Tenn., a former 39th Inf. man:

"I would like very much to hear from any former member of Co. K, 39th Inf., who knew me."

Okay, Leon, let The Octofoil know how many and who the old buddies are that contact you.

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## John Hubbard's Wife Keeps Octofoil Wise

Mrs. John Hubbard, Mason City, Ill., wife of John Hubbard, of 746th Tank Bn. fame, writes to advise that John is back in the service and is with the occupation forces in Japan. He re-enlisted in April, 1948, and was sent overseas in May, 1949. His address is: Cpl. John Hubbard, RA 36449848, A Bty. 64th FA Bn., APO 25, Unit 4, care PM San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. Hubbard says John would be happy to hear from any of his old buddies. She and their 3-year-old son hope to join the corporal in Japan this spring.

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## JIM GALLIVAN FINISHES OCS

James Gallivan, Greencastle, Ind., a former 9th man, has advised The Octofoil he was able to "take it" to final conclusion, at Fort Riley's OCS. Gallivan had hoped to land in a Transportation Corps, but it seems that Washington "brass" saw fit to close openings in Transportation as of 6 March, 1950. Jim doesn't know where he'll wind up.

Jims "old man" ahead of him, was in motor transport work as a civilian and Jim's "apprenticeship" under the "old man," he feels peculiarly qualifies him for that kind of work for Uncle Sam.

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## BOB FARRELL HAS A NICE FAMILY

Not having ever attended a 9th reunion, Robert Farrell, 325 E. Hancock St., New London, Wis., former Hq. Co. 3d. Bn., 39th Inf. man, says in his letter "When I get to Chicago I expect to have one helluva big time when I meet some of my old buddies."

Bob is married and has two children, a girl and boy, Susan and Robert. Sue is 3 years old, and Junior is one year old.



# DIRECTORY OF FORMER NINTH DIVISION MEN

**READ THESE PAGES CAREFULLY, WRITE AN OLD BUDDY WHEN HIS NAME IS LOCATED**

**MANY MEMBERS WRITE IN TO ADVISE THEY HAVE LOCATED OLD BUDDIES THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF THIS DIRECTORY.**

When a "lost" buddy is located through The Octofoil, the least the member can do when making contact is verify whether the buddy is a member or not, and if he is not, he certainly should be convinced that it is his duty to band together with the old gang. Following is the list of original members and present members as continued from last month's issue:

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 (More names next month.)

## Buddy Looking For These F.A. Men



Richard O'Connor, former "B" Btry., 84th FA Bn. lad, who now lives at 30 Laurel Ave., Arlington, N. J., hopes that by publishing the above picture of his old buddies it will be a means of them writing to him. Pictured, left to right, back row: Padget, Sagman, Duda, Mikus, Denton, Seidmen, Barfield. Front row: Curran, Whitey (Maza, K.I.A.) and Phillips.

## JOHN MILLER AND BILL DRAKE IS OUT HIS OLD PAL MEET IN CALIFORNIA

John F. Miller, P. O. Box 630, Great Falls, Mont., a former A Co., 47th Pfc., had a pleasant surprise recently when Gordon H. Eastman, from Lewiston, Mont., stopped by where he was working and the two of them had a long session rehashing experiences with the good Old Ninth. Miller says, "Brother, it's a real treat and a grand feeling to meet a former Ninth Infantryman."

Between going to school nights and getting his wife and baby moved into their new home, John hasn't had much else to do—and if the days had 36 hours instead of 24 he says he'd have a bit of leisure time.

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## Recommends a Book

Theodore "Shirts" Matusik, Illinois Chapter, drops a line and advises members to read an article in the March, 1950, issue of The Infantry Journal, written by Col. John G. Van Houten, former 60th man. The article is titled "Keep the Doughboy Lightly Loaded."

Mention is made in the article of the 60th Regt.

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## Claude O'Neil Will See His Pals In Chi

Claude R. O'Neil, 424 Riverdale, Manistique, Mich., a former Staff Sergeant with the 376th AAA, makes an appeal for as many of his old buddies as possible to meet him in Chicago at the Convention.

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## PARTICULAR

Diner: "Two eggs, please. Don't fry them a second after the white is cooked. Don't turn them over. Just a small pinch of salt on each. No pepper. Well, what are you waiting for?"

Waitress: "The hen that lays these eggs is named Betty. Is that all right, sir?"

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It is easy to collect for a job well done.

## Good Old Mott Lake a Natural Scene



Bob Woodside, Rome, N. Y., former 60th soldier, has been wanting a Ninth Convention held at Fayetteville, N. C., so he could visit Fort Bragg and Mott Lake. The Octofoil is doing the next best thing that can be accomplished for Bob and that is print the Mott Lake picture that George Ginsberg, 146 Seabury Rd., Bronx 60, N. Y., was kind enough to send in.

## BILL DRAKE IS OUT IN CALIFORNIA

From way out in California, former Co. G, 39th Regt. 1st Lt. William J. Drake is making up a caravan to make the Chicago convention. Drake's address is Rt. 5, 7081 Monroe St., Anaheim, Calif.

He asks that the Octofoil print this statement: "I am urging all former members of the 3d Plt., G Co., 39 Regt. to be present at the Chicago convention. I have been in contact with a number of the 3d platoon members and would like to hear from more. Anyone interested please contact me. Of course, we'll also be interested in seeing and hearing from any of the members from other platoons in the company."

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## OCTOFOIL BRINGS BACK MEMORIES TO FRANK BRUSIC

Francis Brusic was a 1st Sgt. in the 47th. Most of the guys, especially replacements, thought that man didn't love anybody.

Just read what the sentimental cuss has to say: "I'd be lost without The Octofoil. It brings back memories and helps to keep the greatest memories a guy ever will have." His address now is 53 Tuttle St., Wallington, N. J.

Brusic says he has heard from a few of the D Co., 47th boys, but he'd like to hear from others. And adds that he'd be happy to hear from Capt. Scheel, especially.

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## Al Mazoch Hears From Lt. Cardinell

Albert M. Mazoch, a former 60th Inf. Pfc., living at 22 Locust Ave., Bridgeport, O., says he recently heard from Lt. Robert H. Cardinell who was an S-2 officer in the 3d Bn., 60th Regt., and Lt. Cardinell is now in the Comptroller Division, Munich, Germany.

Things are different over there now, the lieutenant says.