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## THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### WATT P. MARCHMAN

Many members have inquired of our librarian and secretary Watt Marchman, and without a doubt many more have wondered how and where he is. He writes now from near Bremen, and you may be sure he is eager to get home.

So many of the members are his good friends and so many more would be if they had a chance, that a personal word or two from him here is far from amiss. He writes: "I know you are wondering how soon we can be calling this quits and get home. That is something that cannot be answered with any degree of assurance at this time. However, I can say this: that I am not to be included in the army of occupation. With nearly two years overseas and nearly three years in the service I think that I should be returned to the States before the winter is over. Whether my return will be soon or towards the latter part of redeployment is something I cannot say. . . . The Army has certainly been an experience that one can never forget-sort of like a nightmare in a way-but even so I've been fortunate in many ways. I'm still healthy and am all here still. . . . I visited the magnificent Welsh National Museum in Cardiff. They have the last word in effective display. The building and much of its funds were American. Wales is a very interesting and friendly country. On V-E day I happened to be in London on travel orders and saw the celebration with a glimpse of the King and Queen. Have had a day sightseeing in Paris-What a city. Have been to Aachen, Cologne, Essen and others. The war wreckage is unbelievable ; but the little town near Bremen where I am stationed now has only a few minor scars from the war. I'm billeted very com-

fortably in a first class German home taken by the Army-luxury after months of a rough life, with a radio in my room. . . . I'm proud of the excellent work Mrs. Johnson has been doing. Remembrances to all inquiring friends."

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**KENNETH I. MCKAY**

Kenneth I. McKay, of Tampa, elected a director of the Society from the 1st Congressional District at the annual meeting last year, died on August 6. His interest in Florida's history was well founded, for his grandparents came to the little village of Tampa one hundred years ago next year.

Mr. McKay was a lawyer with wide business and legal interests beyond the State, but he will be remembered more for his part in community activities, principal of which at the time of his death was as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University of Tampa and as chairman also of its Endowments Corporation, which indicate his interest and large part in the promotion of education and culture in his home city.

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**NEW MEMBERS**

Charles E. Hartley, St. Cloud. (contributing member).

Sgt. E. W. McMullen Jr., Washington, D. C. (contributing member).

George R. Coslow, U.S.A., Miami Beach.

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Mae Himes, West Palm Beach.

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