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"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME"

PRESIDENT DON CLARKE NAMES ALL OF HIS COMMITTEES

President Donald M. Clarke has asked The Octofoil to make this announcement:

Each Chapter is requested to designate one member to serve on each of the Committees that I am naming. I will name two non-chapter members for each committee when the first business session is held in Chicago. Chapters are requested to send in the names of members they recommend to the National Secretary, Charles O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., not later than July 1, 1950.

Chapters, as well as individual members, having proposals to be presented to the Chicago convention should send copies of such proposals to Secretary Tingley, at the address given above, and Secretary Tingley should receive them before July 1, in order that he may make copies for presentation to the proper committees. Following you will note my Committee appointments: (Signed): Donald M. Clarke, President, 9th Inf. Div. Assn.:

Newspaper Committee—Mr. Louis R. Becker, Chairman.
Policy and Chapter Committee—Mr. Harold Smith, Chmn.
Miscellaneous Committee—Mr. J. Guy McCormick, Chairman.
Nominating Committee—Mr. John J. Clouser, Chairman.
Finance and Budget Committee—Mr. William Mauser, Chm.

Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here



The Chicago Convention Committee is composed of workers who believe in the Ninth's tradition to "Carry on and on and on." Pictured above, kneeling, are: John Dawson, Ed Coyle, Mike Belmonte and Frank Ozart. Standing, left to right, second row: Jud Fuller, Mrs. Conley, Bill Conley, Mrs. Winkleman, Ed Winkleman, Mrs. Waples and Ed Machowski. Extreme back row: Ted Matusik, Danny Ford and Herb Waples.

Plunkett Elected to Board of Governors

Paul S. Plunkett, a member of the Columbus (O.) Chapter, was elected a member of the National Board of Governors at the April 22 meeting held in Washington, D. C. Plunkett was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of General George Barth.

The new Board member had previously served a three-year term on the Board, having been elected at the Association's First Annual Convention held in New York City. His former term expired at the Philadelphia Convention in 1948.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Capt. Scheel Has a Potential Ninth Lad

Former Ninth men have a cigar due them if they stop in at 927 N. Monroe St., Sandusky, Ohio.

Former Captain Fred Scheel is announcing the arrival of little ole Paul Frederick, who was made an addition to the family on May 18, 1950.

LISTEN, YOU MEN WHO GOT MUGGED

Secretary Charles O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., has advised The Octofoil that Dean Gilmour was the official photographer at the Pittsburgh Convention of the Ninth Division. Dean made quite a few pictures which failed to develop clearly. He has remitted money to the boys who paid him and have written in. There are a few he has not heard from. He requested that his address be placed in this issue of The Octofoil. It is:

Deane H. Gilmour,
1819 Greenleaf St.,
Pittsburgh 11, Pa.

Another address given The Octofoil by Secretary Tingley was that of Walter A. Milestone, 3114 Glendale Ave., Brentwood, Pittsburgh, Pa., who Tingley says will be glad to follow up any complaints members attending the Pittsburgh Convention might have relative to undelivered photos.

Walt will be remembered as one of the most genial hosts the Ninth boys were ever honored with.

COL. FEIL STARTS BOY OFF RIGHT

Lt. Col. Fred Feil is well and favorably remembered as a former Division G-3 man. He is attending Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Va., now.

Col. Feil is mighty proud of the fact that his son who is now in the Army is assigned to the Ninth Division at Fort Dix. The colonel believes he is the only former 9th man who has a son attached to the new Ninth.

CHICAGO PLAYERS PROMISE TO GIVE DEM BROOKLYN BUMS THE WOIKS ON JULY 15

AFTER ALL THE POP BOTTLES ARE SHATTERED AT MR. WRIGLEY'S FIELD, FORMER NINTH MEN WILL TAKE OVER AT CHICAGO'S 1950 FAIR.

One of the highlights of the Fifth Annual Convention at Chicago July 13, 14 and 15 will be Ninth Infantry Division Day at Wrigley Field Saturday, July 15. Both the Chicago Cubs and Brooklyn Dodgers will be in mid season form and out to hold a good position in the National League contest.

Reservations to the game may be obtained by mailing your name and address, enclosing a \$2 check or money order to
WALTER J. MAHON,
220 S. State St.,
Room 714,
Chicago 4, Ill.

In order to obtain special seats all reservations must be in by or before June 15.

OUT TO FAIR GROUNDS—

Mentioning the ball game arranged for July 15 in the lead-off and then falling back to July 14th is kinda getting the cart before the horse—but here it is:

Friday, July 14th—9th Division Day At Chicago Fair

Chicago, "the world's champion Fair City," will be host to the 9th Infantry Division Association's Fifth Annual Convention on July 14, 1950.

Out on the city's lake shore, in the same area used by the Railroad Fair for the past two years, a mammoth exposition—the Chicago Fair of 1950—opens its portals on June 24. It will be the Windy City's greatest spectacle since the Century of Progress days of 1933 and 1934.

EDUCATIONAL

The exposition will dramatically present the American achievements of science, industry, commerce and agriculture which, under our pioneer heritage, promises ever higher standards of living.

The Fair will run for 73 days, Labor Day having been designated as the closing date.

ENTERTAINMENT . . .

An outstanding entertainment feature is the historical pageant, "Frontiers of Freedom," an hour-long show dramatizing 270 years' of American history. A cast of 150 will be used and also more than 100 animals. More than \$1,000,000 in actual working machinery, including either originals or exact replicas of some of the greatest mechanical discoveries that have contributed directly to the building of America's economy, will be utilized as stage properties.

ICE SHOW

Expected to be a thrilling hit is an outdoor ice show, called "Ice Varieties," featuring some of the country's best known blade artists. The setting will provide a fairy tale "candyland" effect with candy house, roofed with cake and peppermint stick fences.

A colorful program of special events will insure a steady stream of nationally known celebrities into the fair grounds. Many of the states have set aside, by proclamation, their special state days. National groups will have special days allotted them—such as the Ninth Infantry Division Day.

MORE DOPE WHEN YOU GET THERE

More details concerning special attractions of interest to former Ninth Infantry Division men will be made at the Sherman Hotel during the opening convention session.

GET BANQUET RESERVATIONS BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

Here's what the Chicago Committee has arranged for only \$7.50—

Free beer on Thursday night. Discount on all tickets (many free) to the Chicago Fair. Free admission to a cabaret dance with big league professional entertainers as an added attraction. Selected seats to the Chicago Cubs and Brooklyn Dodgers ball game, July 15, and this will be topped off with the sirloin steak dinner.

Send the \$7.50 to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, P.O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., at once. There will be no registration fee when you get to Chicago. Everything is included in this \$7.50. The Chicago lads deserve a big hand for getting such bargain arrangements made for the former Ninth men who, secretary Tingley says are coming in convoys from California, Maine, Florida, Texas and other points—not to mention the Down East Caravans which will be moving in.

THE PROGRAM . . .

Thursday, July 13—

Morning—Registration.
Afternoon—Registration.
Evening—Free Beer Party.

Friday, July 14—

Morning—Registration.
Afternoon—9th Inf. Div. Day at the Chicago Fair.
Evening—Free Cabaret, dance and entertainment.

Saturday, July 15—

Morning—Memorial Services.
Afternoon—9th Infantry Division Day at Wrigley Field—Chicago Cubs-Brooklyn Dodgers.
Evening—Banquet—Hotel Sherman.

Everyone Shook Wicked Feet



'Twas 3 o'clock in the Morning—They Danced the Whole Night Thru. When the band struck up a tune at the Greater Detroit Chapter's Third Annual Reunion, feet began to shuffle and the old American Legion Home started to reel and rock. Mid-Westerners who miss out on any of the Detroit lads' shindigs are passing up a good time that's out of this world.

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NO PERSON CAN APPRECIATE THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN MORE THAN FORMER 9TH MEN

One of the most beautiful poems printed in "Buck" Private McCollum's collection is titled "Treasures." How true it fits into the experiences of every former Ninth man who was under fire at one time or another, no one but former Ninth men themselves will ever understand. Following is the poem as it appeared in book form shortly after World War I:

TREASURES

Treasures in bits of papers,
Treasures in mines of gold,
Treasures in age seared relics,
And in paintings worn and old.

Each to his way of thinking,
Has a treasure in his grasp,
Mine came from the heart of a
rough-neck,
And lay in a simple hand-clasp.

'Twas in the lines in the heat of a
fight,
And the devil was our host,
He showed us all his tricks and
stunts,
As we lay in a stranded outpost.

Without water, food or shelter,
We had lain there for days,
Exhausted and slowly dying,
And our eyes were beginning to
glaze.

Our instructions were to hold that
post,
Against any odds that might
come,
And we were sticking it out alone,
I and my Dago chum.

Just a bit of so-called Wop,
Was the boy along with me,
But fighting just as hard as I,
Who was born of Liberty.

It was, "Whata-da-hell, let 'em a-
come,
We fight 'em a-hard, you and I,
Whatsa the diff? It's a all for
da cause,
And somatime we moosta die.

"I got-a da sweet leetle wife,
That's-a-wait at home for me,
Deesa a war she's a tough-a game,
But we gotta have Liberty."

Then Tony told me his story,
As we lay in post number four,
And why he was so willing to die
For the country he loved and
adored.

"When-a I was just a leetle a-
boy,

Back eena Sunny Italy,
I hear my father sneek of thing,
That he call-a Liberty.

"In a country that's-a paved with
gold,
Where every a-man is a-da
same,
And-a I and evra a-boddy
Has gotta da chance for da
fame.

"Wher-a-no King and Queen da
tell-a you
Joosta what you got-a to do,
I'm a get-a thinkin' to myself,
How grand if datsa true.

"So by-un-by I grow up,
Beega strong-a boy, 'bout 16,
And I come along in a steerage
boat,
To the land of which I dream.

"And there I find-a joosta so
true,
Evra-ting is a-right;
I'm-a live in-a great-a country,
My own-a boss day and night.

"Evra-a-boddy joosta so free,
Almost-a like da bird,
Joosta work so much-a evra day
No lik-a da sheep are you herd.

"An' den, I meet-a my sweet-a
Marie,
So we get-a marry one nic-a
day,
And we mak-a nic-a home,
By time, leetla babee cum our
way.

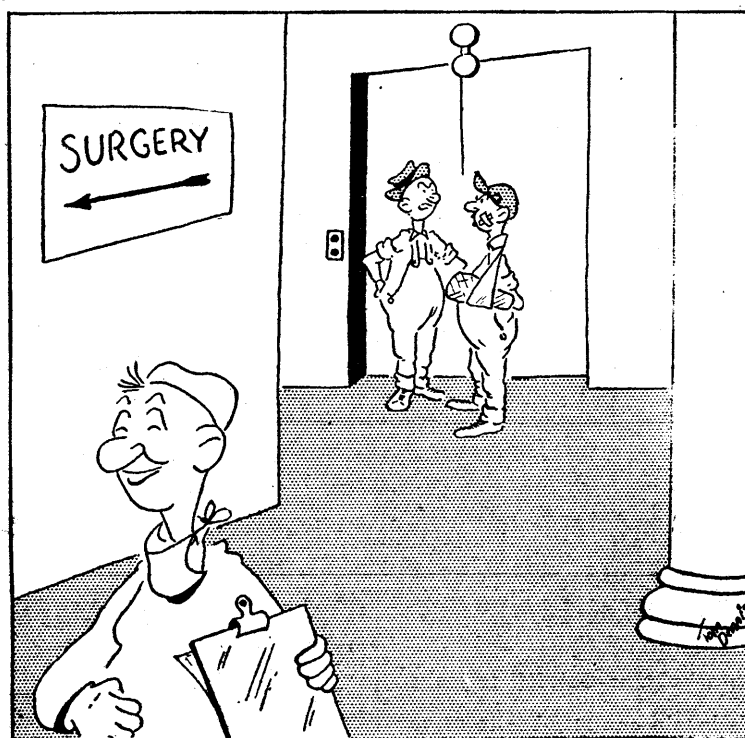
"An' evra thing joosta so nice,
I'm a cum along joosta fine,
Until-a da Jerry, he get so fresh,
Right about deesa time.

Evra teeng she cum out all-a
An' mak-a do joost what he
said,
I'm-a no like data stoff,
I'd much-a rather be dead.

"So I grab-a da gun and cum
along,

True to Form

—By Dennis



"When dat guy started sawing on me, I knowed from his ca-
dence he was a former Ninth Medic, but when he said 'Back to
duty, Joe,' den I thought I heard 88s coming my way agin."

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 candi-
dates in under-graduate studies.
2. To provide grants for post-graduate studies in re-
search and medicine.
3. To provide grants for purchase of essential and
recreational equipment for use in Veterans' Hos-
pitals.

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

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

"I desire to contribute to the Ninth Infantry Division Me-
morial 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.**

ROCKY TRYING TO LOCATE PALS

George (Rocky) Merz, Jr., for-
mer 47th man, now living at 52
Terhune Ave., Jersey City, N. J.,
advises he is most anxious to hear
from any of the old gang and
most especially from Nat Shenk-
men, Bob Gaimer, Bob Johnson,
Bill Spencer and John Kimmerle.

Joosta like all da rest who're
here,
'Cause I'm-a fight for what is
right,
And-a my leetl-a home so dear.

"I don't-a mind-a dees now,
'Cause we here all alone,
Extra teeng she cum out all-a
right,
An' by-time we soon go home.

"So joosta you lie quiet,
While I look-a 'round a-bit,
But don't-a forget to tell-a Marie,
In case I'm-a mabbe get hit."

He took and shook me by the
hand,
And started out alone,
To me it brought an awakening,
And the treasure now I own.

So I'm done with material treas-
ures,
Relics, mines, and things,
And treasure instead the mem-
ories,
Of love that sacrifice brings.

WINKLEMAN'S WIFE GOOD COOK

Wilton Taylor, Belridge, Calif.,
thinks the photographs printed in
The Octofoil do more to revive
old memories than millions of
words could ever hope to accom-
plish. Taylor comments in an open
letter to Bob Winkelman: "Pho-
tograph of you in Octofoil is very
good. Your wife must be a good
cook. You look just as you did
while with Co. M, 47th."

Other parts of Taylor's letter
extends greetings to Charlie Rey-
berger and Donald Case, former
Co. M, 47th men.

Mention is also made of the fact
that Sgt. Richard KinKennon,
presently stationed in Austria, is
planning to re-enlist and thinks he
will be stationed at Fort Ord,
Calif. The Sarge's present over-
seas address is Sgt. R. L. KinKen-
non, RA 3711864, Hq. Co. 2nd
Bn. 350th Inf., APO 174, New
York Postmaster.

Taylor appeals to his old bud-
dies and all former 9th men to
help keep old buddies acquainted
with what's "cooking" by sending
in news items regularly to The
Octofoil.

CHICAGO IN 1950

NAUGHTY BOY

First Mother: "How did that
naughty boy of yours get hurt?"
Second Mother: "That good lit-
tle boy of yours hit him on the
head with a rock."

NEW YORKERS WANT THE GIRLS ATTEND MEETING

Greater New York Chapter's
prexy has recently advised The
Octofoil that his home and office
address should read:

Harold C. Sternlicht, DDS, 72-
38 113th St., Forest Hills, N. Y.

Other things noted in the Doc's
letter read, in part, as follows:

Our June meeting will be a
bang-up job. We will end our reg-
ular meetings for the summer at
this time, which will be an open
meeting. And when I say open
meeting, that means, we really
want those fine ladies to be in at-
tendance. The meeting will be at
Ruppert's Brewery, 1639 Third
Ave., New York City. It will be
on Friday, June 2, and at 8:30 in
the evening. Beer is on the house.
Dancing and entertainment will
be provided for. A meeting will
be held where the ladies will be
able to voice sentiments.

All meetings have been well at-
tended during the present year.
Entertainment has been provided
for previous meetings and this
coming June meeting will be IT.

New York Joes should go to the
June meeting and really learn
what is cooking.

Mark the calendar — Friday,
June 2—Ruppert's Brewery, 91st
St. and 3d Ave. Bring the gals!

CHICAGO IN 1950

Warren Boulden Is Legion Brass

Warren Boulden, Jr. was a
good soldier while attached to the
15th Engineers. The 15th Engrs.
helped the 9th win this last war.

The American Legion has awak-
ened to that fact—and now what?

Warren Boulden, Jr. is Depart-
ment Vice Commander of the Le-
gion's Maryland Department.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Here Are the Monthly Recruits

Edward Laikowski, 327 E. 26th
Hq. Co., 39th.) Sponsored by the
Greater New York Chapter.

Alfred Ferrato, 151 Covert St.,
Brooklyn 7, N. Y. (L Co. 60th
Inf.) Greater New York sponsor.

Stanley Kazdoy, 3303 Foster
Ave., Brooklyn 3, N. Y. (A Co.
39th.) Greater New York sponsor.

Sidney Coellel, 1810 Trafalgar
Pl., Bronx 60, N. Y. (L Co. 60th
Inf.) Greater New York sponsor.

Wm. G. Brandenburg, 333 Edna
St., Battle Creek, Mich. (Capt.
2d and 3d Bn., 39th.) Chris Pat-
terson, sponsor.

Richard S. Vymatil, 19602
Sumpter Rd., Warrensville Hgts.,
Cleveland 22, Ohio. (S-Sgt. D Co.
60th Inf.) Sponsored by Fred
John Bell.

Leonard T. Rackstraw, 2182
University Ave., Palo Alto, Calif.
(Capt. M Co. 47th.)

Carl H. Buchler, 196 Rose St.,
Buffalo, N. Y. Sponsored by the
Buffalo Chapter.

John H. Byron, 58 Thoreau St.,
Concord, Mass. (Cpl. B Co. 39th.)

Thomas W. Siler, 26 Bucking-
ham Ct., Asheville, N. C. (Capt.
15th Eng.)

Thomas A. O'Haire, 30 Scio St.,
Rochester, N. Y.

Jan Bober, 127-06 97th Ave.,
Div. M.P.s.) Sponsored by Great-
er New York Chapter.

Joseph Brady, 261-34 Langston
Ave., Flora Park, N. Y. (Capt.,
Div. M.P.s.) Greater New York
Chapter was sponsor.

Sidney Kobren, 642 Watkins
St., Brooklyn, N. Y. (Cpl. I Co.
60th Inf.) Greater New York is
the sponsor.

Charles Finkelstein, 1723 54th
St., Brooklyn, N. Y. (Pvt. 60th
Inf.) Sponsored by Buffalo.

Archie Heath, 330 Donald St.,
Muskegon, Mich. Sponsored by
Illinois Chapter.

Raymond Derenda, 136 Crocker
St., Buffalo 12, N. Y. Sponsored
by Buffalo Chapter.

Harold Schramm, 2739 Webb
Ave., Bronx 63, N. Y. (Cpl. Hq.
Co., 1st Bn., 47th.) Sponsored by
Greater New York.

William J. Muldoon, 6014-69
Lane, Maspeth, N. Y. (Co. L, 47th
Inf.)

CHICAGO IN 1950

W. J. Victor Sends Humorous Dope

W. J. Victor, 580 Holderness
St., S.W., Atlanta, Ga., has for-
warded to The Octofoil various
humorous clippings used in many
parts of this issue to fill in the
pages.

Victor is secretary-treasurer of
the Association's Georgia chapter.

Molotoff Lives In 9th Memories

STORY APPEARING IN MARCH, 1947, ISSUE OF OCTOFOIL BEING REPRINTED BECAUSE OF MANY REQUESTS

M. D. McCall's Request for Information Relative to the Immortal "Molotoff" Has Caused His Buddies to Ask for Stars and Stripes Story.

The story that is printed below was printed in the March, 1947 issue of The Octofoil. Mike Mysyk, Cleveland, O., sent in the original story, accompanied by a photograph of "Molotoff." Appearing in this issue is additional experiences of the great "Molotoff" sent in by Mysyk.

The Stars and Stripes story reads as follows:

They found him face down on the side of a hill in the Sedjenane Valley. Bullets had pierced his head and mouth and ripped across his waist. Nearby were the lifeless bodies of French Commando scouts who fell with him in a suicidal attempt to storm a German machine-gun nest.

That was the end of "Molotoff," the U. S. Ninth Infantry Division's one-man army in North Africa and one of the most fantastic personalities of the war. Incredible as the heroic feats and shenanigans of this unbridled soldier may seem, they have been substantiated by men who knew him and fought with him in the famous Fighting Ninth.

Molotoff's name was really Karl Warner. He was a private, hated and loved by officers and fellow soldiers alike, who long regarded him as the poorest example of a man in uniform. But before he fell dead on that Tunisian hill, when the chips were down and the tiresome training camp days over, Molotoff proved himself to be one of the most efficient and courageous soldiers in his or any other army; a soldier whose fabulous story may make him the Sgt. York of World War II.

"WISE GUY"

A boastful, loud-mouthed "wise guy," Molotoff refused to be subjected to discipline. He wore outlandish uniforms, never completed a route march. He fell asleep on guard, deserted his post and talked his way free of two courts-martial. He won fabulous sums in crap games, "bitched" about Army life from reveille to dawn, was insubordinate to all ranks and was AWOL so many times nobody knew the actual count.

There wasn't a rule in the book Molotoff didn't tear up in little pieces.

On the other hand, Molotoff performed incredible feats in combat, albeit by his own peculiar methods. He had little respect for Army routine and red tape, yet never was known to get out of hand under fire. Whereas he never questioned combat orders, he was apt to raise hell when a colonel told him to get a haircut.

With the same persuasive measures that saved him from courts-martial he bluffed an entire Italian company into surrender. He exposed himself to enemy fire on numerous occasions to direct artillery, and once saved his own company from being trapped by a superior enemy force.

SOLO EXPEDITIONS

Frequently disappearing on unauthorized solo expeditions for days, Molotoff located enemy positions which assigned observers failed to find. He captured an Arab spy and was the first of his outfit to scale the wall of a besieged fort, where he found upward of 40,000 francs and distributed them among his buddies.

Moreover, he killed more than a score of enemy officers and men in hand-to-hand combat on scouting tirps but, he never discussed it.

That was Molotoff, about whom one of his officers is reported to have said: "There is scarcely anything you could write about him that would not be true," and about whom reports were just reaching Britain from Mediterranean sources.

Although his name was Warner, nobody knew him by that. It was "Molotoff" at roll call. Even his battalion commander is said to have consulted his service record to find his true identity. It was "Molotoff" from the moment another soldier pinned the tag on him at Fort Bragg.

CIVILIAN LIFE A SECRET

About his civilian life little is known except that he lived alone in a boarding house on 49th St., in Manhattan, was known as "Curly" around the news-stand at

46th and Broadway; seemed to have been on familiar terms with radio and screen stars, did business for and with racketeers, and once said he was "part Russian and part Jew."

But from the day he arrived as a sad selectee at Fort Dix, clad in a camel-hair coat, pearl-gray slacks and white silk muffler, and hatless until he was killed in April, 1943, the escapades of the 24-year-old blond, curly-haired and handsome Molotoff were discussed more by the division than all the rest of the war.

BIG-TIME GAMBLER

Another known characteristic was "Molly's" fetish for gambling. He favored dice, but anything would do, with stakes ranging from five cents to five hundred dollars. After one session his pockets bulged with \$1,200. Three days later he lost it to civilian sharpies in a pool room. On another occasion he dropped \$450 in half an hour. But his credit was always good. He was never known to "welsh" or stall off payment of a loan.

Officers and non-coms agreed it was impossible to enforce discipline with the unruly Molotoff. At Fort Dix he was seen wearing civilian clothes for several days after induction, while other recruits were wearing G.I. At Fort Bragg he was picked up frequently by MP's, sporting an officer's blouse, tailor made trousers, and tan silk shirt.

His disregard for training programs, desertion of his post on guard duty, refusal to wear a helmet, constant brawls and loud boasts eventually made Molotoff disliked from top to bottom, from high ranking officers to the men with whom he lived. Everybody said he would be a handicap in combat, and a transfer to move him elsewhere would have received unanimous approval.

TOOK KP IN STRIDE

Strangely, Molotoff never gold-bricked on KP and nobody understood why he did even more than his share of work in the kitchen.

It was in the early days of the North Africa campaign that Molotoff the misfit found his place in the Army and a warm spot in the hearts of the men, although his unique actions continued on even a larger scale. At Port Lyautey he turned up without a bit of equipment, and after his platoon sergeant ordered him to get some he returned wearing a Navy raincoat, turtle-neck sweater and white hat and carrying an M-1 rifle.

WORE "FROG" OUTFIT

Through the French Moroccan, Maknassy and Sedjenane battles he appeared at various times in French scarlet and blue caps, in an armored soldier's "zoot suit," in Italian beret with a huge, black plume, with an Italian officer's belt on the style of a Sam Browne, and always armed with two pistols and a carbine.

ARABS LIKE HIM

In Port Lyautey he made friends quickly with the Arabs. In short order he had them build him a tent, furnish it with rugs, tapestries, lamps, pictures, cot and mattresses, table and chair. Furthermore, they dug his fox holes and brought him fruit, wine and eggs. Never a close associate or confidant of any one person, Molotoff reigned in his tent alone.

It was at Port Lyautey, too, that Molotoff acquired his most prized possession—a pair of French field glasses, which attracted attention from every officer he met. They tried to buy them from him, attempted to make trades. But Molotoff said, "No." He removed them from an enemy officer whom he had killed in his first day in combat—and he aimed to keep them.

Later, those glasses were to serve many useful purposes. While

he was attached to a rifle company, a great deal of his self-appointed service was done for the artillery, extremely dangerous observation of enemy positions from vantage points less courageous men would not attempt to reach.

The outstanding exploit of this "poorest example of a soldier" occurred at Station de Sened, where Molotoff's platoon was covered by a company of Italian infantry dug in on higher ground.

CONSIDERED BEST SCOUT

By this time regarded as his company's best scout, Molotoff took with him an Italian interpreter, and without thought of personal risk, openly walked up the hill toward the Italian position. The enemy evidently thought it was a surrender and withheld fire. Two men came out to meet the intrepid Molotoff.

With his gift of gab, Molotoff made them believe they were surrounded by a superior American force. The Italians, however, could not surrender, they said, until they were ordered to do so by a colonel who was then in the rear.

GOES BACK

Accompanied by his company commander, Molotoff went back to the Italians a second time, and when they stood fast he was the first to charge the defended ground and unarm 140 men without firing a shot.

The following day he told his platoon sergeant he was going ahead to "see what the score is." Standing atop a hill 900 yards from his company and waving his pistol above his head, Molotoff shouted, "Finish la guerre... finish la guerre." The sound echoed and re-echoed over the hills while enemy machine guns sprayed the hill with searching fire.

LOCATES MACHINE GUNS

Crouched between two boulders he made mental notes of the machine gun positions, relayed the information to the artillery, and in a short time the enemy emplacements were wiped out. A few of the shells landed short, endangering Molotoff's company. He complained loudly to an artillery officer, who regarded him with a curt remark about his crazy-quilt uniform. The artillery, nevertheless, tried to have Molotoff transferred as an observer, but the infantry wouldn't hear of it.

SAVES HIS COMPANY

In Maknassy he was credited with saving the company from being trapped by reporting an enemy force, captured an Arab spy possessing 900 francs of Nazi-controlled Vichy French money, and made his way alone, through a mine field to locate disbanded American equipment, including mortars and Tommy guns.

COLORFUL CAREER OVER

The curtain came down on Molotoff's colorful, though brief, Army career shortly afterward in the Sedjenane Valley push. It came down before he fulfilled an ambition of supplying every man in the company with a German machine pistol.

He was a part of a file assigned to maintain contact between his unit and a force of French on the left flank. That job was too dull for a man of Molotoff's caliber. He passed on word that he was going up with the French Goums to see once more "what the score was." He reported a German machine gun nest and was last seen on his way—overseas cap, pistols and carbine—with a patrol of the French Commandos.

His body was discovered by the French and reported to an American liaison officer. They found a Nazi flag in Molotoff's hip pocket, but his prized field glasses were gone.

BEATS THE RAP

There were two charges pending against "the poorest example of a man in uniform" when he was killed. They were dropped from his record in accordance with Army policy.

Even in death he beat the rap.

When reports that Molotoff was dead spread like wildfire, the men who once scorned the ebullient smart aleck from Broadway, were genuinely affected.

"It's a dirty trick on him," one of his buddies is said to have remarked. "That's what he lived for—more courts-martial to talk his way out of."

An officer added: "I did not think it was possible for anybody to kill him. He was fearless." That was the mysterious Molo-

THEY MOVE JUST LIKE TROOPERS

Since the last issue of The Octofoil here are the names Secretary Tingley has forwarded showing address changes:

Harry F. Browne, 572 Marble Rd., Mechanicsburg, Pa. (T-5 B Co., 47th.)

William Morrison, RFD 1, Box 40, New Market, N. J. (Pfc. A. 39th.)

Sfc. Thomas F. Jones, Hq. Trp. 15th Constab. Sq. Apo. 114, Unit 1, P. M., New York, N. Y. (S-Sgt. E. 47th.)

Robert Davis, 118 Phyllis Drive, Lindenhurst, L. I., N. Y. (Cpt. 60th Inf.)

Anthony Kwiatkowski, 2504 W. Rogers St., Milwaukee 4, Wis. (T-Sgt. 47th.)

Theodore S. Youngquist, 3806 Regent Ave., Robbinsdale, Minn. (S-Sgt. C. 47th.)

John J. Zeishner, 1413 S. High St., Burlington, N. J. (Pvt. 34th FA.)

Dr. Ralph P. Baldini, DDS, 117 E. Seneca St., Ithaca, N. Y. (Capt. Div. Dental Surgeon.)

Edward T. Hopkins, Sperry Products Co., Danbury, Conn. (F. Co. 47th.)

O. G. A. Mastroianni, Apt. 1B, Bldg. III, Linwood Pk., 420 Fairview Place, Ft. Lee, N. J. (Lt. G2 Sec.)

Bennie Nardone, 303 N. Harris Ave., Columbus, Ohio, (39th Inf.)

Sgt. Lawrence J. Faulkner, Co. E. 39th Inf. Ft. Dix, N. J. (1st Sgt.)

Leslie H. Bradley, Gen. Del., Sedro Woolley, Wash. (T-5 709th Ord.)

Aaron L. Alpert, 558 Valley St., New Haven, Conn. (Sgt. 9th QM Co.)

Dr. Henry P. Limbacher, 2205 E. Hampton St., Tucson, Arizona. (Major 9th Medics.)

Joseph Santone, 2846 Taylor St., Philadelphia, Pa. (Pfc. 47th.)

Douglas Deas, 19 Bartlett Ave., Apt. D3, Highland Park 3, Mich. (Pfc. 84th FA.)

Donald B. Crosskill, 640 Stone St., Fremont, Ohio. (Pfc. Hq. Co., 9th Div.)

Oliver H. Carter, 4209 Farragut St., Hyattsville, Md. (Pvt. 4th.)

Leroy F. Miller, 413 Jefferson St., Wilmington, Del. (Pfc. 26th FA.)

William E. Bussard, 1081 Berwick Blvd., Pontiac, Mich. (Pfc. Div. Hq. Co.)

Sfc. Obie M. Ellis, T-2 202 A. 1 Armstead Area, Ft. Bragg, N. C. (T-Sgt. 9th Sig.)

Newell W. Anderson, 2828 Rayner Ave., Baltimore 16, Md. (T-5 9th Sig.)

Charles W. Schultz, 93 Kirmore Ave., Alden Station, Pa. (S-Sgt. 39th.)

Sidney Himmel, 2559 Sedgwick Ave., Bronx 63, N. Y. (Pfc. 60th Inf.)

Edward F. Kuklewicz, 921 Beechwood Dr., Hagerstown, Md., (Capt. 15th Eng.)

1st Lt. Edward N. Van Duyn, P. O. Box 224, Pine Brook, N. J. (2d Lt. H. Co., 60th Inf.)

Robert L. Spencer, 28 Grant St., Weldon, Pa. (709th Ord.)

Richard E. Cohen, 3631 Minnesota Ave., S. E., Apt. 302, Washington 19, D. C. (Pfc. A Co. 60th)

Lucius W. Johnson, Jr., 670 Live Oak Ave., Apt. 9, Menlo Park, Calif. (Pfc. K Co., 39th.)

Donald Finnegan, 1127 W. 54th St., Los Angeles 37, Calif. (Pvt. 47th.)

William F. Braun, 1121 New York Ave., Brooklyn 3, N. Y. (1st Sgt. Div. Art.)

Lt. Col. Cecil Loy Propst, Cherry Valley Apts., 109 E. 15th St., Garden City, L. I., N. Y.

George J. McDermott, 49 Kings Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Morton I. Wolfson, 5813 Gist Ave., Baltimore 15, Md. (2nd Lt. L. Co., 60th Inf.)

Maj. Arnold D. Blair, Cmp. Ass't. Port Provost Marshal Hq. 2nd Trans. Med. Port Apo. 503, P. M. San Francisco. (S-2 39th.)

toff, whose spirit probably will live as long as the men with whom he fought are alive; who was awarded posthumously the Silver Star "for grave and daring actions... reflecting the highest tradition of the military service"; whose body lies in a shallow grave on a roadside in Sedjenane or in a military cemetery between Gafsa and Mateur. Nobody knows for sure.

Ernie Shanko Does Some Off-Limit Bragging

His pop usta be a T-5 with the 3d Bn. Med. Det. His name was Earnest Shanko. Now he has a little old boy named "Pvt." Wayne Lewis Shanko.

Pvt. Shanko moved in the Columbia Hospital, 25 and L St., N. W., in Washington, D.C., on April 15, 1950, at 1515 P.M.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

WHO IN THE DEVIL WANTS A WAR?

At Fort Benning the businessmen assembled saw equipment for one infantry division. They gasped at the cost—\$180,000,000. It amounts to as much as financing the League of Nations for 25 long years for 55 nations. In Caesar's day the cost of killing one guy was only 50 cents. Now it costs \$55,000 per man.

That's why nations like France have decided they cannot afford military equipment; no nation can really afford a war.

One weapon carried by infantry soldiers is a recoilless gun, firing from the shoulder, carrying a distance of five miles with the power of a 75-MM. field artillery cannon. Two infantry men now carry almost as powerful artillery as was hauled by six mules and six men in World War I.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

NICK PIERI REALLY MOVES IN

Dominick Pieri, 276 Oak St., Passaic, N. J., and a former 34th F.A. man, moved into the news columns by announcing Tessie had just presented him with a 7-pound bouncer named Donald Vincent Pieri.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

From Far and Near They're Coming 'Round the Mountain

Ninth men from coast to coast are remembering sentiments often expressed by Col. Paddy Flint.

"Hit don't make no difference to them how they get there, so just they make the grade. Chicago is the objective. The boys are going by rail, bus, plane and thumbing. But they'll be coming 'round that mountain pretty soon."

—CHICAGO IN JULY—

Chicago Treasurer Is a Sick Boy

Illinois Chapter President Frank Ozart, 2241 S. Marshall Blvd., Chicago 23, Ill., advises that the Illinois Chapter's treasurer, N. B. Food is quite ill, and it has been necessary for William J. Conley to be appointed as acting treasurer for the time being.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

WISER

Woman is wiser than man because she knows less and understands more.—James Stephens.

Robert E. Colflesh, Ellis Rd., No. of Lawrence, Upper Darby, Pa. (Sgt. E. Co., 47th.)

Roy J. Stanton, 415 W. Pine St., Johnson City, Tenn. (39th Inf.)

Donald Christian, 4101 Perkins Ave., Cleveland 3, Ohio. (Pfc. Div. Hq. Co.)

Richard W. Sims, 3932 Brunswick Ave. So., Minneapolis 16, Minn.

Ross La Monica, 3562 E. 151st St., Cleveland 20, Ohio.

William J. Cooney, 211 E. Gainsburg Ave., White Plains, N. Y. (Pfc. 60th Inf.)

1st Lt. Horace W. West, 6031 ASU, Ft. Lawrence, Wash. (2d Lt. 60th Inf.)

Walter S. Wolfson, 323 W. 42d St., New York, N. Y. (Cpl. 9th MPs.)

Peter F. Castellano, 101 Dewey Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. (Cpl. Serv. Co. 60th Inf.)

Herbert Torre, 24 E. 5th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. (60th Inf.)

Woodrow B. Gray, 714 Wood St., Statesville, N. C. (1st Sgt. 26th FA.)

Lt. Col. Donald C. Clayman, Hq. 505 Abn. Inf. Regt. 82nd Abn. Div., Ft. Bragg, N. C.

Herbert Blaker, Apt. 21A, Elkridge Gardens, W. Collingswood, N. J. (39th Inf.)

Neville B. Ford, 1209 S. First Ave., Maywood, Ill.

GET A ROOM OR CARRY THE BANNER

Former M.P. Going to Stick

George W. Vix was a pretty good 9th M.P. He wants to tell the guys that the 9th is on his mind every day.

George is with the Texas Co., and mail reaches him in care of the Fond du Lac, Wis. post office. CHICAGO IN 1950

A Little Tanker Has Moved In

William S. Walton, a former 746th Tank Bn., Co. A, man asks that his regards be extended to all of his old buddies, and after that to tell them about something which happened April 28, at 3:17 in the A. M. And here is what happened:

Sandra Bidet Walton arrived at the Waltons' home. CHICAGO IN 1950

GEORGE BARKER INTERESTED IN 60TH REGIMENT

In a recent letter to Secretary Tingley George Barker says that it is an established fact that the 47th guys won the war—but as a matter of curiosity he wants to get a copy of the 60th History and read what 60th boys are supposed to have done.

George would like to hear from his old buddies, and a letter to 1017 Riverside Ave., Baltimore 30, Maryland, will reach him. CHICAGO IN 1950

Hank Geisel Gets His Bonus Check

When Hank Geisel received his state bonus a little sentiment was wrapped up in the deal.

Evidently former Lt. Zaccaro of the 39th A.T. Co. had something to do with the processing of the Pennsylvania bonus checks because he wrote a little note such as would be expected to be written by one former 9th man to another.

Henry Geisel lives at 242 S. 3rd St., Lehigh, Pa., and he says in his letter that while reading a recent issue of a newspaper he got quite a bang out of detecting a photo of Peter Radonovich, former Cannon Co., 39th man, who was supposed to have been killed in Tunisia. But like the Mark Twain story, Pete's death was exaggerated. CHICAGO IN 1950

He's Gonna Do Better Hereafter

George (Rocky) Merz, Jr., 52 Terhune Ave., Jersey City 5, N. J., writes like this:

Sorry as heck for not paying my '50 dues sooner. Have no excuse, just keep putting the detail off from day to day. I want our outfit to stay alive with the right guys helping to make a go of it. I'll be one of the first to pay my dues in 1951. CHICAGO IN JULY—

Lt. Col. Clayman Takes to the Air

The 82nd Airborne Division has become a factor in and around Fayetteville, N. C., operating from good old Fort Bragg. Anyone who thinks differently can get themselves told off first class by sending a note to Lt. Col. Donald C. Clayman, Hq. 505th Abn. Inf. Regt., 82nd Abn. Div., Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. CHICAGO IN 1950

TOM SOLON HOPES TO BE IN CHICAGO

Tom Solon is still in Glen Lake Sanatorium, Oak Terrace, Minn., but he's fighting like the devil to have enough strength to go into Chicago and see the boys.

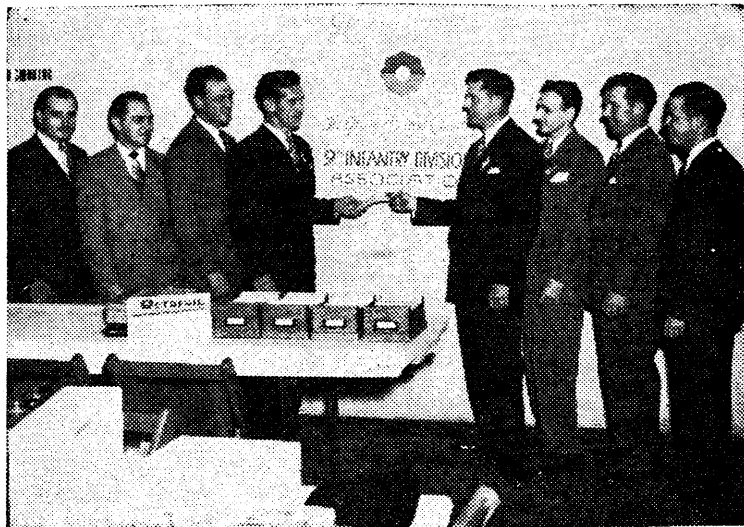
Tom would like for some of the gang to write now and then.

When Solon sent his dues in and asked for a map of the Ninth's line of march, that letter was a masterpiece.

Quoting further from Tom's letter, it reads:

"I hope to be in Chicago. It all depends on my health. I would not miss it for any other reason. That Illinois Chapter knows how to put on a Convention."

Detroiters Help Memorial Fund



At the conclusion of Greater Detroit Chapter's Third Annual Reunion, Committee Chairman Bill Phelps presented Hal Perry, Chapter president, a check to be forwarded to Secretary Charles O. Tingley as a donation to the Memorial Foundation Fund. The lad next to the "no smoking" sign is Matt Messina; others, from left to right are: Bob DeSandy, Ernie Tretheway, Bill Phelps, Hal Perry, Paul Sneyezyn, Barney Tobacco and Joe Casey.

Mrs. Bob Winkelman and Her Daughter Are Real People

Ted Matusik, Illinois Chapter, sent a 2-column clipping from a recent issue of a Chicago newspaper, which featured a picture of Mrs. Robert Winkelman and her beautiful little daughter.

It may be possible to obtain the cut used in the Chicago paper for the next issue of The Octofoil.

Matusik says Mrs. Bob is a hard worker for the Illinois Chapter.

Parts of the story that accompanied the picture has this to say:

On March 18 Mrs. Robert Winkelman, the former Georgina Lott, marked her fourth year of residence in a glamorous, but a strange country, far from the rolling hills of her native Deal Kent, England.

During her four years residence

in America she has had ample opportunity to reflect back on the long series of events which transported her across the Atlantic.

The transposition from an English lass to an American housewife was not difficult for the pretty 30-year-old Mrs. Winkelman.

Making friends was not difficult for Mrs. Winkelman. Shortly after she took up residence in her new home the neighbors gave her a welcome party and she was quickly accepted into their social circles.

Mrs. Winkelman has grown fond of the United States and its people, but the bond between her and her native England is not one which can be dissolved in four years' time.

JIM HALL WAS A BIT SCARED

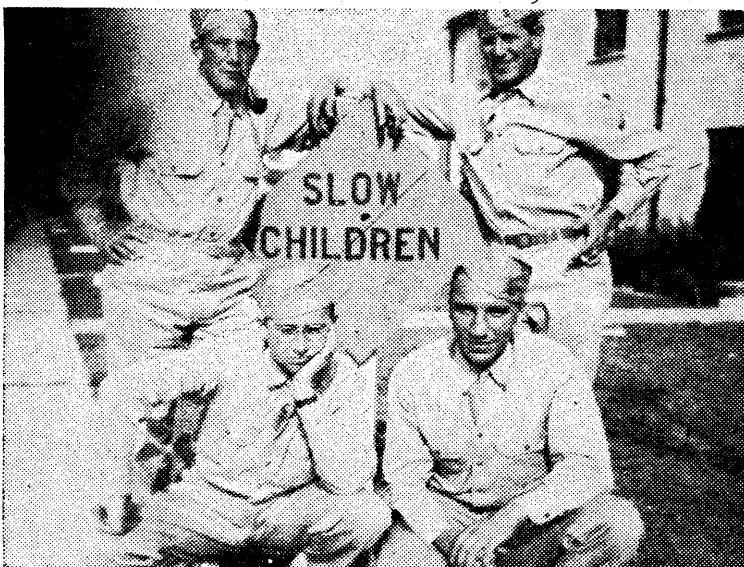
Jim Hall writes in from 801 Ludington St., Escanaba, Mich., and admits when he got his last issue of The Octofoil and in it was a story to the effect that Secretary Tingley might take a lot of names off the mailing list, that he got scared and sent in his 1950 dues, since he had neglected to do that little thing from day to day since New Year's Day.

Chet Edmunds Is For the Program

Chester Howard Edmunds, if you please, was a good Pfc. in the 60th group. He recently sent dues in to the secretary and asked that his kindest regards be passed on to his old pals. His address is 304 Fair Oak St., Little Valley, N. Y. CHICAGO IN 1950—

You wonder what's going to become of the human race. Then a baby's born and you have the answer.

"Just Before the Battle, Mother"



Four happy go-lucky lads, basking in Fayetteville's (N. C.) sunshine just before the long boat ride for an African visitation. The four 3rd Bn. Hq. 39th Regt. men are, left to right: Top row: Maxwell Katz, 255 Pennsylvania Ave., Brooklyn 7, N. Y.; and Walter Kocubinski. Bottom row, left to right: Lenny Romaine and Tony Kuczewski.

Bill McDougall Back From Hurricane Land

William M. McDougall, 119 Grove Dr., Ashtabula, O., has just returned from a trip that he made to Alligator Heaven. Bill was a bit lucky and came back under his own steam. Florida winds had subsided, much to the edification of Mc and other Florida visitors.

Sgt. Harlow Harris Will Be Missed

Secretary Tingley reports the sad news that M.-Sgt. Harlow J. Harris has passed away.

Sgt. Harris was with the Ninth until transferred to the 82nd Airborne outfit.

His next-of-kin, the widow, is Mrs. Sylvia Harris, 613 Orange St., Wilmington, N. C.

RESERVATIONS FOR ROOMS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SHERMAN HOTEL AT ONCE TO ASSURE ACCOMODATIONS

JULY 13-14-15, 1950, WILL BE "RED LETTER" DAYS FOR THE ASSOCIATION — HISTORY WILL BE MADE IN "GOOD OLD CHICAGO-TOWN" ON THOSE DATES.

When members of the Association read this issue of The Octofoil barely six weeks will be left before former Ninth men from 'Frisco to Maine will start packing their overnight bags, and move out with Chicago, Ill., as their destination. Indications are that more members will bring their wives than has been the case at any previous convention.

Headquarters have been established at the Sherman Hotel—one of the nation's outstanding hotels—a dream world in itself. A few pertinent facts concerning some of the hotel's facilities are printed below:

More than 100 years ago a famous house was built at the "mecca" spot of Chicago's loop, the corner of Clark and Randolph Streets, which came to have national fame as the Hotel Sherman.

The Sherman has inaugurated more novelties at various functions held there than any hotel in America. Some of these "firsts" include:

The College Inn was the first restaurant in this country to have ice skating performances; the Dome was the first theater bar; the Bal Tabarin was the first function room to be decorated entirely with light; and the Well of the Sea (an exclusive seafood restaurant) was the first dining room to be decorated almost entirely without light.

There was a banquet at the Bal Tabarin in the Sherman at which elephants were featured. The elephants were not served.

The College Inn, located in the Sherman, was built below the first floor level and attracted large patronage by booking the nation's leading "name" bands.

The Hotel Sherman cellars, famous for many years, supply the restaurants and bars with one of the most complete lines of wines, liquors and liqueurs.

THE WELL OF THE SEA

The Hotel Sherman has furnished The Octofoil with an elaborately colored printed menu that is being used in "The Well of the Sea." Many inhabitants of deep sea water are reproduced from wire netting that gives a patron a real sense of being either out on the "briny blue" or in a mammoth aquarium.

Robert Lederer came to the United States from Vienna ten years ago, and is the designer of the "under the sea" atmosphere.

Where one expects to find walls they see a transparent glow suggestive of water. This bluish glow forms the background for abstract shapes, like animals and plants of the deep sea. Other shapes, formed by constantly changing colored lighted sculptures, will remind visitors of characters from Davy Jones' Locker.

A feature of the room is a simulated "ghost ship" whose hull has weathered away leaving only the ribs. The ship serves as a bar.

Floating in the ocean of darkness are phosphorescent deep sea animals, while artificial jelly fish float above the table tops, casting a dim light. The tables are so designed that they resemble rocks at the bottom of the ocean.

COLLEGE INN

The illustrative menus used in the Sherman's College Inn are as intriguing and interesting as is the "Well of the Sea" descriptive menus. From advance information indications are that Ninth men attending the Fifth Annual Reunion July 13-14-15 will have little time to visit other interesting spots in Chicago if they partake of the hospitality and examine the curiosities afforded by the Hotel Sherman.

THRIFTY PUZAK

Just because there was an eclipse, Mike Puzak insisted that he get night letter rates on a telegram he was sending.

Chris Lloyd Born In Hoosierland

Christopher Lloyd gets his mail in care of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Thornton, 515 E. DuBail, South Bend, Ind. The guy only weighs about 9 pounds. So what—after all, he didn't get to this part of the world until May 15, 1950.

His dad was a well liked loogie in M Co. of the 60th. CHICAGO IN 1950

Dick Joseph Laya A Howling Success

Joe Laya was a peach of a top-kick. Men out of the 60th know that to be a fact. Now Richard Joseph has moved in and the Sarge wants to forget how to make believe he's hard boiled. Dick Joseph weighed in at 7 lbs. 5 ozs. on April 1.

Richard Joseph Laya's address is 2610 Commercial Ave., Chicago Heights, Ill. CHICAGO IN 1950—

Former Ninth Man Advanced To Priesthood

A former Co. G, 60th man was recently ordained a priest.

Buddies join from everywhere in congratulating Rev. Charles Marion Sacco.

The ordination took place at La Porte, Texas, on May 21.

Father Sacco, when sending his dues in to the Association, also sent his blessings to his buddies. CHICAGO IN 1950

Rogers Buys His Own Beverages

Howard Rogers believes in getting down to the least common denominator. That boy is a pistol. He doesn't believe in FREE beer to make a guy come to a Chapter meeting.

Howard says "Let 'em buy their own beer; use the money for other purposes." CHICAGO IN 1950

HERE'S ANOTHER GOOD ELEANORE

Frank W. Ashworth, 123 21st Ave., Paterson, N. J., is a lucky devil. He has a swell wife. Her name is Eleanore.

Eleanore writes in and asks for Frank's old buddies to remember him with a line now and then at the address mentioned. CHICAGO IN 1950

Blessings From Rev. Fromer

Rev. Charles L. Fromer is the pastor for the Methodist Church out in Eddy, Texas. In a recent letter he writes:

"I pray God's blessings upon each of the members and ask that we might together go forward in His spirit."

Rev. Fromer is well remembered by his buddies from the 47th. CHICAGO IN 1950

ED BREWER WILL BE IN CHICAGO

Edwin E. Brewer, 212 E. 39th St., Kansas City, Mo., sent in dues for Joe A. Flores, 1006 N. Agnes, Kansas City 1, Mo.

Both of these lads are former 60th men and Ed wants everyone to know they will be in Chicago. CHICAGO IN JULY—

Most of us think we're just as good as anybody else but, unfortunately, our opinion does not prevail.

ANOTHER BATCH OF DUES NOTICES ARE IN THE MAIL

Secy. Tingley Believes in the Parable, "He Who Persevereth Shall Overcome" . . . Members Who Fail to Pay Dues Do Not Realize It, But "They'll Be Sorry."

Biblical historians felt the patience displayed by Job merited praise. The patience of Job was nothing compared to the patience of Charles O. Tingley, Secretary-Treasurer of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Again, again, and again Secretary Tingley has been mailing out dues notices to delinquent members. Now and then some Yard Bird gets conscience-stricken and sends in his 1950 dues.

The Ninth Infantry Division Association is far out in front of any other similar combat organization of former G. I.s. And it is almost criminal negligence on the part of so many former Ninth men who let just a few of their buddies carry the load to keep the Association functioning.

Although most of the former Big Brass in the Ninth belong to the Association and many of them loaned a helping hand in getting the Association off to a good start, the Brass has slowly and cautiously eliminated themselves and asked for former enlisted men to be placed in their stead. This has been done, not because former 9th officers are not any less interested in the Association than they were originally, but because the Ninth Infantry Division Association is primarily an enlisted man's organization. They want the enlisted men to run their own Association.

Are the enlisted men on the verge of admitting they do not have the ingenuity, the initiative or intestinal courage to successfully maintain the Ninth Infantry Division Association? The 1950 dues delinquency list would indicate such was the case.

Dues must be paid and new members secured, otherwise the functions of the Association will be far different in forthcoming months than has been adopted customs in the past.

CHANGE OCTOFOIL

It is quite possible that The Octofoil will have to be printed on pages about one-fourth the present size and at 3-month intervals, minus the pictures that the members so dearly love to see, unless those members who are in good standing start shaking the bushes for "gold brick" buddies who have not paid 1950 dues.

This issue of The Octofoil is being sent to paid-up members and delinquent members in the hope it will be a means of arousing the Old Ninth Spirit within the hearts of many and it will motivate them to attend the Chicago Convention to relive those days they all spent together when each and everyone faced the possibility of death each succeeding minute.

Those ties that bound Ninth men closer together than any other group of combat men during World War II shall not perish—but by the eternal gods, they can and must be made into closer ties as each succeeding year passes.

To maintain continuous publication of The Octofoil, to maintain the central clearing house so efficiently conducted by Secretary Tingley, in order that he may continue to faithfully serve the next-of-kin of those boys left behind, those buddies each Ninth man swore to carry on for if they were spared to see the good old United States of America again, dues must be paid. Research work done by Secretary Tingley in locating former Buddies of disabled Ninth men and securing of affidavits for these disabled men to be presented to VA officials for disability claims is in itself justification for the continuance of the Association. The social and fraternal advantages cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

Fellows, send those dues to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington, D. C., at once.

MEMORIAL RITES HELD FOR ERNIE PYLE ON FAR-AWAY PACIFIC ISLAND

The Bakersfield (Calif.) Californian recently featured a 2-column story about the Memorial Services held on the Island of Ie Shima for Ernie Pyle. The Ninth Division, just like many other divisions, felt as though Ernie was a part of their own Division. Excerpts from the story read:

Memorial Services were held on Ie Shima for Ernie Pyle, who was killed by a Japanese sniper.

A chaplain read a brief biography of Pyle and a wreath was placed on the spot where a marker has been erected in Pyle's memory on Ie Shima. Following the benediction a bugler sounded taps.

LIKE PERSONAL FRIEND

Roy Howard said in his Memorial address: "All good men live in the memories of their loved ones. Ernie's distinction was to be loved by so many. Few, if any, were so widely known, so highly regarded by the millions of men in war and to their folks back home who had never seen him. He seemed a personal friend—like a brother or the boy next door—because in some strange way what he wrote seemed to speak directly for them and to them. . . .

"Like any G.I., he, too, was afraid when he came under fire. He, too, was lonely and homesick. He, too, was shy and frustrated.

And, he, too, found it hard to speak.

"But somehow he could say it through written words—all the hopes and fears and doubts and longings and the dreams which are part of man."

HERO OF MILLIONS

Earnest Hoberecht, UP manager for Japan, said in a message from Tokyo:

"Earnest Pyle was the hero of millions. He was a friend of the G.I. and he wrote some of the best stories of the war when he wrote about the rough, tough day-to-day routine of soldiers in the field.

"Many of us who were war correspondents are proud that there were men like Ernie Pyle in the correspondents' corps. He gave us a goal at which we can shoot. None of us will ever let his memory fade."

Wilton Taylor, care Belridge Oil Co., McKittrick, Calif., who sent in the above clipping, advises that Ernie Pyle's book "Brave Men," may be found in all public libraries or purchased from Grossett & Dunlap, Publishers, New York City. Chapter 29 is styled "Street Fighting," and deals exclusively with the 9th Division. Another chapter, "Reconnoitering," also depicts the 9th in action.

Dix Officer Asks For Some Octofoils

Captain James Lewis, Public Information Officer at Fort Dix, has asked The Octofoil for copies of recent issues in which Vic Campisi was given credit for a letter he had written Maj. Gen. John Devine regarding the good work Negro attached outfits did when the Ninth Infantry Division was getting everything but the book sent over their way.

The Octofoil feels highly honored that the men down at Dix feel as kindly toward the former 9th men's newspaper as the letter implies.

'Twas Made In Japan

James Benane used to be a well-liked lad in Cannon Co., 39th. His pals are scattered from coast to coast, and they will be glad to know that he is doing okay in the Uncle's Army. He is in the Japanese territory. But he doesn't put in all his time soldiering. A cute little announcement card has this to say:

W.O.J.G. & Mrs. James Benane announce the birth of a daughter, Barbara Jean, at Osaka Honshu, Japan, 26 February, 1950.

Rocky Makes Hay While Sun Shines



George (Rocky) Merz, Jr., 52 Terhune Ave., Jersey City, N. J., was with the 47th from 1941 to 1945. "Rocky" is proud of his family and why shouldn't he? Merz's pretty wife is the former ex-Wren Doble, Winchester Hauts, England. The four little Merz rascals who Rocky wants all his buddies to see, are pictured, left to right: Charlie, Dorothy, Raymond and Joy.

MIKE MYSYK, CLEVELAND, HAD CLOSE CALL WITH "MOLOTOFF"

In the last issue of The Octofoil M. D. McCall, 4312 Oak St., Kansas City, Mo., requested additional data concerning Karl Warner's (Molotoff) experiences while with the Ninth Division. McCall is writing an article based on 9th Division historical data.

Michael Mysyk, 12604 Darlington Ave., Cleveland 4, Ohio, was very close to "Molotoff" during the African campaign. Mike has been kind enough to forward The Octofoil a thumb nail sketch of a few experiences he had with the immortal "Molotoff." Parts of Mysyk's letter follows:

I was in G Co., 60th, with "Molly" from the time we left Fort Bragg until the time of his death in Sedjenane Valley, North Africa.

As many already know, Molly couldn't take an order and would not take one, which fact always had him in wrong. But if a person would ask Molly for anything he would give the shirt off his back.

After the invasion of Port Lyautey we were bivouaced in the cork forest. Molly took an unofficial leave for several days and on returning was given latrine duty. To make up for the wrong he had done, Molly thought he would do a fine job. The outside latrine was boxed in, so Molly cleaned it most thoroughly and decided to fumigate it. He poured a few gallons of gasoline into it, and then struck a match. After the explosion we didn't have much of a latrine left and Molly wasn't around for the remainder of that day. When he did return his hair was singed. He must of had a pretty close shave.

On leaving Port Lyautey we went to Oran. We were staying on the docks and as usual, in the chow line we had the Arabs waiting with their cans. Capt. Barnwell wanted to get rid of them—so Molly took over. He went into the kitchen and came out with a slab of bacon and chased the Arabs, swinging right and left. That stopped the Arabs from hanging around the chow line.

CAPTURES PRISONERS

After Oran we went to the front. On entering Station Sened, Molly took over, and captured a battalion of enemy prisoners and all their equipment. After the battle Molly and I went out looking for stragglers. He rounded up nine more prisoners, barbers, cooks, medics, etc. Besides the enemy firearms Molly was loaded down with, he helped himself to the razors the barbers had. The Medics gave him wrist watches. A few minutes after he took these nine prisoners eight British Army Recon men came through and opened fire on us by mistake—killing the medic prisoners. This man Molly pretty sore and he wanted to start a one-man battle against the British Army. It was at this point that Molly picked up the cloak he wore. It was dark blue on the outside and bright satin red on the inside. He was mighty proud of it.

LOST THE CLOAK

On entering the Sedjenane Valley the first night we had our bed rolls brought up, and in this shuffle Molly's robe was lost. He stayed up all night looking for it and could not find it. He really felt lost. Next morning in our move forward Molly went his way, as usual, and joined in with the French Goums, and that is where he met his death.

For the benefit of Myke Mysyk's old buddies, it might be said that he is now a happily married man. Mike started working for the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. when he was discharged from the Armed Forces. He has built his own home at the address given above. It is situated near the outskirts of Cleveland in a quiet section and Mike says any former 9th man is welcome at any time. He and Mrs. Mysyk have just purchased a new 1950 Ford with the thought in mind of breaking it in good on the highway between Cleveland and Chicago on July 13 when the Fifth Annual Ninth Division Convention opens.

CLOUSER IS A WIZARD ON THIS PROM ARRANGING BUSINESS

The Rambler, an Illinois College publication, expressed appreciation in a recent issue, for the ingenuity of John Clouser, one of the organizers for the Illinois Chapter of the 9th Infantry Division Association.

The article was written by Eddy Johnston and with the story was a picture of our John.

Parts of Eddy's story read: The last strains of Bill Carnegie's sentimental theme song brought the formal dances, sponsored by the Social Committee to an end for 1949-1950 for Illinois College students. During the year, students and their dates danced among football silhouettes, around a mammoth snow man, in a moonlit spring garden, and aboard an old time river boat. These four dances, the Homecoming, the Winter Formal, the Junior Prom and the Senior Ball were products of the Social Committee, headed by John Clouser.

John Clouser has set a new pat-

Folmer Sweet Comes Through

Folmer R. Sweet, that former 60th lad who was so well liked, gets mail now at 533 Main St., Westbrook, Maine. When he sent a check for his dues, the statement was made that he was going all the way from Maine out to Chicago and he expected the 60th bunch to make up a major portion of that convention.

SUNSHINE PEDDLER

The man who deals in sunshine is the man who gets the crowds; He does a lot more business Than the man who peddles clouds.

Cannon Lads Are Learning to Write

The Octofoil lads feel happy now that they know those Cannon Co. men have learned to write. Notes from dem guys will be noted throughout this issue. One of the prize packages of the month was from "Windy" Leschak, 3037 Zephyr Ave., Pittsburgh 4, Pa.

Parts of Leschak's letter read: When Dale Keilty of Illinois stopped over for a couple of hours while driving through, it was the first time we had shot the breeze since the war ended.

If by any chance any other 39th Cannon guy passes through the Smoky City there is always a bit of room under Leschaks' table for more feet.

"Windy's" wife got a big kick out of Dale's visit. She wants a few more of the gang to hesitate for a session.

CHICAGO IN 1950

BILL LYERLY IS IN THE TOP DRAWER

He used to be just one of those Div. Arty. master sarges, but you oughta see him now. Fellas, that former Sergeant W. V. Lyerly has his name smeared all over Alabama Executive Stationery. He is it—to the tune of being Governor James Folsom's right hand lad.

Bill went upstairs to his present position from the Highway job he previously held.

—CHICAGO IN JULY—

Hennemuth Is A Good Stick

Bill Hennemuth was a good man at Bragg—still going good on the Henry T. Allen, en route to Africa—and is still a good Ninth man, who gets his mail at 50-A Dogwood St., Park Forest, Chicago Heights, Ill.

Hennemuth originated in the Pittsburgh area and then graduated to the Chicago area. When he sent his dues to Secretary Tingley for 1950, this little note was attached:

"The amount that is a part of this check you will note is over and above my dues may be credited to the general fund for the purpose of continuous operation. The Association must go on and on and on."

CHICAGO IN 1950

Television Convinces Folks 9th Kept 'Em From Goose Stepping

The Octofoil comes in for just a bit of ribbing. Read this from Joe Casey's pen:

I have not noticed in The Octofoil a mention of the Television program, "Crusade in Europe."

Consult local papers for time and station. It is each Monday.

Recently that program showed many scenes which are shown in 9th Division movies.

Shown are glider troops in action that will teach Infantrymen how others operated.

The Irish Mick from Detroit says that if individual former 9th boys do not have Tele sets certainly some former 9th man in the vicinity does have one, so just move in, brother, move in. It always been some Top Kick saying "move out" heretofore.

—CHICAGO IN JULY—

Three Boys Now On Apar Family List

George A. Apar, a former sergeant with the 47th, gets mail at 45-07 30th Ave., Long Island City, N. Y. His three sons get mail at the same address. The latest arrival was Bruce Gary. He got into the Long Island sector on March 20, 1950. His older brudders, Steve and Bob are glad that the stork dropped him off.

GOTTA ASK JOHN LEWIS

"You can't marry her without permission," said Father Smith. "Why not?" asked the swooning swain.

"Because she's a minor!" The young man looked stumped for a moment, then asked:

"You mean I gotta ask John L. Lewis?"—Arkansas Methodist.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

LULU IS MIXED UP

No, Lulu, a Louis the 14th bed isn't smaller than a Louis the 16th!

CHICAGO IN 1950

Once you have given a child a quarter he thinks you're a cheap-skate if ever thereafter you cut him to a dime.

PHIL ORLANDO PROPOSES TO MOLD A LIKENESS OF "PADDY" FLINT

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

Phil is a small lad, with tiny hands, but those hands have moulded the finest statues in these parts. He is a former sergeant in G Co., 39th, and a former G-4 man. He is now carrying the ball in Plainfield, N. J.

After talking with Phil Orlando about old times, we began talking about Col. Paddy Flint. . . .

Here then is Phil's proposition: He feels that a permanent bust of Col. Flint should be made, and Phil wants to make one. If any of the members who read this column have a picture of Col. Flint as we knew him, please send me the photo, and I in turn, will pass it on to Phil.

To quote Phil: "I think that nobody has captured the true Paddy Flint. I knew him, and admired him, and know that I can really mold his characteristics as he was when I knew him." Incidentally, Phil received a Beaux Arts award with his statue of Sgt. Basillone recently.

APPEAL FOR PICTURES

Now hear this . . . If anyone has any pictures of Col. Flint—here is one gesture of good will that should not be overlooked. Contact Stan Cohen or Phil Orlando, 104 E. Front St., Plainfield, N. J. Let's start the ball rolling, while the guy is still enthusiastic about making this statue. . . .

STAND UP FOR RIGHTS

For those men who are always hearing, "So you won't stay in with the kids, you have a meeting." Well, men, stand up for your rights. This time take the little women along. . . . We are meeting on June 6 at the Ruppert Brewery.

JACK O'SHEA SENDS GOOD REPORT FROM PHILADELPHIA 9TH GROUP

Jack O'Shea is doing a good job as Treasurer of the Philadelphia Chapter. His address is 1049 S. 52d St., Philadelphia 43, Pa.

The lad has this to say in regards to The Octofoil:

"Without this paper we would be lost. I hope we will always be able to publish monthly and carry the same number of pages we do at the present."

Newsy notes concerning Philly's Chapter contained in Jack's letter read thusly:

SABATO ON THE BALL

As a result of a Membership Committee formed a few months ago, and headed by that fiery go-getter, John Sabato, the monthly sessions of the Philadelphia Chapter are once again approaching the record turnouts the Chapter had in its infancy. Things are really looking up in Philly. Sabato and his co-workers are well pleased with the early fruit of their labor, are looking confidently to the future and are predicting a possible redoubling of the active membership before the end of the current year.

THANKS TO CAPT. HORAN

A vote of thanks is in order to the Committee as well as to Capt. Horan, who is still with the Ninth at Fort Dix. The captain's efforts in the membership drive resulted in the enrollment of "Rookies"

Former F.A. Man Knows How To Pick a Pretty Bride

The Boston (Mass.) Globe recently published an edition in which was carried a picture of the new Mrs. Frederick Keyes, Jr.

If The Octofoil could have been able to get a good reproduction of that girl for this issue, it certainly would have dressed this sheet up like a million dollars.

Fred Keyes was with the 26th F.A. Bn., and a darn good soldier. Parts of the Boston paper's story read:

Easter lilies, white snapdragons

PAGING DICK PESTEL

Pestel: "Gimme a bottle of beer."

Bartender: "You're too drunk! I can't serve you any beer."

Pestel: "Okay—make it ale."

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

The cunning wife makes her husband her apron.

pert's Brewery, that is located at 1639 Third Ave. (93rd St.) I imagine that the Brew will flow and flow. . . . An opening meeting—complete with music and entertainment. It promises to be the usual good time.

MAKE A JUNE 6 DATE

Make a date . . . June 6th . . . The Ruppert Brewery. . . . Bring the wives and girl friends.

PEPPER GOES TO CHI

Our last meeting was rather hot and heavy . . . was it not Dan Quin? But we did get one good thing done. . . . Brother Pepper is being rewarded for a really swell job. We are sending him to Chicago . . . just a little something for what he has done these past two years. Cal Polivy was the lucky winner of the surprise package. (Powdered Eggs.)

NO HE-MAN CHOW

The last meeting ended with a picture of the 1949 World's Series and a feast on very delicate tea sandwiches. Someday, the New York hotels are going to realize that the Ninth was composed of men, and as men they like to eat. . . . But, one must be dainty now. . . . Oh where are the days of Monrello, with turkey in the rain, and spaghetti hanging over the sides of the mess kits. . . . Now that was real glob.

A NEW MEMBER

Brother Langer, formerly of the 47th Personnel, was our new member—and a swell guy.

Incidentally, if any New York or Jersey man reads this column who can play a piano—please drop in at the Ruppert Brewery on June 6th.

Until next time then—or I will see you on June 6 at the Ruppert Brewery, that's 93rd and Third Ave., New York City.

NEW YORK PAPER FEATURES OLD NINTH MAN IN THE NEW ARMY

A. W. Feder, 1647 Union St., Brooklyn 13, N. Y., has forwarded to The Octofoil a most interesting clipping taken from the New York World-Telegram. The story is accompanied with a 3-col. picture of Sgt. Larry Faulkner instructing a couple of 9th Div. recruits on the mechanism of a 30-caliber light machine gun. Another 2-column picture shows the Sarge and his pretty little wife, Ruth, in the "breakfast nook" of their trailer home.

Parts of the story, written by Norton Mockridge for the World-Telegram read:

Larry Faulkner is one of the best non-coms. Last month he won the Soldier of the Month Award from Fort Dix.

Sgt. Faulkner, 28, is rugged and ruddy. He is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio. The sarge enlisted in 1939 at the age of 17 and has been an infantry man from the start.

FIGHTING RECORD

In 1942 Sgt. Faulkner went overseas with Co. E, 39th Regt. of the 9th Div. One of his buddies was Peter J. Dalessandro—now a New York State Senator—who later won the Congressional Medal of Honor in Germany.

Sgt. Faulkner was wounded three times and twice he was awarded a Silver Star for gallantry. He says the bullet that lodged in his right hand at El Guettar didn't matter a helluva lot because he was left handed any way.

When Sgt. Faulkner re-enlisted after a few months of civilian life, he was assigned to the Fifth Armored Div. He wanted to be back with the Ninth Infantry Division. He appealed to General Manton S. Eddy. Gen. Eddy, as befits the good soldier he is, was well acquainted with the sergeant's combat record and on several occasions had congratulated the boy personally.

Sgt. Faulkner says he remembers one time when Gen. Eddy remarked "If you need a favor that I can be of help in securing in the future, let me know." So when Sgt. Faulkner asked Gen. Eddy to help him get back with the 9th Division, the general made the recommendation which was properly recognized.

THERE WILL BE A BUFFALO PICTURE PRINTED NEXT MONTH

George Simon, 977 Northland Ave., Buffalo 15, N. Y., and secretary of that Chapter has furnished The Octofoil details regarding the Buffalo fellas' annual dinner. He also enclosed a picture of the Chapter's guests of honor at the occasion. The picture is a bit of good photography and will reproduce nicely. It will be used in the next issue. Noted in the picture is Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Butts, Angelo Arena, Treasurer, and Hank Golabiecki, President, of the Buffalo Chapter. Also in the picture is Congressman Anthony F. Touviello and Judge Frank Sedita.

Quoting from other parts of a letter that George sent with the picture, excerpts are taken that read as follows:

The second annual dinner of the Greater Buffalo Chapter was held at Becker's Tavern on April 29. It will be remembered for many months as a pleasant evening for all who attended.

Social contacts made and fraternal spirit displayed established the fact that more affairs like this should be held. There are no strangers when former 9th Div. people and their families get together.

MR. AND MRS. BUTTS HONORED

Before the chow was devoured, some time was spent with various groups chatting and getting reacquainted. The guests of honor, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Butts, were greeted cordially by everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Butts are the parents of Lt. John Butts, who won the Congressional Medal of Honor, posthumously, while with the 60th Regt.

TOP DRAWER

The assembled group had the pleasure of having Congressman Anthony Tauviello drop in, ac-

Deadline to Start GI Training Approaches

The deadline for most veterans for starting a course of education and training under the GI Bill is 15 months away—on July 25, 1951.

A Veterans Administration regulation, issued, states that the majority of veterans will not be permitted to begin GI Bill courses after that date. An exception has been made for those discharged after July 25, 1947 and those who enlisted or re-enlisted under the Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act.

July 25, 1951, however, is not important to veterans who have started and actually are pursuing GI Bill training on that date, as they have the right to continue their courses.

The V-A regulation explains that a veteran who has started a course and who has continued in it will be considered to be in training, even though he has temporarily interrupted the course for the summer vacation or for other reasons beyond his control.

Despite the improvements in razors, about half the men are dissatisfied.

Mr. Butts spoke briefly, declaring he and Mrs. Butts were most happy to meet with the group.

SPINK'S DAD MOVES IN

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Spink brought Mr. Homer Spink of Batavia to the meeting. He is Ev's dad and he had a good time. Ev's camera was not broken—he just forgot to lug it along.

After the chow a bit of dancing and refreshments were indulged in by the group.

Everyone had a swell time and thanks are due Don McNaughton and Bob Klumpp for their efforts in making the affair a success.

It is an open secret that the "little women," Jerry McNaughton and Viola Klumpp were in there pitching to make Don and Bob look good.

A letter written by Secy. Simon before the feed dealt with the Buffalo Chapter's last meeting. It read in part:

The regular meeting of the Greater Buffalo Chapter was held Tuesday, April 18 at the 124th Armory, Connecticut and Niagara Streets.

The "regulars" were there, and the meeting was enhanced by the attendance of Ray Derenda, Gene Collins and Wilber Yuhaus.

We have been really missing boys like Arnold Rounds, Bob Elmes and others who haven't been coming around like they oughta.

Efforts are being made to form a Women's Artillery in Buffalo.

ROG SCHAFFER SAYS CLEVELAND SHINDIG WAS O.K.

Roger D. Schaeffer, 1662 Sunset Ave., Akron 19, Ohio, sends this in about those Cleveland and Akron (O.) cut-ups:

The Greater Cleveland Chapter held its May 21 meeting at Virginia Kendall Park. A picnic-style dinner was held at 12 noon, with the business meeting being held at 3:00 P. M.

Since the writer broadcasts as a part of the WADC Orchestra each Sunday, the boss lady and I did not arrive until 2:30. (I should get a raise for this plug.)

At the park motor pool (parking lot to you recruits), we contacted the left flank of the Sinare tribe—Andy, wife and the little girl. We all set out to find the elusive Ninth crowd. Remembering the regular habits instilled in us overseas, we "hit the road" for the most isolated spot in the park. These 20-milers out Longstreet Rd. had nothing on the hike we took hunting "General" Bill Mauser and his boys! But it was worth the trouble. We finally located them and brother, you should have seen the fine looking gals they had with them. (Oran was never like this.)

Here is the duty roster that we made up (men and women): President and Mrs. Bill Mau-

JOE CASEY TELLS ABOUT THE PARTY HELD IN DETROIT

Joe Casey, 8621 Colfax, Detroit 4, Mich., in conjunction with Harold Perry, has furnished The Octofoil a comprehensive outline of just what happened in the Motor City during the Michigan lads' recent Reunion Conclave.

Excerpts from the letters are printed below:

Michigan fellas and their mothers, wives and girl friends had a great time at Michigan's Reunion. Many of those in attendance are looking forward to the Big Chicago Show.

More than 50 couples were on the dance floor during the Detroit shindig, and many of those bozos looked like they might be able to endure another 17 or 20-mile hike. Some of the guys did show signs of gaining weight. The pretty wives who came along to watch over these great big boys were amazed after meeting the "rugged characters" they had listened about. Those characters were mostly home loving dads now that the war is all over. Funny— isn't it? . . . But it is true!

AL BORKOWSKI WAS WITH THE GANG

Al Borkowski was in attendance from Gaylord, a town that rates a 250-mile hike from Detroit. Several others traveled more than 100 miles to make the grade. Many of the guys who couldn't make it, send apologies. Some of them had hoped to pass out cigars at Detroit. The Stork got tied up in transit. Bill Meadows was one of the boys but he says at the next reunion he will give a full report.

MEETING DELAYED

In deference to Mothers' Day the Detroit boys held their meeting on a day other than regular meeting day, which may have caused just a bit of loss in attendance.

Little Joe Casey, the fighting Irishman, closes his letter in this way:

Outgoing Detroit Chapter officers have strived to make Detroit a most active Chapter. The various Chapters and the Association seem to thrive on the same spirit of mutual help, that enabled our 9th Division to earn much fame a few years ago. Now that Detroit is so close to Chicago members of Detroit plan to drop over to Chicago for a visit July 13-14-15—and meet the "Family."

CHICAGO IN 1950

NO REPUBLICANS

A South Carolina election board was counting ballots when a Republican ticket showed up.

Not finding anything wrong with it, the board put it aside as suspicious only. After several hours, a second Republican ballot appeared.

That was going too far and the Judge said:

"Throw 'em both out. The son-of-a-gun voted twice." —Ward Healer, Summit, N. Y., VA Hospital.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

Charm is a fragile and delicate plant. It can be prolonged by careful nursing, but not for too long. Reno can testify to this.

—CHICAGO IN JULY—

Opportunity, like lightning, strikes unexpectedly.

ser, Mr. and Mrs. John Nabakowski, Captain and Mrs. Charles Shade (a new member for our Chapter — Charlie Tingley, note this. The captain is a former 60th man, and is now with the Military Dept. of Kent State University); John Grill and Evelyn Fazah, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grizer and our secretary, John McCalren, with two—yes TWO—lovely ladies, Eileen and Betty Frawley. John claimed it was to have been a double date, but we decided it was either his irresistible charm or that he used Burma Shave (?)

At any rate, after I had pushed my eye balls back in place, Bill called the meeting to order. We then proceeded to discuss our proposed projects, the Ladies' Auxiliary and our membership along with attendance problems.

A next-of-kin roster will soon be drawn up.

The ladies are really going to get started at the next meeting—so all you gals be with the boys on June 11—picnic, place will be announced. And I'll bet a coke the boys can bat and throw left-handed and still beat the girls at softball. If that quip doesn't make you girls mad enough to come to the next picnic, I might as well give up trying. So long, folks!

DIRECTORY OF FORMER NINTH DIVISION MEN

WRITE A BUDDY WHOSE NAME MIGHT BE LISTED AND ARRANGE TO SEE HIM IN CHICAGO

A NEW MEMBER CAN BE SECURED BY MOST EVERYONE WHO READS DIRECTORY — AND NEW MEMBERS PROVES THE LIFELOOD OF ANY ORGANIZATION.

Additional names of present and original Association members, many of who are now delinquent, are being printed in this issue of The Octofoil with the thought in mind that members reading the list will take advantage of learning an old buddy's address and will make every effort to establish contact for either a renewed membership, a date for a bull session in Chicago or maybe both.

William F. Crook, 2485 Morris Ave., Bronx, N. Y.

Vincent D'Addona, 1064 Ward Ave., Bronx 59, N. Y.

Robert Darhanoff, 721 Walton Ave., Bronx, N. Y.

Winfield W. Deckert, 1454 University Ave., Bronx 52, N. Y.

Amerigo De Julius, 2525 Grand Concourse, Bronx, N. Y.

Henry J. Diehl, Jr., care Loneragan, 3871 Sedgwick Ave., Bronx 63, N. Y.

George W. Dohmann, 2322 Loring Place, Bronx 53, N. Y.

Victor T. Elia, 270 Hollywood Ave., Bronx, N. Y.

Lester Erdely, 1134 Stratford Ave., Bronx 59, N. Y.

Louis Escobar, 757 Kelly St., Bronx 55, N. Y.

Irving Feinberg, 1342 Feteley Ave., Bronx 60, N. Y.

Benjamin Freilich, 1126 Carroll Place, Bronx 56, N. Y.

Aloysius F. Friedmeier, 1513 Shakespeare Ave., Bronx 52, N. Y.

Barney Fritz, care Laskin, 725 S. Boulevard, Bronx, N. Y.

Joseph Garcia, 906 E. 173rd St., Bronx, N. Y.

Antonio Giacobbe, 3529 Hone Ave., Bronx 67, N. Y.

Arthur Gibson, 363 E. 145th St., Bronx, N. Y.

George J. Ginsberg, 1468 Seabury Place, care Berman, Bronx 60, N. Y.

Frank C. Graziani, 1349 Southern Blvd., Bronx, N. Y.

Richard M. Gross, 1420 Par-chester Rd., Bronx 62, N. Y.

Sidney Himmel, 2643 Sedgwick Ave., Bronx, N. Y.

John J. Hynath, 1358 Mayflower Ave., Bronx 61, N. Y.

Harvey R. Kahn, 398 E. 152nd St., Bronx 55, N. Y.

Anthony G. Krenka, 383 E. 135th St., Bronx 54, N. Y.

Benjamin Krintz, 1166 Simpson St., Bronx 59, N. Y.

Francis E. LaFlash, 211 Hard-ing Park, Bronx 61, New York.

Vincent N. Le Pore, 443 Theriot Ave., Bronx, New York.

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Joseph P. McAndrews, 859 Southern Blvd., Bronx 59, N. Y.

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Geo. C. Mirras, 582 Beck St., Bronx, N. Y.

Dominick Miele, 853 Southern Blvd., Bronx 59, N. Y.

Joseph Morales, 1060 Kelly St., Bronx, N. Y.

Raymond A. Moro, 241 E. 169th St., Bronx, N. Y.

John S. Mullen, 261 E. Burnside Ave., Bronx 57, N. Y.

Alfred M. Muller, 1114 Gerard Ave., Bronx, N. Y.

Joseph Negrin, 1492 Montgome-ry Ave., Bronx, N. Y.

Walter J. Niblock, 425 E. 161st St., Bronx 56, N. Y.

Harry A. Offsey, 784 East Tre-mont Ave., Bronx 60, N. Y.

Harry Orenstein, 640 E. 139th St., Bronx 54, N. Y.

William L. O'Shea, 643 Concord Ave., Bronx, N. Y.

Michael Patrick, 673 E. 140th St., Bronx 54, N. Y.

Paul T. Quaranta, 2259 Bruck-ner Blvd., Bronx 61, N. Y.

Charles Reiner, 2150 Creston Ave., Bronx 53, N. Y.

Julius Reisman, 1965 Vyse Ave., Bronx 60, N. Y.

John L. Revis, 2456 Johnson Ave., Bronx 63, N. Y.

William A. Robinson, 435 E. 138th St., Bronx, N. Y.

James J. Roche, 3866 Orloff Ave., Bronx, N. Y.

Murray C. Rogoff, 1750 E. 172nd St., Apt. 4K, Bronx 60, N. Y.

Robt. R. Ruffolo, 1378 Nelson Ave., Bronx 52, N. Y.

Peter J. Santero, 3050 Kings-bridge Terr., Bronx, N. Y.

Robt. W. Scanlon, 1252 Clay Ave., Bronx, N. Y.

Geo. Scharff, 1561 Metropolitan Ave., Parkschester, Bronx 62, N. Y.

Joseph Schettini, 1991 Wash-ington Ave., Bronx N. Y.

Mrs. Schmidt, 400 E. 141st St., Bronx, N. Y.

Manny Schonfeld, 2875 Sedg-wick Ave., Bronx 63, N. Y.

John A. Severino, 1266 Olm-stead Ave., Bronx 61, N. Y.

Hyman Shakin, 2518 Webb Ave., Bronx 63, N. Y.

Carl Shopoff, 1510 Jesup Ave., Bronx N. Y.

Alfred R. Siccio, 1593 Astor Ave., Bronx, N. Y.

Jonas E. Siegel, 1589 E. 172nd St., Bronx 60, N. Y.

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MINUTES OF RECENT BOARD MEETING

Exploiting the League of Nations



Sgt. Richard L. Kinkennon, former M Co., 47th man, is still in the service, stationed in Austria. His address is Sgt. R. L. Kinkennon, RA 3711864, Hq. Co., 2nd Bn. 350th Inf., APO 174, New York Postmaster. The tiny tot pictured above, and the little girl with arms around the boy in forefront are Sgt. Kinkennon's youngsters. The other four are native Austrian children.

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The Ack, Ack Boys Decide to Write



Robert E. Jackson, 104 Cherry St., West Orange 2, N. J., is anxious to hear from any of the old gang who made up the 376th AAA. Bob sent the above picture in hopes some of the boys pictured would write him a few lines. In the picture is a group of sergeants from Bty. D, 376th AAA. The picture was made in Bergen, Germany, in June, 1945. Jackson is pictured second from the left in the rear row.

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.

They Will Do the Boogie Dance In Chicago

That dance the Chicago committee has arranged will be the thing. It is planned for Friday, on July 14th, if you please!

The feet shuffling starts at 9:00 o'clock. Henry Shape's artists will furnish the musical inspiration. A floor show will be presented when the overnight troopers get tired of walking around the dance floor. Darlene Walders has promised to dance a "boogie-woogie" number. While the members are relaxing those comedians, the Parker brothers will be performing. And then what?—Egan and Parker—a singing set-up. And when Adele Parker starts singing "Old Man River" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," then brothers that's IT!

Marion Viney will be at this delightful show and when that violin gets out of its case and starts in, that will be wonderful!

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

60TH HISTORIES APPRECIATED BY NON-MEMBERS

Many members of the Association who have received copies of the beautiful little 60th Regiment History booklet, have shown them to ex-G.I. buddies from other divisions, resulting in many requests for the History from former soldiers from divisions other than the Ninth. Just why so few former Ninth men are not taking advantage of securing a copy of this beautifully printed number is a \$64 question.

The Board of Governors authorized Secretary Charles O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington, D. C., to mail this histories out upon receipt of 25 cents, which covers the mailing and packing charges.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Memorial Fund Should Be Acted On By Chapters

Only a few weeks remain between this publication date and July 13-14, 15, when the Ninth Infantry Division's Theater of Operations will be centered in Chicago, Ill., for its big Big Fifth Annual Reunion.

The Board of Governors will meet both before and after the Convention business sessions, and Secretary Tingley hopes that several additional prospective recipients of the Association's Memorial Foundation Fund will have been brought before local chapters and the names forwarded to the Board for consideration.

It is a good thing that Convention time is just around the corner. After each Convention Chapter members seem to be filled with enthusiasm and interest for a few months, and then interest lags until the next Convention gives them a shot in the arm. The reverse should be true. Activity should be at its highest pitch right now. Chapters are urged to make the Memorial Foundation project a must for discussion at their next meeting.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

Just Before the Battle, Mother

If you want to see me, mother
You will have to see me quick,
quick, quick,
For I'll be damned if I can soldier
With a shovel and a pick, pick,
pick.

The sergeant says my gun is rusty
And I know that he is right, right,
right,
But he should see my pick and
shovel,
They are always shining bright,
bright, bright.

CHICAGO IN 1950

STOP THE PRESS

A former 9th Division man's wife caught him kissing his secretary and phoned the newspaper to put his name in the obituary column.

"How long has he been dead?" she was asked.
"He starts tomorrow."

BOARD MEETING WAS BRIEF AND TO THE POINT; NEXT CONVENTION IS ARRANGED FOR

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT CONVENTION SITE WILL BE MADE AT THE BANQUET HELD IN THE SHERMAN HOTEL ON JULY 15.

Following are the list of National Board of Governors members who attended the last meeting held in Washington, D. C. on April 22, 1950:

Pres. Donald M. Clarke, Glenn O. Moore, Henry Goldbiecki, William Mauser, Michael Puzak, Richard C. Storey, Albert Bruchac, Calvin Polivy, Walter Mahon, Joe Casey, J. Robert Brogan and Harold Smith.

John J. Clouser, Chicago, Ill.; Louis R. Becker, Washington, D. C., and Paul S. Plunkett, Columbus, Ohio, were interested spectators.

The Board accepted the resignation of General Barth from the Board of Governors.

Motion was made by Glenn O. Moore that the Board of Governors elect a person to fill the unexpired term of General Barth and that such person as might be elected would serve in accordance with the by laws of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Mr. Puzak second this motion. Motion was adopted.

SECRET BALLOT

After nominations were made, a motion was adopted requesting that secret ballots be cast. The results awarded to Paul S. Plunkett the Board vacancy.

CONVENTION PLANS

A discussion was held on plans for the 1950 convention. Messrs. Mahon and Clouser presented the tentative program. Glenn O. Moore moved that Walter Mahon and the Chicago Chapter should handle the affairs for the convention in their own discretion. The motion was seconded and adopted.

APPROVE TINGLEY'S ACTION

William Mauser moved that approval of action taken by President Clarke and Secretary Tingley in withdrawing the Association's equipment and records from the National Association of Combat Units. Calvin Polivy seconded the motion. It was adopted.

Mr. Polivy moved that the 9th Infantry Division Association withdraw from the National Association of Combat Units and deny any and all liability for future dues. The motion was duly seconded and then adopted.

STUDY OCTOFOIL PROBLEM

The Board recommended that the President and the Secretary make a study of proposed changes in the printing of the monthly publication, The Octofoil. Such proposals shall be brought up at the next meeting of the Board for submission to the convention delegates for final action.

A motion was made, seconded and passed as follows:

No person shall hold office in a local chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association who is not a paid up member of the National Association.

CHARLES O. TINGLEY,
Secretary, 9th Inf. Div. Assn.
CHICAGO IN 1950

DAVE YOVICH IN NEED OF SOME INFORMATION

David Yovich is entitled to certain disability allowances. There are many former 9th men who remember when Dave was wounded. He is in Aspinwall, Pa., now at the VA Hospital. Some of his old buddies should get in touch with him, and if necessary, sign affidavits that Dave will furnish so his claim will be recognized.

Letters should be sent to David Yovich, Box 523, Masontown, Pa.
—CHICAGO IN 1950—

Please, Mrs. Getchell, Send the Clipping

Mrs. Fred Getchell, Rt. 1, Bangor, Maine, is an original Octofoil booster. She is also a Gold Star Mother all former and present 9th men dearly love.

In a recent letter to The Octofoil Mrs. Getchell mentioned an item that appeared in The Bangor (Me.) News, in which the death of Major Walter Kimball was written up.

Mrs. Getchell unintentionally failed to enclose the obituary. The Octofoil editor knows that the Major's buddies would appreciate getting more detailed information in the next issue.

LEO BLAUM DOING A GOOD JOB

By F. H. WOLMAN,
257 Green St., Edwardsville, Pa.
Kingston Postoffice.

The Wilkes Barre-Scranton Chapter held a Ladies' Day Party on Sunday, May 21, with a big turnout. Gold Bricks who were too lazy to make the trip have no idea what they missed. Interesting films were shown and a bit of buzz bomb juice was used. Eats were available and entertainment was a feature, by Hank Davis & Company. Mrs. Jack Knight was the lucky lady who won the door prize.

Again the Chapter extends sincere thanks to President Leo Blaum, who turned the party into a successful affair.

Francis Wolliver of Kingston reeled off the films. He is a non-member, but should be extended an honorary membership.

PRESENT HISTORIES

The Chapter presented copies of "8 Stars to Victory" to librarians from the Scranton and Wilkes-Barre Osterhout Libraries. Miss Josephine Peligo accepted for the Wilkes Barre Library, and William Bryan for Scranton.

LYNCH IS AWOL

Chappie Lynch has been AWOL for a few meetings. He is become a daddy very shortly—for the second time. He has been putting on a lot of weight.

CLAMBAKE

Plans for the annual clambake will be discussed at the next session. If the next is as good as the last one held it'll be a bang-up affair.

DELEGATES TO BE PICKED

The Convention Project was a huge success. Delegates to Chicago will be picked at the June 11 meeting. The Chapter will finance part of each delegates' expenses.

Get to that next meeting. It'll be held at the American Legion Home in Wilkes-Barre, at 2 P. M. on June 11.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Taylor Sends Jack Shepherd's Picture

Arriving too late for reproduction in this issue of The Octofoil was a picture of Pfc. Jack Shepherd, Canton, N. C.

The picture was sent in by Wilton Taylor, McKittrick, Calif. It will be used later.

Taylor asked that Mrs. Artie Shepherd be sent a few copies of The Octofoil when the picture is reproduced. She receives her mail at the Canton, N. C., postoffice.

OTHER MATERIAL

Much other valuable material was in Taylor's letter, which included a most clever cartoon, as well as a Saturday Evening Post front page, which showed a Ninth man really putting on a dance. The Post, through Wilton's intervention, has granted The Octofoil permission to reprint the cover at an early date.

Taylor, a former 47th man, is a most ardent supporter of The Octofoil. He has graciously furnished the address of former Lt. Col. Edward Clark, Jr. The address is Mr. E. A. Clark, Jr., 78 Dover Rd., Long Meadow, Mass. Several interesting clippings from Army Times were sent in by Wilton and they will be used just as quickly as it is humanly possible for The Octofoil to arrange for the space.

CHICAGO IN 1950

TWO IN ONE

Luke (reading tombstone): "Here lies a lawyer, an honest man."

Slush: "Zat something new?—Two men in one grave."