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## Father Connors Announces Plans for 6th Annual Memorial Mass on Nov. 12th

The Sixth Annual Memorial Mass, in honor of the deceased men of The Ninth Infantry Division, will be held on NOVEMBER 12th at ST. MARY'S CHURCH IN NORTH GRAFTON, MASSACHUSETTS, according to plans recently announced by FATHER EDWARD T. CONNORS.

To those of you who have attended any of these services during the past five years, we need to say no more—we know that you will be there this year.

The past five years, Father Connors has celebrated this Mass at St. Peter's Church in Worcester. This year it will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church in North Grafton—five miles south of Worcester.

Father Connors has an unusual setup. He is pastor of two churches—St. Phillip's in Grafton, and St. Mary's in North Grafton. One church is not enough for a former 9th Division padre, so they gave him two churches and made him a "Corps Commander."

These services have been very well attended in past years. About 300 former 9th Division men have been present each year, representing every unit within the division. Many bring their wives and family and it makes no difference as far as faith is concerned. All are welcome—Protestant and Jew as well as Catholic.

Each year Father Connors extends invitations to the families

of the deceased. If anyone knows of families who might wish to attend, please, by all means, extend an invitation to them—or advise Father Connors and he will see that they are invited.

After the Mass will be held the usual dinner and get-together. This will take place at St. Mary's Church Hall in North Grafton.

If you travel to Worcester by train, write to Father Connors and he will be pleased to make arrangements for your transportation on Sunday morning to North Grafton. Father Connors will also be happy to arrange for hotel accommodations in Worcester.

The gathering this year points to a record breaking attendance. It is an occasion that former 9th men should not miss. It is an occasion for remembrance of our deceased and their bereaved.

You Catholic men should make every effort to receive Holy Communion on this day.

Remember the date—Nov. 12th.

Remember the time—10 a.m.

Remember the place—St. Mary's Church, North Grafton, Massachusetts, located just five miles south of Worcester.

Remember the Occasion—The Sixth Annual Memorial Mass, followed by the annual dinner and get-together.

In Father Connor's own words—"Remember our dead and their bereaved. Pray for one another. Pray for peace. God bless you."

## General Barth Has High Praise for the American G. I. Fighting the Korean War

The Octofoil is deeply grateful to GENERAL STROH for sending in the following extract of a letter which he recently received from BRIGADIER GENERAL GEORGE B. BARTH.

General Stroh considers it to be a Military Gem and a fine tribute to the fighting qualities of The American soldier. It is certain that the members of the Association will be happy to read an eyewitness account of the tough fighting in Korea, especially when it comes from one of our own.

General Barth was formerly Chief of Staff of the 9th, and he is now the Div. Arty Commander for the 24th Infantry Division, fighting in Korea.

The letter is dated—October 4: "This has been the most astonishing war from its very beginning. I came in on loan to the 24th Division whose Div Arty commander was on leave and had command of the first three infantry battalions that were thrown together piecemeal to save time. From those actions it seemed that we could not hope to remain in Korea. The speed of the build up, our air strength, and the lack of transport of the enemy were all that saved us. Even in our final bridgehead we were stretched so thin that we expected a major breakthrough any day.

"Our division front covered forty-five miles and only once, on September 1st, did we ever have troops in reserve. On that day when the Reds launched their final all out drive, our 27th Inf. had just arrived at Masan and was to relieve the 5th Inf. the next day so that the 5th could rejoin the 24th Division.

"On that day two battalions of the 24th Inf. gave way completely. By night, five full battalions of the 7th North Korean Division, a fresh unit, were from two to eight miles behind our front lines. The lines of the 5th and 35th Infantry Regiments held like iron but in the latter's sector six companies were cut off and surrounded.

"By committing one battalion of

the 27th we were able to restore the most vital part of the front of the 24th Infantry. With the remainder of the 27th, we fought a fluid action behind our lines for seven days before the last formed Red units were liquidated. The isolated units of the 35th were supplied by air drop and by pushing small supply convoys of tanks and armored half tracks loaded with food and ammo up to the forward positions. These convoys brought out the wounded on their return trips."

"During this melee seven of my artillery batteries were attacked and used direct fire, small arms and grenades to defend themselves. One battery had nine killed and 13 wounded in hand-to-hand fighting inside the gun positions. I was very proud of the fact that in all of these attacks we lost no guns and gave no ground.

"As a result of the week's fighting we buried over 2500 enemy dead behind our lines. If luck hadn't been with us in the form of the 27th Infantry available for use on that particular day I feel sure we would have lost our entire position and the Reds might have taken Pusan. It was the bitterest, most unorthodox sort of a fight but showed that even when American troops are only partially trained (as we were) they rise to the emergency when you need them most.

"I don't usually write experience in such detail but know that you would like to know that these boys today are delivering the goods just as our better trained divisions did in World War II."

### Fresh Start

The following was clipped from a recent issue of an Alabama newspaper: "A roaring twister last Wednesday carried off Jim Benson's house and furniture, and all three of his children are missing.

"Neighbors donated a new bed to give Jim and his wife a fresh start."

## Octofoil Editor Still Pleads for N-E-W-S

The last two issues of The Octofoil contained pleas to you fellows asking you to send in some items for publication in the paper.

Several responses were received—thanks to all concerned, however, the need still exists and will continue to exist.

Help us to make this an interesting paper. It won't take but just a very short interval for you—and you—and you to sit down and send us a letter, telling all about yourself since the time you were in a fox hole. It will make interesting reading for your many friends.

Grab a pen or pencil and do it now. Send it to: National Secretary, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

Thanks a million.

## Ten Ways to Kill An Organization

1. Don't come to the meetings of your local chapters . . . But if you do, come late.
2. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.
3. When asked to help, "pass the buck" to the officers.
4. If you do not attend your local chapter meetings, find fault with the work of the members and officers who do attend.
5. Never accept an office. It is easier to criticize than to do things.
6. Nevertheless, get sore if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are, do not attend the meetings, or do a thing.
7. If asked by the Chairman to give your opinion on some important matter, tell him you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everybody how things should be done.
8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help matters along, howl that the organization is run by a clique.
9. Don't bother about getting new members, "Let George do it."
10. Never pay any dues. You always get something for nothing.

## Second Division Ass'n Holds Election

Dear Sir:

Will you please publish in your magazine the following story?

At the 29th Annual Reunion of the SECOND (INDIAN HEAD) DIVISION ASSOCIATION the following officers were elected for the coming year. National President Robert C. Barr of Camden, N. J. the first WW2 veteran to be elected to that post. Vice Presidents elected were Francis E. Griffin of Washington, D. C., Robert K. Ryland of Kansas City, Mo., D. W. Carlton of New York City, and Israel Kaufman of Houston, Texas. Elected to the post of Secretary-Treasurer, Charles Fabian of Camden, N. J. National Headquarters will be located at 116 N. 3rd St., Camden, New Jersey.

An amendment was adopted at the business meeting to extend membership to anyone serving with the division at any time. Prior to this session the membership eligibility had only included men who served with the division during combat periods.

The 1951 reunion site will be Philadelphia, Pa. and the Pennsylvania Branch of the Association will be the host. Any information on the Association can be had by writing to National Headquarters at 116 N. 3rd St., Camden, N. J.

Thank you for your cooperation.  
Sincerely,  
CHARLES A. FABIAN  
National Sec'y-Treas.

## Greater New York Chapter to Hold Annual Fall Dance November 11th

Get out your dancing shoes, roll back the rug and "les dance."

It's the biggest affair of the year in and around New York Town, so make your plans now to be there—Wonderful music, Prizes galore, Beautiful surroundings, and an excellent opportunity to get together with your old friends of the 9th—what more can you ask for only a buck and a half per person.

Yes, its the annual fall dance put on by the Greater New York Chapter. The date is Saturday, November 11th, and one of New York's finest hotels is playing host—The George Washington Hotel, located on Lexington Avenue at 23rd Street.

There will be plenty of space available for you fellows to get together in a small corner and hash over old times. If you want to sing some of those old songs like "Roll Me Over, etc.," a roving accordionist will be there to keep you on the right key.

Don't forget too, here's your chance to win a beautiful television set. The lucky winner will be announced during the dance. This is just one of the special attractions for your enjoyment.

The ladies haven't been overlooked either. There will be many surprises and gifts for them.

A big feature of the whole affair is the price of admission—only \$1.50 per person. Incidentally, this price has been standard for all of the previous dances sponsored by the New York group. Drinks and refreshments will be available at the hotel at very nominal prices.

If you have never been to one of these affairs before—don't miss this one. If you have, we know that you will plan to attend this year.

The Dance Committee has really gone all out to make this affair as enjoyable and entertaining as possible—there's a lot of detail work in planning such a dance—so if for no other reason than to show your appreciation for the work involved, you should make it your obligation to attend. You'll have a wonderful time—that's a forgone conclusion.

Tickets may be purchased at the door—or you can get them ahead of time by writing to The Greater New York Chapter, 9th Infantry Division, Postoffice Box 1168, Grand Central Station, New York, N. Y.

## Dixieland All Set for Southeastern Reunion—All Aboard for Birmingham

As announced in the last issue of The Octofoil, the Southeastern Reunion has been moved to BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

The important date is NOVEMBER 18th—a Saturday—and from all advance indications this get-together is really going to be something worthwhile. Reports have come into National Headquarters indicating attendance from members living in every state comprising the southeastern area—and there are eight states all told.

Fellows that don't even belong to the Association have heard about the affair and have written in to signify their attendance.

Full details were sent out to two hundred daily newspapers within the area and we expect the results to bring out a good number of "lost 9th men."

The Tutwiler Hotel, located in the heart of Birmingham, is going to be the headquarters. Registration will get under way beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 18, and will continue until the last man arrives.

In the afternoon, around 2:30, an informal get-together will begin, using the facilities of The Peacock Ballroom. This get-together will include a showing of 9th Division combat films and will break up around 5 o'clock to give everybody ample time to get ready for the informal banquet starting at 7:30 promptly.

The Tutwiler Hotel has assured us of the choicest roast beef dinner that their chef can prepare. During the meal, entertainment will be provided by a roving accordionist, guaranteed to keep everyone on the right key.

After the banquet, one of Birmingham's "rag-time bands" will be on hand to start you off on the dance floor. During the dance, a bar set-up will be available to supply the demand for cracked ice, glasses, soda, gingerale and what-have-you. BYOL, which stands for "Bring your own liquor." There will be no charge for glasses and ice, however, a small charge is made by the hotel for the other items.

This isn't going to be any formal affair. It is being kept as informal as possible. It is an affair planned for 9th Division men and their wives to get together with their friends, an opportunity that has never before been offered to you 9th men liv-

ing in the Southeastern part of our country. It is the hope of your National Board of Governors that this reunion will be the beginning of an annual affair and that the results will prove the necessity for holding a National Reunion in your part of our country.

The cost is only Five Dollars per person and can be paid upon arrival, or if you choose, you may send in for advance tickets to your National Secretary, Postoffice Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

Hotel reservations should be made direct to the Tutwiler Hotel, Birmingham 3, Alabama.

## News from the Stork

M. and Mrs. ALBERT SEBOK advise via "Babygram," the arrival of Bonnie Louise on September 27th, weighing in at seven pounds, ten and a half ounces. Incidentally, Al and his family have recently moved to a new address—14211 Mackinaw Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. JOHN FORSBERG, 218 Prairie Avenue, Libertyville, Illinois, proudly announce the arrival of John Conrad Forsberg, II—seven pounds, 13 ounces—on September 16th. His sister, Jan Carol is two years old, and mighty proud to have a brother. The "old man" served with A T Co., 60th Infantry.

HELEN AND GILBERT TILTON have a new son, Gilbert Virgil, as of September 29th, tipping the scales at six pounds, ten ounces. Gil was with G Co., 60th Infantry. They live in Buckfield, Maine, Box 11.

Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT NICHOLS, Route 1, Box 16-A, Ahsokie, North Carolina, announce the arrival of Brenda Gail Nicholes on October 5th. Weight, seven pounds, eight ounces. Brenda was named in memory of GAIL E. GADBY, former C. O. of D Company, 47th Infantry, Bob's former outfit. Lt. Gadby recently died from a heart attack. Besides the newly arrived baby girl, the Nicholes also have another girl, 12 years old.

BETTY AND JOE CHARVAT (I Co., 39th Infantry), now living at 400 East 20th St., New York 9, N. Y., inform us of the arrival of Christine Beth on September 26—six pounds, eight ounces.



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

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## COMMON SENSE

For countless ages man has been able to move forward in his struggle of existence primarily due to his inherent reasoning ability or to state it more plainly, Common Sense. There are undoubtedly a large number of definitions that could be brought forth from sources of knowledge to convey to the average person the meaning and the understanding of Common Sense. However, the definition is not too important. We understand it sufficiently to use it literally hundreds of times each day in our normal activities but apparently do not use it enough when dealing with situations that arise in the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

During the campaigns of World War II, military and civilian leaders were faced with problems with which they had never realized they would be confronted. Their training as leaders and their use of common sense in many cases enabled them to find school solutions to these problems.

In a like manner the men of the 9th Infantry Division overcame tremendous obstacles in the field by applying to these obstacles their superior training, initiative and ability to reason. If a platoon leader became a casualty, his Sergeant could manage the platoon equally as well and by the same token the Corporal could replace the Sergeant. There were no dividing lines between rank and each shared the others fate in common battle.

From the raw, ragged days at Fort Bragg, the men of the 9th Infantry Division rose to become a superb fighting machine of unqualified greatness. They built around themselves an "Esprit de Corps" not to be equalled by any other combat Division. Friendships were made by men who had only their ragged, dirty selves to offer in companionship. These were much more than friendships. Many times a man jeopardized his own life to protect the life of a fellow soldier. They shared food and comforts in the field. They shared clothing and money to enable a less fortunate buddy to enjoy a few days leave.

At the close of the campaign in Europe, an Association was formed by the men of the 9th Infantry Division to preserve the "Esprit de Corps" of the Division and to perpetuate the memory of their comrades who fell in battle.

**But!! Are We Really Doing That?** The highlight of the annual convention is our Memorial Service. We should be able to march to the Service a thousand men strong, proud to be able to attend in honor of our former comrades. The business meeting of the convention is your meeting to express yourself in shaping the future policy of the 9th Infantry Division Association. The Chapters should have hand picked delegates at this business meeting to be representative of their sections.

Naturally there are many problems confronting members of the 9th Infantry Division Association in attempting to attend the Annual Conventions. However, that should make attendance at chapter meetings a **MUST**. The Chapters are the backbone of the Association.

Now we get back to "Common Sense." We all know that in an organization there are leaders elected or appointed by a majority of the group. Back in service we called these people the "Brass." Some were good, some not so good. And you will find that is true at present in the 9th Infantry Division Association for one reason or another. Nevertheless each one is doing the very best that he can to work for the Association. There are however, an appreciable number of members who, by not working with these leaders or supporting their Chapters as a group, are in reality working against the whole structure of the Association. The 9th Infantry Division Association needs as its daily tonic the unity and comradeship of every man

## News of Members—Here, There and Everywhere

### 47th Raiders

**JAMES A. WALTON** (Cpl. Hq. Co., 47th) has a new address—2811 Cheryl Drive, East Point, Georgia.

Mrs. **SCHMIDT**, mother of **ALBERT SCHMIDT** (KIA, A Co., 47th) is now living at her new address—81-07 254 Street, Belle-rose, Long Island, N. Y.

**PERCY F. RISHEL** (T/5, 47th) 26 West Bancroft Street, Toledo 2, Ohio, recently sent in his 1950 dues and also dues for 1951.

**EUGENE L. MEYERS** (Pfc.) and his wife have recently moved to 10514 Howard Ave., Kensington, Maryland.

**JACK C. SHAW** (Capt. Hq. Co., 47th) has moved to Sherry Drive, Trotwood, Ohio.

**GERALD D. WIERENGA** (Pfc. L Co., 47th) recently complained that he had not received The Octofoil since last July. The reason remains a mystery, in as much as we have been showing his address correctly on our plate. His address is 1168 Port Sheldon Road, Route 1, Jenison, Michigan. Our letter of inquiry to the Postmaster in Jenison, Michigan, has been unanswered, however we hope that the back issues have reached you by the time this issue of The Octofoil is delivered.

**WILTON M. TAYLOR** (Pfc. M Co., 47th) writes in from Stop 6, Lost Hills, California, to state that he prefers the old newsy type of Octofoil, as we used to have it, with lots of pictures. He

also suggests that the news could be condensed slightly but not as condensed as the August issue. He went on to say that the August issue certainly did have nice clear paper, but that he prefers the cheaper paper and lots of original GI photographs than too small a paper with little or no personal touch as we used to have.

**LAWRENCE J. HEISSERER** (1st Lt. F Co., 47th) is now living at 1014 West Poplar Street, Rogers, Arkansas, according to his recent remittance covering payment of 1950 dues.

**Capt. WILLIAM L. McWATERS** (3rd Bn. 47th) sent in his 1950 dues. Bill is stationed at College Park, Ga., A.S.U., 3220, Georgia Military Academy.

**ROBERT H. PETTEE** (Capt. 3rd Bn. 47th) is now living at 1901 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina.

**JOSEPH P. KILLEN** (Pfc.) has changed his address to 224 North Grove Street, Valley Stream, Long Island, N. Y.

**BILL CALLIHAN** (Sgt., A Co.) has moved to Roxana, Kentucky.

A letter from Mrs. **ALFRED G. WILKIE** encloses the 1950 dues for her better half—**ALFRED G. WILKIE** (Hq. Co., 47th). Mrs. Wilkie assumes full responsibility for the lateness in payment of Al's dues. The Wilkie's are now living in their new home at 22 Morris Street, Staten Island 9, New York.

**GERARD R. SULLIVAN** (S/Sgt.

M Co., 47th) recently paid his '50 dues through the New York Chapter. The available back issues of The Octofoil have been mailed. Jerry is now living at 175 Gold Street, Apt. 20-Q, North Arlington, N. J.

**CAPTAIN LEON SIEMINSKI** (Capt. 47th) sent in his 1950 dues, and also reported a change of address to 112 Front Street, Nanticoke, Pa.

**JOHN H. PENN** (Pvt. 47th) is one of our Association's most ardent supporters, and his present address is 500 Spring Street, Richmond, Va.

**ROBERT G. BARNHART** (Pfc., 47th) is another one who recently sent in for one of our 9th Division Route Maps. Bob's address is: R.R. 2, Tipp City, Ohio.

**ROGER H. VAN AUKEN** (Pfc.) has a new address—922 Le Moyne Ave., Syracuse 8, N. Y.

**HARRY DAINES** (Pfc.) is now living in Pickstown, South Dakota.

### Go-Devil Activities

**EUGENE POTTER** (T/Sgt., C Co., 60th) has recently returned to his home after considerable time spent in traveling. His address is 14 Emwilton Place, Ossining, N. Y., and upon his return he immediately sat down and sent in his 1950 dues payment.

**CAPT. JACK V. N. HERNDON** (Capt. G Co., 60th) is now stationed at Camp Pickett, Va., 2114 ASU, Station Complement.

**ANDREW J. PARKER** (M/Sgt., Serv. Co.) has a new address—1001 Carolyn, Nashville 6, Tenn.

**REGIS A. FRAUENHEIM** (2nd Lt., F Co., 60th) advises us of his new address—1153 North New Hampshire Ave., Los Angeles 27, California.

**CAPT. JERRY M. SMITH, JR.**, has moved to 516 Stoner, Shreveport, La.

**WILLIAM GELBER** (Pfc.) recently obtained a campaign may, and also advised us of his new address—1911 Manor Drive, Union, New Jersey.

**MAXWELL A. COLES** (Pfc.) has a new address—1210 Evans Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

It is now **CAPTAIN EDWARD N. VAN DUYN**, instead of 1st Lt. (2nd Lt. H Co., 60th). Ed is stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, 3rd Company, S.T.R.

**GIRLIE J. RAGAN** (S/Sgt.) reacted very favorably to our proposal to hold a Southeastern Reunion. It prompted him to pay his 1950 dues, and we hope that the change in location to Birmingham will not deter him from attending the affair. He brought up a very good point in his letter to the effect that there must be a large number of fellows living in the Southeastern area who desire to keep up their memberships in our Association, but do not do so because they are so far away from the places where we hold our annual reunions. This is the main reason that we are holding this affair in Birmingham, so that you men in that area will have an opportunity of getting together. Ragan's address is 435 North Shelby Street, Live Oak, Florida.

**ALPHONSE B. SANDERS** (Pfc.) has recently moved to 6011 McClelland, Apt. 7, Baton Rouge, La.

**AUBREY O. GREER** (T/5) has a new address—92 Oriol Street, Nashville 11, Tenn.

**FRANCIS J. FERISE** (Cpl.) is now residing at 1042 Louisa Street, Elizabeth 4, N. J.

**COL. JOHN G. VAN HOUTEN** (C. O., 60th) has been transferred from the Command and General Staff College in Ft. Leavenworth, Kans., and is now stationed at The Infantry Center, Fort Benning, Georgia.

**VERNON MUGERDITCHIAN** (1st Sgt., G Co.) has a new address—Box 429, c/o Jennie Dowell, McHenry, Illinois.

**JOHN P. WILSON** (M/Sgt.) wrote in from his home, 375 Springfield Ave., Summitt, N. J., to request a copy of the campaign map.

**JOHN C. FORSBERG** (AT. Co.) 218 Prairie Ave., Libertyville, Illinois, sent in for a copy of the 60th History and at the same time expressed his appreciation for the wonderful time he had while attending the Chicago Convention—his special thanks to **HERB WAPLES** and his wife for "taking care of him"—also for the pictures.

**WILLIAM A. BANNON** (Pfc. L Co.) recently sent in his 1950 dues. Bill lives in Brooklyn, New York, and is in the real estate business, with offices located at 1113 East 34th Stret, corner of Flatbush Avenue.

**CHARLES M. PEAK** (S/Sgt., H Co.) of RR 1, Modesto, Illinois, sent in his 1950 dues last January, but apparently his letter got lost in the shuffle so he recently mailed another check and included payment of 1951 dues at the same time.

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in every Chapter and the same expressed in turn by Chapters to each other.

There is no room in our Association for petty gripes. There is also no room for personal enmity directed toward any member of the Association. It is always much easier to sit on the sidelines and criticize the actions of another than to suggest how it should be done properly. If there is to be criticism lets make it constructive criticism.

This Association of ours is the best in the world, bar none. We made it that way and we shall keep it that way.



MICHAEL P. BOUTH (Sgt. B Co.) has a new address—805 North Front Street, Marquette, Michigan—also paid his 1950 dues.

CARL K. BRADY (S/Sgt. M Co.) is now living at 202 17th Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

LEWIS F. SHORT (Pfc., AT Co.) recently paid his 1950 dues together with advance dues for 1951. Carl informs us that both he and his wife have been quite sick for the past year and have been under heavy financial burdens, thus the reason for being late with the dues. (Plenty early for 1951, though—thanks).

HAROLD C. FONDOW (Pvt., AT Co.) wrote us from 308 Flanner Street, Burlington, N. C., to request a list of members living nearby in order that he might contact them relative to attending the Southeastern Reunion.

#### News from the 39th Infantry

ERNEST I. SHANKO has recently moved into his new home at 2640 South Meade Street, Arlington, Va. Ernest is a carpenter by trade and spends his spare time at digging for gold in an abandoned gold mine located near Great Falls, Md. A few weeks ago he managed to pan out Six Dollars worth of gold dust. A regular "old soughdough."

Former T/5 SIDNEY FORMAN is now living at 22 Alvin Ave., East Hamilton, Mass.

EDWARD D. McDONOUGH (Sgt. 39th) has moved to a new address—1824 Cadiz Street, New Orleans 15, La.

LEO MANKOWSKI has moved into his new home at 1207 Minnesota Ave., South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

HERBERT BLAKER sends in a postcard to say "hello" to his buddies of the 39th. Herb was one of the original men with his outfit, going through the entire campaign, although he was busted up a bit before the fighting was over. He desires to say "hello," especially to Mike Puzak and Major Wade, and hopes that some of his friends will write to him at his new address—101 Black Horse Pike, Bellmanor, Mt. Ephraim, N. J.

SIDNEY KAZDOY (A Co.) has moved from New Jersey to 103 Audrey Lane, Washington 20, D.C. Lt. Col. FRANK L. GUNN (2nd Bn.) won't be able to attend the Southeastern Reunion due to his change in station. His address for correspondence purposes is—Camilla, Georgia.

QUINTEN E. FERGUSON reports a new address: 353 Valerio Street, Nashville, Tenn.

CHARLES F. WIELAND (2nd Lt. 39th) recently paid his 1950 dues. Charlie is practicing law in Pittsburgh, Penn., with offices located at 1101 Plaza Building.

ROBERT V. WADE (Pfc.) reports his new address—434 Kasota Street, Cincinnati 29, Ohio, and also pays his 1950 dues.

OLIVER D. KING is now living on Route 4, Box 405, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

STANLEY J. SOLECKI (G Co.) sent in for one of the clips. He is living at 532 East 6th Street, New York 9, N. Y.

THOMAS BRODERICK (Pvt. 39th) sent in a buck for one of the maps. He is living at 1730 Watt Street, Schenectady, N. Y.

#### Division Headquarters

THEODORE R. CURRY, former 1st Lt. with Division Headquarters, has a new address—179 Cherry Street, Punxsutawney, Pa.

Lt. Col. WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND, former Chief of Staff, is now on the Staff and Faculty at The Army War College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Major General DONALD A. STROH (Ret'd) has recently joined the ranks of the cliff dwellers in Washington, D. C., at 3901 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Apt. 508. Last spring, the General and Mrs. Stroh made a reconnaissance of The United States in search of a suitable spot of ground on which to build their home. After almost three months of travel, covering the length and breadth of these United States, they decided upon a two and a half acre spot located at Easton, Maryland, overlooking The Chesapeake Bay. Their home should be completed this fall and they plan on moving to Easton next spring for the summer months, during which time the General plans on putting into practice his knowledge of piscatology.

JOHN D. O'ROURKE, former Captain with Division Headquarters, has recently moved to 914 Canton Ave., Orlando, Florida.

Many of you will be more than happy to hear from FATHER TIM, more formally known as Chaplain TIMOTHY M. ANDRYSIAK. He is now with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, located

at Fort George G. Meade, Md. After receiving three appeals from the Association for payment of 1950 dues, Father Tim decided to investigate. Last July he had turned over to his clerk, a letter containing a money order to cover payment of his dues, therefore he couldn't understand why he was still receiving notices. A search disclosed the fact that his clerk failed to mail his letter, instead it was filed among some of his personal papers.

Father Tim was hoping to get to Chicago last July for our 5th Annual Reunion, but due to the fact that he was the only Chaplain on duty with the regiment during the month of July—also, because his Colonel had asked him in June to accompany the outfit on a small-scale maneuver which began in Virginia on July 10th—he was unable to attend. God willing (and the Colonel, too), he plans to be among his "very dear friends in '51."

Quoting directly from his letter, Father Tim closes by saying, "With many good wishes and a prayer that the Association of our beloved '9th' will continue to flourish, I remain—Very Sincerely, Yours."

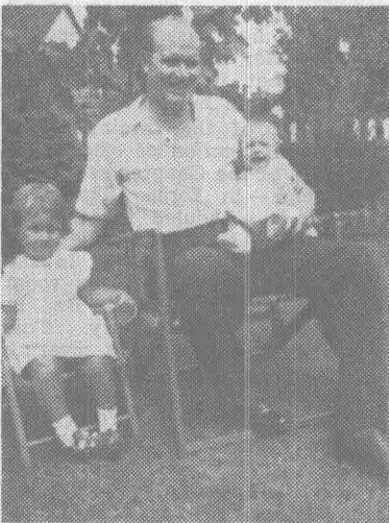
EARL S. AILOR (former Captain with Division Headquarters as well as the 47th), is now living at 2644 Jefferson Ave., Knoxville, Tennessee. Upon his release from active service his commission was transferred from Infantry to the JAGC. In 1946 Earl entered law practice with his father, with offices located at 709 Market Street, in Knoxville. On June 3rd, 1947, he married Miss Margaret Nelson of Newport and a daughter was born on October 21, 1948.

#### 15th Engineers

ALBERT A. LEVY (T/5, A Co., 15th Eng.), has acquired a new address—141 Woodmere Boulevard, East Chateau, Woodmere, Long Island, New York.

Mrs. EARL W. HANNA sends in a very nice letter in response to our appeal for news. Earl was with Company A, 15th Engineers for about four years, starting with the African Invasion and ending up in Germany. Upon leaving the service, Earl joined the ranks of the happily married in July, 1945, and since that time his family has grown to include two daughters, Joan Ellen, age two, and Valerie Ann, age six months. He attended Pace College, receiving a degree in accounting, and is presently employed as an accountant by the Sulphur Export Company of New York—a long cry from the days when he was a T/5, digging ditches with the Engineers. Their home is located at 238-15 117 Avenue, Elmont, New York.

We are pleased to print the following picture of Earl, taken on a Sunday afternoon, "relaxing" with his two children.



#### Units Unknown

SAM T. FARRANTI, who was listed in the September issue, "Lost Members" column, has been located. His correct address was sent in by THOMAS ORBAND. Sam is living on Murphy Road, R. D. 1, Binghamton, N. Y.

JOHN L. GRIFFITH has notified us of his new address—1008 Gardner Street, Gadsden, Ala.

LAWRENCE CHERRY is another "Lost Member" who has been located. His current address is Route 1, Adairville, Kentucky.

#### 709th Ordnance

Lt. WILLIAM WHETTON is now over in Korea. The best address so far is Ordnance Branch, APO 500, P.M., San Francisco, California.

Lt. Col. JEFFERSON D. CHILDS is still in St. Louis, Missouri, assigned to the St. Louis Ordnance District, 4800 Goodfellow Boulevard. Col. Childs was on orders to go to Harvard University for further studies but apparently the Army changed its mind at the last minute.

MAJOR WILLIAM H. WALKART is still with the ROTC at

Georgia Tech. His address is 251 10th Street, N. W., Apt. 6, Bldg. 1, Atlanta, Georgia. Bill is now married and has one adopted child.

#### 9th Signal

WYATT A. ARNOLD has been promoted to Captain since the last report. His new address is with the 512th Signal Base Maintenance Co., Camp Roberts, California.

KENDALL W. GUILFORD, ex-T/4, 9th Signal, sent in his 1951 dues, and also a buck for one of the campaign maps. Ken lives at 334 Linwood Avenue, Newtonville, Massachusetts, and come what may, he has his plans all made to attend the 1951 Convention in New York City.

CAPTAIN DANIEL W. HANCOCK, who is assigned to the Signal Section in The Pentagon, has recently taken over the job as Vice-President of the District of Columbia Chapter.

#### Division Artillery

MICHAEL F. SOLITARIO (Pfc., 26th FA.), has a new address at 578 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. Mike also recently paid his 1950 dues.

DEAN F. BRYON (T/4, 26th FA.), has moved to 229 Center Street, Lock Haven, Pa.

ROY A. KANE (Major, 34th FA) is now with the Instr. Det., 45th Infantry Division, located at Camp Polk, Louisiana.

DOMINICK PIERI (Pvt., 34th FA.) changed his address to 23 Carolina Ave., Clifton, N. J.

MAJOR RALPH I. WILLIAMS (Hq. 60th FA.) has been transferred from The Pentagon and is currently assigned to the Student Detachment, O.A.C., Fort Sill, Okla.

Cpl. PHILIP TERRANOVA (Cpl. 60th FA) recently paid his 1950 dues. Phil has been attending school in the States and after his furlough he returned to his outfit—The 45th Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, located at Fort Clayton, Canal Zone.

MILTON G. LEED (Pfc. Service Btry., 84th FA) advises us of a new address at 2649 Ellis Avenue, N. E., Canton 5, Ohio.

M/Sgt. FORREST F. BAREFOOT (Major, 34th FA—also Mil. Gov't Sect.) is now stationed in California and living at 127½ South K Street, Lompoc, California. Forrest—or better known as the Chief—completed his active duty service last December and decided to re-enlist in the Army. With over ten years service under his belt, another ten years and he will be able to retire—as a Major.

#### 376th AAA

Former Sergeant ROBERT E. JACKSON, JR., is now living at 104 Cherry Street, West Orange 2, New Jersey. Bob was very happy to read in the last issue of The Octofoil that his very good friend, Joe Tessier, had become a member of the Association. They were together from Omaha Beach to the Rhine and a "better man is hard to find." Bob is now working for Pabst Blue Ribbon in Newark, N. J., and it is his desire that more of you fellows would write into The Octofoil, thus making it easier for the editor to keep the paper interesting for its readers.

Last month's Octofoil carried a note that EARL CALDWELL, former 376th man, is in the Dearborn Veterans Hospital, fighting tuberculosis. Bob Jackson is dropping him a line—how about you other 376th men doing the same thing. It helps to pass the time, and Earl would sure like to receive your letters.

WILLIE C. BATTLES, former 376th S/Sgt., has a new address at Route 2, Box 1169, Lakeland, Florida.

WILLIAM HAMEL has recently paid his 1950 dues with apologies for being tardy. He also would like to hear from the 376th gang. His address is 4 Kellogg Street, Norwalk, Conn.

#### 9th Quartermaster

FRANK J. ORLOWSKI, a former Sgt. with the "fighting Quartermasters," writes in from his home, 2954 West 53rd Street, Chicago 32, Ill.—enclosing the purchase price of our Gold Plated Tie Clip. Next time you get the urge to write, Frank, how about giving us some news about yourself.

#### 9th Medics

RUDY S. WALZER has a new address at 1360 48th Street, Brooklyn 19, N. Y.

CHARLES E. DUNCAN, formerly Captain Duncan, sends in his change of address to: 1034 Alden Road, Memphis, Tennessee.

MAJOR JOHN P. CHRISTENSON, former Division Dental Officer, has been transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington—Quarters 494 D, Styphen Avenue.

## More Lost Members—Help Find Them

Look over the list of names below. The Postoffice has advised us that the addresses are "No Good."

If you know of the present whereabouts of any of these men, please get in touch with them, or drop a line to your National Secretary, Postoffice Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., so that the records can be corrected and the member brought back into the active file.

Frank Homick, 406 16th St., Denver, Colo.

Lloyd W. Howell, Ft. Duchesne, Utah.

Louis Hudson, 2235 Ruffner St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Theodore C. Huke, 5627 Lothian Rd., Baltimore 12, Md.

Thomas E. Humber, Guinn, Ala. Joe C. Huna, c/o Mr. Frank Huna, Kanapolis, Kans.

Edward R. Jablonski, 6355 South Rd., Berea, Ohio.

Taylor B. Jackson, General Deliver, Knoxville, Tenn.

Gabriel E. Janosik, 2956 Tyson Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

Chas. Jensen, 209 Franklin St., Jacksonville, Ill.

Clifford S. Johnson, 1903 Jefferson, Tampa, Fla.

Johnnie L. Johnson, 1130 East A St., Ontario, Calif.

Victor J. Johnson, 628 Dobas St., Tyler, Texas.

William L. Johnson, 1806 S.C.U., APO 800, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Alton W. Jones, RFD No. 1, Cary, North Carolina.

Guy A. Jones, 1801 Lawrence Ave., Chicago 40, Ill.

James M. Jones, 600 Lockhart St., Pittsburgh 12, Pa.

John R. J. Joyce, Apt. 988, Box No. 1038, Rodeo, Calif.

Robert Kawit, 2708 Cedar Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Erwin L. Kelsey, 817 S. Cottage Grove Ave., Kirksville, Mo.

Jay P. Ketterman, 118 N. Findlay St., E. York, Pa.

Alta F. Kluttz, 715 N. Main St., Salisbury, N. C.

Henry Knutson, Brooten, Minn.

John Koptchak, Box 235, Houtzdale, Pa.

Stanley P. Kosta, 229 West End Ave., San Rafael, Calif.

Walter J. Kuzinski, 107 Pokogan St., Dowagiac, Mich.

Andrew Labowsky, 24 N. Cliff St., Ansonia, Conn.

Cosimo F. Lacorte, 356 Busti Ave., Buffalo 1, New York.

Leo Lang, 2808 Monona Dr., Madison, Wisc.

William R. Langford, Route 1, Box 300-A, Pensacola, Fla.

Burnal E. Lareau, RD 2, Martin, Ill.

Harry J. Lee, 144 River Ave., Providence, R. I.

Edward J. Lewis, 2318 S. Leavitt St., Chicago 8, Ill.

Luther V. Lewis, Chapmanville, W. Va.

Edward E. Lowd, 49 Virginia Ave., Montclair, N. J.

Carl C. Lowe, 428 W. Laurel St., Ft. Collins, Colo.

Jesse D. Lower, Jr., 1514 W. Cumberland St., Philadelphia 32, Pennsylvania.

James H. Lucas, 1208 E 5th St., W. Frankfort, Ill.

John R. McAllister, 124 Oak St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Edwin McBarth, Prescott, Kan.

Allan McDougall, 432 Middlesex St., Gloucester City, N. J.

William R. McGrath, 26 Owen St., Hartford, Conn.

Joseph G. McKay, 210 E. 50th St., Chicago, Ill.

Joe C. McMillan, Athens, Tenn.

Valentino Madia, 418 Yarrow Way, Pittsburgh, Pa.

James B. Maglio, 822 Watkins St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dennis H. Mago, 3129 N. W., 33rd St., Miami, Fla.

Sgt. J. W. Mancil, Jr., Sqdn. G, 343rd Bn., Lackland Air Base, San Antonio, Texas.

John Mangam, 26 Thompson St., St. Clair, Pa.

Carroll D. Mann, RFD 1, Cicero, Indiana.

Paul P. Marrero, 514 W. 160th St., New York, N. Y.

John F. Martin, Box 45, Springhill, La.

Bobby L. May, 319 Church St., Greensboro, N. C.

Jos. M. Mazzaresse, 570 Bushwick Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Llewellyn J. Meenen, 704 Gresdold Ave., Sterling, Ill.

Golden C. Meodonis, c/o Mrs. Lillie Keener, Sutton, W. Va.

Louis Meshon, 1722 77 Lindenwood St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Rudolph J. Metz, 927 Meredith Ave., Elizabeth 2, N. J.

Harold Meyers, 789 Stuyvesant Ave., Irvington, Newark, N. J.

Ivan D. Mills, 2112 Fourth Ave., Kearney, Nebr.

Russell Miranda, RFD, Findley, Ohio.

James W. Mitti, 176 Southbridge, Worcester, Mass.

Thomas F. Moore, 175 French St., New Brunswick, N. J.

Patsy Morano, 1553 60th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Arthur C. Moritz, 47 Orchard Ave., Duquesne, Pa.

Francis K. Mortimer, 2423 Frisby Ave., Bronx 61, New York.

Adam Muni, 827 Whalley Ave., New Haven, Conn.

Theodore A. Munini, 11614 Hamlin, N. Hollywood, Calif.

Emmit F. Murphy, Route 1, Truman, Ark.

Martin L. Nace, RD. 3, Carlisle, Pa.

August W. Nelson, 225 27th St., San Francisco 14, Calif.

Nels O. Nelson, c/o Mrs. J. Middleton, Fishtail, Mont.

Russell Nelson, 603 N. 14th St., Denison, Iowa.

Wm. J. Nesta, 615 N.W. 2nd St., Miami 36, Fla.

John J. Newman, 13756 Wadsworth, Detroit, Mich.

Albert J. Nuzzi, 499 Jersey Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

Cornelius G. Obermeier, Box 87, Allison Park, Pa.

Halmut A. Offerman, 510 Maple Ave., Elizabeth, N. J.

Kenneth R. Olds, 50 Riverview St., Pittsfield, Mass.

Mrs. Edith Olsen, McFarland, Kans.

John S. Orlick, Gen. Del., Bradenton, Fla.

Wm. S. Orme, 119 Main St., Paris, Ky.

Gino J. Ornella, 6014 Mayside Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

William H. Orris, 1245 Ave., New Kensington, Pa.

Robert C. Osterland, New Mil-Gerard B. Overman, Co. A, 84th Tk. Bn., 3rd Armored Group, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Norman Overton, 1700 N. 11th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Benny Paiva, Route 2, Box 3410, Del Paso Heights, Calif.

Charles E. Pelmer, 5 Park Ave., Pompton Plains, N. J.

Charles L. Partin, 10317 Avenue J, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Geo. A. Pedrick, Jr., 117 N. Connell St., Wilmington 14, Del.

Rudolph F. Perger, Room 1705 80 Maiden Lane, New York 7, N.Y.

Ralph Perry, Route 1, Islesboro, Maine.

Albert F. Petramale, Westerlo St., Coeymans, N. Y.

Clyde E. Pettigrew, 1154 Pacific St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

1st Lt. Clifford E. Peyton, 540 Second Ave., Long Branch, N. J.

Jeff A. Phelps, Box 22, Plantersville, Ala.

Edward W. Phillips, RD. 1, Beaver, Pa.

Walter W. Pierce, 820 Vandever Ave., Wilmington 252, Del.

Harold D. Pittman, Box 31, Braxton, Miss.

Richard J. Powers, 14 Adams St., Apt. 502, Roxbury, Mass.

William M. Powers, Box 1203, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Arthur F. Pulos, 188 Park St., Stoneham, Mass.

Claude H. Purkitt, 125 Murdick Ave., Willows, Calif.

George Rames, c/o Sunnysacres Farm, Lombard, Ill.

Donald E. Ramsdell, 31 Walpole St., Sharon, Mass.

John G. Rasmussen, College Park, Staunton, Va.

Gilbert R. Rector, Owensville, Missouri.

Chas. W. Rehberger, 1503 E. 95th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Geo. G. Reishmann, 23 S. Locust St., Hempstead Gardens, N. Y.

Horace E. Rice, Station B-35, Clarksburg, W. Va.

Wm. E. Roberson, Box 239, E. T. C. S., Johnson City, Tenn.

Dewey E. Robinette, Rock, West Virginia.

Daniel P. Robinson, 769 Edison Ave., New York, N. Y.

Vilas H. Roe, White Lake, Wisc.

Galther W. Roebuck, Route 1, Waynesboro, Miss.

William T. Ross, RFD 5, Martin, Tenn.

Charles T. Rounds, 4723 A Wash. Place, St. Louis 8, Missouri.

Julian F. Ruffin, 809 St. Andrews St., Tarboro, N. C.

Thomas V. Rumore, 95-22 Brisan St., Jamaica,



## Local Chap. News

### Greater New York Chapter

**GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER'S STAN COHEN** hits the jackpot with chapter news, so here goes with a "catch up job."

Four long months have gone by since a news coverage has hit The Octofoil regarding the happenings in and about The New York Chapter . . . and it's reeling busting with news.

Unfolding a bulging file brings forth the following items . . . A note from **AMERIGO DEJULIUS** (T/5, Div. Arty.), 2525 Grand Concourse, Bronx 58, N. Y., to advise that **ANTHONY LOSCALZO'S** (T/4, Div. Arty.) wife, **ANN**, gave birth to a baby girl. That makes three at 70-35 Broadway, Jackson Heights, L. I. Everything's fine with Tony now. The wife and baby are doing fine, and Tony is making with the dough as an Art Director in one of the big New York agencies.

A very wonderful note from **RABBI MAX P. WALL**, former Chaplain of the 9th, who is now affiliated with the Congregation Chavi Zedek in Burlington, Vermont—264 North Winoski Ave. If you have some spare time—drop him a line and say "Hello."

Received word from **MRS. J. SPRYPAK**—131 Culver Ave., Jersey City, N. J.—that her son, former Cpl. **WALTER A. EDWARDS** (M Co., 39th) will have his medals from the Army sent to them about the 24th of October. **GILMORE A. DOW**, of 614 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield, N. J., formerly of the 39th, is looking for two mugs who he thinks a lot of—**MIKE MELTZER** and **SAM KANTSKY**. Anyone know where to find these two? If so, drop Gil a line and give with the addresses. Also, let the Association know, cause they "ain't" members, and we need members.

Now for the big guns . . . **THE NEW YORK CHAPTER DANCE**. Following a draft by our congenial Prez., **GOLUB**, **WILL S. REILLY**, **GETZY SCHIFF**, **FRIEDBERG**, **CLIFF HELLER**, **NICK ST. ANGELO** and **HARRY WAX** were inducted . . . Gents, you volunteered for duty for the N. Y. Dance to be held at The Hotel George Washington, on November 11th. To say that we are going to have a good time would be putting this mildly . . . To say that we are going to have a whale of a time would not be a fish tale . . . What we are going to have is one heck of a good time. So, a word to the wise . . . attend our dance on November 11th, and see for yourself.

Just to show you all what kind of guys come down to our Chapter meetings . . . **IRV FEINBERG** (Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 47th), donated two tickets to "South Pacific" at our last raffle . . . which were promptly won by **ED EGAN**. Now that is a real deal. Bending an ear into some of the local gabfests resulted in the following info . . . **Gerry and SOL BRODSKE** happily announced the birth of a real ray of joy in the person of **Pona Susan**, born May 27th, 1950. **JOHN GARGILULO** (D Co., 9th Med.) will join hands with **HELEN OBIZUTE** on November 18th. John is now an auto mechanic and can be found at 1118 63rd Street, Brooklyn . . . And **FREDDIE GOLUB** is going around with his chest sticking out cause on June 9th it was a six-pound, 11-ounce girl named **Wendy Beth**, and **SELMA** is just crazy about this bundle of happiness . . . **MRS. MAE SPENCER** is a GRANDMA. She told everyone at least twice, "Yes, I'm a GRANDMA." Her son, **JOSEPH** and his wife blessed her with a grand-daughter named **Christine Ellen** last September 26th, and honest, Grandma is beaming with pride.

**JOE VIGILANTE** (376th AAA) brought his lovely guest, **MARION LEGGAT**, down to say "hello." Joe is now living at 106 Pine Tree

Lane in Roslyn, L. I., and is working in an aircraft factory. **HAROLD BIEGELEISEN** wants to contact some joes from Anti-Tank 60th, who may happen to live near his home at 210 West 101 Street in N. Y. C. **KEN CHAPLAIN** (D Co., 9th Med.), his wife, **EMMA** and little **Skipper**, 20 months' old, are now living at 447 Bamber Street in Brooklyn . . . **WILLIAM J. ROUST** (M Co., 60th) just returned from Florida and can be found at 68 East 90th Street, back at his old job and likes it fine . . . **CHARLIE O'CONNOR** (Cannon Co. 60th) is now a customs inspector, still helping our Uncle Samuel. Charles lives at 631 11th Street, in Brooklyn . . . **CHARLES ALONGI** (Cannon Co. 60th) and his wife, **PAULINE**, have pitched their tent at 1515 West 4th Street in Brooklyn. Charlie is in the plumbing and heating biz.

**SIEGFRIED REINHEIMER** (G Co., 60th) is in the decorating biz and he and his charming wife, **ILSE**, are living at 514 West 213 Street in Manhattan . . . **FREDDIE LEVINE** (D Co., 47th) and his wife, **RUTH**, have added to the growing population with the addition of **Eileen**, age four, and **Harvey**, age one. Fred is a linotype mechanic and can be located at 496 Williams Ave. in Brooklyn . . . **SAMUEL ROSENBERG** (Hq. 1st Bn., 47th) can be traced to the Marine Park Homes in Garrison Beach in Brooklyn, where he and **SARAH** are graciously surrounded by **Stewart** and **Sharon**. Sam is in the soda dispensing biz.

Had a couple of new faces show up in the persons of **OLAF S. ENGELSON** of the Med. Det., 47th, **FRED LEVINE** and **ROSENBERG** . . . **BILL LYNN** was a welcomed and honored guest . . . Our smiling president, **Doc STERN**, quoted a few lines from Hemingway's "Across The River and Through The Trees," where on page 248 Ernest mentions the doings of the famous 9th . . . Just a note in saying that the next meeting will be a very important one as new officers will be nominated for the coming year . . . Don't forget the big blowout on November 11th . . . Tickets can be had at the door . . . Our movie operator, **Sgt. DEMARS**, has been three times blessed, its triplets.

It was a real pleasure to have **MRS. ELIZABETH KUCHAREK** attend our last meeting. She is the mother of **PVT. WILLIAM KUCHAREK**, C Co., 47th, who was K.I.A. in Africa. Mrs. Kucharek is very anxious to get in touch with some of Bill's buddies. Any of you Joes who remember Bill would be doing his Mother a real good deed by contacting her at 1306 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

### Columbus, Ohio Chapter

**PEARL NICKLE** IS HOST TO BIG GET-TOGETHER OF FORMER NINTH MEN IN COLUMBUS.

A really outstanding banquet of the Columbus group was held on Saturday, September 30th, at The Southern Hotel.

The principal speaker was **MR. J. P. LYNCH**, of New Haven, Conn., supervisor of The Columbus Neon Sign School, 153½ N. High Street. Mr. Lynch is a former officer with an artillery outfit and saw active duty in both World War I and II.

**PEARL NICKLE**, who is a student at the school, and a former 39th man, was the host to the gathering. A most beautiful Ninth Division silk flag was presented to the group which will be on display at the next convention in New York City. The flag was made by **Pearl Nickle** and **JAMES HARVEY**, Washington, Pa., a former Third Division man.

Beautiful embossed plaques were presented to all former presidents of the Columbus group—**GLENN O. MOORE**, **PAUL KELLER** and **RICHARD SCHUMANN**.

Another hand-carved plaque was presented to **PAUL PLUNKETT** in appreciation of his efforts in organizing the Columbus group back

in 1947. **JAMES HARVEY** made the plaques at the school and they are masterpieces of art.

Out-of-town guests included **FRED BEECHER**, who handled the registration desk; **BEN SMITH** and "RICK" **OLDFIELD**, former Navy men.

**BILL BRABSON**, Columbus radio announcer, and a former lieutenant with the 60th Infantry, made the presentation to **Plunkett**. He kept the listeners in a good mood while reciting the many humorous incidents that happened while he was with the 60th.

**WILLIAM O'BRIEN**, a former 1st Division man, was another one of the guests of honor.

**J. L. Gearhart**, Southern Hotel manager, sent a nice letter to **Nickle**, thanking him for the gentlemanly manner in which the group conducted themselves.

**Pearl Nickle**, the host to this outstanding party, the biggest celebration the Columbus group has ever had, asked that the following open letter be printed in The Octofoil:

"DEAR NINTH COMRADES:

"To each and every member of The Columbus, Ohio, Chapter and their wives, and all other guests, I wish to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude and appreciation to each of you who accepted the personal invitation to attend the dinner held at The Southern Hotel, Saturday, September 30, 1950.

"I sincerely hope you had a good time and that the affair was not a disappointment. I hope you will want to attend a similar party next year.

"Let's hope that the meeting will be a means of us all having a greater determination to carry on the work we started out to do. That was the idea when we planned this reunion. Again, my thanks.

"Sincerely yours,  
"PEARL L. NICKLE."

### District of Columbia Chap.

The September meeting of The D. C. gang saw an election of a new set of officers. **JOHN W. O'DONNELL** (I Co., 60th Inf.), was elected President. Captain **DANIEL W. HANCOCK** (9th Sig), took over the job as Vice-President and **CALVIN E. WHITAKER** (746th Tk. Bn.), came up with the job of Secretary.

**HERB LOTT** (9th Sig.), showed up for the first time. Herb is working for the American Tel. & Tel. Co., however, he expects soon to be transferred to Philadelphia.

The meeting was held in The Sailors, Soldiers, Marines and Airmen's Club, 1015 L Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and after the business formalities were dispensed with, adjournment was made to a nearby tavern, where **National Prexy, DON CLARKE**, led the group in elbow bending exercises.

### New England Chapter News

Ambitious plans highlighted the September 25 meeting held at the YD Club, Huntington Ave., Boston, by the New England Chapter, 9th Infantry Division Association, as they opened up their fall season completely refreshed, revitalized, and "rarin' to go" after a lengthy summer vacation.

Most immediate of the plans concerned a Halloween Party. Live wire **MARTY CONNELLY** was appointed chairman by President **SID LEVISON**, and promised quick action and results. Complete details will be sent Chapter members in due time.

Also under consideration is a Chapter sponsored drive to collect dues for 1951. All Association members are reminded that when the annual \$3.50 dues are paid through the local Chapter, the local treasury is permitted to keep \$1. This is an important source of revenue. But, if dues are paid directly to the national office, the Chapter receives no remittance. If you can spare the money now, pay your dues immediately and get it over with. If not, you are reminded to start saving your pennies so that you can pay in several months.

Make you checks, money orders or postal notes payable to The New England Chapter, 9th Infantry Division Association, Box 892, Boston, Mass. You will then receive your new membership card within two months. So what do you say, guys, act pronto!

By far, the most important and most ambitious plan of the last meeting was the decision to start the ball rolling to get the next National Convention of the Association here in historic Beantown.

The plan was enthusiastically received, but there is only one drawback. Such a convention entails considerable work and self-sacrifice. It is a peculiarity of the New England Chapter that a distinct minority are always burdened with responsibilities. They are not complaining. They are proud that they are able to carry the Chapter on their shoulders. But the National Convention is of such



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GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL visits the 9th Infantry Division C. P., located in ZWEIFALL, GERMANY.

importance and magnitude that to insure its success, dormant Chapter members must break out of their cocoons and lend a hand. Assistance from the local representative on the Board of Governors would also be welcomed.

One of the most encouraging aspects of the move to get the next National Convention in Boston is the enthusiasm of, and assistance promised, by the Boston Chamber of Commerce. Zealot **Marty Connelly** has been in constant touch with the Boston Chamber of Commerce and states that they are ready to back up the New England Chapter to the hilt. As a matter of fact, the Chamber is so interested in the matter, that they want to send a representative to plead our cause before the Association's Board of Governors.

### Buffalo Chapter

**GEORGE A. SIMON**, Secretary of The Buffalo Chapter, submits a very interesting report of the October meeting of the Chapter, recently held in their usual meeting place—174 Regiment Armory, Niagara and Connecticut Streets.

The business meeting was held with dispatch and after all present and future business was taken care of, the attending members settled down to the pleasures of refreshments and a "long bull session."

A letter and telegram were received from **SENATOR LEHMAN**, in which he stated that his Bill, to name the Buffalo area Veterans hospitals wings after the Niagara Frontier area men, who were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, had passed the Senate. The Greater Buffalo Chapter is pleased that its backing of this Bill may have helped.

In view of the coming nomination and election of officers, all members of the Chapter are urged to attend—in force. The next meeting is scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday in November, the 21st. The meeting will be held in the usual place - second floor room of the C. O. of the 2nd Bn., in the 174th Reg't. Armory. This will be a most important meeting so make a special effort to be present.

**STAN CABAN** and **GEORGE SIMON** enjoyed a pleasant surprise brought about by the visit of **JOHN LIHACH** and his wife, **MARY**. John (T/4, 39th), is an officer on the New York police force, and he and his wife were enjoying a late vacation. The Buffalo gang certainly hope that they enjoyed their visit, including views of Niagara Falls, and that it won't be long before they are thinking about a return trip.

### Illinois Chapter

**ILLINOIS CHAPTER** members can be "play boys" (for a night at least) when the Chapter holds its "MONTE CARLO NIGHT" on November 10th, 1950, at THE ROCKET CLUB, 1122 North Milwaukee Ave., Chicago.

The members will be enticed to part with their \$100—play money—on crap games, black jack, poker—and other games of "skill." There will be plenty of refreshments and sandwiches to keep old man hunger away.

The officers and the auxiliary of the chapter are looking over the list of members to decide upon the victim to play the role of **SANTA CLAUS** at the annual Christmas Party. The field has narrowed down to **JOHN DAWSON**, **SHIRTS MATUSIK** and possibly **BUD REMER**. **SHIRTS** has threatened to go on a reducing diet.

**HERB WAPLES**, prexy of the Illinois Chapter, has inaugurated

new wrinkles into the Chapter. **THEODORE PRESTON**, one of our newer members, has been appointed **CUSTODIAN OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**—(Bartender is the short terminology). **ROGER ELMER** is designated as **THE OFFICIAL GREETER**, it being his duty to see that no one sits in the back of the room like lost sheep, and to help do away with that lonesome feeling if you happen to be among strangers. **BUD REMER** has been appointed assistant to **ELMER**.

It was recommended that the Christmas Party be limited to paid up members, their guests and friends. So if your 1950 dues aren't paid up, you'd better get on the ball—also, might as well pay for 1951 at the same time.

**DON'T FORGET**—if you feel lucky or not—**NOVEMBER 10th IS THE NIGHT OF THE NEXT MEETING**—**MONTE CARLO NIGHT**.

**GET READY FOR THE BIG CHRISTMAS PARTY** . . . **NOTICES WILL BE MAILED EARLY IN DECEMBER**.

### Cleveland - Akron Chapter

**ROG SCHAEFFER** reports a good time was had by all at the recent meeting of The CLEVELAND-AKRON CHAPTER, held on October 15th, at the Canteen Restaurant in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Among those present were: **BILL MAUSER** and his wife (Bill is the Chapter prez); Secretary **JOHN McLAUREN** and Miss **EILEEN FRAWLEY**; Treasurer **BOB** and Mrs. **LYNCH**; **ANDY** and Mrs. **SINARE**; **PETE** and Mrs. **GANS**; **ALEX** and Mrs. **GANS** (Pete's brother); **CARL** and Mrs. **GRIZER**; **ROG** and Mrs. **SCHAEFFER**, and **FRANK COPPOLINO**.

All enjoyed a fine meal, followed by a short business session. It was decided to hold the next meeting somewhere in Cleveland—which will also be a dinner meeting. The time and place will be announced at a later date.

A nominating committee will be appointed so that new officers can be elected at the December meeting of the Chapter.

## Welcome to the New Members

THE NEW YORK CHAPTER came through with three new members this past month:

**NORBERT R. GORNEY** (Unit unknown), 303 Main Street, East Orange, N. J.

**SAMUEL ROSENBERG** (S/Sgt., Hq., 1st Bn., 47th), 118 Eastway, Brooklyn 29, N. Y.

**OLAF S. ENGELSEN** (Pfc., Med. Det., 1st Bn., 39th), 241 Senator Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

One other new member—**ALTON E. LE DUC** (Sgt., C Co., 47th), 217 North Summit Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan—signed up direct, however, it is hoped that the Detroit Chapter will profit by his attendance at their meetings.

## 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.

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