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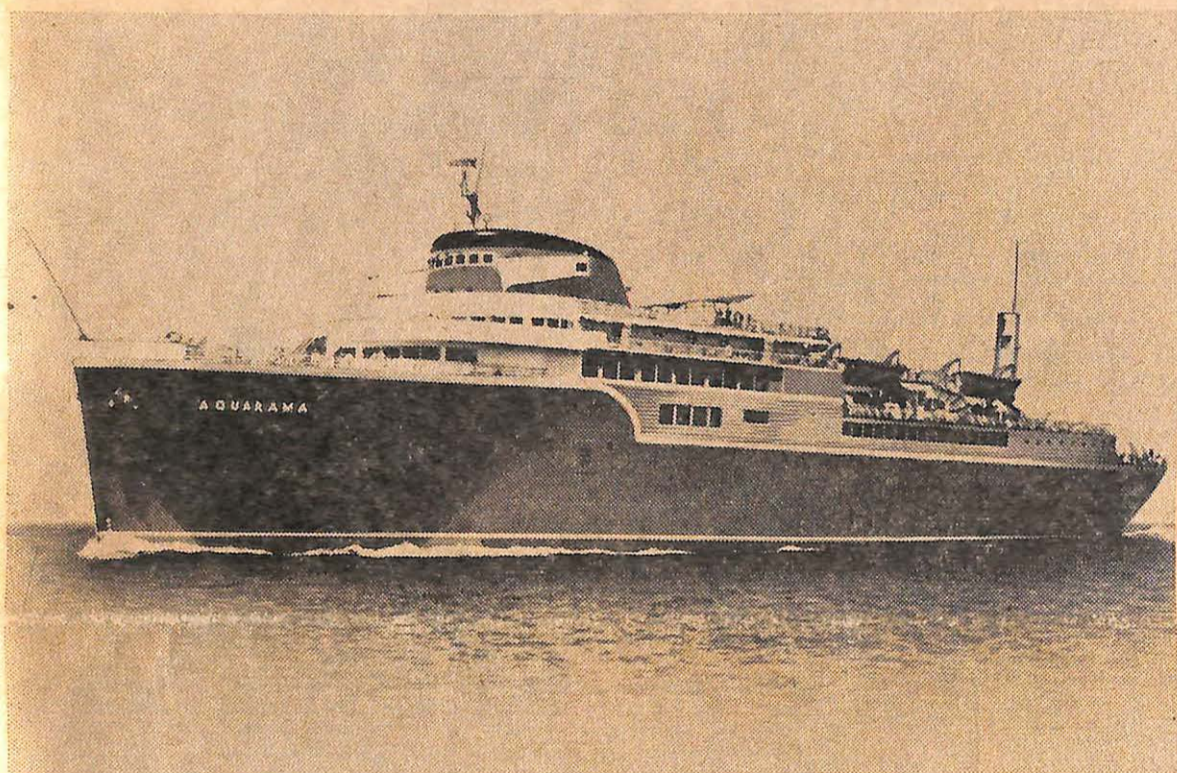
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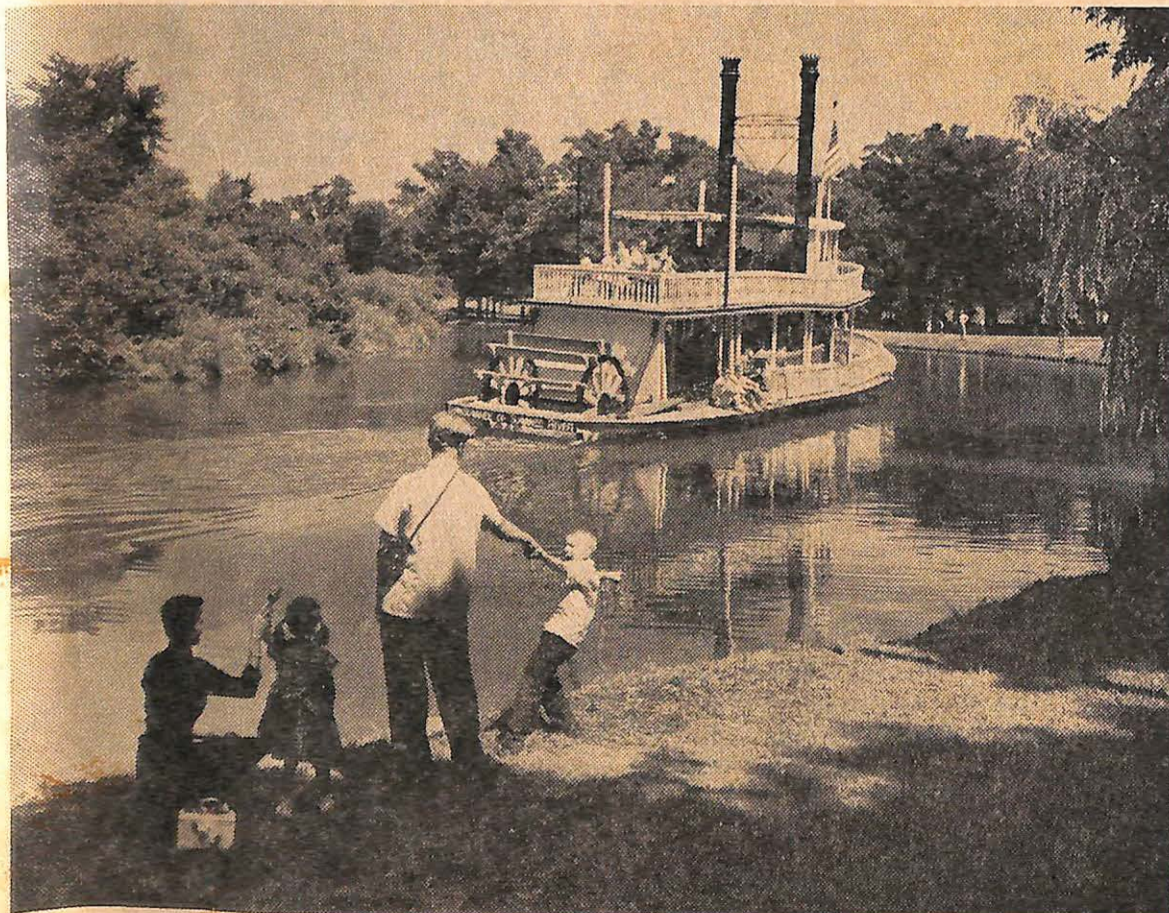
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GIANT OCEAN-GOING LUXURY LINER IS ALL SET FOR A CLEVELAND-DETROIT TRIP



The 10,600 ton, multi-million dollar luxury Great Lakes cruise ship, the S.S. Aquarama, will begin round trips between Cleveland and Detroit on July 1 and continue through Labor Day. Nine decks high and rising more than 70 feet above the water, the Aquarama is almost a city block long. With accommodations for 165 cars per trip, the ship is rapidly becoming a popular short-cut for motorists, saving 180 driving miles. Full details were in the last issue of The Octofoil. Many members attending the Reunion in Detroit July 27-28-29 have already arranged to ride the luxury liner from Cleveland to Detroit. For full details write the Michigan-Ohio Navigation Co., 1841 First National Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

STEP OFF THE LUXURY LINER AND CLIMB ABOARD A MISSISSIPPI RIVER "PADDLER"



The Greater Michigan Chapter has arranged for those who attend the Reunion to spend some time viewing the sights in Detroit's Greenfield Village and the adjacent 14-acre Henry Ford Museum. One of "musts" while visiting the Village will be a ride on the wood-burning sternwheeler, pictured above, the "Swanee," recalling the colorful days of Mississippi river boating.

MICHIGAN GROUP ARRANGING FOR A TOUR THAT WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN—THROUGH THE FORD MUSEUM AND GREENFIELD VILLAGE

John Korobko, general chairman of the 1961 Reunion Committee, in Detroit, has been hospitalized recently. But that has not held up the operations. They do things up right in the Motor City. Korobko advises that while he was unable to attend meetings tape recordings were made of the proceedings—and then Bob Rumenapp and Joe Casey visited him and played the tape recordings. That's the old Ninth's operating technique.

GEN. WESTMORELAND THE SPEAKER

The committee has been able to talk Maj. Gen. W. C. Westmoreland into being main speaker at the banquet. Those who have heard the general know what kind of dynamic speaker he is. While with the 101st Airborne Division he was in demand as an after dinner speaker by civic organizations in all parts of the country. His sense of humor and understanding knowledge of G.I.s and ex-G.I.s characteristics makes him a natural for the spot.

PARADE PERMIT GRANTED

Korobko advises that the parade permit has been granted, the military band and color guard has also been arranged for.

Mrs. Korobko (Marie to all who know her), is working hard to get a program arranged for the ladies that will knock 'em cold.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

The impressive Memorial services will be held at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Statute in the center of Cadillac Square.

GOV. SWAINSON INVITED

Governor John B. Swainson of Michigan has advised the committee that he will make every effort to attend the Reunion and indications are good now that he will be able to attend. Might wind up having a reunion for governors with the 9th's own Gov. Otto Kerner of Illinois, in attendance.

FOUNDERS FOYER FOR REGISTRATION

Registration will be on the fourth floor of the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel in the Founders Room.

The hotel has promised to assign Association members to outside large rooms.

PARKING

Parking in the hotel garage is \$2 for 24 hours, plus 25 cents for in and out service. Parking is available in the Madison lot at \$1 for 24 hours.

REARRANGE SCHEDULE

The Detroit committee is striving to re-arrange business meetings Friday so the members and their families may accompany a conducted tour to Ford's plant, Greenfield Village and the Rotunda, which takes several hours.

AMERICAN HISTORY COMES TO LIFE

GREENFIELD VILLAGE — In this delightful outdoor museum you will soon forget the modern tempo as you stroll along shaded lanes and see early shops, stores, schools and homes brought together from all sections of America. You'll be thrilled as you visit Thomas Edison's laboratory where the electric lamp was born, or pause in the bicycle shop where the Wright Brothers created the first airplane, or walk the oaken floors of a courthouse where Lincoln practiced law. The shops with working craftsmen, the simple cabins and the elaborate homes—all the buildings in Greenfield Village paint a vivid and nostalgic picture of America's full, rich past!

HENRY FORD MUSEUM

The pioneer spirit that built America is recaptured and preserved in this great museum. Here you will find outstanding examples of early American art and antiques and a

Street of Early American Shops where you'll be fascinated with 22 buildings that preserve the tools and handwork of pre-industrial craftsmen. In the Mechanical Arts Hall you'll see more than 175 beautifully restored antique automobiles, full-sized locomotives, historic airplanes, old carriages, early Newcomen and Watt steam engines, crude plows, and much more—all arranged to tell the unparalleled story of American industrial progress!

JUST BE PATIENT

The next two issues of The Octofoil will be crammed with other and more interesting data about the fabulous city of Detroit—and the interesting points across the Detroit River in neighboring Canada.

The Sheraton-Cadillac offers its greatly reduced rates from July 21 to August 6 so the Association members and their families may take in as many of the sights in and around Detroit as possible.

All roads lead to Detroit July 27-28-29, 1961!

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

GEN. M. S. EDDY IS RECOVERING FROM A SIEGE OF ILLNESS

In a letter to The Octofoil Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy writes in part "...and was rushed to Walter Reed Hospital in August to be operated on. Three weeks later while recuperating at Martin Army Hospital at Fort Benning, I was forced to again undergo surgery—but I am glad to say that I am improving now."

WRITES DANNY AND DICK

Both Secy. Quinn and Associate Editor Pestel have received letters from Gen. Eddy during recent weeks in which he thanked them for the get well cards they sent. Parts of the letter to Secy. Quinn read: "I want to thank you for your kind letter of 5 March, and please express my appreciation to 'the gang.' I am most grateful for your thoughtfulness. I have had quite a siege of it, but hasten to add that I am doing well now."

THANKS FOR OCTOFOIL

In his letter to Pestel the General said:

Dear Dick: Thank you for your letter and large production of the Octofoil. It was most kind of you to remember me and I appreciate it.

From the account of your wounds I would certainly think you do know what being in the hospital is like. I only hope that the German 88 did not leave you with any great impairment...

When I left the Ninth Division to take command of the XII Corps after what we had been through together, I felt as though I were leaving a home behind. No commander ever had such a loyal group of soldiers as this. I left them with a heavy heart.

As the years go by I am thankful for such true friends as you and Paul Plunkett are. Most sincerely—Manton S. Eddy.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

Fun is like insurance, the older you get the more it costs.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

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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.

GEN. CRAIG IS NOT TOO BUSY TO WRITE

Maj. Gen. Louis N. Craig's (Ret.) address in Washington, D. C., is 3700 Fordham Rd., N.W.

Gen. Craig sent in his 1961 dues, and asked that his best wishes to all the members of the Association be extended through the columns of The Octofoil.

ELLSWORTH WALLER, CO. M, 60th, DIED JAN. 3, '60

The many buddies of Sgt. Ellsworth Waller, Co. M, 60th will be saddened to learn of his death on Jan. 3, 1960. Mrs. Ellsworth Waller, the sarge's bereaved widow is still living in Onalaska, Wis., at 221 Oak St. The Octofoil shares the grief that Mrs. Waller has experienced because of Sgt. Waller's death.

MAP FOUND TO BE A BIT INACCURATE

The Octofoil went to the expense of having a three-column cut made from a map furnished by a national magazine. A proof of this map was sent to Secretary Quinn. It was planned to run off several hundred copies on glossy enamel paper for the members. But alas and alack—from the secretary's office comes an air mail letter which read:

"While looking at the map I noticed the Ninth next to the First Div. I always thought that at St. Lo we were next to the 30th Div. I was wondering if we should send a copy to Gen. Eddy and ask if this is a good picture of the drive at St. Lo."

A letter was immediately sent to Gen. Eddy with a copy of the map enclosed.

GEN. EDDY'S REPLY

Dear Paul: Don't print the map in the Ninth Division paper. It will only be confusing. This is a map showing the position of the troops just before the battle of St. Lo, where 1500 bombers came and dropped part of their bombs on the 47th Infantry.

At the time of Gen. Von Schlieben's capture we were attacking north before we entered Cherbourg. We had not started the drive to the south as yet. I have tried to show on the map a sketch to you, so that you can get an idea where it happened. Sincerely—Manton S. Eddy, Lt. General, U.S.A. (Ret.), P. O. Drawer "J," Fort Benning, Ga.

THAT'S THAT

So that's that. However, Secy Quinn has some maps at headquarters that sell for 50 cents which includes the different countries the 9th was in and is in three sections, giving all the cities, etc.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

BOYLE & CO. ALERTS NEW ENGLAND LADS

National Treasurer Thomas Boyle and also secretary of the New England Chapter sent out 200 notices for their February meeting and enclosed a copy of Secretary Quinn's dues reminder letter in each one that was sent out. Parts of the letter sent out by the New England secretary read:

Dear Comrade: A committee headed by John Edmunds and assisted by George Bender, Anthony Polito and Sydney Levison have planned the February meeting of the New England Chapter of the 9th Infantry Division Association. They have scheduled the meeting for Friday, Feb. 10, 1961 at (Connors Coffee Shop) Immaculate Conception Church, Grove St., Worcester, Mass. They have labeled it a sports night with movies of local and national events. The meeting will start at 8:00 P.M.

New officers were elected at the last meeting and they will be installed by two officers of the Ninth Infantry Division Association at this meeting. The officers for the next year are: President, Ronald Murphy of Scituate; Vice President, Francis Maher, of Worcester; Treasurer, Herb Olsen of Randolph, and Secretary, Tom Boyle of Somerville.

A door prize has been donated by the Chairman of the February meeting.

It's a safe bet to assume that the New England Chapter will be going "great guns" with a slate of officers such as the one named above.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

James P. Scannell, 26th F.A. Man, Dead

James (Jim) P. Scannell was a medic with the 26th F.A. from February, 1941 until he left for cadre to the 88th Division in the spring of 1942. Joe McKenzie 93 Washington Ave., Waltham, Mass., forwarded an issue of the Waltham News-Tribune to The Octofoil that carried a story relating Jim had passed away. Parts of the News-Tribune story reads:

James P. Scannell of 232 Norwalk St., Cambridge, a retired Waltham fire lieutenant, passed away in Cambridge Hospital after a short illness.

He was a member of Sullivan Post, American Legion, and the DAV of Boston.

He is survived by one daughter, Patricia Scannell, and a son, Kevin, both of Waltham; his mother, Mrs. Hannah (Kelliher) Scannell of the Cambridge address; a brother, Frank of Cambridge; three sisters, Mrs. Helen Bradley of Watertown, Mrs. Margaret Donovan of Somerville, and Mrs. Mary McGrall of Belmont.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

If the do-it-yourself craze continues it might even extend to thinking.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

As the Indian said, everyone is smoking the pipe of peace but no one is inhaling.

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 ☐

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GERMAN GENERAL APPEALS TO 39TH MEN TO RETURN MEDAL

The Octofoil is in receipt of a letter from Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy (Ret.), which reads in part:

Dear Paul: I am enclosing a copy of a letter from a friend of mine, General Von Schlieben, who commanded the Cherbourg Peninsula. He was captured by the 39th Infantry just before we entered the city of Cherbourg, in an underground tunnel which had an enormous amount of electronic equipment in it. I was present when they captured him, and he was turned over to me. His staff and the Admiral of the Court and 800 men were captured with him.

BECOME FRIENDS

When I returned to Germany in 1950 we became close friends and used to have some interesting conversations on Normandy.

Please print in the Octofoil the first page of his letter, and ask if anybody has the Hungarian Medal. I would be grateful if they would return it to him. His name and address are below:

Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Karl W. Von Schlieben
Roonstrabe 6
Giessen-Lahn
Germany

Most sincerely,
MANTON S. EDDY,
Lt. General, USA (Ret.)

Box Drawer "J," Fort Benning, Georgia.

Parts of Gen. Von Schlieben letter reads:

Dear Manton: I hope Mrs. Eddy and you are healthy again. Today I have a request hoping you can help me. Out of Gen. Bradley's book, page 313, this is to be seen:

"Von Schlieben, however was to suffer a further indignity while in our hands. The vehicle carrying his trunk from Cherbourg collided with a truck en route to the Army C.P. The general's uniforms were strewn across the road and before the M.P.s could pick them up, souvenir hunting G.I.s had stripped them of braid and rank."

On this occasion one of my decorations of the second World War was taken away. It was the

"Officer's Cross of the Hungarian merit decoration with the decoration and the swords."

I received this decoration as a regimental commander of the 108th

Panzer - Grenadier Regiment after having taken away from the enemy an important bridge . . . on the Hungarian-Yugoslav border during the night of 8 April 1941. Only one man in the division got this decoration and this was me.

I suppose your 9th Division has a newspaper for its former soldiers. I would be very grateful if you could ask the souvenir hunters to give me the decoration back thru you. The world is small and perhaps the man will be found and will be so kind to do so. The trunk—it was a small dispatch case—was handed over to me after the accident but without all decorations.

If the ex-G.I. who has this medal returns it he is welcome to keep the photo the decoration was on.

Gen. Eddy, I remember your noble attitude toward me on that bitter day in Cherbourg. Excuse me for troubling you for my decoration but I think you'll understand.

Sincerely yours,
KARL WILHELM VON SCHLIEBEN.

The remainder of the German general's letter makes interesting reading but space limitations precludes the possibility of printing it all. However, The Octofoil hopes some member of the Association reads this story and sends the medal to Gen. Eddy. If not in deference to Gen. Von Schlieben, then in respect to Gen. Eddy. Think of all he has done for the Association and Association members individually. If at all possible the medal should be returned. It'll certainly mean more to the aging general than it could ever mean to any ex-G.I. as a souvenir.

COLUMNIST COMMENTS

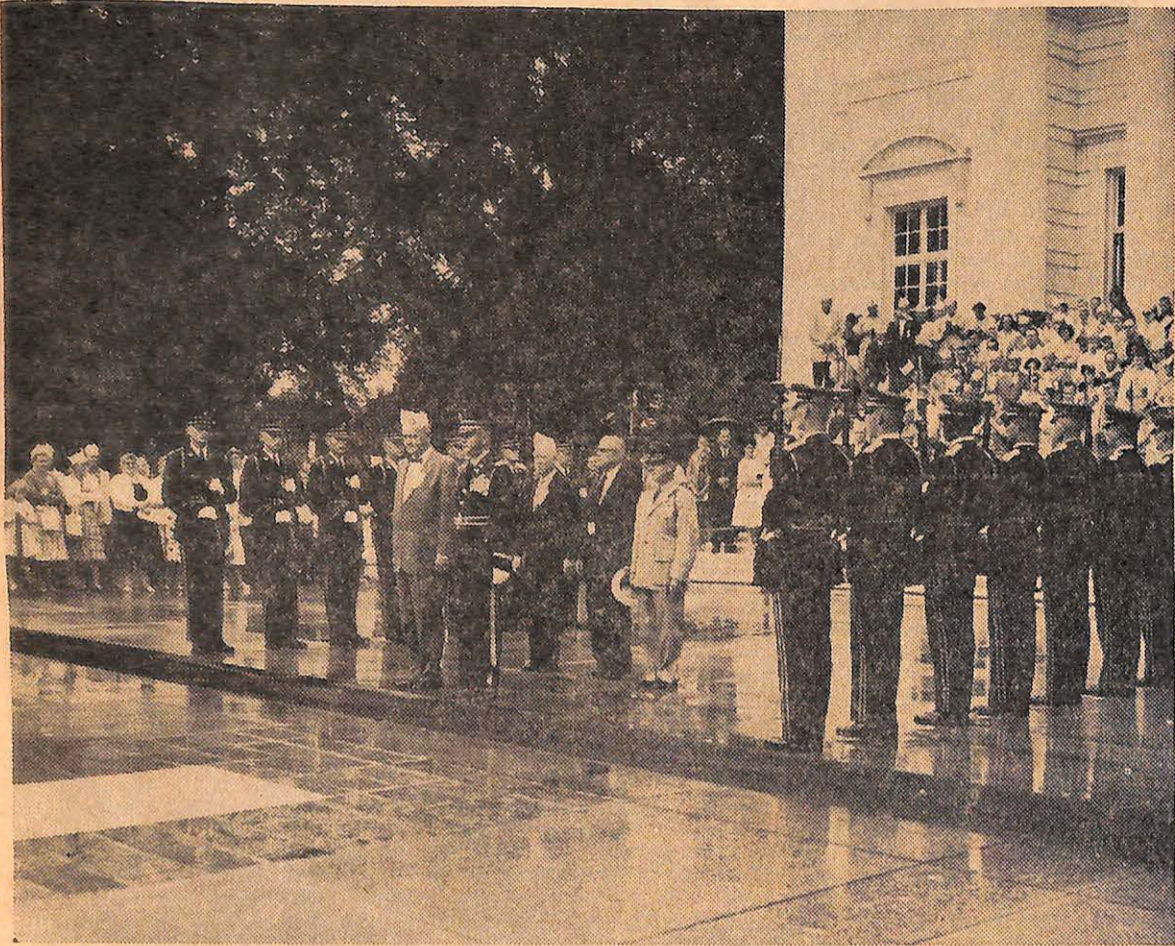
Johnny Jones, a widely read feature writer for The Columbus Dispatch, learned about the German general's appeal for the Hungarian medal and featured excerpts from his letter in a 3-column lead story in The Dispatch recently.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—
Not every American boy can become president. Someone has to caddy.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—
Half of the problems of the human race are due to lack of business knowledge — knowledge of what is their business, and what is none of their business.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

UNASHAMED TEARS FLOWED FREELY AT THE SERVICES IN WASHINGTON



There are no adjectives that could justly describe the impressiveness of the Memorial Services held at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during the 1960 Reunion in Washington. Arrangements for the services were made by Maj. Gen. Louis Craig and Col. Cecil Propst, former 60th Chaplain. Past President Glenn Moore, who laid the wreath at the Tomb is pictured above. To the rear of Moore can be seen, Chaplain Propst, Gen. Craig and past President Frank Wade, of the Washington Chapter.

COL. J. D. CHILDS' DEATH REPORTED

Mrs. J. D. Childs, widow of the late Col. J. D. Childs writes the Association the sad news that the colonel had passed away on Dec. 30, 1960, of cancer. He was buried on Jan. 3, 1961, at Presidio National Cemetery, San Francisco. Colonel Childs served as Ordnance Officer with the Ninth and also with G-4.

Excerpts from the Herlong, Calif. Challenge reads:

Funeral services and interment for Col. Jefferson D. Childs, 51, commanding officer of Sierra Ordnance Depot at Herlong, who died at the Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco after a lingering illness, were held at the Presidio of San Francisco. Memorial services were held at the Post Chapel at Sierra Ordnance Depot.

Col. Childs assumed command of Sierra Ordnance Depot in June of 1959.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Carolyn Childs and two daughters, Carol and Cynthia Childs, all of Herlong; a son, Jefferson D. Childs III, of San Marcos, Texas; a sister, Mrs. Lynde Petter, San Francisco, and one grandson.

The deceased was a native of San Antonio, Texas, and a graduate of West Point with the 1932 class.

BROAD BACKGROUND

Col. Childs had a broad military background. He had also received many awards and decorations.

Since moving to California he had taken a great interest in all community and civic betterment projects.

The Octofoil extends its sincere sympathy to the bereaved widow, and other members of the sorrowing family.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

LEONARD KOWALSKI WILL CONTACT HIS MEDIC PALS

Leonard Kowalski, of the Greater Michigan Chapter, formerly with the Ninth Medics, sends a list of former Medic buddies he receives Christmas cards from. His plans are to contact them and if any listed have not paid 1961 dues Kowalski hopes to be able to prevail on them the wisdom of paying up. His list includes:

Norb Gorny, 247 Midland, East Orange, N. J.
George Hunt, 18 Forts Ave., Oakfield, N. Y.
Frank Treshi, 885 River St., Troy, New York.
Dr. H. Seslowe, 439 Brooklyn, 25, New York.
John Friel, 1407 Crudmoor, Pittsburgh 26, Pa.
C. Landato, 1522 Neptune, Brooklyn, N. Y.
A. DeCondo, 1204 Blandina St., Utica, N. Y.
Dr. H. Kaminski, 3252 N. Hamlin St., Chicago 18, Ill.

Another 26th F.A. Man Is Located

Joe McKenzie, 95 Washington Ave., Waltham, Mass., under date of April 9, writes The Octofoil:

Another 9th man has been found. He is Benedict (Ben) Kane of Med. Detach. 26th F.A. His home address is Main St., Mendham, N. J. Dan Looney, now of 111 Laurel St., Ridgefield, N. J., was kind enough to pass the news of Ben along to me. This address for Dan is a new one.

TEACHES SCHOOL

Dan writes that Ben has been teaching school in the Morristown, N. J. high for the past 14 years. Several months ago Ben had a serious heart attack but is now back teaching school for a few hours a day. Let us all say a prayer for his speedy recovery.

Locally there has not been much doing. Bill Bongiorno of Serv. 26th F.A. was Chief Marshal of the Patriots' Day parade—April 19 is Patriots' Day. If you would get out those history books you had when you were in the fifth and sixth grades and read about Paul Revere you would understand why Bill's home town of Lexington has such a big celebration on that day.

Quintino Pergiovanni joined the idle rich this year and spent February in Sunny Florida. Walter Swenson has moved to parts unknown.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

KEN NEWLAND MEETS AN UNTIMELY DEATH

Mrs. Vivian Newland, 109 Paras Hill Drive, Hartford, Mich., relays the sad news that Ken was killed accidentally from a loaded shotgun on Jan. 7, 1961. The Octofoil extends sympathy to Mrs. Newland in this, her most trying and sorrowful hour.

Other deaths reported from the Michigan area, some as far back as 1952, included:

Walter Densmore, Pittsford, Mich. —no date.
Alfred Holmes, 2675 Evanston Ave., Muskegon, Mich. —Oct. 22, 1957, and Albert T. Mourer, Grand Rapids —Nov. 5, 1952.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

DECAL GETS A NEW MEMBER

In a recent letter to Associate Editor Dick Pestel, Secretary Quinn had this to report:

"You'd be surprised to learn how many people that have stopped and asked about the decal on my car. My neighbor's milk man, William Steer, inquired who owned the car with this insignia. Will pays his dues regularly but cannot arrange to attend the meetings, at much as he would like to. Steer was with Division Htqr. and 9th Recon. I really believe these decals is a fine form of advertisement."

"BILL" STOKAN THREATENS TO SWIM IF IT'S NECESSARY

Bill Stokan's address is 4749 Plummer St., Pittsburgh 1, Pa. He is a former K Co. 47th man. Dick Pestel of Columbus, also a K Co. man, refused to take no from the Pittsburgher in regards plans to attend the Detroit Reunion. In a letter to Pestel dated April 11, Stokan writes in part as follows:

Hiya Dick: Am sending a check for my dues. I hope to work on some of the other fellows who were in the Ninth. I've missed The Octofoil. I've read about the convention in Detroit and like the part about the boat from Cleveland to Detroit. It would save a lot of driving and be something different. I don't think I'll get seasick. Do you remember the time we all did during that storm on the Atlantic? I will be in Detroit if I have to swim. I miss making the last few Reunions and more so after seeing the pictures of so many K Co. men who were there. Keep sending The Octofoil so I can keep up with them.

WANTS OCTOFOIL INSIGNIA

I would appreciate one of those Octofoil insignias to put up over the bar in my place of business. You can bet it will hang there with a lot of pride. Speaking of the bar—Seible was over to visit with me—and he sampled quite a few brands. You can depend on seeing Herman and I both in Detroit.

PICTURES AVAILABLE

I have a picture of George Fresco, Anthony Lalli and myself when in the hospital at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. You are welcome to use in the Octofoil.

BROTHERS IN NINTH

I believe my brother Ed—K Co., 60th, and myself K Co. 47th were one of the few brothers who took part in the African invasion and remained with the Ninth until we were both wounded.

Send my best to Vic Chuck and all the other fellows.—Your pal —Bill (Cheeks) Stokan.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

Bob Catus Is a Sales Manager In Indiana

Robert P. Catus, former 39th man, is living in Parker, Ind. Bob is district manager for the New Holland Machine Co., New Holland, Pa. The New Holland Co. is a division of Sperry Rand Corporation. All of the Catus family are looking forward to having a big time in Detroit in July during the Reunion.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

"SAL THE BARBER" IS "ON THE BEAM"

It wasn't a very long note Salvatore Gionta, 57 Oakland St., Irvington, N. J., wrote and signed it "Sal the Barber," when he sent in 1961 dues. He just says: "Keep up the good work."

A Co. 15th Engrs. Keep In Contact

A letter from Ed Rickert, 4121 Blanchon Ave., Brookfield, Ill., has this to say: (Ed was with A Co., 15th Engrs.)

Dear Dan: Enclosed are my 1961 dues with a little late news:

Howard Horner and his wife spent a few days with us in September, 1960. We had a very nice time, showing them the sights in Chicago. Howard is from Merchantville, N. J.

I received Christmas cards from several of the 3rd Platoon men:

George Ackerman, New York; Marty Dalton, Rhode Island; Carroll DeVoid, Vermont; Jerry Fassano, New York; Joe Fusco, New York; John (Spit Five) Gatti, New Jersey; Frank Gambalo, New York; Earl Hanna, Texas; Eddie Hayes, Washington; Howard Horner, New Jersey; C. (Hoss) Johnson, Maryland; Alvin James, California; William (Russian) Walbersz, Dwight (Lt.) Merrillo, Ralph Renna, Massachusetts; Augule Pintala, Montana; Hughgo Slusher, Roanoke, Va.; Tony (True Blue) Valeri, Michigan; Louis (Boom Boom) Walters, Iowa; Clem Przybylski, Missouri; Dave Pinkney, New York; Arnold Pool, Oregon; Marty Pysz, New York; Art Peterson, Iowa.

Ed asked Secy. Quinn to help locate James Blake, which Danny did. The address is Jim Blake, 410 Fairview Ave., Fort Lee, N. J.

Rickert closes by telling how he enjoys reading The Octofoil from cover to cover each issue.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

Friends of Hakey Will Miss His Smiling Face

Ninth Q.M. buddies of Ambrose Hakey have looked forward to each year's Reunion with great anticipation because they knew Hakey would be there to spark plug their rounds of pleasure and entertainment.

Harry Orenstein advised The Octofoil just as this issue was going to press that Ambrose passed away on March 24, 1961.

The widow's address is Mrs. A. Hakey, 3509 Iroquois Court, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The Octofoil joins with Ambrose's many, many buddies from all parts of the country in extending sincere sympathy to Mrs. Hakey.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

DAV MAG WILL PRINT NOTICES

The Octofoil is in receipt of a carbon copy of a lengthy letter Art Schmidt, Greater New York Chapter, mailed to the DAV Magazine asking that the publication publicize the forthcoming 1961 Reunion in Detroit, Michigan. Schmidt is an active member of the Disabled American Veterans and a Life Member. His efforts to publicize Reunions in various veteran publications for the past several years has helped swell attendance to these Reunions considerably.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

Mrs. Davis Pinch Hits For Hubby

Jessie Davis, Box 84, Hebron, O., is a long-time continuous member of the Association and his fine wife, Elizabeth, proposes to see that such a situation continues. While Jessie was working away from home for a period of time shortly after the first of the year Mrs. Davis personally sent in the dues advising that she did not want him to ever be listed as delinquent in the association.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

CHARLIE CIHLAR WILL ATTEND '61 REUNION

Charlie Cihlar has a concrete construction business in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. His address is R. F. D. 5, Sturgeon Bay. Cihlar writes that his business is holding up pretty good and the seven youngsters are growing up so he's gonna take in the sights around Detroit and attend the Reunion in July. He's hoping to meet a lot of his old buddies—especially Pop, Smitty, Krauser, Shorty, Ben—and others too numerous to mention.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

Capt. Robert Buck Pays Dick Toole a Short Visit

Dick Toole, former K Co. 47th man, now on Route 3, Circleville, O., had a pleasant surprise recently.

Robert Buck, formerly Capt. Buck, 47th Inf. Ammo officer dropped in on Dick and spent an afternoon while he was in Columbus on business.

Toole says the captain is the same old Buck—a real guy and that the two of them talked continuously for better than four hours about experiences and trying to recall the names of old K Co 47th men.

FRANK MRACHEK HAS VALUABLE PICTURES

Frank Mrachek was a Tech Sergeant with Co. L, 39th Regt. Frank is now located in Plainview, Minn.

LOOKING FOR MR. LYNCH

In a letter dated March 3 the former 39th lad writes in part:

I am trying to locate Mr. J. C. Lynch, father of Capt. Paul Lynch of I Co., 39th, who was killed in action in March, 1945.

Being a photographer now and before serving with I and L Cos, 39th, I had a camera along with me and took many photos of the fellows in my outfit. Many of them were killed in action.

During recent years I've watched closely for articles in The Octofoil concerning fellows I knew and have shots of them made on line. I think I have made some of these boys' families happy by making up prints and sending to the families. Many of these shots are the last ones made before they were killed.

Among those contacted was Mrs. Bess Hayes, mother of Red Hayes, who was killed while with I Co. On a recent trip to California I had the opportunity and pleasure to make a personal call on her in Santa Rosa. Words can't explain her appreciation for my short visit with her. Our visit cleared up a lot of things that were in her mind.

Frank has two photos he made of Capt. Lynch about a month before he was killed. The Octofoil knows how appreciative Mr. Lynch will be to get these pictures. Secy. Quinn has forwarded Capt. Lynch's father's correct address to Frank, which is: Mr. J. C. Lynch 475 Franklin Turnpike, Allendale, N. J.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

Reminder Letters Sent Out; Can't Kick About Response

Even with the unemployment situation as it is over the country, the secretary says he can't complain about how the former 9th men are responding to his dues notices that were sent out. The tremendous amount of work involved can never be imagined by anyone who didn't participate. If Marie Quinn wasn't (Mrs. Danny) full of the Ninth Division spirit and gets in there with rolled up sleeves and helps the secretary's office couldn't possibly function as smoothly and efficiently as it does. After all the secretary has to go out to the mines and make money to keep those kiddies in new shoes. He is also fortunate to have such helpers as Dom Miele and Vince Guglielmino, just to mention a few of the good members of the Greater New York Chapter who also roll up their sleeves and help get things done.

Approximately 200 letters containing 1961 dues were processed in the secretary's office during the first three weeks in March.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

Al Baccile Sends In Names of Prospects

Al Baccile, B Co., 39th, writes from 915½ Davis St., Elmira, N. Y. Although Al has never been able to attend one of the Reunions, he still has the old Division spirit and says in his letter: "I would be sadly remiss if I failed to provide a small yearly stipend in the form of dues to help perpetuate the Association. I feel it is an obligation that must be shared by those of us who returned and for the lasting memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice."

"Although we have a B Co. reunion every year which is greatly enjoyed by all who attend, I feel that a more personal contribution should be made, and God willing, I shall endeavor to make my first Reunion in 1962."

Al sent in some names, all former 39th men, who he hopes will decide to join the Association after Secretary Quinn contacts them. The men whose names Al sent in are:

Peter A. Carozza, 811 Lincoln St., Elmira, N. Y. Anti-Tank, 39th.

George A. Mofte, 948 Scio St., Elmira, N. Y. Co. C, 39th.

John B. Mullen, 358 Grove St., Elmira, N. Y. K Co., or L Co., 39th.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

BILL MAUSER AND FAMILY TO SEE BUDDIES IN DETROIT

Bill Mauser, 84th F.A. Bn., 17616 East Park Drive, Cleveland, Ohio, advises that "We are making plans to be at the Detroit Reunion for sure."

Bill served a term on the National Board of Governors a few years ago, and has been in attendance at several of the Reunions. At the last Columbus Reunion newspaper photographers took shots of Mauser in the parade, accompanied by young Bill, Jr., and featured the pictures in the Columbus newspapers.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

OZART AND HIS PARTY VIEWING THE INAUGURATION



The most enthusiastic trio witnessing the inauguration of Governor Otto Kerner are pictured above. Left to right, National President Frank Ozart, Emil Radic and Past National President John Clouser. The governor seemed mighty proud that his former Ninth buddies were among the vast throng who witnessed the colorful affair. The lads conversed with Governor Kerner briefly at the state capitol following the inauguration.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER WILL PRESENT FLAG DURING IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES IN GOV. OTTO KERNER'S CHICAGO OFFICES

National President Frank Ozart advises The Octofoil that the Illinois Chapter will consider May 12 a Red Letter day in the annals of the Ninth Infantry Division Association—and particularly the Illinois Chapter.

On that date at 10:30 A.M., an American flag will be presented by former Ninth men to an illustrious graduate from the 9th Infantry Division. Governor Kerner served with the 34th F.A. Bn. during the African and Sicilian campaigns.

The Governor has served on the National Board of Governors. During the two reunions in Chicago he was toastmaster at the banquets and has made the necessary contacts for the incorporation of the Association in Illinois.

The presentation will be made in the Governor's Chicago office, the State Bldg., 160 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago. His office is on the 21st floor.

A DISTINCT HONOR

It has been a long standing custom in Illinois for a veterans' organization to present a flag to the Governor when he is a war veteran. The Illinois Chapter feels greatly honored that Governor Kerner has agreed to accept the flag from his buddies of the Ninth Division.

The Illinois Chapter wants former Ninth men from everywhere to share with them the honors being bestowed on them on this day. Invitations have been sent to members in all parts of the country. A representative of The Octofoil will be present—Associate Editor Dick Pestel, who will be accompanied by Lt. Col. Paul Keller, former 39th man, now located in Columbus, O.

Any member who can attend the impressive ceremony should notify Frank Ozart, National President, 2241 S. Marshall Boulevard, Chicago 23, Illinois.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

Gov. Kerner Takes Over



Pictured above is the Ninth's Illinois Governor—His Excellency, Honorable Otto Kerner. The picture was taken by National President Frank Ozart immediately after Governor Kerner had taken his oath of office.

ELVIN NICHOLS HAS TO MOVE TO NEW QUARTERS

Elvin D. Nichols is still with the Minneapolis - Honeywell Regulator Co., in Dallas, Texas. His home address is now 3989 Highgrove, Dallas 20, Texas. This is a new address—and according to Nick this is the reason: My middle is growing, the kids are growing, but our little house at 2618 Valwood Parkway just wouldn't grow. He closes his letter thusly:

Remember, any of the former 9th men have a standing invitation to drop in and see us, any time!

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

Bob Beebe Is Busy Drowning Worms

Bob Beebe is living the life of Reilly in Florida. His address is 5621 Astoria Place, Orlando, Fla. The former K Co. 47th lad writes to Secretary Quinn as follows:

Dear Dan: Greetings From Florida: Please excuse the delay in sending in my dues for 1961. As you know, such matters of high finance take time.

Everything down here in Florida is fine. I go fishing every now and then (never catch much, but I have certainly drowned a mess of worms), and just enjoy the sun and fine sunny weather.

Sorry I can't make the 1961 Reunion. Sure wish I could. Best of luck to all the gang—and hope to see them all at some future Reunion.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

LOYAL MEMBER LIVES IN FAR OFF HAWAII

Dues sent in by George S. Iwamoto probably come from farther away than did dues from any other member. George is a former 34th F.A. man, who now lives at 1679 Kilavea Ave., Hilo, Hawaii.

George is sales representative for the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co. He'd be happy to hear from his old "A" Bty., 34th F.A. buddies.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

Col. Barefoot Enjoys Work As Teacher

Since retiring from active duty as Lt. Col. Forrest Barefoot, he has been busy as a teacher-librarian at a Federal Correctional Institution in California. He says all of the faculty is well informed and are very congenial. His old buddies from the 34th Field Art. outfit will be happy to hear from him. A letter will reach the former 34th man if sent to Lompoc, California.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

NEW YORK CHAPTER MEMBERS PLANNING VISIT TO WEST POINT

The Octofoil's latest letter from Arthur Schmidt, 69-20 69th St., Brooklyn 27, N. Y., is chock full of news. Art is Public Relations Officer for President Pat Morano's administration.

TO VISIT THE POINT

Stan Cohen read a letter at the April 7 meeting from Maj. Gen. W. C. Westmoreland, superintendent at West Point, in which the general advised he would be pleased to have a group of visitors from the New York Chapter. It was decided to make the trip on May 13, 1961, the members to use their own transportation. Questionnaires have been sent out to the New Yorkers so as to determine how many will be in this caravan.

Further details will be available at the May 5 meeting. It was noted that a full dress parade is scheduled on the day of the visit—at 1:30 P.M. There will also be some interesting athletic contests. Any members who need transportation are asked to contact Pat Morano, 31 Brookside Ave., 4B, Somerville, New Jersey.

PICNIC ARRANGEMENTS

Greater New York's annual picnic will be held at its usual location—Wachung Reservation — (Seeley's Pond) near Scotch Plains, N. J.—on June 4, 1961. Tickets are \$6 for a family, or \$3 per person at the park. If tickets are bought in advance the cost is \$5 per family. Children admitted free. There will be plenty of hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, shish-ka-bob, beer, etc. With Danny Quinn acting as umpire in chief there should be plenty of fun.

CONTACT MIELE

Dom Miele, secretary, 853 Southern Blvd., Bronx 69, N. Y., should be contacted for tickets.

The Greater New York Chapter is also discussing the feasibility of having a night at Yankee Stadium—possibly Old Timers' Day.

The April 7 meeting held in the Hotel Van Rensselaer, 15 E. 11th St., New York City, was a special meeting honoring former Chapter presidents. Extra chow was furnished to take care of their ravenous appetites. Plenty of beer was consumed. Former presidents attending were: Mike Gatto, Vincent Guglielmino, Cal Polivy, Irving Feinberg, Max Umansky, Al Bruchac, Dan Quinn and Art Schmidt. They were given a vote of thanks for the work done in behalf of the Chapter and the Association. The incumbent president, Pat Morano, was included in the thank you motion.

NEW FACES

Two new faces were noted at the meeting—Vince D'Addona—a life member, and Jerry Holman of the 15th Engineers. Naturally, Art bent Holman's ears back talking about escapades of the 15th Engrs. Both were in a VA hospital at the same time. All toll there were 40 members in attendance.

HEAR LECTURE

A lecture was delivered on the defense warning system. A film was shown called "Seconds for Survival." The film made one realize that the next war will be a different story from the last one. It could be over in a matter of seconds.

SCHMIDT SNOWBOUND

Snowdrifts in and around New York City kept the Demon Reporter from covering the Feb. 3 meeting.

SEEKING INSIGNIA

Art is issuing an appeal to any members who have any division, regimental or battalion insignia—(enamel or metal, about 1x1 inch), to send it to Jerry Eades, Adjutant, DAV Chapter No. 157, 702 Hillcrest Drive, Arlington, Texas. The Chapter hopes to display these insignias and keep alive the memories and histories of the fighting units.

PLUGGING FOR MEMBERS

Adolph Wadalavage, First Vice-President of the New York Chapter, advised Schmidt a notice had appeared in the VFW Magazine, put in by John S. Eckstein, 52-30 39th Ave., Flushing, N. Y. Eckstein desires to locate a Sgt. Branton and a Cpl. Haas who he served with at Division headquarters, Hqtrs. Co. As a matter of fact Eckstein would like to hear from any old buddies that saw action with him in Cotentin Peninsula in July, 1944. Art immediately sent Eckstein an application for membership in the Association.

WADALAVAGE SEEKS BUDDY

Vice-President Wadalavage is trying to locate a former Division M.P. Frank Warner, more commonly known as "Hank." Anyone who knows his present whereabouts are

requested to write Adolph Wadalavage, 94-30 96th St., St. Albans, N. Y. Phone: VI. 6-6443.

TURNING ON THE HEAT

At a recent New York Chapter meeting and at Father Connors' Memorial Mass, Art met a brother-in-law of a former B Co. 15th Engr. man, John Mutchko, 79 Summit Ave., Waldurck, N. J. The brother-in-law is also a former 9th man. Mutchko was bugler for the 15th Engrs. Art is planning on calling on Mutchko and presenting him with an application for membership.

DELAYED ACTION

P.R.O. Schmidt had to depend on President Pat Morano for a report on the Feb. 3 meeting. Highlights of the report the president filed with his press agent follows:

Only seven members were able to get through the snow drifts to attend the meeting. They were Dom Miele, chapter secretary; Frank Mele, Ed Egan, Harry Orenstein, Frank Fazio, Irving Feinberg and O'Keefe. The president himself was snowbound and expressed profound gratitude to those members who braved the elements and attended the February meeting.

FREE LOADING AGAIN

Schmidt is drawing an azimuth on Robstown, Texas, from Detroit, Mich., immediately following the Reunion. He is corresponding with a former Co. B 15th Engr. man in the Texas town, Carroll Leake, Box 88, Robstown. Leake is taking his vacation Aug. 3-Aug. 12 and invited Art to stop over in Southern Texas enroute back to New York—that's really a detour—but if anyone can make it Schmidt can. The town is 120 miles from old Mexico and they have another old buddy down that way—Inocenzi Guel. So it looks like a lot of tequila will get lapped up come Aug 3-Aug. 12.

FINE JOB OF NOTIFYING

President Morano is getting out a most interesting memograph sheet for the members preceding the meetings. The masthead carries all the elected and appointed officers' names as well as the New York Chapter's Board of Governors. The roster reads:

President, Pat Morano; First Vice, Al Wadalavage; Second Vice, Art Schmidt; Secretary, Dom Miele; Treasurer, Irving Feinberg; Judge Advocate, Edward Egan; Chaplain, George Apar; Sergeant at Arms, Jack Scully; Board of Governors: George Stegner, 39th; Pat J. Higgins, 39th; John Rizzo, 47th; Al Orletti, 47th; Carl Winter, 60th; Harry Jumeman, 60th; Al Wadalavage, Special Troops; Dave Gelman, Special Troops; Kenneth Grosse, Divarty; Max Umansky, Divarty.

The New York Yankees furnished a film for the March meeting.

Parts of President Morano's message in his letter to the members reads:

"I want to express my thanks for the confidence and honor all of you in the Chapter have bestowed upon me. . . I will endeavor to continue the excellent work so well accomplished by our past Chapter Officers. . . They are all to be commended since the Chapter ended the past year with a surplus. In order for me to continue this good work will be depended upon your co-operation. You can co-operate by attending as many of our meetings that you possibly can.

30 ATTEND MARCH MEETING

Only first class mail will be used in sending out notices hereafter. At the March meeting there were two new members in attendance: Frank G. Heilsila, Div. Hqtrs., now of Westfield, N. J., and Roger Marian, of the 39th. The latter is now with the American Red Cross. Frank has a cadet son at West Point.

SAGA MAG MAN ATTENDS

Danny Quinn brought a writer to the meeting who represented Saga Magazine. He gave the 9th Division credit for being a fighting outfit. He expressed regrets that he was not eligible for membership in the Association.

WOLSTOFF PASSED AWAY

All of Mickie Wolstoff's old-time buddies were saddened to learn of his death in February. He was with Division M.P.s. Particularly saddened were Adolph Wadalavage and Dave Gelman, who knew him well.

Roger Marion, one of the new members, proposed that every effort be made for members to attend the funerals of former 9th men who pass away in the Greater New York area.

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TONY AWERS GOTTA LOCATE SOME 899TH T.D. BUDDIES SOON

Anthony F. Awers, 2257 S. 75th St., West Allis 19, Wisconsin, sends in his dues but complains about reading The Octofoil from cover to cover and fails to find any notes about his former buddies with the 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

Secretary Quinn put in quite a bit of time going through old records trying to help Tony locate some of the old gang. Quinn run down the names and addresses of many—and he found a lot of backsliders amongst the list. Maybe Tony can get them back in the Amen corner with paid-up cards. Among the names of those who were sent to Awers it was suggested particularly that he contact James Dreussi, 5132 Lincoln St., E., East Canton, Ohio, a former Co. B, 899th T.D. man, who recently had a notice in the Legion Magazine regarding a 899th T.D. proposed Reunion to be held. Any former 899th men reading this should get in touch with Awers at the address given.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

"WILD BILL" ZWEIL IS PHILOSOPHICAL

That 47th Cannon Co. man is roaring again—"Wild Bill" Zweil, Box 313, Rutherford, N. J. Bill has been hospitalized during the most of 1961. In one of his letters to The Octofoil he wrote: "I had a drain in my arm. Every time I looked up a pretty nurse was standing by my bed with a smile on her face, a thermometer in one hand and a needle in the other. When they found out I wasn't a pin cushion they sent me home."

Zweil's temperature run as high as 106 degrees—and he still doesn't have much strength in that right arm—but is hopeful of getting his strength back.

On last Nov. 29 Bill had a bad fall and thought his neck was broken. But it wound up with some injuries almost as bad. Trying to work some weeks later his temperature run up to 105—and he was rushed home. Having a nurse in the family saved his life until he could be rushed to the hospital.

With "Wild Bill's" indomitable spirit it's a cinch he'll be back in the old ball game before long.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

Some Newsy Notes From Chick Hennen

Chick Hennen, 430 Washburn Ave., North, Minneapolis 12, Minn., sends a few timely notes to The Octofoil. Chick was a 60th Regt. major. His notes read:

Greetings, One and All:—The Greater Twin Cities Chapter members are all saving their pennies and hoping to make the trek to Detroit this summer.

Winchellian note: And did you know that Richard W. Sims, formerly Third Bn., 60th Regt. is infanticipating?

And that Colonel Lynell Greene, formerly Co. A, 60th Regt., is now Chief of Staff, XIV Corps and stationed in Minneapolis.

And what really inspired me to send my dues in and write this note was yesterday when I got to thinking about Joe Casey (it being St. Patrick's day), and his leading role in the forthcoming Motor City convention, and his many escapes from danger when he was driving for Col. Fred de Rohan, our regimental commander?

P.S.: Ted Youngquist, Robbinsdale, Minn., had his name in the paper last night—announcing the engagement of his daughter.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

DR. BRUCE I. RYDER, M.D., LOCATED IN HENRY, ILL.

Dr. Bruce I. Ryder has sent in dues from Henry, Ill. for three years. Dr. Ryder will be kindly remembered by the 15th Engr. Bn. men. He operated a first aid station while Col. Schermerhorn was commanding officer—and Tom Gray, of the New England Chapter was Col. Thomas Gray, the executive officer.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

"The Mad Russian" Still Preaching 9th Div. Gospel

Mike Mysyk, "The Mad Russian," 12604 Darlington Avenue, Garfield Heights, Ohio, takes time out to extend greetings to his old buddies—Co. G, 60th. Mr. and Mrs. Mysyk recently entertained as a week-end visitor in their suburban Cleveland home a former 9th man—a K Co., 47th ex-G.I.—Dick Pestel. The Mysyks have already "salted" away enough in the piggy bank to underwrite their trip to Detroit.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

The only thing a heated argument ever produced is a coolness.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS TO MEET MAY 20; TO DISCUSS SCHOLARSHIP

A meeting of the Board of Governors has been tentatively set for May 20th. Exact location for the meeting was still undecided at the time The Octofoil went to press.

The Detroit Reunion Committee was desirous to have the group meet in that city and to check on plans made to this date for the 1961 Reunion.

Many members on the Board who come from down East were of the opinion Detroit was too far from their residences to make the trip for just a few hours' board meeting.

Most of those who were of this opinion have suggested Pittsburgh, Pa., since board members from the Middle West and the New York-New England delegation would have about the same travel mileage.

SCHOLARSHIP DECISION

There are several important matters to be taken up—such as part replacements for the headquarter's Addressograph machine, replacing a worn-out typewriter and other similar matters.

But the most important matter to come before the Board will be disposition of the scholarship award.

The Octofoil printed full details governing the Lou Becker Scholarship award in the November-December, 1960 editions. But it may be worth repeating some of that information at this time. The Board wants each and every orphaned boy and girl of all former Ninth men to be given consideration for this honor if they are interested.

The Board has previously decided that orphaned children of deceased former Ninth Infantry Division men should be given preference in making this award.

A guardian or the mother of the child proposed for the scholarship should send all the information to Secretary Dan Quinn, 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N. J.

Information that should be sent to Danny along with the child's full name should be the father's unit while in the service. The child's age now; school now attending; grade the child is in, and what particular subject does he or she show a preference for.

It is hoped that several more applications for consideration of this award will be filed with Secretary Quinn before the Board meets.

SARGE STEVE BUDRICK DIGS DOWN IN THE OLD BARRACKS BAG AND COMES UP WITH PAY DIRT

The "Old Sarge," Steven Budrick, 21 Union Ave., South River, N. J., writes to comment on a recent issue of The Octofoil in which Gen. McArthur's quotation was printed relative to old soldiers fading away. Budrick writes: This is what I have to say, that all of us old Sergeants never fade away. We just leave this good earth and take over again upstairs, where we left off.

OBJECTS TO GEN. WESTMORELAND BEING OUT OF UNIFORM

Another quote from the sergeant's letter: Here is some good news for The Octofoil: On March 5, 1961 on channel No. 2 of the Sports Spectacular between the Army and Navy, I saw Maj. Gen. William C. Westmoreland and heard him deliver a nice talk. But I found this wrong—he didn't have a Ninth Infantry Division patch on his right sleeve. So this is what I have to say: If he can't get a Ninth Infantry Division patch to put on his right sleeve, I will send him one—so I can admire both the general and the Octofoil the next time he's on TV.

"Sarge" Budrick sent some newspaper clippings that were faded with age. The clippings printed during the Sicilian campaign mentions the outstanding combat effectiveness of the First, 45th and other divisions—but concludes with a pat on the back for the men of the Ninth Infantry Division. Parts of the clippings reads as follows:

"The 9th Division was the first U. S. outfit to enter Bizerte in the final drive in Tunisia. Landed at Palermo during the Sicilian campaign, the 9th joined with the First in the fighting at Troina, was the first America outfit to enter Randazzo."

MOVES STEADILY

Another clipping taken from a New York newspaper during the Cherbourg and St. Lo encounters reads in part:

"It has been disclosed that the U. S. Ninth Infantry Division, which was the first to slice across the

Cherbourg Peninsula, also was the first American units to smash thru the Westwall.

"The battle-tried veterans of the Ninth, who fought in Morocco, Tunisia and Sicily, also cleaned up Chateau Thierry and stormed their way across Belgium before forging a path through Hitler's Westwall defenses Sept. 14, during almost 85 consecutive days in the line.

"It has been moving steadily since it helped spearhead the crack-thru at St. Lo and Perriers on July 25, which decided the battle of France."

REPORT ON CEMETERIES IS AVAILABLE

From the Feb. 18, 1961 issue of Army Times the following information data has been taken:

"Every soldier or ex-G.I. should have a copy of the Special Army Times report on national cemeteries that spells out burial privileges available to him and his immediate family.

No gravesites will be assigned in advance of their requirements for burial purposes. However, at the time a serviceman or ex-G.I. is interred, an adjoining gravesite may be reserved by his widow.

The report also tells who else in a soldier's family may be interred in a national cemetery, how to apply for burial rights, headstones and markers, and the proper way to decorate grave sites."

To get a copy write to the Army Times Service Center, 2020 M St., N.W., Washington 6, D. C., enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope and ask for Report No. 74.

GEN. WESTMORELAND AT THE USMA DINNER

Maj. Gen. William C. Westmoreland, Superintendent of the U. S. Military Academy, was the featured speaker at the 17 March Annual Founder's Day Dinner of the West Point Society in the District of Columbia.

NO ONE COULD WRITE LETTERS LIKE GEN. RANDLE WITHOUT STEMMING FROM A PERSON'S HEART AND SOUL

It shouldn't be difficult for anyone to figure out why the Ninth Infantry Division established such an enviable record during its combat days. What is just a little bit difficult for the average civilian to figure out is how a commanding officer such as "Colonel" Ed Randle could drive on so relentlessly to an objective—and still be possessed with such kindness that "his cup runneth over." No one could pen a letter such as the one that parts are quoted from below if those expressions did not stem from the innermost recesses of a man's soul. And to think that after 18 long years those men who followed Col. Randle through thick and thin still hold him in such high regard. It is Brig. Gen. Edwin H. Randle, Ret., 503 Althea Road, Belleair, Clearwater, Florida. But to many of the former 47th Regt. men their memories are of their "Colonel" Randle with that ever-present pipe. Since retiring the general has spent countless hours writing cheerful letters to any of his boys he learned about who were in VA hospitals. Dick Pestel, Columbus, is one of those boys. His last seige in the Dayton VA Hospital was just a few days short of two years—necessitated from the effects of the 88's sharpnel that had Dick's number on it. Trying in some small way to show his appreciation for the many cheerful letters sent while he was hospitalized by Gen. Randle and the luscious Florida oranges sent after returning home, Pestel decided it was about time to replace that pipe that had given so much service. So he picked up one he thought would fill the niche and sent it to the Florida city. The acknowledgment that Gen. Randle wrote back was clear out of this world. Pestel turned it over to The Octofoil. The phraseology was too great a temptation to withhold from the other Association members, and especially former 47th men—so the liberty has been taken to extract some of the highlights of the letter and reproduce them below, which read:

PIPE IS BEAUTIFUL
Dear Richard: The pipe is beautiful. I wouldn't think of exchanging it for another. It is a better pipe than I would buy myself; and I never before had one with a lucite bit—hard rubber and amber, but never lucite. I guess that shows I'm old fashioned. And the pouch that your wife included! It is a lovely pouch. I hope

to meet her some day. She must be a very fine person. Very fine. I didn't have a pouch, either.

The Hickory tobacco I like. I have never seen it before, but then I have found anything John Middleton puts out is O.K. So your selections were all 100 percent—200 percent.

REMEMBRANCES

A few years ago I attend the Boston Convention. Old Ninth Division men kept coming up and saying, "I remember you standing on that hill in Africa, smoking your pipe." Or another, "I remember you smoking your pipe watching the convoy pass." Always they remembered the pipe. And I guess you remembered it, too. So it would seem.

And the colored pipe cleaners! And the fancy little packets of matches from the meat company! It was just like Christmas.

You and Paul Plunkett are doing a fine thing for the Division Association, too. I hope you never stop. But then, you love it so I don't think you will.

Please give my kindest regards to your wife, and to your mother. She raised a mighty fine son. Tell her I said so. And to Paul. Many thanks again.—Edwin H. Randle.

EV SPINK STILL STRINGING ALONG WITH PHONE JOB

Everett H. Spink's address is 7293 Akron Road, Lockport, New York. In a March 8, letter to Secretary Quinn Ev has this to say:

Dear Dan: Sooner or later I thought I would get a letter from somebody asking for my dues. I am glad to hear you are ready to accept me in your good graces for only four skins.

I hope you will notice the new address so I don't miss any copies of The Octofoil.

I am still with the telephone company as I have been since I got out of the service.

I wish I could be in Detroit but I will be in the Deep South at that time. I hope to see many of the old gang at some future Reunion. Extend my kindest regards to the old 9th Signal Co. gang.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—
It is a great pity that, because of the force of gravity, it takes more energy to close the mouth than to open it.

Additional New York News (Continued from Page 4)

COHEN REPORTS

Stan Cohen gave the following interesting news items:

Leonard Ignatizuk of Div. Hqtr., says "hello" to his friends in the post office; Walter Wolfson is on his way to Europe; Larry Heil, Signal Corps, is now Public Relations Officer for Mobilgas.

Danny Quinn reported that G. V. Scuccimarr, Serial No. 32001754, is now a patient at Franklin D. Roosevelt V.A. Hospital, Montrose, N. Y. He was with Signal Corps, and still has the Ninth Infantry close to his heart. He would like to hear from any of his former buddies. "Wild Bill" Zweil was recently discharged from Englewood Hospital. He also would like to hear from his old-time buddies. His address is Box 313, Rutherford, N. J.

MORE MONEY

Schmidt is sweating it out—hoping Governor Rockefeller's salary increase recommendations will become law, affecting New York state employees. If he gets this increase he'll be able to take longer junkets than heretofore—and his old buddies out in the wide open spaces might as well start stocking up on rations and beer. He's also sweating out next year's oral examinations at which time he hopes to qualify as a Senior Unemployment Insurance Examiner.

MRS. LUKAUSKAS CONTACTS

Mrs. Emily Lukauskas, the widow of the late Joe Lukauskas, a former Ninth man, found an old letter her departed husband had received from Schmidt about the Association. Her address is Mrs. Emily Lukauskas, 298 Irving Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., phone EM. 6-5722. Joe passed away back in February, 1958. The widow has a son 21, and a daughter 18, and three younger children.

Mrs. Lukauskas stated that she has a bit of free time and was willing to help the Chapter and the Association free of charge in any way that she could—such as typing and filing. She likewise expressed a desire to become affiliated with the Ladies' Auxiliary. Mrs. Lukauskas' fine gesture is greatly appreciated by the New York Chapter and all other members of the Association.

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HARRY ORENSTEIN DIGS UP Q.M. DOPE

Harry Orenstein, 9th Q.M., now at 640 E. 139th St., Bronx 54, N. Y., digs up some dope on his "boys" and forwards it to The Octofoil as follows:

TO ALL Q. M.'s—

Hello Again!

Roy Dreifus has moved to Florida. The "boys" who have attended the reunions know how much good work Roy has done. Roy has attended more Reunions than any other Q.M. His active participation at the 9th Division Association annual affairs has made these Reunions more enjoyable and interesting. The pictures that Roy took of the "boys" at the Reunions will always bring back pleasant memories.

Hope Roy and his wife will be able to attend some future reunions.

Our wish is that Roy and his wife quickly adjust themselves to their new environment and that they will have many, many more years of good health and happiness. Good luck to both of you, always!

ODDS AND ENDS

C. Benson writes: There's a new addition in our family—a girl!

Congratulations!

Based on all the available information, the Q.M.'s will be well represented at the Detroit Reunion.

PALADY BUSY

Bill Palady is doing an excellent job rounding up the "boys" for the Detroit Reunion. The writer received 45 Christmas cards from the "boys" and letters from Dreifus, Hakey, Harding, Palady, Robbins and Tapp.

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

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John Kocay Signs Up And Shows Interest

Pat Morano, president of Greater New York Chapter, happened to contact John A. Kocay on their respective jobs, and Pat lost no time signing up Kocay as a member of the Chapter. John was with Co. H, 60th Regt.

The bad weather kept Kocay from attending the first meeting held after becoming a member, but to show his interest in the Association, he was thoughtful enough to apologize to Secretary Quinn and promises to attend future meetings unless it is a physical impossibility as was the case in February.

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AL BRAVIN DIGS UP SOME VERY INTERESTING DATA FOR OCTOFOIL

Between Secretary Dan Quinn and Second Vice President Dick Pestel they have Al Bravin, 3236 Bronx Blvd., Bronx 67, N. Y., on the beam and he has furnished a mail bag filled with material that will prove most readable.

As noted elsewhere in this issue, are some pictures that Bravin cut out of his scrap book and sent to Pestel. Bravin is still plying his favorite trade—baking. He operates a bakery in the Bronx and employs about twenty people. His father before him operated bakeries. In Africa he was called on to bake a cake for Gen. Patton and some other officers. His fame spread after that memorable day.

KITCHEN BOMBED

Al comments on the time right after St. Lo when a shell landed in K Co. kitchen, and he grabbed a medic by the hand and flew across that field with shells falling all around them. McCoy was yelling "my leg, my leg." The medic took him away. Bravin wonders what happened to McCoy and where he is today.

RECEIVED OCTOFOIL

In a later letter Bravin thanks Pestel for the beautiful carved Octofoil that Pestel made by hand and sent for display in Bravin's bakery.

HAS FOUR YOUNGSTERS

Bravin is married and the couple have four fine children.

REMEMBERS O'HARA

In a letter to Secy. Quinn, Bravin mentions reading the notice in a recent issue of The Octofoil about Harold O'Hara's death. He dug up some old mimeographed sheets that O'Hara run off for the amusement of the boys while the outfit was still overseas. One humorous dialogue between two G.I. Raiders went something like this:

Hey, Joe, dija read about the Rotation Plan?
Yeh, I seen it.

Goin' home?

Nope. I only been overseas 26 months; that don't mean nothin'.

Didcha ever get hit or nothin'?

Onct. I got blowed outta my fox hole onct, too, but that don't count.

What about the time the tank blast knocked you silly?

That don't count either.

This dialogue continues for one whole page. Al says the brass was a little bit unhappy about the tempo of this issue of O'Hara's Special Weekly Edition of "Raider of the Ninth."

Another interesting edition of the mimeographed sheet paid tribute to the cooks. It read, in part:

"We believe that the most thankless job in the entire Army is that held by the Mess Sergeant. If all the abuse heaped upon these bedeviled characters was ejected at one time, it would blow them—and their "C" rations—from the face of the earth. And no one would attempt to locate the "C" rations.

"Napoleon, who years ago staged a couple of curtain-raisers to the main bout now being featured—looked out of his tent one morning and saw a French GI crawling toward his fox hole. "Ah! my Army travels on its stomach," he punned."

From there on O'Hara conjures up an imaginary general dictating a letter in which he suggests that rather than actually feeding the G.I.s it'd be a good idea to give them the illusion they were being fed.

O'Hara concludes his lengthy documentary with advice to the G. I.s not to be too harsh on the mess sergeant. What could he do for the hungry G.I. after receiving such a letter as the one O'Hara concocted.

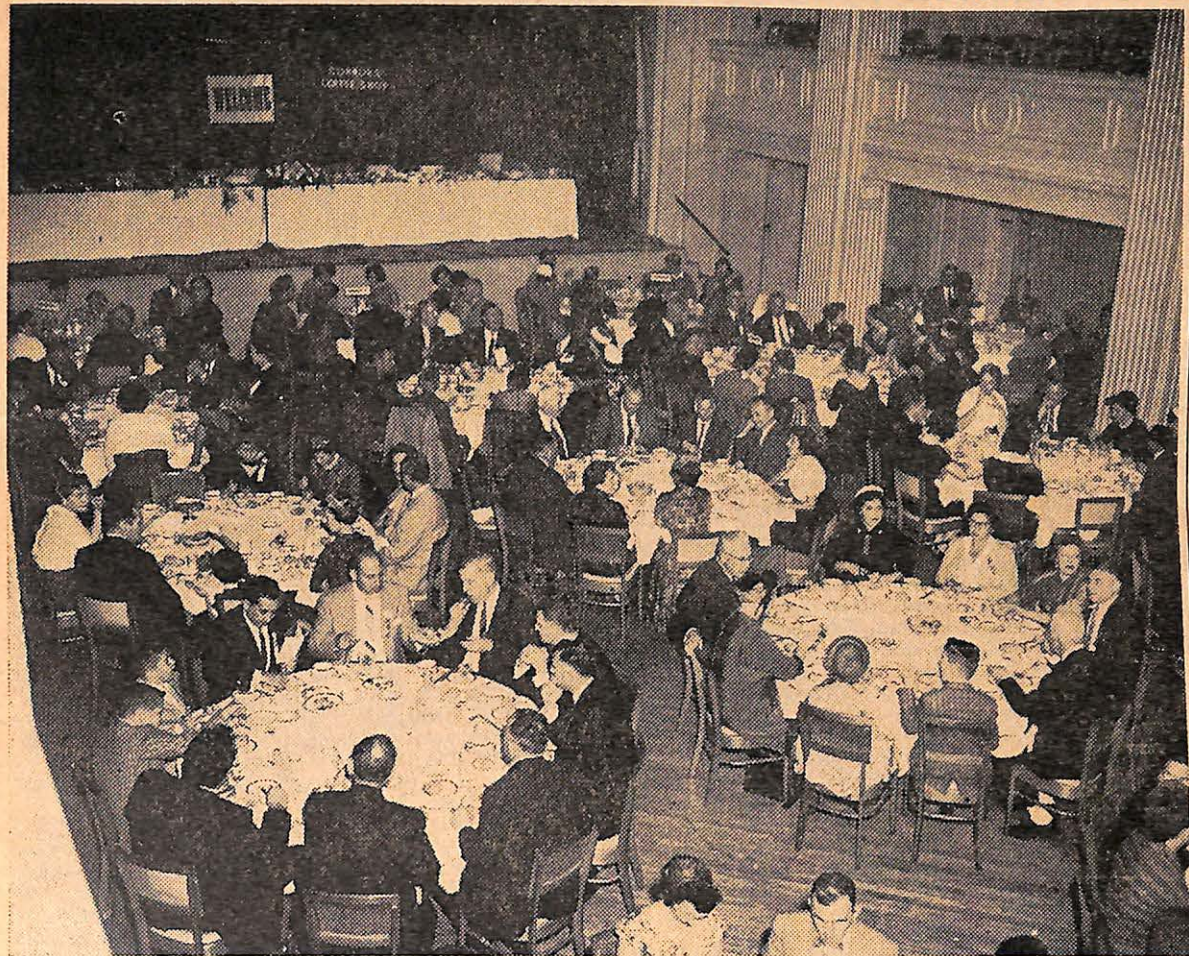
The sense of humor displayed by O'Hara and his kind during rugged days and nights was a contributing factor in the Ninth Division coming through with the great honors that it did.

MEMORIES OF McFADDEN'S POND AT FORT BRAGG



It's been a long time since the above G.I.'s sprawled out in the sun at McFadden's Pond, Fort Bragg, N. C. Sitting on the car's running board is Corporal R. J. Johnson, supply officer for K Co., 47th. Kneeling and clowning as he always was with swim suit and sailor cap is Mike Zirinski, K Co. 47th jeep driver. Sitting at base of tree is Thomas Sheldon, 2862 Walnut St., Huntington Park, Calif. In a prone position on the blanket is Dick Pestel, 1467 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, Ohio, and the late Grover C. Custus, formerly of De-Ave., Louisiana, who was killed in action in Normandy.—Photo courtesy Edith Pestel, made while on a visit to Fort Bragg in 1942.

AFTER THE MEMORIAL SERVICES... VISITORS DINE AT BANCROFT HOTEL



The above picture was made after Memorial Services for Ninth Division men, conducted by Father Ed Connors in Worcester, Mass. The Bancroft Hotel banquet room is the scene for the enjoyable climax to the annual program that each year brings more and more former Ninth men to Worcester to pay respect and offer prayers for departed buddies.

NOVEMBER 16th DATE ON LETTER FROM MCKENZIE STILL HOT NEWS

Shortly after the November-December, 1960, issue of The Octofoil went to press a letter vividly describing the activity in and around Worcester, Mass., preceding and during the Memorial Mass conducted by Father Ed Connors was received from Joe McKenzie.

Every issue since that date The Octofoil has been able to publish only 4-page issues and the type has been standing ever since Nov. 16. Several members have written letters accusing The Octofoil's standby, Joe McKenzie of letting them down and not sending in his usual thorough report on the Worcester Memorial activities. Although the story has been in cold type almost six months it still portrays angles of the beautiful services that have not been covered and for the benefit of the hundreds of members who couldn't attend and have accustomed themselves to reading Joe McKenzie's reports, his interesting letter is being printed at this late date.

McKenzie's address is still 95 Washington Ave., Waltham, Mass. He solicits news notes from all former 26th F.A. buddies. If the notes are sent in Mc will compile them into an interesting story.

The Octofoil apologizes for this long delay in publishing Mc's report. Parts of the interesting letter reads:

It would take all of the literary efforts of a James Michener or a John P. Marquand to describe the New England weather that greeted the men of the Ninth, their friends, and families on Nov. 6. Beautiful, wonderful, invigorating, stimulating are just a few of the words that this poor reporter can use to describe the day Mother Nature had in store for us.

Those who arrived on Saturday were justifiably happy. The City of Worcester was bathing in a bright sun. It was a beautiful day for football. Those sports enthusiasts who witnessed the win of the College of the Holy Cross over the University of Dayton added to their fond memories of their trip to Worcester.

I am sorry I cannot describe the activities of Saturday night. Some time I shall. Charlie Tingley of Washington, D. C. and our editor, Paul Plunkett, Columbus, O., were there, so I hope they will advise you of the laughter, turmoil and renewal of friendships of the night before.

MOST IMPRESSIVE

Attendance at Sunday Mass is a must for those of the Catholic faith. Those of other faiths are impressed by the simplicity and brevity of this Solemn Service. The renditions by the choir, who incidentally are all parishioners of the Immaculate Conception Church, were excellent.

Four extremely large bouquets of red and white carnations were the decorations on the beautiful altar and sanctuary. Father Rowan, a former Ninth M.P., now of Wichita,

Kansas, and Father Costello, a brother of Frank Costello, Co. B, 26th F.A., who was killed in action, were seated in the sanctuary. The three altar boys were sons of Ninth men. As usual, the Honor Guard of the Worcester Police Department performed their maneuvers with the precision of well trained infantrymen.

BACK TO COFFEE SHOP

After Mass the Connors Coffee Shop is reserved. Donuts by the hundreds and coffee by the gallon await the hungry appetite of the men who still have fond memories of "C", "K" and "D" rations. The youngsters were not forgotten. They were supplied with chocolate milk.

At 12:30 p.m. the Hotel Bancroft dining room was alive with waiters and waitresses rushing large trays to the more than forty tables crowded with still hungry men. Shrimp cocktail, roast beef, mixed vegetables, Delmonico potatoes, green salad, rolls, coffee, ice cream and fancy cookies finally satisfied all appetites.

MUCH LAUGHTER

The after dinner program is two hours of hilarious laughter. Father Connors is the Master of Ceremonies. You know him so he is different from anyone that you have seen or heard. Bishop Bernard Flanagan of the Diocese of Worcester always relaxes the tensions with a few stories before giving a short talk reminding us of our purpose in life. Congressman Harold Donahue and City Manager McGrath are each given five minutes. Father Murphy, a Curate with Father Connors many years ago, is always a featured speaker. He has a rare literary talent as well as the eloquence of many an after dinner speaker. The butt of his remarks were Gen. Westmoreland and Father Connors. Father Murphy is a Navy man, so he is always the loyal opposition to the Army. When Gen. Westmoreland arose to speak he left no stone unturned in answering Father Murphy. Some might be wondering if Gen. Westmoreland missed his calling. He can tell stories.

This year as in the past, Service Battery 26th F.A. was well represented. Paul Turner, who was with us at Fort Bragg, was on hand to say "Hello." Frenchy LeBlanc was there. We haven't seen Clem for about five years. John Murray, Manny Efron, Joe Albanese, Lew Orticari, Bill Bongiorno, George Wilkinson, John Quinn, Red Truscillo, Elmer Roscoe, Pergi, Jim Scannell and of course, yours truly were all members of Service Battery. Bernard Campbell of Hdqtrs. 26th F.A. by way of Royalton, Vermont, and Dick Wilson, also of Hdqtrs., by way of Philadelphia, greeted one another fifteen years after parting company.

VISITING AROUND

Bill Bongiorno took his family to

OCTOFOIL IS COMPARED WITH NEW YORK TIMES

Joseph J. Devine is commander of Cathedral Post No. 1087, American Legion, 233 Woodlawn Rd., West Hempstead, L. I., N. Y. Joe is very interested in the Association and is in close touch with Secretary Dan Quinn. He is one of the original 60th Regt. man, arriving at Bragg on that rainy January A. M. in 1941, and was with the Go-Devils until he lost a leg while in combat. In one of Devine's letters to Quinn he comments on The Octofoil as follows:

I would like at this time to congratulate the officers and members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association for outstanding achievements and a publication just short of The New York Times.

Joe made inquiry as to the ribbons and medals former Ninth men were entitled to wear and where to obtain them. Secretary Quinn referred him to the Department of Personnel Awards, Goodfellow Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.

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Niagara Falls for a summer vacation.

Lew Orticari went to Sandusky, Ohio, to visit his brother. On his way home, in a round about way he went to Lowell, Indiana, to say "hello" to Bernal Lareau, only to find that Bernal had moved and left no forwarding address.

Dan Looney and Dick Hill have moved to parts unknown. Bill Sacco moved to 226 Wachusett Ave., Arlington, Mass.

BACK FROM OLD COUNTRY

Mrs. Louise Pergiovanni was kept busy telling us of her recent trip to Italy. The trip was entertaining, exciting and educational but she said she was awfully glad she doesn't live there.

OSTRANDER PASSED AWAY

Bill Andrews, an ex-Service Battery man of Comstock, Mich., just informed me of the tragic death of Ernest Ostrander, who was a Tent City man and later with Service, 26th F.A. Mr. and Mrs. Ostrander were killed on May 24, 1957 when a train hit their car. Their children, David, 9 years old, and Patricia, 7, were also killed. Andrews wrote that he could not get to Worcester but that he did offer his Mass and Communion for the men of the Ninth who are gone. Bill is active in helping to make the 1961 Reunion to be held in the Motor City a tremendous success.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Twenty years ago, somebody, somewhere in this nation's capitol, started drawing numbers which were to send you, me and millions of others into the ranks. Little did we know what that number would do to us. Now that it is all over we look back to that day and say "I never thought it would happen to me."

Sincerely yours, Joe McKenzie.

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It's the indispensable man who takes the long vacations.

NEW DECALS A BIT SMALLER THAN WAS THE OLD SUPPLY

Secretary Danny Quinn has finally received the supply of decals he ordered some time ago. It will be noted that this item is again listed in the membership application box that appears on page 2 of The Octofoil each issue.

Secretary Quinn advises:

These new decals are just off the press and a little smaller than the last supply we had on hand. The members shouldn't run afoul of the law with these smaller decals on their car windows. I hope to give a free one to every member who pays his dues this year. Of course I will have to ask the chapters for their help for those who paid their dues before March of this year and before I received the new decals.

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FRANK HEIKKILA MAKES INQUIRY ABOUT BUDDIES

Frank Heikkila, now a member of Greater New York Chapter is most anxious to contact three old buddies. Anyone knowing where these three former Ninth men are today should send that information to Secretary Dan Quinn, 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N. J. He will see that Frank gets the information.

The three being sought are: Tony Dalto, Anthony Duerr and Larry Heyl.

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COL. E. S. MATHEWS HAS HIS 30 YEARS IN

Col. E. S. Mathews, 3285 Somerset Dr., Cleveland, Ohio, scribbled a note when sending in his 1961 dues that he had "retired" after 30 years as a G.I. But it looks as though the colonel just switched his line of work. He is holding a responsible job with Switzer Bros., Inc., in Cleveland.

He sends his kindest regards to old buddies in the 709th Ord. Co.

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Succimarrì Is Thrilled When Time for Mail Call

G. V. Succimarrì is still a patient of the Franklin D. Roosevelt VA Hospital, Building 7, Ward A, Montrose, N. Y. Several New York Chapter members have promised to drop him a few lines after Secretary Quinn reported to the chapter how devoted he is to the Association—and how thrilled he is to receive a letter or card from any former 9th Division man.

Parts of a letter he recently sent to Secretary Quinn reads:

Dear Dan: I received a copy of The Octofoil and I am very thankful that I got some mail today.

The book "8 Stars to Victory," I gave to the Hospital library a few months after I personally received it from you.

Again thank you for your great efforts in sending me that 9th Division documentary book and its history.

Right now a former 9th man has it and is reading it. He works for personnel here at the hospital. I do remember seeing him in the Division area in Fort Bragg.

As you know I was with all three regiments and I saw them, going over at Port Lyauty. I was in the Construction Plt., 9th Signal most of the time and a few times with 9th Recon, attached to the 9th Signal and 9th Hqtr. Co. To look over the 9th's casualty list is a sad detail. Lucky for me I made it back alive—even if I am in a VA hospital. My very best regards to everyone connected with The Octofoil and the Ninth Infantry Division Assn.—G. C. Succimarrì.

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TAYLOR CONTACTS SOME FORMER NINTH MEN

The Octofoil is in receipt of another letter from Wilton Taylor, former 47th man, on Star Rte., Stop 6, Lost Hills, Calif. He reports that he recently saw Harold Russie, D Co., 39th in Bakersfield, Calif. And there is a Capt. Ott, former 39th man with the Gulf Oil Co. in Bakersfield.

A. D. Waldron is back in California after a siege in a Michigan hospital, and wants to thank the former 9th men in that area who visited him while hospitalized there.

Ed Crayton, former 60th man, is also a Bakersfield resident. He is teaching school in that area.

Taylor suggests that now ex-President Eisenhower's duties are not so exacting, he should be invited to be an honored guest at one of the Reunions in the very near future.

He sends his best to all former Ninth men everywhere!

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There are three kinds of people: those that are immovable; those that are movable; and those that move.

Quinn Clan Must Be "Tough Stock"

It may be a breach of trust to quote personal items contained in letters received at The Octofoil office. But the temptation is too great not to quote a little personal paragraph in a recent letter from Secy. Quinn. It read:

"So much for now . . . I want to visit the hospital and chat with an old gent, a cousin of my late Father. We have always called him Uncle Pat (only 85 years young). Poor Pat broke his leg and with his age things are stacking up against him. However, he can still down the old "booze." I always sneak in a few "shots" for him and it would do your heart good to see him drink it and realize how much the old boy enjoys and appreciates the smuggled nips."

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Wants to Hear From Medics

George T. Campbell, 409 Darlington Ave., Greenville, S. C., writes as follows:

I would like to hear from former members of First Bn. Medics, 60th Inf. Regt. Enclosing 1961 dues—and am planning to attend the Detroit Reunion.

George is associated with Shaw's Pharmacy, 1633 E. North St. Ext., Greenville, S. C.

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COL. REID BETZ INTERESTED IN ASSOCIATION'S AFFAIRS

Col. Reid Betz, P.O. Box 84, Hq. NORAD, Colorado Springs, Colo., contacted The Octofoil a few years back when he was writing a book on the Infantrymen of the United States Army. He is still interested in the Association because of the caliber former combat infantrymen making up its membership roster. He has again sent in a subscription to The Octofoil and thinks the Association is doing a wonderful job. Although presently with the Air Corps Col. Betz has many interesting years of infantrymen service on his outstanding service record.

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LOUIS M. PRINCE WAS TOO GENEROUS WITH REPROS

Louis M. Prince, 4 W. 4th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio., is desirous of obtaining a copy of the Presidential Citation that was awarded to the 60th F.A. Bn. for action at Thala, Tunisia, Feb. 21-22, 1943. The lad had his copy and made photostats for former 60th F.A. men, but he failed to keep a copy for his own use. Secretary Quinn has written to Lou in an effort to help him solve his problem.

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Gen. George Smythe Says: "Keep Up the Good Work"

Maj. Gen. George Smythe's Washington address since his retirement is 1200 N. Inglewood St., Arlington 5, Virginia. Gen. Smythe was the original president of the Association and his ingenuity is responsible to a large extent for the stability of the Association as it is today. When sending in his 1961 dues he commented on the work being done and suggested no let up in the activity. "Just keep up the good work," he says.

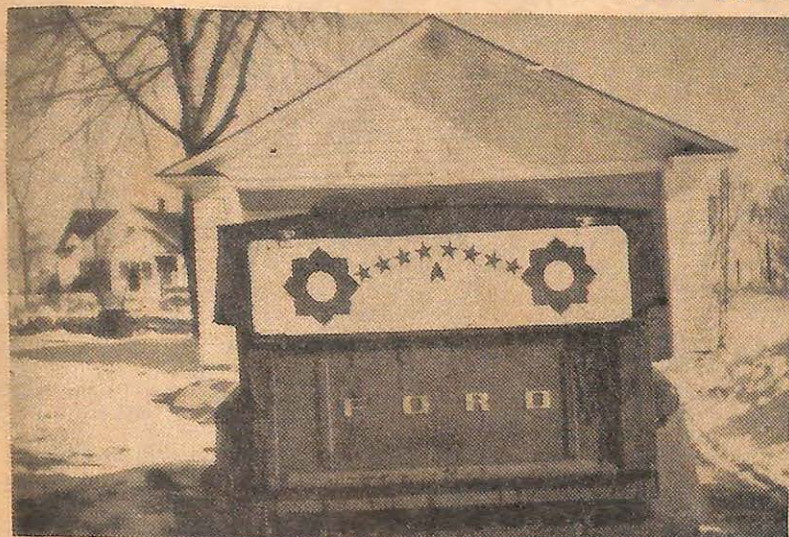
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From Al Bravin's Library



Al Bravin, who was Mess Sergeant for Hqtrs. Co. 47th, comes up with the above photo and says he has scores of others in his library that The Octofoil may use from time to time. The above photo was taken near the Cherboung Peninsula and shows Dick Pestel with an unidentified K Co. 47th man. The Octofoil and Bravin would like for someone to identify the other Joe. Al is an active member of the Association and lives at 3236 Bronx Blvd., Bronx 67, N. Y.

MICHIGAN LAD BUILDS OCTOFOILS INTO TRUCK BODY



Pictured above is the rear end of Bill Andrews' panel truck. Bill is Vice President of the Michigan chapter. He has had the Octofoils and campaign stars painted permanently on the truck. He drives around Grand Rapids showing off the Octofoil and calling on former Ninth men from a list that he carries with him. Bill's address is 5780 Alpine, N.W., Comstock Park, Mich. (near Grand Rapids). Although it necessitates a long ride Andrews seldom misses a Chapter meeting in Detroit.—Photo courtesy the Rumennaps.

Henry Whalen Is Cited For His Work At the Bronx V.A. Hospital Base 81

Former Ninth men in all walks of life and in all parts of the country keep chalking up honorable records of achievement in their various local communities.

Another such former Ninth man is Henry Whalen, 3146 Perry Ave., Bronx, N. Y. Henry is a former Raider Regiment man.

He has been elected commander of the Bronx County Chapter of the Catholic War Veterans.

Whalen has been a lifelong resident of the Bronx and is employed by the New York and Worcester Express, a trucking firm. He is a highly respected member of the Teamsters Union, Local 707.

Whalen has 23 citations, among which is the Purple Heart with cluster, silver Star and Bronze Star. HELPS PATIENTS

He has also received citations from the Veterans Administration for his work at the Kingsbridge Veterans Hospital Base 81, where he is active in the care of disabled servicemen.

CONDUCTS FIRST MEETING

On Feb. 23, 1961, the Bronx Catholic War Veterans held their first meeting that was presided over by the new Commander, Henry A. Whalen. Attendance was good.

Plans were formulated for the

Twentieth Anniversary Corporate Communion Mass and Breakfast.

The Host Post for this year's Mass and Breakfast will be at St. Helena's Post No. 202.

A monstrosity in memory of the deceased members of the Bronx County Catholic War Veterans will be presented to the Maryknoll fathers. Father Connell Maguire will say the Mass in the high school.

During Whalen's year as commander of Rev. Dennis O'Donovan Post 222, Catholic War Veterans the Post donated to the Kingsbridge VA Hospital \$400 for the Wheelchair Committee; for the Auxiliary Hospital Committee, \$1200, and for needy cases cared for by the welfare officer, \$360.

In addition to these donations a great amount of time was devoted to the hospital unit by Mrs. Margaret Vey, Madam President, and Herman Blanz, Post welfare officer. Besides this many individual members of the Post did some outstanding work at the hospital.

This Post increased its ranks the past year by 25 new members.

The Octofoil salutes Henry Whalen for his outstanding work in behalf of these ex-G.I.s who in most cases are the victims of combat experiences.

JEAN STRATTON SAYS BASINGSTOKE HAS HAD ITS FACE LIFTED

Former Ninth men are always glad to hear from their old friends in England. It is especially gratifying to realize they still cherish fond memories of the days the Ninth was over there. One such English family is the Stratton family, 39 Blenheim Rd., Basing, Basingstoke Hants, England.

Jean Stratton in a recent letter to the Associate Editor of The Octofoil, among other things, has this to say:

I often think back over the years and wouldn't mind being able to go back sometimes. We had some wonderful fun. Am pleased that you and the other former Ninth men were able to see Molly when she was in the states.

Basingstoke has changed an awful lot—and the beanyery you mentioned, has been torn down. My status has changed also. I'm happily married and have three lovely children. Was pleased to hear that Bob and the other 47th men we knew are all well.

If our finances ever permit I want to visit the United States—and the trip would not be a success without being as lucky as Molly was and being able to see many of our old Ninth Infantry Division friends. Please convey mother's and my own personal best wishes to all former Ninth men whether our family knew them personally or not.—Jean (Stratton).

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Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Frank Proud Parents

Mrs. Ronald E. Frank, Box 122-D, Route 1, Leechburg, Pa., mailed in Ronald's 1961 dues. She took this occasion to also make a very important announcement that Ron's old buddies from Co. D, 47th, will be interested in reading. The announcement was:

A new addition to our family has taken place—Name: Robert George Frank—born March 9, 1960. Little Bob weighed in at 8 lbs. 9 ozs.

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Herb Dietz Moves And Advertises It

The Octofoil received a very neatly printed card announcing a new home address for Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Dietz. If a lot more members would do that there would not be so many Octofoils returned that the Association has to dig up 5 cents per copy to pay the postoffice.

The Dietz's old address was 4 Maple Drive, Great Neck, N. Y. The new address is 77 Park Ave., New York 16, N. Y. Phone: OREGON 9-1495.

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Chaplain Propst Quite Busy; Starts New Church

Chaplain (Col.) Cecil Propst, Ret., took time out to send in his 1961 dues but explained the brevity of his notes was due to the fact he was very busy starting a new church in the Mt. Vernon, Virginia, area.

However, The Octofoil can assure any former 9th man passing that way Chaplain Propst will never be too busy to make them feel very welcome. His present address is 407 Roberts Road, Woodlawn Manor, Alexandria, Virginia.

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Paging Al Papin In the Michigan Area

Steve Yuhasz, Jr. writes from 5522 Newton St., Cheverly, Md. Steve is making an appeal for a big turnout of former Bty. C, 84th F.A. men for the Detroit Reunion. The writer is particularly anxious to contact Alfred Papin, a former 84th F.A. man, who was in Michigan somewhere the last time he was heard from. His former 84th F.A. buddy has to have his address before arriving in Detroit—to help make a real success of his visit to that city. Mrs. Yuhasz and the family will accompany Steve. He was taken ill during the Washington Reunion and spent most of the time in bed. He's hoping for better luck in Detroit—and expects Chacanos, Neivert and scores of others to be in attendance.

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Many Bills Affecting Ex-G.I.s In Hopper

Just before press time for this issue of The Octofoil a list of important pieces of legislation affecting ex-G.I.s that is now pending before the U. S. Congress was furnished by Arthur Schmidt, Greater New York. If the space permits the next issue of The Octofoil will make mention of at least some of the bills. In the meantime members of the Association should read carefully their veterans' service organization newspapers and when necessary to do so contact their respective congressmen.

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AL BENOIT PLANNING TO BRING HIS FRIENDS

Alfred R. Benoit, Div. Hqtrs., now 156 Harris St., Pawtucket, R. I., writes in to ask if it's okay to bring some of his Pawtucket friends with him to the Reunion in Detroit. Secy. Quinn answered quickly and told him yes—the more the merrier. That goes for any other members who also would like to bring along a neighbor or friend.

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"TED" PAPUGA WRITES FROM HAZEL PARK, MICH.

Thadious Papuga's address is 23428 Melville St., Hazel Park, Mich. Ted was with Co. A, 60th and also with the 9th Div. M.P. Plt. Since he lives near Detroit he naturally will take in all of the Reunion and hopes he'll see many of the old gang. In his note he mentions that Chet Mroczek, formerly Co. A, 60th was in Detroit trying to get a job with the postoffice recently. And believe it or not—the injuries he suffered while in combat are the cause of him having so much difficulty getting the job. Chet was a real soldier's soldier. This old world seems a mighty cruel place at times. SAD NEWS

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CHARLES TEED NOW A FULL-FLEDGED MEMBER

Charles Teed is the former L Co. 47th man whose trip back through North Africa and the other areas in which the Ninth Division fought was a feature article in Life magazine. He is now a member of the Association, having been signed up by Roger Elmer.

Another former 3d Bn. 47th man to be signed up as a member recently was Al Bravin, of the Bronx, in New York, who was signed up by Barney Fritz.

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ALABAMA CITY HAS 9TH MAN AS MAYOR

A former 39th G.I. is now His Honor—the Mayor of Demopolis, Ala.—Mayor Edward B. Bailey.

The mayor sent in his current dues and stated he had plans to visit with Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy in Columbus, Ga. in the very near future. It seems the two cities are not very far apart.

The mayor is also commander of the American Legion Post in Demopolis, and president of the Bailey-Newell Cigar & Tobacco Co. He is in hopes Gen. Eddy will soon feel like visiting the Alabama city and addressing the Legion Post.

The mayor may not know it—but Legion activity is close to Gen. Eddy's heart. At one time he was Commander of the State Department of Georgia.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

Buckeye Boy Still On Active List

Another dependable "regular" of the Association from Ohio is Clair R. McKee, Route 2, McComb, Ohio.

He's always prompt with dues payments. Mc advises that it was impossible for him to attend the reunion in Washington, but plans are now in the making to assure his presence at the Detroit session.

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Roger Schaeffer Heard From In Buckeye State

Roger Schaeffer, former 60th and Div. Hqtr. man, writes from Akron, Ohio. Roger served on the Board of Governors several years ago. Naturally the Schaeffer family plan to be in Detroit for the Reunion. Notes from his letter will be of interest to his old buddies. He writes:

Enclosed find my check for 1961 dues and for my wife as an Auxiliary member. I'm still teaching music in Akron. I have two bands and an orchestra at Ellet High School and the two grade school groups in this district. Am also still playing dance bands and show dates in and around Akron. Bee is also doing show and club dates (dance band) and playing some with the Akron Symphony Orchestra. Our daughter, "Paula," is our "pride and joy." She is in the 6th grade and has played the piano for four years and cornet for 2½. We're "in music up to our ears." The three of us will see all of you in Detroit.

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VET BENEFITS NOT EXCESSIVE

One of the largest daily papers in Ohio recently had this to say. It might be well for 9th members to remember the facts outlined below:

An examination of the current costs of the veteran benefit program reveals that—contrary to its detractors—the program, in proportion to the number of veterans and the national income, is costing much less today than in the past.

For example, it took a much larger slice, percentage-wise, of the national income in the 1890s to pay the cost of fundamental veteran benefits compared to their cost today, notwithstanding the fact that the number of veterans in those earlier years was less than 3 per cent of the total population, while veterans today account for approximately 14 per cent.

A COMPARISON

The records indicate that American taxpayers since 1940 have shelled out more tax dollars to foreign countries in the form of unpaid loans, grants, and military assistance than the entire cost of the veterans benefit program since the Revolutionary War.

The articles closed thusly: Do the payments to foreign countries represent a great and noble investment while the payment to veterans constitute an "unconscionable handout?"

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"Pop" Woodside Refuses to Homestead in Alabama

Recently The Octofoil printed an article about "Pop" Woodside, former 60th jeep driver, who had forsaken his old stamping grounds in and around Rome, N. Y., and taken up residence down in Alabama.

Evidently Bob and Mrs. Woodside began to miss the landmarks in their native state and have returned to New York. The present address is 429 Lenox Ave., Oneida, New York.

Woodside isn't up to "par" physically so he's only working part-time right now. He hopes to get back in stride before too long.

He hopes to be feeling physically fit to make the jaunt to Detroit for the Reunion.

"Pop" will try and prevail on Stanley Schultz, who also lives in Rome, to make the Detroit trip.

Don Crosskill Makes It Sound Interesting

Don Crosskill, former 47th lad, is busy up in Fremont, Ohio, with his youth activities, including a junior baseball team.

He has extended an invitation for his old buddies to stop by enroute to Detroit and visit with him and Esther (Mrs. Crosskill). When Don starts telling about that good old home-baked bread that's always on the table at his house the temptation is strong—to leave for Detroit in plenty of time to partake of some of the widely known Crosskill hospitality.

Don and Esther have two fine youngsters—Deann and Nancy.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

Searching For Co. C, 47th Inf. Buddies

Daniel J. Doyle's address is 7921 Brouse Ave., Philadelphia 15, Pa.

Dan writes to say that he enjoys reading The Octofoil and would like very much to hear from any of the old gang from Co. C, 47th Regt.

This past August Mr. and Mrs. Doyle made an air trip to California. Stopping off in Chicago, Ill., the couple had a nice visit with Phil C. Barnas. Phil was at one time commander of Co. C, 47th. Dan says Phil is as anxious as he is to hear from any of the old gang.

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Rabbi Stabski Spots Octofoil On Auto

Rabbi Stabski of Beth Jacob Synagogue, 959 Buleen Ave., Columbus, Ohio, spotted a station wagon with an Octofoil painted on it. So he waited to see whose wagon it was. It turned out to be Dick Pestel's. The Rabbi explained he had been a chaplain at Fort Carson when the Ninth Division returned to that base a few years ago—and would always get a thrill any time he saw an Octofoil on display.

—PAY 1961 DUES TODAY—

McKenzie Is Still Doubtful About Ross' Writing Ability

Joe McKenzie, 95 Washington Ave., Waltham, Mass., writes The Octofoil as follows:

Gentlemen: I had a short note from Ross V. Kepple of Serv. Bty. 26th F.A. Ross wanted me to know that he did not lose his right hand and could write. He used a typewriter all through the note even to his name so I still do not know whether or not he can write.

Ross is a pretty hard man to find. His return address is R. R. No. 1, Plymouth, Illinois. The letter is postmarked from Mountain View, Missouri. At the time of his note he was visiting his father in the Ozark Mountains. It is pretty hard for an easterner such as I am, to locate Plymouth, etc., on the map. My last few letters to him have been sent to the home of his brother at 814 Pekin Ave., Creve Couer, Illinois.

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DREIFUS MOVES TO THE SUNSHINE STATE

LeRoy F. Dreifus, a Q.M. sergeant, recently dispatched his last letter from 3322 Greenmont Ave., Baltimore 18, Md. He writes:

Please be advised that the undersigned will have a change of address after Feb. 15, 1961. It will be Box 393, Largo, Florida.

Harry Orenstein, Palady and the other Q.M.'s will miss Dreifus unless he vacates the Florida keys long enough to make those trips to the Reunions.

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Jacob Nailor About to Get Settled Again

Jacob Nailor writes from 312 Brandy Lane, Mechanicsburg, Pa. Jake was a 9th M.P.

Nailor has had his hands full—taking care of three children—ever since their mother passed away.

However on Feb. 3 Nailor exchanged nuptial vows again and is just about ready to settle down to a more normal operation of things for a while.

While visiting in New York he called on some old M.P. buddies. He was a guest in the home of Adolph Wadalavage and his family. During Jake's trying days many of his old Ninth buddies tried in some way to help and comfort him.

Others he has contacted personally or over the phone included Al Kistler, Joe Brady, Dave Gileman and "Pop" Ellis.

Nailor hopes to make a New York Chapter meeting soon. He sent in three years' dues, stating he didn't want to miss any issues of The Octofoil.

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The last word in any argument is what the wife has. Anything a husband says after that is merely the beginning of another argument.

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Prime Minister Winston Churchill Remembers 9th Man On Birthday

Dick Pestel, 1467 Livingston Ave., Columbus, O., has turned over to The Octofoil several letters received from Sir Winston Churchill, War-Time Premier for Great Britain, thanking the Buckeye lad for remembering him on his birthday each year for many years. As a matter of fact it started while the Ninth was in England and Pestel learned both he and Mr. Churchill celebrated the same birthday date each year. A card was sent to the War-Time Premier, who answered promptly and this has kept up ever since. The letters that Pestel has received are real literary gems, beautifully written words with a most unique type of penmanship.

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OPERATES RESTAURANT IN THE MOTOR CITY

Arthur Litos, 20017 Cameron St., Detroit, has signed up as a member of the Michigan Chapter. Art was with Co. C, 60th Regt. He and his wife now operate a restaurant in downtown Detroit. The couple expects to see many of Art's old buddies during the 1961 Reunion.

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HARRY A. MERKEL KILLED BY TRAIN-TRUCK ACCIDENT

The 47th Regt. buddies of Harry A. Merkel will be saddened to learn of his untimely death March 15, 1960. He was killed by a train-truck accident in Bovina, Texas. Harry, his wife, Lucille, and 11-year-old son, Gary Wayne, were living on Rt. 1, Tamorora, Illinois, at the time of the tragedy. Mrs. Merkel tries to convey to The Octofoil how badly she and Gary Wayne miss him.

The Octofoil joins with the many, many former 9th Division buddies of Harry A. Merkel and extends its sympathy to Mrs. Merkel and Gary Wayne.

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GENERAL WESTMORELAND IS HONORED BY PRESIDENT



The above picture appeared in practically every newspaper in the country recently. It shows Maj. Gen. W. C. Westmoreland, Mrs. Elinor Roosevelt and the little March of Dimes poster child, 5-year-old polio victim Keith Miritello of New York. A wreath was placed on the grave of Franklin D. Roosevelt at Hyde Park, N. Y. The ceremony commemorated the 79th birthday anniversary of F.D.R., who founded the National Foundation to Prevent Crippling Diseases. Gen. Westmoreland represented President John F. Kennedy at the ceremonies. Keith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miritello, 85-08 Britton Ave., Elmhurst, Long Island, N. Y. He was stricken with polio that paralyzed his legs when he was four years old. — (Photo courtesy World Wide Photos.)

Warren Boulden Is Headed For Europe

Warren W. Boulden, Jr., a former C Co. 15th Engr. man, is in business in Elkton, Maryland—the Warren W. Boulden & Sons, Inc., Ford Automobile agency. In a note to Secretary Quinn Warren writes:

Dear Dan: Shades of "Notorious Nutmeg!" My mail is still fouled up. Will send my slightly shopworn T.S. card and have you punch it. My correct home address is:

Warren W. Boulden, Jr.
Gilpin Avenue
Elkton, Md.

I still would appreciate a copy of the paper though. Saw the "Teed" story in Life magazine, and possibly both of us were in the same boat he was in. I plan to take a trip to England and France some day and would like to see the old places I was in.

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Ernie Morgan Has Shingle Up In Texas

Ernest Morgan is one of the well-known and well-liked attorneys in the city of San Marcos, Texas. He is associated with Emmett Colvin, Jr. in the practice of law.

Ernie sent in his 1961 dues and writes as follows:

"While I was stationed with the Ninth Division in Germany after World War II, I acted as secretary of the Association for a considerable period of time. I still have in my files the records made during the time I was secretary of the Association, in the event these files would be useful at headquarters, I will be glad to furnish them."

Secretary Quinn has taken him up on this fine cooperative gesture, and has requested the use of these files—hoping to contact many who have become backsliders in recent years.

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LT. COL. CARL JOHNSON PASSED AWAY MARCH 8

The widow of Carl M. Johnson forwarded the sad information to The Octofoil that he passed away on March 8, 1960. Mrs. Johnson's address is 308 Orchard Drive, Marshalltown, Iowa. She asked Secretary Quinn to continue sending The Octofoil to that address. Carl was a lieutenant colonel with the 26th F.A. Bn.

The Octofoil extends to Mrs. Kathryn J. Johnson, the bereaved widow, sincere sympathy during her most trying days.

Nick Roberts Writes From Yazoo City

Nick B. Roberts, 323 So. Main St., Yazoo City, Miss., sends a few notes to Secy. Quinn as follows:

Dear Dan: You asked for a few lines, so these will be few. Bob Edwards and me are the only oldhands from Yazoo City. Bob was with one of the Medical Units of the 9th.

Except for Christmas cards I seldom if ever hear from many of the men I used to know. About a year ago I did have a call from Bonney C. Nease, my loyal and very efficient assistant when I was Regimental Adjutant of the 39th.

Almost ever since coming out of the Army I have been in the seed, feed and fertilizer business—and am still slaving away at it. Good luck to you and all the gang.

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NORMAN MARTIN WILL BRING HIS NEW BRIDE

Norm Martin, 6 S. 14th St., Belleville, Ill., recently sent in his 1961 dues and furnished the following information:

"I arranged for my vacation to fall during the convention again this year and will see you then. I will have company on this trip. I got married a month after the last Reunion. See you in Detroit."

Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Martin.

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NEWS OF DR. MCINTOSH'S DEATH IS LATE ARRIVING

Major Donald McIntosh was a well liked G.I. with the 9th Medics. He passed away in North Carolina on Feb. 3, 1955, but The Octofoil has just been sent this sad news. The bereaved widow, Mrs. Ruth McIntosh lives at 321 South Garden St., Marion, N. C.

Even though the card of condolences was rather late in being sent, Secretary Quinn has sent the heartfelt sympathy of the entire membership to Mrs. McIntosh.

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PASSES UP NO BETS

If the Association doesn't show a tremendous growth during 1961 it will not be because any grass grew under Secretary Quinn's "dogs."

Instead of sending a cold-blooded application blank with a request for \$4 to new prospects for membership, he's been salvaging any and all leftover Octofoils and mailing a copy of the paper to these new prospects.

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MAURICE SHAFFER SELDOM WRITES — WHEN HE DOES — ALL THE DETAILS ARE NARRATED

Maurice Shaffer's address now is Trimont, Minn. He is a former Co. K, 47th man. In a recent letter to Dick Pestel, an old Co. K buddy, Shafe made up for not having written for years and opened up with all the news. Parts of his letter reads as follows:

I came back to my home town after the war and took my old job back. I stayed there for about three months and then took a job with Standard Oil Co. as bulk agent here at Triumph, and have been at it ever since. Like the work fine. Will never get rich but it has been a living for us. By us, I mean Pat, my wife; Sharon, 16 (a junior); Joyce, 14 (ninth grade), and Barbara, 9, a third grader. All girls but with two teen age daughters the boys are beginning to come around.

You will notice I called my town Trimont in one place and then Triumph later on. It is Trimont. It used to be two towns, Triumph and Monterey, but two years ago we voted to become one town and call it Trimont. We are still a small town—about 900 population.

STOKAN STOPS WRITING

I still hear from Klinger each Christmas. Stokan used to write—but doesn't any more. He said once he was planning on a trip out this way, but haven't heard any more about it.

I hear from Simpson a couple

of times a year. He's at Waco, Tex. His address is James N. Simpson, Rt. 6, Box 340, Waco, Texas. He works for the General Tire Co. and also raises Purebred German Shepherd dogs.

Tom Sheldon is in California and I hear from him every Christmas. His address is T. D. Sheldon, 2862 Walnut St., Hunting Park, Calif. I don't know what his work is but he seems to be happy with his wife and daughter.

MISSED REUNIONS

Would like to make one of those Ninth reunions. The years they were in Chicago was the nearest to us but we had just got back from three weeks on the West Coast and couldn't get to the Chicago sessions. Klinger sent me a picture about four years ago showing a gang who were at a Reunion. I could still recognize many of them. I'm about 25 pounds heavier now than when I last saw you and the hair is pretty thin on top. Five years ago I was hospitalized for five weeks with a heart condition. Was off work from February until July but have been working ever since. Simpson, too, had a heart attack about two years ago but seems to be coming along fine now.

Well, Dick, I'm going to call this letter to a close. I really enjoy the items that are printed in The Octofoil about our old gang.

REV. WM. PHILLIPS IS KEEPING BUSY

The Octofoil was happy to again hear from Rev. William C. Phillips, Box 535, Pontotoc, Miss. In a letter to Secy. Quinn dated March 10, the former Ninth minister writes:

Dear Dan: It seems that about all I have ever been able to do for the Association is to pay dues, but I am glad to do that and enclose herewith check for 1961 dues. I have never found it possible to attend any of the reunions due to a combination of difficulties: distance, time and pressure of certain church obligations which always coincide with the time of the reunions.

(Ed's Note: Rev. Phillips is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Pontotoc, Miss.)

I note with much interest an effort to have the 1963 reunion at Fayetteville or Fort Bragg. That would seem a most appropriate plan to return to our "alma mater" after 21 years. I have never been back there since the last elements of the Division departed from there on Thanksgiving Day, 1942.

REMEMBERS WITH PRIDE

I shall always remember with much pride and pleasure my service with the Ninth Infantry Division. I joined it the day of activation, Aug. 1, 1940, and continued with it without change of assignment until May 20, 1945, when I left it at Korbach, Germany, to return to the States, serving in turn as Acting Division Chaplain, Assistant Division Chaplain, Acting Division Chaplain again, and finally Division Chaplain.

My greetings to all who were my Comrades in those days.

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Pestel Receives

Letters of Thanks

Recently Dick Pestel packed up one of the Octofoils he'd carved out and sent it to Gen. Craig, who seemed to be most grateful for the artistic piece, judging from the contents of a letter he sent Dick, which read in part:

Dear Pestel: This will acknowledge receipt of the very handsome Octofoil with great appreciation. I am very happy to have it. I had not realized that you made those that were used at last summer's convention—and they are beautifully constructed. Best wishes to you and Plunkett.

ANOTHER TO GEN. RANDLE

Another of the Octofoils was mailed Gen. Randle in Florida—the general immediately slipped out into a nearby orange grove and picked a box of most luscious oranges—that only Florida can produce and had them forwarded to Mrs. Pestel.

Now Dick is scratching his head—trying to figure out something else to build and paint that would be symbolic of the Ninth Division to send Gen. Randle, in the hope the orange crop in Florida is still plentiful.

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SERVICE

The Blood Collection Center was very busy and as a nurse rushed out of the room with a container of freshly drawn blood, she met a contractor who was a regular donor. They recognized each other and the nurse greeted the man brightly:—"Just jump into bed, sir, I'll be with you in a minute."

SAM ROBINSON SENDS NOTES ABOUT VISITORS

Samuel D. Robinson, 18 Longview Drive, Marblehead, Mass., a former 84th F.A. Bn man, sent The Octofoil a photo of himself and an old buddy who was with him from the days at Bragg until the windup near Berlin. The buddy is Major J. W. Cattle, former B.C. of "B" Btry., 84th. The picture was received too late for a cut to be made and used in this edition of The Octofoil. It will be used in a later issue.

The Cattle family made a surprise visit on Sam and his family while touring the New England states in July of 1959.

The "major" is from Seward, Nebraska. He has a lovely wife and one boy and a girl. He is in the banking business in Nebraska.

Both he and Robinson would be happy to hear from any of the old gang.

The Robinson family also consists of the charming Mrs. Robinson, and a 9-year-old son and 13-year-old daughter. The daughter recently had a Bas Mitvah for the Jewish faith.

Sam is in the meat business and operates his own store in Lynn, Massachusetts.

The experiences those two lived over during this memorable visit would fill a book.

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Maurice Westrich Hopes For Advice

Mrs. M. H. Westrich, 3753 Meadowview Dr., Cincinnati 11, Ohio, makes a rather unusual request of The Octofoil, but it is hoped that if there happens to be a member who has suffered the pains that Maurice Westrich is now experiencing, that they will write any advice to the Westrichs they are able to give. Maurice was with the 60th Regt.

Parts of the letter reads: Maurice is having trouble with a numbness in his hands and arms, so I am writing for him.

He has stumped the doctors he's been to but maybe some member of the Association have had similar trouble and could give us their ideas.

His hands feel like "balloons" and ache continually. There's very little feeling left in them and he has difficulty holding a fork, pencil, etc. The numbness is spreading up into the arms.

If any of your readers or members have had a like occurrence—perhaps they will let us know. We will appreciate it so much.

He went to the VA Hospital here in Cincinnati but they won't (or can't) help. Thank you!—Sincerely, Mrs. M. H. Westrich.

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PVT. BEETLE BAILEY GOES FIRST CLASS

The character that appears in so many American newspapers has now been promoted to Private First Class breaking a record of having been a private longer than any other man in the ranks. It came about because 50 Fort Carson soldiers asked Mort Walker, the cartoonist, to give old Beetle a break. He now has the promotion. There's some doubt as to how long Beetle can remain a PFC. The old Sarge claims Beetle couldn't lead a Cub Scout to a candy store."

A Former 9th Man Plugs For Taxi Vets

The Octofoil is in receipt of considerable correspondence with many enclosures from newspapers published in and around New York City that deals with the part cab drivers play in the every day lives of people in the metropolitan areas such as Manhattan. Victor C. Marcone, a former 9th man, sponsors the letters and chooses to style himself as a defender of the rights of New York's Ex-Combat Veteran Taxi Drivers.

One New York police officer, in a note to Vic, writes: "I come in contact with cab drivers every day and find they are the best friends a policeman has."

Other clippings sent in by Vic tend to show that the Department of Licenses and Hack License Bureau of New York City penalizes and is guilty of prejudice when considering license applications from veterans. He appeals to members of the Greater New York Chapter to help him and other ex-combat-G.I.s to get more equitable consideration when appeals for licenses are acted on by the Board.

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SECRETARY QUINN UP TO CHIN WITH WORK

Secretary Quinn has been up to his "chin" with accumulated correspondence since the Washington Reunion and asks patience from those who might not have received answers to letters as quickly as they think they should. After all, the secretary has to show up for work and punch the old time clock to keep the bill collectors from making a pathway to 412 Gregory St., Weehawken, New Jersey.

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Pestel Is Grinding Out the Octofoils

During the past month Dick Pestel, 1467 Livingston Ave., Columbus, O., has received many requests from members in various parts of the country for Dick to carve out and paint for them various sizes of those beautiful Octofoils he is turning out in volume now. Those who attended the Washington Reunion will remember the beauty and craftsmanship so apparent in the various discs that were on display then.

Art Schmidt, John Clouser, President Frank Ozart are just a few of the many who have placed orders for one of these decorations during the past few days.

Many members are having the Octofoil made to be put in their V.F.W. and American Legion club rooms.

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TO BE SARGE NOW TAKES MORE THAN GREAT LUNG POWER

The day is gone when a gruff attitude and a set of leather lungs were all one needed to be a sergeant. Today's atomic Army needs enlisted leaders, and it produces them the scientific way in noncommissioned officer academies, the U. S. Continental Army Command reports.

Senior commanders in the United States have set up 17 noncommissioned officer academies. These schools graduate over 180,000 NCOs and potential NCOs yearly in about 150 classes. They prepare the soldier for leadership and qualify him as a military instructor.

To be admitted to an NCO academy a soldier must demonstrate leadership potential. He must have intelligence, to, though not entirely in the academic sense. Most NCO academies require an Army General Classification Test score of 85 to 90 minimum; exceptions are made for men who demonstrate outstanding leadership ability. Grade requirements for admission range from E-2 to E-9.

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MANY THINK TIME RIFE TO HELP WORLD WAR II BOYS GET SETTLEMENT

Many letters come to The Octofoil from members in various parts of the country who feel the World War II veterans are entitled to cash bonus settlement of \$1,000 to \$1,500. They feel that 90 per cent of the veterans would put the money to good use and have it all back in circulation within 90 days thereby giving the economy a shot in the arm.

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The difference between the movies and real life is that in the movies they are married at the end of all their difficulties.