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## GREELEY'S EDICT, 'GO WEST,' REAFFIRMED

### PILL PUSHER'S HOME AND OFFICE IN ABE LINCOLN'S BACKYARD



Pictured above is a frontier doctor's home and office in the reconstructed New Salem (Illinois) State Park. New Salem was the home of Abraham Lincoln in his early manhood. The village has been reconstructed to appear as it was in Lincoln's day. A visit to the park is on the program for Saturday, July 27, as part of the 1963 Ninth Infantry Division Association's Reunion when it is held in Springfield.

### FREE LOADERS TO GET THE OLD AX

Evidently Secretary Dan Quinn was still imbued with some left-over charitable Christmas spirit when February, 1963, the proverbial Ax Month rolled around. Because he left a long list of Free Loaders on The Octofoil mailing list to receive this issue of The Octofoil. However, he did ask that a notice be published that he would be going through the list with a fine tooth comb and yank out every name that the records show have not paid 1963 dues to the Association. In other words, only those who have sent in dues for 1963 will receive the next issue of The Octofoil, which will contain latest developments regarding the 1963 Reunion in Springfield, Ill.

The address is: Dan Quinn, Secretary, Ninth Infantry Division Association, 412 Gregory Avenue, Weehawken, New Jersey.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

### Farther Connors Takes Part in Convocation

Recent issues of The Boston Globe carried stories about a special Ecumenical Convocation held in Worcester, Mass. Among those mentioned prominently as participants was the name of the Association's own Chaplain, Rev. Edward Connors, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Worcester, Mass.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

### Ozart's Wings Are Getting In Shape

Past National President Frank Ozart, 2241 S. Marshall Blvd., Chicago 23, Ill., has been suffering from an arthritis condition for quite some time. He is still under care of a medic but information reaching The Octofoil from the Windy City brings the glad tidings that Frank just about has the situation licked and will be in shape to take on all golf challengers who attend the Reunion in Springfield, Ill.

—PAY 1963 DUES NOW—

### BOARD WILL MEET AT WEST POINT ON MAY 4, 1963

Members of the Board of Governors who met last in Worcester, decided the next meeting would be at West Point. The exact date was left open. It has now been decided to meet there on May 4. It was pointed out that by meeting on this date a miniature Reunion would be in the offing. The New York Chapter members were arranging a trek to the Academy on that date and the New Yorkers are always joined by others from Philadelphia and nearby towns.

On the May 4 date selected a Cadet Review is scheduled for 12 noon, followed by a number of interesting athletic contests.

Maj. Gen. William Westmoreland, superintendent at the Point, has assured Association officers that meeting facilities will be no problem.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

### TRYING TO LOCATE FRANK WARNER

Adolph J. Wadalavage, 94-30 96th St., Ozone Park 16, L. I., N. Y., has been trying to locate Frank "Hank" Warner for a long time—as a matter of fact, ever since the day he was hit and moved from his M.P. unit. Not only Wadalavage but many of Warner's old M.P. buddies would be mighty happy to locate him. He was reported being a patient in Crile VA Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, a few years ago—and that was the last report anyone had of "Hank." If any Association member is in position to help these old buddies locate "Hank" Warner it will be greatly appreciated. Drop a card to Wadalavage at the address given above.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

### Zweil Living High

A card from Wild Bill Zweil, post marked from Miami, Fla., reads: "Down here for a rest. Do we have an Association unit down this way? Take care of things until I get back up there."

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

### TOM ORBAND REMINDS CO. "B," 39TH BOYS, JUNE 14-15 THE DAYS

Tom Orband, 29 Delmar St., Binghamton, N. Y., sends this reminder: The 1963 Reunion of "B" Co., 39th Infantry, will be held at the Arlington Hotel in Binghamton on June 14th and 15th.

Orband has completed most all the arrangements necessary for a most successful get-together and is expecting a large turnout of Comrades, their ladies and friends of the Ninth Infantry Division.

Drop a postal card to Tom Orband at the address given above and advise him the time of arrival and how many in the party. These "B" Co. get-together sessions are always events never to be forgotten. Tom is entitled to some co-operation. Start planning now to make this June B Co. 39th celebration one of the best ever held.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

### IRVING FEINBERG IS HOSPITALIZED

Irving Feinberg, Treasurer of the New York Chapter, suffered a painful mishap in an automobile accident while on his way to work on Monday, Jan. 21. Irving is in the Jewish Memorial Hospital, 196th St. and Broadway, Manhattan.

Many of the New York Chapter members have visited their Treasurer and report that he shows signs of improving but will possibly be hospitalized for a good three months.

A visit from any of the members will do Irv a world of good. If it is impossible to make a personal call, everyone can spare the time to send a get-well card.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Judging from the photographs, the dark side of the moon looks quite a bit like Old Sarge the morning after coming back from a 3-day pass.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

A cultured woman is one who by the mere shrug of her shoulders can adjust her shoulder straps.

### ILLINOIS COMMITTEEMEN SWEAR REUNION SLATED FOR JULY 25, 26, 27, 1963, IS GOING TO BE THE "BESTEST"

John Clouser, 1963 Reunion Chairman, is bubbling with enthusiasm because all indications lead him to believe that the Reunion in Springfield, Illinois, July 25, 26, 27 is going to be an epoch-making event in the annals of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. The information Clouser has forwarded to The Octofoil is most convincing that he is correct in his surmise. Read below some excerpts from a recent letter The Octofoil received from the 1963 alert Reunion Chairman:

The 1963 Reunion promises to be the best in the history of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. The Governor of Illinois, the Ninth's own Otto Kerner will welcome the former members of the Army's greatest Division to the Land of Lincoln. The Reunion Committees under the general chairmanship of John Clouser, with Co-Chairmen Frank Ozart, Ed Ern and Bob Winkleman, Illinois Chapter president, plan a reunion packed with fun, business, and a solemn period during the annual Memorial Services.

#### GOLFING ON JULY 25

Thursday, July 25 will be golfing day and that night set aside for war yarns. The golfers and duffers will tee off at Springfield's beautiful lake side municipal course in the morning. In the evening the annual get-together will be held in the ballroom of the St. Nicholas Hotel. Liquids with varied potencies will flow quite freely. The St. Nicholas Hotel will furnish accommodations for all former Ninth men and their ladies. The hotel is completely air conditioned and does not need the breeze from any Battle of the Bulge yarns to make the surroundings entirely comfortable.

#### FRIDAY BUSINESS DAY

Friday is business day for the men. All business sessions of the Association and the Board of Governors will be completed on Friday. On Friday afternoon the ladies will be guests of Mrs. Otto Kerner at the Governor's Mansion for tea.

Friday night is Family Night at the lake. There will be a fish fry, dance and entertainment at the Disabled Veterans' Club house on beautiful Lake Springfield. There will be games for the youngsters. Swimming will be available for all. Any ski enthusiasts who bring skis along may also enjoy that sport.

#### HIGH SPOT SATURDAY

Saturday morning will be the high spot of the Reunion with the Memorial Services to be held at Lincoln's Tomb. No place would be any more fitting to stop and pay homage to our fellow soldiers who died in the struggle for freedom, than the final resting place of the greatest President in the history of the United States.

#### ON TO NEW SALEM PARK

Following Memorial Services the convoy will have a police escort as the group moves on to New Salem State Park, the locale of Abe Lincoln's young manhood days.

Upon arrival at the park a picnic lunch will be served. The village has been restored as nearly as possible to its original likeness. A visit through the village will portray how the hardy pioneers lived on the frontier. It will be possible to sample the same kind of food the pioneers ate, cooked on an open fireplace—the same as in Lincoln's time.

#### GRANDE FINALE

The grande finale of the reunion will be the banquet and ball on Saturday night. The finest orchestra in the Springfield area has been engaged for dancing after the banquet. Highlight of the banquet will be a speech by the Governor of Illinois, Otto Kerner, formerly of the 34th F.A. Bn.

#### MANY SPOTS TO VISIT

What to do during free time? Visitors have their choice of many historical sights within walking distance of the hotel—such as Lincoln's home, the State Capitol, and the Sangamon County courthouse, which was the capitol in Lincoln's time. And many other interesting spots—which will be mentioned in a future issue of The Octofoil.

—PAY 1963 DUES NOW—

### 1963 Reunion Will Be Easy On Purse Strings

The 1963 Reunion to be held in Springfield, Ill., July 25, 26, 27, 1963 will touch the members' pocket-books very lightly. The Hotel St. Nicholas furnishes good rooms, free parking, and a completely air conditioned hotel at reasonable rates. The special rates for the Ninth's Reunion are \$7 single, \$9 double, and \$10 for twin bedrooms.

#### NOT TO EXCEED \$15

Price of the strip ticket, which covers all Reunion events, has not been set definitely, but will be about \$14—but in no case to exceed \$15 per person. This will include three meals. At other reunions the strip ticket price included only one meal—the banquet. Money spent for food during the reunion will be less under the Springfield plan than heretofore.

The strip ticket takes care of costs for the Thursday party, the dance on Friday and the dance Saturday night, as well as transportation from the hotel to the lake on Friday night.

#### FOOD REASONABLE

The prices for food and drink in Springfield are comparable to prices in Columbus, Ohio—which is much cheaper than prices paid in Chicago and other large cities. The hotel is easy walking distance from train and bus stations—three blocks away being the farthest removed of any.

Prices for food in the hotel are the same as in nearby restaurants.

Parking is free in the hotel's private lot across the street from the St. Nicholas.

Plan now to spend a relaxed vacation in the Land of Lincoln. See the sights of the beautiful prairie state of Illinois. And a side visit to Chicago, a great metropolis, would be very interesting.

The 1963 Reunion is planned for the entire family—as well as the "Old Soldiers." This enjoyable and worthwhile vacation trip can be shared and enjoyed by the youngsters and Mother—and should be.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

### CAN'T ATTEND MEETINGS—SETTLES FOR HIS OCTOFOIL

Francis Brusic, former 47th man, writes from 53 Tuttle St., Wallington, N. J. He is a guard at the Hoffman La Roche plant in Nutley and his hours conflict with the New York Chapter's meeting dates. Such being the case, for the time being, he says he'll have to be content to read about the Chapter's happenings in The Octofoil.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

#### FOREVER FEMALE

Woman as she arrives home with a smashed fender: "And the policeman was so nice about it. He asked if I'd like for the city to remove all the telephone poles."

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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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## PRESIDENT FRANCIS MAHER SAID "THIS"— We Didn't...

(The letter printed below was received from President Francis Maher with the notation "This an order that the letter be printed." While the President's kind expressions are greatly appreciated by all concerned, it is hoped the members will not entertain any critical opinions that could be construed as believing any of The Octofoil personnel egotistical. The wonderful cooperation of members from all parts of the country is one of the greatest factors that has contributed to The Octofoil's success. But, thanks anyway, Mr. Prexy.—Editor and Assistant.)

Dear Paul: Please accept my congratulations for the very fine edition that our last Octofoil proved to be. You and Dick Pestel have every right to be proud, for it was by far the best issue that we have had to date. I have heard from many members and each share this opinion.

I think all of us have come to realize that The Octofoil is the life-line of our fine organization. It keeps each of us in close touch with events that take place, which would be impossible without The Octofoil. It also serves all our members in helping secure lost addresses of former buddies that we may have been out of contact with.

I would like to appeal to all men who have so proudly worn the Ninth Division shoulder patch, and especially those who have been lax in paying dues into the Association. I ask them all to close ranks and everyone do his part in perpetuating the Association—and thereby perpetuating the fine program of events sponsored by the Association. It is my hope and fervent prayer that the Ninth Infantry Division Association will always be a closely knit organization with its accomplishments passed on to each and every member through The Octofoil columns.

May I say again, thanks to you Paul and your assistant, for the best veterans' newspaper that is being published anywhere.

Yours in Comradeship,

FRANCIS K. MAHER, President  
Ninth Infantry Division Association

14 Davenport St., Worcester 10, Mass.

## GET YOUR COPY READY FOR AN AD IN CLASSY REUNION SOUVENIR PROGRAM

Chapters or individual members desiring space in the beautifully color-printed program book to be produced by the 1963 Reunion Committee should write the Program Chairman—Frank Ozart, 2241 South Marshall Boulevard, Chicago 23, Illinois—AT ONCE. Rates for the program book are as follows:

Full page advertisement	\$20.00
Half page	\$10.00
One-fourth page	\$ 5.00
Boosters (individual's name only)	\$ 1.00
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IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK—JULY 25, 26, 27, 1963

## OTTO SIROVY—MRS. SOROVY AND E-I-G-H-T YOUNGSTERS SEND THEIR BEST REGARDS

Otto R. Sirovy lost both legs while in combat with the Ninth Division—Co. C, 47th Regt. Yet his letters are more cheerful than many from former 9th men who were much more lucky than Otto. He has a devoted wife and eight children and is a dedicated member of the Association. Sirovy was with the Ninth all the way until an anti-personnel mine put him out of commission on July 28, 1944. Up until then he was a BAR ammunition carrier, then assistant gunner, and gunner—later being made a Sergeant.

The address is 150 Jackson St., Jackson, Minn., and the former 47th fellow says he'd be mighty happy to get a card or letter from any of the old gang.

## BOB NICHOLS HAS BEEN GETTING BAD BREAKS

Robert Nichols is a former D Co., 47th man, now living at Ahaskie, N. C. He addresses a letter to his old D Co. buddies in which he tells of having been hospitalized twice in 1962 because of a stomach ailment that has kept him from work during the year. He is expecting to be hospitalized again soon and evidently the medical expenses have taken all the money the family had. Just what steps to be taken to care for the wife and daughter during future weeks Bob must spend in the hospital is a difficult question to be answered. He would like to hear from his old buddies.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Girls about the age of 12 stop making faces at boys and start making eyes.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

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

Hotel St. Nicholas,  
Springfield, Illinois.

Please reserve for the undersigned accommodations that are checked below:

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.

Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Single — \$7.00

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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.

## NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, *National Secretary*, 9th Infantry Division Assn.  
412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, New Jersey

Enclosed please find 1963 dues for:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

I was a member of:

Battery \_\_\_\_\_; Company \_\_\_\_\_; Regiment \_\_\_\_\_ 9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00 ☐

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Combat Route Map \_\_\_\_\_ \$ .50 ☐

60th Infantry History \_\_\_\_\_ \$ .50 ☐

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## Schmidt Drives Miles Off Course to Beat the Toll Charges

The Octofoil is in receipt of two divergent views in letters from Adolph Wadalavage and Arthur Schmidt, both members of the New York Chapter. Adolph writes that while riding with Schmidt recently on a return trip from visiting the Montrose VA Hospital that Schmidt drove many, many miles out of the way to avoid paying a small toll road fee. Adolph swears Schmidt has driven possibly hundreds of thousands of miles over the years to avoid these road toll payments.

Schmidt writes in claiming that all the extra mileage was necessitated because he became lost trying to follow Jerry Shapiro's instructions on how to reach the Jewish Memorial Hospital so as to visit with their old pal, Irving Feinberg.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## Greetings From Sgt. Maurice Tougas, 15th Engineers

A former 15th Engrs. Sergeant sends best wishes for a prosperous 1963 to his old Engineer buddies—the writer was Maurice Tougas, 559 Hunt St., Central Falls, R. I.

## List of Names Sent In By Carl Ward

Secretary Dan Quinn advises The Octofoil that he is most grateful to James Carl Ward, former Bty. B, 34th F.A., for a list of names the lad sent in. The list were names of the men who came home with him. It was traveling orders dated 25 April 1945. All these men left the Division before the Association was formed—and the secretary is in the process of trying to locate as many of them as he possibly can. Secretary Quinn expresses the hope that some other members will look up their traveling orders and send in similar lists.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward's address is: Rt. 1, Box 113, Reidsville, N. C. The couple are planning on making the reunion in Springfield, having enjoyed the Fort Bragg sessions so much—they have a yen to go again.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## ANOTHER BUCKEYE "SOUNDS OFF"

Another former 47th man living in Ohio has been located—James M. Dye writes from 400 E. Howe Road, Tallmadge, Ohio, near Cleveland.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

No man may rise so high that his wife may not call him down.

## McKENZIE FILES 26th F.A. DOPE

By JOE MCKENZIE,  
95 Washington Avenue  
Waltham, Mass.

Happy New Year. I hope that the New Year shall bring all joy and happiness to each and every one of us.

News at the start of the New Year comes from little notes added to the Christmas greeting cards. Many of the old gang from Service 26th F.A. still know how to write although many of them said "When I get out I will never write again." Frank Grutzius, George Wilkinson, Lew Orticiari, Arnold Leach Pergi, Jimmy Boyle, Paul Fribush, Paul Griffin, Jerry Langer, Peter Greco, Ike Blitzstein, Bill Bongiorno, Charlie Zablow, Warren Estep, Bernal Lareau, Raymond Weaver, Louie Englund, Harold Wallace, Jim Daniels, Red Truscello, Carl Lucas, John Brazil, John Murray, Elbert Turner, Ed Kral, Clem LeBlanc, Elmer Roscoe, Bill Andrews, Dan Looney, Harold Huber and Joe Albanese remembered me with Christmas cards. Other good men like Ches Mischler, Ted Schmidt, Tony Salton, Dick Rogers, Paul Plunkett and John Clouser whom I met at Ninth Division Association conventions also remembered me.

Paul Griffin added a note to say that he is again the father of a little boy and that the Army has promoted him to Major. Congratulations Paul. Frank Grutzius added the address of Lt. Orris Pinkstaff as 1318 N. Penn St., Indianapolis, Ind. Bill Bongiorno has a son in the army stationed in Chicago. Bill, Jr. visited Bernal Lareau and Tony Salton on one of his many leave periods in the windy city. Lareau has moved to 124 16th Ave., Silus Hgts., Silus, Ill. Harold Wallace attended the convention at Fort Bragg last summer. I would say that he was the only representative of Service 26th F.A. Harold Huber added a note to say that after a minor operation his wife is now as healthy as ever. I talked on the phone with Walter Swenson. The Swede is taking things easy since he quit the post office. Saw Bill Sacco the other day. His back still bothers him but he still does light work.

During the next six months I want all of you men in the Middle West to talk up the coming convention. Springfield, Ill., is a long way from New England, so you fellows will have to work hard to make it a success.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## WADALAVAGE AND SCHMIDT DO MUCH WORTHWHILE WORK

The Octofoil has been watching closely the fine work Adolph Wadalavage is doing as Welfare Officer for the New York Chapter. His regular visits to VA hospitals in the area has brought much sunshine to ex-G.I. patients, not only former Ninth Division men but to many others. Recently he has been accompanied on these visitations by Arthur Schmidt, also a member of the New York Chapter.

Other Chapters would do well to inaugurate a hospital visitation program to nearby VA hospitals similar to the New York program.

## CARDS FOR SUCCIMARRI

On a recent visit to the VA Hospital at Montrose, N. Y., Wadalavage visited with a former Ninth Signal man, Vincent Scuccimarrri and advises that Vince recently underwent some painful surgery. Adolph advises that cards and letters do the lad more good than the medics prescriptions and he really treasures the letters and cards he gets. It is hoped that many members of the Association will take pen in hand and dash off a get-well card to Vincent Scuccimarrri at once.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## "POP" BURNETT STILL LIVING IN ARIZONA

The postoffice department has notified The Octofoil that "Pop" Burnett has moved from 1005 E. Southaven Ave., Phoenix, Ariz., to 1221 E. Vogel Ave., Phoenix 20, Ariz. "Pop" moved from Ohio to Arizona a few years ago because of his health. He would be glad to get a few cards from the old gang.

—PAY 1963 DUES NOW—

## STOPPED BY A STATISTIC

At a shower for the bride-to-be, she told her friends "I plan to have four children—two boys and two girls."

"Why stop at four?" one friend asked.

"Because," replied the bride-to-be, "I've been reading statistics and find that every fifth child is a Chinaman."



## NEW YORK CHAPTER HELD JANUARY MEETING IN A DIFFERENT LOCATION

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The Greater New York Chapter held its January meeting at Pop's Tavern on Hudson Ave., in Union City, N. J., near the Elk's Lodge. Arrangements were made at the last minute by Dan Quinn because the usual location was unavailable. Despite the sudden change there were 35 members in attendance. Illness caused some absences. Al Orletti was ill; Al Rago's wife was sick; and Adolph Wadalavage, Harry Orenstein and Dave Gelman were absent because of urgent business appointments.

### OFFICERS INSTALLED

The newly elected officers were installed. In the absence of Outgoing President Stanley Cohen, the writer as First Vice President, presided at the meeting. Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer Feinberg's report showed the general fund improved slightly. Secretary Miele gave an encouraging report on membership. The Chapter now has 380 paid members. Stanley Cohen and the outgoing officers are due a vote of thanks.

Under communications — several Christmas cards sent the Chapter were read, including a card from Bob and Frances Catus, Parker, Ind.; Bob Kreye, Vincent Succimari, who is a patient at Montrose VA Hospital; an acknowledgment from the hospital was read advising the cigarettes which had been sent by Adolph Wadalavage, Chapter Welfare Officer, had been received; a card of thanks from Eddy Egan in appreciation for the sympathy card sent by the Chapter when his father passed away. A card was also read from "Doc" Walton, Rome, Ga.

### GAVEL TO APAR

The gavel was turned over to the Chapter Chaplain, George Apar — who conducted the installation of new officers. Apar's remarks were impressive, expressing thanks to the outgoing officers. Apar stated he felt the new officers were equally as capable as were the outgoing men.

He mentioned several past presidents including Vincent Guglielmino, Pat Morano, Stanley Cohen, Max Uman-sky and stated he thought the newly installed president, Walter O'Keeffe, would also do an admirable job.

O'Keeffe thanked the members for electing him and asked for their co-operation. Ed Iannetti, First Vice President; Secretary Dom Miele, Chaplain George Apar, and Pat Morano, member of the Chapter's Board of Governors all thanked the members for electing them and all pledged to give their best efforts.

### MODEST GEORGE

Chaplain Apar, who succeeded himself, heaped praise on all the officers without mentioning the many duties that have befallen the Chaplain. Nevertheless he has done a most outstanding job and the members all are appreciative.

### BUFFET SUPPER

A buffet supper followed installation. It was quite a spread. Dan Quinn was responsible for preparing the menu. But he kept a close watch on the non-Catholics to see that they did not devour all the meat before Friday midnight.

The tavern owner felt compassion for the Catholic lads and resurrected a platter of frankfurters and other nourishment at the proper time.

Ways and means of raising funds for the Scholarship Project were discussed.

Frank Fazio promised news soon on the Chapter's plans to present pins to former Chapter Presidents.

George Apar won the first dark horse prize, a lady's compact case, donated by Dominick Miele; Vincent Guglielmino won the second prize — a 9th Infantry Division lapel pin, donated by Danny Quinn.

### MRS. MCINERNEY ILL

Mr. Michael McInerney, a Gold Star parent and active in Chapter affairs, advises that Mrs. McInerney, who is active with the Gold Star Mothers organization, has been suffering from a most severe cold.

Dan Quinn was in the hospital for three days.

Several chapter members have taken advantage of the bargains Irving Feinberg is giving the members who want to purchase radios. Both Adolph Wadalavage and the writer have taken Irv up on his offer.

## New Yorkers Hold Enjoyable Yuletide Party



New York Chapter has a ready-made Santa Claus (no padding is needed) in the person of Jack Scully, pictured above, as he thrilled the young fry during the Chapter's 1962 Christmas Party. Noted above observing Santa's work is Frank Fazio and John Rizzo, while Kathy Quinn and her girl friends, Patty and Arlene Stanke, seem pleased with Santa's generosity.

## NEW YORK FEBRUARY 1 MEETING WAS HELD AT HOTEL VAN RENSSELAER, 15 E. 11TH ST.

By **ARTHUR RICHARD SCHMIDT**  
Public Relations Director  
New York Chapter

The regular monthly meeting for February held by the New York Chapter was back in their old stomping grounds—Hotel Van Rensselaer. Under the head of new business Dan Quinn called the members attention to the work Arthur Schmidt of the New York Chapter was doing in giving advice to members who needed to file claims with the Veterans' Administration.

Adolph Wadalavage made a report of Treasurer Irving Feinberg's condition. Details about Feinberg's hospitalization is printed in another column of this issue.

### ROGER MARION PASSED AWAY

Chapter Secretary Dom Miele reported having received a returned envelope marked "Deceased." The letter had been mailed to Roger Marion, 8 E. 8th St., New York 3, N. Y. Marion was formerly with the 39th Regt. Miele learned that Marion passed away on Dec. 31, 1962. A sympathy card was sent to the family.

Miele and Harry Orenstein called attention to clippings about the meeting that were in the Brooklyn daily. Pat Morano advised he had heard the announcements over radio station WNBC just before meeting.

### NEW FACES

Some of the new faces at the meet-

ing included Vince D'Addona, 1226 Wheeler Ave., Bronx 72, N. Y., formerly 9th Recon.; John Hollick, I Co., 39th, was also new, as was George Kasper, I Co., Cannon Co., 60th. Jake Laskru, A Co., 47th, made a rare appearance. Max Uman-sky turned in dues for a new member, Alfred Stultz, 1435 Duchess Drive, Baton Rouge, La. Stultz was formerly with Co. K, 47th. John Gee, Co. B, 15th Engrs., has a new address: 255-25 73rd Ave., Glen Oaks, N. Y.

Featured at the meeting was a lecture and showing of a film on "Telestar," by Mr. Thompson of the New York Telephone Co. The lecture and film were very interesting and informative. President O'Keeffe had circularized the members with postal cards about the Telestar program. Mr. Thompson explained how "Telestar" was developed from its inception and how "Telestar" develops its own electrical power from the sun.

### ON TO WEST POINT

President Walter O'Keeffe called on Stan Cohen to arrange for the West Point tour.

The scholarship program was discussed at length.

Harry Orenstein was winner of a Siphon King set as the dark horse prize; Vincent Guglielmino won the second horse prize, rumored to be a portion of potent beverage.

## Andrew Grauer, 15th Engrs., In Hospital

Andrew Grauer, B Co., 15th Engrs., has been hospitalized since the Christmas holidays. "Pappy" is in the Lenox Hill Hospital, Bronx, N. Y. He has been suffering from stomach ulcers but the medics were afraid to operate because of a heart condition and ordered him to a convalescence home for a few weeks. He is back from the Connecticut rest home now and a few get well cards from any of the old gang would help cheer him up a lot.

Mr. and Mrs. Grauer make their home at 3 Washington Place, Island Park, N. Y. Phone: GE 2-3709.

## President Kennedy Receives An Invitation

William Muldoon, 86 Herman Ave., Bethpage, L. I., N. Y., has taken his pen in hand and dashed off an invitation to President John Kennedy to be his guest at the 1963 Ninth Infantry Division Reunion to be held in Springfield, Ill., July 25, 26 and 27th. Incorporated in Bill's letter to JFK was also mention of the Memorial Services held in Worcester, Mass. each year, and he was also invited to take time out and participate in one of the Memorial Services conducted by Father Ed Connors.

If the President doesn't accept the New Yorker's invitation maybe Gov. Otto Kerner out in Illinois can put some pressure to bear on the White House and get him out there.

The divorce rate is heading for a new high. Women are becoming wealthy by decrees.

## SCHMIDT'S EFFORTS FOR DISABLED VETS, MERITS MEMBERS' GRATITUDE

During recent weeks The Octofoil has received letters, showing that Arthur Schmidt of the New York Chapter is putting in many hours on his typewriter giving advice to Association members and their families that has proven helpful to them in the filing of claims with the Veterans' Administration in various states. He has entered into extensive correspondence with Mr. Edward Poons, State Veterans Counselor, for the Veterans of Foreign Wars in New York. When the queries come from another state Schmidt and Mr. Poons have advised the members just who to contact in those states and how to proceed. It is refreshing to note that Art takes time to always send a follow up "thank you" letter to those who have helped him to render a service to the member.

Noting copies of letters sent to Carl Dimmick, Rt. 1, Stockton, N. J., Art puts in a big plug for the New York Chapter as a finale. Dominick is a former Co. E, 39th man.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars justifies its existence because of the work its service officers do along the lines Art Schmidt has been volunteering of his time and talent. It might be well for a future Reunion delegate body to establish a National Service Officer who will function for the members' benefit in the way that Art Schmidt has so graciously been functioning during recent weeks.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

## Father Ed Jocham Plays Big Part In Fine Arts Display

Ray Strall, former K Co., 47th man, of Teaneck, N. J., has forwarded to The Octofoil copies of Down East newspapers that give a full page spread to an outstanding art exhibition staged in the McLaughlin Library of Seton Hall University.

One of the more prominent stories accompanied by a 3-column picture, stresses the part played in the art exhibit by Rev. Edward Jocham, of St. Matthews Church, Ridgefield. Father Jocham is a former 39th Regt. man. One of the paragraphs referring to Father Jocham reads:

"At the very entrance to the library where the exhibit is on view are some of the most striking pieces being shown, in particular a monstrosity which is a large golden oval, designed for only one adornment, the Host. The monstrosity, and a number of chalices and patens were designed by Rev. Edward F. Jocham of St. Matthew's, Ridgefield, who was graduated from Parsons School of Design and studied in France and Italy with the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts before entering the seminary at Darlington."

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## RHOADS JOINS JUST AS SOON AS NEWS RELAYED TO HIM

Edward Rhoads, 825 Madison St., Coatesville, Pa., a former Co. B, 9th Med. man, had never heard of the Association until he read the Teed story in Life Magazine. He immediately contacted Secretary Quinn, signed himself up and ordered some back issues of The Octofoil along with other data such as the combat map route, etc. Since signing himself up Ed has kept shaking the bushes in and around Coatesville for other former Ninth men and has come up with two so far.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## "HAMBONE" STORY SENT TO ENGLAND

Immediately after the printing of The Octofoil's last issue a letter was received from Linus A. Dziembowski, 497 Providence Rd., South Grafton, Mass. Linus enclosed the money for another copy of the paper for Mrs. Phil Brown, of Alresford, England, because of the story that was printed about "Hambone" the Ninth Division's mongrel mascot—buried and honored near Alresford.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## CABBIE WANTS MORE STORIES FROM KREYE

Just as this issue of The Octofoil was being "put to bed," a letter was received from the New York "mystery" cabbie, Victor Marcone. The letter contained five bucks for a 60th Regt. history and a subscription to The Octofoil for Councilman Angelo J. Arculeo, 1028 82nd St., Brooklyn, New York.

Marcone says the ex-G.I. cabbies liked Sgt. Bill Kreye's feature story in The Octofoil about troop landings in North Africa and are hoping he will write something about Sicily and Normandy soon.

## Hugh Hansen Has Been In Ohio VA Hospital

Hugh Hansen, 3618 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 15, Ohio, has been a patient in the Brecksville VA Hospital for quite some time. Mrs. Hansen advises Adolph Wadalavage, a member of New York Chapter, that Hansen is slated to come home for a 90-day furlough. The Octofoil appeals to former Ninth men living near Hugh's home or the hospital to make it a point to visit the lad. A short visit or a card from any former Ninth Division men will be a boost to his morale.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## Phil Carman "Pops Up" Down In Florida

The last records on file at Association headquarters of Phil Carman, showed him living in Fair Haven, N. J., back in 1946. Now he has been resurrected down in Florida. Phil read a notice in a Legion paper about the 1963 Reunion and wrote Secretary Quinn for more information. His home address now is 410 Virginia Ave., Madina Beach, Fla.

Secretary Quinn sent an Octofoil to the Florida address, and Phil spotted an article about Paul Potts and hastened to write him.

Mr. and Mrs. Carman extend an invitation to any former Ninth men who are ever traveling in their part of Florida to be sure and visit with them. Phil is particularly anxious to locate Bill Preston, a former 39th Hq. man. Any members who can help him out should send a card to the Florida address given above.

—PAY 1963 DUES NOW—

## New York Broker to Address the Chapter

Mr. Arnold Leeds of the brokerage firm, Bache & Co., will address the April 5 meeting of the New York Chapter. Mr. Leeds talk will be titled, "The Stock Market Today—Its Pitfalls and Its Profits."

Lou Almasy, a member of the New York Chapter, is employed by a Manhattan brokerage firm, and it is claimed that Art Schmidt owns controlling stock with the AT&T outfit. So Mr. Leeds will be addressing some lads who can put him right if he needs any help.

—PAY 1963 DUES NOW—

You can't climb the ladder to success with cold feet.

## SGT. BILL KREYE HOPES TO PUBLISH MEMOIRS

Several times in recent months former Sgt. Bill Kreye has furnished material for use in The Octofoil. Bill has a fine memory and his narratives based on experiences while overseas with the Ninth Infantry Division have all been most interesting.

As a result of these stories and others, many members of the Association have encouraged Kreye to compile many of his memoirs and experiences in book form. He has at last decided to embark on this adventure.

Naturally most of the action chapters in the book will be based on incidents Bill observed while with the 39th's 1st Battalion and with the Intelligence Section.

Like so many other former Ninth Division men who were pretty well banged up while in the service, Bill never mentions this fact and few of his intimates realize the extent of his injuries. The many months he has been hospitalized afforded him much time to make notations of his memories. He is wise enough to realize he can't turn out a worthwhile product in a few days—but knows it will take a long time—and he has the kind of patience needed. When the job is finished it will be a recording of Ninth Division exploits worth reading.

Bill Kreye's address is 337 20th St., Brooklyn 15, N. Y., and he is receptive to any suggestions or information any of his old outfit might be in position to give.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## LAMBERT IS A PAST POST COMMANDER OF LEGION

Maurice E. Lambert, a former Co. M, 39th Regt. man, has served a term as commander of an American Legion Post named in honor of a former 9th Inf., Co. G man—Andrew F. Young, who was killed in action on Sept. 12, 1918, at St. Mihiel, France.

Maurice is quite a collector of all printed data he can get that pertains to the accomplishments of the Ninth Infantry Division. His home address is 99 Ruskin Ave., Woonsocket, R. I.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

She: Doctor will the scar from my appendicitis show?

Doctor: That, young lady, is entirely up to you.

## "DOC" WALTON KEEPS CONTACTS

Paul Doc Walton, Rt. 7, Old Dalton Rd., Rome, Ga., sends in his regular report on affairs in the Cracker State. Doc talked with Walter Victor in Atlanta, but Walt was hurrying away to Miami to make some pictures of the Cuban shenanigans.

Two other former Ninth men contacted were J. B. Dodd and Wallace Reed, two very busy bankers.

A card from John Lewis, Shelbyville, advises Doc everything okay there. Carl "Boob" Bagwell, former 39th man, acting as an official tester for a local brewery—and single again.

Quite a few former Ninth men in the North Georgia area are trying to stage a spring get-together in Chattanooga. Looks like the project may be a success.

Dave Walton, offspring of Doc's, is on the art staff of a college newspaper down that way. Looks like Walton is developing a Public Relations man for the group within the family ranks. Judy, the 16-year-old daughter, will do her share also to help make the Chattanooga shindig a whopping success.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

## BYRON A. ANGELL IS IN A "SCREWY" BUSINESS

Byron A. Angell, former B Co., 15th Engrs., sends in dues for three years and his business stationery reads:

ANGELL SCREW MACHINE  
PRODUCTS  
616 Smithfield Road  
North Providence, Rhode Island  
—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

## BILL MEYER SENDS SAD NEWS OF ROGER E. MARION'S DEATH ON DEC. 31, 1962

William C. Meyer, 25 Forest Ave., Pearl River, N. Y., relays to The Octofoil the sad news of Roger Marion's death on Dec. 31, 1962. Roger was a Red Cross field director with the Ninth and was very popular with 39th Regt. men.

Bill Meyer was also a popular Red Cross Field Director with the Ninth until the Division reached Ingolstadt.

Roger left only one surviving relative, a devoted daughter, Mrs. Ema-line Marion Mechanic of 200 West 15th St., Apt. 6-C, New York 11, New York.

Members of the New York Chapter were grieved to learn of Roger's untimely death but did not learn the bad news until inquiry was started because of his absence when a Chapter meeting was called to order.

**BRIEF HISTORY**  
Roger E. Marion, a beloved member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, died on Dec. 31, 1962, at Polyclinic Hospital, New York City. During World War II he was attached to the 9th Infantry Division as a Field Director with the American Red Cross overseas. He had traveled extensively both as a Captain with the U. S. Army Engineers and also as a civilian. His gift as a raconteur, with his engaging stories and anecdotes made Rog most popular with many groups of his associates.

When he passed away he was engaged in work on the proposed Veterans' Memorial Building to be erected at Union Square Park and 17th St. in New York City. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 18, Greenwich Village, which Post he had served as an officer.

Roger Marion served his country in both World Wars — and before World War II was a captain in charge of various CCC Camps.

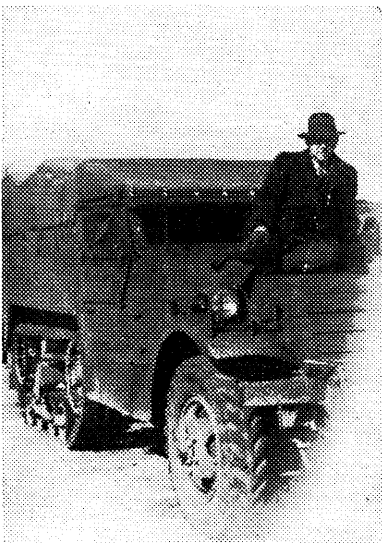
Among the many clubs with which he was affiliated were the Army and Navy Club in Washington; the Officers' Club of the Army and Navy in Manhattan, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; the Tough Club, and the National Arts Club.

Rog's hobbies were golf and photography. He was somewhat of an expert in the former, having written a book on the subject, entitled, "Skor-Kutter and Jitter Remover," published in 1951, which became a popular seller.

### WILL BE MISSED

Roger Marion's sage advice and counsel will be missed by the New York Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association and by the National Association. To the bereaved daughter, The Octofoil extends heartfelt condolences in this hour of her grief in the loss of a noble dad.

## A Scene of Long Ago



The picture shown above was taken by Captain Paul Lynch, K Co., 47th, at Fort Bragg, on his 24th birthday, Feb. 8, 1942. On top of the halftrack is Paul's dad, Mr. Joe Lynch, a Gold Star dad whose smiling face brightens up the Memorial Services in Worcester each year and the annual Reunions. Mr. Lynch was 72 years young on Feb. 27, 1963.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## Jarguant Salutes the 9th Infantry Division

Bill Andrews of the Michigan Chapter clipped the following article from Saga Magazine and sent it to The Octofoil. The article was signed by John F. Jarguant, Manitowoc, Wisconsin:

Enjoyed the "Battle of the Roer River Dams" (October Saga). The Ninth Division mentioned was formed in 1940. I was in it the day it started at Fort Bragg, N. C.—Co. G, 60th Inf. Regt. In the first months of 1941 we got the first draftees from New York and New Jersey. Then in February, 1942, I and others were sent as cadre to Fort Harrison, Ind., and the Ninth went to North Africa to engage Rommel. From there they went on to fight in Sicily, Normandy and on into Germany.

I don't remember all of them, but all that I knew—and I have checked carefully—are still in North Africa, Sicily and Germany beneath the crosses. They were men and I'll never forget them.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## Ted Youngquist Writes From Hopkins, Minn.

An item appeared in a recent issue of The Octofoil relating about contacting a former Ninth man at the National Military Order of Cootie Convention in Minneapolis, Minn. This Cootie, Theodore D. Youngquist, a former C Co., 47th man, has sent in his 1963 dues giving his address as 3125 Quebec Ave., South, Minneapolis 26, Minn. The writer tells of his plans to be in Springfield, Ill. when July rolls around. He is connected with the John Ess & Sons, Inc., Electrical Contractors, 20 Shady Oak Road, Hopkins, Minn.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Two mind readers met on the street. "You're feeling great," said one to the other. "How am I?"

## BILL BRABSON IS NOW BRABCASTING IN TULSA

Bill Brabson, a former 60th Regt. Shavetail, and a member of the Ohio Chapter, was among the missing at the last Ohio Chapter meeting. The mystery was solved when morning newspapers went on sale. Page 1 of Section 2, Columbus Citizen Journal had headlines "BRABCAST" with the announcement Radio Station KAKC of Tulsa, Okla., has a new man on the air—Bill Brabson—former Columbusite.

Before leaving for Tulsa Brabson was a Columbus TV and radio personality.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

## Capt. Suttlemire's Grave In France Is Recorded On Film

The Octofoil is in receipt of a very touching photo. It is in such shape that it has proven difficult to get a cut made. However efforts are being made to touch the photo up in a way that processing will be possible. The picture was made at the graveside of Capt. Suttlemire in St. Mere Eglise, France. Standing beside the grave, left to right is Lt. Col. Van H. Bond, Captain Corpening, Col. Harry A. Flint and Capt. Brian.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

## Helen DeVoid Gives a Christmas Present

Carroll DeVoid, former A Co., 15th Engrs., has a wife who looks out for him. Just before the Christmas holidays Secretary Quinn received a check from Helen M. DeVoid, advising that the check was to pay Carroll's 1963 dues and the membership card was to be a Christmas present for the former Engineer.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

## Bernard Kadykowski Passed Away Jan. 2

Bernard Kadykowski, of 16455 Northview, Roseville, Mich., a former Ninth Division M.P., was buried at Roseville on Jan. 7.

Bernard passed away on Jan. 2 after a lingering illness.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

## EARL RAY'S FATHER PASSED AWAY

Incomplete details have reached The Octofoil to the effect that the father of Earl Ray, a member of the Michigan Chapter, passed away shortly after the Christmas holidays.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

## Jan. 18 TV Show Thrilled Hammett

Bernard Hammett, former 376th Anti-Tk Bn., writes from 512 E. 4th St., Paterson, N. J., and comments on the Jan. 18 Navy Log TV program. Hammett was about fed up with so much credit given other units from time to time for accomplishments and no mention of the Ninth Division. There was more to be desired in the program seen but anyway Hammett says it did his heart good to see some views of the 47th and 39th in action in Normandy even if the hedge rows were not noticeable on the screen.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

Asked how she was coming in her desire to get married, the secretary said: "Pretty good. I think I'm on my last lap now."

## MRS. WESTRICH SAYS MAURICE KEEPS BUSY

Under date of Jan. 22, The Octofoil received a letter from Mrs. M. H. Westrich, 3753 Meadoview Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio, enclosing a year's dues for her husband, Maurice Westrich.

Arthur Schmidt of the New York Chapter has been in touch with Maurice and Mrs. Westrich and has furnished some information that they hope may prove helpful at some future date. Westrich is a former 60th man, and joined the Association when it was first organized overseas. He is an active member of VFW Post 1243 in Cincinnati.

Westrich was assigned to the Ninth Division in April, 1942, and later was promoted to a staff sergeant. He landed at Port Lyautey on Nov. 8, and was wounded on April 6, 1943 at Maknassy, but returned to duty a month later during the Sedjenane Valley campaign. He was wounded again on June 23, 1944, he refused hospitalization. But was hospitalized in May, 1945. He returned to the outfit in time to be sent home on points in May. He was honorably discharged on June 21, 1945, after having received 8 battle stars, 1 arrowhead, Purple Heart and cluster, bronze star and cluster (meritorious and gallantry in action).

In 1947 Westrich started receiving a small disability pension for trench foot, chest wound and chronic enteritis, but now it has been reduced to 10 per cent for trench foot and the chest wound.

### HAS FIVE SONS

Presently Westrich is managing a food warehouse and raising five real American boys: David, 14, is a high school freshman; Stephen, 13, is in the 8th grade; Henry, 12, is in the 7th; Peter, 9, is in the 4th, and Matthew, 4, stays at home and keeps Mom company.

Mrs. Westrich says Maurice would be glad to get a card from any of the old gang. She writes a fine letter and one can read between the lines that the Westrich family is a devoted family.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## WILFRED THORNTON SAYS HE STILL DONS A UNIFORM

Wilfred Thornton, 515 E. Dufoil Ave., South Bend 14, Ind., is working with a group of Cub Scouts—so he still dons a uniform on occasions. He maintains a mailing list of some 50 or more former Co. M, 60th men, and has furnished their names to Secretary Quinn with the hope many of them will become interested in becoming members of the Association. Among those Wilfred has recently contacted include Cole Grorseth and Bob Singleton. He is planning on seeing many of his old 60th buddies in Springfield at the Reunion in July.

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## ERNEST HOFFMEYER FATALLY INJURED WHILE HUNTING

Sfc. Harold Jacob, 240 Abudon Ave., New York, formerly with the 39th, advises The Octofoil about the death of Ernest Hoffmeyer, who was also a former 2d Bn, Hq. Co. 39th Regt. man. Sfc. Jacob's letter reads:

I received a Christmas card from Mrs. Rose Hoffmeyer, Deshler, Neb., widow of Ernest Hoffmeyer. She enclosed a note telling of a hunting accident last Oct. 27 when Ernest was fatally injured. He left besides his wife, Rose, 3 children, Steven, Cynthia and Kimberly.

Secretary Quinn has conveyed the Association's sympathy to the bereaved widow.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## ANOTHER HOOSIER LAD MAKES OUT A CHECK

Earl Oswald's address is Rt. 4, Rockville, Ind. He is a former 60th, Service Co. man. When sending in his 1963 dues he also requested that he be sent a copy of Eight Stars to Victory and a copy of the Division's combat map route.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

## IF SGT. GUNTER GETS BACK IN COMBAT WANTS TO BE WITH SOME 9TH MEN

Sgt. Franklin W. Gunter (Ret.), former L Co., 60th man, writes from 423 S. 34th St., Tacoma 8, Wash.

Frank is an original Association member and comments on how much water has trickled under the bridges since then. He says he hopes he'll never have to make himself eligible for any Purple Heart decorations again. But he adds if the U.S.A. gets involved again he'd be back in the thick of it and would only hope and pray that the group of men he might have to go into combat with would be as brave and loyal as those were that he fought with while in the Ninth Division.

—PAY 1963 DUES NOW—

## A Two-Man Reunion



Left above: America Carcasio, 345 Barclay St., Burlington, N. J., former 60th man. On the right: Joseph S. Podany, 2956 N. E. Benjamin Street, Minneapolis, Minn., a former Co. "B," 47th Infantry man. Story below.

## A CHANCE MEETING IN MIAMI, WAS ENJOYABLE

Joseph S. Podany and his wife were vacationing in Miami during December and were staying at the Treasure Isle Resort in Miami Beach for a few days. Striking up a conversation with a neighbor at the same resort Joe discovered his new acquaintance was a former Ninth Division man—America Carcasio, pictured above with Joe. Mrs. Podany attests to the fact that there was a real gabfest staged by the two. Carcasio has promised the become a member of the Association in the very near future.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

## BARON OCHS SCHMIDT'S UNCLE PENS NEPHEW INTERESTING MESSAGE

Mr. Henry Ruhl is a patent attorney at 7134 Cooper Ave., Glendale 27, Long Island, N. Y., with New York offices at 274 Madison Ave. The attorney happens to be an uncle of New York Chapter member Arthur Schmidt and he writes a most interesting letter to his nephew from time to time but injects much serious food for thought in his letter such as encouraging the hospital visits some New York Chapter members make regular to VA hospitals in that area.

Since Attorney Ruhl has been designated an Admiral for the North Carolina Navy, he has had his favorite nephew blown-up to the status of a Baron sans portfolio.

Be that as it may the concluding paragraphs of a letter from the Admiral referring to the Memorial Services held at Worcester each year are worth reprinting in full. That portion of the letter reads:

### NOBLE TRIBUTE

"The pilgrimage you boys make to Worcester; those heroes are dead; they died for civilization; they died for us; with everything unfinished before them and behind, they sunk to rest after many troubles and trials; they died in vain, for we are still facing nuclear annihilation; but they are at peace; they sleep under the flag they rendered stainless; they sleep in garish gullies; under solemn pines; along murmuring brooks; forgetful of storms and stress; in the rich summer of their lives, they passed into oblivion, while miserable morons mock the sacrifice they made on the altar of hope! Your Worcester Services are a fine and noble tribute to these heroes. These thoughts always break me up."

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## Fred Josey Will Not Forget 1962 Reunion

Frederick M. Josey mailed in his 1963 dues from 8162 Green Valley Dr., Grand Blanc, Mich.

Spelled out in capital letters and made a part of his remittance were these words:

"See you at Springfield in July. Had a wonderful time at Fayetteville last summer."

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

### SALE

A traveling buyer had been on a trip for three months. Every few weeks he'd seen a telegram to his wife saying: "Can't come home. I'm still buying." The wife stood it for a while, but when the fourth month started and her husband still had no idea of returning, she decided to do something. She sent him a telegram: "You better come home. I'm selling what you're buying."

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

## TOOLE, HENNICK & PESTEL DIRECT OHIO CHAPTER'S AFFAIRS

The Ohio Chapter held a meeting at Benson Hough VFW Post, 2299 S. High St., Columbus, on Friday night, February 22, and elected officers for the ensuing year.

Dick Toole, Rt. 3, Circleville, O., was elected to succeed Dick Schumann as president.

John Hennick, Rt. 2, Ashville, O., was elected vice-president to succeed Dave Boring.

Dick Pestel was re-elected secretary-treasurer unanimously.

The group voted to take one page in the 1963 Reunion Program and to solicit Ohio members for \$1 booster donations so as to subscribe for another page.

While the Chapter members were in session Tippy Plunkett prepared the lunch from the raw material Pestel had carted in previous to the meeting.

Influenza, bad weather and impassable roads kept many from attending the meeting.

Don Jewell called in that he had just slipped on ice and was bedfast.

Dick Macomber was present having just returned to Columbus after a sojourn in the Dayton VA hospital for several weeks.

Bill Brabson has been transferred to Tulsa, Okla.

Clyde DeLong, a life member of the Association, drove over some sloppy roads from his Grove City home to attend the meeting—and so did Harold Stone, also of Grove City, Ohio.

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## 47th Is One of the Best Decorated Units

The Octofoil has Paul Keller, a former 39th Sergeant and now Lt. Col. Keller, a member of the Ohio Chapter, residing at 4256 Mayflower Blvd., Columbus 13, Ohio, to thank for the following information that he gained from reading an article by Maj. Mark M. Boatner III, "Military Customs and Traditions":

"The 16th Inf. Regt. is the Army's most decorated. It has been awarded 10 Distinguished Unit Citations (one regimental, six battalion and three company DUCO) four French Croix de Guerre, one French Fourragere and the Medaille Militaire, one Belgian fourragere, two Belgian Citations in Orders of the Day, and two Meritorious Unit Citations. (The Army lineage book.)

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## WALDO KRAFT IS KEPT BUSY IN THE ESKIMO TERRITORY

A few years ago Waldo Kraft kept Octofoil readers and his old buddies pretty well informed on how he was getting along in the Frozen North Country—Kodiak, Alaska, to be exact. But he's been lax in his writing for the past few years. However just before the Christmas holidays he took time out to send a newsy review of Kraftwise affairs. He still keeps in contact with many of the former G Co. 47th men. The merchandising enterprise Capt. Kraft operates in Kodiak keeps him tied down. Says the strongest beverage he touches these days is 3.2. He enclosed a picture of the seven husky little Krafts—which will be printed in the next issue of The Octofoil.

Having 30 employees to ride herd over has kept Kraft from attending any of the Reunions, but he claims that the Kraft enterprises in Kodiak will have to get along without him one of these days when he'll be taking off for a Reunion to meet with his old buddies. In the meantime a letter to Waldo Kraft, Box 911, Kodiak, Alaska, will get a quick response.

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## FRANK E. HEIKKILA EVACUATES JERSEY

Frank E. Heikkila's old address was 773 Norgate, Stonehenge, Westfield, N. J. Frank is another thinking, co-operative member who advises The Octofoil in advance of a new mailing address thereby saving the Association money and assuring himself of uninterrupted service.

His new address is 42 Morning Star Court, Williamsville 21, N. Y.

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