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Philadelphia Is Waiting With "Open Arms"

A Buckeye Entry



Pictured above is Dianne Crosskill, 1120 Franklin St., Fremont, O. Dianne is the daughter of Dan Crosskill, former 47th Infantry Division member. She is now a deputy sheriff in Sandusky County, Ohio. And she is one of those who have asked for consideration when the Association makes the Scholarship awards this year. Dianne was editor in chief of her high school newspaper and won a newspaper scholarship to the High School Press Institute, held by Kent State University Department of Journalism.

"CHIEF" BAREFOOT TOPS AS LIBRARIAN

The Lompoc Valley News, Lompoc, Calif., recently published an interesting article about Forrest L. Barefoot, former 9th man, who was recently reclassified by the Federal Bureau of Prisons and moved up from teaching to that of librarian.

Parts of the article reads: Forrest F. "Chief" Barefoot's first aspiration was to be a blacksmith, but a 3-year apprenticeship found him scarred and ready to reconsider the merits of higher education. After graduation from college he was a social worker and then a teacher.

World War II saw him in the Army where he served with the 9th Infantry Division. His Army career ended at Fort Sill in September of 1959 after three years with an Army Missile Unit.

During this time the "Chief" has picked up hobbies in electronics, traveling, reading, sports, automotive repair, and last but not least, physical fitness. Once a paralytic, "Chief" feels that he owes his recovery and present health to it. He takes pride in the fact that over a period of years he went from crutches to competition in distance running and Golden Glove tournaments. He realizes that enthusiasm for early morning runs and 50 mile hikes is shared by practically no one.

Forrest's present home address is 425 S. "L" St., Lompoc, Calif.

NICK ANDROVICH IS STILL ISOLATED ON LONG ISLAND

Nick Androvich, 352 50th St., Brooklyn, N. Y., a former 39th man, 1st Bn. Hqtrs. Co. is still trying to squeeze enough time out of his work week so he will be able to attend a New York Chapter meeting. He is employed way out on Long Island and is putting in a lot of his time going and coming.

Next Octofoil Deadline Will Be May 24th

There will be two more issues of The Octofoil before the 1965 Reunion. Not one line of copy can be accepted after 12 noon, May 24. That issue should be delivered by June 1. A deadline on the last issue before the Reunion will be July 1.

Every effort will be made to have this issue in the mail on July 6 so as to reach the members about two weeks before opening day of the Reunion.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—

Board Members Wined and Dined At Bill Stokan's

By DICK PESTEL
Some of the members of the National Board of Governors arrived in Pittsburgh on Friday, April 3, hoping to revive interest in the Pennsylvania Chapter. Helping the Board members along were Bill Stokan, Herman Siebel, Vince Wroblewski, James Fisher, George Kopac and Steve Lelak.

Bill and Lewis Stokan rolled out the red carpet at Stokan's Tavern, 4749 Plumber St., Pittsburgh.

Fish menus were most appetizing. After the meal a few suds were available. John Rizzo was the life of this party.

Among those attending the dinner at Stokan's were Dan Quinn, Harrison Daysh, John Rizzo, Pat Morano, Alfons Cuprys, Tom Boyle, Harry Orenstein, Henry Shimkoski, Leonard DeBell, Francis Maher, Walter O'Keefe, Frank Wade, Richard Pestel, Victor Butswinkus and Frank Ozart.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Again Saturday night all were at Stokan's Tavern where he had a good roast beef dinner with all the trimmings. After this swell meal Pat Morano kept the outfit entertained for quite a while after the dinner. One of the waitresses, Alice Flavin, took several shots of the happy gathering and will send them to The Octofoil for the next issue.

A beautiful 18x12 white cake (9th Division Octofoil in the center)—"Welcome Ninth Division" was baked by Mary Stokan, Bill's wife, a former TWA stewardess and now a registered nurse, who was celebrating a birthday.

Bill's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fritzie Zivic, were dinner guests. Zivic was welterweight boxing champion in 1940.

CHARLIE JOHNSON VISITS HULA HULAS

Charles Johnson, 2nd Bn. 47th, has taken out a Life Membership in the Association. In a recent letter he advises that he sees Gen. Mike Kaufman frequently through business connections. Gen. Kaufman is Utah and Idaho group merchandise manager for Sears, Roebuck & Co. retail stores with offices in Salt Lake City.

The Johnsons spent their 22nd wedding anniversary in Hawaii. If present plans materialize the Johnson clan will locate permanently in Hawaii some day. They nailed down some terrain while there and are now the proud owners of acreage in that fertile area of the world.

Charlie hopes to be able to attend the Reunion in July.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—
There was the woman who married four times. The first husband was a millionaire, the second an actor, the third a doctor, and the fourth an undertaker. Certainly a case of one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go.

GEN. VAN BOND TO BREAK BREAD WITH HIS BUDDIES

Past National President John Sabato of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter, advises The Octofoil that General Van Bond has agreed to be the main speaker at the 1964 Ninth Division Association's Reunion banquet—the big event that closes the Reunion each year.

Gen. Van Bond endeared himself to all Ninth Division men who had contact with him while the outfit was going through many trying days of trials and tribulations.

The former 39th officer is now the Commanding General of the XXI U. S. Army Corps, Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Annville, Pa.

Gen. Van Bond's Army career with the Ninth Division and other units has been outstanding. A complete rundown of his many responsible assignments since World War II will be printed in the next issue of The Octofoil at which time an Army photo of the general will also be printed.

SCHOLARSHIP INTEREST INCREASING RAPIDLY

Members from all parts of the country are showing an aroused interest in the Association's Scholarship project. Many members have sent in donations since the last issue of The Octofoil. A complete list of those who have contributed has not been furnished The Octofoil yet. When it is the list will be published. The Octofoil learned indirectly of a few who had sent in contributions recently and among them were Robert Dietsch, Orchard Park, N. Y., formerly with the 9th Meds.; Steve Urbanyi, Toledo, Ohio, Co. B, 60th, and Howard Heilman, Cleveland, 60th Regt.

FRANNY MAHER SHOPS FOR PINS

Francis Maher, former national association president, writes from 14 Davenport St., Worcester 10, Mass., that he has been shopping around for a classy Division lapel pin. He has had some very attractive samples made up—the artist using one of the auto decals for his "copy" and those who have seen these samples are well pleased with them. The matter will be pursued further when Franny brings it before the Board.

JOHN RIZZO GETS OUT NEWSY SHEET

John J. Rizzo, president of the Greater New York Chapter, is preparing a really newsy sheet for the Chapter members each month. John is stressing the importance of the Association's Scholarship Project.

Right now John is busy helping Frank Fazio and Jack Scully to get the forthcoming picnic plans ready. He also is lining up some outstanding sports films for future meetings.

If John gets the kind of cooperation he deserves his year in office will give future presidents a record to shoot for.

YOU SWEET THING

"I think I've got my mean ol' wife softened up."
"That's nice. But what makes you think so?"
"Well, this morning, she almost called me a sweet name."
"Whatta youh mean—almost called you a sweet name?"
"At breakfast she called me a syrup-soppin' S.O.B."

COMMITTEES WORK AS FINE KNIT TEAMS; RESULTS WILL BE ONE OF THE GREATEST REUNIONS EVER STAGED

A few minutes conversation with any one of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter committee members is all that is needed to get any former Ninth Division man enthused about the July 23, 24, 25 Reunion being arranged for the Sheraton Hotel in Philadelphia, Pa. Those fellows are bubbling over with enthusiasm and it is catching. Jack O'Shea, president of the up and at 'em Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter, sends the following information to The Octofoil:

By JACK O'SHEA
President, Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter

To those members—and it is our fond wish that there will be many—who are making plans to bring their families to the 19th Annual Reunion in Philadelphia at the Sheraton Hotel on July 23, 24 and 25, we herewith publish the following price list and three day program, so the members can budget their finances accordingly, in anticipation of a wonderful weekend amongst their old buddies.

Registration Fee (members only) \$ 1.00
Strip Ticket (adults) \$15.00
Strip Ticket (teenagers) \$10.00
Strip Ticket (children) \$ 7.50

If anyone would care to lighten the financial burden immediately, they can make advance payments to Mr. John Sabato, 2743 Snyder Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. Many members in the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter thought this was such a good idea they have already purchased strip tickets. If anyone else agrees they should send check or money order to Sabato today, and then they won't have to worry about that expense when checking in at the hotel.

The full program schedule, subject to any late changes that may prove more favorable, is as follows:

19TH ANNUAL REUNION

Thursday, July 23, 1964—

Registration—10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Golf Tournament—Exact time to be posted later.

Welcome Party—9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

Friday, July 24, 1964—

Registration—10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Business Meeting—10:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.

Committee Meetings—11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Ladies Social Functions—To be announced.

Final Business Meeting—2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Teenage Coketail Party—7:45 P.M. to 8:45 P.M.

Informal Dance—9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

Saturday, July 25, 1964—

Registration—10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Memorial Service—10:00 A.M.

Traditional Banquet—7:00 P.M. Sharp.

Informal Dance—9:30 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

As related above, subject to any change that the hard working committee may substitute for their visitors' greater enjoyment, this is about the size of what's in store for former Ninth men, their families and friends who favor Philadelphia by attending this annual Ninth Division Association get-together.

If, happily, you have decided that you will be among those who will stand up and be counted at this annual session of our great Association—one of the best—if not the greatest—then act now, without further hesitation—reserve what size space you'll need for your entire bivouac at Philly's finest accommodation—the Sheraton Hotel.

USE THE BLANK

Use the hotel reservation form that is printed in The Octofoil, or the stamped cards, postage free, supplied by the hotel and distributed, it is hoped, by the local chapters to their membership—and do it now. By your early action, you will not only insure prompt confirmation from the hotel, but you will, in reality, be assisting your host chapter in estimating as nearly as possible, the approximate attendance at the initial function on Thursday evening, July 23.

From the opening ceremonies of our first day to the closing banquet and dance on Saturday night, July 25, things will fall into proper place—smoothly because each and everyone of you have by your early response, eased the performance of the assigned committees.

All roads lead to Philadelphia.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—

Al Cuprys Makes An Earnest Plea For Attendance

Dear Comrades: As an old timer and knowing of the great times we have all had at 9th Division Association Reunions, I would like for you and yours to come and enjoy a wonderful Reunion in Philadelphia July 23, 24, 25, 1964.

Participation in the Reunion will enrich your life with contentment and satisfaction that money cannot buy. As Gen. George Patton many times said, "You cannot read it nor no one can tell you, you must be there to experience it and leave with a satisfied feeling knowing you were there."

We are a great Association that has held a Reunion every year since we organized in 1945 right after the end of the war.

We in the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter are proud to be host for the 19th Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association on July 23, 24, 25, 1964.

Yours in Comradeship,
AL CUPRYS,
Chairman.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—

GEN. GEORGE BARTH DECIDES TO WRITE

Shortly after the Division returned from overseas Col. George Barth was quite active in Association affairs. But in recent years The Octofoil has missed hearing from him as often as should have been the case. "Colonel" Barth, former Chief of Staff, 9th Division, has now retired as Major General George Barth. He still loves the old gang and the Division even though he has not written as often as he should. In a recent letter to Secretary Quinn, Gen. Barth has this to say:

"I enjoy reading The Octofoil. I am grateful to you dedicated people who work so hard for the old 9th. I always remember my first combat outfit—the 9th—it was a great Division. Best regards to all the old gang, especially Charlie Tingley."

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—
Women make the best nurses—especially of grudges.

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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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THE MEMORIAL FUND OF THE 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION Scholarship Information

The Memorial Fund of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was established by the members of the association to commemorate the memory of their comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice in battle. As a part of this fund the association established a scholarship program. Scholarships are awarded each year to relatives of men who served in The Ninth Infantry Division.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

A person who wishes to apply for a scholarship must be related to a man who has served with The Ninth Infantry Division. Children of former members of the division will be given first consideration, but children of men killed in combat given first preference. Applicants who are not children of former members of the division will not be considered unless no child of a former member qualifies.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following procedures must be followed by those wishing to apply for the scholarships:

1. Send a letter of application to the chairman of the scholarship committee stating the following: name, address, age, and sex of the applicant; name, address, and occupation of the applicant's parents or guardians; the name and address of the secondary school the applicant is attending or has attended and graduated; the name and address of the college the applicant expects to attend; the vocational goal of the applicant; and the name of and degree of relationship to a former member of the division. The unit and dates of service in the division of the former member must be included.
2. A transcript of the applicant's high school record must be included with the letter of application. The transcript must include at least the first seven semesters of the applicant's record.
3. The applicant must have a counselor or principal of the high school he or she is attending write a letter of recommendation to the chairman of the scholarship committee.
4. Effective with the 1965 scholarship award, the applicant must take the PSAT given every October. The applicant must list the name and address of the chairman of the scholarship committee in the space on the application for the PSAT requiring three names of institutions or individuals to be sent the results of the test.
5. THE APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BY MARCH 15. Applications received after March 15 will not be considered.
6. All applicants must accept the decision of the Scholarship Committee as final.
7. Information to determine financial need will be requested by the Scholarship Committee after the applications have been considered. Only the top ten contenders will be asked to submit information on financial need.
8. All applications must be sent to: John J. Clouser, Scholarship Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division Association, 200 North Elm Street, Mount Prospect, Illinois.

Pays Dues At a Great Sacrifice

Dick Macomber had to leave Ohio and move to Arizona because of a bad asthma condition. He writes The Octofoil that he gets mighty lonesome out there for some of the old gang. Mac's income is limited and living costs in Phoenix are high, but he doesn't want to drop out of the Association. However, he does wish more of the Ohio gang and especially former Go-Devils would drop him a few lines at this address: 716 East Tunney Ave., Apt. 4, Phoenix, Arizona.

Pop Burnett is also living in Phoenix, but several miles from Macomber's home, so he hasn't been able to see Pop but once in recent months. **TOO LATE TO PUBLISH**

Dick Pestel received a real newsy letter from Macomber as these pages were going to press. Highlights from that letter will be used in a later edition of The Octofoil.

RAY MURRAY HAD PLEASANT VISIT

Raymond Murray, Serv. Co. 39th, writes an interesting letter about his recent trip to Worcester, Mass. Ray's home address is 7702 78th St., Glendale, N. Y. His letter reads:

Last month my nephew married a girl from Worcester, Mass., and I took a trip up there to see them married. Naturally, I had to look up Father Connors and what a pleasure it was to see him again. We spent about an hour together having coffee and cake and a real good bull session. He told me to tell all the fellows he was asking about them. When I arrived he was leaving for an important engagement but when I introduced myself he called up and made the engagement for a later time, which proves what a wonderful friend we have and what we boys of the 9th mean to him.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—
 Some girls can't refuse a heel to save their souls.

MOTHER OF SHELDON STODDARD CALLED BY DEATH IN JANUARY

Sheldon Stoddard, formerly 34th F.A., has been stationed back overseas since the Fort Bragg Reunion.

He was back in the states for a few day in January on emergency leave because of his mother's death.

While in the states Stoddard visited Worcester, Mass., and had a wonderful visit with Father Connors. He writes: "Connors Coffee Shop is always open. It was a most enjoyable experience to visit with Father Connors and to see the beautiful Division Memorial."

Sheldon is with the 503rd Admin. Co., 3rd Armored Div., APO 39, care New York Postmaster.

—IMON SEND 9-9-6-1 AVE—

Metro Vasil Passed Away Jan. 18, '63

Mrs. Anne V. Geronimo, a sister of Metro Vasil's, advises The Octofoil that her brother passed away on June 18, 1963. His address at the time of his death was 47 Parsons St., Yonkers, N. Y.

Thanks is extended to Mrs. Geronimo for taking time out to write to The Octofoil. And even though condolences are belated, The Octofoil joins with other members of the Association in extending heartfelt sympathy to the loved ones left to mourn their loss.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—

OCTOFOIL EDITOR'S SON BURIED MAR. 2

Charles M. Plunkett passed away in New York City on Feb. 27. He was the son of Paul S. Plunkett, Octofoil editor. Charles was a service connected disabled veteran of World War II. He married a New York girl while in Paris. When The Octofoil first began publication he drew cartoons for the editorial page while working in the art department of a Columbus Scripps-Howard newspaper. Just before the third annual Reunion that was held in Pittsburgh he drew a cartoon for The Octofoil that outlined some female natives of North Africa who had been tracing down some former 9th men and finally cornered them in Pittsburgh. The request was so great for the cartoon that The Octofoil had reprinted several thousand copies of that one particular page.

Charles was with the 148th Armored Division but having known so many Ninth men personally he felt very close to the Ninth Infantry Division and the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

He was given a military funeral on March 2 and buried at the Farmingdale Long Island, N. Y. national cemetery.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—

BOB MASON STILL CRIPPLED; WANTS BUDDIES TO WRITE

There aren't many former Ninth Division men who are any more loyal to the Octofoil than is Robert Mason, 611 Gross St., McKeesport, Pa. Bob has been practically an invalid with limited income for a long time, but this former 26th F.A. lad writes Secy. Quinn, in part, as follows:

"Enclosed you will find a check for \$4 dues. The word 'Octofoil' is quite sacred to me. Presently I'm laid up with a broken leg—still have my leg in a cast. I've been laid up with it for two years. Broke my leg at the knee on Aug. 5, 1962. Have had three operations and as a result I won't be able to bend my knee. My left leg will remain stiff. I was in the VA hospital in Pittsburgh for over nine months. On April 22 I report back to the VA clinic. I do hope they will see fit to remove the cast. My wife leaves for work at 7:30 a.m., returning at 5:30 p.m., so it makes for a long, lonesome day for me, as I don't get out except when she takes me in the car.

"I get a big kick out of corresponding with friends and I love to get letters—it is a pleasant past time. Would be mighty happy to hear from any former Ninth Division man—whether I knew him personally or not. Come on, buddies—drop an old lonesome guy a few lines."

Come on, fellows. Help cheer Bob up and send in a few lines—if it is only a postal card.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—

S.O.S. CALLS PUT OUT FOR GLADSON AND CONNOLLY

John J. Graham, 157-14 88th St., Howard Beach 14, Queens, New York, a former 47th Regt. man, has been trying desperately to locate two old buddies: James F. Gladson and William F. Connolly. Anyone knowing the address of either Gladson or Connolly are asked to drop a card to John Graham at once.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Enclosed please find 1964 dues for:

Name Serial No.

Street Address

City Zone State

I was a member of:

Battery; Company; Regiment 9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year \$ 4.00 ☐

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(Pictorial History of 9th Division in action.)

Ladies' Auxiliary Member \$ 1.50 ☐

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60th Infantry History \$.50 ☐

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SHERATON HOTEL RESERVATION BLANK

Ninth Division Association members are requested to fill in hotel reservation application blanks immediately. Be sure and state that the reservation is for the Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion.

Sheraton Hotel,
 Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Name

Street Address

City State

I will arrive on about (P.M.) (A.M.)

And will check out on

Check the kind of room desired (X)

Single Room ☐ \$ 8.00

Double rooms, double bed (2 persons) ☐ \$12.00

Double rooms, twin beds (2 persons) ☐ \$12.00

Rollaway beds ☐ \$ 3.00

Completely air-conditioned — TV in every room. Children under 14 years of age in rooms at no additional cost.

TAYLOR WITH FORMER 9TH MEN IN OIL FIELD

The Octofoil is in receipt of its usual newsy letter from Wilton Taylor, former Co. M, 47th man, now getting mail at Stop 6, Star Route, Lost Hills, Calif. He sent some interesting clippings about the big cross country automobile endurance runs, styled the Mobil Economy Run. Taylor has been working in the California oil fields ever since shortly after returning home from overseas after the war.

Naming some former Ninth men also working in the California oil field area who Taylor sees often, were Lloyd Wofford, Co. B, 15th Engrs., and Harold Russie, Co. D, 39th Inf.

Anyone knowing Lt. George Phillips' address are asked to send it to Taylor. And he again requests letters from any of the old gang with some of the news of what they've been doing in recent years.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—

The mark of a great lover is usually lipstick.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—
 A tipper's table of measure: two pints make one cavot.

BRUNER HOPES TO LOCATE M.P. FRANCIS E. DODDS

James A. "Jim" Bruner writes from Flint, Mich., P.O. Box 903. He was a Ninth Division M.P.

Bruner reads The Octofoil from cover to cover and enjoys it, especially reading about his old buddies; Al Cuprys, Jake Wadalavage, and many others—especially the rapid rise of Gen. Westmoreland, from the Major Westmoreland, who Bruner knew at Tent City in August, 1940. He stayed with the outfit all the way and was mustered out in June, 1945.

Bruner's letter continues:

"I wonder if anyone could let me know what ever happened to a fellow in the M.P. platoon by the name of Francis E. Dodds. He was captured near Roetgen, Germany.

"It has been five or six years since I have seen Bill Clark. Jake Wadalavage knows him and Robert Allsop, so if will be noted I have let myself get out of touch. I hope after this letter is published I begin hearing from some of them again."

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—
 You can't climb the ladder of success with cold feet.

Pat Monrano Locates Ernie Kovach



Pictured above: Ernie Kovach with his wife, Goldie, and their two children: Nancy Jane, age 10, and Joyce Mary, age 8. The Kovachs live at 380 Lortz Ave., Chambersburg, Pa. Ernie was recently briefed on activities of the Ninth Infantry Division Association by Pat Morano, after Pat and Ann moved from New York to Chambersburg.

Kovach Hopes to Contact Buddies

As has been stated in previous issues of The Octofoil, when Pat and Ann Morano moved from New York City to 2208 Lincoln Way, East, Chambersburg, Pa., they didn't stop working for the Ninth Infantry Division Association. The latest recruit Pat signed up was Ernie Kovach, 380 Lortz Ave., Chambersburg, Pa., a former D Co. 39th man.

Ernie came into the Division as one of the early Fort Bragg "originals" in July, 1941, by way of New Brunswick, N. J. He was with the Ninth in Algeria, French Morocco, Tunisia, Arno and in the Rhineland—finally getting back to the Good Old U.S.A. in August, 1945.

Ernie and Goldie Kovach have two wonderful daughters—Nancy Jane is in the 10th grade at the Chambersburg Area Senior High School and Joyce Mary attends Central Junior High School.

Kovach's hobbies are bowling and fishing. The bowling trophies he has won fill up a lot of space in the Kovach home. He is a civilian employee at the Letterkenny Army Depot, Chambersburg, Pa., and active in VFW Post No. 1599, Chambersburg—and hopes to attend some New York Chapter meetings and locate many old buddies—especially Pat Higgins—who should send Ernie a card if he reads this article about his old buddy.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—

It Is Senator Lee Metcalf, Montana

A very modest note was received recently at The Octofoil office. It simply read: "I would appreciate you changing my address from 134 House Office Building to 427 Senate Office Building. Cordially, Lee Metcalf."

It so happens the modest Lee Metcalf is none other than a U. S. Senator from Montana and a life member of the Association, and was a First Lieutenant with the 60th Regt. during combat days.

Recently The Newark (N. J.) News ran a feature story with three-column heads, written by Mary McGrory. The headlines screamed "Big Voice Rules Senate. . . Metcalf Has No Trouble Getting Order."

Parts of the story read: "Anybody attending the recent session of the Senate was extremely conscious of the presiding officer."

"The Senate will be in order," roared Sen. Metcalf, Democrat, of Montana, and pounded the desk with his gavel. The senators, as is their wont, ignored the order.

Metcalf pounded again. "The Senate is not in order," he shouted and glared at Sen. Fulbright and Senator Ellender, who were chatting in the front row.

Fulbright and Ellender were so startled at the iron fist and the bull voice they actually "suspended," which is Senate parlance for sitting down and shutting up when requested to do so by the presiding officer.

The News story goes on for three columns of most interesting notes on the capabilities of another former Ninth G.I. who has gone out and made good in a big way.

The Octofoil is always proud as is every member of the Association when one of its own goes out and distinguishes himself as the senator has done and is doing. More Ninth Division spirit expressing itself.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—

FRANK LANCETTA RATES APOLOGY

In the last issue of The Octofoil a story was printed about Frank Lancetta being postmaster at Winslow, N. J. The big boner though was the printer spelled this popular former A Co. 47th man's name—LAURETTA instead of LANCETTA. The Octofoil offers its apology for this inexcusable mistake.

Frank hopes to be hearing from some of his old A Co. 47th buddies and expects to see many of them in Philadelphia in July.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—

OHIO LAD RECRUITS BAY STATE MEMBER

Jesse R. Davis, Box 84, Hebron, Ohio, a former 34th F.A. lad, has long been a hard worker for the Association and his Ohio Chapter.

Jesse recently signed up a recruit from Massachusetts and sent in 1964 dues. The new recruit is George R. Rienhagen, 637 Buffington St., Somers, Mass., also a former 34th F.A. Bn. man.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—

The results of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—

BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD 71ST MEETING IN PITTSBURGH, PA.

The 71st meeting of the Board of Governors was called to order at 4:00 P.M., April 4, 1964, at the Pittsburgh-Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., attended by Messrs. John Clouser, Frank Ozart, Victor Butswinkus, Frank Wade, Walter O'Keeffe, Harry Orenstein, John Rizzo, Al Cuprys, Leonard DeBell, Francis Maher, Henry Shimkowski and Richard Pestel. Also present were Thomas Boyle, Treasurer; Harrison Daysh, Judge Advocate. There being a quorum the meeting was called to order by President John Clouser.

The secretary, Daniel Quinn, read minutes of the 70th Board meeting. After a motion duly made by Walter O'Keeffe and seconded by Vic Butswinkus it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes as read and place same on file.

BOYLE'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Thomas Boyle, gave a quarterly report. It was recommended that the secretary use the checking account for postage, office supplies, etc., instead of using monies from petty cash.

After a motion duly made by Leonard DeBell and seconded by Francis Maher it was voted to: Accept the Treasurer's report.

After a motion by Frank Wade and seconded by Francis Maher it was voted to: Leave the sum of \$11.64 in the General Fund. This money was received along with shares from Capital Gains of the Mutual investments and should have been deposited in the Capital Fund.

CONVENTION REPORT

Al Cuprys, co-chairman of the 1964 Reunion gave his report. Major General Van Bond had accepted an invitation to be the speaker. The Committees are all working for a most successful reunion. Details for prices, etc., will be published in The Octofoil. Such items as free parking was received with great enthusiasm by the members. President Clouser thanked Al Cuprys for his report.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

John Clouser reported for the Scholarship Committee. After a motion duly made by Walter O'Keeffe and seconded by Francis Maher it was voted to: Accept the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee. The applicants to be awarded the scholarship grants will be notified by this committee.

After a discussion on the formalities of the Installation Ceremonies for the new officers and upon a motion duly made by Frank Wade and seconded by John Rizzo it was voted to: Accept the prescribed ceremony as submitted by John Clouser.

PURCHASE PINS

After a motion duly made by Frank Wade and seconded by Richard Pestel it was voted to: Authorize the President and Secretary to purchase 500 lapel pins of good quality for resale, at a reasonable price, the cost not to exceed \$1.50.

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Francis Maher reported for the New England Chapter. Meetings are held in Worcester, Mass., at Father Connors Church Hall. Attendance at these meetings has been good. The membership voted unanimously that the 1965 reunion be held in New York. Request that the agenda for the general meeting at the reunion

be published in the last issue of The Octofoil before the Reunion. Purchase Divisional Flags (colors) to be used by Chapters.

After a motion duly made by Francis Maher and seconded by Frank Wade it was voted to: Check the prices of this type of flag or banner. President Clouser appointed Francis Maher, John Rizzo and Richard Pestel as a committee to check on prices and report back for the next Board meeting for a discussion on types of flags and prices.

NEW YORK CHAPTER

John Rizzo reported for the New York Chapter. A Christmas party for the children (and members) was held last December at the Union City Elks Club. Some 200 children were in attendance along with some 50 members and their wives. There has been very good attendance at the monthly meetings held in the Statler-Hilton Hotel. Plans are being made for the annual family picnic to be held in Scotch Plains, N. J. in June; 200 members have so far paid their dues to the New York Chapter. A 50-50 raffle is held each year to raise funds. This has been a very successful means of raising money.

PHILLY-DELAWARE REPORT

Al Cuprys reported for the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter. All members are on committees for the Reunion. Meetings are being held in the Sheraton Hotel, the site for the 1964 Reunion. A dance will be held on April 18th.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

Frank Ozart reported for the Illinois Chapter. A party for the members was held in Bob Winkelman's new home in February. A picnic for the members and families will be held in Champagne, Ill. Plans are being made for the Annual Memorial Day Service. The members try to go to a different cemetery each year to visit the graves of Ninth Division men.

OHIO CHAPTER

Richard Pestel reported for the Ohio Chapter. Election of Officers was held. The Chapter is trying to activate the Ladies' Auxiliary. A picnic is being planned.

WASHINGTON REPORTS

Frank Wade reported for the Washington, D. C. Chapter. The Chapter is ready to have the Reunion any year that the membership wants to come back to Washington.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Leonard DeBell reported for the Michigan Chapter. Plans are being made for a picnic. Bob Rumenapp is out of the cast and back to work. (Bob had been laid up with a broken foot.) A good turn-out of members attended the wake for the father of John Bonkowski. The Chapter is ready for the 1966 reunion, if the membership decides to return to Michigan.

After a motion duly made by Walter O'Keeffe and seconded by Al Cuprys it was voted to: Cancel outstanding checks for Chapter Commissions, that have not been cashed.

After a motion made by Frank Ozart and seconded by Francis Maher it was voted to: Adjourn at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL QUINN,
National Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA-DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER PLANNING TO PRINT BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

19th Annual Reunion Ninth Infantry Division Association
July 23, 24, 25, 1964

Hotel Sheraton, 1725 Kennedy Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

The Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter 1964 Program Committee is putting in many long hours preparing material for a Souvenir Program that all the members will be proud to possess. The advertising rates are being held to a minimum. Checks or money orders should be made payable to

Ninth Infantry Division Association, Inc.
care Arthur MacDougall, 5051 Homestead St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Rates are as follows:

Full Page	\$25.00
Half Page	\$15.00
Quarter Page	\$10.00
Eighth Page	\$ 5.00

Individual members who want their name and address on the Boosters Page should send \$1.00 to Arthur MacDougall, 5051 Homestead St., Philadelphia 24, Pa., or to Victor Butswinkus, 6265 Ditman St., Philadelphia 24, Pa. PRINT or type name plainly. Company and regimental units may also be listed with the member's name and address.

Prepare copy for program and mail in at once.

SAM FIGA HAS BUSY SCHEDULE OUTLINED

Sam Figa's home address is 42 Forest Drive, Mt. Kisco, N. Y. The business address is, Kisco Shade and Blind Co., 148 N. Bedford Rd., Mt. Kisco, N. Y. He was an E Co. 39th soldier. In applying for membership in the Association Sam writes in part:

I'm enclosing the application for membership in the Division Association and look forward to renewing old friendships, as well as making new ones. I'm also planning on attending part of the Reunion in July. This morning I received a note from Tom Orband, Binghamton, in which he sent Joe Santucci's brother's address. Hy Shakin, E Co. 39th called me Friday to advise Iz Breshinsky, who was in our Company at Bragg, is a patient at VA Hospital, Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, N. Y. We plan on visiting Iz Monday. If any of the boys would care to drop him a note I'm sure he'd be glad to receive the good wishes.

The Octofoil article on Pete D'Alessandro brought back happy memories. If I don't see him at the Reunion will look him up on my next drive North, possibly this summer when we take our oldest son "College Viewing." He's in the Class of '65 and wants to do some prospecting this summer.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—

WALT VICTOR WILL BE A BUSY BEAVER

Walter Victor, 340 Lynhurst Dr., S.W., Atlanta 11, Ga., has forwarded The Octofoil a picture of he and Martha Raye, when Martha was visiting Atlanta recently. Walt is trying to talk her into visiting Reunion headquarters in Philadelphia.

Among other things noted in Victor's letter was the fact he had been requested to take Reunion pictures at Philadelphia. This will certainly guarantee Octofoil readers who cannot visit the Reunion some top rate photographs in forthcoming issues of The Octofoil after the Reunion.

Car trouble enroute prevented Victor from attending the Reunion in Springfield.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—

'SNUFFY' GOLDSMITH IS AN ALERT READER

Wilbert "Snuffy" Goldsmith, 160 Bruce Ave., Yonkers, N. Y., after reading the November-December issue of The Octofoil, got his typewriter out and typed out the names of several G.I.s whose names he believes should have been used in the story printed about his old buddy, Pete D'Alessandro. The Octofoil will publish in the next issue "Snuffy's" contribution. It makes most interesting reading. Space and time limitations precludes the possibility of using the fine feature in this issue.

Clyde Fowler Will Be Greatly Missed

Clyde Fowler served with the 9th Division, attached to the 2nd Bn. 47th Regt., and after receiving a commission was transferred to the 3rd Bn. 60th Inf. Medical Adm. Officer. He was well liked by everyone. Clyde stayed with the Army and retired two years ago as a Lieutenant Colonel.

On December 5, 1963 Clyde Fowler died suddenly from a heart attack. Mrs. Dorothy Fowler, the bereaved widow and the two sons live at 4422 Eisenhower Road, San Antonio, Tex.

Many members of the New York Chapter were close buddies of Clyde and are grieving his untimely passing. Among them are Mike Gatto, who was I Co. 60th Commander; Al Bruchac, former national President, and others.

The Octofoil joins with Clyde's thousands of former Ninth Division buddies and extends heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Fowler and the two sons, 14 and 15 years old, who are said to resemble their dad in many ways.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—

OHIO GROUP WILL MEET ON APRIL 23

Notices were sent out on April 10 announcing an April 23 meeting of the Ohio Chapter at Benson Hough VFW Post, 2299 S. High St., Columbus, for 8 P.M., Thursday, April 23.

One of the Chapter's main springs has a birthday on April 23 and the meeting will center around a party for that member—Pearl Nickles.

Just what stomach reaction will be when a supply of beer is mixed with the big cake they're baking for Pearl is yet to be determined.

SAD NOTE

Just as the presses were ready to roll with this issue Ohio Chapter Secretary Dick Pestel called The Octofoil to announce news had just reached him that the Chapter's President, Harold Stone, had just been rushed to Mt. Carmel Hospital, Columbus, with a heart attack. Harold is a faithful attendant at Reunions and has made many friends not only in Ohio but from all parts of the country. All of them are hoping and praying that Harold will have a speedy and complete recovery.

MAY MEET AT HOSPITAL

Just as these pages were going to press word reached The Octofoil that Edie Pestel (Mrs. Dick) had been rushed to the Doctors' Hospital, in Columbus, for surgery. Edie is always an integral part of the Ohio Chapter's social sessions which follow the meetings. If sickness continues the April 23 meeting may be called in one of the local hospitals.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—

In the old days when a fellow told a girl a naughty story she blushed. Now she memorizes it.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—

NEW YORKERS POSTPONE MEETING; MEMBERS ATTEND BOARD MEETING

By ARTHUR RICHARD SCHMIDT,
Public Relations Director
Greater New York Chapter
69-20 69th Street
Brooklyn 27, N. Y.
President 4-7100, Ext. 13

Before the close of New York Chapter's March 6 meeting Dr. Seslow moved that the April 10 meeting be postponed in order officers of the Chapter who are on the National Board of Governors might attend the Board meeting in Pittsburgh on that date.

The March 6 meeting was held at the Hotel Statler-Hilton. About 40 were present. Among the new faces were Bill O'Shea, Headquarters, 47th, 693 River Drive, East Patterson, N. J., who manages a golf course; Martin Bree, 39th, 2495 Dogwood Ave., East Meadow. Marty was with Serv., 2nd Bn. Hqtrs.; John Holick, who was with Co. I, 39th. Holick recently visited the grave of Capt. Paul Lynch, Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Tenafly, N. J.

NEW SYSTEM
President John Rizzo initiated a new policy by requesting the Chapter Board of Governors to hold a special meeting to come up with some plans and suggestions for the members to consider. The Board did come up with some worthy suggestions, which brought on much discussion. Bree moved that the recommendations made by the Board of Governors be concurred in and the motion was seconded by Varone.

MOMENT OF SILENCE
President Rizzo called for a moment of silence for our departed comrades. Irving Feinberg, Chapter Treasurer, reported the chapter still operating on the black side of the ledger. Fazio and Scully reported they were making plans for the best picnic and dance yet to be held. There will be plenty of eats, beer, soda, etc., for all at the picnic. Tickets are only \$6 for a family; \$3 for adults; children under 14 free. There

will be games and prizes for the children. Volunteers are needed for various jobs. The place, as usual, is the Seeley's Pond in the Watchung Reservation, near Scotch Plains, N. J. Anyone wanting tickets for the picnic should contact Dominick Miele, Chapter Secretary.

Adolph Wadalavage, Chapter Welfare Officer, reported that he knew of no members who were ill. A recommendation was made that the Chapter send a card of condolence to Mayor Wagner because of his wife's death. Dan Quinn recommended that the chapter send a card of condolence to Paul Plunkett, Editor of The Octofoil, on the passing away of his son.

INCREASE IN MEMBERS
Dom Miele, Secretary, reported the membership has been increasing. Tentative date for the picnic has been set for June 1, 1964.

Walter O'Keefe reported three applications have come through the National organization for scholarships. He then briefed members on the scholarship program.

WEST POINT TRIP
O'Keefe also brought up the subject of the West Point tour. He promised details at the next meeting. The dark horse prize, a bottle of Four Roses, was donated by Ed Egan. It was won by John Holick. He took \$5 in lieu of the whiskey, and the whiskey was consumed by members present.

Dan Quinn reported that 31 members had honored Bill Bauer of the Elk's Club in Union City, N. J., by attending the dinner and dance held at the Elk's Club in honor of his wedding. There was a roast beef dinner and champagne (personally donated by Bauer). The affair was held on Feb. 29. There were 400 people present. It was only fitting that the 9th Division be well represented at this affair because the New York Chapter has had several enjoyable events held at the Elk's Club.

FATHER CONNORS LABELED BEST IRISH-AMERICAN IN CAPTIVITY

On March 16, 1964 The Worcester Telegram had column after column of good reading about the city's Emerald Club honoring Father Ed Connors as the City's Top Gael. It is a crying shame that space limitations does not allow The Octofoil to reprint every word of those wonderful stories about Father Ed.

A rainbow blazed over the Emerald Club's auditorium where 2,500 persons gathered for the St. Patrick's Party.

Quoting from The Telegram:

PASTOR SALUTED

Saluted by the Irish "of all nations" who attended the St. Patrick's preview party, was another of God's and man's favorites, Rev. Edward T. Connors, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church.

Everyone was delighted, but the 300 nuns seated in the balcony applauded loudest when Father Connors was announced as recipient of the Emerald Club's 1964 award as the city's outstanding Irish-American. He received the traditional plaque and shillelagh from one of his parishioners, City Manager McGrath.

"I know Mary Connors up in heaven would be proud of this," said the rugged war-hero chaplain softly. "She was quite an Irish lady."

Many a tear glistened as he mentioned his mother, the late Mrs. Mary (Haggerty) Connors, who was born in County Cork, and gave birth

to him in Whitinsville.

Mrs. Joan Kennedy, wife of U. S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy, was one of the speakers.

The evening opened with the traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner and closed with a program of Irish entertainment.

DEVOTION CITED

Father Connors was honored by City Manager McGrath, who said the priest is a man "who all love and respect and esteem." The shamrock-shaped plaque saluted Father Connors as "an outstanding American and churchman of Gaelic ancestry who has distinguished himself as a priest, citizen, Army chaplain and veteran, one who has promoted devotion to St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland."

Admitting his great devotion to St. Patrick, Father Connors said he couldn't understand why he was chosen for such great honor—but admitted he was very grateful, very humble. Then he spoke of his mother. The man looked 10 feet tall.

Bishop Flanagan accepted a \$5,000 check on behalf of God's happiest angels, those youngsters the bishop calls "forever children," who live—and are loved—at Our Lady of Mercy School for Exceptional Children at 25 W. Chester St., Worcester.

Fresh from a two hours march in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Holyoke, Mrs. Kennedy closed out the speaking program.

JOHN BRANDI PLANS BIG TIME IN PHILLY

The "Beautiful Ohio" River has John Brandi and his family marooned at Tiltonsville, Ohio. They are hoping Old Man River stops acting up so they can start making arrangements to be in Philadelphia during the 1964 Reunion.

Brandi was with Division Headquarters.

WARNER RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL

Charles F. Warner, 507 E. Main St., Bound Brook, N. J., was released from a VA hospital, located at East Orange, N. J., on Feb. 20.

Warner will have to take it easy for quite a spell yet and would like to hear from his old 39th Regt. buddies.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW—
And to think the reason we started this country in the first place was to escape taxation.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

Susan Mary New Addition At Leslaks

Charles Leslak, Rt. 3, Box 594, Harrisburg, Pa. 17112 expresses appreciation for the time and efforts of the officers who keep the Association clicking.

A new addition has been added to the family of this former L. Co. 60th G.I.—Susan Mary was born Jan. 4, 1964, weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces; Elizabeth Ann is now 2 years old; Charles and Stephen are 11.

Norman Martin Has Opened Restaurant

Norman Martin, Doris and Bobbie Sue write from 6 S. 14th St., Belleville, Ill. Norm was with the 60th. He has gone in the restaurant business and operates the Carroll's Cafe, 925 S. Belt, West, Belleville, Ill., and he wants any former Ninth men passing that way to stop in. He is not sure, but hopes to be able to attend the Reunion in Philadelphia.

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COL. RALPH EDGAR WILL TAKE IT EASY

It's Ralph G. Edgar, Lt. Col., AUS, Ret., now and he writes from 8226 N. 50th St., Milwaukee 23, Wis. Col. Edgar retired from the Army on 1 Feb. 1964 with 27 years service. The last 17 years were with Counter Intelligence Corps.

The Edgar family will stay in Milwaukee until school is out and then plan on returning to the old home state of Pennsylvania and settle down. When he gets a permanent Pennsylvania address Col. Edgar will pass it on to The Octofoil and hopes some old buddies from Co. A, 39th Regt. will be passing his way from time to time and will stop by for a chat.

CHARLIE MAZZELLE HAS SOME PLANS

Charles A. Mazzelle, 96 Euclid Ave., Stamford, Conn., writes:

I expect to attend the 9th Reunion in Philadelphia this year. I am looking forward to seeing some of the old buddies of Co. B, 9th Med. Bn.

Hank Bauman Almost Forgot 1964 Dues

Henry "Hank" Bauman while going through his cancelled checks recently noted 1964 Association dues had not been paid, but promises not to be that careless again. This former Go-Devil man now lives at 57 Florence St., Trenton, N. J.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

Howard Heilman Has New Address

Howard J. Heilman, a former 60th man, has a new address—2800 East 130th St., Cleveland 20, Ohio.

Someone borrowed Heilman's copy "8 Stars to Victory" and failed to return it, so he ordered another copy while paying his dues and to do it all up according to Hoyle he enclosed a donation to the Scholarship Fund. Heilman is a hearing examiner with Social Security offices in the Ohio city.

JACK PARKER HAS CAR DECORATED

Jack T. Parker lives in Tifton, Ga., 1215 W. Ridges Ave. He writes: I was talking to my old first sergeant of Co. F, 47th Regt., Sgt. Jones, recently. I noticed a Ninth Division sticker on his car. I would appreciate it very much if I could get several of these decals.

Jack got his decals—he is now a full fledged member and has his car decorated with shining new Octofoil decals.

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John Bonkowski's Father Passed Away

Friends of John Bonkowski, Detroit, will be saddened to learn that his father passed away on February 29, at the age of 72. Besides John the Senior Mr. Bonkowski left five other children and a widow to mourn his passing.

The Octofoil joins with John Bonkowski's legion of friends in the Association from coast to coast in extending sincere sympathy.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

"DOC" WALTON IS SHRIVELING AWAY

Paul "Doc" Walton, down on Rt. 1, Old Dalton Rd., Rome, Ga., is now down to a "puny" 250 pounds—he's a mere shadow, having lost 20 lbs. since the Springfield Reunion.

Judy's husband (Paul's daughter), has finished school at Berry College and is teaching in DeKalb County, near Atlanta.

Commenting on Gen. Randle's article in the last issue of The Octofoil Walton remembers one of the star athletes, Pvt. Froney, who got a "busted" leg at El Guetar. Cpl. Spagnola, Pvt. Walton and Dr. Haft worked on the leg, Walton administering the vino to relieve Froney's pain. Some of the brass didn't approve the methods the trio used—but later a letter of commendation came from a base hospital complimenting them for such fine field work.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

Feinberg's Story Made Frank Jacksha Itchy

Frank Jacksha writes from 1872 Reaney Ave., St. Paul, Minn., and has this to say:

I was thinking about El Guetar when The Octofoil arrived with Irv Feinberg's story. That really was some place. I didn't wash or change socks for better than 12 days. We were a dirty looking bunch sleeping in those trenches. And we got lousier to boot. Those who were there will not forget. Regards to all the old Co. D, 47th boys.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!
Life is not a cup to be drained—it is a measure to be filled.

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER PRESIDENT MAHER MAKES AN APPEAL FOR ALL-OUT EFFORTS

Dear Comrades: This year we are looking forward to a big year for the New England Chapter. We hope for better attendance at our meetings; getting old Comrades back with us, plus everyone's views and new ideas. With this get up and go spirit the New England Chapter can't fail to be stronger and more alert.

Our members will always remember that during our various campaigns when we suffered setbacks, it wasn't us retreating—but better known as falling back to new positions. And we think now that some of our members have done just that. Now we think we will be hearing from our Comrades again because we have a well organized front line and as far as I can see there are no weak spots.

There is much to be gained by being a member of the Association. A scholarship is being given to our member's children which far outweighs the cost of membership. The yearly functions of our Chapter, the National Reunion and our annual Memorial Mass for our deceased comrades, which is held every November by our most dedicated chaplain, Father Connors in Worcester, Mass., are all worthwhile. We also have good security with a mattress full of the good old green paper. So you have everything to gain as far as I can see. Why not give it another

chance and see what you have been missing.

There is another thought that I would like to remind you of and that is the annual reunion in Philadelphia on July 23, 24 and 25, at the new Sheraton Hotel. If you think you will be able to attend make reservations early. Remember that it is a lot easier to cancel a reservation than it is to get one at the last minute. I have cards for anyone wishing to use them to make reservations now.

We would like to ask all members from the New England Chapter who plan to attend to let us know, if possible so that we can plan for our various committees and also an approximate figure that we can count on. Put your pennies together fellows and let's show them in Philadelphia that we are still active and interested and will still be right up front when all hands are counted.

This year the distance is much less than the last five, so we from New England look for a good turnout.

Fellows, make your plans now and remember when the Company Commander said "we have to take that hill." Well, I say, "Let's take Philadelphia."

Yours in Comradeship,
FRANCIS K. MAHER,
President, New England Chapter.
14 Davenport St., Worcester, Mass.

JOHN MAULE GOING ACROSS THE POND

John M. Maule, 124 Bear Lake Rd., Muskegon, Mich., a former 15th Engr. man, writes as follows:

I haven't written The Octofoil in several years. I believe it's time:

I am going back "over there" on the 20th anniversary tour, and would like any of the Association members who are going to contact me. I would like to meet up with them on the trip. I am sure some of the boys will be going back to the Normandy area. It's a good thing we have The Octofoil to get information relayed to each other.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

HOWARD CASEY GETS A TOP DRAWER POSITION

The Octofoil is indebted to Joe McKenzie, 95 Washington Avenue, Waltham, Mass., for the following information about Howard Casey:

W. J. McNeil, president of Grace Line, Inc., announced recently the election of Howard F. Casey as assistant vice-president and comptroller. Casey will continue his duties as manager of the accounting department.

Casey was with the 26th F.A. from Fort Bragg days to V-E Day. He joined "C" Btry., 26th in 1941. When the war ended he was a major with the 26th's Headquarters Co.

Casey receives his mail care New York Grace Line, 3 Hanover Sq., New York City.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

CROSSKILL IS LAWMAN IN SANDUSKY COUNTY

Don Crosskill, former 47th man, called The Octofoil recently to advise he is on a brand-new job and likes it—he was recently appointed one of the Sandusky County, Ohio, Deputy Sheriffs.

Don and his two daughters, Dianne and Nancy, make their home at 1020 Franklin St., Fremont, Ohio.

The family recently suffered the loss of a wonderful wife and mother, who was devoted and loyal to the Crosskill family circle.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

GILBERT TILTON REMEMBERS TRIP TO WORCESTER, MASS.

Gilbert Tilton is a former Co. G, 60th man, and gets his mail now at Buckfield, Maine, Box 11. In a note accompanying 1964 dues Gil writes:

"I attended the dedication of the Memorial at Worcester and the Memorial Mass. This has been my only participation or contact with any of the group but this one trip to Worcester was one that gave me great personal satisfaction.

"I have a few pictures and mementoes that still get looked over often by my children."

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

Ed Cholmeley-Jones Looks For Lt. Carroll

Edward S. Cholmeley-Jones (Lt. Jones), Bty. A, 60th F.A., now of Wilton, Conn., makes inquiry about a Lt. Carroll, a former 376th A.A. man, who was a Boston newspaperman before going into the service.

Too many men think the Constitution reads: Life, liberty, and the happiness of pursuit.

HARRY ODOM GETS ORGANIZED AFTER DISASTROUS FIRE

Harry Odom and his brother suffered terrible financial losses recently when their store on Monhegan Island, Maine, burned to the ground. Besides the store and their living quarters two other buildings owned by the brothers were also destroyed. Harry's copy of "8 Stars to Victory" got burned in the disastrous fire. With their unbeatable Ninth spirit they have started rebuilding even in the face of the bad weather one may expect during this time of year in Maine.

Buddies from A Co. 39th Regt. will miss seeing Harry in Philadelphia, but he plans to be back in the swim at the 1965 Reunion.

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Schmidt's Hawkshaw Activities Are Futile

Art Schmidt, New York Chapter's Demon Reporter, established contact with New York City's Taxi Weekly and asked that publication to locate the anonymous writer who claims to be a former Ninth man and presently a New York taxi driver. An examination of the Hack Bureau's roster fails to disclose a driver by the alleged name of this alleged former Ninth man.

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BILL MEADOWS WILL DETOUR BY WAY OF PHILADELPHIA

Bill Meadows, 19367 Dale, Detroit, Mich., former 26th F.A. Bty. A man, is planning a trip to California in July, just before the Reunion, but he's mapped out a route that brings him right up to the front door of the Sheraton Hotel in Philadelphia in time to see his old buddies at the 1965 Reunion.

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MARTY KAUFMAN LOOKING FOR BUDDY NAMED SKULL

Martin H. Kaufman, 785 Schenck Ave., Brooklyn 7, N. Y., writes:

I was in Co. F 60th Regt. during the African campaign. There was a soldier in my outfit by the name of Skull. I would like to get his full name and address. I am anxious to contact him. He was wounded and after that I lost contact with him.

It is hoped that some members of the Association who reads this will be able to help Marty Kaufman locate his old buddy, Skull.

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Harry Stewart Writes From Nation's Capital

Harry A. Stewart, 4402 28th Place, Mt. Rainier, Md., a former Co. M, 47th man, writes:

"Since 1956 I've been having a very rough time with rheumatoid arthritis and I'm just getting back on my feet again. I sure did appreciate the Octofoils. I work in Washington, D. C. now and was here when the last Reunion was held but was too ill to attend. I hope to be in Philly this year.

Please remind the boys of Co. M, 47th that I'm still around and any of them passing through Washington should give me a call or stop by the address given above.

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