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August 11, 1982

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell
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Dear Mr. Blackwell:

As per our telephone conversation of late yesterday afternoon,
enclosed please find my personal itinerary through August 29th.

August 14th I leave for Los Angeles, California and can be
reached at my above home address and telephone number.

I deeply appreciate your help in this matter and sincerely
hope that I will be able to meet with the President.

Sincerely,

Winston M. Roche
National Commander

WMR:mSP

*MS.
call him
& say that
~~we were not~~
able to get
him a meeting
at this time.
we will
soon be
trying again.*

*contacted Mr Roche
at home 8/30
He wants a picture
with the President*

COMMANDERS TRAVELS

- August 5 honored guest at reception honoring the Tenth Tri-Annual Nisei Reunion of the 100th Inf. Battalion/442nd Reg. Combat Team/ Military Intelligence Service
- August 7 Enplane for Washington, D.C.
- August 12 Meeting Congressman Anderson on possible "discharge" of H.R. 1918
- August 13 Meeting with Honorable Matthew Martinez, new Congressman on Subcommittee on Pension, on strategy toward immediate markup on H.R. 1918
- August 14 Leave Washington D.C. for Los Angeles
- August 16 Guest of National Commander Arthur Fellwock, VFW National Convention, opening session a.m.
P.M. guest of Commander Fellwock at official reception and banquet
- August 20 Enplane for National Convention of VWW1, Des Moines, Iowa
- August 29 Enplane for Washington, D.C.

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greetings*

June 5, 1981

I am delighted to send my warm greetings to the Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A. and its Ladies Auxiliary as you gather for your 29th National Convention.

World War I, which you knew as "the Great War," was the first war that involved and drew upon the resources of the entire world. The members of your organization who served our nation so well in that momentous struggle faced new and harsh realities as they went off to war. It was the era of trench and gas warfare which ushered in the use of many modern tools of fighting. All Americans join me in commending you for your outstanding contributions to our country.

On Memorial Day we honored those who died fighting for this nation. Today, I honor too, a group representing more than 440,000 living American veterans of World War I, on behalf of a grateful nation.

You have my best wishes for a productive convention and a bright future.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

SENT TO:
Mr. William G. Fisher
National Commander
Veterans of World War I
of the U.S.A.
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Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Enclosure: 8x10 glossy photograph

RR:Wells:lrc
cc: H.vonDamm/J.Wells/M.Blackwell/CF
DUE: ASAP EVENT: SEPT. 6 (Minn.)
Draft info provided by VA

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Special Assistant to The
President for Public Liaison

Dear Friend Blackwell:

Just a short note to tell you how much I enjoyed our conversation
and tour of Rock Creek Park. Washington, D.C. is indeed beautiful
this time of year.

The many courtesies extended me will long be remembered.

My personal regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Winston M. Roche'
National Commander

WMR:msp

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May 7, 1982

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Need of Help

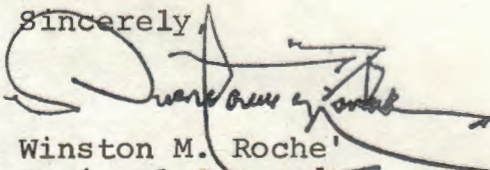
Dear Mr. Blackwell:

We are in receipt of your March 18th report on Federal Assistance
For Those In Need Of Help.

We appreciate your continuing interest in the Veterans of World
War One and their surviving spouses.

Personal regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,


Winston M. Roche
National Commander

WMR:msp

P.S. I still recall with great pleasure
your personalized tour of downtown
Washington, D.C. this past winter...WMR

*Sets of
W.W.I*

June 23, 1982

I am delighted to send my warm greetings to all those gathered for the Thirtieth National Convention of the Veterans of World War I of U.S.A., Inc.

This special occasion presents me with a welcome opportunity to express my continuing high regard for the work of your organization. Your members have fully demonstrated their devotion to our nation through their dedicated efforts to preserve American freedom and independence in the "Great War."

Your organization's unselfish spirit of service has stood as a hallmark of patriotism for 64 years. All Americans take pride in your accomplishments and will always hold you in a special place in their hearts.

You have my best wishes for an enjoyable convention and good luck in the future.

RONALD REAGAN

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Testimony Highlights H.R. 1918 Hearing

Valuable and conscionable testimony was given by heads and leaders of veterans' groups, and by Congressional leaders, at the General Pension Hearing, H.R. 1918, July 21.

TORCH prints excerpts from some of the testimony presented.

Staunch support of a War I pension was evidenced in testimonies given by three Vietnam combat veterans.

David M. Lemon, National Advisory Board, Vietnam Veterans Foundation, stated, "... As we look back in history, we feel we owe the few remaining World War One Veterans many thanks for the present advantages that we do enjoy and appreciate. The Veterans of World War One were highly instrumental in formulating the present G.I. Bill. They did this unselfishly, without great benefits to themselves and for which they were not eligible."

Peter Joannides, who was seriously injured in Vietnam and a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, but testifying as an individual, said, "Entitlements for World War One Veterans did not approach those of World War II Veterans or Korean Conflict Veterans... The Post-World War II G.I. Bill Educational Benefits did much to transform American Society in a positive way.

"I sincerely hope the Congress will consider the problems of World War One Veterans in a compassionate light."

David Waterman, also critically injured as a Vietnam Combat Veteran, and a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America but, again, testifying as an individual, added testimony that, "... From the Revolutionary War through the Spanish-American War, our Government had a history of providing a Service Pension to Veterans, in recognition of their service. The Doughboys of WWI... have been treated more inequitably than any of the Veteran Groups who came before or after.

"... We believe a last minute effort should be effected to see that the World War One Veterans do not go to the grave, still without a pension, and still without equitable treatment, as compared to other Veterans Groups."

Mr. Philip R. Mayo, Special Assistant, National Legislative Service, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS of the United States, gave testimony in support of a War I Pension, stating, "... It is a matter of record the VFW has supported a separate service pen-

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President Reagan Greet's Commander Fisher

President Reagan, in a recent White House conference with Commander Fisher in the Cabinet Room, assured him that in no way would he allow the budget of the Veterans Administration to be cut, and that he had in mind the need for World War I benefits.

President Reagan assured Commander Fisher he would be available for consultation in any

crisis that might justify his time on the subject of World War I veterans' rights.

Referring back to the January TORCH issue, it is to be remembered the original Reagan-Bush Veterans Transition Team, of which Commander Fisher was a member, passed a resolution recommending a World War I pension to the new Administration.

That Ginger Cookie Smell

It may be jelly beans now for President Reagan, but it would seem the "sweet tooth" was always there, even as a lad of four.

Hoyt E. Buttolph, Iowa Dept. Adjutant, lives in Bennett, Iowa, right "across the alley" from the home President Reagan lived in as a young boy.

Says Buttolph: "An elderly lady who lived close-by tells how 'Ronnie' had a good sense of smell, as he usually stood at her back door while she was making Ginger Cookies. She describes him as 'a nice polite little boy.'"

This same Lady neighbor had a picture of President Reagan's father, who had been first baseman on a ball team; picture was forwarded on to the President.

Buddy Buttolph has had an exchange of correspondence with President Reagan about old neighbors who remember the President as a young lad.

President Reagan remembered his ginger cookie neighbor and was delighted to receive the picture, writing Buttolph a hearty thank you for same.

Good Attendance Expected at Convention

As September TORCH goes to press, we can report a good attendance is expected at the 29th annual Convention VWWI and its Ladies Auxiliary, Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 5-9.

October TORCH will carry in full news of the Convention.

National Quartermaster Charles Law reports a large number of Banquet Reservations have come in.

Continue Letters

On September 9, Congress will be back in session, after Labor Day and the end-of-summer recess.

Now is the time. Keep your letters arriving to Congressmen, on the Subcommittee and full Veterans' Affairs Committee (see August TORCH).

Also, write your own Congressman, even if he's not on the Committee, and ask him to urge the committee members to favorably and promptly mark-up H.R. 1918.

YOUR LETTERS COUNT. Your response has been good so far, but keep your letters coming.

Write the H.R. 1918 Co-sponsors, listed in August TORCH (with additional names in this issue), pressing for a prompt and favorable mark-up.

KEEP WRITING.

Some areas did not receive July TORCH issues in time to write letters to Subcommittee and Committee members for arrival prior to the July 21st General Pension Hearing.

Print date as well as mail-out date were upped and all issues mailed the mails July 1.

The Post Office Dept. has informed us that it is not unusual for second class mail to take three weeks to reach destination.

HOWEVER — NOW it is important to write to the Committee Congressmen, as explained in August TORCH, urging a favorable and prompt mark-up of H.R. 1918.

KEEP YOUR LETTERS COMING!

Wheelchairs

Since there will be NO wheelchairs at the National convention for personal use other than medical emergencies, you may wish to rent one for the week for as little as \$16.00, plus a \$7.00 delivery charge.

Make your own arrangements directly with: APA Medical Equipment, 4116 Cedar Ave., So., Minneapolis, MN 55407, TEL: 612 721-6357.

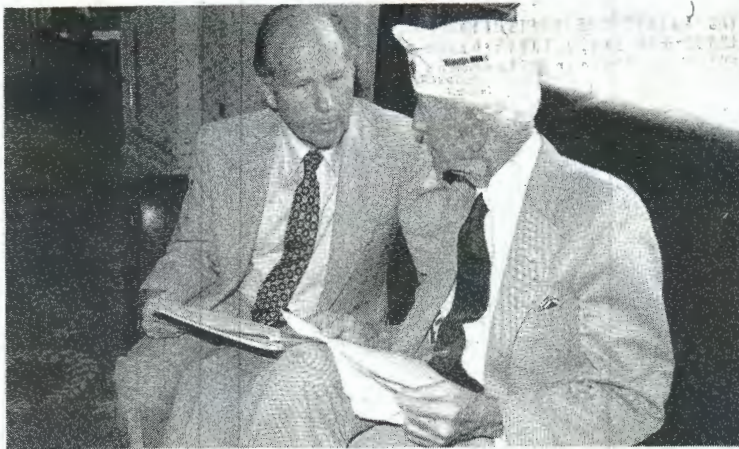
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Pictured above is Congressman Glenn M. Anderson, author of H.R. 1918, and VVWI National Legislative Director Roche'. See August TORCH for full reprint of testimony given by each at the General Pension Hearing. Photos by Keith Jewel, House of Representatives Democratic Photographer.



Pictured at General Pension Hearing, H.R. 1918, are from left, standing: Winston Roche', Legislative Director and Senior Vice Commander, VVWI; Congressman Glenn M. Anderson, D-Cal., author of H.R. 1918; and Nat'l Commander William G. "Bill" Fisher.

Seated, from left: VVWI Past Nat'l Commanders Louis F. Zaruba, Floyd E. Henderson and Ray B. Akin.



Group picture from July 21st Hearing, H.R. 1918. From left: Congressman Mark Siljander (R-Mich); Congressman Chalmers Wylie (R-Ohio); Herman Williams; Congressman Sam Hall (D-Tex), CHAIRMAN, Subcommittee on Compensation, Pension and Insurance; C.E. Duvall; Congressman Douglas Aplegate (D-Ohio); and Congressman Austin Murphy (D-Penn).

Williams and Duvall are VVWI members of Brks. 1993, Huntington, W.Va., and proudly wear their WWI uniforms.



Congressman Sam Hall, Chairman, Subcommittee on Pensions, Compensation and Insurance (center); Williams (Left) and Duvall (right).

Testimony

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sion for World War I veterans and their survivors for many years . . .

" . . . These older veterans received meager benefits by today's standards . . . upon discharge from service, World War I veterans received a payment of \$60 and their train fare home."

The Honorable Claude Pepper, House of Representatives, a War I veteran himself, added compelling testimony. "As Chairman of the Select Committee on Aging, I am acutely aware of the conditions in which a great number of our aged Americans live. There can be no doubt that the problems of living on a fixed income will be compounded by the cuts the Administration proposes in Social Security and other social programs. In 1917, the Nation called upon these people when they were young men and women, to make the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Now, in their time of great need, these veterans are asking for what is rightfully theirs.

"The question before this Congress is, are we going to assist these veterans, or are we going to wait until

this disgraceful situation passes away with the last of the World War I veterans. Are we going to turn our backs on a group of people who offered their lives to this country? . . ."

To be noted was testimony given in statement by the Honorable Baltasar Corrada, Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico, on behalf of veterans of World War One, the first war Puerto Ricans participated in as American citizens. Citizenship was bestowed upon the residents of Puerto Rico by the Jones Act, passed in March 1917, and 18,000 Puerto Ricans joined the armed forces of the United States and contributed their part to World War I.

Mr. Corrada stated, "The time is long overdue to do justice to the 400,000 veterans still alive from the over five million Americans who fought in World War I . . . we cannot delay action until the issue is moot. We owe these veterans too much.

" . . . I support this legislation and I urge you to act promptly on it."

Anna Fuhrer, Past Nat'l President, Widows of World War I; also Dept. of Pennsylvania Legislative Director of the Dept. Auxiliary to Veterans of

World War I, added further testimony:

"I can take you to veterans of WWI living below the poverty level . . .

"For the sake of those approximately 400,000 veterans of World War I and an unknown number of widows of World War I, take H.R. 1918 onto the floor of the Congress, and then work to have it become law, to help these long ignored veterans and widows who have already lived beyond the allotted three score and ten years, before it is too late."

Congressman Martin Olav Sabo, (D-MINN) added testimony before his fellow members: "Americans tend to have a limited memory of history and quickly forget the past, especially the inequities which have existed. Lest we forget again these Americans who contributed to the country's defense in a different era, let us consider this proposal carefully and provide a pension so richly deserved."

The Honorable Robert Edgar, Congressman from Pennsylvania, stated in testimony, " . . . The World War One veteran is still well behind the curve of traditional veterans assistance. At age 84, it is difficult to play 'catch up' with an indifferent society ready to pass you by.

" . . . I feel it is important for this Committee to give serious consideration to approving, at last, a solid meaningful across-the-board pension for the World War One veteran."

Congressman Paul Simon, House of

Representatives, D-Ill., in his testimony stated, "I think it is a matter of simple justice that we do everything within our means to repay that debt of gratitude and I think that is what this bill is intended to do for one group of veterans.

" . . . Now, as they live out their remaining years and their numbers dwindle, it seems to me that the best way to honor our obligation to these veterans is to provide them and their spouses a measure of financial security. Particularly in these times of high inflation when it is increasingly difficult to make ends meet on a fixed income, the pension authorized in the bill seems the least we can do."

Dorothy Fooks, Publisher, The Murray Hill News, a Judge, and a veteran of World War I, contributed testimony. "Restore respect for Government in the United States of America. We have first class citizens who left employment, education, and their way of life to get into the Armed Forces to keep the freedom for the survival of our nation. Others who did not serve, enjoyed the benefits at home. We are the Veterans of our Country. While men were sacrificing the last drops of blood in their bodies, this Nation and Congress survived

" . . . The Government doesn't owe the Veterans a living, but the Government does owe its existence to the Veteran.

" . . . we should now get the pension, an Honorarium, deserved many, many years ago. Better late than never."

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The Purple Heart

Many Buddies of VWWI are recipients of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Some received this award while serving, some at discharge, and some 60 or more years belatedly.

Jerry L. Searles, National Commander, Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A., Inc., sent TORCH this history of the Medal.

The ORDER of the PURPLE HEART for MILITARY MERIT, commonly called "The Purple Heart," is an American decoration — the oldest military decoration in the world in present use, and the first award made available to a common soldier. It was created by one of the world's most famed and best loved heroes — General George Washington!

General Washington is often pictured as a cold, stern soldier, a proud aristocrat, a martinet. Perhaps he was all of these at times. Yet we know he showed sympathy and concern for his troops, and was not too proud to pray, humbly on his knees, for his beloved country and for the men who served it, and him, so bravely and loyally. His keen appreciation of the importance of the common soldier in any campaign impelled him to recognize outstanding valor and merit by granting a commission or an advance in rank for the person concerned. In the summer of 1782 he was ordered by the Continental Congress to cease doing so — there were no funds to pay the soldiers, much less the officers!

Deprived of his usual means of reward, he must have searched for a substitute. Shortly after receiving the "stop" order from Congress, he wrote his memorable General Orders of August 7, 1782, which read in part as follows:

"The General, ever desirous to cherish virtuous ambition in his soldiers as well as foster and encourage every species of military merit, directs that whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings, over his left breast, the figure of a heart in purple cloth or silk edged with narrow lace or binding. Not only instances of unusual gallantry, but also of extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way shall meet with due reward . . . The name and regiment of the persons so certified are to be enrolled in a Book of Merit which shall be kept in the orderly room . . . Men who have merited this distinction to be suffered to pass all guards and sentinels which officers are permitted to do . . . The order to be retroactive to the earliest stages of the war, and to be a permanent one . . . The road to glory in a patriot army and a free country is thus open to all."

Lost or misfiled for almost 150 years among War Department Records at Washington, D.C., this important paper came to light during the search for Washington's papers prior to the celebration of his Bi-Centennial in 1932. With it were the dramatic accounts of three soldiers who received the decoration at Newburgh, N.Y., at Washington's Headquarters. The Book of Merit has not been found. The U.S. War Department revived the Purple Heart decoration on Feb. 22, 1932. The revived form is of metal, instead of perishable cloth, made in the shape of a rich purple heart bordered with gold, with a bust of Washington in the center and the Washington coat-of-arms at the top. The latter is believed to have been the source of the stars and stripes of the American flag.

Intrinsically, the Purple Heart is the world's costliest military decoration — nineteen separate operations are required to make it from the rough heart stamped from bronze to the finished medal, plated with gold and enameled in various colors, suspended from a purple and white ribbon.

The ORDER of the PURPLE HEART is awarded to members of the armed forces of the U.S. who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of an enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action. It is definitely a combat decoration.

An organization, now known as "The Military Order of the Purple Heart," was formed in 1932 for the protection and mutual interest of all who have received the decoration. Composed exclusively of Purple Heart recipients, it is the only strictly "combat" organization extant.

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Flags Fly High at Service

Brks. and Auxiliary 1652, Yuma, Ariz., participated in the Memorial Day Services recently.

Pictured are Gladys Loll, Auxiliary Guard; Kathleen M. McNalley, Chaplain; and Charles J. Roy, Brks. Commander. Members took part in laying wreaths at the local cemetery and marching at the Queehan Indian Cemetery. Buddy Roy has been Brks. Commander for nine years and is past Dept. Cmdr.

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Mr. & Mrs. Walter A. Campbell, Oklahoma City	10.00		

Reunions

The First Gas Regiment Association will have its 63rd Annual Reunion at Fort McClellan, Ala., October 1-3, 1981. CONTACT: Major John C. Schmidt, Jr., 5108 North Road, Anniston, Ala. 36201 (TEL: (205) 238-1351 or (205) 238-4314.)

A reunion of the 113th Engineers, WWI, has been set for September 27 at Forest Park Cabin, Noblesville, Ind. CONTACT: Glen E. McCool, 1820 E. Sycamore St., Kokomo, Ind. 46901.

Reunion of the 87th Infantry Division of WWI and WWII will take place in Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 23-27, at the Stouffers Cincinnati Towers. CONTACT: Gladwin Pasquazzo, 2374 N. Dundee Ct., Highland, Mich. 48031; TEL: 1-313-887-9005.

Urge Adoption of

WWI Pension

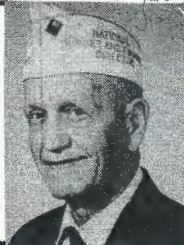
Jewish War Veterans of the USA, in letters to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, are urging the adoption of the World War I Pension authorization bill (H.R. 1918), according to their National Commander Irvin Steinberg.

Steinberg has written: "WWI veterans have never received the benefits American veterans of other wars have obtained... Now their average age is 85. Some 200 WWI veterans die every day. And still the survivors and the widows wait for the recognition due them."

Quartermaster's Column

CHARLES R. LAW

National Quartermaster-Adjutant



We are sorry to advise you that prices have to be raised on the following items:

Postage & Handling on Caps for Special Lettering ... \$ 1.25
Grave Markers \$11.50

Check your National Price List and make the above changes.

Those Dept. QM's and/or Dept. Chaplains who have not sent in your total of deaths, please do so at once, as these must be read off at our National Convention at the Memorial Service on Sunday, Sept. 6, 1981.

There were 51 applications for bolo ties for those Buddies who signed up two or more members during National Commander Fisher's Membership Campaign.

There were four Departments who went over the top, as follows:

	%		%
Delaware	104.92	North Dakota	118.69
South Dakota	105.95	Hawaii	143.88

CONGRATULATIONS to those who made this possible.

On the Membership Awards submitted by National Chief of Staff Sheffert, Florida, we show:

Region Eight	\$100.00
North Dakota	\$100.00
Hawaii (Barracks)	\$ 50.00
Hawaii—Richard Ching	\$ 50.00

OUR LESS FORTUNATE BUDDIES NEED YOU

The time has come when nearly one half of the remaining World War One Veterans are no longer able to live without some assistance from others. The majority are confined to their homes or nursing homes. The percentage is increasing day by day.

When one gets into that condition, he has little contact with the outside world. The repetition of his daily activities becomes monotonous and boring. It is no wonder he becomes lonely and despondent. Nothing is more important to him than to have anyone, friends or not, spend a little time with him and let him know he is not forgotten.

We should all realize we might some day like to have someone come with a pleasant smile and a cheery greeting, if we were to become a shut-in.

The need becomes greater as the potential of those able to visit becomes less. There is no reward, but the satisfaction of knowing we have helped some one less fortunate, when we see the smile on his face and feel the firm hand grip as he begs us to come back.

To those that attend the W.W.I. National Convention in Minneapolis in September, I wish to point out that there will be a meeting of the Local Hospital and Nursing Home Committee, immediately following the V.A.V.S. meeting Monday, September 7th, in the same room. The meeting will be very short. I urge all, whether a member of the committee or not, to meet with us. There can be nothing more important than to be concerned for a Buddy who is less fortunate.

LET US BE A BUDDY TO A BUDDY.

E. J. Niedermaier, Chairman
Local Hospitals and
Nursing Committee

Kirby with Congressman Matsui

In August TORCH, "H.R. 1918 Hearing Highly Effective," Legislative Assistant Mike Kirby was identified as being on Congressman Glenn M. Anderson's staff.

Mr. Kirby was formerly Legislative Assistant to Congressman Anderson, and because of his experience and expertise with Pension Hearings and H.R.

1918 in particular, was called upon, certainly by our organization, for the help he gave at the July 21st Hearing.

Mike is now Legislative Assistant to Congressman Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif) and VWWI members are grateful for the courtesy of his time and efforts throughout the Hearing.

Veterans Administration News

Two New Cemeteries

The VA will develop national cemeteries in Alabama and Florida, VA Administrator Robert P. Nimmo said today.

Fort Mitchell, Ala., will serve as the regional national cemetery for states in Standard Federal Region IV. This selection completes the concept of developing one regional national cemetery in each of the ten federal regions.

According to Nimmo, VA will locate a national cemetery in Florida, at a yet to be determined site, to serve that state's rapidly growing veteran population.

These new national cemeteries bring to eight the total of new cemeteries started by VA, since enactment of the National Cemeteries Act in 1973.

The decision to locate at Fort Mitchell, Nimmo said, was based on the increasingly escalating costs of developing Fort Gillem, Ga., the site selected by VA in November 1979, to serve as the regional cemetery in the southeastern United States.

The region, comprising Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina, has a combined veteran population of 4.5 million, including 1.3 million veterans in Florida.

Florida leads all states in the growth of its veteran population, with an average increase of 5,000 veterans each month. Veterans in Florida average 51 years of age, the highest in the nation.

Fort Mitchell is located ten miles southeast of the Columbus, Ga./Phoenix City, Ala. metropolitan area, on an inactive military reservation. The 451-acre site is on land owned by Russell County, whose commissioners will donate the land to VA. Neither Georgia nor Alabama, with a combined veteran population of more than one million, have open national cemeteries.

All other states in Region IV have two or more open national cemeteries.

Use Correct Forms

Some delays in marking the graves of veterans with government furnished monuments have been traced to the use of outdated application forms bearing Department of Defense or Department of the Army addresses.

Veterans service officers and cemetery and funeral directors are urged to use VA Form 40-1330, "Application for Headstone or Marker." These forms may be obtained from the nearest VA regional office or by writing to: Monument Service (42), Veterans Administration, 810 Vermont Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420.

Completed application should be mailed to Monument Service at the above address.

Nimmo Appointment Now Official

Robert P. Nimmo was confirmed by the Senate on July 10 and sworn in on July 15, as the eleventh Administrator of the Veterans Administration, the government's largest independent agency. (See June TORCH, page one, for background.)

September 13 --

Birthdate of Pershing

General John J. Pershing, commander in Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe during World War One, was born September 13, 121 years ago.

General Pershing was appointed by Congress on September 3, 1919, as General of the Armies of the United States; no other officer has since held this title.

Pershing Park in Washington, D.C. marks the efficacy of our Nation's Capitol to pay homage to this great hero of the Great War. The Park is a pleasing sight, located on Pennsylvania Ave., between 14th and 15th Sts., N.W., and around the corner from the White House.

There is a gradually sloping lawn around the park to the sidewalks, and young trees, shrubs and flower gardens abound. Lighting effect at night is elegant from unique post lamps around the edges.

The AEF Memorial Walls with engraved battle maps of War One are complete. Only the mounting of the Pershing-Statue remains. Sculptor Robert White is still working on the statue, and the target date for mounting at this time is Memorial Day 1982.

Seeks War I Riding Britches

Dr. Ray L. Ferguson, Project Director, International Costume Exhibition, writes TORCH that he seeks a pair of officers riding britches worn during World War I.

The Costume Exhibition is on permanent display at South San Francisco High School for students to visit and give honor and respect to those who served their nation with honor and distinction. The Exhibition is expected to attract some 500,000 viewers each year.

Address for Dr. Ferguson is P.O. Box 86, Burlingame, CA. 94010.

Looses Addresses Through Fire

Marion O. Russ, P.O. Box 78, River Pines, Calif. 95675, writes TORCH that his house burned and he lost everything, including the addresses of the Buddies with whom he corresponded.

Russ asks that his writing pals write him so he may recoup their addresses.



Camp Upton Memorial

Brks. 2981 Dedicates Plaque

Patchogue Brks. 2981 recently presented and dedicated a Bronze Memorial Plaque to the Brookhaven Nat'l. Laboratory site of former Camp Upton, a 1917-18 WWI Training Camp, Yaphank, N.Y.

Plaque reads "In Memory of Camp Upton and Those Who Did Not Return, World War I, 1917-18."

Pictured from left: Vincent J. O'Leary, Assistant Director of BNL; Marion L. Pond, Brks. Adjutant; Raymond M. Burns, Sr., Brks. Commander; Frederick Gerber, Brks. Sr. Vice Cmdr.; and Louis A. Harson, Principal Architect of BNL.

QM Law Honored

Charles R. Law, Nat'l. Adjutant-Quartermaster, VWWI, has been appointed as a member of the Maryland Veterans' Home Commission for a term of four years, beginning July 1, 1981.

This honor was bestowed upon Buddy Law by Maryland State Governor Harry Hughes.

Commands Second Dept.

John F. McIntyre has been elected Dept. Commander, District of Columbia. McIntyre is Past Dept. Commander of California; also, Past National Adjutant-Quartermaster.

Election Judge Honored

Harvey Hendrickson, Crewe, Va., was recently presented a plaque honoring him for his 54 years service as a precinct Election Judge, Nottoway County.

Wall Map of Brks.

A wall map showing the location of Massachusetts Barracks has been prepared. The map will be used to keep a closer relationship with Dept. membership; also, to aid in placing potential members.

Wm. J. Foerster is Massachusetts Dept. Commander.

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Bus Group From Texas to Convention

Ed J. Niedermaier, Brks. Cmdr. of 765, Dallas, has once again chartered a bus to take his Texas group to VWWI National Convention in Minneapolis.

For some years the "Niedermaier bus" has been an experience in great times together, as well as financial savings to Texans at Convention time. This year the round trip fare is \$170 and includes overnight stays at motels on the road.

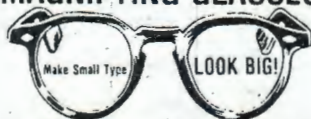
Family of New Members

Barracks 551 and Auxiliary, Kalamazoo, Mich., have acquired a family of new VWWI and Auxiliary members.

They are the Rooney family; an 86-year old WWI Army nurse; a daughter retired as a Navy Commander; and another daughter, a retired Air Force Major.

During the past eight weeks, this Brks. has signed on 25 new members, while their Auxiliary has 40 new Sisters.

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The Purple Heart

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Funds for welfare, rehabilitation and/or service work carried on by the organization are derived almost entirely from the annual distribution of its official flower, The Purple Heart Viola. These are assembled by disabled and needy veterans, many of whom receive little or no compensation from other sources. Thus, your contribution for a Viola serves a two-fold purpose — it helps the veteran who assembled it, and it enables the organization to do many things in behalf of hospitalized and needy veterans and their families.

The Purple Heart Viola on your lapel is evidence that YOU have not forgotten the price of liberty paid in the past and still being paid by those who have borne the brunt of battle in defense of America.

Close feminine relatives of Purple Heart recipients are eligible to belong to the Ladies Auxiliary of The Military Order of the Purple Heart, which does important work nationally and locally in Veterans Hospitals. Further information about the Order and its auxiliary may be obtained at the Department Service Office.

For further data: Military Order of the Purple Heart, National Headquarters, 5413-B Backlick Rd., Springfield, Va. 22151.

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Ladies Auxiliary



ELSIE R. KEATING
National President

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 12

By the time these General Orders reach you, our National Convention, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, will be well on its way.

These are my final General Orders. How is it possible to express how wonderful it has been to work with all of you this year? It has been such a privilege to serve you as National President, and I hope I have served you well.

Our National Secretary has informed me that some of the Departments have not sent in their Installation Reports — PLEASE — she needs these in order to update the Roster.

Department Conventions are over, and my most Sincere Thanks to all the National Representatives who so gracefully accepted the Department Conventions to which they were assigned.

I am very proud of ALL my Chairmen; they have served our Organization well.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Past National President, Agnes Ebernz. She will be greatly missed.

Reminder: All scheduled meetings will start as promptly as possible. National Officers and Pages will wear white dresses, shoes and gloves.

Our deepest sympathy to those who have lost loved ones. Our prayers and Get Well wishes to all who are ill, and unable to be with us this year.

All my love and thanks to you for a wonderful year. — Remember how important it is to have "Consideration — be Cooperative — and to Communicate." How else can we continue to be the great Organization that we are.

God bless each and everyone of you.

Attest:
Thelma Tomko
National Secretary

Loyally,
Elsie Keating
National President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE SHARING

Some share their lives with all they meet
*Along life's thoroughfare,
A smile . . . a nod . . . a silence sweet,
These are the joys they share.
Some close their eyes along the road
While others hold their ears,*

Nick Kenny
*And there are quick and thoughtless words
That transform smiles to tears.
Our hearts tick off the nights and days
Like clocks upon a shelf
And lonely is the one who wastes
God's time upon himself.*

IN MEMORIAM — MARY L. AUSTIN — MAY 29, 1981

The foundation for the Veterans of World War I organization was laid in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 29, 1949, when twelve World War I Veterans met at the Olmstead Hotel. As a result of this meeting, a Charter was granted to The Veterans of World War I by the State of Ohio.

In 1953, a Ladies Auxiliary was formed. Mary L. Austin was appointed President and, on July 21, 1953, the State of Ohio granted a Charter to the Ladies Auxiliary. A National Convention was called to meet in Baltimore, Maryland, November 10-14, 1953, at which time the Ladies were granted permission to organize a National Ladies Auxiliary. Mary L. Austin attended this meeting and, with other Auxiliary members present at this first Convention, was very helpful in organizing the new National Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of World War I, U.S.A.

Sister Mary served as Secretary from November 1953 to February 1954, and also served as National Historian. She became a Life member in April 1974.

Mary L. Austin was a member of Ohio Auxiliary #461 at the time of her death, on May 29, 1981. She was a dedicated Sister for many years, until ill health prevented further activity.

To her friends and relatives, we extend our Sympathy.

Thanks From Betty Page

I cannot find words adequate to express my sincere thanks for all the sympathy cards, memorials and masses sent to me when my darling daughter, Alice Marie Vincke, was taken from us and went to her heavenly home to be with our Blessed Lord, where there is no more suffering, pain or tears. God bless you all.

(Signed) Betty, Cletus, Joan and Susan

Daughter President

Auxiliary, Department of North Carolina, has elected Margaret Howell Pope as Dept. President. This gives Margaret the distinct honor of being the first daughter elected to this office.

She became an Auxiliary member in the 60's; succeeds her mother, Mrs. Della Howell, who also is a past Fourth Regional President. Margaret's father is a Past Fourth Regional Commander.

National Membership Data

AS OF AUGUST 15, 1981

1980 Membership as of August 15, 1980 - 69,611
1980 Membership as of August 15, 1981 - 69,815
1981 Membership as of August 15, 1981 - 61,745

TOP 25 DEPARTMENTS - AUGUST

1 - California	8,979	13 - Ohio	1,477
2 - Florida	5,707	14 - Pennsylvania	1,279
3 - Texas	3,711	15 - Nebraska	1,215
4 - Indiana	2,962	16 - Missouri	1,203
5 - Washington	2,650	17 - Oklahoma	1,095
6 - Michigan	2,446	18 - New York	999
7 - Illinois	2,400	19 - Arkansas	945
8 - Oregon	2,378	20 - Alabama	919
9 - Iowa	2,282	21 - South Dakota	856
10 - Minnesota	2,115	22 - Colorado	844
11 - Wisconsin	1,940	23 - Idaho	780
12 - Kansas	1,779	24 - Arizona	743
#25 - Montana	705		

TOP 25 AUXILIARIES - AUGUST

1 California #549 Hemet San Jac.	499	13 Texas #2512 Dallas	173
2 Texas #15 Ft. Worth	307	14 Montana #835 Missoula	173
3 Florida #714 Port Charlotte	288	15 Kansas #1113 Topeka	172
4 Florida #155 St. Petersburg	264	16 Minnesota #233 Minneapolis	171
5 Florida #2533 Ridgewood Groves	248	17 California #897 Yucaipa	170
6 California #296 Sun City	232	18 Alabama #2487 Tuscaloosa	170
7 California #2860 Leisure World	225	19 Calif. #1116 Laguna Hills	169
8 California #240 San Diego	202	20 California #573 El Cajon	160
9 Florida #1929 Buena Vista	186	21 Nebraska #1556 Hastings	159
10 Oregon #1287 Portland	184	22 Oklahoma #3075 Tulsa	157
11 New Mexico #117 Albuquerque	177	23 Calif. #937 Golden Rain	155
12 Kansas #1963 Chamute	175	24 Michigan #74 Bay City	151
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Secretary-Treasurer's Message

THELMA TOMKO

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NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER'S MESSAGE

This is THANK YOU time, when we look back on what we have accomplished, and remember those who have helped us along the way. It doesn't seem possible that I have completed my first year at National Headquarters. It has been a busy one, but a happy one.

A big THANK YOU goes to Lenna Bradbury for her generous gift of time and knowledge, who answered my questions all during the year, by telephone and letter.

To President Elsie Keating, for her guidance and cooperation, as well as encouragement, throughout this year, goes another big THANKS. I will miss her telephone calls and visits to Headquarters, as I could always count on her during this first year.

All those who took the time to send little notes, or even a sentence or two, you will never know how happy I was to receive them. Many times, they made my day. Each one was appreciated.

SOME THOUGHTS FOR THE FUTURE: We must try to encourage our Auxiliaries to keep going, as long as there is an interested member. If you should hear of one wishing to disband, try to find out if there are members who do not agree, and wish to continue their membership. Invite them to visit your Auxiliary, and make them welcome. Later on, they may wish to transfer. There are still many loyal members who would appreciate your taking the time to help them keep their membership. If you receive The Torch, please share it with them.

If the Department President or Treasurer is too far away, why not get in touch with your District President. They are part of the Department, and should be made to feel needed. They should communicate with their Auxiliaries, and offer their help. Likewise, Department Presidents should call on the Region Presidents, when they can be of help.

Distances can be too great for one person to cover, during a Department President's year, so why not try to delegate some of the visits to your officers. A disbanded Auxiliary suddenly came to life when visited by a Department President, who let them know she cared. This has happened several times this year. Thanks, Sisters.

IN MEMORIAM: Our sincere sympathy is extended to Pauline Charping, Jr. Vice President, on the passing of her father, George Stuart. Our thoughts are with you through this time of sorrow.

As we participate in the activities of our National Convention, I hope I can make a worthy contribution to its success.

Loyally,
THELMA TOMKO
Nat'l Sec'y-Treasurer



Year of the Daughter/Granddaughter

Record Set, Perhaps?

Irene Hindle, Auxiliary 1193 President, Bremerton, Wash., recently had the honor of witnessing the initiation of a daughter and six granddaughters into her Auxiliary.

Pictured from left, front and seated: Mary Ellen Stewart, daughter, and Irene Hindle.

Standing are granddaughters: Donna, Patricia, Shelley, Cynthia, Teri and Candace.

TORCH salutes this attractive family of Auxiliary members, VWWL



Battle Ruins of Chateau-Thierry

A Turning Point, The Great War

Picture is of ruins at Chateau-Thierry, where in May 1918, General Pershing rushed AEF Divisions to the front where they were able to halt the German advance on Paris.

Thus, this then small village of Chateau-Thierry, on the River Marne, was etched into history forever by America's brave fighting men of World War I.

Battle of Chateau-Thierry - a Major Military Engagement of WWI

Spring of 1918 found the Germans on the offensive.

Their advance was halted, but temporarily, by the American and French troops, during the last week of May.

July 15, 1918, the fighting resumed along a wide area, with the bloodiest fighting taking place around the Chateau-Thierry salient.

Toward the southeast, the French pulled back some, although suppressing further advances by the Germans.

To the south and southwest, American troops held ground. Marshal Foch, French Allied Commander-in-Chief, then prepared a counter offensive.

On July 18, the Americans and French attacked the western side of the salient near Chateau-Thierry. British and French troops fought at the southern side.

The German Commander, Ludendorff, began to withdraw — the German advance had been halted.

July 21, 1918, saw American and French troops march into Chateau-Thierry. With the Germans still in retreat, the Battle of Chateau-Thierry marked the beginning of a peace quest from the German army.

Letters To Torch

"It is through your publication that I first learned of the great accomplishments the House Veterans' Affairs Committee is making for action regarding H.R. 1918.

"It is now of the utmost importance for each Buddy to write his Congressman..." Francis T. Brower, Midland Park, N.J.

"How well I remember the U.S.S. Henderson (June TORCH). While with the 419th Telegraph Battalion on the U.S.S. Arabic, we were rammed and disabled by the Henderson midway across the Atlantic. The convoy continued, leaving us alone to crawl along.

"What a relief it was to see an American Destroyer come to our rescue and escort us the remaining few days out of Brest." Wm. L. Joyce, Providence, R.I.

"I recall serving during training with Harold Pierce (Feb.-Mar. TORCH)... Yes, I remember receiving a Testament and I carried mine in my pocket near my heart because the chap who gave me the Testament told me that a fellow soldier's life was saved when the Testament stopped the bullet." T.R. Fredley, New Port Richey, Fla.

I enjoy your paper very much. On the back page of July TORCH is an article "Distinguish Nurse Resides in Alaska"... My aunt Martha Simpson was a nurse in France 1917-18, at the time I was also serving in St. Mihiel and Argonne and she also was a nurse in Alaska for a few years and I am sending her a copy of TORCH." Lloyd Mayswinkle, Colorado Springs, Colo.



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MEMBERSHIP

THE 1981 MEMBERSHIP GOAL IS 90%
OF MEMBERSHIP AS OF 9/30/80

	1980 Total Members for the year	1981 Goal	1981 Total Members as of 8/11/81	Percent of Goal
Region No. 1				
Maine	710	639	574	89.83
Massachusetts	2497	2247	2074	92.30
New Hampshire	656	590	551	93.38
Rhode Island	206	185	159	85.95
TOTAL	4069	3661	3358	91.72
Region No. 2				
Connecticut	1160	1044	944	90.42
New York	1858	1672	1615	96.60
Vermont	214	193	183	94.82
TOTAL	3232	2909	2742	94.26
Region No. 3				
Delaware	136	122	128	104.92
New Jersey	941	847	758	89.49
Pennsylvania	3429	3086	2665	86.36
TOTAL	4506	4055	3551	87.57
Region No. 4				
Dist. of Columbia	152	137	119	86.86
Maryland	716	644	612	95.03
N. Carolina	1303	1173	1089	92.84
S. Carolina	451	406	369	90.89
Virginia	1161	1045	630	60.29
W. Virginia	992	893	812	90.93
TOTAL	4775	4298	3631	84.48
Region No. 5				
Alabama	999	899	842	93.66
Florida	6238	5614	5092	90.70
Georgia	555	500	448	89.60
Mississippi	385	347	255	73.49
TOTAL	8177	7360	6637	90.18
Region No. 6				
Illinois	3054	2749	2439	88.72
Indiana	3380	3042	2708	89.02
Kentucky	392	353	344	97.45
Michigan	3124	2812	2616	93.03
Ohio	2385	2147	2071	96.46
Tennessee	825	743	643	86.54
TOTAL	13160	11846	10821	91.35
Region No. 7				
Iowa	2507	2256	1997	88.52
Ireland	16	14	12	85.71
Minnesota	2556	2300	2012	87.48
Missouri	2018	1816	1544	85.02
Nebraska	1123	1011	907	89.71
N. Dakota	642	578	686	118.69
S. Dakota	691	622	660	106.11
Wisconsin	2994	2695	2484	92.17
TOTAL	12547	11292	10302	91.23
Region No. 8				
Alaska	78	70	67	95.71
Arizona	1092	983	959	97.56
California	10883	9795	9113	93.04
Hawaii	109	98	146	148.98
Idaho	1001	901	813	90.23
Montana	858	772	727	94.17
Nevada	191	172	163	94.77
Oregon	2292	2063	2001	96.99
Washington	2396	2156	1990	92.30
TOTAL	18900	17010	15979	93.94
Region No. 9				
Colorado	911	820	807	98.41
Kansas	1896	1706	1501	87.98
New Mexico	474	427	378	88.52
Utah	503	453	385	84.99
Wyoming	198	178	175	98.31
TOTAL	3982	3584	3246	90.57
Region No. 10				
Arkansas	1290	1161	1081	93.11
Louisiana	424	382	339	88.74
Oklahoma	1224	1102	971	88.11
Texas	3487	3138	3000	95.60
TOTAL	6425	5783	5391	93.22
Members at Large	228	205	1004	
TOTAL	80,001	72,003	66,662	92.58

TOP TEN DEPARTMENTS IN MEMBERSHIP

1. California	9113
2. Florida	5092
3. Texas	3000
4. Indiana	2708
5. Pennsylvania	2665
6. Michigan	2616
7. Wisconsin	2484
8. Illinois	2439
9. Massachusetts	2074
10. Ohio	2071

TOP TEN DEPARTMENTS IN % OF GOAL

1. Hawaii	148.98
2. N. Dakota	118.69
3. S. Dakota	106.11
4. Delaware	104.92
5. Colorado	98.41
6. Wyoming	98.31
7. Arizona	97.56
8. Kentucky	97.45
9. Oregon	96.99
10. New York	96.60

TOP FIVE REGIONS IN MEMBERSHIP

1. Region No. 8	15,979
2. Region No. 6	10,821
3. Region No. 7	10,302
4. Region No. 5	6,637
5. Region No. 10	5,391

TOP FIVE REGIONS IN % OF GOAL

1. Region No. 2	94.26
2. Region No. 8	93.94
3. Region No. 10	93.22
4. Region No. 1	91.72
5. Region No. 6	91.35

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NORTH CAROLINA:
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 SEC: MARGRETTE MEYER, AUX 3600, 530 MARIE AVENUE, AVALON 15202
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 SEC: WILMA ROUNDY, AUX 2670, 291 NORTH 500 EAST, PROVO 84601
 TREAS: Same as above

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 SEC: LOIS HAMILTON, AUX 3393, 1451 S THURMOND, SHERIDAN 82801
 TREAS: HANNAH PARKHURST, AUX 2324, 524 N SIXTH, EAST, RIVERTON 82501

Dept. Conventions

FLORIDA — U.S. Congressman W.C. "Bill" Young (R-Fla.) gave the principal address at the joint session of the Florida Dept. Convention, held in Lakeland.

Nat'l Sr. Vice Commander Winston Roche', who is also National Legislative Director, attended the Convention, and installed Dept. Cmdr. Sheldon F. de-Baun. Nat'l Auxiliary President Elsie Keating and Nat'l Auxiliary Chaplain Pauline Charing were guests. The convention was chaired by Past Dept. Cmdr. Walter F. Keane, and Region Five President Louise Lloyd.

ARIZONA — The Dept. of Arizona held its 23rd Annual State Convention in Tucson. National Sr. Vice Commander Winston Roche' attended, and installed the new officers.

NEBRASKA — The Nebraska Dept. Convention was held in Kearney; Nat'l Auxiliary President Elsie Keating and Nat'l Alt. Jr. Cmdr. John J. Harrington were special guests.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dally, Missouri Dept.

MISSOURI — Pictured are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dally, who both have had the honor of heading the Dept. of Missouri, as Dept. Commander and Dept. President. At the banquet, Mrs. Dally was crowned the first Queen of the Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, in honor of the 25th year celebration of the Dept.

(TORCH regrets we did not have space for more individual news of Dept. Conventions.)

Would Like To Hear

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Conrad H. Spangenberg, Fishkill Health Related Center, Rm. E2, Dogwood Lane, Beacon, N.Y. 12508, would like to hear from anyone in the 321st Infantry stationed in France until the end of the First World War.

Clarence G. Conrad, Rt.2 Box 343-B, Otis, Oregon 97368, from any WWI Buddies who served with him at Camp Dodge, Iowa, Co. H, Second Infantry, Aug. 20, 1918 - Feb. 8, 1919; kept from going overseas by the 'flu epidemic.

Dewey Snyder, 309 W. Erie, Mo. Valley, Iowa 51555, from anyone who served in the Third A.I.C., 30th Aero Squadron, Air Force instruction center.

John P. Carter, 1518 No. Cedar, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903, from anyone who served on the U.S.S. Davis, Destroyer No. 65, 1917-19.

John Greco, 2614 W. Serendipity Circle, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80917, wants to know if any of his Buddies of the 152nd F.A. Brigade Hdqts., 77th Div., have a photograph of all the officers and men; will reimburse for a photostatic copy.

Charles H. Hackett, 1550 Gay Drive, Apt. 124, Winter Park, Fla. 32789, from anyone who served in Co. B, 23rd Inf., Second Div., June 10 to June 20, 1918, or who might have been confined to Base Hospital 18, who might have known his brother, Corp. Clarence E. Hackett.

Harold R. Oeters, 326 Palmetto St., West Palm Beach, Fla. 33405, would like to hear from any younger WWI veteran. Oeters was born 3/12/01 and wonders if he is the youngest WWI veteran.

F.G. Darby, P.O. Box 87,

Oklawaha, Fla. 32679, from any member of the Medical Dept. who served at the old Naval Hospital, 24th & E. N.W., Washington, D.C. in 1915.

Heber S. Nelson, 3 Eton Court, Wilmington, Del. 119805, from anyone (including Lt. Scott, CO) from Co. H, Ft. Douglas, Utah, a contingent of Pacific Coast Artillery. Ft. Douglas was a training camp for prospective Lieuts., 1918.

Salvatore Giacompe, 1619 N. Treat Ave., Tucson, Ariz. 85716, from a First Lt. named McDonald, a Dr. on his WWI ship U.S.S. Virginia. McDonald had an office in the Link Bldg, Palestine, Tex.

Palmer H. Butts, 139 Manzanita Ct., San Jacinto, Calif. 92533, from anyone who served

aboard the U.S.S. Birmingham, Sept. 1916-Feb. 1920.

Wm. K.D. ("Katy") Reynolds, 702 W. Walnut, Apt. 304, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814, from Buddies who were in Co. A (Capt. Hull), 322nd Field Signal Battalion, training in Camp Lewis, Washington; on arrival in France were assigned to First Army Hdqtrs.

George W. Rood, 1139 W. Mistletoe, San Antonio, Tex. 78201, from anyone who served with him in Base Hospital Seven, Boston City Hospital, in Joue Les Tours, France, 1918-19.

Nancy Pope, 1629 Columbia Rd. N.W., #419, Wash., D.C. 20009, from anyone who spent time in a Prussian or Austrian prison camp — in connection with research she is doing on this subject.

George R. Johnson, 14083 94th Place No., Largo, Fla., from any members who served with him in Co. L, 31st Inf., AEF Siberia and the Philippine Islands, 1920-23.

Pasquale Barone, 93 Cameron Road, Norwood, Mass. 02062, asks to hear from any members of Evacuation #8 and anyone who knew Angelena G. Croshere, a member of Evacuation 8 who served as a nurse in Germany, France and England; also with Army of Occupation after the war. He writes for Mrs. Croshere.

WWI POSTERS WANTED

As a private collector of WWI posters and a full-time VA physician, I will purchase singles or collections. Mail description and condition for offer. Ken Khuans, M.D., 155 Harbor Dr., No. 4812, Chicago, Ill. 60601.

Members sending in requests to go under "Would Like to Hear" heading, must send check or money order for \$3.00.

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Salvatore Giacoppo, 1619 N. Treat Ave., Tucson, Ariz. 85716; from anyone with information on a 1st Lt. McDonald (doctor) on his ship USS Virginia. McDonald had an office in Link Bldg. in Palestine, Tex.

Palmer H. Butts, 139 Mainzanita Ct., San Jacinto, Ca 92383; from anyone who served aboard the USS Birmingham, Sept 1916-Feb 1920.

John P. Carter, 1518 N. Cedar, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903; from anyone serving on the USS Davis destroyer No. 65 — 1917-19.

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Final Calls

Carl C. Harris (1st Lt.), PC Brks. 2680, Sakeston, Mo., June 9.
Alice T. Curtin, Brks. 161, Wash., D.C., July 23.
Ethel Sipe, Fairfield, Iowa, Auxiliary 724, June 8.
Fred O. King, Brks. 986, Alton, Ill., July 9.
Charles Smith, Brks. 652, Tallahassee, Fla., April 30.
Edward L. Higley, Brks. 3448, Fayetteville, Ark., June 11.
Richard P. Dinnis, Sr., Brks. 1770, Moutgomery, Ala., July 9.
Fred W. Ziegenbein, PC Brks. 986, Alton, Ill., recently.

William J. McMann, Brks. 3058, Inverness, Fla., June 8.
Walter L. Fritz, Brks. 1249, Costa Mesa, Calif., April 3.
Ernest J. Gellar, who served as Third Reg. Cmdr., N.J. Dept. Cmdr., and Brks. 88 Cmdr., July 4.

Wesley M. Manley, Past District of Columbia Dept. Cmdr., July 5.
Hazel V. Bayer, Auxiliary 203, Houston, Tex.
Dr. Walter Redford, Brks. 1268, Ashland, Ore., May 23.
Frank E. Simmons, Phoenix, Ariz., April 21.
Stanley Daugherty, Lacona, Iowa, May 20.

Winfield H. Brown, Attamonte Springs, Fla., March 20.

Winslow Dwight, Plymouth, Mass., June 5.
Archie L. Green, Brks. 2398, Bradenton, Fla., recently.

Anthony E. Rose, Cypress Calif., PC Brks. 2064, June 12.
F. George Drantman, Clay Center, Kans., Brks. 3249, April.
Raymond J. McProuty, Brks. 161, Dist. of Columbia, June 26.

Clarence G. Pratt, Brks. 1993, Granville, Ohio, March 13.
Julius Jay Kaufman, Los Angeles, Calif., recently.
Audrid Fleenor, Greencastle, Ind., Brks. 114, recently.

William (Willie) Weber, Brks. 903, San Bernardino, Calif., July 21.

Orrin W. Bliss, Brks. 1200, McMinnville, Ore., July 27.

Harrison B. March, PC Brks. 986, Alton, Ill. July 29.
Guy Ernest Adams, Brks. 912, Rosedale, Ind., July 12.

Wm. J. McMann, Inverness, Fla., Brks. 3058, died June 8.

Ernest J. Gellar, Paterson, N.J., Brks. 88, July 4.
Wesley M. Manley, PDC Wash., D.C., July 5.

Hazel V. Bayer, Houston, Tex., Auxiliary 2034.
Dr. Walter Redford, Ashland, Ore., Brks. 1268, May 23.

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Stanley Daugherty, Lacona, Iowa, May 20.

Winfield H. Brown, Attamonte Springs, Fla., Mar. 20.

Winslow Dwight, Marshfield, Mass., Brks. 8345, June 5.

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Anthony E. Rose, Cypress, Calif., Brks. 2064, June 12.

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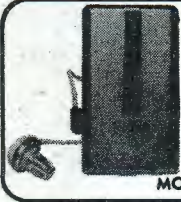
Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Russ, River Pines, Calif., Aug. 3; 69th.
Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hopkins, Moundsville, W. Va., July 11; 64th.
Mr. and Mrs. Armita Mallinckrodt, Ellisville, Mo., June 3; 64th.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul V. Stealy, Sr., Waterloo, Iowa, July 12; 64th.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, Tallahassee, Fla., Apr. 27; 63rd.
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hopkins, Canadian, Tex., July 4; 62nd.
Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Ackerman, Hemet, Calif., Sept. 16; 62nd.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo E. Fecteau, Methuen, Mass., June 23; 62nd.
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Jonker, Oskaloosa, Iowa, June; 62nd.
Rev. and Mrs. G. I. Passey, Salt Lake City, Utah, June 30; 61st.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. K. D. Reynolds, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Oct. 6; 61st.
Mr. and Mrs. John Saathoff, El Sobrante, Calif., June 11; 60th.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Harpt, St. Petersburg, Fla., July 28; 61st.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Parker, Joseph, Utah, July 20; 60th.
Mr. and Mrs. George A. Fisher, Auburn, Mass., Aug. 26; 60th.
Mr. and Mrs. Russell N. Bleeke, Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 27; 60th.
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Paschall, Hastings, Nebr., Sept. 1; 60th.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Banker, South Bend, Ind., May 27; 60th.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele, South Bend, Ind., June 8, 60th.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Currie, Concordia, Kans., June 28; 60th.
Mr. and Mrs. Hozy Drew, Canby, Oreg., July 29; 56th.
Mr. and Mrs. Julius Nygard, Great Falls, Mt., July 13; 55th.
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Wacker, Bartlett, Tex., recently; 53rd.

Free Doughnuts and Coffee at Nursing Home

In observance of Father's Day, Nursing Home Care Unit residents of Poplar Bluff, Mo., VA Medical Center were served free doughnuts and coffee by members of Brks. 1191 and Auxiliary.

Pictured from left are Mabel Crosby, Anna Pierce, and Elizabeth and Walter Gilbert. The Gilberts are VAVS Representatives.



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