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## Captain Kenneth Swenson Killed In Korea—Served With K Co., 39th

Captain KENNETH SWENSON, 34-year-old infantry officer, a Purple Heart veteran of more than two years of combat during World War II, has been killed in action in Korea.

The tragic news of Ken's death was sent to The Octofoil by his widow, Mrs. Bernadine Small Swenson, of 568 Philadelphia Avenue, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Swenson received notification of her husband's death through a telegram from The Adjutant General which stated that he was killed in action on November 29th.

Captain Swenson, a native of Apollo, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, left the United States on August 4 for duty in Korea as a member of the 38th Regimental Combat Team of the 2nd Infantry Division. His last letters to his wife were dated November 21. In October he had called Mrs. Swenson by telephone from Seoul.

Disturbed early in December when mail from her husband abruptly stopped, Mrs. Swenson learned two days before Christmas that her husband was listed by his unit as missing in action. This information was secured from a friend whose husband also is serving in Korea. Official reports, however, did not carry Captain Swenson as a casualty.

Communicating immediately with the Adjutant General, Mrs. Swenson was assured at that time every effort would be made to determine her husband's status. On January 9 notification of his death was the answer.

Mrs. Swenson and her two children, Gary, four and a half; and Barbara, who is just three, have been residing in Chambersburg since Captain Swenson sailed for Korea. Mrs. Swenson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Small, of 716 Lincoln Way East.

Captain Swenson, born in Apollo on May 8, 1916, entered the Army from high school in 1935. After serving in Hawaii as an enlisted man until 1938, he was placed on reserve status and worked until 1941 with The Carnegie-Illinois Steel Co. in Vandergrift. In January, 1941, he was recalled to active Army duty.

Assigned to officer candidate school following recall, he was commissioned a second lieutenant on January 16, 1943, and almost

immediately assigned to duty with the 9th Infantry Division then conducting the North African campaign. He sailed for North Africa in March 1943, and remained overseas until September, 1945, serving with K Company, 39th Infantry.

Participating in eight major campaigns during World War II, Captain Swenson saw duty in Africa, Sicily, England, France, Belgium and Germany. Wounded by a sniper in Hurtgen Forest on October 13, 1944, Captain Swenson was hospitalized for several months before returning to duty with the 9th.

While serving in Europe, Captain Swenson's wife resided in Chambersburg and was employed at Letterkenny.

Shortly after his return to the United States in 1945, Captain Swenson was assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington, where he and his wife took up residence. Transferred later in 1946 to San Francisco, Captain Swenson served there only briefly until he was assigned to Army recruiting service and appointed commanding officer of the Long View, Washington, main station.

Later, Captain Swenson was assigned to the Portland, Oregon, recruiting station and then transferred to the Second Infantry at Fort Lewis.

During his Army service Captain Swenson had been awarded the Bronze Star medal for bravery in action in Europe, the Purple Heart medal, the Combat Infantryman's badge, and the Belgian Croix de Guerre.

He was a member of the Methodist Church in Chambersburg, the B.P.O.E. in Apollo, as well as an active member in the 9th Infantry Division Association. Captain Swenson attended the Chicago Reunion of the 9th, last year.

In addition to his widow and two children, he is survived by his father, Oscar S. Swenson, of Natroma Heights; three sisters, Mrs. Thomas Shirley, Jr., of Natroma Heights; Mrs. Richard Klaus, of Fullerton, California, and Mrs. Kenneth Freyer, of Anaheim, California, and two brothers, George T., of North Apollo, and Russell M., of Apollo. His mother was the late Mrs. Clara E. Swenson.

### Bernadine, Gary and Kenny Swenson December 4, 1947



The following letter, dated January 17, was received from Mrs. Bernadine S. Swenson:

"Dear Mr. Tingley: In answer to your telegram, which I received this afternoon, I am sending a photograph from which my husband's picture may be taken for The Octofoil.

"I know he always enjoyed reading the paper and was proud of

having been in the Ninth. It is hard for me to realize he is gone, as he was such a wonderful husband and father, and we miss him so terribly. I believe I did mention in my other letter that I would greatly appreciate having a few copies of the paper to keep for the children. Thank you.

"Sincerely,  
"BERNADINE S. SWENSON."

## Col. Pickett Makes Battlefield Visit

The following letter, dated 5 January, 1951, was received from COLONEL GEORGE E. PICKETT in response to our appeal appearing in recent issues of The Octofoil for news items of interest to our membership. Since this letter was written, word has been received via the "grapevine" informing us that Col. Pickett has been promoted to full colonel. (Congratulations). Formerly the G-4 for the 9th Division, Col. Pickett is now stationed at Bremerhaven, Germany, as Port Engineer.

"You have been advertising in The Octofoil for some news. My family and I recently made a trip over part of the route of the 9th Division across Belgium and Germany and I believe that some of the members of the Association will be interested in hearing of the conditions in this area six years after they were there.

On this trip through Germany, we went down through the British Zone to the Rhine River at WESEL. This is a point where the 9th Army made their crossing. The terrain at both sides of the river is very flat with practically unlimited observation on both sides and many villages along the banks of the Rhine. We turned south at this point and went down on the east bank of the Rhine and spent a night at COLOGNE. COLOGNE was very badly destroyed and does not show as much reconstruction as some of the larger cities in the American Zone. The cathedral was damaged some by bombing, but relatively little and it is being rebuilt at the present time. We crossed the Rhine at this point and proceeded southwest to DUEREN.

DUEREN was very badly destroyed and some reconstruction of one story buildings in the center of town along the river is going on.

From DUEREN we went through the area that the 9th Division was in just prior to the Bulge. As you recall, the area from ESCHWELER to AACHEN is a highly industrialized area. Some of the industry has been restored, but some of it has not been touched, and in some sections it had the appearance of a ghost town.

We drove down to MERODE CASTLE and it looks exactly like it did when the 39th left it except there was a clothes line full of clothes across the court yard and a German family is living in the tower where the 39th CP was located.

The old mine at BERGRATH, where the Division CP was located, was not in operation and the little village had a ghost-like appearance.

AACHEN, as you no doubt recall, was very badly destroyed. Some reconstruction has taken place in the places located within the American Zone.

After leaving AACHEN, we headed for LIEGE and stopped by the American Cemetery at HENRI CHAPELLE. We looked over the cemetery and talked to the superintendent there. He showed us the scale model of how the cemetery will look after the chapel and shrine are completed. This cemetery is on a high ridge, just inside of Belgium from the German border. There is a wonderful view from this ridge over the picturesque farms and villages of Belgium. The superintendent told us there were quite a number of men from the 9th Division buried there. The cemetery is very well kept which is a rightful tribute to all of the brave men buried there. We spent the night in LIEGE and toured around the city some and the attitude of the people now is far different from the attitude they had when they were liberated slightly over six years ago. Business and life in general in LIEGE is pretty well back to normal.

From LIEGE we went to the (See PICKETT Page 4, Col. 5)

## New Yorkers Plan Gala Program For 1951 Convention at Hotel Commodore

In spite of the fouled up international situation plans for the Sixth Annual Convention of The Ninth Infantry Division are shaping up with all indications that 1951 will see the best convention in the history of our Association.

The 1946 convention held in New York City brought out the heaviest attendance of any convention held by the Ninth and from all reports the attendance this year will be a record-breaker. The Hotel Commodore, located at 42nd Street and Lexington Avenue, will be the center of the festivities. All of the meeting rooms, including the ballroom and banquet hall are completely air-conditioned and located on the same floor. The Hotel has assured the Association of sufficient space to house all of our members who may wish to stay at the hotel. Single room and bath for one person range from \$5.00 to \$8.00. Double room and bath for two persons range from \$8.50 to \$10.00. Twin room and bath for two persons range from \$9.00 to \$12.00, and if anyone desires a suite, consisting of parlor, bedroom and bath, the rates are from \$15.00 to \$28.00.

A recent communication from the New York group announces the formation of the following committees to handle the details for the convention:

AL BRUCHAC has been selected as the General Chairman to supervise and coordinate the activities of all of the committees.

Father ANTHONY F. DeLAURA will handle the details for the Memorial Service, assisted by MIKE GATTO.

Dr. H. C. STERNLICHT is in charge of the Entertainment Committee.

### 1951 Dues Coming In At Favorable Rate

The National Secretary is pleased to announce that the payment of 1951 dues has passed the 1,000 mark and prospects for exceeding the paid-up mark for last year are very promising.

All members who have not sent in their 1951 dues are urged to "get on the ball" and send them in so that their names will be kept on the active mailing list.

The March issue of The Octofoil will be the last issue mailed to members unless their 1951 dues are paid by that time. This action isn't taken with any punitive motive in mind, however, in view of the cost of publishing the paper, the Association cannot afford to do otherwise.

Many members, in paying their 1951 dues, have included an extra amount to cover the sustaining membership, ranging anywhere from fifty cents to \$25.00. Every penny helps, whether you pay only the regular payment of \$3.50 or whether you can afford to pay more. The Association desires to express its appreciation to all of its dues paying members and every effort is being made to increase our paid-up membership in order the 1951 will see a balanced budget.

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 1951 DUES—PAY THEM NOW—SEND YOUR PAYMENT TO: THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, POST OFFICE BOX 1704, WASHINGTON 13, D. C.

### Attention - Amateur Radio Operators

HOWARD M. COLEN (T/5, Hq. 3rd Bn., 39th) is very interested in hearing from any former 9th Division men who are now active in amateur radio operations.

Howard's address is 2921 West 33rd Street, Brooklyn 24, New York, so any of you "hams" who happen to read this article—give a call for "CQ."

CALVIN POLIVY and HENRY CALDARO are appointed to take care of the details pertaining to the Convention Journal and Program Book.

HAROLD C. PEPPER will chairmanship the Registration Committee.

STAN COHEN has been appointed to handle the Publicity Committee.

Other committees are in the process of being organized in order that all possible details can be taken care of to assure a smooth running convention for the entertainment of all of the members who attend.

Following the pattern set by our previous conventions, the 1951 convention will get under way on Thursday, July 26. Entertainment will be provided for Thursday evening and on Friday, July 27, various meetings will be held to handle the business part of the convention. A dance has been arranged for Friday evening. Saturday, July 28, provides for a full day of events, beginning with the annual Memorial Service in memory of our 9th Division men who fell on the field of battle. The annual banquet will take place on Saturday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Commodore.

Further details will be announced in the following issues of The Octofoil. These announcements will be of such a nature as to stir up enthusiasm to such an extent as to make it almost an impossibility for any member of the Association not to attend the 1951 convention.

Make your plans now to attend. July 26, 27, 28 are the dates. New York City is the place.

### Response to Plea For News is Excellent

In response to recent appeals to the membership for items of interest for publication in The Octofoil, your Editor is pleased to report excellent results.

Many letters have been received, accompanied by payment of 1951 dues, and as space will permit all letters will be mentioned in The Octofoil. If your letter does not appear in this issue, rest assured that it will be mentioned in future issues.

To those members who have not written in telling all about themselves the appeal for such letters is still made. Take a few minutes of your spare time and send in your letters so that this paper can contain items of interest for your friends. Everyone wants to know what the other fellow is doing, how many children he has, and how many "millions he has made" since leaving the old outfit.

This is your opportunity to contact your friends—so don't delay—do it now.

### Do Your Part For The March of Dimes

If any of you fellows need to know of a good reason for giving your bit to the MARCH OF DIMES PROGRAM, a recent letter from JOHN VAN SON, formerly with the 39th, should supply the reason.

John, who lives at 7001 Fishburn Avenue, Bell, California, has a six-year old Johnnie, Jr., who was struck with polio over two years ago. At the present time, little Johnnie is on his two feet once again and he'll make the infantry yet. He and his Dad are planning on a fishing trip as soon as the Doc says that he is through wearing the braces and then they are going to feed the artillery to the fishes in the Pacific.

The March of Dimes Program is a swell organization and without their help Johnnie, Jr., would still be one of those hopeless cases.



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## SAFEGUARDING OUR FUTURE

A question has been submitted to the National Secretary which is probably on the minds of a number of our members. The question is this: "In the event of mobilization, what plans are being made to safeguard the continued existence of the Association?"

To answer indirectly at this time, the question will be placed on the agenda of the Board of Governors who will meet in the very near future. The text of the plan and proposed action will then appear in a later publication of The Octofoil. From all indications it seems as though a simple plan can be worked out quite satisfactorily.

Regardless of the selected solution, the major burden of responsibility for the Association will be placed squarely upon the Chapters. This may sound as though someone is "passing the buck." That is not true. As long as the Chapters maintain their fine organization of members and continue to hold meetings of interest to these members, there will always be an association. Now is the hour when chapter unity is priceless to the future of The Ninth Infantry Division Association.

It seems but a few short years ago that the curtain of peace was lowered, shutting out the nightmarish realities of warfare, endured by the men of the Ninth Infantry Division. Now it appears as though we have been enjoying an intermission period following Act II and already the curtain is slowly rising on Act III. Apparently the play that should have ended, as we thought and hoped for at the conclusion of the second act, will draw from its players a few more scenes to be enacted.

To some of us these scenes are now taking place. Even at this moment former men of the Ninth Infantry Division are fighting once again to protect the rights and ideals that belong to them as their rightful heritage. In the short months to follow, there will be more and more of these men who will leave to swell the ranks of the various services.

It is with deepest respect and humble sincerity that we pay tribute to our former friends of the Ninth Infantry Division who have fallen in the present fighting. We hope and pray for the safe and speedy return of those who are now overseas in the combat theatre.

## National Secretary Swamped With Work

This item is not one of complaint—just included as a means of explanation.

The first part of any year is the busiest time in the office of the National Secretary and this year is no exception, in fact now that this office is responsible for the writing and publication of The Octofoil the work is piling up a bit more than usual.

Acknowledgment of payment of annual dues is being made as fast as it is humanely possible and the replies to correspondence will be taken care of in the same manner, although there might be some delay. Your National Secretary only asks that individuals so concerned should be as patient as possible. The office force is not large—just your National Secretary, who is the only full time person in the office, plus the help

of a part-time secretary.

It takes on the average of ten minutes to process one payment of annual dues. During the last month 1,000 members have paid their annual dues and based on an 8-hour day about twenty-one days will have been consumed in processing dues. Besides handling this one item, it takes time to make all of the many changes of address that have poured into Headquarters during the past several weeks. On top of this work, the handling of all of the correspondence requires considerable time, plus the time required for writing up the news for The Octofoil and the other details necessary to obtain a completed issue of our monthly publication.

Please don't send in any "TS Slips."

## Local Chap. News

### Philadelphia Chapter

In the last issue of "The Octofoil," we stated that we would be happy to see you guys any first Friday of the coming months at the Hotel Essex. Well, fellows, this happy reminder will, in the immediate future, have to be reworded as to the location, the time (first Fridays) will remain the same, if possible. The change to a new site has been, more or less, forced on us by the ever increasing cost of the refreshments dispensed by the Hotel. Those of you who attended our January Meeting are aware of how heavily these new prices tax each individual, and all of you were wholly in accord with President John Christian's suggestion that we beat a hasty retreat to a more economical bivouac. To this end, we would like any of you in the Philly area, who may know of a suitable, but inexpensive meeting hall, which would be available to our use on the date we mention—or, if must be, a later date in the month—to contact the local chapter as soon as you have all the facts and figures of your specific place.

In the meantime, we invite you to pay strict attention to the postal notice you receive monthly as to our meeting dates, because until such time as we find our new home, we will hold our sessions in the pup tent of some member, starting off with that of Sec-Treas. Jack O'Shea.

Incidentally, the turnout of our January Meeting was much greater than that of the corresponding month a year ago. If this be any criterion of what we can expect in the months to come, we are indeed most pleased. In this line of thought, we wish to dispatch special thanks to Pasquale Canonica and Pat DeColli, who in spite of pressing home problems, always manage to drop around to square themselves financially, with both the National and Local Associations. If those of us who are lax in this department, would follow their lead, dwindling funds would never be the concern of either National or Local Treasury.

Those members who got off on the right foot with attendance at the first meeting of this New Year were—besides the aforementioned Canonica and DeColli—Vic Butts, Tony Capaldi, Pres. Christian, Hal Deardorff, Harry Fager, Marty Krasovetz, Chester Mikus, Jerry Nothman, Jack O'Shea, John Sabato, Ted Schmidt, and Bill Soliday. These lads, together with those we pick up from time to time, and when their swing shift works leave them free on meeting nights, constitute a fairly strong group of reliable. And with interest seemingly growing, I guess it wouldn't be long when our room at The Essex would be too small anyway; so, let's get a new place right away, quick.

Don't forget, Philly lads, our convention this year is practically next door, so lay away the cash and make plans now to be in New York, come July.

For complete information concerning meetings, etc., call JACK O'SHEA at Saratoga 7-5299.

### Greater New York Chapter

NEW YORK'S INSTALLATION "SUCCESS"—The rain was coming down in buckets loaded with despair—but the inclement weather did not hamper nor hinder the efforts of the dauntless New Yorkers to welcome in their new officers.

Some people may think that we New Yorkers are "subway dwellers"—but believe you me, the spirits that prevailed on the night of January 14, 1951, at The Hotel Times Square was something to behold.

Brothers Al Bruchac opened the informal gathering of running children, chattering wives and gloating fathers with a few words of welcome.

Then, in a steady procession, the new officers were introduced to the assembly. After a brief moment (and it was brief) the entire party proceeded to feast on a delicious spread of food as prepared by the "chef de 9th" GETZY SCHIFF.

Table hopping, we met the following people—BROTHER BECKER (Sv. Co. 39th) and SUSAN, with GUGIE were WILLIAM RHODES, Mr. and Mrs. C. GANDOLFO (recently introduced into the field of matrimony), Mr. and Mrs. E. DEFREITAN and BARBARA (15 mos.). An apology is due to Mrs. DEFREITAN, who won the winning tickets to South Pacific at the last affair—Mr. and Mrs. S. ROSENBERG and daughter SHARON and STEWART, RALPH WITZKIN and ELLEN, Mr. and Mrs. B. STEIN and Mrs. PEARL SCHIFF, Mr. and Mrs. JEROME ALLAN and ROBERT, age four. From the AT Co., 47th

came Mr. and Mrs. BODNAR, and from the AT Co. 60th, H. BIEGELSEN—STEPHEN S. GELLER (L Co., 60th), Mr. and Mrs. R. GROSS and daughter, MAGDALENE, two and a half.

At a large table sat Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT BARBAGALLO, Mr. and Mrs. H. CALDIERO and son, HENRY, and Mr. PAUL GALLO, a guest of the CALDIEROS—who really cuts a quick haircut, especially with a bonus to go after)—EDWARD GOLDSTEIN and his charming guest, DOROTHY MILLER, and Mrs. STAN COHEN.

Dr. and Mrs. H. STERNLICHT with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. FOLEY—and two bachelors, STANLEY KAZDOW and AARON WEINBERG—JOHN YORK and son JOHN, Mr. and Mrs. JOHN SPENCER, and LARRY. Mr. and Mrs. H. KERNER, and in from Odgensberg, New York came WESLEY BAKER, who is now the proud father of two young ones.

If we failed to make mention of all of the good people attending this gala affair, it was only by accident. The crowd was both happy and really having one heck of a good time. The following snapshots taken during the party—camera donated by GUGIE—credit photo STAN COHEN.

Did we have a good time?? Just ask anyone who attended. By the way, GAYLE SCHIFF was just recently one year old.

To those who remember our "FEINGOLD NIGHT"—This will be repeated at our first March meeting.

### New York Chapter Officers



L-R—HAROLD PEPPER (Sec'y), MIKE GATTO (1st Vice-Pres.), DOC. STERNLICHT (Pres.), and V. GUGLIEMINO (2nd Vice-Pres.)

### New York Chapter Junior League



L-R—SUSAN BECKER, JOHN YORK, HENRY CALDIERO, SUSAN ROSENBERG, MAGDALENE GROSS, ANNE MARIE, and LARRY GLACUBBE, and ROBERT ALLAN.

### District of Columbia

The District of Columbia Chapter held its January meeting on the 29th at The Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen's Club in Washington.

Several new faces were in evidence, including NATE GAYNOR (1st Bn. Med. Det., 47th) who recently moved from Chicago to Silver Spring, Maryland. Nate is working for the Naval Ordnance Laboratory. ANGELO DANZI showed up for the first time, representing I Company of the 60th. FRANK HEIKKILA (Div. Signal Officer) attended. Frank is in Washington for a few months representing The Westinghouse Corporation.

S/Sgt. LEWIS E. HODGES (Cannon & A.T. Co., 39th) attended for the first time. Lewis is a patient at Walter Reed Hospital, recovering from wounds received in the Korean "Police Action," while serving with the 2nd Infantry Division. He expects to receive a medical discharge very shortly and as his home is in Washington, D. C., we expect to see him more often at future meetings.

Another new face at our meeting was Col. A. H. ROSENFELD, formerly C. O. of the 1st Bn. 39th Infantry during the African invasion. Col. Rosenfeld is presently assigned to the staff of the office of the Secretary of The Army and is a member of the Disability Retirement Board.

The Chapter voted to turn over the sum of \$32.50 to the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen's Club in part payment toward the sum of \$150.00 to endow a bed in the Club. Further payments towards the goal of \$150.00 will

be made just as fast as the money is collected.

Through the kind efforts of Major DANIEL HANCOCK (9th Sig.) the D. C. members were able to view a film, "The First 40 Days," showing some of the interesting actions in the Korean episode.

After the meeting the members adjourned to a nearby tavern where again, DON CLARKE led everyone in "elbow bending" exercises.

### The Illinois Chapter

(As taken from a report by SHIRTS MATUSIK)

The folks of The Illinois Chapter, having completed a fairly vigorous program for the year, 1950, climaxed by the sponsoring of the 5th Annual Convention last July, look to the New Year with plans for a bigger and better program of activities.

The February meeting will be on the festive side with a "hard times" party planned, costumes preferred. Members will be notified via the double-return-postcard method.

The war in Korea has affected the Illinois Chapter, one of the founders of the group, and a member of the National Board of Governors, JOHN CLOUSER is now in Korea and we hope by this time that he has received his promotion to 2nd Lt. WALT MAHON, another member of the National Board of Governors, is a major in the Illinois National Guard and is the executive officer for one of the infantry battalions. Walt expects to be called sometime this spring. Several others of the Illinois group, holding reserve assignments, are sweating it out.

Reunion fever is running high in the Chapter and according to all the talk that is going on in the Auxiliary, the wives and gal friends will outnumber the ex-foot sloggers. Seems as though the ladies are more anxious to attend the reunions than the men. How about it, you men folk?

The Illinois Chapter members are sporting new membership cards this year. Prez. HERB WAPLES designed and had printed some new Illinois Chapter membership cards and all dues-paying members receive them in addition to the card sent out by the National office.

Illinois Chapter's OTTO KERNER, JR., U. S. District Attorney for Northern Illinois (the very able toastmaster at the last convention) figured in the news headlines recently during the Kefauver Crime investigation. Otto assisted in the legal aspects of the investigation.

The Chapter's list of eligible bachelors is decreasing fairly fast. ED MACHOWSKI, former secretary, deserted the ranks of the free and happy and took unto himself a wife. SHIRTS MATUSIK, after bringing the same gal four times in succession to the Chapter meetings, has started the rumor that he will spend the honeymoon at the next national convention, this coming July in New York City.

The Christmas cards bring a few surprises. TED FRANCE of Philadelphia signs his card reading, "KAY and TED FRANCE"—another newlywed. It is suggested that Ted send his wife to see "SOUTH PACIFIC" during the New York convention so that he and Matusik can open up "MOOSBERG MADHOUSE." All 47th-M Company men are invited to write to Shirts about full details of Moosberg Madhouse, which should be going full blast in New York. It wasn't able to open in Chicago, which should make New York twice as good.

## Welcome To The New Members

The New England Chapter came through with two new members since the last issue: ALFRED THOMPSON, Framingham, Mass., and HENRY L. CAPPELLA, 164 South Street, Plymouth, Mass.

D. C. MARTIN (T/5, 9th Sig.) of 2828 Ninth Avenue, Hickory, North Carolina, was signed up through the efforts of RALPH J. HALL.

Colonel ALVIN R. GLAFKA (1st Lt. 9th QM) had the "bee" put on him by Charlie Tingley. Al is a member of the Regular Army and is presently taking the course at the Industrial College of The Armed Forces. His home address is 3223 Valley Drive, Parkfairfax, Alexandria, Virginia.

## Former G-1 Now G-2

Word has just been received that FRANK R. VEALE is honeymooning down in Mexico after his marriage in Philadelphia "sometime" around the last part of January or first part of February.

Further details may arrive in time for publication in the next issue of The Octofoil.



## News From The 39th Inf.

ALBERT M. PERNA (H Co.) in paying his 1951 dues from 2545 So. Warnock Street, Philadelphia, Pa., mentions that he doesn't own any oil wells but he's getting along fine anyway.

WENDELL L. RICH (Cannon Co.) is now a Sergeant with the Big Red One Division, 16th Infantry, stationed in Nuremberg, Germany. His address is: Heavy Mortar Company, 16th Inf. Reg't., APO 696, PM, New York and he would like very much to hear from any and all of his many friends.

Word was recently received of the death of GEORGE A. WADE, father of FRANK B. WADE, (Major, S-4). Mr. Wade died on January 16 at his home in La Plata, Maryland and a recent item in the newspaper announced that Frank has been appointed as acting Treasurer of Charles County to succeed his father until May 15 when a newly elected treasurer will take over the job. Frank is in business in La Plata as a partner in the local Ford agency.

NICHOLAS CHIPURA (T/Sgt.) is in the jewelry business, located at 634 Van Houten Avenue, Clifton, N. J. You fellows who are in the market for a diamond ring, etc.—here's your chance to do business on easy terms.

A very nice letter from MICHAEL F. BATELLI (Hq. Co., 2nd Bn.) of 67 East 20th Street, Paterson 3, N. J., quoted as follows:

"One of the nicest things I find with each passing Christmas, as the years begin to fall off the life-tree much the same as leaves do in the autumn-tide, is hearing from friends of pleasant memories.

This past Christmas, for instance, brought words from friends who have been too busy during the year forging their ways of the future. It brought words of marriage, additions to families . . . and good news that all goes well . . . which is mighty important to us.

Word comes from JOHN CASIDY and his wife Faye (remember when John left us in Germany for awhile so he could wed his Faye in England?) and their daughter Patricia . . . also SGT. JOE McCULLOUGH, as well as a leader as could be found. The mention of Sgt. Joe brings us to mind of another guy, one JOHN F. McGOWAN, a gentleman's gentleman.

Word comes out of Iowa from that "Big Guy" from Staunton, Virginia, a guy who worked hard for his company F boys, DUDLEY PEERY, who will receive his Masters Degree in Economics come March . . . and also the glad-tidings that DUDLEY and his bride, Bernice, will be "three" some time this month. DUDLEY also conveys the message that HENRY HOUVIG, our boxing champion has found a bride, as has our old personnel crone, JOHN BAUMAN, out Chicago-way. STACY PROUGH sends greetings from Indiana way . . . "Swelegant" to hear from KEN BUNNEY, whom we shall always remember playing the organ in the old Cathedral of Cefalu, Sicily, and in the Catholic Church in the small town of Aichach, Germany. KEN, his Ruth, and Kenzie, Jr., live in Aliquippa, Pa. . . . Our old pup-tent mate, STANLEY J. SOLECKI, drops in via greetings . . . we trust that Stanley J. is receiving his just deserve these days . . . One of the most pleasant surprises we received came from near-by Plainfield, N. J. and brought long awaited word from that nice guy from Anti-Tank Company, RAYMOND BEVIANO, with the exciting news that Ray and Ruth B. are proud parents of TWINS . . . Always knew that Ray was quite a guy . . . Speaking of twins, I haven't seen anything in The Octofoil about the lad we used to consider Mr. 39th, Himself, JAMES A. BAILEY and his Mildred, and their twins from down Atlanta-way. Jim has a family of three young ones, nice going . . .

TONY CARMECI, who lives but a stone's throw from us drops in via-greetings . . . It is always a pleasure to hear from ARTHUR GIBSON and his Lillian . . . Arthur was a mainstay of old Hq. Co., 2nd Bn. . . as was LEON WEBER, the gent a load of shrapnel could not keep from Hq. 2nd Bn. Leon and Louise are blessed with Johnny and Vicky, couldn't happen to a nicer guy . . . Another Anti-Tanker who sends his best is TONY VARONE and is joined by his Viola . . . From Stop 3, Albany Road, Schenectady, N. Y., comes word from Mr. Hollywood him-self, ANGELO FERRARA, who is joined by his beautiful wife, Madeline, and DAUGHTERS . . . JOE RANDAZZO, another Hq. 2nd Bn. stand-by, now a successful tobacco salesman up around Buffalo, New York, comes through with the glad tidings that he has acquired an

HEIR to go along with his daughters . . . and from Amsterdam, New York, our pal, JOHNNY ARDISON, and his wife Jean announce the arrival in October of Sharon Denise . . . One of the nicest and most impressive birth announcements we've ever seen came from another lad deserving of the best for his faithful service given to men in his 3rd Battalion, ANDY MACERA, of Newark, N. J. The announcement came in the form of theatre-tickets, announcing, among other things, the weight as 6 lbs. 14 oz., eyes blue, date April 6, 1950 at 6:04 P.M.—The name—Diane Roberta Macera.

In closing, I trust that I have not offended any of the "swelegant" guys mentioned above, by taking this liberty in relating tidbits anent to their doings of today, and I would like to add that from my wife, Lillian, my daughter, Adelaide, and I, comes a sincere fond wish that may the passing years prove kind to a most deserving bunch of "GUYS" who used to call the 39th Infantry—HEADQUARTERS. Sincerely, MIKE BATELLI."

Excerpts from a recent issue of "The Citizen & The Times" of Asheville, North Carolina, brings us up to date on the wanderings of WAYNE CORPENING (Lt. Col.) who is now the County Farm Agent for Haywood County, North Carolina. Working on an average of 14 hours per day, Wayne has sparkplugged into existence The Community Development Program in this area. Under his guidance Haywood's dairies have increased from 33 grade A plants in 1948 to 91 now operating. Poultry flocks have increased from the approximate 3,000 birds in 1948 to the approximate 100,000 at present. However, the article goes on to say, the greatest single result of this comprehensive program is the fact that the people have learned to work together toward improving their own communities. The people decide what they want and Wayne's staff just help them do it. It's their program. Aside from his four-year stay at North Carolina State College where he obtained his degree in animal husbandry back in 1936 he has been living in the mountains ever since May 14, 1914 with the exception of his time spent during World War II with the 39th Infantry. Five months ago, Mrs. Corpening who was Mabel Clark of Waynesville, presented him with a son, and they named him HARRY after Corpening's old regimental commander, COL. HARRY (PADDY) FLINT. With tongue in cheek, a reporter asked him if he had to go to a meeting the night Harry was born. "No," Corpening grinned back, "it was Sunday."

The following picture should be of interest to many former D Company men. It is a picture of CHARLIE FENSTERMAKER and his wife taken in front of their home last August, located on Route No. 1, New Tripoli, Pennsylvania.



Charlie was a Cpl. in D Co. and is presently engaged as a painter and paper-hanger, owning his own business. They recently celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary last December 24th.—No children, as yet. His wife is the former Beatrice Herber of New Tripoli. Charlie would like to hear from any of his old friends and he inquired particularly about CHARLES HOHENSTEIN of Albany, New York and EDWARD CARNEY of Washington, D. C. (Editor's note: Both of these men are not members of the Association, and efforts to locate their present addresses have brought no success. If anyone knows where they are, please contact your National Secretary.)

JACK F. JEWELL (1st Lt.) is now in the Army as a Captain with the 5th Ordnance Battalion, located at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. No oil wells as yet, although they have two children.

## 47th Raiders

JOSEPH YAFCHAK (B Co.) is still living at 493 South 17th Street, Newark, N. J., and in paying his 1951 dues he sent his best wishes to all his friends.

U. HERBERT HOEPFNER (Pfc.) joined the ranks of the married men on November 17, 1946, just three months after leaving the 9th. They have a little gal, born August 7, 1948, and are living in their new home on RD 1, Township Line Road, Belle Meade, New Jersey. Incidentally, Herb and his wife practically built their home by themselves. Very little was contracted out. Herb is asking for the address for RUSSELL E. MITTER WAGER (F Co.) and our records show it to be—Hancock, New York. (Russell has not paid his dues for sometime, however, we believe the address to be good). Herb sends his best to all his friends and would like to hear from them, also expects to see many of them at the New York convention.

FREDERICK H. FREIDMAN (Hq. Co., 1st Bn., Anti-Tank Plt.) is living in sunny California—190 St. Joseph No. 2, Long Beach. He is working for the West Coast Theatres in Los Angeles as a book-er and film buyer, and handles eight theatres in Arizona, four in Bakersfield, California, three in San Luis Obispo, one in Santa Barbara, and two in Santa Paula. Fred is married, but so far no children have arrived on the scene. Here's the opportunity for his friends to drop him a line.

In reply to a recent question, S/Sgt. STEVEN BUDRICK writes in to say that there never was a better outfit than the "Good Old Ninth Infantry Division," and also one of the best was "George Company of the 47th." Steve went into the army in 1937 with the 55th CAC at Fort Kane, and in 1939, he was sent to Hawaii. Re-enlisting at the Brooklyn Army Base in 1940, he was assigned to the 7th CAC and Mine Layer outfit at Fort Hancock and six months later was assigned to the 2nd Ordnance. Leaving Fort Hancock in 1942, he went to Fort Miles, Delaware, and in 1943 he went to Camp Ellis, Illinois, with the 1306th Engineers. Then he was sent to the 671st QM Salvage Collecting outfit, going overseas with them in August of 1944, arriving in England and then on to France. A few months later he found himself in a replacement camp in Belgium, from where he left to go to the 9th Division, being assigned to the 47th, G Company. Back in the states in September, 1945, at Newport, Virginia, he left for Fort Dix and was discharged in October, 1945, and stayed out for six months. Not liking civilian life, he re-enlisted and went to the Hawaiian Islands with the 237th Ordnance (MM) Co. at Schofield Barracks. From there he went to Fort Leavenworth in 1949 and re-enlisted again and was sent back to Fort Dix, being assigned to the 84th FA and then I and K Cos. of the 39th, and finally to his present outfit, the 60th Infantry. Steve plans on staying in until 1952 when he will have 21 years completed, and then he believes that he will retire. His address is: Hq. and Hq. Co., 60th Inf. Reg't, 9th Inf. Div., Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Here's a few address changes for men of the 47th:

SIDNEY THAL—505 Glen Arbor Drive, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania (Sid is now living in his new home.)

ARTHUR D. JACKSON, JR. (Maj.) 311 St. David's Lane, Richmond, 21, Virginia.

CHARLES L. HUGHEY (S/Sgt.) 201 South Chester Road, Swarthmore, Pa.

JOHN R. BOE (Pfc.) Box 186, Kremlin, Montana.

THEODORE S. YOUNGQUIST (S/Sgt., C Co.) 3601 Quail Avenue, Zone 22, Robbinsdale, Minn.

JOS. W. BERGIN, JR. (Sgt., F Co.) 9 Weber Road, Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

RICHARD J. CROTEAU (Pfc., Hq. 1st Bn.) 244 East 121st Street, New York 35, N. Y.

EDWARD V. DRABIRK (T/Sgt.) 315 Onieda Street, Monessen, Pennsylvania.

JACK W. SAFFORD (S/Sgt.) 442 North Forest Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

LEON D. ROBINS (Hqs.) 261 Rodgers Forge Road, Baltimore 12, Maryland.

JAMES A. DOWNES (Pvt. C Co.) 41 Menline Avenue, Oetz, Ohio.

BILL CALIHAN (Sgt. A Co.) desires to add "JR" to his name. It seems that there are two people by the same name in Roxana, Kentucky, and the mail gets mixed up occasionally.

VESTAL R. LESTER (Capt. L Co.) is in business, handling farm, home, business, fire and marine

insurance. His home is located in Science Hill, Kentucky, Box 94.

L. C. MEEKS (E Co.) has been located by WILTON TAYLOR. Meeks was captured at El Guettar, and is now living at 4508 Deare Street, Dallas, Texas.

WILTON TAYLOR also writes in news about Sfc RICHARD KINKENNON (M Co.) who is now assigned to the Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 350th Infantry, APO 541, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. Dick would like to hear from his friends.

We have been carrying the name as WAH CHIN, but apparently our records have been in error these many years. When this member paid his 1951 dues it was noted that he signed his name as CHIN WAH (F Co.), so our records have been changed. His address is 5101 16th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

NATE GAYNOR (1st Bn. Medics) has moved from Chicago to 1320 Dale Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland.

LESTER E. SCHWEAR (I Co.) returned to farming after leaving the 9th. He and his father are working about 500 acres, known as the Cloverleaf Farm, located on Rural Route No. 2, Tipton, Indiana. This past season their yield in corn topped 152 bushels per acre, the highest in the county. Les would like very much to hear from anyone who was in the 9th, and his home is always open to any former 9th man. Especially would he like to contact DONALD J. CARTER and BERNARD BLAKE, both of I Co. One of Lester's suggestions is that the annual dues be raised in order that the size of the monthly paper may be increased.

HARRY F. BROWNE (B Co., also Mess Sgt. in the Casual Co.) feels that it won't be too long a time before he is back in the Army, along with the rest of you fellows. Until that time comes though, he would like to hear from any of the old gang, and hopes to see a lot of familiar faces at the New York convention next July. Since being discharged, Harry has been working at the Naval Supply Depot in the Technical Department, located at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. He is married and has one boy, two years old. His present address is 572 Marble Road, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

How many of you remember the scene as shown in the following picture??? This building was used as the 39th CP when the Regiment was at MUTZENICH (near Monschau), during the Battle of The Bulge. The building is now being used as the German Customs office, being one of the few border crossings open in that area at the present time. The picture was sent by Col. H. W. W. LANGE to General SMYTHE, who in turn forwarded it on to The Octofoil. Col. Lange is the Assistant Military Attache with the American Embassy in Paris.



## Go-Devil Activities

Dr. JAMES N. WHITE (Capt. Hq. Co., 3rd Bn. Medics) is doing business at 206 East Harris Street, San Angelo, Texas, although he expects to be back in uniform most any day as he has a reserve commission in the Air Force. Doc says to "Keep up the good work—We down here in Texas find it hard to keep up with you fellows in the midwest and east." He expects to someday be able to make one of the conventions. Among the Christmas cards he received were ones from two of his old reliable sergeants—CHARLIE E. BURBA and AL HALFORD. LES RONAY was his clerk.

WILLIAM J. POUST (Cpl. M Co.) is another mainstay of the Association. Bill is located at 74 West 82nd Street, New York—not married as yet, though. He is back at his old job at running an elevator. Last Christmas he received cards from BILL ZIMMERMAN and WILFRED THORNTON. Bill asks for the address for ANTHONY ROSAMILIO—does anyone know? (His name does not appear on the roster for M Company, 60th).

JOHN P. WILSON (M/Sgt. Reg't Communication Chief) is a happily married man—his wife, incidentally, is the sister of JOHN SCULLY (47th). The Wilson's have one daughter, Ellen Jean, 27 months. John works in Summit, New Jersey as the manager of The Endicott-Johnson Shoe Store, the same position he held before being

drafted back in 1942. The Endicott-Johnson Co. has been very loyal to its employees who have been and are being called into the service. Another 9th man from Summit is HUGH LEE (39th), who is a member of the local gendarmerie and when Wilson, Scully and Lee get together the argument waxes heavy as to which was the best regiment in the Division. Oh, yes, Johnny Wilson's address is 375 Springfield Street, Summit, New Jersey, and he sends his best to all of his friends. (Incidentally, how about getting Lee and Scully to pay their dues).

GEORGE T. CAMPBELL (Pfc., 1st Bn. Medics) is living at 409 Darlington Avenue, Greenville, So. Carolina, and was one of those loyal 9th men who attended the Southeastern Reunion in Birmingham last November 18th.

EZRA L. CLARK (E Co.) sent in his 1951 dues from Niday, Virginia, and would like very much to hear from any of his former E Company friends. "Sure was a nice outfit."

Another E Company man—JOSEPH FILIPUTTI of 4135 45th Street, Long Island City 4, New York, who is in business for himself under the name of "J & C Body and Fender Repairs," located at 2314 Hudson Boulevard, Union City, New Jersey—and doing o.k. Joe sends his best to all the gang and hopes that any 9th man in the neighborhood will drop in to see him—even if he doesn't have a fender to get touched up. A few of the 9th gang in the neighborhood are regular customers anyway—(probably a bunch of former tank drivers). Joe has become acquainted with several men from the 9th through the 9th Division emblem displayed on his car, and hopes to sign up a few new members as a consequence.

WALTER R. SCHULZ (Pfc., F Co.) is living at 6517 Reedland Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

EARL L. JOHNSON (T/5 A Co.) is a married man now, having two little boys, ages four and one. Last April they purchased a new home, located in Rushford, Minnesota, where he is doing work for the Tri-County Electric Corp. (REA).

Here's another Anti-Tanker—HENRY A. DABROWSKI (Sgt.) who lives with his family at 282 Semel Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey. Last May 30th, Mr. and Mrs. Dabrowski became the proud parents of Barbara—eight pounds, eight ounces. Hank's chief complaint about The Octofoil is that he, also, doesn't see enough news about former Anti-Tank men.

Here's a few changes of address for men of the 60th Infantry:

IRVEN J. HOKKA (C Co.) is still at Box 33, Route, 2, but the name of the town has been shortened from Brittmount to Britt, Minnesota.

BRUCE A. BURNETTE (B Co. and 1st Bn. Hq. Co.) to 506 West Elm Street, Urbana, Illinois.

JOSEPH H. CANNON (Capt. B Co.) P.O. Box 1235, Kannapolis, North Carolina.

ALBERT W. WERNER (Div. Hqs. and 1st Bn. Medics, 60th Inf.) has moved to 213 West Fourth Street, Cullman, Alabama.

GEORGE AGURKIS (Pfc.) is located at 79 Zerby Avenue, Edwardsville, Kingston P.O., Penna.

GEORGE J. KORTAS (Pfc.) is now at 2514 No. Francisco Ave., Chicago 47, Ill.

HOBERT WILLIS (Cpl., H Co.) Box 1042, Lynch, Kentucky.

RICHARD C. STOREY (Capt. Hq.) has moved to 488 Madison Avenue, New York 22, N. Y. Dick is Vice-President and Treasurer of The Minute Maid Corporation, makers of that delicious frozen orange juice.

RICHARD E. NEWELL (T/Sgt.) has moved to RFD No. 2, Columbiana, Ohio.

Capt. BRUCE S. COLEMAN (1st Lt.)—Division Faculty, 7th Arm'd Div. Camp Roberts, Calif.

JACK RUDLOSKY (Capt.)—1000 Second Street, McKees Rock, Penna.

RICHARD C. JACOBS (T/5)—3226 Raleigh Street, Dallas, Texas.

ARTHUR LOUGHER (E Co.)—431 Clark Street, Waverly, New York.

RAYMOND E. WILTSHIRE, JR. (Pfc.)—322 High Street, Moorestown, New Jersey.

EUGENE E. EDWARDS (T/4)—118 National Avenue, Langhorne, Penna.

GERALD COSTELLO (Pfc.)—7926 South Paxton, Chicago 17, Illinois.

Our apologies to SIDNEY GELLER (L Co., 60th Inf.) of 1810 Trafalgar Place, Bronx 60, New York. Last May Sid joined the Association through The New York Chapter and his name was shown as Sidney Coellel. However, we have changed our records to show the correct spelling—GELLER, and are very sorry for any inconvenience.



## Division Artillery

**ERNEST IRION** (T/5 Div. Arty.) sends in his 1951 dues and best wishes for the New Year to all who read The Octofoil. Ernie lives at 3608 Fifth Avenue, North, Great Falls, Montana, and he is a carpenter by trade and is foreman for a small building contractor. His one great wish is that some of you fellows from Div. Arty., 60th and 84th F.A. Medics would break down and write a few words in to The Octofoil so a man would know if any are still alive. He recently had quite a talk with **JACK MILLER** (47th), who lives in Great Falls.

**ROBERT C. FAYDOCK** (Div. Arty. Hqs.) is located at Box 142, San Bruno, California, and a paid up member for 1951.

**THOMAS P. MALAY** (T/4 Div. Arty.) left the service in 1945 and went to work for The Texas Company at their Delaware River Terminal at Claymont, Del., as a gauger and rackman. After being laid off in July, 1949, he attended a GI carpenter school and is doing that type of work now in Lansdowne, Pa. Tom is interested in having the Association make up some 9th Division pennants to be flown from car antennas. However, the National Secretary has looked into this matter and the price appears to be out of reason, at least for the quantity necessary to obtain a reasonable price. Tom lives with his wife, Grace, at 1306 E. 9th St., Edinburg, Pa.

**LOREN L. DOYLE** (Hq. Btry., 26th) has the right idea, although one must have a wife like Loren has before the idea can be put into practice. While he relaxes on the sofa, his wife, Marianne, is busy with the typewriter, getting off a letter to The Octofoil. Loren has been pretty busy in his spare time getting his new house painted up and in shape to move into around the first of March. The painting has resulted in an aching shoulder. During his working hours he is with The New York Central as a brakeman and spends every other day in East St. Louis. He isn't able to make the Chicago Chapter meetings due to his work and the distance involved, also. The Doyle family can boast of two very fine sons. Eric Martin was born on January 5, 1951, weighing in at seven pounds, seven ounces. Craig will be two years old, in fact, was two years old last January 15. Loren hasn't touched the ground since the last boy arrived, but the two o'clock bottle, together with some more house painting will soon do the trick. Inquiry is made for the address of **JOHN CLOUSER**. It is: Cpl. JOHN C. CLOUSER, C Btry., 37th F.A. Bn., APO 243, San Francisco, California. The DoYLES live at 1216 Lafayette Avenue, Mattoon, Illinois, and their home is always open to former 9th Division men and after their new home is occupied there will be plenty of room for overnight guests.

A recent letter from Pvt. **LOUIS N. BLUCHER** (Pfc., 84th FA), who is now located with Btry. B., 176th F.A. Bn., Camp Carson, Colorado—(your copies of The Octofoil have been sent to your new address).

**GEORGE C. WOOD** (Sgt. A Btry., 84th FA) has paid up his dues for 1951, being forced to stay out for a year due to illness. He sends his best wishes to all from 159 Greenacre Avenue, Longmeadow 6, Massachusetts.

**PETE RICE, JR.** (Hq. and C Btry., 84th FA) is now located at 1237 Arno Road, Kansas City 5, Missouri, and is in charge of the Midwestern district office for The Lane Company, makers of Lane cedar chests. Pete is married and has one son, John, age two and a half years. He was unable to make the Chicago convention as his company chose that time to call him back to the main office for a business meeting. He has had the pleasure of visiting twice with **JOHN CATTLE** (S-3, 84th), who lives in Seward, Nebraska, with Mrs. Cattle and two fine children. John is now "Ram-Rod"—cashier—of the foremost bank in Seward, The Cattle National Bank and the name of his estate in Seward is appropriately called "Cattle Crossing." Best wishes from Pete to all of the old 84th and 47th gang. "The best fellows I'll ever know." (Pete—when you again make a trip to the main office of The Lane Co., located in Altavista, Virginia, how about looking up Sgt. **HENRY L. DOWNES** (84th FA), who is supposedly lives at 917 Main Street, Altavista, and who hasn't paid his dues since Hector was a pup??)

**VINCENT RECCHIA** (Sgt. 84th FA) lives at 77 Whatcheer Ave-

nue, Providence, R. I., and is treasurer of the Auburn Bronze Mould Co., Inc.

**BERNARD STEIN** (T/5, Med. Det., 84th FA) has changed his address to 255 West 84th Street, New York, N. Y.

**WRIGNOLD J. SMITH** (T/5 84th FA) is back in the army again, this time as Cpl. with the 304th Sig. Operation Bn., Wire Company, APO 301, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California. His father, Mr. J. W. Smith, very kindly sent in the 1951 dues from Route 1, Butler, Penna. How about dropping Smitty a note.

**ANTHONY SMURO** (S/Sgt. 34th FA) has a new address—315 Burkhardt Street, Johnstown, Penna. His check in payment of 1951 dues is signed by his name as owner of The Friendly Store.

**ROBERT C. BALDRIDGE** (2nd Lt. Hq. 34th FA) is living at 232 Causeway, Lawrence, Long Island, New York.

**GLENN E. GRIFFIN** (Sgt., 34th FA) can be found at 1928 Chandler Street, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

## Division Headquarters

**VICTOR D. DAUMIT** (T/5) makes his home at 706 Farragut Place, N.E., Washington, D. C., and is kept occupied most of the time with The Daumit Dance Studios, located at 1737 Columbia Road, N.W. Telephone HU 8600, and make your arrangements for dancing lessons. Vic doesn't own any oil wells, as yet. His family has grown to include two youngsters, both girls. Vicki, age one, and Kathy, age two.

Major **W. R. CHANCE** is now the Post S-3 at Camp Cooke, California.

**ROBERT BARBAGALLO** (AG Sec.) has moved to 516 Anderson Street, Baldwin, Long Island, N. Y.

**Lt. Col. FREDERICK C. FEIL** was through Washington a few days ago on his way to the 6th Division, located at Fort Ord, California. He recently completed the Associate Advanced Course at Fort Benning and he and his family took leave and left for California via Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, Florida and then — Ft. Ord. Fred's son, who took his basic training at Fort Dix with the 9th Division was sent to Korea last July, and on September 11 he was wounded and returned to Philadelphia for treatment at the Naval Hospital.

**FRANK R. VEALE** (G-1) is employed as Sales Promotion Manager of Strawbridge & Clothier, Philly's leading department store. Frank left the service in 1945 and entered the reserves and served as Chief of Staff of the 79th Infantry Division (Reserve) for over a year, and later as Assistant Division Commander. He was approved by General Officer promotion board in 1946 for promotion to Brig. Gen., but was turned down by the Department of Army for being too young. His address is: The Cambridge Apt. 1101, Alden Park, Philadelphia 44, Penna.

**Col. DOUGLAS PAGE** is now the I.G. of the 4th Army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

**LEON BOURGEOIS** sends in a Christmas card from 1112 Joseph Street, New Orleans, La.

**WILLIAM G. MCGEE** (S/Sgt.) has been a busy person since leaving the Division. He entered the New York School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University and after graduating he went back to the Law School at Cornell in September, 1949, and expects to spring out of there in June, 1952, at which time he has hopes of getting a position in the field of industrial relations—provided Uncle Sam doesn't decide otherwise in the meantime. No children or oil wells at the present time. His present address is: 43 Concord Drive, Buffalo 21, New York.

**KARL G. MALMSTROM** (T/4 Div. Band) is living at 11 Olga Avenue, Worcester 5, Mass., and is presently a member of the AACS Air Force Reserve and expects to be back in uniform most anytime now.

**Col. JESSE GIBNEY** is now at 2nd Army, Fort Meade, Maryland.

## 746th Tank Bn.

One lone representative this month from the 746th—**ALFRED SPINGOLO** (T/5, D Co.) from way out in Oakland, California—517½ Brush Street. Al sends in his 1951 dues with the wish that the collections this year be 100 per cent. Also, he informs us of the arrival of a baby girl on December 5th, weighing in at nine pounds, one and half ounces.

## 9th Quartermaster

**WILLIS CARROLL** is still in the Army as a T/Sgt. with the 56th Motor Vehicle Squadron at Selfridge A.F.B., Michigan.

**Col. Frederick P. VAN DUZEE** is a retired gentleman of leisure now, since last June and he is living at 3116 Myrtle Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

At letter from **GEORGE KOVALAK** (Cpl.) brings us up to date on his life since leaving the 9th. George is working for the American Steel and Wire Company, Steel Works Division. He is a married man now, with a daughter, Mary Louise, three years old. During his spare time, George takes a very active part as President of the St. Michael's Choir in Donora, Pa. This group has 40 members that are a part of the United Greek Catholic Church Choirs of Western Penna., entailing a total membership of about 350 persons. George wants to hear from you 9th QM fellows—write to him at 531 McCrea Avenue, Donora, Pa. Incidentally, he hopes to see many at the New York convention.

## 899th T. D.

**ALBERT SIMMS** has moved to merry old England to live. His new address is: How Park Farm, King's Somborne, Hants, England. Al sends his best to the 899th boys and would like to hear from any of them.

**WILLIAM F. QUINN** has moved back to Brooklyn, New York—146 Newell Street, Zone 22. Too cold out in Illinois.

**PRESTON BEGAY** is heard from, way out at PO Box 66, Tuba City, Arizona. A paid up member, too.

**STANLEY A. LECHTANSKI** writes in from 706 South Brookfield Street, South Bend 19, Indiana, to say that he is still single and is working at the Studebaker plant. Stan asks where the 899th TD Bn. is located at present, as he would like to write to his old buddies. (As far as we can find out, the 899th was disbanded years ago). How about you men-of the 899th—drop him a line.

## 709th Ordnance

**THOMAS M. GRAVES** can be found at Route No. 1, Soso, Mississippi. For the past two months he has been building a new home and plans on doing a bit of farming on his 69-acre tract.

A nice letter from the wife of **LESLIE H. BRADLEY**, return address—700 South Henderson Street, Fort Worth, Texas. Les is working out at the Consolidated Aircraft, has been there for about four months and likes it fine. They have two boys, one three and a half years, and the other, two years. Les would like to hear from any of the old gang, and especially wants to find the address of **HAROLD T. SMITH** and **MICKY REISMAN**. Smith used to live somewhere around Dunbar, Virginia, and Reisman hails from the Bronx. Does anyone know of their present whereabouts? (Let the Association know, too—can't find their names in the files).

**ROBERT L. SPENCER** has moved to 16 Pearl Street, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.

## 376th AAA

**EUGENE VARNI, JR.**, has changed his address to 865 Alabama Street, San Francisco, Calif. Gene has been a married man for sometime, having two children, a boy three and a half years old, and a new addition, a girl born on December 2, 1950.

**JOHN A. PRICE** sends in his '51 dues from Stedman, North Carolina.

**THOMAS W. BROWN**, 1228 Boone Street, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, sends in his '51 dues with the wish that the Association enjoy a most prosperous year in 1951. Tom is married and they have one child, a very wonderful little girl, seven years old, but not as fortunate as some children. You see, she is afflicted from meningitis and is not able to play. She was taken sick when Tom was overseas in 1944. Tom works for the Textile Pile Fabrics Co., and he would like very much to hear from his many friends.

## 9th Signal

Its Major **DANIEL W. HANCOCK** as of now. The address is still the same—Apt. No. 7, 500 Vista Drive, Falls Church, Virginia.

**FRANK HEIKKILA** is temporarily staying in Washington at The Dodge Hotel, commuting on weekends back to his home in Verona, Pa. Frank is here on business for The Westinghouse Corporation, trying to get some of these government officials straightened out on the war contracts.

## Division M P's

**DONALD R. HIGGONS** has moved to Tuttle Avenue, Wallingford, Connecticut.

**GEORGE VIX**—address in care of The Texas Company, Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin, says that he doesn't own any oil wells, he merely is occupied in peddling the stuff derived from them. "TOUR WITH TEXACO" is his motto. His present home address is 589 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where he resides with his wife, Dorothy, one daughter, Susan, and another deduction on the way. Last summer Oshkosh was visited by General Eddy, who received quite a write-up in the Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, with the Ninth mentioned prominently.

## 9th Medics

**DONALD V. HYDE** (B Co., S/Sgt.) sends in a newsy Christmas card to say that **MELVIN ANDERSON** (B Co.) is living in Brampton, North Dakota, is the manager of a grain elevator, is married and has two children. **JIM HORN**, Topeka, Indiana (B Co.) suffered a broken neck last June in an auto accident. His wife, also. Both have recovered now. Don was glad to see "Peck" LOWE'S name in a recent issue of the paper. Don's address is still the same—19 North Clinton, Dansville, N. Y.

Here's a new address changes: **CHARLES W. KIRBY** (1st Lt.) 310½ South Minnesota Avenue, St. Peter, Minnesota.

**ALDOR COOK** (1st Sgt. C Co.) also proprietor of "COOK'S HARDWARE STORE" has moved to 870 Crane Street, Schenectady, N. Y.

**MILTON R. WESTERMAN**—406 Warren Street, Hudson, N. Y. **MURRAY R. TUBBS**—6447 No. Oak Avenue, Temple City, California.

## 15th Engineers

**JOSEPH C. WOZNICKI** (C Co.) has a new address—314 North Aiken Avenue, Pittsburgh 6, Pennsylvania, and in paying his '51 dues his letter included many thanks to all of his friends for the Christmas cards received.

A change of address for **HENRY J. HILL** (S/Sgt.) to RFD, York Street, Canton, Massachusetts.

Likewise for **SYDNEY LEVISON** (S/Sgt., B Co.) who has moved to 38 Waumbeck Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts.

**VERNON G. BELL** (T/5) is still at RFD 1, Presque Isle, Maine.

Another note from **JOE WOZNICKI**—a most important one to say the least—announcing the arrival of **JOSEPH CHARLES** on December 23, 1950, at 6:40 a.m., weighing in at seven pounds, 15 ounces.

**EDWARD J. CRATON** (H/S Co.) is living at 137 Arden Avenue, So. San Francisco, California, and has been a married man since 1948. So far—one offspring, a four-month old daughter, Pamela Jo. Ed is the assistant manager of the RKO Golden Gate Theatre in San Fran.

**Lt. Col. JACK SCHERMERHORN** is teaching a number of engineer subjects at Fort Benning, and his address is T.L.S., Ft. Benning, Georgia.

**WILTON M. TAYLOR** advises that **LOYD WOFFORD** (B Co., 15th Eng.) is now living at Stop No. 6, Lost Hills, California, and is working for the General Petroleum Corp. Loyd would like to hear from you fellows.

## 9th Recon Trp.

A single item of news about **JOHN A. KAY** (T/5) who is now in Korea. A very nice letter from his wife informs us that his present address is: Sgt. John A. Kay, Hqs. 2nd Infantry Division, APO, San Francisco, Calif. His home address is 443 Harmon Place, N.E., Massillon, Ohio.

## Board of Governors To Meet in New York

A meeting of The Board of Governors of The Ninth Infantry Division Association will be held in New York City at The Commodore Hotel on March 17, 1951, at 2:00 p.m.

Among the items of business to be brought before this meeting will be the making of final detailed plans for the 1951 convention.

This meeting will be the final one scheduled prior to the meeting to be held in New York just before the next convention.

## Anyone Want To Sell A Luger?

**JOHN P. QUIGLEY** (C-60th Inf.) is looking for someone who has a Luger pistol to sell. If anyone is interested, you can write direct to John at 8 Clinton Street, Wappingers Falls, New York, and let him know the details, including selling price.

## PICKETT

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little town of ST. TROND, near BRUXELLES and turned south and went down the MEUSE RIVER VALLEY. This was a very interesting trip through the picturesque MEUSE VALLEY. It would be very hard to find a more difficult tactical river crossing site than any point on the MEUSE. The cat walk, where **CLAYMAN'S BATTALION** of the 47th crossed the MEUSE near ANHEE is still there.

We went as far south as DINANT, which you no doubt recall is the area in which the 9th Division made its forced crossing. DINANT has been practically rebuilt, with very few scars of the war remaining and again the people do not have the friendly attitude that they had six years ago. We went up to the old citadel overlooking DINANT and looked across the river to our route of advance. From this point you can understand why the 9th caught hell when crossing the MEUSE.

From DINANT we went to EUPEN and spent the night at the SCHMIDT ROTH HOTEL (Remember it?). This town has very few scars of the war left and has been repainted and cleaned up and is now very attractive. We were amazed in walking down the streets at night and looking at the shop windows to see the large amount of American merchandise of every type in the shop windows, but with all of this the attitude of the people was far from what we considered friendly.

From EUPEN we went to MONSCHAU, as you recall this is a beautiful little Bavarian type village deep down in the Roer River valley. It was damaged very little during the war and has been repainted and business seemed to be very active.

Leaving MONSCHAU, we went to ROTGEN and LAMMERSDORF. These two towns show very little signs of war scars.

We then proceeded to HURTGEN which was the area many of our men will never forget. This area looked much the same as it did the last time I saw it, with the exception of the area in the vicinity of GERMETER. At this point they have cleared the forests and are now pulling out stumps to build a German Army Cemetery, which will cover an area approximately four kilometers deep. The cemetery is on the left side of the road going toward HURTGEN, and starts at the sharp right turn in the road where KING'S BATTALION of the 60th captured the two large pill boxes, and extends nearly to HURTGEN to about the spot where the 39th destroyed Combat Team Weiglin. The town of HURTGEN, which was completely flattened during the war shows a small amount of reconstruction.

From HURTGEN we had to return to DUEREN, which is the only place we could cross the Roer River in this area. From DUEREN we went to ZULPICH, EUSKIRCHEN, REINBACH and thence to REMAGEN. I was very much amazed at the reconstruction in REMAGEN which was very badly damaged and has been rebuilt and repainted to where it shows very few scars of the war. The bridges across the Rhine at this point have been removed and we crossed the river on a ferryboat into the town of LINZ, at the same site that we erected our first floating bridge across the Rhine. There was a very large amount of boat traffic on the Rhine and the ferry had to wait until the coal barges passed before it started to cross.

LINZ has been rebuilt and repainted and is now a very beautiful little town.

From LINZ we climbed the hill to KRETZHAUS and KALINBORN and this area looked about the same as when the 39th was there. From this point we got on the autobahn and went south to HEIDELBERG for a few days. The autobahn along this route is high on a ridge overlooking the Rhine Valley. I have made other trips through Germany and have been as far south as GARMISCH, which is on the Austrian border. I plan on making some trips through Germany, as well as the other countries this spring and summer, however, the weather at the present time is not very encouraging for traveling and not favorable for pictures. We did take some pictures on this trip and the films are back in the states for developing and if I find that they are good enough I will send some on for publication in The Octofoil.

Hope you people around WASHINGTON have found yourselves a good bomb-proof shelter. We are nearly 100 miles from the Russian Zone, so don't have much to worry about."

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