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# THE OCTOFOIL

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## Bigger — Bigger — And Bigger

### That's the Story of the 13th Annual Worcester Reunion

How can you describe an event that seems to grow with each passing year in a written sentence. We know of no conceivable answer except, you just have to attend to convince yourself of the popularity of this wonderful occasion.

We who attended can attest to the above statement in terms of people. Yes, we learned that this year was the largest attendance so far. The church service was attended by so

union? Well, that is a good question that we are sorry we can't answer. Can Cellini?

Henry Shimkoski has informed us that he has a new address, so for his friends it is 42 Plantation Street, Worcester, Mass. . . Here is a weaney for men of A Company, 15th Engineers. . . Anthony Soprano of Philadelphia is a new proud poppa of a baby boy by the name of Anthony Jr. Little Anthony weighed in at Nine pounds and a quarter ounces and we were told that this little lad is really all boy. For the record Verna Soprano helped. . . George

Jessie and Elizabeth and Ronnie Davis came from Hebron, Ohio, to visit the Clemmies and to participate in their first reunion.

We here tell that this is the 13th anniversary for the Feeley's, that is they have had the 34th FA group down each time for the past 13 years. Somewhat of a record what!

John Downey brought Desmond and May Keane from Dublin, Ireland to the reunion. In addition John's wife Lillian accompanied the group with Rose and John Jr. just to make sure they all had a good time.

Fred Finn an X 15th Engineer Medic who now resides at 24 Alden Road in Weymouth tells us that his wife Francis (from South Carolina) presented him with a son on October 3. Young

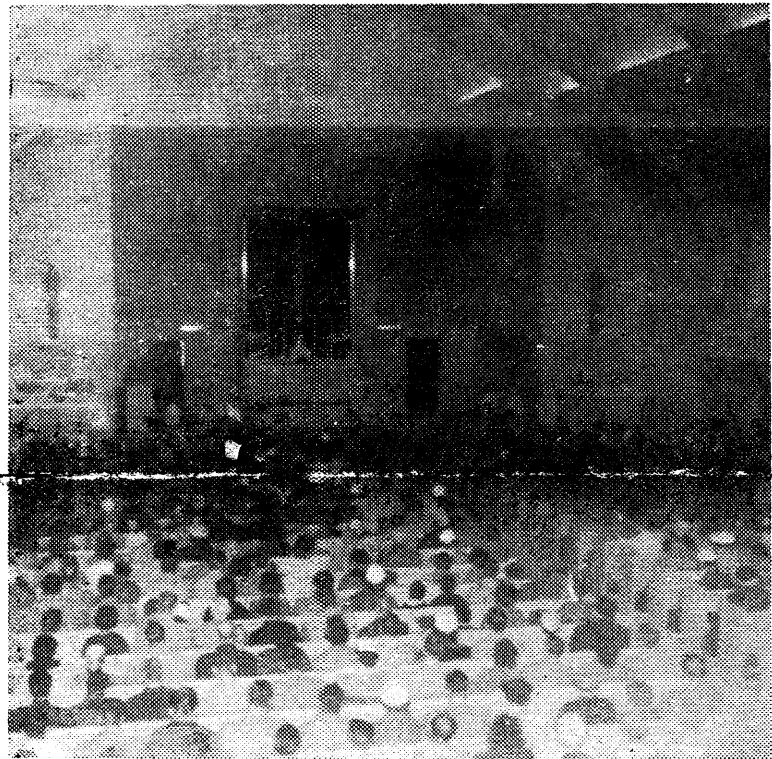
ter of Henry A. Puccini 26 F.A., B Battery.

A couple of new faces: Nate Balich of 71 Spring Street, Stoneham, Mass, formerly of Div. Arty' and Peter Thomas of 987 W. Boylston Street, Worcester of B Company 15t Engineers.

### Sunday Luncheon

We might add at this point, that the attendance at the dinner totaled a new high of 392. 50 higher than last year. This in itself is quite a feat. All we know is each time more guests came in, the tables were being set up further and further away from the main dining room. As a matter of fact we believe that next year Father Ed might have to make arrangements to hire the Holy Cross football field to take care of the overflow. As usual the repartee between Father Connors and his adversaries was better than ever and the crowd ate every quip. Lt. McGrath informed the group of the chapter action being taken by the active Division and the new army set up as it pertains to the Ninth Division Father Ed informed the audience that he had a total of 35 Gold Star Parents attending this affair.

Well we have said about all that can be said in printed form. We took some photographs and we will show you various groups. Of course Tonny Madonna was a little surprised at his photograph. You see it was like this. A couple of weeks ago while thumbing through some of my old photographs I stumbled on one of Tony dancing with a D.P. (Girl). Naturally Tony's wife wanted to know all about it, so he paid his dues, and we don't know from nothing. So it goes we all had a good time, and for those who could not attend. We might say at this point you come and join us next year and see why these affairs get bigger and bigger and bigger.



Inside the new Church

many that we found ourselves in the choir loft with many others who like ourselves asked the same question. Where did they all come from? The answer was quickly found. AFTER the church services we attended the Coffee hour and one could hardly find a place to sit. People, yes lots of them, came from near and far to join together in prayer and remembrance.

### Saturday Night

The new church that now houses the congregation of the Immaculate Conception of Worcester is something to see. This is the latest in architectural design that has captured the simplicity of life and living and prayer. Here in this house of worship one feels a nearness to religion because of the simple beauty of the structural lines of this church. In short, the building, the people, the man all helped to add to the magnificence of this reunion.

As usual the food was piled high, the coffee poured in endless streams, and the chatter echoed. Another start to a wonderful time.

Suddenly a hat was flung from one end of the room to the other, and in came the respondent. . . The room suddenly came to life all over gain. Why, simply this, Father Ed came bounding into the room.

We might add at this point that we had Army company from away out west in the persons of Lt. John McGrath and Lt. An-

thony Bonavira representing the 9th Division from Fort Carson, Colorado. Both officers were truthfully amazed at the turnout of this function and we heard about this attendance time and time again. Now they had a true picture of the tremendous esprit de corps of the Ninth.

### Something About the People

Table hopping is one joy of reporting that brings news and people together. So let's take a quick look of some of the new items we uncovered. A new name for our list, but an old Ninth Divisioner, T. Giarusso of 69 Burnside Ave, Providence, R. I. Giarusso was with the 34th F.A. Mr. Waldron he of the key (a warden) told us real proud like, that he brought with him young Jimmie Waldron the third and young John Muraco from New Bedford, Mass. Incidentally, young Jimmies father fought and gave his life for the Ninth. We were informed by Ziggy and Regina Barszewski from East Hampton that they were wondering when Cellini will show up for a re-



J. Boyle, J. Clouser, V. Campisi, G. Moore, Father Connors, Lts. Bonavira and McGrath

Bundage a guest helped out by taking down all the awnings just to do his share. For this he had to get up for revele at 6:30, got S.O.S. for breakfast (so he should not feel out of touch) did a fast police call and had to stay sober. . .

Frank C. Tokarz tells us that Louis Defalco and he are still eligible bachelors and are interested in the temptations of matrimony. Poor Louis does nt know when he is well off. You see, Louis is a cop in Irvington, N.Y., if he gets married he will be taking all the orders again. . . Some people don't know?

Going to be down in Baltimore, Maryland? If you are why not stop in at Carlins new drive in theatre and say "Hello" to Tom Peers. This is a new venture for Tom and he personally invites all former Ninth men to be his guest and enjoy the new theatre and pay for your tickets like everyone else so Tom can pay for the theatre. . . Seriously, Tom is a great guy, he just needs the money. . . .

Daryl weigh in at 6 lbs.

From C Company of the 15th Engineers we located Pasquale Celentano of 30 Fairfield New Haven, and Jenne and Francis and Olive Maher.

A Gold star guest was Mrs. Antonia Puccini of 43 Bradley Street Sommerville, Mass the sis-



The Downeys — Desmond and May Keane and the Army

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### GUEST EDITORIAL

## War Ties That Bind

By Lt. Gen. M. S. Eddy — (Rtd.)

Ask yourself this question. . . .

Outside of my own and immediate family, is there anyone for whom I have greater respect, to whom I feel closer and whose company I enjoy more than the men who fought by my side during the war?

Fighting, sleeping and eating together day after day as we were required to do during the war really let us get to know one another. We got to know one another's attributes. Having to be together almost constantly, we soon found that a man's good qualities generally far overshadowed his objectionable ones — and so we soon forgot his objectionable ones.

As time went on we grew to like one another and gradually that liking grew to fondness and finally, fondness grew to real devotion. Devotion sometimes to such a degree that some of us died for one another.

It is a great thing — this war-time relationship which binds men of a fighting unit so closely together. We have all experienced it. And how many times before the close of World War II did we swear that only death could end it. Of course death often did, but that only made the ties that bound the rest of us that much stronger.

The men of no unit that fought in World War II felt this tie that binds more than did the men of the 9th Infantry Division. It inspired the ideal of our 9th Infantry Division Association. We wanted to perpetuate that wonderful relationship which only fighting men feel for one another. We also wanted to perpetuate the memory of those who died by our side while we were fighting.

That was 12 years ago. Today — 12 years later — it looks like some of us may have forgotten those memories we cherished so keenly when the war ended.

There are some of us who refuse to believe this. We are the ones that are determined that the 9th Infantry Division Association shall continue to live until the last of us are gone.

We demonstrate this by being active paid up members of the Association.

Are you one of us or are you one of those who seem to have forgotten?

### IN MEMORIAM

November 14, 1956 is just one year to the day that Don McNaughton of Buffalo, New York, went to the Great Beyond. He is truly remembered by his friends and comrades. From all the men in the Buffalo, New York area. . . .

Some time during the month of November, we were informed that Abraham W. Feder of 67-40 Booth Street, Forest Hills 75, New York, passed away. Abe was a member of the 84th Field Artillery Battalion.

## 26th Field Artillery Notes

By Joe MacKenzie

### Before the Memorial Mass

Joe McKenzie's news letter arrived too late to make the pre Memorial Mass Octofoil so we are going to present the highlights of his news letter concerning the men of the 26th F. A.

Joe Mosier, Harold Huber, Paul Griffin and Bernal Lareau have had additions to their families this year. Ross Kepple is now living in Oklahoma City. He has retired and is living on a pension. How is it done, Ross? Many of us will remember John Clouser of Headquarters Battery. John is now president of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Tony Salton attended the convention in Boston last July. I am sure he enjoyed his first trip to this great city. Paul and Mollie Gribush were also in Boston attending the convention. Here are some new changes of addresses:

Joseph D. Mosier, 15407 Loomis Street, Harvey, Illinois; Richard M. Hill, Jr., 2215 Wishon Street, Fresno, California; William C. Andrews 2032 Leonard Street, N. E., Grand Rapids, Mich.; Tony J. Salton 4320 South California Street, Chicago, Illinois, Ross V. Kepple, 119 South Hudson Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Fred J. Keyes, 16 Byrd Road, Wethersfield, Conn.; Joseph B. Albanese, P. O. Box 95, White River Junction, Vermont.

Lew Ortcar of Royalton Vermont sends Joe a note with the following clipping about Hector Blanchard from Headquarters, 26th F. A. "Stockbridge Man Found Dead In Truck." Hector N. Blanchard 46, resident of the Stonybrook section of Stockbridge was found dead in his pick-up truck Sunday Morning. Blanchard was last seen by Mrs. Blanchard Saturday evening. She found his body in the pick-up truck in the yard of their home about 7:30 Sunday morning. Dr. Henry Buermann of Randolph, who was called, found that death had been caused by accidental strangulation involving a mechanical obstruction of the windpipe. Blanchard had apparently lapsed into unconsciousness or sleep in such a position that his breathing had been cut off, Dr. Buermann said. . . .

Incidentally, the 26th F. A. had quite a turnout at the Mass in Worcester to wit!

Oh; What a beautiful morning! Oh; what a beautiful day!

Fr. Connors must have been the inspiration for song writers Rogers and Hammerstein when they wrote the song "Oh; What a beautiful morning."

November 10, 1957 left nothing to be desired. The morning was beautiful. The attendance at his thirteenth annual Memorial Mass was tremendous. His beautiful new Church reaching into the sky from its lofty location is a fitting climax to many years of dreaming, praying planning and working.

If you have never been to Worcester to attend this Memorial Mass you should make plans now for 1958. Fr. Connors and the weatherman will do their part to make your visit an enjoyable one.

Again this year someone attended the Mass for the first time. Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Campbell (Hdqtrs 26FA) of Bethel, Vermont were finally handcuffed by Lew Ortcar (Service 26FA) and brought to Worcester. Bernie or Bun as he was often called met John Clouser (Hdqtrs 26FA) in Chicago for the first

time since they parted back in 1945. Ex W. O. Jerry Leone was another ex 26er with whom he had a nice chat. Tom Boyle (C 26FA) and Bernie talked over their experiences of their wire sections while attached to 39th. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are sorry they missed the first twelve Masses.

Dan Looney (Service 26FA) hadn't been to Worcester in ten years. He really enjoyed this trip.

Harold Huber (Service 26FA) and his son Philip made the trip from Olean, N.Y. Harold was remarking how time flies. He thought he was in Worcester last year but it was three years ago that he last visited Worcester.

Joe Albanese missed his first Memorial Mass. Manny Effron was kind of lonesome without his cigar smoking companion.

Fred Keyes, John P. and Mrs. (Continued on page 4)

## Martha Raye May Attend Reunion in Columbus, O.

During a recent meeting of the 1958 9th Infantry Division Association Reunion Committee at the home of Richard Macomber, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, it was voted unanimously that the Columbus Chapter's president contact Miss Martha Raye and extend a cordial invitation to be an honored guest of the Association during the 1958 Reunion.

The old time 9th men who left Fort Bragg in 1942 and landed in North Africa in November, 1942, will always reserve a soft spot in their hearts for the inimitable Miss Raye. When their morale was pretty low in the wet cork forests near Port Lyautey in early 1943, it was Miss Raye who brought that ray of sunshine into their hearts that was badly needed at the time. Regardless of how inclement the weather, Miss Raye's shows went on as per schedule on improvised stages amid the cork forests and thousands of GIs walked in downpours of rain for miles and miles to attend her performance. To those who came over later, attention is called to the 9th Infantry Division history which shows Miss Raye during one of the performances in the North African bivouac area. "Front row" seats were considered branches of the highest trees nearest the "stage."

A few days after the Columbus Chapter had extended an invitation to Miss Raye to attend the 1958 Reunion, a very encouraging letter was received from her attorney, Shirley Woolf, 420 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach 39, Florida. The attorney stated that Miss Raye was making every effort possible to attend the 13th annual 9th Infantry Division Reunion in Columbus and if nothing unforeseen at the present time arose to prevent her attendance the great morale booster would be in Columbus whooping it up with "her boys" come next July 31 - August 1-2.

### GUESTS TO VISIT HOSPITAL

Another interesting item placed on the agenda by the Columbus Committee was arranging for a visit to the Chillicothe (O.) VA Hospital on Saturday afternoon, August 2.

Saturday afternoons at Reunions heretofore have been spent in various ways. Sometimes a ball game after the touching Memorial Services, other times just lounging around the hotel until time for the banquet. The Committee decided to do something worthwhile during this interlude in 1958. Chillicothe VA Hospital is located about 45 miles from Columbus (a beautiful ride). While doing something worthwhile for the ex-GI patients the visitation arrangements will afford visitors a pleasant afternoon, returning to Columbus in plenty of time to prepare for the highlight of the Reunion — the evening banquet and dance. Two buses have been chartered to take those caring to go. Additional buses may be arranged for within a matter of minutes if more visitors manifest interest in the visitation. Franklin Post (Columbus) American Legion Band will present an outdoor concert for the patients on the facility's grounds. The Columbus Committee will furnish the visitors with cigarettes, candy and other knick-knacks to be distributed in the wards to patients that may be designated by Richard Downing, the Special Services Officer, at the hospital.

As additional plans are "nailed down" by the Columbus Committee for the 1958 Reunion, such additional information will be sent to The Octofoil for publication. For those who are interested here are the DESHLER HILTON HOTEL RATES:

### OUTSIDE COURT ROOMS

Single \$5.00 to \$8.00 — Double \$10.50 to \$13.00 — Twin \$11.00 to \$13.50 — Suite \$15.00 to \$28.00.

### FRONT ROOMS

Single \$9.00 to \$13.00 — Double \$13.50 to \$16.00 — Twin \$14.00 to \$18.50 — Suite \$32.00 to \$40.00.

### LARGE CAPACITY ROOMS

Accommodating 4 to 10 — from \$3.50 up per person, depending on number of occupants per room.

## 9th Infantry Division Ass'n Reunion Program.

Thursday, July 31, 1958

5:00 pm	South Foyer	Registration
3:00 pm	216	Meeting 18 persons
8:00 pm	Hall of Mirrors	Reception
9:00 pm	Hall of Mirrors	
All day and eve	218-212	Headquarters

Friday, August 1, 1958

9:00 am—5:00 pm	South Foyer	Registration
9:30 am—12:30 pm	Ballroom	Meeting
2:00 pm—5:00 pm	Ballroom	Meeting
12:00 noon—3:30 pm	Yellow Room	Ladies Luncheon & style show
7:00 pm—9:00 pm	Ballroom	Buffet
8:00 pm	Ballroom	Movie
9:30 pm	Ballroom	Dance
All day and eve	218-212	Headquarters

Saturday, August 2, 1958

All day and eve	218-212	Headquarters
9:00 am	South Foyer	Registration
7:00 pm	Ballroom	Dinner
9:00 am—12:00 noon	310, 311, 312	Meetings
	216, 218, 212	Meetings



# Mail Bag

Oh happy Stork you did it again. . . This time you stopped at the home of Manny Schonfeld of 2875 Sedwick Ave, Bronx, N.Y. and brought a new son and brother named Elliott Alan to their house on August 1st, 1957.

## 39th Infantry:

We have a few complaints from the men of the Falcons. . . To wit: Why don't more men of the 39th show up in our items. . . Well, the only editorial comment is very limited news sources. But, we can catch up with that real quick. . . For example: H. E. Doyle says, "We don't read much in the Octofoil about men of the 39th. Feel I spent a lifetime in H. Company although I joined them Christmas day in Winchester, England, and left them in August 1945." See here is a 39th news item already.

## Cannon Company:

Tom Orband of 29 Delmar Ave, Binghampton, New York writes, "Just a line to tell you that all of the guys in Bingo are o.k. I missed the last reunion because I was closing a deal. It seems that before and during the reunion, I was knee deep in a new business venture and just could not find the time to get away. I would like my buddies to know that I failed to send Christmas cards last year because my wife was in the hospital at that time so I hope the gang will understand. This past summer we had Dave Grant and his wife visit us from Los Angeles. First Dave stopped in to see Harold Johnson in Troy, New York then came on up here. We had a wonderful time at the B Company 39th reunion and for the record they elected the "Hawk" the President again. We were all notified that the next B Company reunion will be held again in Fairport next year. . .

Donald R. Bennett of 158 Mineral Spring Ave, Pawtucket, Rhode Island sends us a note asking for some information about former sergeant Thomas Gibbs. For the record we have an address and it is 31 S. Putman Street, Buffalo. However Gibbs address is about 15 years old. So any one interested ask for a forwarding card from the Post Office if you want to contact Gibbs. Don would like to hear from some of his old buddies who served with him in K Company.

Walter S. Wood of 1516 N. 49th Street, East St. Louis, Illinois writes to us inquiring about the following men: Col. Van Bond and Col. Tupper, we are sorry to say that we do not have good addresses on either man. However, the following are addresses we do have: Lt. Col. Richard Kent, Mechanical Engineering Department, University Station Zone 12, Austin, Texas; Lt. George Idle, 2540 Valentine Ave, New York, N.Y.; Lt. Robert J. Parr 9830 Long Beach Boulevard, South Gate, California and Captain David W. Ray 909 North 9th Street, Yakima, Washington. The above information is very old and we would suggest that any one writing to them should request forwarding addresses from the Post Office.

## A Mail Bag Special:

For any or our readers who attended the Boston reunion we are proud to announce that Col. Feil has really kept his promise. We have a Father and son contingent in the Feil family. For

those who wish to be brought up to date, Col. Feil pledged his son's membership as the first new member in line with our new by laws change. We might also add our printed thanks to Lt. Col. Frank Wade (and we hope Libby and the kids are over the Asian Flu) for putting on a crab feast and helping Fred Feil line up three new members, Lt. Col's, R. A. Kane, and Otto R. Koch and hopes of securing three other renewals. This indeed is a record of achievement and we thank Fred Feil for his wonderful efforts. We would like to bring the following Feilism's to the attention of our membership as worthy of consideration and action.

1) We speak of "9th Division Conventions" — true, they are. However, Col. Feil feels that most of us attend for the reunion aspect. Might it not be good psychology to call them "Reunions" and to emphasize this feature?

2) While \$4.00 per year income per member is a lot more than 2½ to 3% on \$50.00 (\$1.25 to \$1.50 per Life Membership), members drop out and they do die. Therefore, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per year "forever" is really the best in the long run. Therefore Col. Feil suggests that we should push Life Memberships on this basis. Offer Life Membership at \$10.00 per year for five years.

Both suggestions have a great deal of merit and we would appreciate reader reaction to these recommendations.

## K Company:

We recently received word from

Dom Miele of the following: On June 24, 1957, Francis B. La Flesh, 48, proprietor of the Pine Grove Restaurant on South Delsea Drive, a mile east of Dorchester, was fatally injured in an automobile collision that occurred at 3:30 Monday afternoon on South Second Street, near Fowdead upon arrival at Millville Hospital. He is survived by his wife Philomena Scholar La Flash, his mother and a sister.

## C Battery: 84th F.A.

Robert E. Pasqualoni of 3420 Wallace Street, Steger, Illinois sends us the names and addresses of the following C Battery men who want to join the association: Edward Summers of Edwardsville, Illinois, Joe Musso of Virden, Illinois and Raymond Parkey of Collinsville Illinois. We are sending membership blanks today!

EDITORIAL NOTE: WE WILL GLADLY FOLLOW THRU ON DEALS LIKE THIS ANY DAY. YOU SEND US THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES. . .

From the American Red Cross: We received a nice note of thanks from Sally Brown who quote "Many, many thanks for the Eight Stars to Victory. I'm the one that is really pleased to be back with the Ninth again. Can't begin to tell you what fun it was to see everyone in Boston. Do hope I can join you all again real soon." Again from us to you. . . It's nice to have you back in the ranks of the Ninth. . .

Roger Marion our wandering ARC host is now in Germany. We recently received two cards postmarked Remagen a. Rhein deep in the heart of Rhine wine. . . Roger's cards show two views.

## LT. RICHARD BREININGER Company A-60th Inf.



A couple of weeks ago we received a note from Paul Plunkett telling us that he had a letter from a Mrs. Pearl Breininger of Bryan, Ohio who was trying to locate someone who knew her son. Lt. Richard Breininger, was in the 60th Infantry and was killed in action on July 10th, 1944. The above picture is printed to guide our readers in helping Mrs. Breininger. If anyone can help with the requested information, please contact Mrs. Breininger in Bryan, Ohio. Mrs. Breininger hopes to be at the Columbus reunion and trusts that someone will be at the reunion who knew her son. For direct contact write: Mrs. Pearl Breininger, 112 South Portland, Bryan, Ohio.

One, the church where Chaplain Propst held his Easter services and the other headquarters of the Ninth. We might add this postscript. The buildings, the street, as a matter of fact, it's so nice and clean one would hardly remember the area. Oh to be a wandering lad again! C'est la civilian life now. . . OH, OH, got to feed the baby so this is civilian life today. . . Well, back again to reality.

## K Company: 47th Infantry:

Max Uminsky pens the following Carl Knightman recently died of T.B. in Pennsylvania. John Kabasky not heard from since the end of the war has been living in Barberton, Ohio. John for the record has two kids and fine boy and girl. . . Valentine Grodis is now living in Gallitzin, Pennsylvania and he too has a boy and girl. James Malley recently tied the marital knot in North Bergen, New Jersey. Among some of the elite of K Company who attended

## New York Chapter News

How can you tell an affair is successful? Simple, check the balance sheet of income and expense. Recently, Dom Miele sent us the balance sheet and it showed a nice plus, which translated in terms of people, spells a lot. In numbers about 150 people danced unto the wee hours of the morning. In terms of entertainment terrific. . . a mother and daughter combination helped bring vocal joy into the hall. The 50-50 booster club showed a net take of \$539.00 of which \$250.00 went for prizes. The winning combinations were as follows: 1st Prize: 125.00 won by Miss Denise Feinberg of 501 Riverdale Ave, Yonkers. (Incidentally, Miss Denise, is the daughter of our worthy Prez and was his face red for an explanation. . . We might add this was a legitimate pick.) Second Prize won by Larry Greco of 158 Park Place, Woodridge \$35.00, Third Prize won by Dolores Petracca of 69-20 69th St, Bklyn \$25.00, and Fourth Prize \$15.000 won by Edward J. Egan of 355 Rutland Road, Brooklyn, New York. Ten additional prizes of \$5.00 were distributed. We might add at this point that a very unusual thing happened. Hank and Vi Bialous proved that two can do it. Believe it or not they won two prizes. Both tickets from one book were selected. Yup! It only happens at the Ninth Division.

What can you look forward to from the New York Chapter, why the Christmas Party. . . Here is an event that tops all events. Here is where the kids get a chance to live it up. There will be prizes galore, music, and ice cream and above all . . . SANTA CLAUS WILL BE ON HAND TO GREET EACH LITTLE GUEST AND PROVIDE HIM OR HER WITH A CHRISTMAS PRESENT. . . The next program note will be announced via the N.Y. Chapter news letter. If you are not on the list and you want to attend then contact Dom Miele, Secretary of the N.Y. Chapter, Ninth Infantry Association, Post Office Box No. 1108, G.P.O., New York 1, N.Y.

If you want to give your kids a real big Christmas party with all the fixings plan to attend this function. The next meeting of the New York Chapter will be November 1st, 1957 at Gerdes Restaurant on 17th Street between 4th Ave and Irving Place in New York. Incidentally, this is the night for the grand election of new officers for 1958.

were Danny Quinn, George Bas-sedo and Max Umansky. They helped Jim along during the goings on of the Batchelor Party. . .

Speaking of K Company: A note from Jim Nicholson who served with the Ninth in particular K Company tells us that he could not make the last convention because he is now at Bld'g No. 9 in the Veterans Hospital in Waco, Texas. .

## 15th Engineers:

Arthur Schmidt has kept us on a virtual merry go letter round and we are mighty glad to reproduce the news he has forwarded to us: Well, lets start from the early letters and work up to date. A couple of weeks ago Charles Hoffman called Art to tell him that Fred Elmo or (Sergeant Broken-Back) of B Company and Headquarters called at the Hoffman home and the three of them had a ball. Fred, many of you will recall, ran the Barber concession at the local P.X. in Fort Bragg. Well now, Fred is still doing business at the corner. He now operates his own beauty shop at 422 A Ditmars Ave in Brooklyn, N.Y. While at this get together both lads were informed of the wonderful time we all had at our recent convention. Charles promised to attend the Worcester Mass reunion (which he did) and also is going to try and make the Columbus reunion. Art is going to try to see how many men he can round up to attend the Columbus convention. In the very near future Art and Elmo and Charles expect to have a Weiner roast in Elmo's home and they are going to see how many engineers they can bring out. Art is doing research on the cost of transportation to Columbus and he reports as follows: The railroad fare, round trip from N.Y. will cost \$44.05. The trip one way, takes 12 hours plus. By airplane it takes 1 hour and 20 minutes. (To be continued)

## Chicago Chapter News

By Dave Heller

The Illinois Chapter, at a meeting held on October 11 at the Morrison Hotel, elected Paul D. Clark, 7029 S. Indiana Avenue, President for the 1957-1958 term. John R. Huffman Vice President, and David H. Heller, Secretary.

Roger Elmer, a hardy perennial, was re-elected Treasurer and immediately appealed to all members to send their dues to him at 6154 W. Berenice Avenue. Bud F. Remer was chosen as judge advocate. Huffman, Heller, and Remer are all former chapter presidents.

Among the other distinguished members present at the meeting were John Clouser, National President; Frank Ozart, of the National Board of Governors; and Ted Preston, formerly chapter president.

The date for the annual Christmas party was set for Saturday night, December 14. This affair, one of the highspots of the chapter calendar, always draws a large attendance.

Another project to be studied is the remodeling of the chapter meeting room. Ted Preston and Bob Winkleman will report back on this.

In addition to a large number of former privates and sergeants, Illinois Chapter boasts no fewer than four generals among its membership: General Manton S. Eddy, General Earl E. Rumbaugh, General Joseph Teece, and the newest one, Brigadier General Otto Kerner, who is also a county judge.

# Group Insurance Plan Now Offered

## Available to and for Active Div'n Ass'n Men and Women Only

To date we have received requests from 30 members requesting insurance totaling about \$2,000,000 worth of insurance. For the record we are still trying to get more men interested because the more men we have the better are our chances of getting a better deal. We intend to start sending out the insurance blanks as soon as we get the final approval of our Executive committee. The plan as it now stands is scheduled to start January 1, 1958. For those men who are interested here are some questions that were asked by our members: Wilber Le Clair of Jackson Heights, N. Y., asked: I'm 44 years of age what is the maximum insurance I can get? Answer: According to the rate table it will be close to \$5000.00. We are still negotiating better rates. Al Lechmanik wants to know the deal with a life member. Answer: Life members will be billed separately, you just wait for the bill. Frank Machek of Uniondale, Pa. Wants an explanation of item 7: Conversion can only be to a policy not term nor one whose minimum amount would be greater than the policy sought to be converted. If you are carrying a group policy of \$3000 you would not be able to convert to a term policy or one where the minimum amount necessary would be in excess of \$3000. The explanation of Question 8: The table in question 8 refers to the fact that there are maximums in the amount available according to age and that all applicants over 41 may have to submit evidence of insurability. As far as the association being disbanded. The answer is no. If due to circumstances for which we cannot conceive of at this time the association is disbanded the privilege of conversion would apply in the same manner as if the individual retired from the organization. Louis Blucher of Chicago, Illinois, asked about the company. To date we are still negotiating for the best deal. What we have printed is a sample of a type that we are interested in securing for our group. Question: If I do take this policy out what am I being insured for? If I should happen to pass away before I'm sixty-five what would my beneficiary receive. Answer: If you take a policy you will be insured for the face amount of life insurance that you are willing to pay the premiums for as outlined in the Octofoil rate table. There is no sickness and accident insurance yet available to us. If you pass away whether you are 65 or older your beneficiary will receive the face amount of the policy. Question: What happens if the Association should dissolve? What happens to my policy? Answer: As far as the association being disbanded which is highly improbable, each member could then convert his insurance without evidence of medical insurability. Question: What would happen if I became incapable of paying premiums? Answer: If you are unable to pay a premium the policy would cease to exist since the term premiums do not encompass any cash value against which a loan could be made.

Editorial Note: If you have any questions, please write to us and we will try to answer your question. Since this is going to be a large mailing of the Octofoil, we ask our members' indulgence as we are reprinting this information for the benefit of our entire mailing list. Thank you.

Now here is our presentation of questions and answers. . .

### ACTUAL PLAN

We have attempted to secure all the possible questions that you might have about this operation and will list both questions and answers in the following order.

#### 1) WHAT IS GROUP TYPE INSURANCE?

It is a modern plan of life insurance designed especially to provide good life insurance protection to members of associations and professional groups at rates considerably lower than those of other plans. There must be at least 20 approved applications for a minimum of \$50,000 of insurance before an agreement can be issued to an organization.

#### 2) WHO CAN BE INSURED UNDER THE PLAN?

Group coverage is offered to organization members in good standing. If you are not paid up for 1957, you cannot qualify.

#### 3) HOW LONG WILL I HAVE PROTECTION UNDER THE PLAN?

For the rest of your life. The plan provides continuous Term insurance automatically renewable while membership continues, at pre-established premiums as shown on the rate chart.

#### 4) CAN THE INSURANCE COMPANY TERMINATE MY INSURANCE?

No, the policy provides NON-CANCELABLE insurance while premiums are paid and membership continues.

#### 5) DOES THE AMOUNT OF INSURANCE REDUCE WITH AGE?

No, unless you reduce it yourself. (CANNOT BE REDUCED BELOW \$2,000.)

#### 6) IS THERE A GRACE PERIOD?

Yes, there is a grace period of 31 days during which your organization can transmit your premium to the company.

#### 7) IF I LEAVE THE ORGANIZATION, WHAT BECOMES OF MY INSURANCE? DO I LOSE IT?

Not necessarily, because within 31 days after cessation of your membership you can convert your insurance without examination to any other form of ordinary insurance except Term or other plans not issued in amounts as small as the amount to be converted.

#### 8) IS A MEDICAL EXAMINATION REQUIRED?

No medical examination is required of applicants under 41 years of age where the application offers satisfactory evidence of insurability. All applicants 41 and over must be examined regardless of amount applied for. Your age at issue determines the maximum amount of insurance allowable. (Minimum is \$2,000.)

1-40	\$10,000	\$10,000
41-50	None	10,000
51-60	None	5,000
61-65	None	2,000

#### 9) Do I have to be examined at each or any renewal?

No, the original approval of your application is the only re-

quirement.

#### 10) To Whom Do I Pay PREMIUMS?

You pay premiums to your organization and the organization, as Blanket Payor, remits to the insurance company the total of all premiums due. It is through this method of collection that rates are kept low for Group Coverage insurance.

#### 11) How Do These Group Rates Compare With The Usual Forms Of Straight Life Insurance?

The "Cooperative" buying power of the organization makes it possible for these rates to be considerably lower than other plans.

#### 12) WILL I RECEIVE A POLICY?

Yes, you will receive a policy and not just a certificate. This policy contains a copy of the Master Agreement your organization has with the insurance company.

#### 13) MAY I NAME MY OWN BENEFICIARY?

You designate your beneficiary in your application and you have the right to change this designation upon written request.

#### 14) What will GROUP INSURANCE DO?

It enables you to insure now when you are most eligible and when your age is low, which factor determines the cost of insurance. Any other insurance you may have can be stabilized by adding this low cost protection.

#### 15) What must I do to QUALIFY?

Determine the amount of insurance you want within the maximum limit for your age. Fill out the application and mail it to your organization headquarters. If medical examination is necessary, you will be informed thru your organization on how to proceed. Applications may be sent at any time after an agreement is in force, but the effective date is other than on regular due dates, then a pro rata premium will be charged to the next regular due date.

#### PAYMENTS:

On or about January 5th, 1958 you will receive your premium notice along with your dues notice. We will handle both at the same time.

We here at National will set up a separate bank account to handle all the money involved. The insurance company will handle all the insurance details.

If anyone wants to start participating earlier, that is 1957, we have arranged with the insurance company to start this plan immediately.

If you have any additional questions other than we have attempted to think of, please let us know and we will answer them.

#### RATE TABLE

Class AA one year term annual premiums per \$1,000 of insurance

Age	Annual	Semi-Annual	Quart.
17	5.94	3.00	1.51
18	5.97	3.01	1.52
19	6.00	3.03	1.53
20	6.03	3.05	1.54

21	6.06	3.06	1.55	44	10.23	5.17	2.61
22	6.09	3.08	1.55	45	10.77	5.44	2.75
23	6.13	3.10	1.56	46	11.48	5.80	2.93
25	6.21	3.14	1.58	47	12.24	6.18	3.12
24	6.17	3.12	1.57	48	13.09	6.61	3.34
26	6.25	3.16	1.59	49	14.05	7.10	3.58
27	6.29	3.18	1.60	50	15.07	7.61	3.84
28	6.34	3.20	1.62	51	16.16	8.16	4.12
29	6.39	3.23	1.63	52	17.34	8.76	4.42
30	6.45	3.26	1.64	53	18.59	9.39	4.74
31	6.52	3.29	1.66	54	19.97	10.08	5.09
32	6.61	3.34	1.69	55	21.45	10.83	5.47
33	6.73	3.40	1.72	56	23.04	11.64	5.88
34	6.88	3.47	1.75	57	24.84	12.54	6.33
35	7.06	3.57	1.80	58	26.81	13.54	6.84
36	7.27	3.67	1.85	59	29.00	14.65	7.40
37	7.51	3.79	1.92	60	31.45	15.88	8.02
38	7.78	3.93	1.98	61	33.98	17.16	8.66
39	8.09	4.09	2.06	62	36.73	18.55	9.37
40	\$8.43	\$4.26	\$2.15	63	39.69	20.04	10.12
41	8.81	4.45	2.25	64	42.92	21.67	10.94
42	9.25	4.67	2.36	65	46.40	23.43	11.83
43	9.72	4.91	2.48				

PLEASE FILL OUT AND MAIL TODAY TO 9th INFANTRY DIVISION ASS'N, BOX 66, LIVINGSTON, N. J.  
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GROUP INSURANCE  
I am interested in the Group type insurance plan. . .

NAME .....  
AGE: ..... ADDRESS .....  
CITY ..... STATE .....

I wish to be enrolled with payment of (1957 dues) (1958 dues).  
Please send Insurance form. I am interested in \$..... of insurance.

PLEASE REMEMBER: ONLY FOR ACTIVE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ONLY. (LADIES AUXILIARY INCLUDED).

## 26th Field Artillery

Quinn, John Murray, Kiki and Pee Wee Pergiovanni, Bill Bongiorno with his wife and two children, Lew and Hazel Orticiari, George and Alice Wilkinson and three generations of McKenzie's were all Service 26FA rooters attending the Mass.

Twice during the summer Harold Huber had surprise visits from two of his pals from the Green Mountain State. Arnold Leach stopped to say Hello on his return trip from Wisconsin. Late in the summer Lew and Tom Boyle, Jim Hennelly, Gil

Hazel Orticiari saw the scenic wonders of New York State, stopped in Olean hoping to satisfy his appetite with "C" rations then returned to Vermont by way of Canada.

Pernokos and Dan Mazeika could all write interesting stories about other 26ers from their batteries who attended this Mass.

Angus Gillis, Ken Gross, Cy Garber and Fred Talarico are a few who were present who could make the job easier for Stan Cohen if they would only write a few words about their gang who attended this Mass.

## 9th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Stan Cohen, National Sec.-Treas.  
Post Office Box 66  
Livingston, New Jersey

Enclosed please find 1957 dues for:

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

Street Address .....

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

I was a ( Battery ..... member of ( Company ..... Regiment ..... 9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member	\$4.00 per year ( )
Sustaining Member	( )
THREE YEAR MEMBER	\$11.00 ( )
Life Membership	\$50.00 ( )
Octofoil Auto License Disc	\$ 1.00 ( )
Eight Stars to Victory	\$ 3.50 ( )
(Pictorial History of 9th Div. in Action)	
Ladies Auxilliary Member	\$1.50 ( )
Decals	\$.25 apiece — 5 for \$1.00
Combat Route Map	\$.50
60th Infantry History	\$1.00

Please credit the following chapter:

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Columbus ( )	Western, Penn. ( )	Wash., D.C. ( )
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Explanation of Dues:

Non-Chapter member all payment of dues to Nat'l.  
Chapter Member: \$1.00 for chapter, \$3.00 to Nat'l.  
Ladies Auxiliary \$.50 to chapter, \$1.00 to Nat'l.  
Three Year: \$3.00 to chapter, \$7.00 to Nat'l.  
Life Member: \$12.50 to chapter, \$37.50 to Nat'l.  
Sustaining Member: Chapter to receive 1/3 of amount over \$3.50, balance to National.