**May 10th Memorial Plaque Ceremony**

Reverend Edward F. Jocham

Here are the final plans and arrangements for our Memorial Plaque Ceremony to be held in Washington, D.C. on May 10th, 1958 at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Major General Van Houten will be the host for the 9th Division Association Plaque Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at 11:30 A.M., May 10th, 1958. At 11:30 hours General Van Houten will meet the plaque party in the Trophy Room where he will conduct a briefing of the ceremony. The dedication will formally begin at 11:45 a.m. General Van Houten will escort the party onto the Plaza, through the Honor Guard, to a point near the tomb. When the party has taken their positions, the band will play the National Anthem. At the completion of the ANTHEM music, the plaque bearer and bugler will draw from the left flank. The bugler will take his post and the plaque bearer will hand the plaque to Mr. Clouser. If Mr. Clouser desire to make a brief statement he may do so at this time. After the statement, Mr. Clouser will step forward and place the plaque on the stand.

General Van Houten will accept the plaque in the name of the people of the United States. After the acceptance, the drummer will play four (4) ruffles and the bugler will sound TAPS. At the conclusion of TAPS General Van Houten will escort the party back to the Trophy Room completing the ceremony.

The ceremony will remain at the Tomb until sundown at which time it will be moved to its permanent place in the Trophy Room. For all those who plan to attend, please, if you can, try to be at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C. at 11:15 A.M. We know this will be a very memorable ceremony and all who can attend are invited. The Ninth Infantry Division Association plaque will be placed in the name of our Association to commemorate the memory of the men who were with the Ninth during World War II.

**Request for Information**

We recently received a note from the Research Department of the Reader's Digest requesting some first hand information from any of our members or readers who can provide us with the following:

1. Any photographs or negatives taken by the readers themselves or any other reader who can provide us with first hand information.
2. Any suggestions which you would make for the new project.

We look forward to receiving your suggestions and writing you back as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Francis Ward

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**New 9th Division Commander**

A 15-gun salute shattered the calm, crisp air in front of Fort Carson's Post Headquarters Monday morning, March 17, thundering a welcome to Col. Geo. H. Payne, formerly Commandant of the 9th Infantry Division, who has been appointed the new commander of the 9th Infantry Division. Major General Van Houten, host of the Ceremonial (Continued on page 4)
Frankly Speaking

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In the light of these facts and truths, it is hoped that after the war he lost all contact with former buddies. He was wounded on July 11, 1945, about 6 miles south of St. Lo. In France... he would like to hear from others.

Emily L. DeBono tells us of a recent visit to her home in New Jersey and writes, "I am enclosing some highlights of a recent letter we had together on East Paterson, New Jersey... We would love it if you would include it in the next issue of the OCTOFOIL..."

Through these reunions on a Company level (Headquarters Company 25th Infantry) we welcome any member of the Ninth who is interested in the Ootoifoil and friends. As this is quite an "Espirit de Corps" story I thought that the Ootoifoil would be happy to print it. Who, know it, might just be a "Dead End" part of the country.

Then there's that story...

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A Story From the Past

Who Was Mollie, and What Was He?

(Continued from previous issues)

"But he always got on good with the frogs. It's funny how those big, long-legged things, they're not so bad when you get to know them. He used to always have them around his tent, and they used to follow him all over the place. Something about the way a man has to figure they were no more good to him after he was dead than they are when alive." He used to say always that he was a white-glove gambler and that he used to watch the horse races with those glasses.

By now the four wounded men had been loaded into the ambulance and were about to leave. There was a good story in Mollie, but he was not available for an interview. The driver of the truck behind our jeep was giving us the horn, so I pulled Boyle to the wheel and we drove away. When we had gone a little further, we heard a faint tapping sound, a little tail lieutenant signaled to steady up. This was the moment that I wanted a hitch and we stopped and indicated that he should aboard, but he wouldn't leave his name was Carl Ruff. He was from New York City, a barber, and he had a wife, an advertising woman, but I didn't. Ruff was left from Freiburg in Germany, he was a German boys' school, and he had wide decks and comfortable cerners, which was not overcrowded andety-dollar green tailor-made officer's shirts. He stood right up, wearing the cape, and tended. A meeting is scheduled next week. The page size was nearly 5 x 8 inches.

It was a month later, aboard the SS America, the Administration steamer, a luxury liner that had been conv-erted for military use, at the end of the merrile suppression of comfort, that was the end of this war. A 5-foot-10-inch Mayor of Broadway. The Moneta-ry was on her way from Caus-also from the Brownsville part of the Army, and he had been wounded in the fighting in the Northwest, and in the Ninth Division, with a wound in his chest and a bullet in his left shoulder. He had wide decks and comfortable cerners, which was not overcrowded andety-dollar green tailor-made officer's shirts. He stood right up, wearing the cape, and tended. A meeting is scheduled next week. The page size was nearly 5 x 8 inches.

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(Continued from page 2) With the end of the war Harold returned home, to Newport, Kentucky, where he now lives. His late wife, with whom he was married in November 1936, was a native of Newport, Kentucky, where they both have lived.

36th Field Artillery: Once again we are reminded of the men who are serving with the men of the 36th F. A. by Joe McKinnon. "Another Ninth man has been found. He is James Daniels of 5352 Perilla Ave., Los Angeles, California. James was formerly with the Service Battery of the 5th. Jim is another one of those rebels who seem to carry the praise of the great state of North Carolina to us Yanks. From morning until night it was nothing but Buffalo selling commercials about great Tar Heel State. Now back where he is??? Jim has been in California for ten years and once during that time he visited his old home town. He is planning to make the trip again.


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