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National Convention To Be Held At Fort Dix This Summer Is Forecast

OFFICIALS CONTACTED FOR PERMISSION

At the last Executive Meeting, it was decided that a more strenuous appeal be made to the Fort Dix command for a date of occupation sometime within the date lines of July or August. All very well and there is little doubt that our members prefer summer to fall for a variety of reasons. The Association can generally count on a larger attendance when such is the case.

Our Military Affairs Committee Chairman, Barnard Eberlin, has made a formal request for an earlier date than we have had for the past several years.

However, it must be remembered that we are still guests of the military: that the main job of the Army is to train and ready soldiers and that we can be fitted into their scheme of things only if and when their time table and accommodations' availability permits. Regardless of our sentimental affections for the "birthplace of the Division" and our desire to hold our reunion when best suited for us, we must abide by the decision the Army makes. It's still the same old camp even if the original intent to "rough it" has subsided with time.

PLAN NOW
TO MAKE
THE FORTHCOMING
NATIONAL
ENCAMPMENT
THE MOST MEMORABLE
IN OUR
HISTORY

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YOUR PRESENCE
WILL MAKE
IT SO

MEMORIAL PROJECT IN FINAL STAGE OF COMPLETION

The report from our Operations Committee on the Memorial Plaque project proposed for erection in Chapel #1 at Fort Dix as a final chapter in the stained glass window commemorative, reveals that approval of purpose, wording, and installation by Post Authorities, has been officially granted. The matter is no longer a proposal but an established order. Contract for the making of the Bronze Plaque has been awarded and within 60 days it is expected that Post Engineers will be able to take over the task of installing it in the entrance foyer of the Chapel. Dedication services will be announced by Memorial Chairman Harry Thourot, probably coinciding with the Association's Annual Reunion on the Post late this summer.

Treasurer Gerald Hackett and Past President Joseph Stulb carried the ball on this

one, executives Thourot and Harpell being on winter vacation and E. Jerry Kamen tied up on business. Time was most important, so Hackett and Stulb braved the blizzard on March 3rd to confer with Post Chaplain Lt. Col. Frederick Morse and Public Information Officer Capt. John Tamraz regarding essential details before presentation to the Command.

As soon as the manufacture of the plaque is completed and it is installed, President John Fuchs will dismiss the Operations Committee of Hackett, Harpell and Kamen and turn the matter over to Chairman Harry Thourot for a review of the accomplishment and for the highly important task of dedication arrangements.



REUNIONS COMING UP

311th Infantry Officers, World War One

The 41st Annual Reunion Dinner — April 22, 1960, Friday Evening, Engineer's Club, 32 West 40th St., New York City, N. Y. Members are asked to contact the Reservation Committee Chairman, Barnard Eberlin, 50 Church St., New York City, as soon as possible.

312th Infantry Regiment

The Annual Dinner is scheduled for May 21st, Saturday night, at the Elk's Club, 176 Clinton Avenue, Newark, N. J. Members are asked to contact Jack Browne at 114 Franklin Street, Morristown, N. J., Bldg. 7, for full information. Ante — for cocktails and Dinner — \$2.00 for paid-up members of 312th Association, \$5.00 for all others.

Hdqrs. Co., 311th Infantry, WWI

The 41st Annual Reunion of Headquarters Company, 311th Infantry, will take place on Saturday, April 23, 1960, at the Hotel Hildebrecht, West State Street, Trenton, N. J. The Rainbow Room will be available from 4:00 p.m. for refreshments and fraternizing. Dinner will be served in the Mirror Room at 6:45 p.m. Total cost will be \$5.00 per person, including refreshments and dinner.

Cliff Fuhrman, Secretary.

Committee: Alvah R. Cook, Samuel Kirkham, Gus Dietrich.

Located

Our Divisional Chaplain in World War One during our Post War occupation of Semur, Cote d'Or, France, in the winter and spring of 1918-1919, the Rev. Robert Harris Gearhart, Jr., D.D., is retired and living at Middletown Road, Medea, Pa.

CLOSE RANKS

Comrade William McElroy of Newark, N. J. a World War One veteran of Co. 1, 312th Infantry Regiment passed away on February 22nd, 1960 after a long illness. A member of the Newark Police Department for many years he had served as city Administrator of Veterans' Affairs during a part of its official post existence following WW2. (*Flash* reporter: F. Steudle.)



Comrade Frank Labes, 66, 805 Park Ave., Hoboken, a veteran of the division in WW1 died suddenly of a heart attack on March 7th, 1960. (*Flash* reporter: John Fuchs — Hudson Dispatch.)



Comrade Joseph F. Salada, Ebensburg, Pa., a WW1 veteran of Co. 1, 311th Infantry and an Association member of long standing, left our ranks on May 25th, 1959. (*Flash* reporter: Jim Mullen)



Comrade Morton A. Helmer, Bty. B 308th F. A., WW1, of Oneida Castle, Oneida, New York, left our ranks on October 20th, 1959. (*Flash* reporter: Chas Ambrecht)



Comrade George P. McDermott, Bty. B, 308th F.A., WW1, died on January 31st, 1959 in Catskill, New York. (*Flash* reporter: Chas Ambrecht)



Comrade Frederick Miller, 69, 6507 Hudson Avenue, West New York, a WW1 veteran of Co. K, 310th Infantry, passed away on February 11th, 1960 in the Veterans' Hospital, Coral Gables, Florida of complications following a lingering illness. (*Flash* reporter: Al DeTitta)



Comrade George M. Schlicht, R.F.D. #2, Green Pond, N. J., a WW1 veteran of Co. L, 312th Infantry, left our ranks recently.



Comrade William H. Hoening, 71 Bridlewood Drive, Lockport, New York, a WW1 veteran of Co. 1, 309th Infantry serving as Company Clerk with the rank of Sergeant, passed away in his 66th year at the Inter-Community Memorial Hospital after about a years illness. Comrade Hoening was a 40 year member of the B. Leo Dolan Post #410, American Legion and a member of the 78th Division Veterans' Association of Western New York. (*Flash* reporter: Louis A. Ziehl)



Comrade J. Joseph Niles, Ridgely Park, N. J., a World War veteran of Bty. B, 308th F.A. died on June 11th, 1959. (*Flash* reporter: Chas Ambrecht)



Comrade Bart Desmond, Bty. D, 308 F.A., WW1, left our ranks on July 16th, 1959 at the Veterans' Hospital, Syracuse, N. Y. (*Flash* reporter: Chas Ambrecht)

Comrade Achilles G. Pignataro, Sr., 404 Market Street, Paterson, N. J., a WW1 member of Co. E, 311th Infantry passed away on October 29th, 1959 after a short illness. Comrade Pignataro was a past-president of Local 87, Textile Workers Union, and had been employed by the Burns Detective Agency for six years prior to his demise. (*Flash* reporter: William DuMott)



Comrade W. Hanford, Co., B, 303rd Amm. Train, WW1, a vice president of the County National Bank, Middletown, New York, left our ranks recently. Comrade Hanford was a resident of Middletown. (*Flash* reporter: John E. McLean)



Comrade Ernest Sharpe, Co. B, 303rd Amm. Train, WW1, a resident of Newburgh, N. J., passed away recently. (*Flash* reporter: John E. McLean)



Comrade Michael V. Fee, Keasbey, N. J., a member of Hdqrs. Co., 311th Infantry in WW1, passed on after a lingering illness on February 19th, 1960. (*Flash* reporter: Jim Mullen)



Comrade James L. Clooney, Perth Amboy, N. J., a veteran of Co., F, 310th Infantry, WW1, died on March 1st, 1960. (*Flash* reporter: Jim Mullen.)



Comrade Chris Allen, Manchester, New Hampshire, a veteran of the 309th Infantry, WW1, left our ranks during the month of October, 1959. Comrade Allen was a successful insurance agent and was well and favorably known in Manchester. (*Flash* reporter: Maurice Devine.)



Comrade Baxter, Co. F, 310th Inf., WW1, 39 Fountain Street, West Barrington, Rhode Island, left our ranks on the 14th of February, 1960.



Comrade Frank S. Scheideler, 111 Maple Street, Weehawken, N. J., a veteran of the 303rd Amm. Train, WW1, left our ranks on Saturday, January 2, 1960 in his 71st year.



Comrade Walter Letts, 605 Rinehardt St., Philadelphia, Pa., a WW1 member of Co. B, 303rd Engineers, passed away suddenly on March 6, 1960. In WW2 he had five sons in military service. (*Flash* reporter: John J. O'Donnell)



Comrade John M. Fox, 120 Marine Street, Beach Haven, N. J., a veteran of Co., A, 303rd Engineers, WW1, left our ranks on February 18th after a short illness. Comrade Fox, who was 63 years of age, had been Supply Sergeant of his company during service.

Comrade Anthony T. Barrone, 71, of 141 Jackson Street, Batavia, New York, a veteran of Co., B, 309th Infantry, WW1, passed away on January 3, 1960 after a several month's illness, several weeks of which were as a patient in the Veterans Hospital. (*Flash* reporter: F. Barclay)



Comrade Frees L. Hess, Somerville, N. J., a Lieutenant in the 311th Infantry in WW1 passed away on November 7th, 1959. Comrade Hess had served as a State Senator in the New Jersey State Legislature at one time in his career. (*Flash* reporter: Barnard Eberlin)



Comrade Dominick Abbatiello, Bronx, New York, a veteran of Battery B, 308th F.A. in WW1, passed away on October 4th, 1959 and was laid to rest with Military Honors in St. Raymond Cemetery, Bronx, N. Y. (*Flash* reporter: Chas Ambrecht)

WORDS THAT MAKE US THINK

If all the world's people were our brothers, and we were our brothers' keepers, they would also be our keepers. We would be among the kept. In the slave societies of totalitarianism, from the Baltic Sea to the sad coasts of Siberia and China, everybody is required to be his brother's keeper — to maintain a sharp watch on him and to blow the whistle the minute he deviates from total obedience.

We have a duty to help the sick, the incapacitated, the very weak. But what our neighbors in general need is a large amount of being let alone.

Editorial excerpts from The Saturday Evening Post — Jan. 23, 1960.

More About The New M14

This weapon can fire at the rate of 750 shots a minute when equipped with a fire selector, compared to a maximum of 525 rounds a minute of the .30 caliber machine-gun now in general use.

The M14 is capable of either automatic or semiautomatic fire. Individual riflemen normally use semi-automatic.

The 20-shot magazine used with the M14 compares to the eight-round magazine of the M1 Garand used in World War II and in Korea. This will enable the foot soldier to remain on target 2½ times longer without loading than with the Garand.

The M14 also has a flash suppressor which will help conceal a rifleman's position from the enemy when the rifle is fired.

So You Were a G.I. — What War?

An excerpt from a recent news item reads "The exact derivation has been lost in time. But it's generally thought to be from the first two letters of the two words "Government Issue". The term gained popular usage during World War II and has been used to refer to just about everything a military man or ex-serviceman comes in contact with involving his service life".

We might go further back to the World War One counterpart of G.I. Joe to mention the seldom, if ever, initialed or abbreviated "Doughboy". The term originating, it is said, from the period when the mercenaries fought for their "dough", presumably meaning bread or the makings. Then there were other World War Two concoctions stemming out of the inventive minds of the soldier in the field such as "dogface", "footslogger", "doughfoot", etc.

The most enduring set of initials, however, of the past, present, and probably the future stand out, with several spicy interpretations, "S.O.L."

Without wishing to get into any controversy on research and with only an over-worked memory to guide us, we seem to recall a World War One usage of the Term G.I. which the compiler of the information lead excerpt paragraph failed to state. Our first meeting with the side usage of the initials, our memory persists, occurred on about September 18th, 1918, in a wine cellar in Thiaucourt during a particularly vehement arrival of "big ones". Someone crouching and cringing in the darkened refuge like all of us awaiting the unwelcome guest with the final dispatch, cried out, "They're sure throwing G.I. cans at us!" It seems to us it was a pretty general issue in World War One, possibly before.

From Guns Across Central Europe — To Guns in Newark

On Friday, March 25th at the Universal Storage Warehouses, 206 Johnson Avenue, three gunmen took a \$1,100 payroll, \$400 from the owner, Seymour Cohan, and \$70 from a Chicago salesman, present at the time.

Strictly a local news item spotlighting a series of payroll holdups occurring on this particular day, excepting that the principal victim was our own World War Two Past President.

Some day we'll ask Seymour how he felt looking down gun barrels again. Fifteen years ago the 309th Infantryman was wounded twice during the drive on Germany, and still carries metal in his body.

Hope they catch 'em, Seymour!

World War Two Lightning Reunioners Encouraged

FROM ARTICLE 2 — OBJECTS — ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

Section 4: To cooperate with and to lend our moral support to Associations or Units or parts of the Lightning Division and to any undertaking by members of the 78th Division when such Associations or undertakings are for the general good of the members of the 78th Division and work towards the objects of this Association.

If you are planning a reunion of your regiment, your battalion, your company, or sectional group — no matter how large or how small — the 78th Division Veterans' Association through the *FLASH* will freely and gladly contribute as much publicity as our circulation will cover. There is also a willingness on the part of the Executive body of the Association to assist you in the plan, daily and weekly newspaper coverage, program, and, in fact, any part of the "Know-How" we may have stored up through 40 years of keeping this wonderful thing going, is yours for the asking.

At present, there is under discussion a movement to have official Association representation at these affairs, whenever possible. The *FLASH* will print the story of these gatherings, if submitted. The 78th Division Veterans' Association is aware that the interest and activity of individual units is of major importance to the continuance of its own life line as members from virtually every one of these units join the annual concentration on a divisional level during the NATIONAL CONVENTION, generally held each summer or fall at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

BUT — YOU MUST LET US KNOW. YOUR NOTICE MUST BE IN OUR HANDS 15 DAYS BEFORE PUBLICATION DATE. (See Publication Notice.)

Thought For This Month

Now that a motion picture is being planned on the crossing of the Bridge at Remagen we wonder if the pattern of engaging Commie and Fifth Amendment script writers will prevail. Strange that a number of patriotic and battle subjects going into production lately by independent studios should have writers of the subversive ilk penning the play script when the original script was written in blood and daring by their direct opposite in Americanism.

Withdrawal, under pressure, of one notorious disdainer of national loyalties from a task of scripting a highly sensitive and controversial subject matter and the disclosure that the hiring of several of these suspect characters under assumed monickers is almost common practice when historic and military sacred episodes are to be filmed makes us wonder just who is behind this brazen thumb-nosing at the guys who did the actual job.

Nice To Hear From You

Some kind words from a World War Two Divisional Chaplain, Lt. Col. Rev. Charles A. Albright, presently pastor of The Mahoning Methodist Church, 2214 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown 9, Ohio, with residence at 35 S. Richview Ave. Excerpts from his letter are as follows:

"Just wanted to drop a line expressing my appreciation of the *Flash*. I read it avidly each time it arrives hoping I will see something of friends almost forgotten. I regret that the reunions come on week-ends when it is virtually impossible for me to attend. Being pastor of a congregation of 1200 means that I have to stick pretty closely to my pulpit. But it would certainly be a thrill to be able to meet with all the fellows once again. . . .

I was the Division Chaplain in World War Two during the fighting in the Siegfried Line and on into Berlin, then later in the occupation. I stayed with the Division from the time of its reactivation in 1942 'til its deactivation in Germany in 1946. . . ."

He also speaks of the work being done by the widow of a 78th Division Officer, that of the teaching of illiterate Mexican adults how to read and write, such Christian ideals and noble efforts stemming from a course sponsored by the Laubach Literacy Foundation and taken by her at Koindnia (meaning brotherhood).

He further writes:

"Mrs. Mildred Reed is the widow of Col. Ollie Reed who commanded the 309th Infantry Regiment in Camp Butner and Camp Pickett during the months of preparation for overseas duty. The Col. left us while we were stationed at Camp Pickett. At that time I was the Regimental Chaplain of the 309th. (I had also served as Regimental Chaplain of the 311th.) Col. Reed was sent to France and was killed in the battle of St. Lo. He also had a son, a 1st Lt., serving in Italy. He, too, was killed. Mrs. Reed received the two messages from the War Department just one hour apart. . . ."

Mrs. Reed is presently engaged in this great work at Casa de Alfabetizacion, Valle de Bravo, Edo, de Mexico.

Ed. Note — No doubt many 309th Inf. Vets will be interested in this information as we were.

Good News

Secretary John Ghegan, 309th Regiment, World War Two, vet is "out of the woods" according to medical reports and his own cheerful word on the subject.

July 1st A Crucial Date For Many Non-Service Connected Pensioners

The day of the \$78.75 pension based on the actual income of the veteran over 65 years of age is over on July 1st, 1960, unless the veteran has already been awarded that amount before the date of change. If so, it will remain without reduction to the new rate, unless decided otherwise by the veteran himself.

NEW SYSTEM—SLIDING SCALE

Table I.—VETERAN—No DEPENDANTS	
INCOME	MONTHLY PAYMENT
Not over \$600	\$85
Not over \$1,200	70
Not over \$1,800	40
Over \$1,800	None

A married veteran will be considered single if he is estranged from and not reasonably contributing to the support of his wife.

Table II.—VETERANS WITH DEPENDENTS
—WIFE OR CHILDREN

INCOME	MONTHLY PAYMENTS		
	One de- pendent	Two de- pendents	Three de- pendents
Not over \$1,000	\$90	\$95	\$100
Not over \$2,000	75	75	75
Not over \$3,000	45	45	45
Over \$3,000	None	None	None

If you are rated as being in need of regular aid and attendance, you would be paid \$70 monthly in addition to the pension rates listed above.

A WORD OF CAUTION

To Those Already on Pension

Remember: If you switch to the new law, you give up all your rights under the old law and cannot go back to it.

Under the present expiring law, the size of your estate does not affect entitlement to pension.

Under the new law, pension is not payable if you have a sizable estate. For example, if you have quite a bit of property (real estate, stocks, bonds, bank deposits, etc.) you would not be entitled to pension until you had used up some of it for your living expenses. And in some cases your company pension may be considered income. Railroad retirement pay specifically stated.

We asked the V.A. officials why the term "sizable estate" was not spelled out so that a clear-cut understanding would be made available to interested vets. No answer, and any interpretation is still vague.

Under the present law public assistance benefits are considered income.

Under the new law, the income of your wife in excess of \$1,200 that is reasonably available to you is counted as income. Exceptions are possible in extreme hardship cases.

About 805,000 veterans and 450,000 widows are now on the non-service connected pension rolls.

Outstanding Dues of Regular Members Retarding Major Climb

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

March 16, 1960

Members in good standing:

World War One	654
World War Two	375
O. R. C.	2
Total	1,031

The above is a good showing — but an analysis of the reported figures reveals that we could have moved into a position of great and gratifying strength if our tardy and delinquent members had sent in their dues on schedule. Let's all help.

Welcome Comrades

From World War Two Solicitations — New Memberships Announced

Obtained by Joseph Castanza:

Albert W. Bowman, 6229 So. Norwalk Bl., Whittier, Cal., 309th Infantry, 1st Bn. Med. Det., World War One.

Obtained by Mark Hoffman:

Vito LoPiccolo, 19693 McCormick, Detroit, Mich., 310th Infantry, Co. B, World War Two.

Obtained by Robert Drummond:

O. Warren Connor, 518 Wyoming Ave., Millburn, N. J., 309th Infantry, Service Co., World War Two.

Obtained by H. W. Pilcher. All 308th F.A. Bn., Battery B, World War Two:

Anthony Gardini, 1760 - 80th St., Brooklyn 14, N. Y.

Eugene Andrews, 5715 Island Br., N.W., Canton, Ohio.

W. W. Carter, Box 191, Pocahontae, Ark.

J. Carl Buckler, 8725 Satyr Hill Road, Baltimore, Md.

Cecil Mager, 32 Otis, St., Batavia, N. Y.

John D. MacGrath, 252 Lowell Road, Hudson, New Hampshire.

Wow! This man Pilcher is certainly going to town this month. Looks as though the 308th F.A. is going to have a pretty strong voice from now on — Let's hear it!



From swim trunks to sweaters and heavy jackets in the course of a twelve-hour drop in temperature — from 80 to 40 degrees — is the photo documentary above as Membership Secretary Frank Steudle arrives to drive your *Flash* Supervisor Al Harpell to the Hollywood train station for the trip home to the snows of New Jersey early in March. Florida reunion between these two Past Presidents and their wives added much pleasure to the general loafing routine in the sun.

Steudle reports a happy surprise that occurred the following week while waiting to "tee off" on the golf links. A hail by Vice President Charley Crysler, World War Two vet of Marsellus, New York, who, not having Steudle's Miami address, followed the trail of Frank's habits (and weakness!) and caught up with him in time to fill out a foursome.

Commitments prevented visits to other 78th vets in Florida and a planned get-together with Past President Harry Thourot, vacationing in Palm Beach.

A MESSAGE TO ALL WORLD WAR ONE 307th F.A. VETS

Comrade Bill Mountney writes of a visit he made to Sergeant John W. Nehrig, who has been a patient in the V.A. Hospital, Leech Farm Rd., Pittsburgh, Pa., since December, 1956. The veteran of Battery D, 307th F.A., who, we believe, served in the same outfit with executives Jerry Hackett and Joe Silas is, no doubt, suffering from the blues of hospitalitis, in addition to his physical ailments, and it is our far-off therapeutic recommendation that a few cards of remembrance and good cheer from old World War One buddies will prove a welcome treatment.

How about it, all you artillerymen, — and infantrymen, and signalmen, and engineers, etc.!!!

The Flash

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From Old And Faded Pages

A bit of man and scene in 1918

Going In

They laughed and sang as they moved up towards the unknown. Some swore as callouses and muscular rebellions tormented their systems. The packs, the rifles, took on added weight. A far off gun spoke. There was silence . . . the silence of men wrapt in their own destiny.

Evacuation

The wars were far away. The gray pathetic skeletons of villages were years back, the voice of destruction stilled. The wheels of the ambulance whirled on towards a forgotten civilization.

First Night

The moon was a cold and ghastly thing, the nightscape writhing with unreal silhouettes. The stabbing fingers of light and fiery blooms against the black horizons an agonizing prologue to helplessness. Vertical man became horizontal without human command . . . obedient to each down shriek.

Defense Sector

The trees screamed with each lashing penetration. The earth was a putty-like mold of ugly indentation and festering pock. It was the home of the moment — a home

from which all aspired to escape . . . even though such an escape meant an even more perilous movement forward.

Of Men in a Hole

There was no foreseeable future for any of them. The woods were a shroudlike dark and dank, stained with the awful evidence of a deed against their own, — committed by an unseen, groping enemy then kilometers away when first the night shades spurred an interdictory fire. There was a grim and homicidal anger in hearts once numb with the baptismal fear. They pulled their moist and smelly blankets around their new found misery, buddled closer into the muddy hollows, and, silently, waited for the dawn.

The Uninvited

There was a cellar in a house at the edge of the town on the Marcq-St. Juvin road just off the intersection where the shell tossed headstones flew unevenly skywards from the cemetery adjoining the Chevierres cross road. There was a cellar packed with a justly frightened human jell, waiting for a command to move them out into an even more untenable position. There was no hospitality towards the storm-driven refuge seeker for every extra breath snuffed off some of the precious oxygen. The building rocked with every detonation, the splash of fragmentation and excavated paving against the facade constantly preceded the inpouring of dirty smoke billows, the roof could be heard lifting and clattering, raining torn sections earthwards — like the incessant dripping of water in an ancient feudel torture the shells kept up their methodical rhythm of screech, thud, shudder, and explode — with as much emotional impact by the penetration and throb of a dud as in the shattering blasts.

The men cringed and choked, finding courage in profane denunciation against all things, all men responsible for their plight. The interloper looked and found an ugly surge in the concerted metamorphosis as though a superstitious reasoning had engulfed panicky minds, he having wrought and brought the storm with his intrusion.

He retraced his steps into the swirling shellmade gusts as though a lesser bazaar ripped through the shambled streets. With his first desparate inhalation of picric laden outdoor air he found solace in the danger he would have to face alone, in a sense of duty that moved him towards his destination, even tho prodded by his own distorted imagination.

The 78th Division Reserve will hold their summer training stint at Fort Dix, August 6th to the 20th.

Western New York 78th Div. Veterans' Association

One of the many sectional groups instrumental in perpetuating the spirit of the Lightning down through a lifetime of change and memories is the aforementioned group of comrades made up the 78th Division residents of the area and representing men from almost every unit in the Division.

We compliment this energetic legion of buddies and stress the example set by this and other bodies in keeping the Lightning flashing.

We enthusiastically envision a day — perhaps this summer — when this aggregation would join with us en-masse in re-unioning on the old training grounds at Dix . . . where buddies from both wars have renewed old friendships and made new ones throughout these many years of Association concentrations.

Here are some of the fellows mentioned in the November issue of their Bulletin:

78th Division Veterans' Association
of Western New York, Inc.
501 Washington Street
Buffalo 3, N. Y.

OFFICERS

David Karlen	Commander
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Abe Immerman	2nd Vice-Commander
Leverne Hoefmer	3rd Vice-Commander
Thomas Frizzell	4th Vice-President
Louis A. Ziehl	Treasurer
Irving F. Kaeslau	Judge Advocate
Jack Feinen	Sergeant-at-Arms
Clarence F. Murphy	Sick and Welfare

We would like to wax optimistic over our membership report this month and in disclosure of mounting World War Two memberships, a show of optimism is indeed justified. But, a searching look and analytical breakdown of the figures does not produce high hopes. A World War One membership figure of 654 is not awe-inspiring. Despite vigorous and commendable efforts by a number of World War One members new enrollments have not been keeping pace with obituaries and general fallouts. There should be no retirement of interest by our senior members, no diminishing of feeling for one another in the twilight age! LET'S KEEP TALKING LIGHTNING, you Doughs with second wind!

That You May Know Those Who Serve Today And Those Who Once Headed The Association

PAST PRESIDENTS

Marshall Stearns*	1919
A. J. L'Heureux, Central Valley, N. J.	1922-24
Arthur C. Judd, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	1924-25
J. T. Dean*	1925-26
Barnard Eberlin, New York, N. Y.	1926-29
Jack Rosenberg, Newark, N. J.	1929-30
George C. Hart, Anaheim, Calif.	1930-31
Jack J. Singer, Jersey City, N. J.	1931-32
Alexander T. Galloway, Clearwater, Fla.	1932-33
Dr. J. Iredell Wyckoff, Ormond Bch., Fla.	1933-34
Harold M. Eisgrau, West Medford, Mass.	1934-35
Arthur G. Bouton*	1935-36
George J. Fagan, New York, N. Y.	1936-37
Thomas Latimer, Garden City, L. I.	1937-38
John R. Kennedy, New Hope, Pa.	1938-39
E. Jerry Kamen, Hasbrouck Hgts., N. J.	1939-40
Oscar L. Mabey*	1940-41
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Joseph A. Stulb, Maywood, N. J.	1942-43
Albert E. Harpell, East Orange, N. J.	1943-44
James J. McGonnell, Jersey City, N. J.	1944-45
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Harry A. Delaney, Jersey City, N. J.	1946-47
W. Jack Masters*	1947-48
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