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U. S. A. Commemorative Plaque, presented to Winchester by Gen. G. W. Smythe, of the 9th Infantry Division, U.S.A. Army. Left to right: Lord Templemore (High Steward of the city); the Mayoress; Gen. G. W. Smythe; Mr. William H. Beck, U.S.A. Consul-General at Southampton; the Mayor of Winchester (Councillor S. R. Evans), supported by the bearer of the great Mace (Mr. Cobb).

Association Presents Plaque to City of Winchester, England

Presentation Made By Brig. General George W. Smythe On August 2nd.

(Reprint from *The Hampshire Observer, Winchester, England*).

WINCHESTER'S WAR HOSPITALITY

Plaque from 9th Infantry Division U. S. Army

"Presented to the City of Winchester by the men of the 9th Infantry Division, United States Army, as a token of their appreciation for the most cordial hospitality extended to them during World War II."

This was the inscription on a bronze plaque presented by Brig. General George W. Smythe, of the United States Army, to the city of Winchester on Wednesday. General Smythe, who is stationed in Germany and who has been attending a one-week British School at Old Sarum (Salisbury), made the presentation as the first president of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. During World War II he was commander of the 47th Infantry Regiment, which had originally been stationed at Basingstoke, Northington Grange and Alresford before moving to the Winchester Barracks in 1944.

The ceremony took place on the Guildhall steps, the plaque being received on behalf of the city by the Mayor (Councillor S. R. Evans), who was accompanied by Lord Templemore (High Steward of Winchester). Members of the Corporation attended in their robes of office, and there was a representative gathering of citizens. On one side of the Guildhall steps was flying the "Old Glory," and on the other the Union Jack.

A sharp shower of rain immediately prior to the ceremony had a probable effect on the attendance of the general public, but two to three hundred citizens gathered and lined the pavement opposite the Guildhall.

They heard General Smythe, who was introduced by the Mayor, speak of the pride and honour he felt at being able to represent the 18,000 men of the Ninth Division who had been in training in that area. It was a great honour to present the plaque, and he would like to feel that the surrounding community of Basingstoke, Barton Stacey and Alresford, where they were distributed during the war, were also sharing in the memento the 9th Division were presenting to the city.

"I would like you to know that the Infantry Division has organized an Association which is designed to carry out the ideas and

ideals set forth by Lieut.-General Manton S. Eddy during his time as commanding officer of the division, and I am sure, as they read about what we are doing here today, they will look back with pride on the days of their stay in Winchester and vicinity. I have written to many of my personal friends that the success of the Ninth Infantry Division in combat in Europe was mainly due to the very fine hospitality and the good feeling which existed during our stay. I am sure we can convey no greater idea to the people of the city of Winchester than to say you played a great part in our accomplishments during the latter part of the war."

Accepting the plaque, the Mayor said it would remain for a month in the Guildhall, where it could be seen by citizens and visitors, and would then be found an honoured place in the Cathedral, together with the flag which had been presented to them by the Division.

The Mayor continued: "We all remember those officers and men of the Ninth U. S. Infantry Division during their stay in this city, and how they endeared themselves to the citizens to such an extent that we have ever since regarded the Division as our own. You came to our hearths and our homes, and made yourselves in every sense of the word citizens of Winchester, and so great was the bond of friendship between us that your Commanding General, Lieut.-General Manton S. Eddy, was made a Freeman of the City. We are extremely sorry that he is unable to be with us to-day, but I am happy to say he does visit us from time to time. When the Ninth Division arrived in this city, General Eddy very quickly established a good, sound foundation, which was speedily built into personal friendship and respect between all the citizens and their soldier guests from the United States, and he gave a fine lead which was of the highest value in making us friends in the truest sense in which only deeds count."

"Your officers and men entertained us most generously, and they gave the children of this city a wonderful time in arranging for them Christmas parties and other entertainments. They extended to all of us as much and perhaps even more hospitality than we were privileged to give to them."

"We know that the American way is not always the British way. On many things we agree to differ, but fundamentally we base our conduct on the same prin-

ciples, the same ideals of freedom and justice and equality of opportunity. We in Britain shall never forget the two world wars in which we fought side by side with the Americans. In those bitter and brutal conflicts our friendship was put to the supreme test, and it emerged stronger than ever. When the G.I.'s came to us in England they gave us a new understanding of the American people, and we hope they went away with some pleasant memories of our own folk."

"On D-Day, G.I.'s and Tommies crossed the Channel together, serving under a unified command with a degree of cooperation never before achieved between two independent nations. Victory and peace were achieved above all by the unity of our effort. We are conscious, too, of the very great debt of gratitude which we owe to your great country after the second world war, when many of our cities bore ugly scars and our economic life was in jeopardy, for assistance, which made our reconstruction possible, and for that great generosity we can never sufficiently thank you."

"May I congratulate the United States upon the firm stand it is making for freedom to-day and upon the courage and heroism with which its soldiers are fighting the battle of freedom. Your forces and ours are again fighting side by side, and never was the great partnership between us more essential. We are all resolved that never shall any wedge be driven between us."

The Mayor concluded by referring with regret to the absence of Lieut.-General F. H. Griffiths, Winchester's war-time Mayor, and by welcoming Mr. William H. Beck, the United States Consul-General at Southampton, and Mrs. Beck.

Following the ceremony, luncheon was held in the Abbey House, when toasts were drunk to the Mayor and Mayoress, and to General Smythe and Mrs. Smythe, and the 9th Division.

Linze S. Parson's Death Reported

Word was received from Harrison Parsons, father of LINZE S. PARSONS (Cpl. 34th FA), informing us of the death of Linze on October 19, 1947. No further information was contained in the notice which was a result of the recent questionnaire sent out concerning the forthcoming Southeastern Reunion.

Southeastern Reunion Expects to Draw Big Attendance—November 18 Is Date Birmingham, Ala., Chosen as the Site

DUE TO OUR INABILITY TO SECURE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, IT HAS BECOME NECESSARY TO SELECT A NEW SITE FOR THE SOUTHEASTERN CON-CLAVE.

Definite plans have been made to hold the reunion on November 18—a Saturday. Headquarters will be at the TUTWILER HOTEL, located in the heart of BIRMINGHAM, the leading city of the State of Alabama.

As announced in the September issue of *The Octofoil*, your National Secretary has since mailed a questionnaire to all Association members living in the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Louisiana and Florida, plus the State of Mississippi. After the questionnaire was mailed it was learned that Atlanta would not be able to accommodate the reunion. Word was received that the hotels in Atlanta are all booked solid—no space at all could be found—therefore, it was necessary to either cancel all plans or else change the location.

Inasmuch as this section of our membership certainly deserves the opportunity of meeting together to renew old acquaintances and also based upon the enthusiasm voiced by a large number of members who responded to the questionnaire it was decided to transfer the location to Birmingham, where we have been promised excellent accommodations at the Tutwiler Hotel.

Arrangements are being made with the hotel to provide a meeting space for a get-together on Saturday afternoon, followed in the evening by a banquet. Motion pictures showing elements of the 9th Division in action during the

last War will be available for showing.

A registration file will be available at all times which will show the hotel room number, as well as former unit affiliation in the 9th Division of all members attending the reunion. Every effort will be made to assure those of you who attend the fullest opportunity of contacting your friends.

The cost of this affair will be kept to a minimum. No effort will be made to make a profit, at the same time we do intend to meet expenses. The charge will be no more than Five Dollars per person.

Within the next few weeks, the membership in this area will again be contacted with further announcements on this important event. In the meantime, those of you who plan to attend would be wise to contact the Tutwiler Hotel as soon as possible and make your reservations for hotel rooms. The complete address is as follows:

TUTWILER HOTEL,
2005 FIFTH AVE., NO.
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

Here is an opportunity for you fellows in the southern area to get together. The date of November 18th was selected, based upon the questionnaires which were returned. This date was the one that seemed to suit the majority. Also, the Saturday afternoon meeting and evening banquet plan received the most checkmarks.

The response to date certainly indicates that this reunion will be well attended. Several members included a remark on their questionnaire that it is about time an opportunity is being afforded for the members living in this part of the country to take part in a reunion.

DON'T DELAY—ACT NOW—PLAN TO ATTEND.

Gen. Smythe Reminisces in Winchester

During General Smythe's stay in Winchester, at the time he made the presentation of the Division Plaque, he had the good fortune to re-visit a few of the old familiar places located in and around Winchester and the following remarks are taken from his letter of recent date:

"As a result of my visit to Winchester I thought a few personal items of interest might appeal to those who subscribe to and read our very fine paper, 'The Octofoil.'"

"Winchester has changed very little—9th Division Headquarters,

from the outside, looks exactly as it did during our stay. I drove up the driveway and the only missing item was the presence of a 9th Division MP. Winchester Barracks is again occupied by the Royal 60th Rifles. Barton Stacy is now a British Engineers Army Encampment, not quite so busy as during our stay there.

"Basingstoke quarters which we occupied are now completely under civilian occupation. Northington Grange remains the same with Mr. Wallack ready to sell—workmen were pruning up the shrubbery a little.

"The Brownings have sold Armsworth House and are now living in Kenya, North Africa. The main house has been remodeled and over half of the building has been torn down. All of the old hutments remain but are unoccupied (waiting for you to come back).

"Lord and Lady Tichborne have torn down half of their old home and are in the process of remodeling the remainder into a comfortable modern-sized country home. All of the hutments are occupied by displaced or homeless persons. The place certainly isn't kept in the spic and span manner which the boys of the 9th kept it.

There were many inquiries from the people I met about you fellows. In fact, one family told me about a 9th boy named McCain, who had his 1943 Christmas dinner with them, and who has followed up on that Christmas date by letter ever since. I received so many inquiries that it would be impossible to note them all in this letter. However, the residents of Winchester and vicinity have the same "WELCOME" spirit as they had during the War. Drop your friends a line this Christmas—sure, the memory lingers on."

Octofoil Editor Again Pleads for News

A plea was printed in the September issue requesting its readers to write a note to the editor. The response was not too good and so it is again requested that each of you sit down and dash off a few lines telling all about yourself.

Give us a brief story about what happened to you since leaving the Ninth. Such items will interest your friends and help to reacquaint you with each other.

Your letters need not be long ones unless you are so inclined, however, touch on the highlight, also mention your old outfit. It saves time in digging it out of the files.

Send all letters to: *The Octofoil*, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C. If your letter does not appear in the next issue of the paper, it means one of two things. Either you did not write or so many letters were received that it was impossible to print them all in one issue in which case you can look for them in the following issues.

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Unexpected Complication Prohibits Change in Method of Printing Paper

Many of you who attended the Chicago Reunion will recall that the convention authorized certain changes to be made in the process of printing The Octofoil.

The Newspaper Committee, headed by Louis Becker, reported to the convention that the cost of printing the paper far exceeded our means, therefore it was suggested that changes be made. The committee recommended that the August issue of The Octofoil be printed in Columbus by Paul Plunkett, as in the past, with the exception that the issue be limited to four pages and the cost not to exceed \$200.00. It was also recommended that the September issue be published in Washington, also on a four page basis, the cost of which should not exceed \$200.00. It was further suggested that the October issue be printed in Washington by the "multilith process," the cost of which was not to exceed \$200.00. The October issue was to be in the form of the publication presently used by the First Division Association, a 28 page booklet.

After the October issue had been received by the members, it was the intention of the Newspaper Committee that the future method of printing The Octofoil would be based upon the response from the membership which would indicate the method to be permanently adopted.

The recommendations of The Newspaper Committee were adopted by the convention. The August issue was printed in Columbus and the September issue was printed in Washington.

The August issue cost the Association \$200.00. The September issue cost the Association \$132.40, a saving of \$67.60 as compared to the cost of the August issue.

When the time drew near for your Secretary to begin preparation for the printing of the October issue, under the multilith method, Mr. Becker was contacted who in turn contacted the publishing company in Washington. Mr. Becker was informed at that time that the cost of putting out The Octofoil in the form of a 28-page booklet would far exceed the cost limitation of \$200. This was in direct contrast to the information which Mr. Becker received prior to the Chicago convention and at the time he was making his study of the situation.

Upon being advised of the change in cost estimates, your Secretary contacted Don Clarke, our National President, and it was decided that the October issue would again be printed in Washington in the same fashion that the September issue was published. Mr. Clarke pointed out that the \$132.40 cost of the September issue as compared to the \$200 cost of the August issue should leave no doubt as to the choice made.

At the time Mr. Becker advised your Secretary of the complications that had arisen as to the process of publishing the October issue, he was asked to compile a letter to assist in clarifying the situation. This letter is published herewith in full.

September 26, 1950
Mr. Charles Tingley, Secretary-Treasurer
9th Division Association
Box 1704
Washington, D. C.

Dear Charlie:
The multilithing company that had given me the figures indicating that we could publish a paper similar to the First Division Association's paper for less than \$200 has "conked out." When I had spoken to the representative about the paper, they assured me that the cost would be under \$200.00 for a 28-page publication.

47th Raiders

ROBERT G. BARNHART, R. R. No. 2, Tipp City, Ohio informs us that most all of his time and money have been spent in the building of his new home, however, he did send in his 1950 dues and hopes to be able to be on time in the payment of his 1951 dues.

ROBERT BELL, 610 East 7th Avenue, Tarentum 5, Pa. has been away from home all summer which accounts for his tardiness in paying his dues. Now that he is back home he is hoping to hear from some of his 47th cohorts.

Cpl. DONATO VISCO, RA 322-64355, has a new address as follows: Manufacturing Facilities, QM Procurement Center, APO 757, "FMP" c/o PM, N. Y., N. Y.

His present address precludes his attendance at our reunions, however, he is anxiously looking forward to the time when he will be able to attend.

GEORGE E. JENKINS (G Co. C. O.) has changed his address since the last issue of The Octofoil. George is now located at St. Andrew's School, West Barrington, Rhode Island. He can be counted upon to be in attendance at the next reunion in New York City.

ERNEST W. BOOTH, 232 Rutland Avenue, Mount Holly, N. J. sends in his 1950 dues for which we are very thankful.

A very interesting letter was received from MRS. CLAUD C. CARTER, widow of PFC. CLAUD C. CARTER, advising our readers that she has recently moved into her new home acquired under the new benefit law signed this year by President Truman. Mrs. Carter was the third widow to apply under this law from the State of Georgia. Her new address is: 5923 Oak Road, Doranville, Georgia (Rte. 1).

MRS. ELIZABETH KUCHAR-
EK, 1306 Atlantic Avenue, Brook-
lyn, N. Y. is very anxious to hear from anyone who knew her son, Pvt. WILLIAM KUCHAR-
EK. Bill was with C Company, 47th Fort Bragg days until March 29, 1943 when he was killed in action during the North African fighting. Here is a wonderful opportunity - don't fail to write if you can remember anything about Bill.

MRS. RONALD E. FRANK, the better half of RONALD E. FRANK, Inc. (D Co.) informs us that Ronnie is busy building their new home, however he would like to hear from some of the D Company gang. Write to him at Box 203, Leechburg, Pa.

Go-Devil Activities

WILLIAM R. PADDOCK (A Co.) is still with The Sporting News, with offices located at 535 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. Bill was extremely sorry to have missed the Chicago reunion, however he is looking forward to next year when the convention will be held in New York.

GEORGE H. GROSSMAN advises us of his new address - 463 Pelham Road, Building B, Entrance III, Shore Road Gardens, New Rochelle, N. Y. That is what is called a long address. Anyway George would like to hear from his friends.

JAMES T. CANADA (D Co.) Box 434, Shannon, Georgia recently sent in for one of the 9th Division Route Maps. His chief complaint is that he doesn't see very many familiar names of former D Company men appearing in The Octofoil, however he en-

joys the paper very much and hopes that this situation can be corrected in the future.

WILLIAM G. SCHOMAKER, 5355 Winona, St. Louis 9, Missouri recently sent in his 1950 dues.

News from the 39th Infantry

HAROLD D. HALE, JR., has a new address, moving back to 34 Malbone Road, Newport, R. I. Formerly with D Company, Hal graduated from Syracuse University on September 1, 1950, and is now looking for a job where he can put his knowledge of Administrative Engineering to good use.

ROGER C. WILLIAMS, P. O. Box 17, Francisco, Indiana, sends in his 1950 dues and also includes payment for 1951.

CPL. LEONARD E. TALUBA, formerly with Hq. Co., 1st Bn., is now stationed overseas. His present address is: 7669 Sub. Det. A, Military Intelligence, APO 541, Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

MELVIN A. KACZMAREK, 819 South Luzerne Avenue, Baltimore 24, Md., sends in his 1950 and 1951 dues as the same time.

ROBERT E. MAUTTE (Ex. Sgt. 3rd Bn. Hq. Co.) is still living at 251 West 106 Street, New York City. Bob would sure like to hear from the fellows in his old outfit, especially from the old A and P Platoon. He suggests that those who are planning on attending the 1951 reunion in New York advise the New York Chapter beforehand so that better arrangements can be made for your entertainment.

Bob is still working for Uncle Sam as a clerk in the U. S. Customhouse, still remains a bachelor but not a confirmed one as he is still shopping around. Drop him a line—he'll be more than glad to hear from you.

MRS. RAYMOND B. FARLEY advises us of a new address. Mr. and Mrs. Farley are now living at 1410 East Cumberland Street, Middlesboro, Ky. (Editor's note: Up until the time I received your change of address The Octofoil was being sent to your old address in Pineville. Newspapers are not forwarded to your new address—they are returned to the sender and to complicate matters the majority of Octofoils that are returned bear the following notation—"Moved, left no forwarding address.")

JOHN P. VRANESIC, 220 Lehman Street, Lebanon, Pa., sends in his 1950 and 1951 dues, also advises us of his new address, quoted above.

RAYMOND B. FARLEY, 1410 East Cumberland Avenue, Box 27, Middlesboro, Ky., puts us up to date on his activities since his days with M Company. Ray left the 39th in November, 1945, re-enlisting in the R. A. for three years. After a two months' furlough to the States, during which time the 9th was disbanded, he was assigned to the Constabulary forces on July 1, 1946, and remained with them until his discharge on September 1, 1948. Ray's estimation of the Constabulary is that it is the greatest of all peacetime police forces.

Back in civilian life, Ray is working with his family back in Kentucky. He keeps the books for his Uncle, who owns the Middlesboro Wholesale Liquor and Wine Co. His Mother operates a retail package liquor store near Lexington. His chief concern now is

In making what I considered to be the final arrangements for the publication of a paper under the multilith process, it seems that the cost would be approximately \$40.00 a page; or in terms of the First Division publication, the cost would come to \$280.00. (You will, of course, recall that the First Division publication, known as the "Bridgehead Sentinel," was a 28-page periodical. In terms of printing, it was a 7-page affair printed on both sides and folded in the center. Thus, 7 pages produced a 28-page booklet when folded.)

In view of the fact that the September issue of the "Octofoil" was produced at a cost below \$150.00 and represents the cheapest publication to date, I suggest that the Association forego the idea of publishing a multilith copy of the "Octofoil" along the lines of "Bridgehead Sentinel" and, instead, arrange for permanent publication of the "Octofoil" as is evidenced by the September issue.

My recommendation as to further issues, of course, is made as an individual and not as chairman of the Newspaper Committee. My recommendation is based on what I consider to be an improved type of newspaper, both in appearance and manner of presentation, to say nothing of the economies effected.

Very sincerely yours,

LOUIS R. BECKER

Chairman, Newspaper Committee

The members of the Board of Governors are being notified of the present situation with the recommendation that future issues of The Octofoil be published in Washington on the same basis that the September issue and this, the October issue, were printed.

when he is going to be called back into the Army. He is a member of the enlisted reserve corp and on September 14, 1949, joined the ranks of the married men.

Spec. Tps. and Atchd. Units

CAPT. DANIEL W. HANCOCK (9th Sig. Co.) is now stationed at The Pentagon in Washington, D. C. His new home address is Apt. No. 7, Parkwood Apartments, 500 Vista Drive, Falls Church, Va.

BERT O. PATTERSON (746th TK Bn.) is now living at Route No. 4, Florence 2, Alabama.

CPL. BARNARD KADYKOWSKI (Pfc, 9th Div. MP's) is now located in Detroit, Michigan at 7531 Emily Street after having recently returned from overseas duty. Incidentally, Barney wants to get active in the Detroit chapter.

WILLIAM H. McLAUGHLIN (Sgt., 709th Ord.) writes in from 379 Welch Avenue, Columbus 7, Ohio. Bill has two daughters now which keeps him and Mrs. Mac more than busy. He reports that he is still in the glass making business and "doing alright."

LEWIS R. YEHLE (APO 9 Postal Officer) sent in a most welcome letter, including his dues for 1950 plus advance payment for next year. He was unable to make the Chicago convention as he was on active duty with his postal unit at the time. This was a last minute change of plans as Lewis and his wife, together with their two year old youngster were all set to attend until Uncle Sam called at the wrong time.

LEROY F. DRIEFUS (9th QM), 3322 Greenmount Avenue, Baltimore 18, Md. was one of the few 9th Quartermaster men who attended the last convention and he hopes that the turnout for next year will be a great improvement. On his way home from the convention Mr. and Mrs. Driefus stopped off in Buffalo, N. Y. and they contacted ALLEN WEBSTER, who in turn contacted ROBERT ELMES, the result being that quite a QM pow-wow took place. Both Webster and Elmes have promised to be in New York next year for the convention.

Leroy recently bumped into ERNEST C. VOLKER, 2113 East Pratt Street, Baltimore 31, Md. Ernest (Hq. & MP Co.) is not a member of the Association, however he saw the windshield sticker on LeRoy's car and made inquiry and we hope to be able to sign him up soon. Driefus also met BOB TRAINOR recently, in Baltimore, and we hope to be able to add his name to our list of members before long.

Driefus mentioned in his letter a few gripes of his resulting from the lack of entertainment afforded the ladies who attended the last convention, also the failure to keep the registration card file always up to the minute. It is his hope that better arrangements will be made for the New York convention.

American Gold Star Sisters Elect New President

The American Gold Star Sisters, Inc., with National Headquarters located at 346 N. Trenton Avenue, Atlantic City, N. J., have announced the election of Mrs. David Brughelli of San Francisco, California, as National President.

Other officers include Mrs. Anna G. Hagerty, 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Maye Gonsalves, National Secretary, and Mrs. Lorraine Galmukoff, National Treasurer.

George I. Caton, jr. Dies by Drowning

A recent letter from Mrs. George Caton, 414 14th Street, Port Huron, Michigan, advises us of the tragic death of her son, GEORGE I. CATON, JR. Death came on August 17th, caused by drowning.

George served with the 60th Infantry and for the past five years he had suffered from multiple head injuries sustained overseas, also a shrapnel-peppered leg. The doctors had informed him that he would eventually become deaf, dumb and blind as a result of his injuries.

The Korean situation together with his health condition caused George to grieve considerably and during the last weeks of his life he talked very little.

CARL HULL, former 1st Sgt. of George's company informed Mrs. Caton of the Association's address which resulted in our receipt of this very sad bit of news. Anyone who knew George should certainly be able to write a note to Mrs. Caton.

It's No Wonder the First Infantry Division Has Such A Good Reputation

The following letter was received by Paul Plunkert and should be of interest to all former 9th Division men:

HEADQUARTERS

U. S. ARMY, EUROPE

Office of the Commanding General
APO 403
2 September, 1950.

Dear Paul:

Thank you very much for your letter of good wishes. We arrived

in Bremerhaven on 17 August, then by train to Heidelberg on 18 August. Since that time I have been extremely busy with briefings and visits to various installations.

At the present time I am on a ten-day tour, taking in the 1st Division at Grafenwohr, to be followed with visits to the three Bavarian Military Posts. I find it all most interesting, of course, and fully realize there will be chal-

lenging tasks ahead.

Inclosed you will find a print of a picture taken with old Ninth Division comrades who are now assigned to the 26th Infantry, 1st Division. I thought you might like to have it for The Octofoil. When it is printed in The Octofoil, I would greatly appreciate your sending sufficient copies to 2nd Lt. Douglas Jones, Headquarters 26th Infantry, APO 139, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York, who will

see that they are distributed to the men in this picture.

It was good to hear from you. I thought the Ninth Division Convention was a grand success. It is always a good feeling to visit with my old friends.

Wither kindest regards,

Sincerely,

S/ M. S. EDDY.

M. S. Eddy
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding.

Winchester Plaque Idea

Suggested by General Eddy

Last November General Eddy suggested to the Board of Governors the idea of preparing a suitable plaque to properly identify the American flag which the Ninth Division presented to the Cathedral of Winchester during the Division's stay in that City in 1944.

The Board immediately accepted General Eddy's proposal and plans were made to obtain the plaque. Through the efforts of Harold Pepper of the New York Chapter, the plaque was purchased from the General Bronze Corporation. (Hal, incidentally, works for this Corporation and he was able to save the Association one-half of the cost).

The plaque measures 11" by 6 3/4" and is made from heavy cast bronze, inscribed with flat face classic Roman letters.

General Eddy suggested that the presentation be made by General Smythe, who is stationed in Germany as Assistant Division Commander of the First Infantry Division.

Swappers—Please Note

The September issue contained an offer made by DONALD W. ERION to swap three souvenir pistols for a good pair of binoculars. To date your Octofoil editor has not received any word from Don as to whether or not he received any offers. However, this column will be continued as long as we continue to receive "swapping" offers from our members.

Such an offer has been received from VICTOR BUTSWINKUS (Pfc., 60th Inf.) 931 N. Franklin Street, Philadelphia, Pa. who desires to swap a single barrel, 12-gauge shot gun, in good condition in return for a German Mauser rifle, or "what would you like to have."

These offers are printed in the Octofoil as a service to our members and the Association does not assume any responsibility whatsoever. All transactions are to be handled directly between the parties concerned.

Lt. William F. Jester Now Prisoner of War

The Department of Defense Casualty list No. 78 includes the following remark: PRISONER OF WAR—SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM F. JESTER, son of Mrs. Anna M. Jester, 9510 East 10th St., RFD 11, Box 339, Indianapolis, Indiana. (Previously reported missing in action).

This news was also sent to us by Mrs. Jester and we certainly hope that in view of the present conditions in Korea, Bill has been re-captured and is now safe and sound among his own troops.

Barth Commands 25th Div. Artillery

The following article written by an Associated Press War Correspondent and appearing in a recent issue of The Washington Post refers to Brig. General Barth, former 9th Division Chief of Staff, and now the Artillery Commander for the 25th Infantry Division.

WITH THE TWENTY-FIFTH DIVISION, Korea, Sept. 13 (AP).—Up among the cocky little mortars—where the rule books say it couldn't possibly be—there is a great big 155-mm. howitzer.

It's "This Little Professor." With it Brig. Gen. George Barth, Twenty-fifth Division Artillery commander, who once was stationed at Fort Myer, Va., is writing a new page in military tactics.

Normally big guns are kept well behind the front for safety and worked in batteries of six.

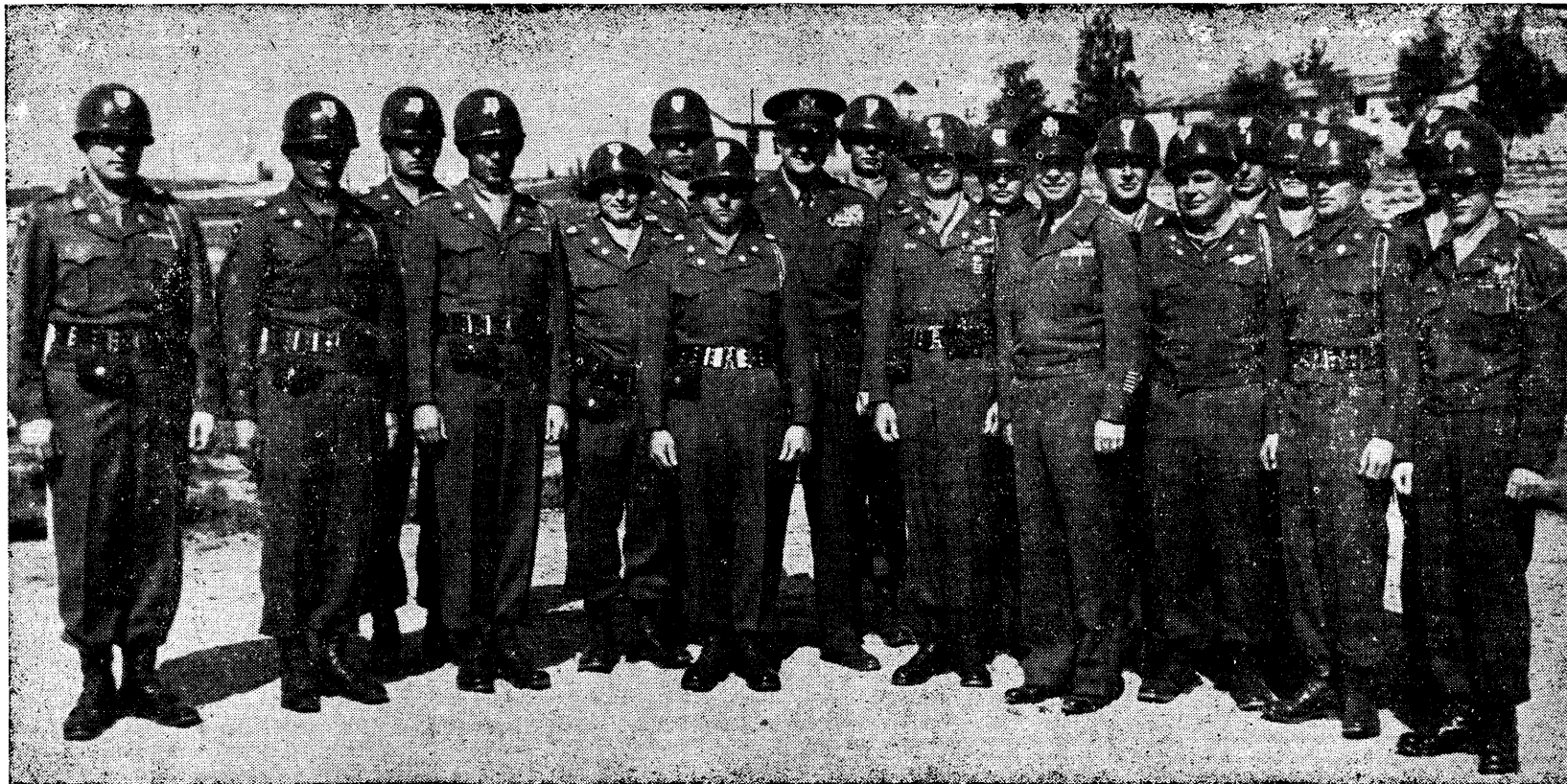
But, guarded at night by an infantry platoon, "The Little Professor" sits alone right up at the front where it can reach far behind the North Korean lines into areas the Reds thought were safe from American big guns.

"When the Little Professor talks he throws 95 pounds of hell 11 miles," said Lieut. Melyar R. Oxedine of Warrior, Ala., gun commander.

"We killed a whole platoon of enemy infantry the other day, Sergt. First Class Walter R. Frazier of East Brady, Pa., added.

"The big thing is to block their supply route. They used to bring up their ammunition and food through a pass. We stopped that," Oxedine added.

The Communists have tried desperately—but unsuccessfully—to knock out the Little Professor. Twenty counter battery shells have ripped the ground around the big gun.



General Eddy holds a 9th Division reunion at Grafenwohr, Germany with eighteen former Ninth Division men who are now seeing duty with the First Infantry Division. These men, with the exception of General Smythe, are all assigned to the 26th Infantry. General Smythe is the Assistant Division Commander of the First.

This picture was taken at Camp Kesserine on August 30th. The identifying cover accompanying this picture only lists 17 names, however, there are 19 individuals appearing in the picture.

Out of this list of 17 names, only three individuals appear to be members of the 9th Infantry Division Association, according to a check of the membership rec-

ords. Therefore, your Secretary is writing to General Smythe and will enclose sufficient membership application forms with the hope that General Smythe will be successful in signing up 14 and possibly 16 new members.

Reading from left to right: M/Sgt. Bernard F. Santamoor (formerly with the 39th), Sgt. Willard D. Perryman, Pfc. Norvel

E. Williams, Sgt. Warren E. Margon, Sgt. Sydney Lederman, Pfc. John L. Brooks, Sgt. Joseph Haskins, Lt. General Manton S. Eddy, Pfc. Clarence Buck, Pvt. Dallas Morrison, Pvt. Lester T. Eary, Brig. General George W. Smythe, Cpl. Eugene Hughes, Cpl. John Mrugaia, Cpl. Robert Updike, 1st Lt. Lawrence Smith, and 1st Lt. Homer Roth.

Local Chap. News

THE ILLINOIS CHAPTER held an election of officers at their meeting on September 8th. HERB WAPLES, former 1st Sergeant of AT Company, 60th Infantry and one of the hardest working members of the chapter, was elected to the presidency for the coming year. An able list of co-workers was elected to fill the other vacancies and from all indications this should be an outstanding year for the fellows from Illinois. ROBERT WINKELMAN (M Co., 47th), 1818 Orchard Street, Des Plaines, Ill., was elected as 1st VP. GEORGE W. WAITE (AT Co., 60th Inf.), 6117 South Kenwood, Chicago, Ill., was elected as 2nd VP. THEODORE MATUSIK (M Co., 47th), 2058 W. 76th St., Chicago, Ill., was elected as Secretary. WILLIAM CONLEY (60th Inf.), 435 Harrison Street, Oak Park, Ill., is the new Treasurer. CAPT. ROBERT HARPER (9th Sig Co.), Signal Section, ORC, Navy Pier, Chicago 11, Ill., is taking over the job as Judge Advocate.

Newly elected members to the Board of Managers are as follows: MICHAEL BELEMONTE (60th FA Bn.), 807 So. Kilbourne, Chicago, Ill.; EDWARD COYLE (C Co., 47th Inf.), 5511 Kenwood, Chicago, Ill.; GERALD LINDNER (60th Inf.), 10731 Avenue G, Chicago, Ill.

The Illinois Chapter announces that plans are being made to organize the bowling league again this year. The league proved to be very successful last year and members who are interested in entering the league this year are urged to contact HERB WAPLES at his home address, 6210 S. Harper, Chicago, Ill. or phone him at Butterfield 8-5407.

SHIRTS MATUSIK will soon send out notices for the October meeting and all members are reminded to make plans to attend the November meeting at which time Monte Carlo night will be the theme for your entertainment. It will be fun—also painless for your pocketbook—as each member is given \$100.00 in "play money" to squander on the games of chance.

THE PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER announces the results of the raffle drawing held during their chapter meeting on September 1. JOHN KORNIG (civilian) of Ches-

ter, Pa., was the lucky winner.

THE DETROIT CHAPTER held a very successful family picnic last month at Lola Valley Park, so reports FRANCIS J. FERRISE, 9443 Harper, Detroit 13, Mich.

Quite a large turnout attended the affair, including KENNETH L. STROM, 1606 56th St., Des Moines, Iowa, who happened to be visiting with VINCE WALKER in Detroit. The surprise of the day was the arrival of FRED F. LOMAS, 7751 St. Mary's, Detroit 28, Mich., who spotted a 9th Division auto marker and followed the car to the picnic grounds. Fred was promptly signed up as a new member for the Association.

The senior horseshoe contest, pitting Special Troops against Service Co. of the 60th Inf., was won by JOE CASEY AND ERNIE TRETCHWEY, defeating BILL GUELZOW and FLEMING STEPHENSON.

Prizes for the Women's Slipper Kicking Contest were won by FRANK TRETCHWEY and ANNE GUELZOW. The "younger set" came out best, with prizes received by CANDY LEE and DARLENE GUELZOW. SUSAN STEPHENSON, ERNIE TRETCHWEY, JR., and DAVID and TIMMY COX.

As usual, a lot of time was consumed in re-hashing the many battles that were fought by the 9th during the past war.

JOE CASEY was presented with a gift for his outstanding services as last year's Secretary-Treasurer of the Chapter.

Many thanks are due to URBAN COX for the fine job he did in selecting the picnic grounds and making arrangements for the tables.

At the next meeting of the Chapter, the group hopes to get the Women's Auxiliary formed so it is important that all 9th Division gals in the Detroit area start thinking about this and turn out for the next meeting in force.

Plans are being made for the annual Fall get-together for the Men and Women. The date, time and place have not as yet been decided, however, it is desired to have everyone begin to think about attending.

The Detroit Chapter's new secretary, EARL CALDWELL, would like to hear from some of the boys who served with him in the 376 AAA Bn. Earl is in the Dear-

born Veterans Hospital suffering from tuberculosis, and the doctors say he will be there for several months, possibly as long as a year. How about dropping him a line?

THE AKRON-CLEVELAND CHAPTER held a meeting on Sunday, September 10th, at which time it was decided to hold a combined dinner-meeting during the month of October. Notices for the October meeting will be mailed out well in advance, using a double postcard for this purpose in order that the member can use the return portion to signify their intention of attending.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHAPTER held its first meeting of the new season on September 28th at the Soldiers, Sailors, Marine and Airmen's Club.

Former Association Sec'y Dies Suddenly

It was with deep regret that we learned of the sudden death of WILLIAM E. BYRNES, who suffered a heart attack while at work on September 17th.

Bill was elected to The Board of Governors of our Association at the 1946 Convention in New York City. After the resignation of Mike Puzak as secretary, Bill Byrnes was selected to take over that position as of January 1, 1947. In September, 1947, Bill resigned to accept another position elsewhere in Washington.

At the time of his death, Bill held one of the key positions with The Hamilton Hotel, located in the heart of Washington.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., on June 10, 1910, he moved to Washington around 1934 and shortly after the start of World War II Bill entered the service. He served with the 39th Infantry and attained the rank of staff sergeant. After his discharge he returned to Washington and upon his selection to the Board of Governors he took a most active part in the early life of our Association. He was one of the founders of the District of Columbia Chapter, and has always been extremely interested in the activities of the Association.

Besides his wife, Edith, Bill is survived by a sister, Mrs. Frances Deakins of Washington, D. C., and four brothers and one sister living in Pittsburgh.

His remains were sent to Pittsburgh for burial.

Birth Announcements

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT H. PETTEE of P. O. Box 876, Greensboro, N. C., are the proud parents of Robert Holmes Pettee, Jr., who arrived on the scene on August 26, 1950. Bob, Sr., was formerly a Captain with the 47th.

Susan Doty arrived on September 10, 1950, weighing in at 8 lbs., 15 oz. She is making her home with her parents, MR. AND MRS. DAVE HALLERAN, RFD No. 1, St. James, N. Y. Dave served with the 39th Infantry, Cannon and E Companies.

August 15, 1950, was the date of the arrival of Charles Gregor, Jr. The proud parents are MR. AND MRS. CHARLES GREGOR, who live at 10 Veterans Place, Carteret, N. J. They also have a daughter, Paulette. Charlie was formerly with the 84th F. A. Bn.

LT. COL. AND MRS. FREDERICK C. FEIL proudly announce the arrival of a brand new daughter, Judith Swinney, on Friday, August 18th. Fred is stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, and was formerly Division G-3. His complete address is Hq., S.T.R., Ft. Benning, Ga.

Welcome to the New Members

The Philadelphia Chapter furnished one new member during the past month—Alex Yanushefsky, 1336 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Other new members as follows:

Ralph M. Quelch, Jr. (K Co., 47th), State Road, Stony Point, New York.

Joseph L. Tessier (D Btry, 376th AAA), 79 Main Street, Albion, R. I.

Jack A. Houston (Div. G-2), Colfax Garage, Colfax, Washington.

Stephen P. Pagey, 1136 S. E. 9th Ave., Hialeah, Fla.

Anthony J. Soprano, 713 Delaware Ave., Norwood, Del. Co., Pa.

Theodore L. Preston, 3738 W. Cornelia Ave., Chicago 18, Ill.

Lt. Col. Dean T. Vanderhoef (Div. Hq. & 1st Bn., 47th) Off. Adv. No. 1, SOC.TAS., Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Financial Report for Year Ending Dec. 31, '49

Pursuant to the recommendations made at the Pittsburgh Convention to secure the services of an accountant within our membership instead of spending around \$300 annually for outside audits as has been the practice in the past, arrangements were made to have the 1949 audit prepared by MR. JOHN W. O'DONNELL of Washington, D. C. John served with I Company, 60th Infantry and is presently employed as an accountant by The Federal Communications Commission. His report for the year 1949 is printed herewith, being in the same form as presented to the Finance and Budget Committee at the Chicago Convention.

10 July, 1950.

Donald M. Clarke, President,
The Ninth Infantry Division Association,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your request, I have audited the books and records of The Ninth Infantry Division Association for the Calendar Year 1949. The accounting records, kept on a cash basis, and other supporting evidence have been examined or tested by methods and to the extent deemed appropriate in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. The extent of, and limitations on, the verification of assets and liabilities are set forth in the accompanying text. My report, consisting of the following listed Exhibits and comments pertaining thereto, is presented herewith:

Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet as at December 31, 1949.

Exhibit "B"—Statement of Income and Expense for the Calendar Year 1949.

BALANCE SHEET

Cash in Bank and on Hand

Cash on deposit in checking account was verified to statements of the depository and reconciled with amount shown by books. All canceled checks were examined for the period under survey and all postings verified. Petty cash, presumed to be on hand in the amount of \$25.00, was not verified.

Inventory of Jewelry

Jewelry on hand at close of period was not physically inventoried, however, a physical inventory was taken as of July 10, 1950, with the aid of the Treasurer. From this inventory and records of jewelry sales during the year 1950, as shown by the books of account, it is recommended that the inventory of jewelry thus computed be placed in the books of account as cost.

Inventory of Histories

It was disclosed by the Treasurer that an unknown number of copies of the history, "Eight Stars to Victory," are still in the hands of the publisher, F. J. Heer Company, of Columbus, Ohio. Since the number of such copies and their present market value is unknown at this time, it is recommended that such histories be recorded in the books of account at a nominal value only, subject to adjustment if so desired.

United States Savings Bonds

United States Savings Bonds, Series "F," having a maturity value of \$30,000 were examined during the conduct of this audit. Series "F" and "G" bonds having a maturity value of \$20,000 and \$200, respectively, were confirmed direct by the Treasurer of the United States who holds them as custodian. The appreciated value of the Series "F" bonds as at December 31, 1949, was \$39,100.

Furniture and Equipment

Physical items comprising this account were personally examined during the conduct of the audit. All canceled checks and/or vouchers supporting additions during the period under review were examined and verified.

Reserve for Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment

Depreciation provided for the Calendar Year, 1948, was based upon a rate of 10% and which, in my opinion, was adequate. No provision for the element of depreciation had been made during the period under review and it is recommended that an allowance for depreciation in the amount of \$202.76 be made and recorded in the books of account.

Surplus

Changes in this account during the period under review are set forth in the surplus section of Exhibit "A."

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

Income and expense items are set forth in detail in Exhibit "B" annexed. This Exhibit shows that your overall operation resulted in a net loss of \$5,501.18 for the period. Income items were verified in the manner and to the extent deemed necessary. Vouchers and/or canceled checks covering all items of expense were examined and all postings verified.

GENERAL

I was informed by the Treasurer that all bills are paid promptly and that, at the close of the year, there were no unpaid liabilities other than the taxes withheld from employees as set forth in Exhibit "A." On the basis of this audit, it is recommended that the Petty Cash Fund be increased from \$25.00 to \$75.00 or in lieu thereof, that it be replenished when exhausted without the necessity of personal advances on the part of the Treasurer. Copies of all adjustments recommended in this report have been furnished to the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. O'DONNELL,
Accountant.

NOW AVAILABLE

OFFICIAL NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOC. EMBLEMS

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

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

NATIONAL SECRETARY

POSTOFFICE BOX 1704

WASHINGTON 13, D. C.

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

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET

As at December 31, 1949

(Subject to the comments in the text of this report)

ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash—checking account, American Security and Trust Company....	\$ 248.04	
Petty cash fund	25.00	
Inventories:		
Jewelry (at cost)	\$ 131.45	
Histories (nominal value)	1.00	
United States Savings Bonds (cost):		
Series "F" due August 1, 1957	\$22,200.00	
Series "F" due December 1, 1958	14,800.00	
Series "G" due December 1, 1958	200.00	
	<u>\$37,200.00</u>	\$37,605.49
Fixed Assets:		
Furniture and equipment	\$ 2,125.90	
Less, Reserve for depreciation	367.85	
	<u>\$ 1,758.05</u>	
Total Assets		<u>\$ 39,363.54</u>
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		
Current Liabilities:		
Employee's taxes withheld:		
Federal income tax	\$ 109.20	
Social Security	9.78	
	<u>\$ 118.98</u>	
Memorial Fund		993.97
Surplus:		
Balance, January 1, 1949	\$43,750.77	
Add: Histories	1.00	
Less: Net loss (Exhibit "B")	5,501.18	5,500.18
		<u>38,250.59</u>
Total Liabilities and Surplus		<u>\$39,363.54</u>

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

For the Calendar Year 1949

(Subject to the comments in the text of this report)

Dues and subscriptions:		
Renewals	\$ 7,145.24	
New members	895.00	
	<u>\$ 8,040.24</u>	
Less chapter commissions	749.00	
	<u>\$ 7,291.24</u>	
Convention refreshments and banquet....		\$ 3,260.49
Less convention expense:		
Hotel	\$ 2,295.31	
Orchestra and entertainment	416.00	
Badges	252.01	
Paper hats	34.74	
Programs	94.28	
Reporting minutes	35.00	
Women's tea	104.50	
Refreshments	56.25	
Miscellaneous	263.51	
	<u>\$ 3,551.60</u>	
Net Loss from Convention		—291.11
Sale of maps		\$ 209.00
Less cost of sales		80.62
Net Income from Sale of Maps		128.38
Sale of jewelry		\$ 181.70
Purchases		\$ 246.27
Less closing inventory, December 31		131.45
	<u>\$ 114.82</u>	
Net Income from Sale of Jewelry		66.88
Sale of Histories		\$ 1,441.78
Less cost of sales		114.63
Net Income from Sale of Histories		\$ 1,327.15
Miscellaneous income		125.04
Interest income		21.00
Net Income Before General and Administrative Expenses		\$ 8,668.58
General and Administrative Expenses:		
Salaries	\$ 3,868.75	
Printing	650.90	
Publication, "The Octofoil"	4,821.40	
Postage and express	896.33	
Office supplies	249.56	
Social security taxes paid	41.26	
Employees' expense allowance	1,680.00	
Board of Governors	653.88	
Telephone and telegraph	143.97	
Corporation filing fee	2.00	
Bad checks	1.50	
Miscellaneous	957.45	
Total General and Administrative Expenses		\$13,967.00
Net Loss Before Depreciation		\$ 5,298.42
Depreciation, furniture and equipment ..		202.76
Net Loss for the Year 1949 (Exhibit "A")		\$ 5,501.18

Convention Income and Expenses

The following financial report shows that the Chicago Convention, beside being otherwise successful, ended up on the credit side of the ledger, showing a profit of \$284.23.

INCOME		
Sale of Banquet Tickets and Registration		
Fees	\$ 3,116.30	
Program Book:		
Sales	\$ 430.00	
Expenses	189.94	
	<u>\$ 240.06</u>	
Bar Profits	<u>54.75</u>	\$ 3,411.11
EXPENSES		
Whitehead and Hoag Co.—Convention		
Badges	\$ 105.96	
Frank Gordon Printers—Banquet Tickets	10.97	
Baseball Tickets:		
Purchase Price	\$ 150.00	
Sale Price	140.00	
	<u>\$ 10.00</u>	
Leo Terry, Organist	85.00	
Associated Orchestras	636.00	
Sherman Hotel	2,071.99	
Chicago Park District	5.98	
Walter Mahon, Misc. Expenses	57.78	
Ted Matusik, Misc. Expenses	13.69	
Railroad Fare—Chicago—Washington—		
Round Trip for Secretary	70.04	
Miscellaneous Expenses	59.47	
	<u>\$ 3,126.88</u>	
Net Profit		\$ 284.23

EXHIBIT "A"

Lost Members — Help Find Them

The first installment of a list of members who have failed to keep us advised of their current addresses appeared in the September issue of The Octofoil.

The second list of names appears below. These lists are being published with the hopes that each one of you will take the time to look over the names and see if you can locate the "lost members."

If you live in the vicinity of any address as shown below, look the name up in your local telephone directory. You may locate the member in this fashion. If so, please advise your National Secretary of the new address and in this way you will be doing a fine service.

Incidentally, look up the list in the September issue and give that a going over again. The responses were not too good. Let's all take an interest in this and see if the majority of these members can't be located and brought back into the "paid" membership file.

Donald E. Fischer, RFD 2, Ruthersford, N. C.

Raymond O. Fisher, 2219 19th St., Port Arthur, Texas.

Archie T. Forsberg, Gaylord, Minn.

Joseph M. Foye, Gen. Del., Spencer, Iowa.

James A. Frederick, Jr., 3612 Clipper Rd., Baltimore 11, Md.

Irving Q. Frey, 18 Meadow Ave., Roslyn, L. I., New York.

Clarence C. Fuhrman, 1212 Summit Ave., Ft. Worth 3, Texas.

Harry E. Gallagher, 456 Herzberg Circle, E. Gadsden, Alabama.

Harold E. Gambill, Jr., 1501 So. Katy, Chanute, Kans.

Robert C. Garlington, 1601 Pearl St., Wichita Falls, Texas.

Louie J. Garrison, 1422 Park St., Bowling Green, Ky.

Andrew Gatz, 206 W 92nd St., New York 24, N. Y.

Thomas C. Gay, Rt. 1, Vidalia, Georgia.

Wm. H. Geiger, 370 Camp, New Kensington, Pa.

John J. Geiston, 328 Versailles Ave., E. Pittsburgh, Pa.

Murray Gerosky, 1324 Pine St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Stanley P. Gesik, 504 Main St., Beacon, N. Y.

Thomas L. Giarusso, 15 Perry St., Providence, R. I.

Col. Jesse L. Gibney, Headquarters, Ft. Knox, Kentucky.

James H. Goldman, 642 W. Mulberry St., Baltimore, Md.

Cpl. Frank Gonzales, 2640 Virginia Ave., Hurricane, West. Va.

Robert E. Goodelle, 22 Nelson St., Auburn, N. Y.

Capt. P. O. Gordon, Gen. Subj. Section, AD. TIS, Fort Benning, Georgia.

Louis R. Goria, 890 Park St., San Jose, Calif.

Joseph Gorney, 40 Koons Ave., Buffalo, New York.

Geo. E. Greenfield, 428 Broadway, Scranton, Pa.

Johnie C. Griffin, T-5, Hdqrs. Troop 94th Constab. Sqdrn, 11th Constab, Regt. APO 225, New York, N. Y.

John Grisby, 609 Holston Ave., Bristol, Tenn.

Al. Gross, 239 S. 2nd St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Bruno R. Guarnieri, 214 Franklin St., Trenton 10, N. J.

Richard F. Guth, Wadena, Minn.

Pfc. Leonard R. Guzinski, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 505 AIR, Fort Meade, Maryland.

Harvey B. Hadden, Walworth, New York.

Ernest Hagen, 463 57th St., Brooklyn 20, N. Y.

Cornelius Haggerty, 600 W. 142nd St., Apt. 32, c/o Campbell, New York, N. Y.

Berry L. Hall, 3309 Morris Rd., Columbus, Ga.

John Halpin, 391 Alden Street, Orange, N. J.

Taskel Hamby, Rout 2, Lancing, Tenn.

Dwight Hammond, 1724 F St., Lincoln, Nebr.

Melvin F. Hampton, Boone, N.C.

Henry Handelman, 55 Park Dr., Boston, Mass.

Thomas F. Harney, 5 Cottage Gardens, Yonkers, N. Y.

Geo. J. Harris, 2724 3rd Ave., Kearney, Nebr.

Floyd H. Haygood, Blacksburg, South Carolina.

Edward P. Heath, 6829 Ottawa Ave., Chicago 31, Ill.

H. W. Heckert, 352 N. Newberry St., York, Pa.

Eugene Helm, 1590 W. King St., Decatur, Ill.

Bernard M. Hill, 630 N. Center St., Cumberland, Md.

William F. Hiser, Jr., 2514 Spruce St., Kansas City, Mo.

Steven A. Holland, c/o 2132 N.E. 18th Street, Portland, Oregon.

Robert J. Holsinger, 1318 Rockwell Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

John C. Holthaus, Manchester, Iowa.