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# THE OCTOFOIL

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## JULY 23 GETTING CLOSER—TIME'S A-WASTIN'

BEAUTIFUL RND HISTRIC VALLEY FORGE STATE PARK A FASCINATING SPOT



The "old folks" and youngsters alike, who attend the 1964 Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion in Philadelphia, will get a thrill out of making a visit to the above area, which is the Encampment at Valley Forge State Park in nearby suburban Philadelphia. Here George Washington and his Continental Army spent the bitter winter of 1777-78. Today, the beautiful park of more than 2,000 acres is one of the nation's most sacred shrines.

### New York Gang Visit "The Point"

On May 23 a big group of New York Chapter members visited West Point. Gen. Westmoreland not being there any more, naturally was a disappointment to the group, but nevertheless they were made to feel at home and had a most enjoyable time.

The parade started at noon and was honoring one of the Academy's professors, a colonel who was retiring. After the parade many of the members and their families made tours of the Academy's facilities, including the West Point Museum.

Many of the members enjoyed the various athletic events being staged. Others relaxed and enjoyed the picnic lunches that had been prepared for the occasion.

The cadets were most colorful in their line of march and presentation of colors. Section G of the reviewing stands was reserved for members of the New York Chapter and a membership card was shown in order to gain admittance.

The members were made to feel so welcome during their visit that in all probability many members will make the trek again next year even if they have to forego the pleasure of a pleasant visit with Gen. Westmoreland because of his South Vietnam assignment.

### COL. JOE TEECE, 60th, SENDS DUES

Col. Joe Teece is still a man of few words. Just the same as when he was the well-liked 60th officer. He writes from 1700 Brookside Ave., Waukegan, N. J.: "Dan: Sorry I slipped. Enclosed are my dues. Joseph A. Teece, former Colonel, 60th Inf."

### RICHARDS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO CONTACT GOLD STAR PARENTS

Oscar W. Richards, 467 Sharon Dr., Wayne, Pa., is Chairman of the 1964 Reunion Gold Star Committee and he's putting in a lot of hours to contact as many Gold Star Parents as humanly possible and extend an invitation to them to attend the 1964 Reunion in Philadelphia. Recently Richards mailed out the following letter to all the Gold Star Parents whose address he has:

Dear Gold Star Parent: I am pleased to inform you that the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association has decided to send two FREE reunion tickets to each Gold Star Parent.

The tickets are for all affairs of the 19th Annual Reunion to be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Philadelphia on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 23, 24, and 25 of this year.

As soon as the tickets are printed, two tickets will be sent out to you. If both parents cannot attend, one parent can come and use the other ticket for anyone he or she cares to bring.

If you know any other 9th Infantry Gold Star Parents who have not received a copy of this letter, please have them write me so that I may contact them.

Very truly yours,  
OSCAR W. RICHARDS,  
Chairman, Gold Star Committee.

In a follow-up letter to The Octofoil Richards asked that it be stressed how urgent it was for Chapter's to send in to his address the names of all known Gold Star Parents. His second appeal reads thusly:

ATTENTION, to all Chapter Presidents—Please send me names and

addresses of all Gold Star Parents of the Ninth Division in each particular area so they may be given their Free tickets to the Reunion. Each Chapter will be given individual credit and it will be possible to announce at the Reunion the Chapters responsible for helping to make this a real boost to the Gold Star Parents.

Richards sends a merry hello to all his old 60th Inf. Cannon Co. Buddies. He is hoping a large delegation from the Cannon Co. will show up in Philadelphia July 23, 24, and 25.

### Reunion Committee Met On June 13

Alfons J. Cuprys, 1128 W. Kings Hwy., Mount Ephraim, N. J., Chairman of the 1964 Reunion Committee, advises The Octofoil that a meeting was held Saturday, June 13, at the Sheraton Hotel, and he is well satisfied with reports made by chairmen of the various committees.

The old burlesque queens used to sing: "It's right here for you, if you don't come and get it—that's no fault of mine." That's the setup at the Sheraton Hotel now: The committees have arranged a program that is second to none—if the members don't partake of this opportunity for a gala time, it "ain't" not fault of those Philadelphia lads.

### CAPT. HUMMEL WILL MAKE PHILLY TREK

Dr. R. M. Hummel, M.D., Captain, 9th Med., writes from 2411 Lommel Lane, Marion, Ind., and has only this to say:

"Hope to see everyone in Philadelphia July 23.  
—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

### SIGHTS OF A BIG CITY AVAILABLE TO ALL WHO VISIT PHILADELPHIA; BUT SMALL TOWN WELCOME WARMTH PREVAILS

Members are asked to refer back to the last issue of The Octofoil for a complete breakdown on the Philadelphia Reunion Program. However, certain highlights of the last issue's page 1 story are being reprinted now for the benefit of those who have misplaced copies of the last issue. REMEMBER THE DATES—JULY 23, 24, 25 at the SHERATON HOTEL.

The registration fee is \$1; strip tickets for adults, \$15; strip tickets (teenagers), \$10; strip tickets (children), \$7.50.

Thursday, July 23, 1964—  
Registration, 10:00 A.M. to 10 P.M.  
Golf Tournament—Time will be posted.

Welcoming Party—9 P.M. to 1 A.M.  
Friday, July 24, 1964—  
Registration—10 A.M. to 10 P.M.  
Business Meeting—10 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.

Committee Meetings—11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.  
Ladies Social Functions will 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.

The committee is asking those who can to send in for their strip tickets now, thus eliminating confusion and much rushing at the last minute.

Hotel reservations should not be delayed another day.

It may be too late for an ad in the Reunion Journal. Deadline for copy was not given in the order blank appearing in The Octofoil. Then again if action is taken immediately and sent air mail copy may still get to Philadelphia before the last forms have gone into the pressroom. It is worth a try.

Printed elsewhere in this issue are just a few of the many historical sights that are to be seen in and around Philadelphia. Members who bring their children owe it to them to stay over an extra day and enjoy taking in the historical sights.

### GEN. BOND'S TALK

The six years Gen. Bond put in with the Ninth Division has given him volumes of interesting incidents that he no doubt will call on for his talk to the old outfit that he knew and loved—and still does.

Considering the fact that Philadelphia is a large city located in the heavily populated industrial East the prices for strip tickets is not very far removed from those prices paid at Fort Bragg and Springfield.

### GOLD STAR REPRESENTATION

Particular attention is called to the appeal made by the Reunion Gold Star Parent Committee chairman, in which he pleads with Chapters to send names and addresses of all known Gold Star Parents in the various areas.

### THE GIRLS REMEMBERED

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter have really knocked themselves out in planning for the enjoyment of the distaff side of the family attending the Reunion this year. These plans are arranged for the ladies while the men's committee and business meetings are being held. All other events are joint affairs, families and their friends will all be together.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—  
Sign in gas station: "Gas for Sale —Free Installation."

### Illinois-Statewide Picnic Is Planned

The Illinois Chapter is planning to hold a statewide picnic on June 28. The event will be held near Mahomet, which is west of Champaign. The area boasts a nice lake and park as well as a golf course and amusement concessions. It should be an enjoyable affair for everyone who attends. Indications are every section of the state will be represented. Many from the Chicago area have signified intentions of attending the big event.

### FOR BOOSTERS

Jack O'Shea, president of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter, is making a final appeal to members for Booster ads in the beautiful Souvenir Program the Chapter is having printed.

Send name, unit affiliation while with the Ninth Division and \$1 to:

Arthur MacDougall  
5051 Homestead St.  
Philadelphia 24, Pennsylvania

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

### MRS. VINCENT LEPORE HAS TIMELY THOUGHT

It's short, sweet and to the point: Dear Dan: Enclosed find a check for \$50. I thought this would make a nice birthday present for a man who has everything.—Signed Mrs. Vincent Lepore, 443 Thieriot Ave., New York 72, N. Y.

Thus, through the ingenuity of Mrs. Lepore, Vincent, of A Co., 47th Regt. fame, becomes a Life Member in the Association.

—PAY 1964 DUES N-O-W!—

### COL. JAMES HULLEY HAS FATAL ATTACK

Funeral services were held Feb. 11 for Col. James Pierce Hulley, 63, a retired chief of staff of the Army's 9th Infantry Division at the Fort Myer Chapel. Burial was in Arlington Cemetery, Col. Hulley died from a heart attack. Left to survive Col. Hulley is his widow, Mrs. Geraldine B. Hulley, 5410 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C., and a daughter, Mrs. Althea Hulley Hardman of Mountain View, Calif.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

### JAMES SALVATORE OPERATES GABLES MOTEL, ROUTE 130

James Salvatore is a member of the Association and was a 26th F.A. man.

Salvatore is operating the Gables Motel, Inc., just five miles from Philadelphia, north on Route 130 in Cinnaminson Township, in New Jersey. He will give special rates to any 9th Infantry Division Association man, who can show a paidup membership card.

Mail or phone for reservations—or come on out direct. Phone 829-9734. Two can live as cheap as one at Gables Motel. Fifty deluxe units—and only 15 minutes from the center of Philadelphia.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

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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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## 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 ☐

Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_ ☐

THREE-YEAR MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ \$11.00 ☐

Life Membership \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 ☐

Octofoil Automobile License Disc \_\_\_\_\_ \$ .50 ☐

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 ☐

Please credit the following chapter:

Philly-Delaware Valley ☐ Greater New York ☐

Illinois ☐ Washington, D. C. ☐

New England ☐ Michigan ☐

Ohio ☐ Fayetteville-Fort Bragg, N. C. ☐

## Illinois Group Hold Memorial Services

A short note, dated June 9, from National President John Clouser had the following news note:

Illinois Chapter had quite a fine Memorial Day service at the graveside of a Comrade who was killed in 1945, near the war's end. There was a large turnout of members and their families.

After the services the group went to Chuck Koshu's house for a steak fry. After everyone had satisfied their appetites the balance of the afternoon was devoted to the swapping of war experiences. Some pretty tall stories were related during this enjoyable session.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

## Ray Kennedy J.P. In Monroeville

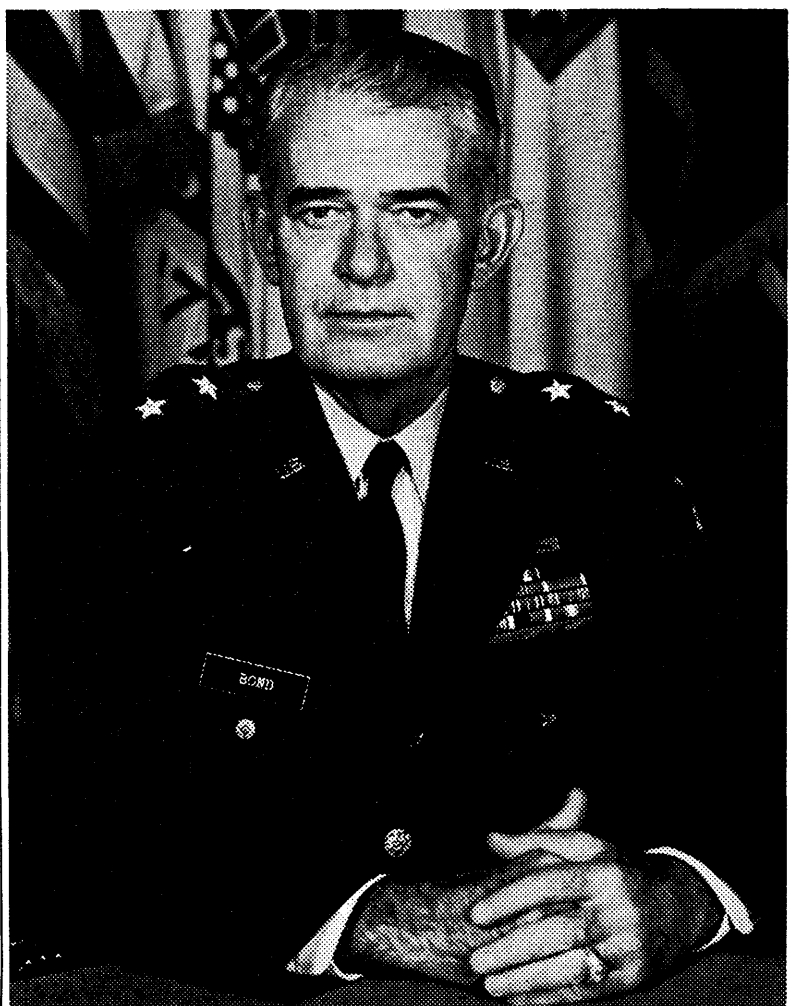
When Raymond J. Kennedy was with the 709th Ord., none of the guys expected him to come back to Pennsylvania and get mixed up in politics, winding up a Justice of the Peace in Monroeville, Pa., operating his offices at 245 Old Haymaker Rd.

Some of those J.P.s have reputations of being most unfair to "defenders" coming before them. It's always a case of guilty, some claim. But old buddies of Ray Kennedy say they believe he has changed the J.P. image over in Pennsylvania and is showing 'em how to be fair and unbiased.

—PAY 1964 DUES N-O-W!

Sign in front of a London factory: "Manufacturers for Army and Navy Surplus Stores."

## Philadelphia Reunion Group Hits "Jackpot"



MAJOR GENERAL VAN H. BOND

Commanding General XXI U. S. Army Corps, Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Annville, Pennsylvania

General Bond will deliver the main address at the Philadelphia Reunion banquet. His wealth of knowledge about the experiences of the Ninth Infantry Division qualifies him to deliver a talk that will hold the interest of everyone in hearing distance.

## GENERAL BOND WAS WITH THE NINTH DIVISION FROM '40 TO '46

The following letter from Captain Rodney M. French, addressed to Sabato, the American of the 1964 Reunion, is self explanatory:

HEADQUARTERS  
 XXI U. S. ARMY CORPS  
 Office of the Commanding General  
 INDIANTOWN GAP MILITARY RESERVATION  
 ANNVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA  
 23 March 1964

Dear Mr. Sabato:

General Bond asked me to write to you to confirm that he will be pleased to join you as principal speaker at the nineteenth annual reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association in Philadelphia on 25 July. He also asked that I forward to you a short biographical sketch and a copy of his photograph.

General Bond served with the Ninth Infantry Division for six years—from September 1940 to September 1946. His initial assignment was to the 60th Infantry Regiment where he served in Company D, and as Regimental Adjutant. In 1942, he was assigned to Headquarters, 9th Infantry Division, as Headquarters Commandant; he later became Assistant G-3 and then G-3 of the Division. His combat service in World War II began in North Africa, where he fought in North Africa and Sicily as the Battalion Commander of the 3d Battalion of the 39th Infantry. In Europe he was the Regimental Commander of the 39th and fought in five campaigns from Normandy to the Elbe River.

### MANY ASSIGNMENTS

Since World War II, General Bond served with Headquarters, Third Army, completed the Army War College, was assigned to Headquarters of the U. S. Army, Pacific, to Department of Army in Washington,

to the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley as Assistant Division Commander, and in 1961 served in Korea as Chief of the U. S. Army Military Advisory and Assistance Group. General Bond completed his assignment in Korea in January, 1963, and returned to the United States to assume command of the XXI U. S. Army Corps at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation.

As a matter of possible interest to you, the names and addresses of some other members of the Ninth Division with whom General Bond has had recent contact are indicated below:

Brig. Gen. Justin W. Stoll, Commanding General  
 31st Artillery Brigade (Air Defense)  
 Oakdale, Pennsylvania

Col. Frank L. Gunn, care U. S. Army War College  
 Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Lt. Col. Melvin J. Freeman, USAR  
 Commanding Officer  
 2153d Corps Augmentation Unit  
 530 Brentwater Road  
 Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.

Major Charles Yenser  
 S-3, 165th M.P. Battalion  
 National Guard Armory  
 10th and Bridge Streets  
 Lehigh, Pennsylvania.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if I can be of further assistance to you in anticipation of General Bond's visit to the Reunion on 25 July.

Sincerely,

RODNEY M. FRENCH,  
 Captain, Ordnance Corps  
 Aide-de-Camp

## NEEDS "DOG-SETTER" BEFORE HE CAN LEAVE HOME FOR REUNION

HELP WANTED—My wife and I want to attend the Ninth Infantry Division Reunion in Philadelphia on July 23, 24, 25. We must locate someone who is a good dog sitter. Anyone interested in taking care of Pooch so we can enjoy the Reunion, get in touch immediately with John T. Weber, 46 Bromfield St., Quincy, Mass.

—PAY 1964 DUES N-O-W!

Uncle Buckle: "Which go faster—horses or buses?"  
 Luke: "Buses, of course."  
 Uncle B.: "Then, whyin' hell don't you bet on buses?"

## John DeSepio Sends Regards to 47th Men

In a letter to Secy. Quinn—John DeSepio, Co. M, 47th Inf., comments on how much he enjoyed reading "8 Stars to Victory." His present address is 323 Marion St., Bound Brook, N. J. John plans on paying a visit to Charlie Warner and cheer him up a bit while he is convalescing in his Bound Brook, N. J. home. He sends regards to all the old Co. M 47th gang.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

Wife to neighbor as they watched husband mending window: "For years he had me believing his union wouldn't let him repair things in the house."

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

## With God's Help and a Portion of Drug, Presses Run

It seems to be a habit—again this issue of The Octofoil is going to the press late and out of schedule. The editor regrets this abnormal situation but was helpless to prevent it.

He is just too old to cut the mustard any more. During a state veterans convention in Columbus, O. May 15-16-17, The Octofoil editor tried burning the candle on both ends and learned he could not do the things he could a few years ago. Consequently, he was again rushed to Grant Hospital in Columbus and kept on the critical list for several days, suffering from a "ticker" condition. Upon being released from the hospital on June 9 he was permitted to work a few hours each day on The Octofoil until this issue was ready for the presses.

With God's help and a Digitalis pill ever so often while living on a 1200-calorie diet, this issue of The Octofoil was nurtured into becoming the product members are reading today.

If errors are more frequent and the sheet lacks coming up to expectations it is hoped the members will be tolerant and forgiving.

If this salt-free 1200-calorie diet doesn't result in complete starvation, chances are the other ailments will take care of themselves and everything and everybody will be clicking along as though nothing had ever happened within the very near future.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

## Chick Hennen Promoted To Brigadier General

A three-line note from Chick Hennen, formerly 60th Infantry, now living in Minneapolis, is very modest, never mentioning having been recently made a general. His note, with '64 dues, merely read: The Twin Cities may not have many active members, but we do claim to be loyal ones.—Chick Hennen, 60th Infantry.

A few days later, Dick Sims, Edina, Minn., former Co. K, 60th Man, sent this news in:

Just a note to tell you that our old 60th Inf. S-3 officer, Norbert J. "Chick" Hennen, has just been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General. Chick is Assistant Commander of the 103rd Infantry Division (Reserves). We both hope to be in Philadelphia for the Reunion.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

## KOROBKO WILL BE IN PHILLY... THEN ARIZONA-BOUND

The Octofoil is in receipt of an interesting letter signed by John Korobko, address care 4571 E. 32nd St., Tucson, Arizona.

While visiting in Phoenix Korobko attempted to locate Dick Macomber, but Dick was in the VA Hospital at the time.

### VISITED TEED

Enroute to Tucson from Detroit, John stopped for a visit with the Charles Teed family in Effingham, Ill. They treated him ne. Wonderful family. Hope they get to Philly in July. (Teed will be remembered as the former Ninth man that Look magazine featured in several pages of photos shown going over his old route taken in Africa and on the Continent while with the Division.)

John Korobko is far from well and had to retire from the Detroit Police Department, but no one would ever know it from talking with him or reading his letters. Always life of the party, is John. He plans going back to Detroit for a siege of fishing in those tempting Michigan lakes—then on to Philly and from there to Tucson, where he believes the climate will be beneficial to him. The Octofoil and John Korobko's thousands of friends in the Association hope that the change he is making will do him a world of good.

The Octofoil is also in receipt of a newsy letter from Marie (Mrs. John Korobko), who is still in Detroit, waiting for the real estate agents to dispose of the old home—stead, then she will supervise packing the furniture for a long trip to the wide open spaces way out yonder in Arizona. Marie's charming disposition has endeared her to Reunion visitors for many years.

—PAY 1964 DUES N-O-W!

## "CHUCK" LA SORELLA IS IN AUTO BUSINESS

Joe "Chuck" La Sorella, a former E. Co., 60th Inf. man, now operates the La Sorella Motors, 4910 W. North Ave., Chicago 39, Ill. The firm sells cars both wholesale and retail.



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.

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.

MAHER APPEALS TO MEMBERS  
FOR A LARGE ATTENDANCE

Francis K. Maher, former national President of the Association and now incumbent president of the New England Chapter, issues an urgent appeal for a big delegation to attend the 1964 Reunion in Philadelphia. Maher's address is 14 Davenport St., Worcester 10, Mass. His letter to the members reads:

Dear Comrades: Once again we are nearing Reunion time and I would like to remind all the members from the New England Chapter to try and fit the Reunion into their summer plans, if at all possible. A good showing at Philadelphia is what the New England Chapter is shooting for. Won't you try to be with us?

PART-IF NOT ALL

The Reunion is a three-day affair. If you are unable to make the three days, try the weekend—Friday and Saturday. And see what a wonderful time you will have.

The officers from the New England Chapter are looking forward to arranging a meeting for its members. Since we have a large area assigned to us and it is impossible for some members to attend our meetings because of the distance involved, is why we are hopeful of having a

big New England Chapter meeting at the Reunion.

MORE SHOW UP

I am happy to say that after the officers have been patiently watching and working for larger attendance at our meetings a few more members are showing up at the meetings and that means more interest is being shown.

ORDER HATS

We have ordered hats after the last meeting and I will say that they look pretty sharp—much better than the old helmet that you wore. So if you want to get into a snappy looking outfit send in your dues to the New England Chapter.

A meeting was held on June 5 in the Coffee Shop of the Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove St., Worcester, Mass. Our host, Father Connors, always goes out of his way to make everyone feel welcome. And the pastry and goodies prepared by the women of the parish that usually wind up being served the Chapter members is a real treat.

Don't forget the National Reunion in Philadelphia at the Sheraton Hotel July 23, 24, and 25.

—Francis K. Maher, president, New England Chapter.

Scuccimarri Has  
Some Company

Adolph Wadalvage, Art Schmidt and Art's mother recently visited Vic Scuccimarri at the VA Hospital in Montrose, N. Y. He was in good spirits. The group enjoyed sandwiches and coffee at the PX.

Vic told them he was now working landscaping of lawns and shrubbery, and was hoping to take a civil service examination for a post office job in the very near future.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

EARL WEAVER NOW  
FULL-FLEDGED MEMBER

Earl J. Weaver served with Co. C, 47th Regt. He wrote Secretary Quinn from 22 Park Ave., Littlestown, Pa., that all he knew about the Reunion was a short notice he read in the VFW Magazine and asked for information. Secretary Quinn furnished the information along with an application and a copy of The Octofoil. Earl is now a full-fledged member of the Association.

—PAY 1964 DUES N-O-W!

LEARN OF DEATHS BY  
RETURN OF MANY  
DUES REMINDERS

Very little information was received concerning the deaths of the following members. The news reminder letters sent out were returned and marked "deceased":

Kenneth E. Howe, Sr., P.O. Box 305, Palmer Mass. Hq. Bty., 84th F.A. (Widow sent a note to Secretary.)

William J. O'Neil, 2378 Jerome Ave., Bronx, N. Y. 84th F.A. (Note sent by his widow.)

Tori A. Goicoechea, 6623 Ridge Blvd., Brooklyn, N. Y. 47th Inf. Died suddenly on Dec. 29, 1961 at work.

Mickey Wolstoff, 368 New Lots Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. M.P. Co. Died during February, 1961.

John J. Anderson, 1466 Beach Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 39th Inf. Date unknown. Bernard Kadykowski, 16455 Northview Dr., Roseville, Mich. M.P. Co. Died in January, 1963.

Harold Willis, 133 Gauge Street, Plains, Pa. 746th Tank Bn. Date unknown.

Stanley J. Solecki, 428 E. 157th St., New York, N. Y. Co. G, 39th. Date unknown.

Thomas A. Harris, 7460 Orchard Rd., Framington, Mich. Hq. Co., 47th. Date unknown.

Gold Star Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ozley S. Cooke, Roanoke, Ala., returned the notice marked "deceased": Lt. Claude B. Cooke, A Co., 69th Inf.

These men will be missed by their many buddies. The Octofoil extends sympathy to the bereaved next-of-kin left to mourn their passing.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!  
HARRY T. BRIGGS  
DIED NOV. 28, 1963

Mrs. Sarah M. Briggs, 523 Firethorne Dr., Monroeville, Pa., sent a letter to Secretary Quinn that conveys her innermost feelings since the death of her husband of 26 years, Lt. Harry T. Briggs, Bty. C, 26th F.A. Bn. In behalf of all the lieutenant's old 9th Division buddies, The Octofoil extends most sincere sympathy to the bereaved family. The letter is one of the most touching to reach The Octofoil in many a day, and reads:

April 14, 1964.

Ninth Infantry Division Association, Gentlemen: Thank you for sending this last copy of The Octofoil. As always, it proved interesting to read. I cannot think why we did not renew our subscription last year and every once and a while one of us would ask about it but neglect is just that, and we were the losers.

LOOKING FORWARD

Your last issue reminded me how very much we had looked forward to the next time a reunion would be held in Pennsylvania.

Ardmore, a Philadelphia suburb, is our home town, and our children would be able to stay with friends and relatives while Mother and Dad were happily renewing old acquaintances. However, now none of this is to be. My wonderful husband and companion of 26 years died quite suddenly on Nov. 28, 1963. His passing has left a very large void in the lives of all who were associated with him as he was truly a wonderful man, quiet, sincere, always there when needed, but always with the complete humor that goes with this type man.

It is said that time heals all, but we miss him more each day. Yet at the same time we are grateful for the legacy he has left to us. We all thank God we knew and were loved by him.

PROUD OF THE 9TH

Harry was very proud of his association with the Ninth Division—which he joined in England in December, 1943. Many tales I have listened to as we met his Army friends from time to time. And always the love for and pride in the Ninth always showed through all their talking. It was a pleasure at any time to hear their war tales and talks.

WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, BUT—

I wish I could have the stamina to join you in this next reunion, but I'm sure that without the man who was not only my husband, but also my constant companion, it just wouldn't seem real. I would be a "looker on" instead of a "joiner," and would contribute nothing to such a festive occasion. However, I'm sure the convention will be a huge success and wish you the best of everything for it—good weather, good turnout, good fun and most of all, good companionship for which the Octofoil has much meaning.—Happy Conventioneering — Sincerely— Sarah M. Briggs.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

Righteous indignation is your own wrath as opposed to the shocking bad temper of others.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

Count your blessings first—calories second.

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.

New England Group Holds Most  
Impressive Memorial Services

By FRANCIS K. MAHER,  
President, New England Chapter,  
14 Davenport Street,  
Worcester 10, Mass.

Dear Comrades: On Memorial Day a very fitting service was held at our Memorial on the grounds of the Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester, Mass.

A very fine turnout was made possible because children of the parish were making their first Communion, coupled with the attendance of our Comrades from the New England Chapter.

Father Connors, our devoted chaplain, conducted the service and prayed for our departed Comrades. A wreath was then placed at the Memorial and a very fine and smartly executed right hand salute was given as the flag was raised to the top and then lowered to half staff.

Our New England Chapter members looked good in their new hats which were worn for the first time.

TRUE MEANING

As we look back to some of our early Memorial days, I believe that it is appropriately named, because it brings out the true meaning for which it was intended: A memorial and a tribute to our dead of all wars. But we owe more than just one day out of the year to our honored dead. For that purpose our Ninth Infantry Division Association was formed to keep alive the loyalty and dedication of our deceased members. This is our main purpose.

Although we do have many functions and get-togethers throughout the year, we still pause in our activities to remember our deceased and maintain our pledge of dedication.

TWO PARTS

As time draws near for another Reunion we could say that our program consists of two parts: One is social and everyone is treated like a long lost brother. And some of the stories that you hear would put the Liars Club right out of business. The other part is our Memorial Service in which all take part. This is where we pay tribute and pray for our honored dead who have paid the supreme sacrifice.

I believe that when we assemble at a designated site for our Memorial Service we all have the same thought in mind: That we are renewing the pledge that we vowed to keep for our fallen Comrades. And I know we can all truthfully say that we have not forgotten them.

(Editor's Note: Maher enclosed a beautiful color picture of a group gathered around the Ninth Memorial on the Immaculate Conception Church Grounds. To get all the

participants in the picture the cameraman stood quite a ways back and it is difficult to identify those in the picture. And the background is a bit dark. Since photos lose at least 25 per cent of their effectiveness in the process of being made into cuts for printing purposes, the photo engravers advised The Octofoil that the cut that would be made from the picture would be dark and a physical impossibility to identify those in the picture. The Octofoil regrets this because it was an imposing looking group decked out in their new bonnets. Those in the picture were: Richard Martin, Dr. Anthony Politis, Henry Shimkoski, Francis K. Maher, Father Connors, Father Killium, Tom Boyle, Cornel Matulis, George Bundza, John Quinn and William Cardoza.)

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!  
Macomber Tries  
To Break Up That  
Old Gang of Ours

Dick Macomber, a former 60th man, and a spark plug in the Ohio Chapter until he moved to Arizona on account of his health, is living at 722 E. Tunney Ave., Apt. 6, Phoenix, Ariz. 85014. In his more recent letters to friends he mails separate tear sheets from Phoenix newspapers. He writes volume after volume about that invigorating Arizona sunshine. He now has Dick Pestel over a barrel trying to decide whether to put his ranch up for sale and moving to the land of all this sunshine or whether to stop reading those glowing pictures about Arizona that are always a part of Macomber's letters.

To those interested in moving out that way Mac has been offering free lodging in his apartment until the newcomers become satisfactorily situated. Could it be this is spontaneous enthusiasm or has Mac been put on the Chamber of Commerce's payroll in Phoenix?

Macomber recently put in a two-week stretch in the Phoenix VA Hospital.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

Bill Chapman Heads  
For Reunion in Philly

W. R. (Bill) Chapman writes from Brooklyn that he hopes to see many buddies from Hqs. Sp. Troops when he arrives in Philadelphia.

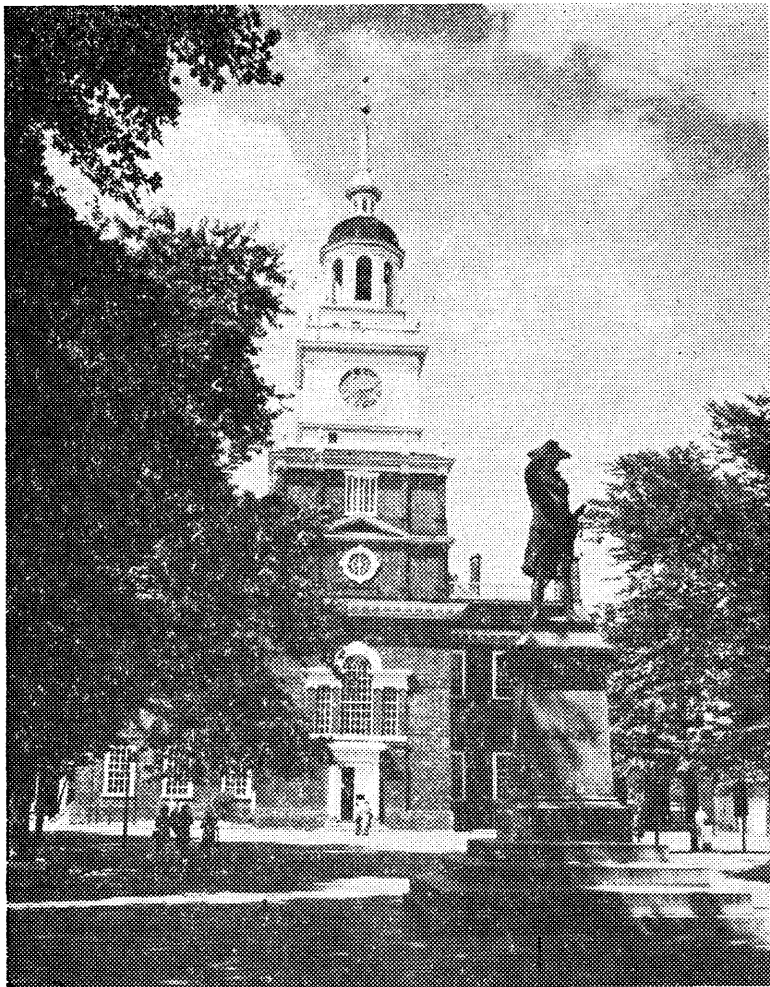
Bill hopes to have time to be more active in Association affairs in the months to come.

—PAY 1964 DUES N-O-W!

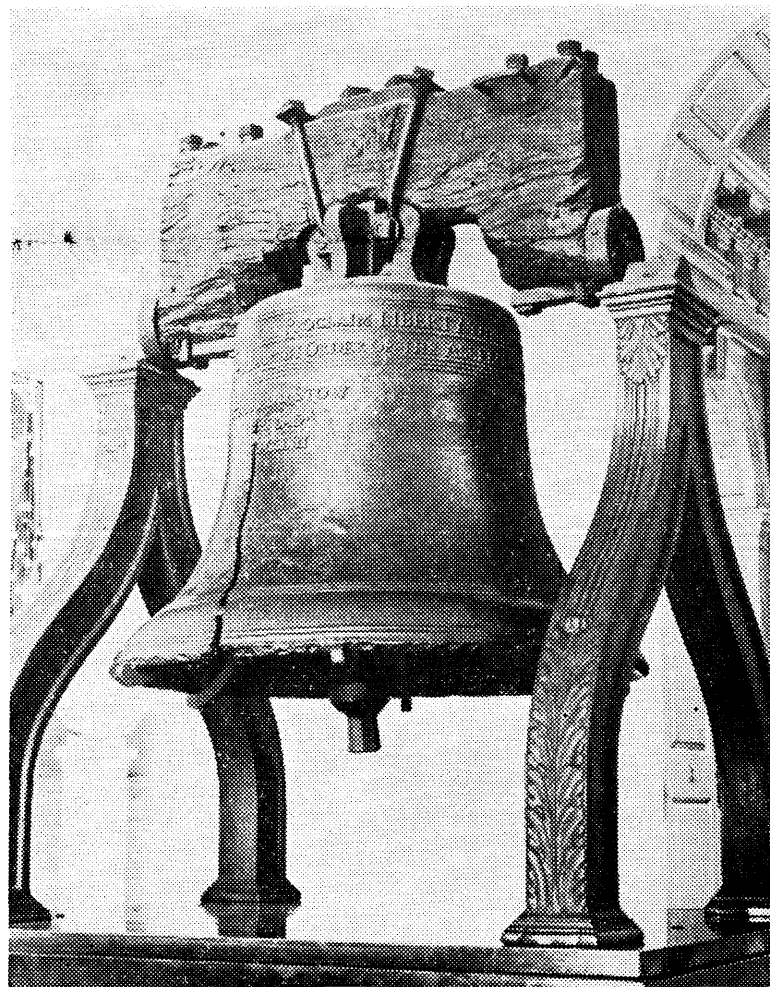
Women are like baseball umpires—they make quick decisions, never reverse themselves, and they don't think you're safe when you're out.



## WHAT BETTER AMERICAN HISTORY EDUCATION COULD ANY YOUNGSTER GET THAN A VISIT TO PHILADELPHIA?



**INDEPENDENCE HALL**, the most historic place in the nation. Here the Declaration of Independence was signed and here the Constitution of the United States was debated and adopted.



**THE FAMOUS OLD LIBERTY BELL** is on permanent exhibition in Independence Hall. Visitors hear the Story of the Bell through a tape recording.

### PREPARES COPY FOR OHIO NEWSPAPERS

Diann Crosskill, 1120 Franklin St., Fremont, Ohio, writing for her dad, Don, former 47th man, advises:

Dad has been thinking that if we prepare some notes for the local paper and some notes for the local radio stations about the forthcoming Reunion we might scare up some former Ninth men in this area who are eligible for membership but have never heard of the Association.

The Octofoil encouraged Diann and Don to go right ahead with their plans. If all members would get similar publicity in hometown papers there would be many former Ninth men show up who had never heard of the Association. Notices in papers through the South previous to the Fort Bragg Reunion uncovered scores of former Ninth men who had never heard of the Association, and are members now.

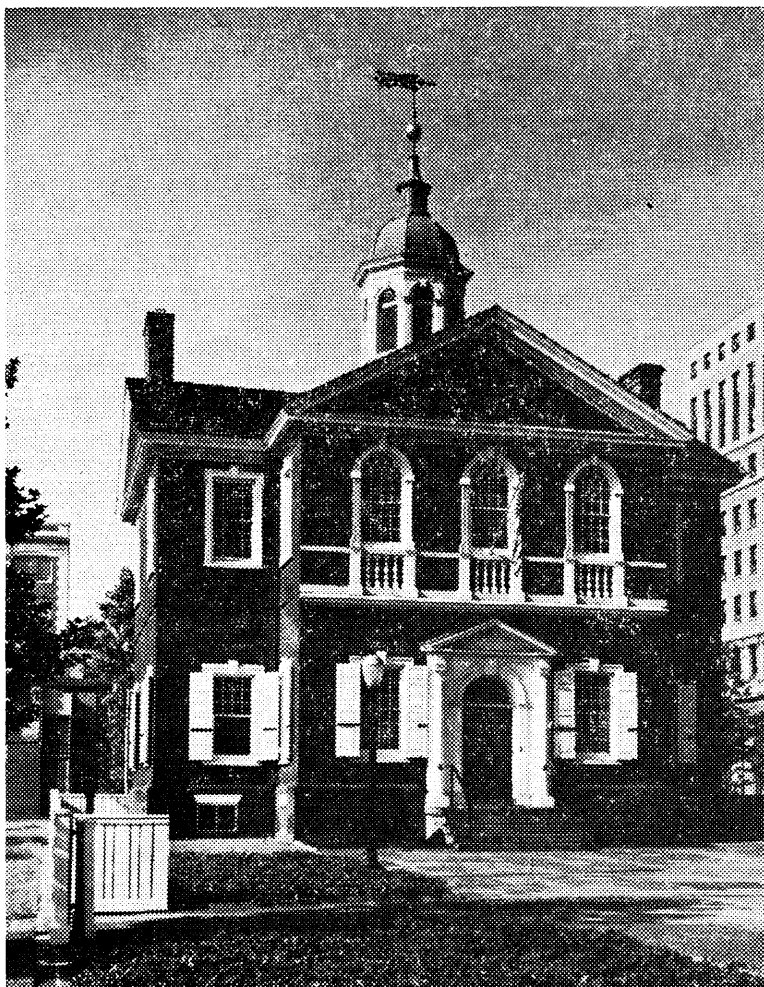
### TRYING TO LOCATE CAPT. JACKSON, 60th

Albert M. Hodge, a former Co. I, 60th man, writes from 5818 White Bluff Rd., Savannah, Ga., thusly:

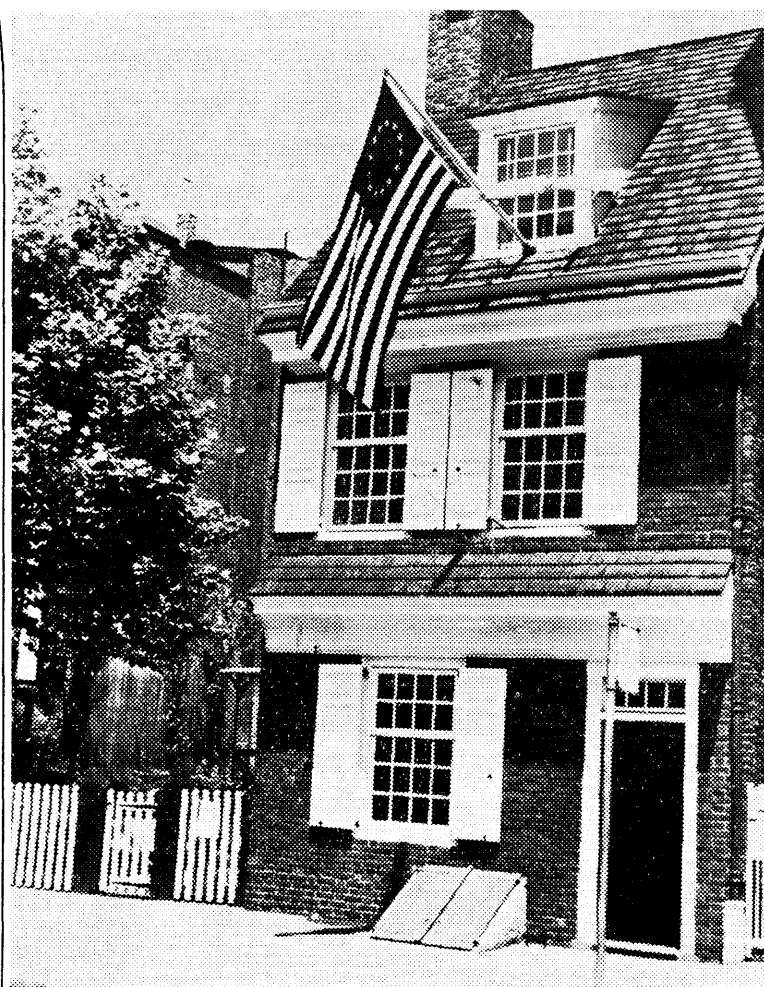
Would it be possible for you to furnish me the address of Mr. Leland Jackson, former Captain and C.O. of Co. "I," 60th Inf. I would also like to get the address of Fredric J. Thibedeau, a former First Sergeant. Both were wounded at the same time in North Africa.

(Editor's Note: Anyone who can give Hodge the information he needs should drop him a card at once. The editor knew a Captain Jackson, 60th, who was originally from Alabama. He quite frequently discussed his football days at the University of Alabama. R. Holt, Birmingham, probably knows Capt. Jackson present whereabouts.)

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—  
The best waiters in restaurants are the customers.



**CARPENTER'S HALL**, in Philadelphia's Independence National Historical Park, is where the stormy First Continental Congress met in 1774 to debate the question of revolution and independence.



**THE BETSY ROSS HOUSE** is the "Birthplace of Old Glory." Here the little Colonial seamstress made the first American Flag.

### "WALLY" STINE TO SEE OLD BUDDIES

Wallace C. Stine, 160 State St., Portland, Pa., formerly Hq. 34th F.A., is looking forward to making the Reunion in Philadelphia and hopes to see many of his old buddies.

Wally is burning both ends of the candle right now so as to get things in shape to leave his job long enough to attend the Reunion. But he has the old Ninth Spirit and remembers that old Army expression "You can do anything you want to do bad enough." So he'll make Philadelphia.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—  
**John Fiel, Med. Det. 47th, Sends Kindest Regards**

John Fiel, Med. Det., 3rd Bn., 47th, lives in Covington, Va., getting his mail at that postoffice and Box No. 373. John hopes he'll be able to attend the Philadelphia Reunion. He congratulates the Association on the appearance and contents of The Octofoil and says he really enjoys each and every issue he has read.

—PAY 1964 DUES N-O-W!—  
You shouldn't be too critical of a fellow simply because he acts like a damn fool. After all, he may not be acting.

### JAMES DELEHANTY IS WAITING FOR A NEW YORK CITY REUNION

James Delehanty operates the Delehanty Funeral Home, Wappingers Falls, New York. Jim was with the 84th F.A. Bn. Med. Det., as he puts it: one of Capt. Robert J. Sating's men.

Jim sends best regards to all the old outfit. He hopes to make the 1965 Reunion and also hopes it will be in New York City.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—  
**CAROL MATZ KEEPS LEO "ON THE BALL"**

Carol Matz, down at Rittman, O., at 60 S. 3rd St., got tired of waiting for Leo to send in those 1964 dues, so Carol up and sends them in for three years, and advises Secretary Dan Quinn that she and Leo are planning on attending the Reunion this year, and they both are looking forward to seeing many of Leo's old buddies from the 39th's 3rd Battalion.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—  
The hospital's recovery room should be right next to the cashier's office.

### Lindsey Nelson Not Too Busy To Remember His Old 9th Buddies

Lindsey Nelson is a pretty busy guy jumping all over the country filling sports broadcasting assignments, but he always takes time out when he's asked to help a former 9th Buddy. A letter from Lindsey is self explanatory:

Dear Dan: During World War II, W. C. (Bill) Heinz was a War Correspondent for the New York Sun and spent a considerable amount of time with the 9th Infantry Division.

Bill is now planning to trace the route of the First U. S. Army thru France and Belgium into Germany. He remembers Major (then) Norbert J. Hennen of the 60th as one of the men he was frequently in touch during those days. He would like very much to get in touch with Hennen now, if possible.

Bill's address is: W. C. Heinz, Deepwood Road, Stamford, Conn.

Secretary Quinn furnished Heinz with Chick Hennen's Minneapolis' address, and received the following thank-you letter:

Dear Dan: Thanks for being so prompt in answering the request I sent to Lindsey Nelson. I am writing immediately to Chick Hennen.

Again thanks and my best to you and the Ninth Division Association. —Sincerely, Bill Heinz

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

### MEDICAL BN. CREST IS DONATED TO SESLOW

Parts of a letter received from George Dohmann, formerly Med. Det. Co. I, 47th; Co. D, 9th Med. Bn., whose present address is 2479 University Ave., Bronx, N. Y., reads:

Dear Danny: Enclosed is one 9th Med. Bn. Crest. Perhaps there is a 9th Med. in the New York Chapter who would like to have it. Better still, if Doc Seslow is still with us, give it to him with my best wishes!

This Crest, I think is the "Last of the Mohicans." I was in high school when the 9th was in garrison and didn't join youse guys until the Normandy invasion, I never actually saw one. One time in Germany, the subject of the 9th Medics Crests was discussed. One of the old timers who was lucky enough to have had one, described it: A white shield with 9 red crosses in the form of a cross with a scroll underneath that read — "Where you lead we follow."

Last week while wandering by a store that sells military supplies I spotted this Crest in the window. It may have been a reject as the white enamel isn't perfect. I thought I might have hit on a hoard but as it turns out they had five which were part of a lot they had bought from a manufacturer when they stopped making them. The storekeeper turned up five and doubts that there are any more available.

I've selfishly kept two, sent one each to Maj. Limbacher and Sgt. Frank Treski. I've lost track of the rest so have one left for Doc Seslow.

Having been a 9th Medic was an important part of my life, although I did little, I'm still proud of it.

See that the Crest gets a good home!

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

### NEWSY NOTES FROM BRADY IN ALABAMA

Carl K. Brady, a former Staff Sergeant with Co. M, 60th Inf., writes from Rt. 1, Box 634-A, Daphne, Ala.:

Last year in Springfield I was pleased with the convention. Saw some faces I hadn't seen since 1944. Incidentally M Co., 60th, had about 10 or 12 attending.

Here is some news that might be of interest to former M Co. and 3rd Bn. men:

Cole Gronseth and family visited with me last New Years and believe it or not, during our New Year party we had a big snow and the roads iced over. No one could go home, so the party lasted all night. Imagine, iced roads on the Gulf of Mexico.

Perry Payne was floored for a while last year after returning from the convention. He had a heart attack. I haven't heard from him recently but believe is has fully recovered and back working.

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### Clouser In Process of Ordering Pins

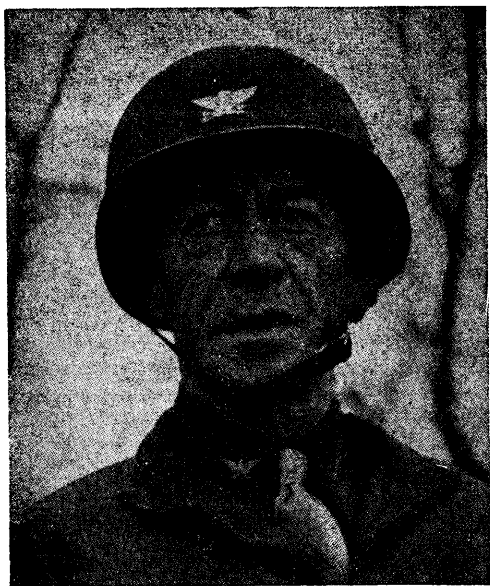
Secretary Dan Quinn collected a fine assortment of lapel pins and the samples were sent to President John Clouser, who is now in the process of selecting and ordering a supply of the pins for sale to the members.

Further details will be available in a later issue of The Octofoil.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—



## Was Greatest Morale Booster of All Time



COL. PADDY FLINT,  
Commander, 39th Regt. (K.I.A.)

Pictured is the immortal Paddy Flint, Patron Saint and Commander of the 39th Regiment. It should be a MUST for every boy who becomes attached to Col. Flint's old unit, to read a biography of the "Old Man's" courage and colorful military career, and learn why men of his famous AAA-O outfit would follow Paddy through the jaws of hell.

Many former 39th men can vouch for the fact that on more than one occasion Paddy Flint risked his life to get a package of cigarettes to some lonely G.I. on duty in an isolated spot.

As long as there is left alive one man who served under Paddy Flint in the 39th Regt., the effects of Paddy's courage will be felt.

He died from a sniper's bullet fighting side by side with his men.

All Americans have God to thank for such men as Paddy Flint when their country needed them.

## MAJ. J. M. ALLEY SENDS OCTOFOIL COPIES OF LETTER FROM WIDOW OF THE IMMORTAL PADDY FLINT

Major J. M. Alley, AUS, Ret., 4701 Kenmore Ave., Apt. 1313 East, Alexandria, Va., 22304, writes The Octofoil in part as follows:

Am sending along some correspondence that should revive quite a few memories when printed in The Octofoil.

In connection with this, I have been trying to find out what happened to the organization that comprised the Ninth, and where they are now, but with this new "Battle Group" Army, they are hard to find.

The VonKanns who are mentioned in Mrs. Flint's letters are her daughter and son-in-law (Maj. Gen. Von Kann), now C.G. of Fort Rucker, Alabama.

### MRS. FLINT'S LETTER

4000 Cathedral Avenue,  
Washington, D. C. 20016

Dear Major Alley:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which explains itself. I wanted you to see it and I thought you might feel that the Ninth Division Association paper, The Octofoil, might make some use of it.

Last fall before I left for a holiday visit with the vonKanns in Fort Rucker, Ala., where Von is C.G., I received a letter from Gen. Larsen asking for some articles that might serve as mementoes of Paddy in connection with the remaining remnant of his old outfit, the 39th Regiment. I got together a few things and sent them along to Gen. Larsen after my return. There were not too many things, but among them was a black silk scarf which Paddy called his "Battle scarf" and which he wore when there was an indication of combat to come, and also on reviews, etc. There was also a leaf from his diary, the last entry in it, and a "AAA-O" arm band. A few other things which could be sent so far and for such a purpose. Most of the things had been gathered together by Georgie Patton from Paddy's tent or CP, right after his burial, and sent to me in the U. S. They were all actually connected with his field and combat service. I was most grateful that they could go back to his old outfit.

I thought you might make a judgment on this and if you think the story and letter might be of interest to The Octofoil, you will know how to put it into their hands.

Thank you for forwarding the paper. My best to you and Mrs. Alley, I am,

Most sincerely yours,  
SALLIE EMERY FLINT (Mrs.  
Harry F. Flint)

## Mrs. Palady Has Been Hospitalized

Bill Palady, Q.M., 322 Thirty-first St., McKeesport, Pa., advises Mrs. Palady was admitted to a hospital just about the time the Board met in Pittsburgh, is why he was not at the meeting.

After a 10-day stay in the hospital she showed considerable improvement and is back home, but having to take it easy for a few days. However, the couple are hoping and planning on being in Philadelphia for the Reunion.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

No one ever gives the groom a shower . . . he's all washed up, anyway.

## ROLAND POPE WAS A 9TH MAN SHORT TIME

The short time Roland E. Pope was with the 9th Division he was a T-5 with the 60th Med. Det. His present address is P.O. Box 576, North Bend, Oregon, 97459. In a letter to Secretary Quinn Roland has this to say:

Thought I would drop a line to let you know one of the short time members of the Ninth is still kicking around out here in the West.

### FEEL OUT OF PLACE

I have often thought I would like to visit a Reunion of the Ninth Division Association but I am afraid I would be a round peg in a square hole, hey!

I was never with the Division long enough to become acquainted with anyone. But don't get me wrong, as I am proud of the 9th Division and its achievements and after many years of trying to be sent overseas I was fortunate to be assigned to the 60th Regt. of the Ninth Division as a Medic. I didn't last long but at least I saw action with a real fighting division.

### VISITS EUROPE

In June of last year I decided it was time for me to visit Europe again, so I flew over landing at Hamburg. I rented a Volks Wagon and set out to visit some of the area I traveled through in World War II. I traveled from La Havre, France up through Belgium and through the Hurtgen Forest to the Rhine and then down to Remagen, where I saw my first and last action. Only the old piers remain of the Ludendorff Bridge. I crossed on a car ferry to the East side of the Rhine and took to the dirt roads and managed to trace most of my course to where I had the bad luck to be in the way of an artillery shell.

After about six months in the hospital at Leige, Belgium, I was sent back to Division Headquarters at Ingolstadt, Germany, to my regular 60th Med. at Giesenfeldt, Germany. I didn't stay long as I developed an infection and was sent to the 98th General at Munich, and then home.

So you see I wouldn't know anyone at the Division Reunion but I hope to attend one some day.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## HOPE TO LOCATE LT. WARE'S NEXT-OF-KIN

Chas. Hoffman, B Co., 15th Engrs., plans to attend the Reunion in Philadelphia. He advises that Lt. George E. Ware of the 15th Engrs. was the first Engineer killed in action, and he thought it would be nice if a contingent of the Engineers could make a trip to his grave and hold a Memorial Service in his honor in conjunction with their attendance at the Reunion.

Hoffman says he thinks Ware's parents lived in Glassboro, N. J., but does not know their address or telephone number. Hoffman would like to contact Lt. Ware's parents or family and ask them to attend the Memorial Services. Secretary Danny Quinn does not have anyone by the name of Ware on his Gold Star mailing list, or on his next of kin list. But Ware's name appears on a list as having been killed while with the 15th Engrs.

He was killed in a bombing and strafing air attack in the Sedjenane Valley in Africa in the summer of 1943. He had been in the shelter of a house, but upon being concerned about the safety of his men, left the shelter of the house and was killed by a bomb fragment. He had been visiting some British officers who had occupied this house.

Any member who can help locate the parents of Lt. George E. Ware, or any of his relatives in or near Glassboro, N. J. should contact Arthur Schmidt, 69-20 69th Street, Brooklyn 27, N. Y., AT ONCE. He and Hoffman are working jointly on the proposed Memorial Services.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## STANLEY KAZDOY ASKS ABOUT D.C. CHAPTER

Stanley Kazdoy lives at 506 Easley St., Silver Spring, Maryland. He is employed in the accounting systems division, Controller's Office, Department of Veterans Benefits, Veterans Administration Control Office, Washington, D.C.

Stanley says he has been trying to locate the meeting place, if any, of the District of Columbia Chapter. And asks for some information.

That is the third letter received this month from former Ninth men living in or near Washington who want to know what has happened to the D. C. Chapter. Secy. Quinn suggested to Stanley that he call on former Secretary Charles Tingley, an old Q.M. man, now living at 720 Thayer St., Silver Spring, Md.

—PAY 1964 DUES N-O-W!—

A baby-sitter used to be called Mother.

## APRIL 10TH NEW YORK CHAPTER MEETING WAS HELD AT STATLER

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

President 4-7100, Ext. 13

Our April 10 meeting was held at the Hotel Statler Hilton, W. 33d St. and 7th Ave., New York City. This meeting was postponed from April 4 so as to be able to have a report on the Pittsburgh Board of Governors meeting and to allow as many Chapter member as could to attend the Board meeting.

President Rizzo reported that the March meeting had the largest number attending than had been in the case in recent months. This showed signs of new members joining the New York Chapter.

President Rizzo called the meeting to order, then asked for a moment of silence for our departed comrades. Irving Feinberg, Treasurer, reported the Chapter was in the black. However, he appealed for a contribution from a "wealthy" member to replace the Chapter Welfare Fund.

### SCULLY RECUPERATING

It was reported that Jack Scully, who had been hospitalized, was at home recuperating. He has lost about 45 pounds.

(Editor's Note: Since this issue has been delayed past the date for New York Chapter's picnic, the location, price and other information contained in the Baron's communique is being eliminated.)

### FAZIO REPORTS ON DANCE

Frank Fazio reported that Oct. 24 has been set for the date of our Fall Dance.

### MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Adolph Wadalavage, Chapter Welfare Officer, reported that Hansen has been hospitalized again. Dominick Miele, Chapter Secretary, reported that active membership was increasing.

### TOM ORBAND ATTENDS

Tom Orband, 39th, Binghamton, N. Y., was a new face at the meeting. A letter was received from Bill Bauer of the Union City Elks Lodge in which he expressed appreciation for the large showing of New York Chapter members at the affair held at the Elks Lodge in his honor. Al Bruchac, former National and Chapter President, sent in his dues and a note advising he planned attending the Reunion. Vincent Guglielmino, National Vice President, said he would try to get Mr. Frank V. Votto, director of New York State Division of Veterans Affairs, to speak at our next meeting.

Danny Quinn, National Secretary, said he would try to arrange with Del Shofner to have a showing of the film, "Dead Line to Glory" for the June meeting. Al Orletti, Sergeant At Arms, managed to get to the meeting despite a bad cut on his leg. He claimed he got it from "dancing." But he made it to the meeting. If all the members would follow Al's example, we would have a greater attendance at meetings.

President Rizzo chose Walter O'Keeffe to act as chairman to get our monthly news letter to the members. He is to be assisted by Harry Orenstein. Any member having news of interest should send the items to either of these men.

### DARK HORSE PRIZE

Matty Bree of B Co., 39th, won the dark horse prize of \$5.

Mr. McInerney, Gold Star Father, reported that the B Co., 39th Reunion is to be held on June 12 at Fairport, N. Y.

Dominick Miele showed a film depicting highlights at our last dance, our Christmas Party and the Memorial Service at Worcester, Mass. The enthusiasm shown by the members indicated the Chapter's purchase of a motion picture camera and projector was a wise investment.

### APAR'S BROTHER DIES

The Chapter received the sad news that George Apar's brother had passed away. Also, that Clive Fowler of the 47th died on Dec. 15, 1963 of a heart attack in Texas, and that Bill O'Neill died on August 28, 1963. The Chapter membership extends its sincerest condolences to the families of all these men.

### REUNION IN 1965

There was quite a bit of enthusiasm shown by the membership to have the 1965 Reunion in New York. Most felt that since the New York World's Fair will still be here, this would be an ideal reason for holding the 1965 Reunion in New York.

Doc Seslow took an active part in the meeting, and Paddy Higgins was there with the Nassau County contingent.

### MAY 1ST MEETING

On May 1 we held our regular monthly meeting at the Statler Hilton. The New York Chapter mem-

bers of the National Board of Governors, namely: Walter O'Keeffe, John Rizzo and Harry Orenstein gave a full report on the Pittsburgh Board meetings. Such items as the good progress on the Philadelphia Reunion, the Scholarship activities, the prosperous state of affairs of the National Association, and the work that Danny Quinn has been doing to bring about a rapidly increasing membership.

### DANCE PLANS PROGRESSING

Frank Fazio reported plans for our dance on Oct. 24 are progressing along at full speed.

It was reported that Tony Jacobi is a patient at Kingsbridge Hospital, Ward C, Bldg. C, 4th floor. Members are asked to call the hospital before visiting. Jacobi was with the 47th.

O'Keeffe had nothing new to report on the scholarship program.

### INFORMATIVE TALK

Mr. Melvin Storeman of the New York State Division of Veterans Affairs provided an informative and interesting talk on veterans benefits and rights. He expressed praise for the Ninth Division. He quoted from a letter from Frank Votto, who sent regards to Vincent Guglielmino. His talk was humorous as well as interesting. He explained how the Division of Veterans Affairs helps veterans and their families. Some of the subjects discussed were scholarships, re-employment rights, vacation rights as pertaining to time off for National Guard training, etc., vocational counseling and New York Bonus Law, which expires March 31, 1965. After his talk he answered questions.

### CARD FROM MAYOR

President Rizzo read a card of acknowledgment from Mayor Wagner in response to the condolence card the chapter sent to him on the death of his wife.

Irv Feinberg reported the treasury was in the black but again insinuated the writer should help out the Welfare Fund.

### WEST POINT

Walter O'Keeffe reported authorities at West Point had reserved 200 seats for the members on tour of the Point, May 23, in Section G.

### SCULLY BACK

The biggest news item was reappearance of Jack Scully after a long siege of illness. He asked the writer to relay his thanks to all those who visited him or sent him cards and letters. He said it would be impossible for him to thank each one personally.

### NEW FACES

Some new faces at the meeting were Arthur Schneider, of the 39th, Charles O'Connor of the 60th, and Art Parrachuck, of the 47th.

Jack Scully expressed special appreciation to Father Rowan for his prayers.

Charles O'Connor won the dark horse prize donated by Dom Miele, and Frank Fazio won the dark horse prize donated by Jack Scully.

Don Quinn announced he had arranged for the next meeting to be held at Elks Lodge, Union City, N. J. This gave Jersey boys a chance to attend a meeting. The club's bowling facilities are always available after the meetings held there.

It was announced plans for the Philadelphia Reunion are going ahead full steam, and it was suggested that members make reservations as soon as possible. Again the members expressed hopes that the 1965 Reunion would be held in New York City.

Attention is called to a story appearing in this issue about Lt. Geo. E. Ware. Efforts are being made to locate the lieutenant's parents. It is thought they live in the neighborhood of Glassboro, N. J. Anyone who can be of help in locating these Gold Star people should notify the writer at the address given at the top of this column.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## ARCH SOUTAR APPRECIATES EFFORTS BEING PUT FORTH

Arch Soutar, a former F Co. 60th soldier, writes from his home, 87 Western Promenade, Auburn, Maine as follows:

I think all of you are doing a magnificent job and I realize at what a sacrifice in time and effort.

And thank you for keeping The OCTOFOIL going—that, too, is a time consuming chore but it keeps members of the Ninth informed concerning former buddies.

Thank you, one and all, for a dedicated mission.

I saw the Odom boys (Harry) at Monhegan Island in February.

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It's quite a puzzle to figure out who "popular prices" are popular with.

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## The Famous Pittsburgh Stokan Brothers



Pictured above: Bill Stokan, formerly K Co., 47th, left, and Lou Stokan, formerly K Co., 60th, right, who were hosts to the Board of Governors and many other former Ninth men when the Board recently met in Pittsburgh, Pa.—Pictures by Alice Flavin, employee of Stokan's Bar.

## LT. COL. MILLER ASSUMES S-4 DUTIES AT SA

The following article was a page 1 feature with photo in the April edition of The Pariscope:

**CAMP DES LOGES**—Lt. Col. John W. Miller, formerly assigned to the Military Assistance Advisory Group France, has assumed duties as S4 of SA Command.

Col. Miller, a veteran of more than 22 years service, has been in Paris since 1962, when he received his MAAG assignment with the Joint Projects Section there.

An Armor officer, he entered the Army as an enlisted man in January, 1941, and, after serving as First Sergeant of Co. F, 60th Inf. Regt. 9th Inf. Div., received a battlefield commission as a second lieutenant in March, 1944. During the war he saw duty in the North African and five other campaigns in the European Theater.

His principal assignments since then have included those with the U. S. Constabulary and the 2nd Armored Cav. Regt. in Germany, 1947-50; G-4 Section, Hq. U. S. Army Caribbean, 1952-54; G4 Section, Hq. Military District of Columbia, 1956-58; MAAG, Vietnam, 1958-59; and G4 section, Hq. 5th Army, 1959-62.

### DECORATIONS

Among Col. Miller's decorations are the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge and the Purple Heart.

Col. Miller is a graduate of the Advanced Course, Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky.; the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kans.; the Guerilla Warfare School, Fort Bragg, N. C.; and the Military Assistance Institute, Washington, D. C.

He and his wife, Jean, have a 4-year-old son, John Keith. Col. Miller is a native of Roscoe, N. Y.

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## TED FARMER LIVES IN LOS ANGELES

Ted Farmer, a former I & R Platoon, 47th Regt. man, is living at 4114 East Blvd., Los Angeles 66, Calif. He writes in part:

We tried once to start a chapter out here after the war but it did not seem to work out.

I tried once to call a buddy of mine in Ohio but no phone listed. I know he came home. I am pretty sure I am spelling it right: Robert T. Kinkoph. He was with me in the I & R Platoon, 47th Regt.

The last records Secy. Quinn has on Kinkoph was compiled in 1945 and he was living then at 3414 Tullamore Rd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Anyone knowing a later address drop a card to Ted Farmer.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## John Kerkup Writes From W. Upton, Mass.

John Kerkup, a former 3rd Bn., 39th Regt. man, is making big plans for his stay in Philadelphia during the Reunion.

Indications are there will be a big delegation of 3rd Bn. 39th men attending this year's Reunion.

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## Orenstein Makes His Appeal to The Q.M. "Boys"

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

TO ALL Q.M.:

The March-April, 1964 Octofoil has published the Philadelphia Reunion Program to be held at the Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa. Here are some of the highlights:

Thursday, July 23rd—P.M.—Welcome Party

Friday, July 24—P.M.—Informal Dance

Saturday, July 25—A.M.—Memorial Service

Saturday, July 25—P.M.—Banquet and Dance.

Gen. Van Bond, 39th Infantry, the main speaker.

Continuing the best Reunion traditions, another good Reunion is planned for your enjoyment. It will be another opportunity to reminisce with the "Boys". Hope to see you at the Philadelphia Reunion.

### Q.M. Notes:

There should be a large turnout of the Q.M. for the Philadelphia Reunion from Pennsylvania because many of the early arrivals at Fort Bragg were from Pennsylvania. In addition, many of the "Boys" have written the writer they plan to be at the Philadelphia Reunion.

Received a letter from Bill Palady that he plans a pre-Union trip to see some of the "Boys" before coming to the Reunion.

Bill Palady also informed the writer in his letter that Bill Alters passed away suddenly on Friday, April 24, 1964.

Bill Alters' address was:

315 State St. Oakdale, Pa.

To Mrs. Alters and other members of the family go my sincere condolences.

Best regards to all.

Sincerely yours,

HARRY ORENSTEIN.

The Q.M. Committee's addresses are:

Bill Palady, 322 31st Street McKeesport, Pa. Harry Orenstein, 640 East 139th St. Bronx 54, N. Y.

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## Jack Rowe Takes An Extensive Tour

Jack Rowe, former M Co., 47th man, now located at Downers Grove, Illinois, writes that he saw Bill Morkill, another former M Co. 47th man. Bill was in Chicago enroute to a Convention in Atlanta, Ga. His home address is 1635 73rd St., N.E., Bellevue, Wash., where he owns and operates a Hatchery Supply Company.

Rowe also reports on having stopped at the home of Vince Udovich, former M Co. man, at 223 Snelling, Duluth, Minn., but Vince had gone fishing at a cabin he owns north of Duluth. He is a "wheel" at the American Steel & Wire Co., in Duluth, and one of the best "Citation Writers" the Ninth ever had.

## Jack Scully Is Laid Low By Illness

No veterans organization ever had a worker who was as aggressive and devoted to his organization than is Jack Scully to the Ninth Infantry Division Association and the Greater New York Chapter. Jack for the time being is on the inactive list because of illness. Writing in the New York Chapter Bulletin in May, Walter O'Keefe, a past Chapter president, has this to say about Jack's illness:

### IN DRYDOCK

Jack will be in drydock at home for awhile, so, why don't all you guys who have enjoyed his cooking or his delicious whisky sours, drop him a card or a letter. His address is as follows:

Jack Scully, 99 Summit Avenue, Summit, N. J.

Another notice in the Bulletin referring to Jack's illness reads:

The absence of one man from the April meeting was keenly felt by all the members who were present. Jack Scully, that old stalwart of the New York Chapter, was laid low by illness and for the first time in many a year was unable to attend a monthly meeting. We have many active and loyal members in our Chapter, but none are like Jack Scully. Jack left the talking to others and preferred to make his presence known by positive action.

### LAI D GROUND WORK

Each year Jack laid the ground work for our picnic, he secured the permits for the picnic area, spent hours collecting the provisions, and enlisted the assistance and equipment of his good friends from Summit, N. J. Then after doing all this he spent the day of the picnic toiling over a hot fire cooking for the guests. When the time for the annual dance rolled around Jack once again offered his services, and together with Frank Fazio prepared the delicious food that is always featured at our dances. There is not enough space available to enumerate all the services that Jack rendered to the Chapter. All that can be said is that the Chapter owes a great debt to Jack and every member of the Chapter wishes for him a speedy recovery.

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## MAJOR JOHN TAPIA JUST ONE OF MANY IN SAME PICKLEMENT

Major John R. Tapia, Sub Sector Command, Fort Doyle, Utah, is one of thousands who paid \$10 into the Association overseas when it was being formed, and by the time the files were set up in this country he had lost all contact. In a recent letter the Major writes:

As a wartime member of the Ninth Division (Co. A, 60th), I paid \$10 while stationed at Wolnack, Germany, for charter membership and the book which was to be published at a later date. To date (that was in August, 1945) I have not received this book. Was one ever printed. I was in Wolnack again in 1961 with the 4th Arm. Div. on maneuvers and was able to meet some of the people with whom I cultivated friendship.

An illustrious member of the 60th (2nd Bn.) is C.G. of the 96th Division (USAR) whose headquarters is in a building next to mine. He is Maj. Gen. Michael B. Kauffman.

Major Tapia has reaffiliated and is a member in good standing with the Association. He has received his 8 Stars to Victory and is very well pleased with it.

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## Tomlinson Seares Up New Prospect

Secretary-Treasurer Pestel of the Ohio Chapter recently received a letter from Jim McNabney, Traveling Freight Agent, for the Illinois Central Railroad, 534 Dixie Terminal Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio, in which Jim has this to say:

Dear Mr. Pestel: I am writing in regards to your organization connected with the 9th Inf. Div. While I was in Chillicothe last week I ran into one of your members, Caril Tomlinson, and he was kind enough to give me your address.

Pestel has furnished the writer with some back issues of The Octofoil and an invitation to attend the Chapter's annual picnic.

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### SIGN OF THE TIMES

The 10-year-old was watching his dad repair the garage door.

"Bernard," the father presently said, "please go in the house and get Daddy a screwdriver."

Fifteen minutes later the child returned and with exasperation he shouted, "I found the vodka, but I can't find the orange juice."

—Journeyman Barber.

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## EGAN PROPOSES AMENDMENTS BE MADE IN ASSOCIATION'S BY-LAWS

Edward J. Egan is one of the hardest workers belonging to Greater New York Chapter. His ability to wage a floor fight at Reunions is a well known fact by those who have been attending Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunions.

On June 9, Egan wired the following message to The Octofoil—which is self-explanatory:

"Will you please publish the following in the Octofoil?":

"I propose that the following two amendments to the By Laws of the Association be considered at the Philadelphia convention:

"(1) That all capital gains received each year from the capital investments of this Association (which are not needed to meet current operating expenses of the Association) be transferred to the Memorial Fund for the Scholarship Program.

"(2) That membership in this Association be restricted to any present or past member of this Association or to anyone who served with this Division or its allied outfits from December 7, 1941 to May 7, 1945."

—Edward J. Egan.

## "SNUFFY" GOLDSMITH ADDS TO RECENT STORY IN THE OCTOFOIL

As promised in the last issue of Octofoil, Wilbert "Snuffy" Goldsmith's comments would be published in this issue relative to the Pete D'Alessandro story that was printed some time back. "Snuffy's" home address is 160 Bruce Ave., Yonkers, New York. His letter follows:

The article in the November-December Octofoil about my old buddy, Pete D'Alessandro, was taken from the reports of the men who were lucky enough to form a more closely knit line of defense.

The seven exhausted men which the article writes about was Easy Company's machine gun section—which was in the bunker and under the command of Sgt. Elmer Harris and myself. At the time we were attached to the First Platoon. The attack was spotted at this point. The fire power of the enemy was so overwhelming that it was agreed the machine gun platoon would cover the withdrawal of the two platoons in order that they might gain a better cover and a tighter defense. Pete was in our bunker giving orders to his men and talking to the "Old Man" (Captain Hill) on the phone.

### FLANKS LEFT OPEN

With our flanks left open by this time, we continued to fire. Just about this time I got hit by a German rifle grenade and was pulled into the bunker with Pete. I was bleeding pretty bad, henceforth the two lucky men who succeeded in getting out of the bunker and back to the company probably reported me dead. Captain Hill, as stated, gave us two minutes to get out.

### TRIED TO COVER

Pete told the men to follow him and carrying the machine gun he tried to cover our withdrawal from about 25 feet to the rear of the bunker. Two men as previously

stated managed to get out. A third man, Private Gill, was hit in the stomach as he prepared to leave, thus blocking the entrance. Just about that time Pete must have gotten hit. But as the first enemy troops approached the clearing of the fire line and within 10 feet of the bunker, Pete again cut loose with the remaining shells to cut them down. By this action I would say he saved the four of us who were trapped in the bunker. For the next couple of seconds everyone dumped their grenades and the "Jerries" surrounded us. As the Captain promised, artillery poured in and everyone headed for cover.

In about an hour the five of us were ordered to the rear by our captors. Pete along with the rest of the men carried me for at least five miles until we reached a German aid station. Private Gill and myself remained at the station. This was the last time I ever saw Pete.

The above action was carried out with precision—Pete gave the orders. Every noncom and private carried them out without hesitation. Of the seven men in the bunker Pete and I were the only ones left from the original landings in Algiers.

Acting Staff Sgt. Elmer Harris joined the company in Africa. Sgt. Mac Carter joined us in Sicily. Pvt. Green, McCarthy, Gill were all replacements since the invasion of Germany.

### NO DISCREDIT

This letter is certainly not meant to discredit Pete in any way. From what I can gather this encounter stopped the German advance in our sector. Therefore, by submitting this additional information, I firmly believe all these men shall receive recognition for a job which was well done.

## DR. RALPH CAMARDELLA IS ANXIOUS TO AFFILIATE

Dr. Ralph A. Camardella, M.D., 201 Hempstead Ave., Malverne, N. Y., on April 21, wrote Secretary Quinn as follows:

Dear Mr. Quinn: I am writing concerning membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association, and also for information concerning the reunion in Philadelphia in July 1964.

I was a member of the 9th Infantry Division for three years, from the day of formation to Tunisia. I was regimental surgeon for the Sixth Infantry Division for most of that time and was Battalion Commander of the 9th Division Medical Battalion for two months in Africa.

I have been trying to join the Association for years, and couldn't find any contact for it.

Please send me a membership form, and information about the Reunion in Philadelphia in July.

Thank you for your help in this matter, and I hope I will meet with you in the near future.

It is needless to say that Secy. Quinn lost no time in answering the good medic's letter. And he in turn, lost no time in filling out his application for full membership.

One of the last letters The Octofoil received from Lt. Gen. Manton Eddy just before he died, was to the effect the Association had just skimmed the surface—that there were thousands of potential members in all parts of the country who had never heard about the Association—and it was up to members everywhere to get writeup in hometown papers about the Association's activities, giving the national headquarters address when turning the stories into local newspapers.

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One of the reasons some youngsters fail in history tests is because everything they ask happened before the little fellows were born.

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Most football teams are proud of their schools.

## WILLIAM ENGLE OPERATES HIS OWN IRON FOUNDRY

William Engle writes from Pottstown, Pennsylvania, P.O. Box 395. The interesting letter reads in part:

Dear Dan: Thanks for checking my records with the 9th Inf. Div. Attached is my check for \$50 for life membership since I did not pay since 1954.

I reside at 338 Carsonia Ave., Mt. Penn., Reading, Pa. 19606, and all mail should be sent there. Travel to Pottstown each day, 17 miles one way.

Since 1959 I operate my own foundry here in Pottstown, Pa. Have 50 employees. Make casting for the jobbing trade.

I joined the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Bragg on Sept. 29, 1942; made the invasion of Africa, Sicily, and Normandy in France, with the 60th Infantry.

J. J. Bomberger and his wife visited our city and spent several hours in my home. He live in Jeannette, Pa. and operates a newspaper there. He was in Headquarters 2nd Bn. in the 60th Regiment.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM ENGLE.

The company Bill Engle owns is called "Keystone Grey-Iron Foundry Company."

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## BILL ALTERS, Q.M., DIED ON APRIL 24

Bill Alters, former member of the Association and Q.M. man, passed away suddenly April 24, 1964. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, at home, 315 State St., Oakdale, Pa.

While in the Q.M. Bill was well liked and was a good mechanic in the motor pool.

Bill Palady advised The Octofoil of Bill's death and adds, "his sudden death was a shock to me and I am sure it will be to his many Q.M. buddies."

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—



## ALEX FORREST SENT DUES FROM EUROPE

Alex T. Forrest, 155 Wilson Ave., Beaver, Pa., a former 15th Engrs. man, has been touring various parts of Europe recently, combining business and pleasure.

On April 5, using Hotel Duisburger Hof stationery, Alex sent a short note to Secretary Quinn:

Dear Dan: As usual the case—when an American is bored, he flips through his cards. In so doing tonight I noticed that my 9th Division dues card is for 1963. Therefore I am enclosing a check for 1964 dues.

Am on a business trip which takes me to this area of Germany—also to Vienna, England and Wales. However, I plan also to briefly visit relatives in Scotland while on this side of the Atlantic. Best regards to you, all 9th Division men and especially the 15th Engrs.—A. T. Forrest.

Upon his return to Beaver, Pa., Alex penned an interesting additional note to Secretary Quinn:

### P.O.W. AS GUIDE

Dear Dan: While in Germany we had an excellent interpreter who learned his English in a U. S. P.O.W. Camp. He had been a 1st Lt. in an 88-MM. AAW outfit. He and his battery were captured in the Tunis-Bizerte mass roundup. I promised to send him the history of the outfit which sent him to the U. S. (for which incidentally he is thankful!) So, will you please send me a copy of "8 Stars to Victory?"—Thanks.—A. T. Forrest, 15th Engrs.

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## JIM FISHER INTERESTED IN A NEW CHAPTER FOR PENNSYLVANIA

Jim Fisher, 1010 Weaver Way, Tarentum, Pa., visited Pittsburgh during the recent Board meeting in that city and met members of the Board. He is very much enthused now about reactivating what was at one time among the best Chapters in the country. Jim was with the 1st Bn., Hq. 39th. Part of Jim's letter reads:

I enjoyed meeting members of the Board on April 4. I stopped to say hello to Henry Shimkowski and ended up participating in a very enjoyable session.

Let me know about the possibility of a Chapter for Western Pennsylvania. I am inexperienced in this sort of thing, but will do my best. Plan on being in Philadelphia.

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## Perry Payne Can't Make It — But Sends Regards

Perry Payne writes from 78 2nd St., Chickasaw, Ala.:

It doesn't look as if I'll be able to make this year's Convention. Hope all of you have a wonderful time. I hope to make the '65 Convention. Best regards to all the guys at the Reunion and especially my old 47th buddies.

—PAY 1964 DUES N-O-W!—

## Trying to Locate Captain Hoslander

Caril Tomlinson, Silver Springs Road, Chillicothe, Ohio, writes The Octofoil and asks that a notice be inserted appealing to any member who knows the present whereabouts of Captain Hoslander to notify Tomlinson at once.

Capt. Hoslander is a former Commanding Officer of L Co., 47th Regt. Tomlinson's address is Caril Tomlinson, Silver Springs Rd., Chillicothe, Ohio.

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## TIFTON JONES INVITES FORMER 9TH MEN TO STOP BY FOR A SNACK

Tifton Jones, a former Co. F, 47th man, writes from Alopaha, Ga., and outlines his plans to attend the Reunion and then go on to the World's Fair in New York City.

Jones says he's putting in a lot of time fishing these days and has a freezer full of steaks. He wants any former Ninth man passing through that part of Georgia to tarry around long enough to let him fix up a steak in true Southern hospitality fashion.

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## FRED JOSEY HOPES TO MAKE ALL REUNIONS

Fred Josey, 8162 Green Valley Dr., Grand Blanc, Mich., a former 60th Inf. man, writes:

Hope to see many buddies at the Reunion this year. We really enjoyed the last two Reunions — the only ones we've attended, but hope we can continue to attend them each year and make 'em all in the future. All the Joseys are getting along just fine. See everybody in Philly.

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You're only young once. After that it takes another excuse.

## John Ryan Makes Excellent Recruiter

As President of the Bankers Credit Service, Inc., Gloversville, N. Y., John Ryan is a pretty busy man. But not too busy to take some time out and do some missionary work for the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Just take a gander at the contents of a recent letter John sent to Secretary Dan Quinn:

Dear Dan: I would appreciate you sending a membership application to a friend of mine, who I just found out served in North Africa with the 39th Inf. Regt., as a second lieutenant. Please send the application directly to Mr. Robert Lamb, Rolling Ridge Farm, Woodstock, Vt.

Also send an application to Lt. Col. John Weissmiller, Groton, Mass.

Col. Weissmiller is a very close friend of Father Ed Connor's. He was a regular Army officer until wounded in the Far East at which time, two years ago, he was retired from the service.—Sincerely, John P. Ryan.

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## Wants 9th Signal Co. Message Center Names

W. C. Durham, Box 268, Fort Payne, Ala., asks for some addresses of members from the Message Section, 9th Signal Co.

Secretary Quinn has furnished Durham some 9th Signal Co. men's names but isn't sure whether they were from the Message Center. If any former 9th Signal Co. men read this and can help Durham out, drop him a card at the address given.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## MORGAN STILL HAS TROUBLES WITH V.A.

A card from G. A. Morgan, 240 Linnie Canal, Venice, Calif. 10291, advises he's still having trouble with the V.A. His records have now been sent to the VA Court of Appeals in Washington. Morgan says he could put his experiences with the VA in writing for the benefit of many ex-G.I.s situated similar to the position the bureaucrats have him.

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## Walton Gets News In Legion Papers

A newsy letter from Paul "Doc" Walton, Old Dalton Rd., Rt. 7, Rome, Ga., had enclosed clippings from American Legion papers published by the Department of Georgia, in which coverage was given to the forthcoming Reunion in Philadelphia, July 23, 24, 25.

There was considerable other news notes about school accomplishments of Steve Waggner (son-in-law), Dave Walton and Sue—but fortunately Walton warned at the beginning of letter he had just gotten home from a Legion meeting and was on the woozy side and if the letter could not be read just to forget all about it. Those corn squeezin's and drippings in those North Georgia hills are still potent. Doc's writing was living evidence.

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## Pestel's Signs Are Not Appreciated

From sunup until sundown for several days Dick Pestel, Columbus, climbed the extension ladders to the highest peak of his barn, situated on the Pestel Ranch, and there he painted and painted until he had three most beautiful Octofoils that could be seen plainly by motorists passing by on the nearby highway.

Dick went out on the highway and was studying his Octofoils proudly—when all of a sudden a telephone lineman, fastened high on a pole, yelled down at him: "Boy, you'll be able to see those Pepsi Cola signs a long way off."

That lineman ruined the whole day for our Dickie. As a matter of fact when he thinks about it, he again starts mumbling to himself.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## BOB CAMPBELL SIGNS UP AS A MEMBER

Robert C. Campbell belonged to Co. H, 60th Regt., and lives now on Rt. 1, Box 136, Zelienople, Pa. He recently sent Secy. Quinn dues for 1964 and ordered 4 copies of the 60th Inf. History and one copy of 8 Stars to Victory. Bob requested a picture of the Memorial in Worcester, Mass. The Secretary does not have any of these photos available. Maybe the Convention should authorize stocking up a few hundred nice prints of that beautiful Memorial to deceased Ninth men that has been erected on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Church in the city of Worcester, Mass., through the efforts of Father Ed Connors.

—PAY 1964 DUES N-O-W!—

The old-fashioned girl used to hide money inside her bodice.\* The modern gal prefers to put it where it won't be seen. (\*Mama, what's a bodice?)

## ALLEN BABCOCK ASKS MEMBERS WRITE TO GOLD STAR PARENT

Allen Babcock fought with Co. L, 2nd Bn., 60th Inf. He operates now from 927 Stone St., Decatur, Ill. He writes a real newsy letter:

Hi Dan: My friend, Joe Moore, and I enjoyed the 9th Division Convention held in Springfield, Ill., last summer. Joe was in the 3rd Bn. Hqtrs., 60th Inf. It's nice to have a buddy only 14 miles away. He got to see Major Snelling, for who he drove a Jeep, and I saw my company commander for a part of the African campaign, Harold Smith. It certainly was nice to visit with old friends again.

Mrs. John Finley, a Gold Star Mother, rode over to the Memorial Services at Lincoln's Tomb with us. She was very much impressed by the services. We all were. Her son, Bill, was a member of the 39th. He was killed April 1, 1945, near Winterberg.

### WOULD LIKE TO HEAR

Allen advises that Mrs. Finley would be made most happy if some member who served with her son would drop her just a post card.

Allen, his friends and family on frequent occasions relive the Memorial Services at Lincoln's Tomb by getting out the home movie projector and looking at the films that were made during the services.

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## FRANK JOHNSTON A REAL "MISSIONARY"

Frank R. Johnston, 703 Orchard Ave., Avalon, Pa. 15202, learned an old buddy way up in Vermont had never heard about the Association or the Division history and he got busy on the guy at once, and ordered a copy of 8 Stars to Victory, a 60th Inf. History, combat map, etc. The buddy is De Alton Jarvis, 23 Peterson Terrace, S. Burlington, Vt.

Secretary Quinn sent the material ordered, plus several back copies of The Octofoil and an application blank.

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## John L. Freeman, 60th F.A., Doesn't Hear From Many of His Buddies

Although his Association membership card reads: J. Lynn Freeman, most of his old buddies knew him as John Freeman, Hq. Co., 60th F.A. Freeman's home address is 3316 Ivanohe Rd., Pittsburgh 34, Pa.

Freeman writes that he hears very little from the fellows he knew in Hq. Btry and Serv Bty. of the 60th F.A. He's hoping some of them turn up at the Philly Reunion because Freeman plans to come early. He enjoys reading The Octofoil.

—PAY 1964 DUES N-O-W!—

## WALTON PETITIONS CRACKER LAWMAKER BODY FOR PUBLICITY

Not satisfied with contacting the Georgia American Legion for a plug, Doc Walton petitioned the Georgia Legislature to take notice of the forthcoming Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion. After brushing off the Cracker Solons, Doc moved on to the Georgia State Vets Officer and asked for his help in broadcasting the Reunion dates.

Walton advises his blood pressure is down. His weight is going down; he can get in his old Army blouse again.

He has finally located old Sgt. Virgil R. Balchior, who left the Ninth at Bragg and wound up in the Pacific Theater.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## Paul Mathias At Tulake, Calif.

One of the old timers from C Bty. 26th F.A. is located at Tulake, Calif.—Paul Mathias, Rt. 1, Box 144. This is a new address for Paul.

He sends kindest regards to his old 26th Field buddies and wishes he could attend the Reunion, but July 23, etc. are busy days down on the Mathias' farm. It's the time of year that new mown hay has to be given some attention.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## Giles Heard From Down In Alabama

Orlyn D. Giles would like to hear from any of his old 39th, Co. K buddies—and most especially any who might be hid out somewhere down in the Deep South not too far from Newell, Alabama, where Giles lives.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles have a son, David, who recently graduated from high school. They also have one other son, David, and a daughter, Deborah.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

If you have difficulty making decisions, don't eat at that place that has "28 flavors of ice cream."

—PAY 1964 DUES N-O-W!—

## Corbin Suffers Heart Attack

Dick Corbin, a former popular President of the Ohio Chapter, suffered a near-serious heart attack a few days after the last Chapter meeting at Benson W. Hough VFW Post, 2299 S. High St., Columbus.

Dick is considered one of the ace plain clothesmen of the Columbus Police Department. While investigating a stabbing affair in a tough section of Columbus Corbin suffered the heart attack and was rushed to the hospital. Morning newspapers carried the news of Dick's illness. Former Ninth men from all over Central Ohio started pounding the wires to learn of his condition. The medics ordered no company for several days. The only way left then to show the esteem in which the former president was held by the members was by sending well wishing cards.

Dick is up and around now—taking it a little easy for a few days. However, he notified Secretary Pestel that he and his charming wife, Juanita, will be at the picnic.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## GENE ERVIN MAKES SOME INQUIRIES

The following letter from Eugene M. Ervin, 3861 S. Sherman, Englewood, Colorado, proves there's still a lot of missionary work to be done before thousands of former Ninth men are contacted who do not know about the Association:

I would like to know where I can obtain the book on the history of the Ninth Infantry Division.

I remember after World War II that such a book was published.

I am not a member of the Association, however, I am interested in becoming a member.

I was formerly an enlisted man of Co. B, 39th Regt., from March, 1943 to August, 1945. Any information will be appreciated.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## NEWS NOTES FROM MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Highlights from a letter Secretary Quinn received recently from Betty Rumenapp, wife of Michigan's Secretary, Bob Rumenapp, read:

A few vital statistics: The Tony Valeros—15th Engrs.—had a baby girl arrive at their home in December. . . . Bruce Moir's a girl on the same day in March that Bruce got his IBM Certificate. Girl's name Irene B. Moir (IBM). Bruce was with the M.P.s and Hq. Co., 60th. . . . John Korobko's daughter, Gail, graduates this June. . . . Betty Rumenapp's nieces graduate on June 14, and the president of Michigan's Chapter, Bill Andrews (26th F.A.), has a daughter getting married.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## THOMAS O'HAIRE HAS BEEN VERY ILL

Thomas A. O'Haire writes from 82 Park Ave., P.O. Box 57, Canandaigua, N. Y.:

I have been very ill and had a very serious operations. . . . However, we are well again, and do want to be an active part of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

We will let you know later if we can attend the Reunion. Make my new address changes. I enjoy The Octofoil very much.

Please send my wife full information regarding the Women's Auxiliary. She will appreciate it.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## GEORGE AND RUTH BERDAY LOCATED IN MIAMI, FLA.

George Berday, former 47th man, and his wife, Ruth, have been located at 3071 S.W. 27th Lane, Miami, Florida, 33133.

After expense and excitement of getting moved into the land of sunshine this jolly couple won't be able to attend the 1964 Reunion but are making plans to attend again in 1965.

They both are enthusiasts about the Florida weather and think that it is just what the doctor ordered.

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## EMIL DE DONATO WILL DO BETTER

Emil De Donato, Hq. Co. 47th, has this to say:

Enclosed are my dues for this year. Will try to make a few New York Chapter meetings this year. Am looking forward to the National Reunion in Philadelphia. Keep up the good work.

Emil's home address is 61 Claremont Ave., Totowa, N. J.

His New York business office address is Emil J. De Donato, Inc., Advertising, 25 W. 45th St., New York City.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Experience is a comb which nature gives to men who are bald.

—PAY 1964 DUES N-O-W!—

It was a wonderful party. Everybody in the room was there.

## Picnic Time In Buckeye Land

This issue of The Octofoil will probably reach the members after the Ohio Group's picnic celebration has become history. It is set for Sunday, June 21 at Gold Cliff Park.

This is a beautiful roadside park, right on Route 23, a few miles south of Circleville. The site provides all kinds of entertainment, specializing on the ball games, swimming and skating accommodations. Prices are most reasonable at the concession stands.

'Tis a basket picnic but the Chapter is furnishing liquid refreshments for the "old folks" and the kiddies, with a few potato chips and pretzels thrown in.

Past President Dick Toole secured the park accommodations for the Chapter.

President Harold Stone and Secretary-Treasurer Dick Pestel prepared and mailed out a large number of form letters announcing the picnic. And at the time this issue of The Octofoil was going to press the return postal cards they were receiving from members who planned to attend was encouraging. And many of them were from members several miles from Columbus. Those who will be away on vacation and can't attend have been considerate enough to advise the secretary and explain why.

Among those from out of town who will attend and have been heard from several days before the deadline were: Bill Nelson and wife, Steubenville; Harry Sager, Fostoria; Dick Toole, Ashville, and Bill Fralley, Bidwell, Ohio.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## GEORGE DOHMANN IS INTERESTED IN RUMOR ABOUT THE CHAPLAINS

George W. Dohmann, 2479 University Ave., Bronx, N. Y., writes to Secretary Quinn, in part as follows:

Dear Danny: The attached was brought to my attention by a friend who is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Although I am a diligent newspaper reader, I have not seen anything in the papers in reference to the attached and am wondering about the truth that is in the subject matter.

. . . I can't help but feel that, if the information given is correct, some attempt should be made to bring it to the attention of the public. . . . I can't say that I am over-religious, but, by the same token, during combat in World War II and, even after hostilities, the Chaplain was for myself and most anyone that I knew, a confidant and cherished friend.

Your comments would be appreciated.—George W. Dohmann.

The following proposed letter is the matter George received from his VFW friend. The Octofoil too would like to hear from any of the members who have any definite information relative to any such move as is alleged below regarding the Chaplains Corps:

**Suggested Outline of Letter of Protest Against Discontinuance of Chaplains Corps in the Armed Forces of the United States.**

Dear Sir:

It has been brought to my attention that an attempt is being made to discontinue the Chaplains Corps as an integral part of the armed forces of the United States.

Chaplains have served in the armed forces of our country before we were in the United States. At Valley Forge, General Washington asked a Chaplain to lead the men in prayer to Almighty God for help in their critical hour of need.

Since that time Chaplains have given spiritual guidance, counsel and comfort to our fighting men who have served and are serving our country in all parts of the world—both in war and peace. To deprive these men of this rightful heritage is unthinkable.

I strongly protest this attempt on the part of an organized minority group to take away from those in the armed forces their right to have spiritual guidance administered thru the Chaplains Corps.

I respectfully urge that you take definite steps to forestall any such action and that you use the influence of your position to see that such an attempt does not occur here in our United States.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Sign in Army Medical Center: "All recruits will strip to the waist—from both ends."

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Sign in Auto Part Store: "Factory reject seat belts—for those who want to be half safe."



## PLEASE ANSWER THIS QUESTIONNAIRE TODAY --- NOW!

Indicate your plans by checking the appropriate square and mail to:

**John Sabato, Co-Chairman**  
2743 Snyder Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19145

- ☐ I do not plan to attend this Reunion but I hope to make the next one.
- ☐ I plan to attend, but I am not sure.
- ☐ I plan to attend.
- ☐ With my wife.
- ☐ With.....Teenagers.
- ☐ With.....Children.
- ☐ With.....Guests.
- ☐ I expect to be in Philadelphia on
- ☐ Thursday      ☐ Friday      ☐ Saturday
- ☐ Enclosed please find One Dollar as a Booster to my Unit. For this dollar my name and unit will appear in the 19th Annual Reunion Journal whether or not I attend.

Name .....

Address .....

Unit .....

If every member reading this Octofoil will fill out the above NOW, and then take time to write to at least two Buddies who do not receive The Octofoil, and inform those Buddies of this Reunion, then a great help has been given the Committee in its efforts to complete plans to make this a great and successful Reunion.

## Open Letter to Members in Pittsburgh and Wilkes Barre-Scranton Areas

At a recent meeting of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter we were fortunate to have with us Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davis, from Wilkes-Barre, and they expressed a desire to reactivate the Wilkes Barre-Scranton Chapter.

Our illustrious and hard working National Secretary, Dan Quinn, at a recent Board meeting in Pittsburgh, laid the ground work and contacted a few of the fellows in an effort to reactivate that Chapter.

We of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter—and we are sure that all members would like to see these two groups reorganized and will do anything to help. We believe this could easily be done at the Philadelphia Reunion. Bob Davis says that he knows quite a few of the boys in his area who he is going to contact and press this idea and we feel sure that there are many in the Pittsburgh area who would be interested. To those in both areas who would be interested in reorganizing, please let us know if you are attending the Philadelphia Reunion, and we will set aside the time and meeting room for you to proceed.

We believe that the National Board would be receptive to any other group that would like to reorganize or any area that is interested in organizing a new Chapter.

Cordially yours,

AL CUPRYS, Chairman  
JOHN SABATO,  
Co-Chairman,  
1964 Reunion Committee

## Board Members and Visitors At Pow-Wow



Pictured above is the happy throng of former Ninth men when they assembled for the feed the Stokan boys had ready for them. Back row, left to right: Bill Stokan, Pittsburgh; Walter O'Keefe, New York City; George Kopac, Pittsburgh; Henry Shimkoski, Worcester, Mass.; Joe Fisher, Pittsburgh; Tom Boyle, Massachusetts; Harry Orenstein, New York; Frank Ozart, Illinois; Francis Maher, Massachusetts; John Clouser, Illinois; Pat Morano, New York Chapter; Dick Pestel, Columbus, Ohio; Harrison Daysh, Washington, D.C. John Rizzo and Dan Quinn were not shown in the photo.

If you think it hard to meet new people, you should pick up the wrong golf ball.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

A man who can see both sides of a question isn't much good in a hot argument.

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## GENERAL WESTMORELAND SENT ON A JOB THAT IS A TOUGH ONE

The Octofoil is indebted to many members for sending Down East newspaper clippings about Lt. Gen. William Westmoreland's appointment to be commander of the American Forces in South Vietnam.

Pat Morano, a past president of Greater New York Chapter, learned that a naval officer friend of his was headed for South Vietnam, which fact prompted Pat to write a personal note to Gen. Westmoreland and ask that his naval friend, Lt. Rankin, deliver the note personally. The personal note reads:

New York Chapter,  
9th Inf. Div. Assn.,  
New York, N. Y.  
April 24, 1964.

Dear General Westmoreland: Just a short note to let you know that we in the New York Chapter are all rooting for you and wish you all the best success in your new assignment.

All of us back here hope and pray that you will be able to inculcate the same spirit and leadership in the cause of freedom and democracy over there as you have instilled to all of us in the 9th Inf. Div.

With sincerest regards,  
PAT MORANO, Past Pres.,  
N. Y. Chapter, 9th Inf. Div. Assn.

The New York Times on April 27 printed headlines calling Gen. Westmoreland... A COMBAT-READY GENERAL. The Times outlines the General's colorful military record during World War II and Korea, and states he is a rugged, no non-sense soldier who does not ask his men to do anything that he would not do himself. During paratroop training exercises he jumped ahead of his men to test the wind. He would sometimes cancel an exercise if he found the descent perilous.

In 1956, at the age of 42, he became the youngest major general in the Army.

The Times states that ever since arriving in South Vietnam General Westmoreland has been close to the rifle fire, having had his plane fired upon by snipers, but fortunately Gen. Westmoreland was uninjured.

### VERY POPULAR

In Vietnam, Gen. Westmoreland has won wide popularity among other members of the American mission, particularly younger officers and civilians. Part of the reason is that he feels more decisions could be made by men on the spot without reference to higher authority.

Gen. Westmoreland's big problem right now seems to be to defeat the "psychosis of the rainy season" that exists among the natives. A qualified source said the general had prepared new tactical instructions for the troops to use against Communist guerrillas in the coming four months of seasonal rains.

Heavy tropical rains in the summer months turn wide expanses of the critical Mekong Delta into a quagmire where infantrymen fear to tread. Large parts of the country are completely under water. Mechanized units are unable to maneuver in the flooded rice paddies and heavy artillery shells fired with high trajectories fall ineffectively into the mud.

Gen. Westmoreland is holding consultations with the field advisors who worked through the last rainy season. He hopes to derive some new tactics.

### GAVE CHINESE REDS FITS IN KOREA

An Associated Press story sent out over the wires shortly after Gen. Westmoreland was appointed commander of the South Vietnam forces reads as follows:

The new U. S. Commander in South Vietnam—Lt. Gen. William C. Westmoreland—is tough. Ask any man who served under him.

He showed it in the Korean War, where he commanded the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, "The Rakkasans," Japanese for those who descends by umbrella.

The 50-year-old general is described best in his own words. The scene was a command position overlooking the Red Chinese lines on a sunlit afternoon. Westmoreland was addressing a half dozen officers seeing action with the regiment for the first time.

### "ANNIHILATE" ENEMY

"Gentlemen," he said, "we take our losses but we fight bravely, we pursue the enemy, and when we have him, we annihilate him."

Later, when war's end was just around the corner but a big Red push was on next door to the 187th's Kumwha Valley "Blackjack Bastion" Westmoreland came up front and called together the officers and senior noncoms of the 3rd Battalion's K Company.

"You are here," he said, drawing a line on the ground with his right foot. "If the enemy comes, you may

go to here." He took a step sideways and with his left foot drew a line about 30 inches behind the first. "No further. Here you will stand and here you will die if need be."

### SURPRISE TACTIC

Westmoreland constantly badgered 8th Army Headquarters to let him attack. On one occasion headquarters turned down his request to launch a sally but told him to get some prisoners.

Westmoreland sent a platoon up a draw in Chinese territory under cover of night. The next afternoon he sent a light plane over the Chinese positions. The Reds fired, the plane smoked and a body fell out, coming to earth near the draw by parachute. The plane disappeared.

The body was a dummy. The smoke was a grenade ignited by the pilot and the plane skimmed back to U. S. lines at bush level.

Soon a Chinese patrol moved into the draw, looking for the parachutist. The Rakkassan platoon, lying in wait, took several Chinese prisoners and killed at least 30 of the enemy.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## General's Plane Hit By Snipers

SAIGON, Viet Nam.—(AP)—Communist sniper fire hit a U. S. army plane carrying Lt. Gen. William Westmoreland, commander of U. S. forces in South Vietnam.

Three other men aboard suffered minor injuries, an American military spokesman said, but Westmoreland was not hit.

## Father DeLaura Opens a New Parish Library

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anthony F. DeLaura, pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption parish, Copaque, N. Y., recently officiated at the solemn opening of a new parish library. New York papers gave the happening good coverage, printing a 2-column picture of Msgr. DeLaura, Rev. John Maetta, Mrs. William Casey, and altar boys Raymond McKay and John Robertson.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## THANKS FOR THE PRETTY CARDS...

There isn't sufficient space available to list the name of those sending cards to the editor during his most recent hospitalized experience. From all the chapters with group signatures along with hundreds from individuals cards were received. World War II taxi vets of New York City sent a beautiful card. To each and everyone sincere thanks. They meant a lot to the old man's morale when there was some doubt in the medic's minds what the outcome of it all was going to be.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## Heat Is On Schmidt

Art Schmidt, New York Chapter reporter, gets all kinds of mail and passes the buck on to The Octofoil. For a long while now the New York Taxi Drivers lobby has been giving Art "the works." Now something new has been added. He's getting cards that read: Mr. Arthur Schmidt, Public Relations, Society of the 9th Division—Dear Sir: Oppose the bus-ing of school children.

## Our Boy Victor With Ninth's "Sweetheart"



Martha Raye recently visited Atlanta, Ga., and while she was in this Rebel Metropolis, Walter Victor, 340 Lynhurst Dr., S.W., Atlanta 11, Ga., eased up and had his picture taken while snuggling up close to Martha. She's holding a copy of "8 Stars to Victory" and has promised Victor she will make every effort to drop in on her "boys" during the Philadelphia Reunion. Martha Raye will always be close to the hearts of those Ninth Division men who walked many miles on rainy Saturday afternoons in North Africa through cork forests in order to enjoy her stellar performances.

## New Address For Col. R. H. Stumpf

The new address for Col. R. H. Stumpf will be:

Col. R. H. Stumpf,  
Hq. Combat Development  
Command,  
Fort Belvoir, Va.

Col. Stumpf personally forwarded his new address in sufficiently time in advance to make proper corrections on the mailing list and at the same time saving The Octofoil expense and inconvenience. If all Association members would be just that thoughtful operation of the Octofoil with its problems would be much less.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

## Omitted Address of Gen. George Barth

Recently The Octofoil printed a page 1 story about how glad everyone was to hear from Gen. George Barth and learn he was still interested in the Association.

Since then some of Gen. Barth's old buddies have written in and asked "just why in the hell wasn't his address given?" Just another goof to be chalked up against The Octofoil. Here's the address, though:

Major General George B. Barth,  
1101 So. 2nd Street,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

When temptation knocks, imagination generally answers.