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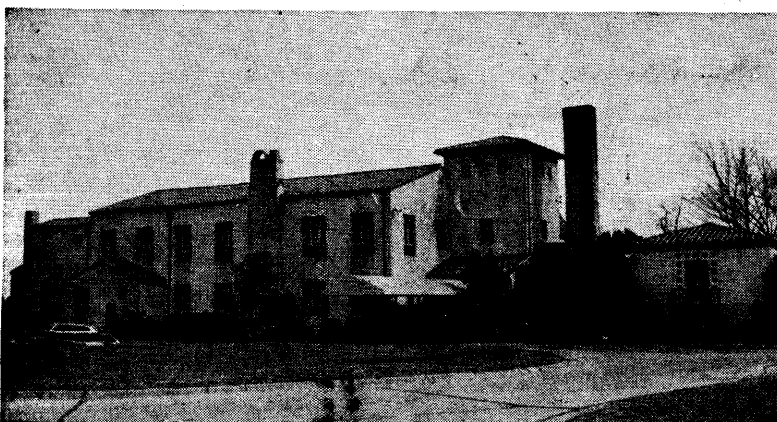
GEN. EDDY'S DEATH WAS A GREAT SHOCK



LT. GEN. MANTON S. EDDY

Unashamed tears filled the eyes of every former Ninth Division man who knew General Eddy when the news wire services flashed news of his death across the nation. One of his last acts before being stricken with the attack that caused his death, was to write a typical Gen. Eddy letter to Secretary Quinn promising to make every effort to be at Fort Bragg for the 1962 Reunion.

WELCOME MAT OUT AT THE OFFICERS' CLUB



Back in 1942 not many G.I.s at Fort Bragg would have believed that in 1962 the red carpet treatment would be waiting them all at the luxuriously appointed Fort Bragg Officers Club when they again assembled in that part of North Carolina. The latch string is out for all former Ninth men and their guests during the 1962 Reunion at Fayetteville, July 26-27-28, 1962.

Scholarship Fund to Be Discussed By the Board

Donations are still being accepted by Secretary Dan Quinn to be credited to the Scholarship Fund. Perpetuation of this project is one of the top priority matters that will be discussed by the Board of Governors at the meeting set for Washington, D. C., on May 19.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!—
Sign in a store: For the man who has everything, here's a calendar to remind him when the payments are due.

CHIEF OF INFORMATION IS CIRCULARIZING REUNION

The Civil Liaison Division in the Chief of Information Office, Department of the Army, is doing a fine job of circularizing any and all publications that are likely to be read by former Ninth Division men and giving coverage to the forthcoming Reunion to be held at Fort Bragg, July 26-27-28.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!—
It is impossible for a woman to be married to the same man for 30 years. After 25 years he isn't the same man.

DEATH OF GEN. EDDY GRIEVES ENTIRE NATION

Although Gen. M. S. Eddy had been in ill health for some time, it was thought he was finally on the road to recovery. When the news wires of this country flashed the sad news of his death from coast to coast the information brought grief to the hearts of all who knew this great, kind and understanding man. The news stories and biographical comments printed in all the leading newspapers would fill many pages if the space was available to reprint the releases. Friends and admirers of the General from every section of the country have sent to The Octofoil the stories as they appeared in their local newspapers.

Mrs. Frank Wade sent clippings from the Washington, D. C. newspapers and advised that Former National Association President Frank Wade of Port Tobacco, Md., would attend the funeral services in Arlington Cemetery.

Calvin Polivy, a prominent New York City attorney, 295 Madison Ave., New York City, and a member of the Greater New York Chapter, sent clippings from several of the New York City newspapers.

Even the New York City controversial taxicab driver, Victor Marcone, sent stories from the New York newspapers.

Ernest O. Skagen, 38-A Lamara Apts., Savannah, Ga., sent news releases about Gen. Eddy's death that appeared in many Georgia newspapers.

Pat Morano, 209 Suttons Lane, Highland Park, N. J., the immediate past president of the New York Chapter, also sent clippings from the New York Times. Pat recalls pleasant conversations with Gen. Eddy when he visited the rifle range at Bragg back in 1942. His unassuming way of asking questions left Pat much impressed with Gen. Eddy as being the gentleman that ingratiated himself into the hearts of so many people in all walks of life.

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS

As a young captain in France in 1918, Gen. Eddy commanded a machine gun company and later a battalion during some of the heaviest fighting. He was wounded in action.

ERNE PYLE'S COMMENT

Gen. Eddy won the respect of officers and enlisted men alike both in war and peace. In France during 1944, the late Ernie Pyle wrote that he was "sort of old shoe and easy to talk with and . . . we think he is a mighty good general." The correspondent described him as a soldier who looked more like a teacher.

"MYSTERY DIVISION"

The Ninth Division was known as the "mystery division" because of Gen. Eddy's ability to bring his men from nowhere in times of crisis, assault the enemy with four or five stunning blows and then disappear.

He led his men across the rugged mountains of Tunisia to help save the day at El Guettar and later he captured Bizerte. Gen. Eddy's troops flanked the Germans in Sicily; they pushed the first holding force into Cherbourg.

CORPS OF PATTON

In August, 1944, Gen. Eddy was given command of the 12th Corps of Gen. Patton's Third Army. He led his divisions in the spectacular sweep across France to the Siegfried Line on the German border.

BORN IN CHICAGO
Gen. Eddy was born in Chicago May 16, 1892, and was graduated (Continued on Page 3)

HOTEL ABOUT FILLED UP; GIVE OLD G.I. UNIT WHEN SENDING FOR RESERVATIONS; THE COMMITTEE CAN GROUP ACCORDINGLY

The next issue of The Octofoil which will hit the press about July 1 will have final and definite information about all the Reunion details. However, the Committee has advised Association officers that they feel sure \$12.50 will be tops for the price of package tickets that will cover events for the entire three days.

CHAPLAIN PROPST TO BRING HIS MEMENTOS

A note from Chaplain Cecil Loy Propst, 407 Robert Rd., Woodlawn Manor, Alexandria, Va., reads:

Dear Dan: It was good to hear from you in regard to the plans for the annual get-together of the 9th. Back to Fort Bragg is of special interest. I have every intention of being at this Reunion and believe that you have an excellent idea in regard to family speakers rather than outside or one speaker.

It will be a pleasure to participate in the Memorial Service with Father Connors.

If I have time I hope I can get together some of the things I still have in footlocker from the war and bring them along, such as: tattered U.S. flag that flew over the cemetery at Port Lyautey when Gen. Patton brought President Roosevelt to place a wreath at the foot of the flag pole, the Chaplain's flag that flew from my jeep in the early days of the invasion, hundreds of pictures, etc. I think I have some place copies of our Division paper and a picture of the first Memorial Service held in the Division at which Gen. Dever spoke and Chaplains Andrysiak, Tepper and myself participated.

Father Tim Andrysiak Passed to Eternal Rest

In a letter from Chaplain Propst he merely mentions the passing of a beloved Ninth Chaplain, Father Tim Andrysiak. He doesn't give any of the details. He merely writes:

"I regret that my good friend, Father Tim Andrysiak, will not be with us at Fort Bragg for the Reunion. He has passed to his eternal rest. He and I were very close before and all during the war. Of him and other beloved friends it will be a real memory."

Many times The Octofoil editor has seen Father Tim walk up to a foot-weary G.I. and help carry the soldier's pack through slush and mud. In the passing of Father Tim, former 9th men have lost another man who has made this world a better place in which to live because of the wholesome life he lived while among the living.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!—

JACKIE WHITE KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT IN 1960

Raymond Berthiaume, 186 Quinpiac Ave., New Haven, Conn., a former 15th Engrs. man sends the following sad news:

I have something very sad to report to the boys of Co. A, 15th Engrs. and some of the boys of the other units who knew Jackie White. In a Christmas card from Mrs. Lynwood White she tells me that Lynwood (Jackie) White, was killed in an automobile accident when the couple were on their way to Maine on Dec. 23, 1960. Mrs. White was hospitalized for some time. He leaves four children. The widow's address is Mrs. Lynwood J. White, Box 285, Ashland, Maine.

Ray's wife has been hospitalized recently for an operation.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!—

GEN. CLAYMAN TO JAPAN

However, one of the disappointments that has crept into the committee's plans is the order transferring Brig. Gen. Donald C. Clayman to overseas duty. The general's new address will be Hq. 1st Cavalry Div., APO 24, San Francisco, Calif.

Officers of the Association feel most grateful for the great help Gen. Clayman was to the committee in making plans early for the Reunion. He had great plans of his own about how to greet his old buddies when they showed up at Fort Bragg for the 1962 Reunion.

LETTERS FROM SPEAKERS

Secretary Quinn has furnished The Octofoil copies of several letters he has received from members of the Association he has invited to attend the Reunion and to speak for a few minutes. Instead of one main speaker it was decided to call on several former Ninth Division leaders for brief remarks. Excerpts from some of the letters received read as follows:

GEN. RANDLE ON HIS WAY

Dear Dan: Your letter of the 20th received. I think you have an excellent idea in having several short talks at the next reunion banquet instead of one long one. You can count me in. I will return, as Mac said. —Cordially yours, Edwin H. Randle, 503 Althea Rd., Belleair, Clearwater, Fla.

GEN. SMYTHE WILL ATTEND

Dear Dan: I have given quite a bit of thought to your proposal, and I believe it has great merit. First, it will undoubtedly have a better response than sticking to one speaker. Secondly, as you suggested, it will have a unit appeal which will be a change in past procedures. Thus I heartily endorse your idea and will make every effort on my part to get to this reunion. —George W. Smythe, 1200 N. Inglewood St., Arlington 5, Va.

GEN. WESTMORELAND AGREES

Dear Dan: I certainly hope that I can attend the annual reunion at Fort Bragg, and if I can, I shall be happy to speak briefly at the banquet. I think that your idea of having several short speeches is much preferable to having one of the more lengthy nature. Sincerely, W. C. Westmoreland, Major General, USA, Superintendent, West Point, N. Y.

GEN. VAN HOUTEN UNDECIDED

Dear Dan: Your letter and invitation to attend the Reunion at Fort Bragg is most appreciated. Since I retired last June 30 I have not made up my mind where to settle down. As of now relatives and friends are twisting my arm to stay in San Antonio, Texas. But I am not committed. Therefore it is impossible to determine whether I can make the Reunion. I will keep it in mind and if feasible will be there. All the best, as ever—John G. Van Houten, 504 Funston Pl., San Antonio 9, Texas.

GEN. EDDY'S MESSAGE

One of the last letters Gen. Manton S. Eddy wrote before his death was one to Secretary Quinn concerning the 1962 Reunion. It reads as follows:

Dear Dan: You can certainly count on my being at the Fort Bragg convention provided I am up at the (Continued on Page 3)

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

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RATES FOR SPACE IN THE 1962 FORT BRAGG SOUVENIR PROGRAM

Chapters or individual members who desire space in the Souvenir Program that will be printed by the 1962 Reunion Committee should fill in the following blank, enclose check and send to Herb Clegg or Dan Quinn to the address given:

I, _____ wish to have the following advertisement in the 1962 Ninth Infantry Division Journal (or program):

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315 Valley Road 412 Gregory Ave.
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This Fort Bragg souvenir program will be a book all former Ninth men will want to keep among their treasured collections. Deadline for sending copy to Herb Clegg or Dan Quinn for the Souvenir Book has been set as June 15, 1962. Contact one of the above at once!

Bettie Goodman Has the Old Ninth Spirit

Bettie Goodwin, 803 McAnn St., San Angelo, Texas, is the charming wife of Sammie Goodwin. Bettie writes Secy. Quinn how she and Sammie enjoy reading The Octofoil. She also enclosed check for a copy of "Eight Stars to Victory" that was to be a surprise birthday gift for Sammie. She enclosed two photographs—one of which is appearing in this issue of The Octofoil. The other picture was of Sammie and another former Ninth man, out of the 47th, Billy McCartney, who is with the San Angelo Fire Department. The dark background on this photo kept it from processing into a usable cut.

In another letter from Goodwin himself he asks about some of his old buddies, including Lt. Hugh Alcorn of Brownwood, Texas, and Mike Panuthos of Brooklyn, N. Y. Bettie has already sent in reservations for Sammie to be at Fort Bragg for a few days confab with his old buddies.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!

Brusic Remembers Co. D, 47th Men

Many former Co. D 47th men will be interested in a letter from their old Top Kick, Francis Brusic whose address now is 53 Tuttle St., Wallington, N. J. In a recent letter to Secy. Quinn, he writes:

Dear Dan: It is about time I sent my dues. I enjoy reading the paper. Glad to see so many of the boys are doing so well. I want to say hello to everyone who can remember the big Sarge who was with the 81 mortars for so long. I see Gen. Randle is still around. Herb Clegg was a platoon lieutenant with me and Addonzo—from nearby Newark was a roommate of mine in Co. D, and many more—Ozart was in my company —also B. F. Lockwood and others too many to mention.

The Big Sarge is working as a guard for a chemical company and promises to write a longer letter soon with the names of many of the old gang. In the meantime he would be happy to get a few lines from any of the guys who remember him.

Octofoil Hopes to See Gen. Craig At Fort Bragg

There will be hundreds of former 9th men at the Fort Bragg Reunion who have never seen Fort Bragg before. They have very little sentimental attachment for the place. It is immaterial to these former Ninth men where they meet annually—whether New York City or Fort Bragg. They enjoy the comradeship of a few days with old buddies as well in one location as another.

These are the lads who come to the Division as replacements in Africa, England, Normandy, etc. Many coming to the Division after Major General Louis Craig took command. To those boys Gen. Craig was the "only" commanding general in the U. S. Army. He was their one and only division commander. They will be disappointed if "their" commanding officer is unable to meet with them at Fort Bragg.

The Octofoil hopes Gen. Craig can arrange his affairs so as to be able to visit with his boys at Fort Bragg. At the time this issue of The Octofoil was going to press Secy. Quinn advised that the last correspondence he had with the general the matter of his ability to be at Fort Bragg in July was not definitely known.

There's been many heated discussions as previous Reunions between members about Ninth Division commanders. Each and every commander has his own devoted followers and admirers.

Gen. Craig is a modest individual. He slipped into Columbus during the 1947 Reunion and was spotted sitting in the balcony of the Hotel's Hall of Mirrors watching a floor show. He begged those who had recognized him not to announce his presence but allow him to continue enjoying himself as he was.

When he returned to Germany as Inspector General after the war he and his aides were continuously trying to fulfill requests that were being mailed to them by former Ninth men who were now stateside and civilians. Many of these instances have gone unheralded because Gen. Craig always preferred it that way. The Octofoil hopes that he will find it possible to enjoy the comradeship of his boys when they get together in Fayetteville come next July.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!

Campaign For the 39th's Motto to Get Recognition Gains

Several months ago The Octofoil received news from former Ninth men that present overseas units had picked up and were using the "AAA-O" slogan of Col. Flint's 39th Regiment.

Many former 39th men rose up in righteous indignation and started writing congressmen and senators—as well as the top brass down Pentagon-way.

After much buck passing the campaign seems to be getting results.

Copies of the European edition of Stars and Stripes, printed July 12, 1961, emasculated all out of proportion statements concerning the origin and use of the slogan.

However, Lt. Gen. Garrison H. Davidson, USA, Commanding, has been responsible for some releases that rectifies to a great extent the wrong impressions caused by the Stars and Stripes stories.

Gen. Davidson stated recently "At the time this slogan was adopted by the 7th Army, a short explanation of its origin and significance was distributed throughout the command and many of the unit newspapers, including the Seventh Army Sentinel, printed stories about the slogan." Gen. Davidson served with Col. Flint on Gen. Patton's staff before "Paddy" went to the 9th Division in Sicily and introduced his famous AAA-O.

Efforts are being made to get copies of all units' overseas papers that have printed articles about the 7th Army having adopted the old 39th Regt.'s slogan. Further developments will be passed on to Octofoil readers at a later date.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!

MOINES STRIGHT

Brooklyn G.I.: Wadja do before you jerned the Army?

Midwesterner: I worked in Des Moines.

Brooklyn G.I.: What kinda moines, iron or coal?

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!

When you are young you do a lot of wishful thinking. When you are old you do a lot of thoughtful wishing.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!

FAYETTEVILLE HOTEL AND MOTEL RATES REASONABLE; MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION
July 26, 27, and 28, 1962

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Reservations are coming in much faster than was anticipated. Requests for rooms should be sent at once. The following rates prevail at the Motels listed. All those listed are members of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce.

MOTEL RATES

	Single	Double	Twins
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Betsy Ross, Hiway 301, S.	8.00	9.00	10.00
Downtown, 321 N. Eastern Blvd.	6.00-7.00	8.00	9.00
Highland Court, 301 South	8.00	9.00	9.00
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Dinty Moore, 348 Person St.	3.00	4.00	6.00
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NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, National Secretary, Ninth Infantry Division Assn.,
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DO NOT FAIL TO ARRANGE FOR VACATION
TIME TO INCLUDE JULY 26-27-28 . . .
YOU'LL BE SORRY IF YOU DON'T!

Ohio Group Make Whoopee At Germania Club



Under the stewardship of President Dick Schumann and Secretary-Treasurer Richard Pestel the Ohio Chapter is experiencing some real interesting sessions at the Columbus Germania Club, 543 South Front St. Pictured above are some of those who attended the last meeting held Friday, April 20. The left hand of Bill Brabson, squeezing a beer bottle is all that is visible of this character. Stretched out in a prone position is Bennie Nardone. Ben is at his best when in that position. Many's the time he got his musicians all keyed up in Merrie Ole England then relaxed in his favorite position while the practicing continued. After the 9th Division march music was lost during the first Reunion in Columbus in 1947, Nardone scribbled from memory while in a prone position in the Deshler-Wallick Hotel a fly sheet that the Second Army Band used successfully. Others in the picture, left to right: Dick Toole, Circleville, O., Rt. 3; Dick Macomber, 575 S. High St., Columbus; Don Jewell, 1752 Marsdale Ave., Columbus; Clyde DeLong, 1884 Gantz Rd., Grove City, O.; Dave Boring, 582 Weisheimer Rd., Columbus; John Hennick, Ashville, Ohio, Rt. 2; Dick Schumann, 4299 Olentangy Blvd., Columbus; Pearl Nickle, 61 N. Brinker, Columbus; Nardone, and kneeling, Lt. Col. Paul Keller, 4256 Mayflower Ave., Columbus. Nardone's address is 1845 Bluff Ave., Columbus; Brabson's, 335 Tappan St., Columbus. Dick Corbin, Harold Stone, Paul Plunkett and several others were excused because of having to work on the meeting night.

The large Octofoil 48x48 inches on standards, is the handiwork of Dick Pestel, photographer of the above picture. He has several of these beautiful carved Octofoils he plans taking to Fort Bragg for the meeting rooms, dining room, hotel lobby and other places where they will be most conspicuous and appropriate to place. Too much light on the photograph caused the above cut not to show up the Octofoil as the beautiful piece of work that it is.

Maj. Robt. Fowler Serving Overseas

A short note from Gen. Edwin H. Randle, 503 Althea Rd., Belleair, Clearwater, Fla., reads in part as follows:

I just received a letter from Major Robert Fowler. He was an enlisted man in the 1st Bn. Hqtrs. in 1940-41-42, then the summer before we went to Africa he went to OCS. When I went to the 77th Infantry Division after Africa he was serving therein and I grabbed him for one of my aides. He served with me our two years in the Pacific. He is now serving in Heidelberg, Germany, under another fine 47th Infantry officer, Colonel Louis Gershenow.

If anybody would like to get in touch with him his address is: Maj. Robert E. Fowler, Hqtrs., Heidelberg Post, 3804 USAD Sick-enheim, APO 333, New York, N. Y. Col. Gershenow is in command of the post and can be reached at the same address.

Fowler had the distinction of joining the 47th at Tent City, Fort Bragg, as an 18-year-old recruit and leaving for OCS as First Sergeant of the 1st Bn. Hqtrs. Co., and a darn good one to boot.

I am very proud of all those old timers of the 47th, both enlisted men and officers. I get many letters and Christmas cards from them, which pleases me no end.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

TOM BOYLE COMPILES COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT

National Treasurer Tom Boyle has prepared and sent copies to all the Board members an audit of the Association's financial affairs as of March 31, 1962.

Boyle is a most capable accountant and his reports or audits are prepared so the rank and file members can easily understand them.

The financial affairs of the Association are on solid foundation—thanks to the team work that is being practiced.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W-I—

The matrimonial knot holds tighter when children put a strain on it.

—JULY 26-27-28, 1962—BRAGG—

MRS. RUTH McENTEE IS APPRECIATIVE OF ARTICLE

The following letter from Mrs. B. E. McEnte, 1465 S. Hudson St., Denver 22, Colo., is self-explanatory:

Dear Mr. Plunkett: I received a copy of The Octofoil the 24th. Thank you very much. Thanks also for the nice tribute to Mac. The children and I were very proud and I know Mac would be too.

I imagine you will be in Fort Bragg for the reunion and I was wondering if anyone who was with Mac overseas would be interested in any pictures Mac took overseas. Most of the fellows I don't know and I feel maybe someone else would enjoy them more than I. What I'm trying to say is if anyone should want them, I would be glad to send them. Of course the children and I would keep any that were of interest to us.

Thanks again for the copy of the paper. May God bless you for your kindness.

As I read the paper I thought how wonderful it would have been if Mac and I could have attended the reunion and I could have met you nice people. —Sincerely, Mrs. Ruth McEnte.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W-I—

G. V. Succimarri Enjoys "Mail Call"

G. V. Succimarri is still a patient at the FDR VA Hospital, Montrose, N. Y. Several of the New York Chapter members have sent cards and other remembrances to the lad. These tokens of remembrance seem to do him much more good than the medics' treatments.

In a recent letter to Secy. Quinn he comments on how his copy of The Octofoil seemed to lift his morale—along with two letters he received one week recently.

Secretary Quinn and the other New York members who have taken the time to try and cheer this comrade a bit are deserving of a great deal of credit for their worthwhile and commendable efforts.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W-I—

The man who rows a boat doesn't have time to rock it.

DICK MACOMBER LOOKING FOR LOCATION TO HOLD OHIO CHAPTER'S ANNUAL PICNIC

APRIL 20 MEETING MINUTES

The Ohio Chapter, 9th Infantry Division Association was called to order by President Dick Schumann at 8:45 P.M., Friday, April 20, 1962, at the Germania Club, 543 S. Front St., Columbus, Ohio.

Present were: Don Jewell, John Hennick, Bennie Nardone, Dick Toole, Pearl Nickle, Clyde DeLong, Dick Macomber, Paul Keller, Bill Brabson, Dave Boring, Dick Pestel.

A moment of standing for silent prayer in memory of the late Lt. Gen. M. S. Eddy.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Financial statement read and approved as read.

Moved by Dick Macomber, seconded by Paul Keller that a voluntary \$1.00 be placed in the chapter "Kitty" for the purpose of paying hall rental and other incidentals that arise. Funds raised above expenses will go into the Chapter's Treasury.

Benny Nardone suggested bowling, golf or any other kind of sports as a means to benefit the chapter's finances. Paul Keller promised to contact the men interested in this subject.

Motion made by Bill Brabson and seconded by Dave Boring that a Committee Chairman be appointed for the next meeting which will be a combination of a picnic and business meeting combined. Dick Macomber was appointed as chairman for this committee. Macomber will select additional members to help in arranging for the picnic and meeting. Harold Stone's farm and the park in the area of Grandview Hill were two locations considered. But no definite action was taken.

President Dick Schumann and

Dave Boring will set date that will be convenient for the most members. A menu is not known yet—whether to be a basket picnic or a catered meal. Paul Keller advised he could purchase the necessary food wholesale.

Pestel asked how many present were planning on attending the Reunion at Fort Bragg. Five men already have made plans to attend. The object was to get as many as possible to fill each Committee at the Reunion. The Ohio Chapter has been short on this duty at previous Reunions.

ENDORSE PESTEL

Motion made by Dick Macomber and seconded by Paul Keller that Pestel be endorsed as a member of the Board of Governors. Unanimously adopted.

The secretary was requested to notify all Chapters that a plaque, wreath or some suitable symbol should be dedicated at the Fort Bragg Reunion in commemoration of the late Gen. M. S. Eddy. This matter will be referred to the Board of Governors in Washington at its May 19 meeting.

Dave Boring, Dick Schumann and Pearl Nickle, along with others, suggested a campaign to contact other Chapters and request their support for Pestel as a Board member.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M. The group reassembled at the bar where the beer flowed freely and a good old Ninth Chat was carried on until well after midnight.

All seemed most happy of the progress being made and are looking forward with much anticipation toward the next meeting date.—Respectfully submitted, Dick Pestel, Secretary, Ohio Chapter, 1467 Livingston Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

THEY ASK ABOUT FATHER ED CONNORS AT SUGAR GROVE

The editor of The Octofoil was asked to M.C. a banquet in Logan, O., recently that was sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

During the evening the speaker mentioned the wonderful memorial services conducted by our own Father Ed Connors in Worcester, Mass., each year. When the formality of the dinner had run its course and everyone was handshaking, a fine looking young lady approached and asked—"So you know Father Connors? Well you tell him that the sister of Walter Rohn heard the remarks about the Memorial Services and all of Walter's family and the rest of the inhabitants at Sugar Grove, O., send their best to Father Ed."

Inquiry revealed that Walter Rohn had passed away some years back. And the family still remembered Father Ed for the kindness and understanding manner in which he had consoled the bereaved members of that family.

Curious about Sugar Grove, enroute back to Columbus the editor made it a point to detour by Sugar Grove. It is only a wide spot on a secondary road removed from the main highway—but be it ever so isolated—our own Father Ed Connors' influence is a guiding light in the little community of fine people—God-fearing rural people—who, in reality make up the real backbone of the many commonwealths that make up the United States of America.

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NICKLE HAS ORIGINAL SET OF ASSOCIATION'S BY-LAWS

The Octofoil is indebted to Pearl Nickle, 61 Brinker Ave., Columbus, for sending in a copy of the original by-laws and constitution for the 9th Infantry Division Association.

The copies have been well preserved and are dated 19th day of June, 1945, at Ingolstadt, Germany, and signed by the following members:

Brig. Gen. Hammond D. Birks.
Brig. Gen. Reese M. Howell.
Col. William C. Westmoreland.
Col. John G. Van Houten.
Col. Van H. Bond.
T-4 Harold B. Logan.
T-Sgt. Walter Murphy.
1st Sgt. Herbert Parkes.
Lt. Col. Jefferson D. Childs.
Lt. Col. Thomas M. Gray.
Lt. Col. Thomas J. Gentry, Jr.
Capt. Lindsey Nelson.
M-Sgt. Michael Puzak.
Col. Peter O. Ward.
Cpl. R. W. Elmes.

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I'LL BE CUTRATE

Love can be bought for any price. A swig of Scotch, a bowl of rice, But love is best when it comes free, Which will be in 1993.

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General Eddy

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from the Shattuck Preparatory School at Faribault, Minn., in 1913. By studying military science an extra year, he qualified for a commission as second lieutenant.

Instead of taking it, however, he went to work as an agent for a casualty insurance company in Indiana and held that position for two years. But on the advice of his father, he dropped his insurance job in 1916 and took up his commission. In the early spring of 1918 as a lieutenant he sailed for France.

Mere words can never express the emotions experienced by all former Ninth Division men when the news of Gen. Eddy's death was broadcast. Historians are now busy giving much credit to the fact that Gen. Manton S. Eddy was a great commanding officer and the Ninth Infantry Division was a great and effective combat division. All of these facts have been known by Ninth Division men for a long, long time.

America and the whole world is better because of the deeds of Gen. M. S. Eddy. Thousands of former Ninth Division men are better citizens because of the lessons learned from observing this great man—whose name must be recorded with the immortals who have helped make this country the greatest of all countries in the world.

Gen. Matt Eddy has passed on to his eternal reward. But his deeds and influence among men will never—never die!

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Note From Mrs. Eddy

The bereaved widow of the late Gen. M. S. Eddy, writes Secy. Dan Quinn as follows:

Dear Mr. Quinn: Thank you for your kind letter and offer to send The Octofoil.

Thanking you again for the condolence on behalf of the men and members of the Ninth Division Association and your remembrance of my husband.—Cordially yours, Marie B. Eddy.

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1962 Reunion

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time. I am not entirely recovered from my recent illness yet as at times it leaves me pretty weak.

So far as my making a few remarks, I will be able to do just that but no more. My stroke has left me with an impairment in my speech, which by the way is improving somewhat. I think that your idea of speakers for the occasion is excellent. I will have to furnish you with the names of Commanding Officers of units when I get the addresses of them from the Adjutant General here at Fort Benning and Washington. Sincerely yours, M. S. Eddy.

"DEAD-END" KIDS
Bill O'Shea, formerly Hqtrs. Co., 47th Regt., now living at 673 River Dr., East Paterson, N. J., and operator of a swanky golf range in that area has phoned national headquarters that he would be at Fort Bragg and was bringing along the "Dead-End" kids who used to be in headquarters company. These "kids" were all from Brooklyn and were well known in the 47th.

O'Shea relayed the dope on another former 9th man who stopped at the golf range for a round and advised he was heading for the Reunion, accompanied by seven guys from his old company.

The general chairman for the Reunion, Herb Clegg, advises that he had hoped to have Gen. Van Bond on hand to represent the 39th, but learns that Gen. Van Bond is now in Japan.

Send in for that room today. Mention the unit so Herb can get men of the same units housed under the same roof. And send in an ad for the program—even if it's only a booster ad. The next issue of The Octofoil will be printed too late to again remind the members about an ad in the program.

Look for minutes of the Board meeting in the next issue of The Octofoil along with final plans for this Reunion which looks like it will be the "daddy" of them all. Secretary Quinn closed his most recent letter to The Octofoil thusly:

"Believe me, Paul, I believe this Reunion will be one of the largest ever held by the Association. I only hope we have room for all the people—don't forget to stress the importance of getting their reservations in and naming their units so we can keep them together."

All roads lead to Fayetteville, N.C.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W-I—

More exasperating than a wife who can cook but won't is a wife who can't cook and will.

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Mrs. Bob Rumenapp Completes Long Trip

Betty Rumenapp, the wife of Bob "Slim" Rumenapp, member of the National Board of Governors and also secretary of the Greater Michigan Chapter, stopped over in Columbus, O. recently to visit with The Octofoil. The editor was toiling in the mines at the time and didn't get to see the distinguished visitor. Betty had her mother with her and they were returning from Florida, where Mrs. Rumenapp had been with her mother since her father passed away in the Sunshine State recently.

She left a note advising that on the way up from Florida they had stopped overnight at Fayetteville, N. C., visited Fort Bragg, and had a chat with the 1962 Reunion chairman, Herb Clegg. Another stop was at Mt. Airy, N. C., where an old "fox hole" buddy of Slim's lives—E. V. Marian, former 60th A.T. lad. He had recently visited two other former 60th A.T. men, Bill Erskine, Kansas, and Eugene Scott, McClouth, Kansas. Marian will be at the Reunion, and in the meantime is trying to locate a former 60th A.T. supply sergeant, Sgt. Bragden, along with Westcott of Springfield, and Henry Fondau of Burlington, N. C.

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Enjoy Sweet Memories

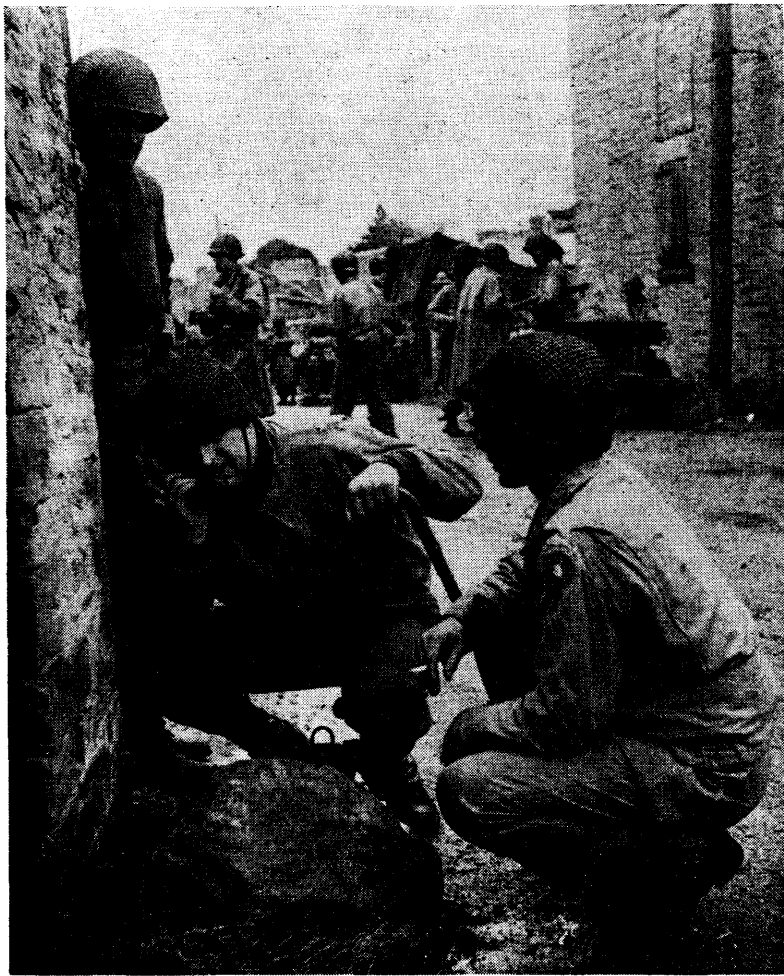


FISHER and HUTCHINGS
Last summer George Hutchings, formerly Co. D, 9th Meds., went on a picnic. Among new acquaintances he made was one Charlie Fisher, 468 E. 147th St., Apt. 9, Bronx, N. Y. They had never met in the Army but that didn't prevent them from rehashing a lot of the 9th's trials and tribulations of long ago.

Vacations aren't so hard to plan. Your boss tells you when and your wife tells you where.

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An Old Front-Line Photo of Gen. Eddy In Action



Pictured above is an action shot of Gen. Matt Eddy taken near Cherbourg by an American news wire service man. Gen. Eddy is shown manipulating the telephone, trying to contact Division headquarters on a hastily thrown-together communication center phone. See story in another column.—Photo courtesy of John E. Thornton, 1320 No. Dearborn St., Chicago 10, Illinois.

Dick Pestel's Mother Passed Away May 2—She Was Kind to All Ninth Men—And They Loved Her Dearly

Mrs. Lena H. Drechsel (Pestel), age 81, 1422 Dyer Rd., Columbus, O., passed away May 2. She was a native of Germany. She is survived by her husband, Richard O.; 5 sons, Edward, Herman, Emery, Richard and Robert Pestel; and 4 daughters; two brothers, Ernest and Arthur Hess, of Germany.

"Mom" Drechsel was a god mother to all former Ninth men that she met. She never tired of planning for anyone if that person was an ex-G.I. who served in the Armed Forces in the same Division her son, "Dickie" Pestel served. Many's the time the wide-open spaces of the Drechsel farm was turned over lock, stock and barrel to the Ohio Chapter for picnics and entertainment. "Mom," the four sisters and "Dickie's" wife, Edith, worked into the wee small hours frying chicken and all the trimmings to be ready when the former Ninth men moved in for a wholesome day of fun and enjoyment. During Reunions in Columbus every available bed was used to take care of former Ninth men. Hardly a month passed that some former Ninth men from afar failed to come through Ohio and invariably he found time to visit the 9th Division headquarters at 1422 Dyer Rd. Regardless of the time of day or night these visitors arrived they were given the red carpet treatment.

All former Ninth men, not only in Ohio, but from many neighboring states who knew the sweetness and kindness of "Mom" Drechsel share with Dick Pestel, his brothers, sisters and other relatives the grief caused by the passing away of this fine and kind benefactor.

THREE BROTHERS MEET

Plastered all over the front page of The Columbus Dispatch on Monday morning, December 28, 1942 was a picture of Mrs. Lena Pestel, Emery Pestel, Richard Pestel and Robert Pestel. The reason for this big page 1 display was the fact that Emery, Richard and Robert had met up with

each other in North Africa and had jointly written their "mom" a letter that reached her the day after Christmas.

Quoting parts of the page 1 story it reads:

"It's just a piece of cheap writing paper, but Mrs. Lena Pestel, 1422 Dyer Rd., Columbus, wouldn't take anything in the world for it.

"There are three kinds of handwriting on it and the news it brought to the Pestel household the day after Christmas is the kind of news mothers dream about but seldom get. It read:

"Dear Mom: Well I am in Africa and guess what? I was lying down sleeping and someone woke me up and guess who it was—my brother, Bobby, here in Africa. Emery and Bobby were together yesterday. Bobby and I are going out to Emery's outfit this afternoon—the first time all three of us brothers will be together in the army."

Dated simply "Africa, Dec. 12," the Christmas letter bore a message from each of the three boys in his own handwriting.

Emery Pestel was attached to the 58th Field Art., while Bobby Pestel was with the 201st Ord., and Dick of course was with the 47th Regt.

When this old issue of The Dispatch was dug up and this big reunion in North Africa was again brought to Dick Pestel's mind he asked The Octofoil to please thank Col. Ed Randle at this late date for the special pass he gave Dick so he was able to visit with Bobby and Emery Pestel in Casablanca on that memorable day in 1942 that enabled the lads to compose a letter that was the greatest Christmas gift that anyone ever gave to a loving and devoted mother.

Loving and fond remembrances of "Mom" Drechsel will always be locked in the hearts of all former 9th Division men who have ever had occasion to visit her hospitable home at 1422 Dyer Rd., Columbus, Ohio.

FATHER ED THANKFUL FOR MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In a short note dated March 1, 1962 Father Ed wrote Dick Pestel, 1467 E. Livingston Ave., as follows

"Dear Dick: Thank you for your offering of \$10 toward our memorial. You are a great Ninth Division man. Every blessing to you and your wife—and all the gang.

"God bless you.—Edward T. Connors."

MORRIS APPEL PASSED AWAY SEPT. 2, 1961

Mrs. Fay Appel writes as follows: Dear Mr. Quinn: My husband, Morris Appel, passed away on Sept. 2, 1961. He was a member of the 9th Infantry Division, Cannon Co., 60th.

I hope he will be remembered when the Memorial Services are held at Fort Bragg in July.—Sincerely, Mrs. Fay Appel.

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THORNTON COMES THROUGH WITH A TIMELY PICTURE

As stated under the caption showing Gen. Matt Eddy using the communications center at Cherbourg, the Octofoil is indebted to John E. Thornton, 1320 N. Dearborn St., Chicago 10, Ill., for sending the picture. Thornton, while employed by The Chicago Tribune found this picture in that newspaper's "morgue" with a date-line of July 5, 1944. The picture was made by Bert Brandt for the Tribune. Thornton's sharp eyes identified Gen. Eddy. The wire sent to The Trib by Brandt, accompanying the picture, merely read:

"A man and telephone with wires that stretch to headquarters is all that is needed to set up an Army Communications Center anywhere. Here, a street corner in Cherbourg is the site for the reporting post, and a Yank uses the phone to get in touch with headquarters during the final hours of the battle for the vital point."

Thornton joined the 9th Division shortly after the fall of Cherbourg, and was assigned to the 60th the latter part of June, 1944. He was wounded on July 17, just before St. Lo was taken. Although his time with the 9th was of short duration, Thornton cherishes fond memories of the fine fellows he met in Co. D, 1st Bn. of the Go-Devils outfit.

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Col. Silberberg Is Proud of Octofoil

The Octofoil is always glad to receive the newsy letters Attorney David D. Silberberg writes from his offices in the Home Federal Building, Memphis, Tenn. Dave was a First Lt. with Hqtrs., 47th, and has had a most interesting career since his days with the Ninth Division. Dave's home address in Memphis is 5453 Spinwood Avenue. In a recent letter to Secretary Quinn he writes as follows:

Your letter addressed to "Wearer of the Octofoil," although a form letter, was received as though directed to me personally, for like many others, I still am an actual and very proud "wearer" each week of the year when attending USAR training assemblies.

There are only a few of the old "Notorious" in Memphis, whom I run into occasionally—John Southworth and Bob Higgins of the 39th, and Sam Rosenberg of the 84th F.A.—and invariably we get back on the same common ground.

There is a good chance that I will make the Reunion this year. I have been slated to instruct during my annual active duty period at the Third Army Area Intelligence School at Fort Bragg the last two weeks in July.

A LIFE MEMBER

You know, there is much that I feel I owe the OCTOFOIL and the many great men with whom I was privileged to serve. As a token of gratitude and sincere tribute to them all and in memory of those to whom the very purpose of our association is dedicated I enclose herewith my dues for life membership.

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Dick O'Connor Soaks In the California Sun

Dick O'Connor never gets tired of rubbing it in on his old buddies back East about how he's enjoying the California sunshine. Dick is a former B Bty., 84th F.A. fellow who now lives at 9567 Bluford Ave., Whittier, California.

But he still considers himself a New York Chapter member. He reports that Grace (Mrs. O'Connor) and the five youngsters are all enjoying life in California also. Dick is attending special classes two evenings a week after he finishes work on his regular job.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

Board Will Meet On May 19, 1962

Notices have been sent out for a meeting of the Board of Governors to be held in Washington, D. C., at the Shoreham Hotel, May 19, 1962.

On the agenda will be:

1. The Fort Bragg Reunion.
2. By-laws.
3. Scholarship Report.
4. The possibility of starting new Chapters and revival of old ones.

Minutes of the Board meeting will be printed in the next issue of The Octofoil.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

The honeymoon is over when there are more bills than coos.

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June 10 Will Be Day For All-Day Meet And Dinner On the Ground for New York Members and Their Families

By ARTHUR RICHARD SCHMIDT, Greater New York Chapter 69-20 69th Street Brooklyn 27, New York

John Rizzo and his committee are busy making plans for the Chapter's picnic on June 10, 1962 at Seeley's Pond in the Wachtung Reservation, near Scotch Plains, N. J. Some nice prizes are planned. Price for a ticket is \$3.00. This \$3 will pay for loads of fun and refreshments, including beer and shish-ka-bob. On the agenda are all sorts of games and athletic contests, including a potato sack race, and a fat man's race. Jack Scully has already qualified for the fat man's race.

Frank Fazio, as usual, has his aides working on plans to make the picnic a big success.

LAST MEETING

The last meeting of the New York Chapter was held on May 4 at the Hotel Van Rensselaer, 15 E. 11th St., New York City. There was a good turnout—about 30. Two U. S. Navy combat films were shown. Discussion centered around the West Point tour, the picnic, the June 1 meeting, Chapter dance and the Reunion.

Stan Cohen, Chapter President, won one of the door prizes, a boy's shirt. The writer won a combination coffee and tea pot. Naturally some of the others yelled "fix" because of the awards.

Danny Quinn gave a report on the death and funeral services of Gen. Eddy. The Chapter expresses sincere sympathy to Mrs. Eddy and the family. Quinn arranged for a wreath in the shape of an Octofoil to be sent in the name of the Association. Some members of the Washington, D. C. Chapter attended the services.

President Cohen reported on the death of Sidney Bernstein, of the Anti-Tank Company.

There was some discussion about the National Board of Governors meeting to be held in Washington on May 19. John Rizzo, of the New York Chapter, stated he was sorry that he would not be able to attend the meeting because Father DeLaura is going to speak at the New York Transit Authority (Subway) Mass. Rizzo has promised Father DeLaura that he would attend the Mass.

PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING

Dan Quinn told the group that he is busy making plans for the next meeting. It will be held at the Elks' Club in Union City, N. J., June 1. It should be most interesting. A lecture and demonstration on the narcotic evils will be heard. Those who like to bowl will have the club's alleys at their disposal.

Quinn asked that those attending the Reunion send in reservations at once. He advised more than 300 reservations had already been received and the overflow are now being sent to nearby motels. The writer and Adolph Wadalavage will make the

trip to Fort Bragg together, Adolph being the navigator on this low-flying trip.

Frank Fazio reports there has been no change in the Oct. 20, 1962 date for the Chapter dance.

President Stan Cohen is making arrangements for a Lindsey Nelson "Father and Son Night," with perhaps some of the players from the newly organized baseball team, the Metropolitan, on hand.

"A-OK" BY MIELE

Dominick Miele while reading the minute of the previous meeting—mentioned one of the items was "A-OK." Members began to wonder if Dom was becoming missile conscious.

Some of the new faces at the May 4 meeting were Harold Ott of Div. Hqtrs., Charles P. O'Connor of the Adjutant General's Office; Dr. Herman Sleslow, 60th Inf. Regt. (not entirely new, but an infrequent visitor); Frank Kasko, 15th Engrs., and his brother, Jake Kasko, E Co., 47th Regt.; Andy Appello of the 9th Recon., and Al Seeley of the 60th Regt.

THANKS TO O'KEEFE

Walter O'Keefe, Second Vice-President, was given a round of applause for printing the cards to be used to identify members and their cars as being from the Ninth Infantry Division when they visit West Point. They are helpful in assisting M.P.s guide members to a special parking area. A special place was provided for the former 9th men in the reviewing stands, but so many attended, that officers in charge of the stands had to arrange additional space for former 9th men.

The writer was accompanied by an uncle, Henry Ruhl and his mother. Charlie Hoffman's wife, Gloria, with her two daughters, Nancy and Charlene, and Gloria's girl friend, Dorothy were among the interested spectators. It was quite impressive to see so many 9th Infantry caps. Most of the visitors had lunch in the parking area. The 9th's special parking area was jammed. Gen. Westmoreland was as gracious as ever signing autographs for everyone.

Wild Bill Zweil, who has been on the sick list, was there. Also present was Mrs. McInerney, a Gold Star parent. Irving Feinberg stayed close to his family at West Point this year. It is claimed that last year he left his wife watching a soccer game—and Irv took off for the parade.

Jack Scully after eating his own lunch, visited around and sampled some leftovers from everyone else's lunch.

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A death in the family of Arthur Schmidt prevented him from filing a full report on the April meeting. He did, however, get out some very effective advance notices for New York newspapers, radio stations and TV stations.

"COL." RANDLE SOLD SCHWEAR ON THE 9TH DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Lester Schwear, a former Co. I, 47th man, writes from Rt. 1, Windfield, Ind., as follows:

Enclosed you will find my dues. There seems to be a tie with this Association that grows each year. I have been a member since I met our Col. Randle here at Tipton in 1945. He told me about the Association—and I have been looking forward to receiving an Octofoil each publication day since I joined.

My wife, Naomi, has taught school since 1945. I have been engaged in farming. I now operate my truck out of Heinold's Tipton Hay Market.

A few years back we were in New York and called on Leon K. Krikorian of Co. I. He showed us the town. Took us to dinner. He is really a swell fellow. I have never heard from D. J. Carter. I'd like to see or hear from him, also from Donald.—Sincerely, Lester Schwear, runner from Co. D, 47th.

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"Hoppy" Hopkins Is Heading For Carolina

E. O. (Hoppy) Hopkins writes Dick Pestel from 30 Lewis St., Feasterville, Pa., advising he'll be at the Fort Bragg Reunion. "Hoppy" enclosed an original receipt he received when joining the Association 20 May 1945 and signed by Capt. O. Geyer.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!—

Your credit is always good when you start to borrow trouble.

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Leonard Skaalen Holds Many Fond Memories

Noting the official stationery of the Onsgard State Bank, Spring Grove, Minn., it is learned that Leonard D. Skaalen is one of the vice presidents of that prosperous Midwest financial institution. Leonard was with the Div. Hqtrs. Finance Dept. In a letter of recent date, among other things, Leonard has this to say:

Enclosed find my check for dues. I have enjoyed receiving the paper and recalling many old friends. I was a member of Col. Lee and Hargy's Fighting Finance Dept. and have many wonderful memories of the unit.

It is also quite a thing that I met and married my wife in Winchester, England. I was chosen by Maj. Wilson's Special Services to be Uncle Sam in the combined operations ball, and my wife was selected to be Britannica. Stan Cohen will remember that well. I only wish I could get hold of Maj. Wilson's film of the gala affair. We also have two junior "Uncle Sams" and one junior "Britannica" so I have much to be grateful to the 9th for. Greetings to all my former 9th friends and thanks for an interesting paper.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!—

MILTON WALSTAFF, 60TH MAN, DIED FEB. 19, 1961

With no details attached, a note was sent to The Octofoil advising that Milton Walstaff passed away on Feb. 19, 1961. His home address was 368 New Lots Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Milton was an A Co., 60th man.

Dues and Newsy Notes Received Every Time Mail Orderly Shows Up

Because of space limitations just a few highlights were extracted from some of the many letters Secy. Quinn received from members sending in 1962 dues since the last issue of The Octofoil and are printed below:

From Bob Farrell, 2031 Pershing Rd., New London, Wisc. (Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 39th):

Enclosing check for 3-year membership dues. I plan attending the Reunion. Hope to see some of the boys from the South: Tom Catchings, Jasper Cliburn and Hampton Mills, just to mention a few. Say hello to Jack O'Shea.

From Leonard DeBell, 24248 Curie, Warren, Mich. (Co. A, 39th):

Hope to be seeing all of you at good old Fort Bragg's Chicken Road, etc.

Felton Jones, Box 7, Alapaha, Ga., was a First Sergeant, Co. F, 47th. He writes how thrilled he was to learn the next Reunion would be held in Fort Bragg. Felton says he can hardly wait for July 26 to get here—he is so anxious to see his former buddies from the 47th Regt.

Anthony J. Carmeci, a former Co. M, 39th man, writes from 5821 Meadowview Ave., North Bergen, N. J.:

I'm in the trucking business with United States Trucking Co.

Recently attended a house party of an old buddy, Arthur Clark. His new address is 37 Luegel St., Bergenfield, N. J. Also saw Pat Solmaine of M & D Co., who resides at 431 Shanley, Buffalo, N. Y. Clark is an engineer with Colgate's, at Jersey City. He has two grown children and two younger children. (I have four boys.)

A membership application with a year's dues comes from Charles I. Bailey, Box 848, Woodland, N. C.

Chuck was with K Co., 47th. His reservations for the 1962 Reunion are already taken care of.

C. L. Gill, whose address is care of Bishop's Holiday House, 786 Fairmount Ave. (Towson Plaza), Baltimore 4, Maryland, is also one of the newer members.

Michael Nojunas has written and sent money for a 39th Infantry History. Secretary Quinn is sorry that he has to answer such requests by telling them he has no such book available.

John Holick, 21 Slocum Ave., Englewood, N. J., files an application for membership. He was with Co. I, 39th. Now working for Liberty Textiles, Banker St., Englewood. He asks that any of his old buddies who knew him in 1944 when he was with the Division to write him at the address given above.

Dr. Russell M. Hummel, M.D., 500 Wabash Ave., Marion, Ind., writes that he is arranging to attend the Reunion at Fort Bragg.

Harry (Dee) Dietrich, 132 Piagit Ave., Clifton, N. J., says he will be at Fort Bragg. Dee was with Hqtrs. 1st Bn., 47th.

Daniel J. Doyle, 7921 Bronx Ave., Philadelphia 15, Pa., wants to hear from buddies out of his old C Co., 47th. His plans are to see many of them July 26-27-28.

Lt. Col. Forrest F. Barefoot (Ret.), 34th F.A., sends his dues from 425 S. L St., Lompoc, Calif. He will be at Fort Bragg and hopes for a big turnout of former 34th F.A. men.

GENE'S WIFE WRITES

Mrs. Anna Edwards, wife of Eugene E. Edwards, 112 Nathaniel Ave., Longhorne, Pa., writes that her husband was a 9th Division man and very proud to be a part of such a fine fighting unit. Gene recently became a member of the Association. They both are boosters for The Octofoil.

CARL KOHN ASKS FOR OLD BUDDIES TO WRITE

Carl K. Kohn's address is 912 Fernwood Ave., Plainfield, N.J. He was with E Co., 39th. In his recent letter he writes:

Enclosed is check for three years dues. I was a replacement in E Co., 39th and miss many of my buddies from the days of North Africa. I was knocked out of action at Hill 609, and wound up at the 21st General Hospital. Would like to hear from any of my former buddies.

Archie Rohrer writes from S. Legett, N. Dak., saying he's a former Ninth man from Chicken Rd. to the Elbe River. The lad takes The Octofoil to task for suggesting that most former Ninth men would vote for Hugh Addonizio for mayor of Newark, N. J. The Octofoil is proud of all former Ninth men who distinguish themselves in public life whether they be Democrats or Republicans—and the Association has many who have distinguished themselves in both the major political parties. And The Octofoil can agree also with the writer that Americans can't be too vigilant in their search for the un-

dermining Communists who are on the prowl.

Harry L. Hammer writes from 5124 Avenue I, Brooklyn 34, N. Y. He is a former 60th F.A., B Bty. man and was made happy recently when he heard from Capt. George S. Thurtle. Harry also wants Charlie Fabre to start sending in his newsy columns to The Octofoil again.

Col. Henry Royall writes from 105 Noble St., Chapel Hill, N. C., and encloses his membership dues. He feels like Herb Clegg and the 1962 Reunion Committee are doing a swell job and only wishes he was located nearer to Fort Bragg so he could be of help to this hard-working committee.

Raymond J. Ledwith sends in his new address as 287 Brielle Ave., Staten Island 14, N. Y. Ray was with the 9th Med. Bn., Co. C and hopes to see many of his old buddies at Bragg this summer.

William H. Meadows, a 26th F.A. man, now living at 19367 Dale, Detroit 19, Mich., advises that his plans have already been nailed down for the trip to Fort Bragg in July.

William W. Keller was with the Med. Det., 39th Regt. He now lives in Mechanicsburg, Ohio. After the Sicilian campaign Bill went to the Third Division for the Italian campaign. Nevertheless he loves to hear from his former 9th buddies. He is now selling a product called T-4L for athlete's foot and claims his product is the best ever.

Thurston C. Haggart was called "Heavy the Cook" when he was in Co. K, 60th Regt. He is now at 228 McCoy Rd., Salisbury, N. C. He asked The Octofoil to print this notice:

Let those Ninth boys, especially Co. K Go-Devils know they are welcome to come by my house, 228 McCoy Rd., in Salisbury, N. C., and visit a while on their way to Fort Bragg for the Reunion.

Randolph Prosser, Box 54, Johnsonville, S. C., meant to get enrolled as a member of the Association. The original check he sent was lost in the mails along the way somewhere. So he ups and sends another for three years' dues. He's looking forward to seeing many old buddies from the 1st Bn. of his beloved 39th Regt. at the Fort Bragg Reunion.

Bill Netson, Co. K, 39th, is located now at 712 McDowell Ave., Steubenville, Ohio. The Netsons plan on attending the 1962 Reunion. Bill passed through Fayetteville on a trip to Florida recently and he says that section has really changed during the past 20 years.

Ed Brewer is in the printing business in Shawnee Mission, Kans., and lives at 4407 W. 54th Terrace. Ed is a former Co. L, 60th man. He plans on being at Fort Bragg and is trying to talk Joe Flores, Kansas City, Mo., into attending with him. Flores dragged Ed to an aid station in France when he was knocked out by the Krauts. In his letter Ed mentions a few he hopes to see at Bragg, which includes George Kortas, Chicago; Bob Dairs, Wilkes-Barre; "Shorty" Long, Cleveland; George Kopac, Pittsburgh, and many others.

Paul H. Morrisette, 116 Liberty St., Pawtucket, R. I., sends for his three-year membership card, and tips Secy. Quinn off to another potential member—Maurice Lambert, 99 Ruskin Ave., Woonsocket, R. I. Maurice was with Co. M, 39th Regt.

Theodore R. Moody, 1418 E. River Rd., Dixon, Ill., writes:

Enclosing my 1962 dues. Would like to say hello to all the Co. I boys that I was with from Tent City to Sicily.

A note from Anthony J. Madonna advises that his new address is 4530 E. 8th Ct., Hialeah, Fla. Former B Co. 15th Engr. buddies in and around New York should take note of Tony's new address. It is near the fast Hialeah race track also!

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Another Ninth Man Does OK in Florida

Fred Treglowa's address is 3103 Pershing Ave., Orlando, Fla. Fred is still working for Uncle Sam. He holds a very responsible job with the U. S. Navy Underwater Sound Reference Laboratory. About a year ago Gen. Coffey, a former 9th man, visited the laboratory. Others included General Randle. So far Fred has been able to locate only one former Ninth man in Orlando—John D. O'Rourke. At one time O'Rourke was commander of Division Hqtrs. Co.

Fred hopes he can make it to Fort Bragg in July. It was there in July, 1942, that he joined the Ninth. For a long time in Africa, Sicily, England and Normandy he was Gen. Don Stroh's driver.

PETE THURTLIE SENDS INTERESTING EPISTLE

George (Pete) Thurtle whose home address is Rt. 1, Box 999, Brownsville, Tex., writes from the VA Hospital, Ward 216, Houston, Tex. Parts of his letter reads as follows:

I was C.O. of B Bty., 60th F.A. Bn. Was wounded July 15, 1944. Had to return to the hospital 3 months ago. Since being back in the hospital I have received many letters of sympathy from former 9th men. I would like to thank all of them for their kind remembrances. After a pretty tough operation I am now well on the road to recovery.

MEETS FORMER 9TH MAN

For the last five weeks the fellow in the next bed to mine was an old Irish Texan from Anti-Tank Company of the 39th. His name is Pat Doherty. From the stories he told me, he must have spent the whole war from his landing in Algiers until he was wounded in Germany, looking for start to finish and both of us admitted it was the most we have ever talked about it.

Pat was badly burned in a fire in bed. I know he would like to hear from any of his old buddies. He has made a remarkable recovery, though he did lose a leg. He is in Ward 116. I expect to be moved to that ward.

Charles Fabre, Hqtrs. Bty., 60th F.A., also wrote me. Wish he would resume his correspondence to The Octofoil for 60 F.A. Bn. news.

I only wish I could make it to Fort Bragg. Please give my regards to Gen. Westmoreland. I am a great admirer of his. I'll never forget his midnight visit to my room the last night of the 1955 Reunion. I'll always regret being so near exhaustion that night that it kept me from talking Tent City with him much longer.

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Touching Letter From the Kellogg Family

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kellogg, parents of Francis G. Kellogg, Rt. 2, Ithaca, Mich., formerly with L Co., 60th Regt., relayed some sad information to The Octofoil recently. Parts of the letter reads:

This is to inform you of the death of our darling son, Francis C. Kellogg, who was a former 9th boy. He received his training at Camp Blanding, Fla., in '44, and joined the Division in 1945 as a replacement at Remagen Bridge, serving with the 60th until the end of hostilities.

In civilian life since his discharge he had formed a partnership with his parents in Gratiot County, Michigan. As a sideline Francis was an ardent outdoors sportsman. He'd won many trophies as an outstanding marksman on the rifle ranges.

The fact that our dear boy was a member of such a wonderful aggregation of fighting men as composed the Ninth Infantry Division will always be a source of great pride to us as it was to him.

Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg enclosed \$11 as a posthumously membership fee for their beloved son, Francis Kellogg. Secretary Quinn returned the money, expressing the association's gratitude but assuring them they would continue to receive The Octofoil regularly.

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BUTSWINKUS' NOTES ARE SHORT . . . BUT "SWEET"

Victor Butswinkus long ago became a fixture at Reunions. He is a former Co. F, 60th man, and lives at 6265 Ditman St., Philadelphia 35, Pa.

His note to Secretary Quinn was short but it brought glad tidings—and reads:

Dear Dan: Enclosed find check for seven fellows' 1962 dues who belong to the Philadelphia Chapter. Looking forward to seeing you at Fort Bragg.—"Bud."

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MRS. CAFEGO WRITES THE OCTOFOIL ABOUT TOMMY'S DEATH OCTOBER 29, 1960

Mrs. Tommy Cafego, 2931 Katherine St., Dearborn, Mich., writes as follows:

Dear Mr. Quinn: My husband, Tommy Cafego, member of the 9th Infantry Division, passed away on Oct. 29, 1960. He spoke often of Fort Bragg and the good times and the friends he made there. I only wish he could have lived so as to attend the 1962 Reunion at Fort Bragg.

In behalf of the membership of the Association Secretary Quinn has sent Mrs. Cafego the heartfelt sympathy of all the members.

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Maher Reports On the Memorial Project of Father Ed Connors

Francis K. Maher, 14 Davenport St., Worcester 10, Mass., advised Dick Pestel recently that at the last meeting of the New England Chapter discussion took place regarding the Memorial planned by Father Connors. It is planned to have the Memorial all set to be dedicated at the next November Memorial Services. Indications are that the November, 1962 Memorial Services will be a great event.

Maher is toying with the idea of "detouring" by Columbus enroute to Fort Bragg, N. C. for the Reunion. He was a very close friend of the late Glenn O. Moore and plans on paying his respects to Glenn's widow while visiting with Pestel and other Columbus friends.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N-O-W!— 9TH RECONS TO GET TOGETHER IN 1962

Filmore Ortof, 39-25 51st Street, Woodside 77, N. Y., writes that last fall he went to a 9th Recon Troop reunion that was held in Ocean City, N. J. Another such gala event is being planned for September, 1962. Exact dates and full information may be gotten by writing Nick Capobianco at 209 Blatchley Ave., New Haven, Conn.

Phil, Mrs. Ortof and the boys visited West Point last year when the New York chapter members made the visit and he says it was an experience they all enjoyed—and he is particularly complimentary about the many courtesies Gen. Westmoreland showed the former Ninth men along with their families.

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LINSCOTT GETS BACK INTO THE "SWIM"

It's good to get a letter from Everett W. Linscott, even if it was a short note. Everett and Mrs. Linscott are back home in Massachusetts after a few years sojourn in Atlanta, Ga. Their present address is 139 Pine Dr., Hanover, Mass. Everett was one of the Association's spark plugs for a long time and then got too busy with his insurance accounts. Ev's letter to Secretary Quinn reads:

Dear Dan: Many times during the past few years I have thought about renewing my Association activities but obviously I could not have been very serious about it because I didn't do anything about it.

Thanks for your efforts in sending the Octofoil and personal letter, one more person has rejoined the fold—and with enthusiasm. Check enclosed.

Two years ago we returned to Boston after five years in Atlanta and we now realize how many of the personal pleasures we have missed in the last few years. We are now looking forward to renewing old acquaintances at the July Reunion and active participation in the New England Chapter. (The "we" includes Leona, for she has missed the association fully as much as I have.)—Sincerely, Everett W. Linscott.

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SAM FEIGHTNER HOPES TO MAKE FORT BRAGG

Ever so often Sam Feightner, Rt. 1, Loudonville, Ohio, gets ambitious enough to send in a few lines to the Ohio Chapter. Bad weather has kept him from attending any of the meetings held in Columbus. Sam is hopeful of getting his vacation time off during the Fort Bragg Reunion.

Feightner is still looking for answers to letters he has sent out to former 47th men, among them being Tom Sheridan and McWaters.

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"MAD RUSSIAN" BUSY NEGOTIATING SCALES

Mike Mysick, the "Mad Russian," 12604 Darlington Avenue, Garfield Heights, O., sent his apologies to Ohio Chapter Secretary Dick Pestel for not being in attendance at the last Ohio Chapter meeting. Mike explained that as an officer of his local union he was quite busy helping in the negotiation of a new wage scale for the next year. "The Mad Russian" will be at Fort Bragg, looking up his old 60th buddies and many others he has met at the many Reunions he has attended.

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The upkeep of woman is the downfall of man.

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Girls who look like a million dollars are just as hard to make.

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An Ace Bragg Pitcher



WILLIAM M. KREYE

Bill Kreye, of 337 20th St., Brooklyn, N. Y., has furnished some interesting copy for The Octofoil during recent months, which has delighted all former 39th men. Searching through an album of pictures made by Bill at Fort Bragg The Octofoil uncovered the above likeness of the Old Sarge, Bill Kreye himself, in the uniform he wore when performing so magnificently for the 39th Regt.'s baseball team.

New Englanders Get Dispossessed

Tom Boyle, National Treasurer and a member of the New England Chapter, writes:

"We lost our regular meeting place to Urban Redevelopment, and the New England Chapter has been bouncing from pillar to pillar."

The New England Chapter sent a beautiful floral arrangement to the home of Past National President Glenn O. Moore's widow. Mrs. Moore has previously written The Octofoil about the beautiful piece and how much she appreciated the kindness of those New England buddies of her late husband.

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GUNTHER BOOSTING THE WORLD FAIR

Franklin Gunther in early February wrote an interesting letter to Tom Boyle, National Treasurer and member of the New England Chapter. Frank's address now is 423 34th St., Tacoma, Wash. Parts of the letter reads as follows:

Since the last time I wrote to any of you from over in Germany a lot has happened. I returned to the U.S. in August, 1961, retiring from the Army. My wife and I are now living in Tacoma, trying to get used to being civilians.

Gunther is a former Co. L, 60th man.

The letter closes with a big boost for the World's Fair in Seattle. Naturally Frank and his wife hope many former Ninth men will visit the state of Washington during the fair and that some of his old 9th buddies will look him up at the address given above.

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FOLKS FROM OVER THE POND WRITE

Mrs. K. Freeman, 39 Blenheim Rd., Basing, Basingstoke, Hants, hasn't forgotten the Ninth Division boys of years ago. She enjoys hearing from them and writes mighty interesting answers, and sends along a picture of herself that indicates nature has been kind to her since the Ninth Division was over there. In her recent letter to Dick Pestel, Columbus, Mrs. Freeman paints a rosy picture of the beautiful spring flowers that are now in bloom, the daffodils, hyacinths, etc.

Mrs. Freeman thinks some day she will get to make a visit to America and to personally look up many of the boys the people around Basingstoke so fondly remember.

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POOR TIMING

Two men, expectant fathers, were pacing the waiting room near the maternity ward.

"What tough luck," one man said. "This had to happen during my vacation."

"You think you've got troubles?" the other said, "I'm on my honeymoon."

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AN "H" CO. 47TH REGT. DETAIL AS OF 1942



At Orletti, 990 Arnow Ave., Bronx, furnished The Octofoil the group picture used above showing a representative group of H Co., 47th Regt. men back in the "good old" days at Bragg. Pictured are Frank Fazio, James Curto, Earl Holmes, Cpl. Giacomi, John Steenland, Nick Russick, Mr. Count Nottingham, Shaker-Shaker, Eli Goldberg, Jack Scully, Al Orletti, Bill DiVitto, John Marcogliese, Sgt. Polinchok, Adrian DeDecker and Otto Fruchtnight.

WANTS A PICTORIAL REVUE OF SCENES

Arthur C. Rohmann writes from 9922 Vega Lane, Valley Station, Ky., and expresses memories of those days he drew his \$21 a day once a month while with E Co., 39th Regt. Naturally Art is looking forward to making the Fort Bragg Reunion. But he is thinking of the hundreds of former 9th men who have heavy responsibilities and large families who want to go to Fort Bragg the worst way but just can't afford the trip. For those members Rohmann thinks the Association should give some time and effort toward publishing a pictorial review of the main events and happenings that take place at Fort Bragg during the 1962 Reunion.

Signing his letter Charlie (Kantuck) Rohmann, the writer is a little caustic in his remarks about the slim waste lines of those 9th men of 1941 vintage and the middle age spread that has so many of them on the run now.

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Weber Refreshes a Few Memories

John Weber writes from 193 Nepson Ave., Dorchester, Mass. He's a little afraid some of the old gang may have forgotten him, but he thinks Cuprys and Wadalavage will remember him as the one who let the old beat up Arab "spy(?)" escape at the burg called Bon Chebka.

John had the misfortune to lose his wife recently. He says she would have really enjoyed making the trip to Fort Bragg. Right now he hasn't decided whether he should go or not. But he sends regards to all and signs himself as a charter member from the days at Ingolstadt.

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BOB COLFLESH GETS CONNED BY TWINS

Bob Colflesh and family live at 481 Barker Rd., Springfield, Pa. He is a former E Co., 47th man. Mrs. Colflesh and three of the four youngsters will journey to Fort Bragg in July. Bob says the twins, Sam and Bob, plan on taking over when they get to Bragg. The twins are five years old but already know how to work on the old man. Their weekly allowance is salted away each week so as to be well heeled when they get to Fort Bragg. But they accompany Bob and Mrs. Colflesh on their shopping tours—since the youngsters are always broke the Colflesh treasury is tapped for double duty.

This former 47th man asks The Octofoil to make an especial appeal for a large number of former E Co., 47th men to try and attend the 1962 Reunion.

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MARTIN WORKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Bill Martin, 1110 Beaumit Avenue, Rockingham, N. C., not only sent in his own 1962 dues recently but sent in a year's dues for C. J. O'Connor, 631 11th St., Brooklyn 15, N. Y.

O'Connor is a former Cannon Co., 60th Inf. man. Bill is happy that the Reunion will be held only 70 miles from his home. He has sent Secy. Quinn eight names of former 9th men who are not members of the Association. Contact is being made with these men by the Secretary.

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People aren't very bright just because they are very lit.

MAJ. JOHN ALLEY PLANS BRAGG VISIT

Major John M. Alley has retired and his present address is 2308 North 10th St., Apt. 302, Arlington 1 Va. During the war Maj. Alley was a Warrant Officer with the AG Section of Division Headquarters. In 1953 he was sent to Korea.

When the major and Mrs. Alley get to Fort Bragg in July they'll have a Reunion all their own. Mrs. Alley has a sister in Fayetteville, whose husband is in the Army and the major has a brother stationed at Fort Bragg. Major Alley is looking forward to being able to attend a Washington, D.C. Chapter meeting in the not too distant future.

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Lt. Col. Ralph G. Edgar Will Be Leaving Pakistan

Lt. Col. Ralph G. Edgar's address when he wrote Dick Pestel in February was MAAG (OSD), Pakistan, APO 271, New York, N. Y. However in the letter he advises his tour in Pakistan will end in June and he will be returning to the states. He will have completed twenty years and plans to retire after a few more. He hopes to be assigned in or near Columbus, O. when he returns, since he has a brother-in-law living in that city. Col. Edgar was with Co. A, 39th Regt. while with the 9th Division.

The letter closes by explaining how interesting the present tour has been. He is looking forward to attending his first "Notorious Ninth" Reunion in July, 1962.

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MARVIN HANSON TRYING TO CONTACT OLD BUDDIES

Appearing in a recent issue of the DAV Magazine was a notice from Hugh Marvin Hanson, 3618 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 15, Ohio, who served in the 9th Div., Co. L 60th Regt., when it landed in North Africa; also with Service Co., 39th Regt., at Port Lyautey, Africa, and with the 47th Regt. in Sicily. Hanson is anxious to get in touch with some of his old buddies.

Shortly after the above notice appeared in the DAV paper, The Octofoil received the following letter from Hanson:

Dear Editor: Enclosed is a check. Will you please send me The Octofoil regularly. I recently received a copy from someone (I don't know who sent it) and I am very much interested. I am now in the VA Hospital here, near Cleveland, at Brecksville, but send the paper to my home address.

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Mrs. Clarence Holman Interested In History

Mrs. Clarence E. Holman, 2106 Argyle, Hamburg, Iowa, started out by writing Gen. Ed Randle for information about a history of the 47th Regt. Gen. Randle sent the correspondence to Secretary Dan Quinn.

Holman was a charter member of the Association from H Co., 47th.

Mrs. Holman advises that the two Holman boys, Richard and James, took their father's copy of "8 Stars to Victory" to their school on many occasions for schoolmates to read about exploits of the 9th Division.

Holman himself has been an agent with the R.E.A. Express Service for many years at Hamburg, Iowa. Both he and Mrs. Holman receive much pleasure from reading The Octofoil.

"HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN" FOR JERRY W. MULLIS

Jerry W. Mullis writes from 217 Brookwood Road, Belmont, N. C.

Jerry is a former E Company, 60th man, and writes "I was only with the 9th for a short time before I was wounded. However, I am very proud to have been a soldier in such a great outfit."

Jerry is a member of Parks Warren Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Mt. Holly, and saw a notice in the VFW Magazine about the Fort Bragg Reunion. He immediately contacted the secretary for information. Upon getting that information he wrote Secy. Quinn, in part, as follows:

I will most certainly be at the Reunion. I am looking forward to it so much. I am sending a check for my membership in the Association. And I hope eventually to be a LIFE MEMBER. This has been the happiest day of my life—believe me.

Jerry is trying to contact as many former 9th men as he possibly can and get them headed for Fort Bragg.

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DICK TOOLE DROPS IN ON GEN. ED RANDLE

Dick Toole, Rt. 3, Circleville, O., has just returned from a trip to Florida, visiting on both the East Coast and West Coast. While on the West Coast Dick drove to Clearwater, Fla., and enjoyed a most pleasant visit with Gen. Ed Randle.

Dick says Gen. Randle is enjoying the best of health and promised to stop over in Ohio and visit Dick's home some time in the not too distant future.

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HENRY GILLESPIE'S BROTHER WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT SOMEONE FOR INFORMATION

Henry D. Gillespie was killed in action in North Africa on January 13, 1943. He was with the 3rd Bn., 47th Regt.

Henry has a brother who is most anxious to hear from someone who served with Henry. The brother's address is Charles Gillespie, 934 Highland St., Columbus, Ohio.

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ALFRED BETAR SENDS A LIST OF INQUIRIES

Alfred J. Betar, 1830 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago 14, Ill., was a member of Co. G, 39th Regt., winding up as Top Kick of the Company. In his letter he asks about some of the G officers including Co. Cmdr. Preston O. Gordon, familiarly called "Flash" Gordon, and Lt. Col. Gunn, Bn. Cmdr. Col. Bond is also remembered in the Sarge's letter in which he asked for a 3-year membership card.

Anyone knowing the address of any one of the above should contact Betar. He also asks information about Capt. Richard H. Cleaves and Mike Puzak, the half-pint sergeant-major.

The letter closes with praise for The Octofoil.

Secy. Quinn advises The Octofoil of the following addresses:

Col. Frank L. Guinn, Hq. 1st Cav. Div., APO 24, San Francisco, Calif.

Maj. Gen. Van Bond, Ch. Prov., MAAG-K, APO 301, San Francisco, Calif.

Gen. Jesse A. Ladd, 2300 Cowper St., Palo Alto, Calif.

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SKAGEN WILL BRING HIS FAMILY BACK TO OHIO

E. O. Skagen, formerly H Co., 60th Regt., now living in Georgia, writes that his next address will be 633 S. Burgess Ave., Columbus, O.

Skagen has been working as a sociology instructor with the Extension Division of the University of Georgia. Those Georgia Crackers evidently think Skagen is a relative of Gen. Sherman and are getting their vengeance. Anyway he says he's coming back up North where the demands on his mental and physical resources will give him a few hours of leisure now and then.

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WORLD WAR I G.I. GETTING INTERESTED ABOUT REUNION

Adam Kreider, 2751 Prairie St., Elkhart, Ind., writes about being discharged from the Co. A, 9th Div. M.P.s, Jan. 12, 1919, Camp Sherman, Ala. Having read about the Ninth Division Reunion in Fort Bragg the old timer is considering taking in the affair. Secy. Quinn has advised him this Reunion is of World War II ex-G.I.s but he will be welcome to participate in the activities if he so desires.

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Agostinelli Signed Up For a Life Membership

Sabatino Agostinelli, former Hq. 9th Med. Bn. man, now lives at 39 Latta Rd., Rochester 12, N. Y. In a letter of recent date, Sabatino writes Secretary Quinn thusly:

Dear Dan: I have enclosed my membership application together with a money order for Life membership. Kindly ask Dom Miele to place my name on the Greater New York Chapter mailing list.

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OLIVER O. KING ACTIVE IN FRATERNAL ORDER

In Independent Order of Odd Fellow circles it is now Major General Oliver O. King, Department Commander for Pennsylvania. Gen. King is a former Co. L 39th man. In a note to Secy. Quinn he writes:

Dear Dan: At this time I would like to thank you for all the past issues of The Octofoil. I am very proud to have been a member of the Ninth Division. I am sorry that I have not been very active in the Association these past few years, but am happy to say I do enjoy reading the news of all the fellows who are still active. Since our Chapter in Pittsburgh folded up I have put all my efforts in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and am happy to say I have come a long way in the order. I enjoy this work very much and I think we are doing some good in the world. I, along with a few hundred other Odd Fellows will be in Washington May 5 and 6 to honor the Unknown Soldiers in Arlington Cemetery.

Oliver's address is Rt. 4, Box 538, Coraopolis, Pa.

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Fiorentino Asks For Citation Information

Pat Fiorentino, former 60th Inf. Med., writes from 648 Central Ave., Bound Brook, N. J., as follows:

Dear Dan: I would like to know how I could obtain the Presidential Unit Citation that was awarded to us, the 2nd Bn., 60th Inf. for the Sedjane Valley Campaign in Tunisia, in the Spring of 1943.

I was told when I was in a hospital at Fort Dix in 1944 that our battalion was awarded this citation at the time I was discharged from the hospital. I'm interested in any other medals we of the 60th are entitled to from January, 1941 to August, 1943, from Fort Bragg to Port Lyautey, through the African campaign up to Sicily. From there I was sent to the hospital and then back to the U. S.

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Drinks Up All Their Beer



Reaching the halfway mark—between his Texas rendezvous and New York City, Art Schmidt recognized familiar surroundings and learned it was Columbus, Ohio, where they serve only 3.2 beer on Sunday unless one knows the ropes. Not to be outdone the crafty New Yorker located Dick Pestel and asked to be led to some high-powered beer. Dick was on the water wagon but directed Schmidt to Bobby Pestel's home. They're all pictured above.

A BLANK SOMETIMES

A woman got on the train with nine children, and when the conductor came for her tickets, she said: "Now these children are 13 years old and pay full fare, but those three over there are only six and these three here are four and a half."

The conductor looked at her in astonishment. "Do you mean to say you get three every time?" he inquired.

"Oh, no," she said. "Sometimes we don't get any at all."

Capt. Paul Lynch's Dad Is In Sweden

Mr. Joe Lynch, the father of Capt. Paul Lynch, who was killed in action while serving with the 39th Regt. was visiting many sectors of Europe when The Octofoil last heard from him. In a letter dated March 27 and mailed from Vallingby, Sweden, Mr. Lynch wrote:

This is my eleventh trip to the "Old World" since the close of World War II. They tell me my roots are somewhere in County Kerry, Ireland, so I always end up in Limerick at Ardhu House. Around Christmas time I can hear the rocks calling me back to the Shannon which flows through the heart of Limerick. I was 72 in February and the good Lord willing I hope to make a few more trips over before I get too old to navigate. I flew to Stockholm via Oslo, Norway in eight hours. I was here for my daughter's birthday which fell on St. Patrick's Day. My son-in-law is assigned to the U.S. embassy here. I plan to fly to Paris, March 30, after a week visiting friends there I fly to London, then to Dublin. My plans are flexible but I have set a date for flying to Idlewild Airport as of May 10.

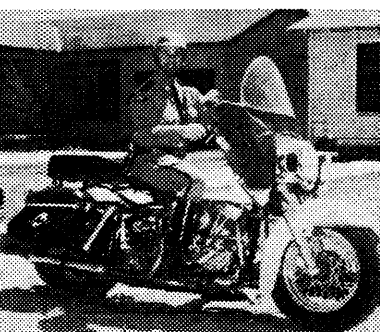
I had a letter last week from the English nurse who took care of Paul when he was in the hospital at Manchester, England, after being hit in both arms and legs with shrapnel at St. Lo Aug. 8, 1944. I go to see this nurse each time I come to Europe.

I am looking forward to the reunion this year. I believe it will be well attended.

Mr. Lynch's home address when he gets back stateside will be 54 West Allendale Ave., Allendale, N. J.

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Lawman For 17 Years



SAMMIE R. GOODWIN

Sammie Goodwin, a former Co. 1, 60th man, has been on the San Angelo (Texas) Police force since July, 1945. Right now he's chalking up his ninth year piloting a motorcycle for the department.

NINTH'S OWN HUGH ADDONIZIO KNOCKS 'EM FOR A "LOOP"

Former Ninth Division men from Frisco to Maine were jubilant when they picked up morning editions of newspapers and saw the headlines: "HUGH ADDONIZIO IS ELECTED MAYOR OF NEWARK, N. J."

Just like he battled against odds many times while in combat with the Ninth Division, Addonizio bucked the entrenched machine politicians who were thought to be impregnable. But the Ninth's Hugh took 'em on—one, two, three, just like Grant took Richmond.

He bucked Dennis Carey's powerful Democratic Organization and unseated the two-term Mayor, Leo P. Carlin.

Addonizio's margin of victory was 24,000 votes of 101,000 votes cast.

The morning editions of the New York Herald-Tribune on May 10, printed four-column pictures of the Hugh J. Addonizio family—which includes six fine looking youngsters: Carol, 15; Frank, 13; Lois, 12; James, 8; Thomas, 7, and Joseph, 3.

The Octofoil salutes you, Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio, a true son of the Ninth Infantry Division.

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TAYLOR DIGS UP SOME NOTES

Wilton Taylor, Stop 6, Lost Hills, Calif., a former Co. M, 47th man, comes through with some notes of interest to former 9th men. In a letter of recent date Taylor writes that he heard from Sgt. Richard L. Kinkennon, who is still in the service and in Germany, but headed for the U. S. in the very near future.

Kinkennon mentions having visited with Vernon Dowers, Co. M, 47th, in Decatur, Ill., the last time he was in this country.

Other notes from Taylor reveal the information that Blackie Waldon is now working in Anchorage, Alaska.