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DETROIT HAS 'BESTEST' AND 'MOSTEST'

165 Models of Autos Shown On One Floor



Former Ninth Division men and their families have much to look forward to when they visit Detroit for the Reunion on July 27-28-29. Greenfield Village has the world's greatest collection of Americana. One may browse through actual houses, shops, schools and public buildings where history has been written. In the adjacent 14-acre Henry Ford Museum are spread out fully stocked shops, the tools and machines, the furniture and household implements which made up the way of life of our fathers and grandfathers. Photo above shows part of the collection of over 165 early automobiles in the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. The oldest is a Roper Steam Carriage, built in 1865.—Photo courtesy Detroit Convention Bureau.

FATHER CONNORS IS MAKING PLANS FOR NOV. 5th SERVICES

When Father Ed Connors attended the flag presentation ceremony in the executive offices of Governor Otto Kerner of Illinois, he kept himself busy passing out those well-known Connors' Coffee Shop cards with the large Octofoil printed on them—and announcing, of course, his plans for the impressive Memorial Services that will be held in Worcester, Mass. on November 5, 1961.

Father Ed will no doubt furnish The Octofoil full details about plans for this event as the program begins to shape up.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

"Ole Sarge" Budrick Consults Veterinarian About His Toothache

Steve Budrick, the "Old Sarge," 21 Union Ave., South River, N. J., always gets in under the wire with some bit of news for The Octofoil. In his most recent letter he sent pictures of Maj. Gen. Westmoreland entertaining West Point's oldest living graduate, Retired Maj. Gen. Henry Clay Hodges. Gen. Hodges graduated from the Point in 1881.

Sarge closed his letter by apologizing for not being in attendance at the last New York Chapter meeting. Claims he visited a "horse doctor" and had some work done on his teeth.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

Al Fessenden Sends His Regards to 60th Boys

Al Fessenden writes from Jamestown, N. Y., Box 487, extending best wishes to his old buddies in Co. E, 60th Regt. Al apologizes for not having been more active heretofore—just a dues paying member, he says. But plans to devote some time hereafter for the betterment of the Association.

—Send 1961 DUES in Today—

JOHN J. CLOUSER PROPOSES ACTION

Much controversy has existed at the last two Reunion business sessions because of the interpretations relative to action taken some years ago regarding the number of members that could be elected on the Board of Governors from any one chapter.

Secretary Quinn has endeavored to get an opinion from the Judge Advocate that might expedite the matter. Again he has run up against an opinion that the action could be interpreted two different ways. This was discussed at the Pittsburgh session of the Board of Governors.

In order to get something concrete before the delegation to vote on—pro or con—John J. Clouser, of the Illinois Chapter, a former National President of the Association, has sent to The Octofoil for publication a proposition that he will introduce at the Detroit Reunion. It was the unofficial opinion of many Board members that for the matter to be legally acted on the forthcoming Reunion the members should be notified in advance of the proposed action. Here is the resolution that the past President will present at the Detroit meeting:

"Be It Resolved, That the By Laws of the Ninth Infantry Division Association be amended by adding section 6A, which shall read:

"No Chapter shall have more than three members on the Board of Governors."

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

Bob Lynch Hopes to See Reconn Buddies in Detroit

Bob Lynch writes from 2103 11th St., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. He is a former 9th Recon. man and parts of his letter reads:

"See you all in Detroit July 27th. I hope to see many of the fellows from the 9th Recon in Detroit."

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

Suburbia is where the houses are further apart and the payments are closer together.

Reunion Pictures and Minutes Will Be Big Feature Next Issue

For those who were unfortunate and unable to attend the big Reunion in Detroit The Octofoil will attempt to heal the sore spots by printing many inches of text material in the next issue that will give in detail the proceedings of Board meetings and the convention as a whole as recorded by Secretary Dan Quinn. As many photos as the budget will allow will be published also. The members are asked to be a little patient and not expect an issue the next day after the Reunion. The editor gets out of Detroit on July 29 and heads for Dallas, Tex. as a delegate representing Columbus Typographical Union at an International Convention—and from Dallas he will go straight to Miami, Fla., for the national encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Upon returning to Columbus, O., work will be started immediately on the Octofoil issue that will bring Reunion reports in full to the members.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

Attorney Grooms Herron Might Attend Reunion

Grooms Herron's old buddies will be glad to know that he is doing well as a practicing attorney in the town of Dresden, Tenn. In a letter to Secretary Quinn, dated April 20, he writes:

Dear Mr. Quinn: Enclosed find a check for my dues.

Since leaving the division after being wounded at Dinant, Belgium, I spent 10 months and 22 days in army hospitals in England and the states and, upon being discharged, returned to my home in Dresden, Tenn. My two pre-Pearl Harbor children are now practically grown and the younger of them will be married the last day of this month. I have acquired, since my discharge, two boys, now aged 7 and 4. I have also attended law school and been admitted to the practice of law and, since 1954, have been engaged in the practice on the South Side of Court Square in Dresden.

REMEMBERS OLD BUDDIES

Sometime after we all returned home, I drove by and saw Hardin from Woodlawn, Texas; Smith, who was originally from Nashville, Ark., but was at the time I saw him, working in Little Rock, and James Lather of Wilkensburg, Pa. I would be very much interested in attending the reunion this year if those boys or anyone else who served with Co. F, 39th, between July 24 and Sept. 4, 1944 plans to attend. Some of the other boys whom I especially remember and would like to see are Becker, from Chicago; Sgt. Kohler, the medic whom we called "Guinea," Walsh, who was hard of hearing, the "Chink," Sgt. Carbone, or anyone else who remembers me.

I joined the 39th as a replacement at the time St. Lo was bombed and only lasted until Dinant. I was slightly wounded in August of the same shell that killed Lt. Roberts, my platoon leader.

Would very much like to hear from any of my old buddies and if any of them can make the reunion, I will also attend.

With every good wish to the division, I remain—Your very truly—Grooms Herron.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

SHE WAS BED-RIDDEN

Anthony: I want to see Cleopatra. Slave: She's in bed with laryngitis. Anthony: Damn those Greeks!

TIME FOR DETROIT REUNION GETTING MIGHTY NEAR; THERE'S GONNA BE A "HOT TIME IN THAT OLD TOWN"

"Hold the press," yelled Joe Casey. Those words come clear and loud over a long distance telephone line connecting Detroit, Mich. with Columbus, Ohio. The printers were ready to hang "30" (finished) on the forms and let the big presses start rolling 'em off. But a stop order was issued until after the Detroit Chapter's Friday night (June 9 meeting), which incidentally lasted until 3 A.M. Saturday. Two special delivery envelopes filled with latest plans for the 1961 Reunion were received by The Octofoil within a few hours after the meeting—plus another long distance call from the dynamic little Irishman.

STILL TIME TO GET AN AD IN THE PROGRAM

Attention is called to the box on page 2 of The Octofoil, which gives rates for space in the beautiful colored souvenir program the Detroit Chapter is publishing. July 1 was the deadline date set for accepting ads. There is still time to get in a display ad or just a booster \$1 ad. Send ad copy and money to Joseph Casey, 5415 Joy Rd., Detroit 4, Mich.

CONTACT THE HOTEL

Many members do not care to tear out the coupons from their Octofoils. Those who keep Octofoil files intact can easily send a letter containing the information asked for in the Hotel Sheraton-Cadillac reservation blank. Take care of that little detail TODAY. It's later than you think—July 27, 28 and 29 will be here before many realize it.

THE 1961 REUNION PROGRAM—

Thursday, July 27—Registration—All Day—Founder's Foyer, 4th Floor. 8:00 P.M.—Rendezvous—Founder's Room, Fourth Floor.

Friday, July 28th schedule—Registration—All Day—Founder's Foyer, Fourth Floor.

10 A.M.—General Business Meeting—Founder's Room, Fourth Floor.

10:30 A.M.—Committee Meetings—Fifth Floor—Designated Rooms.

WALK FOR LADIES, CHILDREN

12:30 P.M. (SHARP) — Walking Tour—Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Michigan.

1:30 P.M.—Final General Business Meeting—Founder's Room, Fourth Floor.

9:00 P.M.—Informal Dance and Rendezvous — Founder's Room — Fourth Floor.

Saturday, July 29 Schedule—10:00 A.M. SHARP—Parade and Memorial Service.

Registration, All Day — Founder's Foyer, Fourth Floor.

Sightseeing—Maps, Compass—Dynamic Detroit.

Slide-shows — Armchair Tours — Detroit and Germany.

7:00 P.M. SHARP — BANQUET — GRAND BALLROOM.

SHARP translated means police-man with Stop Watch.

Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel—J. F. K. slept here!

Downtown Detroit — Waterfront civic center.

Two airports — Expressways to Civic Center—Three Railroad stations. Marinas for Canoes, Cabin Cruisers, Yachts and Ocean Steamers. Come by LAND! Come by AIR! Come by SEA! But Get to Detroit on July 27th.

STRIP TICKETS—\$12.50

The \$12.50 strip ticket package deal includes registration, the 8:00 P. M. Thursday Informal Rendezvous; the 9:00 P.M. Friday Informal Dance and Rendezvous — climaxed with the terrific banquet and interesting program Saturday at 7:00 P.M.—followed by a dance—with music that'll be absolutely "tops."

'Tis a \$17.50 value that's broken down and let go for \$12.50!

Bring the wife, mother, daughters, sons, dad, brothers, sisters — and friends as special guests.

REGRETS

The Michigan Chapter regrets very much that the final general business meeting Friday afternoon interferes with the previously planned tour of the Ford Rouge plant. But, any visitor will be informed by Michigan Chapter M.P. Detachment as to the shortest, fastest and best way to return from the Ford Rouge plant to the Sheraton Cadillac command post.

(The Reunion Program does not provide for a STOCKADE for the A.W.O.L.s who just happen to get lost Friday afternoon, in any manner becoming a visitor.)

IT'S NOT A HIKE

The Walking Tour of Greenfield Village for ladies and children Friday afternoon does not mean a "20-Mile Hike," but an Expressorama bus ride Over the Hill out to the neighbor city of Dearborn—to stroll in and around a village that is "OUT OF" (but not "in" the Twentieth Century!) Comfortable shoes should be brought along and plenty of film for the cameras. This beautifully landscaped village where early history and American folklore comes to life is a real treat.

ALL EGGS IN ONE BASKET

Many members remember the guys who got three-day passes to London or some place and spent three months pay in three days—all in the first hotel that did not resemble a pup tent. The Detroit Chapter doesn't want anyone attending the 1961 reunion to get stymied in one place. There's so much to see that it can't be seen in many times three days. So good old John Korobko is doing the next best thing and showing on the screen a few of the thousands of beautiful spots in Michigan, including the spot where John didn't let that big fish get away from him—but has photographic proof that he landed a 17-inch brook trout and is awaiting his well earned award for the feat.

ARMCHAIR TOUR

During the Armchair Tour scenes taken in Germany at the Brussel's World Fair a couple of years ago, will be seen. Betty Rumenapp will be the producer, exhibitor and programmer for these slides for the benefit of any who might be unable to take the "Red Cross Conducted Tour" of one of the world's attractions—the Dynamic City of Detroit.

Bob Rumenapp, the genial secretary of the Michigan Chapter, and his wife, Betty, have worked faithfully with the Reunion Committee to assure a good time for everyone who attends this annual Reunion.

BETTY'S BROTHER TAKES NUPTIAL VOWS

In a letter to The Octofoil after the Pittsburgh Board meeting Betty Rumenapp advises that she and Bob drove all night to reach Detroit by 7:30 A.M. so as to attend a wedding reception at 1:00 P.M. for Betty's brother who had gotten married (Continued on Page 2)

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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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RATES FOR SPACE IN 1961 MICHIGAN PROGRAM

Chapters or individual members who desire space in the beautifully color printed program to be produced by the 1961 Reunion Committee should write to the Program Chairman . . . JOSEPH T. CASEY, 5415 Joy Rd., Apt. 402, Detroit, Michigan. Rates for space in the Program are as follows:

Full page advertisement	\$25.00
Half page advertisement	\$15.00
One-fourth page	\$10.00
One-eighth page	\$ 5.00
One-sixteenth page	\$ 2.50
Boosters (individual's name only)	\$ 1.00
Inside front cover	\$30.00
Inside back cover	\$30.00
Back outside cover	\$35.00

Sheraton-Cadillac Reservations

It isn't too early for members to start sending reservations to the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel for the 1961 Reunion. Be sure and state the reservation is for the Ninth Infantry Division's 1961 Reunion. Fill in the blanks below and mail TODAY:

Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel
Detroit, Mich.

Please make the following reservations for the undersigned:

Name

Street Address

City State

I will arrive on..... about.....(P.M.) (A.M.)

and will check out on.....

Check which (X)

Single room and bath, per day \$7.....

Double or twin bedroom and bath, \$10.....

Three adults in a twin bedroom and bath for \$3.50 extra for roll-away bed. Children under 14 years of age in rooms at no additional cost.

Bill Keller Bivouaced In the Buckeye State

William W. Keller, a former 39th G.I., is now living in Mechanicsburg, Ohio. Bill sends in his dues and says the great Ninth Infantry Division Association must always carry on and on and on. He was with the outfit in Africa and Sicily.

—PAY '61 DUES NOW—

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Reporter: "To what do you attribute your old age?"

95-year-old woman: "I've eaten moderately, I work hard, I do not smoke or drink and I keep good hours."

Reporter: "Have you ever been bedridden?"

Old Woman: "Yes, sure I have but don't put that in the paper."

DETROIT STORY

(Continued from Page 1)
while Bob and Betty were in Pittsburgh, Pa.

And aside from the above bit of news, between the Rumenapps and Joe Casey The Octofoil has enough historical data about Detroit to fill many volumes. It is all interesting and if space permitted printing even parts of the material it would create a mighty temptation for the Association members and their wives to stretch their visit to Detroit out into many additional days.

BUCKEYE INQUIRING

Leo G. Matz, 343 31st St., N.W., Barberton, O., is in direct contact with the Detroit committee and is making definite plans to arrive in Detroit early and stay late.

BILL ANDREWS ATTENDS THE CHAPTER MEETINGS

Bill Andrews is vice president of the Michigan Chapter. His home is near Grand Rapids—5780 Alpine, N.W., Comstock Park, Mich. It's quite a long haul to get to Detroit. But Bill has missed only two meetings during the past 12 months. The lad drives about 300 miles total on these trips. That's loyalty to the 'nth degree. No wonder the Michigan Chapter is going places and doing big things.

Indications are that the members will show their appreciation by attending this 1961 Reunion in larger numbers than has ever been noted any previous year.

SECOND HONEYMOONS

Authentic information trickling in to The Octofoil from Detroit relays the information that several members of the Detroit Chapter are arranging and will consider this year's outing to the 1961 Reunion as a legitimate second honeymoon—they are making plans more elaborate than were the plans when the first honeymoon experiences were lived.

More power and much happiness is the wish extended these happy couples by The Octofoil personnel.

CROSS THE DETROIT RIVER— AND YOU'RE "ABROAD"

In less than ten minutes a person can be in Canada after leaving the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel. No passport is required, although naturalized citizens and aliens should bring proper credentials. A person may cross the river through the 5,160-foot tunnel and return by crossing the stupendous Ambassador Bridge.

LARGEST FLAG

In front of the J. L. Hudson store will be seen the largest American flag in the world. The Hudson company is the second largest department store in the world. The flag is seven stories high and 235 feet long, unfurled across the face of Hudson's store. It takes a trained crew of 55 men to handle the rigging for this mammoth flag.

You'll be SORRY—if you don't begin packing for that trip to Detroit. Remember the dates: July 27-28-29.

ED NABER VICTIM OF HEART ATTACK

Charles W. Kolb, Rt. 2, Harlan, Iowa, a former B Co., 47th man, sends some sad news to The Octofoil.

Under date of April 2, he writes in part:

I received a letter a week ago from Mrs. Edmund Naber, 2119 College Ave., Costa Mesa, Calif., telling me of her husband's death. Edmund Naber passed away March 5, very sudden of a heart attack. He was at his home at Costa Mesa. Edmund will be remembered by many of the fellows from Co. B, 47th Inf.

The Octofoil extends its sincere sympathy to the bereaved widow of our old buddy and friend, Ed Naber. Charlie Kolb would like to get a few lines from any of the old gang.

TOM EGAN HAS SOME MEMORIES OF "COL." RANDLE FROM 1942

Thomas M. Egan has a nice liquor sales room at 218-46 Hillside Ave., Queens Village, N. Y. Under date of May 26, he writes The Octofoil:

Dear Paul: After reading the many wonderful stories about Col. Randle in the May Octofoil I just had to add this:

I was assigned to the 47th as a second lieutenant in April, 1942. At that time I reported to Col. Randle. Later that month he spoke to me on the rifle range. I left the 47th for Division Hqtrs. of the Ninth in the summer of 1942. Again I reported to Col. Randle. That was the last time he saw me until the 1946 Convention in New York. At that time he was a one star general. He came over to me and I was in my civilian clothes, and said: "Shouldn't I know you?" This is the kind of man Col. Randle is. The Dale Carnegie of the Ninth Division.

Continued success to you and The Octofoil! Sincerely—Tom Egan.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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:

Regular Member, per year\$ 4.00 ☐

Sustaining Member ☐

THREE-YEAR MEMBER\$11.00 ☐

Life Membership\$50.00 ☐

Octofoil Automobile License Disc\$ 1.00 ☐

Decals, 25c; (5) five for\$ 1.00 ☐

Eight Stars to Victory\$ 2.00 ☐

(Pictorial History of 9th Division in action.)

Ladies' Auxiliary Member\$ 1.50 ☐

Combat Route Map\$.50 ☐

60th Infantry History\$.50 ☐

Please credit the following chapter:

Philadelphia ☐ Illinois ☐ Greater New York ☐

Western Pennsylvania ☐ Washington, D. C. ☐

Buffalo ☐ Ohio ☐ Fort Carson ☐

New England ☐ Greater Detroit ☐

Twin Cities ☐

DETROIT COMES UP WITH IDEA THAT'LL GET UNITS TOGETHER

Printed below is a coupon that can be filled in, cut out and pasted on the back of a 3-cent postal card and mailed at once to

JOSEPH T. CASEY, for
Sixteenth Annual Reunion
Ninth Infantry Division Association
5415 Joy St., Apt. 402
Detroit 4, Michigan

If these cards are sent to Casey in advance of the Reunion dates the Chapter will have a unit file compiled. Upon arrival when the registration committee is asked: "Anybody here from MY company (or

battery, etc.), the answer will be readily available.

The information sent in on these cards will be valuable information for Secretary Quinn's office. It is a bit different from former attempts to compile unit files inasmuch as efforts are made to identify members who were in the first three campaigns, or all eight campaigns, and to meet and talk with members who saw action in the last three campaigns.

PLEASE answer the questions that are printed below and paste the clipping on the back of a postal card and mail to Joe Casey as per the address given above.

Unit of 9th Div. Co., Btry., Platoon, etc.

Name

Address

City Zone State

Phone

Campaigns:

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| () 1. Algeria-Morocco | () 5. Northern France |
| () 2. Tunisia | () 6. Rhineland |
| () 3. Sicily | () 7. Ardennes |
| () 4. Normandy | () 8. Central Europe |

Please state year and place of service, if since World War II, in the

Ninth Infantry Division

Ed Brown Operates a Motel In California

Edward J. Brown, a former A.T. 47th man, is operating the Town House Motel with David F. Mathias at 505 Union Ave. (99 Highway South), Bakersfield, California

Paul Mathias, a brother of Dave's, has been in contact with Secretary Quinn in helping get former Ninth men in that area interested in the Association. When the last letter was written Dave and Paul's mother was seriously ill in a California hospital.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

A woman's magazine recommends a new reducing diet with bananas as the main dish. This may seem silly, but did you ever see a fat monkey?

Seeking Information, Wind Up As Members

In a footnote to The Octofoil from Secy. Quinn on the date of publication, he penned: "Two men wrote in last week asking for information about the Reunion. I sent them back copies of The Octofoil and all the dope available. They responded by joining the Association." Good work, Danny!

—PAY DUES TODAY—

The height of nervousness is the husband who takes his wife to the maternity hospital and before registering says: "Darling, are you sure you want to go through with this?"

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

BOARD MEETING HELD IN PITTSBURGH

Harking Back to Days At Burton Stacey



Arthur Rohmann, 9922 Vega Lane, Valley Station, Ky., a former Co. E, 39th Regt. lad, comes up with the above photo of his old buddies. The picture was made at Barton Stacey. Art would like to hear from any of the fellows pictured here. First row, seated, left to right: Perog, Simmons, Vollmar and Cothran (back of Vollmar and barely noticeable is Bob Pierce). Next row: Horcher, Goldsmith, Cullick, Harris and Dube. Third row: Toney, Sullivan, Shumate and Minjack. Back row: Evanaho, Warf, Hurst, J. Sabato, Carter, Rohmann, Vulko, and De Dommones.

Joe McKenzie Locates Bryant In Southland

Joe McKenzie would make good as a Canadian Mounted—he always gets his men some way or another. He locates those former 26th F.A. guys in some mighty isolated spots. Joe's address is 95 Washington Ave., Waltham, Mass., and he's always happy to get a line of news about any former 26th F.A. man. Under date of May 4 McKenzie received an appreciated letter from Frank E. Bryant, Sebring, Fla. Bryant is practicing law in Sebring and writes as follows: Mr. Joe McKenzie

95 Washington Ave., Waltham, Mass.
Dear Joe: I read in The Octofoil that you are interested in news of former members of the 26th Field Artillery. I think it is good that someone has taken upon himself to collect as much data about the 26th as is available and you have my best wishes for continued success.
JOINED IN MAY, 1941

I joined the 26th as a second lieutenant in May, 1941, at Solomon Island and served with Charlie Battery in various capacities until we arrived in Normandy, at which time I was transferred to H.Q. Battery as liaison officer with Col. Frank Gunn's Second Battalion, 39th Inf. After the cessation of hostilities, I was C.O. of Hq. Btry. for a short period of time, awaiting the trip back home.

After my discharge I finished law school, came to Sebring in 1947 to practice law. In 1956 I became President of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Sebring, although I continue my law practice. I am married and have three children—ages 11, 9 and 3.

It seems that most of the members of the 26th were from the north and therefore I have not been able to keep up with any of my old buddies, but I know that some of them must come to Florida. I would appreciate seeing any of them who happen to be coming down through the central part of the state in the future. I trust you will give my regards to John Quinn, Fred Keyes, Father Connors, and any of the others in the Massachusetts area with whom you might be in contact.

Sincerely,
FRANK E. BRYANT.
—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—
ALL WORK AND NO PLAY

It was the first day of work for Joyce, the salesgirl in the maternity shop. The store had been crowded all day long and Joyce had sped from one customer to the next.

Just as she concluded a large sale, and expected a few moments respite, the door opened a fresh flood of expectant mothers came in.

"Ye Gods," Joyce wailed. "Doesn't anyone do it for fun anymore?"

ROHMANN HOPES TO CONTACT SOME CO. E, 39TH GUYS

Printed elsewhere in this issue is a photo sent in by Arthur C. Rohmann, showing he and some old buddies from Co. E, 39th. Art's present address is 9922 Vega Lane, Valley Station, Ky. He was with the 39th from 1941 through 1945. Parts of a letter he recently sent to Secretary Quinn reads:

Dear Mr. Quinn: I have just finished reading the March-April Octofoil. It has a lot of news in it and I enjoyed reading it.

In this issue there is a paragraph about a member of the Association being in a VA hospital. The member wrote in saying "Again thank you for your great efforts in sending me that Ninth Division documentary book and its history. To look over the Ninth's casualty list is a sad detail."

I would like to know if the above mentioned book can be bought? A short while back I got the address of a fellow whom I hadn't heard from since we were in France. We have exchanged letters. He asked if I had any addresses of the men in the weapons platoon which we were part of. I sent him those that I had. I mentioned that I had been wounded at Cherbourg and when I got back to the company I did not know any of the men in the machine gun squads. I was told most of them had been killed. I gave their names. He wrote in his next letter that some of these men I mentioned were not dead—which indeed made me very happy. That is why I am asking about the documentary book.

WANTS DECALS

I am enclosing \$1 for some decals. I noticed a little kid running around with a field jacket on and it had a Ninth Division shoulder patch on it. I did not have time to stop and ask any questions—but that convinces me someone in my neighborhood has served with the Ninth Division. I intend putting a decal on my car—and I hope this former 9th man in my area will spot the decal and hail me.

As I said above, I enjoy reading The Octofoil and when I read some of the accounts of things that really happened to us, I get a sort of chill—and then thank my lucky stars that I lived to get back. Sincerely, Arthur C. Rohmann.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—
MODERN NEEDS

Every woman needs five husbands—an intellectual companion, a muscular toiler, a financial genius, a romantic playboy, and a practical plumber. . . . Every man needs five wives—a movie sweetheart, an English valet, a hotel chef, an attentive audience, and a trained nurse.

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LOOKING FOR BUGGY RIDE TO MOTOR CITY?

Arthur R. Schmidt advises The Octofoil that he is driving from New York City to Detroit alone and has plenty of room for some passengers. However Art will detour by way of Texas on his way back to New York. Passengers who go to Detroit with him will have to make arrangements of their own to get back to the Big City. Schmidt's address is 69-20 69th St., Brooklyn 27, N. Y.

15TH ENGRS. TO HOLD SESSION

Charles Hoffman is planning a get-together of former B Co. 15th Engrs. men at his home on June 15. Hoffman lives at 9143 81st St., Woodhaven, N. Y. Among those who have already signified their intentions of being present are: John Gee, John Sabino, Joseph Dempsey, James Mullins, Andrew Grauer and Art Schmidt. The Hoffman phone number is MI 2-5293. All former Co. B men are invited.

STILL HOPES

A movement is on foot to have another examination held for a Senior Unemployment Insurance Claims Examiner in the New York State Department. The Octofoil's old standby, Staff Correspondent Art Schmidt has a chance of snagging one of these top drawer jobs.

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Louis Prince Leary of Government Pension

Louis M. Prince, 8895 Spooky Hollow Road, Cincinnati 42, Ohio, is at variance in his thinking with those former Ninth men who have written letters suggesting a bonus for combat veterans of World War II. In a letter to The Octofoil recently Lou has this to say:

"On the back page of the latest issue you have a new article saying you have received letters from World War II veterans who feel they are entitled to cash bonuses.

"I suppose there are always some men who will feel that way, but I am very certain that the vast majority of men who served in combat in the Ninth Division consider such an idea repugnant. Usually the ones who want the most along these lines are the ones who did the least.

"I hope that our Association will never be helpful in publicizing or promoting these people's demands.—Sincerely, Lou Prince, formerly 60th F.A. Bn.

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Irish O'Shea Slinging Bouquets Instead of Proverbial Brickbats

Jack O'Shea, the battling Irishman from Philadelphia, one of the national Board of Governors spark plugs, writes The Octofoil to advise how much he appreciates the outstanding job Secretary Dan Quinn is doing for the Association. O'Shea has proven himself "tops" on many occasions when it was necessary to fling some Irish confetti in the form of brickbats. This bouquet slinging is a new chore for him. But since the words were coming from so close to his heart—he did an excellent job of expressing himself and his gratitude.

Jack closes his letter thusly: "My fondest wish is that some of the old guard would wake up to the fact that in Dan Quinn we are fortunate to have a sincere and capable performer, and they should show their appreciation for his fine work by rejoining the ranks and help push that membership count up close to where it was back in the good old days."

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Pictures of Caravan Will Be Used Later

The Octofoil received too late for processing for this issue three very interesting pictures that were made by various members of Greater New York Chapter during the caravan that Chapter made to West Point Military Academy recently. These pictures will be used in the next edition.

Among those noted in the photos besides Gen. Westmoreland were—Pete Higgins, Johnny and Henry Winters, Betty and Johnny Rizzo, George Stegner, Harry Whalen, Dom Meile, "Wild Bill" Zweil, Phil Orloff, Sgt. Steve Budrick, Bruce Apar (one of George's sons), and Vincent Guglielmino.

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BOARD HOLDS INTERESTING SESSION; THE BECKER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WAS A TOP PRIORITY MATTER

A largely attended Board meeting was held in the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel Saturday, May 20. Many matters of vital interest to the Association were discussed and acted on. The Board gave a nod to a recommendation that was presented regarding the \$500 Scholarship Award that had been given the Association by Mrs. Lou Becker in memory of her late husband, who was a pioneer in the organization work of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

DETROIT CHAPTER IS KEEPING TAB ON 'EM

For a long time the address has been: Robert J. Pichette, B-2, Veterans Hospital, Dearborn, Mich. He has a new address now: Robert J. Pichette, 17150 Archdale, Detroit 35, Mich. Bob was recently discharged from the hospital and returned to work. But he has arranged with his boss to be away from work during the Reunion in Detroit. As Joe Casey phrased it: "Imagine! 'Telling the Boss' after starting back to work less than a month—I want a three-day pass!"

The Detroit Chapter address files were changed last week for Vernon Ferney, Rt. 1, Box 38, 210 College St., Berrien Springs, Mich. The records now read: Vernon Ferney, 8422 94th Ave.-K, Largo, Florida.

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Chaplain's Picture Has Been Identified O.K.

Father J. W. Kilkenny, 120 Broadway, New York, sent in a photo of a Chaplain for publication, in hope the chaplain shown could be identified by some of the members. However, Secretary Quinn was able to fill in with all the information needed. The picture was of Father Tardiff, who left the 47th Regt. just before the outfit went overseas and was replaced by Father Butcher, who stayed with the outfit until he was relieved by Father DeLaura at the end of the Tunisian campaign.

The John Shea family was anxious to get in touch with Father Tardiff. Shea was killed during the North African campaign.

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Hospitalized Lad Is Always Plugging

The Octofoil's old buddy, G. V. Succimarri is still in the Franklin Delano Roosevelt VA Hospital, in Montrose, N. Y. He is so appreciative of letters The Octofoil is happy to learn that some of the members of the Greater New York Chapter have been considerate enough to contact this loyal and incapacitated former Ninth buddy. In his letter he says "I received a pleasant surprise Saturday noon when the mail orderly handed me my copy of The Octofoil. I'd been thinking about it a lot lately. Mail for me is scarce and The Octofoil takes the place of many letters I used to receive from my family and friends. I think you are doing a fine job for our Association, Mr. Quinn. I certainly appreciate the cartoon of Philip Morris cigarettes Mr. Adolph Wadslavage of Ozone Park, L. I., sent me. And let me say thank you for my copy of 'Eight Stars to Victory.' When I had some money of my own I always subscribed for good books. Money is very scarce here. Even stamps are curtailed. Please send me a short letter when you have time. Even if we are patients spring is here and some of us are still able to 'kick' and 'play ball' a little. Give my personal regards and thanks to The Octofoil and all former and present Ninth men, their women folks, relatives—and friends—Former Staff Sergeant Guerino Victor Succimarri, 9th Signal Co.

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WALT PASTEL WILLING TO HELP PICTORIALY

Walter Pastel, a former Co. L, 39th man, now lives at 4 Bay St., Dorchester, Mass. He writes that he has quite a few most interesting pictures made while he was with the Ninth Division and will cooperate in helping prepare for publication a "Pictorial Sentimental Journey" of each regiment. It is hoped that something along the line that Walt suggests can be worked out at a later date.

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Money talks, but these days the dollar doesn't have enough cents to say anything.

The minutes as compiled by Secretary Dan Quinn are as follows:

The 59th meeting of the Board of Governors was called to order at 5 P.M. on May 20, 1961, at the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa. In attendance were: Messrs. Frank Ozart, Jack O'Shea, John Sabato, Tony Chaconas, Mike Gatto, George Apar, Paul Plunkett, Robert Rumenapp. Guests were Dick Pestel, Columbus, Ohio; Victor Chuck, West Point, Ohio, and John Clouser, Chicago. There being a quorum present the meeting was called to order by President Frank Ozart.

The secretary, Daniel Quinn, then read the minutes of the 58th meeting.

After a motion duly made by Jack O'Shea, and seconded by John Sabato, it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes as read, and place same on file.

REUNION REPORT

Robert Rumenapp then gave a report of the 1961 Reunion to be held in Detroit, July 27, 28, 29. President Frank Ozart thanked Rumenapp for his report.

FORT BRAGG 1962?

After a motion duly made by George Apar and seconded by John Sabato, it was voted to: Instruct the national secretary, Daniel Quinn, to make a complete study of the possibilities of holding the 1962 Reunion at or near Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The secretary will be reimbursed for his expenses to Fayetteville, N. C., the sum not to exceed \$200. A complete report will be submitted at the Detroit Reunion.

Secretary Quinn gave a report on the First U. S. Army Museum, Governors Island, New York. At present Secretary Quinn is awaiting further plans from Mr. Ewing, Museum Director.

NEW FLAG

After a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by Mike Gatto it was voted to: Authorize the Secretary to purchase a new U.S.A. flag with 50 stars. The present flag although in good condition is outmoded with only 48 stars.

NEW TYPEWRITER

After a motion duly made by Paul Plunkett and seconded by Tony Chaconas it was voted to: Authorize the secretary to purchase a new or rebuilt typewriter.

PERMANENT COMMITTEE

After a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by George Apar it was voted to: Appoint a permanent scholarship committee to supervise the awarding of scholarships by the Ninth Infantry Division Association. The permanent committee to initially consist of John Clouser, Chairman; David Heller and Frank Ozart. (Both Clouser and Heller and professors with the Illinois Board of Education.)

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

After a motion duly made by George Apar and seconded by Paul Plunkett it was voted to: Award the Louis Becker Scholarship to Albert C. Stidman, upon final approval of the Scholarship Committee.

After a motion duly made by Jack O'Shea and seconded by Robert Rumenapp, it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL QUINN,
National Secretary.

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ED BREWER DOING O.K. IN SUN FLOWER STATE

Edwin E. Brewer has a new address. It is 4407 West 54th Terrace, Shawnee Mission, Kansas. Ed missed receiving the last issue of The Octofoil and that doesn't go over so good. He says he enjoys reading it. Outside of that everything is going just fine at the Brewer homestead. However, it doesn't look like he will be able to get away from his job long enough to make the Reunion in Detroit, July 27-28-29.

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PROVEN TECHNIQUE

"Do you believe in clubs for women?"
"Yes, if reason fails."

AMERICAN FLAG PRESENTED GOV. OTTO KERNER DURING IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES IN THE "WINDY CITY"

A group of enthusiastic Ninth Infantry Division Association members gathered in Chicago on May 12 at the call of President Frank Ozart. The purpose of this meeting was for the group to assemble in the Chicago Executive Offices of Governor Otto Kerner, of Illinois, and present the Governor with an American flag.

As everyone knows Gov. Kerner is a former Ninth Division man and one of the main springs in the Illinois Chapter.

Pictures appearing elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil tell a vivid story of this solemn occasion. Although Governor Kerner was slated to make his appearance in another part of the state for ceremonies arranged for the opening of a new link in the state highway system, he participated in the Flag Services arranged by his old buddies first and let the highway moguls wait until the flag presentation services were over.

President Ozart's group assembled at the Sherman Hotel at 10:00 A.M. on this momentous Friday and at 10:30 A.M. sharp they moved into Governor Kerner's Executive Offices at 160 N. LaSalle St.

After the flag presentation the group attended a luncheon at the swanky setup on top of the Prudential Building—known as "Top of the Rock," where the food was plentiful and excellent with an ample supply

of liquid nourishment available. Father Ed Connors kept the fellows in gales of laughter until time for his plane to leave at 4:05 P.M., which was too early to suit any of his boys.

VISIT MOOSE LODGE

John Clouser, a former national president of the Association, a member of the Illinois chapter and a great booster for the Moose Lodge, arranged for the visitors and Illinois Chapter members to partake of another appetizing meal at 8:30 P.M. at the Chicago Moose home. Again the group enjoyed good fellowship, food and refreshments.

AN IDEA IS BORN

At this party held in the Moose Home the Illinois group decided to get in there and pitch for the 1962 or 1963 Reunion—just so it is held in that state before Governor Kerner's term of office has expired. Instead of having the Reunion assemble in the Windy City of Chicago it is the hope of this group to have the 1963 Reunion guests meet in Springfield, Illinois, state capital of Illinois. Besides having the advantage of meeting in Governor Kerner's backyard, the Illinois fellows pointed out how much more reasonable hotels rates were available in Springfield than in Chicago—along with many scores of other advantages that will be mentioned in The Octofoil from time to time.

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Delegation Escorts Father Connors to Airport



Participating in the festivities before, during and after the flag presentation to Governor Otto Kerner of Illinois, was none other than our own Father Ed Connors, Worcester, Mass. The above picture was made at the Chicago Airport just before Father Ed took to the airplanes for his return trip to his New England home. Pictured above, wishing him a safe and pleasant journey home, are, left to right: Al Sebock, the Ninth Division's pugilistic champ; Frank Ozart, national president; Father Ed, and Paul Keller, of the Ohio Chapter, a former national vice-president of the Association.

PROSPECTS FOR 1962 REUNION TO BE HELD AT FT. BRAGG ARE GOOD

During the 1960 Reunion held in Washington, D. C., Frank Wade, a former national president of the Association, dropped an idea in the hopper for the members to "kick around." Frank's proposal was that the officers explore the possibility of holding the 1962 Reunion in Fayetteville, N. C., near Fort Bragg.

Upon returning home Secretary Dan Quinn started the ball rolling. He contacted public relations officers at Fort Bragg, Chamber of Commerce officials in Fayetteville. And at the May 20 Board meeting held in Pittsburgh, Pa., Secretary Quinn came up with some favorable correspondence he had from those contacted. The Chamber feels that there is an ample sufficiency of sleeping units available in the Fayetteville area and Col. Roger Whiting, Fort Bragg PRO, offered every assistance at his command.

The Board ordered Secy. Quinn to visit Fort Bragg personally before the Detroit Reunion and present his report to the body so definite action can be taken intelligently at that time.

Since the Board meeting J. Harry Canon, Kannapolis, N. C., has writ-

ten The Octofoil and requested Secretary Quinn contact his office or home when he visits North Carolina—and advising he will be happy to help make a success in any way that he can, of the proposed 1962 Reunion at Fort Bragg. Mr. Canon is a former company commander of B Co., 60th Regt., and was wounded near Maknassy, during the African campaign. He is well and favorably known in business, civic and political circles in North Carolina.

Old grads of Chicken Road are looking forward with nostalgic pride to getting back down there 20 years after that momentous departure in 1942.

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Harry Orenstein Is All Set For Detroit

Harry Orenstein, 640 E. 139th St., Bronx 54, N. Y., advises that many of the Q.M. "boys" have already advised him they will be attending their first Reunion in Detroit in July, 1961—and as per usual the "regular" Reunion Q.M. "boys" will be there.

He sends best regards to all Q.M. men with the hope that all is well in their respective homes.

President Ozart Proudly Presents Flag to Governor



It was a momentous occasion when National President Frank Ozart, above (wearing 9th Division overseas cap), presented an American flag to Governor Otto Kerner of Illinois, a former Ninth Division man and a hard-working member of the Illinois Chapter.

Gov. Kerner Also Receives Hand-Carved Octofoil



After the American flag was presented to Governor Otto Kerner, of Illinois, Dick Pestel, secretary-treasurer of the Ohio Chapter, presented the governor with a beautiful hand-carved and hand-painted Octofoil, made by Pestel himself. Witnessing this presentation, shown above with Pestel and the governor is John J. Clouser, a former national president of the Association—and an Illinois Chapter member.

Toole Will Hibernate In Florida This Winter

A letter from Richard Toole, Rt. 3, Circleville, Ohio, a former 47th man, advises that he'll be taking it easy down Florida way before long.

Dick recently suffered some bad burns from a gasoline explosion.

Getting back to that Florida trip, Toole plans to drop in on Col. Randle while he's down that way. But the Tooles are going to Detroit first and then do a little vacationing up around Niagara Falls.

Dick has followed his carpenter trade to good advantage as a civilian, and now has enough rental units to take it sufficiently easy to follow his hobby—watching the bangtails run at several Ohio race tracks.

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Quinn Breaks Bread With Jersey Politicos

A recent letter sent The Octofoil by Secretary Dan Quinn ended a bit abruptly with this statement:

"So long—this is my day off and for a change I would like to get out for awhile. My brother (Democratic committeeman) has invited me to a luncheon to meet the candidate for governor of New Jersey. So I think I'll take him up on his and rub elbows with some of the bigwigs. And maybe something will rub off on me. More later."

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A fool and his money are some party.

John Kester Located In Greenville, S. C.

John B. Kester is working for the Kesco Products Co., Greenville, S. C. John was with C Co., 47th.

In a letter to Secy. Quinn seeking some information he expressed a desire to join the Association. Since joining John has really become interested and plans on being in Detroit during at least one day of the Reunion. He says that he enjoys The Octofoil and hopes to make additional contacts with some old buddies when he reaches Detroit.

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HOUSTON, TEXAS LAD REJOINS ASSOCIATION

Alvin F. Thieme, a former Third Bn. 60th lad, writes from 3214 Marilyn, Houston 16, Texas. Al joined the Association in June of 1945, but sometime in the early 50s dropped out. But he's back in the fold—sporting a couple of decals in his car, hoping to contact some other former Ninth men out Texas way.

Texas is a big state but those decals have worked miracles before. Here's hoping that many old Ninth buddies spot those decals on Al's automobile.

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White lies have been out of fashion for years. They now come in Technicolor.

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A little more determination, a little more pluck—that's luck.

Charles Warner Is a Mighty Sick Fellow

Charlie Warner's many buddies in and around New York will be saddened to learn that he is in very poor health. Warner's home is at 507 East Main St., Bound Brook, N. J. Because of his helpless condition he has had to move in with his brother at the above address. A few cards from old 39th buddies regardless of where they are now will be a shot in the arm for Charlie. He is sweating it out—hoping to get in a VA hospital but they keep telling him no beds available. The terrific prices he has been paying for drugs for the past few years has depleted Warner's reserves.

Let everyone say a prayer for Warner's speedy recovery—and in the meantime those who can do so conveniently, drop by and visit with him. Others send him a few lines—even if it is nothing more than a postal card.

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"K" CO. 47TH HOLDS SESSION AT STOKAN'S

Shortly after the Board meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., May 20, Dick Pestel, Columbus, and Vic Chuck, West Point, Ohio, visited Bill Stokan in his Pittsburgh home, at 4749 Plummer St. This small "K" Co. reunion group compiled a list of names of former buddies they'd like to see at Detroit and would also like to hear from before then. Spelling of these fellows' names is not guaranteed—but printed as they were furnished to The Octofoil. Here's the list:

Mike Skrypetz, 1816 1st St., So., Minneapolis, Minn.
E. Whitney, 5604 Woodale Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
Alfred Hockmuth, 349 Park Ave., Stoughton, Mass.
James Cannon, 486 Mandana Blvd., Oakland, California.
Howard Frank, 1298 Atlantic Ave., Monaco, Pa.
Ed Hunt, 805 Catherine St., Duquesne, Pa.
Mike Swinciki, 279 Mason Ct., Baltimore, Md.
Angelo Speventa, 2018 South 18th, Chadwick St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Anthony Trezza, 5537 Park Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
Thomas Williams, 1034½ Sierra St., Reno, Nev.

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HOPKINSON IS PUTTING OUT UNIQUE PRODUCT

Ed Hopkinson is a former 60th F.A. man, who gets his mail now at Box 605, Appomattox, Va. The Octofoil is in receipt of a beautiful four-page colored brochure from the Preston-Hopkinson Co., at Appomattox, Va.

The product put out is called Fottaware and pictures beautiful and historical scenes imprinted in dinner plates and other china ware.

In the brochure the question is asked: Who wouldn't want a lovely gold bordered plate picturing a favorite scene in the soft tones of an actual photograph?

The printed material outlines how chapters can raise some ready cash by taking orders for these beautiful pieces. A letter to Ed will bring full details, including a copy of the beautiful brochure sent to The Octofoil office. Send Ed some favorite photograph to be imprinted on a gold rimmed plate—then show it to neighbors who would like to have some favorite photograph of their own imprinted—and the Chapter can realize a neat commission.

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RALPH SMITH GOING TO EUROPE IN JULY

Ralph H. Smith, Marion, Indiana, a former 60th man, is planning a trip through Europe in July and contacted Secretary Quinn for data on the 60th's various routes during combat days. Dr. R. M. Hummel, M.D., also of Marion, and a former 9th man, has been collaborating with Ralph in making plans for this European trip. Quinn gathered together all the data, including maps and copies of The Octofoil and got them right out to this Europe-bound ex-60th fellow.

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"Bob" Buchanan Signs Up and Will Be Active

Robert Buchanan has signed up for active duty with the Association—and sends regards to his old Co. L, 47th buddies from his present address: 79 Bayard Lane, Princeton, N. J. Bob was with Cannon Co. 47th while the outfit was in Germany.

A notice about the Reunion in an American Legion magazine attracted Buchanan's attention. He made contact and joined up immediately—and is hoping to be able to arrange things so he can make the trip to Detroit.

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NEW YORKERS START PLANNING FOR THE FALL DANCE WHILE ANNUAL PICNIC IS BEING HELD

The Greater New York Chapter's versatile correspondent, Arthur R. Schmidt, 69-20 69th St., Brooklyn 27, N. Y., had to burn some midnight oil to get a report to The Octofoil in time for this issue that gives all the highlights of the Chapter's meeting on June 2, and the picnic held on Sunday, June 4.

The meeting was held at the Elk's Club in Union City, N. J. About 40 members attended—including a new member, George K. Fraenkel, 140-55 Burden Crescent, Briarwood 35, N.Y. George was formerly with Interrogation Prisoner of War Team No. 26. He was a member of the Association in 1945, when it was founded, but in some manner he lost contact. But thanks to the Association's automobile decals contact was again established. Secretary Dan Quinn also proposed two new members.

Tis said that "he who persevereth shall overcome." Joe Koeppel, former Service Co., 39th man, now living at 7416 Cottage Ave., North Bergen, N. J., believes in that parable. And his faith paid dividends—after 12 years of "persevering" the stork visited the Koeppel home leaving a bouncing baby boy.

Dom Miele reported to the Chapter that Walter O'Keefe is recovering satisfactorily at Wyckoff Heights Hospital, Room 550, Stanhope and Wyckoff Aves., Brooklyn, N. Y. Walt was hospitalized because of ulcers.

TOUR TO BE REGULAR

The chapter voted to have a tour of West Point made a part of the chapter's yearly agenda. A motion was adopted asking the members to write letters to Gen. Westmoreland thanking him for the kind and courteous treatment accorded those who made the recent tour of the Point. George Apar moved that the Chapter President write the general a similar letter in behalf of the chapter. The letter has been sent by President Pat Morano.

NEW DEPARTMENT

Bill Zweil, Box 313, Rutherford, N. J. plans to embark on a crusade against unjust treatment. Any member feeling that he has a justifiable bitch coming should write Wild Bill and explain the details. He will champion the cause of all "bitchers."

SLIGHTED?

Alfred F. Rago, 738 New Street, Uniondale, N. Y., former 9th Signal Co. man, alleges Reporter Schmidt discriminated against him in playing up the story about Mutchko, an old Engineer bugler. Rago furnished Art the address of the old bugler—else there would have been no story.

FALL DANCE

Discussion was held at the June meeting about the Fall Dance.

George Stegman is trying to get a suitable place for the dance in Long Island. Frank Fazio advanced the thought that a much larger crowd might be expected to attend the Fall Dance if accommodations could be secured in Long Island.

Another idea tentatively advanced by Fazio was the possibility of staging a dinner and show—with the price of the dinner ranging from \$5.75 to \$8.50. The show alone costs \$3.50. Preference in seating arrangements would be given to those taking in the dinner. Fazio has seen the show that the committee has in mind and claims it is worth the money. The matter will be brought up for further discussion at the next meeting of the chapter.

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

President Pat Morano selected some members to serve on the nominating and the newspaper committees at the National Reunion. The capabilities of the men selected promise to ensure a good slate of candidates for the Board of Governors and a good program for the publication of The Octofoil. The Chapter also selected some capable and sincere candidates for election to the Board of Governors.

BOWL AFTER MEETING

After the meeting the members settled down to the business at hand—bowling. Cliff Parks was the champ with a score of 284—and plenty of strikes. Fazio was also a high scorer. Danny Quinn won the booby prize for hitting the gutter more often than anyone else.

Eddie Egan had a good score of 202, and Numann was adept at rolling strikes.

PICNIC WENT OVER WITH A "BANG" . . . OVER 600 ATTENDED

The annual New York Chapter picnic was blessed with a nice day. The quantity of beer and chow exceeded what Frank Fazio and Jack Scully had promised.

President Morano has requested The Octofoil to express gratitude of the Chapter for those members who

labored at their posts, dispensing beer, soda, coffee, potato salad, macaroni salad, hamburgers, frankfurters, corn, watermelon, ice cream, rolls, etc. To mention some of those who worked so faithful and tirelessly were Adolph Wadalavage, Frank Fazio, Jack Scully, Joe Zweil, Jack Wilson, George Apar, Lou Almassy, Vincent Guglielmino, Rizzo, Pete Uhl, John Kasko, and of course—Dom Miele who was responsible for ticket sales. Some of the men worked continuously without a break—and all donated their valuable services. President Morano was a busy beaver running here and there.

Danny Quinn was director of athletic events. He had some excellent assistance from Kaufman and Stegman in their direction of the tug of war games. The girls won three out of five tugs of war. Everyone on the winning team felt he was entitled to a special prize. Kaufman and Stegman tried to assist the girls but they were quickly pulled off balance and found themselves rolling about on the grass. There were some members of the "weaker" sex who tried their hand at the tug of war games.

It was stated that their husbands would be eating in restaurants or preparing their own meals for a few days after this event. They enjoyed the games, including the potato bag race. The tug of war was won by the New Jersey women. Maybe that is because they have healthier cows in New Jersey.

The children who won an extra prize for winning the sack race were Alice Mrozinski, Mary Voros, Janice Racco, Louis Bruckman, Barry Katz, Danny Marrero. The women who won in the sack race were Virginia Rheinhardt, E. J. Rago, Christine Bruckman.

Rizzo and Quinn tried to keep the line of children and ladies who won prizes in order—but were not very successful.

MORE THANKS

President Morano extends thanks to those members who assisted in distributing prizes—both for the dark horse and athletic contests. Thanks are also due Jerry Cosena, Dom Miele and Danny Quinn for donating prizes.

BASEBALL?

The least said about the old men who were beaten in the baseball game—the better!

MYSTERY

Frank Fazio, Jr. fell into the water looking for Frank, Sr. It has not been explained what Frank, Sr. was doing in that stream in the first place.

TOO BUSY

John Kasko had to pinch hit for brother Frank as a bar tender—because Frank was trying to outdo Art Schmidt when it came to emptying the contents of those beer cans.

To top it all off—Pete Uhl had to swipe Jerry Cozena's birthday cake.

A SPIRITUAL ATMOSPHERE

Mr. and Mrs. McInerney, Ninth Division Gold Star parents, attended Mass at St. Bartholomew the Apostle, in Scotch Plains, N. J., along with Correspondent Schmidt.

Through Schmidt Mr. and Mrs. MacInerney met Leo Burdeck a former 39th man, now of 20 Florida St., Elizabeth, N. J. Phone EL 3-6698. Mr. McInerney discussed his son, Sgt. James J. McInerney, I Co., 39th, who was killed in action July 30, 1943 in Troina, Italy. He related the fact Sgt. McInerney was buried temporarily in Gela, Sicily, and later re-interred near Rome. Mr. and Mrs. McInerney had planned to visit the grave in July, 1961, but because of the Olympics a shortage of hotel accommodations exist and the trip has to be postponed.

Burdeck related his friendship with Captain Paul J. Lynch, also with Co. I, 39th, and was killed in action at Oberetscheid, Germany, on March 25, 1945.

Burdeck was happy to meet many former 39th men at the picnic and plans to attend future Chapter meetings in the hope of meeting many more former 39th men.

The 1961 picnic was a success, as was to be expected. But when 1962 picnic time gets here—that celebration will probably make the 1961 event look small in comparison!

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BUSY BODY

Overheard in the powder room: Mae: Have you heard about Marie having twins?

Gae: No, I didn't.

Mae: Yes, it was quite a surprise. The doctor told her that only happened in every 15,871 times.

Gae: My goodness! How do you suppose she finds time to do her housework.

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Roy Code Still a G.I., On Duty "Over There"

Roy Code, a former H Co. 47th Regt. lieutenant writes Secretary Quinn from Ahwaz, Iran, as follows: Dear Dan: I am sorry that I have been so negligent in answering your letter. As you know I didn't make it to the reunion last year, I'll ask you to write me and tell me about the highlights—the people I would have known—if you don't mind.

I kept postponing my trip home and finally departed from here in October. I took a polar flight from Copenhagen to the West Coast, and then I came back here by way of Tokyo and Hong Kong. You can see that I didn't pass through your country during my vacation, or I would certainly have called Fazio and you while I was there.

I would like to catch up on my dues; I want a copy of Eight Stars to Victory, and if possible a copy of the 47th Infantry history. I would like to subscribe to the paper if you can send it to me by air mail. I will gladly pay the postage. I would be interested in a lifetime membership in the Association. Let me know what all this will cost and I will send you a check and my address at home so you can send the books there.

I talked to Fazio on the phone several years ago and he told me that Ernest Pitzer—a member of H, 47th—had been hurt badly in a car wreck. If you have a mailing address for him send it to me and I will write to him. I'd also like the address of Perry Kuniansky, who was my radio operator for a very long time. And Col. Manesse and Col. Inzer, and Maj. Bill Larson. I may send you a long list in my next letter if it isn't too much trouble for you to gather up this information.

I hope that everything is well with you. Looking forward to hearing from you soon. Say "hello" for me to all of the fellows.—Best regards—Roy Code.

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JOHN HOLICK SEEKS INFO ABOUT BUDDIES

John Holick is a new member of the Association. He lives at 21 Slocum Ave., Englewood, N. J., and is a former Co. I, 39th man. John happened to see Secy. Quinn's name in a DAV magazine and established contact with the Association. Parts of a recent letter to Secy. Quinn reads:

Having served in Co. I, 39th as a replacement from the middle of June, 1944, until July 24, when I was wounded, I would like to know who the Sergeant was who spoke to the German medics to get me and another buddy who lived in South Carolina at that time back to the American lines. This Sergeant was from Jersey City. I would like to meet him since the last time I saw him was in a hospital in England in 1944. I have forgotten a lot of names since then. In France the Germans chased us out of a town and we ran for our lives but a light haired buddy caught a bullet on the edge of his stomach. I would like to hear from him. I still remember the buddy—who lived in Brooklyn, who was talking to us about going home when it was over. But when we moved up to attack a bullet caught him in the head which killed him instantly. He went through Africa, Sicily and on to France.

GEN. EDDY AT FRONT

I remember Gen. Eddy coming right to the front lines and the Germans taking shots at him. Those still living who were in Co. I, 39th well remember this incident that happened in 1944.

I was machine gunned in the right leg, lost three right toes—one thru the right ankle and another between the knee and ankle. I remember one of the medics told me that I was finished with the war and would be sent to the states. I was very weak from loss of blood but when he told me that—it sort of made me alive. I couldn't believe it. I am sending my dues in every year from now on.—Sincerely, John Holick.

It is hoped that some of Holick's old buddies will read the above and write him a few lines.

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Book Inaccurate

The Octofoil's good New York friend, Victor C. Marcone, the crusading ex-combat taximan of New York City, is a bit caustic in his criticism of Cornelius Ryan's book, "The Longest Day." Vic calls attention to Ryan's failure to mention the Ninth Infantry Division's part in establishing the beachhead. Just some slight mention of the 746th Tk. Bn. on page 240 of the book is the only credit given. Vic goes into detail and shows many inaccuracies in the book.

PFC. JOSEPH BIANCALANA'S FAMILY SENDS MOST TOUCHING MESSAGE TO THE ILLINOIS CHAPTER

President Frank Ozart has forwarded The Octofoil a most touching letter from the family of Pfc. Joseph Biancalana. Joe was killed in action on Aug. 2, 1944. He was with Co. E, 47th Regt.

For the past 12 years the Illinois Chapter has been holding a memorial service for Ninth men and each year places a wreath at the graveside of some former Ninth man. This year the Chapter selected Pfc. Biancalana's graveside in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Hillside, Ill. There was a large turnout of Illinois members for the services. A letter from Gov. Otto Kerner was read expressing regrets at not being able to be present. Several members of the Biancalana family attended. The beautifully written letter reads as follows:

Chicago, Ill., May 31, 1961. To Frank Ozart and all the Members and their families of the Ninth Infantry Division Association:

My daughter told me of the wonderful ceremony and tribute you paid to my deceased son, Pfc. Joseph Biancalana on Memorial Day.

I want to express my deepest thanks for your thoughtfulness and kindness. I only regret that was not there to thank all of you in person.

It is good to know that there are grand people like you and your organization, who have not forgotten the boys who gave up their lives for our country.

You have brought a new ray of sunshine in my heart, and I now know that my son did not die in vain. No, not as long as there are people like you and your organization who know the real meaning of Memorial Day, and pay homage to our dead soldiers.

Thank you and God bless all of you. — Mr. Vincent Biancalana and daughters.

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HARRY ORENSTEIN IS GETTING Q.M. LADS ALL SET FOR REUNION

Harry Orenstein, a former Q.M. "boy," has the same address he has had for years—640 East 139th St., Bronx 54, N. Y. From that address he's shooting out letters from coast to coast getting former Q.M. fellows interested in all congregating at the Detroit Reunion. Under date of May 30, Harry sends the following to The Octofoil for publication:

"I wish I could see the boys again."

The writer has heard the above remark at many Reunions, at Father Connors' Memorial Services and has read the same statement many times in letters that were received from the "boys."

"I wish I could see the boys again."

The Detroit Reunion will be a splendid opportunity to see the "boys" again and renew your friendships that began with World War II.

REMINISCING

At the Detroit Reunion you will see the "boys" exchange greetings—and you will find the "boys" in a reminiscent mood. You will hear the "boys" fill in the gaps from Fort Bragg to Ingolstadt as they relive their World War II experiences and with the enlightening details you will get a better viewpoint of the situation. You will hear nearly all the Q.M. "boys" mentioned from A to Z, or from Abrams to Zombotti and their nicknames as they were usually called. You will hear how the "boys" made the transition from the Army to a civilian again. The latest information they have about the "boys" whom they have met in their travels and with whom they correspond.

A REALISTIC PREDICTION

Based on all the information received the writer is confident that the Detroit Reunion will have one of the largest Q.M. representations that he has seen at any other Reunion.

THE REUNION PROGRAM

In previous issues and elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil you will read about the interesting and excellent Reunion program that has been arranged for your enjoyment.

Plan now to be at the Detroit Reunion. Best regards to all. Hope you are all well at home. — Sincerely yours, Harry Orenstein.

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Charlie Johnson and Wife Visiting Hawaii

Charles H. Johnson, Jr., a former Hq. Co. 47th man and Mrs. Johnson are heading for a vacation that will be the envy of many of his old war-time buddies. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson live at 437 22nd St., Ogden, Utah.

In a letter to Secretary Quinn, Charlie says:

Thanks for the job you have been and are doing to encourage full support of our Association.

Will write again after my wife and I return from a vacation and business trip to Hawaii. — Sincerely — Charles H. Johnson, Jr.

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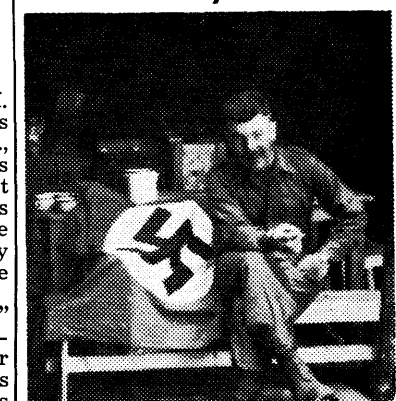
Taylor Gets Anxious

A short note from The Octofoil's old standby, Wilton Taylor, Star Route, Stop 6, Lost Hills, Calif., reads:

Dear Paul and all Association Members: I haven't received an Octofoil in some time. Hope you are well, and will you send me the last Octofoil. Maybe mine got lost in the mails. I have been sick recently is one reason I haven't been contributing any material for the Octofoil. Will write more later. — Wilton M. Taylor, Lost Hills, Calif.

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Colonel Claymon Poses



It wasn't often any of the fellows in 3rd Bn. of the 47th could get the Bn. Commander to set still long enough for a photo. But Al Bravin, 3415 Jerome Ave., Bronx, N. Y., come up with one of those rare photos showing the Colonel posing by a captured Nazi flag. Al received a Christmas card in 1960 from Col. Claymon, postmarked at Fort Bragg.

"CAPTAIN" ROBERT W. BUCK IS NOW ON RETIRED RESERVES WITH LIEUTENANT COLONEL RANK

Captain Robert W. Buck writes the Association from 5877 Heberton Dr., Verona, Pa. He will be well remembered by his old buddies from Serv. Co. of the 47th. He writes Secretary Quinn thusly:

I have not received a copy of The Octofoil for some time. It may be that my dues over overdue. I usually send in for three years. So this has lapsed here is my check for another three years and keep The Octofoil coming. For most of us with the Ninth this is our only contact with wartime friends.

VISITS OHIO

The first week of March I was sent to Columbus, Ohio to work on a short motor rewinding job and after it was finished I stopped at Circleville, Ohio, to see Mr. and Mrs. Dick Toole, Serv. Co., 47th. We had a very enjoyable four-hour visit and tour of some 40 homes Dick has built since the war ended.

I have been pretty active in the Reserves since returning from the war and this past fall finished my 20 years of creditable service for retirement and have transferred to the retired reserves with rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

I had planned to attend the Reunion in Detroit but we are expecting our fifth child in July so it appears the stork will replace the Reunion. Regards to all—Respectfully, Robert W. Buck (Captain Serv. Co., 47th Regt.)

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Trying to Locate

Father Andryzyak

Officers of the Detroit Chapter have written The Octofoil making inquiry as to the whereabouts of Father Andryzyak. He was a much loved chaplain in the 60th Regt. from the days of Bragg right on through. Secretary Quinn says he hasn't a corrected address on the good Father since 1954. During the summer of 1954 a G.I. chaplain approached The Octofoil editor at the Chicago airport and asked if the editor wasn't a former 60th G.I. When time for departure arrived the editor had to get a plane for Los Angeles and Father Andryzyak was heading for Frisco to be reassigned. He had just returned from a hitch in Korea. Anyone knowing where the former 60th chaplain is now should write to John Korobko, 9540 Decatur, Detroit 27, Michigan.

TRIP NEW YORKERS MADE TO WEST POINT WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN; COHEN DID A GOOD JOB

Arthur Schmidt, 69-20 69th Street, Brooklyn 27, N. Y., comes to The Octofoil's rescue with a bang-up report on the trip those New York lads made to the Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., where the Ninth's own Maj. Gen. W. C. Westmoreland is superintendent. Schmidt's report reads:

We have just returned from a very pleasant trip to West Point, N. Y. In the party were, my mother; Adolph Wadalavage, his wife and two fine sons. We were a part of the caravan of the Greater New York Chapter making the tour of the Point in honor of Gen. Westmoreland.

COHEN MAKES GOOD

The day was fine. We drove up in a little over two hours. True to Stan Cohen's promise—we were given special treatment. There was a special section of the reviewing stands set aside for us, and were allotted parking space within a short distance of the parade grounds. The New York Chapter came up with a fine attendance—at least 50 members and their families were present. Every member was anxious for their families to meet and shake hands with Gen. Westmoreland. The sight of the Chapter members wearing their 9th Infantry Division Association caps was almost as impressive as the parade. I feel sure Gen. Westmoreland was well pleased with the large turnout and enjoyed the opportunity of chatting with his former buddies.

During the ceremonies we were given the honor of moving to a section of the reviewing stands directly in front of the color guard. We were fortunate that the parade was a special parade in honor of the Civil War Centennial.

More impressive than the parade itself was the sight of the cadets standing in company formation—spread from one end of the field to the other—about the length of two football fields. The marching band

was most impressive. The cadets acting on commands such as "parade rest" and "present arms" and acting in unison was all the more impressive because of the large number participating. The whole corps then marched past the reviewing stand and heeded to the command "eyes right." This was an oral command, but you could see how the guidon and saber bearers also gave commands.

HAD COURTEOUS M.P.s

The M.P.s gave prompt and courteous treatment to the former 9th Division men.

TOURS AFTER PARADE

After the parade many members went on tours of the Point or watched athletic events. The male members of our party visited the Museum and become so interested that the M.P.s had to advise the group it was closing time.

FEINBERG IN DOG HOUSE

Irving Feinberg will never alibi out of the faux pas he committed in dashing to the parade field in his car while he left his wife stranded in another part of the Point. She's still "berating" him.

FLYING LOW

An unsolved mystery is how it was possible for George Apar, his wife and the three children to get to the Point ahead of the Schmidt party and still claim he hadn't been speeding—even alleging they stopped enroute on Bear Mountain for chow.

PICNIC LUNCHESES

Danny Quinn, Vince Guglielmino and Jack Scully had a grand time. They brought a supply of soda pop. The pop came in handy to all who had their picnic lunches packed.

Most all the members took along cameras, including movie cameras.

The outing brought out a few who haven't been attending meetings regularly. It is hoped this visit to the Point will get them all interested in Chapter activities again.

NEW YORK'S SECRETARY DOM MIELE REPORTED 112 MORE MEMBERS IN MAY, 1961 THAN YEAR AGO; PRESIDENT MORANO MAKING FINE RECORD

Arthur R. Schmidt sends in his usual newsy notes from the Greater New York Chapter. Art asks that the members contact him by mail or phone and tip him off to any happenings that would be of interest to other members so he can relay these notes to The Octofoil. His home address is 69-20 69th St., Brooklyn 27, N. Y. Phone: HYacinth 7-3993.

The May 5, 1961 turnout for the New York Chapter meeting was most gratifying. Much of the discussion at this meeting pertained to the visit to West Point that had been planned. Details of that fine experience is printed elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil.

FEINBERG WATCHES BUCKS

Irving Feinberg gave an excellent report on the Chapter's financial status. There is \$355.20 in the treasury—but Irv cautioned that was no reason why discretion should not be used at all times before any monies were expended. A 50-50 project will be conducted to help defray expenses of the secretary to the Reunion in Detroit.

Dom Miele gave an interesting report on the membership. He advised there were 255 paid up members, as compared to only 143 in 1960. The membership has almost doubled.

MAY CHANGE LOCATION

There was some discussion about the possibility of holding meetings at a place called the Tough Club. The main difficulty was the meetings would have to be held on Tuesdays instead of the customary Friday night meetings. A motion was made by Danny Quinn to hold the matter in abeyance for the time being. The advantages mentioned for the change is the fact the room is air conditioned and there is plenty of parking spaces for cars.

WHY THE BIG TURNOUT

Comments were heard as to why the large turnout for this May meeting. Many were interested in the West Point trip. George Apar alleged Schmidt was interested in the girls—but more seriously Apar asked if it wasn't more appropo for the members to ask themselves what can I do for the Association rather than to wonder "what can the Association do for me?"

Much interest was expressed by the members about the possibility riding the Aquarama from Cleveland to Detroit enroute to the Detroit Reunion.

It also seems to be the sentiment of most New York members that the extra copies of The Octofoil that are

being mailed out to eligible members is a worthwhile expenditure.

President Pat Morano mailed out his mimeographed letter for the June 2 meeting on May 17. This meeting was held at the Union City Elks Lodge Hall, 3200 Hudson Ave., Union City, N. J.

The June 2 meeting night was also Bowling Night. The alleys were reserved exclusively for the New York Chapter members.

HELPING PRES. KENNEDY

President Morano points out that the bowling sessions are in line with President Kennedy's Physical Fitness Program.

The prexy's newsletter to his flock outlined the elaborate plans made for that June 4 picnic at Seely's Pond, in Scotch Plains, N. J. That picnic was going to be held—come hell or high water—"lean-tos" and chairs were being arranged for in case of rain storms.

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BOB MARSHALL PUBLISHER OF THE OGEWAW COUNTY HERALD

Secretary Quinn was glad to get a newsy letter from Robert S. Marshall, West Branch, Mich. Bob was formerly with Co. G and Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 60th Regt. He is now the editor of the Ogemaw County Herald, in West Branch.

His letter to the secretary:

Dear Dan: As Butts stated, I'm the prize guy to remember to pay my dues to the association.

I appreciated the copies of the Octofoil and promised myself each time I read them that I would mail the check as soon as I got to my desk.

Unfortunately, there seems to always be some items that gets in the way.

Enclosed is my check for \$12. This should cover back dues as well as put me ahead for at least a month or two. If I still owe more than this let me know.—Cordially, Robert S. Marshall (Bob).

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Mrs. Westrich Thanks The Octofoil

Mrs. M. H. Westrich, 3753 Meadoview Dr., Cincinnati 11, Ohio., sends a note of thanks to The Octofoil in behalf of her husband, Maurice, who is stove up with arthritis and finds it difficult to write. In the last issue of The Octofoil a notice was printed asking if any members were suffering ailments similar to Westrich to write the family and advise of remedies that had been used which may have been helpful.

Cattle Visits Robby Castle



John Cattle (left), a former 84th F.A. major, now living in Newark, Nebr. (left), Marc Robinson, 7-year-old son of Sam Robinson, and Sam (right), a former "B" Bty. 84th F.A. corporal, had quite a reunion when the Cattle family visited the Robinson clan at their Back Bay State home, 18 Longview Dr., Marblehead, Mass.

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LES LEMLEY SENDS REQUEST FOR HELP

Lester Lemley, Mc. 22-Glenmoore, East Liverpool, O., is anxious to learn the whereabouts of an old buddy—Jay T. Stewart, formerly of Co. M, 60th. The last reports anyone had on Stewart was near Louisville, Ky., in a little burg about 12 miles from the Indiana line. Anyone knowing where Jay is today will they please write Lemley?

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Mysyk Lining Up Big Cleveland Delegation

Mike Mysyk, a former 60th lad, well known as an early arrival at all Reunions, writes from 12604 Darlington Ave., Garfield Heights 25, O. Mike's pretty wife, Angie, has been hospitalized recently but is feeling fit as a fiddle again—looking forward to "whooping it up in Detroit." Mike says the medics have been trying to put him on the shelf for a hospital visit—but he vetoed the proposal—until after the Detroit Reunion anyway. The Mysyks are busy every spare minute they have trying to line up former 9th men in that part of the state who will join their caravan and move into Detroit for the 1961 Reunion.

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VIC MARCONE PUTS ON CRUSADE FOR CABBIE COMBAT VETS

During the past month Victor C. Marcone has kept The Octofoil well supplied with clippings from New York newspapers dealing with the rights of New York cab drivers who are former combat veterans. The issues continues to wax hot in Gotham—with the pros and cons wading into the fracas with both feet.

Hearst's Journal-American, published in New York has editorialized the plight of these combat veterans most favorably, calling attention to the part many cabbies have played in working with law enforcement agencies for the betterment of society. The Dawn Patrol is one of the latest worthwhile projects these lads are promoting in New York City.

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SCHMIDT STUDYING MAP

Art Schmidt, Greater New York Chapter's "gentleman knight of the rods and roads," has worked out a short cut to Carroll Leake's home in Robstown, Texas. After studying the map Leake sent the New Yorker—his comment to buddies was "My God, Texas IS a big place." Not only big but that state in August is like living in one of the big steel blast furnaces that roar in the Pittsburgh, Pa. area. But Carroll convinced Schmidt he could take the heat after a few slugs of tequila he wouldn't mind the temperature. The heat waves in his gullet and stomach would be a source of worry. But the potent tequila doesn't seem to hamper Carroll Leake's growth in any way. Art claims he can take it if Carroll can.

Three old buddies of Leake's and Schmidt's will probably show up for this Texas "Reunion": Tex Russell, Charles Singleton and Moccenzio Gull. Schmidt has bought some Bermuda shorts to wear on this Texas safari. This will probably cause another Battle of the Alamo—unless Carroll Leake's folks use their influence and talk the natives into being broadminded and tolerant.

MIKE BATELLI'S STORY IN JERSEY PAPER COMPARES NEW G.I. VEHICLES WITH OLD

The Octofoil is always happy to get a letter from Michael F. Batelli, a former Co. E, Anti-Tank Co., Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 39th man, from Jan. 21, 1941 to June 25, 1945. Mike is on the editorial staff of The Morning Call, Paterson, N. J. The kind words in Mike's letter referring to The Octofoil are greatly appreciated—and especially the fact other members of the family enjoy receiving the paper, including the 12-year-old daughter.

GLAD GEN. EDDY IS BETTER

Batelli joins with all other former Ninth men in rejoicing over the fact Gen. Matt Eddy is recovering from his recent illnesses. Mike recalls a few interesting incidents that happened "over there" when the general joined the gang in a "hideaway" and again when he helped them put the pup tents back in order after a rain storm.

An article that was published on Page 1 of The Paterson Call on April 27 should be of interest to Association members. It reads as follows: "MUTT" GROWLS AT HILLS—ARMY VEHICLE SHOWS OLD DOGFACE NEW TRICKS

Editor's Note: Mike was with the Ninth Division all the way to the Elbe River, Germany, and come back to the U.S.A. as one of the Green Project boys. Mike's ride in the old Willy's Jeep's modern day successor is vividly portrayed in this article.

By MIKE BATELLI

RINGWOOD, N. J.—I stepped 20 years into the past yesterday when at the invitation of the U. S. Army and the Ford Motor Co. I took a test drive in the modern army's quarter ton truck, known to millions of World War II G.I.'s as a "jeep" but introduced at its first public demonstration as a "Mutt," (military utility tactical truck).

At first sight, the 1961 model of the military version of the compact vehicle (a term unknown to us in 1941, "draftees") doesn't appear to be any different from its 1941 predecessor. The lines are the same and it still seats four soldiers and all their combat equipment.

It didn't take long to recognize the difference once the Mutt was put through its paces yesterday before a gathering of reporters, editors and military observers at a site along the Wanaque River deep in a valley at the base of a 776-foot hill in Ringwood.

"HILL 776"

Lending authenticity to the demonstration, a First Army observer setting the scene, called it "Hill 76" protected by the enemy with machine guns and mortars. The friendly troops on the opposite side of the roaring river were to attempt a crossing in the Mutts.

The scene is a familiar one in the memory of combat G.I.'s who must recall that in World War II, it took much preparation for a Jeep before any river crossing could be attempted. Not so with the 1961 Mutt.

A reconnoitering team riding in three Mutts approached the river edge when suddenly the machine guns opened fire and the mortar shells began dropping in on the friendly troops. In less time than it takes to tell it, the Mutts reversed their field and were back into the safety of wooded cover.

Seconds later the three Mutts came out of the woods and before the amazed onlookers drove through the river in 21 inches of water. A snorkel on the exhaust almost gave it the appearance of a miniature sub coming across.

Ohio Secretary Busy Stuffing Envelopes

Richard "Dick" Pestel, secretary-treasurer of the Ohio Chapter, 1467 Livingston Ave., Columbus, O., has mailed out a form letter to every former 9th man in Ohio whose address is available. Enclosed in the envelope with the letter is a decal for the former 9th man's auto, another sticker to place on his coat lapel with his name inscribed when he reaches Detroit. A Sheraton-Cadillac hotel reservation card is enclosed along with data about the Aquarama—the Lake Erie liner that makes daily deluxe luxury trips from Cleveland, O., to Detroit, Mich., saving about 180 miles driving. It is chapter officers like Pestel, donating many man-hours plus much cash from their own pockets that is making the Association the great organization that it is today.

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Most girls discover you get out of a sweater what you put into it.

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By the time a man can afford to lose a golf ball he can't hit it that far.

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Arriving at the base of Hill 776, the Mutt provided another surprise as one pulled out of mud which covered more than three-quarters of the right rear wheel with seemingly effortless power.

The test of superiority over the 1941 model was yet to come, however, for facing the Mutts was Hill 776 pitched at a 50 degree angle. The hill with its stones, ruts and brush could have been a hill in North Africa or Sicily and I couldn't help but remember how in 1941 mules and donkeys had to be pressed into service when the quarter tons were unable to make the climbs.

MUTTS CLIMBED 'EM

Not so yesterday. The Mutts climbed along the side of the Ramapo Mountains moving slowly but steadily until the peak was reached. "Amazing," was the consensus of the military observers and veterans of World War II and the Korean Conflict and still more amazing was the apparent comfort enjoyed by the driver and riders.

Lt. Col. John Andrews of the Pentagon, Washington, D. C., representing the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Logistics, said the Mutt was "everything the Army wanted in quarter-ton trucks."

Unlike the World War II model, the Mutt is easier to maintain, fits the Army's test standards which among other requirements demands a 90 per cent probability of going 10,000 miles without maintenance other than replacement or adjustment of minor parts and 20,000 miles without failure of components.

EIGHTS YEARS RESEARCH

Frank S. Kipp, general operations manager of Ford's special military vehicles operations, at a press conference held in the Motel on the Mountain in Suffern, N. Y., said the Mutt represents more than eight years' of research and engineering by Ford with technical supervision by the U. S. Army Ordnance Tank Automotive Command.

Col. John Hoffman, representing Lt. Gen. Edward J. O'Neill, commanding officer of the First Army, said Ford won the contract to prepare a design study for the new truck 10 years ago.

Kipp said by the time Army Ordnance awarded a contract for production of the Mutt, Ford had given it more than eight years of research and engineering.

INCONCEIVABLE

Some of the things the Mutt can do which was inconceivable with the jeep of my day include carrying the four soldiers up a 60 per cent grade; carrying 800 pounds of cargo cross-country or 1,200 pounds on a highway; operate in all weather conditions, starting at 25 degrees below zero as well as performing in 125 degree heat; fording hard bottom streams and rivers and with the snorkels for air intake and exhaust, operating when submerged.

LIKES THE MUTT

The Army likes the Mutt. It has placed an order for the immediate delivery of 7,000. The soldiers like them, too, for their dependability which in combat could mean their lives.

I like it too, for it brought back memories so vivid that I couldn't help feeling a soreness from the bouncing I took in riding "Jeeps" from 1941 to 1945. A soreness which apparently, the modern day soldier won't be able to talk about after he hangs up his boots, because the Mutt gives you a ride almost as comfortable as riding the easy chair.

JOHN HILL COMMENTS ON "BLACK SHOE" ARMY

Many old H Co. 47th men will remember John A. Hill. He's still in Europe as a G.I. He writes in part as follows:

Sorry I cannot attend the Reunion, but you know the Army and I am still in, but the new black shoe army will never compare with the old 9th Infantry during World War II.

I'm marking my dues to National, but if there's a Chapter in Europe—particularly Germany, give them the credit. So far I have not had an opportunity of visiting our old combat route in Europe nor see any of our old girl friends, but when I do, I will send you a few lines and some photos.—Sincerely, John A. Hill.

The Octofoil is looking forward to getting another letter from John with the photos.

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When it got dark he turned to Kitty and said: "You know, darling, I can't see my hand in front of me."

"Don't worry," she said, "I know where it is."

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