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WORLD'S FAIR SITE MAY BE USED IN 1965

THE STRUCTURE ENCOMPASSES EVERYTHING



The Statler Hilton
NEW YORK

The above photo is a partial view of the fabulous Statler-Hilton Hotel, 7th Ave. and 33rd St., New York City — headquarters for the 1965 Reunion. Members driving and unfamiliar with New York's complicated traffic, have to drive only a few blocks after exiting from the Lincoln Tunnel before being met by a courteous Statler doorman, who takes the car and has it parked indoors about three blocks away at a very nominal charge. The many conveniences, party rooms, assembly rooms and other arrangements too numerous to mention, defy description. Slipping out a side door on 33rd St. the "girls" run right into short cut entrances into Gimbel's, Macy's, etc., without any chance of getting lost in the Big Town. And the rates they've agreed to at the Statler are unbelievable—small town rates—but Big League Service. And a week before or after the Reunion—at Reunion rates, for those who want to visit the World's Fair.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous 1965 Is Extended All Members and Families

Another year of joy and happiness, mixed with trials, tribulations and sorrows has been recorded in the biography of Association members and their loved ones. This is the time of year when all civilized people—irrespective of race, creed or color—experience the emotions of kind feelings and compassion one for another—a feeling patterned after the example set on earth many, many years ago by the Christ Child.

The Octofoil humbly extends to former Ninth men and families—wherever they may be—a sincere hope and prayer that this 1964 Christmas Season may be a joyous and happy one . . . and that the New Year, 1965, will prove one of Prosperity and Contentment to a most deserving group of men and women—a group that played major roles in protecting our way of life on the battlefields of yesteryear and are now continually fighting to preserve those same ideals as civilians—ever on the alert in suppressing the Infidel and Pagan symbols being fostered on people all over the world by the insidious and evil forces of Communism.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL—
from National Association Officers and The Octofoil.

Deadline for Next Issue Will Be February 10

Pictures for the next issue of The Octofoil must be received on or before February 5, 1965. News items must be received on or before Feb. 10. Address all correspondence to The Octofoil, 286 Zimpfer St., Columbus, Ohio.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W—

Father Kines' Story In the Next Issue

Rev. L. Berkeley Kines, S.J., former 39th Chaplain has had published a most interesting article in a religious publication sponsored by the Order to which he belongs.

Those who have read the article advise there are many parts of the article that all former Ninth men and especially 39th men, will enjoy reading.

Arrangements are being made to print the article in next issue of The Octofoil.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W—

GEORGE MORGAN IS MOST APPRECIATIVE

The following paragraph was "lifted" from the Chapter news letter sent in by Arthur Schmidt from the New York Chapter. It deserves a special heading. This item shows the unlimited possibilities that exist for former Ninth Infantry Division men to be of help one to another—and those contacts can only be kept possible so help may be given is through the perpetuation of the Ninth Infantry Division Association:

"Ed Eagan reported that George A. Morgan, A Co. and F Co., 47th Inf., now in Venice, Calif., telephoned him. Morgan wanted to thank all members of the Association for assistance given him in obtaining an increase in his veterans' disability compensation. He especially wanted to thank Col. Smythe, Major Roberts, Captain Clegg, Captain McLaughlin, Marty Roach, Jimmy Macedo, Doc Walton and Emil Langer, and all the rest for the help they gave him in his appeal to the Veterans' Administration. He regrets that he is not personally able to write each one because of the crippling arthritis in his "artist" hands. Thanks again to everyone from George Morgan, a well known artist in the 47th Regt. and the Ninth Infantry Division."

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W—

Just Like The Mounties—Al Geist "Gets His Man"

Albert C. Geist, 11400 S. Millard Ave., Chicago 55, Ill., was breezing down the New York Thruway and decided it was time to call it a day—so he drove toward Schroon Lake, New York, and spotted a real classy looking motel called Mt. Severance Motor Court, which is operated by Russ and Martha Sayward.

During a friendly chat with Russ, Al learned that he was a former 39th Regt. man. It didn't take Geist long to rustle up an application blank for membership, got it properly signed and sent it in to Secretary Dan Quinn. That's really mixing business and pleasure.

Geist advises he can recommend Russ' place to any of the members who are traveling in that neighborhood. The Mt. Severance is in the "Heart of the Adirondacks." The Cabins have family units and are all heated with individual thermostats; private showers, free TV with a large children's playground and a picnic area. The Court is also near a beach, shopping center and restaurants.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W—

The youngster next door is not completely useless. At least five mothers use him as a bad example.

NEW YORK CHAPTER COMMITTEE HAS NEGOTIATED RATE AGREEMENT WITH HOTEL STATLER THAT IS REASONABLE FOR ALL

Committees have been appointed for the 1965 Reunion in New York City. Their names will be noted in this issue of The Octofoil. These committees are meeting regularly and have thorough and comprehensive reports to make at regular Chapter meetings. It will be impossible to print in any one issue of The Octofoil a complete rundown on all of the elaborate plans these committees are formulating. Hence, various aspects of the committees' activities will be printed in the different issues that will be printed from this date until the July Reunion dates. In order to get a complete story—unbelievable—fantastic—fabulous—on Reunion plans all copies of The Octofoil, including this issue, should be kept intact until after the Reunion—July 29-31, 1965.

FAZIO HITS JACKPOT

Members of the Association who have observed Frank Fazio in action while serving on various committees have become accustomed to reports that are almost unbelievable. At this early stage of the game, Frank has come up with another "killer-diller." He reports plans are being made to have the Memorial Services for the New York Reunion to be held at the Federal Government Exhibit at the World's Fair Grounds. Because of traffic problems he is arranging for a subway excursion from the Statler Hilton Hotel to the World's Fair Grounds.

THE COMMITTEES

The Committees that have been selected to arrange the many events for the 1965 Reunion are as follows:

Convention Committee: Frank Fazio, Chairman; Emil Langer, Co-Chairman.

Banquet Committee: John Rizzo, Chairman; Jack Scully, George Apar. **Dance Committee:** Anthony Varone, Chairman; Al Munatere, Max Umansky, Harry Wax, Al Orletti.

Registration Committee: Emil Langer, Chairman; Dominick Miele, Harry Orenstein, Dr. Hyman Sesslowe, Al Wadalavage, George Fraenkel, J. Haroutunian.

Publicity Committee: Arthur Schmidt, Chairman; Daniel L. Quinn, Stan Cohen, Irving Feinberg.

Journal Committee: Dave Gelman, Chairman; Vincent D'Addena, Co-Chairman; Mr. McInerney, Al Lechmanik, Ralph Witzkin.

Memorial Service and Parade Committee: Edward Egan, Chairman; Lou Almasy, Vincent Guglielmino.

Miscellaneous Committee: Jacob Laskau, Chairman; Charles Warner, Frank Russo, Ralph Witzkin.

Welfare and Hospitality Committee: George Apar, Chairman; all the members of New York Chapter.

Gold Star Committee: Daniel L. Quinn, Chairman; Arthur Schmidt; Mr. McInerney, Honorary Chairman; Mr. Lynch, Honorary Chairman.

Ladies' Auxiliary Committee: Mrs. Betty Rizzo, Mrs. Marie Quinn, Mrs. Dottie Apar, Mrs. Myrtle Guglielmino, Mrs. Anne Lepere.

Golf Committee: Bill O'Shea, George Apar, Mr. O'Connor.

Honorary Convention Chairman: The 1965 New York Chapter President.

Chairman Fazio stated that the committee will leave no stone unturned to keep Reunion costs at a minimum, assuring a great time for a reasonable expenditure on the part of all who attend the Reunion. He promises an excellent dinner, two beer parties, a dance, golf tournament, and a ticket to the World's Fair, all included in the strip ticket.

9TH INFANTRY WEEK

The week of the Reunion will be Ninth Infantry Division Week at the World's Fair. Tickets for radio and television shows will be available.

Cost of the strip ticket is tentatively set at \$15. A child's strip ticket will cost \$10 and it is planned that

the child's ticket will include the dinner and a ticket to the World's Fair.

ADS FOR JOURNAL

Contracts for ads in the Reunion Journal will be mailed to the membership.

The reduced hotel rates will hold for members attending the Reunion, for the week before and after the Reunion.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W—

SPECIAL—BILL KREYE SECTION IN NEXT ISSUE

The Octofoil's dependable ally, William Kreye, of Brooklyn, has compiled a story for The Octofoil that is one of the best and most comprehensive that has been submitted in a long time. Bill's story deals with highlights in and around El Guettar in the early days of 1943. It is an all-absorbing narrative of those hectic days all the units faced. Naturally, the Sarge's story deals principally with 39th Regiment headaches and heartaches.

At first it was decided to run the story in two installments because of the coverage given Memorial Services in this issue. Later decisions reversed the installment idea and decided this all absorbing story should be printed in full in one issue. The next issue of The Octofoil will print this wonderful story by Bill Kreye.

Don't miss reading it!

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W—

Earl Beaudoin Signs On the Dotted Line

Earl Beaudoin, 179 S. Main St., Gardner, Mass., is now a full-fledged member of the Association. Earl is associated with the Harry Seder Co. in Gardner, specializing in plastering craftsmanship.

He has never been a member. After attending the Memorial Services in Worcester on Nov. 8 he filled out an application blank for membership and handed it to Secretary Dan Quinn.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W—

"COOTIES" COPY LETTER BY PRESIDENT O'KEEFFE

A few months ago President Walter O'Keeffe sent a letter to The Octofoil in which he outlined the part he thought The Octofoil played in helping perpetuate the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

This letter of the President's seemed to make an impression with many nonmembers who read it. The following month The Cootie Courier reprinted the letter on Page 1. The Courier is the official publication for the Military Order of the Cootie—which is the HONOR degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Another state Cootie paper, The Me-Itch-I-Gan, printed in Detroit, also recently reprinted the letter.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W—

Highly educated women make excellent wives. They have a better vocabulary for explaining why they are such lousy housekeepers.

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No one objects to how much you say if you say it in a few words.



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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 former members of the Ninth Infantry Division."

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STATLER HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

The Hilton Hotel management will mail out thousands of postal cards with Reunion rates similar to coupon below. Members, in order to enjoy the special Reunion rates should fill out one of the cards or the following blank and send to the hotel several weeks before the Reunion dates:

FRONT OFFICE MANAGER

THE STATLER HILTON

7th Ave., 32nd and 33rd Sts.,
 New York, N. Y. 1001

Please reserve accommodations as checked (✓) below:

Name _____
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Address _____

City _____ State _____

Firm Name (mention 9th Division) _____

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED

not later than 2 weeks prior to opening date of convention and will be held only until 6 p.m. on day of arrival unless later hour is specified.

Date Arriving _____ Hour _____ A.M. P.M.

Date Departing _____ Hour _____ A.M. P.M.

SINGLE _____ \$10.00 ☐ DOUBLE _____ \$13.00 ☐

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Suite—Living Room, Bedroom and Bath—\$43.00 ☐; \$45.00 ☐; \$47.00 ☐

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For each additional adult in Double or Twin-Bedroom, the extra charge is \$4.00 per day.

NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR CHILDREN OCCUPYING THE SAME ROOM AS PARENTS.

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New York Statler-Hilton Hotel

Dr. Gowen Passed Away On Sept. 5

Mrs. Leo F. Gowen, 114 Cheshire Lane, St. Louis 19, Mo., the bereaved widow of Dr. Leo F. Gowen, M.D., on October 25, 1964, penned the following sad note to The Octofoil:

"I regret to inform you that Dr. Gowen is no longer with us. He died quite suddenly on September 5, 1964, of a cerebral hemorrhage. He is survived by his wife and eight children, ages 21 years to one month—six sons and two daughters. Dr. Gowen served with the Ninth Medical Battalion and was overseas from April, 1943 to August, 1945."

The Octofoil joins with Doc's other thousands of friends and buddies in extending heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Gowen and the children during this most trying ordeal.

Grandparents are so simple that even a child can operate them.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W-I—

Florence Gunter Takes Care of Frank's Dues

Frank Gunter's address is 423 So. 34th St., Tacoma, Wash. His very efficient wife, Florence, got tired of hearing Frank say "I'll take care of it" when she asked if he'd paid his 1965 Association dues. So she takes her own check in and says mark "Frank Gunter as a paid-up member in good standing with the 9th Infantry Division Association."

Thanks, Flo—and Secretary Dan Quinn wishes there were a lot more Flos to wet nurse some of these members who keep putting off attending to such "little" things as this.

Frank should adopt a new slogan: "Never put off until tomorrow what Flo thinks I did yesterday."

As in a boat, there's no place to put anything in a house trailer except where it belongs.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W-I—

VETERANS' COUNCIL OF WORCESTER SELECTS FATHER ED "THE MAN"

On Wednesday, November 11, 1964, The Worcester Evening Gazette published a 2-column picture of Father Ed Connors accepting a plaque from Joseph P. DeLaura, commander of the Worcester Veterans Council. The plaque had inscribed: "Rev. Edward T. Connors, chaplain of the Ninth Infantry Division and friend of all Worcester Veterans."

This annual award is usually given at luncheon in the Worcester Post, U. S. Jewish War Veterans.

The innovation came about because Father Connors was not planning to attend the luncheon this year, according to Morris D. Goldsmith, vice commander of the council.

Goldsmith said the recipient of the award is never informed in advance. Since Father Connors could not be talked into giving up a previous engagement, it was decided to give him the award at Lincoln Square rather than tell him about it beforehand.

Mayor Paul V. Mullaney stated: "For 20 years Father Connors has been holding reunions for the Ninth Division. He has bound together the spirit of the division and it's growing stronger each year," Mullaney said.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W-I—
Members Asked to Take Interest In Scholarship Work

Those who read the minutes of the recent Board meeting, which are in this issue of The Octofoil are asked to note in particular that the Board members are asking the rank and file members more thoroughly familiarize themselves with the aims and mechanics of the Association's Scholarship Program. The members are urged to apply for scholarship aid for their own youngsters if eligible. They are asked to learn the eligibility of other former Ninth men who are not familiar with the program.

Any information that is not published in The Octofoil will be furnished gladly by the Scholarship Program Chairman, John Clouser, 200 N. Elm St., Mount Prospect, Ill.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W-I—

PADDY'S WIDOW CONTRIBUTES TO MEMORIAL FUND

Major J. M. Alley, Ret., recently forwarded to Secretary Quinn a check from the widow of the beloved Paddy Flint of 39th Regt. fame. Mrs. Flint asked the major to see that it reached the Association and used as was needed. Major Alley suggested the money be credited to the Scholarship Fund. This suggestion was carried out by Secretary Quinn.

In his letter Major Alley tells of how much he enjoyed the short time he was able to be in Philadelphia at the 1964 Reunion, and hopes to be able to participate in the entire Reunion which will be held in the Statler-Hilton Hotel, New York City, in 1965.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W-I—

Donna Boyle Feels "Most Grateful"

Donna Boyle, the talented daughter of National Treasurer Tom Boyle, 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass., was one of the recipients of a Ninth Division Scholarship Award. Donna is most appreciative of the Association's gesture in her behalf and so expresses herself in a most courteous little note to Secretary Quinn, dated Nov. 6, 1964, which reads:

"Gentlemen: I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the financial aid granted to me by your organization. To merit such an award I am striving to attain grades which may become a credit to you and your generosity.

"Again, I extend my many thanks and remain forever honored. Yours truly, Donna Boyle."

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W-I—

AL LECHMANIK IS REAL BENEFACTOR IN TIME OF NEED

It's members like Al Lechmanik who are mainly responsible for the Association ticking along so smoothly. Al operates the Summit Typewriter Co., Summit, N. J., and has donated for use in the National Secretary's Office an electric portable typewriter.

During the last Reunion in Philadelphia Al donated \$50.00 for the Scholarship Fund. He was with F and G Co.s, 47th, while with the Ninth Division.

It certainly would be a better world if everyone were as good as he wishes his neighbor was.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W-I—

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 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.

THE OCTOFOIL EDITOR VISITS NEW YORK CHAPTER DURING NOVEMBER MEETING

By PAUL S. PLUNKETT,
 Octofoil Editor

Enroute to Worcester, Mass., for Father Connors' Memorial Services, the writer stopped over in New York City for the Friday night meeting of the Greater New York Chapter on November 6.

Attending this Chapter meeting was an inspiration and a revelation. The business details and 1965 Convention plans will not be covered in this personal report of the meeting. The Chapter's Publicity Director—Arthur Richard Schmidt, will do a good job in due time, reporting on these phases of the meeting.

Chaplain George Apar opened the meeting with a prayer asking for divine guidance in the Chapter's deliberations. When Chaplain Apar lifts his voice in prayer that in itself is an inspiration.

President John Rizzo then took command of the meeting and did a good job. Occasionally he let the members stray from parliamentary procedure and have a little fun in order to break the monotony—but when Rizzo sounds that gavel—that's it, boys—Roberts Rules of Order is again applied impartially. During one debate it was necessary to have National President O'Keeffe refer to his copy of Roberts and make a ruling. The ruling being made, the section of operation cited, all parties concerned abided the decision orderly and democratically.

CHAPLAIN HAS HIS FUN

President Rizzo declared a short recess while committees were out formulating reports. During this interum the "free lunch counter" was opened—a table filled with many appetizing delicacies. It was quite a few minutes before the hour of midnight

on Friday, Nov. 6—and Chaplain Apar, who is of Jewish religious beliefs, moved his station during the recess to the head of the Free Lunch Counter, announcing, "I've been noticing the gleam in the eyes of my many good Catholic friends who keep getting closer and closer to all those appealing cold meat cuts. It is my solemn duty to keep them good Catholics and not let them succumb to the temptation this Free Lunch Counter offers." And that's just what the Jewish Chaplain did until the hour of midnight.

Time for committee reports and reconvening arrived. Upon the gavel's rap complete order was restored and the reports of those committees were another inspiration. They were thorough, denoting that much time and thought had gone in their preparation.

Report of the Service Officers was touching. Adolph Wadalavage and that committee does a marvelous job of keeping tab on members who are hospitalized. And that's a man sized job in an area so far-flung as the Greater New York area is.

This report could go on and on and on, complimenting various committee reports submitted to this meeting.

Any Ninth Division men being in or around New York City on the first Friday night of any month, will miss a real treat if they do not stop by the Dorchester Room in the Statler Hilton Hotel and attend a New York Chapter meeting. The hospitality shown visitors is on a par with any of that much "tooted" southern hospitality.

The writer is glad he was able to attend and hopes to be able to attend another New York Chapter meeting before long.

GEN. RANDLE BACK FROM LONG TOUR

The Octofoil received a letter from Gen. Ed Randle, 503 Althea Road, Belleaire, Clearwater, Fla., advising that he and Mrs. Randle had been on a 4,700-mile motor trip from Sept. 13 to Oct. 13. was why he had not written sooner.

The general said he had about two bushels of accumulated mail when he returned home but after sifting through it a greater portion of it was from people and organizations wanting money. He can't understand how his name got on so all-fired many "sucker lists."

Sign on Dick Pestel's chicken farm fence: "All our hens lay fresh eggs."

JACK SCULLY IN-AND-OUT OF HOSPITAL

Word reaches The Octofoil that Jack Scully, a spark plug in the Greater New York Chapter, has been hospitalized again since the Memorial Services in Worcester. However, last reports were that Jack was back home again and was making plans to be at the Chapter's Christmas party. Scully was very much in evidence during activities in Worcester. He had lost a few pounds, but that ever-present friendly smile was just as friendly and contagious as it ever was.

It's a small world, after you've made the long auto trip out to the airport.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W-I—

Secretary Quinn has extended to the bereaved family sympathy from the Association.

New York Chapter Elects Officers For 1964-65... Other Chapter News

By ARTHUR RICHARD SCHMIDT,
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President 4-7100, Extension 13
The December meeting of the New York Chapter was held in the Harvard Room at the Statler-Hilton Hotel. About 40 members were present. Chapter President John Rizzo opened the meeting by asking everyone to stand for a moment of silence in honor of departed buddies. Chapter Chaplain George Apar was late arriving. President Rizzo asked the Chapter Secretary, Dominick Meile, to read minutes of the last meeting. They were approved as read.

Irving Feinberg, Chapter Treasurer, reported the Chapter's bank balance was still in the black. He was only able to give a partial report, stating the true financial status could not be shown until full reports from the 50-50 Club operation were filed. Irv opened his report by citing a big bank balance, then started to list the Chapter's expenses, the members wanted to know what had happened to the big bank balance.

CARDS MAILED OUT

Frank Fazio, New York Reunion Chairman, reported that hotel reservation cards printed by the hotel will be mailed to 3,000 former Ninth men. These cards are the same as the reservations blank printed in The Octofoil. Dom Meile will help in mailing these cards to the New York Chapter membership.

Fazio hopes to contact Dave Gelman, Chairman of the Journal Committee, and get that phase of the Reunion plans to operating. He also asked various committee members to start holding their own monthly meetings among themselves, in conjunction with regular monthly meetings, so they can work out definite programs for the Reunion.

NOTICES SENT OUT

National Secretary Dan Quinn reported that he had sent notices to all of the Veterans' organizations advising them of our Reunion dates.

ORENSTEIN REPORTS

Harry Orenstein gave a report on the Board of Governors meeting in Worcester, Mass. Harry stated that John Sabato gave a report on the Philadelphia Reunion; Emil Langer gave a report on the forthcoming New York Reunion; in the absence of John Clouser, Frank Ozart gave a report on the Scholarship Program. Quinn reported that thus far he had one applicant for a scholarship and that the Ladies' Auxiliary was picking up steam. He also stated that both Washington and Boston had put in bids for the Reunion in 1966.

WELFARE OFFICER REPORT

Adolph Wadalavage, Chapter Welfare officer, reported that Giacore had been discharged from the hospital.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Jack Scully and George Fraenkel each reported they had purchased 50 pounds of candy for the Christmas Party, set for Dec. 6, at the Elk's Lodge in Union City, N. J. Santa has promised to do a good job. Dom Meile has arranged to have cartoons for the children. Feinberg and Quinn have been helping Santa get the toys;

Miele is to help Feinberg and Santa get the toys to the Elks. Fazio was to make the sandwiches. Ice cream will be served the kiddies.

(Editor's Note: This issue of The Octofoil went on the press a few days after the Christmas party. Reporter Schmidt has promised a complete breakdown on the party in a feature story for the next issue.)

NEW OFFICERS

At this point President Rizzo read the list of recommendations for the various Chapter offices as prepared by the Nominating Committee. He asked if there were additional nominations from the floor. There being none the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee were declared unanimously elected by acclamation.

When time come to elect a Chapter Chaplain some technicalities arose. Chaplain George Apar has served for many years and wanted to continue as Chaplain, but since he was elected 1st Vice President, he could no longer serve as Chaplain. After conceding he was out as Chaplain, at least temporarily, he then remarked that he felt it proper that the Chaplaincy be retained by a member of the "Tribe of Israel," and nominated Harry Wax. The latter declined, and another was nominated and elected unanimously, namely—Harry Orenstein. Harry has always been sincere in his attitude toward furthering the aims of the Chapter and the Association. He is well qualified to serve as Chaplain.

Following is a list of the newly elected officers:

Frank Fazio, President.
George Apar, 1st Vice-President.
Al Lechmanek, 2nd Vice-President.
Al Orietti, Sergeant-at-Arms.
George Fraenkel, Judge Advocate.
Harry Orenstein, Chaplain.

The following men were elected to the Chapter Board of Governors:

Tony Varone, 39th Infantry.
Jack Scully, 47th Infantry.
Mike Gatto, 60th Infantry.
Arthur Schmidt, Special Troops.
Kenneth Gross, Division Artillery.
Secretary Dom Miele and Treasurer Irving Feinberg were not up for election, having been elected for three year terms.

Outgoing Chaplain Apar volunteered to serve as "Alternate Chaplain" and help Chaplain Orenstein any way that he can.

BUFFET SUPPER

It was decided to have a buffet supper in conjunction with the Installation of Officers at the next meeting, Jan. 8, 1965 at the Hotel Statler Hilton.

Harry Orenstein won the dark horse prize of \$5, but cashed it in for a book of chances on the 50-50 Club.

"Wild" Bill Zweil made a rare appearance at the meeting, and special mention was made of the appearance of Julie Iannotti, who came down from New Haven, Conn. Emil P. Langer reported that Charles Bailey of North Carolina had called him and asked about Bill O'Shea, Harold Schramm, Cy Galvin, Mike Micollucci of Upper Darby and Col. Hains of Crosskill, N. Y. Bailey is looking forward to the 1965 Reunion.

GEN. VAN BOND AND WIFE ENJOY A BIT OF WADE'S HOSPITALITY

Any time Frank Wade can be cornered he is in position to pass on a lot of newsy notes worth printing about various former Ninth Division men he contacts and hears from. But to get "Pinky" to jot some of those things down in letter form and send them in to The Octofoil is a deal that only an Act of Congress could make possible.

During the recent Memorial Services the former National President from Port Tobacco, Maryland, stuck pretty close to quarters because of an unusually bad cold that could have been bordering on more severe complications.

The very few seconds a representative of The Octofoil was able to talk with Wade as he entered the Church for the services, he mentioned Gen. Van Bond had made a business trip to Washington recently and before leaving that neighborhood he and Mrs. Bond took time out to spend a few hours with Mr. and Mrs. Wade in their lovely home at Port Tobacco, Md., which is about 25 miles around the Potomac River bend from the city of Washington.

Frank promised The Octofoil definitely he'd send in a letter giving details about the General's visit, along with some news notes about other former Ninth men he'd seen during recent weeks. But that letter never did materialize. Wade is not different from hundreds of other members who, for some reason or another, are allergic to writing letters.

For a while it was thought maybe if a representative of The Octofoil moved in on the Wade homestead for a few days to pick up some news, he might decide it better to take the time out and send the data in by Uncle Sam's delivery service.

But that wouldn't work either. His hobby is entertaining any and all former Ninth men who pass that way. And to move in on him would not phase him one little bit.

This former 39th Regt. redhead has a mighty good business head on his shoulders and made an excellent Association President, but he's the damndest-poorest correspondent The Octofoil has on its staff. Unless that letter comes in before the next issue, HE'S FIRED!

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PESTEL PICKS OUT NEEDY FAMILY HE WILL HELP CHEER

The Octofoil's Assistant Editor—Richard O. Pestel is a Busy Beaver, operating a ranch near Grove City, O., patterned after the famous LBJ ranch in Texas. As a matter of fact, LBJ has observers drop in on the ROP ranch occasionally to pick up pointers.

Pestel, the "gentleman farmer," dropped by The Octofoil and planked his weary carcass in a nearby chair and appeared to be wrestling with a momentous decision. Suddenly he screamed, "I've got it. Give me that list of needy families my Veterans of Foreign Wars Post is preparing Christmas baskets for. I want to donate to that fund." Thereupon he reached for his check book and wrote out a sizable check for the fund.

He turned to the rewrite editor, and asked: "Will you do me a favor?" "Okay, run a story and tell my hundreds of Ninth Division buddies I've been sending Christmas cards to for years that I just spent the money I had allocated for cards and stamps to help brighten Christmas morning for a needy family in our community. I know they will understand and agree."

OTHERS FALL IN LINE

Pestel's idea kinda spread around and before long the fund had increased considerably—the Octofoil editor falling in line with the spirit of the suggestion and contributed a sum to the VFW Needy Family Fund and cut down on Christmas card expenditures. Everyone seemed to experience a feeling that their money was being used to bring more happiness than the cards would have brought had they been sent out.

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John W. French's Death Is Reported

The Octofoil has no information about the death of John W. French, other than the Post Office Department returned his last copy of The Octofoil and made a notation on the paper, "Deceased."

At the time of his death John was living in Craig, Colorado, at 839 Russell Street.

It's quite a tough struggle to keep the Government from taking care of you.

HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING HELD IN NOVEMBER BY THE NEW YORK CHAPTER

By ARTHUR RICHARD SCHMIDT
New York Chapter Reporter

At the Nov. 6 meeting, held in the Dartmouth Room of the Statler Hotel, Frank Fazio reported that the Oct. 26 dance held at the Union City Elks Lodge was a great success. A great guy was honored at this affair—Harry Orenstein, a hard working Chapter and Association member. A watch was presented to Harry by the Chapter to show its appreciation. The band played an extra hour for the members—who devoured 300 steaks plus an extra barrel of beer. Fazio reported that the committee members responsible for the affair being such a success were entitled to more than just a "thank you."

At the November 6 meeting Paul Plunkett, editor of The Octofoil, paid the Chapter a welcome visit. Ed Egan was present, having recently returned from a European vacation. The writer was back "on the beam" after missing the October meeting and dance. The writer and his uncle—Henry Ruhl, dubbed "the General," by Jack Scully, had been on a tour of Blue Ridge Mountain trails.

There were 25 members present at the November meeting. Adolph Wadalavage reported having visited with Giacobe at Kingsbridge VA Hospital. Giacobe asked for some mail from the boys. Dominick Miele reported membership had picked up. George Apar gave an opening prayer. Walter O'Keeffe gave a report on the Board of Governors meeting. Feinberg reported the treasury was in the black.

LETTER TO GOV. KERNER

Chaplain George Apar suggested that the Chapter send a letter of congratulations to Otto Kerner on having been re-elected governor for Illinois.

Members of the Nominating Committee were chosen by lottery. Vincent Guglielmino was chosen as the chairman. Other committee members were: Emil Langer, George Apar, Ed Egan and Max Umanski.

Paul Plunkett drew the name for the dark horse prize winner—which was won by Frank Mele. Jack Scully had donated a bottle of wine as the dark horse prize.

WELL REPRESENTED AT WORCESTER

The New York Chapter was well represented at the Memorial Services in Worcester Nov. 8. The following who attended are mentioned with the possibility that many others attended whose names are unintentionally omitted here:

Jack Scully, Frank Fazio, Adolph Wadalavage, Dan Quinn, Arthur Schmidt, Walter O'Keeffe, Vincent Guglielmino, Bill Kreye, Max Umanski, John Rizzo, Mr. and Mrs. McInerney (Gold Star parents), Dominick Miele, George Fraenkel, Ed Egan, Lou Almassy, George Apar, Harry Orenstein and Emil Langer.

PURELY PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS

No one can reach any other conclusion after attending the Memorial Services in Worcester, other than the fact that Father Connors has his heart and soul to the Memorial Mass and the Ninth Infantry Division Association. The fine buffet supper provided by his parishioners included all kinds of tasty foods. This coupled with the courtesies shown everyone at Father Connors Coffee Shop on Saturday night made the journey well worthwhile. I made the trip with Adolph Wadalavage and his son, Kevin. Kevin thought he would give me a close race at the supper table. Before long he admitted he'd met his match. But Kevin was up against an amateur as compared to the ravishing appetite of Dave Gelman.

MANY ENGINEERS

I was personally pleased to note the number of Engineers who attended the buffet supper and Mass. Among them were Joseph Dempsey, James Mullin, Ferdinando Loblundo, Dave Mahoney, George Williams, Peter P. Thomas, Fred D. Amore, Dickinson, Tony DiPietro and many, many more.

The main purpose for going to Worcester is to attend the Mass for the Ninth Division dead. It was great to see the church packed and there were many standing. Father Connors' sermon was sincere and showed his devotion to the Ninth Division. I am not ashamed to say that tears come to my eyes. The Memorial Services outside the church at the Ninth Division Memorial on the lawn of the church served to bring back memories and demonstrated why the Ninth Infantry Division Association is still in existence 20

Maher Comes to Rescue Again and Again and...

It's the same old story again—just what The Octofoil would have done without the untiring help that has been forthcoming from former National President Francis Maher, 14 Davenport St., Worcester, Mass.

Shortly after the Memorial Services Maher visited The Worcester Telegram office and secured the glossy prints that were used to prepare cuts for that newspaper after the Memorial Service and the banquet on Nov. 8. This was followed up with letters pointing out the names of many dignitaries attending the banquet at Wauchussets Country Club, which was attended by approximately 500—far above expectations. Never to be phased—as they kept driving up to the fabulous country club additional rooms were taken over—loud speakers were provided and the continuity of the program was never interrupted.

Father Henry Murphy, a former Navy chaplain, was presented some kind of gadget that resembled a ship, by Father Connors. Father Murphy took some dirty digs but was able to dish out some himself—he said he was at that banquet table representing the Sixth Fleet.

The Bishop who always attends these affairs was in Rome, and sent as his representative Monsignor Francis Manning.

Among other dignitaries who were on the speakers' platform were: Congressman Harold D. Donahue. Mayor Paul V. Mullaney.

(The mayor, incidentally, complimented the appearance and contents of The Octofoil.)

City Manager Francis J. McGrath. Father Peter Scanlon.

Father Gerald Rowan (a former 9th Division M.P., and a dedicated member of the Association.)

Father Mac Carren.

Father John Lindauskas.

Father Gee, (assigned to duty in Father Connors' parish.)

Father Berkeley Kines, a former 39th Regt. Chaplain, and Gold Star Parents Mrs. Lillian McAvoy, Mr. and Mrs. McInerney, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olson.

Referring again to the Memorial Services that preceded the banquet, failure to mention the following participants would be inexcusable:

The Worcester Police Color Guard this year was led by Sgt. Francis Savage, assisted by Patrolmen Carl Clair, Francis Shugrue, Roger Demers, Henry Kisel and Richard Daily. Chief of Police James F. Trainor assigned many extra officers to duty in order that visitors might be properly directed and escorted to the Wauchussets Country Club after the Memorial Services for the banquet.

Thomas D'Errico was the bugler who sounded taps—and the echo of his clear notes on Gold Star Boulevard will long be remembered.

Both Father Connors and Maher cautioned in their letters to be sure that mention be made of the hard work and long hours each and every member of the New England Chapter put in to make this week end one of the grandest ever witnessed by any group of ex-G.I.s—barring none.

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MARIAN BRIANYK STILL IN THERE "PITCHING"

The last issue of The Octofoil made mention of Marian Brianyk's activity for the Auxiliary—this month she comes up with another surprise. On Sept. 28 she wrote Secretary Quinn as follows:

Dear Mr. Quinn: Enclosed you will find a check for \$50 to be paid on a Life Membership for my husband. I have wanted to surprise him many times and his birthday being so close, I thought it would be a nice gift; also send me five decals.—Marian Brianyk, 98 Cottage Place, Long Branch, N. J.

Life Member Anthony J. Brianyk was with the 47th Regt., Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., and for 25 months was a POW, having been captured during the African campaign. Marian and Tony plan participating in some of the affairs being planned by the Greater New York Chapter.

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A brat is a child who acts like your own but belongs to a neighbor.

years after World War II. Then we had coffee and doughnuts, again served by the church parishioners.—Then for the drive to Wachussets Country Lodge for a fine meal and program. The speeches were to the point, spiced with Father Connors' humor, they all went to make our visit to Worcester a memorable one.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year to All!—Art.

Gold Star Parents Honored At Worcester



As is always the case, all Gold Star parents are the honored guests at any and all 9th Infantry Division Association affairs, and especially is this emphasized at Worcester, Mass. each year when former Ninth men gather for the Memorial Services conducted by Father Ed Connors. The 1964 activities paid special attention to a Ninth Division Gold Star couple because it was their 50th wedding anniversary. The Worcester Telegram in its Monday, November 9 editions printed the above picture of the Gold Star couple, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olson. Pictured with the lovely couple are two former Chaplains in the 9th Division—Left, Rev. L. Berkeley Kimes, S.J., of Philadelphia, and Rev. Edward T. Connors, Immaculate Conception Church, Worcester, who presented Mr. and Mrs. Olson with the anniversary cake that is shown.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASS'N. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, Natl. Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Assn.,
412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N.J.

Enclosed please find 1965 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 ☐

Coat Lapel Octofoil Pin \$ 1.25 ☐

Please give credit to the following Chapter:

Philly-Delaware Valley ☐ Greater New York ☐

Illinois ☐ Washington, D.C. ☐

New England ☐ Michigan ☐

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

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP in the LADIES' AUXILIARY of the NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Tippie Plunkett, Secretary-Treasurer
Ninth Infantry Division Association Ladies' Auxiliary
286 Zimpfer Street, Columbus, Ohio

I would like to become a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the
to the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Enclosed is check or
money order for \$1.50 for 1965 dues. Please mail my member-
ship card to —

Name

Street

City State

While attached to the Ninth Infantry Division my.....
(state relationship, whether the Ninth Division man was a hus-
band, father, brother, son, etc.)

was with
(give company, regiment, battery, attached unit, etc.)

Make checks or money orders payable to Ninth Infantry
Division Association. Mail to Secretary-Treasurer Tippie
Plunkett, 286 Zimpfer St., Columbus, Ohio. A 1965 counter-
signed membership card will be sent as soon as possible.

By order of the President:

MRS. BETTY MacDOUGALL, President

Drivers Send Octofoil Official Publications

A publication devoted to the in-
terest of New York City cab drivers
is devoting much of its space print-
ing information that will be helpful
to veterans, their widows or chil-
dren who need to transact any busi-
ness with the Veterans Administra-
tion.

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Passes Through Ohio

Robert Woodside, that fearless 60th
Regt. Jeep driver, has left New York
State again and moved back to Ala-
bama.

Bob's son, a true Knight of Road,
"nursing" a semi-trailer truck job
cross country, stopped off in Colum-
bus long enough to phone The Octo-
foil and give the latest dope on his
famous Jeep driving dad.

Montrose Recoverer Received Regularly

Each month a former Ninth Divi-
sion man, Victor Scuccimari, a
patient in Franklin Delano Roose-
velt VA Hospital, Montrose, N. Y.,
mails The Octofoil a copy of The
Montrose Recoverer. It is a neat 16-
page and cover tabloid sheet chock
full of news regarding activity in
the hospital and on the premises.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W-I—
Young in heart is any adult who
considers snow-covered city streets
"picturesque."

Getting married is a good deal like
going into a restaurant. You order
what you want, then when you see
what the other guy has, you wish
you had taken that.

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ORENSTEIN KEEPS EYES ON Q.M. "BOYS" DURING WORCESTER SERVICES

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

On Sunday, November 8, 1964, be-
fore the largest audience ever of the
9th Division men, women and chil-
dren, Father Ed Connors held Mem-
orial Services for the Deceased
Men of the 9th Division and those
who have passed on since. It was a
day to say Prayers for the Deceased.
Father Connors in his Memorial Ad-
dress recalled many historical places
where the 9th Division men made
the Supreme Sacrifice in Africa,
Sicily and finally to Victory on the
European Continent.

After the Memorial Services, Fa-
ther Connors and some Worcester
city officials addressed the audience
at the 9th Division Shrine. One of the
Worcester City Officials said that
your annual return to the City of
Worcester and your presence here
today, show that the deceased men
of the 9th Division will always be
remembered.

After the Services at the Ninth
Division Shrine, coffee was served
in Connors' Coffee Shop. A little
while later we went to the Wachu-
sett Country Club where an excel-
lent dinner was served. There was
the usual friendly rivalry in the
speeches of Father Connors and his
assistants. The speeches were en-
joyable, interesting and humorous.

This was the best Father Connors'
Affair that the writer has attended.
Actually Father Connors' Affair be-
gins on Saturday evening. There was
plenty of food for everyone at the
Saturday evening buffet.

MANY Q.M. MEN

The writer was pleased to see a
good turnout of the 9th QM men,
women and children. Those present
were:

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gray
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Russo
Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Taylor
Mr. John Iovieno and daughter
Mr. and Mrs. Amore and family
Mr. and Mrs. John Jagling and
family
Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Jones and
family
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robbins
and family
Mr. and Mrs. George Swanson
and family
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tingley
and family

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

The Committee's addresses are:
Bill Palady, 322 31st St., McKees-
port, Pa.
Harry Orenstein, 640 E. 139th St.,
Bronx 54, N. Y.

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SARGE LUMPKINS HAS A VISITOR

Quite a few inquiries have come in
during past months wondering what
had happened to "old" Sarge Lump-
kin. It took Doc Walton, Rt. 7, Old
Dalton Rd., Rome, Ga., to ferret
Lumpkin out. "Doc" found him in
Gadsden, Ala., employed in the labo-
ratory of Goodyear Tire & Rubber
Co. The Lumpkins have two children
a 15-year-old daughter and an 11-
year-old son.

Lumpkin promised Walton he'd
send in his application for member-
ship in the Association. Then Doc
moved on to other areas—learning
that old Haig O'Quinn was a dentist
in Jacksonville, Fla., the Sage of
Rome, Ga., has sent a courier to see
Haig.

For the benefit of Sarge Lumpkin's
old buddies, here's his present ad-
dress: P. J. Lumpkin, Jr., 1306 Stroud
Ave., Gadsden, Ala.

ADDS TO GEN. RANDLE'S STORY

Walton says he hopes when Gen.
Randle's book is finished he doesn't
forget to mention that "chicken" din-
ner on the hike to Port Lyaukey. The
chicken turned out to be spam. But
that didn't keep Hap Fields from try-
ing to spell out French words to the
natives; Phil Corello trying to teach
'em to dance, and Salamos trying to
speak Spanish to the kid brother of
the French family, while Nathan
Frelch was speaking Hebrew to the
Grandpa. The only thing they had in
common was an appetite for the Vino
—and a contagious laugh.

Doc Walton's letter closed with one
of his usual "tall" stories. He tells
about a Rome woman who has been
39 years old for 15 years, and had
the nerve to call him a crook just
because he turned back the speed-
ometer on his car before offering it
for sale.

Girls are just like breathing. If you
can get along without them, you're
dead.

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The Board of Governors Held Its 74th Meeting At Worcester, November 7th

The 74th meeting of the Board of
Governors was called to order at
5:45 P.M., November 7, 1964, at 353
Grove Street, Worcester, Massachu-
setts, attended by Messrs. Walter
O'Keeffe, Ronald Murphy, Victor
Butswinkus, Harry Orenstein, Ar-
thur McDougall, Frank Ozart, Rich-
ard Pestel, Frank Wade, Emil Lan-
ger, and Henry Shimkoski. Also pres-
ent were Treasurer Thomas Boyle,
1st Vice-President Vincent Gugliel-
mino, 2nd Vice-President Herbert
Olsen and Judge Advocate Harrison
Daysh. Guests included Francis Ma-
her, John Sabato, John Boden and
Rev. Gerald Rowan.

The secretary, Daniel Quinn, read
the minutes of the 73rd meeting.
After a motion duly made by Harry
Orenstein and seconded by Emil
Langer it was voted to: Accept the
reading of the minutes, as read, and
place same on file.

The Treasurer, Thomas Boyle, then
gave a quarterly report. After a
motion duly made by Victor But-
swinkus and seconded by Ronald
Murphy it was voted to: Accept the
treasurer's report.

John Sabato made a report on the
results of the 1964 reunion. Sabato
reported that a profit of \$963.00 was
realized. After a motion duly made
by Frank Ozart and seconded by
Richard Pestel it was voted to: Ac-
cept the 1964 Reunion report.

COMMITTEES THANKED

President Walter O'Keeffe thank-
ed John Sabato and all the Philadel-
phia-Delaware Valley Chapter
members who worked to make the
1964 reunion a grand success. After
a motion duly made by Frank Ozart
and seconded by Dick Pestel it was
voted to: Grant the Philadelphia-
Delaware Valley Chapter a gratuity
of \$100.00 for a job well done.

Frank Wade then donated to the
Memorial Fund the sum of \$25.00
from the Washington, D. C. Chapter.
This money was returned to the
D. C. Chapter as their "Ad" was not
printed in the 1964 Journal. Presi-
dent Walter O'Keeffe thanked Frank
Wade for his Chapter's donation.

President O'Keeffe called on Emil
Langer for a report on the progress
of the 1965 reunion to be held in
New York. The site selected—the
Statler-Hilton Hotel in New York
City—the time—July 29th, 30th and
31st. Langer reported that commit-
tees have been formed and are
working on plans for a great re-
union. He told the members that
those attending the reunion could
take advantage of the hotel's offer
to stay a week before and after the
reunion, at the special rates, and
visit the World's Fair. The rates and
all other details will be published in
The Octofoil throughout the year.

President O'Keeffe thanked Emil
Langer for his report.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Scholarship Report: Secretary
Quinn read a letter received from
Donna Boyle, a letter of thanks.
Donna is attending Boston College
and is one of the five recipients who
received scholarship awards for
1964. The Board members were in
agreement that The Octofoil be used
to a greater extent to stress the
Scholarship program and urge those
interested in this problem to apply
at once.

JOHN RYAN SENDS INTERESTING DATA ABOUT NEW BOOK CONCERNING THE 9TH

John P. Ryan, president of the
Bankers Credit Service, Inc., Glov-
ersville, N. Y., writes Secretary Dan
Quinn, in part, as follows:

Dear Dan: There is a new book,
"The Battle of the Huertgen For-
est," by Charles B. MacDonald, that
has been published by J. P. Lippin-
cott Co., which writes up the 9th Di-
vision in great detail, going down to
even the company level. Any mem-
ber who was with the Division at
that time will certainly enjoy read-
ing exactly what went on at higher
headquarters, particularly the mis-
takes made by the generalship at the
Corps and Army levels.

There is quite a write-up of John
K. Moore's Co. K, 60th, and I am
sending him a copy of this letter
since he was a star performer and
a friend of mine in the Regiment at
that time.

LT. COL. WESTMILLER RETIRED
I saw Father Connors in Worcester
and told him his old friend, Lt. Col.
Westmiller, formerly Hqtr. Co., has
been retired from the Army and is
living on a farm in Groton, Mass.

I have quite a few photographs of
Lt. Col. Stedman Chandler, who you
mentioned as being deceased in a
recent issue of Octofoil. The pictures
were taken with Jack Houston in
Winchester, England, and should

Frank Wade was called upon for
a report on the Ladies' Auxiliary
meeting held in Philadelphia at the
Reunion for the purpose of reor-
ganizing the Auxiliary. It was agreed
that the Ladies' Auxiliary would op-
erate under the By-laws as provid-
ed in Par. 11-E. After a motion duly
made by Arthur MacDougall and
seconded by Victor Butswinkus it
was voted to: Reimburse the Aux-
iliary secretary for expenses such
as postage and mailing.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Frank Ozart reported for the Illi-
nois Chapter. A meeting was held
in Highland Park, a good meeting.
Plans are made for the Chapter to
attend a party in the Springfield
Lake Club. Plans are also being made
for a Christmas party for the mem-
bers and their children.

Richard Pestel reported for the
Ohio Chapter. They are plugging
away to increase membership at the
meetings and are holding their own.

Arthur MacDougall reported for
the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley
Chapter. They are having good at-
tendance at the Chapter's meetings
with many new faces showing up.
The Ladies' Auxiliary meets on the
same night and at the same place. A
Victory Banquet and Dance will be
held on December 14th for the Chap-
ter workers of the 1964 reunion.

Harry Orenstein reported for the
New York Chapter. The annual fall
dance was attended by 125 people.
(The secretary added to Harry's re-
marks that this Buffet and Dance
was in honor of Harry's Birthday—
a surprise party—and President
John Rizzo presented Harry a wrist
watch on behalf of the members of
the New York Chapter.) Orenstein
went on to say that a Christmas
party was planned for December 6th
at the Union City Elks Club.

Francis Maher reported for the
New England Chapter, that there
were good attendance at the meet-
ings and their members were striv-
ing to have the association hold the
1966 Reunion in New England.
Maher continued that the New Eng-
land members were working to as-
sist Father Connors for his annual
Memorial Mass and dinner.

Frank Wade reported for the
Washington, D. C. Chapter — that
things were about the same. He is
trying to get together with Charles
Tingley to hold a future meeting for
the possibility of holding a reunion
in some future year.

A discussion on a motion tabled
at a July meeting was held for the
purchase of Divisional Colors in the
form of a flag or banner. The Na-
tional Association has a set of these
colors so it was decided to supply
the necessary information as to the
price, etc., to the Chapters interested
in purchasing these colors.

President Walter O'Keeffe then
read a letter received from the New
England Chapter for a bid to hold
the 1966 Reunion in New England.
He instructed the secretary to place
the letter on file.

After a motion duly made by
Frank Wade and seconded by Ron-
ald Murphy, it was voted to: Ad-
journal at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL QUINN,
National Secretary.

anyone want them, I would be happy
to send them copies. Jack Houston,
former G-2 of the Division, got an
excellent writeup along with John
Moore, Col. Van Houten, Gen. Craig
and a lot of other former personali-
ties in the Ninth. Best wishes—John
P. Ryan.

Any member requesting prints of
the above mentioned photos, address
requests to John P. Ryan, care the
Bankers Credit Service, Inc., Glov-
ersville, N. Y.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W-I—

Cards From Schmidt and Uncle Arrive From Distant Points

Looking through a "batch" of
cards sent The Octofoil from Oct. 12
through Oct. 26, by the New York
Chapter's Demon Reporter, Arthur
Richard Schmidt was an interesting
experience. The Baron and his Un-
cle from Brooklyn seems to have
taken over the Blue Ridge Mountain
Sector without firing a shot. He was
moving into the Shenadoah for addi-
tional conquests when the boss man
in New York learned the wanderers'
whereabouts and summoned him
back for a bit of work—just for a
change.

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McKENZIE PORTRAYS THE MEMORIAL SERVICES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN HIS OWN INIMITABLE WRITER STYLE

By JOE McKENZIE
95 Washington Avenue
Waltham, Mass. 02154

The memory lingers on. Our Twentieth Annual Memorial Mass is now but a memory. And what a pleasant one! Being present at the Mass and enjoying the week end festivities is the best tonic one could ever hope to receive.

As you move about the crowd in the Coffee Shop on Saturday night, coming out of church, remembering our deceased at our beautiful monument, again in the coffee shop and at dinner you hear someone say "isn't this fantastic?" "This is unbelievable," says someone else. Gorgeous and beautiful are descriptive words used by someone else. "This is beyond expectations," says Ike Blitzstein of the 26th F.A. Medics, who attended for the first time. "I am sorry that I did not bring my wife." "Best ever," said many who are present every year. So all I can say is that if you have not been to a Memorial Mass please try to make Worcester in '65. You will be glad you did.

BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY

The most important reason for our being in Worcester is to remember the dead of the Ninth Division during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It is a beautiful ceremony. The singing, the altar, the colorful vestments worn by Father Connors, the devout attention of all present, the color guard, taps, plus a congregation that filled every seat and every aisle, were inspiring during the ceremony.

The wreath laying ceremony at our memorial outside the church was brief and touching. After a few speeches which were mostly words of welcome to Worcester, then the raising of the flag to the top of the pole and taps, the gathering retired to the Connors Coffee Shop.

The Coffee Shop is a bee hive of activity. It is hard to believe that so many could be sipping coffee and dunking doughnuts and still have room to move around.

Saturday night at the Coffee Shop is something you must see. Many parishioners bake their best dish, while others excel in pastry. Some volunteer as waiters and waitresses. The kitchen crew is extremely busy doing silverware and dishes. Delicious food is served in a delightful atmosphere. All you can eat and all for free. The parishioners deserve more than a big "Thank You" for offering their services gratis at such a time.

WEATHER IDEAL

The weather man again favored us with a delightful day. Anyone would be comfortable without a top coat. Even at the Country Club where we had dinner and where the countryside is wide open, the weatherman saw fit to calm the breeze and show forth the sun.

Dinner as usual was delicious and satisfying to the appetite of the 500 men, women and children who attended the closing event of a memorable week end. Father Connors is the Master of Ceremonies and main speaker. City officials and Congressmen are given about five minutes. Part of the entertainment is the awarding of gifts by drawing names from the hat. My Alice was the winner of a scale model Jeep. Elmer Roscoe was the winner of a 6x6 GMC SWB which was reduced in size so that it could be placed on the mantle shelf over the fireplace.

PLENTY OF ROOMS

If you have been worrying about motel accommodations you can stop now. By this time next year 200 new units will have been erected.

SAD NEWS

A sad announcement greeted the men of Service Battery upon their arrival in Worcester. We learned that one of our faithful members, Dan Looney, passed away on October 28th. Dan lived with his sister at 111 Laurel St., Ridgefield Park, New Jersey.

Word was received that John T. McColgan of "C" and Service 26th F.A. as well as the 39th, because of a serious operation will be unable to work for at least six months. John now resides at 27 Mt. Pleasant Parkway, Livingston, N. J.

Harold Wallace informed us that Travis Seymour has multiple sclerosis and is confined to a wheel chair. Travis is now at the Rosewood Convalescent Center, 3000 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, Tennessee.

NOTE FROM KEPPLER

Ross Kepple sent his annual note. Ross is an old Tent City man. After

we left Germany, Ross re-enlisted and saw duty in Korea as well as in this country. Somewhere along the line Ross became a victim of tuberculosis. Now he is taking life easy in Quincy, Illinois.

If any member of our association is interested in obtaining Blue Spruce Trees to dress up their property they can write to Lawrence R. Rogers, care Rogers Blue Spruce Plantation, Rt. 2, Whitefield, N. H. Dick, as he was known in Hdqtrs. 26th F.A., is also in the real estate business and can be reached at 908 N. 30th Rd., Hollywood, Florida. He hopes to spend most of '65 in New Hampshire and expects to be in Worcester to attend our Memorial Mass.

"SIKH" CHATS WITH GOVERNOR

The National Geographic for October, 1964 has an interesting article about a Sikh from India. This Sikh had a 48-state journey to find out how we do things and why. You should read it. While visiting Lincoln's Tomb at Springfield, Illinois, the Sikh had a pleasant talk with Governor Otto Kerner.

It is not too early to make plans for next year. Send a note to Santa. Talk it over with the family treasurer. I am sure that if you attend you will agree that it was the best week end you have ever had.—Sincerely, Joe McKenzie.

Arriving too late for publication in the last issue of The Octofoil was a beautifully written invitation for Ninth men and their families to attend the 20th Memorial Mass in Worcester. However the article prepared by Joe McKenzie had some interesting footnotes about former Ninth men that is still news and that part of Joe's letter reads:

Paul Griffin is on Formosa. Bill Andrews is still writing about the wonderful time he had in Worcester when he made the long trip from Comstock Park, Mich. Ross Kepple and Bob LaDez would like to be in Worcester but circumstances prevent the long trip. Saw Carl Lucas a few months ago. Carl looks very good after a tough bout with a serious sickness. Saw Manny Effron in Atlantic City this past summer. The old boy is too busy in his "deli" to enjoy the salt, sand and sights of this famous resort. Dom Curro is now at 779 Hanimann St., San Jose, Calif. If and when you need a doctor, call Dr. Burton L. Forbes, Empire Building, Denver, Colorado. Dr. Forbes was in command of the 26th F.A. Medical Detachment attached to Service Battery for rations and quarters. Harold Wallace is saving his money so that he can make the trip to Worcester in '65. How about you? You will enjoy a wonderful weekend in Worcester.

GIVE NEW ADDRESS

If you move, please let me know—at the address appearing at the beginning of this column. If you see any of the old gang in your travels in this great country of ours, please let me know. If you are sick, if you have had an accident to yourself or anyone in your family, if your wife had a new baby, or if you won the Irish or New Hampshire sweepstakes, please let me know. This letter is one way to pass the news along. The McKenzie family will see you in New York City.—Joe.

GEORGE STEVENS TAKEN BY DEATH

Mrs. George B. Stevens, 1437 Rae-ford Rd., Fayetteville, N. C., advises that George passed away during the early part of the year. Mrs. Stevens comments on George's love of his country, the American flag and the Ninth Division. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

Stories that appeared in the Fayetteville newspapers at the time of his death, read in part, as follows:

George Booker Stevens, 77, who resided at 1437 Rae-ford Rd., died in Walter Reed Hospital in Washington. His death came as the result of a protected illness which had started several months ago.

A veteran of World War I, Mr. Stevens retired prior to World War II, but when the United States entered the second war he attempted to get back into active service. Turned down because of his age, he appealed directly to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who ordered the Army to take him back into the service.

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The air is still free—provided your air conditioner is paid for.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W-I—

The difference between men and boys is the price of their toys.

MRS. WALTER O. KRAFT TELLS OF ALASKAN "NIGHTMARE" WHICH THE KRAFT FAMILY EXPERIENCED

Capt. Walter Kraft's hundreds of old buddies from the 47th Regt. will be happy to read Mrs. Kraft's interesting letter about the courageous Captain Kraft's battle to rebuild his business that was so completely wrecked by the Alaskan earthquake. Quite frequently in the past the captain has written The Octofoil and told of plans to get his business duties so arranged as to be able to attend a Reunion and see his old buddies. The address is still Walter O. Kraft, P.O. Box 911, Kodiak, Alaska. The letter, dated October 10, 1964, reads as follows:

When going through our desk recently we came across your letter and noticed our dues were overdue. The postmark on the envelope held the clue: March 25, 1964. On March 27, two days later, the Good Friday earthquake and subsequent tidal wave devastated the downtown business area of our city and the 60-year-old stores of O. Kraft & Son were listed as a "total loss."

KEEPS CALM

I think anyone who served with my husband (Captain "Waldo" Kraft, Company Commander of G Co., 47th) during the war will remember how dead calm he becomes in any drastic emergency. This was certainly true during the Alaskan disaster. He retained his smile throughout and was apparently unmoved when he saw the business his family had built up through the years, swept away in a matter of hours.

The shell of the super market, a concrete building, remained standing and with super human efforts the loyal crew cleaned up the debris that was once the gleaming fixtures and complete inventory, put up temporary shelving, strung naked light bulbs from the exposed rafters, borrowed a heater from a small airplane, boarded up the smashed windows and painted them a gay orange and held their "Grand Reopening" a scant 13 days later on April 9th.

\$495,000 INVENTORY LOSS

The dry goods and men's wear, hardware store and office were swept away and demolished and the inventory loss totalled \$495,000. The office safe weighing two tons, was found four days later (amid great rejoicing as the contents were very wet but still legible), several blocks away up the valley, mute evidence of the awe inspiring force of that terrible water.

FAMILY SAFE

Our family, now numbering eight children, were all safe and all together throughout—a very great blessing. We were evacuated from our home for four days as a precautionary measure but, thank God, the tides did not reach our house and the only damage was to the foundation, from the earthquake.

TEMPORARY BUILDING

Waldo is now planning to put up and move into a temporary building this month, tear down the old market while Urban Renewal goes to work building up the land to a higher level. (This whole end of the island sank five and one-half feet in the quake, hence the necessity for raising the level.) Next spring he plans to build a beautiful new building housing super market, dry goods, men's wear and warehousing—all under one roof. This will be in approximately the same location as the old market. Needless to say this necessitated applying for an S.B.A. disaster loan and we received this in the amount of \$1,900,000.

So you will see this has been quite a year for the Kraft family (among so many Alaskan families) and will understand why we've been a little tardy in dealing with our mail!

With all good wishes to our friends in the Ninth Division.—Yours sincerely, Audrey E. Kraft.

Mrs. Kraft furnished some beautiful colored pictures showing Kodiak before and after the disaster. The Octofoil regrets being unable to get the pictures processed into usable cuts for use in this issue. Captain Kraft's dogged determination to rebuild his lost holdings is the same kind of courage displayed during the war that placed the Ninth Infantry Division at the top of the "totem pole" when battlefield accomplishments were being recorded.

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Conscience is that still, small voice that you wish you could teach not to interrupt you.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W-I—

When a woman is wearing shorts her charms are enlarged without being enhanced.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W-I—

A kiss is like lighting a stove—it doesn't prove you can cook.

GEN. WESTMORELAND SENDS MESSAGE FROM FAR OFF VIET NAM

Lt. Gen. William C. Westmoreland was unable to attend the Memorial Services in Worcester, but he sent a letter to Father Connors to be read, which was as follows:

"Dear Father: Wish I could be with you on Nov. 8, but I am sure that you will excuse my absence under the circumstances. Tell the gang at Connors' Coffee Shop that I miss them, but know full well that each and every one of them are behind our effort here in South Viet Nam."

Another message the former 9th officer sent from far-away South Viet Nam and read to his former buddies read:

"Ours here (in Viet Nam) is an uphill fight but the American spirit is much prevalent and it is destined to win."

There were very few Ninth Division affairs held when Gen. "Wesley" failed to show up and participate as long as he was on duty in the states.

OCTOFOIL ON MAILING LIST FOR THE BULLETIN

The Weekly Bulletin, published by the Division of Veterans Affairs, is a very informative sheet.

John J. Parkinson, director of Public Relations, advises The Octofoil that through the good graces of Arthur R. Schmidt, The Octofoil will henceforth be on the Weekly Bulletin mailing list.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W-I—

The most absent-minded and forgetful square is the fellow who pulled wishbones with a sultry blonde—and forgot to make a wish.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W-I—

Live the best you can TODAY. You'll stay dead a heckava lot longer than you've stayed alive.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W-I—

Former 9th Hero Dies In Philadelphia, Victim of Unexpected Heart Attack

The Octofoil is indebted to Victor Butswinkus of The Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter for sending in a copy of The Philadelphia Review that had a page 1 article with a 3-column head which read:

ARMY HERO DIES OF HEART ATTACK; SURVIVED "HELL"

The page 1 story also printed a 2-column picture showing Lt. Col. James R. Hutchinson awarding the Silver Star to Constantine "Bob Cust" Stepa, during a ceremony in the snow somewhere in Europe during World War II. The photo was loaned The Review by the U. S. Army.

The Review story concerning this Ninth Division lad is printed in part below:

By JERRY PRUSSEL

Gunfire was nothing new to Constantine G. Stepa.

Stepa, or "Bob Cust" as he was known in South Philadelphia, had survived bullets, bombs and grenades in World War II battles in Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe.

During these campaigns, Sgt. Stepa won many medals and honors including the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Distinguished Services, Good Conduct, eight Bronze Stars and one Bronze Arrowhead.

He went through hell—and survived. But on July 15, 1964, Sgt. Stepa met an enemy he couldn't conquer. He died of a heart attack.

Pres. O'Keeffe, Secy. Quinn Place Wreath



Tears well up in the eyes of the most toughened old foot and mud slugging "top kick" when President Walter O'Keeffe and Secretary Dan Quinn solemnly place the beautiful Octofoil wreath at the Ninth Infantry Division Shrine, erected on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Church, facing Gold Star Boulevard, in Worcester, Mass. The above photo is used through the courtesy of the Worcester Telegram.