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DIV. TO MEET IN NEW YORK

GENERAL OMAR BRADLEY GREETES FORMER NINTH INF. DIVISION MEN

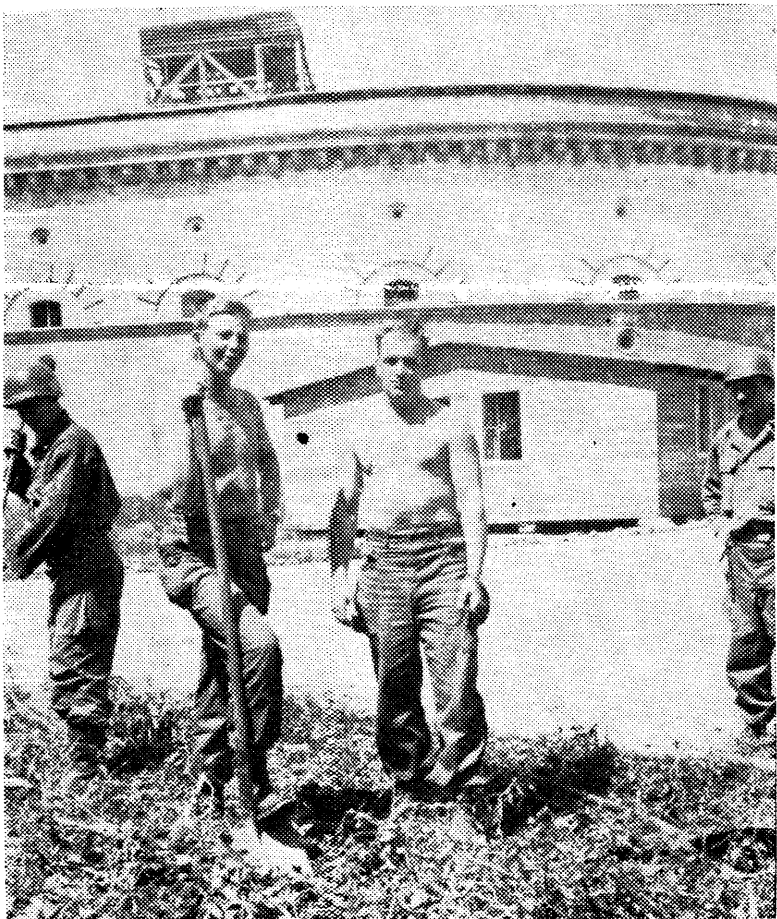
THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
GREETINGS

TO
NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

From North Africa to the Elbe, the Ninth Infantry Division demonstrated conclusively that it had all the skill, courage and devotion required for victory in battle. I am grateful for this opportunity to extend to its veterans my heartiest good wishes on the occasion of their fifth annual reunion. In this expression I am certain that every true American would like to join.

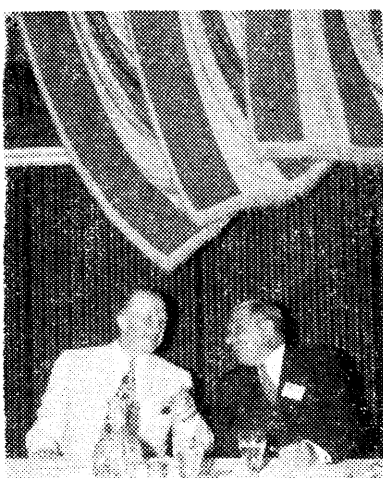
OMAR N. BRADLEY

Craft Gives His Shovel a Rest



Jim Craft, 3422 Yardley Dr., Baltimore 22, Md., is wondering what has happened to all his old buddies who once made up Co. I, 60th Regt. Unable to attend the Chicago convention because of an addition to the family, christened "Connie Craft," Jim is anxious for some of the boys to write he and his pretty wife, Lois, at the address given. Harking back to the summer of 1945, at Ingolstadt, Germany, will be noted above a picture made at that time, showing Craft ("resting" on the shovel,) and Jim Marney.

LOOK OUT, STALIN



Joe Stalin, over in his Russian balliwick, isn't capable of realizing what Lt. Gen. Manton Eddy and Maj. Gen. Carl Gray were "cooking up" when they got their heads together in Chicago during the 9th Inf. Div. Assn. convention.

GEN. CARL GRAY ENJOYED SESSIONS

Both President Don Clarke and Secy. Tingley are in receipt of nice letters from Maj. Gen. Carl R. Gray, Jr., VA Administrator, since his visit to the Fifth Annual Convention. The letter to President Clarke reads:

My dear Mr. President: This is the first chance I have had since my return home to drop you a note and tell you how much I enjoyed being with your Infantry Division at its 5th Annual Reunion.

Never was anyone made more welcome, never was anyone more taken care of and all-in-all I had a perfectly splendid and enjoyable time.

We have a lot in common—the Military Railway Service and the Ninth, and it was fun to catch up and connect up where we were together and what we did for each other.

Again with my deep appreciation, believe me,
Sincerely yours,
CARL R. GRAY, JR.

DETROIT PREPARES FOR AIR RAIDS

Joe Casey, Detroit, sent The Octofoil clippings from Detroit with a display sketch of warnings in event of air raids that might well be used in other localities until more specific instructions are issued. Among the instructions were 1. Don't rush into the street; 2. If on the street, take cover; 3. If in a car, park at once, leaving travel lanes open; 4. Buses, taxis, etc., should unload passengers; 5. If at home, stay there; take in passersby; 6. Stay away from windows and doorways; 7. Have flashlights handy.

Other material sent in by Casey was a cartoon that was supposed to represent the carrying-on of a veterans' convention being held in Detroit while the 9th was holding their own in Chicago. Casey calls attention to the difference—pointing out what a large percentage of former 9th men brought their wives and how the girls all fell in and kept step with the boys during the Memorial Parade in Chicago.

GEN. GRAY'S TALK AT CHICAGO CONVENTION WELL RECEIVED; DONALD CLARKE RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

ANY FORMER NINTH MAN WOULD HAVE BEEN PROUD TO SEE THE OLD OUTFIT IN ALMOST PERFECT FORMATION DURING CHICAGO MEMORIAL PARADE.

The Fifth Annual Ninth Infantry Division Association Convention is now history. It was a Convention long to be remembered. Attendance was much greater than the efficient Chicago Committee had expected. Members living in the Middle West who had never attended a Convention were present in large numbers. This fact convinced everyone the wisdom of rotating the Convention cities at proper intervals to various sections of the country.

Donald M. Clarke, Washington, D. C., was re-elected president; Joseph A. McKenzie, Waltham, Mass., first vice president; Frank Ozart, Chicago, second vice, and Dr. Hyman Seslowe, New York City, third vice; Thomas J. Gentry, Jr., Judge Advocate, and Charles O. Tingley, secretary-treasurer.

NEW YORK CITY CHOSEN

The Sixth Annual Convention will be held in New York City.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Father Edward Connors agreed to accept the one year unexpired term on the Board left vacant by the resignation of Gen. George Barth.

Elected as 3-year trustees were: John J. Clouser, Chicago; Donald M. Clarke, Washington; Albert Bruchac, New York City; Paul S. Plunkett, Columbus, O., and J. Guy McCormick, Philadelphia.

PARADE WAS GOOD

In would have done any old-time commanding officer a lot of good to have stood on the sidelines and observed the orderly manner the former Ninth men marched down the streets of Chicago enroute to the Memorial Services.

KERNER DID GOOD JOB

Otto Kerner, Jr., was toastmaster at the banquet and fulfilled his duties in his usual capable manner. Kerner was unable to visit with the delegates and their guests as much as he would have liked to. He was out of the city with the Illinois National Guard up until a few minutes before time for the banquet.

DIXIE LAD MADE TRIP TO CHICAGO

W. J. Victor, 580 Holderness St., S.W., Atlanta, Ga., the lad who furnishes The Octofoil with humorous fill-up items each month, was one of the first Association members to register at the Convention Headquarters hotel.

Jim Craft Says Doors Are Open

Jim Craft, 3422 Yardley Dr., Baltimore 22, Md., announces the fact that he and Lois have recently moved into their newly completed home and the doors are always open to any of his old buddies passing that way.

Gentry In Politics Up to His Ears

Thomas J. Gentry, Jr., 316 Fairfax Ave., Little Rock, Ark., the Association's Judge Advocate, wasn't able to attend the Chicago Convention because he was in the middle of a hot campaign in which he is a candidate for the office of Prosecuting Attorney in Pulaski and Perry Counties, Arkansas.

RUSSET WANTS PRIVATE REUNION

In another part of this issue is a picture of Molotoff and other G.I.s. The picture was sent in by Kurt Russet, 220 Irving Ave., Port Chester, N. Y. In the picture Don Hull is shown. Kurt asks why he and Don can't stage a private reunion—"G" Co. style. The writer, states, that as a former Co. G, 60th First Sergeant, he doesn't want to detract from Molotoff's reputation, but there were many good soldiers in the outfit like Sgt. Vandegriff and others too numerous to mention.

IT HAPPENED IN BROOKLYN

Raymond Peque, 65 Liberty St., Lodi, N. J., formerly with Hq. Bty. 84th FA Bn., is authority for this story:

"I have on my car the automobile license insignia sent out by the Association. On June 18, I was riding in heavy traffic. I kept hearing a horn blow—and before you know it, up comes a sedan and the driver leans out and yells 'What part of the 9th?' I edged to his car and yell '84th FA Bn.' He smiles and drops back. A few minutes later he come along side of me again (moving in and out of traffic, like he was dodging mines) and he yells '15th Engrs.' I am tickled with all these goings on. Again he surges ahead (like he was driving a General), and I call back 'El Guettar'—he grins and yells 'good luck, pal, so long.'"

RALPH NELSON IS GAINING FAME AS FEATURE WRITER

Ralph Nelson, Cleveland, O., former 60th man, has written several feature articles for nationally known publications during recent months. His most recent article appeared in the April issue of Argosy magazine.

Gen. Mahin's Widow Sends for Histories

Mrs. Frank C. Mahin, 8570 Burton Way, Los Angeles, Calif., writes Secy. Tingley, in part as follows:

"I received a copy of 'Follow Through,' which is of great interest to me as my husband was in charge of the 60th at Bragg when it was reactivated. Would you send a copy to Dr. Ralph A. Cowerdella, 201 Hempstead Ave., Malverne, N. Y., and Col. R. A. Ballard Rt. 1, Box 318, Homestead, Fla., both former close friends of Gen. Mahin's."

Octofoil Preference Blank

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I do () mark X, prefer that The Octofoil be printed and published on a 4-page basis, similar to this issue, for the ensuing current year.

Mr. Charles O. Tingley, Secretary-Treasurer,
Ninth Infantry Division Association,
Box 1704,
Washington 13, D. C.

Name

Street or R. F. D.

City State

Members who object to mutilating their Octofoils may signify preference of type Octofoil desired by mailing the secretary a postal card. Read the editorial on Page 2 before mailing in any cards.

SECRETARY TINGLEY EXPLAINS ACTION TAKEN CONCERNING THE OCTOFOIL

By CHARLES O. TINGLEY, Secy.-Treas., 9th Inf. Div. Assn., Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

One of the major items of business which was brought before the members attending the Fifth Annual Convention was the matter concerning publishing of our monthly paper, The Octofoil.

Members of the Newspaper Committee submitted a report that was unanimously adopted by the delegates and entails the following changes:

The present Octofoil is printed by the Linotype method and costs about \$5,000 per year.

If the same type of paper was put out by the letter press method the cost would be reduced to about \$3,000 per year.

If the paper was put out by the multilithing method the cost would be reduced to about \$2,000 per year. The point was brought out that the First Infantry Div. Association's publication, The Bridgehead Sentinel, is published by the multilith process and if The Octofoil was put out in that fashion it would appear in size of The Bridgehead Sentinel.

The Newspaper Committee recommended to the Convention the following:

The August issue of The Octofoil shall be a 4-page paper printed by the Linotype method and

the cost shall not exceed \$200 for this issue.

The September issue shall be a 4-page issue published by the letter press method and shall not exceed \$200.

The October issue shall be in the form of The Bridgehead Sentinel, published by the multilith process and the cost shall not exceed \$200.

After the October issue has been published the President and the Secretary, in conjunction with the Board of Governors shall determine the manner in which future editions of The Octofoil shall be published. In any event, the cost for one year shall not exceed \$2,400, nor the cost per month exceed \$200.

This report was unanimously adopted by the convention.

In order that we may have some reactions to base our future methods of publishing The Octofoil it is earnestly requested that the members fill out the questionnaire which appears below. In this manner we can have your opinions on this issue. Next month a similar questionnaire will appear, likewise for the October issue, and then a study will be made by the President, Secretary and the Board of Governors as to the form which future issues of The Octofoil will appear.

QUESTIONNAIRE . . .

I have carefully read the August issue of The Octofoil and I wish to make the following remarks or criticisms:.....

If more space is needed please use a separate sheet of paper. Make your remarks as brief and concise as possible. Also it would be appreciated if you would make CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISMS rather than just plain criticism. If you do not like this form of paper please state why you do not like it and also how you would suggest improving it.

Signed
Address

JAKE NAILOR III LIKES TO READ THE OCTOFOIL FROM COVER TO COVER

Jacob Nailor III, 117 E. Main St., Mechanicsburg, Pa., is a real booster for the Association. He carries on a one-man campaign to sell former 9th men on the reasons they all should belong to the Association.

In a recent letter to Secretary Tingley, among other things, Jake has this to say:

"I would like to send along a few words of praise for you fellows in our National Headquarters who are doing such a wonderful job of running this great Association and holding it together. If all the fellows are as proud of the 'Fighting Ninth' as I am, we would have an Association second to none. I may be slow in showing my appreciation but it is better late than never.

LIKES OCTOFOIL

"The Octofoil is a paper that is tops. Everyone who was in the old Ninth should enjoy reading it. It not only keeps us in touch with our former buddies but it also keeps us up to date with the happenings of the Association. The editorials and articles refresh our minds and inform us of things we

have missed during our combat days. Keep up the good work. INSIGNIA HELPS

"The other night a fellow parked behind me. He got out, came over and remarked, 'I see you are from the 9th Division.' He saw the Division emblem, which I am proud to display. I learned that his name was Brown and he lives in Mechanicsburg. We had a long talk and plan to see more of each other."

Jake sent Secy. Tingley names and addresses of two former buddies, Fred Schmitt, Rt. 2, Salem, Ind., and Gerald Bryant, 1956 S. E. 20th, Portland 14, Ore. Secretary Tingley did not have Bryant's correct address, and Schmitt was sent an application blank.

Jake went to a bit of effort to give the secretary the information he did. It will probably result in a new member and reinstatement of another. Other members could do the same as Jake did and the penny-pinching necessary on the part of the Association officers could be partially eliminated and many features added to the Association's activities.

NINTH WILL ALWAYS BE CLOSE TO COL. VAN BOND

One of the most touching letters reaching The Octofoil during the past month was signed by Col. Van H. Bond, Hq. Third Army, Fort McPherson, Ga., and read in part as follows:

"The Ninth Division will always be very close to my heart and the command of the 39th during the race across France to the Elbe plus a year of occupation is the highest honor and most cherished memory I possess. Please give my regards to any of the old members of the 39th you see. God bless them all."

A news release states that a veterans' club was sued for wages by a strip tease artist. 'Twas said she just made a bare living.

General Eddy's Address Was Serious

Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy spoke to "his boys" during the banquet held at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, at the Association's Fifth Annual Reunion.

It was a far cry, the Chicago General Eddy, from the light-hearted regular G. I. General Eddy, who visited from room to room with "his boys" at the Pittsburgh Convention, when he was accompanied by Col. George Barth, now Brig. Gen. Barth, who is in the thick of combat in Korea.

General Eddy prefaced his remarks to the Convention by saying he could sense the tension of the former Ninth men when he first entered the Sherman Hotel. Everyone had misgivings and thoughts of imminent combat that they feared to express openly. He referred to the former Ninth men assembled as soldiers and in his eyes they would always remain soldiers and good soldiers—the best!

President Truman has displayed excellent judgment in selecting Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy as commander of European troops. He leaves for his Berlin assignment shortly after 1 August 1950.

Since the Ninth Division returned from overseas the General has missed only one convention—and he was confined to a hospital at that time. However, he advised "his boys" there was little likelihood that he would be with them in 1951 or 1952. He called to their attention the skeleton outline of an Army he was taking over in Europe, as compared to the many fully equipped Divisions the Soviet Government was maintaining in that area.

Many a hardened ex-G. I. shook the General's hand after the banquet and hoarsely stated: "I've never been much of a praying man, General, but if my prayers mean anything, they are being offered for your well-being and the G. I.s you will command. If the world's turmoil reaches such a state as it is necessary for me to again offer my services to fight off foreign aggression, may it be God's will that I serve under your command on foreign soil." Unashamed tears filled the eyes of many as the General moved out of the hall erect and bravely to face what to others would be considered insurmountable obstacles.

The Octofoil is not a political publication. The founders of the Association have wisely decreed that neither the Association or any unit of the Association shall participate in partisan politics. But it is not politics for The Octofoil to express utter contempt for potential murderers in the Halls of Congress who have maintained isolationist attitudes, and who have raped the Military Forces of this country, by disallowing sufficient monies for the Armed Forces to operate safely.

One of the most simple rules we all learned early in life was "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." How true this rule applies to our Armed Forces in their ever-present battle to suppress foreign oppression and protect the institutions and homes in our free and God-loving America.

Thousands of dear lives will be lost if and when open hostilities start with Russia's dictator-dominated forces because America has been betrayed by isolationists in Congress, who are not willing to allow the Armed Forces necessary funds until after either our country or our country's interests are attacked. Then while American economy is being put into operation to combat the aggressors much valuable time is lost—miles and miles of territory lost that have to be regained at the cost of thousands and thousands of lives.

We have been taught that it takes all kinds of people of make up this world—but it certainly seems that American civilization would be much safer if the isolationists in Washington were where they rightfully belong—and that is in the bottomless pits of hell.

Mothers who will have Gold Stars in their windows in increasing numbers—those who will be called on to make sacrifices unheard of during World War II, in the weeks that are immediately ahead, may well study the stand their representatives in Washington, both Republicans and Democrats, have taken in world affairs, and the stand they have taken in penny pinching from the Armed Forces to the extent to making fighting units almost a joke—thereby jeopardizing any and everything dear to Americans.

Cleveland-Akron Gang Hold Picnic



Virginia Kendall Park was the scene of the Cleveland-Akron Chapter's recent picnic. Pictured, standing, left to right: Nabakoski, Grill, Mauser, Grizer, Sinare, Schaeffer, Shade and McLaren. The wives, girl friends and kiddies are looking forward to a bigger and better picnic in 1951.

MATUSIK IS ON "THE OLD BEAM"

"Shirts" Matusik gives the Hotel Sherman credit for having the Fifth Army Band to put on that show in the hotel lobby.

MORE SHIRT TAILS . . .

It was necessary to obtain four permits from the city and park district authorities before the parade could be staged.

Matusik wants to thank the following boys and gals:

Mesdames Waples, Winkleman, Conley, Lindner, Dawson and Doris Lundbom.

BEHIND THE SCENES

W. V. Lyerly, secretary to Alabama's Governor Jim Folsom, had a helluva good time. "Alabam" and his cronies caused the House Dicks to develop a few gray hairs. They removed shoes and socks—rolled pants legs up to knee caps and spread their carcasses out all over the place. The heathens patronized a Loop restaurant in bare feet. At least that's a rumor.

HUTCH MOVES IN

Ex-Col. J. R. Hutchinson, originally from the Div. A. G. Office, and his pretty wife arrived at the convention from the state of Washington.

TURNER'S PAL GETS IN

Bob Turner's buddy, Anthony Damato, accompanied by Mrs. Damato, registered in and brought best regards from Turner, who was busy in his Los Angeles photo shop.

14 FOX HOLERS

Wilfred Thornton, South Bend, Ind., can be thanked for getting 14 Joes from Co. M, 60th Inf. to register in at the convention.

THE HAWK

Al "The Hawk" DiRiso had his bit to say and his remarks were well received.

(Editor's Note: When Matusik attempted to take The Hawk's photo, he objected because of a mix up in cutlines last year—then Matusik tried to lay the blame on The Octofoil's editor.)

FRAZIER MADE IT

Garver O. Frazier, a former 60th man, was forced to use a set of crutches but he got there.

Walt Victor moved in from the land of Georgia Peaches, a section of America that makes plugging around Atlanta's Five Points a pleasure.

Herb Waples took darn good care of the A. T. Co., who were a part of the 60th Inf.

THANKS MRS. REINHARDT

The honored guest was Mrs. Mary Reinhardt, Chrisman, Ill. The members who knew Mrs. Reinhardt's son should contact her at the above address.

MAY GOD BLESS DORIS

If I (Shirts Matusik) was a linguist, I would attempt to express thanks to the men of the 60th for their cooperation given to Doris Tepper (sister of the late Chaplain Tepper) in her efforts to obtain correct information concerning the chaplain's death.

PROBABLY WASHING DISHES

Matusik tipped the waitresses off that Father Connors would not be allowed to pay for a meal when the two were out together. But Father Connors doesn't know how Matusik is looking forward to those Boston baked beans when Shirts makes his next visit down East.

TWO FLASHES—

"Shirts" Matusik got around to putting on a white shirt and a tie when he attended the banquet—and Walt Mahon finally located a girl friend.

LOOK OUT TINGLEY

It would do any former Ninth man's heart good to see the 17 prints that Theodore "Shirts" Matusik has forwarded to The Octofoil for publication. The prints are being forwarded to Secretary Charles O. Tingley for use in the next Octofoil.

There's a Flag In the Making

Pearl Nickle, a former 39th guy, advises The Octofoil that he has finished an American flag that will be presented to the Columbus Chapter at an early date. Pearl lives at 1548 N. 4th St., Columbus, Ohio.

The flag is of a good grade silk and can be dry cleaned. Naturally an Octofoil is in the center, as well as the 8 campaign stars. It is 40x60 inches and has a gold fringe border.

The flag will accompany Columbus boys visiting all future conventions.

The Great Molotoff Concentrates



Kurt W. Russet, 220 Irving Ave., Port Chester, N. Y., a former Co. G, 60th Top Kick, snapped the above picture of the Great Molotoff at Fort Bragg. Kurt says it must have been snapped during mail call or on pay day because on those occasions was the only time he could count on "Molly" being present. Pictured, from left to right, wearing dark glasses: Sgt. Joe Coppolino; Pete Petraska; T-Sgt. Joe Vandergrift, who was killed in France, while awaiting a battle field commission; next to Joe (the dark character), is Don Hull, and the handsome fellow, curly haired, with his hand up to his face is none other than the "Great Molotoff."

BARBARA JANE NEWMAN IS THE SECOND DAUGHTER

The Northeastern Hospital of Philadelphia, has certified to the fact that Barbara Jane Newman, weight, 6 lbs. 12 1-2 oz. was born in that hospital on the 12th day of June, 1950. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Newman are the proud parents.

Barbara Jane's sister, born Sept. 4, 1948, is named Carol. The Newmans live at 2938 N. Bambrey St., Philadelphia, Pa.

CLYDE WRIGHT WRITES FROM NORTH CAROLINA

Clyde R. Wright is a member of the firm, Wright Brothers, manufacturers of concrete building blocks, Box 756, Gastonia, N. C.

Clyde was with the Division from the good old days at Bragg until five weeks before V-E Day. He was one of the best liked officers in Cannon Co., 60th, and was executive officer during the five ETO campaigns.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Schmidt Convention Guests

A long time before the date to leave Philadelphia for the Chicago convention Mrs. Theodore C. Schmidt, 3737 N. Percy St., Philadelphia 10, Pa., had written Secretary Tingley for reservations and asked that they be seated at the banquet near some former 26th FA men, in the hope some of them would prove to be Ted's old buddies.

PERRY BURNETT LET'S GOOD ONES GET AWAY

Perry Burnett is plugging away for Uncle Sam as a railway mail clerk, but finds a bit of time to put in at his favorite fishing hole. He boasts of some pretty good catches, but typical of all fishermen, claims that the biggest fish that he snares seems to get away. Perry and Mrs. Burnett live at 6950 Clovernook Ave., Cincinnati 31, Ohio.

The Burnetts took in the Chicago Convention in grand style.

STAY ON THE JOB

It was wheat combining time this year when the Association's Convention was held in Chicago—and for that reason Arnold Bohlmeier, Rt. 1, Plainview, Ill., had to forego visiting with his old buddies in the Big City. And what a shame it was that he couldn't get away from work because Chicago is only 250 miles from Plainview.

JOHN KACSALA WANTS 60TH MEN TO WRITE

John Kacsala is working in the Cleveland, O., post office, and since he was unable to get to the Chicago Convention, he wants to ask his old buddies a question through The Octofoil and that is why in the devil is it that fellows who made up Co. G, 60th, while the outfit was in England refuse to send in news items to their newspaper. He directs the inquiry especially to guys like Pizzi, Merggey, Masterson, Pop Dimick and Gomez. John's address is 2902 E. 92nd St., Cleveland 4, Ohio. He says he'll answer all letters he might receive from the old gang.

Kacsala invites the Association to hold a Convention in Cleveland some day. He guarantees all the visitors a grand time.

COLLEEN O'KEEFE OFF TO A GOOD START

Colleen Patricia O'Keefe made an auspicious entry into this world on June 21, 1950. She was born in Larry's automobile while en route to the hospital.

Both Mommy Patricia and little Colleen are doing nicely. They are at home, 9019 20th Ave., N.E., Seattle 5, Wash.

Akron-Cleveland Group Thankful

In behalf of the Greater Cleveland Chapter, Roger Schaeffer asked The Octofoil to congratulate the Chicago committee on the way they conducted the convention.

The Cleveland-Akron Chapter held their "Operation Picnic" at Fall Lake, Sunday, July 9. The duty roster included Prexy and Mrs. Bill Mauser, Carl and Mrs. Grizer, Bob and Mrs. Lynch, Frank and Mrs. Brant (Frank is chaplain), Jack and Mrs. Nabrowski and Roger and Mrs. Schaeffer.

Notices will be sent announcing the next meeting, which will be in mid-August.

GREETINGS TO BUDDIES

The Octofoil's old standby, George Ginsberg, 1468 Seabury Pl., New York 60, N. Y., drops a few lines in the mail box directed to The Octofoil saying that while he was visiting in Long Island recently he ran into John Hale, 171 Rockaway Ave., Valley Stream, L. I., who wants to be remembered to all the boys who were formerly with M Co., 60th Inf.

JOE MCKENZIE LOCATES ANOTHER NINTH MAN WHO WAS "LOST"

By JOSEPH A. MCKENZIE, Waltham, Mass.

Another Ninth man has been found. Everett W. Skinner, formerly of Portland, Maine, now of 132 Crescent St., Waltham, was a mortar man with Co. A, 60th. Everett joined A Co. after Falaise Gap and was with the company until December 9, 1945, when he left Germany to return to the states. At the present time he is attending Saunders Radio & Television School in Boston. Everett is married and the father of two husky boys. He would like to hear from any boys from A Co. who remember him.

On June 27 I visited the City

of Worcester on official business, after which I called at St. Peter's Rectory to say hello to our Father Connors. I was informed that Father Connors had been made Parish Priest in the town of Grafton, Mass. A Parish Priest or Pastor as he is also called, is the Priest in charge of all Catholics in a designated area. It is a promotion for him which he really deserves. Grafton is about 10 miles southeast of Worcester and is easily accessible from the Worcester Turnpike.

Our baby boy, named Joe, Jr., was born on May 27. Both he and his mother are enjoying the best of health.

BUDDY IS PAGING KENNETH W. HILL

H. C. Counselman, 2809 Winchester St., Baltimore 16, Md., is anxious to locate his former commanding officer, Kenneth W. Hill, Co. E, 39th. Kenny formerly resided in Lubbock, Tex., but mail from there is being returned.

Counselman has written Secretary Tingley for an application blank to be filled out by a former 9th man who was wounded in the African campaign and had never heard of the Association.

ADS LEFT OUT OF THIS ISSUE

Because of the 4-page limitation of this issue notices about the 60th Histories being for sale, the map, showing the Ninth's combat areas, etc., as well as the jewelry ads were omitted. It is also regrettable that the directory of all members, present and former, had to be discontinued when it had just about run its course—lacking about 225 inches of names to go.

KARANTJIEFF IN DETROIT

Bill Karantjief operates a Bar-B-Q emporium at 17410 E. Warren, in Detroit, Mich. He recently asked that this short notice be inserted in The Octofoil:

"Any of the boys who ever pass through Detroit are invited to drop by and say hello. It will be a treat for me and on the house for them."

DETROITERS WILL HOLD PICNIC

Earl Caldwell, secretary Detroit Chapter, 5203 Jonathon, Dearborn, Mich., is greatly enthused about the picnic Detroit Chapter has arranged for Sunday, Aug. 20, to be held at Lola Valley Park, between Five and Six Mile roads, close to Telegraph. Francis J. Ferrise is chairman, being assisted by Edward Mazur and Urban M. Cox. Prizes and refreshments will be available for the kiddies.

Frank Schipis is building an annex to his home which has prevented him from attending meetings recently. Pete Diamond, the restaurant man, hasn't explained why he has been absent.

The Detroit Chapter asks the question: "In case of war and the 9th Division was to again see action, would the new members of the 9th be eligible for membership in our Association?"

The Octofoil editor is not able to answer this question. The Judge advocate should be contacted. Section 4, By-Laws, which were a part of the original papers of incorporation reads: 4. Any person assigned to the 9th Infantry Division during the period 7 December 1941 to 24 August 1945 . . . shall be eligible for membership in the Association."

However, action taken at the Pittsburgh convention might supersede the above and make the new 9th lads eligible.

GEN. BARTH GOES TO KOREAN FRONT

Walter Simmons dispatched the following message to American newspapers recently that subscribe to The Chicago Tribune Foreign Service wires:

"Five minutes before the enemy tanks reached 'Little Bataan,' where American infantry now stand isolated, I left with Brig. Gen. George Barth. We didn't know the tanks were coming. We went back to see an artillery position 4,000 yards to the rear. Just as we got there four 105 mm. howitzers went into action. . . ."

Mr. and Mrs. Kyto Had a Good Time

Mr. and Mrs. Toiva Kyto, 1007 Spruce St., Marquette, Mich., have this to say about the Chicago convention: "Want to say to the boys who were absent that they sure missed something. Once you've been to one of these conventions we know you will not miss another one. Special thanks to Herb Waples and the Missus for taking us 60th Anti-Tankers under their wings."

LT. HAINES OFFERS TO SEND PICTURES

Lt. Albert E. Haines, Jr., Hqs. U. S. Constabulary, AG Sec., APO 46, New York Postmaster, asks for the address of Lt. Milton R. LeRoy, formerly with Hqs. Co. 2d Bn., 47th. Lt. Haines was formerly a 47th Inf. lieutenant.

He expects to be overseas for three more years and is taking trips to old 9th combat grounds. Plans for this fall call for trips to Schlevenhut, Krefeld, Eischweiler, Frenzeburg, etc. He has kindly offered to make photos for any former 9th men who are interested.

Lt. Haines recently contacted Maj. Armstrong, former F Co., 47th man, and Sfc. Breece, of K Company.

MRS. CRIPE FEELS VERY GRATEFUL

Mrs. Clyde Cripe, 7 Dixie Dr., Anderson, Ind., has written a very fine letter to Secretary Tingley, thanking him for his efforts, even though he was unsuccessful, in trying to convince the Indiana State Bonus Board that Clyde was definitely entitled to the state bonus. The lad has an excellent record made with the 9th Medics all through the war.

Other excerpts from Mrs. Cripe's letter reads:

"The poem in The Octofoil is very appropo:

"God and the Soldier—all men adore,
In time of trouble and no more;
For when war is over and all things righted,
God is neglected—old soldiers slighted."

"We are still more fortunate than many. Our business is still young, struggling for existence. Clyde and I have one another and are proud of our 21 month old daughter. We have a roof over us and food. Would to God people all over the world could say as much."

"Edgar Cobbler was recently released from a hospital. His and Lois' address is care Southside Esso Station, Martinsville, Va."

Capt. Plants Gets A Bit Lonesome

A letter from Capt. W. L. Plants, 7750th USAREUR Exam. Agency No. 4, APO 407-A, care New York postmaster, advises that he hasn't forgotten any of the old Ninth gang.

The captain has been able to contact Gen. George Smythe for a few confabs since the General went back overseas. He also came in contact with a brother of Lt. Don Morrison, former 47th man, who now lives at 1242 Ware Ct., Willow Run, Mich.

Captain Plants says the best news he's heard in a long time was the announcement that Gen. Eddy was taking over in that part of the world.

NAUGHTY BOY

First Mother: "How did that naughty boy of yours get hurt?"

Second Mother: "That good little boy of yours hit him on the head with a rock."

Welcome to the New Members

The following new members have been recorded in Secretary Tingley's office since the last issue of The Octofoil went to press:

James Miller, Rt. 3, Caneyville, Ky. (Sgt., I Co., 60th.) Through New York Chapter.

Aurele Daoust, 2260 E. 72nd St., Brooklyn 34, N. Y. Through New York Chapter.

Aaron Weinberg, 2320 Ave. V, Brooklyn, N. Y. Through New York Chapter.

Edward E. Crone, 1601 N. Tyler, Little Rock, Ark. (Pvt., G Co., 60th Inf.)

Charles P. Helms, 7714 W. Arthur Ave., West Allis 14, Wis. (Pfc., 1st Bn. Hq. Co., 39th.)

Gerald D. Wierenga, 1168 Port Sheldon Rd., Jenison, Mich. (Pfc. L Co., 47th.)

Howard M. Colen, 2921 W. 33d St., Brooklyn 24, N. Y. (T-5 3d Bn., Hq. Co., 39th.)

Vestal R. Lester, Box 94, Science Hill, Ky. (Capt., L Co., 47th.)

Robert W. Day, Lilly Ave., Day Court, New Albany, Ind. (Pvt., G Co., 60th Inf.)

Raymond J. Ledwith, 62 Montgomery Ave., Staten Island 1, N. Y. (Pfc., Co. C, 9th Medics.)

Emilio J. Parrella, 56 Summers St., Oyster Bay, N. Y. (Sgt., 15th Engrs.)

Helmuth W. Trieshmann, 455 E. Westfield Ave., Roselle Park, N. J. (S-Sgt., 9th Sig.)

Robert Campbell, 74 Melville St., Rochester 9, N. Y. (Regt. Hq. Co., 39th.)

H. W. Dixon, 226 McDonald St., P. O. Box 152, Greenville, S. C. (1st Sgt., Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 47th.)

Michael J. Thorek, 682 Main St., Swoyersville, Pa. (Through Wilkes Barre-Scranton Chapter.)

Raymond U. Brown, Maynard, Ark. (S. Sgt., Hq. Btry., 60th FA.)

Donald C. Fries, Upland, Nebr. (T-5 2nd Bn., Hq. Co., 39th.)

Benjamin C. Swaim, 2013 Green St., Charlotte 6, N. C. (Major, Captain, B Co., 60th Inf.)

Through Lt. Col. John C. Carrier. Gordon Mork, Iola, Wis. (Co. I, 47th Inf.)

Dale F. Keilty, 613 S. Outer Dr., Wilmington, Ill. (Pfc., Cannon Co., 39th.)

George Bako, 541 E. 140th St., Bronx, N. Y. Through New York Chapter.

Matty Mulholland, 38 Hemlock St., Hingham, Mass. Through New England Chapter.

JOE YOUNG RESIDES IN DOVER, NEW JERSEY

When it was T-5 Joseph W. Young, Co. F, 39th Inf., his home address was Speedwell Ave., Morristown, N. J. Many buddies have failed to get letters through to Joe since returning from overseas because of the incorrect address.

His present address is Joseph W. Young, 128 Monroe Ave., Dover, New Jersey.

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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."

ON YOUR OWN

You've got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your Grandfather was!

Don't kiss a homely maid—she will brag about it.