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DETROIT GANG SNAG REUNION FOR 1961

16TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS SET FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1960

The time of year has again arrived when former Ninth men from all parts of the country are making plans to attend the Memorial Mass in Worcester, Mass., that has become one of the most sacred events ever embraced by a group of veterans.

NOV. 6, 1960
The 16th Annual Memorial Mass for the deceased of the Ninth Division will be held at the Immaculate Conception Church, Worcester, Mass., Sunday, Nov. 6, 1960.

Those interested in receiving additional information should write to Rev. Edward T. Connors, 353 Grove St., Worcester, Mass.

Nothing has ever taken place since the Association was formed that has done so much to weld together the ties that bind between all former 9th Division men as the Memorial Mass conducted each year by Father Ed.

The good fellowship that prevails in the Connors Coffee Shop Saturday night before the Sunday Mass is beyond comparison. There has never been one from anywhere who has not the services and other activities in connection with the Mass who have said anything other than "I have never seen anything like it in my life. Every former Ninth man and their family owe it to themselves to attend." This praise comes to The Octofoil from all religious faiths—non-Catholics seem more enthusiastic in their praise than do the Catholic members themselves.

The Bancroft Hotel will be the locale for the dinner that follows the Mass. This event is always highlighted by high state and church officials of New England and the nation.

The fact that not one member who has ever attended these services has expressed regret for having made the trip, should in itself be of sufficient inducement to cause those who have never witnessed the services to do so this year.

The following article was clipped from a recent issue of The Free Press, Worcester, Mass., and has a humorous bearing on Father Ed's yearly pilgrimage to Worcester:

WHERE ANGELS FEAR
By CANON PEPPERGRASS
Chain of Command

The veteran members of the 9th Division, U. S. Army, who gather annually at the Immaculate Conception Church for "Connors' Coffee Shop," the Memorial Mass and the hilarious dinner following (all these things comprise one of Worcester's great affairs) will be happy to learn that Maj. Gen. William C. Westmoreland has been appointed superintendent of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point.

A NAVY MAN

As a Navy man I go to those affairs as the not-very-loyal opposition. I had a chance to meet Gen. Westmoreland as it was my job to introduce him three years ago at the dinner. Politeness has a way of going by the board at those dinners, so having had a brief chance to size up the man, I believed the daylight out of him, figuratively speaking, only to be good-naturedly reduced to a heap of smoldering ruins when he stood up and got his second wind.

His introduction to Rev. Ed Connors when Gen. Westmoreland was a mere colonel and Father Connors was a merer captain, (he never did make major) was also somewhat bizarre. It seems the colonel looked out of his tent one day and saw something that looked like an animated, unmade bed. He sent an orderly to find out what it was and you guessed it, it was Father Ed.

All during the war Col. W. seriously fought to make a soldier out of ETC, a venture in which he signally failed. God had made a superb chaplain out of Fr. C. and the then colonel finally conceded that he couldn't carry on where God had left off.

UNTEACHABLE

Father Connors was simply unteachable when it came to matters of "spit and polish" and he never could get the notion of chain-of-command through his head. He treated the whole matter with something of the contempt in which he has always held the civilized rules of organized basketball.

All of us amateur service men have good reason to know that the great majority of the graduates of the various military schools are officers without peer. Gen. Westmoreland is well up in the top ten of any of those men whom I have the privilege to know.

I shall refer to but one bit of evidence to prove my point that Gen. W. (Incidentally he is one of the youngest major generals in the army) is a top-flight officer: Most of us who go into the service as citizen members of the military grow sick and tired of the mouldy formality of the rules of the game. Most of us made a vow when we were released that we would drop that artificial and, I guess necessary, "Sir" with a vengeance. Yet to a man the men of the Ninth even at a Reunion which was as informal as corned beef hash, proudly addressed the general as "sir" and the general humbly and graciously accepted the entirely unconscious courtesy. To me that alone is enough to be counted as the measure of the man.

CONGRATULATIONS

I have just sent a note of congratulations to Gen. W.; I think it will find itself among many such from the men of the Ninth.

Meanwhile, I'm using all my vast influence with the Navy to dredge a channel in the Hudson River so that I can hop a heavy cruiser and make a trip to West Point to give further evidence of my felicitations. As "my" ship passes under the Bear Mountain Bridge, I shall blow the whistle as a signal for the West Pointers to start rolling out the red carpet which, I understand, they hold always in readiness for my arrival.

Thine,
John P. J. Peppergrass.
— PAY 1961 DUES NOW —

Free Octofoils For Three-Year Dues

Richard Pestel, 1467 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, O., the newly elected secretary-treasurer of the Ohio Chapter, has developed into a very talented sign painter. Especially is this true when it comes to painting beautiful Octofoils. He has asked The Octofoil to print a notice advising that any and all Ohio members who mail him three years' dues instead of one year's when 1961 dues are sent in, he will personally paint and mail to such member a beautiful Octofoil finished on heavy material suitable for display in any place of business or the home.

— PAY 1961 DUES NOW —
A Card From Poland

Henry Dazzyrski, whose home is Miami, Fla., has been touring the old country and sends a card to all members of the Association through Secretary-Treasurer Quinn's office, from Bialogard, Poland.

The New Prexy Is From "Windy City"



FRANK OZART, President of National Association
2241 S. Marshall Blvd.,
Chicago 23, Ill.

Frank joined up with the 9th Division just before the outfit entered Cherbourg. He had fought in Normandy, Northern Europe, the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. He has five campaign stars, a bronze star and oak leaf cluster to the bronze star. President Ozart was a staff sergeant with Co. D, 47th (a mortar man).

He is active in many veteran and fraternal organizations, but the Ninth Infantry Division Association is his main interest. He has served as second vice president and is now serving a second term on the Board of Governors. His efforts in behalf of the Illinois Chapter has kept that unit out front ever since its organization.

Frank is manager of a sporting goods store at one of the largest bowling alleys not only in Chicago, but the entire world.

Frank's modesty and likeable disposition endears him to all who know him. The Association is fortunate to have men of such sterling character as Frank Ozart to lead the way. There will always be a Ninth Infantry Division Association as long as there are ex-G.I.s like Frank Ozart around.

FREE LOADERS WILL BE TAKEN OFF LIST

Secretary Danny Quinn has furnished The Octofoil a mailing list for this mailing that has quite a few Free Loaders on the list. In other words many former 9th men will be getting a paper who have not paid 1960 dues. He will be forced to do some "weeding out" before another issue is printed and mailed. Unless 1961 dues are mailed in before the date of the next issue there's going to be some "heads chopped" off insofar as that mailing list is concerned.

NICKLE LOOKS FOR PAL

Pearl Nickle, 137 N. Hague Ave., Columbus, O., writes The Octofoil and asks that a "tracer" be put out in an effort to locate his old buddy, Leon Dodson, a former jeep driver for Anti Tank Co., 39th Regt. Anyone who knows where Dodson lives now should drop Pearl a card.

TINGLEY-WADE & CO. DID OUTSTANDING JOB FINANCIALLY AND OTHERWISE IN PUTTING ON MOST OUTSTANDING EVENT IN 1960

The 1960 Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion is now history—but many fond memories linger on. Each and every member who attended the Washington Reunion enjoyed the companionship of old buddies and their families, coupled with the interesting and entertaining features the hard working Washington Chapter members had arranged.

Good old Charlie Tingley, who was on the job around the clock during the 15th Reunion, writes The Octofoil that the Committee cleared approximately \$700.00 on the Washington Reunion.

This is a remarkable accomplishment—and done in the face of so many pessimistic remarks by a few crepe hangers. But the crepe hangers did not deter either Tingley, Frank Wade or any of their capable assistants who kept on plugging in true Ninth Division spirit. A full financial statement being prepared by the Washington Chapters' Treasurer — Chuck Jones, will be published in the next issue of The Octofoil.

SHOREHAM PLEASSED

The Shoreham Hotel management has expressed itself as being pleased with the turnout and the behavior of the members attending the Reunion. They have extended an open invitation for the Association to hold its Reunion in Washington again soon.

HOTEL WAS TOPS, TOO

While compliments are in the offing it might be well to advise the members who couldn't attend this Reunion that the Shoreham management leaned backwards to see that the members' every wish was fulfilled. And at no time was there an effort to "rob" their guests.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Members who had never visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers were awe-inspired at the sacredness of the Memorial Services arranged by our own Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig and conducted by our own chaplain, Col. Cecil Probst.

GEN. WESTMORELAND HAPPY

True to Ninth Division tradition—the one for all and all for one spirit was apparent at all times. Just one big, happy family. Everyone was happy about our own Gen. W. C. Westmoreland's promotion to the superintendency of West Point and congratulations were extended continuously. But the general was more interested in enjoying the companionship of his old buddies, visiting from table to table, chatting with them all. Rank was forgotten for the evening.

GEN. VAN HOUTEN VISITS

Also visiting the tables and enjoying the dance music was the 60th's old Regimental Commander, Maj. Gen. John Van Houten. Wade and Tingley say he was available at all times during the committee's long sessions arranging for this reunion.

HENRY WAS A HIT

Tom Henry, who was a war correspondent with the Ninth Division, made the main address. Tom is an authority on scientific subjects. He is a past president of the National Association of Science Writers. It is hoped that space will be available in The Octofoil soon to publish his address in full.

LINDSEY NELSON "TOPS"

As was to be expected, the Ninth's own Lindsey Nelson, world famous sportscaster, came up to every expectation as Toastmaster. The "needling" he gave his old buddy, Captain Gordon "Red" Sympton brought rounds of laughter from everyone—and especially former 47th men who knew from first hand observation of the incidents Lindsey commented about. As soon as the Detroit mem-

bers learned that the Motor City would be host to the 1961 Reunion they started the ball to rolling in an effort to "sign" Lindsey up to be at their 1961 banquet.

SIGHT SEEING

The bus trips arranged for the ladies and other events arranged by the Washington Committee were just so many that it's difficult to go into full detail about them in the limited space available. It was a grand affair.

DETROIT IN 1961

As noted in the headline over this story—Detroit, Mich. will entertain the 1961 Reunion. The committee has already started to function.

VISITED STATLER

During the past month the Octofoil editor was a visitor in Detroit, attending the National Veterans of Foreign Wars Convention. Bob Rummenapp tipped off Dick Dagnan, one of the Statler Hotel sales managers, that a member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association Board of Governors was in Detroit. A call was received from the Statler invited the editor to visit that hotel. The red carpet was out even though they were very busy with thousands of VFW visitors. The accommodations that are available are terrific. Plenty will be printed about these conveniences at a later date. The parking situation for guests of the hotel are also ideal.

BOARD GIVEN REMINDERS

When the Board of Governors met in Washington to decide on the location of the 1961 Reunion each Board member had received a beautiful brochure extolling the virtues of the great Motor City. Personal letters from Mayor Louis C. Miriani H. E. Boning, Jr., Executive Vice President of the Detroit Convention and Tourist Bureau, and Greater Detroit Board of Commerce had been sent to the Board members. If the agencies mentioned fulfill half the promises made to the Board in those letters when the Ninth Infantry Division Association members get to Detroit in 1961 they will be feted and entertained like they've never been before. More later!

— PAY 1961 DUES NOW —

A Complete List From Washington Reunion To Be Published Soon

Secretary-Treasurer Dan Quinn has furnished The Octofoil with a complete list of all those who registered at the 1960 Reunion held in the Shoreham Hotel in Washington. This list will be published in an early issue of The Octofoil. Because of Board and Reunion proceedings being printed in this issue space limitations precludes the possibility of printing the list in this issue of The Octofoil.

— PAY 1961 DUES NOW —

NEXT BOARD MEETING AT WORCESTER, MASS. SATURDAY, NOV. 5th

President Frank Ozart announces that the next Board of Governors meeting will be held Saturday, November 5, 1960, at the Bancroft Hotel in Worcester, Mass., which is the day preceding the Memorial Mass services being planned for by Father Ed Connors.

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

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Dan Quinn, National Secretary, Ninth Infantry Division Assn.,
412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, New Jersey

Enclosed please find 1961 dues for:

Name Serial No.

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I was a member of:

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

I wish to sign up for the following:

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Dr. David Harold Heller Married to Dvora Footlik

Dave Heller, 4856 W. Hull St., Skokie, Ill., is secretary of the Illinois chapter. The Octofoil is in receipt of a beautiful wedding announcement which reads:

Mrs. Meyer Halushka
announces the marriage of her
daughter

Dvora Halushka Footlik

to

Dr. David Harold Heller
Thursday, the twenty-first of July
nineteen hundred and sixty
Chicago

The Octofoil extends congratulations to this fine couple in behalf of the entire membership.

TOM ORLAND IS PRESIDENT OF CO. B'S 39TH SETUP

Tom Orland, 29 Delmar St., Binghamton, N. Y., never fails to get his old gang together at least once each year somewhere in upstate New York. This year Tom and Co. B 39th buddies met in Fairport, N. Y., and Tom was elected president. They all agreed to meet next year in Binghamton. Frank Russo is working with Orland in locating former 9th men who are not members of the Association.

— PAY 1961 DUES NOW —

SPELLING BEE

First Man: How do you spell the plural of hippopotamus?

Second Man: What do you want two of those for anyway?

Governor Otto Kerner's Buddies Are Active



OTTO KERNER, Illinois Gubernatorial Nominee

Ted Matusik and Mrs. Matusik, Illinois Chapter, were "Busy Beavers" at the Washington Reunion passing out pictures of an outstanding member of the Illinois Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association—Otto Kerner, pictured above. Otto has been nominated by his political party to be their standard bearer for governor of Illinois. But former Ninth men in Illinois are not interested in party politics. They're all out for their old Buddy irrespective of which party might have endorsed him. Indications are that this illustrious son of the Ninth Infantry Division will go in the Illinois Governor's Mansion by the biggest landslide majority ever recorded for an Illinois gubernatorial candidate.

President Frank Ozart "Sounds Off" And Expresses His Sincere Thanks

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

The honor you have bestowed upon me in Washington, D. C. at the 1960 Reunion in electing me President of this Association for the ensuing year 1960-1961 is the greatest honor ever bestowed upon me. With God's help and the help of each and every member, in all humility, I will attempt to make this the greatest year the Association has experienced. The Ninth Infantry Division never has taken a back seat for any unit—and neither will the Ninth Infantry Division Association. During combat days every phase of the Armed Forces knew it had to support the Infantry, individually and collectively in order to successfully culminate the war efforts.

No less a dignitary than President Dwight D. Eisenhower has said that the Ninth Infantry Division's record has been equaled 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 cooperation of the rank and file members during the next 12 months, any efforts on my part will be futile. Therefore, I humbly petition each and every former Ninth Division man to give his all toward the perfecting of an organization second to none during 1960-1961.

Past Presidents Glenn O. Moore, Frank Wade and others have established enviable records by setting budgets and living up to the set figures, putting the Association back on the black ink side of the ledgers.

It is time to begin thinking of sending 1961 dues to Secretary Dan Quinn, 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N. J. Danny is greatly enthused with the possibilities he has to help make the Association greater and to enjoy more prestige than is now the case. Prompt remittance of 1961 dues will be a big "shot in the arm" for Dan'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 by the members. For the benefit of those unable to attend the various events full coverage will be given 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.

Keep the wheels rolling along—One for all—and all for one!

Cordially yours,

FRANK OZART, President

Ninth Infantry Division Association.

2241 S. Marshall Blvd., Chicago 13, Ill.

OZART GOES ON A RECRUITING DETAIL

President Frank Ozart advises the Octofoil he has located two old buddies since returning home from the Washington Reunion and is signing them up as new members. They are: William H. Lindenberg, Diamond Lake, Ill.

Bill was a first sergeant in Co. D, 47th, which was Ozart's old outfit. The two hadn't seen each other for 12 years and run into each other at (of all places), a Chevy Chase saloon. Lindenberg had just finished a round of golf at the Chevy Chase Country Club (some class for a reformed top kick).

The other new member Ozart has lined up is Stanley Solak, 2310 21st St., Chicago 8, Ill. Stan was with Division Headquarters. He is now in the coal and oil business in Chicago—keeping six big delivery trucks busy.

Charles Kompanik Missed By His Pals

President Frank Ozart passes on to The Octofoil the sad news that Charles Kompanik, former Co. B, 39th man, passed away in June after a short illness.

Ozart attended funeral services and paid his respects to the deceased grieving relatives. Many other former Ninth men made their appearance at the Wake.

To the loved ones left behind The Octofoil extends sincere and heartfelt sympathy in behalf of all the members of the Association.

— PAY 1961 DUES NOW —

CHANGEABLE

"Your feet are cold," he complained to his little bride, "keep them on your side of the bed."

She began to sob. "You're cruel," she cried, "you never used to say that to me before we were married."

PICNIC IN COLUMBUS A TERRIFIC SUCCESS

Pictured elsewhere will be noted a few views taken during the annual outing of the Ohio boys and girls at Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stone's place—4100 Haughn Rd., Grove City, Ohio—near Columbus, on Aug. 28.

The kiddies were kept busy with their games, m'ceed by Dick Macomber. Prizes were given the contestants. Plenty of pop and goodies was also available for the kiddies.

Enough food was laid out to feed a 9th Division Regiment. Everyone took turns about doing K.P. Macomber was a bit hesitant at one time to don his chef's outfit—but a little persuasion from Carol Tomlinson, who motored up with Mrs. Tomlinson—from Chillicothe, and Macomber was in uniform even if the 9th Division cap was over his ears and his apron on sideways.

Paul Keller brought along his movie projection machine and entertained the group with some fine combat films he had selected at the Fort Hayes Film Library.

Bill Brabson, the newly elected prexy, displayed some of his disc jockey technique and raffled off a ham that was being left untouched by the picnickers.

Pestel had Pearl Nickle "volunteer" his services in the early A.M. on the day of the picnic. These two had things in good shape when the others started arriving at 1 P.M.

Dave Boring and his pretty new wife were in attendance along with Dick Schumann and Betty (Mrs. Dick), Leo Hope and Cora (Mrs. Leo), Don Jewel and Audrey (Mrs. Don), Clyde DeLong, Glenn Moore and Mabel. Moore attracted some attention in those Burma shorts. A meeting notice finally caught up with Bob Yahn and he was in attendance. Brabson had as a guest his brother-in-law and girl friend. Charlie Wilson and Margaret (Mrs. Wilson), were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Plunkett. Wilson is Franklin County commander of the VFW and was the official photographer for the evening. Dick Pestel's wife, Edith, and Anneta Stone (Mrs. Harold) should be given citations for their culinary prowess in the preparation of the elaborate spread afforded the visiting chow hounds.

Some of the members had to work because of the State Fair—other regrets because they couldn't attend.

This included Dick Corbin, past president of the group, who was on duty with the Columbus police department as a plain clothes operator.

No one but a Dick Pestel could arrange and then successfully conclude such an enjoyable event.

CARD FROM MYSYK

President Pestel received a message from Mike Mysyk and Angie, Cleveland, Ohio, expressing regrets at not being able to attend the picnic. But pledging themselves to be in attendance the next time.

— PAY 1961 DUES NOW —

Brabson Heads Ohioans



BILL BRABSON, Ohio Prexy

The Ohio Chapter elected William Brabson as its president for the ensuing year. Bill is a Columbus radio and TV commentator and was a lieutenant with Co. B, 60th. Assisting Brabson as Vice President will be Harold Stone. Dick Pestel was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the group. When asked to make a speech after his election, Dick's few well chosen words were: "You birds fork over the dues." He has already set up a system and sent in several members' 1961 dues to Secretary Danny Quinn.

— PAY 1961 DUES NOW —

NATIONAL PASTIME

"They must have a girls' ball team in the harem."

"What makes you think so?"

"I just heard one of the girls ask the Sultan if she was in tomorrow's line-up."

NEW YORK CHAPTER WILL HOLD ANNUAL FALL DANCE ON OCT. 29

The Committee arranging for the Greater New York Chapter's annual Fall Dance has been working hard and indications are that the affair will be one of the most successful ever staged by this group.

The event is set for Saturday, October 29, 1960, at the Elks Club in Union City, N. J. The club is just a few minutes drive from Times Square. Plenty of free parking space is available. Neither is transportation any problem. There are several buses that leave the Port Authority Bus Terminal on 41st St. which pass in front of the building. The many conveniences afforded by holding the dance at the Elks Club prompted the committee to decide on this location. It is located just above the Lincoln Tunnel from New York City. **BIG FEED**

With the money saved by holding the dance at the Elks the Committee

is able to put on a "spread" that is clear out of this world. Frank Fazio and Jack Scully are arranged for the chow and judging from their past efforts it's a foregone conclusion they will have enough food on the tables to feed a whole regiment of hungry G.I.s. There'll be plenty of beer—and stronger liquids can be had for a small stipend.

\$2.50 COVERS EVERYTHING
The price of tickets will be \$2.50 per person. This includes an outstanding dance band for the young of heart who enjoy tripping the light fantastic.

Remember to mark that date on the calendar—any and every former Ninth man and their ladies who can get there—whether a member of the Greater New York Chapter or not. All will be welcome and assured of a most enjoyable evening that will be long remembered.

They Arranged for a Picnic That Was a Honey



Pictured above are just a few of the scores of kodak shots that were made during Sunday afternoon, August 28, when the Ohio Chapter members and their families gathered at Harold Stone's home, 4100 Haughn Rd., Grove City, Ohio, for one of the liveliest outings the Ohio group has ever staged. Thanks can be given to the untiring efforts of outgoing President Dick Pestel. The manhours that had put in on the project would total into a big figure. Even the beer kegs had Octofoils painted on them. Directional signs with Octofoils, were erected at strategic points long distances from the Stones' home.

DETROIT OUTFIT HELD SUCCESSFUL OUTING AT PEHOTE'S COTTAGE

A letter that reached The Octofoil just in time to get under the wire for this issue from Robert Rumenapp, secretary of the Michigan Ninth Infantry Division Chapter, 22613 Furtun Blvd., St. Clair Shores, Mich., advises of that group's annual picnic held on Sunday, August 28. At per usual, Bob's aide-de-camp, Betty Rumenapp was in there pitching with the rest of the Committee to make a success of this gala affair.

(At the time of going to press Joe Casey's pictures taken at the picnic had not been received, but will be used in the next issue.)

HOT WEATHER

The weather was hot but perfect for a picnic. It was held at John Pehote's cottage on Runyan Lake at Fenton, Mich. Approximately 100 attended, including the wives and families of the men. All who attended were unanimous in expressing themselves as having had a most enjoyable time. There were games for the kiddies, swimming, boating and the usual comradeship found at all Ninth Division affairs.

CONVENTION SETUP

The men held a business meeting and committees were named for the 1961 Reunion. Some new faces were noted at the picnic who had seen the picnic notices in the newspapers.

The Octofoil doesn't have names of all those who attended but extra copies of The Octofoil will be sent to Bob and Betty for distribution to all those who were in attendance.

KEEP MOVING

The Picnic Committee sent out 404 notices and many are still being returned because the members have moved to new addresses and failed to give that information to the secretary of the Chapter.

DECEASED

The Michigan secretary was saddened to have two of his notices returned marked "deceased." They were Walter Densmore, Pittsford, Mich., and Robert Van Der Molen, Rt. 3, Hudsonville, Mich. Although The Octofoil is not cognizant of what unit these two deceased comrades were attached while with the Division, in behalf of all the members of the Association heartfelt sympathy

is extended to the sorrowing relatives.

LOOKING FOR RASMUSSEN

Mail sent to George Rasmussen by the Michigan Chapter has been returned. His last known address was Bröst Rd., in Wyandotte, Mich. Anyone knowing Rasmussen's address should advise Secretary Rumenapp. Any former Ninth men living in the Michigan area whose address is not on Rumenapp's files should contact him and advise of the correct address at once.

THANKS THE PEHOTES

The Michigan boys and girls want to publicly thank John and Ann Pehote for their wonderful hospitality on Sunday, Aug. 28. It was really swell of them to open their cottage to all the Michigan members for this grand celebration.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Sept. 17 at Jim Dawson's place, McCaffrey's Tavern, 14209 Fenkell, Detroit.

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DELONG IS LOOKING FOR ORVILLE BLACK

Clyde DeLong, 1884 Gantz Rd., Grove City, Ohio, has asked The Octofoil to run a notice asking anyone who knows the whereabouts of Orville Black to contact DeLong at once. Black was originally with Co. B, 60th, and was one of the first 60th men to be awarded the Silver Star while on duty in North Africa.

He was last heard from at Edgewater Park, Ohio. But a check fails to locate him at that location at this time.

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ED BROWN IN A WEST VIRGINIA VA HOSPITAL

Edward C. Brown, formerly of Co. E, 39th Inf. has been in Sec. 2, VA Center, Martinsburg, W. Va. for two years. He had hoped to attend the Washington Reunion, but couldn't get there. Ed wants to hear from some of his old buddies. Anyone having any clippings or other items of interest about the Association or the Division Ed would like for them to be mailed to him at the VA facility named above.

PESTEL ATTEMPTING TO COMPLETE HIS "K" CO., 47TH ROSTER; NEEDS HELP

The following names are those of former "K" Co., 47th men, which has been compiled by Richard "Dick" Pestel, 1467 Livingston Ave., Columbus, Ohio. Dick is anxious to compile a very complete list of former K Co. men and would appreciate any member reading over this list whose name does not appear, that the name that isn't printed be sent in at once.

When an asterisk (*) appears after a name that follows it denotes an active member; (x) Denotes inactive.

Pestel wants to thank Raymond J. Strall, 276 Van Buren Ave., Teaneck, N. J., for furnishing him with the list of names being used here as a basis for building up on this directory.

James D. Allgood, 819 Birch St., Dallas, Oregon. (*)

Charles Bailey, 515 Sixth St., Virginia Beach, Va. (x)

George Bastedo, 125 Terrace Ave., Hasbrook Heights, N. J. (*)

Robert Beebe, 5621 Astoria Place, Orlando, Fla. (x)

Edward Brockman, 548 Duke Rd., New Milford, N. J. (x)

George Buono, 161 Randolph Ave., Emmerson, N. J. (x)

Steele Chabra, 2420 Mountain Ave., Scotch Plains, N. J. (x)

Victor Chuck, West Point, O., Box 63 (*)

Thomas Curran, 148 Sunnyside Blvd., Dumont, N. J. (x)

Martin Davidson, 2334 Creston Ave., Box 68, New York City (x)

Henry DeLorme, 650 Ridgewood Rd., Oradell, N. J. (x)

Frank DiBlasio, 213 Irvington Rd., West Englewood, N. J. (*)

George Drapkin, 30 E. Ridgewood Ave., Ridgewood, N. J. (x)

Joseph Facone, 60 Peek St., Rochelle Park, N. J. (x)

Steve Fedorisin, 367 Semel Ave., Garfield, N. J. (x)

Albert Ferranti, 46 Niagara St., Dumont, N. J. (x)

Daniel Fitzgerald, 370 E. 28th St., Paterson 4, N. J. (x)

Raymond Fornarotto, 170 Heckel St., Belleville, N. J. (x)

Sam Galanti, 90 Main St., Lodi, N. J. (x)

Silverius Galvin, 237 S. Washington Ave., Bergenfield, N. J. (x)

Kurt Giebner, 11 William St., Pearl River, N. Y. (x)

Edward Gogerty, 112 S. 12th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y. (x)

Robert Gordon, 390 River Drive, Apt. 5A, Passaic, N. J. (x)

Homer Graf, Box 572, Harrington Park, N. J. (x)

Patsy Granieri, 70 Pink St., Hackensack, N. J. (x)

Valentine Gradis, 603 Cleveland St., Gallitzin, Pa. (x)

Nat Hyman, 503 Beach St., Bell Harbor, L. I., New York (x)

John Kabasky, 87 29th St., N. W., Barberton, O. (x)

Joseph Killackey, Jr., 6412 Barre Ave., Downers Grove, Ill. (x)

George Klinger, 22-10 133rd Ave., Springfield Gardens 13, N. Y. (*)

Walter Kowalski, 43-12 Elaine Dr., Bethpage, L. I., N. Y. (*)

Joseph Lagatuta, 270 Madison Ave., Hasbrook Heights, N. J. (*)

Joseph Lynch, 257 Lawrence Ave., Hasbrook Heights, N. J. (*)

James J. MacNamee, 112 Fort Lee Rd., Bagota, N. J. (*)

Henry Mahler, 16 Balsam Lane, Hicksville, L. I., N. Y. (x)

Frank Maier, 361 S. Delaware Ave., Lindhurst, L. I., N. Y. (x)

James P. Malley, 1436 Gehr Pl., North Bergen, N. J. (*)

Charles Maloof, 42 Whitman St., Bergenfield, N. J. (x)

Pat Maturro, 83 21st Ave., Paterson, N. J. (x)

Joseph Mazzaresse, 61-33 223rd Pl., Bayside 64, N. Y. (x)

Joseph McCabe, 107-14 127th St., Richmond Hill 19, N. Y. (x)

Larry J. McCabe, 227 Hamilton Ave., Hasbrook Heights, N. J. (x)

James F. McLaughlin, 5 Pason Ave., Dorchester, Mass. (*)

Lt. Col. William McWalters, Hqtr. Aug. Area Cmdr. (USAR), Georgia Sector, 12th U.S. Army Corps (Res.) (Field), Hill Sta. P. O. Box 3265, Augusta, Ga.

Arthur Miller, 327 Sheman Ave., Teaneck, N. J. (x)

Saul Mitnowsky, 21 Norwood Pl., Bloomfield, N. J. (x)

Frank Modafferi, 88 Woodland Rd., Demarest, N. J. (x)

Murray Morrell, 110 E. 177th St., Bronx, N. Y. (x)

Irving Nagel, 340 Beach, 69th St., Arvene, N. Y. (x)

Robert Nedwell, 28 Fenwood Rd., Huntington Station, L. I., N. Y. (*)

Walter Newhook, 196 Paris St., East Boston, Mass. (x)

John Dzansky, 55 Southside Ave., Somerville, N. J. (x)

Martin O'Connor, Valley Road, Barre, Mass. (x)

Phil O'Mara, 21210 132nd Ave., Laurelton, L. I., N. Y. (x)

Cito Patire, 35 Home Place, Lodi, N. J. (*)

Robert Perone, 219 Main St., Little Ferry, N. J. (x)

Richard Dick Pestel, 1467 Livingston Ave., Columbus 5, Ohio (*)

Ben Piazza, 20 Borig Pl., Lodi, New Jersey (x)

Mike Proccovic, 14 Knollwood Dr., Totowa, N. J. (*)

Robert Purcell, care Bob's Grill, Port Jervis, N. J. (x)

Daniel Quinn, 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N. J. (*)

Vic Reynolds — Genaro Ruberto, 11 Sidney St., Lodi, N. J. (x)

Emmette Schuette, 303 Liberty Ave., Hillsdale, N. J. (*)

William Schumacher, 10736 South Ridgeway Ave., Chicago 43, Ill. (x)

Herman Siebel, 43 Manila Ave., Greentree, Pa. (*) (or Pittsburgh)

Charles E. Sheridan, 3901 Falls Rd., Baltimore 11, Md. (x)

Emerson Schwartz, 821 Franklin Ave., Garden City, L. I., N. Y. (*)

Bill Stoken, 4749 Plummer St., Pittsburgh, Pa. (*)

Raymond Strall, 276 Van Buren Ave., Teaneck, N. J. (*)

Attilio Tomasso, 10 Turnpike Road, Vineland, N. J. (x)

Andrew Tomasula, 43 Glenwood Terrace, Fords, N. J. (x)

Max Umanski, 8320 141st St., Apt. 55, Jamaica 35, N. Y. (*)

Nat Valone, 74 Dorington Rd., Rochester 9, N. Y. (*)

John Vetter, 351 S. Prospect Ave., Bergenfield, N. J. (x)

John Weber, 28 Railroad Ave., Montvale, N. J. (x)

Ralph Witzkin, 140 Schuyler Ave., Newark, N. J. (x)

Oscar Wolf, 28 Elm St., Ramsey, N. J. (x)

Kenneth Yennie, 179 Hillcrest Ave., Wyckoff, N. J. (x)

Ted Zawish, 361 Hoover Ave., Bloomfield, N. J. (x)

George Frisco, 21 Stewart Ave., Irvington, N. J. (x)

John Gundlock, 2309 N. Elaine Blvd., Tucson, Ariz. (x)

Anthony Lallie, 437 East Mohauel Rd., Tucson, Ariz. (x)

Maurice Shaffer, Triumph, Minn. James Symphon, 3901 Beverly Dr., Waco, Texas (x)

Gordon H. Symphon, 766 Sherwood Dr., Lexington, Ky. (x)

John Snyder, 303 S. Maple St., Bowling Green, O. (*)

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Benny Nardone, 9th 'Sleeping' Bandsman, Missed At Reunion

Benny Nardone of the Ohio Chapter is the only musician in captivity who could get the Ninth Division Band off to a good start, lay down and take a nap and never miss a downbeat. His address is 1845 Bluff Ave., Columbus 2, Ohio.

Many of Benny's old pals were inquiring about him at the Washington Reunion. Among them were Merrill Kiser, Box 254, Rt. 4, Vienna, Va., Chief Burgdoffer, Bennie Gulick and Slaughter.

LOOKS FOR COOK

"Happy" Hopkins, 30 Lewis St., Feasterville, Pa., was making inquiry about an old buddy, Leonard Cook, 3363 Shattuck Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

Other Buckeyes "Happy" asked about included John Braudi, 400 Buckeye St., Tiltonsville, O., and Dominic Greco, 403 Highland St., Tiltonsville, O.

Hopkins was cutting a mean rug at the dance after the banquet and probably wants to send Cook, Braudi and Greco photos of he and the chic little cigaret gal.

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PHILADELPHIA GROUP PLANNING BIG THINGS

Jerry A. Nothman, 1339 E. Weaver St., Philadelphia 50, Pa., writes as Secretary of the Philadelphia Chapter, and advises the group has been reactivated and plans some live-wire activity. He sent in dues for 12 members and promised more in the very near future.

Much enthusiasm was shown by the Philadelphia members who attend the Washington Reunion. It would seem that former Ninth men just about predominate the Mayfair AMVETS Post 193 in Philadelphia. Herman Pollock, a former 9th man, is commander; Arthur "Red" MacDougall, another former 9th man, Co. F, 60th, is Third Vice Commander of the Post, and Victor Butswinkus, is Service Officer. Vic's phone number is DE. 3-8927. Former 9th men in the Philadelphia area should contact Vic about meeting dates. They are meeting at 4945 Friendship St., Philadelphia at the present time.

THERE WILL BE 8 PAGES FOR THE NEXT EDITION

Many fine articles have been set into type and are on the racks and will be printed in an 8-page issue of The Octofoil next issue. Among the items held over are the Minutes of the 56th and 37th Board of Governors meeting. And two full columns of newsy excerpts from interesting letters Charles Tingley received before, during and after the Reunion from members in all parts of the world regretting their inability to be in attendance and begging to be remembered. In addition, some 220 inches of spicy news notes from everywhere, including some pictures, are being held for the next issue.

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ART SCHMIDT AND "MOM" ON SAFARI IN NEW ENGLAND

Art Schmidt, 69-20 69th Street, Brooklyn 27, N. Y., and his mother took off during the early summer for a safari through the "wilds of New England" to visit old buddies of Art's from the 15th Engrs.

The first stop was made in New Haven, Conn. to see an old buddy, John K. "Mouseie" Waldron. Schmidt doesn't quite understand why Mouseie moves so often and never tells anyone he's making the move. Going to the old address, sure enough, he'd moved to 1364 Quinnepeas Ave., in New Haven. The people living next door to the old address furnished this new location. After getting off the Connecticut Turnpike at the wrong exit and landing back in town for a 3-point landing Art began all over again and finally located the new address. Waldron is working for a milk distributing outfit and has to get up pretty early in the A.M. But he stayed up late the night Schmidt called.

John and Muriel Waldron have a 3-month-old youngster now, plus the daughter, Pat, and other boy, Danny.

Art filled "Mouseie" in on what the rest of the gang in New York was doing, especially Charles Hoffman, Andrew "Pappy" Grover and many others.

Waldron proved himself to have a good memory for names, especially the two bar maids at the place the engineers "uncovered" that had a cellar loaded with cognac. And it was then and there that much 15th Engr. equipment got dumped and the conveyances were reloaded with cognac and other liquids.

Another incident Waldron is not likely to forget is when this outfit of Engineers were taking off from a gang of Krauts and Hoffman was up ahead shooting a carbine over his shoulder, but Waldron was in that line of fire more than the Krauts. Then Pappy Grover showed up with his Kraut prisoner and had the Jerry hold his rifle while the prisoner was being searched. Carlton Curtis was another Co. B Engr. who was a subject for discussion during this two-man Reunion.

Art has some more vacation time coming from Sept. 9 to Oct. 2 and plans touring some of the area below the Mason & Dixon line. He would like to hear from any former 15th Engrs. in that part of the country so he could call on as many of them as possible.

Art explains to The Octofoil that a letter from Secretary Quinn to the department he works for was recognized as a legitimate excuse to be excused from work during the Reunion without being chargeable to his earned vacation credits. That may come in handy for other 9th men to know.

Schmidt visited Charlie Hoffman at 91-43 81st St., Woodhaven, N. Y. and tried to get the straight of that story about Hoffman firing over his shoulder at the Krauts and having Waldron in the line of fire. The two told such different stories about this incident that it would take a Philadelphia lawyer to sift out the exact facts as the incident happened.

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LaGattuta Spills Tears In His Beer

Joe LaGattuta, 270 Madison Ave., Hasbrook Heights, New Jersey, gets kinda sentimental in a letter to Dick Pestel in a recent letter. The Octofoil takes the liberty of reprinting a few quotations from Joe's letter:

Dear Dick: I received two of the Octofoils you sent. I get a lot of enjoyment from them. I got a kick out of how you fellows finally located our old buddy, "Red" Symphon. I guess I'm a sentimental old codger and while reading some of your items in the paper I find myself hiding behind the paper and kinda dabbing my eyes with my sleeve.

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15TH ANNUAL REUNION MINUTES OF 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSN.

The 15th Annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D. C. on July 29, 1960. There being a quorum of 52 members present, the meeting was called to order by President Glenn O. Moore at 10:30 A. M.

The President called upon the National Secretary, Daniel Quinn, to read minutes of the 14th Annual Reunion. Upon motion duly made by Art Schmidt and seconded by Charlie Tingley, it was voted to approve the minutes of the 14th annual reunion as read and place same on file for the records.

THANKS FOR COOPERATION

President Glenn Moore thanked everyone for their cooperation—especially the Reunion Committee for a wonderful job. He further stated that this year had found the Association's financial accounts in the black, this being one of the first years the organization has done so. President Moore then called on the Reunion Chairman, Frank Wade. Wade thanked everyone and gave a detailed report of events to come.

The following committees were announced from the floor:

Finance and Budget, Nominating, Miscellaneous and Newspaper Committees.

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

The meeting was adjourned until 2:45 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 P.M. by President Glenn O. Moore.

The first report was a special committee report of the progress of the Louis Becker Scholarship Award. The committee has hope of completing all details in the Fall. This being the first scholarship award being made by the Association there are many problems to settle. It is hoped that the Award can be presented at the next Reunion.

The Finance and Budget Committee Chairman, Vincent Iannucci, then named the following men who comprised his group:

George Apar, Dick Pestel, John Clouser, Charles Tingley, Al Cuprys, John Korobko and Tom Boyle.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Chapter Commissions still payable from last year be written off the accounts.

Upon a motion duly made by Frank Wade and seconded by John Clouser, it was voted to have the Chapter Commissions written off the books.

TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND

The committee also recommended that the Secretary transfer the funds of Life Members to the Capital Fund instead of the General Fund where the Secretary had been depositing the funds. Also that the Secretary transfer to the General Fund instead of the Capital Fund the dividends from investments. This was an oversight on the part of the Secretary and therefore it was unnecessary to vote on this matter.

Vince Iannucci stated that his committee devised this budget to be used by the new administration as a guide in administering the financial affairs for the fiscal year ending as of June 30, 1961.

Iannucci gave a brief analysis of the financial result of the past year in round figures:

Income consists of:	
Membership dues	\$3,573
Income from investment	1,233
N. Y. Reunion Income	409
Miscellaneous	615

	\$5,830
Expenses	\$4,823

Net Income	\$1,017
Cash in bank:	
General Fund	\$ 726
Capital Fund	894
Memorial Fund	1,426

	\$3,046
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The following are the securities of the Association:

1358 shares of Scudder, Stevens & Clark; cost value	\$18,007.92
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894 shares of Loomis-Sayles Mutual Fund; cost value	\$10,665.60
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Total cost	\$28,673.52
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The net asset value of the securities are as follows:

Scudder, Stevens and Clark Fund, Inc.	\$24,824.00
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Loomis-Sayles Mutual Fund	13,115.00
	\$37,939.00

The Finance and Budget Commit-

tee recommends the following budget on an expected income of \$4500 and expense of \$4100 in the following form:

Octofoil	\$1875
(Includes \$300 expenses for Editor)	
Salary of Secretary	600
Clerical Services and expenses	600
Postage	325
Stationery and Office Supplies	150
Telephone	120
Printing—Dues Notice	100
Social Security	15
Corporate Filing Fee	1
Insurance	100
Accounting	100
Post Office Box Rent	12
Miscellaneous	102
Total Expense	\$4100
Anticipated balance on hand	\$400.

RESOLUTIONS—

The following resolutions were offered:

1. That the budget be adopted.

Upon a motion made by John Clouser and seconded by Charles Tingley it was voted to approve the budget as read.

2. That the Secretary prepare all deposit slips in duplicate, giving a summary of what the deposits consist of and that a copy be forwarded to the Treasurer for his record.

Upon a motion duly made by John Korobko and seconded by Dick Pestel it was voted to instruct the Secretary to comply with this request.

President Glenn Moore then congratulated Vince Iannucci for a fine report.

Upon a motion duly made by Ed Egan and seconded by Pat Morano, it was voted to give Tom Boyle, the Association Treasurer, a vote of thanks for a splendid job.

Upon a motion duly made by Charles Tingley and seconded by Max Umansky, it was voted to give Vincent Guglielmino a vote of thanks for his untiring devotion to his office of First Vice President. The Treasurer and First Vice President are supervisors of the Secretary's financial activities.

WADE'S REPORT

Frank Wade, Chairman of the Miscellaneous Committee, made his report. The following men served on this committee: Dom Miele, Al Sebeck, John Rizzo, Ed McGrath, Art MacDougall and Harold Stone.

The following recommendations were made by this committee to be presented to the membership:

1. Recommend to the Board of Governors to hold a Reunion in Fayetteville, N. C., to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Ninth Division leaving Fort Bragg, and returning in 1962.

2. Since there being an increase in Life Membership that monies collected (\$50) be deposited in the Capital Fund, as provided in the previous By-Laws.

3. Recommendation from the miscellaneous committee, to the membership, to invite men who have become prominent after serving with the 9th Division, to be featured at our Reunions, as was the case this year with Mr. Lindsay Nelson.

4. Propose to enlarge the size of the newspaper, in compliance with the budget, so that the Association will be able to publish more news items sent in by the membership.

5. Publish at least two columns of names and addresses of members and former members and encourage the membership to send in names and addresses of any members they know, who has moved to a new address.

6. Recommend that, to send to every new member, a window decal, to be placed in their cars showing that they are members of the Association, and to include a little note of thanks for their joining the Association.

Upon a motion duly made by Art Schmidt and seconded by Charles Tingley it was voted to approve the report and its recommendations to be concurred in, and that the Board of Governors use these recommendations for future policies.

President Glenn Moore thanked Frank Wade for his report.

NEWSPAPER COMMITTEE

The Newspaper Committee chairman, Art Schmidt, named the following men who comprised his group: Frank Chatto, Mike Belmonte, General Louis Craig, Vic Butswinkus, Herb Olson and Bob Rumennapp.

1. The committee gave their approval of the budget for \$1875.

2. That the Editor continue with the same policy.

3. That a vote of thanks be given

HARRY ORENSTEIN REPORTS ON THE CONDUCT OF THE QUARTERMASTER LADS AT REUNION

By HARRY ORENSTEIN, 640 East 139th St., Bronx 54, N. Y.

To All Quartermaster Members:

The Q.M. goes to Washington . . . Once again the "boys" had a very good Reunion with two beer parties, two dances and a banquet. The "boys" had three enjoyable evenings with maximum values at a minimum cost.

Lindsey Nelson, General Westmoreland and Father Connors kept the "boys" continually laughing—with their interesting speeches.

As usual, the "boys" reminisced a great deal; told who they saw in their travels as civilians, and asked about the other "boys," who they haven't seen or heard from in a long time.

The following "boys" and their ladies were at the Reunion:

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gray
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Palady
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pitzer
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tingley.

Gene Berasi.

Harry Orenstein.

Next year, 1961, the Reunion will be held in Detroit, Mich.

PERSONALS

The writer had met Tom Gray, Charlie Tingley and Gene Berasi at previous Reunions.

Bill Palady has been attending Reunions from 'way back. Palady, as in past Reunions, cooperated with the writer in rounding up the "boys" for the Washington Reunion.

Tom Pitzer thought so highly of the Reunion that he brought his wife, his mother and dad, and the two children to Washington.

Have received letters recently from:

J. D'Antuono.

R. Dreifus.

A. Hakey.

B. Palady.

Best regards to all. Hope you are all well at home.—Sincerely—Harry Orenstein.

MRS. MAE SPENCER SENDS REGRETS TO ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Mae Spencer, one of the Association's beloved Gold Star parents had a special delivery letter sent to the Association at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, explaining her inability to be with her boys during the 15th Reunion. Parts of the message read:

"I'm writing for my mother (Mrs. Mae M. Spencer), to wish you and all the members of the Ninth Division Association a happy and successful Reunion. . . . As you know Mother would like nothing better than to be with you in Washington, but unfortunately her health will not permit. . . . Her thoughts are with you and all the boys and girls who have always been so wonderful to her. You are a group to be proud of. I thank you for all your kindnesses to mother and the best of everything to you all and your families.—Sincerely, Joan Spencer Heaney, 41-B Brookside Dr., Clifton, N. J.

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to Paul Plunkett for a wonderful job as editor. Also to thank Dick Pestel for his great assistance to Plunkett.

4. Finally to thank the Secretary, Dan Quinn, for his efforts in getting the mailing list up to date.

Upon a motion duly made by John Korobko and seconded by Dom Miele it was voted to approve the report as read.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Jack O'Shea, chairman of the Nominating Committee, then named the members of his committee: Pat Morano, Frank Ozart, Charles Jones, John Bonkowski, Frank Maher, Richard Wilson and Mike Mysyk. The following men were nominated for the Board of Governors:

Major General W. C. Westmoreland (at large).

George Apar, New York Chapter. Edward McGrath, New England Chapter.

John Sabato, Philadelphia Chapter.

Robert Rumennapp, Greater Michigan Chapter.

The following men were nominated from the floor:

Herb Olson (Olson declined). Nominated by Max Umansky.

Vince Iannucci nominated Ed Egan.

Egan declined and in turn nominated Frank Fazio.

After a lengthy discussion on the By-Laws in reference to the number of members any one chapter may have elected to serve on the National Board of Governors, Frank Fazio declined, asking that the Judge Advocate give a ruling on this matter. The Judge Advocate not being present no decision could be obtained. It was decided to get a ruling from the Judge Advocate and have this controversial subject settled before the next Reunion.

The five members nominated by the Committee were then elected by acclamation.

ENDORSE H. R. 11318

Upon a motion duly made by Paul Plunkett and seconded by Andrew Fiel it was voted to have the Association go on record as endorsing H. R. Bill No. 11318, dealing with equalization of the retired pay of those members of the Armed Forces who retired prior to June 1, 1958 and those who retired after that date.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, and upon a motion duly made by Frank Wade and seconded by Dom Miele, it was voted to adjourn at 4:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL QUINN, National Secy.

Sir, It Is Now Lieut. Col. Paul D. Keller

While on maneuvers this past summer Paul D. Keller, former 39th boy, wrote the Octofoil from Fort Lee, Va. And everyone was happy to learn that the likeable Paul is Lt. Col. Paul D. Keller, 0885896, 4256 Mayflower Blvd., Columbus, O. Paul has been a sparkplug in the Ohio Chapter for a long time. It seems though that he is called out on maneuvers every year just about time for the Reunion to be held.

Col. Keller and Major Lewis Mooney (9th Q.M.C.) were taking the same course at Fort Lee this summer, at the Command and General Staff College. The course lasted 2 weeks and from what Keller says it was plenty rugged.

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They're Forming An Auxiliary In Ohio

Before all the picnic program was over at the Ohio Chapter picnic on Aug. 28 at Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stone's 4100 Haughn Rd., Grove City, Ohio, the "girls" called a council meeting and laid plans for the formation of an active Ohio Auxiliary to the Ohio Chapter.

Since that date phones have been ringing and organization details are being worked out between Annetta Stone (Mrs. Harold), Audrey Jewel (Mrs. Don), Cora Hope (Mrs. Leo), Mabel Moore (Mrs. Glenn), "Tippie" Plunkett (Mrs. Paul), Edith Pestel (Mrs. Dick), Betty Schumann (Mrs. Dick), Idola Keller (Mrs. Paul), Mrs. Dave Boring, Martha Brabson (Mrs. Bill), and others. In all probability the next issue of The Octofoil will publish a story giving full details about a live-wire auxiliary functioning in the Ohio area.

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Personnel Enlarged



PAUL AND "TIPPIE"

For many years, unbeknowning to thousands of former 9th Division men, "Tippie" Hammond, manager of the Benson Hough VFW canteen, took care of The Octofoil's mail, accepting returned papers because of address changes, sending papers to the new address when one was available and otherwise helping make a success of the paper. After meeting so many of the members in Washington and liking them all, she's determined to devote more effort toward seeing that everyone is entitled to receive The Octofoil gets one.

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The trouble with some people is not that they spend more than they earn but that they spend it quicker than they earn it.

Wedding Bells Toll After the Reunion

By RICHARD "DICK" PESTEL
Octofoil Staff Correspondent

When my wife, Edith Pestel, and I were arranging to attend the 15th annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, we decided to invite a very good friend of the family to be our guest, Mrs. "Tippie" Hammond. The Columbus Chapter boys and their wives all felt a bit close to "Tippie" because of the interest she had shown in helping arrange Chapter meetings and during the 1947 and 1958 Reunions. She was the mother of three fine ex-G.I.s and also the widow of an ex-G.I. All of her spare time for years has been taken up making visits or arranging visits to various VA hospitals in Ohio. Edith and I felt former Ninth men from other places would learn to love her the way the Ohio Chapter members did. From some remarks made to the writer at the Reunion she did make the same hit with our members from other sections the same as she had with our own Ohio members.

STOLE OUR GUEST

It was never the intent of either Edith or myself to play the part of Dame Cupid when we invited "Tippie" to accompany us to Washington. But that's what we did—unconsciously.

Because our party had hardly gotten unpacked after returning to Ohio when a notice appeared in the Columbus newspapers saying that Paul S. Plunkett and Mrs. Birdseye Hammond had applied for a marriage license.

The state laws of Ohio decree a waiting period of 5 days before nuptial vows are exchanged after a license is applied for. That being the case our members were patiently "sweating" out the five days before moving in and helping get this show on the road and off to a happy beginning. When, lo and behold, it was learned the couple had appeared before Judge Roscoe Walcutt's Court and asked that the 5-day waiting period be waived and were married before the notices appeared in the Columbus newspapers.

As manager for the Benson Hough VFW Post canteen for many years, the new Mrs. Plunkett is well and favorably known by ex-G.I.s from one end of the country to the other.

She will be a spark plug in the Ohio Ninth Infantry Division circles. Personally I anticipate her activity will spur the "old man" on to helping us get out a better and bigger "Octofoil" in the months to come.

The blessings and best wishes of every former Ninth man who knows this couple are conveyed by the writer at this time.

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GUERINO VIC SUCCIMARRI IN NEW YORK VA HOSPITAL

Secretary Danny Quinn is in receipt of two lengthy letters from Guerino Victor Succimarr, Franklin Delano Roosevelt VA Hospital, Bldg. 7, Ward A, Montrose, N. Y.

Danny answered the letters and requests that many more former 9th men write Succimarr whether they know him personally or not. Letters seem to mean so much to the lad—just any kind of letter so long as the writer is a former Ninth man. He had never heard of the history "8 Stars to Victory," Secretary Quinn sent him a copy of this history. His gratitude was unbounded. A few notes from the letters and cards that Secy. Quinn received follows:

I received the "8 Stars to Victory." It is wonderful. I wish it was in the homes of hundreds and hundreds of thousands of Americans. Gen. M. S. Eddy's address was magnificent. . . . More power to our commanding officer. It was on July 15 I first learned about the Association and the Reunion to be held in Washington.

While in this hospital I'm learning to type, studying English and mathematics. I was stationed at King's Park Hospital since 1949. When with the 9th my address was: 9th Signal Co., APO 9, U. S. Army, Fort Bragg, N. C. ASN 32001754. I was honorably discharged at Fort Dix on June 28, 1945. I went to work for the U. S. Postoffice where I was stricken ill in 1949.

In the letters to Secy. Quinn the lad recounts at length every move he made during the years he was with the Ninth Division—the years he spent as a youth in New York City, his trip back to his native Italy and a trip to California to visit a brother before the effects of combat overtook him and placed him where he is today—and except for the grace of God it might be you or you or you, instead of Succimarr. Just a card and sign it as a former 9th Division man if you do not know the unfortunate lad personally.