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Memorial Foundation Program Is Underway

A Most Impressive Church Scene Noted During the Sacred Memorial Services



The above interior church scene was most touching. Most of the letters praising the services and commenting on the beauty of it all to reach The Octofoil have been sent in by Protestants who attended these services. One writer commented that he believed the number of Protestants taking a devout part in the services outnumbered those of the Catholic faith. The original photograph of the above scene was terrific. In reproducing from the original print for a newspaper cut much of the effectiveness is lost.

PREXY EXTENDS SEASON GREETINGS TO MEMBERS

During this 1959 Christmas season it is the sincere hope of your Association President and all the other officers that each and every member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association and their families enjoy a most pleasant holiday season—and that the spirit which symbolizes this era—peace on earth and good will—continues throughout the ensuing year.

GLENN O. MOORE, President.

—PAY 1960 DUES TODAY—

DOPE FROM WASHINGTON TO BE FEATURED NEXT ISSUE

The Washington 1960 Reunion Committee will have some important announcements to make in the next several issues of The Octofoil. Plans are shaping up nicely for an outstanding session. The Shoreham Hotel is leaning backwards to cooperate with the group. Parking facilities will not be a problem at the 1960 Reunion. Arrangements are in the making for the swimming pool to be available to the members and especially the kiddies.

The Shoreham is one of the swankiest hotels in the country and the rates will be as moderate for Ninth Division Association men and women as many other hotels not nearly so well equipped. Rates and all other data will be forthcoming soon.

—PAY 1960 DUES TODAY—

When an outfit's morale is good, nobody goes to see the chaplain. Which must be hard on the chaplain's morale.

Brabson "Sounds" Taps Veterans Day

As the various Armed Force units, the Service organizations and other marching units were parading down High St. in Columbus, O. on Veterans Day a voice clear and distinct was heard over Radio Station WVKO, in memory of my departed comrades of the Ninth Infantry Division I will now pay my respects. And then a bugle sounding taps with the sweetest echo ever heard was suddenly on the air.

The radio announcer was Bill Brabson, a former lieutenant in Co. B of the 60th Regt. during the African campaign.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

THANKS FOR THE MANY CHRISTMAS CARDS

For a few days The Octofoil made every effort to acknowledge receipt of the beautiful and sentimental holiday greeting cards that were received. But when they started coming in at the rate of 40 and 50 in one day, it became a physical impossibility to acknowledge them all.

To each and every one who sent a greeting card to The Octofoil or to the editor personally please accept our sincere gratitude and try to understand and forgive if all of them were not properly acknowledged.

—PAY 1960 DUES TODAY—

Atlas, Thor and Jupiter sound impressive, but, in the final analysis, the weapon that we have to rely on is a guy named Joe.—Bill Vaughan.

K Co. 47th Lads Met In Jersey On Oct. 23

George Bastedo, 125 Terrace Ave., Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., writes Dick Pestel, Columbus, O., as follows:

"I took your letter over to the K Co., 47th meeting to show them what a hard working 9th man was doing.

"We met on Oct. 23 in Union City, N. J. The following men were there:

"Martin Davidson, Frank Di Blasio, Joe Fasone, George Klenger, Walter Kowalski, Joe Lagattuta, Joe McCabe, Joe Maggorese, Arthur Miller, Irving Nagel, Bob Nedwell, Phil O'Mara, Ben Piazza, Ray Stroll, Everett Schuette, Andy Tomasula, Max Umansky, John Vetter, Dan Fitzgerald (3rd Bn. Hq.)

"The Octofoil was very interesting the way it covered the New York Convention."

—PAY 1960 DUES TODAY—

ILLINOIS CHAPTER HELD MEETING ON NOV. 13th

The Octofoil is in receipt of an official notice advising the Illinois Chapter would meet on November 13 at 3346 N. Springfield St., for election of officers, plans for a Christmas Party and a report on the New York Convention. But to date no one has sent in any details since the meeting. The Notice was signed by Al Sebeck, President; Dave Heller, Secretary, and Rog Elmer, Treasurer.

—PAY 1960 DUES TODAY—

Girls are what women over forty-five call each other.

APPLICATION BLANKS HAVE BEEN PREPARED; DONATION OF MRS. LOU BECKER SPURS BOARD TO GREATER ACTIVITY

The Board of Governors met in Worcester, Mass. preceding the Memorial Mass and conducted quite a bit of business. Under date of October 25 Secretary Danny Quinn sent all Board members a notice to attend and listed a partial agenda of matters to be discussed. Parts of the Secretary's call follows, also the Memorial Foundation letter being sent out and a complete transcription of the Board meeting as furnished The Octofoil by the Secretary.

In the call the following items for the agenda are listed:

1. Transfer of funds from Livingston National Bank to the Commonwealth Trust Co., Union City, N. J.
2. Chapter Reporters. That each chapter appoint a chapter reporter who will report news to the Octofoil.
3. New York Reunion financial report.
4. Progress report on the Washington, D. C. reunion for 1960.
5. The Louis R. Becker scholarship or educational fund.

LETTER TO GO OUT

Application forms to accompany the following letter will be sent to the chapters:

In order to perpetuate the memory of those members of the Ninth Infantry Division who sacrificed their lives in the service of their country during World War II, the Ninth Infantry Division Association has established the Ninth Infantry Division Memorial Foundation.

The Foundation fund will be administered and allocated by the Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association under the advisement of a qualified group of trustees, which are selected by the Board of Governors.

The Foundation provides for two scholarships of \$250.00 each for a total of \$500.00 per year. Successful applicants shall re-apply at the end of each year for the renewal of such scholarships for future periods.

Scholarships will be awarded without regard to differences of sex, race, religion or political party, but only for those who shall be citizens of the United States and related to a former member of the Ninth Infantry Division who served with the Division under honorable circumstances during the period of World War II. However, if no worthy candidate is available under the above provision of relationship, then any other worthy candidate or applicant may be considered. Scholarships shall be awarded in the following priority:

1. Scholarships for undergraduate studies.
2. Scholarships for post-graduate studies in the field of Research or Medicine.

MINUTES OF THE 54TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE 9TH INFANTRY DIV. ASSOCIATION

The 54th meeting of the Board of Governors was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on November 7, 1959, at the Hotel Bancroft in Worcester, Mass. Attended by: Messrs. Glenn O. Moore, Frank Wade, Thomas Boyle, Jack O'Shea, Mike Gatto, John Korobko, and Max Umansky, First Vice President Vince Gugglielmino and guest Dick Pestel, Columbus, Ohio. There being a quorum of seven the meeting was called to order by President Moore.

Secretary Daniel Quinn then read the minutes of the 52nd and 53rd meetings.

After a motion duly made by John Korobko and seconded by Max Umansky it was voted to accept the reading of the minutes as read, and place same on file.

After a motion duly made by Max Umansky and seconded by John Ko-

robko it was voted to transfer the funds of the Association from the Livingston National Bank to the Commonwealth Trust Co., Union City, N. J. Daniel Quinn, Secretary, was empowered to do so.

AUDIT TO BE MADE

After a motion duly made by Jack O'Shea and seconded by John Korobko it was voted to have a complete audit made of all monies, stocks, equipment, etc., of the Ninth Infantry Division Association and at such time that at least two members of the board be present with full authority to act for the entire board and that a C.P.A. be employed.

After a motion duly made by Frank Wade and seconded by Max Umansky it was voted to expedite the paying of bills incurred by the Association but not to exceed the set budget and after bills are paid and funds are available that the Editor of the Octofoil be paid the sum of \$100 every four months.

CLEARED \$509

Secretary Dan Quinn then read the financial report of the New York Reunion. The net profit to the Association being \$509. Upon a motion duly made by Jack O'Shea and seconded by Frank Wade it was voted to accept the report and to grant the New York Chapter the sum of \$100 for a job well done.

After a motion duly made by Frank Wade and seconded by J. O'Shea, it was voted to transfer the remaining \$409 from the general fund to the Memorial Fund.

Frank Wade then gave a report on the 1960 Reunion to be held in Washington, D. C. The hotel chosen, the Hotel Shoreham, a beautiful hotel enjoyed by so many at the last Washington Reunion. The time: the last week in July. President Moore thanked Frank Wade for his report.

After a motion duly made by John Korobko and seconded by J. O'Shea, it was voted to change the name of the Detroit Chapter to read the Greater Michigan Chapter in order to cover a larger area and help increase membership.

After a motion duly made by Tom Boyle and seconded by Mike Gatto it was voted that all bills incurred by the new secretary when the office equipment was moved, be paid.

After a motion by Frank Wade and seconded by Max Umansky, it was voted to change the yearly membership dues to read from July of one year to August of the following year.

After a motion duly made by Mike Gatto and seconded by Tom Boyle to adjourn, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
DAN QUINN, Secretary.
—PAY 1960 DUES TODAY—

A Happy New Year To All...

No doubt by the time this issue of The Octofoil reaches the homes of the members the Yuletide holiday will be history and it will be too late for The Octofoil to wish the members and their families a merry Christmas—but it is never too late to wish them all a Happy New Year and a Prosperous one, for 365 days in 1960.

★ The Octofoil ★

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Glenn O. Moore
Frank Wade
Vincent Iannucci
Tom Boyle

1961 —
Major Harry P. Jennings
Jack O'Shea
Frank Ozart
Mike Gatto

1962 —
John Korobko
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Father Edward Connors

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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 ☐

Sustaining Member ☐

THREE-YEAR MEMBER \$11.00 ☐

Life Membership \$50.00 ☐

Octofoil Automobile License Disc..... \$ 1.00 ☐

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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Please credit the following chapter:

Philadelphia ☐ Illinois ☐ Greater New York ☐

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Financial Report On Reunion Is a Dandy

The financial report filed with the Board of Governors by the New York Reunion Committee was very thorough. Every penny of expenditure was itemized; every penny of income likewise itemized with the result the committee come up with a net profit of \$534.00. A wonderful job by a very capable committee.

—PAY 1960 DUES TODAY—

FAST WORKER

Said the young man with the beautiful lady he was dining with that evening:

"Will you have breakfast with me in the morning?"

"Sure," she replied. "Then," answered the young man, "will I phone you or nudge you?"

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

John Maule Thinks An 8-Page Paper Is Helpful

John M. Maule, 124 Bear Lake Rd., Muskegon, Mich., contacted The Octofoil recently for a few extra copies of the last issue. John writes in part: "I might be able to get a couple of new members with the papers. I met Robert Torrent, 1824 Edgewater, Muskegon, Mich., formerly K Co., 47th, and he recognized George Bastedo's picture in the Octofoil. I gave him my copy. It may mean a new member. I have several addresses of former 9th men, and I might be able to convince them with our 8-page paper. The 8 pages makes a more wanted paper, as for me and lots of others, read every word in it."

—PAY 1960 DUES TODAY—

A Mistress is something between a mister and a mattress.

NEW FACES SHOW UP AT THE GREATER MICHIGAN CHAPTER'S OCTOBER MEETING

As usual, thanks to Bob and Betty Rumenapp The Octofoil has the following informative report to print regarding the October 16 meeting:

A couple of new members attended. Besides those who were at the September meeting, Bill and Florence Phelps, William and Berniece Mortinger were on hand and also Chuck Fox's lovely wife, Charlotte. Chuck Fox showed his loyalty to the Greater Michigan Chapter in a big way. He donated 1500 sheets of beautifully printed stationery and 1000 envelopes. The Michigan Chapter has a real worker in Fox and are rightly proud and appreciative of his efforts.

CASEY BACK

Joe Casey has been vacationing in Florida but returned in time for the meeting. Looked pretty tan and fit as a fiddle.

MADE \$38

The Chapter made \$38 last month on a private project of their own they hope to build into a more substantial source of income.

Al Yockey sold 38 of 40 tickets on this project that were given him to sell.

DOLLARS FROM GERMANY

Betty's brother, who at the time of this meeting, was in Germany, is a participant in the project.

BUSY AS A BEE

Bob says he is a little bit put out because many of the Michigan members are sending dues direct to National, thereby depriving the Chapter of its much needed revenue. Because this Chapter has certainly incurred expense, mimeographing letters, paying postage, stationery, etc. There are few former Ninth men from the old files that the Chapter has not heard from and every month Betty and Bob send out more cards.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

While attending the funeral of an aunt recently a cousin of Bob Rumenapp approached him and wanted to know what he was doing with the Octofoil coat lapel pin on. It developed the cousin also had served with the Ninth—60th Regt. Co. K. Neither knew the other had served with the Ninth Division.

EUGENE PLOTKOWSKI

The cousin's name is Eugene Plotkowski. Bob gave the cousin a copy of the last issue of The Octofoil and promised to try and locate some former K Co. 60th men who were in the outfit between 1945 and 1947.

Any members who know any lads who served at that time in Co. K of the 60th should write Robert Rumenapp, 22613 Furton Blvd., St. Clair Shores, Mich.

ATTENTION FORT CARSON

Among the members the Association has at Carson there certainly should be someone who could help Gene Plotkowski in his search for some old buddies.

Needless to say, the Rumenapps won't let that poor chap alone until he belongs to the Greater Michigan Chapter.

STILL PLUGGING

Betty calls attention to a typographical error in the last Octofoil spelling her name Retty instead of Betty—but she says that's immaterial to her campaign. She's still campaigning for the Detroit reunion in 1961 and promises us the best time we've ever had at a Reunion. And we kinda believe she knows whereof she speaks.

HOPE TO ATTEND MASS

In closing his newsy letter Bob Rumenapp expressed the hope that he might be able next year to attend Father Connors Memorial Mass, and added although he couldn't be there this year it was needless to say they were all praying on that day, as they always do for the many comrades who have passed on, and expressed the love all Michigan members have for Father Connors.

BELATED NEWS

As was noted in the last issue of The Octofoil a letter was received from the Greater Michigan Chapter after the forms were on the press. A short story was "lifted" in order to run a notice of their meeting but the other items had to be held over. Parts of that letter reads:

We are trying to cross check the old files and have started to contact some of the old members not on the current list. This takes quite a bit of time.

We've started our monthly meeting, the first was Sept. 18. We had one new addition, Charles Fox, of 20236 Fairport, Detroit. Charles' address was furnished by Wilfred Thornton, South Bend, Ind.

FIRST DRAWING

At the October meeting on the 16th at Carson's Chop House, 6001 Woodward Ave., the \$100 a month club will begin functioning.

TWO MORE WRITE

We also heard from Joe Rappazini and Wm. Mortinger, who were unable to attend the last meeting, but plan to attend the next one. Also received a couple of letters from George Bartley, 2054 Vivian Rd., Monroe, who is interested in the Chapter but won't be able to attend evening meetings because of work.

MIKE GHETTO VISITS

Joe Rappazini advises that he had a visit from Mike Ghetto in August. They tried to get to Lansing to see Cole Gronseth, but got tied up talking(?) about the Division and didn't quite make it. His new address is 24001 Sherman, Ferndale. Another change of address is Thomas I. Saunders, 15935 Ryland, Redford. He will try to attend the next meeting.

AL LILLIFORS CALLED

Something has been fouled up ever since the records were brought from overseas concerning Al Lillifors membership. He paid for his membership while overseas but has never received a card or his copy of Eight Stars to Victory. Dan Quinn is on the ball and no doubt will get this snafu straightened out.

AIRPLANE RATES

The Rumenapps have checked the airlines for chartered plane rates from the various cities to Washington, D. C. for the 1960 Reunion.

More information on that score will be forthcoming soon.

BROTHER A MEMBER

Incidentally, Betty's brother is now a full-fledged active Association member. He recently returned from a hitch with the Armed Forces in Germany.

GEORGE APAR LOST HIS WIFE ON SEPT. 26

New York Chapter members were shocked and saddened on Saturday, Sept. 26 when news got around that the lovely wife of George Apar's had passed away. Rose Apar was loved by the New York lads and their sincere sympathy goes out to George in this, his most sorrowful experience. Among the New York chapter members attending the funeral services, many with their wives, were: Vincent Guglielmino, Frank Fazio, Dom Miele, Irv Feinberg, Milt Wynn, Stan Cohen, Ed Egan, Lou Almasa, Mr. and Mrs. McInerney, Art Stenzil, Nick Palgia, Charlie Albreto, Jack Reilly and Danny Quinn.

George has three boys to watch over, Steve, 17; Bruce, 12, and Bobby 10 years old.

The Octofoil joins with members from all other the country who have met and learned to love George and Rose Apar—and extends heartfelt sympathy to George Apar in having suffered the irreparable loss that he has.

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Sgt. Maj. (E-9) Forrest F. Barefoot Is On Retired List

The address now is Lt. Col. F. F. Barefoot, AUS (Ret.), 425 So. L St., Lompoc, Calif.

An Oklahoma newspaper had this to say about his retirement:

Sgt. Maj. (E-9) Forrest F. Barefoot, Sergeant Major of the 1st FA Missile Training Battalion, is retiring as Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserve, after more than 31 years in the service.

Col. Barefoot advises that Lompoc is near Vandenberg AFB, Calif., the missile center and there is a demand for electronic technicians, so he expects to be employed at the base in the very near future.

—PAY 1960 DUES TODAY—

JOHN QUINN A WHEEL IN UNION MOVEMENT

John P. Quinn of Waltham, Mass., was a First Sergeant with Serv. Bty. 26th F.A. He is now a business agent for the Waltham Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union.

John sit in on negotiations that settled a strike in Worcester recently. The Waltham News-Tribune published a page 1 story crediting Quinn with getting 11 shop stewards busy rounding up the members for a back to work movement in short order after the agreement was decided on.

—PAY 1960 DUES TODAY—

Bill Palady Is Plugging To Get New Members

Bill Palady is still working hard out in Pennsylvania for new members. He recently sent Secretary Danny Quinn one new three-year member, Luke Savage. Bill advises the steel strike has made it a bit difficult for him to round up as many new members as he would like to.

—PAY 1960 DUES TODAY—

OCTOFOIL PAYS BELATED HONOR TO JUDGE KERNER

Judge Otto Kerner of Chicago was one of the guiding lights who helped organize the Illinois Chapter and still maintains a lively interest in the Chapter. Recently while searching through some old records the Octofoil editor found a clipping from The Chicago News, printed Nov. 7, 1958, shortly after the Illinois elections. Although an old copy it is well that Judge Kerner's many old buddies in the Ninth Division know in what high esteem he is held in Cook County, Illinois. Among many other things The News had to say, the following closing paragraphs of the article are most impressive:

GRATIFYING

It is gratifying, for instance, to note that the Democrat getting the largest vote in Cook County was County Judge Otto Kerner. This is a well-deserved distinction. . . .

Judge Kerner is outstanding for the solid qualities of his character, including his personal dignity, and his scrupulous sense of propriety in all his relationships, personal and public.

—PAY 1960 DUES TODAY—

Nepotism flourishes in Congress, but that sort of thing never thrived in the Army, where, it was believed, Old Sarge would have put his own grandmother on K.P.

Greater Michigan Chapter Makes The \$100 Award



Pictured above will be noted Robert Rumenapp, secretary-treasurer of the Greater Michigan Chapter, and his wife, Betty, making the \$100 award from the chapter to Leonard Kowalski. Leonard is suffering from a shattered hip, ankle and heel, the result of an accident while at work. He immediately paid Bob his Association dues out of the \$100. The Michigan papers gave the event a play.

Gold Star Mother Places Wreath On the Shrine During New York City Reunion



Pictured above is the Mother of Sergeant James J. McInerney, "I" Co., 39th Regt., who was killed in action on July 30, 1943, as she placed a wreath on the Shrine immediately after the Memorial Services during the 1959 Reunion in New York. Pictured with Mrs. McInerney is Vincent Guglielmino, 1st Vice President of the National Association.

Another Solemn Occasion . . . Dedication of the American Flag At Worcester



Hundreds gathered outside the church at Worcester as Father Connors, assisted by Monsignor De Laura and Father Gerald Rowan blessed the American flag, after which Secretary Danny Quinn had the honor of holding the flag while President Glenn Moore had the honor of raising the flag to the gentle New England breeze.

HAPPY WANDERERS OF INTEREST TO NINTH MEN

The Children's Choir from Obernkirchen, Germany, now touring the United States should be of particular interest to former Ninth men. Noting the lead-off story in a Bakersfield, Calif. newspaper, it reads: "I am a happy wanderer, Along the mountain track; And as I go I love to sing, My Knapsack on my back; Val de ri, tra la la la la; Val de ri, tra la la la la; My Knapsack on my back."

To the lilting strains of The Happy Wanderer, the song which they may world famous, those irrepressible, irresistible youngsters of the Obernkirchen Children's Choir have returned to America to enchant everyone.

—PAY YOUR 1-9-6-0 DUES NOW—

The origin of saying "Oh, yeah," has been attributed to the bridegroom who, upon hearing his bride say, "Now I lay me down to sleep," said to himself, "Oh, yeah."

A SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY HELD FOR SCULLY

A recent news item from Secretary Danny Quinn reads:

"I am headed to a surprise birthday party at Vincent Guglielmino's house tonight, otherwise I would be down in the office working on the Octofoil mailing tape. I have spent my two days off for the last several weeks, plus a few hours every day in the office. We'll lick the problem one of these days.

"But getting back to the party—it sounds like an association meeting with all the names that will be there: The McInerneys, Betty and John Rizzo, Frank and Vita Fazio, Lou Almasa and Ed Egan, Danny Quinn and Marie, Al Orlette and his wife, John Margolise and his wife and the honored guest, Jack Scully, who will be 25(??). Oh yes, almost forgot, Dom Miele and George Apar, and maybe Max Umansky may show up."

TV Sets Disappear Night Pestel and Moore Visit

Certainly no insinuations were meant but a New Jersey member recently sent The Octofoil clippings from a Jersey newspaper relating the disappearance of several TV sets from a local motel. And by mere coincidence it was the same motel President Glenn Moore and Dick Pestel patronized on their way to New York to attend a Greater New York Chapter meeting—and on the same night they patronized this motel is the night the TVs disappeared.

—PAY 1960 DUES TODAY—

TWO FORMER NINTH MEN LOCATED IN CALIFORNIA

Through the ingenuity of Wilton Taylor two more former Ninth men have been located in Bakersfield, Calif. Lloyd Wofford, former Co. B, 15th Eng. man, and Harold Russie, former Co. D, 39th man, both live in Bakersfield and requested a copy of the last issue of The Octofoil.

Joe McKenzie Comes Through With a Thorough Report On Memorial Mass

By JOE MCKENZIE

A chilly overcast and rain threatening day greeted the men of the Ninth and their friends upon their arrival in Worcester on November 8. Such conditions did not dampen the enthusiasm of those who were there. Everyone talked of it as the largest attendance in 15 years.

The Mass, the main feature of this remembrance, was beautiful beyond words. This simple ceremony was made more thrilling by the presence of Monsignor DeLaura, the Color Guard of the Worcester Police Department, the large bouquets of red and white carnations on the altar, the wonderful choir, and the sounding of taps at the end of the Mass. It is a ceremony we all should attend before we get too old to travel.

ANOTHER CEREMONY

After Mass all who were inside the Church moved outside and formed a large semi-circle around the new flag pole for another ceremony. On the left side of the Church is a very large plot of land. On this lot and about 50 feet from the Church Father Connors had erected a flag pole. A steel pole, supported by steel plates and set on a large cement base, will withstand all the torture that Mother Nature can give it. Monsignor DeLaura held the flag, the Color Guard stood at attention and Father Connors read the Prayers. After the Prayers Glenn Moore, assisted by a member of the Color Guard raised the flag. Then taps were played. Those who were there will remember this ceremony for many years to come. With the flag raising ceremony over the gang proceeded to the Connors Coffee Shop.

QUITE A PLACE

The Connors Coffee Shop is quite a place. It is the basement of the Church. It is a room that can hold about 150 people with comfort. But when the Ninth takes over about 300 jam in. Parishioners serve coffee in paper cups and doughnuts on paper plates so that there is no washing problem. Engineers are in one corner, 47th men in another, Special Troops in another, 26th F.A. men against the back wall and so on throughout the shop are men from other units. It is no easy maneuver for one to work his way to the section of the shop where his pals are talking shop, families and war.

Confusion and congestion of the Coffee Shop transfer to the larger quarters of the main dining room in the Hotel Bancroft. Enthusiasm and chatter are still supreme.

SOUVENIRS

At every place at every table is a souvenir booklet and menu. According to the menu the main dish was to be Chicken (peutetre) De

Bizerte. What a surprise when roast beef was served. When all had their fill Father Connors introduced Monsignor De Laura as toastmaster for the remaining part of the program. For those of us who heard more about Monsignor De Laura than we saw of him, all we can say now is that there is no change. His quick wit and character imitations were greatly enjoyed. He also left with us a serious message which we were to remember for a long time.

INTRODUCES BISHOP

Towards the close of the program Monsignor DeLaura had the pleasure of introducing Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan, D.D. of the Diocese of Worcester. Bishop Flanagan had many hearty laughs over the comments of Monsignor DeLaura. The Bishop attended Holy Cross College at about the same time as Father Connors.

Joe Albanese, White River Junction, Vermont, kidded Father Connors quite a bit about the Diocese having to go to Vermont to find an ecclesiastical C.O. The Bishop was born in Vermont and was doing Parish work in Connecticut when promoted to the Worcester Diocese. Bishop Flanagan will always remember his first Ninth gathering and we will not forget his kind words and consoling thoughts.

Again this year some men were there for the first time. Others were there after a lapse of many years. I met a man from the 47th there for the first time. He was always afraid to go because he thought he would know no one. But what happened? As soon as he entered the Coffee Shop two men from his own company recognized him. Why don't you go to Worcester for the first time? You too might see some of the old gang. Jim Oliver, "C" 26th F.A., was there after being away for 13 years. Those from Service 26th F.A. were John and Mrs. Quinn, Joe and Mrs. Albanese, Lew and Mrs. Orticiari, Elmer and Mrs. Roscoe and family; George Wilkinson, Manny Efron, Bill Bongiorno, John Murray, Quintino and Mrs. Pergiovanni, Joe and Mrs. McKenzie. Others from 26th F.A. were Gil Pernokas, Bob Warner, John White, Jim Hennelly, Connie Matullus and Dau Mazeika.

I am sure that Jack O'Shea and Sid Levinson could write good stories about the Infantrymen and Engineers who were there.

It was so nice to see Mrs. William J. Lapsley with her four children. Her husband died over a year ago. He was our Jimmy Lapsley of Service 26th F.A.

If possible plan your vacation for 1960 so that you will be in New England during November.

HARRY ORENSTEIN IS HAPPY WITH THE BIG Q.M. TURNOUT AT 1959 REUNION

By HARRY ORENSTEIN

The forecast about attendance of Q.M. men to the New York Reunion was accurate. There could be only one answer. Every time the writer added up the list of "boys" who were going to attend the Reunion there was always the same result. This Reunion was going to have the largest number of Q.M. "boys" ever to attend a Reunion.

The following were present:

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Abrams.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cestaro.
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dembitsky.
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Dreifus.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Finkelstein.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gray.
Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Siegel.
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sinare.
Gene Berasi.
Harry Kaplan.
Harry Orenstein.
Bill Palady.
John Rooke.
George Swanson.

The Reunion was a very good af-

fair. It was the unanimous opinion of the "boys" present that it was the best Reunion they ever attended. There was plenty of beer, many hours for dancing and the banquet was excellent.

The "boys" turned the clock back. And did the "boys" reminisce? You bet they did. They rolled the clock back again to the period of 1940-1945. Some of the stories were fantastic. You had to be with the group to know when the "boys" were being facetious and when they were being sincere.

Already many of the "boys" are planning to be in Washington in '60.

Q.M. NOTES

Received word that the Alan Websters had a baby girl during the last week of October, 1959. Congratulations!

Bill Palady and the writer cooperated in bringing the large group of "boys" to the 1959 Reunion, and as usual, Roy Dreifus took pictures at the New York City Reunion.

CAPT. JOHN R. McGRATH WRITES FROM KOREA

Captain John R. McGrath, who was one of the leaders in the movement to organize the chapter at Colorado Springs sent The Octofoil a beautiful Christmas card from Korea. His address is Capt. John R. McGrath, 04005832, Hq. Co. EUSAPC (TEC), APO 20, San Francisco, Calif.

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SOFA SO GOOD

"The man who invented the davenport should be a happy man—millions have been made on it."

Col. Ward R. Betz Will Prepare Data On Ninth

During the early stages of occupation of Germany Col. Ward Betz was with the Ninth Infantry Division. He is now preparing an article on some of his experiences in Bavaria from April, 1946 until the Division returned stateside. He hopes to get in touch with some other officers who were with the Division at that time. Anyone who could be of help to him should write to Col. Ward R. Betz, USAF, Asst. DCS-Logistics, J-4, Fort Carson, Colorado.

A Few of the New York Lads Who Attended Services



Pictured above are a few of those who journeyed to Worcester for Father Connors Memorial Mass. Left to right: Lou Almesa, New York, 39th; Pat Morano, New York, 47th; Mike Gatto, New York, 60th; Max Umansky, New York, 47th; Monsignor DeLaura, New York, 47th; Ed Egan, New York, 47th; Mrs. Olson, Gold Star Mother, New England; Jack Scully, New York, 47th; Dan Quinn, 47th; John Rizzo, New York, 47th; Herb Olson, 47th, New England, brother of lad killed in action; Marty Roach, New England, 47th; Vince Gugglielmino, 47th, New York, and Frank Fazio, New York, 47th.

A Happy Throng of Q.M. Men At Reunion



The above picture was made at the banquet during the New York Reunion. It is not a clear picture because of the black background. Members are reminded to have a light background for pictures they plan to have cuts made from for publication. The picture was sent in by Harry Orenstein, 640 East 139th St., Bronx 54, N. Y., who worked so hard with Bill Palady to get a big turnout from the Q.M.'s—and they succeeded. Pictured above, from left to right are: Mrs. Dreifus, Mike Dembitsky, Mrs. Dembitsky, Mrs. Abrams, Horace Abrams, Andy Sinare, Mrs. Sinare, Bob Cestaro and Mrs. Cestaro. In the back of this group, from left to right are: Ernie Siegal, Mrs. Siegal, Mrs. Finkelstein, Jack Finkelstein, Harry Orenstein and Bill Palady.

QUINN'S REPORT ON MEMORIAL MASS INSPIRING; SIGNS UP NEW MEMBERS WHILE IN WORCESTER

(Editor's Note: There may be a few repetitions in Quinn's and McKenzie's story, but such a beautiful program as was presented at Worcester, Mass. is worthy of some repetition.)

By DANNY QUINN

On Friday night the New York Chapter met in Long Island and despite heavy rain there were 40 men present. The following morning six carloads took off for Worcester and all arrived safely. That evening a reception was held in the basement of the Church, known as Connors Coffee Shoppe. The Board of Governors held their meeting at the Hotel Bancroft and seven members were present. At the reception many men had their families with them—it was quite a night.

STANDING CROWD
Sunday morning church services were held to a standing crowd (550 was the estimate given by an old church member), with one of the most impressive services I have ever attended at Worcester.

The Worcester Police Department (6 man detail) carried the colors up to the altar and placed them on each side of the altar until Mass was finished, a bugler then sounded taps and then the choir (a terrific group) sang our National Anthem. A very touching moment; there were many wet eyes in the Church, both Gold Star parents and men who had lost a good buddy. With a service like this we will never forget them.

FLAG DEDICATION

After the Holy Mass the group (several hundred) formed outside the church grounds where Father Connors assisted by Monsignor DeLaura and Father Gerald Rowan, blessed the flag and flag pole. The writer had the honor of holding the flag and President Glenn Moore had the honor of raising it. The bugler again sounded and the Worcester police acted as honor guards.

Coffee and doughnuts were then served in Connors Coffee Shop and then the crowd started to drift off, most of them going to the Hotel Bancroft. At 12:30 P.M. the banquet room began to fill with the "Old Reli-ables" (385 in all).

GOLD STAR PEOPLE

Seated at the front of the room were the honored Gold Star people and at the speaker's table were the following: The writer, Glenn Moore, Father Rowan, Father Gee (Father Connors' assistant), Congressman Harold Donahue, City Administrator Ed McGraw, his excellency, Bishop Flanagan, Monsignor DeLaura, Father Connors, Father Murphy, and the Association Treasurer, Tom Boyle.

I am very sorry I didn't make a tape recording of the proceedings. It was better than most of our TV shows, with Monsignor DeLaura acting as Toastmaster. All the speakers were short and to the point.

Of course on the serious side the theme was to always remember our fallen buddies, especially in our prayers.

COLLECTS DUES

I gave out copies of the Octofoils and collected dues from 24 men for 1960; 16 from New England; one from Chicago, and seven from New York. Also got two new members lined up. The new men were old timers who were wounded and left the outfit long before the association was thought of. I always have said we have a great potentiality in this type of former Division men. There must be thousands. Dom Miele was a big help to me in many ways.

SMALL WORLD

Ed Egan of Brooklyn, a 47th man, told this story that happened at Worcester: Ed and Lou Almesa had arrived early Saturday and we did not get there until 2 P.M. While Ed was trying to contact me at Hotel Bancroft, and because of the mixup he told the operator he was from the Ninth Division, and lo and behold, during the conversation she informs Ed that she had a brother who was killed while with the Ninth—a Conrad Lessord. Her name is Louise. Ed invited her to the Church services the following morning.

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Old Sarge, who hated civilians and women, must be chagrined that the first passengers sent into space were female civilians—and monkeys, at that.—Bill Vaughan.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETINGS HELD BY GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER WELL ATTENDED; PRESIDENT MOORE AND DICK PESTEL PRESENT

By DOMINICK MIELE, Secretary

Minutes of the November 6 meeting of the Greater New York Chapter reads as follows:

Meeting of the Greater New York Chapter, Ninth Infantry Division Association, was held at the American Legion hall in Jamaica, L. I., and was called to order by the president at 9:20 P.M. The chairman requested the members to rise for a minute's silence in memory of our fallen buddies. After reading of minutes of previous meeting, motion by Umansky to accept as read. Seconded by Rizzo. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

After the financial report was given by the Treasurer, motion by Max Umansky to accept report as read; seconded by Frank Russo. So ordered.

We had the honor of having with us the president of the National Association, Mr. Glenn O. Moore. The chairman called on Mr. Moore to say a few words. Mr. Moore praised the New York Chapter for the fine cooperation the members gave at our last Reunion, and also was happy to see such a large turnout at the meeting.

DANCE REPORT

Report on the dance was given by the chairman, Frank Fazio. The dance went off wonderfully and the people really had a fine time and enjoyed themselves. Cold cuts, beer, soft drinks, and even coffee was served, and the band played on.

Suggestion on the Christmas party: Frank Fazio suggested that it be held at the Union City Elks Club because of parking facilities and it be held on Sunday, Dec. 6th, at 2 P.M. The members agreed to this. It was so ordered.

A 10-minute recess was called by the chairman. After the recess the chairman called the meeting to order, and the next order of business was to appoint a Nominating Committee to select a new slate of officers to serve for the new year, 1960. The Nominating Committee is as follows:

Frank Russo, Chairman
Frank Miele
John Rizzo
Al Wadalavage
Ralph Alessi
The committee met separately—and made the following recommendations:
For President—Max Umansky
For 1st Vice Pres.—Pat Morano
For 2nd Vice Pres.—Ed Egan
For Secretary—Dom Miele
For Treasurer—Irving Feinberg
For Judge Advocate—Doc Hyman
Seslowe
For Sergeant At Arms—Frank Mele

For Chaplain—George Apar
Board of Governors selection:
39th Inf.—George Stegner
47th Inf.—John Rizzo
60th Inf.—Carl Winters
Special Troops—A. Wadalavage and Art Schmidt
Divarty (left open until the next meeting).

The names above are merely suggestions made by the committee—and at the next meeting these names will be read and other nominations will be made by the members from the floor.

MEETING PLACE

After the completion of nominations discussions as to where the next meeting is to be held. A suggestion by Mike Gatto that we try and hold a meeting in downtown New York. There is a place which was once headquarters for the DAV and is available. The chairman then appointed a committee to inspect the quarters. The committee is as follows:

Frank Fazio, Stan Cohen, Danny Quinn, Vince Guglielmino and Dom Miele.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation made by Stanley Cohen that the new administration's first act is to set up a program committee to arrange a suitable program for the coming year, as determined by a working committee. Also, suggestions on a motion picture camera. George Stegner promised to bring his 16-mm projector to show films.

MRS. WADALAVAGE DONATES

At the meeting sandwiches were served which were donated to the chapter by Mrs. Wadalavage, who was very thoughtful, indeed, to donate the sandwiches to the chapter. The chairman thanked Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Wadalavage, and the suggestion was made that the secre-

tary send Mrs. Wadalavage a letter of thanks for the sandwiches. (The Secretary immediately sent the letter out.)

Beer and soft drinks were served with the sandwiches.

Motion by Umansky to adjourn the meeting since there was no further business to transact. Seconded by John Rizzo.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 P.M. Approximately 50 members were in attendance, and many new members and old timers who have missed some previous meetings, were in attendance.

DECEMBER 4TH MEETING

Meeting of the Greater New York Chapter, 9th Infantry Division Association, Inc., was held in our new quarters (the old headquarters of the DAV) located at 6 Front St. near the Moorings Bar & Grill, in downtown New York. It's a wonderful place; parking is no problem; can be reached by all subways and highways.

The meeting was called to order by the presiding chairman, Vince Guglielmino, at 9:15 P.M. Invocation by our Chaplain, George Apar. After the invocation the president called on the secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting. Since there was no question on the minutes, a motion was made by Jim Bruno to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Lou Almassy.

After the financial report was read by the Treasurer, Irving Feinberg, and no questioning, motion made by Frank Mele to accept the report as read; seconded by Al Orletti.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

First order of business was discussion on the Children's Christmas party. It is being held at the Union City Elks Club, Union City, N. J., on Sunday, Dec. 6, 1959, 2 P.M. Santa Claus will be there with toys. Also, the children will be served food—potato chips, candy, ice cream, etc. The candy is delicious. Movie projectors, both 8 and 16-mm will be on hand to show all the films of parties, reunions, etc.

ELECTION

Next order of business: election of officers for 1960.

Frank Fazio nominated Al Wadalavage for the office of President. Mr. Wadalavage declined. Max Umansky was nominated. Since there were no other nominations from the floor, George Apar made a motion that the Secretary cast one ballot of the office of President; seconded by Jim Bruno. So ordered. (Vote was unanimously passed), and Umansky accepted.

First Vice President: Pat Morano. Since no other nomination from the floor, motion made by Jim Bruno that nomination for First Vice President be closed; seconded by John Rizzo.

Second Vice President: Edward Egan. Since no other nominations from the floor, motion made by Lou Almassy to close nominations for Second Vice President; seconded by James Haroutunian. So ordered. Mr. Egan accepted.

For Secretary: Dom Miele. For Treasurer: Irving Feinberg (both of who are still serving their 3-year terms).

For Judge Advocate: Doc Hyman Seslowe. Almassy made motion to close nominations for Judge Advocate; seconded by De Maria. Carried. (Seslowe accepts.)

Sergeant At Arms: Frank Mele. Motion by Seslowe that nominations for Sergeant At Arms be closed; seconded by Frank Kasko. So ordered. Mele accepts.

For Chaplain: George Apar. No arguments there. Mr. Apar accepts.

Jim Bruno makes motion that the Secretary cast one ballot for the entire slate; seconded by John Rizzo. Unanimously passed.

BOARD MEMBERS

Election of members to the Board of Governors who are to serve until December 31, 1961. The following members were elected to the Board:

39th Inf.—George Stegner
47th Inf.—John Rizzo
60th Inf.—Carl Winters
Special Troops—Al Wadalavage
Divarty—Kenneth Grosse

Motion made by Jim Bruno that Secretary cast one ballot for the Board of Governors; seconded by Frank Kasko. So ordered; unanimously adopted.

Nominations and elections closed.

NEW BUSINESS

The selection of our meeting headquarters; Mike Gatto suggested that we take over this place since the expenses are very reasonable, and parking is also available.

Joe McKenzie Prepares A Revised Mailing List

Coming in just a few days after The Octofoil had gone to press last issue was a letter from Joe McKenzie, Waltham, Mass., containing some news notes and new addresses. Parts of the letter reads:

Died February 26, 1958—William James Lapsley.

Every time you go to Church remember in your prayers our Jimmy Lapsley. May he rest in peace.

Paul Griffin is now in Korea. Bill Bongiorno is commander-elect of the Lexington VFW Post.

Grigsby visited Grutzius last summer. "Still the same Frank," says Everett.

Change your records to read:

Joseph A. McKenzie, 95 Washington Ave., Waltham, Mass.

Clement S. LeBlanc, 730 Hale St., Beverly Farms, Mass.

Paul A. Griffin, Capt. 83rd Bn., APO 301, San Francisco, Calif.

Richard M. Hill, 3108 Rosedale, Dallas, Texas, Apt. D.

Robert Hamilton, Rt. 2, Valley Falls, New York.

Glen Cline, 1427 N. Alexander, Royal Oak, Mich.

John E. Brazil, 5275 Red Winery Rd., Geyserville, Calif.

Ross Kepple, 924 Pekin Ave., Creve Coeur, Ill.

Burnal E. Lareau, 414 Michigan, Lowell, Ind.

Jerome Langer, 1 Westminster Dr., Yonkers, N. Y.

Peter Greco, 125 Bayard St., Trenton, N. J.

James S. Newton, Rural Box 282, Rt. 1, Westboro, Mass.

John F. Hennessey, 63 Milton St., Arlington, Mass.

Dr. Burton L. Forbes, 327 Munroe St., Denver, Col.

Joseph McGuckin, 39 Union St., Jersey City, N. J., care Bennett.

The 1960 National Convention will be at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C. during the last week of July. Start Saving Soon.

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Sayers Leaves Texas For Daytona Beach, Florida

J. D. Sayers, whose address for a long time has been Rt. 3, Shiner, Texas, Lavaca County, recently decided he liked the Florida sunshine and moved down there. His mailing address now is P.O. Box 1732, Daytona Beach, Fla. In his note giving his new address Sayers has some nice things to say about The Octofoil.

Frank Fazio made motion to hold our next meeting at this place and seconded by Frank Kasko. Motion carried. The members also accepted this Headquarters for our meeting place.

Frank Fazio made motion to appoint a committee for the Installation party. Mr. Apar appointed as chairman, seconded by Haroutunian. Mr. Apar accepts.

Motion made by Doc Seslowe to authorize Mike Gatto to open the gas meter for allowing us to use the heaters. Seconded by Jim Bruno.

Motion unanimous adopted.

A motion made by Kasko to adjourn meeting; seconded by Rizzo. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M. A large turnout of members attended the meeting and it is hoped that at our next meeting a larger crowd will turn out. Beer and soft drinks were served.

Next meeting: Jan. 8, 1960 (the Friday after New Year.)

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members and their families.—Dominick Miele.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 1960:

President—Max Umansky
First Vice-Pres.—Pat Morano
2nd Vice-Pres.—Edward Egan
Secretary—Dom Miele
Treasurer—Irving Feinberg
Judge Advocate—Doc Hyman Seslowe

Sergeant At Arms—Frank Mele
Chaplain—George Apar
The entire slate of Board of Governors is as follows:

39th Inf.—Harry Wax; term expires Dec. 31, 1960; George Stegner; term expires Dec. 31, 1961.

47th Inf.—Frank Fazio; term expires Dec. 31, 1960; John Rizzo; term expires Dec. 31, 1961.

60th Inf.—Charles Libretto; term expires Dec. 31, 1960; Carl Winters; term expires Dec. 31, 1961.

Special Troops—Harry Orenstein; term expires Dec. 31, 1960; Al Wadalavage; term expires Dec. 31, 1961.

Divarty—J. Haroutunian; term expires Dec. 31, 1960; Kenneth Grosse; term expires Dec. 31, 1961.