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Heading for Memorial Services by the Numbers

John Korobko Started the Ball Rolling At the Banquet That Was "Tops"



Pictured above at the microphone is hospitable John Korobko. He did a marvelous job as general chairman of the 1961 Reunion. To John's far right is the dynamic Joe Casey and the charming Mrs. John Korobko, both of who were on the go day and night to make a great success of this Reunion. Seated next to Korobko is Maj. Gen. William C. Westmoreland, who was the guest of honor and principal speaker of the evening. Gen. Westmoreland knows how to get a serious message over to a group of ex-G.I.s and still be entertaining and interesting. He was at his best during the Detroit Reunion—during his talk and during the social hours afterwards. Next to the General is Honorable Eugene Van Antwerp, a long-time member of the Common (City) Council of Detroit. The Councilman is vitally interested in veterans affairs. He is a past Commander in Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. To Korobko's left is the Ninth's own Father Ed Connors who was the life of this party, introducing distinguished visitors in his own inimitable way. Next to Father Ed is Frank Ozart, Illinois Chapter, the outgoing Association President. Seated at one of the round tables below the speakers, only getting a half profile in the picture is Don Crosskill, of Fremont, O., breaking bread with an old buddy, the Octofoil editor.

SCORES OF WELL WISHERS SENT WIRES TO DETROIT CONVENTION COMMITTEE

A few of the telegrams read by General Chairman John Korobko at the banquet held at the close of the Detroit Reunion were as follows: Daniel Quinn, Natl. Secy., Ninth Inf. Div. Assn. Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel Detroit, Mich.

May I take this opportunity to wish the Ninth Infantry Division Association an enjoyable stay in Detroit. The city of New York would delight in welcoming you all here in 1964 or 1965 to enjoy the World Fair and we sincerely trust this pleasure will be ours. Best wishes to all.—Robert F. Wagner, Mayor of the City of New York.

Sincere best wishes for a successful convention this year in Detroit. Do hope the city of New York is awarded the 1964 or 1965 convention so that your members may enjoy the world's capital and the world's fair. Rest assured of our complete cooperation and continued interest. Please wire decision collect. Kindest regards.—Joanne Emerson, New York Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Sorry could not attend. Hope you are having a successful reunion. Lots of luck to the new officers.—Vincent Guglielmino.

Two votes for Fort Bragg in '62. Wish we were with you for this one.—Forrest and Louise Barefoot.

Sorry that press of personal affairs prevents my attendance at reunion. Sincere regards to all and my best wishes for successful affair.—Harrison J. Daysh.

Regret inability to be with you.—Col. C. L. Propst.

Sorry am unable to attend reunion with you this year. Had been looking forward to attending all year only to be disappointed at the last moment. Best of luck to all.—E. W. Wisniewski, formerly Srv. Co. 47th, now at Saulte Ste. Marie, Mich.

Sorry couldn't attend Reunion. Hope to next year. Lots of luck and success.—Mr. and Mrs. M. Sciarappa and family.

I regret that I cannot come to Detroit this summer. This will bring my best wishes to the Michigan Chapter and to my friends who are present.—Sincerely, Louis A. Craig.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!

Victor Butswinkus—Bow Tie and All—Was There

Just about any direction a person might turn during the Detroit Reunion they would run into Victor Butswinkus (Butts), 6265 Ditman St., Philadelphia, Pa. Vic is a former Co. F 60th Regt. man. When he wasn't busy putting in plugs for his fellow townsman, John Sabato, for president of the Association, he was telling everyone who might be passing through or near Philly enroute to Father Connors' Memorial Services that they should stop at his home and then visit the AMVET Post where Butts is the manager. He asked The Octofoil to extend that invitation in The Octofoil columns about visiting the Philly AMVETS and to extend his best wishes to Dick and Betty Schumann and to see that they don't stand him up at the Fort Bragg Reunion in 1962.

Kathryn Mull Confined to Ward in Dearborn

Few people attending the Reunion in Detroit who were greeted and offered help by Art Mull, who was a Detroit Chapter M.P. during the Reunion, had any idea of the handicap Art was working under. Kathryn, his popular wife, was seriously ill in Ward B-2, V.A. Hospital, Dearborn, Mich. Kathryn had worked hard to help make a success of the Reunion. When she became ill Art planned to drop out of the picture but she begged and pleaded with him to take in the Reunion so he could tell her all about it when he visited the hospital.

It's such fine people as the Mull family who made the Reunion such a success—and it's people like that who will see to it that there will always be a Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Our members should drop a card to Kathryn at the hospital address given and tell her just how wonderful she really is!

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!

Sad News From Saginaw, Michigan

Jack Lonsway, 3290 Graham Road, Rt. 5, Saginaw, Mich., passed away of leukemia during the week preceding the Reunion. Jack and a brother-in-law, Kleber Stockford, were both with Co. D, 60th. They did not know each other until after they both had married sisters and were married several years before it was discovered they were both in the Ninth Division, and better yet, in the same company. Jack leaves a sorrowing wife and 4 youngsters. To the bereaved family The Octofoil extends its most profound sympathy.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!

Today a child is something between an adult and a TV set.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1961 DATE SET FOR THE 17TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS FOR 9TH DIVISION DECEASED MEN

As each car rolled away from the Sheraton Cadillac Hotel in Detroit after the successful Reunion there one could hear the shouts: "I'll be seeing you in Worcester on November 5th."

The 1961 Memorial Mass for deceased Ninth Division men will be held at the Immaculate Conception Church, in Worcester, Mass., on Sunday, November 5, 1961.

Anyone desiring information that is not in this issue of The Octofoil should write to Rev. Edward T. Connors, 353 Grove St., Worcester, Mass.

Only a visit to Worcester for one of these Memorial Services can a person be able to visualize the sacredness of this occasion—that each year draws more and more former 9th men and their families. The manner in which people of this parish all turn out to help make former 9th men and their families welcome at both the Saturday night social hour at Connors Coffee Shoppe and the Memorial Services on Sunday is really a revelation to behold! There are no strangers there. It's all one happy family. Just mention trying to get a taxi to go back to town from Connors Coffee Shoppe and see how offended Father Connors' parishioners become. They are there to make everyone feel at home and to care for their needs—beyond the call of duty.

Shortly after the Memorial Services at the Immaculate Conception Church a banquet is held at the Bancroft Hotel. Here the visitors have an opportunity to rub elbows with people of all kind who take this occasion as an opportunity to show a bit of their respect for the great work Father Connors is doing. Introductions are made in an interesting and entertaining manner—good-natured ribbing is order of the day.

No one has ever made this pilgrimage to Worcester and have regretted. On the other hand, everyone who has attended once, makes a serious promise to himself never to miss another one if at all possible—this goes for all denominations. There is no more denominational distinction practiced by Father Connors at these get-togethers in Worcester than was practiced on the battlefields of Africa and Europe.

GOV. KERNER RELAXES

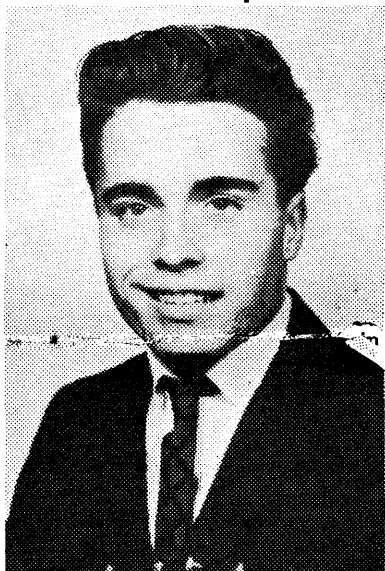
A recent letter from Gov. Otto Kerner of Illinois, a former 9th man, advised that he felt that he just had to find a place to relax and rest for a spell—so he imposed on Father Ed Connors and the governor, his wife and family, all left Worcester feeling much better for having chosen Worcester as the spot to seek solitude and peace of mind.

A TIRELESS WORKER

No man of the cloth has ever been able to bring as much peace of mind to survivors of former Ninth men as Father Ed. His work goes on and on and on. Witness a short note from Father Ed after the Detroit Reunion: "I am writing a note now to John Bonkowski—to thank him for his great kindness to me while I was in Detroit. John was in the Recon Troops and this past Friday I brought Holy Communion to a lady—who is the mother-in-law of John Lunney, another Recon man—whom John Bonkowski knew very well. John Lunney was one of our very last casualties. Every blessing to yourself and family—and say a prayer for old man Connors.—Sincerely yours, Edward T. Connors."

So just pack up your troubles in your old kit bag—and head for Worcester, Mass., and participate in the Memorial Services for those men of this great Division who have passed away. Sunday, Nov. 5 is the date—November 4 is the date for Connors' Coffee Shoppe's Open House Party!

Gets Scholarship Award



ALBERT STIDMAN

Pictured above is the son of Pfc. Albert C. Stidman who was killed in action March 4, 1945, at the Remagen Bridge encounter. Upon recommendation of the Association's Scholarship Committee young Stidman was awarded the Louis Becker Scholarship. Albert and his mother, Mrs. Agnes Stidman, live at 4837 Wilern Ave., Baltimore 15, Md.

Young Stidman was born Aug. 12, 1943. He hopes to obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration.

John Clouser, chairman of the Scholarship Committee, was very optimistic about the possibilities of the Baltimore youth developing into a far above the average student before his college days are over. Clouser's experience in the teaching profession places him in a good position to judge the lad's possibilities.

A ROSTER OF REUNION GUESTS TO BE PRINTED

Thanks to the co-operation of Robt. Rumenapp, 22613 Furton Blvd., St. Clair Shores, Mich., secretary of the Greater Michigan Chapter, The Octofoil has an excellent prepared list of all those who attended the Detroit Reunion. Thanks should go also to his able assistant, Mrs. Rumenapp (Betty) for her typing excellence. There is always a demand from members unable to attend that these lists be printed. The next issue of The Octofoil will carry that list. With the minutes and other material that was necessary to be a part of the current issue it was physically impossible to print the list at this time.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!

ALTAR-RATION

Private Haynes was back from his furlough and was telling his buddies about his girl friend. "Last night I finally got her to say yes." "Congratulations," offered his buddies. "When's the wedding?" "Wedding?" said Haynes, "what wedding?"

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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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An Editorial . . .

7TH ARMY GUILTY OF PLAGIARISM

Former Ninth men and especially 39th men should be up in arms about a new motto and plaque that the Seventh Army, now in Europe, has adopted. Believe it or not—here it is: "Triple A Bar O." Every World War II man who was in the ETO knows that slogan was originated by Col. Paddy Flint for his beloved 39th Regt.

Information about this gross act of plagairism by the Seventh Army was printed in a recent supplement of the European Stars and Stripes. The article gives no mention to the fact that Col. Flint gave birth to that inspiring motto. It was written in a vein that would lead readers to believe the idea was new and original to the Seventh Army.

Certainly something can and should be done in the name of all that's holy. This is a sacrilege and the Seventh Army's plagiarism must cease and desist pronto. Former Ninth men, if necessary, should write their Congressmen and Senators and explain how this inexcusable act is resented.

And furthermore, it is a reflection on either the intelligence or the veracity of the editorial personnel of the present-day European Stars and Stripes that such a story would be published unnoticed.

Paddy Flint died the death of a fighting soldier. But his spirit lives on and on and on—and in the breast of every former 39th men who served under Paddy Flint some of Paddy's courage rubbed off on them. They will not stand idly by while an interloper like the 7th Army usurps a righteous motto that Paddy Flint left behind—a motto that inspired men to do the impossible in their march across the continent.

ENTHUSIASM AT REUNION WAS STRONG FOR CONTINUANCE OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM

Much enthusiasm was created at the Detroit Reunion regarding the Association's future activity in regards the awarding of scholarships to worthy children of former Ninth Division men. As noted elsewhere in this issue The Louis Becker award was made to young Al Stidman. At one of the Board meetings each of the Board members made a free will contribution to a Memorial Fund Scholarship Award, making each of the donations in memory of some 9th man who gave his life. The list is printed below.

CONTACT QUINN

Any other members who would be interested in perpetuating this worthy scholarship project should contact the National Secretary, Daniel Quinn, 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, New Jersey. The list:

George Apar donates \$5 (Bill Sleeth, 2nd Pl., Co. B, 47th Inf.)
Mike Belmonte donates \$5 (Lt. John D. Ragland, 60th F.A. Bn.)

Edward McGrath donates \$5 (Sgt. John Nolan, C Co., 15th Engrs.)
Al Cuprys donates \$5, his brother —(Pfc. Matthew S. Cuprys, C Co., 47th Inf.)

Frank Ozart donates \$5 (Pfc. Joseph Biancalana, E Co., 47th.)

Dan Quinn donates \$5 (Sgt. Donald (Scotty) Murray, 1st Bn. 47th.)
Paul S. Plunkett donates \$5 (Sgt. Allen Matthews, 60th Inf., 1st Bn.)

John Sabato donates \$5 (deceased men of E Co., 39th.)
John Clouser donates \$5 (Chester Fry, Hq. Btry, 26th F.A. Bn.)
Bob Rumenapp donates \$5 (Anti-Tank Men, 60th Inf. Regt.)
Gen. W. C. Westmoreland donates \$10 (Men of the 34th F.A. Bn.)
A friend from New England—\$20 (for all the Men of the Ninth.)
Tony Chaconas donates \$5 (Capt. James McClatchey, 84th F.A. Bn.)
Savino DeRosa donates \$5 ("Co-coa," Serv. Bty., 60th F.A. Bn.)
Francis Maher donates \$5 (Pfc. Stanley J. Bernat, Co. C, 15th Engrs.)
—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!

GETTING INTERESTED IN THE 1963 REUNION

John Clouser, 200 N. Elm St., Mt. Prospect, Ill., has served notice on everyone that the Illinois Chapter means to capture the 1963 Association's Reunion. They want to hold it in Springfield, Ill., not Chicago—while the Ninth's own Otto Kerner is Governor of that great State.

Springfield is the State Capital—and in a letter of Aug. 21 John advises that he and Past President Frank Ozart were on their way to Springfield to talk with the Governor about some 1963 plans.

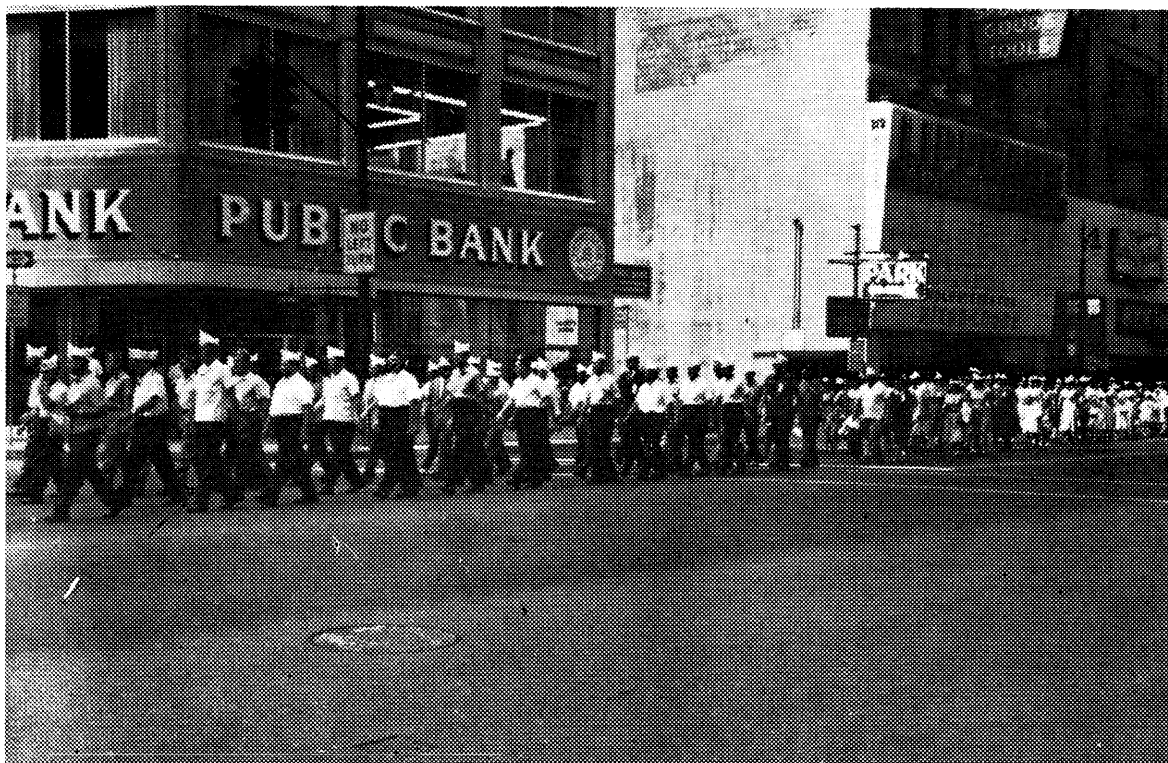
Clouser is a highly respected teacher in the Illinois public school system.

Regular G.I. Color Guard and Band Led the Way Through Streets of Detroit



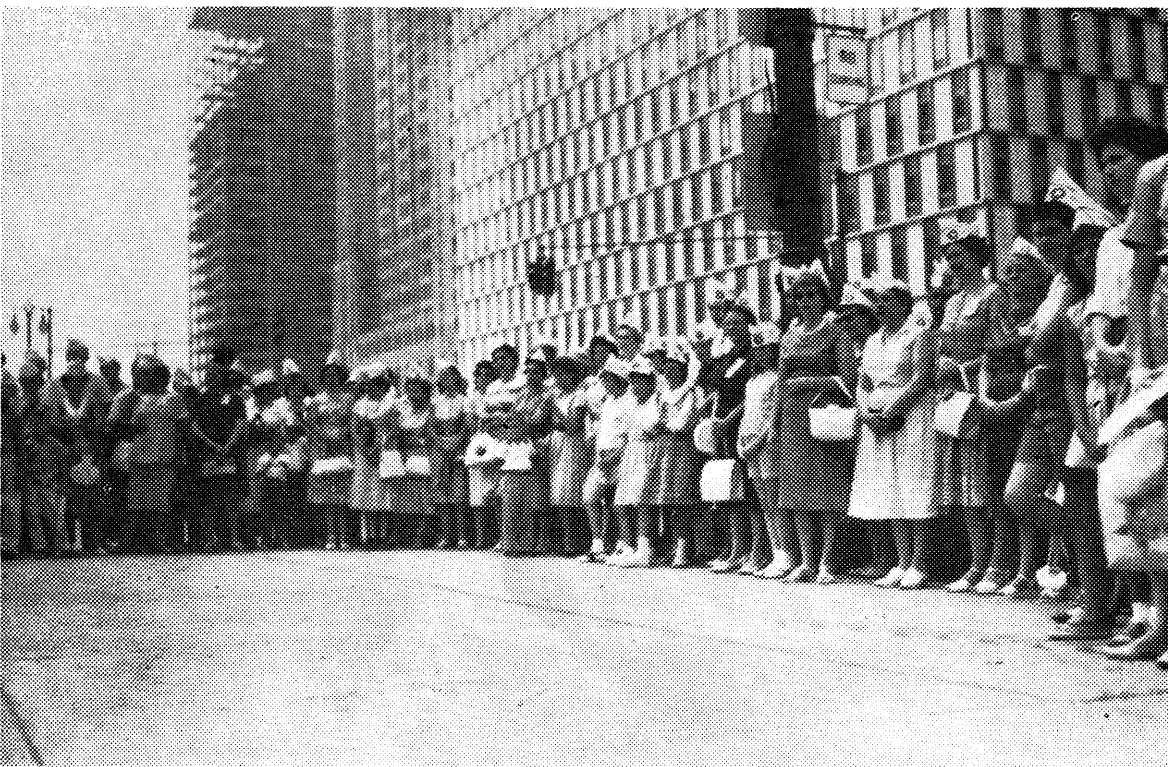
It was an inspiring sight to watch the Ninth's colors and Old Glory lustily waving in the Lake Michigan breeze as Cadillac Square was approached where the Ninth's own Father Ed Connors conducted the impressive Memorial Services. A Regular Army Color Guard and the 70th Infantry Band, from nearby Fort Wayne Military Post, Detroit, were the crack participating outfits.

Former Ninth Division Lads Followed the Band . . . Cadence Almost Perfect



The infirmities of old age may be creeping up on a few former Ninth Division men who attended the Reunion in Detroit—if so, it was kept a secret—and the infirmities didn't interfere with former Ninth men falling out in full strength to march down the busy streets of Detroit to pay homage to those buddies who have passed on into that Great Beyond.

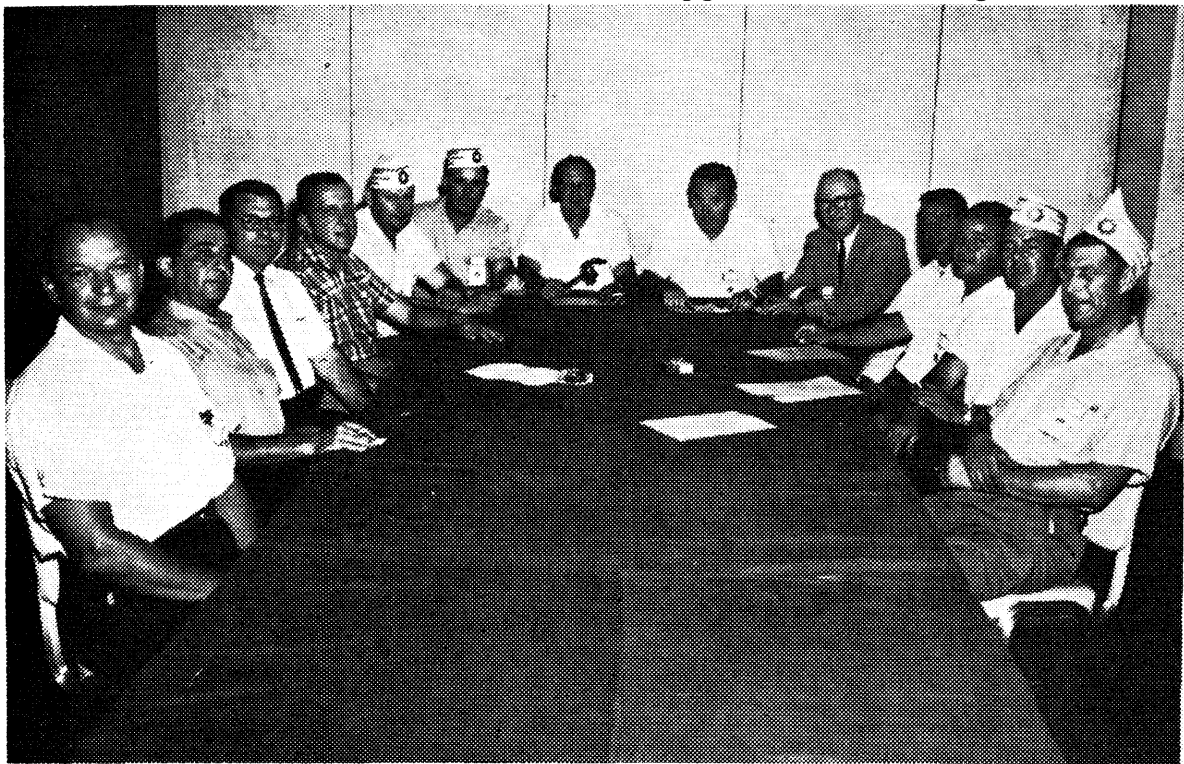
Distaff Members Silently Pay Respect During the Sacred Memorial Services



The mothers, wives, daughters and sweethearts of former Ninth Division men shed many unashamed tears as they silently watched and listened to the Memorial Services held at Cadillac Square in Detroit during the 1961 outstanding reunion.

Sabato Will Call 'Em To Order On Chicken Rd.

The Ninth's Board of Governors Gets "Mugged" Before Going Into Session



The above picture made at a Board of Governors meeting in Detroit is a representative Board group. Only three were unable to be present: Gen. Westmoreland, Max Umansky and John Rizzo. Pictured above, left to right: John Korobko, Detroit; George Apar, New York; John Sabato, Philadelphia (the new president); John Clouser, Illinois; Alfons Cuprys, Philadelphia; Francis K. Maher, New England; Frank Ozart, Illinois (outgoing prexy); Daniel Quinn, National Secretary; Paul S. Plunkett, Columbus, Ohio; Anthony J. Chaconas, Washington, D. C.; Michael Belmonte, Chicago; Edward J. McGrath, Boston, and Robert Rumennapp, Greater Michigan Chapter (Detroit).

HARRY ORENSTEIN SAYS "THEM WERE HAPPY DAYS" DOWN DETROIT WAY

By HARRY ORENSTEIN, 9th Q.M.
640 East 139th Street
Bronx 54, New York

TO ALL 9TH Q.M.'s—

Those were Happy Days in Detroit, Mich.

The 1961 Detroit Reunion was one of the best Reunions this writer has attended. It was a pleasure to be at the Reunion.

Again, there were two beer parties—two dances and a dinner. There was an adequate supply of beer and soda at both beer parties.

Saturday morning there was a parade of the men, women and children of the Ninth Division. At the Memorial Services Father Connors said "Today we are paying our respects to the deceased men of World War II and those who have passed on since that time."

Saturday evening was the dinner and dance. The roast beef dinner was excellent. Father Connors was the toastmaster. He kept the "boys" continually laughing with his remarks. Major Gen. Westmoreland was the principle speaker for evening and his speech was very interesting.

It was nice to see the "boys" again who regularly attend the Reunions and to see the other "boys" for the first time since the end of World War II.

The following "boys" and their ladies were present:

Mr. and Mrs. Joe DeMato.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gray.
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hennessy.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Palady.
Mr. and Mrs. Andy Sinare.
Mr. and Mrs. Everett Tapp.
Mr. Gene Berasi.
Mr. James DiMaggio.
Mr. Arthur Green.
Mr. Harry Orenstein.

Many of the Detroit Reunion "boys" said they would be at the 1962 Fort Bragg Reunion for sure.

DETROIT ODDS AND ENDS

Mr. and Mrs. Palady arrived in Detroit at the beginning of the Reunion week and began rounding up the "boys" for the Reunion. The Reunion was a good place to reminisce—with such a good turnout, the "boys" filled in the gaps from Fort Bragg to Ingolstadt with stories and their experiences. And they also mentioned the latest information of the "boys" they had seen in their travels since the end of the war.

Saturday afternoon the "boys" were invited to Mr. and Mrs. Tapp's house in Dearborn, Mich. We met their family—three girls and a boy. We had delicious fried chicken for lunch. Then we went out into their backyard and reminisced.

Best regards to all. Hope you are all enjoying good health.—Sincerely—Harry Orenstein.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!—

CHAPLAIN IRV TEPPER'S SISTER IN CALIFORNIA

Every former Ninth Division man who knew Chaplain Irving Tepper loved him. Those men of the 60th who saw him working around the clock getting wounded and k-i-a buddies out of those hills at Maknassy will always remember and will always honor his name. Such being the case it is always an honor and a pleasure to hear from Doris Tepper, who is a sister of the k-i-a Chaplain. Part of Doris' letter reads:

"I have had the honor of meeting many of Irv's 'boys'—once in Chicago when the Reunion was held at the Sherman Hotel. I recall the evening with immense happiness and honor and humility.

"I have been following the lines of many friends through The Octofoil. I see Ted Matusik (who took me to the reunion) is married. Good luck to him. I could go on and on about others. Suffice it to say I'm thrilled to be a part of this wonderful family—the Ninth Division."

Chaplain Tepper's sister's address is: Doris Tepper, 8767 Burton Way, Los Angeles 48, Calif.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!—

Joseph Tantum Is With National Bank in Jersey

Another of the Association's most recent members is Joseph T. Tantum—a former 39th Regt. 3rd Bn. lad.

Joe is connected with the Asbury Park-Manasquan National Bank, in Asbury Park, New Jersey.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!—

Polivy's Bar Practice Is On the Upgrade

The Octofoil is in receipt of one of the most "ritzy" change of address cards yet to come this way. It is from Calvin Polivy, Attorney At Law, announcing the removal of his office to 295 Madison Avenue, New York, 17, N. Y., where he will be associated with Marcus J. Friedman in the general practice of law.

Cal is a past president of the New York Chapter and a past Judge Advocate of the National Association. It was good to note in a recent release from the New York Chapter that among those attending the Past Presidents' Celebration was none other than Calvin Polivy. It isn't like Polivy to get so busy in his new legal environments that he will forget the Chapter's meeting dates.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!—

POINT OF VIEW

"Mrs. Smith," the physician told his young patient, "I have good news for you."

"It's Miss Smith," the patient said. "Not Mrs. Smith."

"Miss Smith," the doctor said. "I have bad news for you."

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!—

Girls at 12 stop making faces at boys and start making eyes.

JOHN SABATO, PHILLY CHAPTER, IS NEW PREXY; TOWN PUMP AND CHICKEN RD. NOSE OUT BOSTON COMMONS FOR 1962 SITE

John Sabato, 2743 Snyder Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., will be the Association's president for the next 12 months. John has been a hard working member of the Board and is well versed on problems confronting the Association. John is usually heard pretty loud and very often at Board meetings but he was just about overcome with emotion when called on at the annual banquet. Mrs. Sabato claims that's the first time she's ever known him not to be ready to come front and forward with a few thousand adjectives. Anyway John was the unanimous choice of all the other Board members—and that in itself, from those who know him and have worked with him is a pretty good recommendation.

ON TO FORT BRAGG

The next most important bit of business attended to at the Detroit Reunion was the selection of Fort Bragg, N. C. as the place for the 1962 Reunion. Edward McGrath put up a strong fight for his bid in behalf of Boston for the 1962 Reunion but the Fort Bragg supporters nosed the Boston bidders out in a spirited contest.

Preceding the Reunion the Board had authorized Secretary Quinn to visit Fort Bragg for a survey as to the possibilities offered there as a 1962 Reunion location. Secretary Quinn and Jack Scully of the New York Chapter made the trip and reported they thought the survey a worthwhile trip. Some of the old-timers Quinn and Scully contacted in the Fort Bragg-Fayetteville area included Herb Clegg, former commander of Hq. and G. Cos., 47th; Kronsburg, a former member of Div. Arty.; Fred Nichols, former D Co. 47th Sergeant (knocked out in El Guettar). Joe Cannon, of the Cannon Textile Companies, Kannapolis, N. C., a former Co. B, 60th Commander, was contacted by phone and promised every aid at his command to make the 1962 Reunion outstanding. The visitors were royally entertained for two days by Steve Fermanides, formerly of G Co. 47th. Steve was captured on that bleak day in March of 1943 at El Guettar. Steve now runs a first-class restaurant just up the hill from the old railroad station in Fayetteville on the road to Bragg. It is called the Hamont Grill. This spot is a must for the old gang when they hit Fayetteville in July, 1962.

COL. ROYAL SHOWS 'EM SPOTS

During the visit Col. Royal, from Chapel Hill, N. C. took the New Yorkers in tow, and phoned Col. Clayman. (After this visit Col. Clayman was made a one-star general.) He was a Battalion Commander with the 47th from Sicily to Germany. A social session was held at Col. Clayman's home. Among the many features Col. Clayman offered the association for its 1962 Reunion was some empty barracks—but Scully balked on that one: "We've spent enough time in those things—get us some air conditioned rooms."

The area just beyond the old Ninth area is now a hunting reservation with a lodge called McKellar's Lodge. This is an ideal setup for the first night open house—a family picnic—a cook-out setup with plenty beer for the usual get-acquainted party.

MANY POTENTIALS

Quinn advises The Octofoil that the deep South has thousands of former Ninth men who have never attended a Reunion and never heard of the Association. With proper public relations in the Southern newspapers preceding the 1962 Reunion they all can be ferreted out and gotten interested in perpetuating the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

JULY 26-27-28, 1962—THE DATES

On Aug. 25 Secy. Quinn advised The Octofoil thusly:

"I heard from Brig. Gen. Clayman yesterday. He told me he has reserved July 26, 27 and 28, 1962 for the Association's use at Fort Bragg."

Gen. Clayman's letter to Dan reads in part:

"Dear Danny: Sorry to have delayed in answering your letter of 7 August. It arrived during Exercise Swift Strike from which we returned 20 August.

"The Post Commander, Lt. Gen. T. J. H. Trapnell, has approved holding the Ninth Division Association Reunion at Fort Bragg on 26, 27 and 28 of July 1962. The facilities you requested will be made available to the Association. To be sure we understand each other I will repeat my understanding of the requirements in your letter. On Thursday night there will be a picnic at McKellar's Lodge. Incidentally, this area has

been improved and now has a very fine picnic area with all necessary facilities. Friday night you want space for a dance. This will be in the LaFayette Room of the Main Officers' Mess. However, should you prefer it, we have two very fine NCO messes both of which have better facilities than the Officers' Mess, which could be made available if you so elect. I suggest giving Clegg the job of deciding which of these facilities you should use. With respect to the banquet on Saturday night, this can be held either in the Officers' Mess or one of the NCO Messes as you desire. On Saturday afternoon we will be delighted to arrange a tour of the Post for you. However, I would suggest that Friday afternoon is appropriate for this tour since Saturday is a half holiday and there will be little activity that afternoon—we will do whatever you wish in this respect.

"I will be very happy to work with Hank Royal and Herb Clegg to make final and firm arrangements for all Fort Bragg facilities you will require. Also if I can be of assistance I will help with the arrangements that have to be made in Fayetteville.

"Please feel free to call on me at any time for anything you may need. —Sincerely, Donald C. Clayman, Brig. Gen. U.S.A."

HOTEL PRINCE CHARLES

Secretary Quinn advises that the St. Charles Hotel in Fayetteville has agreed to set aside 100 of its 175 rooms for the Reunion dates. And besides that there are plenty of motels in the area with swimming pools, shetland ponies and every convenience for the enjoyment of the children. Many former 9th men have failed to attend Reunions in the crowded, stuffy city hotel rooms with their children, mostly because of expense involved. What an ideal vacation this will be for the youngsters—to romp and play in the playground facilities that will be available in 1962.

There are many Association members who come to the Division as replacements who have never seen Fort Bragg, Chicken Road, the Town Pump, New River and scores of other landmarks close to the hearts of the old Ninth men. But to those who bypassed Bragg, they too will get the spirit of the thing once they get down there.

Not only are the Army officials going all out for this occasion—but the city fathers of Fayetteville and all the town's civic leaders are looking forward to this visit from the Division that trained in their backyard—and went overseas to accomplish unexpected and at times impossible feats—displaying courage that makes every Tar Heel proud of the fact that Fort Bragg was once the home of the NOTORIOUS NINTH DIVISION—HITLER'S NEMESIS.

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Quinn Finds Former 47th Man At P.O.

Passing through the Union City, N. J. postoffice recently Secretary Dan Quinn thought he spotted a familiar face. Further investigation disclosed the fact that the face was that of Dennis Magnetti, 411 5th, Union City. Denny left the 47th Regt. to become an officer. But now he has charge of the Union City postoffice, a pretty big station. He left Service Co. in '42 but many of the old timers at Bragg will remember him.

The Magnettis' pretty little daughter, Denise Magnetti, recently won the first place honors in the 15-year-old group advanced one-baton contest of the traditional Ed Clark Memorial Twirling Contest, held at the Smith Waldbridge Camp, Syracuse, Ind. New York papers printed a two-column picture of the petite champion baton twirler.

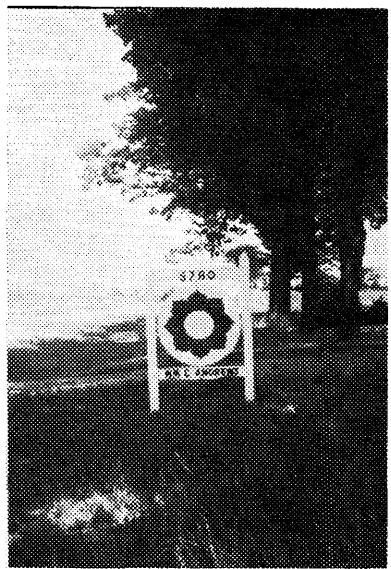
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Michigan Members Hold Annual Picnic

On Aug. 27 the Greater Michigan group held their annual picnic. A full report had not reached The Octofoil when this issue went to press. No doubt those up and at 'em Michigan lads and lassies will have plenty of photos and news notes in on this affair before the next issue of The Octofoil goes to press.

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Octofoils Everywhere ...



Just about any direction a person travels in Michigan a large and impressive 9th Division Octofoil is liable to suddenly appear on the landscape. If such a landmark is unexpectedly sighted, in all probability it is the handiwork of Bill Andrews of the Greater Michigan Chapter. Pictured above will be noted a bit of Andrews' art work—strategically placed by this hard working Ninth Infantry Division Association Michigan member.

Carlton Curtis Had to Alter His Plans

Carlton Curtis, former B Co., 15th Engr. man, writes from 304 Worth Ave., Elkins, W. Va., that last-minute developments arose that caused him to cancel all arrangements that had been made to visit with his old buddies in Detroit. Curtis is laying plans now to be at Bragg and extends an invitation to any former 9th men passing through down his way to be sure and stop by and say hello.

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Sweater girls are observed in the best places.

Minutes of the 60th Meeting—Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association—Detroit, July 27

The 60th Meeting of the Board of Governors was called to order at 6:30 P.M. on July 27, 1961, at the Hotel Sheraton-Cadillac, Detroit, Mich. Attended by Messrs. Frank Ozart, Mike Belmonte, Tony Chaconas, Bob Rumennapp, George Apar, Jack O'Shea, John Korobko, Ed McGrath and John Sabato. Guests were John Clouser and Glenn O. Moore. There being a quorum the meeting was called to order by President Frank Ozart.

The secretary, Daniel Quinn, then read the minutes of the 59th meeting.

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

John Clouser then gave a report of the Scholarship committee. The Louis Becker Scholarship Award to be awarded Albert F. Stidman, 4837 Wilern Ave., Baltimore, Maryland. The Scholarship to be granted in two \$250.00 annual payments in September, 1961 and September, 1962. The checks to be sent to the registrar of Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland. If Stidman should drop out of college the remaining funds, prorated according to the time he was in college, should be returned to the Association.

After a motion duly made by George Apar and seconded by Jack O'Shea it was voted to: Adopt the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee per verbatim.

The president, Frank Ozart, thanked John Clouser and his committee for a splendid job on this award.

QUINN REPORTS
The secretary, Daniel Quinn, gave a report on his visit to North Carolina for a possible site for the 1962

Reunion. The President thanked the secretary for his report.

John Korobko, General Chairman of the 1961 Reunion, reported on the progress as of this date.

After a motion duly made by George Apar and seconded by Tony Chaconas it was voted to charge the Michigan Chapter the full price for 400 decals with a discount of 50 per cent of the retail price of 25 cents, and in the future any other chapter so desiring to purchase decals may do so at this price but only in bulk lots of 100.

President Frank Ozart thanked John Korobko for his report.

President Quinn gave a report on the condition of the Association's typewriter and further stated that he would continue to use this machine until some time when the machine would be beyond repairs. The secretary had been granted permission to purchase a new or rebuilt typewriter at the 59th meeting of the Board of Governors. The secretary also reported that a new 50-star flag had been ordered but was not delivered in time for this Reunion.

The secretary, in the absence of the treasurer, gave the financial statement to the Board members. This is the second year the Association has operated in the clear. After a motion duly made by Mike Belmonte and seconded by Bob Rumennapp it was voted to accept the report as given by the secretary.

After a motion duly made by Mike Belmonte and seconded by George Apar it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL QUINN,
National Secretary.

Minutes of the 61st Meeting—Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association—Detroit, July 29

The 61st meeting of the Board of Governors was called to order at 12:15 P.M. on July 29, 1961, at the Hotel Sheraton-Cadillac, Detroit, Michigan, attended by Messrs. Frank Ozart, Al Cuprys, Edward McGrath, Francis Maher, Mike Belmonte, Tony Chaconas, George Apar, Bob Rumennapp, John Clouser, John Sabato and Paul Plunkett. There being a quorum the meeting was called to order.

Upon a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by Francis Maher it was voted to advance the Scholarship Committee for operational expenses, the sum of \$150.00. This money to be obtained from the Memorial Fund Account.

Upon a motion duly made by Francis Maher and seconded by George Apar it was voted that the Association adopt a plan of placing a donation box for the Memorial Fund Scholarship at the registration desk or other suitable location, at all Reunions and that the funds collected in this box be the responsibility of the National Association and placed in the custody of at least two members of the National Board of Governors and the National Secretary.

A free will donation to the Memorial Fund Scholarship was started by the Board of Governors. The sum of \$60.00 was donated by the following members:

In memory of the following men who gave their lives:

Bill Sleeth, 2nd Pl. Co. B, 47th Inf.—George Apar donates \$5.
Sgt. John Nolan, C Co. 15th Engrs.—Edward McGrath donates \$5.
Lt. John D. Ragland, 60th F.A. Bn.—Mike Belmonte donates \$5.
Pfc. Matthew S. Cuprys, C Co. 47th Inf.—Al Cuprys donates \$5.
Pfc. Joseph Bicalana, E Co., 47th Inf.—Frank Ozart donates \$5.
Sgt. Donald (Scotty) Murray, 1st Bn. 47th—Dan Quinn donates \$5.
Sgt. Allen Matthews, 60th Inf. 1st Bn.—Paul Plunkett donates \$5.
Deceased men of E Co., 39th Inf.—John Sabato donates \$5.
Chester Fry, Hq. Btry. 26th F.A. Bn.—John Clouser donates \$5.
Anti-Tank Men—60th Inf.—Bob Rumennapp donates \$5.
Capt. James McClatchey, 84th F.A. Bn.—Tony Chaconas donates \$5.
Pfc. Stanley J. Bernat, C Co., 15th Engrs.—Francis Maher donates \$5.

After a discussion on a site for the 1962 Reunion the majority of the Board members voted for Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President: John Sabato was nominated by Edward McGrath and seconded by John Clouser. Unanimous

ballot was cast.

First Vice-President: Vincent Gugliemino was nominated by George Apar and seconded by John Sabato—elected.

Second Vice-President: Herbert Olsen was nominated by George Apar and seconded by Francis Maher—elected.

Third Vice-President: Jack O'Shea was nominated by John Sabato and seconded by Edward McGrath—elected.

Judge Advocate: Harrison Daysh was nominated by George Apar and seconded by John Sabato—elected.

Secretary—Dan Quinn was nominated by Paul Plunkett and seconded by Francis Maher—elected.

Treasurer: Thomas Boyle was nominated by John Clouser and seconded by Al Cuprys—elected.

George Apar asked the Board members to give a standing vote of thanks to the outgoing President, Frank Ozart.

There being no further business and upon a motion duly made by Mike Belmonte and seconded by Al Cuprys it was voted to adjourn at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL QUINN,
National Secretary.

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POP BURNETT MOVES TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA

It was with a heavy heart that Perry "Pop" Burnett, a former G Co. 60th Sergeant, had to sit down and ask The Octofoil to explain to his old buddies why he couldn't be in Detroit after all the plans he had made. But the medics decreed otherwise and ordered "Pop" to take a leave of absence from his railway mail job and hibernate in the Arizona sunshine for a spell. So that's where the boys can contact him: Perry (Pop) Burnett, 5002 S. 11th Ave., Phoenix 41, Ariz. The old address was Rt. 1, Kitts Hill, Ohio.

Mrs. Burnett and young Burnett plan leaving Ohio and joining Pop in Arizona. Mrs. Burnett writes and says she knows a card from any of Pop's old buddies will make him feel mighty good.

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DAVE LILLY LOCATED IN BOSTON, MASS.

David Lilly, former F and G Co., 47th man, is now a part of the Lilly Construction Co., 140 Western Ave., Boston 34, Mass.

Dave would be glad to see or hear from any of the old gang.

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Engineers Saddened By Browning's Death

One of the greatest shocks Arthur Schmidt of the New York Chapter has ever experienced, occurred recently when he stopped over at 230 Beardsley Ave., Homer, La., in the hopes of seeing his old engineer buddy, Harry Browning.

Mrs. Browning was so shook up that one of Browning's closest buddies had stopped to see him so shortly after his tragic death that she was not sure that she had given Schmidt all the details coherently—so she filled in later with a personal letter giving the details. Parts of Mrs. Browning's letter follows:

"Dear Mr. Schmidt: Harry's death was such an awful shock to me I haven't remembered any of the things I should. I know how he had been looking forward to seeing you and I am indeed sorry it was not God's will for the reunion to be."

Mrs. Browning outlines how Harry barbecued a meal for his son-in-law, daughter and four grandchildren. He then took the children to a lake that covered about 30 acres nearby. The children played in shallow water—then Harry got out an aluminum boat. He put the four largest boys in the boat and paddled around.

Then he brought out the outboard motor and attached it to the boat. They took a short ride and started back to shore when the motor just suddenly stopped. The sudden loss of power on the back of the boat caused the front end to dip down into the water and dumped them all into the lake. One of the grandsons was 4 years old. So Browning grabbed the 4-year-old and swam with him in his arms, all the time rescuing the other four. He got two on the gasoline tank and they started to shore. The motor acted as an anchor and the front end of the boat emerged from the water and Browning got the other two boys hanging on the boat. He then handed the 4-year-old to the oldest boy and simply sank. It was an orderly rescue and very methodically carried out.

Mrs. Browning says in her letter: "I just know God let him realize that all the boys were safe. He somehow managed to calm the children and reassure them. The coroner's report read 'an attack or seizure that was brought on by over-exertion and excitement'."

Harry Browning was born at Vivian, La., July 23, 1905. He was the father of two, Mrs. Robert F. Maynor, Sarepta, La., and the mother of his grandsons; and one son, Herbert Browning, Rodessa, La., unmarried; the bereaved widow, Cleo Browning, and his 83-year-old mother, Mrs. Gussie Browning, of Vivian, La.; one step-daughter, Sara Jo Baker, Homer, La.; three brothers, Paul, Lloyd and Tom.

Mrs. Browning's beautiful letter is clothed in language that no one can improve on in paying respects to a fine man—who died in the tradition that he carried so bravely through many trying days during combat with the Ninth Infantry Division.

The closing words of Mrs. Harry Browning's letter read:

"I have such a fierce pride in me about him and the bravery he showed. There are five lives on this earth for the one he gave and he apparently gave it so willingly. I hope they all will grow up and walk in the way of God and remember their Granddaddy Browning as the brave man he was when he died—and that at least one of them will make a great man to live in his memory."

To the bereaved widow and other sorrowing members of this fine man's family The Octofoil offers most sincere condolences in this their most trying hour.

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Dimmick Moving to New England Soon

Carl H. Dimmick writes from 310 Elizabeth Ave., Cranford, N. J., and states that he's selling his home in Jersey and moving to Amesbury, Mass. Says he plans joining up with the New England Chapter as soon as he gets over that way. Dimmick is bubbling over with Ninth Division pride. In one of the paragraphs of his letter he writes: "Organizations may come and go but there never has been or ever will be one as great as the Ninth."

Dimmick makes inquiry as to the whereabouts of some former Co. E, 39th men: Captain Gee, Sgt. Ison and Privates Eugene Jones and Dale Carver. Secretary Quinn has located Dale in Ravenna, Ohio. Any member knowing the whereabouts of any of the other men should drop a card to Carl at the address given above.

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MINUTES OF THE 16TH ANNUAL REUNION—9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION—DETROIT, JULY 28

The 16th Annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel in Detroit, Michigan on July 28, 1961. There being a quorum of 38 members present, President Frank Ozart then called the meeting to order at 11 A.M.

The President then called upon the National Secretary, Daniel Quinn, to read the minutes of the 15th Annual Reunion. Upon a motion duly made by John J. Boden and seconded by Glenn O. Moore, it was voted to accept the minutes of the 15th Annual Reunion as read and place same on file for the record.

IN THE BLACK

President Frank Ozart thanked everyone for their cooperation, especially the Reunion Committee. The President also announced that this year was another successful one, financially and otherwise. This is the second year the Association has operated in the clear.

The following committees were appointed by President Ozart upon the recommendations of the Chapters and members at-large:

Miscellaneous, Newspaper, Finance and Nominating Committees.

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

The meeting was adjourned until 2 P.M., after a motion duly made by Art Schmidt and seconded by Bob DeSandy to adjourn.

RECONVENE

At 2 P.M. the meeting was then called to order by President Frank Ozart.

The first report was a special committee report of the Scholarship Program. John Clouser, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, made the following proposals:

I. A scholarship of \$250.00 be awarded for the school year 1962-63. That such scholarship be publicized through the Octofoil and local Chapters. The scholarship committee will determine the procedure for application and will determine whether or not applicants are worthy of receiving a scholarship. The committee will make recommendations to the Board of Governors as to who should receive the Scholarship.

II. A. A scholarship of \$250.00 to \$500.00 be awarded for the school year 1963-64. (The amount to be determined by the need of the individual.)

B. The scholarship committee be authorized to publicize the scholarship through the College Scholarship Service of Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey, under their Participation Plan. The following benefits will be derived from this service:

1. Acquaint students and schools throughout the country with the scholarship offered by the Association. This will include over 24,000 high schools.

2. Program announcement leaflets describing the scholarship can be distributed to all the schools.

3. Receipt of score reports of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, and a list of the names and addresses of the Students applying for the scholarship.

4. A report of the financial needs of the applicants will be furnished through the Needs Analysis Services of Educational Testing Services.

C. The scholarship committee be authorized to contract with the College Scholarship Services of Educational Testing Services for their annual retainer fee for 1962-63. (Cost approx. \$100.00.)

D. The scholarship committee be authorized to have program announcements printed for distribution.

III. Funds be raised to increase the money in the Memorial Fund.

A. Starting immediately chapters be encouraged to take collections or use other schemes to raise money for the fund. Individuals be encouraged to make donations to the fund.

B. Project by the association be devised to raise money for the memorial fund. Such ideas to be presented to the 1962 Reunion.

IV. Information pertaining to the scholarship and donations be carried in each issue of the Octofoil.

The Scholarship Committee stated that the following recommendation was accepted and approved by the Board of Governors at the 60th meeting held July 27, 1961 at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel in Detroit, Mich.:

1. The Louis Becker Memorial Scholarship be awarded to Albert F. Stidman, 4837 Wilern Ave., Baltimore, Maryland. (Albert is the son

of a member of the Ninth Division killed in action at the Remagen Bridge in Germany.)

2. The Scholarship be granted in two \$250.00 annual payments in September, 1961 and September, 1962. The checks to be sent to the registrar of Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland. If Stidman should drop out of college the remaining funds, prorated according to the time he was in college, should be returned to the Association.

THANKS COMMITTEE

Upon a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by Emil Radic it was voted to accept the report of the Scholarship Committee and adopt the recommendations of this committee.

A standing vote of thanks was given to John Clouser and his committee, and also to other previous committee members who had served on the Scholarship Committee along Vincent Iannucci.

QUINN REPORTS ON BRAGG

President Frank Ozart asked the Secretary to give a report on his visit to Fort Bragg, and to Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Secretary Daniel Quinn explained to the membership that the Prince Charles Hotel in Fayetteville was the only hotel that could accommodate the membership but that there were 35 motels in the Fort Bragg area. He further stated that all activities such as the banquet, dance, etc., would have to be held on the Post at Fort Bragg due to the limited facilities in Fayetteville.

The Secretary had met with several members living in Fayetteville and they had assured him of their cooperation if their city was selected for the 1962 reunion. Quinn had also met with Colonel Donald C. Clayman, former 3rd Bn. Commander, 47th Infantry, and now Deputy Chief of Staff, XVIII Airborne Corps at Bragg. Colonel Clayman told the Secretary he would do his utmost to furnish the members the Post facilities for their three-day stay. This would include banquet facilities, etc. Colonel Clayman further stated that the three-day stay would include demonstrations, briefings and tours as appropriate.

President Frank Ozart thanked the Secretary for his report.

ADOPT RESOLUTION

After a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by Harold Jacobs, it was voted to adopt the following resolution: "Be it resolved that the by-laws of the Ninth Infantry Division Association be amended by adding Section 6A which reads: 'No chapter shall have more than three members on the Board of Governors'."

The Miscellaneous Committee Chairman, Harry Orenstein, then named the following men who comprised his committee:

Paul Clark, Dom Miele, Bill Coen and Elias Hopkins.

The Miscellaneous Committee recommended the following:

1. That the Octofoil be increased from six copies and that the publications be mailed to the members at a scheduled date.

2. Have the Reunion Committee arrange for better parking facilities similar to the 1962 Washington Reunion where free parking was made available to the members. If free parking cannot be obtained a special reduced price should be allowed the members attending the Reunion.

3. To facilitate or make it easier for the members to reach the Reunion Hotel by providing a map and directions to the city where the Reunion is being held. This could be done by a mimeograph sheet and sent out with the Octofoil or in the Octofoil. Have the Convention Bureau send the Association a route of the best roads in and out of town.

4. A little booklet be prepared showing the members and their families where the best places are to eat. This booklet could be sent to the various Chapters or be published in the Octofoil.

5. Insist on Committee members be present at the time of appointment or a slate of Committees be selected in advance by the Chapters.

6. A list of the active members with their current addresses be made up on a mimeograph sheet to be included in the Octofoil issues during the year.

7. At the discretion of the National Secretary to discontinue sending the Octofoil to the delinquent members who have not paid their dues after six months.

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REUNION MINUTES

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Emil Radic made the following recommendations from the floor:

"That more considerations be given to the children of the members."

After a motion duly made by Mike Mysyk and seconded by Francis Maher, it was voted to accept the report and its recommendations and that the Board of Governors use these for future policies.

President Frank Ozart thanked Harry Orenstein and his committee.

NEWSPAPER COMMITTEE

The Newspaper Committee Chairman, Joe Casey, then named the following men who comprised his committee: John Huffman, Dick Pestel, Vic Butswinkus and Arthur Schmidt. The newspaper committee recommends that:

1. Change of Address problems, for Octofoil: 20 per cent of our members and our whole nation, moves to a new address every year; it costs 12 cents for a new addressograph plate, to mail Octofoil; it costs 5 cents for the Post Office notice of change of address and 3 cents to mail another, so the members save the Association 8 cents if they notify the Secretary promptly of any change of address.

2. Mailing list problems, for Octofoil and for membership: More than half (4,000) are paying members, this last pre-reunion mailing; less than half (3,600) have not paid dues in years but were sent the pre-reunion issue. Deadwood should be pruned from the Octofoil mailing list and placed on an "Inactive-member" list for extra activity by Chapters, that is, for Chapter mailings for affairs, for Christmas activity by phone, letters, etc., and for pre-reunion activity by Chapters and personal correspondence.

3. Geographical Distribution, of membership: Half our members live in Chapter areas, for Chapter meetings and activities; the other half are scattered all over the rest of the country and the Octofoil is the only communication, six issues a year, to maintain interest in the Association activities, and large issues are advisable.

4. Uniformity of Schedule, for publication: If the Board of Governors approves, three issues a year may be "Jumbo issues" of six pages and the other three issues be four pages. All meetings of the Board and Chapter activities should be planned to meet the schedule as proposed here:

Aug. 20 copy date after reunion, August-September issue; delivery date, Sept. 5 to 10—Jumbo.

Father Connors Memorial Service—Copy date, 15 Oct.; October-November; delivery date—Nov. 5—Jumbo.

Copy date: Dec. 20—December-January issue—Delivery date, Jan. 5.

Copy date—February 20—issue: February-March—Delivery date: March 5.

Copy date: April 20—April-May issue—Delivery date: May 5.

Before Reunion—Copy date: June 20—Issue: June-July—Delivery date: July 5—Jumbo.

5. Extra Pre-Reunion Advertising: If the Board of Governors approves, the expense of extra-advertising the Annual Reunion each year, this may bring new members, bring back members who are inactive and may have changed addresses over the years. It would also help increase attendance at Reunions. Advertising should be in other veterans papers and magazines having a national circulation.

6. Planned Succession of Editors: At present, the Editor has only one assistant editor, while the President has three vice-presidents to assure continuity of the Association. Geographical considerations make it advisable to train another member as assistant-editor who lives near Columbus, Ohio, to assure continuity of publication. In the event illness may prevent member-editors from spending hours of their own skill, additional expenses of hiring technical skills must be anticipated and approved by the Board of Governors.

7. Schedule of Publication and "Dues Year": If the Board of Governors approves, the "Dues Year" may be moved one month a year, for 6 years, so that the "Fiscal Year" and the "Dues Year" may coincide and the schedule shown above shown as item 4 may be related to the "Dues Issue".

Upon a motion duly made by Mike Mysyk and seconded by Dom Miele, it was voted to accept the report and its recommendations and that the Board of Governors use these recommendations for future policies.

President Frank Ozart thanked Joe Casey and his committee for their report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance and Budget Commit-

tee Chairman, John Clouser, then named the following men who comprised his group: Mike Belmonte, Glenn Moore, Pat Giallardo, Al Cuprys, George Apar and Lou Almassy.

The budget for 1961-62 with an anticipated income of \$5,000.00:

Dues income	\$3,000.00
Investments	1,300.00
Reunion	500.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
	\$5,000.00

Expenditures:	
Octofoil	\$1,900.00
Extra issues of The Octofoil for membership promotion	300.00
Secretary's salary	600.00
Clerical Services	600.00
Postage and express	325.00
Dues notices	100.00
Printing	300.00
Stationery and Office supplies	150.00
Telephone and utilities	320.00
Social Security	15.00
Corporation Filing Fee	1.00
Insurance	100.00
Accounting Fee	100.00
Post Office box rent	12.00
Safety Deposit box rent	6.60
Miscellaneous	170.40
	\$5,000.00

Upon a motion duly made by Al Wilcox and seconded by Elias Hopkins it was voted to accept the budget as submitted by the Finance Committee.

President Frank Ozart thanked John Clouser and his committee for their report.

NOMINATIONS

Mr. John Sabato, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, then named the members of his committee: Jack O'Shea, Pat Morano, Bud Remer, Emil Radic, Mike Mysyk, Edward McGrath and John Bonkowski.

The following men were nominated to serve on the National Board of Governors for three years:

Francis Maher—New England Chapter.

Alfons J. Cuprys—Philadelphia Chapter

John Clouser—Illinois Chapter

John Rizzo—New York Chapter.

There being no nominations from the floor and upon a motion duly made by Al Wilcox and seconded by Pat Giallardo it was voted to instruct the secretary to cast one ballot in favor of the slate as recommended by the Nominating Committee.

President Frank Ozart thanked John Sabato and his committee.

There being no further business to come before this meeting and upon a motion duly made by Francis Maher and seconded by Mike Belmonte, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL QUINN,
National Secretary.

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New Officers Elected

Names and addresses of the newly elected officers of the Association are as follows:

President: John Sabato, 2743 Snyder Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

First Vice President: Vincent Guglielmino, 114 Charles St., Floral Park, L. I., New York.

Second Vice President: Jack O'Shea, 412 South Ave., Holmes, Pa.

Judge Advocate: Harrison Daysh, 1930 Brantley St., Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Secretary: Daniel Quinn, 412 Gregory Ave., Wehawken, N. J.

Treasurer: Thomas Boyle, 38 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1962—
John Korobko, 9540 Decatur, Detroit, Mich.

Michael Belmonte, 3604 W. Iowa St., Chicago 51, Illinois.

Anthony Chaconas, 5101 13th St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Max Umansky, 83-10 141st St., Kew Gardens, L.I., N.Y.

Paul S. Plunkett, 286 Zimpfer St., Columbus, O.

1963—
Maj. Gen. W. C. Westmoreland—

Commandant, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.

George Apar, 330 Fairway Drive, Franklin Square, L.I., New York.

Edward McGrath, Box 275, Green Harbor, Mass.

John Sabato, 2743 Snyder Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

Robert Rumenapp, 2261 Furton, St. Clair Shores, Mich.

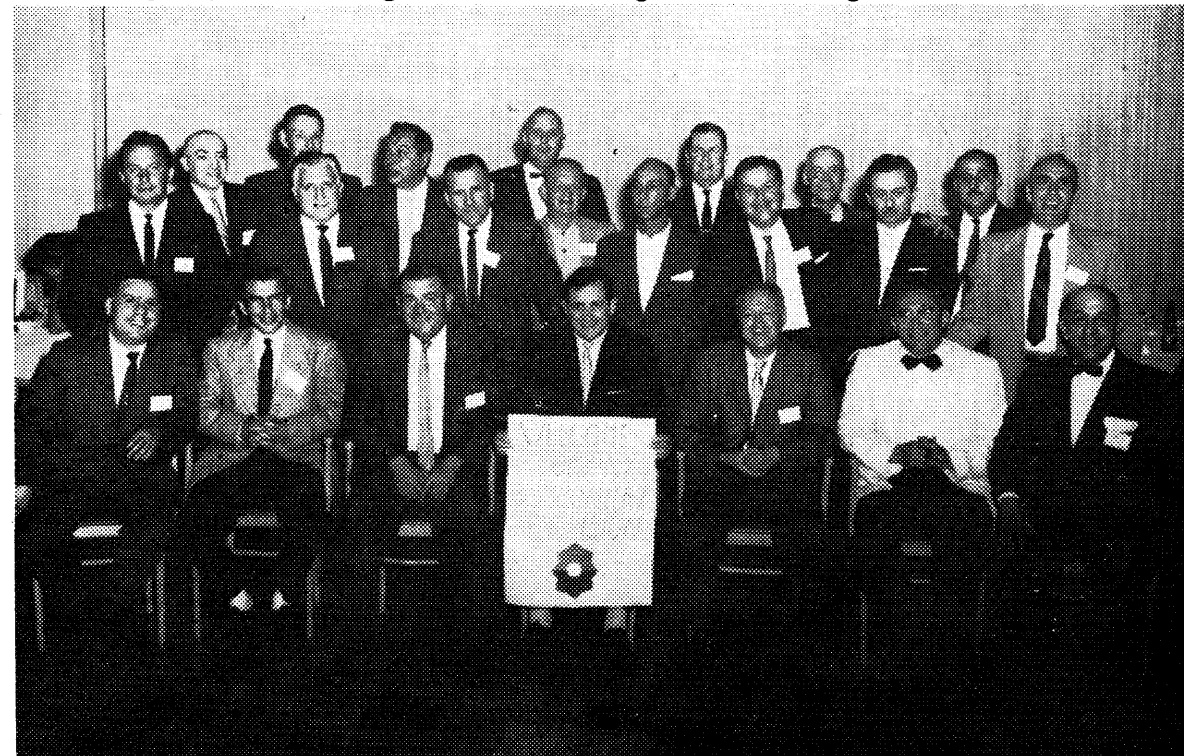
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Francis Maher, 14 Davenport St., Worcester, Mass.

Alfons J. Cuprys, 1124 Kings Highway, Mt. Emphram, New Jersey.

John Clouser, 200 North Elm, Mt. Prospect, Ill.

John Rizzo, 29 Louisiana St., Long Beach, L. I., N. Y.

"B" Company, 39th Regt. Held Get-Together in Binghamton June 9-10th



Pictured above are the former Co. B, 39th men who attended a get-together of that outfit June 9-10 at the Arlington Hotel in Binghamton, N. Y. Mr. Michael J. McInerney (Gold Star Father), was among the Distinguished Guests. First row, left to right: Ben Murell, Peter Rusko, President Tom Orband, Jay J. Moffee, Sam Spector, Tom Biviano, Albert (The Hawk) Di Rizio, of Fairport. Second row: Emmett Austen, Louis Fianto (Gold Star brother of Tom Fianto, "A" Co.), Ernie Streppa, Fred Clift, Mike Fabino, Tony Brescia, Steve Terris and Joe Cascio. Third row: Al Bacile, John Spahn, Peter Santi, Earl Pratt, Don Garland, Michael J. McInerney (Gold Star Father), and Frank Russo. Jim McMahon was also present, but couldn't be rounded up for the above photo. See story about this affair elsewhere in this issue.

Company "B," 39th Regt. Men Hold "Fun-Fest" That Calls For Another

Tom Orband sends the following request to The Octofoil: WANTED—The addresses of all Co. "B" 39th Inf. men. Write to Tom Orband, 29 Delmar St., Binghamton, N. Y. We want to get as many "B" Co. men as possible to share the fun at "B" Co. Reunions.

Printed in this issue is a picture of many Co. B 39th men who attended a reunion held at the Arlington Hotel in Binghamton, N. Y., June 9-10. As is the usual case, Frank Russo was the first man on the scene.

Registration and roll call on Friday evening was accompanied by much backslapping and handshaking. A majority of the men were accompanied by their wives.

Gertrude (Mrs. Thomas) Orband was hostess to the ladies and entertained them while the men gathered in groups to relish the unforgettable eight campaigns they participated in from North Africa through Europe.

PURPLE HEARTS

It was of interest to note that all the 9th veterans present, with one exception, were recipients of the Purple Heart.

At the business meeting Al (The

Hawk) Di Rizio was elected president, and Sam Spector acted as secretary. Fairport was chosen unanimously as the site for the next reunion.

Saturday evening the group gathered in the ballroom of the Arlington for a buffet supper of smorgasbord and roast beef. After the repast, dancing and entertainment followed until the wee hours of the morning.

BOTTLES OF CHEER

Emmett Austen from Wooster, O., and Earl Pratt, from Portland, Maine, and their charming wives were presented with bottles of cheer by Sam Spector—they having traveled the greatest distances to attend the reunion.

MR. AND MRS. MCINERNEY GUESTS OF THE ORBANDS

Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. McInerney of New York City were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Orband during the reunion. Their son, Sgt. James J. McInerney, "I" Co., was killed in Sicily.

All "B" Co. men are respectfully requested to report to Tom Orband, Binghamton, or to Albert Di Rizio, "The Hawks" Restaurant, Fairport, New York.

Dedication In Honor of General Donald A. Stroh Held In Detroit

The Octofoil is indebted to Mrs. Imogene S. Stumpf, 6502 Hopkins Rd., Richmond 34, Va., for a copy of the beautiful brochure and program that was issued at the dedication of the Donald A. Stroh U. S. Army Reserve Center, on June 25, 1961 at 3:30 P.M., 17825 Sherwood Rd., Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Stumpf is a daughter of the late Gen. Stroh and modestly writes: "We think it is indeed a great honor for my dad."

Many distinguished military leaders of the nation were on the program to pay the well earned respects due Gen. Stroh. Page 1 of the brochure has this line prominently displayed: "In memory of Major Gen.

Donald A. Stroh, 1892-1953 — For having faithfully served in the defense of his country."

During the early days of the Ninth Infantry Division Association General Stroh devoted many long hours and much of his talent in preparing data for The Octofoil that was a big help in getting the Association and The Octofoil off on the right track. HE WAS A GREAT SOLDIER

Very few families of departed U. S. Army officers can point to such an outstanding military record with the decorations awarded that the family of our own Maj. Gen. Donald A. Stroh's family can proudly point to.

Charlie Hicks Looking For Two Old Buddies

Charles I. Hicks, former 39th man, 605 Kentucky Ave., S.W., Norton, Va., writes:

I would appreciate very much if you could give me the addresses of two of my old "buddies." They are B. (Benjamin) F. Underwood and Sargent Posey.

These two men were in Co. F, 39th Regt. when World War II ended. Underwood was from Arizona, and Sergeant Posey's home was somewhere in Kentucky.

Any of the Association's members who can help Charlie out and would send him a card giving the desired information, it would be greatly appreciated.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!

The first thing needed to make a dream come through is to wake up.

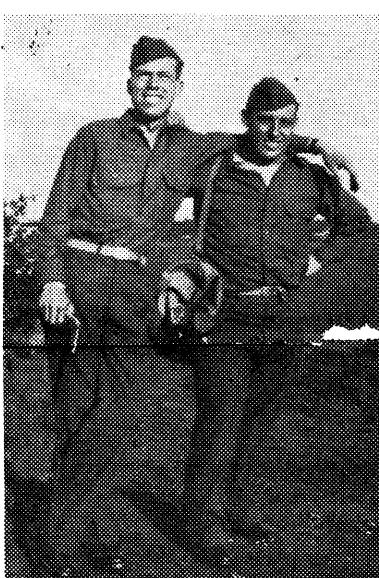
Ed Wisniewski and Seven Little Ones On the Go

Edwin Wisniewski's permanent address is 7576 Gratiot Ave., Richmond, Mich., but for a few weeks he will be a 1508 W. 6th Ave., Sault Ste Marie, Mich. Ed was one of those members who couldn't get to Detroit for the Reunion who was thoughtful enough to send either the committee or Secretary Quinn a telegram. Ed is working as chief engineer on a hydraulic dredge 400 miles north of Detroit 7 days a week—and on call 24 hours each day—so the boss just said NO and meant it when Ed began packing up for the Detroit Reunion. But Ed, Mrs. Ed and the five youngsters are hoping for a better break when the curtain goes up on the 1962 Reunion at Fort Bragg.

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Kisses are a luxury. If you don't think so just try to get ahold of one.

Shields and Micolucci



Albert A. Micolucci, former Service Co., 47th man, sent in the above photo of he and the old Top Kick, Henry Shields, that was made while the outfit was in England in 1944. Al would like to locate Shields. Many of the old outfit still send greetings on occasions to Micolucci in appreciation of the appetizing spaghetti he used to concoct for the gang. He lives at 1614 Lynnewood Dr., Manoa, Pennsylvania.

Micolucci Makes Some Excellent Contacts

Albert Micolucci writes from 1614 Lynnewood Dr., Manoa, Pa. He will be remembered by the gang from Serv. Co., 47th. Al is a construction worker and was too busy to go to Detroit, but busy or not—he thinks it's his duty to get down to Bragg. In his note to The Octofoil he says in part:

Last time I have seen any of the fellows was at a dinner at West Trenton, N. J. at "Flip" Pflieger's, and we had a grand time. The fellows attending were Bob Dunn, Serv. Co. 47th, and living at 527 Lakeview Dr., Swedesboro, N. J. He runs a newspaper in that town; Duane D. Olsen, 241 Montwell Ave., Haddonfield, N. J. He still works for the Minnesota Mining Co. We always take our wives along and alternate whose home we'll meet in from time to time. During our gathering we met John Wooten, 16 Akron Ave., Westmont, N. J.; Calvin Harms, of Crosskill, N. J., and Mr. Flynn of the Medics; Maurice Kusczyz of Trenton and Mr. Green, 16 Fairway Drive, Yardley, Pa. (Flynn recently passed away.)

Pflieger lives at 127 Central Ave., West Trenton and works for the state police. Grezzy Green was at one of our meetings. He's the guy who missed the net at Safi Nov. 8, 1942, and was rescued by Maj. Roberts. He was later wounded at Kasserine Pass, and this meeting was the first time I'd seen him since.

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SCHMIDT'S ESCAPADES WOULD FILL A BOOK; BURNS UP THREE AUTOS... ERECTS JACK-ASS ON MOM'S LAWN

Arthur R. Schmidt, 69-20 69th St., Glendale 27, Long Island, N. Y., the rambling reporter for Greater New York Chapter, has finally made a 3-point landing with that last car purchased in Tennessee and now comes through with his monthly literary contributions for The Octofoil.

Fortunately the New York Chapter suspended meetings for the two hot summer months—because with a rundown of two meetings plus some of Schmidt's harrowing escapades—there just wouldn't be space enough available in any one issue of The Octofoil.

However, President Pat Morano had sent out notices for a meeting Sept. 8. This is the date The Octofoil is being printed. The next issue will publish the minutes of the September meeting at which time full details concerning the New Yorkers' Fall Dance were to be disposed of. A partial report now reveals that the dance will be held Saturday, Nov. 18 at the Elks Club, in Union City.

SAD NEWS

John Trevelise, New York Chapter, 2904 New York Ave., Union City, N. J., E Co., 47th, lost his mother-in-law recently.

REUNION FOOTNOTES

Before relaying his trials and tribulations on the highways Schmidt typed a few Reunion notes about his New York buddies, which mentioned a few of those from New York who were most active around the Reunion Theater of Operations—including Dom Miele, secretary of the New York Chapter; Pat Morano, President; Jack Scully, Frank Fazio, Dan Quinn, George Apar, Harry Orenstein, Harry Wax, Mr. McInerney, a Gold Star Father, just to mention a few.

ENGINEERS AT BEER PARTY

At the Detroit beer party there were two tables of Engineers, which included Pat De Colli, Jerry Fasano, John Maule and his wife, Betty; Tony Valeri, Steve Dobrino, Edward McGrath, Peter Magnanelli, Walter A. Millstone, Frances Maher, Arthur P. G. Fasano and others. Steve Maule, A Co., 15th Engrs. was on the prowl, looking for something. But Pat DeColli, B Co., 15th Engrs. is supposed to have found what Steve was searching for.

LOOKS FOR BUDDIES

Raymond Moses, 222 E. Canville, Erie, Kans., A Co., 47th, who was in the Tunisian, Sicily and Normandy actions would like to have his buddies he knew then to contact him. Ray is now a member of the Association.

HAD PLANE TROUBLE

Peter Magnelli had difficulty in getting to the Reunion. His airplane had trouble and lost his luggage. He got there but with no extra clothes.

MORE AUTO TROUBLES

Jack Scully had car trouble enroute to the Reunion. Harry Wax, who accompanied Schmidt in that Rambler American to Detroit, found other means of transportation on his return trip.

Some of the New Yorkers, including Schmidt patronized the L and M Restaurant, 523 Grand Ave., Detroit, while at the Reunion. The restaurant is owned by Art Litos, C Co., 60th. Litos formerly lived in Brooklyn, N. Y.

NICK KAFES HAD A BAR

Schmidt can be depended on to ferret out bars owned by former 9th men—he reports that Nick Kafes operates one on Woodward Ave., in Detroit.

TV SHOWS

The Octofoil was advised that Vol. II, Cross Channel Attack by U. S. Army, Historical Section at Public Libraries, tells of 9th action at the invasion of Europe and at Cherbourg. Information also comes in that the 9th men are mentioned in the 20th Century TV show of July 23.

A GOOD SPORT

Art Schmidt's mother has attended many 9th Division functions and has endeared herself to all the fellows who have met her. She has entertained Art's old Engineer buddies in the Schmidt home by the Battalion. She has rode thousands of miles with Schmidt visiting these old buddies—but just before he left New York on the wild trip around the Horn by way of Detroit to attend the Reunion Schmidt picked up a stone donkey and a dark stable boy and had it erected on his mother's lawn. Whether he got homesick for the sight of those North African jackasses and Arab boy attendants, no one knows. Some of the New Yorkers claim that is why Schmidt was in no hurry to get back to New York after the

Reunion. Mom's patience no doubt ceased to be a virtue when she awoke after Art's departure for Detroit and observed this Arab boy and his jack-ass firmly entrenched in her front yard.

TROUBLES BEGIN

After bidding farewell to Scully, Fazio, Lou Almasy and Quinn on the New York Thruway Schmidt and Harry Wax decided to explore the wilds of Canada. Radiator troubles caused a layover at Niagara Falls. The repair job didn't last. Schmidt's departure for Texas from Detroit was delayed while the Rambler went back into dry dock. Between Joe Casey, Bob and Betty Rumenapp and a few cases of beer they were able to keep the New Yorker at ease until the auto mechanics released the jalopy.

The Jalopy got as far as Monroe, Mich.—40 miles. Monroe mechanics advised nothing short of a factory repair shop could get that Rambler of Schmidts back on the highway—headed for Texas. So our rambling Schmidt sold his Rambler for \$775 and bought a '57 Ford for \$825. In the meantime Schmidt kept the wires hot into Detroit asking the Rumenapps where he could get the best deal in Monroe. However before the Panhandle of Texas was reached this \$825 Ford was using more oil than it was gasoline. A gasket in Robstown, Tex., gave temporary relief. In Rosenberg, Tex., more repair work—and by time the Traveler reached Memphis, Tenn. he was told that the rear main bearings and seal on that Ford needed repairs and it would cost almost another C note. So our Schmidt up and buys another Ford in Memphis—a 1961 Fairlane with air conditioning—after he's got Texas back of him—now we have air conditioning. Either Schmidt has a good line or those people wanted him to get the hell outta the South. He didn't have a penny to pay for that 1961 Ford and told the man as soon as he got back to New York he'd convert some stocks he had into cash and pay for the Ford. It worked.

(Upon returning to Columbus after a five weeks' absence the Octofoil editor's mail box had releases from Detroit and from Dick Pestel in the Columbus area telling about our Art's trials and tribulations on the highways after the Reunion.)

TREATED FINE

When Art Schmidt starts out to sample the cooking of his many Engineer buddies' wives he isn't going to let a few burned out autos stand in his way. He visited all those he had planned before leaving the Big City of New York.

SEES CARROLL LEAKE

Carroll Leake and his mother gave Schmidt the typical Texas Welcome Treatment. It was barbecued steak—then barbecued chicken—a trip into old Mexico—a real Mexican dinner. Our boy come out of Mexico with his limit of Tequila—plus everything else he could get away with that was not nailed down. The two ex Engineers visited one town in Texas and there was a law against buying whiskey on Sunday—but they found out how to circumvent those restrictions. When Schmidt left the hospitable Leake homestead Carroll was a three-year Association member—and promised to be at Bragg in '62. Carroll has been with the Celanese Corp. in Texas for some 20 years as a stationary engineer. Before departure Carroll's mother drove Art over a never to be forgotten route that included the famous King Ranch.

SAD NEWS IN LOUISIANA

Stopping off at Homer, La., to visit with Harry Browning, a former B Co., 15th Engr. man, Art was saddened when advised by Mrs. Browning that Homer had been a victim of an accidental drowning tragedy. That article as reported by Mrs. Browning appears elsewhere in this issue.

ON TO TENNESSEE

Schmidt again took to the highways and come to a stop in Erin, Tenn., hoping to visit with O. S. Uffelman, another Co. B, 15th Engr. man—but Uffelman was out of the city visiting a brother in Memphis. Nevertheless, Art can tell which of the Erin bars dish out the best suds—he claims the Hotel Pearbody Bar and the Rendezvous Bar in Erin are both excellent "joints."

HOLDS WAKE WITH PESTEL

Catching a few hours sleep in a Clarksville, Tenn. hotel, Schmidt found his way into Columbus, O., and about midnight called Dick Pestel on the phone. Art begin cussing the Ohio Sunday laws—selling only 3.2 beer. Pestel invited him out to

Detroit Boys, Girls Did Most Excellent Job; Reunion Tops

It would be a physical impossibility to name all the Michigan members, their wives, nieces, nephews, mothers and sweethearts who were on the job continuously to make the Detroit Reunion one of the greatest. There was Joe Casey, Bill Andrews, Bob Rumenapp, John Korobko Bob DeSandy, Jim Dawson, John Bonkowski—just to mention a few. Read the roster of Michigan people registered in the next issue and only then can the story be told who all helped to make the Reunion a success. It was all of them. Typical of the letters coming to The Octofoil is this one: "It was a great three days in Detroit. They had a wonderful bunch working on all committees."

Secy. Quinn writes: "We picked up quite a few new members and all in all did pretty good in Detroit. The Michigan Chapter sure had enough guys pitching in to help out. Some of them couldn't do enough for you. I know they helped me tremendously."

NO BITCHING

This is the first Reunion since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary that a few members haven't registered some real or imaginary bitching. So far none have come in. And that's SOMETHING!

CHARLES TEED THERE

Charlie Teed, Co. L, 47th man, of 505 W. Kentucky, Effingham, Ill., was a guest of honor of the Greater Michigan Chapter. Teed is the former Ninth man who recently toured the Ninth's overseas routes as a guest of a nationally circulated magazine. He is mentioned again in the current issue of Saga Magazine.

JOHN DELK FROM FAR-AWAY

The former Ninth man traveling the greatest distance to be in Detroit was probably John A. Delk, 28 Asundet Drive, Antioch, Cali. John was a Co. A, 47th lad. He was looking good and seemed to enjoy every minute he spent in Detroit. He is active in trades union affairs out in California.

REV. ROWAN A FIXTURE

Ninth Division Association affairs, Reunions and especially the Memorial Services are not complete any more until young Father Gerald F. Rowan puts in his appearance. Father Rowan was a 9th Division M.P. He is now assigned to St. Patrick's Church, Kingman, Kansas. Each succeeding year Father Rowan becomes more and more firmly entrenched in the hearts of former Ninth men and their families.

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WANTS DOPE FROM FORMER NINTH MEN

Major Rolfe L. Hillman, Jr., 404-B Lumpkin Rd., Fort Benning, Georgia, writes as follows:

I am using this impersonal way to contact the corresponding officials of a large number of Infantry and Airborne Division Associations.

I am attempting to reconstruct the history of the Fort Benning Light Railways, the 60 centimeter gauge operation which carried students and supplies from 1919 until 1946, on the axis from the Main Post to Harmony Church. The end object is—probably years from now—book publication.

I would appreciate it if you would let your membership know that I would like to have their anecdotes, photos or technical data, particularly in the early World War II years. If requested, material will be carefully returned.

Any member of the Association who has a lot of dope stored away about days in the early '40s should start corresponding with the Major.

his apartment and resurrected a case of high powered home brew. This concoction become exhausted about daybreak so the two buccaneers took off for Pestel's mother's ranch—and ice boxes in that neighborhood were raided. After picking up some fresh eggs and a few tomatoes Schmidt decided to contact the folks back in New York and see if it was safe for him to land there. Dick's mother couldn't understand why it would matter any if he stayed out on the farm another week since he had been away as long as he had. But after helping Pestel squeeze a few chickens for some really fresh eggs—our wandering reporter departed reaching New York City in his unpaid-for Memphis Ford about two days later than were his original plans.

The guy's got traveling in his blood though. This month's correspondence closed thusly: "Will see everybody at Father Connor's Memorial Services."

The John Mutchko Clan



Art Schmidt has been working on John Mutchko to become a member of the Association. John is a former B Co. 15th Engr. lad. His brother-in-law, Alfred Rago, 9th Signal Corps, is active in the New York Chapter. Mutchko will probably be joining soon to keep Art from "soliciting" him for a membership because Art always makes his calls at meal time and it's thrown the Mutchko ration budget into orbit. Pictured above is the Mutchko family—John, Jr., John; daughter, Darleen; wife, Fannie, and another daughter, Diane. The family lives at 78 Summit Ave., Waldwick, N. J.

LEE GRIMWOOD PLUGS FOR THE ASSOCIATION

Lee Grimwood is with the Sedgwick Insurance Agency in Sedgwick, Kansas. He is a former Co. F and Hq. Co. 47th man. Instead of getting mad when Secy. Quinn sends dues reminders, Lee appreciates it. In answer to such a reminder he writes: "When I received your 'dun,' I thought that I had another year to go on my 3-year membership; today I located my card and found it was for '58, '59 and '60. Therefore, I am sending my check in the amount of \$11 for another 3-year membership, along with my apologies for being delinquent."

I have yet to attend one of the Reunions. I know that the original 9th was from New York and New Jersey, but there were a lot of replacements from the West. Maybe some day they will see fit to have the convention in St. Louis. And I dare say there are plenty of Easterners who have not seen the Rockies—so how about Colorado Springs?

I am proud to have served with the 9th, and I appreciate the efforts of you men that are keeping the Association alive. — Sincerely, Lee Grimwood.

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NAT VALONE HAS HIS TROUBLES — AT TIMES

In a letter to Dick Pestel recently Nat Valone, former K Co. 47th man, wants to know all about what happened and who was in attendance at the Detroit Reunion. Nat gave some good reasons why he couldn't get there. First he's building a new home—hopes to move in during October. In the meantime the old address is: 74 Dorington Rd., Rochester 7, N. Y.

Nat is also suffering from ailment that he feels sure was contracted in the service. But he might have to round up a few former K Co. boys in order to prove that to the satisfaction of some VA brass.

And to top off a discouraging summer—after being in business in the New York metropolis for 15 years—Nat went soft and listened to a sob story and got "took" with sizable rubber checks two weeks in a row.

It's a good bet the Valones' sons won't let Nat talk them out of spending a few days in the wilds of North Carolina come Reunion time in 1962.

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Hammer's Search Ends After It Reached Quinn

Harry L. Hammer, member of the New York Chapter and a former 60th F.A. Bn., Bty. B man has been trying to locate Ernie Segal. As a matter of fact the search has been going on for three years. When a letter of inquiry was sent to Secretary Quinn the search ended. He referred Harry to 2821 Claflin Ave., Bronx, N. Y., where Ernie resides.

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NEW FEELING

An old maid after years and years was invited out to have a date with a man. The next day a friend inquired how she enjoyed the evening. "Fine," she replied smilingly. "It was the first time I ever knew you could have fun without laughing."

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Col. F. C. Feil Fills Octofoil In With Mrs. Feil's Letter

In the long, long ago The Octofoil heard from Col. F. C. Feil at regular intervals. It came as a surprise to open the mail recently and find a letter from the Colonel. His address is Col. F. C. Feil, CAD Hq., USA-REUR, APO 403, New York, N. Y. He was making inquiry as to what issue of Life magazine carried the story about Charles Teed. He was furnished this information and was able to locate an issue of Life with the story in it at a library over there. The Octofoil made inquiry as to how the Colonel and his family had been getting along. Col. Feil seems to be happy with his assignment as the Civil Affairs Officer at Hq US Army Europe, in Heidelberg.

It seems that Mrs. Feil prepares a Christmas letter for their many friends scattered throughout the universe in which she graphically portrays happenings and places visited since the previous letter was mailed out.

The newsletter was read in The Octofoil plant from cover to cover with great interest and it is regretted that the entire letter can't be passed on to all the Octofoil readers, but space limitations precludes that possibility. However some of the highlights of the letter are extracted and used below:

VISIT FRANCE

At the time of last year's letter we had just taken delivery of our new Volkswagen Microbus and were about to set forth to France with the children. . . . We had a good time, especially in Paris, where we spent a little less than a week in a small hotel off the Boulevard de la Madeleine and devoted our time to sightseeing. We climbed the Eiffel Tower, burrowed underground through the Catacombs, saw the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, Napoleon's Tomb, Notre Dame, and all that sort of thing and spent a good deal of time with the donkeys, swings, carousel and Petite Guignol in the Jardin des Tuileries.

OFF TO HOLLAND

During the children's spring vacation I bundled them all in the bus, leaving father at home to work, and took them to Holland for a week. We saw the tulips at their height, toured the villages where old costumes are still worn, saw The Night Watch and many other Rembrandts in Amsterdam; dabbled a toe in the chilly waters of the North Sea, and generally had a grand time.

IN THE ALPS

In May we all spent ten days in Berchtesgaden, which is in the heart of the Bavarian Alps, at that time of year still snow-covered and is beautiful in every aspect, looking just as one expects Germany to look from reading a well-illustrated copy of Grimm's Fairy Tales.

Toward the end of June we were again in the Bavarian Alps, in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, primarily to attend the Passion Play, at Oberammergau.

IN BERLIN

We have made two trips to Berlin, each time accompanied by one of the children, who visited friends while we went about our business. Berlin is an enthralling place, with its air of plush prosperity heightened by the dinginess of East Berlin a few streets away.

During February we were able to observe and take part in our first Fasching celebrations—the carnival season preceding Lent.

There have been some smaller week end trips around our general area, to wine festivals.

Meantime, life in Heidelberg is busy to the point of desperation. In a large headquarters such as this there is much entertaining, much coming and going of dignitaries, and a general stepped-up pace.

The children keep busy, too. Judy is a Girl Scout. Becky is a Brownie. Half of our allotted time here has already passed, and there will presumably be one more Christmas letter from Heidelberg.

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Pat and Catherine Higgins Over There

Pat Higgins and his pretty wife, Catherine, left New York City on Sept. 6th aboard the S.S. Queen Elizabeth for a tour of Europe.

The New York gang really missed Pat and his accordion playing around their C.P. during the Reunion. He'll be put on double duty at Bragg in July of 1962.

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An ideal husband is what every woman thinks the other woman has.

A Happy Group of New Yorkers At the Point



One of the most enjoyable events the New York Chapter has ever participated in was the recent trip to the Military Academy at West Point. Maj. Gen. W. C. Westmoreland, the Point's Superintendent, did everything possible to make the guests enjoy themselves. Typical of the various groups making the visit will be noted in the above picture, left to right: Betty Rizzo, in the background between Betty and Gen. Westmoreland is George Stegner; Gen. Westmoreland, John Rizzo, and Harry Whalen. Art Schmidt's interesting narrative giving details of the enjoyable event was a feature article in a recent issue of The Octofoil.

That Man B-o-d-e-n Is An Institution, Keeps Things Humming At Reunions

Only once a year can The Octofoil get a correspondence contribution from John J. Boden, Box 58, Chester, Pa. And that is right after each Reunion. John come through this year as usual with his contribution for the benefit of his 26th F.A. buddies who couldn't get to the Reunion. Boden is an officer for the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and he displays his familiarity with parliamentary laws on the floor at Reunions—this coupled with his sense of humor livens up any of the sessions he attends. Mrs. Boden makes the Reunions with John and takes a lively interest in all the events.

The following letter was received from Boden shortly after the Detroit Reunion:

The 26th Field was not too well represented at the Motor City. A few new members wandered in and were welcomed with open arms by the 9th Division organization. Among those were: Sgt. William Meadows; his wife, Barbara, and their son, Guy (named for a beloved 26th man, Guy Remington). Bill's wife was expecting a visit from the stork and could only attend the beer party on Friday night. His son, Guy, and he marched in the Memorial Parade and Meadows made the banquet on Saturday night, but left early as the stork was getting ready to land. However, he wanted to be remembered to all the Boston Beans in the outfit. Meadows himself was in Abtry of 26th F.A. and now lives in Detroit.

Another new member from A. Bty. was Billie J. Martin and his wife, Norma. Both made the Friday night beer party but due to work contracts could not make the banquet. Bill wants to be remembered to all his old friends. They too live in Detroit and were surprised to learn that the Ninth Infantry Division organization existed. Bill is a mailer on one of the Detroit newspapers. His wife is a professional housewife.

THE OLD PROFESSOR THERE

John Clouser of Hq. Bty. was present and was his ever charming self. John teaches school in Chicago and is no doubt one of the most level headed and best liked fellows who attends these Ninth Division Reunions. If anyone gets a chance, ask H.I.J. about the conversation he had at the beer party with one of the fellows from Boston. Real interesting conversation!

THE BODENS' PEDIGREE

John Boden, 26th F.A., C Bty., with his wife, Betty, and daughter, Suzan, were also in attendance. John is president of the B.R.T. Union 1024, while Betty owns a dress shop. Suzan works in the Delaware County Bank, all in Chester, Pa.

Those mentioned above were the only ones from the 26th that I talked with or had dinner with.

A necking party is an affair that invariably lasts until somebody gives in—gives up—or gives out.
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I talked with Sgt. James Oliver of Taunton, Mass., C Bty., a week before we left to tour Canada, to see if he would be in attendance. His wife, Catherine, said he was too lazy and fat to drive to Detroit. However, Tom Boyle, Butch Kane, Arthur Migham, John Dempsey and Ike Blitzterm of Philly, were all missed. Fats Soprano of Norwood, Pa., was busy counting plumbing supplies and his money.

APARS LIVEN THINGS

The third day of the Reunion was made more enjoyable by the Apar family, George, and his lovely wife, Dorothy; his smooth "cat" son, Steve, the dandy son, Robert, and the charmer son, Bruce. George is a member of the New York Chapter. The New York Chapter was well represented by Pat Morano, John Scully, Frank Fazio, Lou Almasy, and Dom Miele, who came all the way from New York City by bus. Charlie Libretto, Frank Russo, Harry Wax—all these, plus the Swinging and Singing Cat Bird—Dan Quinn.

Vince Guglielmino could not make it due to an accident. He was missed. We went up to the suite of the New York Chapter after the party Friday night and I must say they really did treat us royally. Glad I belong to that New York Chapter.

Two other fellows at the party and banquet were Val Demaria from Greenwich, Conn., who flew in by jet, and Carle Taylor of Danville, Va. Both fellows are good company and made the visit enjoyable. Of course Arthur R. Schmidt was there in all his charm and grace and planned to go on to Texas after the convention.

A BIG HAND FOR DETROIT

The Detroit Chapter deserves a big hand for picking the hotel, which was beautiful, as well as planning the tour. The only thing was, I think anyone who had their car put in the garage by the hotel got a shock when they got the bill for parking. This was the only grumble I heard from the gang of us who left on Sunday morning. All in all, everyone had a great time.

WARNING THE REBELS

All of you Southern C Bty. 26th F.A. men—We from the North will be looking for you at dear old Fort Bragg in 1962. You know what the Division should do? Find the old owner of the Town Pump and give him an award for keeping our morale up. But with all the money he made on the 26th F.A. I'll bet he is in retirement on the French Riviera. Our own Bty. alone would pay his rent for ten years. It will also give our wives and children a chance to see how rough it was after Little Solomon Islands. Well, the Boden family will see you all in Fort Bragg next year. Until then—work and save your money.—John Boden.

If women's shorts get any shorter they won't be allowed to wear them any longer.
—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!

SGT. OTTO STEWART SENDS CLIPPING ABOUT FATHER TIM THAT WILL TOUCH HEARTSTRINGS OF ALL WHO KNEW HIM

Sgt. Otto Stewart, Co. B, 28th Inf., Fort Riley, Kansas, has forwarded to The Octofoil a clipping from an old overseas edition of The Stars and Stripes. The article is self explanatory and deals with another great chaplain who was with the Ninth Division. This story pertains to Father Tim Andrysiak of the 60th. Many a time The Octofoil editor has seen Father Tim come up behind a foot-weary G.I. and relieve him of part of his load and trudge along for hours in a downpour of rain carrying the G.I.s load. It was in a ditch near Maknassy where the 88s were falling all around and The Octofoil editor was hugging mother earth with all his might when he looked up and saw Father Tim standing erect trying to comfort Sgt. Allen Matthews of B Co. who had just stopped a big piece of sharpnel. Father Tim moved on to Joe Thomas, the Co. B barber, who had just lost a foot from a piece of sharpnel. Here, there and everywhere went Father Tim—never letting those bastards' shells slow him down for a minute. The Octofoil can vouch for the truthfulness of this old clipping that Sgt. Stewart sent in. The Sarge himself is a former 60th man and recently become a member of the Association. The article about Father Tim reads:

The Chaplain Went Into Battle FATHER TIM WON RESPECT OF HIS MEN THE HARD WAY

By CHARLES F. KILEY
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

There must be a lot of officers in the Army who are loved and respected by soldiers under their commands, but none more so than Father Tim Andrysiak.

Father Tim is a chaplain in the Infantry. He was decorated with the Silver Star and Legion of Merit following the North African and Sicilian campaigns.

The story behind his medals is enough to make the Baltimore-born priest one of the most striking personalities in the corps of men who wear the silver-cross insignia. But long before they got around to distributing medals, those who know the broad-shouldered prematurely gray-haired padre of 37 said there wasn't another man quite like Father Tim.

If the Silver Star award came as the result of a single act of "gallantry in action above and beyond the call of duty," soldiers of Father Tim's unit can't recall what it was.

"I doubt if the Army stopped to pick one out," an officer said. "There were too many of them. It could have been for any one of Father Tim's many acts of sheer courage in trying to be where the men needed him most. When it was all over, I'm sure he saw almost as much front-line service as any of us, sharing slit trenches and foxholes, exposing himself to enemy snipers, shell fire and machine guns."

All this may be a revelation to whomever it was in North Africa that issued an order restricting chaplains from going any closer to the front than the aid stations.

Father Tim doesn't say much about it except that he tried to be with the men when they needed a chaplain. He put in his time at the aid stations administering last rites when necessary, lending a hand to short-handed medical staffs in giving simple first aid, helping the "combat fatigued" get hold of themselves.

JOINED FALLEN SOLDIERS

But when soldiers were falling at the front he went up there with them. Crawling from one stricken man to another, he did whatever he could in a spiritual way for soldiers of all faiths. When the thunder of German guns subsided, he talked things over, as soldiers will, with riflemen, machine gun and motor crews.

A company commander remembers the day a wide-eyed private, trembling amid bursts of German 88s, recognized Father Tim near by and exclaimed, "Hell, it can't be so bad if he's up here."

Reluctant to talk of his personal experiences, Father Tim nevertheless admitted he had to become involved in combat to realize fully the soldiers' purgatory in war.

"I doubt very much whether anyone who hasn't had previous combat experience can actually visualize the many things that happen in a real battle," he says. "Everything happens so suddenly you have to be prepared to quickly adjust yourself to the situation."

A parish priest in Shamokin, Pa., before he put aside his Franciscan robes for a uniform two and one-half years ago, Father Tim had to adjust himself the same as every soldier who went into battle.

He came out of his combat experiences with a message for all chaplains still waiting to hear their first enemy shell burst.

"One of the most important jobs a chaplain has is burying the dead," he says. "For the most part he won't have much help. Perhaps an assistant or two, that's all. He should record all the information about a dead soldier he can gather, especially those found without dog tags. "GET FINGERPRINTS"

"If necessary, fingerprints should be taken. When all data is collected, put it on a piece of wood and place it in a pocket of the soldier's uniform before burying him. This will enable the Graves Registration people to work swiftly and efficiently when they reach the preliminary burial area and transport the bodies to the permanent cemetery."

Equipped only with a couple of entrenching tools and pocket knife, Father Tim and an aide buried 97 men after the Maknassy campaign. The graves they dug were three feet by six feet, just deep enough to bury the men until the Graves Registration company reclaimed the bodies.

Chaplains should be equipped with rubber gloves, Father Tim said, since disease is prevalent wherever there are decaying bodies.

Unlike the chaplains of World War I, whose duties included those that go with special-service, post-exchange and bond sales work, the padres in this war are not hampered with such extra chores.

As for attendance by soldiers at services, Father Tim said it was almost 100 per cent just before and after a battle. Away from combat areas, attendance fell off, but only about 20 per cent.

Celebrating mass in Africa and Sicily presented a number of problems for Father Tim. Most of the time the altar consisted of a board placed on the shelf of a wadi or on a pair of wooden horses. To prevent enemy reconnaissance planes from noting the white altar linen, he placed the altar under a tree or in a secluded spot.

Father Tim Andrysiak already is a legendary character within his own unit. Unlike the bluff, outspoken Father Duffy of World War I Fighting 60th fame, however, the gentle and sincere Franciscan probably never will be immortalized. But to the soldiers he serves—boys who suddenly became men "down there"—there will never be another man "quite like Father Tim."

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Welcome Home . . . Arthur Schneider

Arthur Schneider, 27 Vermont St., Brooklyn 7, N. Y., a former 1st Bn. 39th Regt. man, writes Secretary Dan Quinn as follows:

Dear Dan: Please send me fully information about the Association and its next reunion. I am one of the men who went through the whole mess from start to finish without a scratch—"Thank God."—Arthur Schneider.

Danny answered Art at once—and now he's one of the enthusiastic new members of the Association.

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While women can keep a secret as well as men it takes more of them.

It's Now Lt. Col. David Silberberg

Over the years since World War II The Octofoil has kept an interested eye on Attorney David D. Silberberg down in Memphis, Tenn. Previously this paper has kept the members informed about how Dave has chalked up one achievement after another. A recent issue of The Memphis Commercial-Appeal, morning newspaper printed a picture of Dave with a lengthy write about his promotion from major to Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserve.

The clipping reads, in part: OFFICER PROMOTED IN ARMY RESERVES David Silberberg Steps Up To Lieutenant Colonel.

David D. Silberberg, of 4314 Rhodes, Memphis, an attorney, has been promoted to lieutenant colonel from major in the Army Reserve.

As director of the Intelligence Branch of the 329th Army Reserve School at Kennedy Veterans Hospital, Colonel Silberberg will accompany 23 of his students to summer camp Aug. 12-26, at Fort Meade, Md. He has headed the Memphis intelligence unit since 1953.

The 40-year-old attorney, who fled Nazi Germany with his family in 1936, joined the Army in 1942 and became a naturalized citizen the same year. He served as combat and counter-intelligence officer in Europe with the 47th Infantry Regt. of the Ninth Infantry Division.

In 1946 he was chosen to represent that division during Memorial Day services in the Luxembourg Cemetery at Hamm, where Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. is buried.

Colonel Silberberg has practiced law in Memphis since receiving his degree in 1951 from the University of Baltimore Law School. He made a four-week tour of Germany last year as a guest of the West German Republic.

In a short personal note to The Octofoil just before the Detroit Reunion Col. Dave explained how he had his heart set on seeing many old buddies in Detroit, and then the stork made its third visit to the Silberberg home and knocked his plans of going to Detroit sky high. So he's laying plans now for Fort Bragg in 1962.

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SCOOTER CRASH IS FATAL TO WYANDT

Franklin I. Wyandt, 205 Lilac Lane, Scranton, Pa., met death in an accident involving his scooter recently. Frank was a former Co. A, 15th Eng. man. At the time of his death he was secretary-treasurer of the Printcraft Card Co., Inc.

The former A Co. man was killed near Lovelock, Nev. He had been making preparations for months for this cross-country motor scooter trip. He had painstakingly built up a supply of special parts and special clothing.

The scooter was struck by a car driven by Vernon Gookin of Wyoming. At the time of the fatal accident he apparently was en route from Salt Lake City, Utah, to Reno, Nevada.

To the bereaved family of this kind and understanding husband and father, The Octofoil offers its sincere sympathy in this sad hour.

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"K" Co., 47th Gang Make "Whoopee" In Detroit



The above photo of a happy go-lucky gang of "K" Co., 47th men, made at the Detroit Reunion, was a good photo in color, but color photos do not turn out too well when processed into cuts. The "K" company lads continue to attend these Reunions in large numbers and really enjoy themselves. The five K men above from left to right are: Dick Pestel, Columbus, O.; Herman Seibel, 43 Manila Ave., Greentree, Penn.; Raymond Strall, 276 Van Buren Ave., Teaneck, N. J.; John Snyder, 303 Maple St., Bowling Green, Ohio, and Bill Stoken, 474 Plummer St., Pittsburgh, Penn.

MAJOR HAROLD W. SMITH WILL BE IN GERMANY UNTIL '62—MAYBE LONGER

Since the last issue of The Octofoil the paper has been in receipt of two greatly appreciated letters from Major Harold W. Smith, former 60th Regt. Captain. The address now is Major Harold W. Smith, Hq & Hq Co., USA School Europe, APO 172, New York, N. Y. The major still does and always will, manifests a lot of interest in the Association and in his many old buddies. He is particularly "sweating" out this issue of The Octofoil to catch up on what happened in Detroit since Uncle Sam had other plans that prevented his attendance.

In commenting on his present assignment, Major Smith writes, in part: "My job here, both supervisory and instructional, is quite interesting and rewarding. Subjects I teach and supervise are important and the students go out and perform duties of real value to the Army. Friendships made as an instructor are above value and the reward is in

noting the contributions the students make to the National effort. Best regards to you and my many Ninth Division buddies."

A FEW FAMILIAR FACES

Major Smith comments on having seen form Lt. Tyne of the 60th, over there. It is Lt. Col. Tyne now. He also calls attention to the fact that Maj. Roy J. Smith, former "L" Co., 60th, has retired.

The major was thrilled in reading the article appearing in last issue of The Octofoil about the new jeeps. It mentioned Lt. Col. John Andrews as observing the test as a representative of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Logistics, Col. Andrews and Maj. Smith were roommates at the University of Maryland.

Major and Mrs. Smith while visiting in Ulm last year visited the Ulm Cathedral to see the stained glass window that was donated by the 47th Infantry Regiment.

George Dohmann Is Ill; Hopes to Contact Harold Pepper, Meds

George W. Dohmann is a patient at the Bronx VA Hospital, 130 West Kingsbridge Rd., Bronx 68, N. Y., Base No. 81. However, his home is near the hospital—2479 University Ave., Bronx 68, N. Y.

In a letter of recent date Dohmann asks "what has become of Harold Pepper, 'D' Co., 9th Medics, who was active in the New York Chapter at one time? I would like to reach him if it is at all possible as I believe he could be of some assistance with affidavits which are required by the V.A. I have managed to contact Major Limbacher, who was C.O. of D Co., 9th Medics, through The Octofoil, when his letter appeared after many years when he had lost contact. Finding him was luck and I have hopes that now that I have made contact he can verify some of the facts that has caused my hospitalization."

When The Octofoil has been a medium through which one of our hospitalized buddies make desirable contacts it makes everyone feel that the time and effort devoted to producing the sheet is time well spent. But it takes the cooperation of members reading these appeals to accomplish any worthwhile results. When in position to furnish the address of someone being sought it is the duty of all members to get busy with a post card right then before it slips the mind.

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Crosskill's Delay In the Motor City Saved Him Feeding Hungry Visitors

Don Crosskill, 1120 Franklin Ave., Fremont, Ohio, left the banquet room at the Sheraton-Cadillac at a decent hour, saying he was retiring early—and invited the Octofoil editor and his party to stop over in Fremont, Ohio, and see just what kind of a real honest to God cook his wife Esther was. The group rushed on to Fremont on Sunday morning. Upon arrival there was no Don. The pleasant Esther Crosskill wasn't expecting anyone to stop by. Don was supposed to beat the party to Fremont by several hours and have the feast in readiness. Concluding Don wasn't about to show up in Fremont until the Columbus gang departed, it was decided to move on and stop at one of the nearby hamburger joints.

ALIBI PETE

And of all things, a few days later a letter comes from Crosskill saying his watch had stopped and when he woke up and looked at it he thought it was 7 o'clock and in reality it was past 11 o'clock—but he'd gone back to sleep not realizing how late it was.

The consensus of opinion amongst the Columbus group is that Crosskill was just being polite at the banquet and extended that invitation. He never dreamed that hungry mob would be crude enough to take him up—and when they did he was in a picklement—but he worked his way out of it, pretty slick!

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THE SAGA MAG HAS A FIRST-RATE STORY

The October edition of Saga magazine has a thrill story about experiences of the Ninth Division in both North Africa and Europe. Naturally the story is not a complete narrative of the Ninth's many exploits—but it is fairly accurate and should be a must reading for all former Ninth men.

The October issue of Saga went on sale at newsstands on Aug. 29.

CAROLINA MAN SIGNS UP; INTERESTED IN ASSOCIATION

George Myers, former 60th man, has been located in Graniteville, S. C., G-20 Montgomery St., and has sent in his application for membership in the Association. Myers was assigned to Co. E, 60th shortly after the Normandy invasion and stayed with the outfit until after V-E Day.

Graniteville is a community between Aiken, S. C. and Augusta, Ga. George would be happy to see any of his old buddies passing that way.

Small World: Never dreaming that there was a former 60th man living in Graniteville, just two weeks before George Myers' letter was received in Quinn's office the Octofoil editor had stopped in Graniteville long enough to patronize a barber shop.

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SAM HUMPHREY LOST HIS CONTACTS AT THE RIVER

Sam Humphrey's old buddies out of H Co. 60th can contact him now by writing him a letter to 120 North Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, Calif., or by telephoning 325-5042. Sam dispenses Fashion-First footwear for men and women in that area.

Sam would like to hear from any of his old buddies. He says that all contact with them was lost after he was captured by the Krauts.

(Editor's Note: Two years ago The Octofoil editor put in a week at Morongo Valley, a few miles from swanky Palm Springs. Had he known Sam was in Palm Spring at that time he'd have gotten some unexpected company.)

After Humphrey had mailed in his application for membership he furnished Secretary Quinn with the name and address of another prospective member, a buddy from his old home town—Loy Renner, Vandalia, Mo. Loy with with K Co. of the 47th Regt.

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JESS DAVIS KEEPS ON "PLUGGING"

Jesse R. Davis' address is Box 84, Hebron, Ohio, about 25 miles from Columbus. Jess stays on the road a lot and has been unable to attend meetings but when he's away Mrs. Davis rushes in his Association dues—advising that is one obligation that Jess always wants paid on time. In a letter to Secretary Quinn, Davis writes:

"Dear Dan: Enclosing \$6 for 3 '8 Stars to Victory.' I know three fellows who are former 9th men who haven't a copy of the book. . . I sent an application to another fellow who was a member for several years and dropped out but he wants to reaffiliate. I will send the books to the non-members, hoping they, too, will sign up with us."

It's members like Jess Davis who will see that there'll always be a Ninth Infantry Division Association.

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FRED D'AMORE UP TO HIS NECK IN RESEARCH WORK

The August 15 issue of The News-Tribune, Waltham, Mass., carried a 3-column picture of Fred B. D'Amore and others who were representing the research division of Itel Corporation. The company specializes in advanced research, development and engineering in the field of information technology.

Fred was with the 15th Engrs.

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Since the discovery of elastic it is estimated women take up one-third less space.

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Walter Reed Hospital Kept Berday Away

George Berday, 5228 4th St., N.E. Washington 11, D. C., is another of the members who got disappointed at the last minute and couldn't go to the Detroit Reunion. He was taken to Walter Reed Hospital about the time the Reunion opened. He had already made plans for a private reunion with Bob Davis and others.

However "eternal hope springs from the human breast" and George has started making dates already to see his old buddies at Fort Bragg who he had to "stand up" at Detroit.

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TAYLOR AND JUANITA WILL MAKE TREK TO FORT BRAGG

Wilton M. Taylor, a former Co. M, 47th Regt. man is one of the most stalwart supporters of the Association and a helpful Octofoil correspondent. Yet he has never been able to attend a Reunion because of the distance to be traveled. Wilton and Mrs. Taylor (Juanita) live in Lost Hills, Calif., Star Route 6. That community is situated some distance from Bakersfield, in the rich oil district of California—the industry for which Taylor works.

The Taylors plan to lend backwards in their efforts to get to Fort Bragg in 1962 and bring a sizable group from California with them—many of whom they keep in touch with in that part of the world.

Some of them who were mentioned in a recent letter from Taylor included Ed Brown, 47th man, operating a motel at 505 Union Ave., Bakersfield; W. D. "Blackie" Waldron, Co. E, 60th, now in Bakersfield—who was in a Michigan hospital some time back and was visited frequently by Michigan members of the Association; Harold Russie, Co. D, 39th, is in Bakersfield; Capt. Ott of the 39th is with the Gulf Oil Co. in Bakersfield; Ed Crayton, a former 60th man, teaches school in Bakersfield. Loy Wofford, former Co. B, 15th Engrs., works for the Mobile Oil Co. with Taylor.

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THE GOTHAM TAXI LAD, HAS NINTH'S SPIRIT IN HIS FIGHT

The Octofoil is appreciative of the fact that Victor C. Marcone of the Greater New York Chapter keeps this office supplied with all the news releases and clippings from New York City newspapers about the crusade the overseas taxidriver veterans in New York City are making to establish their rights and to gain those things that were promised when they went overseas. However, space limitations prevents devoting space to the lad's noble fight. Marcone's many other gestures such as paying for Octofoil subscriptions for prominent New York writers, placing "8 Stars to Victory" in libraries and his many other meritorious acts are greatly appreciated and are being done in the true Ninth Division spirit. He is an avid reader and student of veterans affairs in this day and age.

It is quite certain that if any of the Greater New York members can as individuals help in cleaning up the alleged Hack Licensing abuses in that area they will do so.

The straight forward and honest ex-combat veteran cabbies in New York have no doubt done a lot to help keep law and order in that city on many occasions.

SOME 9TH NEWS

In one of Vic's letters he mentions a Remagen Bridgehead Reunion that took place recently at the Overseas Press Club, 54 W. 40th St., New York. Lindsey Nelson, former PRO for the Ninth Division is an active member of this club.

Another note of interest to New Yorkers in one of the taxi driver's letters he writes: "New York members who want to be served by a former 9th Mess Sergeant can do so by contacting Waiter Ted Mariolis at McGinnis, of Sheephead Bay at 48th St. and Broadway in New York City."

AWARD TO NEWSPAPER

The New York Journal editor has been presented a copy of "8 Stars to Victory" by the Combat Taxi Veterans group of New York because that paper has helped the cause of the men. Rare good judgment these lads made when making the award. It is hoped The Journal editor realizes the significance of this award.

Through Marcone's efforts New York Taxi Post No. 1214 American Legion has paid for a subscription of The Octofoil to be placed in the reading hall and some decals to be posted conspicuously on the premises of the Legion post.

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WOODSIDE PLANS TO GO BACK TO SUNNY SOUTH

"Pop" Bob Woodside, 350 Lenox Ave., Oneida, N. Y., who recently moved back to New York State from Alabama, advises the medics say that he'd better go back to the Southern climes. Because of ill health that has hindered full employment Pop has been unable to be as active within the Association as he wants to be. But he's hoping those inactive days are all behind him—and pretty soon he'll be feeling like he used to—when he was the most fearless Jeep driver in Uncle Sam's Army—who'd drive through barrage after barrage of shell fire to get back to a spot where a G.I. can filled with Vino was buried.

Woodside reports that while filing a claim with the VA who was it that handled his claim?—None other than Joe Romana, formerly of D Co., 60th. Woodside explained to Joe all about the Ninth Infantry Division Association and Joe promised to sign up.

The former demon Jeep driver is another of the old timers who was plugging for Bragg to get the 1962 Reunion. He has made a visit back to Fort Bragg in recent years and took a good look at the old water tower that always looked so good to the weary marchers when they were winding their way back to the barracks at the end of a hot day's training activity. In his letter to The Octofoil he points out the sentimental approach each and every landmark in and around that area has for all old-timers who trained there. . . . And after a visit there every bit of the area will have a meaning for those former 9th men who were not a part of the Ninth while the Division was at Fort Bragg.

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First-Rate Gate Crasher

The New York Journal-American recently run 6 columns of pictures showing a New York ex-combat veteran and one of the combat taxi vet groups. The clippings were sent in by Victor Marcone and are really amusing. Having been given a ticket to the Kennedy Inaugural Ball by a fare who couldn't attend, this cabbie rented a Tux and left New York for Washington. He was mistaken for one of the Kennedy clan and rushed into the box with President Kennedy and his family. It was quite a long while—many pictures later, when it was discovered that this fellow was Stanley Berman, an ex G.I. taxicab driver from New York City.

General Smythe Appreciates Work Done For Association

Maj. Gen. George W. Smythe lives at 1200 N. Inglewood St., Arlington 5, Va. Col. Smythe was the first president of the Association and was a big factor in the Association becoming launched on a solid foundation. Although retired from active duty he still keeps at eagle eye on the Association. Dick Pestel of Columbus was one of those 47th "Div." guys that Col. Smythe was so proud of. In a recent letter to Dick, among other things, Gen. Smythe writes: "Just last night I met a man who had been in the 3rd Armored Division just on our left in the Hurtgen Forest. We had a good time talking over what happened to them."

"I want to say that you people in the Columbus chapter have been most active in your efforts to promote the 9th Division Association. Please keep up the good work for the benefit of the 47th which never let a small upset divert us from our main goal which was VICTORY."

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Walter Klein Wants Mail Address Kerrect

The Octofoil is in receipt of a kinda caustic note from Walter M. Klein, Box 403, St. Cloud, Minn. The lad sent in his change of address but somehow a new plate wasn't made until after the next Octofoil mailing and Uncle Sam's Postoffice contacted Walt and wanted to know why in the hell he didn't notify publications he had subscribed to of his new address. That's all she wrote—Walter takes pen in hand and dresses down The Octofoil circulation department, telling them in no uncertain words that he doesn't like to get these nasty notes from Uncle Sam when it isn't his fault a new plate wasn't made.

Every effort will be made to see that this situation is corrected, Walt!

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CHARLIE ROHMANN IN THE BLUE GRASS STATE

Charlie Rohmann writes from Valley Station, Ky. He is a former Co. E, 39th man—and a good friend of the Association's new president—John Sabato, of the Philly Chapter. Rohmann hopes to see his old pal, John, wield that gavel at the 1962 Reunion at Fort Bragg.

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If you want to leave your footprints on the sands of time you'd better wear your workshoes.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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