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STRIP TICKETS INCLUDE TWO EXTRA MEALS

KIDDIES CAN SPLASH WATER ALL THEIR LITTLE HEARTS DESIRE



Many letters have come to The Octofoil from members wanting to know how near the Hotel St. Nicholas Hotel in Springfield, Ill., would they be able to locate a swimming pool for the youngsters. The above photo answers that question. The spacious Municipal Beach at Lake Springfield will be available to the men of the Ninth and their families during the Reunion, July 25, 26, 27, 1963. So don't forget to bring along swim suits for the whole family.

Minutes of the Board Meeting to be Printed in Next Octofoil Issue

Featuring next issue of The Octofoil will be a transcription of the minutes recording the happenings at the Board of Governors meeting that was held at West Point on May 4.

That was the final date of typesetting on this issue of The Octofoil. It would have delayed mailing too long to have waited for the transcriptions before going to press with the April-May edition.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

Springfield Is Easy Town to Move Into

It is quite easy to reach Springfield, Ill. It is on the main rail, bus and auto routes between St. Louis and Chicago as well as having transcontinental highways passing through it. Springfield is served by many flights for those who prefer to travel by plane.

The Ozark Airlines operate many flights every day between Springfield and the two large cities—Chicago, Ill. and St. Louis, Mo. There are at least eight flights in each direction every day.

The Illinois Central and the Gulf Mobile and Ohio Railroads operate eight or ten trains through Springfield daily. Connections can be made with other trains at Chicago or St. Louis.

U. S. Route 66 is four-laned all the way between St. Louis and Chicago, with the business route passing through Springfield. U. S. Routes 36 and 54 also go through Springfield.

The Greyhound and Trailways Bus Companies serve Springfield with many coaches each day.

Regardless of whether a member flies, hitch hikes, drives his own car, comes by rail or bus Springfield is easily reached.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

It's better to have loved and lost than to go house hunting.

Gold Star People Will Always Get Copy of Octofoil

The Page 1 article printed in the last issue of The Octofoil about Free Loaders who had not paid 1963 dues being taken off the Octofoil mailing list was misinterpreted by a few of the readers.

Secretary Quinn in answering these letters has pointed out that the Association's Gold Star people, honorary members and families of deceased members and other Associations with whom papers are exchanged, all remain permanently on the headquarters mailing list. They are in good standing and always will be in good standing on the records of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

"The Old Sarge" Is Back In a Uniform

It's been quite a while since "the Old Sarge," Steven Budrick, 14 Union Ave., South River, N. J., has taken time out to drop a few lines to The Octofoil. But getting back in uniform was a temptation he could not resist—and he just had to let the whole cockeyed world know about it.

After his retirement the Old Sarge loafed around just about all he cared to—so just about one year ago he doffed his civies and donned a blue uniform this time—with brass buttons and ashield denoting he was a Reserve.

Sarge Steve has contacted another former 9th man in South River—Stanley J. Keiwleski, 50 Jeffries St., South River, N. J. Stanley was with the 60th Inf. in Germany, and he would appreciate hearing from any of the old-timers at the address given above.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

They laughed when the clumsy oil driller juggled with the three sticks of dynamite. When he dropped one they exploded.

THAT GOVERNOR'S MANSION IS REAL HISTORICAL SPOT

Wives of Association members are looking forward to the visit with Mrs. Otto Governor at the Governor's Mansion during the 1963 Reunion in Springfield, Ill. No doubt many of them will welcome reading a little about the background of the historic house where the charming Mrs. Kerner will entertain them.

The Governor's Mansion is situated on a beautifully landscaped knoll on Jackson between Fourth and Fifth Streets and is an imposing brick structure—the Executive Mansion has been the official home of Illinois Governors since 1855.

From the time the Capitol was moved to Springfield in 1839, until the present Mansion was completed in 1856, the Governors lived in a house on the northwest corner of 8th and Capitol Ave. (then Market St.)

The first official act of the General Assembly looking forward to the erection of the present Governor's Mansion was approved in 1853.

In November, 1855, Governor Joel A. Matteson and his family moved into the newly completed structure, thus becoming the first Governor to occupy the Mansion, which since then has been the home of Illinois Governors.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

BILL MEADOWS "POPS UP" IN MOTOR CAPITAL

William H. Meadows sends in his dues from 19367 Dale, Detroit, Mich. Bill is a former Bty. A, 26th F.A. man. He has all his plans made for the trip to Springfield and will be disappointed if he fails to see an awful lot of his old buddies.

—PAY 1963 DUES NOW—

NEGLECT

"So you met your wife at a dance. Wasn't it romantic?"

"Not exactly. I thought she was home taking care of the kids."

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

ALSO COVERS TWO DANCES AND A NIGHT OF FUN FOR EVERYONE AT FAMILY PARTY ON FRIDAY NIGHT

John Clouser, General Chairman of the 1963 Reunion Committee for the Springfield, Illinois, July 25, 26, 27, 1963 Ninth Infantry Division Association get-together, has furnished The Octofoil some mighty good news to pass on to the members. Parts of Clouser's letter reads:

TICKETS \$13.50

The cost of the tickets for all the events has been set at \$13.50 for adults. The children's tickets will be slightly less, probably \$10 or \$11. The final price of the children's tickets will be determined by the price of the banquet meal.

The price of \$13.50 for the strip tickets includes all events. The price of each individual event if bought separately would total \$16.00.

THREE MEALS—NOT ONE

The tickets will cover the cost of three meals—not one as at previous reunions. This is possible because of the special arrangements that have been made in Springfield. This favorable load off the members' pocketbooks could not have been arranged in Chicago.

TWO DANCES AND A PARTY

The price will also cover two dances and a night of real fun for everyone at the Family Party on Friday night.

Saturday will be another family day with a trip to New Salem State Park and a picnic lunch served upon arrival at the park.

When the price of this year's reunion is compared to previous reunions and a note made of what is being received in return for the \$13.50 members will realize that they are getting a bargain this year.

18TH ANNUAL REUNION 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSN. July 25, 26, and 27, 1963

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Thursday, July 25, 1963

All Day—Registration—Lobby of the St. Nicholas Hotel.

9:00 A.M.—Golf Tournament—Municipal Golf Course.

4:00 P.M.—Board of Governors meeting—Executive Room (2nd floor).

8:30 P.M.—Welcome Party—Ballroom (second floor).

Meet old buddies—retell those war stories—refreshments plentiful.

Friday, July 26, 1963

All Day—Registration—Lobby of the St. Nicholas Hotel.

9:30 A.M.—Committee Meetings: Nominating Committee—Dome Room (third floor).

Budget Committee—Executive Room (second floor).

Newspaper Committee—Coral Room (second floor).

Miscellaneous Committee—Anniversary Room (First Floor).

11:00 A.M.—General Business Meeting—Springfield Room (second floor).

3:30 P.M.—Afternoon Tea for the Ladies—Governor's Mansion.

All the ladies attending the Reunion have been invited by Governor and Mrs. Kerner to be their guests for tea at the Governor's Mansion.

4:00 P.M.—Board of Governors Meeting—Executive Room.

4:00 P.M.—Family Party—DAV Post at Lake Springfield.

Transportation to and from the family party will be by bus only.

The busses will start loading in front of the hotel at 4:00 P.M. They will continue a shuttle run until 6:30 P.M. to the Lake and start shuttle runs back to the hotel at 9:00 P.M.

4:30 to dark—Swimming in the lake, games and races for the children—entertainment for everyone.

5:30 to 7:00—Fish Fry.

8:00 to 11:00—Dancing in the Clubhouse.

11:30—Last bus leaves for the hotel. Saturday, July 27, 1963

All Day—Registration—Lobby of the St. Nicholas Hotel.

9:30 A.M.—Convoy starts loading in front of the hotel for Memorial Services.

9:45 A.M.—Convoy departs for Lincoln's Tomb.

10:00 A.M.—Memorial Services at Lincoln's Tomb.

LAY WREATH

Following the annual Memorial Service for the departed members of the Ninth Division, President Francis Maher and Governor Kerner will lay a wreath at Lincoln's grave.

10:00 A.M.—Convoy leaves Lincoln's Tomb for New Salem State Park.

11:30 A.M.—Buffet lunch at New Salem State Park.

12:30 P.M.—Conducted tours of New Salem State Park.

3:00 P.M.—Convoy leaves New Salem State Park for Springfield.

6:30 P.M.—Annual Banquet—Grand Ballroom.

Presentation of Awards and Citations.

Welcome—Lester Collins, Mayor of Springfield.

Address—Otto Kerner, Governor of Illinois. (Governor Kerner was a member of the 34th F.A. Bn.)

Announcement of the newly elected officers and the 1964 Reunion city.

9:00 P.M.—President's Ball—Grand Ballroom.

(Editor's Note: Please save this issue of The Octofoil. Additional Reunion details will be printed in the next issue of The Octofoil, but space will not permit reprinting of the program in its entirety.)

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

QUINN "CLAN" HAS BEEN ON SICK CALL

Secretary Quinn has asked The Octofoil to let the members know why he has been a bit tardy in answering some letters. He has also gotten a little behind schedule with the mailing out of membership cards.

Those who have observed Danny in action during the past several years know without being told that something is wrong when an answer is not forthcoming when it is expected from the secretary's busy office.

Sick call has been a routine at the Quinn home for the past several weeks. First, the friendly and ever-smiling Marie (Mrs. Danny), was ordered by the family physician, to make herself a bed patient for several days. Then young Dan had to have his leg put back in a cast after having suffered that inconvenience for four months.

The last reports sent in from the secretary's office indicate the backwash of accumulated work will be brought up to date in the very near future.

Dan and Marie both want to thank the members for the wonderful patience they've shown during the unpleasant sick experiences.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

EASY PAYMENTS

Customer: Here's the final installment on the baby's furniture.

Storekeeper: Splendid. And how's the little fellow getting on?

Customer: Wonderfully. He's going to Harvard next month.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

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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 SENDS INTERESTING LETTER TO CHAPTER

The following letter was sent to Dick Pestel, secretary-treasurer of the Ohio Chapter, by the National President, to be read at the April Ohio Chapter meeting. This was done and The Octofoil editor asked the Ohio Chapter for use of the letter so as to pass the timely contents on to all the other Chapters. The letter reads:

Dear Dick: Please pass on to your members at the next meeting this short letter:

Greetings to all members of the Ohio Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association —

I would like to bring all of you up to date on some of the functions of the Association from a national level.

Each year we hold our annual reunion which is held the latter part of July. The Reunion City is selected by the National Board of Governors from bids received from interested chapters. The Chapter receiving a majority vote of the Board members is awarded the Reunion. It is important for more chapters to participate in Association affairs at the Reunion business sessions—and also for more members to attend these Reunions and participate in the deliberations. Those who have never attended a Reunion are depriving themselves of enjoying a wonderful vacation—coupled with renewing old friends and reliving fond memories (plus a little elbow bending) to fit in with President Kennedy's physical fitness program. I am sure if anyone hearing or reading this letter will attend the Springfield Reunion, they will return home feeling as happy as they did the day a discharge was handed to them. Just try one Reunion for size. You just can't go wrong!

ANOTHER BIG EVENT

Another Four Star program on the agenda is the Annual Memorial Mass that Father Ed Connors holds every November in Worcester, Mass. This is a must fellows, and a great dedication that we should show to our fallen Comrades. The beautiful Memorial that was dedicated last year will put pride in the heart of any Ninth Division man who has not forgotten our deceased who paid the Supreme Sacrifice. If some of the members can't get away to attend the Mass in November and who have not seen the Memorial should by all means make an effort at some time or another to drive through Worcester and take a long look at this wonderful and inspiring monument. As is always the case, Father Ed would be most happy to see anyone who has ever served with his beloved Ninth Infantry Division. And the Church parishioners are some of the finest people anyone would want to know—they always put out the red carpet for any former Ninth Division men visiting their neighborhood.

As to the financial picture of the Association. We are solvent and indications are that such a status will continue for some time to come. The membership has increased over the past two years. And we have a new Chapter with more members since our Reunion in Fort Bragg last year. All this adds up to good news. I hope it will be an incentive for all to take a more active part in our Association.

Wishing you and your families all the best of health and happiness, I am,

Yours in Comradeship,

FRANCIS K. MAHER,

National President, 9th Infantry Division Association.

19 Davenport St., Worcester 10, Mass.

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 ☐

Sustaining Member _____ ☐

THREE-YEAR MEMBER _____ \$11.00 ☐

Life Membership _____ \$50.00 ☐

Octofoil Automobile License Disc _____ \$ 1.00 ☐

Decals, 25c; (5) five for _____ \$ 1.00 ☐

"Eight Stars to Victory" _____ \$ 2.00 ☐

(Pictorial History of 9th Division in action.)

Ladies' Auxiliary Member _____ \$ 1.50 ☐

Combat Route Map _____ \$.50 ☐

60th Infantry History _____ \$.50 ☐

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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 _____

Street or R.F.D. _____

City _____ State _____

() Single — \$7.00

() Twin — \$10.00

() Suite (rates upon request)

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.

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 QNCE. 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

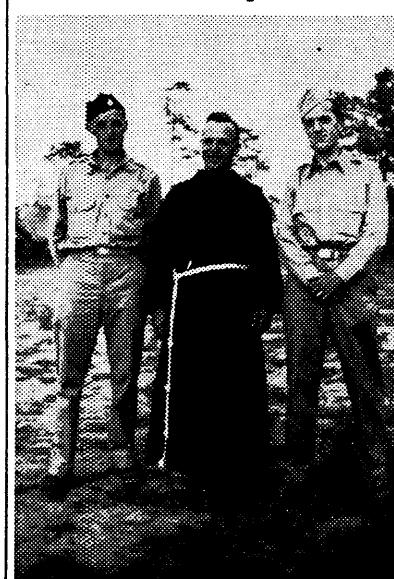
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IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK—JULY 25, 26, 27, 1963

Ascension Day At Lake



The above photo was made at Mott Lake on Ascension Day in 1941. Shown in the center is Father Hilary M. Tardif. To his right is Lt. Robert Buck, and to the left is Lt. Gallagher, who was killed in the Philippines in 1942.

BILL KREYE HAS TITLES FOR CHAPTERS IN HIS BOOK ALL FIGURED OUT

In the last issue of The Octofoil a story was published announcing the fact that Sgt. Bill Kreye, 337 20th St., Brooklyn 5, N. Y., was busy compiling data on interesting experiences that took place in various parts of the world by former 39th Regt. men. Under date of March 22, The Octofoil received a letter from Bill reporting on the progress he is making in getting his data ready to be printed in book form. Parts of the letter reads:

It has been decided the best way to put over the word picture of happenings is to write them in the first person. My mother has read some of the introductory chapters and jokingly remarked, the title of the book could be 'I.'

"Frank Fidler has written from Miami, Florida, and plans to help filling in certain gaps that now exist."

"It was heartening to see in The Octofoil that I have at least one fan rooting for me, the New York cabbie, Victor Marcone. I have a feeling this fellow may have been connected with the 76th Tank Bn., attached to the Ninth Infantry Division at some time or other. Any way, I think he has been the driver of the cab which has barely missed me on three occasions as I crossed the streets of New York."

TO THE POINT

At the time of writing the six Kreyes were planning on witnessing the cadet revue at West Point—paying their respects to Gen. Westmoreland and visit with many old buddies from around New York who will also be at West Point on this date.

Bill and his fine family are also planning on attending the Reunion in Springfield.

Titles for the many chapters in the book Sgt. Kreye is writing will bear the following titles:

New Recruits
 Basic Training
 Baseball and Softball
 Carolina Maneuvers
 Guard Duty
 American Defense
 Men of the 1st Battalion
 Invasion of North Africa
 Birkedam
 Rouiba
 Bougie and Setif
 Kasserine Pass
 El Guettar
 The Sedjenane Valley
 The Green Bald Hills
 Sicily
 England
 Normandy
 On to Cherbourg
 Hedgerow Fighting
 Breakthrough
 Hospitalization
 Return to the AAA-O
 The Bulge
 Herhahn
 Remagen Beachhead
 Zone of Interior
 Summary of Events
 The Association

—PAY 1—9—6—3 DUES NOW—

QUESTION OF ALTITUDE

Doctor: Listen here man. You are eighty years of age. I've been practicing for three decades and I'll be damned if I ever heard of such a complaint as yours. What do you mean your virility's too high? The old man sighed gently. "It's all in my head."

No Wonder Waldo Hasn't Time for Trips



In the last issue of The Octofoil there appeared a story telling how busy Waldo Kraft was in directing operations of his place of business in Kodiak, Alaska—P.O. Box 911. Then the above photo of the small fry Krafts and there was prima facie evidence Waldo hasn't had his nose over those store books all the time since his old buddies last saw him—yep, it's a picture of the Kraft young fry—at least that was all when the picture was made a short time back. The picture is being forwarded to Msgr. DeLaura. His comment will probably be interesting. Signing the Christmas greetings from the Kraft household were: Waldo, Audrey, Susie, David, Tessa, Kevin, Timmy, Jennifer and Freida too.

WILBUR L. BAKER HAS FURNISHED ASSOCIATION HUNDREDS OF VIEWS MEMBERS WILL ENJOY SEEING

About a year ago The Octofoil began corresponding with W. L. Baker, 1307 Oxford Road, N.E., Atlanta 7, Georgia, concerning hundreds of pictures he had made while overseas with the Ninth Division. At that time the former 39th man was living in Texas. Being transferred to the Department for Chemistry at Emory University in Atlanta has held up any further developments.

On Saturday, April 27 two big boxes of prints and films were received at The Octofoil office, sent by Mr. Baker. He has put in many long, weary hours getting the prints catalogued. There were 203 finished prints received. Many of them could not be identified by the sender. Many of those that were identified will be processed into cuts and run in The Octofoil from time to time. The film for additional prints are available—and anyone interested may order prints of the film they are interested in. Many historic views from Fort Bragg, through Africa and the Continent were sent in—even showing pictures of the horrible gas chambers near Munich, German prisoners taken in various areas, pictures of Sir Winston Churchill and the immortal Paddy Flint reviewing the AAA-O boys. The flaming AAA-O insignia shows on almost every helmet noted in the pictures. Air raid pictures made at El Guettar are life-like reproductions.

MAJ. JAY ROLLER SHOWS UP
Noting Dr. Jay Roller's pictures in many of the prints The Octofoil will attempt to have Dr. Roller and Sgt. Paul Keller study the prints and make additional identifications before the Reunion. Keller was a motor pool sergeant and at one time or another covered just about every inch of terrain any of the 39th troops covered. He is now Lt. Col. Paul Keller, one of the spark plugs with the Ohio Chapter and quite an authority with photography equipment and films. Dr. Roller is practicing in Dayton, Ohio, only about 75 miles from The Octofoil office.

Space will preclude the possibility of running very many of the prints in The Octofoil. Plans now are to bring the prints and films to Springfield and arrange with John Clouser for a showing of some of the films during the Reunion and arranging some way for former 39th men attending the Reunion to study the 203 prints.

The shots made from the tailgate of a truck as the Med Det., 39th Inf., Hq. Co., and 2nd Bn. 39th crossed the Remagen Bridge are real interesting exposures.

Among the 78 rolls of film sent in efforts will be made by Keller to project them at the next meeting of the Ohio chapter and a special effort to get all available former 39th men to turn out will be made. Additional information will be printed in the next issue of The Octofoil. The packages were received on the day this issue was slated to be published and little or no time was available to further explore the possibilities of how best to use the material for the enjoyment of the membership.

BRABSON ORGANIZING A BUFFALO HUNT GIMMICK

Tulsa (Okla.) newspapers recently published announcements that Bill Brabson of Radio Station KRMG was organizing a buffalo hunt as a stunt. Brabson is a former 60th man, and a former president of the Ohio Association Chapter.

In a letter to Ohio friends Brabson writes as follows:
"Two Indian girls holding a rain dance down the hall from me keep me awake. But I don't tell them I'm from Ohio. After all, look what happened to Custer."

The Ohio Chapter members are hoping Brabson gets back home for a vacation during the Chapter's annual picnic. The yarns he'll tell about this fictitious buffalo hunt will probably top any of the tall ones he has told about the war.

TED CURLESS HAILS FROM AN OUT WEST BROOKLYN

Ted Curless, a former E Co. 47th lad, writes from Brooklyn, Wisconsin. Ted plans on making the trip to Springfield in July and hopes to see a big turnout of former E Co. men. He reads The Octofoil from cover to cover each month and wishes more Co. E 47th men would send in some news notes.

THE SILVER LINING

Gee, old man, I'm sorry to hear that your wife eloped with the chauffeur.

So what—I can learn to drive.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

GOVERNOR OTTO KERNER WALKING IN FOOTSTEPS OF "ABE" LINCOLN

Bill Andrews of 5780 Alpine, N.W., Comstock Park, Mich., has forwarded The Octofoil a copy of the publication "Scouting—A Magazine for Adults," published in New Brunswick, N. J. A double page spread—pages 16 and 17 shows Gov. Otto Kerner, former 9th man, Illinois governor, on a 21-mile hike with a group of Boy Scouts. Five interesting photographs made during the hike, really dress the two pages up.

Many of Governor Kerner's supporters in Illinois claim the governor is really walking in Lincoln's footsteps in more ways than one—and that along about 1968 the Ninth Infantry Division Association will hold a Reunion in Washington, D.C., with the ladies having their tea at the White House with Mrs. Kerner.

The article that Bill sent in reads as follows:
IN LINCOLN'S FOOTSTEPS
By the Honorable Otto Kerner, Governor of Illinois

Last year my son Tony and I enjoyed a visit to the village restoration at New Salem State Park. In this Sangamon River town, Lincoln lived six formative years, chopped wood, clerked in a store, had business troubles, served as postmaster, and courted Ann Rutledge.

Driving home to Springfield, we saw khaki-uniformed hikers along the highway. Tony, 14, and a good Scout, reminded me that he hoped to hike this Lincoln Trail as soon as he completed his First Class requirements.

It struck me that Lincoln's long-legged stride had never been along a busy highway. Abraham Lincoln

Council officials in Springfield were concerned over the dangerous hiking conditions that had developed in the 36 years since Scouting's first historic trail had opened. One serious injury could outweigh the 46,000 successful hikes already taken.

UNSPOILED TRAIL
The director of the Illinois Historical Society delved into the records. He found that a route along back-country roads nearer the river followed more closely the one Lincoln frequently walked to borrow books in Springfield. The new hike was unspoiled, rugged and challenging.

But the steep hills and unbridged ravines required considerable mapping, conservation terracing, and pioneering construction. The solution provided an outstanding example of cooperation. The state's conservation department, highway department, and historical society, supplied skilled advisers and some rough materials. Young men from the Illinois Youth Commission Forestry Camp worked with Council Explorers to lay the trail.

JOINS TONY
I decided to join Tony on this hike. We were asked to inaugurate the new trail. Just before we started walking, I received a new Scout uniform from Chicago's Marquette District, where I grew up and joined Troop 606. I was proud to wear that uniform on the hike.

When we completed the 21-mile trip, I knew all the work had been worthwhile. Giving today's Scout a chance to walk in the steps of a man who helped build this nation must make tomorrow's man a better citizen.

Christmas Greetings From Walt Victor Clan



Hundreds of former Ninth Division men were recipients of a unique Christmas greeting card during the 1962 season, from Walter J. Victor, 340 Lynhurst Dr., S.W., Atlanta, 11, Ga. Pictured above is a reproduction from one of these cards, showing the three Victor offsprings and their mascot. Walter is a commercial photographer in the Rebel Capital and will be remembered as the former Ninth man who covered so many of the events at Fort Bragg during the 1962 Reunion.

VETERAN BURIAL EXPENSES PAID WITHIN TWO YEARS

Reimbursement for burial expenses of an eligible veteran may be claimed from the VA any time within two years after the veteran's permanent burial or cremation.

Reimbursement not to exceed \$250 will be paid toward burial expenses of wartime veterans, or of peacetime veterans receiving service-connected disability compensation at the time of their death or who had been retired for disabilities incurred in the line of duty.

The undertaker should claim the reimbursement if he has not been paid or the party who paid the undertaker may claim the reimbursement.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—
The trouble with most marriages is that a man always marries a woman who sweeps him off his feet instead of one who will keep him on them.
—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

Tom Boylee Issues An Understandable Financial Report

Tom Boylee, the Association's national treasurer, 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass., has the ability to compile thorough financial statements that are easily understood by the average layman. Such a report has just been furnished The Octofoil—copies were also sent to officers of the Association and the Board for study at its May 5 meeting.

To print the statement in full would take up more space than can be allotted. However, suffice it to say that under the capable leadership of the incumbent officers and those who have preceded the present officers for the last several years—the Association continues to grow and operate on the black side of the ledger.
—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

Duffers Will Be In the Money At the Golf Tournament

The second annual golf tournament of the Ninth Infantry Division Association will be held July 25 in Springfield.

Mike Belmonte and Frank Ozart, co-chairmen for the tournament, have announced that all plans have been made for the tournament. It will be held at the Springfield Municipal Golf Course on the shores of beautiful Lake Springfield.

Tee-off time will be 9:00 A.M. Thursday, July 25.

The annual tournament, which was started at Fort Bragg last year, proved to be such a success that it has been decided to continue it this year. Some of the early arrivers at the reunion took part in the competition and had a grand time.

AWARD TROPHIES

Trophies will be presented to the winners at the banquet on Saturday night.

The competition is so arranged that duffers as well as golfers have an opportunity to place in the winner circle.

Members may bring their own clubs or may rent them at the pro house and all join in the fun on Thursday morning.

Members are asked to check at the registration desk for any last minute changes in the tournament schedule.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

C. DIMMICK TO SCHMIDT TO POONS COMBINATION SPLASHED GOBS OF INK

Carl Dimmick, a former Co. E, 39th Inf. man, keeps quite busy out on Rt. 1, Stockton, N. J. His rural box number is 150B. Carl first enlisted the aid of the old stand-by Baron Arthur Schmidt when he was not getting very prompt action from the VA on his claim. Schmidt, in turn, contacted Edward J. Poons, a VFW Service Officer. Through the joint efforts of Comrade Poons and Comrade Joseph L. Frisco, 30 Washington Place, Newark, N. J., Carl's claim has been acted on.

Both Schmidt and Dimmick feel most grateful to Messrs. Poons and Frisco for their unselfish efforts in the veteran's behalf.

After expressing his gratitude, Carl rambles on his letter with many interesting topics. He really gets worked up when he begins listing the Communist inspired events that are taking place in the United States almost every day. He proposes getting more action from some of the larger veterans organizations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars, in order to check the Commies throat-cutting activities.

Carl is also putting on a letter-writing campaign to get as many former Co. E 39th men as he possibly can to attend an early meeting of the New York Chapter—and then have their own little private Reunion after the Chapter meeting. Snuffy Goldsmith, of Yonkers, is helping out with this project.

In his "spare" time Dimmick is delving into the records and backgrounds of some of his illustrious ancestors.

LETTER CUT SHORT

It was noted that Dimmick very abruptly ended his last letter explaining it was the H-Hour for his private pussy cat to contribute to the Stockton cat population explosion—and his services were needed. It is assumed all parties concerned are getting along okay. There has been no further correspondence and it is claimed "no news is good news."

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

CAPT. E. J. BRUEMMER TO COMPILE UNIT BOOK

Under date of 18 April 1963 the following communication was sent to the Ninth Infantry Division Association:

**HEADQUARTERS
1ST TARGET ACQUISITION
BATTALION 26TH ARTILLERY
APO 162 U.S. FORCES
SUBJECT: Unit History
TO: The Ninth Infantry Division Association.**

1. Information from the Office of the Chief of Military History in Washington indicates that your association published "Eight Stars to Victory: A History of the Veteran Ninth U. S. Infantry Division," by Captain Joseph B. Mittelman.

2. Request information as to availability and cost of this publication, for purposes of compiling a unit history.

ERNEST J. BRUEMMER,
Capt., Artillery
S-2
—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

COUPON CLIPPERS PACK NEW YORK CHAPTER MEETING FRIDAY, APRIL 5

(Editor's Note: The Octofoil has been going to press on the day New York Chapter meets for the past several months, making happenings at the meetings two months late being read by members who did not attend the meetings. The same situation will exist for the next issue—since that issue must hit the postoffice by July 1 in order to reach all the members with late Reunion plans a reasonable length of time previous to the Reunion. The dates being adhered to were set by the Newspaper Committee.)

By **ARTHUR RICHARD SCHMIDT**,
Public Relations Officer
Greater New York Chapter
69-20 69th Street
Brooklyn 27, New York
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President 4-7100, Ext. 13
New York Chapter held its regular monthly meeting on Friday, April 5, at the Hotel Van Rensselaer, 15 E. 11th St., New York City, at 8:30 P.M. With the newspaper strike settled notices were sent to the regular New York City newspapers with evidence of a successful response. One new face was noted—John Lihach, a New York City police officer, and formerly with the 1st Bn., 39th Inf. John first became a member of the Association in 1945.

Another new face at the meeting was Paul Chmaro, 1 Co., 39th Inf. He was first a member in 1952. Also, some of the not too frequent faces at previous meetings were: Jake Laskow, Mike Gatto, and Al Bruchac. Laskow was responsible for bringing Paul Chmaro to the meeting. He is a New York City movable bridge operator. At least 40 or more members turned out for the meeting.

TALK INTERESTED MANY

The Octofoil announcement that the chapter would have Mr. Arnold Leeds of the brokerage firm of Bache & Co., to give a talk on the stock market, was no doubt responsible for the large attendance.

Mr. Leeds' topic was "The Stock Market Today—Its Pitfalls and Its Profits." It was only natural for the well-to-do New York Chapter men to try and learn how to fatten their larders.

Mr. Leeds apologized for infringing on the pre-emptive rights of Lou Almassy, who works for a competitor, Laidlow Brokers. The speaker introduced himself by saying he had served with the 104th Infantry Division in Germany after having served with the 29th Infantry Division in Africa. After graciously accepting some good natured kidding from Harry Juneman about the 29th Infantry Mr. Leeds went on to give an interesting lecture. He told about the beginning of the New York Stock Exchange—from a small group of men who invested a pound (about \$20) in a fishing venture. This proved so successful that other schemes for business ventures were organized, including a business to sell shares in the New York Water Co., to sell water to customers. The latter was the forerunner of the Bank of New York. He told how Wall St. got its name, how the brokers met at Frances Tavern—and how these "owned a seat" at the Tavern. He told of how brokers came to buy and sell stocks which caused a great deal of confusion, and how this led to the creation of specialists. He said "seats" on the stock exchange are only theoretical—there are some seats known as bucket seats, but no one sits in them because they are reserved for old men.

VETS' CHILDREN RATE BENEFITS

The following article appeared at the top of a page in one of the New York City newspapers and should be of interest to many members of the Association. Enjoying equal prominence on the page was a story about the monthly Greater New York Chapter meeting to be held at the Van Rensselaer Hotel. The story: The New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs has noted that minor children of deceased veterans of World II and the Korean War may be eligible for state benefits even when their mothers are not.

"A case in point," said the division, "is where the widow is ineligible due to remarriage or excessive income. This ineligibility does not affect the eligibility of minor children."

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

IT GETS AROUND

"My figure used to be my fame," the aging matron said.

"But that was many years ago, and now my fame has spread."

Mr. Leeds explained such terms as floor brokers, floor traders, selling short, speculator buyers, income and growth buyers, odd lots, preferred stock, convertible bonds, earnings ratio, bonds, etc. He explained how stocks come into being. He explained requirements a company must meet in order to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The fact that Chapter members fired a lot of questions at Mr. Leeds after his talk indicated that he created a great deal of interest.

FRAENKEL KIN TO THE POINT

George Fraenkel mentioned that his nephew, Allen Bolten, had received an appointment at West Point to take effect in July, 1963.

REPORTS

President Walter O'Keeffe asked for reports from Stanley Cohen, Frank Fazio and Daniel Quinn.

Stanley advised that plans for the members West Point tours were pretty well set. The parade is scheduled for 12 Noon at Clinton Field. The day set is May 4.

PICNIC JUNE 2

Frank Fazio reported that plans for the Chapter picnic were going along quite smoothly. It will be held on June 2 at Seeley's Pond in Wachung Reservation near Scotch Plains, New Jersey. Tickets are a bargain at only \$3 for adults (16 or over); children are free. There will be plenty to eat and drink. Some fine prizes will be available.

Fazio also advised that he would have something to report soon on the Chapter's plans to present former Chapter Presidents with a special pin. He also relayed the sad news that Irving Feinberg had experienced an accident and did some damage to the ligaments in his legs. He probably set himself back four or five weeks and was unable to attend the meeting. Irv suffered the injury on the subway stairs. Mrs. Feinberg has laid the law down to the old boy—it's taxicabs for him henceforth.

QUINN REPORTS ON DANCE

Danny Quinn told the members he had set a tentative date for the chapter dance as October 26 at Elk's Lodge, in Union City, N. J. He has also arranged for the June 7 meeting to be held there. After the meeting there will be bowling.

Quinn also gave a short report on the 1963 Reunion. He said the plans are for a \$13 strip ticket. Quinn advised that National President Francis Maher and Board Member Dick Pestel would attend the May meeting and go with the New York delegation to West Point the next day.

TELEPHONE LISTED

A motion made by John Rizzo and seconded by Pat Morano that Secretary Dom Miele's telephone number listed in the New York City telephone directory as the Chapter telephone number. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Many members wondered what was wrong with Harry Juneman's upper lip.

It was learned that Elmo, B Co., 15th Engrs., had word that his daughter's application for a scholarship had been accepted and was under consideration.

There was some discussion about the possibility of placing an order to have caps made.

Dark horse prizes were donated by Jack Scully—a bottle of Marsala wine (gallon), and by Abe Meysten—a jewelry set. The wine was won by Charles Libretto, while Vincent Guglielmino won the jewelry set.

President O'Keeffe will obtain a movie film of the 1962 World Series for the May meeting.

JOHN MOORE GOT PLENTY ACTION

John K. Moore knows who to write to when he wants an answer right away. The old address was Turin Rd., Rome, N. Y. But John has moved to 42 Pine Ridge, Meriden, Conn. He sent this information to Arthur Richard Schmidt, Public Relations man for the New York Chapter in order to get the Octofoil mail list records and New York Chapter mailing list records corrected.

After taking care of these details the Baron takes time out to type out a nice letter to John, explaining to him how easy it will be for him to attend future meetings of the New York Chapter from his new address.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

MISTAKES WILL HAPPEN

He: You see, if we enter a companionate marriage we can live together a while and then if we find we've made a mistake we can separate!

She: Yes, but what'll we do with the mistake?"

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

BELATED NEWS NOTES FROM NEW YORK CITY

Much of Baron Arthur Richard Schmidt's interesting data contained in the following March 5, 1963 communique was eliminated since it was mostly announcements of what was to be at the April meeting and correspondence for that meeting covered the subject matter well.

Since the Baron has put out about as much money refurbishing his basement as some people do for an entire house, New York Chapter members may well arrange to hold future meetings there.

New York Chapter members discussed the feasibility of inviting the 1964 Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion to convene in New York City, thereby giving out-of-town members an opportunity to visit the World's Fair.

CAT "EXPECTING"

Looking over the minutes of the March meeting it was noted that when President O'Keeffe asked Baron Schmidt for a report he brought out the fact that "Pappy" Carl H. Dimmick's feline was expecting a baby or babies. More seriously though the fact that Dimmick, an old Co. E, 39th man, had about gotten his affairs with the VA straightened out through the efforts of VFW Service Officer Edmund Poons and Arthur Richard Schmidt was good news. Carl is now living in Stockton, N. J.

A letter was read from Bill Muldoon, Co. L, 47th Inf., now residing in Bethpage, Long Island, N. Y. Bill is unable to attend meetings because of the hours he works with the New York City Department of Sanitation.

The New York cabbie who challenged New York Chapter members for a hiking contest had his offer go by default—unchallenged.

WADALAVAGE REPORTS

Adolph Wadalavage, Chapter welfare officer, gave a report on his recent visit to Montrose VA Hospital, accompanied by Arthur Richard Schmidt, the two good Samaritans having visited with Vincent Succimari and Charles Plunkett, son of The Octofoil editor.

GOLD STAR FATHER REPORTS

Mr. McInerney mentioned that the U. S. postal services were deteriorating since his retirement but he was able to use his influence and see that Chapter notices were delivered as they should be.

Dominick Miele, Chapter Secretary, donated the dark horse prize—a nice cigarette case, pouch, and wallet. The prize was won by Abe Meister, a new member at the meeting, a 9th Signal Corps man.

The New York Chapter's Demon Reporter has a very capable legal adviser—George Apar took the position that the reporter should not be pestered with censorship of his articles.

Three new members showed up at the March meeting: Abe Meister, 1 Co., 47th and Signal Corps; Meyer Wolfson, C Co., 47th and A Co., 60th; and John Cibinskas, 60th Regt. The membership gave each a hand of applause when they were presented by President O'Keeffe. Al Seeley of 60th Personnel Hqtrs., said he would like to see more 60th men at the meetings; Abe Meister appealed for more 9th Signal men to attend. Russ Hall, with the 60th at Fort Bragg, arrived after the meeting was adjourned. He went into the Air Corps from the 60th. He and Charlie Libretto homesteaded an area in the bar immediately after the meeting had closed.

Al Rago was welcomed again at the April meeting. Illness in his family had prevented his attending the previous month. Wadalavage advises The Octofoil that Arthur Richard Schmidt, the Baron, volunteered to drive Rago part of the way home after the meeting. It's a long story—but suffice it to say, but Al confided that if he couldn't find any other means of conveyance he might be forced to miss some more meetings.

Anyway it was a brave crowd—and a big crowd that turned out for the Chapter meeting with the weather being so disagreeable and the streets treacherous. Only dedicated members would attend a meeting of any kind on a night like the elements come forth with on the night of New York Chapter's April meeting.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

PETER J. IMBESI IS A NEW JERSEY BROKER

It was noted from his letterhead that Peter J. Imbesi is now an insurance broker at 214 Mountain Way, Lyndhurst, N. J. Pete extends an invitation to any of his old H Co. 47th buddies who happen to be in the neighborhood of Lyndhurst at any time, to stop in for a chat.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

BALTIMORE SUN'S MARK WATSON WRITES INTERESTING STORY ABOUT ENGINEERS

ROLE OF COMBAT ENGINEERS IN VIETNAM WAR DESCRIBED

By **MARK WATSON**
(Sun Military Correspondent)
WASHINGTON. — From South Vietnam, where United States military forces are vigorously, and with increased success, cooperating with the Government forces to drive out the Communist guerrillas, combat reports have dealt primarily with operation of the Infantry and the airman.

Relative little is said with regard to the Army Engineers except in official dispatches that rarely reach public attention. Yet some of the most indispensable jobs in counter-insurgency, and some of the most perilous tasks, have been those of the South Vietnam engineers and of the United States Army officers and men who train and often lead them.

EAGER TO RETURN

Their exploits now begin to come to light, with the return of Army personnel who have completed their tours of duty and are back in the United States—often with eagerness to get back to Southwest Asia and resume their work.

Mobility is probably the first requirement of troops engaged in counter-insurgency. The soldier must move rapidly to danger points; but the civilians also must be able to move their produce to market and their own requirements in from market. And the all-important political aspects of counter-insurgency require the government representatives see and be seen by moving about throughout the domain.

That means there must be roads and bridges and protection for them. Helicopters are invaluable where there are no roads, and light airplanes are useful where there are landing strips. But they do not replace roads and bridges which are eventually indispensable for the political and economic forms of cold war, as well as for the military.

FIGHTING IN AND OUT

Here is the role of the combat engineers—and "combat" is the key word in South Vietnam. To get the roads and bridges built and maintained in much of that guerrilla-torn country, it is necessary to fight the way in, fight to stay there, and often fight to get out. Indeed there are engineering units that have seen more fighting than some of the infantry battalions, and on occasion have served a more useful purpose.

Ashau is an example. It is in the northwest corner of South Vietnam so close to the Laotian border and so related to the jungle valleys that it once was a key point in the Reds' program of infiltrating guerrillas into South Vietnam. There was no road to it, and no suitable landing place for helicopter, so that the Government forces were unable to block the Reds' trail from Laos.

JUST ABOUT ANYTHING

The engineers are trained (mostly at Fort Belvoir, Va.) to do just about anything in the way of engineering and construction — roads, solid bridges, pontoon-bridges, mapping, fortifications, mine-removal—and how to defend themselves.

Often in western wars they have dropped their shovels and picked up their rifles in order to hold a position.

They and their South Vietnam pupils do the same thing today in Asia. In this case, typically, they

fought their way up to Ashau, and along the route built a solid road with bridges and a landing strip—all under fire—and left a garrison to hold it. Then they fought their way out again. The garrison has held, supplies and reinforcements now move in readily and Red infiltration along that trail has ended.

Combat engineering of this type has been recognized as so valuable that ever since the United States began helping the South Vietnam government—and more efficiently than the French had helped—the United States Army has been systematically training the Vietnamese engineers, as well as other elements.

5,500 IN SCHOOLS

Altogether, from 1956 to 1962 5,500 Vietnamese soldiers have come to America for military school courses ranging up to 5 months (quite apart from the massed, 2-months, troop training in South Vietnam itself).

Of roughly 1,000 now here in United States schools, 10 per cent are engineers, their ratio exceeded only by the 17 per cent in infantry and 20 per cent in signal schools.

The Soviet Vietnam Army organization is roughly like that of the United States Army. Each of the eight divisions has a battalion of engineers to help it move forward or to block attackers in a withdrawal. Each of the four army corps has a combat group of engineers for the larger enterprises requiring bridging and road material—much like the United States setup, but it is lighter.

In the 1st Engineer Combat Group, to which Lt. Col. Ames Atwell was attached for 16 months, of the 88 officers, 60 were trained at Fort Belvoir. This suggests that America's methodical preparation of Vietnamese forces for the energetic counter-guerrilla campaigning is now under way.

"DEAD LINING" IMPROVED

Atwell today pointed proudly to the improvement effected in the important business of maintaining equipment. His comment started with a deplorable 40 per cent "dead line" of tools and equipment—that is, 40 per cent was consistently out of service. When he left, the deadline was down to 11 per cent and he feels, headed toward the 5 per cent which is the maximum tolerable by United States Army standards.

Atwell, understandably, won the first decoration the South Vietnam Government ever gave an engineer. He won a United States Army commendation medal as well.

Both he and another United States engineer, Maj. Samuel Staromin, also lately returned to Washington, speak warmly of South Vietnamese responsiveness to the American training program.

MANY LANGUAGES

Language, they both remarked, is a difficulty, for in South Vietnam there are many languages, and many dialects of each. But English now has replaced French as the "second language" and of necessity is largely used in engineering units to identify equipment and actions for which there is no native word.

All United States officers and men going to South Vietnam's Military Aid and Advisory Group start with 50 hours of language instruction and continue formal study an hour a week on the job, while the South Vietnamese similarly get an hour a week of English.

Assembly Speaker Acknowledges Letter

Someone down in Albany, N. Y. got an idea that it was time for an Austerity program—but they wanted the veterans to pay all the bills. The great big cut and savings to be made was to be taken from the appropriation for the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs.

The trusty typewriter of our boy, Arthur Richard Schmidt, got back into action. He hammered long and hard with some pretty strong adjectives. The Speaker of the New York General Assembly, Hon. Joseph F. Carlino, acknowledging one of the protest letters writes thusly:

Dear Mr. Schmidt: This is to acknowledge receipt of your recent communication relative to a proposed reduction in the appropriation for the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs.

"I am pleased to inform you that the budget as approved by the Legislature and signed by Governor Rockefeller, includes virtually the full amount requested and allows the continuance of the veterans' counseling services. . . . Thank you for taking the time to express your views."

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

JAMES BRUNO PASSED AWAY IN MARCH, 1963

Members of the New York Chapter will miss James Bruno. He was devoted to the Association. This former Hqtr. Co. 39th man was living at 3900 Greystone Ave., New York City at the time of his death.

Mrs. Marjorie Bruno sent the following note to Secretary Danny Quinn:

"Dear Mr. Quinn: Please let me express the sincere thanks of Jim's family to you and Jim's friends in your Association for the beautiful flowers, the Mass card and your kind thoughts. He was always proud of his membership in the Ninth Division and the Association."

—PAY 1963 DUES NOW—

Bill Zweil's Brother Dies In Florida City

Bill Zweil's many buddies will be grieved to read that he had the misfortune to lose a brother recently, who passed away at Hialeah, Fla.

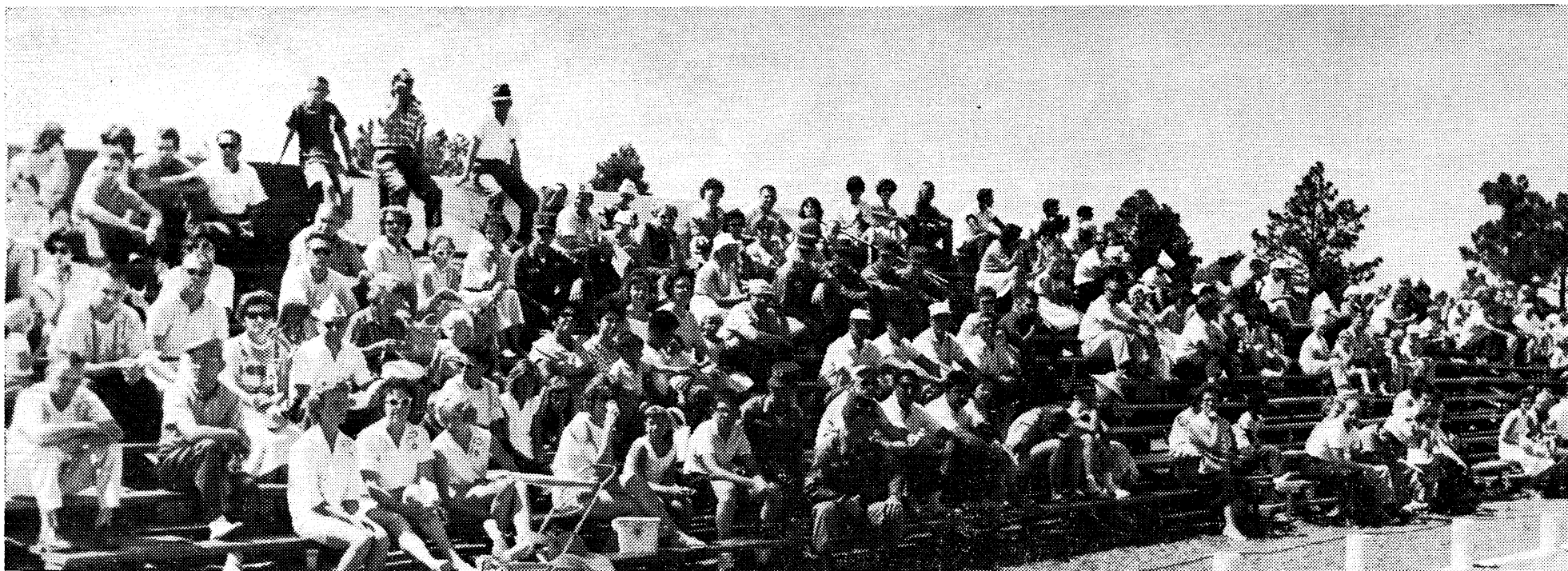
Bill writes from 175 Gold St., No. Arlington, N. J. He has been more or less under the weather for some time but it's hard to keep a good man like Bill Zweil down. He'd like to hear from any of the old 47th Regt. Cannon Co. men.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Finally, Another Two Sections of Grandstands At Fort Bragg Reunion Air Show Being Shown



The Octofoil printed in an issue immediately following the Fort Bragg Reunion one 5-column picture showing a section of the Grandstands at the fabulous Air Show that was put on for former Ninth men and their guests. Walter Victor furnished The Octofoil with outstanding photos of the other two Grandstand sections and readers were promised that at some future time pictures of the other two sections would be published. Although time is rapidly creeping up on the 1964 Reunion to be held in Springfield, Ill., the other two sections of the Fort Bragg Air Show Grandstands, filled with Association members, their families and friends are finally making the Octofoil columns. Many requests have been received for the publishing of these pictures from members who were unable to attend. A matter of space limitation has prevented printing the Grandstand pictures earlier.



Stanley Kazdoy Asks For Information About Californians

Stanley Kazdoy's address is 1402 Greenfield Ave., Los Angeles 25, California. He is a former Co. A, 39th Regt. man, and hopes to be able to get together a sizeable group of former Ninth men in that area.

Parts of Stan's letter reads:

"For many months I have been wondering if anyone had ever contacted you regarding the establishment of a Los Angeles, Calif. Chapter of the Ninth Division.

"I am sure that there are many former members of the Ninth who now reside in California and particularly in the Los Angeles area. In this respect, I would be willing to take an active part in the establishment of a Los Angeles Chapter.

"Would appreciate receiving comments from anyone interested."

Any former Ninth men reading this notice who live in California are asked to contact Stan at the address given above. The Octofoil will gladly carry any notices in future issues that might be helpful in getting a California Chapter started.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

CHARLIE TITUS ENJOYS READING THE OCTOFOIL

Charles F. Titus, 6119 N. Lawrence St., Philadelphia 20, Pa., writes as follows:

"Enclosed are my dues—credit to the Philadelphia Chapter. I like reading The Octofoil and especially when I run across the names of some old buddies."

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

Father Hilary Tardif Is Going Strong With Musical Compositions

Noted elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil are two pictures that were sent in by Father Hilary M. Tardif.

Mail addressed to Father Hilary M. Tardif, O.F.M., D.Mus., 2010 Ouest, Boul. Dorchester, Montreal 25, Quebec, Canada, will reach him.

The good Father is still busy as a bee with his musical accomplishments. Styled the "Singing Chaplain" at Fort Bragg by his old 47th Regt. boys, he still cherishes that title.

During 1963 he published the following compositions:

ADAGIO CANTABILE for the organ, and TROIS CANTIQUES for voice and organ.

On April 12, Good Friday, he gave an organ recital over radio station CKVL, of Verdun, Montreal, from 6 to 7 P.M.

Father Tardif closed his interesting letter to The Octofoil by wishing for a most successful and pleasant Reunion in Spring this year.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

BOB FARRELL WRITES ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Attention has been called to articles appearing in the March 14 and March 17 editions of the Brooklyn (N.Y.) Eagle with a byline crediting Bob Farrell as being the author. The articles dealt with veterans affairs and the widows of veterans.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

Be punctual, but inasmuch as few are, be patient also.

JOHN B. MULLEN DIES IN ELMIRA

Al Baccile, 915 Davis St., Elmira, N. Y., had the sad duty of having to advise The Octofoil of the death of his close friend and buddy, John Mullen. John was with the 3d Bn., 39th Regt. Surviving are his widow, and three children.

The following article was clipped from the Elmira Star-Gazette:

John B. Mullen, 48, city plumbing inspector, died in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mr. Mullen was taken ill while on a plumbing inspection trip. He was on his way back to his car when he began having chest pains. He died shortly after being admitted to the hospital.

Mr. Mullen was in the plumbing business in Scranton before World War II. After serving in the European Theater, during which he participated in the Africa, Sicily and Normandy campaigns, he came to Elmira and married the former Miss Mary E. Scopes.

He was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church and a member of the Holy Name Society.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

LT. COL. HARRY ELLIS WILL NOT BE IN SPRINGFIELD

They have Lt. Col. Harry V. Ellis, Jr., down at Fort Clayton, Canal Zone, USA R&D Office. Col. Ellis is a former Bty. B 34th F.A. and Hqtr. 9th Div. Arty. man. He really enjoyed himself at the Fort Bragg Reunion and expresses regret that he is stationed so far away that attending the Springfield Reunion is just an impossibility at this time.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

WARREN LANE ASKS ABOUT HATTRICK

Warren Lane, former Co. F, 47th man, now of 926 Chancellor Ave., Irvington, N. J., is asking any Octofoil reader who might know the present whereabouts of Hugh Hattrick to get in touch with Lane at the address given above.

Lane mentions another former 9th man living in the Irvington area—Al Munatore, 1005 Stuyvesant Ave., Irvington, N. J. Al is also a former 47th man.

—PAY 1963 DUES NOW—

WADALAVAGE FEEDS HIS CHAEUFFEUR ON BRITTLE

A physiologist at the University of Illinois has come up with a suggestion for drivers making long automobile trips. He says they should chomp on peanut brittle—particularly on long, monotonous stretches of superhighways.

Now it all comes out why Adolph Wadalavage stocked up on peanut brittle before he and his chauffeur, Arthur Richard Schmidt, left New York City for Fort Bragg last summer and Adolph was so attentive to Schmidt's sweet tooth all the way.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

BELATED ANNOUNCEMENT MADE CONCERNING LT. COL. CHANDLER'S DEATH

No information was furnished the Octofoil concerning the death of Lt. Col. Stedman Chandler, 2265 Broadway, San Francisco, Calif.

The announcement merely read that Lt. Col. Stedman Chandler passed away on January 26, 1962.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

SOMEBODY GOOFED WITH POP'S ADDRESS

Since "Pop" Perry Burnett left Ohio and moved to Arizona on account of ill health The Octofoil has tried to keep up with the guy—several different addresses have been furnished from various sources—but somehow or another the papers have not been catching up with the old boy—and Mrs. Burnett had advised before she moved to Arizona that Pop would be looking for his Octofoil regularly. The post office has returned copies sent to the addresses that were furnished. Pop vouches for the following address himself: Perry Burnett, 5243 So. 14th Ave., Phoenix 41, Arizona, and Secretary Quinn has sent back copies of the paper. It is hoped that any old G Co. 60th buddies going through Phoenix will take note of the above address and stop by for a chat.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

Col. Feil Assigned to Pennsylvania School

Col. F. C. Feil's new address is 1034 Linden St., Scranton 10, Pa.

He has been assigned to the Department of Military Science, University of Scranton.

The Octofoil wishes Col. Feil had written more about how he's getting along. He only sent the new address, which is appreciated. A few years back the Colonel quite frequently contributed some interesting news items and pictures for The Octofoil readers and Association members.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

A person with a closed mind can get by nicely if he keeps his mouth closed too.

OHIO GROUP PLAN PICNIC THAT'LL BE LONG REMEMBERED; HOPE MEMBERS WILL PATRONIZE REUNION YEAR BOOK

The Ohio Chapter met on Friday night, April 26, at the Benson Hough Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Home at 2299 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio.

The newly elected president, Dick Toole, presided at the meeting. The main discussion centered around a picnic during the latter part of June.

President Toole and his assistant, Vice President John Hennick presented some very interesting ideas and a location near Circleville, Ohio, that has all the facilities to help make this 1963 picnic the best one the Chapter has ever held. Special emphasis will be given to the enjoyment of the kiddies who attend.

President Toole appointed a committee to arrange a definite date—which will be done as soon as Secretary-Treasurer Dick Pestel returns from the Board meeting that is being held at West Point.

A printed postal card with a return card attached will be sent to all the Ohio members just as soon as the date for this big event is set. It is hoped that members will attend from all parts of the state—making it an Ohio reunion that will be long remembered.

PLUNKETT HEADS POST

The Benson Hough Post where the Chapter meets is a completely refurbished old mansion of Southern archi-

ecture with spacious grounds and plenty of parking places. The Ninth Division is well represented on Benson Hough's roster. Paul S. Plunkett, editor of The Octofoil, was recently elected commander of the Post, and Dick Pestel was designated as assistant to the quartermaster. Dick Macomber, another Columbus Chapter member, is also a member of the Post which has over 200 paid up members.

Secretary-Treasurer Pestel has already sent in copy for a page ad for the souvenir program the Illinois Chapter is printing for the Reunion. But The Octofoil was asked to issue an appeal to all Ohio Chapter members to send their names in to Frank Ozart for one of the \$1 Patron ads. If enough individual Ohio members subscribe for patrons space, Ozart will be asked to group them together and run a head over the names reading, "Ohio Members Patron Page."

Don Jewell has about recovered from his fall and was able to attend the April meeting. Dick Macomber was released from the Dayton VA Hospital and was present.

Helping Toole, Hennick and Pestel on the Picnic Committee will be Harold Stone, Clyde Delong, Dick Macomber, Don Jewell, Paul Plunkett, Dick Schumann, Dave Boring, Paul Keller and others.

John and Marie Korobo In Florida

The Octofoil is always happy to receive news from the jovial John Korobo and Marie, of Detroit. A very interesting letter was received from this fine couple on March 30—but they were on the go down Florida-way with no permanent address, as of yet. Parts of the letter reads:

Hello "Yo' All": We've only been down here about a week (Orlando) and already this "You All" is rubbing off on us—and we like it!

We came down here for a visit and have been looking around with the possibility of settling down around here. So far we haven't found what we're looking for. We've been to St. Petersburg, Tampa, Cape Canaveral and many places in between. But we have decided to hold off deciding definitely until we make a trip to California, in August, after the Reunion, then we'll do some exploring out California-way.

John officially retired from the Detroit Police Department on April 1 because of injuries incurred in the line of duty.

A Reunion is not all it should be any more without John and Marie Korobo visiting and chatting with old friends. It is good news to know they will be in Springfield.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

TOM MALAY COOPERATES; GIVES ADDRESS PROMPTLY

Thomas P. Malay just moved down the street a bit—from 1130 Meadow Lane to 929 Meadow Lane, Chester, Pa. But he sit right down and sent Secretary Quinn a card to that effect thereby saving the Association some money that Uncle Sam would have gotten if his last Octofoil had gone to the wrong address. It is hoped that many other Association members will take a cue from this former 9th Div. Arty boy and do likewise—thereby assuring continuous delivery of the paper and saving the Association money.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

NORMAN MARTIN LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRINGFIELD

Norman L. Martin, former 60th man, now lives at 6 S. 14th St., Belleville, Ill., writes:

"I'm looking forward to the next Reunion. For sure I should make this one since it is so close. Went to one meeting to plan for this one and it should be just as good if not better than previous Reunions. See you all in Springfield."

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

ED BREWER'S FAMILY MEAN TO GO WITH HIM TO THE REUNION

Ed Brewer writes from 4407 West 54th Terrace, Shawnee Mission, Kansas. He is a former Co. L, 60th man.

In his newsy letter of Jan. 18 Ed writes that each individual member of the family has served notice on him that they are all going to the Reunion with him in Springfield in July.

Ed admits when they gang up on him he doesn't have a chance to do anything else other than what the majority has dictated him to do.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

The trouble with too many of us is that we are living in a clock-eyed world.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Fayetteville Observer Is Most Cooperative

Some clippings from The Fayetteville Observer that were published during the 1962 Reunion were sent to The Octofoil by a member, requesting they be returned. The clippings were misplaced somewhere—could not be located. An SOS call was sent to The Observer by The Octofoil. The needed back issues were sent immediately, followed by a nice letter from the Circulation Manager, Dan Currie, saying he was happy to accommodate The Octofoil and asked that his personal best wishes and that of the newspaper be extended to members of The Association. Such courteous treatment is touching and so uncommon in the present-day rush and push stampedes that it makes a person kinda wish he lived in North Carolina or else some of those Tar Heels would come up North and teach these Damn Yankees some manners.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

Bill Andrews Octofoil Attracted Attention

The Octofoil received a nice letter recently from William C. Andrews, 5780 Alpine, N.W., Comstock Park, Mich. The letter is self-explanatory and parts of it reads as follows:

"This past Sunday the Octofoil in front of my home paid off in a new member—anyhow I hope so. I was visited by Herbert Rutan, a former Co. D, 47th man from Grand Haven, Michigan, and formerly from New Jersey. Herb was in with the first draft and a member of the old Tent City crew until the end.

"He was very surprised to hear that we had such an organization going as the Ninth Infantry Division Association and is very much inclined to fill out an application and send it to Danny.

WHEEL CHAIR

"Herb gets around in a wheel these days and his vision isn't too good but his wife says she will read him no end anything about the 9th. I had an extra Octofoil and a Detroit program which I gave him. I showed him my copy of "Eight Stars to Victory" and that is a must for them now.

WANTS LETTERS

"Herb would like to hear from any of his old buddies and if any are in the vicinity of 545 Gidley Drive, Grand Haven, Mich., he would like to talk with them. He has cystic fibrosis and can't get around much any more without help."

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

CAN'T DO IT, SIR!

The Army psychiatrist was trying to ascertain how well adjusted the recruit was. "What kind of social life do you have?" he was asked.

"Oh, nothing much," said the recruit. "I read a lot."

"Don't you go out with girls?"

"Nope."

"Don't you want to?"

"Well, sure," replied the young man, uneasily. "Who doesn't?"

"Well, why don't you?"

"Because my wife won't let me!"

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

Hardly any woman ever reaches 30 without being asked to marry at least twice—once by her father and once by her mother.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

Mass During Carolina Maneuvers in 1941



The above photo should cause of bit of nostalgia. The picture was made during the Carolina maneuvers in November, 1941, and shows Father Hilary M. Tardif saying mass to a group of soldiers in the field at a South Carolina base camp. Few knew that the hot Carolina sand was a forerunner to even hotter sand piles in the trek across North Africa.

SARGE STEVE BUDRICK CALLS ATTENTION TO MANY ITEMS OF DEEP CONCERN

A letter from the "Old Sarge," Steve Budrick, 21 Union Ave., South River, N. J., reads in part as follows: **COMRADES ATTENTION**

Many of you may consider this an unpleasant subject, but let me say, it is a necessary one.

Comrades, in the state of New Jersey there are three national cemeteries in separate sections of the state that were purchased for the burial of all honorably discharged veterans, their wives and minor children. As of this date two of the cemeteries are full. The one remaining is at Beverly, N. J., which just opened the last 16 acres and they will be filled soon.

What this amounts to it that no funds have been appropriated to purchase additional property. The bills that have been proposed are kicking around in Committee in Washington

because of the lack of interest.

All veterans should send a postal card or note to their representative in Washington, advising they favor legislation pertaining to the purchase of property in the state of New Jersey for National Burial Grounds.

Do This Now!

V.A. CAN'T PAY G.I. DIVIDENDS—NO ADDRESS

Thousands of the 548,000 servicemen on active duty have not received government insurance dividends because they didn't keep the VA posted on their current address.

It's the policyholders' own responsibility to keep the VA informed of correct addresses, by writing the VA Insurance Center, Box 8079, Philadelphia, Pa.

VA has issued an appeal to urge service policyholders to notify the agency when their address changes.

Bill Muldoon Takes It Up With White House Personnel

Bill Muldoon is a guy who goes to see the head man about matters and doesn't fret away a lot of time fooling around with understudies. He decided President John Kennedy's presence at the next Reunion would be quite fitting. So he writes the President and extends him an invitation. And while at it he decided the President might drop in at Worcester some time for the memorial services that Father Ed Connors arranges every year. The answer read: **THE WHITE HOUSE**

Washington
"Mr. Bill Muldoon, 86 Herman Ave., Bethpage, Long Island, New York.

"Dear Mr. Muldoon: The President has asked me to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of January 23d to him and to tell you he very much appreciates the thoughtfulness which prompted you to write as you did.

"Although it will not be possible for the President to plan to attend the 9th Infantry Division Association Reunion which will be held in Springfield, Illinois, in July, he is nonetheless grateful for you invitation to do so.

"The President thanks you, too, for telling him about Father Connors at Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester.

"With best wishes, I am—Sincerely, Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President."

This up and at 'em former Co. L, 47th man works for the city of New York and his hours prevent him from attending Chapter meetings but he is doing a lot of good public relations work for the Chapter and the National Association.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

BAKER HAS CONTACTED TWO FORMER 9TH MEN

W. L. Baker, 1397 Oxford Road, N.E., Atlanta, Ga., writes that he has recently heard from Jim Conway, 1623 Lee St., McKeesport, Pa., and P. K. Carman, 410 Virginia Ave., Maderia Beach, Fla.

Both Conway and Carman are former 39th Regt. men.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY

Boss: Please see to it that I'm not disturbed this morning.

Steno: Yes sir, I'll keep my knees covered.

—PAY 1963 DUES N-O-W—

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

WOMEN VETS START CO-ED HOTEL IN FINE NEW YORK LOCATION

The Newark Star-Ledger printed a feature story about "The Old Soldier's Home with Feminine Touch." The hotel is a brain child of Dorothy Frooks, a female lawyer and a veteran of two world wars. In historic Newburgh, N. Y. they've opened up this hotel. It is a spruced up stately old hotel with room for 105 paying guests. Those who pay \$75 a month live in a dormitory. But the meals are included. The highest fee is \$150 a month.

Miss Frooks reported 65 veterans already have checked into the home of women war veterans.

INCLUDED ARE FIVE MALE VETERANS

"It's not against the rules," the female lawyer-director says.

Headquarters for this project are at 237 Madison Ave., New York City.

Any interested bachelors or widowers are invited to get in line. The line is forming to the right of 237 Madison Ave., New York City.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

ASKS HELP FOR THE "FORGOTTEN HEROES"

Major Lester D. Delumpa (Ret.), has written The Octofoil and asked for Association members to help his group get favorable action on House Resolution No. 1133 when it comes up for action before Congress.

The bill, if passed, will give an equalization of pay for the Philippine Scouts, U. S. Army.

Gen. Wainwright, in his memoirs, speaking of the early stages of World War II, states "the Philippine Scouts outfit were the only efficient combat units we had."

Gen. McArthur, during the Bataan campaign, broadcast to his command this message:

"War is the great equalizer of men. Every member of my command shall receive equal pay and allowances based on the United States Army pay scale regardless of nationality."

This resolution proposes to fulfill Gen. McArthur's promise. The Ninth Infantry Division Association is not a political organization, but if any of the members as individuals wish to contact their congressmen or senators and ask them to support this resolution they will be lending a helping hand to some deserving veterans.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

Little girl: "Mama, Daddy and I stopped on the way home. I had a coke and Daddy had a glass of water with an olive in it."

BEN MURELL WINS BY KNOCKOUT IN HIS FIRST POLITICAL ARENA BOUT

A native resident of Hudson, N. Y. popular Benjamin Murell boxed his way to the 9th Division and 7th Corps welterweight championships in 1943, is a well-known former 39th Regt. Medics man.

Murell is known to most of the 40,000 residents of Columbia County. He entered the service in 1941 and spent nearly 35 months overseas.

Boxing was just a sideline for Ben. He was right in the thick of it all with the other dog faces when the enemy shells were falling fast.

The ring wizard fought battles of a different type in Africa, Germany, France, Belgium, Sicily and other areas. He earned the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Medical Combat Badge, Invasion Cluster, New York State Award for Bravery, the Before Pearl Harbor Award and seven battle stars.

During a campaign in El Guettar, Ben was an aide in the Medics. During heavy fire he and his co-worker treated 14 or 15 injured, placed them on an ambulance and headed for an aid station. The ambulance was hit by an 88 shell, killing the driver and further injuring many of the wounded. Murell found cover for the wounded and left for help—returning shortly thereafter with additional help.

With his pugilistic background it was only fitting that the New York Chapter would select Ben Murell to direct Recreation activities at the New York Chapter's 1962 picnic.

It is "Mr. Murell, our president," to more than 100 players in the Hudson Little League. He managed a little league team for three seasons before being elected president of the loop seven years ago. He is a member of the Central Hudson Valley Umpires' Association and is currently chairman of the American Legion Baseball setup for Columbia County.

The former 9th man is a nine-year member of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials and has been a New York State Athletic Commission judge for eight years.

ENTERS POLITICAL ARENA

Recently Murell entered a new field of endeavor. Last November, in his first try in political competition, he was elected Fourth Ward alderman in Hudson's governmental setup.

Murell's wife, Gladys, is a registered nurse and is a supervisor at Hudson's Columbia Memorial Hospital. They have a six-year-old son, Matt Bartholomew, who is named after Ben's old Army boxing coach, Matt Urban. The Murell family lives at 434 Warren St., Hudson, N. Y.

Ben Murell is proud of his membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association and by the same token, the Association members are proud to have men of Ben Murell's brand in the Association.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

G. V. Succamarri Sends Beautiful Easter Cards

The Octofoil was pleasantly surprised to receive a beautiful Easter card from G. V. Succamarri, a patient in the Montrose (N.Y.) VA Hospital. Secretary Quinn advises the lad also sent a similar card to the secretary's office. Succamarri is having quite a siege of it at Montrose—but he is a devoted Association member and most appreciative of a card or letter from any former Ninth Division men. Adolph Wadlagage and Arthur Richard Schmidt have visited the VA hospital and cheered the lad up several times. It is hoped that others in that area who can make the trip will drop in and call on him from time to time.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

PEKIN, ILL. LAD HAS BAG FULL OF TRICKY QUESTIONS

Secretary Dan Quinn is in receipt of an anonymous letter from Pekin, Ill. In all probability the member unintentionally failed to sign his letter which was composed of a series of pertinent questions concerning certain practices of the Veterans Administration. If the lad will resubmit his questions and affix his signature, as many of the questions as is possible to squeeze in will be printed in a forthcoming issue with the hope that some of the Association's members may be able to come up with the right answers.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

A reunion of almost any old outfit turns up a few Slims and Curlies who have outlived their nicknames.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

In literature as in love we are astonished at what is chosen by others.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

STODDARD GIVEN OVERSEAS DUTY

The Octofoil is in receipt of a short letter from Sheldon B. Stoddard, CWO, Hq Co 1st MTB, 32nd Arm., APO, 39, New York. Sheldon was a busy beaver during the reunion at Fort Bragg last summer. His letter to Secretary Quinn written on January 23, reads:

Dear Dan: A short note to let you know I arrived in Germany on 10 January, 1963. I flew from Charleston, S. C., on a DC7; made one stop at Orly Field, Paris. Landed in Germany at Rhein, Main U. S. Air Force Base.

I am assigned as personnel officer 1st Medium Tank Bn., 32nd Arm., which is a part of Combat Command C, 3rd Arm. Div. We are located in an old German Kaserne near Friedberg, about 20 miles northeast of Frankfurt. Looking forward to receiving The Octofoil at this new address. Regards to all—Sheldon B. Stoddard.

—PAY 1963 DUES NOW—

ADAMS' FAMILY REPORT FOR 1962 IS ON FILE

The belated Christmas greetings and activity report of the Adams Family for 1962 has reached The Octofoil—the 37th annual bulletin. It is a complete resume of all the travels, visits from others, minor ups and downs encountered by various members of the Adams family during the year 1962. The lengthy communique, signed by Albert and Curtis Adams, gives the following information in closing:

For the geographical minded or sailor-types, our front step is located at 85 degrees 53 minutes 15 seconds West Longitude and 16 Degrees 27 minutes and 7 seconds North Latitude. It takes airmail 3 weeks to get in and happily there are no telephones. Cable or radio address (when working) is "Coladams, Guanaja, Honduras." Airmail address is: Guanaja, Islas de la Bahia, Honduras, Central America. Friends or former buddies of Col. Adams headed in that direction and planning to stay a spell are asked to write in advance to assure someone being at home.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Taylor Sends Clippings, Reminders of England

Wilton Taylor, Stop 6, Star Route, Lost Hills, Calif. keeps in touch with many friends he made when the Division was in England. During the past month he has sent to The Octofoil clippings from British newspapers, many of which show the progress being made in the way of new buildings in and around Basingstoke. Workmen are in the process of demolishing the famed Town Hall in Basingstoke.

Taylor's brother, Mark, has just returned from a two-year hitch in England and is now stationed at the Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas. He's now completing 20 years as a G. I.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

BILL SOLIDAY WRITES FROM NORRISTOWN, PA.

Bill Soliday is a member in good standing with the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter. He lives on Rt. 3, Norristown, Pa. Bill is a well known former Hq. Co. 1st Bn. 39th man, and is always happy to hear from any of the old crowd.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

CARROLL DEVOID'S ADDRESS UNINTENTIONALLY LEFT OUT

A page 4 article in the last issue of The Octofoil thanked Helen Devoid for sending her husband, Carroll's, dues in for him. Devoid is a former A Co. 15th Engr man. But the article as published in the last issue failed to give the present address of Carroll and Helen. They get their mail at Hinesburg, Vermont, and would be happy to hear from any of Carroll's old buddies.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

GRIFFITH IS WORKING ON GEORGE MCCARTHY

Bob Griffith writes from 311 W. Lange Drive, Des Plaines, Ill. Bob is a former G Co., 47th man, and promises to attend the Reunion in Springfield—likewise hoping to be able to bring George McCarthy along with him to the Reunion.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

TRUE LIFE STORY

"What is that little boy crying about?" the benevolent old lady asked of the ragged urchin.

"Dat other kid swiped his candy," he said.

"But how is it that you have the candy now?"

"Sure I got the candy now. I'm the little kid's lawyer."

—PAY 1963 DUES N.O.W.—

Most people back from vacation can't feel any change.

SCHMIDT LOOKING FOR PASSENGERS

Arthur Richard Schmidt, 69-20 69th St., Brooklyn 27, N. Y. is looking for some congenial fellow or fellows who are desirous of obtaining economical transportation to the Reunion in Springfield, Ill. Schmidt will be leaving early in the morning on July 24th. He can be reached by phone either at his home or at work. Home phone: HYacinth 7-3993; office: PResident 4-7100, Ext. 13.

A telephone call will bring out information about the advantages of this transportation offer that no one ever heard of before.

—PAY 1963 DUES NOW—

TV and Radio Stations Get Chapter Releases

The special events departments of New York City radio stations and TV stations received nicely prepared notices of New York Chapter meetings during the New York newspaper strike. These notices were prepared by the Chapter's Public Relations expert, Arthur Richard Schmidt.

The results obtained through the air lanes coverage was so satisfactory that Schmidt is continuing preparing releases for the air lanes as well as the newspapers.

—PAY 1963 DUES N.O.W.—

VA HAS PROSTHETIC CLINIC TEAM HELPFUL TO MANY

The New York VA Administration has an outpatient clinic at 35 Ryerson St., Brooklyn 5, N. Y. A Prosthetic Clinic Team meets there once a month on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 9:45 in the morning. The team is designed to give personal attention to veterans' prosthetic needs.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

ALL ENTRANCES LINED WITH A RED CARPET

During the past month most all the Association's members have received letters from the Springfield Association of Commerce and Industry and the Convention and Visitors Council. The letters were signed by Walter Wagner and Louise Murphy.

The letter is an official welcome to the city of Springfield, Ill., on July 25, 26, 27, 1963, when the 18th Annual Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion will convene.

The form letter concludes thusly: Make your plans NOW to come to Springfield and enjoy the many events scheduled. A special program for the ladies, including a tea at the Executive Mansion with Mrs. Otto Kerner as hostess, has been arranged.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

Many Interesting Notes In New York Chapter's Letter

Glancing over the monthly mimeographed news letter gotten out by the Greater New York Chapter the members find a bit of interesting reading.

Highlights of meetings already held are published for the benefit of those who could not attend.

Matters of interest that will be discussed at future meetings are announced. Official notices and a message from President Walter J. O'Keeffe round out a nicely balanced news letter.

—PAY 1963 DUES N.O.W.—

R. J. Lynch Visits Old Recon Buddy

It was good to hear from R. J. Lynch at 2103 11th St., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Lynch was a 9th Recon. man and was with the Association back in 1947.

Cuyahoga Falls is a thriving suburban community between Akron and Cleveland. In his letter Lynch comes up with an idea which he puts into writing. Parts of the letter reads as follows:

"Please credit the Ohio Chapter with my dues. Possibly we can hold a reunion in Cleveland sometime in the future."

"I was able to visit a former Recon. man, Arnold Ronnfeldt in Miles, Iowa, a few weeks ago and spent a most pleasant day with him and his family. I don't think he belongs to the Association but believe he would join if it is explained properly."

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

THOSE HIKING HACKIES

William T. Flynn, Greater New York Chapter, contributed the following item and it was published in one of the New York papers:

"Why so much surprise about a short 50-mile hike of the Marine Corps? Some of our city cabbies can outmarch Pierre Salinger and the Marines."

—PAY 1963 DUES NOW—

Most people can't stand prosperity, but fortunately most people don't have to.

Attorney Nissen Has His Shingle In Quincy

William Forbes Nissen is an attorney and counselor at law at 518 Vermont, Ill. On March 6 Secretary Dan Quinn received the following letter:

Dear Mr. Quinn: I was looking through the VFW magazine and noticed that the above reunion is to take place on July 25-27 in Springfield, Illinois.

Before World War II ended I was with A Company, 746th Tank Battalion which was attached to the 9th Infantry Division and after the war ended I was transferred to C Co., 899th T.D. Bn., and following that I was transferred to E Co., 2nd Bn., 47th Inf. Regt.

I assume that I would be eligible to attend this reunion. If so, please advise and send complete details.

Thanks in advance for your attention to this request. Very truly yours, William F. Nissen.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Bill Bongiorno's Boy With Signal Corps in Germany

An article appearing in a recent issue of the News-Tribune, Waltham, Mass., written by the Lexington correspondent, reads:

Army Pvt. William A. Bongiorno of 3 Cedar Ridge Terrace, Bedford, formerly of Lexington, is serving with the 97th Signal Corps Battalion in Germany. Graduated from Lexington High School in 1961, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bongiorno.

Bill Bongiorno, Sr. was a member of Service Battery 26th F.A. from February 1941 until discharged in July, 1945.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

MANHATTAN PAPERS GET CHAPTER NEWS

Meeting notices for the Greater New York Chapter were sent to the New York newspapers by Arthur Richard Schmidt immediately after the strike was settled. The papers cooperated and the results were noticeable.

The notices were prefaced with congratulatory messages because of the strike settlement and comment on how lost the big city was without its newspapers.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

FEIGHTNER TOURING OHIO

Sam Feightner and Mrs. Sam of Route 1, Loudenville, Ohio, took an automobile ride around the state and visited with any of the old 47th gang that they were able to find at home during the past month.

His visit to Columbus was a disappointment when he couldn't locate his old 47th side-kick, Dicky Pestel. Dick has two homes—one not listed in the phone book. Since his mother passed away he finds it necessary to spend much time out on the farm and is seldom found during daylight hours in his town apartment.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

BILL MYERS SENDS A VERY NICE NOTE

The Octofoil feels very grateful to William C. Meyer, 25 Forest Ave., Pearl, New York, for his very nice letter of March 17, 1963, which reads:

Dear Comrade Paul: Many thanks for the excellent obit article which you wrote for Roger Marion. His daughter shares with me our appreciation of your thoughtful efforts. This has been of tremendous help to his daughter, Emaline, in getting details of his passing to his many friends in New York who have asked for press notices but which have been unavailable due to the news blackout in the city.

Congratulations also on the excellent editorial make-up including sub-heads which makes for an interesting and readable paper.

If I may ever be of service it will be a pleasure to show my appreciation.—Sincerely, Bill Meyer.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

"THE BARON" ALMOST LOST OUT ON PIN AWARD DEAL

Mr. Alfred L. Green, Executive Director, New York State Department of Labor, learned after he had awarded meritorious pins to many employees with twenty years service in his department, that a former 9th man had been inadvertently omitted. The result was The Octofoil's old stand-by, New York Chapter's Demon Reporter, Baron Arthur Richard Schmidt, received an apology from Mr. Green with one of the beautiful pins especially crated for and sent to the Baron.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Pedestrian: "Sorry, my good man, but I don't just give money to men on the street."

Panhandler: "You want that I should open an office?"

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

One track minds have no station in life.

ROY CODE "DIGGING IN" ... IN PAKISTAN

Roy Code, a former H Co., 47th officer, under date of 27 February, typed out a very interesting letter to Secretary Dan Quinn. He is with the Southeastern Drilling Company of Pakistan. He must have hit a gusher of Texas tea out there. He doesn't seem to be bothered with the "shorts." A check for lifetime membership in the Association was enclosed, with instructions to send the membership card and a copy of "8 Stars to Victory" to his father's address, 3209 Cook Street, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

Adventure loving members of the Association will get a bang out of Roy's letter. Parts of it reads as follows:

"I don't believe I have corresponded with you since I have been in Pakistan. I was moved over here in February, 1962, when we started drilling a deep wildcat for Tidewater here about 275 miles northwest of Karachi, and I have been in charge of the field part of the operation since that time. We have just finished up and I am now in the process of moving the equipment back to Karachi. Although it is only 275 air miles to Karachi, it is necessary to move the equipment 1100 miles by road and rail because of the rough country and a shortage of roads. We built 500 miles of road when we moved in here just to get the rig to its present location. I never have been able to figure how the geologists found this particular spot. I hope to be done with the move and on my way to the U.S.A. for vacation by the 1st of April. My leave has been due since 1st January, but Tidewater requested I stay until the move is complete. Sort of teed me off—but that is the way the cookie crumbles sometimes.

HOPES TO MAKE REUNION

"I believe the Association has the reunion in the middle of July, so I am hoping I might be able to make it this year. I will have three months off and it will all depend on when I can get away from here. The company is also thinking of sending me to school. Think of that at 42—while I am home so I don't know how that will work out. The school will be a short technical on some special types of drilling equipment.

"Give my best regards to Fazio, Scully and all the rest of the gang."

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

CHARLIE BILELLO IS HEAD OF LEGION POST IN RAMSEY

Charlie Bilello has been re-elected commander of the Hemion American Legion Post in Ramsey, N. J. Clippings from a New Jersey newspaper printed on Veterans' Day in 1962 show Bilello and City Councilman Robert Spitler at the memorial services held in Bonnieview Park.

The former C Co. 39th man's present address is 82 Cherry Lane, Ramsey, N. J.

Judging from Bilello's letter he is kept pretty busy with community projects. He is a Scout leader with 20 youngsters from 14 to 18 under his supervision. And at the time the letter was written to The Octofoil he was up to his neck in work planning for the Legion's annual Easter Egg Hunt for the community's small fry.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

World War I Texan Seeks Information

L. F. Worthing was a corporal of the 9th Division Supply Train, in World War I. He is now chairman of the Board for the Security Bank & Trust Co., Wharton, Tex. Noting an American Legion notice about the 1963 Reunion Mr. Worthing wrote to Secretary Quinn for further information thinking maybe the Reunion to be held was his old unit. He sent some interesting data about the old outfit. Parts of his letter reads:

"Just for the record, there was really a 9th Division. It was formed at Camp Sheridan, Ala., and was commanded by Maj. Gen. Willard Holbrook. It consisted of four regiments of infantry, 4 regiments of artillery, machine gun battalion, division supply trains and other units which formed a division in those days (World War I and organized the latter part of 1917 or the early part of 1918.)

"I was a member of it for about one year. It was on its way to France when the armistice was signed. We were at Port of Embarkation when the armistice was signed. The division had about 35,000 men in it. Our officers were on the high seas at the time of our arrival at port of embarkation."

—PAY 1963 DUES NOW—

COL. BAREFOOT ONLY ONE TO FINISH HIKE

Lt. Col. Forrest F. Barefoot (Ret.), 425 So. L Street, Lompoc, Calif., hit the Santa Barbara News-Press columns in a big way on February 22, 1963. The former Ninth man had successfully completed a 50-mile hike while the walking companions who had started out with him had fell by the wayside. He confides in his letter to The Octofoil that he doesn't think he will enter any more such contests. Excerpts from the newspaper which also carried a 2-column picture of Col. Barefoot crossing the finish line, reads:

FINISHES HIKE

Forrest F. Barefoot, 425 S. L St., Lompoc, grimaces as he runs across the finish line after completing a 50-mile hike in 16 hours and 45 minutes. Starting at 3:45 a.m. Friday, Barefoot, 55, completed the hike from a point near Shell Beach to the Federal Correctional Institution in Lompoc, where he is employed by 8 P.M. He rested for one and one-half hours midway through the hike.

The Association's hiking champion hopes to be able to make it to the Reunion in Springfield, but isn't sure about that just yet.

—PAY 1963 DUES NOW—

McKENZIE KNOWS WHO TO CONTACT

Joe McKenzie, 95 Washington Ave., Waltham, Mass., under date of March 23, wrote as follows:

My dear Mr. Schmidt: Time is money. I have been told that you have plenty of time and no money.

Since you have so much time and so little to do I wish that you would make a telephone call or two to someone in your neighborhood or send a postcard to some of your army friends who might live in the next borough.

What is the reason for this nonsense you might ask yourself. Well it is this:

My wife saw an article in The Octofoil about a miniature reunion to be held at West Point on May 4. She would like to go if the cadets were going to have a full dress uniform parade as we used to have at Bragg. If we went would we be an uninvited guest since your New York Chapter might be planning events for their own entertainment.

If we would not be considered excess baggage or be accused of sticking our noses in someone else's business we might be there. Now you have less time on your hands.—Sincerely, Joe McKenzie.

Well, Joe got his answer. Every detail was spelled out to him. He was told that the McKenzies would be more than welcome. After reading the "fabulous" word pictures the Baron drew in describing what was to be seen at West Point on May 4, it's a cinch Mrs. McKenzie started packing the family traveling bags before she'd finished reading all of the letter.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

MAURICE HARDY CALLING FOR RAST

Maurice Hardy, Rt. 1, Elkhart, Ill., has asked The Octofoil to publish the following notice for him:

TRYING TO LOCATE CAPT. HOLT RAST

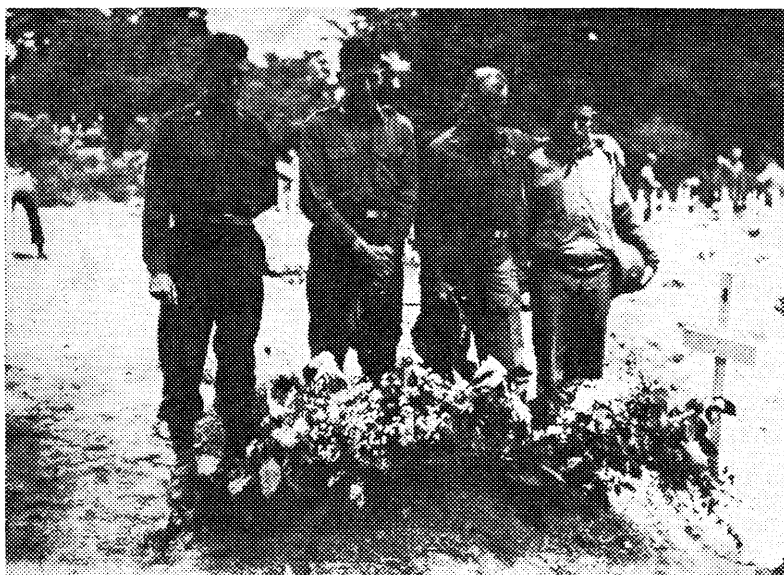
"Maurice Hardy, Rt. 1, Elkhart, Ill. (service address was Cutler, Ill.), would like very much to learn the address of Capt. Holt Rast. He was a great guy with Co. C of the 15th Engineers. He was then from around Birmingham, Alabama. So if any of you readers know his whereabouts please write to the address given above."

Hardy advises that he is only a 20-minute drive from Springfield and is really hoping to see a lot of his old buddies there in July.

(Editor's note: The last address Secretary Quinn had on Capt. Holt Rast was in 1945 when it was 4108 Cahaba Rd., Birmingham, Ala. However, an article appeared in The Octofoil a few years ago told of Rast being elected to the General Assembly from Jefferson County (Birmingham), Alabama, and a rural route address was listed with the story. The Octofoil editor has talked with many people from Birmingham and regardless of their station in life they all knew of or knew personally Capt. Rast because of his great accomplishments as a football player in those parts. Although Birmingham is a city or near one-half million, as well known as Holt Rast seems to be in that Steel City it is a safe bet a letter addressed to the Birmingham postmaster and asking for a little cooperation in helping get delivery will result in a letter being delivered to this well-liked former Co. C Engr.)

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Mourners At Graveside of Capt. Suttlemire



Pictured above at the graveside of Capt. Suttlemire at St. Mere Eglise, France, are left to right: Lt. Col. Van H. Bond, Captain Corpening, Col. Harry A. Flint and Capt. Brian. The photo was made on July 5, 1944, and The Octofoil regrets the shaded condition of the picture caused the print above to be not as plain as it should have been.

Sgt. Boyce Bennett Burial Rites Held

Sgt. Boyce J. Bennett, 52, of 681 University Ave., S.W., Atlanta, Ga., died December 25, 1962. He was a 3rd Bn. 60th Regt. man.

Sgt. Bennett, a native Atlantan, would have retired from the Army next September after 20 years' service.

He met his death in an automobile accident at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Excer Bennett, a niece, Mrs. D. A. Mangerie, both of Atlanta, and a nephew, T. F. Bennett, Jr., ACCS, Millington, Tenn.

Sgt. Bennett's bereaved mother, although handicapped because of a stroke of paralysis, wrote The Octofoil and told how much the sergeant loved the Ninth Division and the Association and how he looked forward to the day of his retirement when he could attend Reunions and visit with his old buddies.

—PAY 1963 DUES NOW—

AUDREY WEBER FEELS CLOSE TO THE NINTH

John Weber's old address was 193 Neponset Ave., Dorchester, Mass. The new address is 46 Bromfield Street, Wollaston 70, Mass. His wife, Audrey, sent a mighty nice letter to Secretary Quinn which reads:

Dear Mr. Quinn: I am writing this letter in behalf of my husband, to enclose his dues and give you a change of address. His spare time is so taken up by remodeling our kitchen that I am afraid he may miss an issue of The Octofoil, if he should be remiss about his dues.

Maintaining membership is important to me as I have a very sentimental spot in my heart for the 9th Division. My first husband, John D. Day of E Co., 60th Regt., passed away six years ago, and was a great friend of Jack Weber, and they kept in touch over the years. This link from the past changed the lives of my husband, myself and my children, when we were married this past August. We can't help but feel that indirectly the Ninth Division played a part in bringing us new happiness.

—Sincerely, Audrey A. Weber.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Bob Davis Sends His Regards to the Gang

Robert L. Davis, former Co. L, 60th soldier, was ill during the Fort Bragg Reunion and missed out on the fun. This is the first Reunion he has missed out on. Bob lives at 184 Academy St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

He sends regards to the old Co. L, 60th gang, who, he says, are very poor attendants at Reunions—but compliments the Engineers for so many of them attending Reunions year in and year out. Davis is making great plans to be in Springfield for the July get-together.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

JESSE DAVIS WRITES FROM HEBRON-BY-THE-SEA, OHIO

Hebron, O. is located about 30 miles from Columbus on the beautiful and widely known Buckeye Lake, a resort that is visited yearly by throngs from all parts of the United States.

Jesse Davis, a former Serv. Bty. 34th F.A. lad, gets his mail at Hebron, Box 84. He's never been late with his dues since the Association was organized. And if he is away from home on business Mrs. Davis sees to it that Secretary Dan Quinn gets the dues check.

LONE STAR ENGINEERS MAY HAVE OWN GET-TOGETHER

Carroll Leake, Box 88, Robstown, Texas, is receiving plenty of mail these days from his old 15th Engr. buddies, telling him why he should be planning on making the Reunion in Springfield.

Arthur Schmidt, an Engr. from the New York Chapter has contacted other Texas men who were with Co. B, 15th Engrs., and suggested that a meeting somewhere in the wide open spaces of Texas be held immediately after the Springfield Reunion.

Among those contacted were: Innocenzo Guel, Box 533, Schertz, Texas; Tex Russell, Box 639, Azilene, Texas; and Charles Singleton, Box 367, Terrell, Texas.

It kinda looks like the Baron is angling for an invitation from Carroll's mother—so he can go back to Texas and try again to hook some of those larger fish that got away from him the last time he visited the Lone Star State and Old Mexico.

—PAY 1963 DUES N.O.W.—

MAY HAVE TO ALLOW SCHMIDT A SECRETARY

Baron Arthur Richard Schmidt is a glutton for punishment. A recent card from the phantom New York cabbie read: Please send information and details of the coming West Point meeting to Mr. Frank D. Campion, 30 E. 95th St., New York City. He is a former Bty. A, 34th F.A., and Hq. and Hq. Bty. man.

Campion recently moved from Chicago to New York City. He is a native Hoosier, though. Indiana to the uninitiated.

Needless to say the former Hoosier received a full page of instructions and vital information by return mail.

A few days later the same cabbie writes Schmidt as follows:

Mr. B. G. Eisman of 32 Turtle Cove Lane, Huntington, Long Island, N. Y., a former 9th man who also was with the 101st Airborne Division is very much interested in the coming West Point tour and "Eight Stars to Victory."

And here again, within a matter of minutes after receiving the letter asking that information be sent to Mr. Eisman our boy had a lengthy letter with full details on its way.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Hennemuth's Wife Gives Him a Nudge

Bill Hennemuth, 505 N. Wille St., Mt. Prospect, Ill., swears the reason he was never promoted to a Brigadier General was because the yardbird who now edits The Octofoil, was derelict in making a cot one day when Hinnemuth was a barracks guard.

In mailing 1963 dues in he admits that Mrs. Bill wouldn't let him forget about that detail even if he wanted to.

The Hennemuths are planning on taking in the Reunion in Springfield and hope to see a lot of his old Go-Devil friends there.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Offered Top Drawer

Rumors that were running wild at the last New York Chapter meeting were to the effect that the Chapter's Public Relations Director, Arthur Richard Schmidt, was being promoted to the position of Senior Unemployment Insurance Claims Examiner in a downtown office in Manhattan. Such a move would place the Demon Reporter much closer to his Wall St. side line base.

TOM HENRY WRITES FOR N. Y. PAPER

Tom Henry, a former war correspondent for the 9th Division is now writing for The New York Journal-American. Tom was the main speaker for the Ninth's annual banquet when the Association last met in Washington, D. C.

In announcing the addition to Tom Henry to its staff, the New York paper has this to say:

*THOMAS R. HENRY—

Pulitzer prize winning writer who covers science from the military point of view. A Washington correspondent for many years, a writer who traveled with Byrd to the Antarctic, Henry was the first journalist elected to membership in the Washington Academy of Science.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Schmidt Remembers His Columbus Visit

Parts of a letter from Arthur R. Schmidt, New York Chapter, to Dick Pestel, Ohio Chapter, shortly after the death of Dick's mother, reads:

"I was most sorry to learn in The Octofoil that your mother has passed away. My mother and I want to express our sincerest condolences to you and your family. Her passing will, I am sure, be a sad blow to all men of the Ninth Infantry Division who ever had the good fortune to come in contact with her. As expressed in The Octofoil, she always tried to do what she could to make the comradeship of the members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association a worthwhile one. I was most fortunate to have met her when I visited you in Columbus, Ohio, and will always remember how pleasant and sociable she was to me, an intruder who came unannounced."

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

SIX PAPERS UNDELIVERED TO MEMBERS IN BRONX

Every now and then some Sea Lawyer pops up in a local postoffice and gets lawyer-happy reading regulations that few people know exist.

Such a specie hatched out of his coon in the Bronx, N. Y. postoffice shortly after the last issue of The Octofoil was mailed. The Octofoil was notified that six copies of The Octofoil addressed to members in the Bronx had not been delivered because of a technical postal infraction. Had those who discovered the technical violation returned the papers so The Octofoil would have known who the six were additional papers would have been sent. But that information was not forthcoming.

If any member of the Association living in the Bronx failed to get the last issue of The Octofoil will send in a card to that effect, a copy of the last issue will be mailed to the member at once.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

Taxi Lad Sends Names Of Former Ninth Men

The Octofoil's mysterious New York taxi man correspondent has furnished The Octofoil the names of two former Ninth men living in the New York area now. One is Ed Goldstein who is a owner-driver and it's reported that Ed is driving a Mercedes-Benz car in his operations and has an Octofoil decal on his windshield. The other name furnished is Harry Tembeckjean, 3301 Farragut Rd., Brooklyn. Harry is a former 746th Tank Bn. man.

—THINK ABOUT '62 DUES N.O.W.—

DEADLINE JUNE 26

No news notices can be accepted for the next issue of The Octofoil that are received after June 26. The last issue before the Springfield Reunion must be on the presses by July 2 in order to reach the members sufficient time in advance to be helpful to members attending the Reunion.

Pictures to be used in the next issue must reach The Octofoil not later than June 20.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

A FRIEND IN NEED

The guide had a tough time reassembling the eastern dude as they set out on the pack trip across the desert and into the mountains.

"You say we sleep outdoors? What about bears?" the dude asked.

"They won't hurt you none if you don't bother them," the guide said. "What about rattlesnakes? You said we were in rattlesnake country."

"Well, you take out your knife, and if you're bit on the arm, you cut into the place where the snake bit, put your mouth on the cut and suck the blood out and spit it out."

"But suppose I'm bending over and get bit on the behind?"

"Well, mister," the guide said after careful consideration, "that's when you find out who your loyal friends are."

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Rev. Hugh Whitaker Is Pastor At Oswego

Many of Hugh C. Whitaker's old Co. G, 60th buddies will be interested to learn that it is now Rev. Hugh C. Whitaker and he is pastor of St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, W. 2nd and Mohawk Sts., Oswego, New York.

And besides being pastor of the church Rev. Whitaker is chaplain of his Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 5885, Oswego, N. Y.

In his letter he asks The Octofoil to print an appeal for any former G Co. 60th men who read this notice to drop him a line in care of the church at the address given above.

In becoming pastor of the Oswego church Rev. Whitaker says it is fulfillment of a life-long ambition—an ambition he cherished long before he entered the service.

The Octofoil sincerely hopes that some former Go Devils who read this notice will drop him a card in the very near future.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

REV. WILLIAM PHILLIPS PLANS ILLINOIS TREK

The Octofoil is in receipt of a nice letter from Rev. William C. Phillips, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Pontotoc, Miss., a former chaplain with the Division. The letter reads:

"I notice that the 1963 reunion is to be held at Springfield, Illinois. My home town is just 18 miles from Springfield, though I have not lived there for many years. I also lived in Springfield in my youth and still have some friends and relatives in the vicinity. Will try to be there next July."

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

LAVERNE KENT SIGNS UP IN ASSOCIATION

It was good to note a letter of recent date with LaVerne Kent, Gridley, Ill., as the writer.

It seems the last time The Octofoil heard from this former Co. C, 60th lad was back in 1949. He's really enthused about this 1963 Reunion to be held in Springfield, and is looking forward to seeing many old buddies. He has attended one Reunion that was held at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago many years ago.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

RUSS SNELLING, WIFE AND SON WILL TRAVEL

Russell Snelling, 1408 Broadway, Denton, Texas, can't miss when he gets to Springfield—he's looking for buddies from E Co. 39th and L Co., 60th Regts. This will be Russell's first Reunion but he'll get there early and stay late. Reservations have already gone in for he and Roberta (Mrs. Snelling), and son, Dale.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

Basement to Rival Gotham Nite Clubs

Dan Quinn advises The Octofoil there is a possibility that the New York Chapter will start holding regular monthly meetings in the basement of Arthur Schmidt's estate, at 69-20 69th St., Brooklyn, when all the refurbishing of the place has been completed. According to building permits on file about \$2500 in improvements have been made to modernize the subterranean portion of the Schmidt Manor.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—

Octofoil In Receipt of Letter From Attorney Calvin Polivy

The New York combat taxi lad who has never furnished The Octofoil with a New York address has expressed his views on certain matters pertaining to the Association to Attorney Calvin Polivy, 295 Madison Ave. Cal is a former President of the Greater New York Chapter and a former National Judge Advocate of the Association. In essence Cal agreed with the writer and forwarded the letters to The Octofoil.

—PAY 1961 DUES NOW—

AS PER USUAL — GEN. CRAIG COMES TO POINT

If Maj. Gen. Louis Craig had ever been a P.O.W. he'd have certainly driven a lot of Krauts nuts. They probably would have had to call out all their reserves just to get his serial number. He says what he has to say quick and to the point—and then quits. Sending his 1963 dues from 3700 Fordham Rd., N.W., Washington 16, D. C., to Secretary Dan Quinn, Gen. Craig writes a typical Craig letter: "My dues for the new year herewith. Sincerely, Louis A. Craig."

—PAY 1963 DUES NOW—

Some men are convinced horses sleep standing up. They are the ones they bet on.

—PAY 1963 DUES N.O.W.—

Man's imagination is still a woman's greatest asset.

VARIOUS HIGHWAY ROUTES TO SPRINGFIELD PROPOSED

Shortly after the Fort Bragg Reunion immediately upon his return to New York City Arthur Richard Schmidt contacted several gasoline concerns and other travel agencies and secured information as to various highway routes leading into the city of Springfield, Ill. This data was published in The Octofoil—but the memories of the members are short. The data probably should not have been published until about a month before the Reunion. A thumbnail sketch of the previous story is being published again in this issue.

The Esso Oil Co. route is entirely by way of Turnpikes: New Jersey State Turnpike to Pennsylvania Turnpike, then on the Ohio State Turnpike to the Indiana East-West toll road to the Tri-State Tollway, then on the Tri-State Tollway to Interstate Highway 55, taking the latter to Springfield. The estimated mileage is 1,043 miles. Driving time about 20 hours.

AAA ROUTE

The AAA route takes the New Jersey Turnpike to Pennsylvania Turnpike—Pennsylvania Turnpike to the New Stanton exit—then alternate Pennsylvania State Highway to U. S. 40—U. S. 40 to Indianapolis and U. S. 36 to Springfield. Estimated mileage is 933 miles and driving time approximately 21 hours.

Those who travel these roads say that just as good time can be made on 40 and 36 as on the Turnpikes. They all bypass the business centers of the many towns and cities.

—PAY 1963 DUES N.O.W.—

Cabbie Wanders From 50-Mile Hike To Calvado Binge

New York Chapter members have been challenged to a 50-mile Kennedy Hike by the anonymous cab driver who plies various members with letters but never gives an address. Neither do the Hack Bureau records show a cabbie by the name used as being registered. Nevertheless he wants Secretary Dan Quinn to lead the Chapter's detail on this hike, to be faced with competition from a platoon of cab drivers.

The guy's latest gimmick is to get a VFW Post in Paris, France, interested in furnishing a supply of potent Calvados for use by the New Yorkers when they visit Springfield, Ill. for the 1963 Reunion.

The Chapter members do not have any conscientious scruples against consuming a goodly supply of Calvados but they are not about to walk out on a limb reaching for a slug of the juice until they learn what strings are attached—who's financing the operation—and if so—why.

The poem printed in the last issue of The Octofoil seems to have made a hit with ex-G.I.s who are now employed as cabbies, regardless of what units they may have served with.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

Past Prexy Storey Has New Address

Former National Association President Richard C. Storey has a new mailing address. It is 149 Miles River Road, So. Hamilton, Mass.

The Octofoil appreciates Dick's thoughtfulness and cooperation in mailing in his new mailing address before the post office department returned his paper and soaked the Association for its return. If all the other members were as thoughtful about this matter as Dick Storey life around The Octofoil would be much easier to bear.

—PAY 1963 DUES N.O.W.—

DR. LEO GOWEN IS IN MISSOURI CITY

Dr. Leo F. Gowen, M.D., writes from 337 W. Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves 19, Missouri. Dr. Gowen is planning on being in Springfield and hopes to have the fun of renewing friendships with many of his old 9th Medic buddies.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES NOW—

"Flyboy" Pestel Landed Safely At Port Columbus

Just as the presses were about to start grinding out this issue of The Octofoil the phone rang and Dick Pestel's voice rang in clear from the airport advising the TWA had just winged him safely home from the Board meeting. He is preparing a nice story for the next issue thanking the many members of the New York Chapter he feels most grateful to for the hospitality shown he and President Maher while they were guests of the big city boys.

Arthur Paulis; his mother, Mrs. Francis Saers, and sister, Miss Evelyn Paulis were most hospitable.

—PAY 1-9-6-3 DUES TODAY—