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More About The 1951 Convention Plan Now To Be There—July 26-28

**Hotel Commodore is the Place to Look For.
July 26, 27, 28 are the Important Dates.**

When those guys from up around New York City decide to do something, you can bet your bottom dollar that it will be done properly. Those fellows know all of the angles, in fact some of them think up new angles so the rest can have something new to know about.

When Doc STERNLICHT and AL BRUCHAC presented the plans for the coming convention to the Board of Governors during their recent meeting in New York City last March 17th, all of the members were unanimously agreed that this convention would be the best one—and such an opinion is hard to agree upon when one considers the fine conventions which have been put on in other places.

New York City was the site of the first national convention of the 9th Infantry Division Association. Over twelve hundred men of the 9th gathered there in 1946. Since that time, the Association has met in Columbus, Ohio; Philadelphia; Pittsburgh and Chicago. Now it is New York's turn again and it promises to be an occasion that just can't be missed.

Costs to be Kept at a Minimum
The registration fee for the 1951 convention will be no higher than in the past, and considering the increase in costs and the resulting rise in prices, it is difficult to keep from raising the registration fees. However, such a raise will not take place. On the other hand, the fact that the registration fee will not be increased does not mean that the entertainment or banquet menu will be reduced. Such is not the case.

Its Propinquity Is Priceless

New York City is not only a great place to visit; it's easy to get there. Both of these factors account materially for the fact that a convention or exposition held in New York attracts a twenty-five per cent greater attendance than the same convention or exposition held elsewhere. Passengers may alight from 12 major railroads, 5,000 buses, 19 airlines, 110 steamships or thousands of privately owned automobiles. Except for air travel, the last step in all these journeys is by way of the City's 39 tunnels and bridges or any one of its seventeen ferries.

Many visitors find that it takes a shorter time to get to New York than it does to get to many other communities throughout the nation. The reason for this is the vast number of non-stop or specially routed trains, planes and buses scheduled for the great metropolis.

A fact not generally apparent is that New York, despite being in the Eastern border of the country, has one out of every ten people in the nation living within 50 miles. Its further accessibility is keynoted when one realizes that New York can be reached by overnight travel from any part of the country.

Once a visitor gets to New York City, he has perhaps the best intra-city transportation he can obtain in the world. Where else could a visitor travel 32 miles for a dime as he can on the speedy New York subway system? Where else will he find 18,000 taxi drivers ready to rush him to any part of the town? Not only will these drivers get him quickly to his destination, but they will probably answer questions on almost all topics, for New York taxi drivers have become world famous for their conversational talents as well as for their individual personalities.

The Commodore Hotel has promised to furnish its best facilities in order that your convention stay will be as comfortable and entertaining as possible.

The ballroom, the banquet room and all of the meeting rooms will be air-conditioned for your enjoyment.

Entertainment For the Ladies

The ladies of the New York Chapter have elaborate plans set up to take care of the entertainment of your wife or gal friend. A large lounge will be available at the hotel where the women folk can gather at anytime and arrange with the New York Chapter women where to go and what to do with their spare time. Arrangements will be made for personally conducted shopping tours, sight-seeing tours and entertainment tours, including visits to Radio City Music Hall and the large broadcasting studios.

Short Business Sessions

In order to provide as much time as possible for entertainment activities, it is planned to keep the business sessions of the convention down to the shortest time possible. As in the past, committees will be set up to consider all proposed business and the main business session of the convention will act on the committee reports. In this manner, it is contemplated that long discussions from the floor during the main business session will be avoided.

Full Complete Details in Next Issue
Full and complete plans will be published in the next issue of The Octofoil, including the announcement of the chairman for the various convention committees.

Welcome to The New Members

Since the last issue of The Octofoil, three names have been added to our list of members, and a most cordial welcome is extended to these new members.

RAYMOND N. HANKS (F Co., 39th Inf.) joined up from 109 East Jefferson Street, Mishawaka, Ind.

Another 39th man—MYRON L. CARPENTER (2nd Bn. Hq.) who hails from 2146 Linden Avenue, Madison 4, Wisconsin.

The fighting Quartermasters will be glad to know that Col. FREDERICK P. VAN DUZEE is now a member of the Association. Col. Van is retired now and lives out at 5729 Cedros Avenue, Van Nuys, California.

More names will be added next month.

Failure to Receive Octofoil Should be Reported Promptly

For reasons best known (and carefully guarded) by the Post-office Department, a few copies of each month's issue of The Octofoil fail to be delivered.

Your National Secretary personally addresses each and every copy of the paper. Where five or more members live in the same town or city, such copies are bundled together and the bundle addressed to the Postmaster of the town or city concerned, with instructions to open the bundle and deliver the copies as addressed.

In spite of the fact that the papers are carefully addressed and mailed from your National Office, some of the papers are not delivered. Just what the reasons are for these papers going astray remains a mystery. However, in such cases, if you fail to receive your copy of The Octofoil by the end of the month, please send a penny postcard to: National Secretary, Postoffice Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., and you will be sent another copy.

Octofoil Subscription Rates Increased

Authorization was obtained through action taken at the recent meeting of the Board of Governors to increase the subscription rate of The Octofoil from 60 cents to \$1.50 per year. The monthly rate will be increased from ten cents to 15 cents per copy, effective with this issue.

The increase in the published subscription rate was deemed necessary in order to equalize the cost of publication as compared to the quoted subscription rates.

Annual dues remain at the present rate—\$3.50 per year which will include the subscription cost of The Octofoil.

Former 9th "Brass" Reunite at Benning

The Main Officers Club of Fort Benning, Georgia, was the site of a recent get-together of several former 9th Division officers—31 March to be exact.

The chief "instigator" behind this gathering of the clan was Captain LAWRENCE LANGLAND. The complete list of those who were present included the following:

Capt. and Mrs. PAUL GAW-KOWSKI.

Major and Mrs. JACK COULTER.

Col. and Mrs. JOHN VAN HOUTEN.

Capt. LEMLEY.

Major WALTER MAHON.

Capt. and Mrs. LAWRENCE LANGLAND.

Much time was spent in rehashing the war and re-newing friendships, as well as finding out where various people are presently located.

There's even the possibility of the Association obtaining at least one new member from this group. We sure need the money.

Van Houten Heads Ranger Group

Col. VAN HOUTEN is the commanding officer of The Ranger Training Center, located at Fort Benning. From all reports he is really "heped up" on this type of outfit and several of his ranger groups are now seeing action in Korea.

According to word from Mrs. Van Houten, the Colonel really gave himself a going over while he was taking parachute training.

Col. "Paddy" Flint is Tradition at Benning

Former 39th men, in fact all former 9th Division men, will be interested to learn that Col. PADDY FLINT is held up to all officers at Fort Benning as a model leader and commander.

This report comes from Maj. WALTER MAHON, who is presently engaged in taking some refresher courses at the Infantry School.

Walt informs us that AAA-O is as well known as Phoenix City and the pass word for the course is "PADDY FLINT."

Lindsey Nelson Assumes Post As Vol Publicity Director

Lindsey Nelson, whose voice is familiar to thousands of sport fans down around Tennessee way, has taken on the job of publicity director for the University of Tennessee Athletic Association.

Nelson succeeds Tucker Musser, who recently resigned the post after serving in that capacity for three years.

Perhaps nobody has been closer to the Tennessee set-up for the past dozen years than the new publicity chief. As an undergraduate on the Hill from 1936-40, Nelson served in several capacities for the athletic publicity department.

Since the last war, Nelson has been doing newspaper and radio work. He has done play-by-play broadcasts on Tennessee football and basketball games for the past

Board of Governors Holds Meeting At Commodore Hotel, New York City

A meeting of the National Board of Governors was held March 17, 1951, at The Commodore Hotel in New York City.

This was one of the best attended meetings for quite some time. Only two members of the board, out of a total of fourteen, were unable to attend and had it not been for Uncle Sam the two absent members would have been in attendance.

Major J. GUY McCORMICK was unable to attend due to duties which prevented his leaving Fort Lee, Virginia. Lt. JOHN CLOUSER was unable to make plane connections in Korea, so he was unable to be present.

Those twelve members attending included DONALD M. CLARKE, National President; ALBERT E. BRUCHAC, FATHER EDWARD CONNORS, PAUL S. PLUNKETT, Major WALTER J. MAHON, RICHARD C. STOREY, J. ROBERT BROGAN, CALVIN POLIVY, WILLIAM MAUSER, HAROLD SMITH, JOE CASEY, and HENRY GOLABIECKI.

The meeting was called to order by the National President at 2:15 p.m.

Doc Sternlicht Attends

The Board of Governors received a first-hand report on the plans for the 1951 Convention from Dr. HAROLD STERNLICHT, President of The Greater New York Chapter. Details on this report are included in a separate article in this issue of The Octofoil.

AL BRUCHAC gave some of the details pertaining to the convention expenses which resulted in a motion made by PAUL S. PLUNKETT as follows:

"All members attending the 1951 convention shall pay a fee as registration covering all charges which will be set up by the Convention Committee and as published in The Octofoil. This motion was seconded by HENRY GOLABIECKI and duly passed.

Mr. PLUNKETT offered a further motion pertaining to the convention which stated that all matters pertaining to the 1951 convention shall be decided upon by the Greater New York Chapter and that such actions shall be accepted by the Board of Governors. This motion was seconded by HAROLD SMITH and duly passed.

1952 Convention Site Selected

Upon receiving a report from the National Secretary pertaining to bids received for the 1952 convention, a motion was made by PAUL PLUNKETT authorizing the selection of ? ? ? ? ? as the site of the convention for next year. This motion was seconded by Major MAHON, and duly passed. (The announcement of the actual site for the 1952 convention will be made during the annual banquet to be held on Saturday night, July 28, 1951).

A motion was made by HAROLD

SMITH recommending that a proposal be submitted to the National Convention Committee to effect the repeal of the five-year limitation on convention sites. This motion was seconded by AL BRUCHAC and duly passed. (Under present procedure, no city may repeat as a convention site within a five-year period).

Upon a motion made by AL BRUCHAC, seconded by PAUL PLUNKETT and duly passed, the National President and National Secretary are authorized to have a sufficient number of copies of either the May or June issue of The Octofoil printed to send a copy to each name on the mailing list. In this manner the convention details will be brought to the attention of the entire mailing list.

Emergency Eventualities Discussed

The Board members held a discussion on various actions which would be necessary to safeguard the assets of the Association in case of a national emergency or declaration of war. The National Secretary was directed to prepare a list of all assets which the Association now owns. Such lists would be mimeographed and a copy sent to each chapter.

A duplicate set of membership records will be prepared and stored in a safe place. In connection with this work, the National Secretary is exploiting the possibility of micro-filming the records.

CALVIN POLIVY offered a motion, seconded by BILL MAUSER and duly passed which authorizes the National Secretary to take all necessary action to safeguard the records and assets of the Association.

The National Secretary will, in the future, prepare a quarterly report on all Association activities, such reports will be sent to each member of the Board of Governors.

After comparing the profits which were made at previous conventions, the Board authorized a payment of \$50.00 to be made to the Chicago Chapter as a token of appreciation for the work involved and undertaken by the chapter members.

A discussion was held on the possibility of using part of the Memorial Fund to purchase television equipment to be donated to certain veterans hospitals. AL BRUCHAC, CALVIN POLIVY and RICHARD STOREY were designated as a committee to make a study of this proposal and their decision is to be submitted to the Board of Governors in the form of a letter in order to obtain approval for their recommendations.

The National Secretary was given authorization to increase The Octofoil subscription rate from 60 cents to \$1.50.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

84th Man Killed In Airplane Crash

In response to a recent notice for payment of annual dues, word was received of the death of RICHARD J. MCCLINTOCK.

Dick was killed in an airplane crash on September 24, 1949. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lyman McClintock of West Salem, Wisconsin.

"Youse Guys"—Please Have Patience

Your Octofoil editor has been making pleas for news and the response has been most gratifying to say the least.

The plea still stands—write to us and let us know what you are doing, however, please be patient, if your letter takes awhile to be acknowledged in The Octofoil.

Your editor has enough letters on hand now to last for a couple of issues and by that time he hopes to be caught up.

"Don't rush me, please, thanks."

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NELSON TAKES U-T ROST—Lindsey Nelson, pictured above with U-T Athletic Director Bob Neyland, has taken over the job of Tennessee athletic publicity director. Nelson, a Tennessee graduate, is well-known throughout the South as a sports announcer.

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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News of Members—Here There, and Everywhere

39th Infantry

From down South America way comes NEWS from THE ADAMS FAMILY. John C. L. Adams was a Lt. Col. with the 39th Infantry. The news is contained in a three-page, legal size, mimeographed newsletter entitled, "ADAMS FAMILY MANEUVERS OF 1950," and unfortunately we are unable to print the entire text due to our limitation on space. However, it would be time and effort well spent if you fellows who are interested would drop John a note and ask him to send a copy to you. The Adams family is very busy engaged supervising developments by ADAMS ENTERPRISES IN SPANISH AMERICA, S. A. Their mailing address is: Box 2070, Ancon, Canal Zone. Incidentally, their newsletter contains a very interesting recipe for a drink called "Potent-Pipas." (Made by cutting open the top of a green coconut and placing therein four jiggers of rum, two jiggers of Apricot Brandy, one-half teaspoonful of concentrated sweet Coconut Cream Syrup, filling with cracked ice, and drinking through a straw). This drink was used last November 10th when John and his wife celebrated their 25th (Silver) wedding anniversary.

REX H. FORD (H Co.) desires to locate FRANK B. COCHRAN, who served as Chaplain with the 2nd Bn., 39th in North Africa. Does anyone know where Chaplain Cochran can be located? If so, please write to Rex at 1 Tucker Street, New Gosport, Portsmouth, Virginia.

LELAND L. ELLIS (S/Sgt.) is now living at 115 16th Avenue, No., Nashville 4, Tennessee, recently moving from Denver, Colorado. He is a graduate of a watchmakers school in Denver and is now enrolled in a jewelry repair and stone setting course in Kansas City, Missouri. Lee would like to hear from some of his C Company friends.

HARRISON J. DAYSH (1st Lt., 1st Bn. Hq. Co.) was one of the recent successful persons to pass the District of Columbia Bar exam. He received his pre-legal schooling at Yale and obtained his LLB from Georgetown University. As yet there are no young ones around the house, but the situation is subject to change. The Dayshs live at 8403 16th Street, Apt. 107, Silver Spring, Maryland.

JOHN W. CURLEY (A Co.) writes in from 30 Rumson Place, Red Bank, N. J. John is a married man now, bought a new home and is settling down to think back on his bachelor days. On their honeymoon up New England way, John met a couple of fellow-9th men—ARMAND AREL in Auburn, Maine, and HARRY ODOM of Monhegan Island, also in Maine. You'll see John and his wife at the New York Convention.

RUSSELL (RUSTY) OLIVADOTTI (1st Sgt., C Co.) is another among the many who plan to attend the New York affair this coming July and he hopes to see many of his friends there. Rusty is living at 228 Union Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey.

Here's some address changes for men from the 39th:

DONALD PERRY (Hq. 3rd Bn.), 1212 Hall Street, Elmira, N. Y.
PETER J. CASEY (Sgt.), 18 A Pemberton Gardens, Pemberton, New Jersey.

Capt. A. P. CROONQUIST, JR. Staff and Faculty, T.I.S., Ft. Benning, Georgia.

WILLIAM R. CALLOWAY, 15 Short Street, Herington, Kansas.

WARREN G. SIMPKINS, Whitmore Lake Road, Whitmore Lake, Michigan.

PAUL D. KELIER, 11060 E. Grand River, Brighton, Michigan.

Lt. Col. HENRY P. TUCKER, Staff and Faculty Dept. of Tactics, USMA, West Point, New York.

Capt. EDWARD A. MARVIN (1st Lt., Hq. 2nd Bn.), Hq. ASA, 8624th AU, APO, 958, San Francisco, California. (Ed was recently recalled to active duty).

STANLEY JOSEPH BALIN (D Co.), 41 Wayne Street, Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Major WILLIAM S. TERRELL (Capt. D and M Cos.), Headquarters, Camp Carson, Colo.

CLARENCE GOUIRAND, 1034 Morton, Moundville, West Va.

CARROLL J. CLARK (Capt., 39th Med. Det.), 708 1st Street, N. W., Watertown, South Dakota.

LESLIE L. ROUSE (Next-of-kin Sgt. CHARLES ROUSE, KIA), Route 2, Box 89, Gulport, Miss.

M/SGT. EARL E. WELLS, Det. 4, 1123 ASU, ROTC Inst. Gp., Yale University, New Haven Conn.

PRESTON A. SCHEFFEL, 61 No. Prospect Ave., Baltimore 28, Maryland.

THOMAS F. SOLON (1st Lt., A Co.), 4757 Bryant Ave., So., Minneapolis, Minn.

M. L. MARTIN (Maj.), 1004 Fifth Avenue, Albany, Georgia.

LESTER BUDD, 1116½ North

High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

LEON TRAUBER (H Co.), 941 Essex Court, Lakeview, New York.

WARD O. PAYNE, JR., 3317 38th Street, Des Moines 10, Iowa.

CHARLES E. HOUK, Box 93, Greensburg, Kentucky.

JOACHIM HOROWITZ (F Co.), 835 Riverside Drive, New York 32, New York.

DONALD S. MACKERER, 1219 Clinton Street, Algonac, Michigan.

WILLIAM B. PENN, Box 107, Manahawkin, New Jersey.

FRED S. NEWMAN, Route 2, Deer River 3, Minnesota.

47th Infantry

JAMES L. O'KEEFE (Hq. Co.), is one of the most ardent supporters of the Association out on the West Coast. Jim has recently moved from the State of Washington down to "sunny California," and his present address is 690 South 5th Street, San Jose, California. Getting settled in a new house and a new job would seem quite enough for one person but their biggest job is getting their son, Mike, back on his feet. Mike has been suffering from rheumatic fever for the past year. However, the California climate seems to have helped some and plans are being made to enter him into the Stanford Convalescent Hospital, where they hope it won't be long before he is back in A-1 shape again. During the past few weeks, Jim has come across TONY NUNN (Hq. 1st Bn., 47th), who is now a Company CO in the 41st National Guard Division. Tony's Bn. CO is JIM ALGOOD, who commanded a Bn. of the 47th. During a recent trip to Los Angeles, Jim saw CHARLIE GERARD and JOHAN WILDAY, both out of AT, 47th.

GEORGE H. MERZ, of 52 Terhune Avenue, Jersey City, N. J., has just recently left the Jersey City Medical Center after an attack of pneumonia. He is resting up now, getting ready for the New York convention and he hopes to see the following "guys" there: "SHORTY" MAURE, BOB JOHNSON, BOB GAUMER, "BULL" HARRY WHALEN, "HORSE" AL-SUP and all of the others who knew the "ROCK."

CLARENCE E. HOLMAN (H Co.) is heard from in the form of a letter from his wife. Their address is 204 South Argyle St., Hamburg, Iowa, and this past summer was busily spent in remodeling and building an additional room onto their home. Next summer will bring forth some more work in the form of interior decorating. Christmas cards are exchanged with the following H Company men: ELMER CROW, Box 168, Ravenswood, West Virginia; MIKE ULSON 2827 North Harlem, Chicago 35, Illinois; and ORVILLE KIRKBY, 1032 Sanford Street, Alma Michigan.

JOHN F. MILLER (A Co) can be located at P.O. Box 630, Great Falls, Montana, and any 9th folks who happen to find themselves out thataway are cordially invited to drop in. John is still at his old job, making concrete culverts. He is married and has two children, Elaine, age 3, and a boy, Gordon, born last November 24th, weighing in at nine pounds even, and 23 inches tall, with a lusty pair of lungs.

HERBERT W. CLEGG (Capt. Serv. Co.) reports in from 315 Valley Road, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Herb has one child, 18 months (a Jr.) "and the same wife." His job carries him all over the eastern part of North Carolina every week and he hopes and plans on being in New York for the convention.

JOSEPH VON ACHEN, one of the many 1st Sgts. of Co. E, has been happily married for the past four years and they have two children, both girls, ages three and a half and one year. Joe is working for the same company as JIM LEOPOLD—The Formfit Company. His address is 3029 Briggs Avenue, New York, N. Y., and his telephone number is listed in the Bronx directory in case any of his friends desire to place a call.

ANTHONY FORTA (C Co.) is living with his family, consisting of two children, a boy, two and a half years old, and a girl, two months old. His address is 506 West William Street, Portchester, New York, and he includes his best wishes and a "hello" to all of his many friends.

A recent letter from CHARLES S. ZELAZNY, 14 East 2nd Street, Duluth 2, Minn., brings news of his marriage last August 26th. Charlie has just completed a two-year course in shoe rebuilding, under the Veterans Rehabilitation program, and is now working at his new trade. Any of you fellows from I Company would do well to drop a line to him.

EARL L. HUBBS is now work-

ing with the National Park Service at Death Valley National Monument in California. He has been attending the University of California. Earl was with Fox Company and he would like to hear from any and all.

VICTOR L. POYMTER (L Co.), is owner of Vic's Lawn and Garden Service, located in Los Angeles, California—Telephone AX 3-5047 for prompt service. His street address is 3814 Redondo Boulevard.

Here goes a few address changes for you 47th men:

Lt. Col. WILLIAM R. TABER, 719 La Bella Walk, Jefferson Village Apts., Falls Church, Va.

JOHN JACOBY, 234 Fleetwood Street, Coatsville, Pa.

BENJAMIN R. TROWER, 57 Corto Road, Arcadia, California.

CARL COHEN, 3804 Neptune Ave., Brooklyn 24, N. Y.

JOHN J. FITZSIMMONS, 113 Jamlin Street, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey.

HAROLD J. REDISKE (L Co.), 3740 East Layton, Cudahy 4, Wisc.

WILLIAM BERKMAN (Hq. Co.), 2619 Seventh Ave., Altoona, Pa.

FRANK J. OITRO, 5461 Thomas, Chicago 51, Illinois.

DUANE D. OLSON (Serv. Co.), 405 Pilgrim Lane, Drexel Hill, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sgt. LEROY C. GLAHN, 1251 Sixth Oak Drive, Monterey, Cal.

JOHN J. GLAVAN (I Co.), 8300 Stevens Ave., Minneapolis 20, Minn.

GEORGE DEMSHOCK, Drums, Pennsylvania.

Cpl. DONATO VISCO, 223 QM Recl. and Maint. Co., APO 872, PM, New York.

EDDIE BLECHARZYK (A Co.), 4027 Bucyrus Avenue, Cleveland 9, Ohio.

GEORGE R. MCCARTHY, 1260 Elizabeth, Joliet, Ill.

JOHN T. O'DONNELL, 3663 Waller Road, Pittsburgh 27, Pa.

STANLEY A. ADOWSKI, 75 Rodney, Bugalo 14, New York.

HARRY T. RAINEY (E Co.), 638 Garden Road, Colubus 14, Ohio.

PERRY KAYE, 1168 Briarcliff Road, N. E., Apt. 1, Atlanta, Ga.

JACK L. BAKER, 316 Sherman Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Major HARRY H. WALKER, JR., 1693 Roberts Lane, Jefferson Village, Falls Church, Va.

Major GAEL M. FRAZIER, ORC Instr. GP, Det. No. 1, 2306 ASU, Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio.

LELAND D. MERRIMAN, RR 2, Box 380, Greenswitch Road, Decatur, Illinois.

CHARLES I. BAILEY, 125 North Collins Street, Nashville, North Carolina.

MICHAEL J. GABRIELE (A Co.), 30 North Franklin Street, Athens, New York.

EDWARD CROOKEDACRE (Hq. Co., 3rd Bn.), 1518 Averille, Thrift City Trailer Court, Flint, Mich.

ANTHONY SANDAGATO, Fatso's Taxern, Route 9-H, Claverack, New York.

Col. PETER O. WARD, Army War College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

Pfc. FREDERICK C. ROHR, Co. D, 5th Cavalry Reg't., 1st Cavalry Division, APO 201, PM, San Francisco, California.

Lt. Col. HERBERT N. TURNER, Exec. Asst., Albuquerque District, PO Box 1538, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

CHARLES H. JONES, JR. (F Co.), 3733 Lyons Lane, Alexandria, Virginia.

ANTHONY SORDILL, M.D., 123 Herning Ave., Cranford, New Jersey.

Lt. Col. RAY L. INZER, Bldg., 314, Room 13, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

JOHN R. BELL (L Co.), PO Box 108, Strang, Oklahoma.

Lt. AMOS H. DAVIS (Cpl. Hq. Co.), 313th Eng. Utility Det., APO 660, PM, San Francisco, Calif.

WALTER O. KRAFT (G Co.), PO Box 1003, Kodiak, Alaska.

HANS SCHWARZKOPF (Hq. Co., 2nd Bn.), 1710 Popham Ave., Bronx 53, New York.

ALBERT H. HEATH (L Co.), 39 Quincy Ave., Trenton 9, New Jersey.

JULIUS WILLEN, 530 D. Grand Street, New York 2, N. Y.

WALTER L. COTTINGHAM (1st Lt. A Co.), 304 Highland Place, Valdosta, Georgia.

LOUIS T. MARINES, 248 Franklin Street, Paterson 4, New Jersey.

THOMAS P. DUNN, 2006 West 94th Street, Los Angeles 47, Cal.

WILLIAM F. MORKILL, Box 510, Route 1, Mercer Island, Wash.

GEORGE E. JENKINS (G Co.), St. Andrew's School, West Barrington, Rhode Island.

ROBERT J. DE SANDY, 16810 Evanston, Detroit 24, Michigan.

FONG. W. HONG, 734 Grant Avenue, Apt. 8, San Francisco 8, California.

Lt. Col. HERMAN A. SCHMIDT, Staff and Faculty, The A. G. School, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

MANUEL MONTIJO, 465 Washington Ave., Burlington, N. J.

F Company men will be interested in the following picture which

was sent to us by ED "HOPPIE" HOPKINS. It was taken in St. Louis last summer and from left to right appears OTTO GEYER (former CO of F Co.); MRS. GEYER; "HOPPIE" HOPKINS and Otto's sister, MADELINE.



This guy Hopkins must really get around. He works for Sperry Products Company of Danbury, Connecticut but that's just an address. You will find Ed most anyplace. During the next few months he'll be between Chicago and New York so if any of you fellows are looking for a good drinking partner drop him a line at the Sperry Company address and get together with him. Always glad to oblige and he comes well recommended. During his visit to Cleveland soon, he hopes to be able to contact BILL BUEMI, provided its not on a Sunday. BILL spends the Sabbath in bed recuperating. Ed reports on several of the old F Company gang, for instance, JOHN "SMIG" TOKARCHEK and JOHN "YOSH" RYNCAVAGE, the Gold-Dust Twins, have bought themselves homes in Philly—more crap game money. JOHNNY GOLDBAUGH bought himself a new home up in New Milford, N. J., and now the proud father of two fine boys and very much the family man. FRANK GILSENAN was heard from and he's a married man now. A Christmas card from BILL LARSON (here's the new address Old Chester Road, Essex Falls, N. J.—no excuse now for not writing) Ed says that Bill can't write but perhaps Mary Louise will read this and answer—rather hear from her anyway. The address for JOHN W. FRIEBEL is shown on the old personnel records as 219 North Hope Avenue, Los Angeles, California. Not a member of the Association

60th Infantry

A lengthy letter from Mrs. M. L. (RAY) SHUMAKER brings us up to date on the activities of her better half—LEE. To start with, the Shumakers have a new address: 514 Ashburton Avenue, S.E., Decatur, Georgia. Lee is having more than his hands full these days. The guy has two full time jobs, one he gets paid for and that is for being the Army Advisor to the 122nd Regiment, National Guard, in Atlanta. The other one he pays for and that is as chief of staff, official brain-truster and referee for his family, consisting of SIX. Besides the "old man" and his better half, there is Kathy, age ten; Charlie, nearly 19; Winifred, just 17, and twenty-one months ago Bobby arrived on the scene.

Lee is planning on writing a book about his "gang" for he thinks that it would go "The Egg and I" one better. Son Charles recently broke down and joined the Army—last July to be exact, and he hopes that someday he will be able to outrank his old man.

Mrs. Lee hopes that someday Lee will be able to renew his conversations with such characters as RALPH LASSEN, JOHN CARRIER and many others, including AL BRUCHAC, FRED GOLUB, PAT FOLEY, DON HAWKINS, CHICK HENNER, ED WATERS, MORRIS McLEMORE, CHARLIE FORT and CHARLIE FISHER. There are many more. The eavesdropping is never better under such circumstances.

The Shumaker family hopes that one of these days will see them living on an Army Post. With son Charlie in the service, Lee on active duty and Freddie, the daughter wanting to join up with the WACS the conversation never lacks for thoughts with a military touch.

A note from any of the fellows to Lee will be acknowledged by him pronto, providing he can get caught up with all of his back correspondence, now pending.

ERNEST A. GREEN (A Co.) sends a note from 1024 La Due, Alamosa, Colorado. Ernie's family has grown to include two daughters, three and four, both blondes. No oil wells as yet but instead he

—Does anyone have a better address for this man. Here's your answer on HENRY KUCHARSKI. His address (and a good one, too) is 256 22nd Street, Breeoklyn, New York.

Ed recently stopped in at TONY

REPETTI'S restaurant at 25 Brantford Place, Newark, N. J. and absorbed one of his delicious steaks and a few sips of Cognac. Tony looks good, says business is fine and it's Ed's opinion that Tony serves just about the finest groceries in New Jersey.

A few months ago while on his way to Puerto Rico for a vacation, Ed called HUGHIE HATRICK (former communication sergeant for F Co.), who recently bought a new home in Richmond Hills, Long Island. Hugh's complete address is 85-24 125th Street, Richmond Hills, New York. (Say, how about getting him to join the Association. Have sent him all the poop but a word from you might do the trick.)

When Ed hears about guys like Hughie and the others who have bought new homes, it does his heart good to know that all that money he lost in the crap games is being put to some good use. Incidentally, LOU SLATNICK recently got himself a new television set and a Hudson as big as a box car with all his winnings. (This guy's not a member either. Send in his address and he'll get the treatment.)

Between now and convention time, many of you, F Company lads will probably be hearing from this guy, Ed, who plans on seeing about 100 of you fellows at the New York convention, and he is going to write to as many of you as possible to give you a gentle reminder to be there.

has been quite sick and under rather heavy medical expenses. Drop him a line, you fellows. He'll be glad to hear from you.

A letter from ROMAN A. URBANSKI (C Co.) enclosing a buck for a copy of the 9th Division route map which will be framed and put on display at the VFW Post, No. 4602, located in Depue, Illinois. Roman joined C Company on October 3, 1940, and stayed with it until Friday, October 13th, 1944, when he was wounded for the second time. After spending 19 months in various hospitals he was discharged as a S/Sgt. on May 25, 1946.

At the present time Roman is working at the Mineral Point Zinc Division plant of the New Jersey Zinc Company, located at Depue, Illinois, where he makes his home. Address him at Box 21.

Those of you who were at the Chicago convention from G Company will remember Mrs. MARY REINHARDT, Gold Star Mother of Lt. CHARLES REINHARDT, who was killed in action. Mrs. Reinhardt announces her marriage last November 18 to Mr. ROY THOMSON, farmer and real estate broker of Olney and Bone Gap, Illinois. They are making their home at Chrisman, Illinois, Rural Route 3, and plan on making the New York Convention in July.

PAUL HENRY PENDLETON (D Co.) is living on Route 11, Lafayette, Indiana, back on the farm and liking it very much. Paul is married and they have five children, three boys, and two girls. Maurice is 15, Richard 13, Dwight is ten, Virginia Louise is seven, and Inez Loretta is three.

STEVE A. SALVI (2nd Pl., G Co.) is away out in San Francisco, 1871 29th Avenue. Steve joined the outfit in the Hurtgen Forest, wounded shortly thereafter and back to England to recuperate. He finally caught up with the gang again at the Rhine—Remagen Bridge—and after VE Day was placed on detached service with the 60th Band, playing the accordion.

In January of 1946 Steve became a civilian again and returned to his old job with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. A few years ago he organized a dance

band which takes up a lot of his spare time. In 1948 Steve became a married man and their family now includes daughter Anne and a very recent addition, son Stephen. If any of the "old gang" happen to read this, Steve would sure like to hear from you. Sit down and drop him a line or two.

HENRY G. BAUMAN (Capt. 2nd Bn.) is up in Trenton, New Jersey, at 57 Florence Street. He is in the active reserve, part of the 78th Division, so perhaps he'll be back in uniform one of these days.

ARTHUR H. EULER (F Co.) tied the knot three years ago. He and Rita are living on a farm on Route 1, Bowling Green, Ohio. No children as yet.

A recent letter from PERRY J. BURNETT (G Co.), who lives at 6950 Cloverbrook Avenue in Cincinnati 31, Ohio. He and his wife hear from many former Go-Devs, especially around Christmas time. Incidentally, Perry works for the postoffice. This past Christmas they heard from JIM WILLINGHAM'S girl friend. Jim was in G Co. and is now seeing some action over in Korea with the 3rd. Q. M. Company, 3rd Division, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco. Jim would sure like to hear from some of his old friends. Another letter came from JOHN W. CARPENTER, a former L Co. Staff Sgt. John recently bought himself a "piece of land" and is enjoying life with his wife and son away down in Woodson, Texas. Another G Company man—WAYNE MAYNARD, who lives with his wife and two children on a farm at Lenore, Idaho. A card from an old Anti-Tank man, ALBERT P. TOPERZER, who was last seen at the Philadelphia reunion and now a married man and living at 846 Woodland Avenue, Camden 4, New Jersey. Perry also received a card from FRANK LEVOCH (G Co.), who is farming up around Atco, New Jersey. (How about trying to get Frank to pay his dues?)

EDUARDO F. PADILLA (C Co.) can be found out in Winkelman, Arizona, P.O. Box 15. He doesn't own any oil wells, however, but much more important, he has a small papoose. Ed tells another story about FATHER CONNORS, the time he was saying Mass near Dreibern, Germany, and the krauts started to throw in some artillery while the service was in progress. Most all of the GI's ducked for cover but Father Connors kept right on with Mass, merely interrupting long enough to tell the fellows that if anything should happen to him while he was saying Mass, somebody should go and get another Priest to finish the service.

SIDNEY KOBREN (I Co.) expects to graduate from Long Island University this coming June. He has been majoring in retail distribution and specializing in merchandising. Sid lives at 642 Watkins Street, Brooklyn, New York. Se you at the convention.

HAROLD W. SMITH (Capt.) is still in Baltimore at 7026 Deerfield Road and expects to be in New York for the convention—July 26-28. Smitty is a member of the Board of Governors, and a very active supporter of the Association. His spare time is taken up with the Organized Reserves and before long he'll probably be back in the Army again. His letter mentions that FATHER TIM ANDRYSIAK is now at Port Meade, Md. JOHN WHITMORE is working for the Veterans Administration in Baltimore. Was glad to hear that JACK AMES finally decided to join the Association and hopes that he will show up for the New York convention.

A very nice letter from WILFRED T. STONE (Sgt.), who is out on Route 1, in Forreston, Illinois, where he is kept mighty busy attending to his 120-acre farm. Will was at the Chicago convention, thanks to his very nice wife who stayed home and kept things humming on the farm. They have one child—a boy—who was injured during birth, which resulted in his being left crippled for life.

Here are a few address changes for you 60th men.

HYMAN GROSSMAN, 155 Ridge-wood Avenue, Newark New Jersey. MICHAEL F. PALGUTA (B Co.), 1408 White Oak Drive, RD No. 1, Verona, Pennsylvania.

JAMES O. BUTTRAM (B Co.), PO Box 506, Athens, Tennessee. WALTER A. GRABSKI (F Co.), 4028 Alder Street, East Chicago, Indiana.

RUDOLPH J. HEINECKE, Box 192, Theresa, Wisconsin. ROBERT S. MARSHALL (Hq. 2nd Bn.), 209 North First Street, West Branch, Michigan.

MONROE S. ZIEGLER, 215 Mt. Hope Place, Bronx 57, New York. WILLIAM H. BROWN, Box 102, Benton, Arkansas.

CLAUDE L. NICHOLS, Bundy Apt. No. 12, 1st Avenue, Middletown 6, Ohio.

JOHN W. DOWNEY, 123 Manning Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

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WALTER E. ERICKSON, 815 Farm Road, Marlboro, Mass.

MILTON CORDRAY, Box 67, Ravenel, South Carolina.

Dr. CLEM M. CARRITHERS, North Houston Pharmacy, 8910 Humble Road, Houston, Texas.

JOHN M. KLENK, JR., 2109 Wayne Street, Sandusky, Ohio.

Sgt. ORVAL RIGGLEMAN (B Co.), Co. E, 501st Abn. Bn., 101st Airborne Div., Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky.

HUGH G. CAPELIA (K Co.), 94/40 210th Street, Bellaire, Long Island 8, N. Y.

Division M. P.'s

A recent announcement from STEPHEN B. GREY informs us of the opening of his own real estate office at 2040 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia. Telephone: Jackson 2-1162. The best of luck to you.

376th AAA

Mrs. MILDRED KOKKO is not one for letting her husband—LEONARD—"goof" off by not keeping his membership active. A recent letter brings us up to date on the activities of THE KOKKO FAMILY, including their two girls, Ann, who seven, and Phyllis, who is four. Leonard is still working for The Northwestern Leather Co., finishing up his seventeenth year in the tannery business.

As yet they own no oil wells but their luck may change, who knows? Any of you guys from the 376th could put some time to good use by dropping a note to Leonard. Address him at Route 2, Box 23, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

A new address for WILBUR M. MENKE, who is now living at 33 Dalton Place, Stelton, New Jersey.

899th Tank Destroyer Bn.

HOWARD L. RAMSEY is in the contract hauling business with offices located on Main Street in Smithfield, Pa. Telephone, 9981 for prompt service.

VERNE A. BECKSTROM is another member in good standing. Verne hails from Cambridge, Minnesota, where he works as a farmer—still a single guy, too.

WILLIAM H. LAUTENBERGER sends in his '51 dues from 145 Kemball Avenue, Staten Island 2, New York. He expects to see a lot of you 899th men at the New York convention in July.

FRANK E. MARKONAS reports his new address—167 Division Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey.

15th Engineers

HARVEY GOODRICH of 181 Hawthorne Street, Brooklyn 25, New York, proudly announces the arrival (the first) to the Goodrich family, of Steven Bruce Goodrich. The happy event took place last November 27th. Harvey expects to see many of his former 15th Engineer gang at the New York convention next July 26, 27, 28th.

WALTER F. GOUCHER is another 15th Engineer man from Brooklyn—66 Nichols Avenue, and Walt recently wrote in to obtain the Belgian Fourragere. He was with the 9th from June of 1942 until July, 1945.

Easter greetings were received from EDMUND KOSIDOWSKI of 1826 North Pulaski Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, together with a complaint for not receiving his copy of The Octofoil regularly.

A change of address is reported by CARROLL F. DEVOID, who now is living at Locust Terrace in Burlington, Vermont.

9th Recon Troop

RICHARD G. GRANBERRY, Jr., notifies us of a new address. Dick is now living at 602½ Winston, Dallas 8, Texas. His card remarks that it was good to see some 9th Recon names in the last issue. Dick is working for McKesson & Robbins, and his closing remarks were that he has his eye on a new member. (How about getting your hands on him and his ten bucks.)

LET'S HEAR FROM SOME OF YOU OTHER 9th RECON MEN—IF YOU CAN'T WRITE, PERHAPS YOUR WIFE WILL WRITE FOR YOU.

9th Quartermaster

Elsewhere in this issue you fellows will note that we have signed up a new member from the Quartermaster—Col. F. P. VAN DUZEE.

Col. Van Duzee applied for retirement last Spring while in Japan, and he returned to the States in June and settled down to enjoy life in Southern California, at 5729 Cedros Avenue, Van Nuys, California. Van Nuys is located in the heart of the San Fernando Valley, and in case any of you fellows are thinking of retiring and are looking for a place, get in

touch with Col. Van Duzee, who is now in the real estate business out "thataway." Get in touch with him anyway—he'll be glad to hear from you fellows. (Don't get mixed up in a bridge game with him though, unless you know the Blackwood system from A to Z.)

ANDREW A. SINARE has moved to 716 East 162nd Street, Cleveland 10, Ohio.

T/Sgt. WILLIS T. CARROLL also has a new address—4610th AB Sq., Fairfax Field, Kansas City, Kansas.

9th Medical Bn.

The March issue included a few remarks about CARL O. MOTLEY from C Company, however, we forgot to include his address which is Route No. 3, Box 351, Danville, Virginia. There's no excuse now for not writing to him.

A change of address for WILLIAM E. COLLINGER (B Co.) who lives at 261 South Winebiddle Avenue, Apt. 36, Pittsburgh 24, Pa.

709th Ordnance

JOHNNIE J. KOWALSKI is one of those good joes who used to keep the 9th Division motor vehicles in tip-top working order, and he is presently engaged in doing the same thing for the civilian buggy. After spending eleven years with a large Chevrolet dealer in Pittsburgh, Pa., Johnnie is now running his own business and so far has been able to keep his head above water and things are going along very nicely.

His garage is located on Route 30, just 15 miles from the Pennsylvania Turnpike on the western end, so if any of you fellows are crossing the "dream highway" going to or through Pittsburgh, you'll be passing his front door. You couldn't pick a better place for your car to break down. The name—ARDMORE AUTO SERVICE, Inc., 630 Ardmore Boulevard (Wilkinsburg), Pittsburgh 21, Pa. Telephone: CHurchill 1-9652.

(Thanks very much to Mrs. Kowalski for "making" Johnnie send us his dues, together with the above news.)

DAVID E. WARN is still located at Chateau, Montana, and in paying his 1951 dues, his letter mentions the fact that this past summer he saw CLARENCE KRAUSE, who was formerly with B Company of the 60th Infantry, also Div. Hq. This meeting took place out in Great Falls, Montana.

WALTER J. VICTOR of 580 Holderness Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, is already making plans to attend the convention in New York on July 26-27-28th. Walt recently acquired a 1951 Chevrolet Bel-Air Power Glide and he plans on introducing it to New York traffic during the convention.

A couple of address changes for 709th men: RUDOLPH CEPELNIK is now living at 3143 West 86th Street, Cleveland 2, Ohio.

MORTON SCHOEN has moved to 17 Brook Lane, Port Chester, New York.

9th Signal Co.

WALLACE (ANDY) ANDERSON sends in his '51 dues from 501 Union Street, Smethport, Pennsylvania—a birthday present from his mother and sister. Andy has been seeing quite a number of former 9th Signal men, namely, CARL FOURMAN of West Milton, Ohio; ALBERT (WHITEY) HAMLIN of Tiffin, Ohio; KENNY REEDER of Sunbury, Pa., and CHARLEY BIS-GROVE, who lives in Sayre, Pa. Also, BUD LOWMAN, who lives in Olean, New York. (Lowman and Hamlin owes dues and the others aren't members, so with a bit of effort expended in the right manner perhaps the Association can pick up a few more active members). Andy hopes that more of you 9th Signal men would write letters in to The Octofoil. How about it?

A short note from RAY CONNOLLY, Jr., to correct his address, which is: Krewstown Road, above Welsh Road, Philadelphia 15, Pa.

It's now M/Sgt. OBIE M. ELLIS, and he has recently moved to 2031 Wrightboro Road, Augusta, Ga.

District of Columbia Chapter

The D. C. Chapter, at its recent meeting on April 5th, had the pleasure of hearing a talk by FRANK HEIKKILA, former 9th Division Signal Officer. Frank told of some of the many details involved in the preparation for the Omaha Beach operation, revealing for the first time, to many of those present, the complex training which took place before the operation. Of great interest to all was the first-hand story of a few of the tense and critical hours which Frank spent during the actual invasion.

About fifteen members were present for this meeting, including a few who attended for the first time.

Division Artillery

LeROY F. MILLER (26th FA) sends in the following picture taken with his wife back in 1948. The Millers are now living at 413



Jefferson Street, Wilmington, Delaware. Roy was the guy who used to have trouble blowing the bugle. He never could hit the high note of "Retreat." However, his Battery always stood Retreat with a smile.

He re-enlisted in the Army while still in Germany and shortly before returning to the States in November of 1945, Roy married the very attractive Fraulein as shown with him in the accompanying picture. In April of 1946 Roy returned to the 26th, and stayed with the outfit until it was disbanded, when he was again sent back to the States.

At present, Roy is employed by The Pyrites Company of Wilmington, Delaware, as an extra shift operator in the Steel Sinter Department.

Roy is very anxious to get in touch with the following men, and if anyone knows of their present whereabouts, please contact him. (Also, please advise your National Secretary in order that they may be invited to renew their membership or become members.)

ELI REIMERT—Last known address—Menno, South Dakota.

EARL H. WILLIAMS—Last known address—15 Lehigh Street, Trucksville, Pa.

JACOB DILLON—Last known address—West Union, West Va.

ALAN R. TOFFLER—Last known address—629 Seneca Street, Leavenworth, Kansas.

JOHN D. BRIDGERS (2nd Lt., C Btry., 84th FA) was with his outfit from January, 1945, to June, 1946, and The Octofoil keeps him informed of many of his old friends. For the past four years, John has been down in Sewanee, Tennessee, at the University of the South, doing a swell job as Track Coach and Line Coach of the football team. Both teams incidentally, have had very good seasons in recent years, although, occasionally the opposition turns in an upset.

WILLIAM J. NESTA (T/Sgt., 84th) wrote in to the National Secretary last January advising us of his change in address from Miami, Florida, to 86 Shelton Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut. During his three-year stay in Florida, Bill lost contact with everybody and his letter requested information as to annual dues, convention data, etc., which was promptly mailed to him at his new address. No results as yet but we're still hoping to get him back on the paid-up list.

ARTHUR M. SYKES (S/Sgt., 84th FA) is living at 1622 Derry Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. No children—no oil wells. Art is starting his third year of a regular army hitch, following a year of extended active duty as a reservist. His current assignment is Assistant Unit Instructor, USA, ORC Center in Harrisburg, Pa. He attended the last gathering of Father CONNORS Marching and Chowder Society in North Grafton and expects to attend the coming convention in New York in July.

Here's some news about former members of Service Battery 26th FA Bn., as supplied by our good friend JOE MCKENZIE: First of all, PAUL ANTHONY GRIFFIN, that happy-go-lucky guy from battalion supply, makes news. Paul was in a Pennsylvania reserve unit and recalled to active duty. Then he took upon himself a wife, the former Miss Lois Jean Knapp of Buffalo, New York. The wedding

took place at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Smethport, Pa. Sgt. Paul and his new bride are now living in Aberdeen, Maryland, where Paul is serving with the 932nd Bomb Disposal Squad.

Joe received Christmas cards from many a one of the old gang, including BILL, LUCILE and BILLIE ANDREWS; DOM, HELEN, GARY and MICHAEL CURRO; MIRIAM and ISADORE BLITZSTEIN (5941 N. 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.). (Looks like Blitz got married since he was last seen at the Pittsburgh convention). Cards also from JIM LAPSLEY and family; RED, MONO and family. (Red is none other than our old machine gun corporal, and Mona is the gal from the Tar Heel State, whom he met in his native city of Cambridge, Mass.) Also heard from HARRY, DOROTHY and HARRY III FRY (1549 Oakdene Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.); BURNAL, LUCILLE, CLARISSA ANN and ELLA MARIE LAREAU RR2, Lowell, Indiana; DICK and JUNE RAE HILL, 2021 Miramar Drive, Balboa, Cal.; HAROLD and BARRY WALLACE; Mr. and Mrs. TONY PONTICELLO; ANN and JERRY LANGER; BOB, EDNA and LOWELL HAMILTON; LEE-TA and PHILIP HUBER; CARL, BETTY and SCOTTY LUCAS; RUSTY, JOYCE, LINDA and LARRY ROSCOE. (During the past two months Elmer Roscoe and his family moved to Storrs, Conn., and his home is almost on the campus of the University of Connecticut. In Storrs, Rusty will be THE MAN. Here he will be the operator of a general store, postmaster, real estate and insurance dealer as well as the manager of a trailer camp). BETTY, LOUIE and TERRY LEE ENGLAND also sent a card and from a way up north in the Green Mountain State came a card from ARNOLD, MARGARET and JIMMY LEACH. Here's about one of the old gang who really has it made—a card from M/Sgt. and Mrs. EUGENE SHORE of 248 Sturgis Street, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The Sarge has one of those stucco bungalows on the main post. Drop him a line, he'll be glad to hear from you. He is assigned to the 538 Ordnance MAM Company at Fort Bragg.

More Christmas cards to Joe from Mr. and Mrs. IRVING COHEN and daughters; PAT and EARL LONDON; Mr. and Mrs. EVERETT and KAREN BELLE GRIGSBY; PAUL, MOLLE, SAM and PHYVE FRIBUSH; Mr. and Mrs. RAYMOND WEAVER and family. From 27053 Hampden Rd., Royal Oak, Michigan, came a card from Mr. and Mrs. GLEN R. CLINE.

Also, Joe heard from Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM F. BONGIORNO and family; JOHN, DOT, PETER and PAULA MURRAY; LAURIE and JOHNNY BRAZIL, and Mr. and Mrs. CECIL WILLIAMSON.

The Christmas card from PERGI showed a picture of his two children, Sandra and Louise. They must have obtained their good looks from their mother.

JOHN PETER QUINN, 3 Chrome Street, Worcester, Mass., is out in Chicago by now. How about you fellows from the Windy City taking good care of him. John was the 1st Sgt. of Service and Hq. Btry. of the 26th.

Some more Christmas cards to Joe from JOHN S. WHITE, Rockland, Mass., and CHESLEY MISCHLER, 330 W. 14th Street, Homestead, Pa. Both of these boys would like to hear from some of the old gang.

During the dinner following Father CONNORS Memorial Mass last November, RED TRUSCELLO was acting like a baby with a new toy. It seems that Red went out with the boys a few nights earlier and had very good luck with the "galloping dominos." His winnings just reached the four-figure mark and so the next morning Red visited the finance company and paid off the mortgage note on his taxi. He was overjoyed that the cab was now his and fully paid for. Red recently moved to 6 Woodrow Wilson Court, Magazine Street, Cambridge, Mass.

Joe reports a rumor going the rounds in Boston that FRED KEYS has obtained an executive position with G. Fox & Co. of Hartford, Conn. Good luck, Fred, in your new job. FRENCHY LEBLANC is now a bartender. Someone made a mistake in giving him that job. Clem is not one to refuse any liquid with an alcoholic content.

JOHN T. BROWN (60th FA) is living at 1019 Manning Road in Louisville, Ky., and is sales manager for Proctor & Gamble for the Kentucky area with headquarters in Louisville. Johnnie would appreciate hearing more about you fellows from the 60th FA. He's wondering whatever happened to DOUG FRANCE, RALPH CARLISH, GENE WELSH, ROCKY

ROCKWOOD, LOU GREY, LOU PRINCE, RED WILSON, TED HEALY and those other sterling characters from the 60th. (Editor's Note: The last address shown for Doug France is Raleigh Courts Apt., Charlottesville, Virginia. Our records list Capt. Albert F. Wilson as being down at Fort Bragg, Quarters TFA, 692, Apt. A-1, and he is assigned to the 82nd AB Division. Louis M. Prince can be found on Route 2, Loveland, Ohio. These three men are the only ones we have a record of. The others are not members. Does anyone know where they can be located? Please advise.)

JOS. G. LACIC (60th FA) has recently moved to 4007 West Oakdale, Chicago, Ill.

CLAIR R. MCKEE (60th FA) is located on Route 3, Findlay, Ohio.

LOUIS A. PANDOLFI (C Btry., 60th FA) is living in a house full of women—his wife and two daughters. It got so that he finally had to go out and build a new home to accommodate his growing family—it's located at 35 Hay Avenue, Nutley 10, New Jersey, and he expects to see a good turnout at the New York convention.

CHARLIE L. ANDERSON (Serv. Btry., 60th FA) writes in from 319 South Franklin Street, Fleetwood, Pa., enclosing his payment of 1951 dues. Charlie keeps busy by working 55 to 60 hours a week at his garage keeping the Chevies rolling. In his spare time he acts as adjutant of the local legion post and keeps track of the cash as treasurer for his church. His family includes two curly haired daughters, Ann Louise, two years; and Maxine Joyce, one year. JIM (SCOTTIE) CAMPBELL dropped by his garage a few weeks ago for a short visit and when the liquor supply is more plentiful, Jim has promised to make a return visit of longer duration. Last summer Charlie received a visit from GEORGE EMIG and his wife—still the same old smiling guy. Anyone getting out around Fleetwood—drop in and say hello to Charlie. The door is always open to any former 9th Division man.

FRANK M. RIDZI (60th FA) expects to see the old gang at the coming New York convention. Frank lives at 72 Windsor Place, Brooklyn 15, New York.

JOSEPH JAGETZ (Serv. Btry., 60th FA) is having his hands full trying to get his new home built. His present address is 350 Wilmot Avenue, Bridgeport 7, Conn. The contract was signed last July and the contractor has been stalling over since.

JESSE R. DAVIS (34th FA) has been spending sometime in the Doctor's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. His wife advises that his condition is improving nicely and we certainly hope that he will soon be back home. You fellows get busy and drop him a line at Box 84, Hebron, Ohio.

PEGGY, BERNIE and BOBBY STEIN (Med. Det., 84th FA) have recently moved to 255 West 84th Street, in New York City. Bobby is three years old now and doing his best to read The Octofoil.

JAMES J. MCCARTHY (Hq. and Hq. Btry., 84th FA) has finally advised us of his correct address—30 Vinal Avenue, Somerville 43, Mass. Can anyone interest Jim in paying his annual dues?

NORRIS S. KAUTZ is now seeing some action over in Korea. He's a corporal with Company I, 5th RCT. Norris was with the 34th, and was called back into active service last October 18th. His very nice wife sends in his '51 dues, and hopes that some of you fellows will write to him. She suggests that you send your letters to their home address—622½ South Tremont, Kewanee, Illinois—and she will forward them to him. A recent letter from Mrs. Kautz advises us that Norris is suffering from frost bite and he is supposedly headed back to Japan for treatment.

WILLIAM J. GRIESBACH (C Btry. and Air OP Hq. Btry., 26th FA) is now living at 101 Circle Drive, Paramus, New Jersey, happily married and with one swell little girl, almost two years old. Bill sends his best regards to all of his old friends.

HAROLD E. FRANTZ (26th FA) sends word from 619 West Franklin Street, Elkhart, Indiana. Hal's family consists of his wife, Meta Louise and two boys, Dudley, who is three years old, and Donald, age one and a half years. Mrs. Hal is a registered nurse and Hal spends his working hours as manager of the Isbell Lumber and Coal Company of Elkhart. Drop him a line, he'd like very much to hear from one and all.

KENNETH E. HOWE (Hq. Btry., 84th FA) has had his share of misfortune since leaving his old outfit. While working for the State of Massachusetts he got his lungs filled with poison gas and was forced to stop working over a year ago. The doctors have ad-

vised him to go out to Arizona for treatment. His home address is 105 South Main Street, Palmer, Mass., and we hope that the next time we hear from him his health will be greatly improved.

A recent letter from Pvt. LOUIS N. BLUCHER requested the address of Lt. Col. MEREDITH E. ALLEN, who used to command C Battery of the 84th FA Bn. In as much as Col. Allen is not a member of the Association (he has been sent all of the "poop") it took a bit of digging to locate his present whereabouts. He is with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at the Nurnberg Military Post, APO 696, c/o Postmaster, New York.

HENRY S. BOKINA (Div. Arty. Hq.) writes in from 7 Prospect Street, Hatfield, Mass., to advise that they have no oil wells as yet, although he does grow the best binder tobacco in the country. Since being discharged he and his dad have been growing and packing tobacco on a share basis. Hank has been a member of the Board of Selectmen for the past five years and was just recently re-elected to a new term of office. He hopes to see you at the convention come July in New York.

DANIEL J. STEVENS, Jr. (34th FA) is working with Carter Textile Industry, located in South Boston, Virginia, where he makes his home at 507 Easley Street. No children as yet. Danny requested the addresses of two former B Battery, 34th men—ROY KENDRICK and ZEB N. JONES. (Association records show Kendrick's address as RFD No. 2, Gate City, Virginia, and Jones supposedly lives at 906 East Ash Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina. Both unpaid. Can someone get them on the ball?)

IRVING SHAMES (84th FA) sends in his '51 dues from 7316 Malvern Avenue, Philadelphia 31, Pa., and suggests that the Association send copies of The Octofoil to all members who might be fighting over in Korea. (Copies of The Octofoil are being sent to all members in Korea, at least those members whom we know about.)

PATRICK E. FEHILY (Hq. Btry., Div. Arty.) is living at 370 Bloomfield Avenue in Bloomfield, New Jersey.

GEO. F. LEFESQUE (A Btry., 84th FA) is doing his best to make Democrats out of the people up around Portsmouth, Rhode Island. Politics is taking up quite a bit of his time these days, for instance, he was one of the vice-chairmen of the Rhode Island Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner and was recently appointed on the committee to handle the arrangements for the "Victory Dinner" for Governor Dennis J. Roberts of Rhode Island, and Mayor Reynolds of Providence. In addition, George is Chairman of the Democratic Party in Portsmouth, a job he undertook after he lost a closely contested race for State Senator back in 1948 by only 24 votes. During working hours, he is associated with his Dad in a retail package store, and also operates bakery routes of his own. An open invitation is extended to any and all former 9th men to drop in at 38 Aquidneck Avenue in Portsmouth, and visit with George and his wife and their two children. Incidentally, George expects to make the New York convention this coming July. (Our records show that GRADY REESE lives at 32 Athinson Street, Ashville, North Carolina, and JAMES R. WAYNICH's address is Route 1, McLeansville, N. C. Have written to both of these men but no reply as yet).

A very nice letter from Mrs. CARMEN NORMAN, wife of J. A. NORMAN (26th FA) including notice of a change of address—8509 Church Bell Lane, Jennings 21, Missouri, the location of their new home. The Norman family boasts of two children, a girl, Sandra, four years old, and Stanley, 18 months. Their home, out in the suburbs of St. Louis, is always open to any former 9th men. If you don't have time to make a personal visit sit down and drop them a line or two.

Here are a few late changes of address:

MARVIN J. ETRA (34th FA) 290 Hewlett Neck Road, Woodmere, Long Island, New York.

ALFRED A. KRIGER (84th FA) 125 East Avenue, Batavia, New York.

EDWARD L. DINGO (26th FA) 36 High Street, Amsterdam, New York.

STANLEY A. KRUNAS (84th FA) 305 Carlton Avenue, East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Major NEAL C. GALLOWAY (Div. Arty.) 614 N. E. 13th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

By this time it is hoped the JOHN CLOUSER is wearing his second lieutenant bars. At last report his commission papers had arrived in Korea and he was making application for active duty. His latest address is C Battery, 37th FA, Bn., APO 248, c/o Postmaster,

San Francisco. Most of last winter, John's outfit was up around Wonsu which is in north central South Korea. Around the first part of last February they were in the vicinity of Chipyong, where the chinks had them surrounded for a few days. John's outfit suffered a minimum of losses in comparison with the chinks, who lost a tremendous number of men. He is very hopeful that the U.N. will get on the ball and work out some sort of settlement so that he and the rest of the American troops can get out and return to the States, but frankly speaking, he doesn't hold much hope for that to happen very soon, at least that seems to be the opinion of the American troops who are over there. John states that this war is not a popular one amongst the troops and the feeling is altogether different than it was in the last war.

Division Headquarters

Once again the President has sent "GREETINGS" and EARL S. AILOR is back in the Army. This time Cap't Ailor is stationed at Camp Breckinridge with the Office of Staff Judge Advocate at Post Headquarters. It is a bit different from his JA days with the 9th. The Camp Breckinridge JA staff includes 10 officers, 9 enlisted men and stenographers and a vacancy for one warrant officer. Earl finds his present duties quite different from the duties of 9th Division days. He is not the T. J. A. of the courts but has been acting as Law Member of the General Court, besides acting as Reviewing Officer for claims and contracts and allied military affairs problems. He is also the Legal Assistance Officer for the problems of the military personnel on the post and in fact his present assignments aren't too much different from those he found while in private practice before coming on active duty.

Unless his present plans are changed, Earl plans to be in New York for the convention, this coming July 26-27-28th. He is planning on attending the Judge Advocate School in Washington during part of July and all of August.

Incidentally, when Earl arrived at Camp Breckinridge, it reminded him of the winter of 1944-45 in the edge of Germany. Kentucky was experiencing its coldest weather in many a year and it was quite a chilly reception. Since arriving at camp, he has seen quite a number of former 9th men, including Capt. L. P. CONNERS (47), Major MANUEL and Lt. (now M/Sgt.) LANG, also of the 47th, and Sgt. N. J. BISCHOFF (Div. Hqs. AGSec).

HAL PERRY (S/Sgt. Div. Hqs. APO) sends in a very interesting letter bringing us up to date on his activities. Hal graduates in June from the Detroit Institute of Technology with the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration. He is also the Vice-President of his class and was nominated and accepted for inclusion in the 1950-51 edition of "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges," the official directory of distinguished students selected from colleges and universities throughout America.

Hal has been working full time at the local postoffice and has been attending college three evenings a week—a full schedule in any man's book, but still there has been time to take a big interest in the activities of The Detroit Chapter which he helped to organize and serve as its first president.

In an effort to stir up interest among the Michigan members over the forthcoming convention in New York City, Hal started a "round robin letter" on its way to the 9th men in the area. Many of these men have never availed themselves of membership in the Association and therefore might never have known of the convention, consequently there might be a few new members making the trip to New York, come July.

In bringing his letter to a close, Hal mentions that his son, Michael, is now three and a half, and growing fast. His best regards to all of his many friends and he looks forward to seeing many of them in New York. Drop him a line at 2453 22nd Street, Wyandotte, Mich.

A few changes of address include the following:

Lt. General MANTON S. EDDY, CG, Seventh Army, APO 46, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

M/Sgt. ALBERT B. LOZANO, Hq., 7th Army, APO 46, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Lt. Col. GEORGE H. GARDE, Casual Pers. Sec., APO 613, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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One lone letter from a former tanker—ROBERT E. ZIMMERMAN, who advises us of his new address at 10329 South Fairfield, Chicago 43, Illinois, and besides including his payment for 1951 dues, his letter extends his best wishes to all of you fellows.