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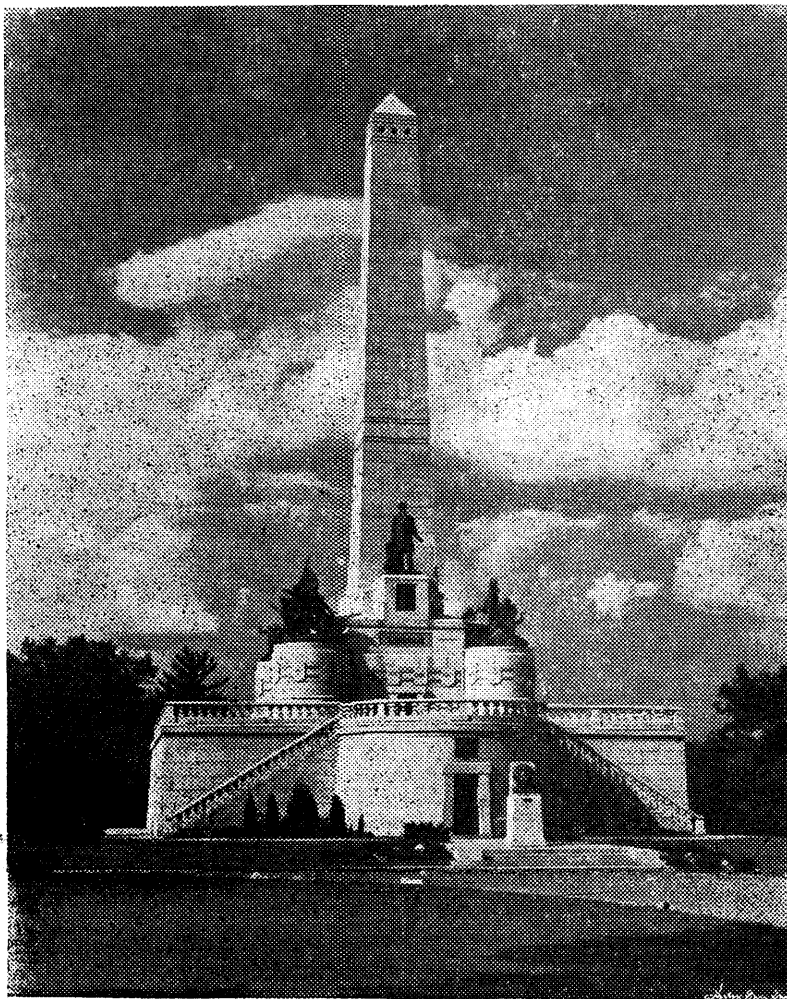
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## FORMER 9TH MEN WILL HONOR BUDDIES HERE



On Saturday morning, July 27, 1963 former Ninth Infantry Division men will kneel in silent prayer and again pay their respects to the many buddies who paid the supreme sacrifice. The above photograph is a likeness of the sacred spot where the Memorial Services will be held during the 1963 Reunion in Springfield, Ill. It is the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln, the final resting place of the sixteenth President of the United States. Following the services, Association President Francis Maher and Governor Otto Kerner, of Illinois, will lay a wreath at Lincoln's grave.

## LINCOLN'S HOME IN SPRINGFIELD POINT OF INTEREST TO ALL

The Octofoil has a fairly good supply of historical pictures furnished by the Springfield (Ill.) Convention Bureau. From time to time some of these pictures will be printed in The Octofoil. Next month a picture of the Abraham Lincoln Home in Springfield will be printed.

Lincoln's home on the corner of Eighth and Jackson Streets is the shrine most intimately associated with his life in Springfield. It is the only home he ever owned and to it he brought his wife and infant son, Robert Todd, after the first two years of their married life had been spent at boarding houses and at the Globe Tavern, where board and room were \$4.00 a week.

Lincoln purchased the house and lot for \$1,500 on May 2, 1844. The house is the original structure, and stands on the same location as when the Lincolns lived in it. The Lincolns did make some changes. Lincoln ordered "brick of suitable quality and sufficient number . . . to build a front fence on a brick foundation."

The house is made of native hard woods and white pine; the framework and the floors are oak; the laths are hand-split hickory; the doors, door frames, and weatherboarding are pine grained to resemble walnut.

During the past several decades much of the original furniture has been gradually returned to the Home and this has been used as a nucleus in restoring the house as nearly as possible to its appearance while the Lincolns lived there.

It was in the north parlors of the home on May 19, 1860 that Lincoln received the committee appointed to notify him formally of his nomination for the presidency.

### GOOD-BY TO HIS NEIGHBORS

On the platform of the rear car of a train that was taking Lincoln to Washington after being elected to the presidency he bared his head to a downpour of rain and to his friends he solemnly spoke:

My Friends: No one, not in my situation, can appreciate my feelings of sadness at this parting. To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything. Here I have lived a quarter of a century, and have passed from a young to an old man. Here my children have been born, and one is buried. I now leave, not knowing when, or whether ever, I may return, and a task before me greater than that which rested upon Washington. Without the assistance of that Divine Being, who ever attended him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance I cannot fail. Trusting in Him, who can go with me, and remain with you and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To His care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you an affectionate farewell."

The children of Ninth Division men who will accompany dad and mother to Springfield next July for the Reunion will be impressed and learn more history first hand than could be absorbed from all the books that have been written about the Great Emancipator.

No visit to Springfield is complete without viewing Abraham Lincoln's Home and Tomb. The Tomb is located in Oak Ridge Cemetery about two miles north of the Capitol.

The tomb was dedicated on October 15, 1874 but in 1930-31 it was completely reconstructed on a plan by and with the supervision of State Architect C. Herrick Hammond. The tomb as it was before reconstruction was an imperfect memorial compared to the splendid shrine it is today, a dignified and beautiful tribute to the man who "belongs to the ages."

The exterior of the tomb was left unchanged, but the interior extensively remodeled.

## NEWSPAPERS IN WORCESTER USE MANY COLUMNS DESCRIBING THE MEMORIAL-DEDICATION SERVICES

This entire issue of The Octofoil could be devoted to reprinting the beautiful stories that were printed in The Worcester Telegram and Gazette about the impressive memorial and dedication services held in that city on Nov. 10, at the Immaculate Conception Church by Father Ed Connors and still many scores of inches of printed material would have to be eliminated because of space limitations.

The Catholic Free Press came out on Friday, Nov. 9 with a beautiful 4-column story and a 2-column picture of Gen. Wm. Westmoreland and Father Connors.

Parts of a finely written article appearing in The Free Press under the signature of Rev. Edmund M. Gannon reads:

### MEMORABLE CHAPTER

"The most memorable chapter in the history of the Ninth Infantry Division runs through the story of all the battles won. . . . It is a chapter filled with simple stories of many men. Its last sentence reads only: 'Killed In Action.'"

"This chapter was written by 4,581 men of the Ninth. It is the deeds of these men which give meaning to the dedication of a memorial on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Church Sunday morning. . . . The deceased of the division have been over the years the rallying force of these reunions. It was to pray for them that Rev. Edward T. Connors, pastor of Immaculate Conception, and a former chaplain with the 9th, gathered together a handful of veterans 18 years ago to offer Mass for the repose of the souls of their deceased comrades.

"This year when the largest number is expected they will find this greatest chapter of the Ninth Division history told on a bronze plaque bearing the words—'Killed in Action—4,581.'"

### MICROFILM

"Directly above a Mosaic showing a uniformed chaplain saying prayers over the grave of a soldier, will be placed a roll of microfilm bearing the names of all the deceased. The microfilm was flown to Worcester by Maj. Gen. W. C. Westmoreland, commandant of West Point, and former chief of staff of the Ninth. . . .

### HALLOWED PLACE

"Relatives and friends will be able to go back home content that the memorial to their loved ones will be a daily reminder to one priest at least to continue to serve in prayer those men whom once he served as military chaplain. They can rest assured that the 'new resting place' of their loved ones will be hallowed by the devotion of this priest."

Quoting parts of a story from The Worcester Telegram it reads:

### CHAPLAIN CONNORS' DREAM

"A memorial to the 4,581 American soldiers killed in action while serving with the Army's Ninth Infantry Div. was dedicated on the Immaculate Conception Church grounds. "More than 1,000 persons witnessed the ceremony, fulfillment of the dream of Rev. Edward T. Connors to honor the men who died at his side in wartime.

### TWO GENERALS THERE

"Two retired Army generals participating in the dedication, Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig, a wartime commander of the Ninth, gave the principal address at the monument and later at a reunion banquet.

Lt. Gen. Harry P. Storke, a peacetime commander of the Ninth, spoke at the dedication. He is now president of Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

### "DEPTH OF SENTIMENT"

In his dedicatory address, Gen.

Craig compared the ceremony with the dedication of the Civil War battlefield at Gettysburg a century ago.

He talked of President Lincoln's address and of the deep meaning drawn from his immortal words.

"Certain aspects of the origin of this monument cause it to utter meaning that transcends any words that can be read. It is far more than simply a formal memorial," said Gen. Craig. "It too, reaches into the depths of human sentiment.

"I believe," added the general, "That those who are familiar with the division association know of the inception of today's memorial. How it first became a project. How it finally came into being as we now see it.

"It was conceived by a mind, but was truly born in a heart. The materialization of a man's love for men, known men, his friends, men in uniform among whom the day's banter was part of the soldier's life.

"But, men, many of whom sounded their secret depths for his ear alone—their thoughts, aspirations, burdens, anxieties, fears—sometimes men with a premonition of what would soon come to pass—often men for whom life's future span was limited to an hour, minutes, seconds.

### "POIGNANT EXPERIENCE"

"He will understand, I trust," said Gen. Craig, "that I do not speak in eulogy of a living man but only in recognition of the poignant experience and deep personal feeling that this monument embodies, which, with our own memories, gives it a spirit that reaches out to embrace us all—and them—today and on those morrows that will come again in other Novembers."

Gen. Craig added, "As we return to our homes, it will be with a grateful sense that the years of faithful pilgrimage have been given a visible crown of devotion that will pay tribute daily during the absences of those who come yearly at this time, for this day of homage."

### AT THE BANQUET

At the banquet, General Craig closed the program with these words: "This morning we become deeply aware of the underlying comradeship of the living with those who have gone before them.

### "SPIRIT OF DEDICATION"

"I am sure that it is a source of satisfaction to those parents and relatives present today whose senses of bereavement and loss exceeded even that of comrades, in arms, to know that their loved ones are remembered by us—that a great infantry division with a proven spirit of dedication in combat and in victory—never forgets."

Informality was an unwritten law for procedure at the banquet. Gen. Craig commented after the dinner he was thankful someone had tipped him off previously to expect just about anything to happen before the program at the Sheraton was concluded.

Gen. Craig was thrown into the 9th Division at a crucial time—during its most trying days. Unlike his predecessors who had enjoyed the companionship of the men during periods of relaxation, it was a touch and go for survival every minute of the time after Gen. Craig arrived.

Many saw him relaxed and enjoying social contacts with "his boys" for the first time at Connors Coffee Shop on Saturday night preceding the Memorial Services. And it was difficult to figure out just who was enjoying themselves the most—Gen. Craig or the "troops." He didn't try to hide his enjoyment but if he had tried he could not have done so—the sparkle in his eyes moving from table to table in Connors' Coffee Shop

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## COMPILING 9TH DATA



JACQUES ROBICOHN

In the last issue of The Octofoil former 9th men were asked to send any data relative to the North African invasion that was available to Jacques Robicohn of the Editions Robert Laffont, 30, Rue de L'Universite, Paris VII. Monsieur Robicohn is now in the process of compiling a historical volume covering many episodes that took place on this unforgettable day. The Octofoil is indebted to Monique Touzard for furnishing the above photograph of the author.

—PAY 1-9-63 DUES TODAY—

It isn't what a girl knows that should bother a man. It's how she learned it.

## COHEN SUBS FOR SANTA CLAUS AT KIDDIES' PARTY

At the New York Chapter Kiddies' Christmas Party held on Dec. 2 Chapter President Stanley Cohen gave a great assist in keeping the youngsters amused until Santa Claus arrived. He helped them in making recitals, singing carols and dancing. If any of the amateur photographers present got any shots of Cohen in his various poses with trousers rolled up to his knees, these shots will be an interesting feature for a future meeting.

Dom Miele and Irv Feinberg assisted in showing the colored cartoons. Feinberg seemed to enjoy the films as much as the children did.

John Rizzo and Al Rago were kept busy serving pitchers of beer to the guests.

The bartenders didn't get much of a rating from Art Schmidt's mother when they served her plain old soda pop instead of a growler filled with the sudsy stuff.

John Mutchko attended the Christmas Party for the first time. When everyone began to notice how quick Mutchko emptied his beer pitcher, he tried to prove but was unsuccessful, that Harry Wax and Art Schmidt were snitching his beer. There were at least 40 children at the party—the largest attendance of any previous Christmas party that the Chapter has held.

The bowling facilities had a good play.

—PAY 1-9-63 DUES TODAY—

Most people never put their best foot forward until they get the other in hot water.

—PAY 1-9-63 DUES NOW—

If some women did what efficient experts do people would call it nagging.

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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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## PREXY EXTENDS HIS THANKS —

Dear Comrades: This year at our Annual Memorial Mass, we had the largest turnout of any previous year. The church's seating capacity was exhausted with all available standing room being filled.

I believe the dedication of our Memorial was the most impressive ceremony that has ever been held by or for the Ninth Infantry Division Association. This year's services proved conclusively the deep emotional feeling our members hold for their fallen comrades. They also showed their love, respect and appreciation for Father Ed Connors never ending thoughts of our deceased buddies.

The large gathering in Worcester November 10 was the members way of saying thanks to a man who has devoted so much time to consoling the bereaved next-of-kin of those who paid the Supreme Sacrifice. The Ninth Infantry Division holds a high place of honor throughout the entire nation because of our continued devoted dedication to our deceased Comrades.

The Memorial has fulfilled a long awaited dream that Father Connors has had for many years—dreaming that some day he could erect and dedicate a memorial to those who fell in battle. God has now granted Father Connors' wish. It is also rewarding to him that we increase the number of members who attend these services each year. We pledge in our preamble that we will always be dedicated to our deceased. The devotion our members show each year in faithfully attending the Memorial Services in Worcester is a fulfillment of that pledge.

This year (1962) was our eighteenth annual memorial mass. I feel that I was speaking for the entire membership of the Association when I joined with Father Connors at the unveiling of the wonderful memorial and uttered the words, "Comrades, we have not forgotten you."

Yours in Comradeship,  
**FRANCIS K. MAHER,**  
National President, Ninth Infantry Division Association.  
14 Davenport St., Worcester, Mass.

## Police Officers Did An Excellent Job

Those men Chief of Police Jeremiah T. O'Leary of Worcester assigned to the color guard detail during the Memorial Services conducted by Father Ed Connors Nov. 10 for 9th Division men who paid the Supreme Sacrifice, were well trained and well drilled patrolmen. The precision-like movements of these officers would pass inspection of any spit and polish expert. They were:

Lieutenant James A. Kelliher, Sergeant Francis E. Savage, Patrolman Carl R. Clair, Patrolman Richard E. Daily, Patrolman Henry F. Kiesel, Patrolman Francis P. Shugrue.

The Octofoil is indebted to Deputy Chief of Police Thomas H. Sullivan for furnishing names of the above capable detail of fine officers.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## ERNIE SKAGEN "GRUB STAKES" IN INDIANA

For sometime now the address of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Skagen has been 38-A Lamar Apts., Savannah, Ga. But they've decided they'd rather be Hoosiers than Georgia Crackers—so their new address will be 125 E. 48th St., Indianapolis 5, Indiana.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

If you can't find it in the dictionary, the Atlas or the Encyclopedia, don't be discouraged. Ask for it at the drug store.

## CONVENTION PROFIT SHOWS \$1,583 TOTAL

When the Board of Governors convened in Worcester, Mass. and President Maher asked for a report from General Reunion Chairman Herbert Clegg and Treasurer Walter Slover the Board members were not prepared for the kind of report that was filed. When Chairman Clegg read out after all expenses paid—Convention Profit, \$1,583.00, eyes began to pop open wider and wider.

The rising vote of thanks given to the Fayetteville Reunion Committee by the Board was really an enthusiastic vote of thanks.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## Banquet In Worcester Has a Real Follow-up

A few of those who have attended Father Connors Memorial Services each year have labored under the erroneous impression that the jolly banquet party held at a downtown hotel after the Services was the Grand Finale to the program. How wrong these fellows are: For the past few years Francis and Olive Maher have opened up the recreation room of their basement and held an open house. The drinks and eats they set out are fit for a king—and each year the crowd who stop at 14 Davenport St., Worcester, before they start the long trek back home, just grows and grows.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

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told a story that words could not convey—he was really having a ball just being "one of the boys." The general was considerate enough to furnish The Octofoil the text of his prepared address. Only highlights of the fine talk are being used in this story. Maybe at some later date the entire address can be printed.

**CITY MANAGER**

City Manager McGrath said it was fitting and appropriate that the monument overlook the road the city dedicated to its war dead—Gold Star Boulevard.

## "A REAL LEGEND"

Gen. Storke said it was his first meeting with Father Connors, whom he described as a "real legend of the Ninth," and the "most reliable of all" in a division whose motto is "Old Reliable."

## BANQUET MENUS

The banquet menu was a neat 16-page and cover job filled with many fine messages and poems, all worthy of being reprinted in full in The Octofoil if space permitted. Just an idea of the scheme adopted to put over the menu information, parts of it read thusly:

Grapefruit de Safi-Thala

Soup de Maknassy-El Guettar

Chicken (peutetre) de Bizerte

Vegetable de Cherbourg

Biscuit—de St. Lo

Hurtegen Sauce—

Remagen Sauce

Among the 500 or more who attended the banquet were the Honorable Mayor Joseph E. Casdin of Worcester, City Manager Francis J. McGrath. Excused after the Dedication because of another meeting was Congressman Harold Donahue.

## FORMER 9TH MEN HELP

Father Gerald Rowan, Wichita, Kan.; Rev. Edward F. Jocham, Ridgefield, N. J., and Rev. Hilary M. Tardif of Montreal, assisted Father Connors at the Communion services, and spoke at the banquet. Father Rowan was an M.P. with the Ninth Division. Father Jocham was a BAR man with the 39th Regt., and holder of the Purple Heart; Father Tardif was a chaplain with the division before the outfit was sent overseas.

## UNABLE TO FINISH

Near the close of the Memorial Mass Father Connors was unable to finish his sermon. Having listed the battle campaigns and the men lost fighting them, Father Connors started to read a letter from a Gold Star Mother of a lad who died in his arms . . .

He never finished.

The Octofoil is in possession of two prized communications, one signed by Father Connors and the other by Gen. Craig, written by each because of the small part The Octofoil played in trying to help make a success of this great day in Worcester—they're both very short, but speak volumes: Father Connors writes: "You are a great Apostle of the 9th Division."

And Gen. Craig: "You are rendering a wonderful service of the Association."

There are other stories in this issue dealing with the Memorial Services, written by such dedicated members as Harry Orenstein and Joe McKenzie. Each are well written but it is hard to express the beauty of this whole thing. Every former Ninth Division man owes it to himself to attend at least one of these Memorial Services that will make any former Ninth Division man have a feeling of satisfaction in knowing that he has fulfilled a duty and has contributed to something worthwhile—that gives an inner feeling of satisfaction.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## EVERYONE ADMITS THE BUGLERS WERE "TOPS"

Much favorable comment was heard after the Memorial Services in Worcester about the fine job done by the buglers during the services. Very few knew that the buglers were a father and son team—Thomas D'Errico and Michael D'Errico, 197 Hamilton St., Worcester, Mass.

The bugle sounds and the echoes touched the most hardened and calloused old dog faces when the notes floated out over the heads of the vast congregation.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## ANOTHER ENGINEER VISITED

Dick Pestel informs The Octofoil that while he was on his prolonged New England visit another hospitable home he was able to visit in that area was the home of George and Sally McSheehy, 102 Forest St., Fitchburg, Mass. Mc was one of the 15th Engr. lads who stuck it out with the Ninth in such fine fashion.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Life is full of disappointments. Nothing ever comes off except buttons.

## NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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"Eight Stars to Victory" \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 2.00 ☐

(Pictorial History of 9th Division in action.)

Ladies' Auxiliary Member \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 1.50 ☐

Combat Route Map \_\_\_\_\_ \$ .50 ☐

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## 1962 REUNION HOTEL RESERVATION FORM Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion July 25, 26, 27, 1963

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Children under 12 free in the same room. Family rates are available upon request to the hotel.

The hotel is completely air conditioned. Free parking in hotel parking lots.

## BOARD ORDERS A GOLD STAR COMMITTEE SET-UP

As will be noted in the minutes of the Nov. 10 Board of Governors meeting a permanent Gold Star Parents Committee was authorized.

President Francis Maher appointed Paul S. Plunkett, Ohio Chapter, Chairman of the Committee.

Plunkett has asked Ronald Murphy of the New England Chapter, to serve on the Committee with him. Other members will be selected before the Springfield Reunion.

Duties of the Committee will be to see that Gold Star parents are properly planned for at Reunions and those who desire to be on the Association's mailing list are placed on the list to receive The Octofoil and other Association information.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## Franklin's Address Was Omitted From Last Issue

A short notice was run in the last issue of The Octofoil about Charles H. Franklin, a former K Co. 39th man. Inadvertently his present address was omitted from the story last month. This is it: Charles H. Franklin, 5741 Flamingo Way, Hialeah, Fla.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## OCTOFOIL SENDS THANKS FOR THE BEAUTIFUL CARDS

The Octofoil wishes it was humanly possible to acknowledge receipt of every Christmas and New Year's card that has been sent in by former Ninth men from all parts of the world. Since this can not happen, it is hoped those who did not receive acknowledgment cards will be tolerant and understand what a tremendous job it would have been to try and acknowledge them all.

Please accept wishes from everyone connected with the Octofoil for a Prosperous and a Happy 1963.

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## John L. Sullivan With Labelon Tape Co., Inc.

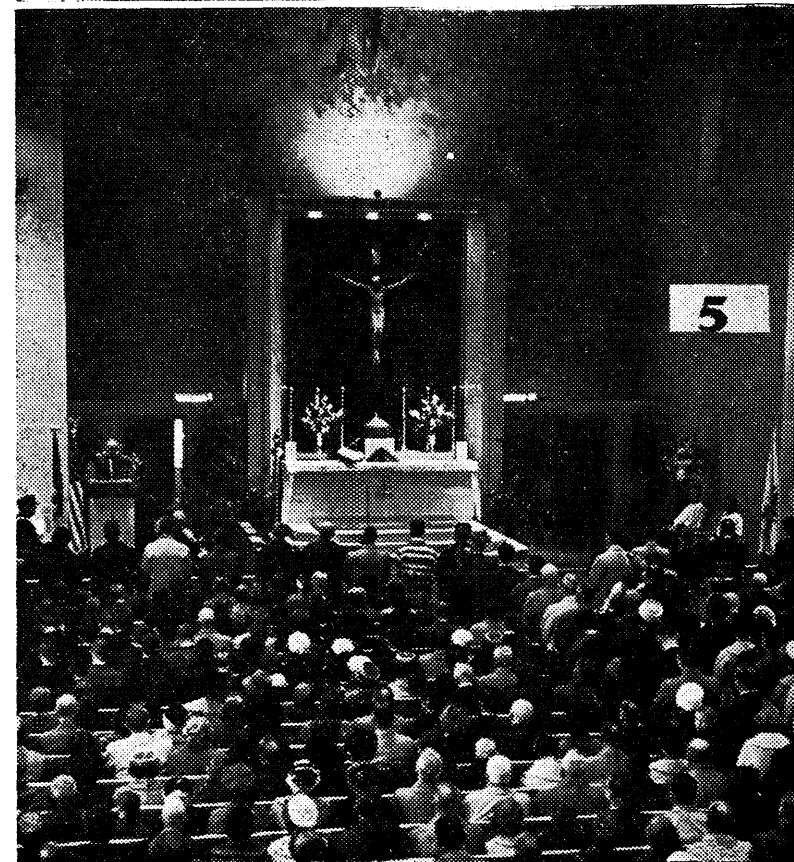
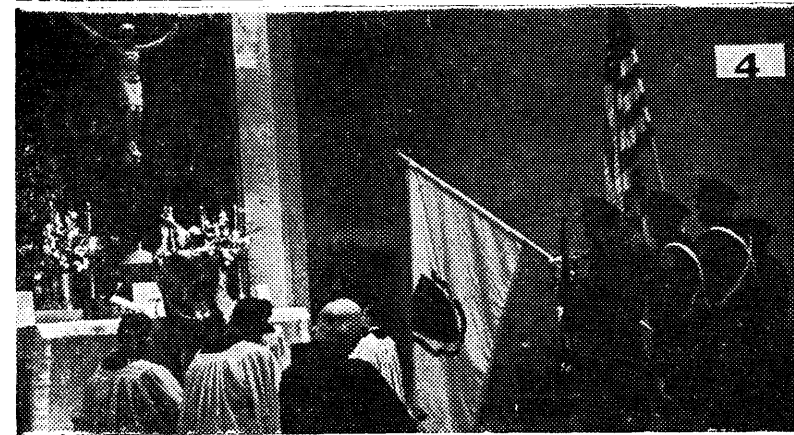
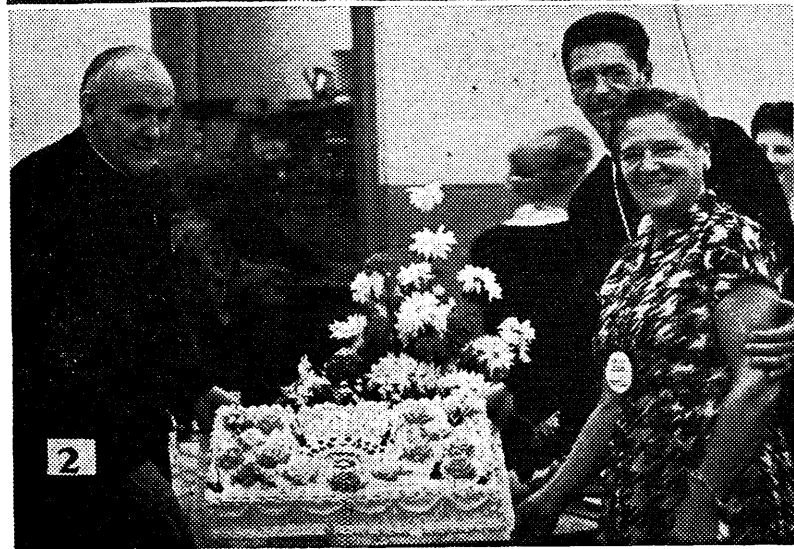
John L. Sullivan, a former G Co. 47th man, is the New York sales representative for the Labelon Tape Co., Inc., with offices at 349 Broadway, Room 800, New York 13, N. Y.

Sully's phone number is WO. 6-4940. He'd like to hear from any of his old buddies.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Time tells on a woman—especially a good time.



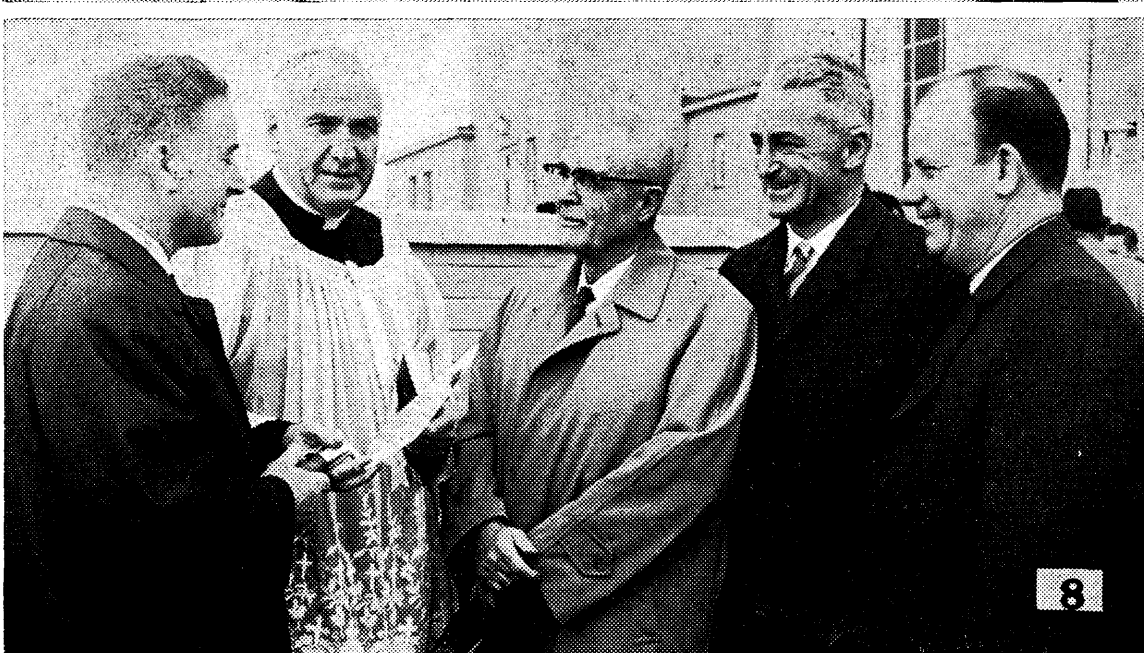


Worcester Story In Pixs

Arranged on this page is a partial story in picture form of the wonderful program arranged for former Ninth men, their families and friends at Worcester before, during and after dedication of the impressive Ninth Infantry Division Memorial on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Church, facing Gold Star Boulevard. Early arrivals were National President "Franny" Maher, Worcester, and "Dick" Pestel, Board member, Columbus, O., so Father Ed Connors in picture No. 1 explains to them the art of brewing coffee before the crowd starts arriving for the Saturday night good fellowship program in Connors Coffee Shop. No. 2 shows Arthur Paulis, New York Chapter, and his mother, Mrs. Frances Saers with the beautiful and delicious cake Mrs. Saers prepared for the event. No. 3 shows a few of the fine ladies in the Immaculate Conception Parish who worked so hard to make everyone enjoy themselves. No. 4 shows the honor color guards, made up of Worcester's finest, from the local Police Department. Names appear elsewhere in this issue. No. 5 is another interior view of the Church. Every available seat was filled, with very little, if any, standing room left. No. 6: Maj. Gen. William Westmoreland and Father Connors examine the package which contained the names of all former Ninth Division men who were killed in action. The Gen. Westmoreland-Father Connors combination accomplished the "impossible" in being able to get this list in shape for the dedication. No. 7, an impressive view of Father Connors at the microphone during the dedication services. No. 8: President Maher with his bricklayer's trowel preparing to seal the deceased buddies' names in one of the cornerstones. To the left of Maher is Father Ed, Maj. Gen. Louis Craig, Maj. Gen. Harry P. Storke, both former Ninth Division commanders, and Franz L. Steiner, of the Immaculate Conception Parish, the artist, who drew the original sketches for the Memorial Monument. No. 9: The honor guard and a group of the solemn observers high on the hill overlooking Gold Star Boulevard.



The Octofoil is indebted to The Worcester (Massachusetts) TELEGRAM and GAZETTE for pictures Nos. 1, 6, 7, 8, and 9 on this page. Pictures Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 were furnished by Peter Nappellio, Worcester photographer.





## NEW YORK CHAPTER MEETING PAYS HONOR TO FEINGBERG AND MIELE

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The November 2 meeting held at the Hotel Van Rensselaer, 15 E. 11th St., New York City, was featured by a testimonial program honoring the Chapter Secretary, Dominick Miele, and the Chapter Treasurer, Irving Feinberg, for their long and devoted service to the Chapter and the Association. Delicious platters of fried shrimp or hamburgers were served. Both Miele and Feinberg were presented with wrist watches as a token of the Chapter's appreciation for their services. Danny Quinn acted as M.C. and requested the following members to say a few words in honor of Miele and Feinberg: Adolph Wadalavage, Mr. Michael McInerney (a Gold-Star father), George Apar, Ed Egan, Walter O'Keeffe, Frank Fazio, Stanley Cohen and Art Schmidt. Miele responded by complimenting the membership on their active interest in the Chapter affairs, and their willingness to assist him. Feinberg thanked the membership for their confidence in him.

Quinn took advantage of being M.C. and made damaging accusations about the Chapter's Public Relations director, claiming his vacation had been cut short in order to get back to New York and free load at the Chapter's chow line.

**SCHOLARSHIP**  
Walter O'Keeffe, chairman of the Chapter Scholarship Committee, gave a report on the status of the scholarship. He suggested that anyone interested write him at 1859 Woodbine St., Ridgewood 27, N. Y., giving the name of the school the child is now attending, the name of the school the child would like to attend. Any child of a Ninth Infantry Division man is eligible.

Feinberg advised that the Chapter was operating in the black, as usual.

**FAZIO REPORTS**  
Frank Fazio gave a report on the October dance. The dance realized a

profit but not without assistance of the 50-50 Club. Fazio gave praise to those who assisted in selling the 50-50 tickets at the dance. About 100 attended. They were enjoying themselves to such an extent—the band was employed to go into overtime. Frank made an appeal for more of the members to attend the next Chapter dance.

50-50 Club winners were:  
First prize: Bill Burke.  
Second prize: Therese Burke.  
Third prize: Joseph Keller.  
Fourth prize: Wm. Fridenthal.  
Consolation prize winners:  
Stanley Cohen, Therese Burke, Joseph D'Emilio, Ernest Streppa, Clem Cosenza, N. Conway, G. Anderson, S. J. Confalone, Simon Semidei, John Margoless.

### ON THE AIR

Catchy notices were mailed to radio stations and newspapers in the Greater New York area announcing the Dec. 2 Christmas party that was held at the Elks' Lodge in Union City, N. J., and the Dec. 7 meeting, held at the Jamaica American Legion Home.

Besides these notices in the press and over the air lanes the informative mimeographed letters that are sent to the New York members keep them fully informed of what has been happening and what is on the agenda for forthcoming meetings necessitates an awful lot of work—and only dedicated members of the Chapter would sacrifice the time that is needed each month to do the thorough job that is being done.

Jack Scully walked off with top chow hound honors.

Harry Pablech, 39th Regt. was a new member at the meeting. More than 30 were present.

Fred Elmo donated some clothing to be sold at the Christmas party to get some income for the Chapter. The members appreciate the inconvenience and expense Mr. McInerney went to in order to provide the hard candy for the Christmas party.

Al Rago, Danny Quinn, Walter O'Keeffe, Stanley Cohen, Jack Scully and Frank Fazio were selected as a Christmas Party committee.

## SMALL FRY IN NEW YORK HAVE THEIR FUN



Expressions on the faces of New York Chapter's "young fry"—noted above, explains why each year that Chapter's picnic is looked forward to with great expectation by young and old alike. The sack race winners are being supervised by John Rizzo, one of New York's representatives on the National Board of Governors.

## ORENSTEIN KEEPS EAGLE EYE ON YOUNGSTERS



Pictured here is another group of husky looking youngsters who enjoyed the June, 1962 picnic staged by the New York Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Keeping an eye on the youngsters is newly elected Third Vice President of the National Association, Harry Orenstein, of the Greater New York Chapter.

## ROCHESTER DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE DEVOTES THREE FULL COLUMNS OF SPACE DEALING WITH THE CAREER OF SERVICE CONNECTED DISABLED FORMER 9TH MAN

On Oct. 12 The Rochester (N. Y.) Democrat and Chronicle printed a story with a 3-column head about a former Ninth man, Natale Valone. The story was accompanied by a 2-column picture of Nat in his Rochester store with the following caption under the picture:

**HE CONQUERED HANDICAP—**Natale Valone of 253 Governor Terrace, Irondequoit, still limps from effects of sniper's bullet that hit his spine in World War II, but today he owns a successful store on Joseph Avenue, Rochester.

Parts of the story reads:  
The ex-9th Division infantryman still limps from the effects of a sniper's bullet, had this advice for employers considering hiring a handicapped person:

"I think the handicapped person may be apt to give the job more because he has a handicap. He may feel as if he has one strike against him and may try to prove himself because his job opportunities are limited."

Mrs. Edith Wixson, selective placement interviewer for the State Employment Service, said Rochester area employers were discovering that handicapped workers, properly

trained and placed, can be the most loyal and productive employees.

Valone spent six months in the hospital after he was picked off by a sniper on Aug. 6, 1944, in Villieu-Les-Poels in Northern France. Although he recalled that doctors appeared amazed at his recovery, Valone said his wound "never bothered me; I never thought of it as a handicap."

After a short stint in 1945 at the Hawk-Eye Camera Works, Valone invested his service savings in a liquor store, which he still owns.

### SHOWS OCTOFOIL

Asked if he had any advice for the handicapped, Valone produced a copy of The Octofoil, a newspaper for veterans of his old outfit, the 9th Division.

The publication's assistant editor, he explained, suffered a 100 per cent disability from a severe stomach wound and had not been able to work regularly since the war. However, Valone continued, "you never hear him complain of his illness."

"I think the most important thing is to have an aim," Valone said, "even if it's not a job, but just something to do."

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

### IMPOLITE

Mae: "What a cute little baby, red headed too. Was his father a red head?"

Gae: "I don't know. He didn't take his hat off."

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

A dog is man's best friend because he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

One way to cover a mediocre past is to build a splendid future over it.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

## NEW YORK GROUP ELECTS A SLATE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

New York Chapter met on Dec. 7 at the American Legion Post, 147th Place and Jamaica Ave., Jamaica, N. Y. The following were proposed by the Nomination Committee, and since there were no additional nominations from the floor George Apar moved the nominations be closed. The officers were elected unanimously:

President: Walter O'Keeffe.  
1st Vice-President: Ed Iannetti.  
2nd Vice-President: Valentine De Maria.

Secretary: Dominick Miele.  
Treasurer: Irving Feinberg.  
Sergeant at Arms: Al Orletti.  
Chaplain: George Apar.  
Judge Advocate: Ed Egan.

**New Board of Governors—Elected to Serve Until Dec. 31, 1964**

39th Inf.: Pete Uhl, succeeding Pat Higgins, term expiring Dec. 31, 1962.  
47th Inf.: Pat Morano, succeeding Al Orletti, term expiring Dec. 31, 1962.

60th Inf.: Charles Librette, succeeding Harry Juneman, term expiring Dec. 31, 1962.

Special Troops: Al Rago, succeeding Dave Gelman, term expiring December 31, 1962.

Divarty: Hefferman, succeeding Max Umansky, term expiring December 31, 1962.

**Members Still Serving on the Board, Until Dec. 31, 1963**

39th Inf.: Herminio Suarez.  
47th Inf.: Jack Scully.

60th Regt.: George Fraenkel.  
Special Troops: Ed Goldstein.

Divarty: Kenneth Grosse.

### OFFERS ASSISTANCE

Outgoing President Stanley Cohen offered his assistance to the incoming president, Walter O'Keeffe, who said he would be glad to have the benefit of Stan's experience, and expressed need for cooperation of the entire membership.

After the election considerable discussion relative to the scholarship was held. Stanley Cohen and George Apar staged a debate on some points of order as laid down in the Roberts' Rules Book. This was followed by a free feed.

Adolph Wadalavage won the dark horse prize—a large box of cookies, donated by Jack Scully.

Over 30 members attended the election night meeting.

The next meeting is set for Jan. 11, 1963.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## A Gold Star Dad Dies Suddenly December 8

William M. Kreye, 337 20th St., Brooklyn 15, N. Y., was considerate enough to pass on the following sad information to The Octofoil under date of Dec. 17, 1962:

Just received the sad news that one of our Gold Star parents has passed away. He is Henry Lincoln Wilder, father of Pfc. John H. Wilder, killed July 26, 1944, at the St. Lo-Periers Road breakthrough as a member of the 1st Bn., Intelligence Section, 39th Infantry.

### HEART ATTACK

Henry Lincoln Wilder died of a sudden heart attack on Dec. 8, 1962. He was president of the Pennsylvania Associated Press Association. He was formerly a high school and college football coach at Lebanon High and Lebanon Valley College. He was publisher of the Lebanon Daily News.

Mr. Wilder leaves a son Adam and a daughter, Arbelyn, wife of Joseph Sansone. Arbelyn is president of the Lebanon News Publishing Co., and Adam is vice-president and managing editor. There are many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Pfc. John H. Wilder was captain of the Lebanon High School football team in 1937.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## His Octofoils Get Battered and Torn

Arthur Paulis, 147-49 Huxley, Jamaica 22, N. Y., complains to The Octofoil that his copy of the paper is always tattered and torn when it reaches him. A complaint was filed by The Octofoil with the postal authorities. Their report contains conclusive evidence the paper is in good shape when it is delivered to the Paulis' address. The evidence further disclosed that Evelyn Paulis (Art's wife), usually cops the paper; when finished with it Evelyn passes it on to Art's mother, Mrs. Frances Saers, and naturally several days later when poor Art gets his sheet it's usually dog-eared.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Some women speak at the rate of 150 words a minute with gusts up to 180.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

Lovers kiss with their eyes shut and sometimes marry the same way.

## NEW YORK GROUP HONORS TWO STALWARTS



Members of the Greater New York Chapter met on Nov. 2nd—and a special order of business was a Testimonial Luncheon honoring two of the Chapter's hardest workers—Chapter Treasurer Irving Feinberg and Chapter Secretary Dom Miele. Pictured above, left to right: Dan Quinn, National Secretary, who was toastmaster for the event; Treasurer Feinberg, Secretary Miele, and Stanley Cohen, President of the Greater New York Chapter. Arthur Richard Schmidt gives additional details about the meeting and Testimonial in his story appearing in this issue of The Octofoil.

## The Honorable Mayor of Newark "Remits"

As stated in previous issues of The Octofoil, the Honorable Mayor of the great City of Newark, N. J., is a former Ninth Division man. Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio is an old Bragg man from way back—starting out as an enlisted man with the 47th and later was a 60th Inf. officer. The Mayor of Newark is a mighty busy man, but not too busy, thank God, to stop long enough to write out a check for his 1963 dues and pencil out a friendly little note extending season greetings to all former Ninth men.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

### BUSY-BUSY

A sweet young thing visiting the Brooklyn Zoo in Prospect Park one Sunday asked the keeper where the monkeys were.

Keeper: "They're in the back making love."

Sweet young thing: "Would they come out for some peanuts?"

Keeper: "Would you?"

## HOFFMAN WANTS BUDDIES TO ARRANGE FOR GET-TOGETHER

Charlie Hoffman recently contacted some of his old Co. B 15th Engr. buddies and suggested they arrange for a get-together just as soon as the weather moderates. Hoffman's address is 91-43 81st St., Woodhaven, N. Y., where he is operating his own radio and TV repair business. The phone number is Michigan 2-5293.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## Tony Campo Is Back On the 1963 Roster

The Octofoil was happy to note in Secretary Quinn's reports that Anthony Campo, Highway 35, Middletown, N. J., was a paidup member in good standing and was writing in for information about the Association. Campo, a former 39th man, is a general contractor in Middletown.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

To distinguish weeds from vegetables cut them all down. The ones that come up again are weeds.

## OHIO MEMBERS ROMP AND PLAY FOR A DAY... THEN RECUPERATE



Pictured above are some of the members of the Ohio Chapter who enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stone's country home near Grove City, Ohio, during the past summer when the group staged the annual picnic. Left to right, standing: Dick Pestel, Columbus; Sam Feightner, Loudonville; John Hennick, Ashville; Don Jewel, Columbus; Bill Nelson, Steubenville; Harold Stone, Grove City; Carl Tomlinson, Chillicothe; an unidentified visitor of one of the members; Paul S. Plunkett, Columbus; Carl Brech, Mason, Ohio; and Dick Schumann, Columbus. Kneeling, left to right: Bill Brabson, Columbus; Caz Stepp, Columbus; Paul Keller, Columbus; Dick Toole, Ashville; Dick McComber, Columbus; and Harry Sager, Fostoria, Ohio. Pearl Nickles, an active Chapter member, was too busy entertaining the ladies to get in the above picture.

## OHIO GROUP HOLDS NOVEMBER SESSION

President Richard Schumann and Secretary Dick Pestel of the Ohio Chapter, sent out notices for a meeting to be held at the Schumann home, 4299 Olentangy Blvd., Columbus, Ohio, on Friday night, November 16. The party was a big success. There's not many couples who know how to make guests feel at home and enjoy themselves as well as Dick and Betty Schumann do. The eats that Betty prepares just can't be matched, unless maybe in the Baer home back in Ingolstadt. The recordings that were made of the Memorial Services at Columbus first Ninth Division Reunion in 1948 were played and were as plain and distinct as they were originally. Good fellowship prevailed.

## NEW MEMBER

The members always depend on Paul Keller bringing in a new member. This time the new member was Ward (Chick) Webb, 330 W. 9th Ave., Columbus, Ohio. He was a former platoon sergeant of Pearl Nickle's, in 39th Anti-Tank. Pearl is an active member of the Chapter and was quite surprised when Keller showed up with the Sarge.

It was a bad, foggy night—but Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brech drove all the way up from Mason, Ohio, near Cincinnati. Their address is 112 Westline Drive, Mason, Ohio.

## Others in attendance were:

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Boring, 582 Weisheimer Rd., Columbus.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde DeLong, 1884 Gantz Rd., Rt. 1, Grove City, Ohio.  
Mr. and Mrs. Orville Black, 4497 Floyd, Columbus 13, Ohio.  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jewel, 1752 Marsdale Ave., Columbus 4, Ohio.  
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stone, 4100 Haughn Road, Grove City, Ohio.  
Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Perry, 2865 Ashby Road, Columbus 9, Ohio. (Mr. and Mrs. Perry won the liquid prize. Anita Schumann drew the winner's name from the "wheel.")

Paul Keller, 4256 Mayflower Ave., Columbus, Ohio. (Paul showed movies he had made at several Reunions and several chapter meetings.)

Paul S. Plunkett, 286 Zimpfer St., Columbus 6, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schumann, Pearl L. Nickle, 85 N. Brinker, Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pestel, 1467 Livingston Ave., Columbus.

There were 22 present in all.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## Jack O'Shea Regrets Failing to Make Trip

A nice letter from Jack O'Shea on November 11 is filled with regrets because his health did not permit attending the Memorial Services in Worcester. Quoting Jack: "I get great pleasure from attending the various affairs of our outfit; proof of this being that I have yet to miss one of our annual summer reunions and I hope and pray to God I won't miss this next one."

Jack's address is Jack O'Shea, 412 South Ave., Holmes, Pa.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Sign in front of a marrying Justice of the Peace: "You furnish the bride and we'll do the rest."

Bashful groom: "That's hardly fair."

## Harry Orenstein Reviews Memorial Service Highlights

By HARRY ORENSTEIN,  
640 East 139th Street  
Bronx 54, N. Y.

## THE Q.M. REPORT—

Here is a brief summarization of Father Connors Memorial services that were held on Sunday, Nov. 11, 1962. Father Connors told a capacity audience of men, women and children that day, Veterans Day, we pray and honor the deceased men of the Ninth Infantry Division—4,581 men of the Ninth Infantry Division died during the war. The names of these departed men have been placed on a micro film and will be enshrined in the memorial that we are dedicating today.

After the Memorial Mass, the dedication followed.

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The Memorial to the 9th Division men is a beautiful piece of work. It is a reminder to the living that the deceased men of the Ninth Division haven't been forgotten.

Actually, Father Connors' Reunion started on Saturday evening, Nov. 10, 1962, in Connors' Coffee Shop, where refreshments were served.

On Sunday morning, Nov. 11, 1962, the 18th Annual Memorial Services was followed by the dedication of the Memorial. After the dedication, it was back again to Connors' Coffee Shop and in the afternoon dinner followed. At the dinner, Father Connors said: "This was the largest attendance of the 9th Division up to now." The roast beef dinner was delicious and the speeches were interesting. Once again it was another opportunity to reminisce.

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There was also a good turnout of the Q.M. "boys." The following were present:

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Amore and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jagling and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Milano.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robbins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Russo.

Mr. and Mrs. George Swanson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tingley and family.

Mr. Charles Cheevers.

Mr. Raymond Miele.

Mr. Harry Orenstein.

Here are three more addresses:

Mr. Vincent Amore, 17 Ezra St., North Haven, Conn.

Mr. Charles Braham, 153 Haase Ave., Paramus, N. J.

Mr. Raymond Miele, 200 Florence St., Roslindale, Mass.

The Q.M. Committee addresses are:

Bill Palady, 322 31st St., McKeesport, Pa.

Harry Orenstein, 640 E. 139th St., Bronx 54, N. Y.

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

Harry Orenstein.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

The dog is man's best friend but the hot dog is the best dog—it feeds the hand that bites it.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

## SCHOLARSHIP TO BE GIVEN OUT ONCE EACH YEAR

The Ninth Infantry Division Association will award one or more scholarships each year to qualified applicants. The number and amount of the scholarships will depend on the funds available and the financial need of the applicants.

## ELIGIBILITY

1. Persons related to a former member of the Ninth Infantry Division may apply for scholarship. The degree of relationship will be considered by the scholarship committee when deciding the recipient of the scholarship.

2. Applicants must be accepted at a college or university which is recognized by the regional accrediting association.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Applicants should write to the scholarship committee chairman for detailed information and an application blank.

2. The completed application must be postmarked on or before March 15th.

3. Applicants must be prepared to submit a detailed report on their financial condition.

4. A transcript of the applicant's high school record and college record if attending college, must be sent to the committee with the application.

5. Applicants and their parents or legal guardians must be willing to accept the decisions of the scholarship committee and the Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association as final.

All inquiries and applications should be submitted to:

J. J. Clouser, Scholarship Chairman  
Ninth Infantry Division Association  
200 North Elm Street  
Mount Prospect, Illinois

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## Cheerful Letter From Michigan's Korobko

In early December John Korobko, 9540 Decatur, Detroit 27, Mich., decided to catch up with all past due correspondence. On his list was a friendly, newsy letter to The Octofoil. John still isn't able to go back on his job. But he's still hopeful of licking that back injury.

At the time of his letter writing spree he was making great plans to do some real fishing in one of the many fine lakes in his part of the world. Since the letter was received the news flashes have passed out the word that only reindeers and eskimos can move around in any part of the great State of Michigan now—so the Korobko clan are probably not on any fresh fish diet—at least they're not eating any that Izaak Walton Korobko may have caught.

It was noted in the Secretary Bob Rumenapp correspondence that John and Marie braved the elements and attended the Michigan Chapter meeting during the Nov. 16 blizzard.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Some girls get tanned where it shows but not where it's needed.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

Most of us can easily stop smoking—we've done it so many times.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

## MINUTES OF THE 66TH MEETING -- BOARD OF GOVERNORS, HELD IN WORCESTER, MASS., NOVEMBER 10

The 66th meeting of the Board of Governors was called to order at 5:15 P.M., November 10, 1962, at the Sheraton-Worcester Hotel, Worcester, Massachusetts, attended by Messrs. Francis Maher, Herbert Clegg, John Clouser, George Apar, John Rizzo, Walter O'Keeffe, Al Cuprys, Bob Rumenapp, Ed McGrath, Dick Pestel and John Sabato. Also present were Thomas Boyle, Treasurer; Paul Plunkett, Editor of The Octofoil; Vincent Guglielmino, First Vice-President; Harry Orenstein, Third Vice-President, and Dr. Posito. There being a quorum the meeting was called to order by President Francis Maher.

The Secretary, Dan Quinn, then read the minutes of the 65th meeting. After a motion duly made by John Clouser and seconded by Herbert Clegg it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes, as read, and place same on file.

Treasurer Thomas Boyle then gave his report. After a motion duly made by John Rizzo and seconded by John Sabato it was voted to: Accept the Treasurer's report.

## QUINN'S REPORT

Secretary Dan Quinn then gave a brief report. After a motion duly made by Walter O'Keeffe and seconded by Robert Rumenapp it was voted to: Accept the Secretary's report.

## VOTE OF THANKS FOR CLEGG

Herbert Clegg gave the Fayetteville-Fort Bragg Reunion report. The financial results, a profit of \$1583 for the association. President Francis Maher asked the members for a vote of thanks for Herb Clegg and his committee. After a motion duly made by John Rizzo and seconded by Robert Rumenapp it was voted to: Accept this report as a partial one.

After a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by Al Cuprys it was voted to: Grant the Fayetteville-Fort Bragg Chapter a gratuity of \$100 for a job well done.

After a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by Herbert

Clegg it was voted to: Thank the Secretary, Dan Quinn, for his help to the Reunion Committee.

## 1963 REUNION

John Clouser then gave a report of the 1963 Reunion to be held in Springfield, Illinois, July 25th, 26th and 27th, at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Clouser stated that all committees have been appointed and are working to make this reunion another three great days for the entire family. After a motion duly made by John Rizzo and seconded by John Sabato it was voted to: Accept the Reunion report and thank John Clouser for his report.

## \$1,000 DONATED

Ed McGrath asked the Board members to reconsider the amount of money that the Association was donating to Father Connors Memorial. After a motion duly made by George Apar and seconded by John Clouser it was voted to: Donate the sum of \$1,000 to Father Connors. After a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by John Rizzo it was voted to: Thank Father Connors for his personal contributions and for all that he has done for the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

## SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

John Clouser, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, gave his report. Clouser stated that he had one interested party for a future scholarship. After a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by Herbert Clegg it was voted to: Accept the report.

After a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by John Clouser, it was voted to: Establish a permanent Gold Star Committee. Paul Plunkett consented to head this committee to be assisted by the Secretary, Dan Quinn.

After a motion duly made by John Clouser and seconded by Walter O'Keeffe it was voted to: Adjourn at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL QUINN,  
National Secretary.

## McKenzie Lists New Addresses

By JOE MCKENZIE,  
96 Washington Avenue  
Waltham, Mass.

## Change your records to read:

Roy Cortese, 1526 N. Van Buren St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Jim Daniels, 3363 Perlita Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Burnal Lareau, 417 20th St., East Moline, Ill.

Robert Porter, 201 Quaker Hill Rd., Warren, Penna.

Jimmy Boyle, 110 E. 114th St., Homestead, Penna.

Walter Swenson, 93 Batchelder Rd., Reading, Mass.

Alexander Wilcopolski, 4545 S. Christiana St., Chicago, Ill.

Bill Bongiorno, 3 Cedar Ridge Ter., Bedford, Mass.

John T. McCoolgan, 125 W. Quincy St., Westmont, Ill.

It is old news but three are still some who do not know that General Matt S. Eddy died last April.

Dick Rogers, 3222 Roosevelt St., Hollywood, Fla., and Hqtrs. 26th F.A., was a visitor at my home this past September. Bob Waldrop, an old Service Battery man at Fort Bragg, is lost in the wilds of Chanute Field, Ill., still wearing the uniform for his Uncle Sam.

Bill Sacco had a serious back injury a year ago and at the present time may do light work, no heavy lifting and no long auto rides. Cecil Williamson has retired from the wrenches, grease pits and the big city to give all of his time to a dairy farm near Albert Lea, Minn. Last year at Thanksgiving time the Roscoes visited the Hubers. While in New York this summer I tried to see Artie Sheffer. Thanks to Alexander Graham Bell we did have a pleasant talk.

Otto Kerner, a former member of the Ninth Division, now Governor of the State of Illinois, has invited you to attend the 1963 Ninth Infantry Division Association Convention which will be held in Springfield, Illinois.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## RECOGNITION

Two prospective fathers were in the waiting room near the maternity ward when a nurse walked by holding in her arms a colored baby. "That's it," one father cried excitedly. "That's my baby. My wife burns everything."

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

A forger is a guy who gives a check a bad name.

## A Little Bit of Merrie Ole England Visits

Memories of many landmarks in and around Basingstoke, were rekindled over the New Year Holidays in the minds of many former Ninth Division men in the Ohio area—and especially those former 9th men who were with the 47th Regt.

The first reminder came in the form of Christmas cards from Mrs. K. Freeman, Basingstoke, asking that greetings be extended to all former Ninth men.

The greeting cards were followed up by a personal visit to Ohio by Molly Baldwin, Sudbury, Canada, a daughter of Mrs. Freeman's, who is now making her home with a sister and brother-in-law, Ruby and Al Gallant, 227 Moonlight Rd., Sudbury.

Molly was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pestel, 1467 E. Livingston Ave., while in Columbus, and along with some other former Ninth men, the group greeted the birth of 1963 at the Benson W. Hough Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 2299 S. High St., Columbus.

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## "DOC" LEFT FAYETTEVILLE IN AN AWFUL BIG HURRY

A couple of letters from Paul Doc Walton, Rt. 7, Old Dalton Rd., Rome, Ga., bemoans the fact that the got out of Fayetteville after the Reunion without bidding farewell to "old" Lester Swear, the Co. L, 47th man, who was saved his pay while in the service so he could buy a manure spreader for his place when he got out.

Lester says Doc got out of Fayetteville in a hurry after he'd told Danny Quinn's wife Danny was entertaining some pretty nurses in a Fayetteville cocktail lounge.

## WANTS TO HELP

After getting everyone he can in the grease Walton comes up with the better side of his makeup by asking The Octofoil to run an announcement advising the members that he is ready and willing to go to bat for any of the old gang who know him who need confirmation of data to the VA that he is in position to verify.

This old 47th Regt. medic is looking forward to having another ball at the Springfield Reunion in July, 1963.

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It's the henpecked husband who crows loudest away from home.

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Love is what makes you think you are stealing a kiss when it's forced on you.



## JOE MCKENZIE DESCRIBES THE MEMORIAL SERVICES IN HIS OWN INIMITABLE WAY

By JOE MCKENZIE,  
95 Washington Avenue,  
Waltham, Massachusetts

Where does one start to tell the story of a wonderful week-end? Exciting events started on Saturday, November 10 when former members of the famous Ninth Infantry Division started to check in at many of the hotels and motels in the great city of Worcester, Mass.

The most important event, the reason for our being there, was to attend the Eighteenth Annual Memorial Mass celebrated by our Father Edward Connors. Men of all faiths and nationalities knelt side by side during this inspiring ceremony to pray for our members who have died since joining the Ninth.

### DIFFERENT

This year the Mass was a little different. It is called a High Mass. Certain parts of the Mass were sung by Father Connors and the response to his prayers were sung by a wonderful well trained choir. All of which added to the simplicity and devotion to the Mass.

As usual the arrangements of six large bouquets of white gladioli, white carnations and white chrysanthemums sprinkled with red roses, although very beautiful, did not distract one's attention from the altar or the ceremony.

The precision movements of the uniformed color guard of the Worcester police department were very appropriate for such a service.

For those who attended Immaculate Conception Church other years but were unable to do so this year, I must say that the attendance was greater than ever. Those arriving after 10 o'clock had to stand in any of all three aisles as well as the aisle between the first pew and the altar rail. It was as thrilling a ceremony as any you will ever witness.

### HOMEcoming DAY

Shortly after 7:30 p.m. on Saturday the hall in the basement of the Church started to take on the appearance of the cafeteria of your favorite college on Homecoming Day. Parishioners, both men and women, were unselfish with both their time and talents to make the next few hours exceptionally enjoyable to those who had to come from afar off. Service Battery 26th F.A. had Bill Andrews and his family from Comstock Park, Michigan; Harold Huber and his family from Olean, N. Y.; Joe Albanese and Lew Ortacari with their wives from White River Junction, Vermont.

All men of the Ninth, their family and friends wherever they may be, are invited to the Saturday night party. Coffee, tea, white or chocolate milk, soft drinks of all flavors were in unlimited supply. Salads, hot dishes, sandwiches, pie and cake were yours for the taking. Smiling ladies of the parish kept filling the platters as they became empty. The men folks kept the tables clean so that there would be room for seconds and thirds. I remarked to four girls washing dishes in the kitchen that they must be sorry for volunteering for such duty. "Not us," they said. "We love to do this for Father Connors." After a long day of driving and a long night of talking, the crowd started to thin out about 10:30 p. m.

Sunday morning when Mass was over and Father Connors had changed from his green vestments to a white surplus all in attendance went out of the church to witness the dedication of the Memorial to the 4,581 Ninth Division men killed in action during World War II.

### CLEAR SKY

The sky was clear. The air with a helping wind was cool. Talks by Gen. Louis B. Craig, the Mayor of Worcester and by Father Connors were brief. They reminded us of how men of the Ninth, both living and dead, preserved a way of life in this country which men fought and died for several times in the past. After this ceremony nearly everyone crowded in to the Connors Coffee Shop.

The Connors Coffee Shop as usual on this day has more noise and commotion than a bargain sale in Macy's basement. Those who arrived on Sunday were greeting those who were there since the night before. All Sunday arrivals were greeting those whom they had not seen since the 17th Annual Memorial Mass. Coffee and doughnuts were plentiful. Those ever smiling parishioners were still on the job. Each man after devouring two or three coffees and three or four doughnuts left the Church for the hotel and a delicious roast beef dinner. All we can do for those dedicated parishioners is to say, "Thank you very much, you were great."

### NOT VERY SERIOUS

Speechmaking after dinner was not on the serious side. Father Connors was Master of Ceremonies, as always. Mayor Casdin of Worcester, praised Father Connors for his assistance in the many problems facing people on their way through life. He also presented Father Connors with a gold key to the City of Worcester. The City Manager in his remarks wanted the key returned because he said Father Connors would give away everything in the City. Two curates told the gathering of the kind of boss for whom they work. Father Gannon brought the greetings of the Diocese since Bishop Flanagan was in Rome. Franz Steiner, engineer and architect, told of his problems and inspirations in making this monument possible.

A drawing for prizes has always been an amusing part of this get-together. A man might get a gift that should go to a lady and vice versa. Sometimes a lady receives a gift suitable for a child. Father Connors doesn't care as long as everyone is having fun. Bill Andrews of Comstock Park, Mich., and Service Bty., 26th F.A., attending a Memorial Mass for the first time, received a beautiful black, pin seal leather bill fold. It will be another reminder of a wonderful trip to Worcester, Mass.

Father Connors was assisted by an ex-M.P. and an ex-Falcon, who joined the Priesthood after their discharge from the Ninth. The Raider Regiment was represented by their Chaplain, Father Tardif.

Gerry Leone, John Clouser, Dick Wilson and Henry Oclavage represented Hqtrs. 26th F.A.

### ENGINEERS GAINING

The engineers are gaining in numbers judging by the banquet table they captured for dinner.

### MRS. HUBER ILL

Mrs. Harold Huber had a reoccurrence of an old ailment during Saturday night. The hotel obtained a doctor and he recommended the family return to Olean immediately. The smiling faces of a nice family from Western New York were missed all day Sunday.

Jerry Langer sent a note saying he couldn't make it. Manny Efron recently had an operation and didn't feel able to make the trip.

Service Battery 26th F.A. was represented by George Wilkinson, Harold Huber, Bill Andrews, Joe Albanese, Lew Ortacari, Elmer Roscoe, John Murray, Bill Bongiorno, Joe McKenzie, Kiki Pergiovanni, John Quinn, and Fred Keyes. The Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary was present.

For a professional account of this great event I suggest that you write to the Catholic Free Press, Worcester for Nov. 9 and 16 copies of their papers. These will cost about 20c. Also write to the Worcester Telegram for their issues of Nov. 10 and 12. These will also cost 20 cents.

Father Connors cannot dedicate another Memorial in 1963, nor can he guarantee excellent weather—but he can guarantee everyone a good time with the help of his devoted parishioners.

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## STODDARD HEADS FOR GERMAN SOIL

Sheldon Stoddard was a busy man during the Fayetteville Reunion, being on active duty at Fort Bragg, and trying to shake hands with all his old buddies and serving on the Reunion Committees that Herb Clegg had him assigned to. He was helpful in getting the new Chapter started in Fayetteville—then the Octofoil has gone and had a wrong mail address for him and he has not been receiving the papers. However Secretary Quinn has garnered together back issues and sent them to him. Right now his address is 206 Hull Road, Fayetteville, N. C., but Uncle Sam thinks he's needed back in Germany so he'll be on his way some time in January. The Octofoil is looking forward to receiving some interesting letters from Sheldon from across the pond. His old 34th F.A. buddies will be disappointed if he lets us down and fails to write often.

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## FRANK PERRY'S MOTHER PASSED AWAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1962

It was a sad Christmas for Frank Jerry, Jr., a former Co. B, 15th Engr. man. Frank's mother passed away in September, 1962. The Octofoil joins with the thousands of friends and buddies of Frank's from his old outfit in extending sympathy in his hour of sorrow.

Frank has a son with the Marines and is now stationed in Japan.

The new Perry address is 82 Lake Ave., Danbury, Conn.

## HAMBONE, JR. IS LAID TO REST IN ENGLISH "STYLE"

Linus A. Dziembowski, 497 Providence Rd., South Grafton, Mass., has furnished The Octofoil with a human interesting clipping from a recent issue of The Yorkshire General Advertiser that circulates in the Southern and Western parts of England.

Mrs. Phil Brown, who operated the telephone exchange in Alresford, Hants, England, forwarded the clipping, believing it would be of much interest to former 47th men who were near Alresford. Dziembowski was with the 1st Bn., 47th Regt. It is regrettable that space does not permit The Octofoil reprinting in full the story as printed in the English newspaper. It filled a full column of very fine printed type, supplemented with a three-column picture, with the following outlines:

Mr. William A. Mucci, above—(American Vice-Consul from Southampton), unveiling the memorial stone to Hambone Junior, a mongrel dog which was befriended by American soldiers stationed at Alresford during the war. The stone is in the grass bank along the walk known as The Dean, by the River Arle.

Parts of the story reads:

"Hambone Junior" had no special virtues. He was just a faithful friend of some months standing. He was a stray mongrel, his parentage was doubtful, and he was killed by a lory 18 years ago.

But in his home town at Alresford his name was ceremoniously commemorated with far more honor than he ever received in his lifetime, and behind the ceremony lies a story that began late in 1943 when American troops found themselves in Alresford ready for the invasion of France.

One of them adopted the stray dog as a pet. The dog followed the soldiers everywhere and soon became the mascot of the regiment, and with the distinctive humor of the American soldier became known as "Hambone." Just before the regiment left for France Hambone was killed and his favorite G.I. buried him by the banks of the River Arle. Over his grave the G.I. placed a wooden cross with the inscription:

"Here lies Hambone Junior, faithful friend of the 47th Infantry Regt., 9th Division, U. S. Army."

Within three years this had rotted and the question of a replacement was raised at a Parish Council meeting. The Council decided they had no power to act and the matter was referred to the Chamber of Trade, who erected an oak plaque. Now this has decayed. The end of the story came recently when the American Vice Consul at Southampton, Mr. William A. Mucci, unveiled a permanent stone memorial to the memory of "Hambone."

Before pulling aside the Stars and Stripes which draped the memorial, Mr. Mucci said: "His short existence brought a beam of happiness in the hearts of many American boys, who were far away from their homes, during a period of turmoil and confusion. The brief span of Hambone's life was fruitful beyond realization, and his death 18 years ago has left a void in the hearts of many, but his death has helped to weld another link between our two nations."

Other reminders of the American troops in Alresford are the two seats in the churchyard which have recently been renovated. In conformity with the Vice-Consul's visit, a plaque has been placed outside 50 Broad Street, the cost of which has been defrayed by the occupier, Mr. E. C. Bruce. It states:

"This house was the H.Q. of the 47th Inf. Regiment, 9th Div., U. S. Army, 1943, to 'D' Day, 1944."

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## It's a Boy at the Belmonte Home

Thanks to MRS. Mike Belmonte, 1161 S. Lombard, Oak Park, Ill., The Octofoil and other members of the Association are kept up to date on how the family is increasing and what the home address is.

Mrs. Belmonte knows her Mike. She told what was already known—it might be next Fall before the great Mike would slow down to 90 miles an hour so he could scratch out a letter.

Anyway "Little Mike" arrived on Nov. 29, 1962 and weighed in at 7 lbs. and 15 ozs. Young Mike was two weeks late making his appearance. The other Belmonte youngster, the 15-month-old daughter is as proud of "Little Mike" as the old man and Mrs. Mike are. The Belmontes celebrated the occasion by buying a new home and moving into it. The new address is given above.

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## SGT. BILL KREYE COMES THRU WITH HELPFUL DATA FOR BOOK

Sgt. Bill Kreye, 337 20th St., Brooklyn 15, N. Y., lost no time after reading the last issue of The Octofoil, in getting out his typewriter and preparing some wonderful copy and sending it to Jacque Robicohn, the Paris author who is preparing copy for a book relating incidents that happened within the ranks of the Ninth Division during the invasion of North Africa.

In a personal letter to The Octofoil the Sarge had some mighty fine things to say about the services in Worcester. He also enjoyed seeing many old 39th men, including Tom Orband, Harrison Daysh, John Schumacher and others.

The data Bill sent to Paris reads as follows:

### THE PLACE—

D-Day, North Africa.

### WHEN—

November 7, 1942.

### UNIT—

Colonel Rosenfelt, commander of the 1st Battalion, 39th Infantry Regt., 9th Infantry Division and attached units.

### THE CAST—

Members of the Intelligence Section (S-2) of the 1st Battalion, 39th Infantry (AAA Bar-O)

Rank, name and address at time of story follows:

First Lieut. Conrad V. Anderson, Philadelphia, Pa.

Buck Sgt. William M. Kreye, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Pvt. 1st Class Stanley Caban, Buffalo, N. Y.

Pvt. 1st Class John Lihach, New York, N. Y.

Pvt. First Class William H. Solliday, Norristown, Pa.

Pvt. First Class John Fisher, Vernon, N. Y.

Pvt. First Class Ray Baldwin, West Virginia.

Private Harry Pavluck, New York, N. Y.

Private Hyman Ceppos, Washington, D. C.

### HIT BLACK WATCH REGT.

Many days before the North African landings, the USS Samuel Chase left Belfast harbor, North Ireland, with enough supplies and equipment for a long voyage. We, the 1st Battalion, 39th Infantry of the Ninth Infantry Division and attached units to make a complete combat team were aboard. We sailed to a destination in the vicinity of Inverary, Scotland. Here we simulated an amphibious attack against the famous "Black Watch Regiment." We disembarked down landing nets which hung from all sides of the USS Samuel Chase, formerly known as the SS African Meteor. We were packed in like cattle in a British type landing craft. These craft seemed to be too clumsy for beach landings. The troops had to wade through two or more feet of water to get on the dry beach. After the beach landings, the troops were assembled in column of twos, and forced marched twenty miles. Here the troops attacked the Black Watch positions in the hills successfully.

This simulated battle lasted until the next morning. Then the troops were marched back to the landing craft, returned to the nets on the side of the CHASE. The troops climbed the nets—dirty, wet and exhausted.

From Scotland we sailed in many directions until finally we sailed past the "Rock of Gibraltar" and entered the Mediterranean Sea (The Mer Sea).

### THE REAL THING

Ever since we had left the United States, we have had many general alerts. This is a warning that danger is near or approaching. The naval personnel run to their battle stations and the Army personnel run to their bunks. However, Army personnel by this time after many, many dry-runs, paid little attention to the horn. But, a day in the Mer Sea and again a general alert was sounded. This time two enemy planes flew high over the convoy. There was no action but we must have been seen. It was here that I realized, I guess, as well as many others, that this was the real thing.

No one knew except for a few of the top brass where we were going. Finally, the day came when Lieutenant Conrad V. Anderson, who was my immediate officer, brought me up to the ship's Captain's quarters. Here stood before me an exact miniature model of the landing area. Anderson told me we would land at the beach near Ain Taya, a few miles east of Algiers. He pointed out that there were many jobs for our Intelligence Section. That he would contact the Mayor of Ain Taya to see if the mayor was cooperative to the American cause or not. If the mayor was cooperative, he would try

to have mayors of other towns nearby approached on this matter.

### CUT THE WIRES

Then he gave me the other jobs to dispose of between the men, the way I thought best. One of the most important jobs, was once upon the beach to climb the cliff, get to the road which was parallel to the beach and cut telephone lines. I selected Stanley Caban and myself to do this assignment. John Fisher and Ray Baldwin were assigned to the attacking line companies as observers and messengers. Harry Pavluck and Hyman Ceppos would flash colored lights from the beaches to guide in other landing boats. Bill Solliday and John Lihach would take care of captured prisoners.

Our section was scattered throughout the ship and we kept in condition by assembling for special calisthenics. At night, I usually stood awhile on deck overlooking the Mediterranean. The water was especially blue in the daylight and at night the light from the stars and the moon reflected off of the phosphorus water. It was like millions of diamonds sparkling on a black carpet.

It was on a night like this while I was admiring the water that a sea-plane flew over. A friendly plane exposed a red and green light from each side. This seaplane semi-circled over our ship with these lights. Then it flew away and came back toward our ship just over the water. I saw something splash in the sea below the plane. This object made a phosphorus path through the water toward our ship. It was then I realized that a torpedo was coming my way. I didn't know what to do! To jump overboard or run to the opposite side of the deck. I stayed put and watched the torpedo miss the rear of our ship. It struck another ship in the convoy, the USS STONE.

### "FINAL SUPPER"

On the evening of Nov. 7, 1942, Col. Rosenfelt, commander of the 1st Battalion, 39th Infantry Combat Team, made a short speech which briefly stated that the success of this operation depended on each individual doing his assigned job. We all had a final supper which consisted of cheese and baloney sandwiches with hot coffee.

At 2200 hours, I as well as many others, went down the landing nets into American Higgins' landing boats. Each individual was armed to the teeth. Men from the United States Coast Guard piloted these boats. It was very dark. I could just make out the skyline and other objects by various shades of darkness.

### WAS IT A TRAP?

As I went in, I thought of many things. Most of all, what I expected to happen. Such as the possibility of crossfire from machine guns at each end of this beach. Was it a trap? There was no way to get off of the beach only a staircase at the west end or climb the cliff under fire! Now, fear presented itself for the second time. Then I snapped out of it and peaked over the side of the boat. I saw we were heading for a huge dark object protruding out of the water about two hundred yards from the beach. I brought this, which was a huge rock, to the attention of the pilot. He immediately altered his direction.

Three Higgins' boats hit the beach first and precisely at the same time. The one I was in with Bill Solliday, the other two containing Lt. Anderson, Baldwin, Caban and Lihach. Fortunately, there was no immediate opposition.

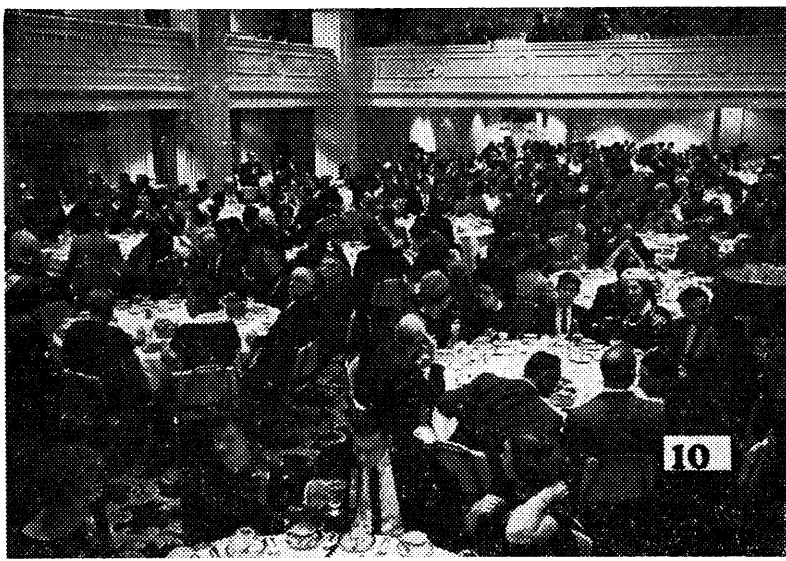
Caban and I reached the top of the cliff and the road. To our surprise there were more than fifty telephone wires attached to skinny wooden poles. Caban climbed one of the poles and started to cut the wires with his wire cutters as I stood guard at the base of the pole. He had cut many wires on one side of the pole when suddenly the weight and the pull on the other side by the wires brought Caban, the pole and wires crashing across the road. He was not hurt. We had completely disrupted communications. All other jobs had been accomplished. Lt. Anderson contacted a friendly mayor but the mayor was unable to telephone to anyone else.

By this time the first elements of our line companies had reached the road. Some of the troops had weapons carts which tangled with the coiling wires. Caban and I joined Lihach and Solliday down on the beach. We watched the exchange of cannon fire between our naval escort and the battery from Fort Jean Bart.

Then something went wrong which usually happens in war. Landing barges with armor vehicles and light tanks came into the beach. This was

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## HAPPY FINALE TO THE WORCESTER PROGRAM



—Photo courtesy Peter Nappellio, Worcester, Mass.

After the services for deceased Ninth Division men that is held each year in the Immaculate Conception Church, Worcester, Mass., by Father Ed Connors, a gala get-together is always held at the Worcester-Sheraton Hotel in the way of a banquet, where good fellowship and a lot of good-natured kidding is always on the program. The above photo shows a part of the crowd that packed the Sheraton banquet room after the 1963 Memorial Services and Dedication.

## JUNE CRIFE DOUBLES AS CLYDE'S "OFFICE GIRL"

June Crife is a good Hoosier girl. She and Clyde live at 331 W. 10th St., Anderson, Ind. (About 30 miles from Indianapolis.)

Parts of her nice letter reads as follows and is self-explanatory:

As usual friend husband has left the corresponding bit up to me. In view of the fact we have four children, a rather large house and I have also been recruited as "office girl," by said husband, you can see I keep quite busy.

Clyde suffered a heart attack last December but has made a remarkably good recovery. Our family continues to grow at a rapid rate. Our daughter, Connie, is now 14. Our boys are 12, 10 and 5.

We have seen none of the Ninth "boys" since Jack and Dot Clayton visited us two years ago. We receive Christmas greetings from about 30 of them each year and this affords us great pleasure.

We both enjoy The Octofoil. . . . And it is always a special pleasure when a familiar face or name appears in the columns.

The latch string is always out for any of the fellows who pass through this part of the country. Clyde hasn't had anyone to refigure the war with for quite some time.

Continued success to the organization and I sincerely hope we may some day have time to attend another national Reunion.

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## George and Ruth Berday Planning For Springfield

George and Ruth Berday's present address is 5229 4th St., N.E., Washington 11, D. C. George has been passing his copy of "8 Stars to Victory" around to those interested in the Soldiers' Home, near Washington. And there seem to be quite a few who are interested in getting an opportunity to read the book.

Both George and Ruth are looking forward to taking up in Springfield, Ill., next July where they left off down in Fayetteville in 1962.

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## Paul Potts Sends Kindest Regards to 39th Buddies

The following from Paul Potts, 2100 Norton Lane, Bedford, Ind.:

Dear Dan: Just a few words to let all former Regt. Hqtr. Co. 39th members know that I'm still kicking around and in good health. I truly hope all my former Comrades are well and happy. This November, 1962 is the twentieth anniversary of our landing in North Africa. In one look it seems very recently, in another it seems it was 1,000 yeears ago, as the world has changed tremendously in those 20 years. Sure would have enjoyed being at Fort Bragg this summer for the Reunion. Maybe I can make it in 1963. Many happy memories to all former 9th men.

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## Convertines Located At No. Miami Beach, Fla.

For months Dick Pestel, secretary of the Ohio Chapter, has been trying to locate E. B. Convertine. Recently it was learned that Convertine had moved from the Columbus area and his new address is E. B. Convertine, 911 N.E. 182nd Terrace, North Miami Beach 62, Florida.

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There isn't as much danger in a loose wheel as a tight driver.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

A man never sees the stork that brings his children, only the bill.

## MRS. (COL.) ROBERT STUMPF A BOOSTER

Mrs. Imogene Stroh Stumpf sent for Colonel Robert H. Stumpf's 1963 Membership Card as a Christmas gift to the former 39th man. Parts of Mrs. Stumpf's newsy letter reads:

Our address is 282 Bizerte Circle, Fort Lee, Va. Living on Bizerte Circle brings memories of what the 9th went through in Bizerte. Bob hadn't joined the Division yet, but my dad had rough going—I recall. It is grand to be on a post again with every facility complete. The only thing you can't buy at this Q.M. PX is crossed rifles.

Maj. Gen. Van Bond will take over the XXI Corps, so there will be two Octofoils outstanding in that Corps.

A very merry Christmas to you and yours, and may the new year continue to bring you success with the good work you are doing keeping up the moral of the Ninth.

(And the best of everything to you, Imogene. Gen. Stroh, if he was living today would be mighty proud of his "little" girl boosting the old Ninth the way you do.)

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## BIG CROWD FROM NEW YORK AT WORCESTER

The New York Chapter had a large attendance at Father Connors Memorial Services Nov. 10.

Adolph Wadalavage and Dave Gelman decided not to ride in Schmidt's "gas-less" chariot this year and went by bus. But they conned Schmidt into driving them from the Sheraton Hotel to Connors Coffee Shop on Saturday night—so Gelman could get an early start on devouring the delicious goodies those good people of Father Connors' parish were passing out.

Upon arriving at the Coffee Shop Schmidt was greeted by several former Co. B, 15th Engr. men, including Peter P. Thomas. The two pretty daughters of Pete and Mrs. Thomas are now married.

Fred Elmo arrived at the Coffee Shop about 11:30 P.M.

Other Co. B, 15th Engr. men who visited around at different tables at the Coffee Shop were Fred D'Amore, Sid Levison, Sy Garber, George Bender, Barney Angell, Albert Ferrante, Henry Garguilo, James Kelly, James Riordan, James Keohane, and Henry Hill, just to mention a few.

Some of the New Yorkers noted visiting old buddies from table to table included Frank Fazio, John Rizzo, Ed Egan, Lou Almasy, Dan Quinn, Walter O'Keeffe, Jack Scully, Adolph Wadalavage, Dave Gelman, Al Rago, George Apar, Max Uman-sky, Bill Zweil, Pat Morano, Ed Iannetti and Harry Orenstein.

Almost everyone, including Bill Kreye, of Brooklyn, Ray Strahl and Dom Miele were busy taking pictures of everyone who'd sit still long enough to be photographed.

Many inquiries were made about how a former Co. B 15th Engr. man, Charlie Hoffman, was getting along. Hoffman is operating his own TV repair place of business now.

## RETURNS TO WORCESTER

Art Schmidt was so impressed with the Memorial Monument that the following week after the dedication he drove back to Worcester and took his mother along to see the beautiful shrine. They had a friendly chat with Father Connors—culminating in the Worcester second trip by patronizing the famous Thurston Restaurant in that city.

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## MICHIGAN CHAPTER MEETS DURING BIG SNOW STORM; GET TOP "PLUG" ON TV

Robert "Slim" Rumenapp, secretary of the Michigan Chapter, with an able assist from his wife, Betty, has done a good job circularizing all former Ninth men in the Michigan area. The Rumenapps' new address is 28017 Hughes, St. Clair Shores, Michigan. Phone: 770-0649, Area 313.

A 2-page mimeographed letter was sent out pertaining to the Dec. 15 meeting held at Carson's Chop House on Woodward Ave. at Burroughs, in Detroit. On the night of Dec. 15 only Eskimos with well equipped sleighs could get over the Michigan highways—but in spite of this inclement weather, they had a fairly good turnout for the meeting.

The form letters gave the Michigan readers a most vivid account of the impressive memorial services and the dedication held in Worcester on Nov. 10. Copies were made of the poem read at the banquet after the services and sent out with the Michigan news letter.

Among some of the hearty souls who were able to battle it out with the elements and arrived safely for the meeting were Ed and Margaret Wisniewski, Monroe, Mich., their first meeting; Elmer Wagner, from Bay City; President John Bonkowski and Rose; Vice President Bill Phelps and Florence; Treasurer Joe Casey, Vice President Jim Dawson, who

had to come stag because of his wife's illness; Sergeant at Arms Jim Rushlow and Louise, Chaplain Lionel Harbord and Mary Ellen, John and Marie Korobko. (John is still having a bit of trouble with his back ailment); Bob and Florence DeSandy, Al Yockey and Ellen Prevost, Bob and Betty Rumenapp and Betty's mother, Mrs. Emily Adlen.

Memorial Service slides and Reunion pictures were shown. Everyone had a wonderful time.

## ON TV

On Pearl Harbor Day Ed McKenzie, a Detroit commentator for WXYZ-TV, planned on giving highlights of the Memorial Services via his program called "After Hours."

The Rumenapps immediately got in touch with Secretary Dan Quinn, Arthur Schmidt and others who they thought might be able to furnish 9th Division background material that would help McKenzie in preparing data for his program.

As a background at the TV station was an Octofoil show card that Bill Phelps had made. The program was limited to paying homage to the 4,581 9th men killed in action. It is hoped that with more time to prepare the proper format that McKenzie will get sufficient material to prepare a longer program at some future date.

## JOHN TOLAND PREPARING DATA FOR ANOTHER BOOK

The following letter, dated Dec. 6, 1962, is self-explanatory:

Dear Mr. Quinn: I am writing a factual book on the last 100 days of World War II in Europe which will be published by Random House. Like my other war histories (BATTLE: The Story of the Bulge and BUT NOT IN SHAME) it will be based not only on official documents but the personal experiences of participants of all ranks.

Since your division took part in these last eventful days, many of your members have personal stories and memories that would enrich my book. I would appreciate it very much if you would ask your members to send such material to my permanent address: John Toland, 223 Maple Ave., Red Bank, New Jersey.

All information used in the book will be first sent to the contributor for corrections and suggestions. The Departments of Army, Air Force and Defense are all assisting me in this project as they have done in my previous works. I hope you'll be able to help me recreate this crucial time in our military history.—Sincerely, John Toland.

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## Anita Schumann Pulls Octofoil Out of Hole

During the past month The Octofoil received another letter from Paris relative to the book Jacques Robichon is writing about the African invasion.

Attending an Ohio Chapter meeting at Ohio Chapter President Richard Schumann's home on Nov. 16, the editor was singing the blues about being unable to translate the letter. In a flash the Schumann's petite and pretty little 15-year-old daughter, Anita, had taken the letter and with pencil in hand made a translation into English in nothing flat. Monsieur Robichon's picture appears elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil.

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## O'Keeffe Busy Taking Photos In Worcester

No one was as busy taking pictures during the many events before, during and after the Memorial Services in Worcester as was Walter O'Keeffe, 1858 Woodbine St., Ridgewood 27, N. Y. Walt is the newly elected Prexy of the New York Chapter.

In a recent letter to other members of the Board O'Keeffe has promised to bring all those prints to the next Board meeting. (O'Keeffe is a new member on the Board, also.)

Besides his other Ninth Division activities he was one of the hard working members responsible for the 1962 New York Christmas Party being such a big success.

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## Enjoyed Reading All About the Reunion

Frank Jacksha writes from 1822 Reaney Ave., St. Paul, Minn., to tell how much he enjoyed reading the Reunion issue of The Octofoil after fate decreed that he would not be able to get down to Fort Bragg. But he thinks there will be a different story in 1963 and he will get over to Springfield, Ill. early and stay late.

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## BILL KREYE'S STORY

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not the beach for vehicles. They could not return. We all helped the British to manhandle these vehicles up the cliff. We succeeded to get four or five up before we were completely exhausted.

The old French Fort of Jean Bart between Ain Taya and Algiers was giving as well as the ships a hard time, to our 3rd Battalion. A few enemy planes came over and dropped bombs near some of the ships. Colonel Rosenfelt sent our 37-mm. Anti-Tank Section over to aid the 3rd Battalion. I heard they blew in a door enabling the 3rd to get in and quiet the fort.

## AIRPORT TO BE CAPTURED

Our main military objective was the capture of Maison Blanche Airport which had to be taken with six hours to allow airplanes enroute from Gibraltar to land there. These planes had just enough fuel to reach this airfield. A small French force and some tanks put up resistance. Colonel Rosenfelt, under a flag of truce, induced these defenders to surrender. Their cause was hopeless, outnumbered and useless.

When I arrived at the airport near dawn, I captured an Italian civilian air pilot who had transported German military personnel from the Algerian area to the European continent days before our arrival.

We guarded the airport for many days. Bill Solliday stood one shift of guard for 16 continual hours. German Junkers tried to bomb the airport every day. Their losses were heavy by Spitfire interception. The German aircraft switched to night attacks by candlelight flares. There were not hits on the airport while we were there.

Lt. Anderson received the Soldiers Medal for saving many lives from the sinking "Leedstown." He swam into the water from the beach, each time brought in a drowning man. He put the man on the beach and went in for another. I believe he brought in twelve.

He told me that civilians watched him do this deed. He became very embarrassed as while he was in the water, a piece of the wreckage ripped his clothes off. He was almost entirely nude as he brought in the last few men.

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## From Walton's Archives



"Doc" Walton, Rome, Ga., located the above photo of the one and only "Pete the Bandit," that was taken at Rock Hill, S. C., in 1941. This shot will revive quite a few fond memories.

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## "DAD" SMITH COMES THRU WITH HIS G. I. SON'S DUES AGAIN

Year in—year out, Mr. J. W. Smith, Rt. 1, Butler, Pa., takes pen in hand and wishes The Octofoil and members of the Association a Merry Christmas. He must be a great dad—and all-around good fellow. His short letters are so friendly. His Nov. 5 letter starts out:

Hello Danny Boy: This is Pappy Smith again—back again to pay my son, Wrigold J. Smith's 1963 dues. You will note money order enclosed. He is still in the Army. He has one more year to serve to make his 20 years. Then he can pay his own dues.

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## Carolina Couple Look Forward to Reunion

James Carl Ward, former Bty. B, 34th F.A. man, writes from Rt. 1, Box 113, Reidsville, N. C. In his most recent letter Jim outlines some of his plans when he gets to Springfield for the 1963 Reunion. He closes thusly:

"We certainly enjoyed the Reunion at Fort Bragg and are hoping nothing will happen that would prevent us from being in Springfield."

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## NEW YORK HOLIDAY PICTURES WILL BE IN THE NEXT OCTOFOIL

Secretary Dan Quinn has forwarded to The Octofoil some outstanding photos that were taken during the December, 1962 Kiddies Christmas Party, sponsored by the Greater New York Chapter. Because of the many requests to print as many pictures as possible that were taken at the Memorial Services, the New York Party pictures are being held over and will be printed next month.

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A tippler's table of measure: two pints make one cavort.



## JOHNNY RIZZO ENCHANTS NEW YORK YOUNGSTERS AS SANTA CLAUS



Pictured above are a few of the 125 or more kiddies and 70 grown ups who enjoyed the big-time Christmas party held at the Elks Home at Union City, N. J., by the officers and members of the Greater New York Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association during the Christmas holidays of 1960. The picture was sent to The Octofoil at that time in color. After much effort it was reproduced into black and white for a cut. Space limitation has prevented publication of the Yuletide scene until now. It is still nice for members all over the country to know what wonderful things the New York members are doing. The 1961 Christmas party was postponed and funds used for direct relief to some needy cases. At the above party John Rizzo replaced Jack Scully as Santa in order to confuse the youngsters. A few of the kiddies thought they had it figured out who old Santa was, and come up with the thought Scully was their Santa. But when Jack was observed chatting and mixing with the Merry Makers, the youngsters were licked. Vincent Iannucci furnished The Octofoil this picture. Another wonderful Christmas party was put on by the New York group for the kiddies in December, 1962.

## Chapter Is Forced to Seek Publicity in Brooklyn Paper

Members of New York Typographical Union No. 6 were locked out by the publishers of New York newspapers during the past month. Because the Big Town was without its daily papers Arthur Schmidt had to resort to some of his ingenuity to get the New York Chapter meetings publicized. He was able to get some notices in the Brooklyn Daily and a few plugs on local radio stations. The New York Chapter members are not the only ones the lockout is inconveniencing. The Octofoil editor has to pay some pretty stiff dues into a fund from which the New York printers draw pay for lost time while they are locked out.

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## Unique Christmas Card Is Received

The Octofoil is in receipt of a unique Christmas card from Walter J. Victor, 340 Lynhurst Dr., S. W., Atlanta 11, Ga. Victor is the former Ninth man who took hundreds of human interest pictures during the Reunion in Fayetteville and Fort Bragg. The cards are samples of excellent photography, showing the Victor youngsters and their pet pooch.

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## Carl Dimmick Is Seeking Names of K.I.A. Buddies

Carl H. Dimmick writes from Rt. 1, Box 150B, Stockton, N. Y., as follows:

Dear Paul: For quite a time I've been trying to collect the names of my buddies of Co. E, 39th Inf. who were killed in action. I see in The Octofoil that a list of all the Ninth Division casualties would be sent to Father Connors. Is it possible that a list of Co. E casualty could be gotten from that master list.

Carl was advised to write to the good Father, but there is serious doubt whether any such a breakdown is possible, such as Carl wants.

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## Holiday Greetings From Stand-by Wilton Taylor

Wilton Taylor, former Co. M, 47th man, Star Route, Stop 6, Lost Hills, Calif., has asked The Octofoil to convey his best wishes to all former 9th men wherever they may be for a Prosperous 1963.

In his letter Taylor mentions having located another former Ninth man out in California's desert country—Ed Crayton, 1711 Glennwood Court, Bakersfield. Crayton was located when Taylor spotted an Octofoil decal on a car in a Bakersfield parking lot. Another former 9th man mentioned in Taylor's letter was Sgt. Richard L. Kinkennon, 916-D Dogue Creek, Fort Belvoir, Va.

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Many an accident happens to a man when his wife falls asleep in the back seat.

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## West Point Operations Given a Full-Page Play

The November 16 issue of Army News devotes an entire page to activity at West Point Military Academy and features a picture of the Ninth's own Maj. Gen. William C. Westmoreland, and has this to say: "His colorful combat record includes service during World War II with the famed Ninth Infantry Division as it fought in North Africa and Europe, and during the Korean War as he led the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team during 1952-53."

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## Suggests Dividends Be Used Wisely

The following release should be of interest to many members of the Association.

Frank V. Votto, New York State Director of Veterans' Affairs, has advised holders of G.I. life insurance policies that they would be wise to use their regular dividends to guard against loss of their policies.

Director Votto pointed out it has been announced that more than 200,000 dollars in dividends would be paid in 1963 to veterans and servicemen who hold participating G.I. insurance.

"If they wish," the Director stated, "G.I. policyholders may have their annual dividends held with interest by the government as a credit to meet premium payments should the policyholder fail to pay them before the end of the 31-day grace period. These dividends are subject to withdrawal by the policyholder on request."

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## WRITE A FEW NOTICES FOR HOMETOWN SHEET

The Newspaper Committee at the Fort Bragg Reunion requested member to contribute articles pertaining to activities of the Ninth Infantry Division Association to their local newspapers. If the community does not have a Chapter occasional notices about some of the national association's activity should be sent in. The Memorial Services in Worcester should prove newsworthy.

Announcement of the place and time for the next annual Reunion—are just to mention a couple of subjects that may be used.

Dick Toole, Ashville, Ohio, tried it out on the little weekly paper in Ashville, O., near his home. He gave a comprehensive report on the many events he and Mrs. Toole had enjoyed while at Fayetteville and Fort Bragg. The newspaper was glad to get the item and printed the story as Toole had prepared it, in full.

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## SHE WAS BED-RIDDEN

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

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## SCHMIDT WELL INFORMED ON RIGHTS OF VETERANS

Each month Arthur Schmidt of the New York Chapter forwards to The Octofoil considerable correspondence that dwells on the rights of ex-G.I.s and their families. It is information that all ex-G.I.s and their families should be familiar with. It is regrettable that The Octofoil does not have the necessary space to print several columns of information such as that sent in by Schmidt.

Any member of the Association who is in doubt as to some of his rights as an ex-service man and who isn't getting the proper cooperation from the Veterans' Administration, would do well to outline their problems in a letter to Schmidt and it'll be a good bet that he has the answer at his finger tips. If he hasn't he will get the needed information from a trained service officers of the Disabled American Veterans or the Veterans of Foreign Wars. His address is: Arthur R. Schmidt, 69-20 69th St., Glendale 27, New York.

## TIME TO VISIT

Along with the thousand and one other things he finds time to do—Schmidt also finds time to visit a VA Hospital occasionally. The Octofoil is in receipt of a letter from G. V. Succermerri, Franklin Roosevelt VA Hospital, Montrose, N. Y., in which The Octofoil is asked to thank Art and Adolph Walavage for their visit to the hospital and the gifts that were left.

For a few weeks since the last issue of The Octofoil the New York Correspondent failed to make contact with this publication. It caused much concern. However it is now known that Schmidt got a craving to go wandering through the hills of North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. After he and his uncle had blazed a trail over 3,100 miles of these hills, sampling all kinds of hill-billy chow—some good and some not so good—the Demon Reporter is back in harness at his old "stomping grounds" and any member of the Association in the New York area who has any news notes about themselves or of any other member should send a card to Arthur Schmidt or call by telephone at one of the numbers given after his by-line in the story he has in this issue of The Octofoil.

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## COMPLETE FINANCIAL REPORTS ON FILE

Secretary Quinn has forwarded to The Octofoil copies of all financial transactions within the Association during the past year. The accounts have all been examined and okayed by Certified Public Accountants. If the space was available the figures would be set into type and printed.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

Psychologists say that at 40 a woman's mind gets broader—but that isn't all.

## THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION

(The following poem by HENRY W. SHIMKOSKI, a former 60th F.A. man, made a tremendous hit at Worcester, Mass., with the members who were there—and there has been a tremendous demand from former Ninth men who heard it, that it be reproduced in The Octofoil.)

By HENRY W. SHIMKOSKI, 60th F.A.

It was my intention that some day I'd write  
Of the bloody battles the Ninth had to fight.  
Maybe I should have when my memory was clear,  
When the bursting of shells still rang in my ear.  
But in the confusion, the heartache and strain,  
The stench of dead bodies, the mud and the rain,  
Had left me unable to lift up a pen  
And write of the horrors that had happened then.

The years now have softened the harshness of war,  
The grim realities and things that I saw.  
So in the next stanzas I'll try to relate  
All of the happenings I chalk up to fate.

'Twas early one morning on Africa's coast,  
The ships laid at anchor, like fleets of a ghost  
Over the side we went down the rope netting  
Into a war of death and blood letting.

We were green and untried at this endeavor,  
But to quit and give up, that we could never;  
For three days and three nights the battle ensued,  
The French Vichy forces for armistice sued.

And after the battle we buried the dead,  
Made ready our forces for what lay ahead;  
And for hundreds of miles over rough terrain  
Made desperate a march that wasn't in vain.

At Thala, Tunisia, we put on a show,  
With artillery fire that routed the foe;  
And there was Maknassy and Pass Kasserine,  
Names we will remember and all that we seen.

The battlings for Gafsa and rough El Guettar  
Made the desert sands red in this awful war  
Still more months of fighting on Africa's land,  
Left more G.I.'s buried 'neath African sand.

At last it was over, we breathed a sigh  
And to old Africa we said good-bye  
And before we knew it, on shipboard went we  
Sailing for the island of old Sicily.

Licata and Gela were towns we did take  
Before the enemy was fully awake.  
We shall never forget names like Troina,  
Randazzo or any right to Messina.

With the mission accomplished in fighting Ninth style  
We counted our blessings and rested awhile;  
Palermo we left and to England set sail,  
There for rehearsal and the rest of my tale.

In Merry Old England we learned to do well,  
With time to recover our sagging morale  
But months to days melted and D day drew near,  
Bid farewell to England, made ready our gear.

And the channel we crossed, hit the beaches of France  
With all that we had and left nothing to chance;  
We shelled them, harassed them, with no place to hide,  
And cut through Normandy, a win for our side.

The Hedgerows were next for the Ninth near St. Lo;  
On land of green pastures, and the Calvado,  
Where the men were dying by cattle now dead,  
On fields turned scarlet from wounded that bled.

In every position they lay as they fell,  
Their lot must be heaven for they have seen Hell;  
I gazed at them sadly and saw there my face  
On each one before me, and me in their place.

Very long was the road, 'set with many fears.  
Holding out a promise, shedding of more tears;  
At Falaise Gap it's said, the noose we pulled tight  
For thousands of Germans this was their last fight.

From Paris to Belgium they made their retreat  
With the Ninth in pursuit, to hasten defeat.  
The taking of Aachen we say with just pride,  
The first German city to fall to our side.

The chase then continued to the Rhine River,  
For final bombardments we did deliver;  
It was at the Remagen, a bridge didn't blow,  
We crossed it and finished a staggering foe.

Mopping up continued as far as Berlin,  
The Ninth earned and deserved this glorious win.  
We shall never forget all those left behind—  
For they will always be in our hearts enshrined.

## Garland Hill Digs Up Real Old Photos

Garland Hill, 1625 Williams Ave., Clarksburg, W. Va., recently found a real old-time photograph made at McFadden's Pond, Fort Bragg, before the new style helmets were issued. Shown in the picture are the following G Co., 39th men:

Sgt. Quinlan, Pvt. Valsilko, Sgt. Hill, Sgt. Moore and Pvt. Cantrell.

Efforts will be made to publish the picture in a forthcoming issue.

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## New York Cabbies Interested in Book

The Octofoil has received letters of inquiry from the mysterious New York cabbie friend about the response members are giving to the request for notes of interest to be made a part of the book now being prepared in Paris by a French writer that deals with the part the Ninth Division played in the North African invasion in 1942.

(Editor's Note: Two female newspaper writers for a Columbus, O. newspaper were in New York City recently for an interview with Joan Crawford, the actress. The taxi they hailed at the railroad station, proved to be a talkative cabbie, as are all New York cabbies. Learning they were from Columbus he waved an Octofoil at the ladies and remarked, "that's where my old outfit's paper is being printed." One of the ladies happened to be a sister of the printing firm's owner where The Octofoil is printed. (It's a small world.)

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An adolescent is a youngster in his early nicoteneens.

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## HARRY BORES HEARD FROM IN A NEW FLORIDA SPOT

Harry A. Bores, Jr. has moved from 5047 40th Ave., N., St. Petersburg, Fla., to No. Fort Myers, Fla., P. O. Box 3052.

It was mighty nice of Mrs. Bores to write The Octofoil and give the new address. Harry was with the 3rd Bn., 47th from Africa to the Elbe. He has lost contact with all his old buddies. He and Mrs. Bores are hopeful that this notice in The Octofoil will attract the attention of some of the old timers who will drop them a card at the address given.

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## A "MISHAP" CAUSES REX FORD TO FRET

Rex Ford, 204 Hamburg Ave., Portsmouth, Va., showed some of his old Co. H, 39th spirit when he sent in a "scorcher" letter wanting to know why he wasn't on The Octofoil mailing list. An investigation by Secretary Danny Quinn disclosed an odd happening: The selector tab on Rex's Addressograph plate had broken off, leaving his plate with the pile of delinquents. Back issues of the paper—with sincere apologies have been sent post haste to this good member. A lot more genuine interest such as Rex Ford has would be mighty helpful to the future well being of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

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A budget is a method of planned worrying.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—  
A man may fall several times but he isn't a failure until he starts saying someone pushed him.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—  
It's all right to drink like a fish provided you drink what a fish does.