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FORMER 9th MAN HEADS LEGION POST 1087

Street Is Named In Honor of Ninth Man

It would take a fellow with Joseph A. McKenzie's insight to come up with an interesting incident that his letter to the Town Clerk in Hull, Mass., uncovered. Joe's letter was as follows:

Town Clerk,
Town of Hull, Mass.

Dear Sir: Yesterday while I was looking in the Boston telephone directory I saw listed a Halvorson St. The exchange listed was Warwick which I found out was Hull.

I was in the army with an Arnold Halvorson, who was killed during the Bulge. He was with "C" Btry. 26th F.A. and I was with Serv. Btry. 26th F.A. I know that he lived somewhere along the South Shore. Could he be the same man.

Was this Avenue named in his memory? The reason I ask is that we were both members of the Ninth Infantry Division. This division has an Association which publishes a paper every month. All items in this paper are about former Ninth men sent in by Ninth men.

If this Avenue was named after Arnold and if there was any town celebration or town warrant connected with the ceremony I wish that you would send the news to me. I would like to have it inserted in our paper so that Ninth Division men throughout our country can see how one of their comrades was honored.

Thank you. Sincerely yours,
JOSEPH A. MCKENZIE.
95 Washington Ave., Waltham, Mass.

Hull's Town Clerk answered Joe's letter thusly:

"Halvorsen Ave. was named for Arnold Halvorsen. Each Memorial Day a wreath is placed on the street sign. His father has just passed away recently but his mother and sister still live in Hull. His mother lives at 34 B Street, if you are ever down this way and want to drop in and see her."

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

Major John Hill Goes Back Across the Pond

A letter from a former Co. H 47th man, CWO John Hill, 30 Cassidy Dr., Plainville, Conn., reads:

"I have just received orders for overseas. Please change my mailing address on The Octofoil to the following, effective 1 Sept. 1960:

Major John A. Hill, USAR, B Btry. 1st MSL BN, 67th Arty., APO 28, New York, N. Y.

Maj. Hill asked for one of the combat route maps, especially of the 2nd Bn. 47th. He plans visiting and making some pictures of the outfit's combat route. He hopes to contact some old friends in the area to be visited but is worrying about whether the "old girls" will look the same.

The Association's Secretary, Dan Quinn, is just too fast for the Army. He sent the items to the address given by the major. They were returned. Major Hill was unknown at that address. So Danny sent the Octofoil and other items to his home address. But a later letter advises that Major Hill has finally arrived at his destination and the original address as given above and used by the Secretary was and is the correct address for a while at least.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

NOT WEEK YET

First Bride: "Does your husband snore in his sleep?"

Second Bride: "I don't know, we have only been married for three days."

This Was a Big Day At Cathedral Legion Post



Pictured above (center) is the new commander of Cathedral Post No. 1087, American Legion, 233 Woodlawn Road, W. Hampstead, L. I., N. Y. Comrade Joseph J. Devine, the new Post commander is a former 60th Regt. man, one of the original 1st Bn. 60th men, and to his right is a former beloved chaplain of the 60th Regt., Col. Cecil L. Propst. To Joe's left is Honorable Francis J. Becker, Lynnbrook, N. Y., a distinguished member of the United States Congress, and a past Nassau County (N.Y.) American Legion Council Commander.

Carl H. Dimmick Looking For Some Old Buddies

Carl H. Dimmick, 310 Elizabeth Ave., Cranford, N. J., writes The Octofoil thusly:

Dear Paul: Could you please give me the addresses of the following men of E Co., 39th Regt.? Would like for anyone who knows them to get in touch with me. They were in my squad during the invasion of North Africa:

1. Wayne Russell
2. Lawson Gentry
3. Eugene Jones
4. Dave Branham

It is hoped some former 39th men will find themselves in position to give Dimmick a helping hand.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

Former Ninth Man With Capitol Police

It's Lt. Leonard Ballard, U. S. Capitol Police, Rm. T-7, Capitol Bldg., Washington, D. C. The lieutenant recently contacted Secretary Dan Quinn about membership in the Association. And Quinn advises The Octofoil that he is now a full-fledged active member. Lt. Ballard would be glad to welcome any former 9th Division men visiting Washington, and particularly those sightseeing the capitol and surrounding grounds.

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She was the kind of girl you'd like to bring home to mother, if you could trust father.

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Captain Simpson's Test Was "Tough"

Secretary Dan Quinn writes The Octofoil in a humorous vein, but many a truth is told in jest, and he writes thusly:

"I was burned up while listening to some ex-G.I.s talk recently. They claimed the reason they wound up in a soft berth back in some rear echelon during the war was because they had such high I.Q.'s in their aptitude tests. I often wonder if maybe some of their tests weren't like the one Capt. "Red" Gordon Simpson give us. The Captain was sitting in the rear of a railroad car that was bringing us to Fort Bragg. Each man would walk to the rear of the car and mark a card telling what company he was assigned to."

That was our aptitude and I.Q. test at that time.

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USES HIS CRAP GAME EARNINGS WISELY

Under date of July 2, J. A. (Joe) Mayer, Rt. 2, Hamburg, N. Y., writes briefly but to the point:

Dear Dan: Seeing as how I was lucky in a crap game last night, I'm sending you \$50.00 for a life membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

I'd like to say hello to all the fellows of I Co.

Joe's still got the old Ninth spirit, and evidently hasn't forgotten what he learned at Bragg about the roll-taking dominoes.

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JOE DEVINE WAS INSTALLED AMID OLD MEMORIES OF NINTH DIVISION—FORMER NINTH CHAPLAIN HELPS IN IMPRESSIVE RITES

As soon as Secretary-Treasurer Danny Quinn learned that a former 60th man had been elected as commander of an outstanding New York American Legion Post, Cathedral Post No. 1087, he started the ball to rolling to get a former 60th Chaplain in on the installation ceremony picture. As noted in picture form in this issue, Danny was successful in getting Col. Cecil Propst, former 60th Chaplain, to assist in the touching and impressive ceremony.

Jack O'Shea's Father Passed Away Nov. 3

Members of the Board of Governors meeting in Worcester, Mass. Nov. 5, were shocked to learn of the death of Jack O'Shea's father in Philadelphia on Nov. 3. Jack and John Sabato, also a Board member, had planned making the trip together.

Secretary Quinn dispatched a wire to O'Shea, expressing sympathy in behalf of the entire membership.

Father Connors also remembered O'Shea's father in his prayers.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

Things Like This Happen To the Nicest People...

In the last issue of The Octofoil a short story was run on Page 2, Column 2 about the Co. B, 39th group getting together in Fairport, N. Y. The story stated Tom "Orland", 29 Delmar St., Binghamton, N. Y., was elected president of the group. The mistake the printers made was this: The head and story should have read TOM ORBAND—and not Tom Orland. Thanks, Tom, for all the good work you are doing and sincere regrets because of the inexcusable typographical error appearing in the story last issue.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

JIM DYE KEEPS IN SHAPE FOR ACTION

Another former K Co. 47th man has been heard from. He is James M. Dye, 400 E. Howe Rd., Tallmadge, Ohio. In a letter to Dick Pestel, secretary of the Ohio Chapter, Dye has among other things the following to say that should be of interest to his old buddies:

"I served with K Co. in Germany and signed up for the Association in Germany and have paid dues every year.

"I remember seeing the name of my old C.O. in The Octofoil, Capt. McWatters, but don't remember exactly whether I'm spelling his name correctly or not.

"I am active in the USAR and have spent 10 years in the Engineers—and now hold First Sergeant in the Arty. in Akron, Ohio.

"Thank you for the interest you are showing in helping keep a 47th membership roster up to date."

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

NICHOLS PLEDGES TO DO BETTER FROM NOW ON

Elvin D. Nichols sent in his dues via Air Mail-O-Gram from way out yonder in the Lone Star State of Texas. He is with the Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., 6000 No. Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas. Nick writes Secy. Quinn as follows:

"Compliments to you and others directly connected with Octofoil for the article about 'Freeloaders,' which I have been purely because of oversight and 1500 miles between us. I'll try and not get behind again. My regards to everyone—NICK."

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

Assisting Chaplain Propst to properly install Joseph J. Devine as commander of the Post was Honorable Francis J. Becker, a well known and respected Congressman from the state of New York. Chaplain Propst rendered the invocation and benediction, while Comrade Becker delivered the main address for the program.

Commander Devine's acquaintanceship and friendship with Chaplain Propst runs way back to the early days at Fort Bragg. He was in close contact with the chaplain during the trying days during and after the invasion of North Africa, near Port Layautay.

The new commander has an ambitious program outlined that will no doubt be a success, strengthening the prestige of the Legion organization in New York and assuring success of the community projects that the Post will sponsor.

The Octofoil has observed former Ninth men from coast to coast in increasingly large numbers—taking over the stewardship of many Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars service organizations.

Former Ninth men in Commander Devine's area should present themselves and be accounted for—and let him know his old buddies are back of him and willing to help in any way he may request.

GEN. EDDY PROUD

No doubt Lt. Gen. Manton Eddy, Joe's old combat commander, will be proud to know of the fine start Joe and his staff got off to at Cathedral Post. Gen. Eddy has the rare distinction of being one of the few if not the only goddam yankee to slip through the rebel lines and get elected Department Commander of the American Legion for the state of Georgia. He left an enviable record for those who followed him to emulate. He has now retired and living in Columbus, Ga. But his interest in Legion affairs and Ninth Division Association affairs never lessen.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

Vernon Bell and Family Pay Fort Bragg Community a Visit

The Octofoil is indebted to Mrs. Vernon Bell, Rt. 1, Presque Isle, Maine, for an interesting report on the vacation she and Vern enjoyed in the piney woods section of North Carolina around Fayetteville and Fort Bragg. Vernon was with Co. C, 15th Engrs. Mrs. Bell's letter reads:

Dear Mr. Quinn: I am sorry to be so late with the membership dues but I thought Vernon had sent them in. Am enclosing for three years.

We visited Fort Bragg and friends in Fayetteville who Vernon knew while stationed at Fort Bragg. We really enjoyed it. We were there in the Spring when the wooded areas were beautiful. Vernon says things sure have changed since 1941.

VISIT OLD BUDDY

We also visited with an Army friend, Robert Joy of New York City. We had a lovely visit.

We both enjoy The Octofoil very much. Regards to all former 9th men. Vernon contracts for shovel and bulldozer work in his area.

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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.

Street Address

City Zone State

I was a member of:

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

I wish to sign up for the following:

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| Regular Member, per year | \$ 4.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| THREE-YEAR MEMBER | \$11.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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LeROY PERRY HAS BEEN MIGHTY ILL

LeRoy Perry has returned to his home, 2865 Ashby Rd., Columbus 9, Ohio, after having been confined to a Columbus hospital for quite a spell due to a heart condition. The medics say Perry will have to take it easy for at least another six months before he can return to work.

Dick Pestel, secretary of the Ohio Chapter, has been calling on the lad while he was in the hospital and has kept in contact via the telephone since he returned home. Old buddies—or any former 9th men for that matter, in and around the Columbus area should drop in to see him and if that's impossible, at least a get well card would be appreciated.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

SIMON SEMIDEI HAS A LIST OF BUDDIES WHO MAY JOIN

Simon Semidei, 611 W. 136th St., New York 31, N. Y., was pleased with the way the picture of his half track came out in a recent issue of The Octofoil. While sending in 3 years' dues Semidei sent the name and address of William T. Smith, 165 Cross Ave., Swanaioyck Estates, New Castle, Delaware. Bill was with Bty. C, 376th AA-AW Bn., and Simon says that he knows a lot of former 9th men in the Delaware area who are eligible Association members.

SMITH HEARD FROM

A letter was later received from Smith at the address given above, requesting back issues of The Octofoil. Secretary Quinn immediately complied with his request.

1,000 OR MORE PEOPLE ATTENTIVELY LISTENED TO SERVICES HELD FOR DEPARTED NINTH MEN

Thousands of words have been sent to The Octofoil year after year from enthusiastic members of the Association who have attended the Memorial Services conducted by Father Ed Connors in Worcester, Mass., honoring deceased Ninth Division men. However, no printed words can do justice to the impressiveness of these beautiful services. Five-column feature headlines appeared in the Sunday editions of The Worcester Sunday Telegram, with well displayed 3-column pictures that showed Father Connors, James Waldron, Maj. Gen. Westmoreland and Worcester City Manager Francis McGrath.

DEFENDS YOUTH

Quoting part of Gen. Westmoreland's talk, The Telegram had this to say:

"The head of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point came to the defense of America's youth in Worcester yesterday, saying he does not go along with those who downgrade the current crop of youngsters.

"I think the youth of America is as fine today as it ever has been," said Gen. Westmoreland at the 9th Division's 16th annual banquet held at the Bancroft Hotel.

APPLAUDED

"And," Gen. Westmoreland continued, "if the younger generation does not hold up in the future, the fault is going to lie on our doorstep."

Gen. Westmoreland flew to Worcester from West Point to attend the annual Memorial Mass of the Ninth, in which he served as a young officer in World War II, and which left 5,000 white crosses between North Africa and the Rhine.

An overflow crowd of 1,000 attended the Mass. Catholic, Protestant and Jewish, the men of the Ninth came from across the country.

DROVE 1,032 MILES

Lawrence J. Murray of Laporte, Ind., drove 1,032 miles to attend his first Memorial Mass.

A God Star parent, James Waldron, Dayville, Conn., made his 14th journey for the services. His son, James, was killed while serving with the 39th Infantry Regt.

PLEASED TO SEE "WESTY"

Mr. Waldron was happy to see Gen. Westmoreland again, explaining that in all the years he has attended the reunions he had never met anyone who served with his son.

"Then, a few years ago," he said, "the general was here, and when I met him he told me remembered my Jim."

CONGRESSMAN THERE

Two distinguished guests at the banquet speakers' table were U. S. Representative Harold D. Donohue and City Manager McGrath.

Other speakers were Bishop Flanagan, Rev. John F. Gee, curate at Immaculate Conception Church; Rev. James M. McCarthy, pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Charlton City; Rev. John A. Donahue, pastor of St. John's Church, and Rev. Henry F. Murphy, pastor of St. Ann's Church, in Southboro. The three last named priests also served as chaplains in World War II.

SERGEANT ROWAN

Rev. Gerald F. Rowan of Kingman, Kans., was a sergeant in the Ninth Division during World War II, and Rev. Robert Costello of Boston, also spoke. Father Costello's brother was killed in action with the Ninth.

ALL FAITHS

Father Connors told those gathered at the Memorial Mass that he was pleased to see "Catholics, Protestants and Jews together, honoring the men who died in battle."

"God must indeed be pleased that you continue to remember the dead; the bereaved are consoled; you mutually inspire one another."

MARINE'S SON BLOWS TAPS AT 9TH'S MEMORIAL MASS

By JACK TUBERT,
Telegram Staff Reporter

The Ninth Infantry Division's Memorial Mass to the 5,000 white crosses it left behind—from El Goutar in Africa to the battle of St. Lo and on across the Rhine in World War II—finished on a high, silvery bugle note in Worcester Sunday, November 6.

A STIRRING SOUND

Edward F. Staples, Jr., 17, produced the stirring sound of "taps," soaring majestically against the ceiling of the Immaculate Conception Church—and out across Gold Star Boulevard.

Many an eye in the overflow crowd in the church below was touched by a tear. The North High School junior, standing alone in the choir loft, hit every note clearly and truly.

"I feel I'm qualified to play taps, sir," explained the lanky blond youth, "my father was killed in World War II... with the Fifth Marine Division, sir... at Iwo Jima."

ANSWER NOT EXPECTED

This answer was in reply to a statement that the boy's father must have been a G.I. since he had walked more than two miles from his home for the chance to share in honoring the Ninth's fallen heroes.

Young Staples was 2 when he father gave his life at the close of World War II. He plays bugle for the Greendale Royalaires.

SWEENEY FAMILY THERE

The family of Myles (Chipper) Sweeney stood among the guests as Staples again played for the lifting of the colors after Mass—the Stars and Stripes had ridden at half staff during the services.

An outstanding athlete at St. John's Preparatory School and Holy Cross College, young Sweeney was killed with the Ninth in Belgium.

MEETING WITH GENERAL

Later in the day, Staples was introduced to Gen. Westmoreland, now in command at West Point.

Gen. Westmoreland asked if the lad had considered entering West Point. "I've always wanted to become a teacher, sir," answered the boy.

"What better place to learn to teach and lead than West Point?" asked the general. He told young Staples about Colin P. Kelly III.

Kelly's aviator father was one of the first Americans killed and the nation's first air hero of World War II.

"We were cadets together at West Point," recalled Gen. Westmoreland, who graduated in 1936—a year before the late Captain Kelly.

Staples listened intently as the General told how in December, 1941, President Roosevelt wrote a letter to whoever would be president in 1956, asking that he appoint Kelly's son, then 16 months old, to West Point.

This was done, and President Eisenhower honored the request, but, beamed the general, Cadet Kelly is in his second year, at West Point, on his own, gaining an appointment the hard way—through competitive examination.

THRILLED

Thrilled beyond words to hear how the son of another fallen soldier was progressing at West Point, young Staples moved into the audience, a new lift to his step.

DOUBLE PAGE SPREAD IN CATHOLIC FREE PRESS

Thanks to Tom Boyle, National Treasurer and Francis Maher, The Octofoil is in receipt of the Nov. 11 edition of the Massachusetts Catholic Free Press. A double page spread—Pages 12 and 13 is devoted entirely to scenes of the Memorial Mass and other activities pertaining to the program arranged by Father Ed Connors and his loyal coworkers.

Topping Page 12 is a picture of Father Connors conducting Mass at Casablanca in 1942. The entire top of Page 13 is a beautiful interior view of the church with its overflow crowd during the services. Another page width picture shows Gen. Westmoreland and scores of others who surrounded him during the prayers of Father Ed. Another interior church picture showed Fr. Connors reciting the prayers at the foot of the altar. Pictures made at the banquet table and many small impromptu groups gathered for chats finish filling up the two pages, with one lone exception, which shows Father Ed, National President Frank Ozart and Gen. Westmoreland during the flag raising ceremonies.

COLOR GUARD

The Worcester Police Department furnished an immaculate and impressive color guard for the occasion.

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COL. WILLIAM H. WAIKART SENDS CALIFORNIA GREETINGS

Lt. Col. William H. Waikart writes from 209 Ardennes Circle, Fort Ord, Calif., in part as follows:

"Please convey to my Division friends best wishes and I would be most happy to see any of them who may be in this part of the country or may visit out here. I could probably see to it that they enjoy themselves—as much of this sector is located in a very lovely and scenic part of California and there are many things to do and see here."

Bill Waikart was with the 709th Ord. while with the Division.

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CAPTAIN PAUL LYNCH'S DAD WAS IN WORCESTER, MASS.

Another article written by Jack Tubert for the Worcester Telegram for the Saturday editions carried a 3-column picture showing Lawrence Murray, LaPorte, Ind., who traveled over 1,000 miles to attend the Mass.; Joseph C. Lynch, Allendale, N. J., father of Captain Paul Lynch, and Father Edward T. Connors, preparing to cut into the cake prepared by Mrs. John Quinn of Worcester. Mrs. Quinn is the wife of a one-time first sergeant in the 26th Field Artillery. The cake, in red, white and blue icing, traced the Ninth's major marks down the memory trail of World War II—El Goutar in Africa; Cefalu in Sicily; Remagen, Germany; Troina, Sicily; Licata, Sicily; Cherbourg, France, and Sedjenane, Africa, were lettered around the cake. Murray, who helped cut the cake, was a sergeant in Bty. C, 60th Field Artillery.

NOSTALGIA PREVAILED

Nostalgia slipped into Worcester with the former Ninth Division men on November 5, preparatory to the Memorial Mass to be held on Sunday, Nov. 6. Hairlines were receding or turning gray, waistlines were slipping away, but the ex-G.I.s walked straight, but they were tall and youthful in the eyes of one elderly man silently watching the rejoicing.

"This is wonderful. Some of the men come up and speak to me," boasted Joseph C. Lynch of Allendale, N. J. "They remember my son. We shouldn't forget the boys. I think it's a wonderful thing, this reunion."

His son was Captain Paul J. Lynch, commander of Co. I, 39th Regt. He was killed March 25, 1945 in Oberschied, Germany, as he lead his men on a drive on the Remagen Bridgehead.

Capt. Lynch's father has attended every Memorial Service held in the city of Worcester by Father Edward T. Connors.

HEART OF NINTH

Father Connors was keeper of "Connors' Coffee Shop," the heart of the Ninth as he served as a division chaplain in the long ago when the troops moved across Africa and Europe in the 1940s.

REMINISCING

Like the old gang of MPs down in the corner—Mess Sgt. Dave Gelman, of Bay Side, N. Y.; Cpl. Adolph Waldalavage, of Ozone Park, N. Y.; Pfs. Earl Beaudoin of Gardner, and Pfc. Gerald F. Rowan of Chicago.

It's the Rev. Gerald F. Rowan, of Kingman, Kans., in the Wichita Diocese now. Many stopped by to congratulate Father Rowan, who decided on the priesthood after serving in World War II.

What led him to follow the Cross? "Oh, school, upbringing, many other things," said Father Rowan, glancing across the room to where Father Connors was regaling a group of children with a pair of giant eyeglasses.

"Many things... like the example set by Father Connors"... said the young priest, as the other men sat silently around the table nodding their heads in agreement.

MORE LATER

In the next issue of The Octofoil there will appear stories by the inimitable Joe McKenzie giving minute details about those 26th F.A. men and their families who attended the Memorial Mass. No doubt by that time some interesting pictures will have come in from Father Connors, Dom Miele and others.

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Crosskill Finds Ninth Men At VFW Meet

Don Crosskill, 1120 Franklin, Fremont, Ohio, was in attendance at the State VFW Convention in Toledo, Ohio, this summer. His main object while there though seemed to be visiting delegation after delegation, polling them for possible former 9th Division men who might be in attendance. He located the editor during a hot debate in one of the business sessions—later locating Glenn Moore in another part of town—after which those two proceeded to put on a private celebration that overshadowed the debates being held at the official convention hall.

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ARMY PERSONNEL MAINTAINS THE ARMY RELIEF SOCIETY

Requests for information concerning The Army Relief Society has been received by The Octofoil. On page 6, column 4 of the June-July issue of The Octofoil a lengthy story was printed giving full details as to how the organization operates. Interested parties are requested to refer back to their old issue of The Octofoil for all the information needed to learn of the society's functions.

CHAPLAIN PROPST RETIRES AFTER 33 YEARS

All Through the Night the Octofoil Was Still There



Pictured above is the Association's President, Frank Ozart, Chicago, holding a man-size sign boosting Otto Kerner's candidacy for the governorship of Illinois. Atop of the sign is a hand-carved beautiful Octofoil made by Dick Pestel, Secretary-Treasurer of the Columbus (O.) Chapter. Otto walloped his opposition unmerciful. Read full details in a story printed in another column of this issue of The Octofoil.

OTTO KERNER AND THE OCTOFOIL MARCH INTO ILLINOIS GOVERNOR'S MANSION SIDE BY SIDE

Otto Kerner, governor-elect for the state of Illinois won that office on Nov. 8, by a landslide proportion of votes—taking Jack Kennedy along with him to victory in Illinois in his race for the presidency.

Ninth Division men from far and near—Democrats, Republicans and Mug Wumps are rejoicing because of Otto's victory. To know Kerner was to admire and respect him. He was never too busy to stop and chat with any former Ninth Division man—and they showed their appreciation by working around the clock for his election that carried the former 9th Division lad into office by approximately 500,000 votes.

OZART KEPT PLUGGING

Pictured in the column above is an Otto Kerner for Governor sign—topped with an Octofoil, painted by Dick Pestel, secretary-treasurer of the Ohio Chapter. That sign and the Octofoil has an interesting background. Frank Ozart, president of the National Association, owns some real estate on 87th St., Stickney Township, Cook County, Illinois. So he placed one of Otto's signs with the Octofoil in a prominent place on his property. Some of the opposition tore Otto's sign down and replaced it with one of their own. As soon as Ozart discovered what vandalism had taken place he tore away the intruder's signs and put up another Otto Kerner sign with the Octofoil.

In order that there would be no

more vandalism with the Octofoil and Otto Kerner's signs a detail of former Ninth men in that area began standing guard mount 24 hours a day for two weeks preceding the election. The loyal troopers who so religiously stood watch over the signs were:

John Huffman, Rogers Elmer, Bud Remer, Paul Clark, John Clouser, Dave Heller, Emil Radic, Al Seboch—and of course, Ozart himself, took his turn patrolling. This is a fine example of loyalty shown by a group of former Ninth Division men—one for the other.

The Illinois Ninth boys have a lot to be proud of when pointing to Otto Kerner's interest in the Ninth Infantry Division Association. But by the same token, Otto has something to point to with pride when he points out how loyal his former buddies of the Ninth Division have proven themselves to be.

TELEGRAMS GALORE

President Ozart's wire congratulating the next Illinois governor on his successful campaign was just one of thousands he received from old buddies. They all know that the next Governor of Illinois—their own Otto Kerner, will acquit himself as nobly in the state's Chief Executive chair as he did while with the Ninth Division and as he has done in every capacity he has served since becoming a civilian and an outstanding public servant.

POLITE

A clergyman and a truck driver were in an auto collision. The truck driver told the padre what he was thinking of him in very profane language. When he paused, the clergyman said, "You know, my good man that I cannot indulge in your kind of language, but this much I will tell you: I hope when you get home tonight your mother will run out from under the porch and bite you."

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'Pop' Burnett Missed

Perry "Pop" Burnett, Rt. 1, Kitts Hill, O., was sent a card to attend the Ohio Chapter's annual picnic. By mistake the card was sent to Rt. 2, Kittsville, Ohio, and returned. "Pop's" many buddies had looked forward to seeing him at the picnic. However, the Ohio group are now planning for the next big get-together and they'll double check to see that "Pop" Burnett gets a special invitation.

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COL. PETER WARD WAS ACCOUNTED FOR AT MEMORIAL SERVICES

It seemed as though he just dropped in out of nowhere—but he was doing a good job of shaking hands with old buddies in Connors' Coffee Shop right after the Memorial Mass on Nov. 5. Many of the uninitiated were asking: Who's the snappy looking soldier over there with the chicken on his shoulder?

To those who had not known him previously and did not get an opportunity to shake his hand in Worcester—that snappy soldier was Col. Peter Ward, XIII Corps, Fort Devens, Mass. Col. Ward was once Commanding Officer of the 47th, taking over from Colonel Smythe (General now), sometime in March—just across the Rhine.

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General Westmoreland Is Thankful For His Octofoil

Maj. Gen. W. C. Westmoreland is in receipt of an Octofoil that Richard Pestel, 1467 E. Livingston Ave., made. Pestel has offered to send for FREE one of these beautiful hand-painted emblems to any and all Ohio members who will send in dues for three years instead of one.

The General's acknowledgement to Dick read:

Dear Dick: Thanks for the large Ninth Division emblem that you sent me. I am very happy to have this for display in my quarters and appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending it to me.

I was over to Father Connors' memorial mass in Worcester last Sunday. As usual it was an impressive ceremony followed by an enjoyable social get-together.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,
W. C. WESTMORELAND,
Major General, U.S.A.
Superintendent.

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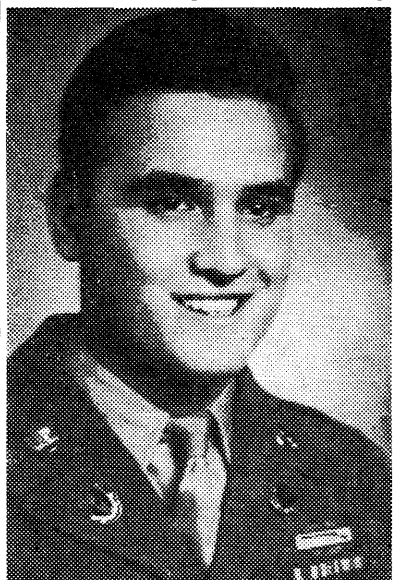
Major Ralph G. Edgar Gets An Assignment Overseas

The old address of Major Ralph G. Edgar was 1028 Thomas Rd. Glen Burnie, Md. However, his Uncle Sam has furnished him with a spanking brand-new address, which now reads:

Maj. Ralph G. Edgar, MAAC OSD, Pakistan, APO 271, care New York Postmaster.

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He Is Among the Missing



JOSEPH PAMPINELLA

Information sent to The Octofoil about Joe Pampinella, who is pictured above is a bit skimpy. It is known that he is a Brooklyn boy. He was assigned to the 60th Regt. as a replacement and sometime after V-E day was sent stateside for medical attention. A few buddies heard from him in a Maryland VA facility some months later and then correspondence ceased.

Any Octofoil readers in the Brooklyn area who might know Joe would render Mr. and Mrs. Dick Schumann a big favor if a card would be sent advising of the lad's present whereabouts. Dick is a former 60th man, and Mrs. Schumann before her marriage was the vivacious Betty Baer, of Ingolstadt, Germany. The Columbus address and where information should be sent is: Mrs. Betty Schumann, 4299 Olentangy Blvd., Columbus 14, Ohio.

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BELOVED 60TH REGIMENT CHAPLAIN ENJOYED ENVIABLE ARMY CAREER BUT HIS LOVE FOR THE NINTH DIVISION NEVER LESSENED

Col. Cecil Loy Propst, Air Research and Development Command chaplain, retired from active military service October 31, ending a 33-year military career that began in 1927 when he was commissioned as second lieutenant in the Infantry Reserve. Colonel Propst has been command chaplain of ARDC since

When Thornton "Moves Out" He Tells About It

A beautifully decorated envelope was delivered to The Octofoil office recently by the mailman. Much speculation as to its contents followed. Such an imposing piece of mail had to bear important tidings—an invitation to the Kennedy inauguration, to say the least. Alas and alack, the envelope was opened—and the contents read:

"Moved—to a new address

and this is it . . .

1320 North Dearborn St.

Chicago 13, Illinois

NAME: JOHN E. THORNTON

If others would follow John's pattern The Octofoil could save all those nickels turned over to the post-office because of papers that are undeliverable.

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DICK WILSON SAYS PHILLY IS GONNA BE HEARD FROM

Richard "Dick" Wilson is secretary of the Philadelphia Chapter. His address is 530 E. Elm Ave., Woodbury, New Jersey.

In a letter to Secy. Quinn Dick writes:

I have been asked by our President to write you for a list of our paid up members in this area. We have a lot of activity planned for the winter season and we want to contact them all and get them interested.

During the summer we held our picnic at the home of Marty Kresovitz. Our chapter meetings are social affairs, including the ladies. A \$1.50 dance and beer night was being planned when the letter was written. Proceeds were to be used to entertain the ladies at a "Past Presidents' Dinner." Looks like plenty of interesting news will be forthcoming from the City of Brotherly Love in the not too distant future.

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Caroline Ann Is Here to Liven Up the Gatto Home

Secretary Quinn forwarded The Octofoil a cute little birth announcement from Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gatto. Mike is a former Co. I, 60th man, a member of the Association's Board of Governors and a most active member of the Greater New York Chapter.

The little tyke weighed in at 8 lbs. 12 oz., and was 21 inches tall. She was born Aug. 23 at 10:48 A.M., and was named Caroline Ann.

The Octofoil knows that little Caroline Ann will add many pleasant hours to the lives of Phylis and Mike Gatto.

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New York News Runs 2-Col. Art of Maj. Klauz

The Sept. 11 edition of The New York Sunday News printed a page of pictures showing the 42nd National Guard Division on maneuvers at Camp Drum. One of the 2-column pictures that attracted attention of former 9th men in the New York area was a picture of Major William Klauz, a former Co. B, 47th man, who was seated at a field desk making plans for a movement with a Sgt. Charles Brown and Capt. Edward Brennan. The major's many buddies from the 47th will be interested in hearing about him through these columns.

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Maule Is a Recruiter

John M. Maule and his pretty wife, Betty, 24 Bear Lake Rd., Muskegon, Mich., are ever on the alert for new members to join the Association. In a recent letter to Staff Writer Dick Pestel, Maule asked Dick to contact Robert Torret, 3251 Park Pl., Muskegon, Mich., at once and explain to Bob the advantages of belonging to the Association and keeping in contact with his old buddies. Bob was a well liked Co. K, 47th man. He was wounded in Normandy and left the outfit before the Association was formed.

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1958. Prior to this period, he served five years with the 9th Infantry Division during World War II and ended the war as the Division chaplain. Returning to the states in 1945, he was assigned as post chaplain, Ft. Myer, Va., his last Army duty.

AIR FORCE CHAPLAIN

As an Air Force chaplain he served as chaplain of the Warner-Robbins Air Materiel Area, Macon, Ga.; Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, O.; deputy and acting staff chaplain, Continental Air Command, Mitchel AFB, New York; center chaplain, Lackland AFB Indochina Center, San Antonio, Texas; staff chaplain, Crew Training Air Force, Randolph AFB, Texas; command chaplain, Far East Air Forces, Tokyo, Japan; and command chaplain, Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, Virginia.

During World War II, Col. Propst participated in the initial invasion of Africa, Sicily, and Europe as chaplain of the Ninth Infantry Division. He moved across Europe with the First Army and was one of the first chaplains to enter Germany with the invasion troops. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge and was with the troops that contacted the Russian Army at Torgau at the close of the war. He served in the Army of Occupation in Southern Germany.

His experience in ministering to the spiritual needs of military personnel has been varied; from services conducted under combat fire to the beautiful cathedrals of Europe; services on shipboard during submarine attack; services in "buzz bomb alley," services under shell fire and aircraft strafing. He was an "eyewitness to history" at Nordhausen, Wippera, and Dachau.

While serving in the Far East, Col. Propst was active in the establishment of a Japanese children's T.B. hospital and the establishment of a more permanent program for assistance to Korean orphans.

IS A LUTHERAN

The chaplain is a member of the Ministerium of the American Lutheran Church. He is affiliated with the Military Chaplains Association, the Air Force Association, Ninth Infantry Division Association, Lutheran Layman's League for the National Capitol, Alumni Association of the University of Maryland and Capital University, Columbus, Ohio.

Colonel Propst was ordained in the Lutheran ministry in 1930. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland and Capital University Lutheran Seminary in Ohio, and served as pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, Baltimore, from 1930 to 1940. He received his commission in the Infantry Reserve following his graduation from the University of Maryland and was promoted to first lieutenant in 1930 and recommissioned in the chaplaincy. In 1940, he was called to active duty with the 9th Infantry Division with which he served during World War II. While attending Chaplains School at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, in 1946, he was transferred at the request of the Air Force chaplain, from the Army to the Air Force.

HAS MANY AWARDS

Serving at various air bases since 1946, Colonel Propst received his regular commission in the Air Force in 1947 and rose from the rank of Army Major at the end of World War II to Colonel in the Air Force in 1950. He holds the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Commendation Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, and the Belgium Fourragere, among other awards.

HE'S A TAR HEEL

Born in Hickory, N. C., in 1905, Colonel Propst is the son of a Lutheran pastor, the late Lawrence P. Propst and Mrs. Florence Hallman Propst. He is married to the former Elizabeth K. Neill. There is one son, Paul L., who is completing his last year in Engineering at North Carolina State College.

Upon retirement, the chaplain assumed duties as pastor of a church of his faith at Mt. Vernon, Va.

His new address is Col. Cecil L. Propst, Ret., 407 Roberts Rd., Woodlawn Manor, Alexandria, Va.

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SCHMIDT SHOWS NO FAVORITES; HE CALLS ON BUDDIES ALL HOURS OF THE DAY OR NIGHT

Scattered throughout this issue of The Octofoil are a few of the scores of pictures Arthur R. Schmidt, 69-20 69th St., Brooklyn 27, N. Y., made on his tour after the reunion in Washington this past summer. When it was thought Schmidt would be many weeks getting out the kinks from his rambling trip he takes off on a second safari and cards start arriving that show the Blue Ridge Mountain skyline from the Parkway that he's back on AGAIN!

CONVENTION ENJOYED

In a letter shortly after the Washington Reunion he mentions some of his old buddies from B Co., 15th Engrs. he enjoyed being with so much—not to mention the new acquaintances from other companies who were at the Engrs. CP.

In mentioning former Captain Frank Rankin's superiority as a conversationalist, he was almost evenly matched with some of those Washington waitresses who were boosting the Republican Party—even if they did have to trot out the corpse of Abe Lincoln a few times.

A surprise visit to Joe Allison at 4516 N. Dittmar Rd., Arlington, found Gwen (Mrs. Allison) enjoying the comforts and rights of a suburbanite of going barefooted around the premises. After donning a pair of miserable shoes Gwen in nothing flat prepared a feast for Joe, Art and the 4 Allison children: Diane 19, Mary 18, Edna 11, and Nancy 8. Joe works as a pressman for the Baker-Webster Co., Washington, D. C.

HORSE BACK RIDING

Frank Rankin extended an open invitation for any and all of his boys to come to North Carolina to visit him and do a bit of horseback riding. Art took him up on this deal. He took the Skyline Drive from Front Royal, Va. to Asheville, N. C. He had to leave this beautiful and cool highway and take some side roads to find Mt. Holly, N. C. Art claims it took him 3 days to find the municipality known as Mt. Holly. But he wandered into its corporate limits one night about 9 and called out on Stanley Rd. for Captain Rankin. Frank heaved right into town for his guest.

Claims his plans were ~~stay~~ one but he just couldn't get away in less than four days. Mt. Holly is a bone dry burg, but there's a bridge across the Catawba River where one can drink Pabst on /tother side. Art says some of the natives told him that Rankin personally had constructed this convenience across the tributary for his own liquid needs. Anyway a beaten bath was made by those two thirsty fellows during those four days.

FOUR YOUNGSTERS

Mrs. Rankin is a native of England. They were married in England—where Mrs. Rankin was a practicing attorney. However taking care of the four youngsters now keeps her time well occupied. They are: Oneta 15, Edith 12, Mary 7, and Cree, a boy, 4 years old.

Schmidt claims his arms and shoulders are still sore from shaking so many hands when acknowledging introductions of Rankins many friends in the Mt. Holly section of the old Tar Heel Commonwealth.

The visit was topped off by attending a Southern fish fry where there was an abundance of beer and plenty of Flounders (fish to those who don't know their fins).

If Captain Frank Rankin was able to smuggle a pup named Smokey into the United States despite rantings and ravings from various sources—it's a small item to get some high-powered home brew and good corn huskings out of a moist area into his dry balliwick.

OVER TO SPARTANBURG

Promising to return next summer, Schmidt bid the Rankins a fond adieu and left for a visit with Edgar Huff in Spartanburg, N. C., another Co. B, 15th Engr. buddy. The address is 2364 Glendale Rd., Spartanburg, S. C. Mrs. Huff, affectionately known as Peggy, was another ideal hostess. They have two youngsters—Eddie, 5, and a daughter, Lynn, 11.

FOUND A BAR

Arriving in Spartanburg some time before Huff's shift was complete, Art, with his blood hound instinct, located an air conditioned bar right near the Huff home and was feeling no pain when Huff came looking for him.

The two went on a sight seeing tour of the larger industrial plants and other points of interest. The natives brain washed Schmidt, and have him believing they raise more peaches in South Carolina than they do in the state of Georgia.

TWO DAYS LATER

After leaving Huff's home it was

two days before Gypsy Schmidt pulled into Erin, Tenn., and paged Osmand S. Uffelman, another Co. B, 15th Engr. guy. Uffelman is principal of the Erin High School and has a charming wife, Helen. They have a daughter 10 months old, named Mino. Os and Helen were married about two years ago. They cancelled out a fishing trip to stay in Erin and talk over old times with Schmidt. Osmand had a visit a few years back from Carroll Leake, Co. B, 15th Engr. who is now in Robstown, Tex., Box 88. Uffelman is active in many endeavors such as the Little League Baseball program, etc. He is also a member of the State Legislature.

TRAMPS TWO MORE DAYS

Two days after leaving the Uffelmans Schmidt barreled into Elkins, W. Va. and came to a halt in front of Carlton Curtis' home. Carl is improved physically since Schmidt's last visit there. His mother is still very active at 83 years of age—and they have had some beautiful renovating done to the old homestead.

Carl hopes to be able to attend the Detroit Reunion.

DETOURED AGAIN

Upon leaving Carlton's plans were for Schmidt to just keep rolling until the bright lights of Broadway were sighted. But that old turnpike got awful monotonous and bingo off the pike and right into Allentown, Pa., went the tourist because it had just occurred to Art that there were two more former Co. B 15th Engr. men in this city. Walter Weaver's home was located at 1136 Oak St., Allentown, Pa. Walt is custodian for the Department of Education. Mrs. Weaver was most gracious and prepared chow for the starving Schmidt. They were to go out to Al Fraind's home, another Co. B, 15th Engr. man, but when Schmidt saw Walt's Frigidaire was packed with ice cold beer—he suggested they send for Fraind to come to Walt's house. Then the three started battling the breeze. They had poor old Capt. Rankin losing his shirt in another crap game. The Octofoil was furnished an album of pictures this gang made at the last Boston Reunion. They're holding out on sending John Sabino one of these albums. Sabino lives at 1761 Bathgate Ave., Bronx, N. Y. He needs one of the albums to prove to his wife he really attended the Reunion in Boston.

MORE BEER

After learning that Al Fraind's fine wife, Norma, with the children, Diane 5, and Anthony 13, were out of town and there was much beer in Fraind's ice box, Art was "prevalled" upon to stay another night at Al's house—which explains why he was another day late seeing the bright lights.

CHARLIE BRAY WAS THE MAN

Recently The Octofoil prided a picture of some Engrs. that Arthur Schmidt sent in. One of the men in the picture was not identified when the picture was sent in and it was printed without any identification. It is now learned that the unidentified fellow was Charlie Bray, Co. B, 15th Engrs. His home address is 4475 Wissahocking St., Philadelphia, Pa.

TONY GOES TO FLORIDA

Parts of a letter recently sent to Arthur Schmidt from an old buddy is self-explanatory and reads:

Hello Bub: We are now living in Florida. Made the change in July. Have been considering it for a year. Wife's health one big factor. Doctor says he can't do any more for my wife's arm. Sunshine and exercise are in order. The new address is: Anthony J. Madonna, 17410 N.W. 49th Ave., Coral City, Miami, Fla.

I would appreciate it if you would send my address to Danny Quinn. Drop me a line when you can and any information will be welcomed.

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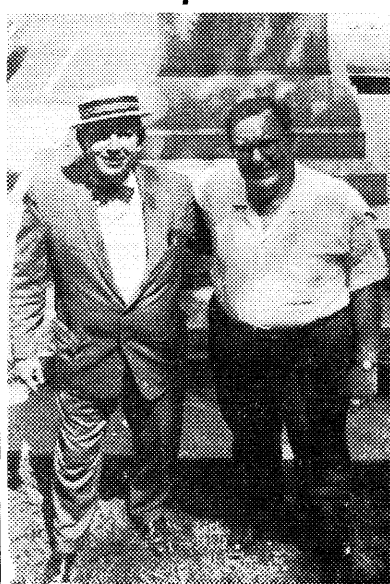
ED BAKER INTERESTED IN THE ASSOCIATION

Edward T. Baker, a former 9th Sig. Co. man, operates the Green Valley Hatchery, Inc., at Moorefield, W. Va.

Ed was in Washington for the Reunion and although he met only two from his old outfit he says he still enjoyed the get-together, the first time he's met with the old gang since he was discharged in 1945. In his most recent letter he is most profuse in his praise about the services at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the banquet program. After a mixup with Uncle Sam's mail deliverymen Ed has it all straightened out and he's now a 1961 member of the Association in perfectly good standing and accounted for.

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Gen. Lee's Spirit Is Present



When Art Schmidt called on Attorney Frank Rankin, Captain, B Co., 15th Engrs., at Mt. Holly, N. C., the Rebel barrister took Art with his New York East Side brogue to an imposing Confederate soldier's monument and had him give his snappiest salute—then pose with Rankin for the picture noted above.

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FATHER OF OUR OWN JOE MCKENZIE IS DEAD

The Octofoil was saddened on Sept. 12, when copies of the Waltham (Mass.) News-Tribune were received and the news story was noted that told of the death of John J. McKenzie. Mr. McKenzie was the father of the Association's own Joe McKenzie, who has contributed so many interesting and newsy articles for The Octofoil. Parts of the News-Tribune story read:

The funeral of John J. McKenzie was held this morning with a Solemn Requiem Mass at 10 o'clock in St. Bernard's Church. Celebrant was Rev. Daniel J. Quinn; deacon was Rev. John R. Gigi and sub-deacon, Rt. Rev. Bernard S. O'Kane, pastor. Seated within the sanctuary were Rt. Rev. Florence W. McCarthy, pastor of St. Charles, and Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Garrity, diocesan director of the Legion of Mary; Rt. Rev. Joseph P. Donelan, director of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Men and Women; Rt. Rev. Philip J. Kearney, director of the Catholic Charitable Bureau; Rev. John A. Cantwell, of St. Mary's Church, Waltham, and Rev. Dennis J. Burns of Regis College, Weston.

Many prominent civic, fraternal, industrial and political leaders of that section of the state were also present.

Burial was in the family lot in Calvary Cemetery, Waltham, with committal prayers by Father Quinn, assisted by Fathers Cantwell and Burns.

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Sgt. Daley Inquires About the Medals

Clinton Daley, 222 Court St., Auburn, Maine, writes The Octofoil for information about a French Liberation Medal. Daley was a staff sergeant with Co. A, 60th Regt. The Association officers have not been able to secure any information relative to any medal such as the one mentioned in the letter.

Another request made was asking for help in locating John Decket. Both Decket and Daley were in the same squad. Decket's address before going overseas was in some Pennsylvania town. Anyone who might read this and know of John Decket's present whereabouts Clint Daley would be mighty happy to get that information.

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Lt. Col. Langland Is Across the Pond

Through the post office department The Octofoil has been informed that instead of getting mail at 104B Schofield Circle, Fort Riley, Kans., that hereafter Lt. Col. Lawrence Langland will get his mail addressed to him thusly: Lt. Col. Lawrence Langland, Armish-MAAG, APO 205, care New York Postmaster.

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JAMES E. WOLF, GROVE CITY, O., PASSED AWAY RECENTLY

The only information The Octofoil has been able to get about the death of James E. Wolf, 3425 Orchard Lane, Grove City, Ohio, is the information that was furnished by the post office department when the last issue of The Octofoil was returned marked "deceased."

TINGLEY SUBMITS MAGNIFICENT REPORT ON REUNION OPERATIONS HELD IN WASHINGTON

The following table is self-explanatory. It was submitted to the Board of Governors at its Nov. 5 meeting in Worcester, Mass., by Charles O. Tingley, in behalf of the Washington Chapter, and pertains to the chapter's credit and debit status after the 1960 Reunion was held in that city:

CREDIT	
Program Ads	\$ 667.00
Adult Convention Tickets (359)	4,128.00
Children Convention Tickets (36)	188.00
Collection for Band	72.59
	\$5,055.59
DEBIT	
Convention Badges (750)	\$ 34.80
Shoreham Hotel	3,095.09
Postage	10.50
Committee Badges	3.32
Mimeograph Program of Events	6.18
Corsages for Guests	24.48
Printing of Convention Program	400.00
Bus Transportation (Sight Seeing & Memorial Service)	270.58
Registration Cards	3.06
Memorial Wreath	18.36
Reimbursement for ad (received too late for Program)	15.00
Orchestra (2 nights)	394.00
Printing of Convention Tickets	28.89
Refund—3 Children Banquet Tickets	15.00
Bank Service Charge	35
	\$4,319.61
Balance	735.98
	\$5,055.59

Uncle Sam Wouldn't Let Forrest Attend Reunion

Just as A. T. Forrest, 155 Wilson Ave., Beaver, Pa., was all set to attend the Reunion in Washington he was called to duty at an Army Reserve Camp, Fort Knox, Ky. Forrest's old 15th Engr. buddies missed him in Washington.

While in the mess hall at Fort Knox a sergeant spotted Forrest's Octofoil on his right sleeve and decided to take a second look. The sergeant is a former 9th Q.M. Co. man at Bragg, and a one-time member of the Association. The name: Sgt. Mike Grace, Student Officer Co., Sch. Regt. USAARMS, Fort Knox, Ky. The sarge's name is being forwarded to Secretary Quinn since Forrest advises he is interested in more information about the Association.

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GLADYS IS SPARK PLUG AT TOMLINSON HOME

Now that Cairl Tomlinson has attended an Ohio Chapter meeting—met the gang—he is very much interested in Chapter activities. But not enough to sit down and write a letter. But he's a lucky hombre to have a wife like Gladys to fill in and write the newsy letters that she does. She also made a hit with the gang when she accompanied Cairl to the Chapter meeting and feed held at Harold Stone's home. The Tomlinson's address is C. L. Tomlinson, 946 Gilmore, Chillicothe, Ohio. In a letter to the secretary of the Ohio Chapter, Gladys writes in part as follows:

You should know by now that Cairl doesn't write letters. I sure am glad I wasn't married to him when he was in the service, as I don't believe he'd have even written to me.

We enjoyed the outing very much and the food was fine. I know Cairl enjoyed himself very much and enjoyed meeting the other boys. He got a great kick out of the picture. And we will attend more meetings now that we have started. Cairl joins me in sending kindest regards to all the boys and girls—and especially Pearl Nickles.

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HELP NEEDED.. TRYING TO LOCATE BOB DUNN

The widow of Virgil H. Fry wrote Secy. Quinn under date of July 16, hoping to locate an old buddy of her deceased husband, who was with Co. A, 60th Regt. (The buddy's name was Robert E. Dunn). Dunn came back to the states ahead of Virgil and had a few souvenirs with him Virgil had picked up along the way. Now that Virgil has passed away Mrs. Fry and the children would like to get these souvenirs as keepsakes.

Secy. Quinn sent a letter to the only Robert E. Dunn whose name was in his files. This was sent to 716 E. Buchanan, Winterset, Iowa, and was returned "Unknown."

Former Sgt. Virgil Fry died of a heart attack May 8, 1960. He is survived by his wife, Thelma, and two sons, Gerald, 11, and Virgil, Jr. 2. The address is Mrs. Virgil H. Fry, Gainesville, Mo. She and the boys would be happy to hear not only from Robert Dunn but from any of the Sarge's old buddies.

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Tommy Gallanti Writes



TOMMY GALLANTI

John Rizzo, Greater New York Chapter, was glad to get a few lines from an old Co. F, 47th buddy... Tommy Gallanti, on Howard St., in Log Harbor, Long Island, New York.

Tommy married a French girl in North Africa in 1944. They have 3 lovely youngsters. He advises Rizzo of the desirable scenery out there on Long Island and invites him and any of his former buddies out for a visit.

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Better Late Than Never... Father

Under date of Sept. 13, 1960 the Association nreceived the following letter from Father Ed Jocham, Saint Matthew's Rectory, 555 Prospect Ave., Ridgefield, N. J.:

"After all these years I would like very much to be back in the Association—if you will have me back. I've never really left in spirit, but I'm the world's arch procrastinator. Enclosed is my check for \$11."

Father Jocham was with Co. C, of the 39th Inf. Regt. He was ordained in 1958.

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Joe Durocher Keeping Tab On the Old Gang

Joseph A. Durocher, 1805 W. 12th St., Erie, Pa., former Co. K, 47th Inf., writes in part:

I receive The Octofoil every issue. I'm especially interested in the last issue because it contained a list of names from K Co. 47th Inf.

My home town is Woonsocket, R. I. I was with K Co. and would like very much to have a complete list of names and address of all former K Co., 47th men. I was unusually happy to find listed in this last issue the name and address of James F. McLaughlin, of Pason Ave., Dorchester, Mass.

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THE SOFT SELL

A television salesman had taken in a lot of used sets as trade-ins on new models and was desperately trying to peddle some of them.

Collaring a prospective customer, he said:

"This set is in excellent condition. Why, it was owned by a little old lady with weak eyes."

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS MINUTES FOR THE 56TH BOARD MEETING

The following is a transcription of the proceedings of the 56th meeting of the Board of Governors of the 9th Infantry Division Association, as compiled by Secretary Dan Quinn:

The 56th meeting of the Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was called to order by President Glenn O. Moore at 4:30 P.M., July 28, 1960 at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C.

Those present were: Messrs. Frank Wade, John Korobko, Art Schmidt, Max Umansky, Paul Plunkett, Jack O'Shea, Frank Ozart, Tom Boyle, Vince Iannucci and Vince Guglielmino.

Secretary Dan Quinn read minutes of the 55th meeting.

After a motion duly made by Jack O'Shea and seconded by John Korobko it was voted to approve the minutes as read and place same on file.

CHANGE TO OHIO CHAPTER

After a motion duly made by Tom Boyle and seconded by Jack O'Shea, it was voted to change the name of the Columbus Chapter to read the Greater Ohio Chapter.

Vincent Iannucci gave a report of the progress of the Scholarship Award Committee. Being the first

scholarship to be awarded by the Association there are many details to be studied. The sum of \$500 having been donated by the widow of the late Louis Becker, Mrs. Becker will be kept advised of the committee's progress.

Financial Chairman Vince Iannucci gave a report of the financial accounts for the past year.

After a motion duly made by Frank Wade and seconded by Tom Boyle it was voted to accept the Report of Accounts.

After a motion duly made by Paul Plunkett and seconded by Art Schmidt it was voted to thank Vince Iannucci for his excellent reports.

After a motion duly made by Vince Iannucci and seconded by Paul Plunkett, it was voted to reimburse Richard Pestel the sum of \$25 for the signs made by him for the Association. This plus the sum of \$25 voted at the last board meeting for a total of \$50. This sum is only for materials used by Pestel.

After a motion duly made by Tom Boyle and seconded by Frank Ozart it was voted to adjourn at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL QUINN, National Secy.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MINUTES FOR THE 57TH BOARD MEETING

The 57th meeting of the Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held at the Shoreham Hotel, on July 29, 1960 in Washington, D. C.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P. M. Present were the following members:

John Korobko, Bob Rumenapp, Tony Chacommas, Paul Plunkett, Jack O'Shea, Frank Ozart, Max Umansky, George Apar and Ed McGrath.

Bids for the 16th annual Reunion were asked for:

There was only one bid—that of Detroit, Mich. This city was unanimously selected by the Board.

President: Frank Ozart was nominated for President by Jack O'Shea and seconded by John Korobko. A unanimous ballot was cast for Frank Ozart.

First Vice President: Vincent Guglielmino was nominated by George Apar, seconded by Paul Plunkett. A unanimous ballot was cast for Vincent Guglielmino.

Second Vice - President: Richard Pestel was nominated by Frank Oz-

art and seconded by Max Umansky. A unanimous ballot was cast for Pestel.

Third Vice-President: Vic Campisi was nominated by Bob Rumenapp, and seconded by Ed McGrath. A unanimous ballot was cast for Vic Campisi.

Judge Advocate: Ed McGrath nominated Harrison Daysh. The nomination was seconded by John Korobko. A unanimous ballot was cast for Harrison Daysh.

Secretary: Dan Quinn was nominated by Jack O'Shea and seconded by Tony Chacommas. A unanimous ballot was cast for Dan Quinn.

Treasurer: Thomas Boyle was nominated by Ed McGrath and seconded by George Apar. A unanimous ballot was cast for Boyle.

There being no further business and upon a motion duly made by Max Umansky and seconded by Jack O'Shea it was voted to adjourn at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN KOROBKO, Acting Secretary.
(In the absence of Secretary Dan Quinn.)

MINUTES OF THE 58TH MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD IN WORCESTER, MASS., NOVEMBER 5, 1960

The 58th meeting of the Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was called to order at 6 P.M., on November 5, 1960, at the Hotel Bancroft, in Worcester, Massachusetts. In attendance were: Messrs. Frank Ozart, Paul Plunkett, Mike Gatto, Edward McGrath, Max Umansky, Robert Rumenapp and John Sabato. Also present were: Vice Pres. Vincent Guglielmino, Treasurer Tom Boyle and Charles Tingley.

There being a quorum the meeting was declared legally convened by order of President Frank Ozart.

Daniel Quinn, secretary, then read minutes of the 57th Board meeting.

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

Upon a motion duly made by Mike Gatto and seconded by Max Umansky, it was voted to reimburse Vic Butswinkus, a member, the sum of \$32. This represents an outstanding bill for insignias that Stan Cohen, a former secretary, received from Butswinkus for resale to the Association members. This amount represents payment in full for monies owed to Victor Butswinkus.

OCTOFOIL REPORT

Paul S. Plunkett, editor of The Octofoil, gave a report on the paper. Because of the limited budget the paper will be mailed to paid-up members only. Possibly twice a year the entire mailing list will be used, this will include delinquent members, hoping they can be aroused into being removed from the Free Loaders list.

Charles O. Tingley gave the Washington Reunion report. The financial results showed a profit of \$735.59 for the Association. President Frank Ozart thanked Tingley and the entire Washington Committee for a job well done.

After a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by Mike Gatto

it was voted to accept the report and grant the Washington Chapter the sum of \$100.

DONATE HISTORY

After a motion duly made by Mike Gatto and seconded by Bob Rumenapp it was voted to instruct the secretary to contact Mr. Joseph H. Ewing, Director, First Army Museum, and notify Mr. Ewing that the Association will donate a copy of "Eight Stars to Victory," the history of the Ninth Division, to the Museum. The Association's newspaper, The Octofoil, will carry his message of appeal for donation of war trophies, etc., for this worthy endeavor, the First U. S. Army Museum, Governors Island, New York.

Bob Rumenapp then gave a report of the 1961 Reunion Committee—which will be held in Detroit, Mich., July 27, 28 and 29 at the Hotel Sheraton-Cadillac. President Frank Ozart thanked Bob Rumenapp for his report.

After much discussion by all the Board members present, the secretary was requested to explore the possibilities of holding the 1962 Reunion at or near Fort Bragg, N. C. The secretary will contact several members in the Carolinas who may be of assistance in this matter.

BECKER AWARD

A written report of the progress of the Louis Becker Scholarship award was received from Vince Iannucci and was read by the secretary. President Frank Ozart expressed his appreciation to Vince Iannucci for his untiring efforts on behalf of this program. The next issue of The Octofoil will announce how eligibility for the scholarship may be arrived at.

After a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by Edward McGrath it was voted to adjourn at 8:05 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL QUINN,
National Secretary,
9th Infantry Div. Assn.

DETROIT'S SHERATON-CADILLAC HOTEL HAS ALL THE ANSWERS WRAPPED UP UNDER ONE ROOF

Robert Rumenapp, Board member from the Greater Michigan Chapter, has furnished The Octofoil with a beautifully printed, in colors, brochure of the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit. This is the hotel the Detroit committee has selected as the headquarters hotel during the 1961 Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 27, 28, 29, 1961, are the dates. Now's a good time to start preparing for this event.

PLENTY TO SEE

Many Ninth men who were visitors to Detroit in August, 1960, attending the national convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for one entire week are complaining about not being able to visit or see only a few of the sights the Detroit VFW Committee had arranged for. All future issues of The Octofoil until after the 1961 Reunion will be filled with information about points of interest the Detroit Ninth Division Committee has arranged for former Ninth men and their families to enjoy.

President Frank Ozart has visited Detroit and counseled with the Arrangements Committee and checked through the "Manual of Reunion Operation" with the committee.

Plants where many Association members are employed will be posting vacation schedules shortly after the Christmas holidays. One whole week in Detroit could be spent enjoyably and beneficially. One day should be spent on a cool boat trip to some of the Canadian points of in-

terest while in the big Motor City.

The Ford Museum would take up another entire day. This is just to mention two points of interest. The tremendous Cobo Convention Hall is a show place worth traveling miles to see.

EASY ACCESS

The Freeways and Expressways into Detroit are constructed so that it is easy to spin along 70 and 80 miles an hour until a motorists is within two or three blocks of most all the downtown hotels.

CAFE CADILLAC

The attractive surroundings of the Cafe Cadillac belie the moderate prices for breakfast, luncheon and dinner service.

THE MOTOR BAR

The Motor Bar faces Washington Blvd. It combines the friendly air of an old English inn with inviting modern decor of antique inspiration. Dark paneling sets off brilliant red tartan . . . and a focus of attention is the gay mural of turn-of-the-century automobiles.

GUEST ROOMS

A skillful use of color and the most modern facilities available make each guest room distinctive, commodious and charming.

BALLROOMS

The ballrooms with gracious chandeliers and antique French mirrors reflect formality and elegance—and add a distinctive note to any kind of function.

Be prepared to fill out a hotel reservation blank when the next issue of The Octofoil arrives.

CHILDREN OF FORMER NINTH MEN WHO ARE DECEASED WILL BE GIVEN FIRST CONSIDERATION WHEN BECKER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IS MADE

Much time and serious thought was given to the \$500 Scholarship Award made possible by the widow of the late Lou Becker, in honor of her deceased husband. Lou was a pioneer in the establishment of the Association. His advice was sought by officers of the various chapters while he served as second vice president and for years thereafter. Until the time of his death he never lost interest in the Association.

Secretary Dan Quinn read a most enlightening letter from Vincent Iannucci outlining in detail the research work Vincent has done, which included conferences with Dean Kaspner, who is in charge of scholarship activities for New York University.

After considering the feasibility of several approaches to this matter the Board finally decided that orphaned children of deceased former Ninth Infantry Division men should be given preference when the award is made. Accordingly, The Octofoil was instructed to run a story to the effect

that for the time being the Board was only interested in receiving applications from the mother or guardian of children whose father was deceased and who had served with the Ninth Infantry Division or attached units, while with the Armed Forces.

The child's name and other information should be sent to Dan Quinn, Secretary, Ninth Infantry Division Association, 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N. J., as quickly as possible.

Other information that should be sent to the secretary along with the child's name should include the name of the father's unit while in Service. Date of father's death. The child's present age; school now attending—grade the child is in now, and what particular subject does he or she show a preference and aptitude for.

It is hoped sufficient information will have been forwarded to the secretary before the Detroit Convention so the Board may make the award that might be of help to the child in gaining entrance into a suitable and convenient university or college.

HARRY ORIENSTEIN, 9TH Q.M. CO., FIRST TO FILE REPORT AFTER MEMORIAL SERVICES

It's always just a matter of hours after a Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion before The Octofoil receives a breakdown on who represented the 9th Q.M. gang and what they did at the Reunion. These reports come from Harry Orenstein, 640 E. 139th St., Bronx 54, N. Y.

At this time Harry is furnishing The Octofoil a breakdown on the 9th Q.M. fellows who were in Worcester, Mass. for the Memorial Mass Nov. 6.

The letter from Orienstein follows: Here are some of the highlights of Father Connors' affair:

Connors Coffee Shop
The 16th Annual Mass Services
The 9th Division Dinner (or Father Connors' dinner)

You wouldn't think it was possible to plan an affair that brought so much pleasure to the men, women and children of the Ninth Division who attended Father Connors' affair in Worcester on Nov. 5 and 6, 1960.

Saturday evening the men and their families gathered in Connors' Coffee Shop. There was a buffet lunch. Later in the evening movies were shown of the 9th Division at Fort Bragg, previous Reunions and previous Father Connors' parties—along with other Ninth Division Association affairs. In two of the scenes Andy Milano whispered to the writer "Look, there's our Q.M. 'boys' on the screen."

Sunday morning, Father Connors in his 16th annual mass Memorial told the capacity crowd that the deceased men of World War II and those who passed on after the war were still remembered by the Ninth

Division men. After Memorial Services coffee and doughnuts were served in Connors' Coffee Shop.

At 12:30 P.M. there was an excellent dinner. Father Connors, Maj. Gen. Wm. C. Westmoreland, Bishop Flannagan and other speakers delivered interesting speeches that were well received by the listeners. The entertainment was also fine.

ODDS AND ENDS

The following "boys" and their ladies were present:

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gray.
Mr. and Mrs. John Iovenio.
Mr. and Mrs. John Jagling.
Mr. and Mrs. Andy Milano.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Russo.
Mr. and Mrs. George Swanson.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Tingley.
Mr. Harry Orenstein.

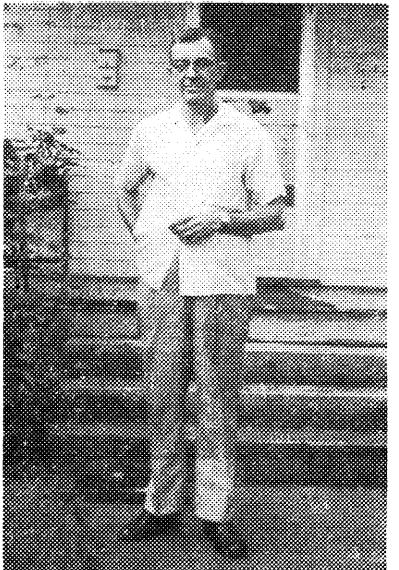
Father Connors' Worcester affair will long be remembered by the men, women and children who were present. It was also another opportunity to reminisce. To the writer, Father Connors' affair was one of the best Ninth Division affairs he has ever attended. It was a pleasure to be among the audience who enjoyed the program so much. Best regards to all of you.—Harry Orenstein.

The writer has received letters from the following:

B. Brathuhn.
L. Dreifus.
A. Hakey.
F. Hennessy.
A. Milano.
R. Tremblay.

Mr. Dreifus has attended more 9th Division reunions than any other Q.M. member.—H. O., Bronx.

Carlton Curtis In the Hills



When Art Schmidt started out on an expedition to locate all former Co. B, 15th Engr. men, he found Carlton Curtis living at 304 Worth Ave., Elkins, W. Va., in a pretty hilly part of the country.

Mighty Healthy Location



They all make a lot of fun about those West Virginia hills, but they must be mighty healthy surroundings. Pictured above is the 83-year-old mother of Carlton Curtis, in her Elkins, W. Va. residence and that mountain air is certainly doing Mrs. Curtis no harm.

GORDON ASKS FOR MOLOTOV'S PHOTO

Roy Gordon, 601 Prospect Place, Alexandria, Va., asks The Octofoil to help him locate someone who might have some photos of Karl Warner, alias "Molotov," the one-man Army, who was killed in combat in North Africa.

Parts of Gordon's letter reads:

"I have been looking over some of my war souvenirs. I find what I think are some papers that belong to the next of kin of Karl Warner—Molotov. And the other guy is Alfred Perrott-White, the Englishman who was in the French Foreign Legion, later joining the U. S. Army and served with the Ninth in France. Does anyone know whether Perrott is living yet. I should like to get in touch with him. I also feel I should contact the next of kin of Warner's. "Do you know anyone who has any photos of Warner or Al. I would like to get some for my scrapbook. I have pictures of many others and can make duplicates—free—for anyone who would like to have them. Just ask. I really mean it. I will answer as promptly as possible. I also have many scenes of our actions—some are not so hot, but at least they are authentic.

Anyone interested or who could be of help to Roy should contact him at the address given above.

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Tony Polito Has Got Himself a '61 Card

Anthony J. Polito, 15 Ellsmere St., Worcester, Mass., stopped by Father Ed Connors' rectory in Worcester, recently and the good Father immediately gave Tony Secy. Quinn's address where he could send in 1961 dues—which he did. Tony fought with Co. I, 39th in Normandy while he was with the Ninth Division.

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AT THE OHIO PICNIC

Dick Macomber was heard to yell at Carol Tomlinson to wait a minute as he headed for a Chick Sales outhouse at the Ohio Chapter picnic.

Tomlinson's reply, screaming as he doubled timed it: "I can't—I got a Russian job."

FIRST U.S. ARMY HEADQUARTERS SEEKING A FEW GADGETS FOR USE IN A PROPOSED MUSEUM

A communique was read to the Board members meeting in Worcester, from Joseph H. Ewing, Director, First U.S. Army Museum, Governors Island, New York 4, N. Y.

The letter is self-explanatory and parts of it read as follows:

This headquarters plans a permanent exhibit of First U. S. Army history here on Governors Island. . . . It will tell the story of First Army in both World Wars—how its soldiers lived and fought.

MAPS, PHOTOS, ETC.

It is expected the exhibit will include maps, photographs, paintings, sketches, documents, small arms and other items of ordnance, items of equipment, personal diaries kept during the war, volumes of military operations in both wars, flags, other war trophies, etc.

ASK FOR DONATIONS

With the hope that persons who have served in First Army divisions will prove to be a source of such items, we are asking that an appeal be made to members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

DONATE HISTORY

The Board authorized the donation of a copy of "8 Stars to Victory" for the museum and requested The Octofoil to make an appeal to the mem-

bership in the hope some relics would show up in many old barracks bags that would be greatly appreciated by the museum director.

Most any item will be appreciated.

A partial list of gadgets that are particularly wanted for display and as listed in the request being sent out include unofficial photographs of action in combat zone; maps carried or marked in combat; personal diaries, helmet, field glasses, mine snake, map case, grenade, bayonet, 1944 and 1945 calendars, signs marking divisional units or headquarters, road markers from France, Germany or Belgium, pick mattock and entrenching tool, models of artillery, tanks and light aircraft, captured enemy maps and documents, French and German newspapers, gas mask, gas alarm gong, mess kit, canteen, Coleman burner, wax heating units, packaged K ration, C ration, D bar, battlefield relics, barbed wire, shell cases, etc.

Persons who are willing to donate items to the First Army Museum are asked to write to Mr. Joseph H. Ewing, Headquarters First U. S. Army, Governors Island, New York 4, N. Y. (Telephone is Whitehall 4-7700, extension 3862). All letters will receive an immediate reply.

CHARLIE TINGLEY AND WASHINGTON COMMITTEE RECEIVED SOME MIGHTY INTERESTING LETTERS

Excerpts from some very interesting letters received by Charlie Tingley, secretary of the Washington, D. C. Chapter, just before, during and right after the 15th Reunion held in Washington are being reprinted below:

MAJ. GEN. GEO. B. BARTH

Chief of Staff, 9th Division

From Hague, N. Y., Gen. Barth writes in part:

Dear Charlie: I have been pretty much tied up here and was sorry I could not make the long trip to the Reunion where I would have enjoyed so much seeing my many old friends. . . . I remember so well the early Reunions. Hope I'll be able to start attending again. It takes a lot of hard work on the part of members like you and there is much expense involved. I am enclosing a small donation for the treasury. Remember me to my old friends in the Ninth.

SENATOR LEE METCALF

Lee Metcalf is a Congressman from Montana's First District and a candidate for the U. S. Senate. He was a Military Government Officer. Parts of his letter reads:

Dear Charlie: Thanks for sending me The Octofoil and a special invitation to attend the Reunion. This special session of Congress is going to take so much time that I am staying out here in Montana until Aug. 15 and do a little campaigning. Best wishes for a successful Reunion.

FORREST ON MANEUVERS

A letter from Col. A. T. Forrest, a former 15th Engr. man, writes:

Dear Charlie: Thanks for your reminder letter of June 29. The Army seems to have a spy in the ranks of the Ninth Division Association. Each year of late, after the reunion date has been set, the Army has scheduled my reserve camp for the same period. This year the spy was working again. Dates the same, and they are sending me to Fort Knox. I hate to say it but it looks like I will miss another Reunion. Please give my best regards to all the fellows, and in particular the 15th Engr. gang.

LT. COL. D. W. HANCOCK

was with 9th Signal

Hq. 1st Cav. Div., APO 24, San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Charlie: I appreciate your letter announcing Reunion plans. I will not be able to attend since I am here in Korea. Yet my thoughts will be with you and our friends. Perhaps next year I will be there. I leave Korea next month for an assignment in DCSOPS (G-3), Pentagon. So I will be able to get together with the D. C. Chapter then. Regards to all my old 9th friends.

COL. GEORGE HERIS

Formerly with 9th Q.M.

Mead Point Drive, Greenwich, Conn.

Dear Charlie: Just day lettered you care the Shoreham: "Extremely sorry; severe storm here precludes being present for Reunion. Give our best regards to all former Ninth QM Bn. friends."

COL. JOHN S. CARRIER

Military Government Officer

Wounded on Remagen Bridge

Box 218, Summerville, Pa.

Dear Charlie and All: Just a note to let you know that much as I'd like to I cannot make the Reunion this year. I am selling my insurance business and this coming week-end is the time set for the big transfer. Give my best regards to all my former 9th friends who will be there.

FROM LT. GEN. M. S. EDDY

Ninth Div. Commanding Officer

From Fort Benning, Ga., with a picture of the National Bank of Ft. Benning, "The Infantryman's Bank" and Manton S. Eddy, Lt. Gen., U.S. Army, Ret., Chairman of the Board, comes a letter, parts of which appear below:

Dear Charlie: Upon my return from a short visit to Florida I found your nice invitation to the 9th Div. Reunion. I only wish I could be there, and if it had taken place a week later I could have. However, as I have to be in Washington on the 8th, 9th and 10th to attend the Association of the United States Army annual national meeting, I find it impossible to arrange my affairs to permit me to make the trip twice in periods so close together.

I hope you will remember me to everyone, especially Gen. Craig and Lindsey Nelson. Please tell him how much I enjoy his broadcasts on Saturday afternoons. With every good wish for a successful convention.

COL. WILLIAM WAIKART

C.O. 9th Q.M. "A" Co.

Transferred to 709th Ord. Co.

209 Ardennes Circle, Fort Ord, Calif.

Dear Charlie: For many reasons I can't possibly attend the Washington Reunion as much as I'd like to. I would appreciate it if you'd give

my kindest regards and best wishes to all of those in attendance. I'd be most happy if it was possible for me to greet them all personally.

"HOLY JOE" HOFMANN

9TH Q.M. AT BRAGG

6541 Gulfside Road

Longboat Key, Florida

Dear Charlie: It is nice to receive a special invitation to the Reunion in Washington. This summer I have to stay near home since I am running for County Tax Assessor in Manatee County. This calls for me making every opportunity to get better acquainted in the county.

Seeing the names of the "old gang" in The Octofoil rings a nostalgic note with me and I would like very much to see each one and to reminisce on the early Ninth Infantry days. Please give my best regards to each one that attends the Washington Reunion. You are to be commended for the hard work and continued interest you have shown and generated in the Ninth Infantry Division Association and the Washington Chapter. Note my address change to Longboat Key.

COL. HARRY KIRSNER, Ret.

Exec. Officer 9th Q.M., Fort Bragg

227 Primrose Place,

San Antonio, Texas

Dear Tingley: Received your invitation to the 9th Reunion. Glad to find out through your letter and literature the whereabouts of many "what I consider and what one would call" charter members of the 9th Q.M. Bn., and 9th Div. personnel. I fail to see any mention of McCormick, who was one that reported for duty at the time you and others arrived in the early days of September, 1940. I hope he was not one of the missing.

I just returned from a trip East and can't start back in that direction now. I certainly would have liked to be at the Reunion. Please convey my esteem and regards to members of the 9th Q.M., particularly those who joined the Q.M. in late August and early September, 1940. They were a fine collection of young officers. You may recall, the 9th Q.M. Bn. received the first commendation (October, 1940) of any outfit in the 9th Division, when the Brigade Commander, Gen. Short, made his first inspection of the 9th Division.

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND

Office of the Superintendent

United States Military Academy

West Point, New York

Dear Charlie: Thank you for your letter of 30 June. I am planning to attend the Reunion on the 30th, to include the final banquet. Of course I could have some interference which would force me to change my plans but I am going to do my utmost to be present for the 20th Anniversary of the activation of our great Division.

Your congratulations are appreciated. I have been here for only several days and have much to learn to get on top of the job.

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JOHN KOCAY STOPS

IN TO SAY 'HELLO, PAT'

Pat Morano advises that John Kocay, of H Co., 60th (with the 9th from 1941 to 1945), is working for the VA in Somerville, N. J. Morano is employed at the Somerville VA also. Kocay looked Pat up and stopped by say "Hello," after reading in The Octofoil where Pat was working.

John is living in Manville, N. J.

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J. D. Sayers Leaves Texas

For Daytona Beach, Fla.

The post office department has notified The Octofoil that J. D. Sayers' old address was Rt. 3, Shiner, Texas, but the new address is Box 1732, Daytona Beach, Fla. About the time Sayers was making his move he also directed a communique to Dick Pestel, 1467 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, O., inquiring of Pestel what the charges would be for Pestel to make one of his now famous Octofoils that would be suitable for framing.

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Roger L. Vulleumier

Now a Married Man!

Roger L. Vulleumier, 68 Hartsdale Ave., Hartsdale, N. Y., has finally talked himself into a wife. The new Mrs. Vulleumier happens to be one of the charming school teachers in Hartsdale.

Rog says he's keeping plenty busy with his house repair and maintenance work. He hopes to attend one of the Greater New York Chapter meetings before long. While with the 9th Vulleumier was with Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 39th Regt.

VIC ALSKO IS VICTIM OF HEART ATTACK

On Oct. 6, 1960, The Octofoil received a very sad letter from Mrs. Victor Alsko, 500 Washington St., Bentleyville, Pa. Parts of the letter reads:

Dear Members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association . . .

I regret to inform you of the death of my husband, Victor Alsko, who served with Co. K, 47th Regt. as a Staff Sergeant. Vic was proud of his war record and the men he served with. His decorations included the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He read and reread "8 Stars to Victory." He compiled a scrapbook of his war experiences, which I am going to keep and cherish forever. Victor was a policeman in Bentleyville for the past 14 years. He died suddenly of a heart attack on Aug. 20, and had a military funeral on Aug. 24. Two former 9th Division men paid their respects and perhaps there were others who came. The engraved veteran's stone will be placed at the foot of the grave before winter. Vic leaves no children, a baby daughter having died in infancy.

CONTINUES THE OCTOFOIL

Since Vic always read The Octofoil, please continue sending it to the same address. I would like to keep on receiving it. (Enclosed is a check for The Octofoil for one year.)

I hope that when Vic's buddies reads his obituary in The Octofoil some of them will write and tell me of their association with him during combat.

(Editor's Note: Secy. Quinn has returned the check but Vic's widow will continue to get her copy of The Octofoil. The Octofoil, in behalf of the entire membership extends to the bereaved widow most humble and sincere sympathy in this her most trying hour. It is hoped some of Vic's old buddies will drop her a few lines and help cheer her up at this time.)

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MCKENZIE MAILED OUT OVER 75 LETTERS TO FORMER 26TH F.A. SERVICE CO. BUDDIES HE KNEW

Joe McKenzie, 95 Washington Ave., Waltham, Mass., mailed out 75 pieces of mail in mimeographed form just before the Nov. 6 date for the Memorial Mass in Worcester, Mass.

In his news letter boosting attendance for the Memorial Mass Joe had other news items, which included:

Change your records to read:

Anthony J. Ponticello, 930 Ridge Rd., Ambridge, Pa.

Joseph D. Mosier, 435 S. Yates St., Kankakee, Ill.

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

Robert F. Porter, 610 S. State St., Warren, Pa.

RETIREES YOUNG

George Wilkinson has retired as a postal clerk in the Concord, Mass. post office. How does a young fellow like him retire at such an early age? Walter Swenson knows how because he too has retired from Uncle Sam's postal service. Walt was a clerk in Boston's famed South Postal.

VISITS ITALY

Mrs. Louise Pergiovanni, wife of our Pergi, and her mother, visited Rome, Italy, this past summer. Pee Wee, as she is known to all ex-26ers, will have plenty to tell us at Worcester Nov. 6. A lot of the ex-26ers would like to know if she retraced her husbands steps through Cefalu, Tronina, Nicosia, Marsala, Palermo, etc.

Had a note from Kenneth Lorey Bland. The ex-corporal is now married and the father of two children.

IN OLD DOMINION STATE

If you travel south through Richmond, Va., call this number: BE. 3-8350. It will connect you with Truly G. Hammock, another man from Serv. Bty., 26th F.A. Truly has been married 13 years; has a 5-year-old boy, and works for Liggett & Myers. I made the call this past summer on our visit to Williamsburg. He lived too far up the road for a visit at that time.—1961—Detroit, Michigan, is your convention city—1961.—Joe McKenzie.

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9th Division "Paper"

Outfit Stays On Rolls

Clippings sent to The Octofoil advise that the Army has been cut back to 14 manned divisions and that the 9th Division at Fort Carson has been reduced to "zero strength."

Officials deny that the 9th, whose 17,000 men fought through Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France and Germany in World War II had been deactivated. But to all intents and purposes the 9th now is a paper division without a single man to carry the flag or its battle streamers.

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The Old Gray Mares . . . They Ain't What They Usta Be



A merry group of K Co. 47th Raiders, it was—pictured above at the Shoreham Hotel Washington (D.C.) 1960 Reunion. The "Raiders" confined raids while in Washington to appropriating any social libations found in the many rooms visited. The old 47th gang pictured, left to right are: Nat Valone, Rochester, N. Y.; Max Umansky, New York City; Captain Gordon "Red" Simpson, Lexington, Ky.; George Bastedo, Basbrouck Heights, N. J.; Ray Strall, Teaneck, N. J.; James Malley, North Bergen, N. J., and Richard Pestel, Secretary-Treasurer, Ohio Chapter, 1467 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

Wants to Get Books That Refer to 9th Div.

Louis Y. Kula, 3114 General Taylor, New Orleans 25, La., was advised by the Chief of Military History, Department of the Army to contact the Association for information about a list of books supposedly published and dealing with certain aspects of the Ninth Infantry Division. Secy. Quinn sent him the maps sought but the book "The Finel Thrust, the Ninth Infantry in Germany, Sept. 1944 to May, 1945, a History," there was no record on file in Secy. Quinn's office of any book by such a title. If there's any member who reads this request in position to give the Louisiana inquirer the information he desires, he will be grateful to hear from them.

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Joe Potosek Is Keeping His Dues 'Way Ahead

Joseph Potosek, former D Co. 47th lad, had his membership dues paid up until 1961—but to be sure that he stays in good standing money has just been received for 1961-1962-1963 dues. Joe sends his kindest regards to all his old buddies and would appreciate hearing from any of them.

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Henry Geisel Working For Pennsy Railroad

Henry Geisel writes from 242 S. 3d St., Lehigh, Pa., on Pennsylvania Railroad stationery and sends his dues with some nice things to say about The Octofoil. Henry also asks from letters from his old buddies in A. T. Co., 39th.

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JOHN FRIEL SENDS SOME NEWSY NOTES

It takes John C. Friel a long time to make up his mind to write, but when he does he sends in a newsy letter. John was with the 3rd Bn., 47th Regt. In a recent letter to Secy. Quinn he writes:

Dear Danny: I hear from some of the fellows once in a while—mostly Christmas cards. Had a letter from "Pop" Long several months ago, and Christmas cards from Orville Lonpher and Randall Martens. I heard indirectly from Walter Vincinelly this summer. I camped next to his neighbor in the mountains of West Virginia. He is in Masontown, Pa. He has a good job—supervisor in a coal mine.

You probably know that Hugh Burchell was killed in an auto accident in 1952.

I enjoy The Octofoil and hearing occasionally of the other fellows. Dan, you are doing a fine job from all I hear. Keep up the good work.

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Donates "8 Stars to Victory" to Library

In the last issue of The Octofoil a letter written to Secy. Quinn by Guerino V. Scuccimarrri was published. He is a patient at the VA Hospital in Montrose, N. Y. Secy. Quinn mailed the lad a copy of "8 Stars to Victory." He was quite proud of the volume, and in a card to Secy. Quinn he has this to say: "After showing the book to the other veterans in my ward I gave it to the librarians to read and had it stamped 'Government Property.' A wonderful gift. I hope some day I can repay you." The pride this boy has for the old outfit is certainly an inspiration to all.

MEMBERS DEMAND PRINTING OF ROSTER SHOWING NAMES OF THOSE WHO ATTENDED REUNION IN WASHINGTON AT THE SHOREHAM HOTEL

The following registration cards were sent to The Octofoil as copy for this issue. They are not classified by unit or arranged alphabetically. The printing in this form will at least satisfy the many demands that have been made for such a list to be published since the 1960 Reunion adjourned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoffmeyer, Deshler, Nebraska. 3rd Bat. Hq., 39th Infantry.

Simon Garber, 136 Capen St., Dorchester 24, Mass., Co. B, 15th Engr.

Thomas Merchant Gray, 73 Monmouth St., Brookline, Mass., 15th Engrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gurliaccio, 21 Lawrence St., North Wilmington, Mass., 34th Field Arty., Serv. Bty.

Tom Beers, 100 Woodlawn Ave., Baltimore, Md. Hqtr. Co., 15th Engrs.

Sal Trapani, 4733 Wyaconda Road, Rockville, Md. H Co., 39th Inf.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Carci, 6324 Kilmer St., Cheverly, Md. 2nd Bn., 39th Inf.

George N. Chekan, 5703 Galloway Drive, Oxon Hill, Md., 39th Inf., Co. C, 1st Bn.

John C. Mantegna, 2404 Ravenview Road, Timonium, Md. 9th Div. M.P.s.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Allison, 4516 N. Dittmar Rd., Arlington, Va. "B" Co., 15th Engrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cohen, 1412 Woodbine St., Alexandria, Va., 60th Regt., A Co.

Albert J. Willingham, 5106 Ashboro Dr., Alexandria, Va. Hq., 34th Field Arty.

Col. Frank L. Gunn, 6406 25th St., N., Arlington, Va. Hq. 2nd Bn., 39th.

Dr. Robert I. Miles, 3604 Monument Ave., Richmond, Va., 39th Medics.

Bill Martin, Box 991, Hamlet, N. C. Cannon Co., 60th.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Rankin, Mt. Holly, N. C. 15th Engrs.

Henry E. Royall, 105 Noble St., Chapel Hill, N. C., 60th Inf.

Ed T. Baker, Moorefield, W. Va., 9th Signal Co.

Bennie Gulick, Aldie, Va. Hq. Co., 39th Inf.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Craig, Oakton, Va. Div. Hqtr.

Stephen B. Grey, 2501 N. Underwood St., Arlington, Va., 9th Div. M. P.s.

Arthur J. Stenzel, 8949 215th St., Queens Village, 27, N. Y. Co. "B", 47th Regt.

Mr. and Mrs. William Zachman, 27 Kensington Ave., Massapequa, L. I. N. Y. 47th Inf., Co. H, 2nd Bn.

John J. Marcogliese, 936 Van Nest Avenue, N. Y., 62, N. Y. H Co., 47th.

George J. Apar, 330 Fairway Drive, Franklin Square, N. Y. Co. B, 47th.

Charles J. O'Connor, 631 11th St., Brooklyn 15, N. Y. 60th Inf. Regt., I Co., Canon Co.

Gerry E. Fasano, 294 Arlington Ave., Brooklyn 8, New York. Co. A, 15th Engrs.

Patrick J. Higgins, 144 E. Dean St., Freeport, L. I., N. Y. Co. D, 39th.

Harold Jacob, 240 Audubon Ave., New York City (33), Hqtr. Co., 3rd Bn., 39th Inf.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Miller, 6 Plover Lane, Levittown, L. I. 39th Inf. 3rd Bn., Hqtrs. Co.

Sam Spector, 101 Helen St., Binghamton, N. Y. B Co., 39th.

Nick Androvich, 352 50th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 39th Inf.

Arthur P. Paulus, 147-49 Huxley St., Rosedale, Queens, N. Y. "C" Co., 15th Engrs.

Richard D. Cooper, 156 Bay St., Glens Falls, N. Y. 39th Inf., "M" Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Pizzoferrato, 985 Potter Ave., Steubenville, Ohio. 39th, "H" Co.

Percy F. Rishel, 645 W. Main St., Geneva, Ohio. Hq., 2nd Bn., 47th.

James W. Rushlow, 2295 17th St., Wyandotte, Mich., L Co., 60th Inf.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bonkowski, 19941 Hickory St., Detroit 5, Michigan. 9th Recon.

Marcus Sciarappa, 1015 Grassmere Ave., Wanamassa, N. J. Btry. C., 26th F.A.

Louis A. Pandolfi, 35 Hay Ave., Nutley, N. J. C Bty., 60th F.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Al J. Cupprys, 1124 W. Kingshighway, Mt. Ephraim, N. J. 9th Div. M. P.s.

Emmett H. Schuette, 303 Liberty Ave., Hillsdale, N. J. "K" Co., 47th.

Robert L. Davis, 184 Academy Pl., Wilkes Barre, Pa., Co. I, 60th Inf.

John F. Laubach, 752 Cherry St., Bloomburg, Pa., Co. B, 9th Med. Bn.

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L. A. Johnson, 614 Ontario Ave., Renovo, Pa. 84th F.A.

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John Boden, P. O. Box 58, Chester, Pa. 26th F.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore C. Schmidt, 1803 Allen Lane, Abington, Pa. 26th F.A., Hqtrs.

Ralph H. Brown, 2806 S. 9th St., Arlington 4, Va. Co. C, 47th Inf.

Andrew Joseph Fiel, Jr., 121 Henry St., Portsmouth, Va. Co. B, 9th Med. Bn.

Carl W. Taylor, Danville, Va. Serv. Co., 47th.

William W. Crocker, 605 Fulton Ave., Falls Church, Va. Service Co., 60th Inf.

Walter F. Mezyk, 1109 St. Clair Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Hqtr., 47th Inf.

Denis McGrath, 174 No. Grove St., East Orange, N. J. E Co., 39th, Hqtr. 60th.

Bob Charles Roberts, 5300 Webster St., Philadelphia, Pa. Co. A, 15th Engrs.

James R. Burke, 2nd Bn., Hqtr. 39th.

Martin J. Bree, 2495 Dogwood Ave., East Meadow, L. I., N. Y. Svc. Co., 39th.

Peter F. Zullo, 287 Penn. Blvd., Linnbrook, Long Island, N. Y. 1st Bn. Hqtr. 39th.

William H. Marsh, 7716 Oxman Road, Hyattsville, Md. 34th F.A., "A" Btry.

John J. Kowalski, 1705 Tilton Dr., Silver Spring, Md. 709th Ordnance.

John H. Allen, Jr., 3916 Wendy Lane, Silver Spring, Md. F Co., 60th Regt.

W. J. Selckmann, Rt. 2, Box 160, Crownsville, Md. Hqtr. 2nd Bn. 47th.

Gordon H. Sympton, 766 Sherwood Dr., Lexington, Ky., Co. "K" 47th.

Byron Angell, Jr., 572 Smithfield Rd., B Co., 15th Engrs.

Rev. Gerald F. Rowan, 1504 No. Erie St., Wichita, Kans. 9th M.P.s.

Louis M. Connor, Churchton, Md. Defense Platoon, Hqtr. Co.

Charles L. Gill, 434 Old Trail, Baltimore 12, Md. Co. M, 39th Inf.

Ralph C. West, 956 Nicholas Dr., Laurel, Md. 9th Band.

Charles E. Sheridan, 3901 Falls Rd., Baltimore 11, Md. Saturday only for banquet (son), Co. K, 47th. Father is Honorary Member.

Steve Yuhasz, Jr., 5522 Newton St., Cheverly, Md. C Bty., 84th F.A. Bn.

Peter G. Maganelli, 6704 Hillendale Rd., Chevy Chase, Md. A Co., 15th Engrs.

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Thomas P. Shine, 4008 74th Place, Landover Hills, Md. G Co., 39th.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Tingley, 720 Thayer Ave., Silver Spring, Md. 9th Q.M.

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Steve Lelak, Venetia, Pa. 47th Inf.

George E. Kopac, 619 Remaby Ave., Springdale, Pa. 47th Med.

Frank I. Wyandt, 1423 East Elm St., Scranton, Pa. Co. A, 15th Engrs.

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Anthony J. Soprano, 713 Delaware Ave., Norwood, Pa. Co. A, 15th Engr.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Fox, 412 South Ave., Holmes, Pa. (parents of Jack O'Shea).

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Jack A. Dunlap, 703 Everglades Dr., Alexandria, Va. B Co., 39th.

Maj. Gen. John G. Van Houten, Fort Myer, Va. 60th Inf.

Raymond H. Gardner, Hiltons, Va. "H" Co., 47th Inf.

Samuel B. Ferguson, 1648 W. Grace, Richmond, Va. 9th Med. Bn.

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Al Sebock, 14211 Mackinaw, Chicago, Ill. 60th Inf., K Co.

John Clouser, 200 N. Elm St., Mt. Prospect, Illinois. Hq. Btry., 26th F.A. Bn.

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Frank Ozart, 2241 South Marshall Blvd., Chicago 23, Ill. Co. D, 47th.

Major John W. Miller, 1660 E. Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago 151, Ill. Co. F, 60th Inf.

Edward W. Machowski, 5931 N. W. Circle Ave., Chicago 31, Ill. 9th Med. Bn., Co. D.

Steve T. Dobrino, 6041 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago 30, Ill. Co. A, 15th Engrs.

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Kortas, 2333 Lockwood Ave., Chicago, Ill. Co. B, Hqtrs. Co., 60th.

Mike Belmonte, 3604 West Iowa, Chicago, Ill. Btry. A, 60th Field Bn.

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Oliver H. Carter, 7635 Walters Lane, S.E., Washington, D. C. Anti-Tank Co., 47th.

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Valentine S. DeMaria, 20 Rockmere Ave., Old Greenwich, Conn. 47th Regt. Hqtrs.

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Thomas J. Boyle, 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass. C Btry., 26th Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olsen, 389 Highland Ave., Randolph, Mass. Co. "G," 47th Inf.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. McGrath, 99 Edwards Rd., Green Harbor, Mass. Co. C, 15th Engrs.

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

Sydney Levinson, 38 Waumbek St., Roxbury, Mass. Co. B, 15th Engrs.

Joseph A. McKenzie, 95 Washington Ave., Waltham, Mass. Service Bty., 26th F.A.

Father Ed Connors, 353 Grove St., Worcester, Mass.

George J. Bundza, 138 Beaverbrook Pkwy., Worcester, Mass., Co. A, 15th Engrs.

John Brandi, 400 Buckeye St., Tiltonsville, O. Division Hq. Co.

Dale E. Smith, Rt. 1, Mt. Vernon, Ohio. 39th 2nd Bn. Med.

TOM BOYLE TURNS ON THE STEAM IN EFFORT TO AWAKEN NEW ENGLAND BACK-SLIDERS

Thomas Boyle, secretary of the New England Chapter and treasurer of the National Association, who lives at 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass., recently sent out an urgent appeal to former Ninth men in the New England area to get the lead out of the seats of their breeches and get activity and interest aroused again in Association affairs. Secretary Quinn advises the effect of Tom's letter is beginning to soak in and results are noticeable.

TO THE POINT

Parts of the letter reads: Dear Comrade: The 1959-1960 year was a wonderful year for the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Membership increased and the Association operated within the bounds of its income. In fact, the organization is a few dollars richer after this last year. However, the New England Chapter was not as active during this same time. The 1960-61 season will start this fall and the New England Chapter should start this one with enthusiasm.

FITZPATRICK LIVING IN BLUEGRASS COUNTRY

Well, Suh, Howard Fitzpatrick is located in Louisville, Ky., living at 1310 Vine Drive, and works for General Electric in that Kentucky metropolis. He asks The Octofoil to extend an invitation to any and all former Ninth men who may be passing through Louisville to look him up. He is especially anxious to hear from some of his old buddies who were in Hqtrs. Co. 2nd Bn., 47th Inf. Anti-Tank Platoon. Howard gave The Octofoil a "shot in the arm" with his kind remarks about the Association's "official gazette."

McKenzie Family Spent Most Enjoyable Week

A letter from Joe McKenzie, 95 Washington Ave., Waltham, Mass., dated way back on Sept. 15, written after his return from the Washington Reunion contains some interesting notes about his rambling around the nation's capital during, after and before the Reunion. Parts of that letter read:

Another convention of the great Ninth Infantry Division Association is now but a memory. A pleasing memory for those who were there and an unpleasant memory for those who stayed away from the best summer weather our Nation's capital has had in years.

Rain fell a few times early in the morning when all were asleep. One afternoon rain fell for about one hour. A light shower lasting about three minutes did not dampen or delay the ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. With all of the rain everyone always looked their best in their summer prints.

The McKenzie family enjoyed a full week visiting many of the attractions that bring millions of tourists to Washington every year. Most of the buildings are air conditioned. The well informed guides who conduct tours are a credit to the millions of civil servants throughout the country. We spent two days just looking at the wonders in the National Art Gallery, the Smithsonian Institute and the United States National Museum.

As long as we were so far south and not knowing when we might be going that way again we went to Colonial Williamsburg. It was a hurried trip but we enjoyed it. If you plan to go make arrangements to stay at least two days.—Joe McK.

Huff Visited In Now



Edgar Huff is the head repairman at the Spartanburg, S. C. Refrigeration Co., 414 E. Main St., Spartanburg, S. C. Ed.—another Co. B, 15th Engr. buddy Arthur Schmidt visited while on his recent extended around the circuit tour, posed in front of the plant for this picture with Art.

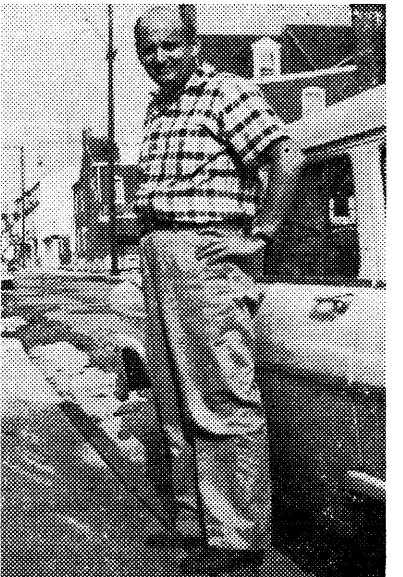
NEWSY

Many of us attended the Reunion last July and would like to meet with you and pass along what took place. The Shoreham Hotel was a perfect host. My room looked like a ball park, it was so big. The new president is Frank Ozart of Illinois; the First Vice President is Vince Guigliemini of New York, the Second Vice, Richard Pestel, Columbus, and the Third Vice President is our own Vic Campisi. Ed McGrath was elected to a 3-year term on the Board and I have been re-elected to the Office of Treasurer.

As Treasurer I can assure you our organization is in excellent condition, but we still must solicit dues and new members. If you wish, dues may be paid through this chapter and dues received now are for the year 1961.

With a spark plug like Tom Boyle in action it's a good bet that those New England lads will be in there pitching like they were doing a few years back—before many moons.

Al Fraind In Allentown



Almost back to the Sidewalks of New York Art Schmidt left the Pennsylvania Turnpike and beat it over by Allentown, Pa., where he contacted another former Co. B, 15th Engr. man, Al Fraind, pictured above, who lives at 933 N. 5th St., Allentown, Pa.

"Smitty" Still In the Army—Dad Remembers The 9th Div.

Every year about this time the Association can depend on getting a letter from Mr. J. W. Smith, Rt. 1, Butler, Pa., which reads as follows: Dear Danny: You will find enclosed a money order for \$4.00 for my son's 1961 dues in the Ninth Infantry Division Association. The name is Wrignold J. Smith. He is still in the Army. Send me his 1961 card so I can be sure that it is mailed to his correct address.

Evidently that lad has told "the old man" what a jam-up outfit the Ninth was and Dad intends keeping Junior paid up and in good standing.

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Shoot An Azimuth For Sam Feightner's Home

Any former 9th men motoring through the Northern part of Ohio should take time out to visit with Sam Feightner, Rt. 1, Loudonville, Ohio. But they should read carefully the directions he sent some old buddies in Columbus on how to locate his place. It may be a bit of trouble to locate but the scenery in those parts is beautiful and Sam's hospitality blends in perfectly. Parts of his letter with travel instructions reads:

Mr. Richard Pestel, Columbus, Ohio.

Hello Dick: Received your letter. I was looking for you, son. Was afraid you wouldn't be able to find me. I really live closer to Ashland, Ohio (9 miles), it's 11 miles to Loudonville. The little community I live in is called Widowville, on State Rt. 511. Rt. 511 runs from Route 39 near Perrysville to Ashland. When you get to Loudonville at the corner on Rt. 3 and juncture with Rt. 39—take 39 to Perrysville and north until you cross Rt. 511. Turn right on Rt. 511 on a curve—follow 511 to Widowville. Signs are down (about four miles from Route 39). Widowville is a small village. Anyone can direct you to my place after you get there. Regards to all former Ninth men. I hope to be in Columbus for a visit soon and to meet a lot more of the group then. As ever—Sam.

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MORE NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING REUNION

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Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mysyk, 12604 Darlington, Garfield Heights, O. Co. G, 60th Inf.

Harry S. Sager, 306 W. 4th St., Fostoria, Ohio. Hqtrs. Co., 2nd Bn., 60th Regt., 9th Div.

Paul S. Plunkett, 52 E. Lynn St., Columbus, Ohio. Co. B, 60th Inf.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard O. Pestel, 1467 Livingston Ave., Columbus 5, Ohio. Co. K, 47th Inf.

Mrs. Tippiie Hammond, 286 Zimpfer St., Columbus, Ohio. Guest, Mr. and Mrs. Pestel, K Co. 47th.

Frank S. Chatto, 9104 Kennedy Ave., Cleveland, O. Co. C, 47th Inf.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Long, 517 Bayfair Dr., Bay Village, O. 47th Med. Bn.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogert D. Schaeffer, 1664 Sunset Ave., Akron 19, Ohio. 3rd Bn., 60th Inf.

Dr. Jay P. Roller, 4301 Schrubbs Dr., Dayton 29, Ohio. 9th Med. Bn.—39th Inf.

Louis M. Prince, 8895 Spooky Hollow, Cincinnati 42, Ohio. 60 F.A. Bn.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn O. Moore, 920 Pleasant Ridge Ave., Columbus, O. "L" Co., 39th Regt.

Dominick Greco, 403 Highland St., Tiltonsville, O. 60th Field Arty.

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

Louis Almasy, 70 Park Terrace East, New York 34, N. Y. Co. D, 39th Inf.

William M. Kreye, 337 20th St., Brooklyn 15, N. Y. 1st Bn. 39th Inf.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael McInerney, 505 E. 87th St., New York 28, N. Y. Co. I, 39th Inf. (Gold Star parents.)

Roger E. Marion, 8 E. 8th St., New York, N. Y. 39th Inf.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin A. Murell, 434 Warren St., Hudson, N. Y. 39th Medics.

Lindsey Nelson, 556 Scarsdale Rd., Tuckahoe, N. Y. Div. Hqtrs.

Thomas F. Orband, 29 Delmar St., Binghamton, N. Y. Cannon Co., 39th.

Harry Orenstein, 640 E. 139th St., Bronx 54, N. Y. 9th Q.M. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schacor, 2206 Brookside Ave., Wantagh, L. I., N. Y. 39th Inf. Serv. Co.

Maj. Gen. William C. Westmoreland, Commandant, U. S. Military Academy, West Point. Div. Arty., Ch. of Staff, Div. Hq.

Joseph R. Coppolini, 13 Fountain Ave., Albany, N. Y. Co. G, 60th Inf.

Dominic Miele, 853 Southern Blvd., Bronx 59, N. Y. 47th Inf., "M" Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mele, 1826 Hunt Ave., Bronx, N. Y. 47th Inf., Co. "H."

Alfred Orletti, 990 Arnov Ave., Bronx 69, N. Y. Co. H, 47th Inf.

Edward J. Egan, 355 Rutland Rd., Brooklyn, N. Y. Cannon Co., 47th.

Arthur R. Schmidt, 6920 69th St., Brooklyn 27, N. Y. Co. B, 15th Engrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kupkowski, 27 N. Gazelle, Dunkirk, N. Y. Cannon Co., 47th Inf.

BASINGSTOKE, ENGLAND FRIENDS SEND GREETINGS TO THEIR 9TH DIVISION BOYS

Dick Pestel, staff writer for The Octofoil and secretary-treasurer of the Ohio Chapter, is in receipt of a beautiful brochure from Basingstoke, England. Accompanying the folder was a nice letter from Ella Goulden, asking that she and her family be remembered to their 9th Division friends.

A beautiful page picture of the Late-Perpendicular Parish Church prefaces the booklet. Other pictures show a drawing of the Market Place in 1841 and as it appears today; the peaceful Memorial Park, post office and museum and the impressive War Memorial. The bombed section of Basingstoke just opposite the parish church as been turned in the beautiful Garden of Remembrance, which is a most impressive scene. All the views bring back fond memories including a view of town from the

Town Hall clock tower and busy Winchester St.

Ella also sent large post card views of Church St., London St., Wote St., and St. Michael's Church. She also enclosed a beautiful booklet of photos from Winchester. Pestel promises to bring all these photos to Detroit for the boys to see when they attend the 1961 Reunion.

The only request Dick made that was turned down when he wrote his most recent letter to Ella Goulden was his request for the address of some of his old girl friends there. Ella advised him most all, if not all of them, had now changed their names through marriage from the names "Poor Richard" knew.

A letter from any former Ninth man to Mrs. William T. Sutherland, The Star Inn, Castle St., East Cowes, Isle of Wight, England, will be appreciated.

CARSON-TAYLOR TAPE RECORDING RECEIVED

Again, thanks to the perseverance of The Octofoil's old standby, Wilton M. Taylor, former 47th man, now of Lost Hills, Calif., Star Route, Stop 6, members of the Association in reunion in Washington were able to hear a tape recording from Fort Carson, Colo. It was an impressive Retreat Ceremony made by the Ft. Carson 60th Inf. unit. The Association has the P.R.O. officer at Fort Carson, Major Norbert J. Wayne to thank for the recording as well as Taylor, whose correspondence with the major resulted in the tape recording being made.

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SAM FERGUSON LOOKING FOR SOME OF HIS BUDDIES

Samuel B. Ferguson, Box 6003, Richmond 22, Va., was at the Washington Reunion, and is still trying to locate some of his old buddies from Co. D, 47th Regt. A couple of buddies Sam was in combat with that he is most desirous of locating were wounded in Germany and he hasn't heard from them since then. The two former D Co. 47th men Sam is especially anxious to locate were named Miller and Naylor. Maybe with this meager information some member may be able to help Sam. If so, drop him a card at once. He'd also like to locate Pfc. Fuller, Co. D, 47th, and Sgt. Tommy Fossman.

IT'S MAJOR CLYDE FOWLER ... REMEMBERS OLD GANG

Major Clyde Fowler was a sergeant with the 47th Regt. He received a commission in France and was transferred to the 2d Bn., 60th. He is now station at Brooks Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. In a recent letter in Secretary Quinn Major Fowler writes:

Dear Danny: A few weeks back I came across your name and address in one of the Army magazines referring to the dates and places of Division Reunions and persons to contact concerning the reunions. Seeing your name brought memories of the old gang and our travels of over 15 years ago.

Glad to know the 9th Division Reunions are still being conducted. I know you have contributed much of your time and effort in keeping it alive. Somewhere along the line I fell by the wayside like so many of the other "backsliders."

LIKES THE ARMY

As you can see by the address, I am still in the Army and have enjoyed my stay in the Army. After leaving the Ninth I had a six-month assignment in New Orleans and then was assigned to Fort Sill, Okla. for over six years. Then I had a short tour of 7 months in Korea in 1952; then transferred to Japan, where my family joined me. Then I had a two-year tour here at Fort Sam and then a tour in Germany '56-'59, and then back to Fort Sam Houston. Had my family with me in Germany and visited every country that we were allowed to. A wonderful tour of duty.

I showed my boys many places we covered during the war. It was quite different from when we made it before. The boys had hundreds of questions to ask about what we did and why. While in England on leave I visited Helen and Bill Sutherland on the Isle of Wight. They have a "Pub" very similar to the "Peaceful Home," Alresford. We talked about old times over glasses of "biters." Darts are still the game of the day and I couldn't help but participate in a game. She said she used to hear from Goldsmith once or twice a year plus at Christmas time.

Do you ever run into Harold Joffe, Bob Ruffolo or any of the old gang? My wife, Dorothy, is fine, and is kept busy with the two boys, Calloway, 11, and Don, 10.

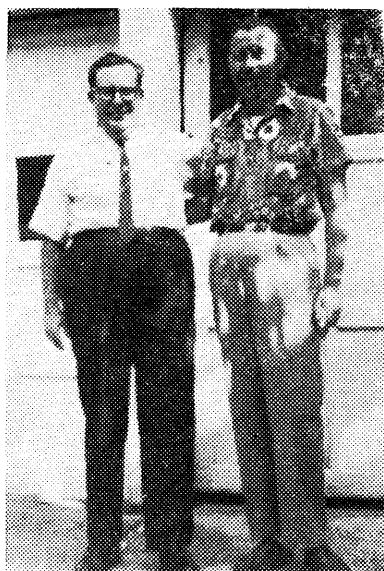
RETIRING

The end of December I will complete 20 years' service and will retire with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Deciding where to settle down is a problem. Right now I think we will settle in California—between Los Angeles and San Diego.

Major Fowler would be glad to hear from any of the old gang.

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Old Dominion State Lad



Joseph Allison (on right), a former Co. B, 15th Engr man, resides at 4516 N. Dittmar Rd., Arlington, Va. Joe and his guest, Art Schmidt, are pictured in front of the family garage in Arlington.

This Is a Small World For Former 9th Men

The Octofoil's Staff Writer, Ohio Chapter Secretary-Treasurer Richard "Dick" Pestel is quite a "tinkerer" with all kinds of gadgets out on the Pestel El Rancho, near Columbus, O. He recently sent one of his sabre saws to the John Oster Manufacturing Co., 5021 N. Lydell Ave., Milwaukee 17, Wisc. for some repair work. He wrote a letter to the company on Ninth Division stationery. When the saw was returned, a note was attached to the repair invoice "No charges, signed Richard Kullner, foreman parts and service, formerly E Co., 39th Regt., Ninth Infantry Division."

TAYLOR CLAN TAKE IN THE BEAUTIFUL SIGHTS FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO MISSOURI

All during the month of October The Octofoil was receiving beautiful post cards from all the states between California and Missouri. The cards were signed by Wilton and Juanita Taylor, Stop 6, Star Route, Lost Hills, Calif. Taylor is a former 47th man. He is originally from the Lone Star state of Texas; Juanita is a former Missourian. They were on an extended vacation. The views sent from Lake Jackson in Wyoming were really beautiful.

The descriptive letters and cards about the cool nights, luscious fruit, wild animals, big herds of cattle and all the other sights was just like being on that safari down through the valleys and over the mountains, and then across the plains, taking in God's wide open country at a time of year it is at its best.

Coming back via Texas, Arizona

and New Mexico Taylor was able to visit with his brother who is a 20-year Armed Forces man.

A visit to Fort Worth and the home of Wilton's mother and sister was made before moving on to Wichita Falls for a visit with another brother.

WALDRON THANKS 'EM

Upon arriving back in California Taylor learned that "Blackie" Waldron had returned and his address is W. D. Waldron, 600 Washington St., Dildale, Calif. Waldron wants to extend thanks to members of the Greater Michigan Chapter for kindnesses shown him while he was hospitalized near Detroit. Waldron asks for his old buddies to drop him a card now and then to the address given above, which is a suburb of Bakersfield, Calif.

CHAPTER SPIRIT IS ON THE MOVE ... UPWARD

A memorandum from Secretary Quinn shortly after the Washington Reunion read: "I don't know what happened at Washington, but something started the Chapters to really start rolling. That is Philadelphia and New England. Ohio has been active, likewise New York and Michigan. But some of the other Chapters had really slipped. It only takes a few members to get the fire started. Of course it's a load of hard work but when he returns come in it is well worth the efforts. Jerry Nothman of Philadelphia wrote and asked for a list of the members in that area. I am going to run him off the entire list I have. Tom Boyle enclosed a copy of a letter he sent to 200 members in New England. It's a good sign to see this activity. After all the chapters are the lifeline of the National Association."

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Endorses H. R. 11318

The Ninth Infantry Division Association never dabbles in politics of any nature. The action taken at the Washington Reunion can in no sense of the word be interpreted as of any political significance. But the members assembled in Washington did go on record as unanimously endorsing the passage of H. R. No. 11318.

This House Resolution is a bill to permit the recomputation of retired pay for personnel of those services retired prior to June 1, 1958.

Gen. Frank Hart (Ret.), U. S. Marine Corps, asked the 9th Division veterans in Washington to endorse the proposition for Equalization of Retired Pay for the Uniformed Services. It had previously been endorsed by the 3rd, 4th and 5th Marine Divisions. The resolution as adopted by the Ninth Division Association brought out the fact that there was no basis for the gross discrimination being practiced against retired personnel who retired prior to June 1, 1958.

Many of our own Ninth members have been affected by this discriminatory practice and it might be well for members of the Association to contact their Congressmen and Senators and let them know that the Ninth Infantry Division Association repudiates the discriminatory tactics and strongly supports enactment of H. R. 11318.

Brig. Gen. John E. Elmore, U.S.A. (Ret.), and Col. C. W. Yuill, U.S.A. (Ret.), have both thanked the Association for its cooperative and understanding position in this matter.

Bob Beebe Writes

Robert H. (Bob) Beebe writes from 5621 Astoria Place, Orlando, Fla. He sends regards to all his old buddies from Co. K, 47th, especially Max Umanski, George Bastedo, Dick Pestel, etc.

Bob's old stamping ground was in and around Paterson, Jersey City and way stops in between until 1955 and he caught the Florida fever. But he still wants to remain a member of the Greater New York Chapter.

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NICE REUNION PHOTOS

Dominick Miele, Box 1108, General Postoffice, New York, N. Y., secretary of the Greater New York Chapter, has sent The Octofoil several prints of shots made during the Washington Reunion. These include views of the band in front of the Shoreham, memorial services views, and after banquet candid shots. As soon as the space is available in The Octofoil some of the photos will be used. It's guys like Miele who keep The Octofoil a going institution—along with their chapters and our national association. Thanks, Dom.

EARL DUNCAN DOES A BIT OF SEARCHING

Earl Duncan, Rt. 1, Humboldt, Tenn., former 1st Bn. 39th Medics, sends The Octofoil a photo of some 22 of his old outfit taken in England March 24, 1944, which it is hoped space will be available for use before long. Along with the photo Earl sent some old clippings about the outfit, quotes from the clippings will no doubt revive fond memories in the minds of many.

SERVICE PLAQUE

One clipping referred to the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque to the Medical Detachment of the AAA-O 39th Regt., covering the period from 1 Sept. 1944 to 1 Nov. 1944 during which time the Detachment then under the command of Major Jay P. Roller rendered invaluable assistance and displayed superior performance of duty under extremely adverse and trying conditions.

"The morale, efficiency and loyal devotion to duty of this organization upholds the highest traditions of the military service," stated the citation.

CRACK DIVISION

Another clipping Duncan sent is a reminder of those unforgettable days and nights. Brief but to the point:

A brief European itinerary of this crack infantry division follows:

June 18: Cut Cherbourg, Penninsula near Barneville.

June 25: Entered Cherbourg and became one of three divisions to help take the port.

July 1: Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley announced the 9th had mopped up all remaining resistance on Cap de la Hague.

July 25: Cut St. Lo-Periers road. Aug. 28: Crossed Marne River and swept through Chateau-Thierry.

Sept. 2: Recon troops entered Belgium near Mommignies at 11:07 A.M. Infantry regiment crossed border later the same morning.

Sept. 5: Infantry crossed Meuse River south of Dinant under fire.

Sept. 13: Troops moved into Germany south of Roetgen.

Sept. 14: Infantry regiment then breached Siegfried Line, advancing through both first and second-line defenses.

Sept. 20: Holding positions along Siegfried Line against mortar and artillery barrages, moving into new pillboxes in some sectors.

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DICK O'CONNOR LAPS UP CALIFORNIA SUN

Dick O'Connor's new address is 9567 Bluford Ave., Whittier, Calif. He misses the old Hudson County, New York gang, but that guy is living it up out there. He writes about the 3-bedroom and two-baths "den" he's living in, located near his golf course, if you please where he plays 11 months out of the year. He's almost on the Freeway and just a few miles from Disneyland. Dick is still with the A&P Tea Co. He and two of the youngsters drove out to California two years ago. Mrs. O'Connor following with the other three after settling up affairs in Hudson County, New York.

The O'Connors are planning a trip back East for their 1961 vacation and hope to get back during the '61 Reunion. He wants to hear from any former Ninth men who might be living anywhere near his address.

Evidently this Irishman has adjusted himself to the ways of the Quakers in Vice-President Nixon's balliwick and in all probability will soon be one of the town squares.

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An old man walking down a street saw a small boy crying, and asked, "Little boy, what are you crying about?" The little boy said, "I'm crying because I can't do what the big boys do." So the old man sat down alongside and also cried.