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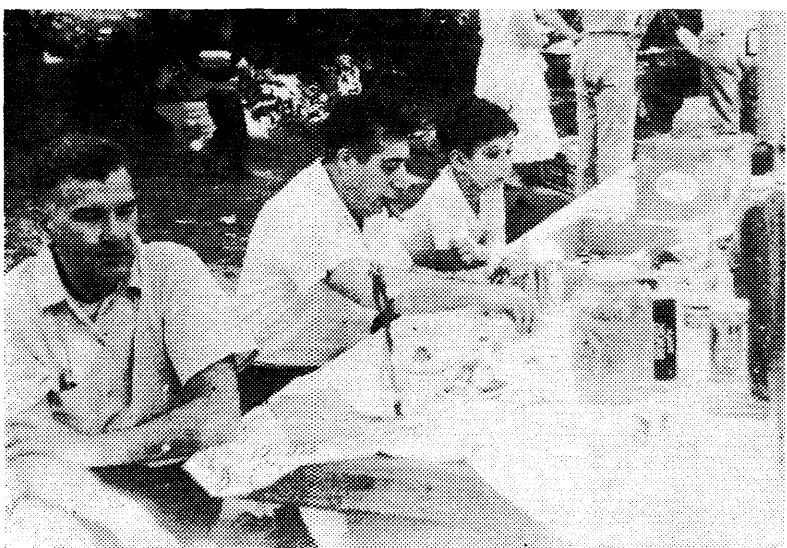
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Take Statler Over Without Firing a Shot

EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY... FOR TOMORROW???



The Octofoil is in receipt of many fine pictures made during the June, 1958 picnic staged by the Greater New York Chapter. If it was financially possible to do so several more of the pictures would be used in this issue. Pictured above are Lou Almassy, and Vincent Guglielmino. "Guggy" is the newly elected president of the Greater New York Chapter. Next to the president is Jerry Shapiro's son. Jerry is one of the spark plugs for the Gothamites live-wire chapter. The 1958 enjoyable event was held at Scotch Plains, N. J.

NEW YORK MEMBERS HAVE BEEN "BUSY BEAVERS" IN RECENT WEEKS

The Octofoil is in receipt of two very comprehensive reports from the secretary of Greater New York Chapter Secretary Dominick Miele. One is dated Dec. 29, 1958, previous to the Chapter's annual election—the other one dated Jan. 10, 1959—immediately after the election.

Highlights from the two reports follow:

The Dec. 5 meeting was called to order by President Art Schmidt at 9:30 P.M. Max Umansky moved and Pat Morano seconded a motion to accept minutes of previous meeting as read. Carried. Financial report was submitted by Treasurer Feinberg. Moved by Dan Quinn, seconded by Jim Bruno that report be accepted as read. Carried.

A partial report from the 1959 Convention Committee was given. A more complete report will be noted in report on January meeting.

Finishing touches put on the program that was to be held for the kiddies during Christmas holidays.

PROPOSE ROVING CHAPTER

Discussion was held concerning the possibility of meeting at various places so as to make it more convenient for many more of the members to attend. For example: January and February meetings at the Hotel Van Rensselaer, March and April meetings, Elks Club, Union City, N. J.; May and June meetings to be held in L. I. C. No definite decision has been reached on this proposal.

NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee was appointed as follows:

Vincent Guglielmino, Chairman; Charles Libretto, George Apar, Edward Egan, Stan Cohen.

Report of the Nominating Committee was as follows:

For President: Vince Guglielmino, Stanley Cohen.

First Vice President—Dan Quinn. Second Vice-President — Frank Fazio.

Secretary—Dominick Miele. Treasurer—Irving Feinberg.

Chaplain—George Apar. Judge Advocate—Harry Orenstein.

Sergeant-At-Arms—Max Umansky.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

39th Infantry—Harry Wax. 47th—Frank Fazio.

60th—Charles Libretto. Special Troops—Harry Orenstein.

Divarty—J. Haroutunian.

Additional nominations will be allowed from the floor. After Nominating Committee's report was submitted Jim Bruno moved, Danny Quinn seconded motion to adjourn at 11:30 P.M. Refreshments were then served.

SGT. STEVE BUDRICK PRESENT

The Jan. 9, 1959 Greater New York Chapter meeting was called to order by President Art Schmidt, at 10 P.M., with 25 members being in attendance. After Chaplain George Apar gave the invocation, December meeting's minutes were read. Moved by Ed Egan and seconded by Sgt. Steve Budrick that minutes be approved as read.

(Incidentally, the New York lads were most happy to see the Old Sarge at the meeting. He has promised to attend all Chapter meetings in the future. All the boys wish him the best of luck.)

The Treasurer gave a financial report. Moved by Dan Quinn, seconded by Charles Libretto that report be approved. Carried.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Dan Quinn reported that the Statler Hotel had been selected as 1959 Reunion headquarters. It is the old Pennsylvania Hotel, located on 33rd and 7th Ave., opposite Pennsylvania Station. The dates are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 30, 31 and August 1, 1959. Thursday will be a get together; Friday, meetings and dance; Saturday, Memorial Services, entertainment for the ladies, etc.; banquet and dance at night. Additional details will be forthcoming from time to time.

Strip tickets will be \$12.50 per person at the 1959 Reunion.

CHRISTMAS PARTY A SUCCESS

Frank Fazio reported that the party was a success; over 100 children, plus grown ups attended. Cost

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BOARD WILL MEET IN PITTSBURGH MARCH 7

President Frank Wade announces the Board of Governors will hold a meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., March 7, 1959. This will be on Saturday afternoon, 3:30 P.M., at the Roosevelt Hotel.

Members who find it possible to visit Pittsburgh that week end will be welcome to sit in as observers—renew old friendships and make a "little reunion" out of the affair.

President Wade Visits Columbus (O.) Chapter

Returning to Maryland via Columbus, Ohio, after a business trip to Chicago, the Association's president, Frank Wade, visited with members of Columbus Chapter and made an inspection of The Octofoil setup and okayed proofs of the current edition.

The President okayed a press run of extra copies this month—so a copy might be sent some 2,000 former members. This move created an awful strain on the small budget The Octofoil is operating under. It is hoped this gesture of sending a copy of The Octofoil to these delinquent members will be appreciated and they will reciprocate by mailing in their 1959 Dues to Secretary Stanley Cohen AT ONCE!

Captain Lynch's Dad "Marking Time" Until New York Reunion

The Octofoil is in receipt of a beautiful Christmas greeting card from Mr. Joe Lynch, 475 Franklin Turnpike, Allendale, N. J.

That ever-present AAO was emblazoned on the card. Mr. Lynch is the father of popular and well-liked Captain Paul Lynch, who lost his life while helping maintain the courageous reputation of his beloved 39th Regiment.

Captain Lynch's father is looking forward to seeing all "his boys" at the 1959 New York Convention.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW!

Thanks to Boyle Profit On Reunion Increased

In the last issue of The Octofoil a report was printed that advised the 1958 Convention Chairman, Glenn O. Moore had turned a net profit of \$102.49 over to the Association after all convention expenses were paid.

Now National Treasurer Thomas Boyle advises The Octofoil that the Convention Chairman may add to the profit another \$37.75. Boyle got busy and recovered money that was considered a loss incurred because of a mixup in a check cashing operation. Good work, Tom!

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW!

"That Old Gang of Mine" Being Revived

Among the hundreds of Christmas greeting cards mailed to The Octofoil desk was one from former Association President Donald Clarke, Washington, D. C.

Don took time out to pen a very nice personal note to his card—in which he was very complimentary regarding The Octofoil's appearance. He likewise advises unless ill health prevents it, he certainly will be in New York City next July shaking hands with all his old buddies.

The address is Donald Clarke 4106 Van Buren St., West Hyattsville, Md.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW!

No matter how poor a man is at mathematics he knows that 36, 25, 36 adds up to a nice figure.

\$12.50 PER PERSON RATE SET BY THE NEW YORK COMMITTEE... GALA PROGRAM IS IN THE OFFING

The Greater New York 1959 Convention Committee, consisting of Dan Quinn, Stan Cohen and Frank Fazio narrowed the hotels for consideration down to three for the 1959 Convention headquarters. After discussing the matter with members of the New York Chapter the Hotel Statler was selected as the hotel best suited for the needs of the Association for its 1959 Jamboree.

S.O.S. — 1959 Dues Will Save the Ship

The Octofoil is elated to receive a communique from Secretary Stanley Cohen, in which he advises quite a few of the old timers have paid 1959 dues during the past few months. But not near as many as should have paid.

This is a critical period in the Association's history — 1959 dues MUST roll in at a faster clip.

Members who went overboard with their charge accounts because of too much Christmas shopping should be just about caught up by now — and able to pay 1959 dues.

Many worthwhile features are being withheld from The Octofoil because of the close budget allowed for operation. Many interesting pictures sent in are being held up, hoping many of the former members who have slipped out the back door will return and sufficient money will be available to enlarge on the Octofoil operation in the near future.

Send 1959 dues to Secretary Stanley Cohen TODAY!

OTTO KERNER LEADS THE WAY IN WINDY CITY'S BALLOTING

Otto Kerner, a spark plug in the Illinois Ninth Infantry Division set-up, was elected a judge in the last November election of a Cook County court by landslide proportions.

Past President John Clouser sent The Octofoil a beautifully written editorial concerning Kerner's outstanding qualifications and sterling character. The editorial was from an issue of The Chicago Tribune. Trying to escape the disastrous 1959 Columbus, Ohio, flood and get on higher ground with Octofoil records, Typographical Union records, and a change of shirts, the Octofoil editor lost that editorial along with some other valued papers.

Suffice it to say that when the staid old Chicago Tribune has anything nice to say about anyone who belongs to an opposite political party than the Tribune's party, then that guy must be clear out of this world—and Otto Kerner has gone all the way to top while in complete disagreement with Col. McCormick's Tribune philosophies.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW!

DRY, DRY MARTINIS

The Hotel Statler, New York ('59 9th Division Association headquarters) has some fancy bars. They claim the Dry Martinis are so dry that the management had to get rid of the urinals and install dust pans.

The Statler was selected for the following reasons: 1. The room rate will be guaranteed. The singles will all be \$8, the doubles will be \$5.50 per person, and eight 2-room suites will be available for \$36. There will be no price fluctuations. The rooms are all air conditioned.

The price for strip tickets for the three-day affair will be \$12.50 per person.

MANY INNOVATIONS

The \$12.50 will include a boat ride, a ladies' luncheon (buffet), perhaps a fashion or cosmetic show. The last night of the affair, Saturday, will find a new twist in the annals of Ninth Division Association affairs. It will be a dinner-dance affair. It has been the opinion of the New York committee that the last night of each year's Reunion seems to break up too early and that more emphasis should be placed on the final hours the old gang is together. After much deliberation the Committee came up with the dinner-dance proposal.

JULY 30-31-AUGUST 1

Dates for the 1959 Reunion have been decided on—July 30-31-August 1, 1959.

Place: Statler Hotel, New York City.

The Octofoil will have published in the very near future a coupon, which will be a ticket of admission. This will be a guarantee of getting the flat room rates. The committee intends to see that there are no slip-ups on this deal.

The New York group has guaranteed 400 radio and TV tickets to various shows in the New York area. A wonderful meal for the children at \$3.50 each has been arranged.

BABY SITTING

Arrangements are being made for baby sitting in the hotel if this service is asked for.

WRITE FOR INFORMATION

If any member has questions to ask about the hotel just drop a line to Greater New York Chapter, Box 1108, G.P.O., New York 1, N. Y. Danny Quinn, Chmn., 1959 Reunion Committee.

Parking facilities for those who drive to New York will be taken care of in advance.

The committee feels that the Statler is the easiest hotel in New York City for visitors to reach—it most assuredly is the finest in accommodations. The prices are within range of the Association's members.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Strip tickets will be sold so that men living in the immediate metropolitan area will be able to participate in individual events.

The very efficient New York committee has, at this early date, most thoroughly covered every conceivable angle, including speakers, parade, dinner-dance, boat ride—which will be around the Island of Manhattan—which is included in the strip ticket deal and should keep the gals and the kiddies happy!

This is all part of a real deal for real guys and gals. Remember it's a time of your life, with everything but the kitchen sink thrown in that is now in the set-up—so attend the Ninth Infantry Division Reunion in New York on July 30-31-August 1, 1959. . . . For a fine time in '59—go to New York City.

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1959 —	1961 —
George Apar	Major Harry P. Jennings
Alphonse Dominick	Jack O'Shea
Frank Fazio	Frank Ozart
Maj. Gen. Wm. C. Westmoreland	Mike Gatto
1960 —	
Arthur Schmidt	Board Members Emeritus
Glenn O. Moore	Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy (Retired)
Frank Wade	Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig (Retired)
Vincent Iannucci	Honorary Chaplain Emeritus
Tom Boyle	Father Edward Connors

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An extract from the certificate of incorporation of the Ninth Infantry Division Association reads: "This Association is formed by the officers and men of the Ninth Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively by means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to members and former members of the Division."

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9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSN. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Stanley Cohen, National Secretary, Ninth Infantry Division Assn.,
Post Office Box 66,
Livingston, New Jersey

Enclosed please find 1959 dues for:

Name Serial No.
Street Address
City Zone State

I was a member of:

Battery.....; Company.....; Regiment.....9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year.....\$ 4.00 ☐
Sustaining Member ☐
THREE-YEAR MEMBER\$11.00 ☐
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Eight Stars to Victory.....\$ 3.50 ☐
(Pictorial History of 9th Division in action.)
Ladies' Auxiliary Member\$ 1.50 ☐
Decals—25 cents each—5 for\$ 1.00 ☐
Combat Route Map\$.50 ☐
60th Infantry History\$ 1.00 ☐

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EXPLANATION OF DUES:

Non-Chapter member—All dues payable to National.
Chapter Member: 10 cents for Chapter, \$3.00 to National.
Ladies' Auxiliary: 50 cents to chapter, \$1.00 to National.
Three-Year Member: \$3.00 to chapter, \$7.00 to National.
Life Membership: \$12.50 to chapter, \$37.50 to National.
Sustaining Member: Chapter to receive one-third of amount over \$3.50—balance to National.

MEMORIES OF "ABIE'S IRISH ROSE" PREVAIL

A footnote attached to a recent letter received at The Octofoil office from Secretary Stanley Cohen reads as follows:

"Above all, we have 'adopted' our third... a boy on December 18, name 'Jeffery Michael Cohen'."

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—
If you want a youthful figure, ask a woman her age.

Texas Member Passed Away Since Last Issue

The Octofoil extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family of Joseph Denges, Rt. 1, Wolfe City, Texas, who passed away recently.

Joe was a popular G.I. with the 15th Engineers during combat days.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—
Variety is the spice of life but monotony produces the groceries.

NEW YORK CHAPTER NEWS NOTES

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to the chapter, \$47.00. Fazio thanked Scully (Santa Claus), Danny Quinn, Mr. McInerney (for donating the candy), Pat Morano and Charles Hoffman, who contributed money, and Dominick Miele for donating toys. Plenty of candy, cookies and ice cream was available for the children. They all enjoyed themselves. The committee is also deeply indebted to the accordionist, Pat Higgins, for supplying the music for this wonderful occasion.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF 1959 OFFICERS

For President: Vince Guglielmino and Stanley Cohen were nominated. No nominations were made from the floor. Fazio moved and Libretto seconded that nominations for President be closed. Carried. Result of balloting showed Guglielmino was elected president with 13 votes, Stan Cohen receiving 7 votes.

First Vice President — Danny Quinn recommended by Nominating Committee. There were no nominations from the floor. George Apar moved and Libretto seconded that Quinn be elected by acclamation.

Second Vice President — Frank Fazio declined the nomination. Ed Egan nominated Harry Orenstein. No other nominations were offered. Jack Scully moved, Jacob Laskau seconded that nominations be closed. Moved by George Apar that secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Ed Egan. Carried.

Secretary — Dominick Miele was recommended by the Committee. Pat Morano moved, Haroutunian seconded that nominations be declared closed. Miele was elected by a unanimous vote.

Treasurer — Irving Feinberg elected by a unanimous vote by virtue of a motion by Fazio, seconded by Scully. Carried.

Chaplain — George Apar elected without opposition. Fazio moved—Libretto seconded that a unanimous ballot be cast for Apar. Carried.

Judge Advocate — Edward Egan. Fazio moved, Wadalavage seconded that Egan be elected by acclamation. Carried.

Sergeant-At-Arms — Max Uman-sky. Morano moves, Frank Mele seconded that nominations be declared elected. Carried. Uman-sky unanimously elected. (Frank Mele is no relation to Sam Mele, the ball player.)

BOARD OF GOVERNORS (Five Members)

39th Infantry — Harry Wax succeeds Pat Higgins, whose term expired December 31, 1958.

47th — Frank Fazio succeeds Pat Morano, whose term expired December 31, 1958.

60th — Charles Libretto succeeds John Morris, whose term expired December 31, 1958.

Modest John Clouser Refuses to "Toot His Own Horn" For Sheet

A request was made to The Octofoil that the highlights of Immediate Past President John Clouser's administration be printed in this paper. Feeling sure certain noteworthy achievements would be left out of any story prepared by The Octofoil, Clouser was contacted and asked to prepare a kind of autobiography of his year in office. However, John turned the idea down—evidently he's heard the old saw "Self praise is half scandal." But what about the one that sounds off "If you don't toot your own horn no one will toot it for you."

Be that as it may, Clouser has been working hard on a membership campaign plan that he intends presenting to the next Board meeting for approval. Tentative ideas sound encouraging, and if the system works, The Octofoil will take extra pains to see that credit is given where credit is due. The Illinois school master relayed a few other progressive ideas he has to submit for consideration to the next Board of Governors meeting. Clouser evidently is not going to relegate himself to a "do nothing" role just because his term of office has expired.

THE DEUCE TO PAY

They're telling the story of Association President Frank Wade—that while on a recent visit to New York City he decided to try his luck in a crap game being held in the back room of a downtown night club. A sharp looking stranger offered to play with Frank. As the sharper rolled once, one dice fell out of his sleeve on the table along with the other two.

Unruffled, Frank picked up one of the dice, pocketed it, and said: "Okay, roll. Your point is 15."

Special Trps.—Harry Orenstein succeeds Art Schmidt, whose term expired December 31, 1958.

Divarty—James Haroutunian succeeds Ernie Siegel, whose term expired December 31, 1958.

Still active on the Board of Governors are:

39th Infantry—Herminio Suarez; term expires December 31, 1959.

47th—Danny Quinn; term expires December 31, 1959.

60th—Albert E. Bruchac; term expires December 31, 1959.

Special Trps.—John Sabino; term expires December 31, 1959.

Divarty—Richard A. O'Connor; term expires December 31, 1959.

Danny Quinn moved, Charles Libretto seconded nominations for the Board of Governors be accepted. Motion carried.

Suarez moved to nominate Mr. McInerney as an Honorary Member of the New York Chapter. Seconded by Edward Egan. Carried.

Danny Quinn moved, seconded by Libretto that election of officers be closed. Carried.

Quinn thanked the outgoing officers and outgoing President for the wonderful work they had performed during the past administration.

APAR INSTALLING OFFICER

Before installing the new officers George Apar called upon each outgoing officer, thanked them for their co-operation and the fine work each officer had performed while in office. The members applauded each officer as he was called upon and then relieved of his duties by the Installing Officer.

Apar in his installation ceremony wished the incoming officers success and pledged the co-operation of the members. Upon conclusion of the installation ceremony, Apar called upon the new president, Vincent Guglielmino. Vin then called upon the outgoing president, Art Schmidt, thanked him for a wonderful job he has done during the 1958 administration. Thereupon Art surrendered the gavel to the new president, Vincent Guglielmino, and extended best wishes for a successful year.

THANKS APAR

A vote of thanks was given to George Apar for the magnificent job he did as installation officer as well as the outstanding job he has done as Chapter Chaplain.

A "BREAK" FOR NOURISHMENT

A recess was called at this time and a luncheon was served. After the recess the new proxy thanked the members for electing him and pledged himself to fulfill his duties to the utmost of his ability.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lou Almasy at 11:45 P.M.

(Editor's Note: See New York Chapter picnic picture elsewhere in this issue.)

KOPAC MISSED HIS FIRST REUNION IN '58

George E. Kopac, at 619 Remaly Ave., Springdale, Pa., is grieving because he missed attending the '58 Reunion in Columbus. That was the first Ninth Reunion George has ever missed. He had, according to his letter, both of his shirts and that other pair of socks he owns, packed, ready to take off when he was taken ill with an ailment similar to those experienced by Ninth men who holed up in Magenta, North Africa, after Bizerte fell.

Kopac wants all his old 1st Bn., 47th Regt. buddies to know why he didn't show up in Columbus. The Octofoil has mailed him the 1958 program to put with his collection he has kept from all previous Reunions.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

FLASHES—Too Late George Simon Ruthlessly Murdered By Hoodlums; Bishop Wright Is Transferred

Newspaper clippings were sent to The Octofoil by Bob Klump, treasurer of Buffalo Chapter, telling of the horrible murder of George Simon, a well-liked member of that Chapter. Full details, along with the minutes of the last Buffalo Chapter meeting will be published next issue.

NEW ENGLAND LOSES BISHOP

Joe McKenzie advises that Bishop John Wright, well known by former Ninth men, a staunch friend of Father Connors, is being transferred to the Pittsburgh Diocese. Full details and clippings from New England papers relaying some of the great achievements of the Bishop will be a part of the next issue of The Octofoil. Many other items were received too late to print this month.

Sgt. Maj. Forrest Barefoot Among 18 Sill Men Promoted

The Lawton (Okla.) Morning Press recently printed a feature story about the 18 Fort Sill noncommissioned officers who were advanced to the new E-8 grade of master sergeant (Sergeant Major).

The 18 represent the choice of a board of officers which screened almost 300 noncoms in making its selections.

The Fort Sill board nominated 22 and sent their qualifications forward to the Fourth Army where they were put before another board and selections made on an overall Fourth Army basis.

Personnel screened by the board had to meet certain general criteria and be nominated by their commanding officers, and a word description of the individual was submitted including physical, mental, moral and personal traits, duty attitude, self sufficiency, leadership and job performance.

OTHER AREAS CONSIDERED

Other areas considered included the degree of command and supervision exercised by the individual, knowledge attained, physical skills demonstrated, ability to accept responsibility, scope of position occupied by the nominee and his relative position in the chain of command.

NINTH MAN PUSHED UPSTAIRS

In reading over the Lawton newspaper it was with pleasure that the name of Sgt. Forrest F. Barefoot was found listed among the chosen few who withstood the acid test and was able to come out with flying colors.

Sgt. Barefoot is a former Ninth man and vitally interested in the affairs of the Association. In a recent letter he mentions another former Ninth man, SFC Francis L. Ruffer, who is also soldering at Fort Sill. SFC Ruffer is a former K Co., 60th Inf. medic.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

TAX COLLECTOR VICTOR CAMPISI RESIGNS OFFICE

The above headlines appeared in Massachusetts newspapers recently.

Victor A. Campisi, a Somerville deputy tax collector for the past five years, has announced his retirement from office. In declining reappointment for 1959 he said he was anxious to return to more rewarding employment in private industry.

Appointed by City Treasurer William J. Reynolds in 1954, Campisi collected nearly \$200,000 in delinquent poll, personal property and motor vehicle excise taxes.

He has been cited by Reyn. lds for an "excellent record of tax collections" in the Annual Reports of the City of Somerville, which also points out that in a four year period the volume of taxes to be collected increased 25 per cent but uncollected taxes increased less than 1 per cent.

HONOR GRADUATE

A past president of the Massachusetts Deputy Tax Collectors Association, Campisi is an honor graduate of Suffolk University.

Before his appointment as a deputy tax collector he was for two years a chief news and feature writer for a U. S. government information office in Germany.

A disabled infantry combat veteran of World War II, Campisi also has been a news reporter on a Waltham newspaper in addition to having been president and part owner of Pilot Production Co., Inc., a Boston metal stamping firm.

He lives with his wife and child at 10 Lesley Ave., Somerville, Mass.

In a short letter to The Octofoil Campisi advises he and National Treasurer Tom Boyle with the help of their fine wives plan a chain-telephone call system in the near future to get interest revived in the Ninth Infantry Division Association in that sector of New England.

The Campisi-Boyle team also had planned a meeting with other New England members in a Boston night club, to lay the ground work for a wide-awake New England chapter.

Some of the humorous "fillers" being used in the current issue of The Octofoil and to be used in the next several issues were bits furnished the paper by Vic.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

Quartermaster Lads Keep In Close Contact

LeRoy F. Dreifus, former 9th Q.M. man, advises he has recently heard from Horace Abrams and his wife. He has likewise been in contact with another former Q.M. stalwart—Bill Palady.

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND CHALKING UP AN ENVIABLE MILITARY RECORD

The Octofoil and all former Ninth men are unusually proud of the enviable record a former Ninth man is chalking up with the U. S. Armed Forces. Major General William C. Westmoreland, now commanding the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, is a modest man to the 'nth degree. He was president of the Ninth Infantry Division Association during the 1956-57 fiscal year.

Thanks to the cooperation The Octofoil received from Captain Weldon F. Honeycutt, an Aide-de-Camp on the General's Staff, it has been possible to assemble quite a bit of interesting factual data concerning the General. A most interesting narrative concerning General Westmoreland will be found in the May 5, 1958 issue of Life Magazine.

It is the fervent prayer of each and every former Ninth man that the youngsters they are raising today will never be forced to face the bitter experiences of combat—but it is some consolation to know if that time must be thrust upon us again—the U. S. Army has top echelon men of Gen. Westmoreland's character and fitness, trained and steeped in Ninth Infantry Division traditions, to lead them.

BORN IN CAROLINA

William Childs Westmoreland was born in Saxon, S. C., March 26, 1914. He graduated from high school at Spartanburg, S. C., in the class of 1931 and thereafter attended the Citadel in Charleston, S. C., for a year. In July, 1932, he entered the U. S. Military Academy and graduated June 12, 1936, as Cadet First Captain and Regimental Commander. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of Field Artillery and subsequently reported for duty as a battery officer with the 18th Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

In March, 1939, he joined the Eighth Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. There he served as a battery officer, battalion staff officer and battery commander. In May, 1941, he was assigned to the Ninth Infantry Division at Fort Bragg, N. C., as operations officer of the 34th Field Artillery Battalion (mm. Howitzer).

ASSUMES COMMAND

He assumed command of that battalion in April, 1942. The following December he moved with it to Morocco, North Africa, commanded it in combat in Tunisia and Sicily and then moved with it to England. In March, 1944, he was named executive officer of the Ninth Infantry Division Artillery, served in combat in France, Belgium and Germany, and in October, 1944 became chief of staff, serving in that capacity in continuous combat from the German border to the Elbe River. He assumed command of the 60th Infantry Regiment in Germany in June, 1945; joined the 71st Infantry Division there in January, 1946 and as designated commander of the division returned with it to the United States.

PARACHUTE TRAINING

From May to July, 1946, he took parachute and airborne training at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and received his parachute and glider badges. He then assumed command of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment at Fort Bragg, and in August, 1947, became chief of staff of the 82nd Airborne Division, serving in that capacity for the next three years.

He was named an instructor at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in August, 1950, and later that year was designated an instructor at the Army War College, also at Fort Leavenworth. In June, 1951, he moved with the Army War College to Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, and continued to serve as an instructor until July, 1952.

ASSUMES COMMAND OF 187TH

On August 1, 1952, he assumed command of the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team in Korea. While under his command the unit was twice committed to combat and during the interim was deployed in Japan. In August, 1953, he was awarded the Master Parachute Badge.

MOVED TO WASHINGTON

In November, 1953, he became Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G1, for Manpower Control at Army Headquarters, Washington, D. C. During 1954 he attended the Advanced Management Program of the Harvard Business School in Boston, Mass. He was named Secretary of the Army General Staff, Washington, D. C., in July, 1955.

During World War II he was awarded the Legion of Merit for service as commander of the 34th Field Artillery Battalion from April, 1942 to March, 1944; the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit for service as chief of staff of the Ninth Infantry Division from October, 1944 to May, 1945; the Bronze Star Medal and the Air Medal for service with the Ninth Infantry Division. The French Government awarded him the Legion of Honor

for his service with the Ninth Infantry Division in France. In October, 1953, he was awarded a second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit for his accomplishments in Korea and Japan while commanding the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team.

34TH F.A. BN. CITED

His unit, the 34th Field Artillery Battalion, was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for action in Thala, Tunisia, in February, 1943. The 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team was awarded, during his period of command, the Republic of Korea Unit Citation.

General Westmoreland and his wife, Mrs. Katherine Van Deusen Westmoreland, have two daughters, Katherine and Margaret, and one son, James Ripley.

PROMOTIONS

He was promoted to first lieutenant June 12, 1939; to captain September 9, 1940; to major February 1, 1942; to lieutenant colonel, September 25, 1942; to colonel July 28, 1944. He reverted to lieutenant colonel June 30, 1947; and was promoted to colonel June 29, 1951; to brigadier general November 7, 1952; to major general December 1, 1956.

ALWAYS IN ON THE JUMPS

Recent news stories under Associated Press credit lines coming from Fort Campbell, invariably emphasize General Westmoreland's practice of having made many jumps while with the 82nd Airborne, always leading the troopers from the aircraft.

The General really came into his own as an airborne unit commander in August, 1952 when he took command of the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team in Korea. He commanded the 187th during the period August, 1952 to November, 1953. He was always present when elements of the 187th made jumps in Japan and Korea. He is always first out of the aircraft to test winds and ground conditions.

Since assuming command of the 101st Airborne Division, General Westmoreland has continued in his usual manner to set the example for both officers and enlisted men of the division by always jumping first and testing variable conditions. The General has made 81 parachute jumps to date.

Each and every former Ninth Division man feels equally as proud to have served with such a courageous soldier as General Westmoreland as they are for having served with Gens. Eddy, Craig and the other outstanding commanding officers of the Ninth Division and its many units.

No doubt history will record the former Ninth commanders as the finest combat commanders in World War II and in event the Muscovites force the Stars and Stripes to be defended at some future date General Westmoreland is destined to go down in history alongside them because of his courage and ability.

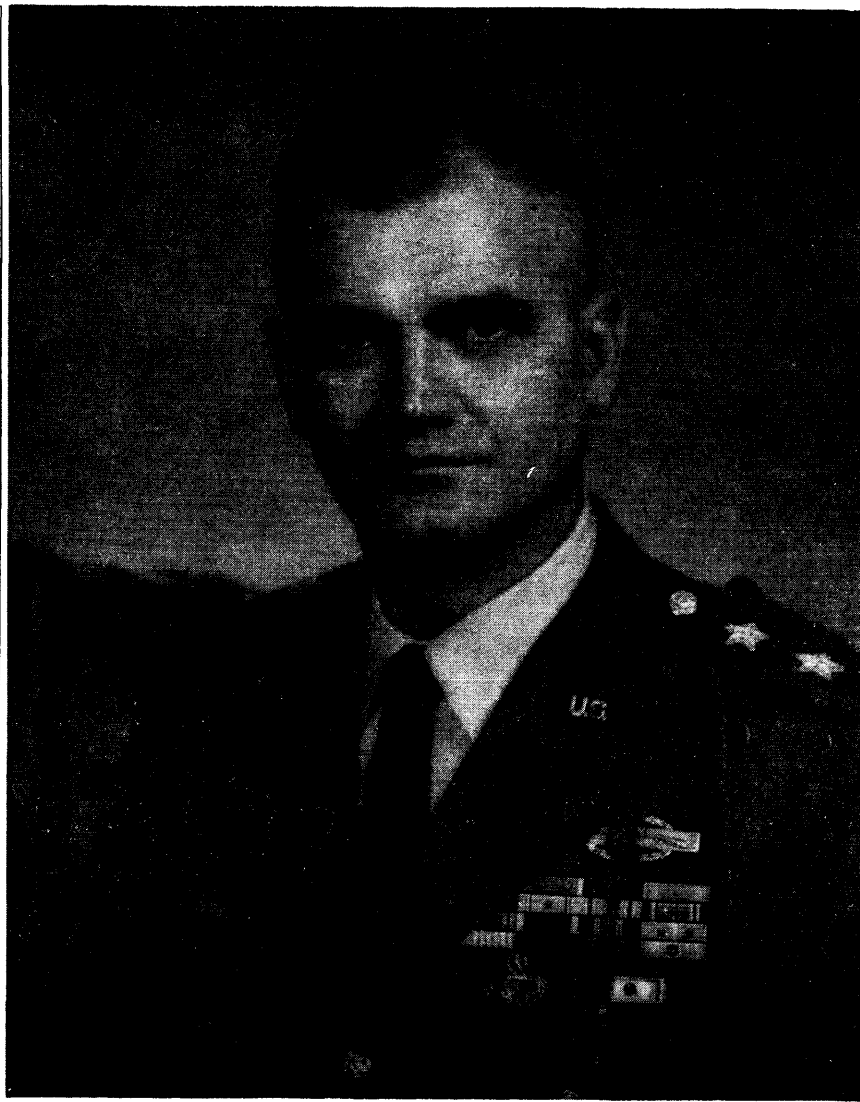
To think that a man as busy as General Westmoreland would take time out to guide the destiny of the Ninth Infantry Division Association for an entire term as President should certainly be an incentive to all former Ninth men to pay their dues into the Association as a guarantee of a continued militant, aggressive organization. Expiration of his term in office has in no way lessened General Westmoreland's interest or his activities in behalf of the Association.

THE TRUE CULPRIT

"It is alcohol, and alcohol alone that is responsible for your present plight," said the judge.

"Thank you, your Honor, for saying that," the prisoner said. "You're the first person that has not said it was all my fault."

Too many square meals make people too round.



Maj. Gen. William C. Westmoreland is now commanding officer of the 101st Airborne Division.

The 9th Infantry Division still rates top spot in his devotion to all previous military connections.

During the fiscal year 1956-1957 the General was President of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Life Magazine recently published double page spreads of interesting photos of General Westmoreland and other G.I.s in training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

At Ninth Reunions he's just another one of the many former Ninth men — shaking hands and swapping yarns with his old buddies.

GOLDSTEIN OPERATES A MERCEDES-BENZ TAXICAB

Edward Goldstein, a former sergeant in Division Headquarters, recently appeared on TV with his famous Mercedes-Benz taxicab. This is the only cab in New York City of its kind. Eddie has people make reservations to ride in this land yacht. Anyone who has ridden in Goldstein's taxi can vouch for the fact there's nothing else like it any place.

CALLS FROM EVERYWHERE

Eddie lives at 67 St. Paul's Place, Brooklyn, but he is getting calls from all over the metropolitan area of New York as a result of his TV appearance. Here is a cab people are fighting to get a ride in—a Mercedes-Benz. What will these former Ninth Division guys think of next?

FORMER NINTH MAN IS FIXTURE IN CONGRESS

Representative Hugh J. Addonizio is now serving his sixth term in Congress, representing New Jersey's 11th District.

The Congressman entered the 9th Infantry Division a private and was discharged as a captain. He served with the Division during the eight campaigns.

In Congress Addonizio is a member of the House Banking and Currency Committee and a member of its subcommittee on Housing.

Married in 1942 to Miss Doris Goodheart they now have five children, Carol Ann 11, Frank Hugh 10, Lois 8, James Joseph 5, and Thomas 4. The Addonizos live at 68 Hazelwood Ave., Newark, N. J.

Buckeyes Keep Trickling In With Dues and Data

William W. Keller, former 39th man, now living in Mechanicsburg, Ohio, sends in his '59 dues and gives The Octofoil a pat on the back at the same time.

Another Buckeye heard from who is just now signing up was William H. Nelson, 712 McDowell Ave., Steubenville, Ohio. Nelson is a former K Co., 39th man. He is married and has one youngster, Sharon Kay, 6 years old.

By trade Bill is a railroad fireman but is temporarily furloughed and is pinch hitting as a hardware clerk until railroading gets a bit more busy. Among some of his former buddies he has recently met up with were William Vargo, Yorkville, Ohio; Vernon Miller, Franklin Ave., Steubenville, Ohio, and Bob Christian, East Springfield, Ohio.

The ability to speak in many languages is valuable, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in one is priceless.

Another reason you can't take it with you is because it goes before you do.

SGT. HYMAN BECKER AND FAMILY VISIT THE PREXY AND HIS CLAN

A letter dated in early January, from President Frank Wade, disclosed the information that he and Mrs. Wade were looking forward and expecting a jolly good time when Sgt. Hyman Becker and his family, New York City, visited the Wades in their Port Tobacco, Maryland, home. Sgt. Becker is a former 39th man, who has been lost somewhere in the shuffle until he was recently located and told the "facts of life" about the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Welcome to a Couple of Fine New Members

Col. John G. Schermerhorn is now at Fort McPherson, Ga., Qtrs. 11-E. The Colonel, a former 15th Engineer man, recently forwarded to the Association secretary his application for membership in the organization. Welcome, Colonel—and it's hoped you are able to get to New York for the 1959 Reunion. You'll see a lot of the old gang there.

Joseph Mantalchi, 1300 14th St., North Bergen, N. J., a former Cannon Co., 39th man, is another Association recruit. Welcome Joe—and as near as you are to New York City there's no excuse for you not being there for the 1959 Reunion.

ULM CATHEDRAL UNVEILS GI GIFT

A recent AP news release from Ulm, Germany, reads:

"A 65-foot high church window donated by American soldiers to Ulm Cathedral was unveiled recently. The window, depicting biblical scenes, was designed by German Artist Hans Gottfried von Stockhausen.

Soldiers of the U. S. Army's 47th Regiment, which left Germany two years ago and is now stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado, collected \$5,000 for the window.

LIBERTY

During World War II a buck private and a sergeant were courtmartialled for striking a colonel.

Asked why he had done it, the sergeant explained that the colonel, while passing down the line of review, had stepped on his sore foot.

"Instinctively," said the sergeant, "I threw up my guard, like anyone would do, and let him have it before I realized what had actually happened. It was an accident, I can assure you."

Then the buck private was asked for his explanation. "Well, you see, sir," he replied, "when I saw the sergeant strike the colonel, I thought the war was over."

A bridegroom is a wolf who has just paid for his whistle.

WASHINGTON HOTEL HAS PACKAGE DEAL

The Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., has mailed out summer convention package plans for groups holding three days and two night sessions from June 15 through September 15.

The hotel furnishes and arranges sightseeing tours that is included in the club rate for the hotel rooms.

There are nine other interesting features furnished by the hotel that are a part of the Special Summer Convention Package Plan Rates.

Should Washington be awarded the 1960 Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion the Mayflower Package Plan might be of interest to the local committee and it certainly sounds as though it affords innovations to the guests that has never been a feature part of past Reunions.

Timely Tips From Gen. Ed Randle

The Octofoil can depend on receiving a card at some time during each month from Gen. Ed Randle, retired and taking it easy down in Clearwater, Fla. He is a natural-born optimist and those cards do a world of good when things are going Topsy-turvy around edition time.

It is hoped that pretty soon The Octofoil will have the space in which to reprint Gen. Randle's most interesting story that appeared in Army Magazine. Permission has already been granted The Octofoil to reprint the story. As a matter of fact, much of the narrative has been set in type form and is stored in The Octofoil office, awaiting the time when sufficient space will be available for its publication.

George Zipfel Eager to "Get In the Picture"

There are thousands of former 9th men scattered over the country just like George Zipfel, who would gladly join the Association if they knew the organization existed. It behooves local chapter's to get writeups in the local papers concerning Chapter activities and in this way many former Ninth men who are non-Association members may be contacted. George Zipfel lives at 81 Sussex Ave., East Orange, N. J., and recently sent Secretary Stanley Cohen the following letter:

"Dear Sir: As a past member of the Ninth Infantry Division, I would like you to send me information about joining the Ninth Infantry Division Association, if the Association is still active. I trust I shall hear from you soon and thanking you for your co-operation. I am, Yours Truly—George Zipfel."

By the time you have money to burn the fire has gone out.

ALASKAN CLIMATE AGREES WITH MAJOR KRAFT



It is now Major Waldo Kraft, having been promoted in the Reserves to Major recently. While with the Ninth Division he was C.O. of Co. G, 47th. From way up in Kodiak, Alaska, his fine wife, Audrey, sends The Octofoil the above picture of the Kraft family with additional information concerning the Dad of this fascinating group. At the present time he has charge of the men's wear department in his father's department store and is also a vice-president of the company. The young Eskimo Krafts pictured above are Susanne, 11; David, 9; Tessa, 6; Keirn, 3; Timmy, 16 months. The major would be glad to hear from any of the old gang—just write to him at Box 911, Kodiak, Alaska.

Dave Silberberg To Tour Europe

The Octofoil has an interested but unknown reader down in the Volunteer State around Memphis. A letter postmarked Memphis, Tenn. on Memphis Publishing Co. stationery was received in early January with no signature attached, but page 4 of a recent edition of the Memphis Commercial Appeal was enclosed with a lengthy article and photo of Attorney David Silberberg printed at the top of the page. The article mentions very prominently the part Silberberg played with the Ninth Infantry Division. Parts of the Commercial-Appeal article is as follows:

ONE OF SEVEN HONORED

A Memphis attorney has been invited by the West German Republic to make a four-week tour of that country to see first-hand the legal developments there.

David D. Silberberg, 4314 Rhodes, Memphis, Tenn., is one of seven Americans—including a college professor, a judge and a state attorney general—who left New York January 18 on a Lufthansa Airlines plane for Düsseldorf.

TO VISIT HOMETOWN

For the 37-year-old Memphian, the tour will include a visit to Kassel, the hometown he left in 1936 when his family fled Nazi Germany.

The invitation came from Ambassador K. H. Knapstein, deputy secretary of state for foreign affairs for the Bonn government upon recommendation of Dr. Karl Schoenbach, West German consul stationed at Atlanta, Ga., and serving the Southeast.

NATURALIZED IN 1942

Mr. Silberberg is a naturalized citizen, becoming naturalized while a sergeant in Miami in 1942. Later he served as a combat counter-intelligence officer in Europe with the Ninth Infantry Division. He is now a major in charge of the Military Intelligence Branch of the Army Reserve School at Kennedy Veterans Hospital.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

"Chuck" Joyce Spot Checking the Moores

Charlie Joyce's present address is Box 104, Wilmington, N. C. He is a former Co. L 39th man—from the Fort Bragg days right on through.

Seeing Board of Governors Member Glenn O. Moore's name on the masthead of The Octofoil "Chuck" sent a Christmas card and made inquiry as to whether Glenn O. was one of the 39th Moore boys out on Chicken Road just before that ride across the Big Drink was taken.

It so happens the Moore that Joyce is looking for doesn't happen to belong to the same tribe that the Board member Moore belongs to.

If the Chicken Road Moore will contact Joyce it will make him a happy Tar Heel.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

REST IN PEACE...

A widow, ordering a tombstone to be erected in memory of her dearly departed husband, had this inscription placed on it:

Rest In Peace—Till I Come!

TAYLOR REMINDS THE READERS DIGEST OF ITS "SINS OF OMISSION"

Wilton M. Taylor, Stop 6, Star Route, Lost Hills, Calif., again asks members of the Association to register a protest with the Readers Digest for failure to give the Ninth Infantry Division due credit for the herculean part it played in D-Day history. Protest letters should go to Miss Frances Ward, Readers Digest, 230 Park Ave., New York City.

With his beautiful Christmas card Taylor enclosed his 1959 dues for forwarding to Secretary Cohen. He mentions just a few of the former 47th men he had received Christmas cards from which included Leonard Rochstows, Palo Alto, Calif. Dom Miele, New York City; Sgt. Richard L. Kinkennon, Fort Knox, Ky.

Commenting on Col. Ken Hechler's book "The Bridge at Remagen," Taylor advises the author is most fair in mentioning names and units. The colonel would appreciate comments from former Ninth men, and any additional information they care to submit to his office. The address is Lt. Col. Ken Hechler, Armor USAR, care of Ballantine Books, Inc., 101 5th Ave., New York.

Judging from Taylor's letter of Jan. 14, he isn't going to let the "brass" at Fort Carson alone until the recordings he asked they prepare and present to the Ninth Infantry Division Association has been fulfilled.

Through his short wave radio Taylor is picking up European stations and listening to native folk music that brings back vivid memories of the days when he, with other Ninth men, were attentive listeners to the same live music.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

The Mayor Is Aware Solon Was 9th Man

During a bit of correspondence with Mayor Ed Bailey, Demopolis, Ala., concerning the film shown on Navy Log by U. S. Rubber Co., Holt Rast's name was mentioned. Holt is a member of Alabama's General Assembly, representing Birmingham, and Jefferson County. Although the mayor had known Holt personally from his football days at Alabama U. to his latest political career—he never knew the solon was a former Ninth man until advised by The Octofoil. Now the two Alabama public officials have much more in common.

Mayor Bailey was with the 39th while Representative Rast was with Division Headquarters.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

Sam Armour Is Moved To Hospital In Ohio

Sam Armour's mother, who lives at 394 Lucock St., Rochester, Pa., advises The Octofoil that Sam has been suffering from arthritis since last August and has been in a Goose Bay (Laborador) Hospital, has been transferred to an Ohio hospital. His present address is Samuel D. Armour, 33280816, Ward 5, South, U. S. Air Force Hospital, Wright Patterson A. F. Base, Dayton, Ohio.

Sam would be happy to hear from any of his old 47th Infantry buddies.

LIKE AN ARAB, THEY SILENTLY STEAL AWAY

That ever-present headache experienced by one and all who have anything to do with The Octofoil is still problem No. 1. Every time a member moves and doesn't advise Secretary Stanley Cohen in advance Uncle Sam soaks The Octofoil one nickel for bringing that paper back to The Octofoil office.

Listed here are the new addresses of some of those members whose Octofoils were returned recently. This is a public service to these guys' friends and relatives who may be worried about where they are now:

Marvin J. Balthaser, moved from 443 W. Main St., Kutztown, Pa., to 800 Whitner Rd., Riverview Park, Reading, Pa.

Nicholas Capezzeria, from 652 William St., Pittstown, Pa., to 761 Liberty Ave., Union, N. J.

Thurman L. Sharp, from 3803 Campbell St., Chattanooga, Tenn., to 3703 Saluda St., Chattanooga.

Everett H. Spink, from Rt. 4, Akron Rd., Lockport, N. Y., to 772 Akron Rd., Lockport.

Charles E. Commins, from 2639 Central, Apt. 53, Memphis, Tenn., to 1336 Fairview Rd., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Leonard DeBall, from 905 East Bruckley, Hazel Park, Mich., to 24248 Curie, Warren, Mich.

Cleaves Graham, from 121 Cranford Ave., Cranford, N. J., to 15 Sycamore Way, Hamilton Square, New Jersey.

Alfred Rago, from 13104 Foch Blvd., So. Ozone Park 20, N. J., to 738 New St., Uniondale, L. I., N. Y.

Robert C. Spence, from 1876 Nanticoke Rd., Lancaster, Pa., to 3271 Birch Ave., Allentown, Pa.

John F. Southworth, left 3217 Waynoka, Memphis, Tenn., for parts unknown.

Sam C. Holliday, Major, from Hqtrs. 1st Bn., 60th, Fort Carson, to NCO Academy, Fort Carson, Colo.

J. H. Garman, from 1405 Hyde Park Blvd., Houston, Tex., to 500 Stuart Ave., Houston.

Lt. Col. L. C. Williamson, from 109 Austin Loop, Fort Benning, Ga., to 129 Rainbow Ave., Fort Benning.

John R. DeFreitas, 2440 Gilmore St., East Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y., to 2738 Humphrey St., E. Elmhurst 69, L. I., N. Y.

Harold W. Smith from 21 N. Rolling Rd., Baltimore 28, Md., to 436 Overbrook Rd., Baltimore 28, Md.

Nick Lyoko from 48 Brunswick St., Newark 5, N. J., to 1213 Broadway, Hillside, N. J.

Wm. G. Robey, 7800 Alpine St., S.E., District Heights, 1, Md., to 8103 Penbrook Pl., Hyattsville, Md.

Charles P. Helms, 2501A So. 9th Pl., Milwaukee 4, Wis., to 1131 S. 19th St., Milwaukee 4, Wis.

Frank Maninelli, from 298 Union Ave., Irvington, N. J., to Orchard Pl., Basking Ridge, N. J.

Charles Gregor from 125 3rd Ave., Kirkland, Wash., to 35 Mary St., Carteret, N. J.

Frances J. Leo from 635 Chilton Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y., to 498 79th St., St. Niagara Falls.

First Lieut. John R. McGrath, O-4005832, 2nd Co., 1st Stu. Bn., Fort Benning, Ga.

Frank Fidler, from 331 E. 50th St., Hialeah, Fla., to 11501 S. W. 56th St., Miami, Fla.

George A. Simon, from 379 Box Ave., Buffalo, N. Y., to 1315 Lovejoy, Buffalo 6, N. Y.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

Bob Jefferies Located On Some High Roads

Robert L. Jefferies, a former Co. D, 60th man, now lives at 2391 South Quittman St., Denver 19, Colorado.

In settling down out in the Rocky Mountain portion of the United States, Bob has set up shop right up in the clouds. It's a fascinating sector—a mecca for vacationists. Any former 9th men journeying in that direction next summer should take time out to look Bob up and swap a few yarns about Ninth Division days—that is if he'll stop bragging on Denver long enough to turn back the clock of time. No true blue Denverite ever meets a stranger without giving out a song and dance that, at times lasts for hours, extolling the virtues of Colorado and Denver in particular.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

THE SECOND COMING?

A maid who was giving satisfactory service suddenly gave notice one day.

"Why do you wish to leave?" the mistress asked. "Is there anything wrong?"

"I just can't stand the suspense in this house, Madame," the maid said. "What do you mean?" the mistress asked.

"It's that sign over my bed that says: 'Watch ye. For ye know not when the master cometh.'"

JOE MCKENZIE CONTINUES TO "RIDE HERD" ON FORMER 26TH F.A. MEN

Joe McKenzie is a natural born optimist. What, with the whole nation beset by the worse weather conditions in years—even The Octofoil office submerged under 8 feet of water on Columbus, Ohio's West Side, Joe writes, in part, as follows:

"The entrance to the new year was of much discomfort to much of the country. Heavy snow in the west and southwest, extreme cold in the north, forest fires in the far west, heavy snow in parts of New York State, zero temperatures in New England with plenty of snow in the great ski areas of New England."

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, JOE

All of that is now over and our thoughts can turn to an expected, delightful spring. Our thoughts can always go back to those days of excitement and fear, anxiety and hope, which we spent with the great Ninth Division. A special thought goes to those with whom we lived for so many years.

REMEMBERED BY THE BOYS

Listing some of his former buddies from Service Battery, 26th F.A., who sent Christmas greetings McKenzie wants to thank them one and all for the beautiful cards and their thoughtfulness: Bernal Lareau of 414 Michigan, Lowell, Ind.; Louie England, Bill Andrews, Lew Ortigari, George Wilkinson, Charlie Zablow, Carl Lucas, Johnny Earnhardt, Bob Porter, Joe Albanese, Pergi, Harold Huber, John P. Quinn, Clem LeBlanc, Harry Fry, Harold Wallace, Frank Grutzius, Dick Hill, now of 3108 Rosedale Rd., Apt. D, Dallas, Texas; Bob LaDez, Bill Bongiorno, Joe Mosier, Peter Greco, now of 125 Bayard St., Trenton, N. J.; Jim Boyle, now of 1109 Springdale Dr., Pittsburgh; Bob Hamilton, now of Rt. 2, Valley Falls, New York; John Murray, Ed Kral, Ray Weaver, Dan Looney, Ike Blitstein, Rusty Roscoe, Jerry Langer, Sheriff Leach, Johnny Brazil, now of 5275 Red Winery Rd., Geysersville, Calif.; Anthony Ponticello, Paul Griffin, now on his way to Korea; Everett Grigsby, Earl Landon, Jim Daniels and Paul Fribush.

Tony Salton, Ted Schmidt, John Clouser, Chesley Mischler and Loren Doyle of Hqtrs. 26th F.A., according to the writer are still other grand fellows he met while with the Ninth and after all these years they are held together with that indescribable something learned during Army life.

NOTES AT RANDOM

McKenzie's Jan. 13 letter closes with the following paragraph:

Last summer Everett Grigsby of Seward, Nebraska, visited Frank Grutzius in Chicago. A note from Jim Daniels states that he came home in 1945 with the Second Division and was stationed in Hollywood, Calif. In September, 1946 he met The girl who was later to be Mrs. James Daniels. After his discharge in April, 1947, he started to work for Standard Oil and is still with them. Jim married THE girl in August, 1947. A note from Mrs. Helen Griffin states that Paul has orders which will carry him to Korea shortly after April 1. A letter to Jerry Langer has been returned by the post office.

Make this year the one in which you will attend the National Convention in New York City.

AND THEN THE RAIN CAME

Excerpts from another newsy letter from McKenzie, mailed on Dec. 7, 1958, reads:

It had to happen sometime. For the past 13 years on the day of our Memorial Mass the weather has been beautiful. In 1958 it was a different story. Torrential rains proved too much for some of the gang who had planned attending. With all the interference by Mother Nature attendance at the Mass and dinner was only a few short of the largest attendance ever had at the Worcester services.

SADDENED

Members of Service Bty. 26th F.A. present at Worcester were saddened by the news that Williams Lapsley (Jimmy to all of us), died on Feb. 26, 1958. His widow and four small children survive.

SWAPPING EXPERIENCES

Fred Keys, Service 26th F.A. is getting a little bald, but not looking any older, enjoying a long chat with Frank Wade, 39th Inf. Joe Albanese, Service, 26th, and Gil Pernokas, "B" 26th, were comparing pictures, facts and figures of their first born. Walter Swenson has a busy schedule: 3 days a week he plays golf—it's a must. The other days he enjoys his 30 h.p. Johnson and loft boat. Walt is still working for the post office in the famed South Pos-

tal Annex. Work has taken Pergi, Service, 26th, from his home in East Hartford, to Bethlehem, Pa. Anyone living in that area can find him on the big construction job. John Murray, Service, 26th, is ready to take your order for a 1959 Olds. Elmer Roscoe, Bil Bongiorno, and Lew Ortigari have been at the same jobs since discharge. Again Manny Effron, Service, 26th, made the trip up from Atlantic City. The guy never changes. He arrived in Worcester early Saturday A.M. Later in the day, with other early arrivals, they visited the horses about 40 miles away. Manny had his luck with him. He made expenses for the trip from Atlantic City. Manny entered Putnam & Thurston restaurant on the heels of Bishop Wright. The doorman asked Manny if he was the Bishop's chauffeur and whether or not the Bishop had eaten dinner.

ALTAR BOYS—9TH OFFSPRINGS

Bob Warner, "A" 26th, is looking as fine as ever. He finds it difficult to see any ex-26th men in the Whip City of Westfield, Mass. Connie Matulius and Pop Mahler, both of "C" 26th, had what looked like their first meeting since 1945. One of the altar boys assisting Father Connors was the son of Dan Mazeika, "B" 26th. The other altar boy was also the son of an ex-9th man from the 34th.

John Hennessey, 63 Milton St., Arlington, Mass.; Jim Scannell and Oliver Brassard, of the 26th at Fort Bragg, also attended the Memorial Mass. John went to OCS Ordinance. Many of us saw John during our four days at Oran after the African campaign. At the end of the war in Europe John was a major with Gen. Mark Clark in Austria.

Scannell and Brassard went to the 88th Division.

James S. Newton, Adams St., Rural Box 282, Rt. 1, Westboro, Mass., sent regrets at not being able to get to Worcester. Jim was a 26th man at Bragg. He went to Q.M. OCS. After graduating he made several trips back and forth to Europe with troop transports.

TRAVELS FOR CIO

John Peter Quinn, 56 Great Brook Valley Ave., Worcester, an ex-Service 26th man, is an official in the CIO Bakery Workers' Union. He has to do much traveling. Send him your address. He may visit your neighborhood soon.

CLOUSER ENJOYED HIMSELF

John Clouser, Hqtrs. 26th, enjoyed himself while in Worcester. Jim Hennelly, "B" 26th, was an usher at Mass. The ex-Captain looks the same as did long ago. John White, who was with "B" 26th at Bragg, and Bob O'Callaghan, who carried much ammunition for "B" 26th, were also at Worcester.

LOCATE ANOTHER BUDDY

Another 9th man has been found. He is John T. McColgan, 277 Main St., Saugus, Mass. John was with 26th F.A. from February, 1941, until the end, except for those periods of duty with the 39th. His brother, Jim, was also with the 9th at Bragg. He entered Fort Sill in July, 1942, and was assigned to a Long Tom outfit in Italy. A post card from Johnny Earnhardt doesn't tell much about himself—only that he is well.

COME TO WORCESTER IN '59

If you have never been to Worcester, make plans to be there in 1959. Bring your wife. She will meet the fine wives of many of the members who are just marking time until the 1959 Memorial Mass.

A SMALL WORLD

One night at the beach during the past summer Fred Keyes needed the services of a baby sitter. A neighbor recommended a certain girl. This girl, Fred later learned, was a niece of Arnold Halvorson, of "C" 26th, who was killed during the Battle of the Bulge.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

Dick Williams "Signs Up" For 3 More Years

Richard M. Williams, a former K Co., 47th G.I., lives on First St., in Euclid, Pa. He recently mailed Secretary Stan Cohen his dues for another three years.

Dick moved to Pennsylvania from Chicago about six years ago. He is still a bachelor and is working for the American Can Co., as a chemist.

He would be glad to hear from any of the old gang that he knew in the 47th from 1944 through 1946.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

One trouble with traffic is that pedestrians walk around as if they owned the streets and motorists drive around as if they owned their cars.