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Lieut. Gen. Stafford Leroy Irwin Dies

Your Assistance Needed...

The Octofoil has received the following letter: From Mrs. William S. Quincy of Perry, Ill. "My husband, Wm. S. Quincy, of Co. H, 2nd Bn., 47th Infantry, has been in two different hospitals in the last five months and in and out of hospitals since he was discharged from the Ninth. The VA will not help. They say he hasn't proven it was a battle connected injury. We know that in Germany, he was sent back to the kitchen for about 5 days due to his nerves. If any of these buddies remember the incident will they please make a notarized statement that Bill was sent back due to his nervousness." Editor's note: Some of the lads of the N. Y. Chapter remember Bill very well, but all the help we can give Mrs. Quincy, the easier we will make it for Bill. Remember, your note must be notarized, and state that you were a witness to his battle nervousness. . . Send your letter to: Mrs. William S. Quincy of Perry, Illinois.

Editorial Apologize

Some time ago our mail to John J. Yeager of Cumberland, Maryland, was returned to this office marked, "deceased". We learned from Ray Connolly that John is very much alive. Our mail was unfortunately sent to his father, who passed away, that is why we received our marking. John by the way was with the 9th Signal Company and he lives at 74 Green St., Cumberland, Maryland.

Here and There

L Company, 60th Infantry

We received a very nice note from Edward Davis, 4900th Field Maintron, Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ed was wounded on July 20, 1945. Ed would like to contact some of the old L Company men who served from June to October '44.

A. J. Nazarian of 52 Detroit Street, Akron, Ohio, another 60th Lad, received our address from, of all places, Fort Dix, N. J.

From Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Mel E. McDougall recently moved, and wrote us a note to tell us his Box is now 181, and that he thanks us for the paper and only wishes that he were a little closer to the happenings of the group.

Dan Quinn recently sent us a fine note about Al Papai, former-

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New York Elects New Officers

The New York Chapter has elected a new slate of officers for 1956. The New President is Danny Quinn (formerly of the 2nd Battalion 47th Inf.) Frank Fazio (formerly H Co.-47th) 1st Vice-President; Pat Higgins (D Co. 39th) 2nd Vice President; and Dom Miele (M-47th Inf.) Sec.; Hermino Suarez (A.T. 39th) Treasurer; Sgt.-At-Arms Ernie Siegel, (Q.M.) George Apar (47th Inf.) Chaplain; and Calvin Polivy (84th F.A.) J.A.G.

The following men were elected to the Board of Governors: 39th Inf., Jim Bruno and George Stegner; 47th Inf., Vince Innucci and Jerry Shaperio; 60th Inf., Charlie Libretto, and Mike Gatto; Special Troops, Doc Seslowe and Stan Cohen; Artillery Charles Fabre and Braun. Honorary Member of the Board, Michael J. McInerney.

Odds and Ends: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Goldstein on the birth of a 7 lb. girl. As brother Edward was passing out the cigars, he informed us that she will be named Marcia Fran. Ed was on his way to work, but just had to stop in and let the lads in on the good news. . . Our condolences to George Bako on the loss of his father. . . Doc Seslowe took a trip to Herkimer, N. Y. and exchanged bits of gossip with his buddy the Fire Chief of Herkimer. Doc by the way is Lt. Col. Seslowe of the 77th Inf. Division A reserve unit of the New York area. . . Our sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Taubner (B Company of the 47th Inf.) on the recent arrival of their 5th heir. . . Pat Higgins, the new 2nd Vice President of the New York Chapter would like to hear from some of the 9th Division lads out on Long Island way, why not call Pat at Freeport 9-4023. . . Vince Guglielmo recently gave a heck of a fine blowout for some of the lads from the 47th to help he and Myrtle celebrate the first birthday of their daughter Francina. . . Jim Bruno (who needs candy, like a whole in the head) walked off with the dark horse, a two pound box of candy. . . And him on a diet! . . . All former Members of Company A 47th Inf. interested in an outdoor Barbecue, please contact Tony Giacobbe, 245 East 80th St., N.Y.C., Rector 4-1652, plans are being made to hold this affair in May or June. . . Vincent Iannucci is making him mark in the fiscal world, he recently was promoted and it couldn't have happened to a nicer guy. . . Louis Escobar is plugging John Trevolise's barber

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Former Commanding General Division Artillery

On November 23, 1955, Lieutenant General Stafford Leroy Irwin died at his home in Asheville, North Carolina. At his retirement in 1952, General Irwin was commander of the United States Forces in Austria. He and Mrs. Irwin came to Asheville to live in the fall of 1952. General Irwin was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery in 1915, he advanced in grades until he was promoted to Lieutenant General on October 15, 1950.

General Irwin and General Eddy both joined the Ninth Division on the same day, March 14, 1942. Before coming to the Ninth, Gen.

were received at Division headquarters to dispatch — without delay — all available artillery and cannon by forced march to



GENERAL IRWIN

Irwin was with the 72nd Field Artillery at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and served with the 9th until June 6, 1943. On June 6th, Gen. Irwin received his second star then came back to the states and later took command of the 5th Infantry Division. General Irwin made military history with the Ninth in February, 1943 in North Africa. The following is a resume of the action of February 21, 22 and 23.

Tlemcen lies southwest of Oran and is about 800 miles distant from the passes of Faïd and Kasserine. . . 800 miles of winding, narrow, congested, slippery and precipitous mountain roads. With winter's rains and frost, travel to the front from Tlemcen could have taken as much as two or three weeks.

On February 14th the Ninth Division Artillery (less the 26th and 84th F.A. Bns.) was preparing to hold maneuvers in the desert south of Tlemcen, Battalion commanders were on reconnaissance, and the following day was to have seen the opening of a school for French officers.

At about 10:30 on Wednesday morning, February 17th, orders

the vicinity of Tebessa, on the Tunisian-Algerian border. The artillery and cannon companies at Tlemcen were given a three-hour alert. Brigadier General S. LeRoy Irwin, the Divarty commander, was to lead the expedition.

At 4 P.M. the caravan was rolling out of the eastern edge of Tlemcen. Snow lay upon the ground and rain beat a muffled patter upon vehicles and weapons. Leading, was the 34th Field Artillery followed by the 60th Field, the 60th Cannon Company and Headquarters Battery of Divarty. They would pick up the 84th Field Artillery and the 47th Cannon Company near L'Arba. (These units had been proceeding leisurely toward Algiers as part of the 47th Combat Team when they received the alert.)

With little sleep, and stopping only for food, fuel and an occasional forty winks, the column began a 777-mile march along slippery mountain curves. The trucks and their bouncing tow of lethal weapons roared on. . . on through Sidi bel Abbes (Foreign Legion Hqs.), Orleansville, Afreville, Blida ("here comes the 84th"), L'Arba, Setif, Ain-M'hila and into Ain Beida.

On the morning of February 21st the column was halted by British Traffic Control at Ain Beida. . . and a mass of rumors began hitting the ears of the column's troops. Those rumors reported Tebessa likely to fall at any moment. . . and there was a steady stream of air force personnel, supplies and service units going to the rear. Tebessa was an important supply and aviation center; it was being evacuated. . . and the road was crowded with this retrograde movement.

At noon the orders were ON THROUGH TEBESSA! A few hours later the column of artillery and cannon was rolling through the town of Tebessa, dodging traffic, to get into Thala. Ambulances, supply trains, troops and everything imaginable clogged the narrow roads. . . and here, once more, the column was informed of the hopelessness of its task. . . and told to "get while the getting was good" by men who were returning from the front.

The road to Thala was maddening. It was winding, narrow, slippery, and jammed with traffic of all kinds, through which . . . drivers had literally to fight their way . . . It was learned later what General Irwin's orders had been. He was to command a mixed group of British and American Artillery in 'supporting some elements of the British 26th Rifle de file "at all costs!"

—Combat Report (60th FA Bn)

Through snow and rain and over treacherous mountain roads, the column had made its way . . . and now it came to a halt. . . at Thala. Divarty and its cannon company attachments had arrived in the nick of time — on the night of February 21st. It was an amazing march the column had completed. . . it was unbelievable that 2,170 men and officers plus their 411 vehicles had navigated this 777-mile journey in less than 100 hours. Icy and precipitous roads had caused weapons of some batteries to slide off the steep mountain heights. But these losses and the soft-shoulders of mud and the rivers of rain had failed to halt General Irwin's task force . . . and now they were in position. . . after having completed one of the greatest artillery marches in military history. The artillerymen and cannoners of the Ninth were about to stop Rommel!

With amazing dexterity the ar-

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A Letter That Speaks For Itself . . .

Last year, we had an inquiry from the Ninth Division in Germany requesting information about the Ninth Infantry Division Association. After much correspondence and discussion by the Board of Governors, it was decided to bring the matter up before the business meeting of the 10th Convention. Then, after hours of discussion and wrangling, meetings and sub committee meetings, the vote was accepted to incorporate the Ninth Infantry Division into the Association. After additional correspondence, from President Everett Linscott, Gen. Eddy, and this office, the following letter has been received.

HEADQUARTERS 9th INFANTRY DIVISION

APO 111

US ARMY

6 December 1955.....

Ninth Infantry Division Association
Box 66, Livingston, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Cohen

We have received your letter of September 23rd, 1955, and wish to thank you and your Association for inviting the personnel of this division to join the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Widest publicity is being given your invitation through command channels and news media. The Historical Officer at this headquarters will act as a clearing house for all correspondence from members of this command.

The fine record the 9th Division made for itself during World War II will be an incentive for the present members of the division to join the Association.

Sincerely,

W. F. SCHMIDT
Lt. Col. AGC
Adjutant General

Need we say any more . . .

"From all of us of the National Association to all of our members—A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"

26 F. A. News

by Joe McKenzie

This year as you probably remember New England has had more than its share of uncertain weather. The weatherman frequently had to change its predictions of what to expect.

During the summer we had a long siege of hot dry weather. Then came the floods which left their trail of disaster and ruin in some part of each of the New England States.

Then coming into the fall season the New England foliage began to show its beauty everywhere. Again other nature began to raise havoc. Strong winds and heavy rains again came to our boundaries.

But on November 6, 1955, the sun in all its glory showed forth over Worcester, Mass. It was truly a beautiful day. Those who traveled great distances left their homes during dull overcast weather but in Worcester it was different. During the eleven seasons that Fr. Connors celebrated our Memorial Mass, the weather man was against us on only two occasions.

This year as in the past some ex-member of the Ninth appeared for the first time. Jerry Leone of 'B' and 'Hqtrs' 26 FA attended for the first time with Mrs. Leone. Jerry was greatly impressed with what he saw and was very sorry to have been absent the past ten years. Wm. Oclavage, 'Hqtrs 26 FA', who hadn't attended a Memorial Mass since it was held in North Grafton and Jerry were fighting the war all over again from the time they met after Mass until long after the dinner was over. Mrs. Oclavage and her two children also made the trip from East Hartford, Ct. 'A' 26 FA was represented by Jim Scannel, Bob Warner and Ed Nelson. Jim was a medic who joined the Ninth in Feb. 1941 and was later sent on cadre to the 88th.

'B' 26 FA had Henry Capella whom we haven't seen for a long time, Jim Hennelly, Dan Mazeika, Evangelos Pernokas, Frank Podsiadlo and Henry Serault who was transferred with Jim Scannel.

Constantine Matukus and Tom Boyle carried the banner for 'C' 26 FA.

This year as in the past I think Service 26 FA had the best representation of any single unit. Joe Albanese, W. Bongiorno, John Murray, Fred Keyes, Quintino Pergiovanni, John P. Quinn, Manny Effron, George Wilkinson, Elmer Roscoe and the writer renewed old acquaintances after saying a prayer for those who have gone especially, John Peckaitis, Edward Dolejs, Joseph Ziciorac, Gordon Inglehart and Edward Fitzgerald.

Mention must also be made of the wives who share great pride that their husbands were a part of a great organization. Bill Bongiorno had his wife, mother, sister and two children, Fred Keyes had his mother and sister, Pergie had his Pee Wee. John Peter had Mrs. Quinn and two of their children. with her husband, Alice, Joe Jr., Marie and my father arrived in time for a reunion with the old gang and for dinner. Mrs. Pernokas and Mrs. Capella also made the trip with their husbands.

After returning from Worcester and instead of waiting for a good TV program I ressurected from the confines of an old drunk, the book nearly everyone of us bought our first year at Ft. Bragg. I

Lieut. Gen. Stafford Leroy Irwin Dies

tillery battalions rolled into position during the closing hours of February 21st and awaited the Panzer cyclone which was due to come from the direction of Kasserine. To their front was but a handful of British infantry. . . . said to be three platoons, but about the equivalent of one American platoon. The story goes that these weary souls kept running up and down their line of positions, firing and making the enemy believe that there was much more opposition than existed actually.

The Axis armored spearhead had nearly three battalions of infantry against the three threadbare platoons of His Majesty's Lestershire Yeomanry. About 40 powerful tanks opposed the 24 British Mark IV's, which were too small to give battle and so were kept in reserve. Only in artillery were the two sides equal, and that the result of the arrival of the Ninth's reinforcements.

Days and nights of steady and miserable rainfall were now at an end and the dull, cloudy morning of February 22, 1943, yawned awake. The Germans opened a tremendous tank attack up the Thala defile at 7 A.M., aided by artillery and dive-bombers. At this time the Americans and British were only three miles south of Thala, perched upon the last defenses before that town. The enemy was but 2,500 yards distant, making it necessary to fire at almost point-blank range. As a matter of fact, British artillery, defiladed on the forward slopes, actually did lower its muzzles and fire what amounted to flat-trajectory fire. Guns of the 84th Field Artillery did the same.

For three hours past dawn the battle raged. German Stukas attempted to silence the Ninth Div's guns but could not. Battery C, 84th F.A., was dispatched forward to an anti-tank position as the enemy approached. Its 105's were lowered and fired point-blank at oncoming tanks to stop the armored threat. Two guns were hit badly but the battery continued to fire, accomplishing its mission.

Rommel's forces tried to break through to Thala all day. But the combined efforts of Rommel, Goering, Mussolini, Himmler or even Hitler himself behind the enemy soldiers could not have aided the Germans and Italians. The enemy simply could not advance against the rapidly-firing artillerymen, who sought out Panzer tanks with 105 and 155 shells for a most devastating and memorable effect.

The drive out of Kasserine Pass was halted. It was halted by the artillery, cannon and gumption of the force that "couldn't arrive in time" . . . but did!

Taking advantage of the enemy's stunning defeat, infantry and aircraft launched a counterattack from the area southwest of Thala. Battered Combat Command B

went looking for the pictures of the men whom I saw earlier in the day. Believe me men there is very little difference in the facial expressions of fourteen years ago. From the neck down you would not recognize many because of the excess fat or muscle as you would want to call it.

November 11, 1956 has been reserved by Dr. Connors as the day on which he will celebrate our 12th Annual Memorial Mass.

If you have never attended the Mass won't you try to in '56 before we all get too old to travel,

readied itself for retaliation and struck. Rommel went into headlong retreat. The B-17's bombed his columns. . . and back through Kasserine hobbled the remnants of his once-proud 21st Panzer Division. . . and his last chance in the west. On the 24th, CCB was reported within one mile of Kasserine. . . and Nazi vehicles were fairly rolling over each other in an effort to leave the pass.

On February 25th, while Italians and Teller mines covered their withdrawal, the Germans fled to the east and succeeded in disengaging from their American pursuers. All that remained of the Axis' erstwhile fifty-mile gain was control of Gafsa.

In men and equipment, both sides had suffered staggering losses. During two days alone the 1st Armored Division lost 100 tanks, and at least 2,000 Americans of all organizations were prisoners of the Axis. Rommel, on the other hand, lost a large portion of his armor, and more important, the initiative in the west.

For the Ninth Infantry Division, this battle meant the virtual elimination of an infantry battalion and two supporting companies of the 39th Infantry. However, the gallant stand of Divarty and its cannon company support might have had. Never before in the history of modern warfare had artillery alone stopped the combined assaults of tanks, motorized infantry, dive-bombers — and dueling enemy artillery as well!

Philadelphia Chapter Report

by Ray Connolly

Just a few lines to let you know what is going on here in Philadelphia. We have survived the past reunion very nicely and the reward that will come from National (Financial) will be most greatly appreciated.

At our last meeting, held on November 18th, we had a change in our By-Laws, and the change, by the voice of the membership is passed along to you for the Octofoil.

As you well know, a lot of valuable time is lost each year when Election Time draws around, usually 2, sometimes 3 months, as with nominations, elections, New members taking office, etc., so we have decided to hold our elections every TWO (2) years, and the term of Office shall run from January 1st until December 31st. This goes for the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Members at Large, as well.

We are also expecting to change our meeting nights back to a Monday for the new year.

Our Treasurer, Bill Solldiday has returned from a very well earned vacation in Florida, and he told us all about it at the last meeting. At a recent get-together, some of the gang that worked on the past Reunion made up a Dinner Party and invited the little women to attend. Those present included:

Mr. and Mrs. John Sabato, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Connolly, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Colflesh, Mr. and Mrs. Alfons Cuprys, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Guy McCormick, William Solldiday, Jack O'Shea, John Murphy, Jerry Nothman and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Krasovetz.

It was held at the Essex Hotel, on Wednesday, November 9, 1955. A lively time was had by all, you can be assured.

60th Field Report

By Charles J. Fabre

Brooklyn, N. Y., November 20, 1955: We were in Worcester on November 6th to attend the 11th Annual Memorial Mass in memory of the dead of the Division and are glad to report that the 60th Field was well represented. Mike Bish and his wife Anne attended for the first time and stated they would not miss another one. Beside yours truly, there was Austin Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pandolfi, Frank Lovell, Thomas Delli-Priscoll, Gene Skoczylas, Angelo Ricci, Mr. and Mrs. Zigmund Barszewsky, Everett Linscott, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shimlowski, and a couple of others we missed due to having to attend the meeting of the National Board of Governors. We hope that you all will make an effort to attend the next one on November 11th, 1956.

With the Christmas season coming on this will be a good opportunity to get in some correspondence with the guys in the outfit. Make it a point to send cards to the fellows you know and please **Do Not Forget to Put Your Return Address on Them.** This is an easy way for us to check the new addresses. As we told you previously, we are planning on mailing a new address list sometime next year, so if you have some address that were not on the last list we sent you, get them in to us before you forget. During the last year we were able to obtain over 150 new names but many of the addresses were not verified.

We understand from Ev. Linscott that he has been in touch with Col. Adams and they are planning on starting an Atlanta Chapter in the near future. We were fortunate in obtaining an almost complete list of the Battalion officers, but many of the addresses are not accurate. Can we get some help with these addresses?

We hear from Frank Ridzi that he has been hospitalized in the VA hospital in Brooklyn but is back home again. We called Fran Frigon while up in Worcester and he tells us that things are not too good. He was unable to get to the Memorial services due to family commitments but hopes to make the reunion in the near future.

We were wondering what's with John Shea (hq), we missed him the past several years. Also on the missing list is Ed Cholmeley Jones, and Joe Kilkenny. Anybody hear from them? And how about Dave Bunty? we got a letter from him just before the reunion saying that he would be there. . . no Dave.

Red Burns, as usual, was busy at Worcester helping Father Connors and is considered his right hand.

Sandy Burns and Marie are busy selling another house so they were tied down and unable to make it but we did see them at the Briggs on the way back home.

As most of you probably know the next reunion will be held in Chicago during the third week in July. It promises to be a well attended affair and the heavy artillery that is making up the committee should deliver a good time right on the target. How about making plans now to attend, especially those of you that live out the midwest way. God willing, we hope to see you all there. A little reminder to close this column—if you enjoy reading it please remember it would be a lot easier to write if we received a post card

Worcester Picture Candida . . .



Pat and Tess Higgins and the George Stegner



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Howe and Dick O'Connor

New England Chapter News

Vic Campisi sends us the following news items:

LIVELY NOVEMBER MEETING AT YD CLUB

A lively meeting ushered in the cold-weather season as the New England Chapter, 9th Infantry Division Association, met Monday night, November 28, at the YD Club, Boston, Mass.

Because of the forthcoming holidays, it was decided to cancel the December meeting.

EVENTS PLANNED

The New Year, however, will be greeted with informality and full stomachs as the N. E. Chapter has planned a Dutch Treat dinner-meeting for 8 p.m., Saturday, January 14, at the Green Pagoda Restaurant, 1270 Boylston Street, Boston.

Tentative plans also were made to hold the Chapter's annual May party either in Boston or Worcester.

Also scheduled for our future enjoyment at a subsequent meeting are the popular 9th Division combat films showing our organization fighting the enemy from the sands of North Africa, over the mountain trails of Sicily, through

from you once in a while, and we know the fellows would enjoy reading your comments.

60th INFANTRY:
Frank L. Czar
511 Spring Street
Bethlehem, Pa.

Western Pennsylvania Chapter

Bill Palady, Secretary of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter tells us that the last monthly meeting held on December 7th was a little better turnout this time and that they expect it to get bigger and better.

The chapter will hold a New Year's Eve Party on Sat., Dec. 31, at Wolf's Tavern, 315 - 10th Ave., McKeesport, Pa. They are looking towards a large turnout for this evening's festivities.

To one and all from the Western Pennsylvania Chapter a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

the murderous hedgerows of Normandy, and finally to crushing victory on the banks of the River Elbe in Deutschland.

But for the moment, let's concentrate on the Chapter's most imminent activity, the Dutch Treat dinner-meeting scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, January 14, at the Green Pagoda Restaurant, 1270 Boylston St., Boston (near Fenway Park). See you there.

Here and There

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ly of "H".Co., 47th and we are proud to reprint the article. . .

EXTRA KNUCKLE GIVES PAPAI

BETTER PITCH

HOUSTON, Tex. (UP) — Al Papai, at 35, is returning to the major leagues and you should hear how he did it.

Papai, bought from Oklahoma City of the Texas League by the Chicago White Sox after winning 23 games last season, says he learned to throw his dazzling knuckleball from a rookie named Wallace. He doesn't even remember the boy's first name.

Al was pitching for Houston and this rookie was his roommate in the spring. One day young Wallace said to Papai:

"Shucks, Al, your knuckler is no good. Let me show you how to throw one."

And Al says the kid really could throw one, adding: "It was the darnest knuckler I ever saw, I had him throw a few more and asked him why he wasn't pitching instead of beating his brains out trying to play first base. He said pitching was too much work, or something. Well, he's off somewhere still trying to be a first baseman, I guess. Nice kid, too."

Papai said he discovered Wallace gripped the ball with three knuckles instead of two as Al had been employing. Papai tried the three-knuckle grip. And now he's with the Chicago White Sox for his third chance in the majors.

"One knuckle, mind you, adds five years to my baseball life," he said.

Papai had previously been given trials with the St. Louis Cardinals and Boston Red Sox without causing unusual excitement. Then he began making the rounds of the Cardinal chain — Houston, Rochester, Columbus — before being sold to Oklahoma City.

By Paying Your
1956 Dues
NOW!!

Odds and Ends

Two Gems from the Boston Globe: — "Germans now are getting fat and prosperous, which they could have done 25 years ago without going to all the trouble of losing a war."

"Jim Crow, now ordered off the trains, was never a good passenger anyway."

Chicago, Please Note:—Listening to the consistent 9th Division convention goers, it becomes apparent that the boys who attend the pre-banquet beer party are more interested in quality than quantity.

Note To A Worry Wart: — A pound of worry won't pay an ounce of debt.

Gen. Westmoreland in New Assignment: — Brig. Gen. William C. Westmoreland, remembered by many Go Devils as a spirited war-time commander of the 60th Inf. Regt., has been reassigned from Deputy Ass't Chief of Staff GI (Manpower Control), to Secretary of the Army General Staff, Washington, D.C.

Pentagon Notes: — The Washington Pentagon is the largest office building in the world. Completed in 1943 at a cost estimated at \$83,000,000, it covers 34 acres.

The Pentagon is 5 stories high and consists of 5 rings of buildings connected by 10 corridors with a 5-acre pentagonal court in the center. The gross floor area is about 6,500,000 square feet. The building is staffed by a daytime population of more than 28,000 of which 70% are civilians. More than 45,000 telephones and a switchboard staff of about 200 operators help keep this strategically important nerve center operating.

Though For the Day: — There isn't any map of the road to success; you have to find your own way.

Army Combat Films: — Interesting combat films are available to division associations, according to a division association news letter published by the Organization's Branch, Public Information Division, Dept. of the Army. The N.E. Chapter hopes to capitalize on the offer soon.

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