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## There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town

### "Big Deal" Is In Offing For July Issue of Octofoil

Much material is having to be left out of this issue of The Octofoil because of space limitation. However, the Board has authorized an 8-page issue for July, just preceding the 1959 Reunion at which time much convention data will be published and at the same time it is hoped sufficient space will be available to catch up with the backlog of correspondence.

Please bear with us. In the meantime try and get an old Buddy to send in 1959 dues so the 1959 Budget Committee may be able to arrange a larger outlay of money for the next fiscal year's Octofoil requirements.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

#### Deadline

Copy for the next issue of The Octofoil must be in the editor's hands on or before May 20. Send copy direct to publication office—52 E. Lynn St., Columbus, Ohio.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

### MYSYK A "WHEEL" IN THE CLEVELAND AREA

Michael H. Mysyk, 12604 Darlington, Garfield Height, Ohio (a suburb of Cleveland), former 60th man—well-known as the "Mad Russian," writes The Octofoil on St. Patrick's Day in "Irish" dialect using the proverbial green ink. Mike and his fine wife are planning the pilgrimage to New York City and he hopes to organize a get-together Ohio cocktail hour so all visiting Buckeyes may be together at some time during the convention.

Mike has recently been elected the Financial Secretary of the Utility Workers of America Union, AFL-CIO. Between visiting regional conferences in Dayton and national convention in Miami, the "Mad Russian" has been a busy lad in recent months.

However he found time to contact Bill Buemi in the Cleveland area and learned Bill is now operating a lucrative high spirits dispensary. The two of them hope to some day be able to arrange for a 9th Infantry Division Reunion in Cleveland.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

### "Mike" Batelli Advises Whereabouts of Former Lt. John F. Southworth

Listed in last month's Octofoil "Lost" column, whereabouts unknown was John F. Southworth.

Thanks to the greatly appreciated co-operation of "Mike" Batelli, former 39th man, The Octofoil received the following card:

"John F. Southworth is former Lt. John F. of Co. G and Personnel Hgt. 39th Inf. Present address: Registrar, East Orange (N. J.) Veterans Administration Hospital, East Orange, New Jersey.

"Congrats on your 'swelegant' job with The Octofoil. Don't stop. Best to you."

Incidentally, Mike can be reached by writing care The Morning Call, P. O. Box 1908, Paterson 19, N. J.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

#### JUSTICE MUST BE SERVED

He rushed into the house all out of breath and yelled at his wife:

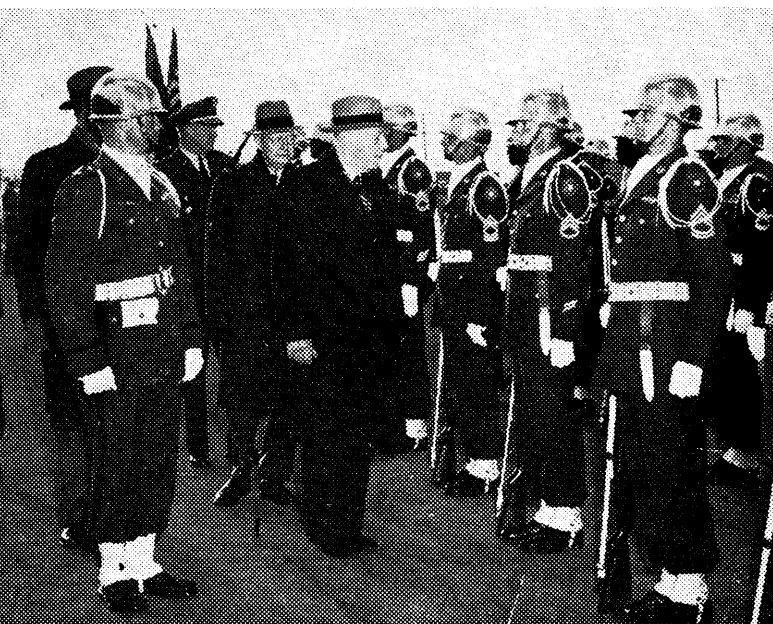
"Our marriage is illegal."

His wife looked at him in amazement.

"Your father didn't have a permit to carry that gun," he explained.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

### "TOP BRASS" TAKES A GANDER AT NINTH



The Secretary of the Army, the Hon. Wilbur M. Brucker, fourth from left, inspects the Ninth Infantry Division Brigade honor guard at a ceremony in front of Fort Carson Headquarters. The secretary's 19-gun salute was fired by Battery A. After a briefing at headquarters, Secretary Brucker and his party toured Carson by car and helicopter. Others are, from left, First Lt. Albert McNair, honor guard commander; Maj. Gen. Martin J. Morin, commander of Carson and the Ninth Infantry Division, and the Hon. Courtney Johnson, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for logistics.—U. S. Army Photo.

### Letter Discloses Incidents That Should Be Forgotten

Ole J. Olsen is a prominent attorney at 14 Park Place, Evansville, Ind. He was never fortunate enough to be attached to the 9th Division. Nevertheless hundreds of former Ninth men remember Ole well from Camp Wolters, Tex. days. Noting a picture of The Octofoil editor in a recent issue the former Camp Wolters G.I. attempts to remind the editor of a series of past happenings. Parts of his letter to the editor read:

"It amuses me to see you associated with so much brass (though I know you have plenty of it). I can remember the day you were living to get out of uniform wanting nothing to do with regimentation in any phase. In fact you said you were allergic to anything connected with the Army. I remember your efforts to organize the Army on a union basis. I can also remember your efforts to thwart the Army in its devious ways of torturing mankind. Never let it be said that you did not do everything in your power to correct the many abuses that we observed in the Army."

"It seems a long time Camp Wolters, a long time since we did latrine duty, and a longer time since you shot an azimuth and came through the graveyard to avoid the M.P.'s. Would you still walk that far for a drink today?"

"Although I was never assigned to the 9th Division Marjorie and I enjoy reading The Octofoil from cover to cover."

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

### Former Ninth Man Heads Bay State VFW Post 3007

A beautifully printed announcement card recently went in the mail announcing that Bill Bongiorno was to be installed Commander of Lexington VFW Post No. 3007, Lexington, Mass., on April 9.

Bill was with Service Bty. 26th F.A. from February, 1941 until the end.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

#### GRAVEYARD EPITAPH

On the twenty-second of June Jonathan Fiddle went out of tune.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

### "LITTLE MAN KARRE" CONTACTS MR. LYNCH FROM PELICAN STATE

Mr. Joe Lynch, 475 Franklin Turnpike, Allendale, N. J., father of Captain Paul Lynch, received a letter recently from Albert M. Karre, who is a prominent attorney at 210 W. Main St., Lafayette, La. Known as "Little Man" Karre, Al was a great friend of Captain Lynch's.

Mr. Lynch, in his letter to The Octofoil advises he hopes to have "Little Man" as his guest at the forthcoming New York Convention.

Had it not been for a recent story in The Octofoil "Little Man" would have never known Mr. Lynch's address and this renewal of old acquaintanceship and warm friendship might never have occurred.

Noting in the letter received by Mr. Lynch from "Little Man" was the following comment:

"I want you to know how much I thought of your son, Paul, whom I served in the 39th Infantry. You may have great consolation in the fact that your son was an outstanding officer and as a man beloved by all who knew him. He served with honor and distinction, and at the time of his death, he set an example to all who had served with him."

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

### Prudential Life Helps Boost Chapter Morale

The Prudential Insurance Co. of America, with headquarters in Newark, N. J., sponsors of "Remagen Bridge" film that recently appeared on a nationwide TV hookup has been most co-operative in making this interesting film available to chapters.

Ninth men everywhere who saw the presentation on TV are wild with praise for the thrill-packed epic.

The Columbus chapter is in receipt of a letter advising "Remagen Bridge" will be sent to that city for a showing on June 12. Other pictures the insurance company is sending to the Columbus Chapter for showing on June 26 are Parts I and II "D Day."

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

When it comes to singing, she has what is known as a kitchen range.

### NORTH BALLROOM AT STATLER HOTEL ACCOMMODATES 5,000 PEOPLE — SPECIAL ATTENTION IS BEING GIVEN LADY VISITORS IN 1959

Indications now are that the 1959 Reunion in New York City will top any held heretofore attendance-wise. The fact has already been established that entertainment-wise this 1959 get-together is going to top any Reunion the Ninth Infantry Division Association has ever held. Additional Reunion information will be prominently featured in the next two issues of The Octofoil.

Perhaps the biggest news of the convention concerns the fact the Association will be using the North Ballroom of the Statler for the annual dance and banquet. It is the largest ballroom in the hotel and can accommodate approximately 5,000 people comfortably (a good attendance figure to aim for). This room was recently redecorated in the last word. Members will be able to dance and dine in a style befitting the occasion. Like all the other rooms in the Statler, this room is also air-conditioned.

#### NEW WRINKLE

Central air conditioning has been installed throughout the hotel. This means a person is not bothered with the noise of individual units. It is regulated from a master control and has individual control elements in each room.

#### ATTENTION, LADIES

The New York Chapter has been exceedingly lucky in selecting some desirable programs for the ladies in attendance while the men attend to business.

#### LADIES' TEA (Friday Afternoon)

The girls are going to witness a demonstration on the proper use of cosmetics from one of the leading cosmetologists of the famous Revlon organization. She will give all the best hints. She will advise and suggest and in some cases may criticize. She will give a most enjoyable presentation of facts concerning the best use of cosmetics. It will not cost one penny to attend. This is part of the Tea Party function. In addition the best of the Statler has to offer in line of Tea Party delicacies will be served.

#### INTERIOR DESIGN

The door has been opened to one of the soundest approaches in the field of interior design that any lady would give her right arm for and there is no cost to those attending the Ninth Division Reunion. In New York City there is a Design Center that for example . . . "all facets of interior design are represented in the Center, which is laid out to display to fullest advantage the best products of all related industries—furniture, fabrics, wall coverings, floor coverings, lighting decorative accessories and basic materials. The Center is conceived as a service to the public, guiding consumers' footsteps toward an appreciation of top ranking design. Of international implication the Design Center advances the thesis that the best American designs can take their place among the leading creative efforts of all countries. Many women use Interior Decorators for the advice that is obtained free at the Design Center. Arrangements have been made for the girls to attend this Center at no cost. Seeing this Center in operation will be no disappointment. Here is information that Harpers, Vogue, Mademoiselle and others usually print and get many of their tips from this Center. It is a good way to spend an hour at no expense. More information about the Center will be available at the hotel when the guests register.

#### FASHION SHOW

Those caring to will be able to attend a special Fashion Show, including breakfast, held in the Charleston Garden Restaurant of the finest department store in New York City. Tickets will be at the registration desk. The fashion show, with

breakfast, including a flower corsage for every lady, cigarettes at her place when she arrives, and a menu consisting of choice of fruit juices, four or five different kinds of Danish pastries, blueberry muffins with butter, bacon on buns for \$1.42 per person. Those desiring a hot breakfast including bacon and eggs the price is \$1.78 per person. After the breakfast a special program will be arranged, either a fashion show or talk by a well known stylist, sometimes a millinery showing or home furnishing program with commentary by a very prominent decorator.

In addition to the above there will be prizes given out by B. Altman to the guests.

The place has been arranged, the time, the breakfast and type show that will appeal to the women visitors. In order to get the show on the road certain information must be obtained. Any of the women interested should write Stan Cohen, Secretary, 9th Division Assn., Box 6 Livingston, N. J. Tell Stan if attendance at the show is possible—when of the three days attendance will be made and how many will attend. This is up to the lady visitors to do, if they wish.

#### A REAL BALL

The New York Chapter believes the type planning noted above will guarantee the women having themselves a real ball. The committee can only plan, it is up to the visiting girls to participate. The invitation is open. The ladies can attend this convention and be certain they have excellent choices of what to do and most important, when to do it. All the avenues of entertainment have been supplied. It is up to the ladies. This convention can be as entertaining for the women as for the men folks.

#### TICKETS

About 300 radio and TV tickets will be available at the convention. Discount tickets for UN tours will be available. As a matter of fact enough material will be on hand to keep the guests in New York City an entire week if it can be afforded.

#### COLORS ARE COMING

Word has been received from the 9th Infantry Division in Fort Carson, that if the division has not been deactivated by convention time the 9th will be represented. As a matter of fact, the First Army Band is slated to lead the parade.

#### GEN. JOHN VAN HOUTEN

The guest speaker will be none other than Maj. Gen. John Van Houten, former 60th Regt. commanding officer.

#### BOAT RIDE

The additional plus is the ever-popular boat ride around Manhattan Island that is a must factor to every New York convention goer.

#### \$12.50 DOES IT ALL

Here is the bargain rate for all the listed activities and \$12.50 is the price. Those unable to spend the entire three days, then the tickets will be split into three different sections. Pay for the activities participated in.

Room rates are set at \$8 for singles, \$11 doubles. The Statler is one of New York City's finest.

July 30, 31 and August 1 are the dates. This convention should be the one never to be forgotten. New York is the town for '59.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

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

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## 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSN. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Stanley Cohen, National Secretary, Ninth Infantry Division Assn.,  
Post Office Box 66,  
Livingston, New Jersey

Enclosed please find 1959 dues for:

Name ..... Serial No.....

Street Address .....

City ..... Zone ..... State .....

I was a member of: .....

Battery.....; Company.....; Regiment.....9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year.....\$ 4.00 ☐

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## "Smokeeaters" Pay Homage to Lt. James Scannell in Waltham

A recent issue of The News-Tribune, Waltham, Mass. printed a page 1 story about James Scannell's retirement from the Waltham Fire Department. Jim was with the Medical Det. 26th F.A. from February, 1941 until transferred to the 88th Division in April, 1942. Parts of the story are as follows:

"Lt. James P. Scannell was honored by 100 members of the Waltham Fire Dept. and friends at a dinner at the Sons of Italy Home recently, marking his retirement after 12 years with the department.

"Lt. Scannell received the Carnegie Life Saving Medal several years ago when he rescued a boy from the Charles River in Waltham."

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## Chiarini Is Looking For His Carolina God Child

Henry J. Chiarini sends in his dues from 821 American Legion Highway, Roslindale 31, Mass. In his letter he makes the following inquiry:

"My wife and I christened the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Rinadi (he owned the Brooklyn Spaghetti House in Fayetteville, N. C.) Before we went overseas he lived at 1102 Arsenal Ave., Fayetteville, N. C. He was originally from Brooklyn, N. Y. He sold the business in Fayetteville, and I lost contact with him. We would like to send our God child a gift. Anyone knowing the present whereabouts of Jimmy Rinaldi would do me a great favor to advise me of his address. I would be most grateful."

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GOSSIP—One who burns the gossip at both ends.

## JOURNAL ADVERTISEMENT

I, ..... Chapter wish to have the following advertisement in the 1959 Ninth Infantry Division Journal:

Full Page .....	\$25.00
Half Page .....	15.00
One-fourth Page .....	7.50
One-eighth Page .....	5.00
Booster .....	1.00

Note: Please make all checks payable to the Greater New York Chapter, Box 1108, G.P.O., New York 1, N. Y. When you send in your \$1.00 for the Booster please indicate outfit.

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## REUNION FORM

I, ....., am attending the Ninth Infantry Division Association at the Hotel Statler in New York City, N. Y., on July 30-July 31, Aug. 1, 1959, and am entitled to all the privileges of set Hotel rates. (Please present this to the registration clerk.)

—Pay 1959 Dues Today!—

## Routine Letter to Gen. Van Houten Results In Unexpected Location of Six Former Ninth Men

Victor A. Campisi, 10 Lesley Ave., Somerville 44, Mass. recently wrote a letter to Gen. John Van Houten relative to some Bronze Star and Silver Star awards several men in a patrol with him on March 12, 1945 were promised but which they had never received.

The General started the ball rolling toward getting these medals for the lads but come up with a cropper revealing Army regulations specify a cut-off date for World War II awards and that expired back in 1952.

However, disappointed relative to the awards for the boys Campisi is elated that the extended correspondence resurrected from oblivion several former Ninth men.

Discovered was Lt. Col. Quentin R. Hardage, former 2nd Bn. C.O., 60th. He is retired and now an agriculturist at Thomastown Attendance Center, Thomastown, Miss.

Hardage was quite a guy, coming through the ranks from private to Lieutenant Colonel, getting the Purple Heart with a dozen clusters.

LT. COL. HUGGINS "SPOTTED"

Lt. Col. Lloyd G. Huggins, former "E" Co., 60th C.O. and later Bn. S-3, is now at 2720 Donna Circle, Falls Church, Va., and assigned to Hq., Dept. of Army, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations, Washington 25, D. C. He, too, was another soldiers' soldier, imbued with those characteristics that brought out the best in his men.

## MAJOR JOHNSON SHOWS UP

Also uncovered was former Major Ralph C. Johnson, former 2nd Bn. S-3 and acting Bn. C.O. when Lt. Col. Hardage was furloughed in '45. Major Johnson is in Chappels, S. C.

Gen. Van Houten had lost contact with all the above until Campisi's inquiry about the decorations. Vic has followed this up with requests that they sign up for membership in the Association and attend he 1959 Reunion in New York.

## RIGHT NEAR HOME

Also uncovered as a result of the correspondence were three members of the actual patrol who live within 15 miles of Campisi's home. These former 9th men are John R. Hune-will, 31 S. Mount Ave., Melrose, Mass.; Harold R. Chetwynd, 27 Dell Ave., Melrose, Mass., and Robert G. Rawlinson, 381 Essex St., Lynn, Mass.

## FEB. 19 RED LETTER DAY

Campisi closes his newsy letter by advising that Feb. 19, 1941 was a red letter day for many men in the Bay State area. On that date they were inducted into the Army and subsequently became members of the 9th Division. To commemorate the occasion, the New England Chapter enjoyed a night out at one of New England's outstanding night clubs, Blinstrums, in South Boston on Feb. 19, 1959. Tom Boyle did a grand job in arranging the affair and the boys now have another reason to remember the date, February 19.

## IT ISN'T TOO EARLY TO BE RESERVING A ROOM FOR JULY 30-AUG. 2, AT NEW YORK'S STATLER

Please reserve accommodations as checked (X) below:

### FRONT OFFICE MANAGER

The Statler Hotel  
7th Ave., 32nd and 33rd Streets  
New York 1, New York

Name .....  
(Please Print)

Address .....

City ..... State .....

### RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED

not later than two (2) weeks prior to opening date of convention and will be held only until 6 p.m. on day of arrival unless later hour is specified.

Date Arriving ..... Hour..... A.M. P.M.

Date Departing ..... Hour..... A.M. P.M.

Single .....\$8.00

Doubles or Twins (2 in a room) .....\$5.50

### 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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The Statler-Hilton Hotel, New York, N. Y.

## EUGENE JAY, FORMER 60TH MAN, PASSED AWAY

The Octofoil has been advised that Eugene L. Jay, former 60th man, of 3525 Old York Rd., Baltimore, Md., has passed away. The Octofoil extends its sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

## Bill Todd Deceased

It is with deep regret that The Octofoil announces the death of William Todd, Glade Valley, N. C. Bill was with the Q.M. while attached to the Ninth Division.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

I never knew what a poor loser was until I went on a diet.

## A. T. FORREST GETS EARNED PROMOTION

A. T. Forrest has been appointed chief engineer at Crucible Steel Co.'s Midland Works.

Forrest was a lieutenant colonel with the 15th Engrs., and a few years ago was a spark plug with the Pittsburgh Chapter.

He joined Crucible in 1946 at the Park Works in Pittsburgh. He was transferred to the Midland plant in 1956 as assistant chief engineer, a position held until his present appointment.

Forrest received two bachelor of science degrees at Carnegie Tech—one in mechanical engineering in '40 and the other in industrial management in 1950.

Forrest's home address is Beaver, Pennsylvania.

## AN ERROR

In Forrest's note to The Octofoil he calls attention to a story in the January issue in which Holt Rast of Birmingham, Ala., was mentioned as a Division Hqtr. man. Forrest says this is incorrect that Holt was a member of the 15th Engrs. and when wounded outside St. Lo was C.O. Co. C, 15th Engrs.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

## A CORDIAL INVITATION TO VISIT AT HIS HOME IN WEST VIRGINIA HILLS

Carlton C. Curtis, former B Co., 15th Engr. man is running over with that good old Southern hospitality.

Curtis lives at 304 Faith Ave., Elkins, W. Va. In a recent letter among other things he has this to say:

"A couple of days before Christmas I called Art (Bub) Schmidt on the phone and had a nice 'chat' with him. I have considered him one of my best buddies. We were together at Fort Bragg and throughout the war until he was wounded.

"When he paid me a visit, along with his mother and niece a couple of years ago I could foresee at that time he would have to go through with the operation.

"I would like at this time to extend to all 9th Infantry Division Association members an invitation to visit me here in the hills of West Virginia at any time. I will do everything possible to make the visit as comfortable and enjoyable as can be.

"I am planning on taking my vacation this summer at the same time as the Division Reunion. I hope to stay about two weeks in New York City and Boston.

"Don't forget about that standing invitation to visit me."

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## Odds and Ends About Former 47th Inf. Men

Lt. Lawrence McLaughlin, 1st Bn. 47th, resides in Wakefield, Mass. He is employed as an insurance adjuster, married and has three children. He is a major, assistant G-3 with the 94th Inf. Div. (U.S.A.R.), Boston Army Base, Mass.

Lt. Henry Chiarini, 1st Bn. 47th, resides in Roslindale, Mass. He is employed by the Boston School Department as a physical education teacher-coach, married and has 3 children. He is a major, officer-in-charge of the Special Functions Section with the 305th Civil Affairs Military Government Group (U.S.A.R.), Boston Army Base, Mass.

Capt. Leon Siminiski, Cannon Co., 47th, resides in Nanticoke, Pa. He is connected with radio and TV work, married and has two children. He retired from the Army as a Major after 20 years' service.

Major and Mrs. Charles Leavering (RA) reside at 6431 Sylvania Drive, Columbia, S. C. He is stationed at Fort Jackson in charge of Army Testing and is due for retirement in a year or so.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

## ERNIE NEWHART AND HIS FAMILY VISIT CAROLINA

Ernest Newhart, Jr., B Co., 15th Engrs., and family of New Hope, Pa. drove to Spartanburg, S. C. for a reunion with Edgar Huff and family. This was their first meeting since the war and Ernie says Edgar's Southern hospitality was superb.

A tour of Camp Croft discloses the Civvies have taken over and made it into a housing development with only a few of the chapels and more permanent buildings remaining from the old Army Camp.

Edgar hasn't made any of the conventions and is eager for news of former buddies. He is head of the maintenance department of Spartanburg Appliance Co.

Newhart (or "The Baron," as he was more comonly known), is still operating his printing establishment in New Hope.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

Well reared girls shouldn't wear slacks.



# Prodigal Sons Being Welcomed Back Home

## RENEWALS AND NEW APPLICATIONS COMING IN AT AN ENCOURAGING CLIP — LOOKS LIKE HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN

The scores of new applications and renewals received at National Headquarters during recent weeks has been encouraging. Each one has been considerate enough to furnish a bit of information about themselves or some buddy on the reverse side of each dues transmittal form. To print these newsy, interesting items in full would take up many, many pages, an expense The Octofoil is not prepared to incur. However, highlights from many of these messages are printed below. Those that were crowded out of this issue will have top priority in the next issue of The Octofoil.

### MYSTERY SOLVED

Robert R. Higgins, 5440 Pecan Grove, Memphis, Tenn., a former Co. L, 60th man, solves a mystery. The Octofoil was curious as to who sent in the Memphis newspaper clipping about David Silverberg's European trip that was used in last month's issue. Higgins admits he sent it in. Thanks a lot, Bob.

A business card enclosure also discloses the fact that the Future Savings & Loan Association, 42 N. 3rd St., Dermon Bldg., Memphis, Tenn., has as its president none other than Robert R. Higgins.

### DIMMICK VISITS

Carl H. Dimmick, 310 Elizabeth Ave., Cranford, N. J., former 39th man, writes: Have been up in the wilds of Kisco Mountains and visited with Sam Fega, Co. E, 39th. Izzy Breshensky and Hy Stahm, Co. E, 39th are frequent visitors up there. Sam is doing well in shade business. From Pleasantville, N. J. received a card from Ed Rossman, Co. E, 39th. He is in the printing business.

### LOOKING FOR CAPT. HOLLIDAY

Lazar Kay, 2572 Fenwick Rd., Cleveland, Ohio, is industrial sales manager for the Plastic-Kote, Inc., in Cleveland. Lazar has three children, Debbie, Jonnie and Laurie. He just celebrated his 15th wedding anniversary. He writes: Have tried to locate Captain Milton B. Holliday, Lexington, Ky., unsuccessfully. He was formerly with Co. F, 39th. Anyone knowing his whereabouts I'd appreciate receiving the information. Plan to be in New York at the Reunion. Have a 19½-foot outboard cruiser named "AAO." Spend most of the summer in it.

### THIS IS TOUCHING

Only 14 days with the 9th Division and George Iwamoto, 1679 Kilauea Ave., Hilo, Hawaii, T. H., worships the 9th Division with all his heart. Just a few sentences from his fine letter reads: "I served for only 14 days with 'A' Battery, 34th F.A. The great friendship and comradeship I enjoyed while with the 9th Division prompted me to ask several of the G.I.s stationed at Schofield Barracks who were former ex-Octofoil members to dig up the association address. Enclosed find \$7.50 in money order for which please enroll me as a member of the association for one year and also send me the history book of the Ninth Infantry Division, '8 Stars to Victory'."

### A 7-MONTH-OLD QUEEN

Frank B. Bondarenka, 361 Cedarville St., Pittsburgh, Pa., former E Co., 47th man, writes: "New addition to my family, a beautiful baby girl born on July 11, 1958. We named her Susan Adela Bondarenka."

### A NEW MEMBER

Robert L. Jefferies, 2391 S. Quitman, Denver 19, Colo., a former Co. D, 60th man, is a new member. He is employed as a geophysicist, married and has two youngsters, 8 and 5 years old.

### 15 YEARS' SERVICE

Edwin E. Brewer, 5115 Euclid, Kansas City, Mo., formerly with Co. L, 60th, writes: "Since Christmas I have talked to Joe Flores, Co. L, 60th. He's a family man now and working for A&P. Have seen and talked to Raymond Brugger, a lieutenant with the 60th, who is now owner of a pet hospital in Kansas City, Kansas, and doing real well. Enclosed is my dues for 1959 which makes 15 years now that I've been a continuous member of the Association."

### HEADED FOR GERMANY

A former 60th major writes: "After March send my Octofoil to 6056 Columbine Dr., Jacksonville, Fla. I'm on my way to Germany. Leo Williamson."

### ASKS BUDDIES TO WRITE

Joseph S. Podany, 2956 N. E. Benjamin, Minneapolis 18, Minn., would like to hear from all of his old buddies he served with in Co. B, 47th.

### TOO COLD TO WRITE?

H. Alvor Gjerde, Box 147, Petersburg, Alaska, just sends in \$11 for 3 years' dues, but makes no comment on his transmittal form.

### NEW MEMBER

Alphonse Joseph Ricouard, Box 314, Buras, La., a former 60th man, is a new member. The Octofoil hopes to get some news notes from Joe before long.

### HELLO TO CO I, 47TH BOYS

Joseph A. Mayer, Rt. 2, Hamburg, N. Y., has this to say: "Say hello to all the boys from I Co., 47th."

### PRINCE VISITS ENGLAND

Louis M. Prince, 8895 Spooky Hollow, Cincinnati 42, Ohio, a former Bty. A, 60th F.A. captain has just returned from England and writes this interesting letter:

In January I was in England and I went to Winchester to see how it looked after 15 years. There was very little change apparent; the trams and the station were just the same, but there was lots more traffic on the streets. My wife and I drove through town in a taxi and there was quite a traffic jam on High St. We stayed at the Royal Hotel, which was very comfortable but cold, and next day had an excellent dinner at the Manor of God Begot. In the Cathedral we saw the colors of the 9th Division hanging in one corner with a bronze tablet beneath.

We walked past the Westgate—which used to stand across the middle of the road, but a small bypass has now been built around it. A very large public building has just been erected at this point and the Queen is expected in town soon to dedicate it. The barracks where the 60th Infantry was billeted are occupied by a British Ordnance Depot, and the school which housed division headquarters re-echoes with voices of little English children. Everything is peaceful and busy.

As I walked through the meadows and streets behind the college, it was not difficult to picture the many G.I.s who used to walk up and down with their hospitable girl friends on Sunday afternoons. It is still a beautiful little town.

### SORROWFUL NEWS

Carl H. Hull, 1022 Eli Dr., Tucson, Ariz., formerly 60th Inf., writes: "I received word after Christmas that Al Sklav died Oct. 15, 1958. He had Cushing's disease. The adrenal gland becomes overactive and manufactures cortisone — high blood pressure and bones weaken. He suffered over nine months."

Al was in the Pioneer Platoon of Hq. Co. 2nd Bn. 60th Inf., an original member from Fort Bragg days and went all the way through including Germany. He was one of the company tailors.

Al and his wife, Diana, lived at 1220 34th Ave., Long Island City, N. Y. Also heard from Julius Borghese, a member of 2nd Bn. Hq. Co. 60th. He and his wife have lived in England for two years and expect to stay another 18 months or so, after which they may settle in Arizona. They are originally from Chicago. Diane was one of the first British war brides to come over here.

We have lived here 2½ years — health reasons, and like it fine. I hear from a good many Army buddies (or wives) and like to keep in contact although am very poor at answering any more. I am a mail carrier here—that might be the reason. Sorry I can't attend the convention this year but vacation time is taken by old timers at that time.—Sincerely, Carl.

### IT'S REV. RALTON M. SPEERS

A former T-Sgt., Hq. Co. 1st Bn., 60th, Ralton M. Speers, 5 Patricia Ave., Albany 3, New York, writes:

"With this may I resume my membership in the Association! I sort of dropped from the scene, as it were, about 6 years ago because of a busy schedule and study at summer school preparing for part-time pastorate. I have been Pastor of a rural church in this part of the country for eight years which keeps me quite busy in addition to my full-time work at General Electric Co. as copywriter (of all things) on aircraft government publications. So, you see, I'm still bound up with the military. I trust this renewing of my member-

ship will be a permanent one. Regards to all my former 'Go-Devil' friends.—R. M. Speers."

### O'KEEFE IN BUSINESS FOR SELF

Larry O'Keefe, 2468 Walnut Grove Ave., San Jose, Calif., owns an insurance agency in Los Gatos. Larry has been putting out an annual letter to guys in his old A.T. 47th outfit but is discouraged with the response and may decide to discontinue getting it out. Shame on you guys. Here's a guy sacrificing his time and money and the others too lazy to acknowledge receipt of the annual letter.

### STILL A MEDIC

George T. Campbell, 409 Darling-ton Ave., Greenville, S. C., writes: "Would like to hear from anyone of the 1st Bn. Medics, 60th Regt., who were in England and during the Normandy Campaign. Sorry I can't attend this year's convention. Am still working with medicine as a pharmacist at Shaw's Drug Stores in Greenville on E. North St."

### MORE SAD NEWS

Robert L. Spencer, 37 Water St., Wellsboro, Pa., writes:

"It is my sad duty to report for The Octofoil the death of Dale Hansen at Blainville, Pa., on Jan. 18, 1959. Surviving besides his wife, Lillian, is a girl, Patsy, 17, and a boy, Dale, Jr., 10."

Dale was a sergeant with the 709th Ordnance.

### GENTLEMAN OF THE PRESS

Robert S. Marshall, 209 N. 1st St., West Branch, Mich., formerly Hqtr. Co. 2nd Bn. 60th has just completed a year as president of the Michigan Press Association (1958).

### FINE COOPERATION

Bernard Campbell, Rt. 3, Rochester, Vt., sends in the names of three former 26th Field men to be contacted for membership, who were: Richard Darrah, Rochester, Vt. (a member); Arland Wills, Randolph, Vt. (a non-member who has been contacted); Harold Donahue, Sharon, Vt. (a non-member; contacted.) Thanks a lot! If every member would send in names of three prospective members the membership problem would be solved soon.

### A FINE PARENT

The following is self-explanatory: "Mr. Stanley Cohen: You will find enclosed money order for \$4 for my son, Wrigld J. Smith's dues for the 9th Infantry Division Association. So please send me his card so I can mail it to him as he is still in Germany.—Yours truly, J. W. Smith, Rt. 1, Butler, Pa." Secy. Cohen advises The Octofoil this former 84th F.A. man's mother has seen to it that the dues were in for the past three years.

### LEAVES THE WINDY CITY

Joseph J. Killacky, Jr., 6412 Barrett Ave., Downers Grove, Ill., a former K Co., 47th sergeant who earned the Bronze Star award in Germany, is married and has four children. Joe is a salesman for John Sexton Co., food wholesalers to institutions and restaurants and hotels.

Joe's dad, Joseph J. Killacky, Sr., still resides at the old family address 713 E. 89th St., Chicago 19, Ill.

### HEADED FOR THE NORTHWEST

Albert J. Lee, 2314 11th St., Rock Island, Ill., is a welder in that city. However, he plans leaving Illinois in the very near future, hoping to locate a job as a welder with some utility firm, preferably around Seattle, Wash. He has promised to let The Octofoil have his new address.

### OPERATES JEWELRY STORE

Leland Arthur Ellis, former 39th man, lives at 1385 West Exposition, Denver 23, Colo. and operates a high class jewelry store at 1933 W. Mississippi in Athmar Park, Denver. A short note from Mrs. Ellis reads: "I'm sending in his dues; he claims he's too busy to write." Thanks a lot for the card enclosure Mrs. Ellis, and letting us know what Art was doing.

### VERNON BELL A CONTRACTOR

Vernon B. Bell, Rt. 1, Presque Isle, Maine, writes:

"Not much news to send. I am in the contracting business and have been for the last nine years. I do custom work in the summer and load pulp wood with my cranes in the winter."

"Had a nice talk with Bob Joy by phone on Christmas Day and sure was nice to hear from him. Would like to hear from any old friends. I was in C Co., 15th Engrs."

"Also was talking to Henry Hunter of Macawahoc, Maine, and he asked me to have you send him some information on joining the Association."

### LOOKING FOR "LOST" BOYS

Bill Morrison, A Co., 39th—now

## COL. SHUMAKER ALL SET FOR THE SUMMER

Lt. Col. Meredith L. Shumaker is still in Norman, Okla. He writes a most interesting letter, parts of which will be found below:

I have been extended another year in order to fill out three full years of instructing here in the R.O.T.C. We hear we should have a full quota of tornadoes this year so life may be more interesting than usual!

We are very proud of our AUSA company, here at Oklahoma University and have made several flying trips to important army posts.

My daughter Kathy is now A-3C Katherine A. Shumaker. She finished basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, and is now attending an administration school in Amarillo, Tex. Says she is quite happy and hopes to get overseas soon.

The rest of the family is fine. . . Charles is a sergeant, stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., after a tour in Germany. Winifred is living and working in New Orleans, La.

This summer I will be at Fort Hood, Tex., again with the summer camp for cadets. Our family will all be there and after that is over we plan to take a camping trip into Texas, Mexico, California, Arizona, Wyoming and Colorado.

Would like very much to hear from anyone inclined to write me and wait for an answer. I will try to do better. Golub, I know I owe you a letter and will get about it soon. The address is Route 2, Box 50, Norman, Oklahoma.

### —PAY 1959 DUES NOW!—

## Ken Hayes Passed Away

Mrs. Kenneth Hayes, 19857 Vailand, Fraser, Mich., advises The Octofoil that Kenneth died suddenly from a heart attack on October 11, 1958.

Kenny was a beloved member of the 60th Regt. and The Octofoil joins with his many buddies in extending condolences to the bereaved widow.

### —PAY 1959 DUES NOW!—

242 Woodmont Rd., Union, N. J., is anxious to contact "Dinty" Moore and "Flash" Saddler, both from A Co., 39th Inf. According to records at National Headquarters neither of these guys left a forwarding address when leaving their last known address. Anyone who knows where they are not should contact Bill Morrison at the above address.

### LYERLY COLLECTING TAXES

W. V. Lyerly, 7 Clayton St., Montgomery, Ala., a Div. Arty. Hqtrs. man, writes: "For the past four years 1955-1958 I was director of the Alabama Highway Patrol. Am now tax collector of Montgomery County."

### AN EXCELLENT IDEA

Harold F. Nelson, 4024 Rosemont Ave., Drexel Hill, Pa., suggests The Octofoil print each month a directory of local chapters to include location of the meetings, date of meetings, etc. He points out that members traveling about the country on vacation or otherwise would know where to locate his former Ninth Division buddies when passing through a town.

It is an excellent idea but with money to publish only 4 pages at this particular time it had been decided not to take up that much permanent space in The Octofoil with so much news material having to be left out now. It is believed that an 8 page paper will be possible during the next fiscal year. If so, certainly a standing directory will and should be a part of each issue.

### ENJOYS THE OCTOFOIL

Paul G. Mathias, a former Bty. C, 26th F.A. man, now living at 732 E. 2nd St., Rodeo, Calif., has this to say in his note to The Octofoil:

"Please mail me The Octofoil. Enjoy reading it and hearing how some of the old gang is doing, especially fellows from Bty. C, 26th Field. I was with them through my whole hitch in service except my time in basic training and my stay in the hospital, from where I was discharged. Would like to hear from any of the fellows. I do see a couple of fellows from the 9th out here, but just one from the 26th. He is John Brozil from Serv. Bty. He's back at his old trade, breaking and training horses and has won some prizes at fairs."

### LEAVES IOWA FOR CALIFORNIA

Edmund M. Naber, 2119 College Ave., Costa Mesa, Calif., left Iowa about a year ago to live in California. He writes that he would like to contact any former Ninth men, especially 47th Regt. men who live in the Costa Mesa or Newport Beach areas.

## Bob Woodside Looks For Rigby, "Peter Rabbit" and Many Other Buddies

Good old Bob Woodside, former 60th man, now lives at 411½ W. Domnick St., Rome, N. Y. Bob asks the Octofoil to put out inquiries as to the whereabouts of Henry Snowden Rigby, second president of the Association, and "Peter Rabbit" Harvey, formerly of Cincinnati, all former 60th men.

Rigby once told The Octofoil that Woodside had maneuvered his jeep, with Rigby as a passenger out of some dangerous territory, fortunately missing all the shells and gunfire. But when they reached their destination Woodside remembered that he'd left some vino buried back in the hills—wheeled that jeep around and went back through the hail of gunfire and dug out the vino—and miraculously returned intact.

Bob would like to know where he could locate Jack Deason and George Kaatz. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of any of these lads drop a card to Woodside at the address printed above.

### —PAY 1959 DUES NOW!—

## SCHMIDT VISITED MANY ENGINEERS RECENTLY

Art Schmidt, 69-20 69th St., Brooklyn 27, N. Y., has done quite a bit of visiting recently. He visited Charles Hoffman, 91-43 81st St., Woodhaven, N. (formerly of B Co., 15th Engrs.) Hoffman related an incident when visiting a friend of his own who was of the impression he'd borrowed a copy of "8 Stars to Victory" from Hoffman. But it turns out to be a history of the 39th Inf. Rgt. that evidently the friend had purchased long ago at a second hand book store.

### IN HOSPITAL

Schmidt also visited Pat Morano, an active member of the New York Chapter. Pat is presently a patient at Bronx VA Hospital, Ward 7, Bed 3, Bronx, N. Y. He hopes to be out very soon.

Another on Art's list was "Pappy" Grauer. He is living at 17 Julian Place, Island Park, L. I., N. Y. He is working for the New York Steam Co., but is on a strict diet due to ulcers. "Pappy" says he doesn't miss his beer. His phone is GE. 2-3709. "Pappy" has three fine boys and Hoffman has two daughters. Hoffman is working as a TV repairman.

## REVISED EDITION OF BOOKLET ON VETS' BENEFITS AVAILABLE

Schmidt advises that a revised edition of the Veterans Administration pamphlet, "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" is now on sale at the U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for 15 cents.

Art calls attention to H. R. 3508, now before the House of Representatives which would give disabled veterans a 10 per cent raise over the present rate paid and asks members to contact their congressmen and ask them to support H. R. 3508.

### —PAY 1959 DUES NOW!—

## CLOUSER PROPOSES DRIVE FOR MEMBERS

Immediate Past President John J. Clouser has a tentative program set up for convention approval which should be a very effective method for obtaining new members and regaining many who have slipped out the back door. Highlights of Clouser's proposal follows:

### ORGANIZATION

1. A National Membership Director to be appointed by the President. Director to be in charge of the campaign.

2. Assistant Directors be appointed by the Director. One for each of the chapters, and one for geographic subdivisions. (Chapter assistant directors to be appointed in cooperation with the officers of the chapter.)

### PROCEDURES

1. National Secretary furnish Director with a list of names and addresses of men eligible for membership in the association.

2. Director send copy of lists to assistants.

3. Assistant Directors: Form a local membership committee; make out contact cards of potential members, have committee members contact potential members.

4. Committee men return a portion of the contact card with dues to the Assistant Director and he in turn to the National Secretary.

5. Assistant Directors to submit monthly reports to the Director.

6. Director to submit periodic reports to the Board of Governors.

# Bells Will Be Ringing in Pittsburgh Soon

## WORK DETROIT GIRLS DOING IN EFFORT TO REORGANIZE IS SURE TO RESULT IN A FINE CHAPTER

Betty and Bob Rumenapp, 22613 Furton Blvd., St. Clair Shores, Mich., Al and Ellen Yockey, 16200 E. 8 Mile Rd., Detroit; Bob and Florence DeSandy, 21119 Sunnydale, St. Clair Shores; John and Marie Korobko, 9540 Decatur, Detroit; Xavier Bonkowski, 19941 Hickory, Detroit; Leonard F. Kowalski, 25845 Beaconsfield, Roseville; Cole Gronseth, 28759 Bohn, Roseville; Jack Wilson, 22331 Kramer, St. Clair Shores, and Joe Casey, 5415 Joy Rd., Apt. 402, Detroit—really make up a team to write home about.

In their efforts to get the Detroit Chapter a going institution again they have been confronted with apparent insurmountable obstacles—but their dogged determination is carrying them on and on and on—in true 9th Division spirit.

Sizeable notices have been run in community papers in the Greater Detroit area asking former 9th men to call Robert Rumenapp or his vivacious wife, Betty. Phone numbers of the other workers are given in the stories also.

### MARIE KOROBKO A WORKER

Marie and John Korobko have really gone out in their efforts to get the Chapter going. Marie works in an office and she has mimeographed 75 copies of an appeal to former 9th men and sent to all the VFW Posts in Wayne County, Michigan. Marie has mimeographed a list of former 9th men in the areas around each of the outstate cities, and a letter and a list was sent to each man outstate and also to each Detroit area man—whether the man had been contacted by phone or not. One of the first to answer the appeal was John McPherson, 22152 Hayes, East Detroit, Mich. John is now a Justice of the Peace in East Detroit. He was formerly with the 60th.

Another new member is Jack Wilson, 22331 Kramer, St. Clair Shores. He was visiting the Rumenapps' place of business and saw an Octo-

foil on the counter and made inquiry. Mc was with the 84th F.A. Coleman Gronseth, 28759 Bohn, Roseville, Mich., was located and he immediately went to work with the group. Coleman is principal in a St. Clair Shores public school.

Regardless of what night the boys and girls decide to meet the night conflicts with some of their plans keeping them away from the meeting. They have decided to try Saturday night as an experiment.

This courageous group of pioneers besides doing hours and hours of painstaking work have dug into their pockets until it is hurting for stationery, phone calls, 4c stamps and scores of other expenditures in an effort to get this show on the road. **SHOULD BE REIMBURSED**

The Octofoil feels that one of the first things the Board of Governors should do when it meets in New York City is to at least reimburse these hard workers for the personal monies they spent on this project. For the expenditure of their invaluable time they can never be repaid.

Most of the meetings have been held at Al and Ellen Yockey's home or John and Marie Korobko's home and it has necessitated a couple of hours' time travel for those living across town.

The hours and hours this group—and especially the girls have put in trying to bring old 1949 mailing lists up to date warrants praise that The Octofoil finds itself at a loss of words to express.

The mimeographed appeals that have been compiled are clear out of this world. With such determination they're bound to win—and, with all due respect to the boys—after careful observation The Octofoil firmly believes the inspiration and then a greater amount of the work is being done by these fine girls. May God bless each of you is our fervent and sincere prayer.

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## GANG ATTACK FATAL TO BUFFALO CHAPTER MEMBER GEORGE SIMON

Robert Klumpp, Treasurer of the Buffalo Chapter, 72 Montana Ave., Buffalo 11, N. Y., had the sad duty of advising The Octofoil of the tragic death of George A. Simon, a beloved member of the Buffalo Chapter. Excerpts from the Buffalo papers which are self-explanatory, follow:

George A. Simon, 48-year-old postal worker was shot by a gang of hoodlums in a mistaken identity robbery attempt in his apartment.

Death came while 4 youths, suspects in the case were confined in jail awaiting grand jury action.

Simon was wounded when hoodlums broke into the small two-room flat he rented. Simon, a bachelor, lived there alone.

### WAS SLEEPING

The victim was sleeping when the bandits crashed through the door. Simon grabbed a double-barrel 12-gauge shotgun and fired two blasts at the intruders.

The hoodlums, armed with a gun, shot Simon in the right side and beat him about the head. Then they fled,

taking no loot.

Police concluded that the bandits' target probably was a former occupant of the house. They learned that an elderly man, who vacated the premises when Simon moved in last August, sometimes had flashed big sums of money around the neighborhood.

A quiet man, Simon moved into the small apartment because he felt that by living alone he would not disturb others by changing working hours.

An ironic note to Simon's death was the fact that he survived many battles during World War II as an infantry soldier.

In the Army for five years, he served with the Ninth Infantry Division as a staff sergeant. He saw action in the African campaign, the invasion of Sicily, hedge-row fighting in Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge and the conquest of Germany.

"He has a half dozen medals," remarked a niece, Miss Shirley Simon.

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## NEW ENGLAND LADS SAD BECAUSE OF BISHOP WRIGHT'S TRANSFER FROM WORCESTER TO PITTSBURGH

According to Joe McKenzie Father Connors will have to start over to buck for Monsignor because his ecclesiastical C.O., Bishop Wright, has been transferred to Pittsburgh.

Former Ninth men who have attended the Memorial Masses held by Father Connors in Worcester, Mass. have had the pleasure of listening to Bishop Wright talk at the dinners after the mass and all have enjoyed his wisdom and wit.

Many columns were printed in the Worcester newspapers about Bishop Wright. If space permitted these articles would be reprinted in full.

Certain excerpts follow:

Pope John has announced transfer of Bishop John J. Wright of Worcester to Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bishop Wright, 48, succeeds the See left vacant when Bishop John F. Dearden became archbishop of Detroit.

Bishop Wright will be the eighth

bishop of Pittsburgh, the nation's tenth largest See.

As bishop of Worcester since 1950 Bishop Wright was honored in 1957 by the Advertising Club of Worcester for his distinguished community service, and by Worcester's B'nai B'rith Lodge which honored him as "Citizen of the Year" in 1957.

Bishop Wright, named a prelate at the age of 37, was the first bishop of the Worcester diocese which was created in 1950 by the late Pope Pius XII. Bishop Wright was the youngest Catholic bishop to head a diocese in the United States.

### BOSTON BORN

Born in Boston's Dorchester section in 1909, the Prelate attended Boston College and St. John's Seminary. In 1932 he went to Gregorian University in Rome. After his ordination he continued his studies in Rome for four years. He speaks fluent French and Italian.

## DAVE SILBERBERG IS BACK FROM VISIT TO EUROPEAN SPOTS

In the last issue of The Octofoil a story was printed about a former 9th man's proposed European tour at the invitation of the West German Republic.

The former 9th man who received this coveted invitation was a prominent Memphis, Tenn. attorney, David D. Silberberg, Home Federal Bldg., Memphis, Tenn. Dave has returned from the trip, he writes The Octofoil a very absorbing letter concerning the trip. Parts of the letter will be noted below:

"It is always with a great deal of anticipation that I look forward to the mailman bringing The Octofoil. "Publication of the story in The Octofoil concerning my trip to Germany was quite nice in itself and much appreciated, but what made it even more gratifying and a distinct honor was that it appeared in the same issue which carried that magnificent and so richly deserved article about Gen. Westmoreland, a gentleman and soldier who whom I always had the greatest respect and admiration from the time that I first came to know him.

### WOULD TAKE PAGES

"My trip was the experience of a lifetime that would require pages to cover adequately. While the official purpose was a survey and observation of the courts and judicial system now prevailing in Germany, I did get away now and then to make a few side trips to some of the old, memories filled places that the men of The Octofoil will remember, including Remagen, Ingolstadt, Aichach, Schrobenhauser, Augsburg, Waserburg, Rosenheim—and things sure have changed from those days. But one thing hasn't changed, surprisingly, many of the people still remember well not only the Division and its units but many of the officers and men by name."

### CAN'T MAKE NEW YORK

Dave enclosed a check for three years' dues and expressed regrets he can't be in New York this summer because on those dates the active duty training period of his reserve unit has been set.

## MIKE PUZAK "RESURRECTED" TWO WEEKS BEFORE EASTER MORN AND IS PUT TO WORK ON REACTIVATION PROJECT

Mike Puzak, 211 Bost Drive, Dravosburg, Pa. (Pittsburgh suburb), was the first secretary-treasurer of the Ninth Infantry Division Association and much credit for the solid foundation upon which the Association is founded should be given Mike. After retiring as secretary-treasurer of the Association Mike returned to Pittsburgh, Pa., his old home town, to assist his mother in the operation of her business interests in that city.

## Taylor Contacts Some Old Buddies; Wants Addresses of Others

Wilton M. Taylor, Stop 6, Star Rt., Lost Hills, Calif., advises he has finally located W. D. (Blackie) Waldon, formerly Co. E, 60th. Blackie was captured in Belgium and thereafter was separated from the outfit. Blackie's brother, Art, is in California with General Petroleum, and advises Taylor of this address: W. D. Walron, 9626 Pacific, Bellflower, California.

Harold Havolik was a sergeant with Co. M, 47th. He was killed in action near El Guettar in March of 1943. However Taylor and Harold's younger brother Bob have kept in contact with each other and Bob has advised that Harold's mother recently passed away. However he suggests that Harold's old buddies would cheer the dad up if they would send a card to him as follows: Mr. William Havolik, Rt. 2, Lodi, Wis.

Anyone knowing Gerald Wheelock's address should write Taylor at the above address. Gerald's last address known was Oconto, Wisconsin.

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### KING SOLOMON'S MEALS

The instructor in the army's survival course was telling how soldiers could manage to live off the land even in the most difficult situations.

He pointed out that the men could eat grasshoppers if they had to and described how flavorful and nourishing they were.

"It's a historical fact," he said, "that King Solomon fed grasshoppers to his 100 wives—and we know they were all happy."

"The hell with the wives," a voice from the back said. "What did King Solomon eat?"

## BILL BUEMI IS CURIOUS ABOUT TAYLOR; QUILTS PLASTERING FOR TAVERN BUSINESS



Mr. and Mrs. Sam (Bill) Buemi, Cleveland, Ohio (Read story below)

Sam (Bill) Buemi, formerly Co. F, 47th, now of 30811 Bayridge Blvd., Willowick, Ohio, just sent in his dues for the next three years and takes time out to ask a few questions. Excerpt's from Bill's letter read as follows:

Just reading Wilton Taylor's item in the last Octofoil and was wondering if that's the Taylor who was B.A.R. man in Co. I, 47th. If it is, he and I were good buddies at Bragg, and through North Africa. I also was a B.A.R. man. He knew me as just "Bu."

I enjoyed the picture of Guggie on page 1 of the last issue. I remember at Bragg if anyone picked on little Guggie (God rest his soul), you had to pick on Big Guggie, Tarrific Brothers and all the rest of the New Yorkers, particularly Otto Kanach,

John Rizzo, John Forni, Hugh Hah-rack, Andy German, Phil Maresca and others.

What's happened to Sal Padavano, the guy who used to cover his entire head with his helmet. Where is Art Boining, Frank Landati and Al Munatore and the others.

Buemi has discontinued his plastering contract business and opened a tavern at 7328 Central in Cleveland, Ohio, known as Paradise Casino.

Bill has a wealth of pictures taken at Bragg, in Africa and Sicily he has offered The Octofoil for use in future issues.

If next year's budget is more liberal than the past year's budget The Octofoil may take him up on his offer and use some of them in future issues.

### INTERESTED SPECTATOR

During the Mar. 14 Board of Governors meeting at the Roosevelt Hotel in Pittsburgh, Puzak was an attentive and interested guest. Within a few days after the Board meeting The Octofoil received a most encouraging letter from the former secretary-treasurer pledging himself to devote all the time that might be necessary to again have the Pittsburgh Chapter functioning as it did a few years ago.

Extra copies of The Octofoil for this issue are being mailed to former Ninth men in the Pittsburgh area who for various reasons have failed to renew their membership obligations to the Association during recent years. Those delinquent members receiving this issue are urgently requested to get in contact with Mike Puzak, at the address given above.

Excerpts from the letter mentioned read, in part, as follows:

"Dear Paul: I enjoyed the Board meeting on Saturday very much and after seriously thinking about the Association, I will try to revive this Pittsburgh chapter. I will try to get it started and then turn it over to the officers, either appointed or elected. I, personally, will not have the time to run it but I will be active until we get going good again.

"In the next issue of The Octofoil run a story about me trying to start the Chapter and have all inquiries addressed to me at home. I would also appreciate the names and addresses of all the men in this area and I will try to contact them informing them of the Chapter."

"If you have any souvenirs or publications of any kind, maybe some extra copies of The Octofoil, something I could pass out at the first meeting might be helpful."

"In your story ask the fellows to give me their complete address, organization (with the 9th) and their telephone number. Sincerely, Mike."

### "SOUVENIRS" SENT

The Octofoil office immediately forwarded to Puzak several copies of back copies of The Octofoil, several of the leftover 1958 Souvenir Programs and caps for distribution at the initial reorganization meeting.

Any of the members in other chapters knowing a former 9th buddy living in the Pittsburgh area and will send the necessary data to Puzak—such cooperation will be invaluable.

Mike has the personality and qualifications to do a bang up job in reorganizing the Pittsburgh Chapter. And now that he has made up his mind to sacrifice his time from his own place of employment and from his family to see that the Chapter is back in business—it's a cinch his efforts will be crowned with success—and anyone who is in position to help him in his endeavors should do so.

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## Gentrol Randle Looks For Maj. Evans' Locale

In a newsy and interesting letter to Dick Pestel, 1467 Livingston Ave., Columbus, Ohio, Gen. Edwin H. Randle, 503 Althea Rd., Belleaire, Clearwater, Fla., does much reminiscing about happenings in the 47th. Especially vivid in his memory is the incident when someone stole Captain Minton's jeep—located much later near an ordnance camp after the captain had reconciled himself to the fact he was going to have to pay for that jeep.

However, the important part of the General's letter pertains to a request for someone to supply him with the address of Major Evans. The major commanded the Third Bn., 47th until he was wounded in El Guettar. After Gen. Randle tied up his arm and sent him back he has never heard from him. However, he is sure Major Evans' home and family were somewhere in New Hampshire.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Major Evans at this time please send a card to Gen. Randle at the address given above.

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Northern Girl: Men are all alike. Southern Girl: Men are all ah like, too.