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MEMORIAL MASS THE NEXT BIG EVENT

GLENN O. MOORE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, INSTALLED AS NEW PRESIDENT AT NEW YORK CITY REUNION



GLENN O. MOORE, National President
Ninth Infantry Division Association

The new President of the Association is well known to the members, having served one term as second vice-president in 1948 and several terms on the Board of Governors. In announcing the election of Moore, President Frank Wade remarked: "He's given many Presidents a hard way to go while he's been on the Board, now we can get back at him." The new president has been active in many veterans service organizations in his home state—but like all former Ninth Infantry Division men—love for the Ninth Infantry Division Association comes first. Moore was with the 39th Regiment while in Africa—stopping some machine gun bullets kinda slowed him down a bit necessitating reassignment as an ambulance driver until V-E Day.

In civilian life he is well and favorably known in business and banking circles in Ohio, having worked himself up to the secretary-treasurership of one of the larger Building and Loan Corporations in the Middle West. The new prexy's message to the membership appears elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil.

Don't Lose Enthusiasm After Reunion Is Over

The Association has had a bit of new life blood pumped into it during recent months. Most of the correspondence to The Octofoil during recent issues have been full of big plans for the 1959 Reunion.

The 1959 Reunion is now history—and a fine chapter it made.

Members should double their effort now in sending news notes to their paper—births, weddings, new jobs. Anything that old buddies would be interested in hearing about. And after all, there'll be a Reunion in 1960 to start planning for. But in the meantime, send in all the news notes about members, individually, and Chapter activities as a unit.

Gold Star Parents Honored In New York

Mr. and Mrs. McInerney, the Gold Star parents of Sgt. James J. McInerney, Co. I, 39th Regt., and Mr. Joe Lynch Gold Star dad of Captain Paul J. Lynch, also of Co. I, 39th, were the honored guests at the banquet held in the Statler Hilton Hotel, New York City, at the close of the 14th annual Reunion.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

Gen. John Van Houten Moves to Pentagon

A change of address card advises that Maj. Gen. John Van Houten is assigned to the Army Council of Review Boards, Dept. of Army, Room 1E474, Pentagon, Washington 25, D.C.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—
Alimony is some womens idea of a guaranteed annual wage.

Stanley Cohen Bids His Farewell; Pledges Quinn Unstinted Cooperation

To Members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association—

Seven years is a long time on any job and it's time for a change.

My association with the Ninth Infantry Division Association as its national secretary has had its rewards and its frustrations. Sometimes more frustrations than rewards, but this is to be expected.

To Dan Quinn, the new national secretary...

I offer my cooperation and I trust that Dan gets as much kick out of seven years of service as I did with the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Cordially yours,
STANLEY COHEN.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

SEND 1960 DUES TO DANNY QUINN

Members having need to contact national headquarters hereafter relative to membership, histories, dues or any other financial matter are requested to direct all communications to...

Dan Quinn, National Secretary
9th Infantry Division Association,
412 Gregory Avenue,
Weehawken, New Jersey

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

Thanks, Fellows

The Octofoil is grateful each issue to many members for the news items contributed, otherwise there would be no Octofoil. It is unfair to pick out a few when there are so many, but this month while the editor was out of circulation for 30 days he is most grateful to Art Schmidt, Joe McKenzie, Wilton Taylor, Stanley Cohen, Dom Miele, Dan Quinn, John Boden and Dick Pestel. Pestel has run his legs off taking photos to the engravers, going for cuts, lugging the mail bags from the post office and filled bags to the loading platform.

Without fellows like those named and scores of others unnamed we would have no Octofoil.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

Octofoil's Sweetheart



One of the busiest little beavers at the New York Reunion was petite and cute little Helen Seslowe, pictured above. Helen is the daughter of Dr. Hyman Seslowe, 439 Brooklyn Ave., Brooklyn 25, N. Y. Doc is one of New York Chapter's hardest workers. He worked tirelessly during the recent Reunion, but he didn't work any harder than pretty little Helen and didn't get around nearly as fast. Helen was behind the trinket and book tables for two consecutive days — on the side a messenger — running from meeting room to meeting room, committee room to committee room. There'll always be a 9th Division Association long after the present members have passed on — as long as they continue to raise fine youngsters like Doc Seslowe's Helen — a chip off the old block.

MEMORIAL MASS IS ARRANGED BY FATHER CONNORS FOR NOVEMBER 8 AND ALL ROADS LEAD TO WORCESTER, MASS.

Usually The Octofoil does not print purely personal letters. But a personal letter accompanying Father Connors form letter about the Memorial Mass was so newsy and closed so touchingly that both the personal letter and the form letter will be quoted below:

The following letter will be sent to 800 former 9th Division men:

Immaculate Conception Rectory
353 Grove Street
Worcester 5, Mass.

Dear Friend:

On Sunday, Nov. 8, 1959, it will be my privilege to offer our 15th Memorial Mass for the Deceased men of the 9th Division. Each year I am amazed that so many of the former 9th Division men come to this Memorial Mass. It shows your devotion to one another—the living and the dead. God bless you for your remembering.

I send a copy of this letter to 800 former 9th Division men—whose addresses I have. I would be happy to send a copy to others—who might wish to hear about this Memorial Mass. If you know of anyone who is interested, send along the name and address. All are welcome—in fantrymen, artillerymen, medics, engineers, those who were in the Special Troops—all are welcome—Catholic and non-Catholic. May I make this suggestion—whether or not you attend this Memorial Mass—on Nov. 8, in your prayers remember our dead.

It is no longer "Father" DeLaura—but "Monsignor" DeLaura. He finally made it. He is one of the "brass" now. Monsignor (Magee) DeLaura has been ill for a few months—but is fast recovering—and he has assured me that he will be with us on Nov. 8. Father Kines, formerly with the 39th, intends to be with us. They will be here on Saturday evening before the Mass—to meet you at Connors Coffee Shop. The Coffee Shop will be open all Saturday evening until midnight. Refreshments will be served by the parishioners—coffee, sandwiches, cakes—and a little "cold stuff."

Our principal guests will be our Gold Star people. If you know of any of these, please let me know—that I may send an invitation. I have at least 50 Gold Star families on my mailing list. It is a great honor for me to have so many of these people attend our Memorial Mass. And they are thrilled that so many 9th Division men still remember those who have died.

Come yourself—bring your wife, if possible. Many of you now are bringing your children. All are welcome. As General Craig once said on the occasion of one of our Memorial Masses—what helps to keep this get together alive is the family spirit.

THE PROGRAM

Here is the program: Saturday evening, Nov. 7, everybody welcome at the Coffee Shop—in the parish hall. You will be our guests—bring along your friends. The Memorial Mass is on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 10 A.M. After the Mass coffee and rolls will be served in the Coffee Shop. The dinner will commence at 12:30 P.M. at the Bancroft Hotel. At the dinner we hope to have as our guest my new Spiritual Commander, Bishop Flanagan. Last spring Bishop Wright was installed as Bishop of Pittsburgh. I am sure that Bishop Flanagan will be as much impressed by this gathering as was Bishop Wright.

If you wish to make hotel reservations, write directly to the Bancroft Hotel, Worcester, Mass. I don't get a commission. This is the city's

only first class hotel. If things are tough, a shelter half will be furnished by the Supply Sergeant.

Please fill out the enclosed card—and return to me by November 1. However, even though you send in a "no," and then discover at the last moment that you can make it, come along.

Every blessing to you and your loved ones. Pray for one another. And may the souls of our Deceased Comrades rest in peace.

Sincerely yours,
EDWARD T. CONNORS.

P.S. May I ask all the Catholic men to make an effort to receive Holy Communion on that day.

Parts of the newsy, personal letter from Father Connors follows:

Immaculate Conception Rectory
47 Perscott Street
Worcester 5, Mass.

Dear Paul: This week I had the privilege of speaking on the phone with General Craig. He now has an army of his own flesh and blood—28 grandchildren. They could not have a finer grandfather. This week I had lunch with Bill McGonagle, 84th F.A. Bill is fine—in the banking business. A few days ago I spent a wonderful evening with Fred Keys, 26th F.A., and Gene Welsh, 60th F.A. And today I was speaking with Jim Henneley, 26th F.A. I am very fortunate—that I meet and hear from so many former 9th Division men. Some weeks ago Larry Murray of LaPorte, Indiana, dropped in to see me. And Tom Egan of Queen's Village, N. Y. stopped by—but I was away, and I was sorry to have missed him.

I enjoyed the Convention in New York. Dan Quinn and his committees did a great job.

God's blessing to you, Paul. And, I am sure, that all 9th Division men are grateful to you for your continued dedication to the 9th Division Association.

Every blessing to you. Hope to see you in Worcester on November 7th and 8th.

Sincerely Yours,
EDWARD T. CONNORS.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

Be Patient, Please

There is a lot more to moving the secretarial headquarters of the Association from one location to another than the average member could imagine.

Until this issue of The Octofoil was distributed many members did not know that Stanley Cohen had resigned as secretary and Danny Quinn was his successor. Consequently letters and dues payments had continued to be sent to Cohen.

Approximately 1,000 papers were returned last month out of the 8,000 mailed. This means new plates—many plates to be removed. There had to be complete cooperative effort between Stanley and Danny to make the transition without interrupting the service the members are entitled to. This cooperation between the two has been executed nicely. By the time The Octofoil is published again all the physical properties will have been moved and everything will be running nicely.

BUT dues can and should be sent in now for 1960 to Dan Quinn, 412 Gregory St., Weehawken, N. J.

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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 of means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to members and former members of the Division."

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President Glenn Moore "Sounds Off"

To the Officers and Members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association . . .

The honor you have bestowed upon the undersigned—that of being President of our grand Association for the fiscal year 1959-1960—is the greatest honor ever bestowed upon me. With all humility at my command I assume these duties with a sincere desire to make the next 12 months an outstanding era in Ninth Infantry Division Association history. *The Infantry has never taken a back seat for any unit* and neither will the Ninth Infantry Division Association. During combat everyone, individually and collectively knew it was their job to support the Infantry to assure successful prosecution of our war efforts.

No less a dignitary than President Eisenhower is said to have remarked that the Ninth Infantry Division's record had been equalled by few and surpassed by none. We must carry on and maintain that same degree of respect as a civilian organization that we did as a combat organization.

Without the cooperation of all the other officers and most especially the rank and file membership during the next twelve months any efforts I may exert will be most ineffective.

Past President Frank Wade has established an enviable record as President. Budgets were set and were lived up to—putting the Association back in the black columns of the financial sheets. It is time to begin thinking of 1960 dues being sent to the new secretary, Dan Quinn, 412 Gregory St., Weehawken, N. J. Danny is greatly enthused with the possibilities he has to help make the Association greater and with more prestige than it now enjoys. Prompt remittances of 1960 dues will be a big shot in the arm to Quinn's morale and spur him on to greater efforts.

Efforts will be made to print announcements of all Association activities sufficiently far in advance as to allow full participation in all our projects. For the benefit of those unable to attend the various events full coverage will be given later in The Octofoil. This Association is bigger than any individual connected with it—bigger than any particular geographical area. We will continue to march ever onward as long as we remember and practice this: *One for all—and all for one!*

Cordially yours,
GLENN O. MOORE, President,
Ninth Infantry Division Association.
920 Pleasant Ridge Ave., Columbus 9, Ohio.

Greetings and Aloha From Hawaii — the Fiftieth State

George G. Iwamoto, 1679 Kilauea Ave., Hilo, Hawaii, T.H., sends his greetings on a beautiful post card commemorating the fact Hawaii is now the 50th state in the U. S.

George's card reads on the back:

Aloha:
From a former member of A Bty, 34th Field Arty. Bn. to members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Art Schmidt has written George and asked him to get busy and organize a chapter in Hawaii.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

WHAT THE DEUCE

A newly wed soldier wrote the following letter to his young bride: "Come down next Sunday if you possibly can. I'm short of cash so please bring me \$10. (P.S.: If you can't come send me \$12—")

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

GEN. JACOB DEVERS MOVES TO THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Gen. Jacob L. Devers (Ret.) recently sent The Octofoil on a post-office form his new and old address. He formerly lived at 1334 N. Henry St., Alexandria, Va. His new address is 1430 33rd St., N.W., Washington 7, D. C.

If all our members were this considerate the Association Secretary nor the Octofoil editor would be getting so many gray hairs. The Association treasury would be more healthy too by saving the many hundreds of nickels fed to the postoffice for returned papers.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

REAL LIVE

A Big Time Operator came home one evening and raved about his new secretary. She was so efficient and good looking besides.

"Really a doll," he said.
His little daughter spoke up, . . .
"Does she close her eyes when you lay her down, daddy?"

9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSN. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, National Secretary, Ninth Infantry Division Assn.,
412 Gregory Avenue
Weehawken, 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 ☐

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(Pictorial History of 9th Division in action.)

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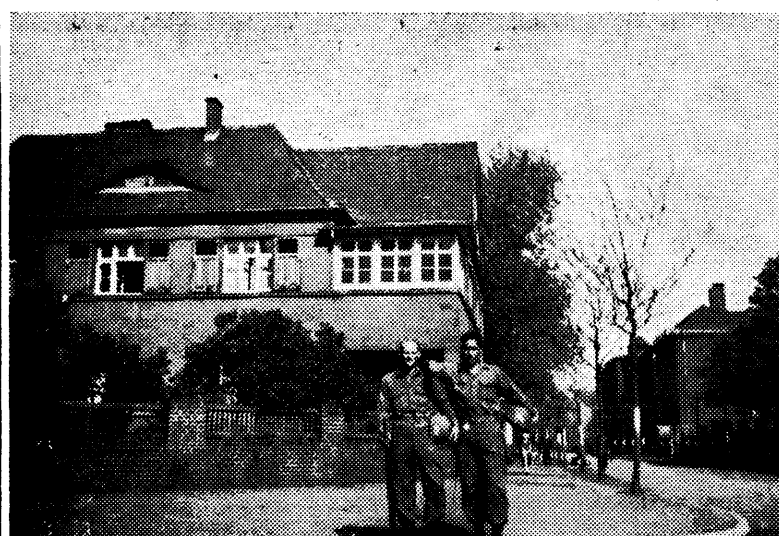
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"OLD BAGS" HOLD MANY "MILITARY SECRETS"



Prowling through his old barracks bag recently Ed Padilla, Box 113, Winkelman, Ariz., come across the above snapshot of Padilla and Howard C. Knight, of Georgia. The photo was made in Bitterfield, Germany, and will no doubt revive fond memories within the minds of many other former 9th men of incidents happening in or near the spot where Ed and Howard were posing.

Blue Grass Statesman Asks For Association Information

Sgt. Luther D. Wilson, Estill Ave., Richmond, Ky., writes:

I am a former member of the Ninth Infantry, Co. B, 39th Regt. I'm interested in becoming a member of the Association. I'd also like to hear from any of my old buddies.

The Sarge is another of Arthur Schmidt's contacts.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

Frank Chatto Wants That 47th Regt. Book Sent to Him

Frank Chatto, 9104 Kennedy Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, is willing to pay any price to get his hands on a history of the 47th Regt. He has written The Octofoil several times to publish such a request.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

JOE MCKENZIE SENDS IN A BRAND NEW ADDRESS

Joe McKenzie, who has always been one of the Octofoil's most consistent contributors of news items pertaining to former 9th men recently furnished the Octofoil his new address, which is 95 Washington Ave., Waltham, Mass. His old address was 108 Lowell St., Waltham.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

COL. OTTO R. KOCH, JR. GOES BACK OVERSEAS

A postoffice form filled out by Col. Otto R. Koch, Jr., gives his new address as FTT No. 2, Armish-MAA6—APO 205, New York City. The colonel was recently stationed at Fort Carson.

During the North African campaign, then Major Koch was executive officer of the 1st Bn., 60th—and well liked by all the men.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

TAXI DRIVERS IN NEW YORK PLEAD FOR SQUARE DEAL

An anonymous writer signing as a former 9th man and now a taxicab driver sent a copy of an editorial from The Journal American, New York City, in which it was noted a home-loving cab driver had been slain by a holdup man for a few paltry dollars. The Journal American pleads for laws allowing the cabbies to arm themselves. It was said that the slain former G.I. cabbie would be alive today if they were allowed to carry arms.

The writer should take his problem to a New York chapter meeting and as a group contact the lawmakers of New York County.

Washington In 1960; But Betty Rumenapp Give 'Em a Big Scare

Washington, D. C. was chosen by the Board as the 1960 Reunion site. But not until after Betty Rumenapp, Bob Rumenapp and the other Detroiters had put up an awful fight. It was explained that many of the Board members had promised Washington last year if they would withdraw for New York in 1959 the members would vote favorably for Washington for 1960. This was before any Board members knew Detroit would be bidding for 1960.

However, Betty campaigned religiously 24 hours a day in spite of the odds against her. She wouldn't take no for an answer from anyone. She's a mighty good campaigner to have on anybody's team.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

LARRY O'KEEFE MEETS AN UNTIMELY DEATH

Robert W. Buck, 5877 Heberton Dr., Verona, Pa., writes:

I just received a letter from Bill O'Keefe, brother of Larry O'Keefe.

The letter and newspaper clipping said that James (Larry) O'Keefe was killed in an auto accident between San Jose and Los Gatos, Calif., 26 June 1959.

Larry's car went off the road and hit the center dividing strip on Rt. 5 Freeway. The car turned over several times, throwing Larry from the car.

Larry's wife, Pat, 39, received possible leg fracture, cuts and bruises. LEAVES 3 SONS

Larry leaves his wife, Patricia; 3 sons: Michael 15, William 12, Colleen 9; his mother, Mrs. Dorothy O'Keefe of Boulder Creek; a brother, William, Army warrant officer at Fort McCloud, Wash.

Larry was the best friend I had while in the Army.

Larry's many friends in the 9th Division will remember him for his yearly letters to The Octofoil. He did much to maintain contacts with all he knew in the service.

Larry was the happy, witty, likeable Irish platoon leader of Anti-Tank Co., 47th, going up the ladder to Co. Ex. Officer, Company Commander, and when hostilities ceased in Europe to Regt. S-3.

VISITS IRELAND

While the Regiment was located in England Larry and I took a trip to Ireland where he met his future wife. May of that same year they were married in Winchester, Hauts, England. When he was shipped to the states his wife soon followed him to Seattle, Wash. Later they moved to San Jose, Calif.

We will miss Larry and to Pat and the three boys we send our deepest sympathy. We have lost a wonderful man and a true friend.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

THE "BASTARD" WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON

Much has been written about the immortal Molotov, the one-man army. But Battle Attack Magazine in its July, 1957 issue printed one of the most outstanding narratives yet written about this strange individual. They title the story, The Bastard. It will take practically one whole page to print. The Octofoil may have to hold up on printing it until the Board of Governors authorizes another 8-page issue. But the article is really worth reading. As a sample, just quoting the first few paragraphs of the story, they read:

The MP sergeant grabbed the lieutenant's arm, swinging him around so that he couldn't see the man approaching. "Don't look," he said. "Make out you didn't see him."

"What the hell was that?" the lieutenant asked.

"That," replied the sergeant, with a bitter weariness, "is Molotov—the bastard. I know he's out of uniform. There's no use running him in. He'll only talk his way out of it. Besides," and the bitterness in his voice was joined by a deep admiration, "he's the best soldier in the whole damned army."

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

OVER THE WAVES

A WAVE very much in love with two sailors, could not decide which one she would marry. Finally, she just put out to sea.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

This Gang Of Engineers Are Really Having a Ball For Themselves



Co. A—15th Engrs. had a large group at Friday night beer party held during the 14th Reunion in New York City. Former 15th Engrs. pictured above are, standing, left to right: George Bundza, Betty Maule, John Maule, Tony Soprano, Jerry Fasano, Pete Magnanelli, Charles Roberts, Betty Roberts, Mrs. Bundza. Seated, left to right: Verna Soprano, Ann Giovannini, Al Giovannini, Frank Alice, Steve Dobrino, Pete Radano, George Ackerman, Frank Wyandt and Russell Basil also attended but were not present for the picture. Photo sent in by John M. Maule, 124 Bear Lake Rd., Muskegon, Michigan.

Pestel Spent Hours Contacting These Lads For the Get-Together



The above group are all K Co. 47th men, who were contacted by Dick Pestel, Columbus, O., over a period of months and plans worked out for the get-together at the 1959 New York Reunion. Standing, left to right are: George Klinger, Max Umanski, George Bastedo, Mike Proctovick and James Malley. Seated, left to right: Ray Strall, Bob Nedwell, Joey Mezzarese and Pestel.

FORMER NINTH M.P. NOW A WICHITA, KANS. PRIEST

At the New York Reunion many members saw a familiar face but then when they noticed his attire they decided no it must be a mistake he just resembles Gerald Rowan.

Here's where they were wrong the Gerald Rowan, the M.P. they knew is now Rev. Gerald F. Rowan, Holy Saviour Church, Wichita, Kans., and he enjoyed renewing old acquaintances as well as they enjoyed seeing him after they were sure their eyes were not betraying them.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

Thanks, General

The Octofoil is highly complimented that Gen. Louis Craig, 3700 Fordham Rd., N.W., Washington 16, D.C. would take time out to congratulate certain features of The Octofoil. Parts of his letter read: It has been readable, interesting and friendly—and I am sure it has contributed greatly to the trend of increased interest in the Association. I hope you will be able to stay with it.

The General also sent a congratulatory message to Glenn O. Moore on his recent election as president of the Association.

Harry H. O. Nelson Dies in Massachusetts

From a Massachusetts newspaper comes a clipping with the sad news that Harry H. O. Nelson had passed away on Sept. 4, 1959. Harry served with the 47th Regt. 9th Division in Europe and Africa. He was a postal clerk at the Worcester post office for 12 years.

Harry died in the Veterans Hospital at Jamaica Plain. At the time of his death his home was in Holden, Mass.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

Detroit Group to Meet October 16 — 8:00 P.M.

It is regrettable that Bob and Betty Rumenapp's fine letter from Detroit arrived after the Octofoil forms were on the press. Much fine information is in the letter. Suffice it to say, they are still carrying on magnificently—and that Detroit Chapter will be something to behold before many more moons. Their news notes will have to be used next issue. A short story was killed out to insert this notice. They held a meeting Sept. 18 and have another one slated for Oct. 16—8:00 p.m. — at Carson's Chop House, 6001 Woodward Ave.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

Ray Handrahan Dies Near Waltham, Mass.

The August 29 edition of The News-Tribune, Waltham, Mass., carried the sad news of Raymond P. Handrahan's untimely death.

Ray was a member of Hqtrs. Btry. 26th F.A. from February, 1941, until he was transferred to a glider outfit at Camp Claiborne, La.

Ray was 51 at the time of his death and died suddenly from a heart attack.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

Oberkerchen Children Are Touring America

Word reaches The Octofoil that the Oberkerchen, Germany, Children's Choir are touring America this fall. They are slated for Bakersfield, Calif. in early October. The children are from an orphanage of Oberkerchen and as one writer put it: "Like the 9th they put all they have in their work."

Since the 47th Regt. took Oberkerchen, it was thought likely 47th men in particularly would be interested in these youngsters when they visit the various communities.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

Some people have no respect for age unless it's bottled.

FINANCIAL SUCCESS OF REUNION REPORTED TO NEW YORK MEMBERS; FALL DANCE ON OCT. 24th

Dominick Miele, Secretary of the Greater New York Chapter forwards the following report to The Octofoil, which covers the highlights of the Chapter's meeting on Friday, Sept. 11, 1959, held at the Hotel Van Rensselaer.

Meeting of Sept. 11 called to order by the president, Vincent Guglielmino, at 9:15 P.M. Invocation by the Chaplain, George Apar. Forty-nine members were present.

After the minutes of the previous meeting were read, motion made by Max Umansky to accept the minutes as read; seconded by Art Schmidt. Vote was unanimous in favor of accepting the minutes as read.

After the financial report was read by the treasurer, Irv Feinberg, motion was made by Russo to accept the report as read; seconded by Umansky. Motion carried unanimously.

SUCCESSFUL REUNION

The Convention Chairman, Danny Quinn, reported on the reunion. The Reunion was most successful. Everyone had a good time and everyone expressed satisfaction with the way the Reunion was conducted. Everything turned out most satisfactorily.

APAR COMPLIMENTS

After Quinn's report George Apar took the floor and complimented all the officers and men of the New York Chapter for making the 1959 Reunion the success it was. Apar's remarks were as follows:

"At this time I deem it proper and appropriate that we, the members of the New York Chapter, unanimously go on record and pay honor to all the officers and men who participated in making the past 14th Annual Reunion the success it was.

"In particular, the following men

are to be cited for their time and cooperation they have given to make the Reunion a success:

"Vincent Guglielmino, Frank Fazio, Danny Quinn, Dom Miele, Stan Cohen, Dr. Seslowe, Ed Egan, Jack Scully, George Apar, Pat Morano, Charles Libretto, John Rizzo, Steve "Old Sarge" Budrick, Lou Almasy, Mike Gatto, Harry Orenstein, Max Umansky and Irving Feinberg.

"As the host Chapter we should also go on record as extending our thanks to all the men of the Ninth who were able to make New York in '59.

"For by their participation, they and honored guests, were the primary cause of the success of the '59 Reunion."

The President, Vincent Guglielmino, also thanked all the men and officers who took part in the Reunion. The members gave them an ovation of applause.

FALL DANCE

The next topic of discussion was the coming Fall Dance which will be held on Saturday, October 24, 1959, at the Union City Elks Club.

There will be a buffet luncheon, plus drinks, and of course an excellent band for the dancing.

Tickets will be \$2.50 per person. For more information please write to the Secretary of Greater New York Chapter, P.O. Box 1108, G.P.O., New York 1, N. Y., and he will gladly furnish all the details as to this outstanding dance.

Motion was made by Umansky to adjourn the meeting since there was no other new business to transact; seconded by Art Schmidt. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M. Refreshments were served.

MINUTES OF 52ND AND 53RD MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD IN NEW YORK CITY

52ND MEETING

The 52nd meeting of the national board of governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was called to order at 8:30 P.M. by President Frank Wade on July 30, 1959, at the Hotel Statler in New York City, N. Y. The following men were present: Messrs. Moore, O'Shea, Fazio, Schmidt, Apar, Boyle, Plunkett and Guglielmino. There being a quorum of seven the meeting was called to order.

The secretary, Stanley Cohen, then read the minutes of the 51st meeting. After motion duly made by Moore and seconded by J. O'Shea, it was voted to accept the minutes of the 51st meeting and place same on file.

LETTERS READ

President Frank Wade then read a letter from Fort Carson asking the convention to play a tape presented to the Association of musical selections played by the Fort Carson 9th Division band and vocal numbers by 9th Division units.

MRS. BECKER'S LETTER

President Frank Wade then read a letter to the board from Mrs. Della Becker, donating the sum of \$500.00 to be set up as a Memorial fund for children's education in the memory of her husband, Louis R. Becker.

After a motion duly made by Glenn O. Moore, and seconded by Art Schmidt, it was voted to: The Board of Directors is to select one or more deserving child or children for the Louis R. Becker award of \$500.00 to be used as a scholarship or educational fund.

The board further recommended that this resolution be made in a form for suitable framing.

The president then read Paul S. Plunkett's letter regarding The Octofoil. After reading of the letter, and after a motion duly made by George Apar and seconded by F. Fazio, it was: Add the additional expenditures of The Octofoil as having been fully ratified by the board.

There being no further business to come before the board at 10:00 P.M., it was, after a motion duly made by Glenn O. Moore and seconded by Jack O'Shea voted to adjourn the meeting.

Very respectfully submitted,

STANLEY COHEN,
National Secretary.

53RD BOARD MEETING

The 53rd meeting of the Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was called to order by President Frank Wade on July 31, 1959 at the Hotel Statler in New York City, at 11:30 A. M. The following members were present: Messrs. Belmonte, Moore, Plunkett, Kropko, Umanski, Guglielmino, Boyle, Chaconas, O'Shea, Iannucci, Ozart and Schmidt.

The President then called for bids for the 15th annual convention. Two bids were made: Washington and Detroit. A third suggestion was proposed for New England. After a full discussion a vote was taken.

WASHINGTON GETS THE NOD

After a motion duly made by Tom Boyle and seconded by Frank Ozart, it was voted to: Award the 15th Annual Reunion to Washington, D. C.

The President then announced that bids were acceptable for the position of National Secretary. There were two nominations. After full discussion and balloting Dan Quinn was declared elected.

The president then called for nominations for the position of President. After full discussion and nomination, made by Tom Boyle and seconded by Jack O'Shea, Glenn O. Moore was declared elected.

The following officers were unanimously declared elected:
First Vice President: Vincent Guglielmino, New York City.

Second Vice President: John Sabato, Philadelphia.

Third Vice President: Vic Campisi, New England Chapter.

Treasurer: Tom Boyle, New England Chapter.

Judge Advocate General: William Peverill, Washington.

Very respectfully submitted,

STANLEY COHEN,
National Secretary.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

Msgr. DeLaura Loses His Beloved Mother

Word has just reached The Octofoil that Msgr. DeLaura's mother, Mrs. Mary DeLaura, age 76, has passed away. She was buried Sept. 1.

The Octofoil's deepest sympathy to Msgr. DeLaura in this his hour of sorrow in the loss of his mother who he was so devoted to.

ASSOCIATION TAKES ACTION EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO WIDOW OF LATE LOU BECKER

Not many members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association personally knew Mrs. Della Becker, the widow of the late Lou Becker until after Lou's death. But now they all feel they know her personally whether they have ever seen her or not.

Mrs. Becker's beautiful and sentimental letter was read at the Reunion. It reaffirmed faith in mankind to know that there are still some loveable people among us who are unselfish and live to make life more wholesome for others less fortunate and especially with a desire to help deserving youngsters.

The resolution that was unanimously adopted by the Board of Governors at the New York Reunion is self-explanatory and reads as follows:

WHEREAS, God in His most infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove from this earth a beloved member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, Comrade Louis R. Becker, and

WHEREAS, The bereaved widow, Mrs. Della Becker, in honor of Lou's sincere interest in the children of Comrades less fortunate than he, has authorized the payment of \$500 to the Ninth Infantry Division Association,

for the purpose of having the Board of Governors select a deserving child of a Ninth Division or former Ninth Division man and use the \$500 in furthering the child's education; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, meeting in New York City this 1st day of August, 1959, hereby accepts with profound gratitude the funds Mrs. Becker has bestowed for this worthwhile project as a fitting memorial to our departed Comrade, and the Board will accept for serious consideration the names of any and all eligible and deserving youngsters who might be beneficiaries of said fund; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Ninth Infantry Division Association Board of Governors go on record as extending to Mrs. Becker the heartfelt gratitude of the members of this Association, individually and collectively, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Becker and a copy furnished The Octofoil for publication.

Sincerely submitted,

FRANK WADE,

President, 9th Infantry Division Association.

Attest: STANLEY COHEN,
Secretary

JOHN BODEN, CHESTER, PA. WAS ACTIVE AT NEW YORK; SENDS IN A FINE REPORT

John Boden, Box 58, Chester, Pa., was an active member at the 1959 Reunion business sessions. He was active on the newspaper committee and led a healthy discussion on several controversial subjects from the floor. After getting back to Chester he lived up to a promise made The Octofoil and submitted some items for publication. John brought along his fine wife, Betty. They were expecting to see J. Oliver of Taunton, Mass., and A. Nighan, also of Massachusetts. The Bodens were disappointed because of not getting to see Oliver or Nighan.

Boden is head of B.R.T. union of Bus Drivers in Chester. Among the items John mentioned was the visits he had made to see John Dempsey of Philadelphia, who is quite ill at the present time. Butch Kane of Menden, N. J., also was sick, and unable to be in New York but Boden assures them they were not forgotten by their old buddies who were there.

Excerpts from Boden's letter relative to the Reunion read:

The Greater New York Chapter, in my opinion, outdid themselves in making this one of the best if not the best Reunion the Association has ever held.

We, of Btry C, 26th F.A. give a big applause to:

Vincent Guglielmino, Dan Quinn, Harry Orenstein, and last but not least, Dominick Miele, Irving Feinberg and the long list of members, all of who outdid themselves in helping those like myself, from the country who visit the big city very seldom—have a real enjoyable time.

The reason this is headed as Btry. C, looking 'em over at the get-together I saw very few from A Btry. or B Btry. They probably made it but old C Btry was there in large numbers.

BOYLES ARRIVE EARLY

As in past years, Tom and Hilda Boyle were among the first on the scene with their 3 "look-a-likes"—Tom, Jr., Paul and Donna—all 3 enjoying the adjoining rooms with the 2 TV sets and 2 bathrooms.

Lawrence Rodgers and his lovely wife, Davey, after the affair closed, winged their way out of town—Davey headed south to Hollywood, Fla., where they make their home. Lawrence winged his way up to their farm in Whitefield, N. H., to look it over for a few days.

MOONEYS AT BANQUET

Paul Mooney's wife, Estelle, kept those at Btry. C's table entertained with her witty jokes all during the banquet. They were to visit John Boden and Betty over Labor Day.

PERFECT GENTLEMAN

Big Mike Sciarappa left his wife at home to look after their small one, Margaret. He was a perfect gentleman but says the wife is certainly

coming along with him in 1960. So D. C., here we come.

SHORT VISITS

Russell Maurer, Camden, N. J., stopped by for the beer party—but left next day for the mountains. Bill Griesbach, from Connecticut, also stopped in to see who was around. He had to leave early and get back to his business.

Of course Paul and Delores Dick, Canton, Ohio, were on hand to make their usual good feelings felt by all. Too bad they had to leave before the last night.

THAT BOAT RIDE

It is funny but when you plan to go to a convention you usually plan to visit the things the city is famous for. Well, this year things were so well planned and so much to do the only time any of the groups mentioned left the hotel was when we went for the boat ride around the island for three hours—and man what a ride.

One fellow who really helped this farmer out was Jack Scully—a real good Joe.

Most of C Btry. hoped the next one would be held in dear old North Carolina to sort of really bring back old memories of days gone by.

If any of you C Btry. 26th guys want to send me your address I will try to pass it on to others who want to contact you. Just a line to

John Duco Boden, P. O. Box 58, Chester, Pa.

I will put it on file. Maybe I have one of the fellow's address someone is looking for now.

Thanks again to Dan Quinn and all the good Joes of the New York Chapter. See them all in Washington next year.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

Ex-Sgt. Steve Budrick Is Still With His Uncle Sam

Although the one and only Sgt. Steve Budrick recently retired from the Army he still works for Uncle Sam. Showing up at the New York Reunion, getting the Saturday morning parade off to a good start, he had to rush back to the post office for a stint, where he is employed. Steve's address now is 21 Union Ave., South River, N. J.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

BUSY MRS. B.

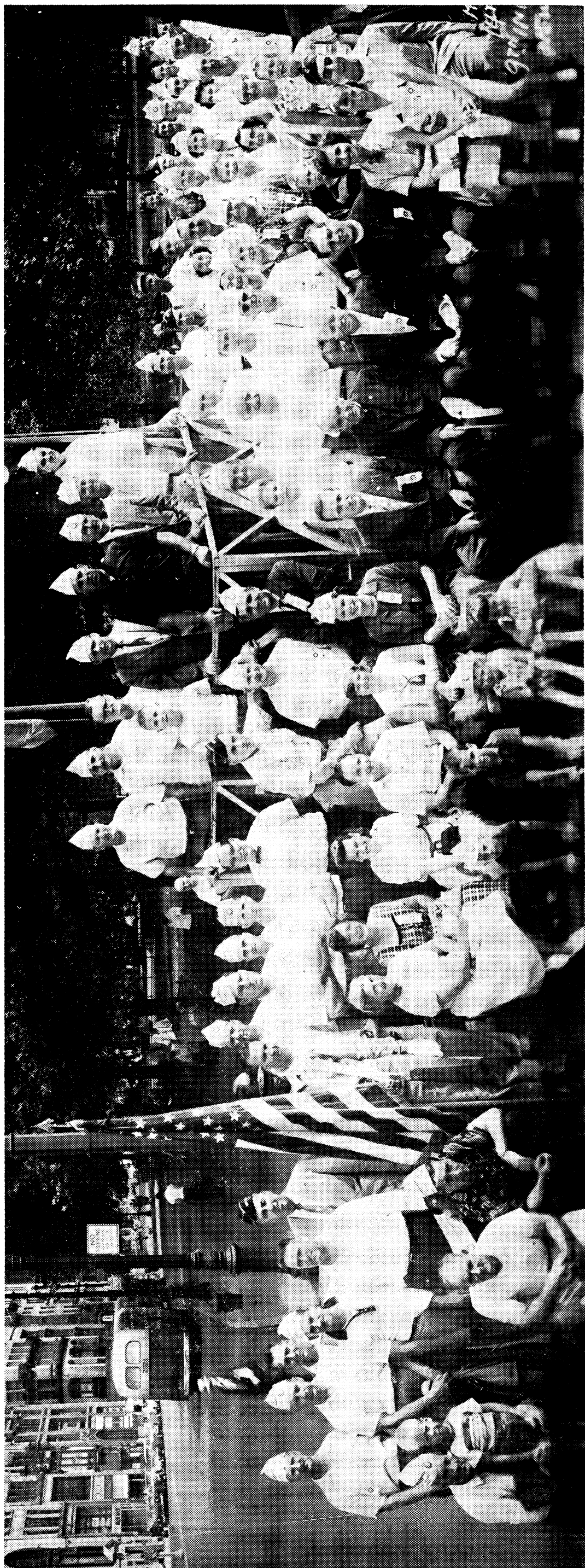
Boris, who comes from Czechoslovakia has been in this country only a few months. He does not speak English very well, and in conversation one day was asked "Boris, what is that you are most anxious to see in America?"

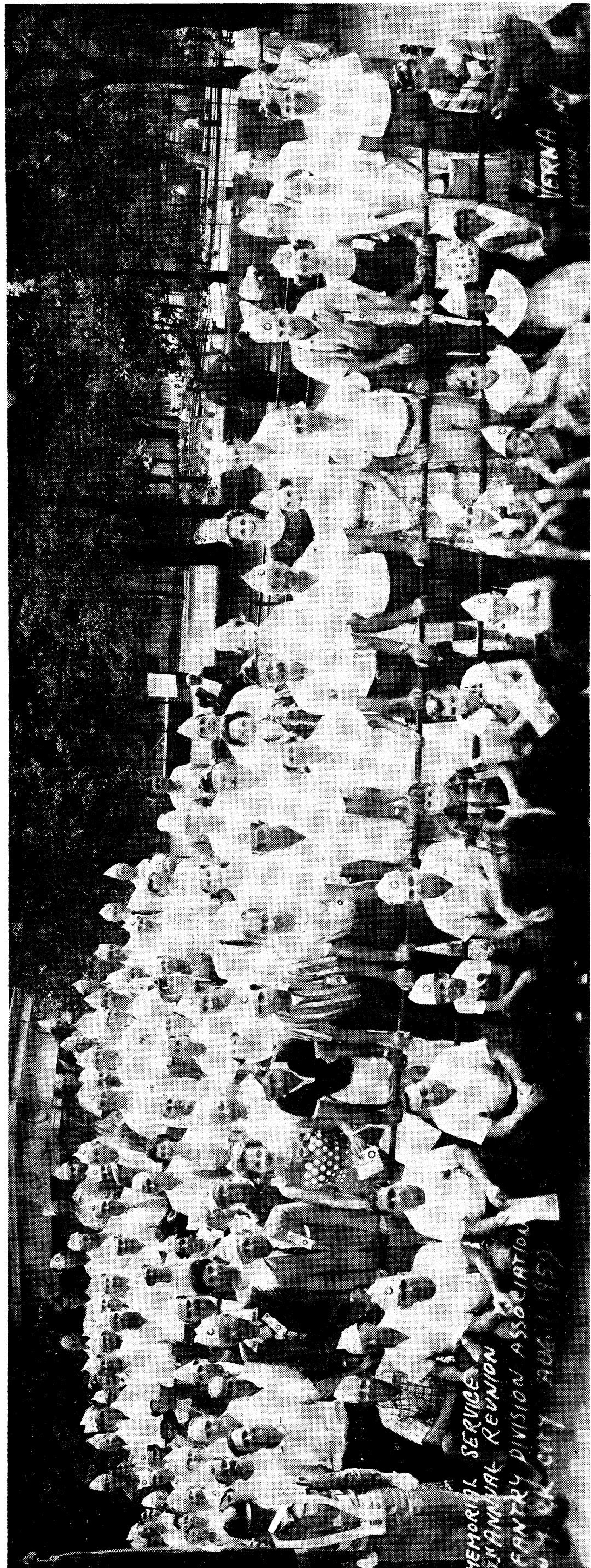
"Well," replied Boris, "I weesh to meet that famous Mrs. Beech who had so many sons in the last war."

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

Most children are descended from a long line their mother once listened to.

WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY ANY IN THE TWO PHOTOS, IT IS WELL TO NOTE THE SIZEABLE GROUP THAT MADE THE TREK TO THE SHRINE FOR IMPRESSIVE MEMORIAL SERVICE





The above photos appearing as they do is a rather unique way of printing art work in a newspaper. But had the original photos being reduced for five columns it would have been impossible to identify any of the participants. Many of the members who did not get an official photo while in New York can paste these two pages on the back of a stiff cardboard and come up with a pretty fair replica of the official picture made at the outstanding 1959 Ninth Division Reunion held in New York City. Some more official pictures will appear next month—including the actual line of march to the Shrine of Eternal Light and Sgt. McInerney's mother with the wreath at the Shrine. The outstanding banquet picture will be published as soon as the space is available.

MINUTES OF 14TH REUNION CONTAIN MANY NOTES OF INTEREST TO THE MEMBERSHIP

The 14th Annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held at the Hotel Statler Hilton in New York City on July 30, 1959. There being a quorum of 38 present (25 percent of the registered members), President Frank Wade then called the meeting to order at 11 A.M.

The president then called on the National Secretary, Stanley Cohen, to read the minutes of the 13th annual reunion. Upon motion duly made by John Boden and seconded by Dom Miele, it was voted to:

Accept the minutes of the 13th annual reunion and place same on file for the record.

President Frank Wade then outlined the action and operation of the association during 1959. He explained to the assembled group that certain economies were necessary to keep the expenses in line with the income. The primary purpose to establish a "Pay as you go" basis of operation.

The following committees were announced from the floor:

Finance and Budget, Nominating, Miscellaneous and Newspaper Committees.

After the committees were organized, they retired for their individual meetings and to report their findings back to the assembly.

The meeting was then adjourned until 2:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 P.M. by Frank Wade, president. The president then called on Chaplain Cecil Propst to speak to the group. Chaplain Propst responded with a few well chosen words and was roundly applauded.

The first order of business was the report of the Newspaper Committee.

Dan Quinn, chairman of the committee, had named the following members to comprise his group: Vincent Guglielmino, Norman Martin, Vic Bustwinkus, George Albert, Paul S. Plunkett, Father Jerry Rowan and John Boden.

The Newspaper Committee recommends that:

1. That there be eight (8) issues and 8 (eight) pages per year based on a budget and editor agreement.
2. That each individual chapter appoint a chapter reporter who will report chapter news to the Octofoil.
3. That the Editor be compensated for his efforts.

After a full discussion of the above items, Doc Seslowe moved that the items, numbers 1 thru 3 be accepted, and placed on the record. Frank Fazio seconded the motion and after a vote, it was so ordered.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The President then called on John Clouser, chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee to make his report. Mr. Clouser had named the following men to form his committee: George Apar, Ed Eagan, Al Haber, Mike Belmonte, Al Cuprys, Tom Boyle.

Mr. Clouser filed his recommendation on an expected income of \$4,000.00 and expense of \$3,416.00 in the following form:

Octofoil	\$1500.00
Postage	350.00
Clerical help	400.00
Secretary salary	600.00
Social Security	15.00
Insurance (fire)	14.40
Auditing Fee	100.00
Premium Bond	75.00
Post Office Box Rent	12.00
Printing Dues Notices	100.00
Stationery	150.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Total	\$3416.40
Anticipated balance on hand—	\$769.50.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered:

1. That the budget be adopted.
2. That the Board of Governors be authorized to pay an honorarium to the editor of The Octofoil of a maximum of \$300.00.
3. That the moratorium on chapter commissions as passed at the last annual meeting be ended effective August 1, 1959.
4. That the Board of Governors

transfer \$800.00 from the general fund to the memorial fund, a transfer of \$100.00 to be made immediately and the remaining \$800.00 at such time and in such amounts as the Board feels possible.

5. That the secretary implement the new dues year as passed at the 1958 annual meeting.

6. That the Board of Governors increase the allotment for the Octofoil if and when it is financially desirable.

After a full discussion on the above propositions a vote was taken on each individually.

1. The Budget of \$3,416.40. Motion made by Sam Faruto and seconded by Frank Ozart. After a vote the motion carried and the budget accepted as read.

2. Honorarium for the Editor: Motion made by George Albert, seconded by A. Sebock that honorarium be carried out. Motion carried.

George Apar then made a motion to set a \$300 limit for the Octofoil Editor, Art Schmidt seconded. Motion carried, to be placed on the record.

3. Ending moratorium on chapter commissions. Motion made by Sam Faruto and seconded by Dom Miele; carried and so ordered.

4. Motion by Doc Seslowe and seconded by John Boden that proposal No. 4 be concurred in. Carried and so ordered.

5. Motion made by Dan Quinn and seconded by Al Cuprys that proposal No. 5 be concurred in. Carried and so ordered.

President Frank Wade then congratulated John Clouser for a fine report.

Fred B. D'Amore, chairman of the Miscellaneous Committee made his report. The following men served on the Miscellaneous Committee: John Rizzio, Dom Miele, Coen, Pat DeColi, Harry Orenstein and Charles Libretto. The report:

1. Recommend that "8 Stars to Victory" be given free to any new 3-year member or reinstated member who pays 3 years dues.

2. Recommend that "8 Stars to Victory" be sold to any member for \$1. This is based on the large volume of books that the secretary now has on hand, and only takes up storage space.

3. Recommend that the 60th Infantry History Books be sold for 50c to any member or give one free to any 60th man who becomes a 3-year new member.

4. Investigate if any 47th or 39th books are available for sale.

5. Recommend that chapters receive their chapter commissions. This will give the local chapter a chance to spend it for chapter activities.

6. Recommend that all reunions be held for three days as it takes a day or so to plan activities of the day.

6a. Recommend that all committees of the future convention cities make sure that set prices are charged to all members attending affairs. Statler has had some changes in prices which was settled by the New York Committee, who were always on hand to come to the rescue.

A vote of thanks be given the New York Chapter for a job well done and with its active committee ready to help the members have a good time and making the Reunion a big success. To the New York Chapter a vote of thanks—unanimously carried.

After full discussion the following were voted on:

Item 1. "8 Stars to Victory." Chaplain Propst moved, seconded by Mike Mysyk:

One (1) book for \$2.00.
Two (2) books for \$3.00.
Carried and so ordered.

Item 2. Glenn Moore moved, Mike Mysyk seconded. Lost.

Item 3. Glenn Moore moved, Mike Mysyk seconded that item 3 be concurred in. Carried and so ordered.

Item 4. No 47th or 39th books are available. No action necessary.

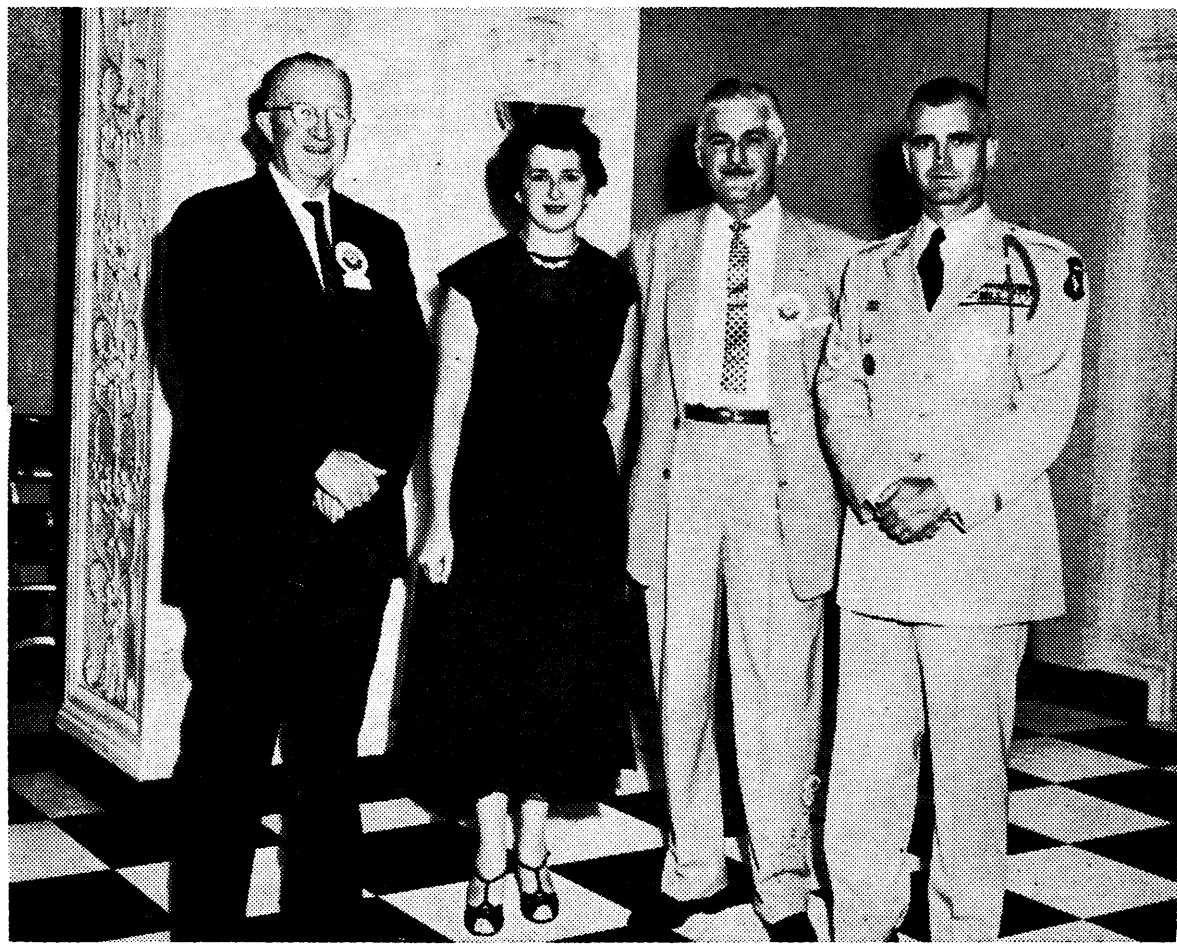
Item 5. Taken care of by miscellaneous committee report.

Items 6-6a. D. Miele moved, C. Libretto seconded that items be approved. So ordered.

Amendment: Guglielmino moved, Koskie seconded that items 6-6a be amended and local chapters adopt

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When They Attend a Ninth Reunion . . . All Rank the Same . . .



One of the first pictures to greet those attending the 14th annual reunion in New York City was the above photo that was made during the 13th Reunion in Columbus in 1958. Pictured left to right: Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, who was the main speaker in Columbus, Angela and Michael Mysyk, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Major Gen. William C. Westmoreland, a former Association President, who also addressed the group.

ASSOCIATION THANKS MAJOR GEORGE L. MARTON FOR TAPE RECORDINGS; ALSO WILTON M. TAYLOR FOR HIS EFFORTS

Major George W. Morton, Chief of Information, Fort Carson, had made specifically for the 9th Infantry Division Association a beautiful tape recording. It takes about 20 minutes to play the recording. The 9th Division band plays the 9th Division March perfectly; there are songs by 60th, 39th and 47th units at Carson, and "Eyes to the Sky" march by 9th Division AAA units.

Wilton Taylor, a hard working 9th member, way out in Lost Hills, Calif. first contacted the major and asked that the recording be made for the Association. Much correspondence between Taylor and the major took place while the project was being arranged for. Copies of the correspondence were sent to The Octofoil. When the recording was complete the major sent it to Taylor for presentation to the Association. Presentation remarks by Major Marton precede the first band number.

The tape is now in possession of The Octofoil and a Columbus radio station announcer, a former 60th man, Bill Brabson, is arranging with the engineers to make records for the average record-player from the tape. By the time the next issue of The Octofoil goes to press full information from Brabson will be available as to the cost for these records and where to send for them. In the meantime in appreciation for what both Major Marton and Taylor had done for the Association the Board of Governors authorized the following resolution sent to both men:

A RESOLUTION

New York, N. Y., Aug. 1, 1959.
WHEREAS, Members of the 9th

Infantry Division Association attending the 14th annual reunion in New York City were afforded an unexpected thrill because of the efforts of Major George L. Marton, Public Information Officer, Fort Carson, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, The tape recording of the various vocal and musical units at Fort Carson, attached to the Ninth Infantry Division, presented to the Association by Major Marton, was an inspiration to all who heard the numbers, causing the same pride to swell in the hearts of former Ninth Division men for the present Ninth Infantry Division as was held for the Ninth Infantry Division of combat days; and

WHEREAS, A former 9th Infantry Division man of the 47th Regt., Wilton M. Taylor, of Lost Hills, Calif., originally requested Major Marton to arrange for the recordings and kept in constant contact with the Major until the project was successfully completed; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association go on record as thanking Major Marton for his willingness to cooperate with the Association in making possible these recordings for posterity and for giving permission for the Association to have manufactured phonograph records of the selections for members of the Association and their friends; and be it also

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent Major Marton, a copy to Wilton M. Taylor, a copy inscribed in the minutes of this Board meeting and a copy furnished The Octofoil for publication.

FRANK WADE,
Association President.

Attest: STANLEY COHEN,
Association Secretary.

PESTEL WRITING TO BUDDIES ABOUT 1960

Richard Pestel, 1467 Livingston Ave., Columbus, O., put on a terrific writing campaign previous to the Reunion in New York to get his buddies down there. He has already started his campaign for the 1960 Reunion. He recently made a whirlwind trip through Southern Ohio and passed out some extra 1959 programs he brought home from New York City.

In a note to The Octofoil Pestel mentions the assignments while in service of old buddies appearing in a picture in this issue, all from K Co., 47th. All together at Bragg:

George Bastedo was acting First Sergeant; James Malley had charge of Company Jeeps; Ray Strall and Bob Medwell were Company Clerks; Klinger, Umanski, Proctovick, and Mezzarese were squadmen, Pestel was first cook.

Pestel has acquired the K Co roster from Ray Strall and if any of the K Co. men care for an address they can contact Dick Pestel, 1467 Livingston Ave., Columbus, O.

Commenting on the success of the New York party after his hectic stint at corresponding Dick says the picture is not complete as all who were in attendance were not in the picture. 1st Sgt. Joe Laggatutta with his wife Helen (the beautiful nurse)—were in attendance but not in the picture.

Most of the K Co. gang were able to get rooms close together and kept in good contact all during the Reunion.

The K Co. women had plenty of fun also—not only at the beer party but at the tea party. Dick may lose his pretty wife Edith, who is thinking of going back to New York and modeling for Revlon permanently.

The Division boxing champ was with this gang, only they say he did not lead with his left fist but danced to the arrangement of "you put your right foot in," and was only outdone by Mike Mysyk of the 60th with his own adaptation of the polka. Walter Kolwaski was no slouch on the dance floor either. The K Co. gang got another break—Valone had won some champagne as a door prize and that was passed around and mixed with the other available stimulants.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

Frank J. Despot Deceased

The only information The Octofoil has about the death of Frank J. Despot, Ogdensburg, N. J., former 47th Regt. man, is the fact a letter was returned by the post office marked deceased.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

REUNION MINUTES MAKE INTERESTING READING

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their own time limit for a convention. Carried.

Jack O'Shea chairman of the nominating committee announced the following committee members: Frank Fazio, Max Umansky, Art Schmidt, Frank Ozart, Dick Pestel, Frank Chatto, Bob Rumennapp, Salvatore Trappani, and Fred D'Amre. The following men were nominated for the Board of Governors:

Mike Belmonte, Chicago.
Paul S. Plunkett, Columbus.
John Kropko, Detroit.
Tony Chaconas, Washington, D. C.
Max Umansky, New York.
John Clouser moved and Al Sebock seconded that the secretary cast one vote in favor of the slate as presented. Motion carried.

Dan Quinn then offered the suggestion that the Association consider the use of a mechanical recorder for the minutes. President Wade then explained the cost of such service because of the amount of time the members talk. The idea was tabled.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made by Glenn Moore and seconded by George Albert, it was voted to adjourn at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
STANLEY COHEN,
National Secretary.

AWARDS

The following members received 1959 awards:

Paul D. Keller, Columbus Chapter.
Al Yockey, Detroit Chapter.
Dave Heller—Chicago Chapter.
Al Cupreys—Philadelphia Chapter.
Robert F. Rumennapp—Detroit, for reactivating Detroit chapter.
The following retiring members of the Board of Governors were also given awards:
George Apar.
Alphonse Dominick.
Frank Fazio.
Maj. Gen. Wm. C. Westmoreland.

NEW MEMBERS

John J. Graham, 157-14 88th St., Queens 14, N. Y. Hqtrs. 2nd Bn., 47th Regt.
Milton Wolstoff, 368 New Lots Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. M.P. Co.
Joseph E. Lynch, 93-54 216th St., Queens Village, N. Y. M.P. Co.
Harry Whalen, 3146 Perry Ave., Bronx, N. Y.
James G. Mullen, 50 Twin Lane Rd., No. Wantagh, L. I., B Co., 15th Engrs.

GEN. MATT EDDY PARTICIPATES IN A NEW ENGLAND "INVASION"

Joe McKenzie, Waltham, Mass., recently mailed The Octofoil a copy of The News-Tribune in which a feature story was published concerning the Ninth Division's own Gen. Eddy.

It seems that the Eddy clan assembled in Plymouth recently for a big reunion. Their main speaker was General Manton S. Eddy (Retired), now president of the Williams Construction Co., Columbus, Ga.

Gen. Eddy is pretty modest about himself and The Octofoil never learns of his activities except through the grapevine now and then. Recently it was reported to this paper that he had branched out into the banking business in Muscogee County, Georgia, also. (Probably tired of Glenn Moore and Frank Wade making all the easy money.)

The Eddy reunion is now history. The story sent in was published be-

fore the reunion, but is being reprinted as it originally appeared in The News-Tribune:

William A. Corboy, 331 Redfern, Trenton, N. J.
George Zipfel, 81 Sussex Ave., East Orange, N. J.
William Davidson, 174 Larch, Cambridge, Mass.

Peter Mezzapele, 140 Orchid Dr., Mastic Beach, L.I., N.Y., I Co., 60th.
R. Maher, 890 Westgate, Valley Stream, N. Y.
Milton Hacker, 202 Van Buren St., Newark 5, N. J. E Co., 47th Inf.

Anthony Ridolfi, 120-42 238th St., Cambria Heights, N. Y. L Co., 60th.
Joseph Geppert, 41 Nob Hill Circle, Bridgeport, Conn., F Co., 2nd Bn., 47th.

John L. Pagliarulo, 6 Curtis Rd., Saugus, Mass. 9th Recon.
Benjamin A. Murell, 434 Warren St., Hudson, N. Y., 9th Med., 39th.

Tom O'Rourke, 130 W. 228th St., New York City, H Co., 47th Regt.
R. C. Hilpert, 6 West Mill Drive, Great Neck, L. I., N. Y., Hq. Co., 47th.

Warren Bascone, 520 Princeton Blvd., Wenonah, N. J., Can Co., 47th.
Frank Jacksha, 639 Burr Ave., St. Paul 11, Minn., D Co., 47th.

Frank Kasko, 2527 Holland Ave., Bronx 67, N. Y., Co. B, 15th Engrs.
James McManus, 1 Styvesant Oval, New York City, A Co., 39th.

Joseph Koepfel, 7416 Cottage Ave., No. Bergen, N. J.

Hy Sasnowi, Swan Lake, N. Y., A.T. Co., 39th.

NEW ADDRESSES

The following members were listed with incorrect addresses until corrected during the Reunion:

Daniel J. Taggart, 12 Dover Road, Massapequa, L.I., New York.
Frank Vives, 222 Maple Ave., East Meadow, L.I., New York. Div. Hqs. Sp. Troops.

Nathan Shenkman, 1508 N. Hempstead Tpke., Flushing, L.I., New York, Serv. Co., 47th.

Salvatore Morrongiello, 819 Linden Blvd., Brooklyn.
Elias O. Hopkins, 30 Lewis St., Feasterville, Pa., Hq. Co. Sp. Troops.

Paul Lozinsky, 706 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
William O'Shea, 673 River Drive, East Patterson, N. J.

Izzy Reeman, 621 Lefferts Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mike Deresh, 131 6th St., Woodridge, N. J.

Anthony J. Ponticello, 930 Ridge Road, Ambridge, Pa.
Fred Jackson, 361 Bates, St. Paul, Minn.

Henry Eggert, Lake Side Dr., To-byhanna, Pa., 376th AAA.
John E. Wagner, 126 Tree Road, Centerreach, L.I., New York. Co. B, 15th Engrs.

James E. Hart, 7 Newagd Dr., Fairfax Farms, Wilmington 3, Del.
Woodrow Payne, Rt. 1, Box 324, Tobaccoville, N. C.

REUNION SATURDAY FOR EDDY FAMILY

A gathering of the Eddy clan in Plymouth Saturday will find F. Stetson Eddy, vice-president of the C. F. Eddy Fuel Co., 1411 Washington St., West Newton, on hand for the annual celebration. Rev. John Shade Franklin, of Bronxville, N. Y., formerly of Newton, will introduce members of the large family.

The members will visit their ancestors' memorial tablet in Brewster Park, marking the spot where John and Samuel Eddy landed in 1630. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, U. S. Army, will be the guest speaker at the afternoon sessions in the Church of the Pilgrimage.

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WILLIAM H. BROWN WRITES FROM BENTON, ARKANSAS

William H. Brown, a former Co. A, 60th man, writes from Benton, Ark. and says: Please mark me paid up for three years. I keep forgetting to send in my dues by the year, so will try it this way.

Don't get to see many 9th Division boys down this way, but surely do enjoy getting the paper.

(Editor's Note: Back in 1948 some former 9th boy from Benton, Ark. made a trip back overseas, and he covered by bicycle areas the 9th had fought over. He sent back news letters and pictures for several months. His name slips our memory now.)

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—
Did you hear about the sleepy bride who couldn't stay awake for a second.

Newell Anderson Signs Up

Newell Anderson receives his mail at Box 4936, Middle River Br., Baltimore 20, Md. Newell was with the 9th Signal Co. all the way from Fort Bragg until the end. He writes:

I have received The Octofoil just previous to each Reunion but I have not been able to attend any. I would like to sign up as a regular member so I will get The Octofoil all the time.

For the past four years I have been working here in Baltimore at the Martin Aircraft Co. My home is in North Carolina.

I would love to see or hear from any of my many buddies in the 9th Signal Co.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

Taxes could be a lot worse. Suppose we had to pay a tax on what we think we're worth?

Giovannini Making Inquiries

Aldo Giovannini, 80 Italy Street, Mocanaqua, Pa., Box 86, recently became interested in the Association. He was with the 60th Regt., Co. C. He was at the New York Reunion—met a lot of old buddies and brought along his fine wife to meet the old gang.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

George Steward Writes

George Steward lives at 774 Princeton—Kingston Rd., Princeton, N. J. He writes Stan Cohen about receiving a letter from Capobianco recently. George made the Reunion.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

WORSE

"What's worse than being a bachelor?"

"Being a bachelor's son."

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

Results of Patient Letter Writing Is Vividly Shown In Photo Below



Pictured above will be noted a typical gay banquet group at the 1959 Reunion in New York. Reading clockwise those shown are: Nat Valone, Bobby, Jerry and Mrs. Valone, Mike and Angela Mysyk; Betty and Bob Rumenopp, Dick and Edith Pestel.

MANY INTERESTING COMMENTS NOTED WHEN MEMBERS SEND IN THEIR DUES

During the past year when members would send dues in they invariably jot down notes about themselves or a buddy. Secretary Cohen, after processing the dues sheet, has sent these notes to The Octofoil. The tidbits of news has proven most interesting to the members. Many of the members do not know that Secretary Cohen has resigned and are continuing to send dues to him. In the following paragraphs are a few notes of interests members have attached to their remittances for dues during recent weeks:

WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Hy Sasnowi, Swan Lake, N. Y., writes—

Dear Stan: Just a few lines to let you know I am still with the Federal Government in Swan Lake. Enclosing dues. Would appreciate hearing from any of the boys in the old Anti-Tank Co., 39th Inf. or Div. Hdqtrs. I was in both.

WITH OIL REFINERY

From Walter S. Willis, 24 Florence Ave., Westville, N. J.:

I am employed at Socony - Mobil Oil Refinery in Paulsboro, N. J. I am buying my home, and have a wife, Betty, and two daughters, Betty Sue, age 8, and Lorene, age 2. Sure would like to hear from some of my buddies from C Co., 39th Regt. I was with the Company from Fort Bragg in 1941 until 1945.

BIG WHEAT RANCH

Richard J. Beaumont, 130 Helvetia St., Tewksbury, Kans. writes:

Thought you might be interested to know that a former 9th man (F Co., 60th), Dean Ansell, was mentioned in the New York Times recently. Dean owns quite a wheat ranch in Kansas. The article was a full page, page 20, in the June 29th editions. Dean was with me through most of our service time. He was wounded during the first days of the Hurtgen Forest. Dean isn't an Association member. His address is Dean Ansell, Sylvan Grove, Kans. Let's get him in.

LIKES THE OCTOFOIL

Herbert Butz, 4745 Perry St., Denver 12, Colo., writes:

As you know we out west are far removed from the big "picture." Our only source of information of activities, Chapter or National, comes from reading The Octofoil. I certainly look forward to its arrival.

I enjoyed a 10-day visit from an Oregonian, Gilbert Bemis, during July. Gil is a former 60th Co. A boy, too. We made a special trip down to Fort Carson to visit what is now called the 9th Division. Of course we were disappointed. No old timers and only two companies or so to each battalion, and they are just training recruits. Like visiting the old home town and finding yourself out of place. At least they are actively keeping the 9th Division name alive.

Another former Co. A boy and now a "G" man, Francis Muirhead, spent a couple of weeks here on official

business several months ago and we enjoyed some pleasant conversations. He was supposed to write to me after returning home. Should he read this: "Let's hear from you, Muirhead."

BELIEVES IN THE ASSOCIATION

Irving F. Blabon, 239 Union St., San Rafael, Calif., C Co., 39th, writes:

I am still working for U. S. Air Force Civil Service at Hamilton Air Force Base, Hamilton, Calif. I have put in 15 years service so far. I only wish that civil service had the same times of retirement as the service because I believe that most of the people would take the 20 year deal and retire.

I wish the 9th Division Association the best of luck. Let us hope that the Comrades never allow the Ninth Division Association to die out because I believe it is wonderful that we have the Association.

AL STAUSS IS DECEASED

A letter signed The Staus Family, advised Albert, I Co., 47th, passed away last Sept. 22, 1958.

GONNA BE A MEMBER

Gerald J. Haviland, 28424 Peppermill, Farmington, Mich., writes:

I enjoy reading The Octofoil very much. I would like to read it regularly but receive only convention issues, probably because I am not a paid up member. Please advise what it would cost me to be reinstated.

Also, can you tell me where I could buy the 60th Infantry sterling silver crest that we used to wear on our uniforms?

When the convention comes to Detroit, I'll certainly be able to attend.

FRANK RAFFERTY DECEASED

Francis D. Rafferty, 35 Mill Street, Frostburg, Md., Hq. Co. 39th, passed away July 3, 1959, according to his sister, Mrs. Mary A. Condry.

KENTUCKY COLONEL WRITES

Arthur C. Rohrmann, 9922 Vega Lane, Valley Station, Ky., writes:

While going over some old pictures and negatives I ran across a negative taken of 20 men of the 4th Plt. Co. E, 39th. This picture was taken at Barton Stacey. If any of the following men or any one else wants a print, send me your address. These are the names of the men on the picture: Pirog, Simmons, Vollmar, Cothran, Horchler, Goldsmith, Pierce, Dube, Harris, Tony, Shumate, Minjack, Sullivan, Evancho, Hurst, Warf, Sabato, Carter, Rohrmann, and Valko.

LOOKING FOR 15TH ENGRS.

John E. Wagner, 126 Tree Rd., Centereach, N. Y., writes:

Joined 9th in Fort Bragg, left in Sicily, and joined 3rd Division. Certainly would like to hear from any of the fellows from B Co., 15th Engrs.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

STALE-MATE

There's the one about the husband who received a card from his wife in the country which read: "I am having a wonderful time, dear, wish you were him."

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

Gen. Ed Randle Gets a Member When He Contacts John Evans

Gen. Edwin H. Randle (Ret.), 503 Althea Rd., Belleair, Clearwater, Fla. is doing his part in getting members and keeping the Association a going concern. He writes:

Have just gotten in touch with John Evans, who in Africa was a battalion commander of the 49th. He was wounded at El Guettar. Says he wants to join the Association. Send him a form. The form was sent. Results were fine.

John B. Evans lives at 57 Prospect St., Lancaster, N. H. Has one youngster, a daughter, Martha, 5 years old. John is Tax Commissioner for New Hampshire. Says he likes fishing because it takes so little effort. Other information in John's letter reads:

Through Gen. Randle I was informed of the Association. Gen. Randle's request for my address brought results from Eugene Towery of Concord, N. C., with whom I have kept in contact. Being located away back in the "hinterland" news of and contact with former members of the 9th are few and far between. I have been associated with New Hampshire state government as a former member of the Legislature and member of the State Tax Commission for several years. After 18 years of marriage had a daughter born five years ago which keeps me young in my old age.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

Dave Dutcher Died Aug. 1

A wire from Mrs. David Dutcher, 69 Campbell Ave., Tappan, N. Y., advises that David B. Dutcher, formerly 709th LM, passed away on Aug. 1, 1959.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

L. R. Rogers In Florida

L. R. Rogers now lives at 1910 Van Buren, Hollywood, FLA.—Not California where some of his mail has been going. His Octofoil plate got made up Hollywood, Calif. when he moved to Florida.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

ANTONIO RUSSO HEARD FROM

A note from Antonio Russo, 63-48 71st St., Middle Village 79, N. Y., reads:

Will you please continue to send me my subscription of The Octofoil. I didn't receive it for a few months. If I owe money I will gladly reimburse you, if you tell me how much it is—what I want is my OCTOFOIL.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

MEOW

The young doctor was taking his wife out one evening when a pretty girl smiled and spoke to him. The wife inquired:

"Who is the lady, dear?"

"Oh just a girl I met professionally."

"No doubt," meowed the wife, "...but whose profession—your profession or her profession?"

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

TRIP TO CALIFORNIA A FAILURE UNLESS ALL FORMER 9TH MEN VISIT WILTON & JUANITA

By PAUL S. PLUNKETT
Editor, Octofoil

This is the first time the Octofoil editor has written an article in the first person and continually used the personal pronoun "I." However, it is difficult to write an article similar to the one appearing below in any other manner.

ATTEND VFW CONVENTION

Having advised Wilton M. Taylor, former 47th man, living at Lost Hills, Calif., a few weeks ago the writer would be in Los Angeles, Calif. on a certain date to attend the VFW National Convention, Taylor began to extend invitations to visit Lost Hills. Upon arrival in Los Angeles the telegrams and letters with invitations continued to arrive. Finally I worked it out on my schedule where I could get out of Los Angeles at noon Friday if I could be back by 12:30 noon Saturday. So a quickie trip like that was arranged.

I left Los Angeles by bus and Taylor quit work at the General Petroleum Corporation's production department early so he could meet me in Bakersfield.

I'd never seen Taylor, nor he me. He has been the most ardent supporter the Association ever had. He has contributed to The Octofoil and originated many projects for the betterment of the Association. Immediately after I stepped from the bus the loudspeakers were blaring "Plunkett show up at the baggage room." Taylor was waiting. He wanted to take off sight seeing right then. I asked him to let's retire to a nearby tavern and map our plans. (He's an abstainer.) But he visited the saloon with me. It was hard for me to believe an oil field worker didn't consume his share of hard drinks. That is the illusion that has always gone in the minds of the outside world.

I explained to the lad for the past two nights we had caucused until well past 5 A.M., I had gone to breakfast and a meeting at 8—and I was walking around half asleep then—so why not let's buzz around Bakersfield awhile—he and I bat the breeze about the 9th Division a few hours and me get a room in Bakersfield because I had to catch a bus out at 7:30 the next morning—that meant he'd have to drive me the 60 miles in from Lost Hills that early. He wouldn't have it that way. He'd be getting up starting out for the Sequoia National Forest that early any way, he said. He had a long week end off.

REBUILT BAKERSFIELD

He and all the other natives are mighty proud of their Bakersfield, which had to be completely rebuilt after the tragic earthquake. It is a fine, modern, clean city of some 150,000. After admiring many of the finer buildings and landmarks we headed for the high hills overlooking Bakersfield. From this vantage point he could spot oil derricks where I saw nothing. But there were hundreds that I could see. We saw many long stretches of arid terrain bare of all vegetation, then immediately would appear an area of cultivated ground which was being irrigated.

ON TO LOST HILLS

About dark we hit the desert trail for Lost Hills. Hundreds and hundreds of oil derricks. Taylor showed me the barracks or bunk houses for the oil drillers, their recreation halls, etc. Taylor being in the production end doesn't get moved around like the field workers.

TWO HOURS LATE

We finally arrived at his home two hours late. Juanita (Mrs. Taylor) did some complaining about dinner being cold because she had prepared for us two hours earlier. It was still a delicious meal.

Away out in that desert they have a little cottage with all modern conveniences and a cooling system that keeps the inside comfortable. After learning I just couldn't possibly go with them to a cabin in the Sequoia Forest the next day, Taylor got out his projection machine and began showing me the most beautiful views anyone ever saw. I believe those two have visited spots in the forests that no other human ever visited. I am blue about being unable to go with them. I'm afraid I was an impolite

guest because as interesting as the views were I fell asleep a few times. Juanita (she's the perfect hostess and a former Missouri school teacher)—had compassion and asked Wilton to put the machine up and she would prepare my bedroom. Before bidding me goodnight she warned me not to become excited if I heard distressing screams under my window it would only be some coyotes roaming about. I frightened the coyotes away in all probability with my terrible coughing contracted in Los Angeles from the smog that just about blinded me and caused the unbearable sore throat. California is a wonderful and beautiful state but Los Angeles is for the birds. I planned to visit a doctor the second day there and was told not to let my smarting eyes and sore throat bother me everyone in downtown Los Angeles was also afflicted.

FINE GARDEN

The next morning Juanita had me take a look at the back yard with her assortment of fruit trees and vines. She packed me a lunch and put in enough of their homegrown fruit to open a small fruit stand. Then we took off for Bakersfield, but instead of taking me to Bakersfield they took off down one of those Freeways and drove me right to the city limits of Los Angeles. They don't like that smog either and asked me to excuse them for not taking me all the way down town.

HOSPITALITY

I've heard a lot about Southern hospitality, which is very fine, but no one knows how to be as hospitable as those California people. Any former Ninth man who may visit Bakersfield and doesn't visit the Taylors will offend them and will miss a whale of a good time.

They love that Sequoia Forest one of the wonders of the world and pointed out to me pictures and feature stories in the National Geographic magazine, the highlights of which may be used in The Octofoil at some future date when space is available.

I was given a liberal education in a few short minutes about the intricacies of those oil fields, the pumping operations, etc. Taylor furnished me a small brochure that tells in abbreviated form many details that also will make interesting reading if the space becomes available.

There will always be a Ninth Infantry Division Association as long as former Ninth men like Wilton live. He and Juanita living way, way out in that barren desert country live, breathe, eat and sleep Ninth Division. The Octofoil is everywhere. Wilton remarked to me that he felt like every man he ever served with in the Ninth Infantry Division was his own blood brother.

May God always bless and protect the Wilton M. Taylors out there in their wonderful desert home.

The trip after leaving Los Angeles that Saturday morning to Morongo Valley, really the garden spot of the world is another story. But the same brand of hospitality prevailed as in Lost Hills.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

COLUMBUS GROUP HELD TWO MEETINGS IN JUNE

After the meeting Columbus Prexy Richard "Dick" Corbin, a former 15th Engineer G.I., called at the Fraternal Order of Police Hall on June 12 to show "Remagen Bridge," he received notice from the Prudential Insurance Company that the two films, "D-Day," Parts I and II would arrive for a June 26 showing. The President then arranged for a special meeting on that date at the Benson Hough Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3424 auditorium.

In spite of the fact the films were shown while the State Department of VFW was holding its annual convention in Columbus with drum and bugle contests being held near the Post at the same time the films were shown, a sizeable crowd assembled to witness the showing. The newspapers gave good coverage to the show and several non-veterans visited the Post and asked for permission to see the movies.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

Chinese currency is so inflated that the yen now is barely an urge.

Some Dads Brought The Whole Family

ART SCHMIDT KEEPS UP HIS GOOD WORK

During the period since the Reunion The Octofoil has been in contact on several occasions with Art Schmidt, 69-20 69th St., Brooklyn 27, N. Y. It was thought that after the Reunion Art's mail bag would be way down but he seems to be hearing from just about as many of his old buddies since the Reunion as he did before and he does a good job of answering them.

Art advises the recent Reunion was responsible for a long awaited get-together of Ernest Newhart and Charles Hoffman, both B Co., 15th Engrs. Newhart claims to be the busiest printer in New Hope, Pa. and therefore can't find time for social activities. Hoffman is a TV repairman and his hours aren't too good for many social affairs. Both found time to attend the beer party and the dance. Hoffman had Newhart, his wife and 3 children out for dinner on Sunday, Aug. 2. Schmidt called on Hoffman a few days after the Reunion bringing along some repair work.

GOLDSMITH WAS A PRISONER

Another former 9th man Schmidt recently got in touch with was Willy Goldsmith, 160 Bruce Ave., Yonkers, New York.

Willy joined the 39th during the Normandy invasion. He was taken prisoner during the Battle of the Bulge. He escaped and met with two other escapees, they became so frustrated they walked into a German town with the intention of surrendering to the town, but instead the town surrendered to them. A British outfit passed through the town on their way to the front, and they told them they could either stay and wait for an American outfit or they could join them. Willy decided to join the British outfit and continue fighting with them. He was discharged on V-J day. He is active in the DAV and is a former Post Commander.

HEARS FROM MINNESOTA

Frank S. Jacksha, 639 Burr St., St. Paul 1, Minn., saw Schmidt's name as connected with the 9th Division Association in the DAV papers and sent him a letter which read in part:

I had no idea there was anything like the Ninth Division Association. Since I left the 47th in Sicily I met only one of my buddies and I met him on the street and he didn't know me until I told him who I was.

I am sending in my dues to Stanley Cohen. I wish I had known about this before, but I had never heard of a Ninth Infantry Division Association.

ENGINEERS WHO ATTENDED

The following names are those of 15th Engrs. who attended the New York Reunion. Some B Co. men are listed first:

Jack Abramson, 2264 Creston Ave., Bronx 68, N. Y.
James F. Wenner, 623 2nd St., Fullerton, Pa.

Joseph Dempsey, 88-01 Elderts Lane, Woodhaven, New York.
James G. Mullen, 15 Twin Lane South, Wantagh, L. I., N. Y.
James L. Keohane, 12 Clematis St., Dorchester, Mass.

Charles Hoffman, 91-43 81st St., Woodhaven, New York.

George Bender, 31 Winslow Road, Brookline, Mass.

Sydney Levison, 38 Waumbek St., Roxbury, Mass.

Simon Garber, 136 South Capen St., Dorchester, Mass.

Byron Angell, 5-72 Smithfield Rd., North Providence, R. I.

Fred D'Amore, 95 Webster Street, East Boston, Mass.

Fred Elmo, 158-51 89th St., Howard Beach, New York.

Walter F. Weaver, 1136 Oak St., Allentown, Pa.

Thomas Gray, 73 Monmouth St., Brookline, Mass.

William F. Davidson, 174 Larch Road, Cambridge, Mass.

Albert C. Ferrante, 35 Cove Ave., Framingham, Mass.

Henry Garguilo, 238 Laurel St., Easthaven, Conn.

FOND MEMORIES AROUSED BY THESE OLD PHOTOS



The above photo was made at the 34th F.A. Bn. Message Center, somewhere in Sicily. All the "characters" in the above photo were 34th men with the exception of Father Ed Connors and the 34th claimed him. Pictured are Sgt. Forrest Barefoot, Father Connors, Sgt. Wall, Sgt. Meagher (champion coffee drinker of the division); Lt. Gauthier. Kneeling, left to right: Cpl. Whitaker, Cpl. Clemmy, Lt. Nappen (later captain), S-3 section and Battery Commander at end of war. Read the short story printed in this issue about some the above guys.

Frank Kasko, 2527 Howard Ave., Bronx 67, N. Y.

Pasquale DeColli, 1837 South Carlisle St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Ernest Newhart, New Hope, Pa.

John Gee, 1275 Decatur St., Brooklyn 7, New York.

A CO. 15TH ENGRS.

Frank I. Wyandt, 1423 E. Eden St., Scranton, Pa.

Anthony Soprano, 713 Delaware Ave., Norwood, Pa.

Bob Roberts, 5300 Webster Street, Philadelphia 43, Pa.

George Bundza, 138 Beaverbrook Parkway, Worcester, Mass.

John Maule, 124 Fairlake Road, Muskegan, Mich.

Peter Magnanelli, 6704 Hillendale Rd., Chevy Chase 15, Md.

Jerry Fasano, 294 Arlington Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Steve Dobrino, 6041 W. Lawrence, Chicago, Ill.

C CO. 15TH ENGRS.

Arthur P. Paulus, 147-49 Huxley, Rosedale, Queens, N. Y.

Frank Alice, 2911 S. Carlisle St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Francis A. Maher, 14 Davenport St., Worcester, Mass.

Robert Kline, 180 S. Linden St., Allentown, Pa.

HEADQUARTERS, 15TH ENGRS.

Pete J. Radano, 2525 88th St., East Elmhurst, New York.

Russell Bassell, 59 Kenmore Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

Vincent Beaton, 104 Fort Hale Rd., New Haven 13, Conn.

SCHMIDT REWARDED

Art Schmidt put in many hours answering and writing letters getting these buddies together before the Reunion but the enjoyment he got from being with them was an ample reward, he says.

A GENTLEMAN AND SCHOLAR

Frank Kasko was a B Co. cook. Only by accident he heard of the Reunion. He's now a member. He went out and bought a dinner jacket so he could go to the banquet looking like a gentleman. Frank is

a bartender at the Cafe Royal, 1544 Second Ave., New York City.

Schmidt claims William Davidson is heavier in the waistline than Art himself is.

Other notes:

Charles Hoffman attended his first Reunion since 1945. Those from New England who couldn't come called by long distance and explained why.

Carlton Curtis had to cancel plans to attend at the last minute.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

A Bit of Low Down

On Those 34th F.A.

Guys In the Picture

When forwarding the picture of some 34th F.A. Bn. Message Center

men, made somewhere in Sicily, M.-Sgt. Forrest F. Barefoot, Fort Sill, Okla., injected in parenthesis a very

interesting note regarding the eccentricities of a few of the lads. It seems

Sgt. Wall was a bit hard of hearing and when things got dull around the

Center the gang would jump up and run in different directions just to see

Sgt. Wall grab his helmet and run like hell to find a safe place from the

shells he thought were coming.

The coffee drinker, Sgt. Meagher, is supposed to have retired and is

living now at the YMCA in El Paso, Texas.

Lt. Gauthier, an aerial observer, was killed in action in Normandy

when his plane, piloted by Lt. Reyjkalin, was shot down.

Cpl. Whitaker was the mail man who brought the "sugar notes" to the front lines.

Cpl. Clemmy was supposedly the best informed G.I. at the Message

Center on Division gossip. He reported in to the 34th at Fort Bragg

wearing a World War I blouse and was never allowed to forget it.

Lt. Nappen was pushed upstairs to a captain's two-bar status shortly

after the picture was made.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

MEMBERS DEMAND LIST OF THOSE WHO ATTENDED 14TH ANNUAL REUNION HELD IN NEW YORK BE PRINTED

Letters from as far away as California and Texas have been received by The Octofoil requesting a list with addresses of those who attended the 1959 Reunion in New York City be printed. To many this will be mighty dry reading. However, this is the membership's paper and if that's what they want that's what they will get. Much material is being held for later issues so as to print the following names and addresses of those who attended the Reunion in New York:

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Abrams, 304 S. State St., Ephrata, Pa. 9th Q.M.

George Albert and Wife, Waynesburg, Pa. 1st Bn. Hqtrs. Co., 60th Inf.

Frank Alice, 2911 S. Carlisle, Philadelphia, Pa., Co. A, 15th Engrs.

Louis Almasy, Inwood, 70 Park Terrace, New York City. Co. D, 39th.

Nicholas Androvich, 352 50th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 39th A-T 1st Bn.

Mr. and Mrs. George Apar, 330 Fairway Dr., Franklin Square, N. Y. Co. B, 47th Regt.

Andy Appello, 6735 Hudson Blvd., No. Bergen, N. J. 9th Recon.

George Bako, 501 E. 140th St., Bronx 54, N. Y. Co. G, 47th.

Warren M. Bascone, 520 Princeton Blvd., Winonah, N. J. Can. Co. 47th.

Russell Bassel, 59 Kenmore Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. 15th Engrs. Hqtrs.

George Bastedo, 125 Terrace Ave., Hasbrook Heights, N. J. Co. K, 47th.

Vincent Beaton, 104 Fort Hale Rd., New Haven 13, Conn. Hqtr. Co., 15th Engrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Beebe, 176 E. Robbins Ave., Newington, Conn. Co. K, 60th Inf.

Fred Behrens, 220-06 133rd Ave., Laurelton, L.I., N.Y. Med. Det. 60th.

Michael Belmonte, 803 S. Kilborn, Chicago, Ill. 60th F.A.

George Bender, 31 Winslow Rd., Brookline, Mass. Co. B, 15th Engrs.

Gene J. Berasi, 248 Summit Ave., Youngstown, O. 9th Q.M.

Abraham Berger, 465 Steven Ave., W. Hempstead, L. I., Hqs. Btry. Div. Arty.

Carmine Bianco, 521 Maple St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 60th Inf.

Harold J. Biegeleisen, 210 W. 101st St., New York 25, N. Y. Anti-Tank Co., 60th Inf.

Joseph Blitz, 40 Tehama St., Brooklyn, N. Y. D Co., 39th.

George Blockley, Washington Valley Rd., Martinsville, N. J. M.P.

John Book, 600 Sterling Pl., Brooklyn, N. Y. QM Co.

John Boden and Wife, Box 58, Chester, Pa. 26th F.A.

Raymond Borthwick, 26 Linden St., Lindenhurst, L. I. 47th Inf. Hq.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Boyle, 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass., Co. C, 26th F.A.

Al Bravin, 3236 Bronx Blvd., New York City. Hq. Co. 3rd Bn., 47th.

Martin Bree, 2495 Dogwood Ave., East Meadow, L.I. Srv. Co., 39th.

James A. Brennan, 1960 E. Tremont Ave., Bronx, N. Y. 60th Med. Bn.

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