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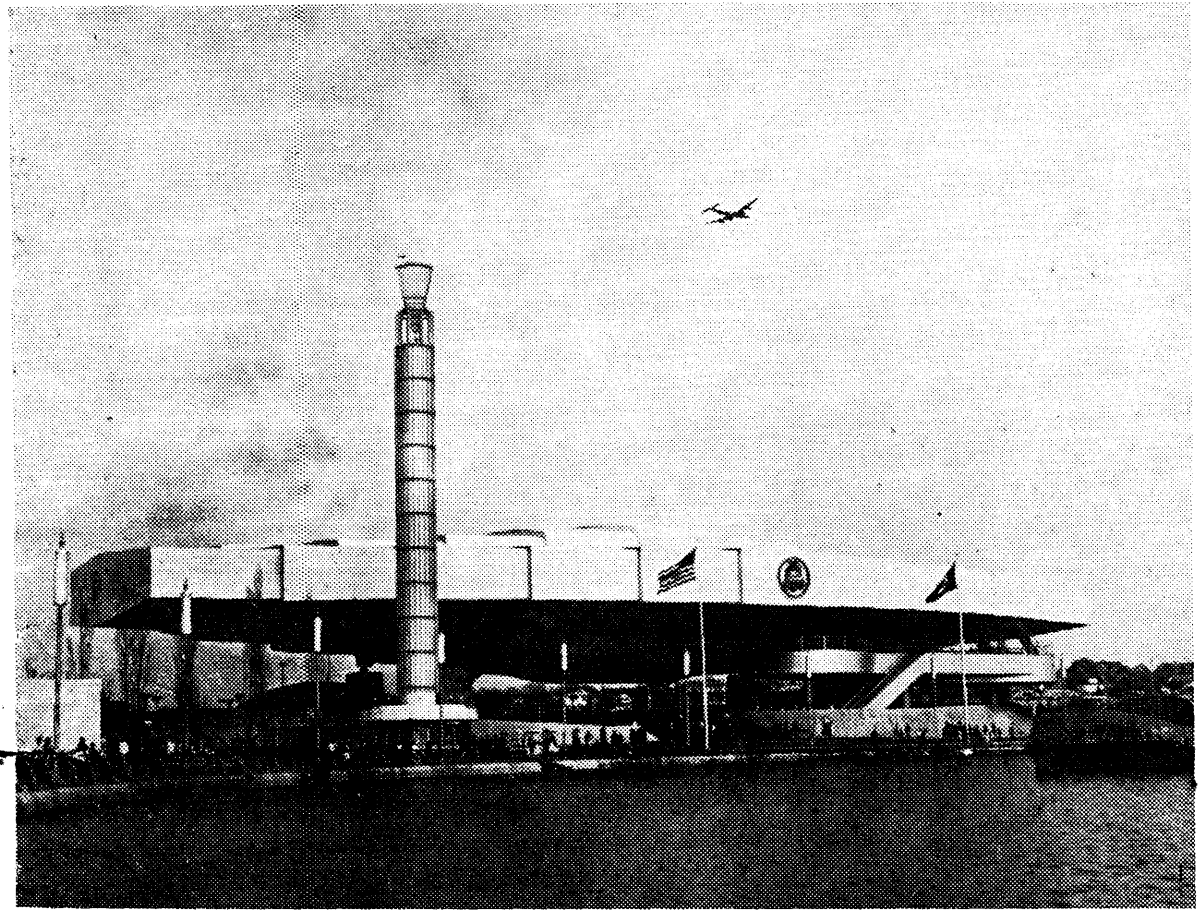
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May-June, 1965

"LITTLE OLD NEW YORK" IS ALL SET...

Bell Telephone Exhibits Will Be Viewed By Ninth Division People



BELL TELEPHONE EXHIBIT at the New York World's Fair is in the form of a floating wing, 400 feet long, 24 feet above the ground and supported at only four points. It occupies a 105,000 square foot site on the pool of industry in the main axis of the fair, opposite the Unisphere. The exhibit is composed of two major elements. The ride in the floating wing and a series of live demonstrations, displays, and audience-participation games in the Exhibit Hall located in the lower level of the pavilion.

CHAIR RIDE FOR 9TH DIVISION VISITORS

The New York Chapter's Reunion Publicity Committee is in receipt of the following letter from the New York Telephone Bell System Exhibit officials:

"Arrangements have been made for your group to be admitted to our chair ride between 9:30 and 10 A.M. on July 30, 1965. No special tickets will be necessary. Our attendant in front of the pavilion will have the group's name on his special guest list.

"We must stress again that in order to take advantage of the chair ride without waiting in line, they must arrive before 10 A.M."

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W I—

DOM MIELE ALWAYS RIGHT ON THE BALL

The Octofoil always holds back a few extra copies because after most every edition the up and at-em New York Chapter Secretary, Dom Miele, sends in a letter that reads:

"Please send me two more copies of The Octofoil. I have two new prospects for membership."

—July 29-31—All Roads Lead to N.Y.—

47TH GUYS ARE GOING PLACES

Many of the old 47th Regt. gang "pop up" at the most unexpected places now and then. Secretary Dan Quinn can vouch for that. He was awakened about 3 A.M. recently to answer a telephone call from far-away Hawaii. It was Charlie Johnson, an old 47th man, vacationing in that Garden Spot of the World—who had picked up some native dialect and wanted to try it out on the Association's sleepy secretary.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W I—

The fellow was going to compose a drinking song but he never got past the first two bars.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W I—

New Yorkers Still Hoping Gen. Smythe Will Appear

At the last meeting of the New York City Chapter, President Frank Fazio reported that the Reunion Committee had not given up hope that they would eventually be able to get Gen. George Smythe to arrange his affairs so he can attend the 20th Reunion.

Gen. Smythe was the first president of the Association during the hectic formative era. He came back a few years later and served another term as President. Members of the Association are full aware they owe much to the efforts of General George Smythe for the solid foundation the Association stands today.

—New York Is Ready—Are You?—

CAPT. H. E. CLARK EDITS IOWA PAPER

A well-liked former 60th Captain, H. E. Clark is now editor of The Tipton Conservative, Tipton, Iowa. His home address is 318 W. 9th St., Tipton, Iowa.

In a letter to The Octofoil, Captain Tipton writes in part, as follows: "I am particularly interested in a story in a recent issue of The Octofoil, which mentioned briefly the death of Father Tim Andryziak. Any one who spent any time with the 60th have the deepest regards for this man—one of the finest that we will ever know. If there is a story in any other editions, may I have it?"

(Editor's Note: The Octofoil editor can agree wholeheartedly with what the Captain says about Father Tim. Many times when the editor and others felt the point of exhaustion had been reached, Father Tim would show up, grab their rifles and field packs and carry them for miles while the G.I. "recovered.")

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W I—

Advice to neglected women—When all else fails, try a snug-fitting knit dress.

FORD MOTOR SENDS 600 "GUEST" TICKETS

Marie Thornton, who has charge of Special Guest Services for Ford Motor Co., at the New York World's Fair, on April 28, sent the following letter to Arthur R. Schmidt, Publicity Chairman for the Reunion:

Dear Mr. Schmidt: Enclosed are 600 "Convention Guest" tickets valid for admission to the Ford Pavilion at the New York World's Fair between 9:00 and 10:00 A.M., July 30.

If your members and members of your Ladies' Auxiliary will present these to the host at the East Exit of the Pavilion, on the Grand Central Parkway side of the building, he will be happy to admit them to our exhibit.

We look forward to their visit and hope their day at the Fair is a great success.

—New York Is Ready—Are You?—

FATHER ROWAN TO HOLD MASS AT FAIR

A Committee of New York Chapter members, composed of President Frank Fazio, Walter O'Keeffe, Arthur Schmidt and Adolph Wadalavage have been working on plans for Father Gerald Rowan to say Mass at the World's Fair Vatican Chapel.

Plans for the Mass have been consummated and the time has been tentatively set for 11 A.M., July 30.

—Pay '65 Dues Now—Attend Reunion—

Fred Elmo Brings In Brand-New Member

The latest new member for Fred Elmo to sign up happens to be Lorentz Sieven, 435 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y. Fred operates the Elmos Hair Stylist firm, located at 422A Ditmas Ave., Brooklyn.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W I—

Women can talk themselves out of most anything but a telephone booth.

—New York Is Ready—Are You?—

MASS AT WORLD'S FAIR VATICAN CHAPEL JUST ONE OF MANY HIGHLIGHTS THE REUNION COMMITTEE HAS ARRANGED

This is the last issue of The Octofoil before the big 1965 extravaganza arranged by the New York Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association takes place. They have worked hard and the interesting program they have nailed down for those who attend the 1965 Reunion July 29-30-31, speaks for itself. Limitation of space prevents The Octofoil from much more than skimming the surface of the many highlights that have been arranged. Short stories are scattered throughout this issue that pertain to the Reunion. Read them and then start packing for this big event.

Next Issue Will Hit the Mail About Aug. 21st

Deadline for pictures and manuscript for the next issue of The Octofoil will be Aug. 14. This isn't going to allow much time for the transcription of minutes for the two Board meetings and the convention itself—not to speak of getting the many pictures developed that will be made at the Reunion. The Octofoil editor will leave Columbus Aug. 11 for Chicago and the VFW National Convention, returning to Columbus August 17, hoping to have the paper on the presses by August 20 and in the mail August 21, so he can take off with the two grandchildren for a trip through the Smokey Mountains before they have to return to New York City and enter school.

—Pay Dues NOW—Attend Reunion—

Gold Star Mother Dies Suddenly

Many times in recent years The Octofoil has received warm letters from Mrs. Sari Keyser, a Ninth Division Gold Star Mother of Dayton, O.

Mrs. Mary Helen Keyser, a daughter-in-law, advises The Octofoil of the untimely death of the beloved Gold Star Mother. Evidently she died from a heart attack. She was found on April 20 sitting on her couch with the telephone receiver in her hand.

Mrs. Keyser's cheerful messages to The Octofoil will be missed. To the bereaved family goes sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

—New York Is Ready—Are You?—

600 COPIES OF FINE BOOKLET AVAILABLE

The New York State Department of Commerce has had printed a most beautiful book in various colors. It is titled "New York State Vacationlands," and is a book anyone may well be proud to keep permanently—with the beautiful panoramic scenes scattered throughout the book. Six hundred copies of this beautiful bit of art work have been mailed to the New York Chapter Reunion Committee for distribution to 1965 Reunion visitors.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W I—

REBEL "CONVOY" IS ON THE MOVE

A newsy letter getting under the wire too late to be quoted at length, was received from The Octofoil's old standby, Paul "Doc" Walton, Rt. 7, Old Dalton Rd., Rome, Ga. A fine picture of young Dave Walton, who just finished Berry College. He has his B.S. degree. Dave was preparing for a physical examination for his stint with Uncle Sammy. The picture will be used in the next issue.

"Snuzzle" Ash, the 9th Division's "Champion" crap shooter is planning on visiting his Pill Pusher buddy. Ash lives in Chattanooga, Tenn. now. Contact will be made with John Lewis and details for the Rebel Convoy that will leave the North Georgia Hills for New York City will be formulated.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W I—

President Frank Fazio of the New York Chapter advises that indications point to the largest attendance to the 1965 Reunion than has ever before attended.

Some of the special privileges for Ninth Division men and their families that Fazio announces includes the fabulous Bell System Exhibit, the Ford Exhibit, General Motors Exhibit and the Mass to be held at the Fair's Vatican City. The Mass to be held by Father Gerald Rowan—one of the Ninth's own men—a former Ninth Division M.P. The Mass has been tentatively set for 11:00 A.M. on July 30, 1965.

JULY 31ST SERVICES

The Committee has arranged for the regular Memorial Services to be held on July 31st, 1965, at the Eternal Light, 23rd St. and Madison Ave., New York City.

The parade permit has already been obtained.

NEED MORE ADS

Dave Gelman, Chairman of the Journal Committee, states that receipts are very good thus far, but he asks that the membership keep trying to secure boosters and ads for the Journal to help this Reunion the best ever. July 10, 1965 is the deadline for the receipt of booster and Journal ads.

THURSDAY NIGHT PLANS

On July 29 the Committee has arranged to hold "Little Old New York Night," and Pat Higgins will be called on to give out some melodious numbers on his accordion. And to make this number a headliner—Dom Miele will be giving Higgins an assist with his mandolin.

There will not be a dull moment from early Thursday A.M., July 29, until midnight Saturday, July 31.

Golf, officers meetings, committee meetings and registration will take up a lot of time on Thursday, July 29—which will be topped with the Suds Party styled "Little Old New York Night."

Friday the registration desk will be open all day. Members and their families will journey to the World's Fair for Ninth Division Day. Full details regarding transportation and other needed information will be available at the registration desk.

Lights out at 1:00 A.M. Saturday (Friday night), after another full night's program, filled with dancing, refreshments and other entertainment.

Registration again on Saturday—but everyone MUST fall out early and join in the 9:30 A.M. Parade to the Eternal Light for Memorial Services. At 12:30 P.M. the all-important business meeting will be held.

Naturally, the Saturday night banquet will be a highlight of the 20th Reunion with an all-star cast—which will be followed by dancing.

SPECIAL FOR THE LADIES

A short business meeting is being arranged by the officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary. The program they have arranged will be available at the registration desk.

It's later than you think. Start packing—on to Manhattan July 29.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W I—

The hospital's recovery room should be right next to the cashier.



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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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20th Annual Reunion

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.

To Be Held On
 JULY 29, 30, 31, 1965

AT THE STATLER HILTON HOTEL
 32nd Street and 7th Ave. — NEW YORK CITY

Chairman: Dave Gelman Co-Chairman: Mr. McInerney

I, the undersigned, authorize the insertion of an ad in the 1965 Ninth Infantry Division Association's Annual Reunion Journal.

Enclosed is \$_____, for an ad to fill the following space that is checked:

RATES
 Full Page _____ \$25.00 ☐ Quarter Page _____ \$ 7.50 ☐
 Half Page _____ \$15.00 ☐ Eighth Page _____ \$5.00 ☐

COPY FOR ADVERTISEMENT

WRITE ON SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER

Signature _____

If ad is from a chapter give Chapter name and sender's title.

Make Checks Payable to
 GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER 9TH INFANTRY
 DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.
 P. O. Box 1108—General Post Office, New York 1, N. Y.

Deadline for \$1 Booster Ads or Display Ads for the
 1965 Reunion Journal is July 10 . . . HURRY!

New York Picnic News
Will Be Printed Later

Plans that were being made for the June 13th picnic for the members of New York Chapter indicated that the 1965 picnic would be the largest attended of any event of this kind the chapter has ever held. It is regrettable that the Octofoil will not reach the members in sufficient time in advance to put in some plugs for the big affair. Full coverage of what did happen will be prepared by the Chapter's Demon Reporter, Arthur Richard Schmidt, and printed in the next issue of The Octofoil.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W!

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 AFTER 6 P.M.

Zweil Basks In the
Bright Florida Sun

Bill and Betty Zweil have been sending postcards from Hollywood, Fla. The Zeils' temporary home has been 7131 N.W. 27th St., Hollywood. Plans are for them to get started back toward New York, hoping to get back in time for the Chapter's picnic—and most particularly the Reunion to be held in New York.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W!

Paul Mathias Tries
Luck As a Farmer

Paul Mathias resigned his job at an oil refinery near Tulare, Calif. and is now a "gentleman" farmer. This former 26th F.A. lad says down in the Bay area around Frisco was too crowded for comfort. Up north where he lives now there isn't too much traffic and things are peaceful. He invites any former 9th men passing through the Tulare area to look him up because there's some excellent hunting spots in the area.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W!

A husband who is busy as a bee may wake up to find his honey is missing.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W!

Trapani and the D. C.
Lads Are Making Plans

The Octofoil is in receipt of a letter from Sal Trapani of the Washington, D. C. Chapter regarding their plans in event they "snag" the 1966 Reunion. In another short note, Sal asks The Octofoil to call the members' attention to the June, 1965 Geographic Magazine. An article "Saigon Eye of the Storm" gives in detail the tremendous problems that the 9th's old alumnus, Lt. Gen. William Westmoreland is facing while in command of the troops in Vietnam.

By SAL TRAPANI

District of Columbia Chapter
 Members of the Washington Chapter held a special meeting to make tentative plans for the 1966 Reunion, which they hope to bring to the Nation's capital once again.

Those who have never attended an Association Convention in Washington are in store for a real treat. Those who remember previous reunions in Washington know what a wonderful occasion it can be.

The tentative site is the Shoreham Hotel, with free swimming and parking. Rates are surprisingly low and we have ideas for a few new surprises if the reunion comes to the City on the Potomac.

Maj. Gen. Louis Craig (Ret.) and Frank (Pinkie) Wade have consented to be co-chairmen, as well as Charlie Tingley to be Secretary, and Chuck Jones, Treasurer. Other committee members would be Harrison Daysh, Ralph Carcia, Tony Chaconas and Sal Trapani.

We are just waiting for GO SIGN, which we hope to get at the New York Reunion.

Trapani's home address is 4733 Wyocanda Rd., Rockville, Maryland.
 —PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

MICHIGAN MEETING
WAS WELL ATTENDED

Robert F. Rumenapp is still functioning as Secretary of the Greater Michigan Chapter. Bob's address is 28017 Hughes St., St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

In a letter from the Michigan Secretary, dated June 9 he writes that the June meeting of the Michigan group was well attended and much enthusiasm was manifested regarding the possibility of getting the '66 Ninth Division Association Reunion to be held in the Motor Capital of the World—Detroit.

Rumenapp closes his short report by adding "For a more comprehensive report on Michigan affairs The Octofoil will have to wait until his 'Secretary of War' is again able to use the typewriter." Betty (Mrs. Bob) suffered painful injuries and some broken bones in an accident several weeks ago. The possibility of having to undergo a bone operation is still to be decided.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W!

RAST SENDS HIS
OFFER TO HELP

Holt Rast is a busy individual—down in Alabama. He represents the largest city—Birmingham, in the Alabama General Assembly.

But when the Alabama Solon learned his old Engineer buddy—Tony Madonna was in a bad way physically, Holt lay aside everything and got in touch with Mrs. Madonna. His letter of May 25 to Mrs. Madonna reads:
 Mrs. Trudy Madonna,
 4580 E. 8th Court
 Hialeah, Florida.

Dear Mrs. Madonna: I was quite distressed to hear of Tony's physical condition. I understand that he is suffering from a nervous condition. I remember Tony as a very fine soldier—one who performed his duties in a most exemplary manner.

During World War II in which I served as his Commanding Officer, we had many moments of stress which would undoubtedly have some effect on his present condition.

I have not seen Tony since we were separated from the service; and have, of course, no personal knowledge of his present condition. If I can be of service to you in any way, please let me know.

With kindest regards, I am—Sincerely, Holt Rast.

—PAY '65 Dues Now—Attend Reunion—

Fazio Directs Special
Reunion Invitation

President Frank Fazio and the Reunion Committees have done a thorough job of circularizing the members on the fabulous program that has been arranged for the 20th Reunion. Items that are printed elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil are all parts of Frank's informative letters to the members. He concludes thusly: If you have any questions regarding the Reunion send them to the New York Chapter. All inquiries will be answered promptly.

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:

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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 ☐
 TWIN _____ \$18.00 ☐

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.

Ninth Infantry Division Association

July 29-31, 1965

New York Statler-Hilton Hotel

Art Euler On Way Up
EULER ASPIRES TO A
TOP LEGION OFFICE

A former E Co. 60th man, located at Bowling Green, Ohio—Arthur H. Euler, Rt. 4, Box 71-E, is conducting a strenuous campaign in the Buckeye State, in an effort to be elected Second Vice Commander of the American Legion for the Department of Ohio.
 —Pay '65 Dues Now—Attend Reunion—

OCTOFOIL EDITOR
MOST THANKFUL

There comes a time in everyone's life when they are at a loss of words to express their gratefulness. That is what happened when The Octofoil editor received a very kind letter from Vincent, Myrtle and Francine Guglielmino. Good people like the Guglielmino family who go about quietly doing good for others—causes anyone who observes them to have more faith in mankind and realize that the good, God-fearing people of America, like the Guglielminos, will by their acts, be most instrumental in keeping the country self-conscious and followers of the Scriptures.

Vincent Guglielmino is Second Vice President of the National Association and a spark plug in the New York Chapter. The letter that the Octofoil editor will always treasure, signed by these three good people, reads:

"Dear Tippi and Paul: Just a couple of lines to let you know we visited your son's grave on Good Friday and put a small bunch of flowers on it. . . . On May 22 the Chapter's Health and Welfare Committee and other members will assemble at Pinelawn National Cemetery, near Farmingdale, Long Island, and we will make another visit."
 —New York is Ready—Are You?—

Art Euler is a former Co. E, 60th man who is a dedicated worker for the American Legion. Art's home is near Bowling Green, Ohio—Rt. 1, Box 71-E, Bowling Green, Ohio. He is a candidate for the second Vice-Commander's spot in the American Legion's Department of Ohio. Art was with the Ninth Division for almost five years. Upon becoming a civilian he joined Lybarger-Grimm Post No. 441, American Legion, in Tontogany, Ohio. He served in all the Post offices and was Commander for two years. He won national recognition for increasing the Post's membership for nine consecutive years.

Art and his wife, Rita, have five children, ages 10 months—3, 4, 6 and 7 years of age.

There are many former Ninth men in the Department of Ohio Legion Posts who no doubt will rally to the aid of this old Go-Devil when the casting of ballots begins.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W!

VICTOR PLUGS THE
BIG 1965 REUNION

The Octofoil is in receipt of a recent copy of The Daily Bulletin that is issued each day at the vast Army Depot near Atlanta, Ga. Prominently displayed in a recent Bulletin was this announcement:

9TH INFANTRY DIVISION
REUNION:

The 9th Infantry Division is having a Reunion July 29-31 in New York City. Special rates to the World's Fair and at the Statler Hilton Hotel are available. Hotel rates will be effective for a week after the Reunion. Plenty of tickets to all TV shows and other interesting points. It will be 9th Infantry Division Day, Friday, 30 July at the World's Fair. A good program is planned for every former 9th Infantry Division soldier. For further information call Walter J. Victor, PL. 5-4897 after 6 P.M.

Victor pens a little personal note to The Octofoil: I'm getting a Reunion notice in all the Atlanta, Ga. newspapers and the Fort McPherson paper. This year I'm bringing my wife and all the little Victors to the Reunion with me.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W!

ART LAUER HOPES TO BE
A LIFE MEMBER SOON

Arthur R. Lauer is a former 39th man, now living on Route 1, Iliou, N. Y. Art enjoys reading The Octofoil and plans on becoming a Life Member of the Association soon. He has been suffering from leukemia and his activity is limited at times. He sends his kindest regards to all the old gang.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W!

Gen. Louis Craig's Visit Will Be a Highlight



Much water has run under the proverbial bridges since V-E Day. But the esprit de corps of the Ninth Infantry Division Association is still maintained at a high degree—and one of the contributing factors for this enviable status of the Association is the comradeship existing between its many former enlisted men and the Division "brass." One of the finest examples of this display of democracy in action is to note the fraternalism between Gen. Louis Craig, a former Ninth Division Commander and his men—when he attends one of the Memorial Services in Worcester, Mass., or "breaks bread" with the boys at an annual reunion. The General will deliver an interesting and inspiring message to Association members and their families at the banquet, which will climax the 1965 Reunion in New York City.

With Lindsey Nelson At the Mike All's Well



The New York 1965 Reunion Committee was not content to get two aces for the Annual Banquet—Generals Craig and Randle—they outdid themselves and went out into the entertainment world and talked another famous and talented former Ninth Man in appearing at the 1965 Banquet. Lindsey Nelson, a former Ninth man, will be the Master of Ceremonies at the banquet. Lindsey has been extended so many honors for excelling in his chosen field as radio and TV broadcaster of national sports events, that it has become impossible to keep a correct list of the many honors he has received. With Nelson at the mike during the 1965 Reunion Banquet it's a cinch there won't be a dull moment for anyone.

Saul Schulman Helps Engrs. Booster Page

Saul Schulman, a former 15th Engr. man writes his old buddy, Art Schmidt as follows: "I read The Octofoil and I do know all the work you're doing and appreciate the effort and time you are spending. Enclosed is a small contribution for a Booster ad. If I can help in anyway, let me know.—Saul."

—New York Is Ready—Are You?—
The path of true love never runs home to mother.

Engineers Keep On Sending Booster Ads

Noting the long list of names of former 15th Engrs. who are sending in contributions for ad space in the Reunion Journal, the names of Robert Joy and George Williams were the most recent additions.

Bob Joy owns and operates the Joy Drilling Co., 700 Whittier St., Bronx, N.Y. His home address is 3439 Country Club Road, Bronx.

George is living in Springfield, Massachusetts.

2800 PEOPLE VISIT UN BUILDING EVERY DAY

The growing popularity of the United Nations Building as a major sightseeing attraction for those coming to New York City has made it necessary for the world organization to expand its facilities for handling visitors.

People from every walk of life, of all age groups, are included among the 2800 visiting the United Nations on an average day—school children, foreign dignitaries, honeymooners, war veterans, housewives, shopkeepers, clergymen and even several reigning monarchs have taken time out to tour the 18 acres covered by the United Nations on the banks of New York City's famed East River.

The fascination which draws people to the United Nations is not too difficult to understand. It is one of the most publicized organizations in the world. People hearing and reading about the world organization want, when the opportunity presents itself, to see it in action. A visit makes it possible for them to see history being made and to see some of the world famous figures who are helping to make it each day.

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GLARING ERRORS IN NAME SPELLING IS POINTED OUT

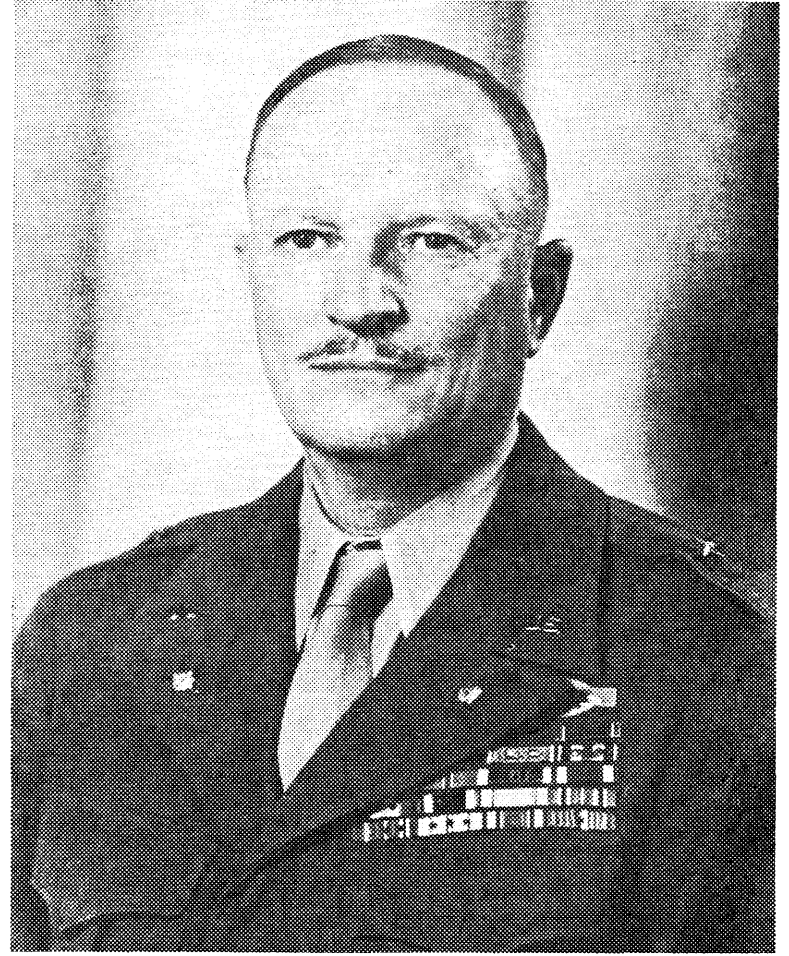
The Octofoil wishes those sending in letters for publication would print their signatures. Many people with excellent penmanship many times scribble their names at the end of a letter. No doubt there are many misspelled names in this issue of The Octofoil. In a recent letter from Art Schmidt of the New York Chapter, he calls attention to just a few names that were misspelled in the last issue. The letter, in part, reads:

In cutlines for a photo of Lt. Ware's graveside Pat DeColli's name was spelled Pat DeCollio. In another article the name Lloyd B. D'Amore should have been Fred B. D'Amore. Carmine Zurlo is the fellow mentioned as Carmine Zurbo, and Anthony Scirocco is the fellow mentioned as Anthony Sairovio.

Apologies are offered to the chaps mentioned above whose names were misspelled in the last issue.

—New York Is Ready—Are You?—

Gen. Edwin Randle Will Rekindle Memories



Gen. Ed Randle is not only a prolific writer—he's an interesting speaker and especially so when talking to a group of ex-G.I.s. When that group of ex-G.I.s happens to be former Ninth Division, especially many former 47th Regiment men, then Gen. Ed is at his best. He is coming all the way across the country to be with his boys during the New York Reunion. Those who heard him talk at the Fort Bragg Reunion know full well that just to hear the General do a little reminiscing is worth the trip to attend the 1965 Reunion in New York.

The Octofoil had a cut of Gen. Ed that was processed from an oil portrait painting of many years ago. He was asked if he had a later picture from which a cut could be made. The above picture was his answer, with the following humorous footnote: "This is the best I can do. This photograph was made after the war, about 1946 when I was G-3 of the Second Army. I was a young man of 53 or 54 then. Today I am in the upper-middleage bracket. But there is still some resemblance to this picture." The general was unfair to himself. The passing years have been most kind to him. That's probably his reward for clean living when most of the rest of us were burning the candle at both ends—while trying to paint the town red and drink up all the booze available.

United Nations Layout Makes Most Interesting Tour for Visitors



The rectangular United Nations Secretariat Building is flanked by the spires of the Empire State Building (left) and the Chrysler Building (right) in this view of Midtown Manhattan. In addition to the 35-story Secretariat Building, other structures in the UN complex are the Conference Building, hard by the East River, and the General Assembly Building with the dome on its roof.

Carney Johnson Changes Homes

Before changing addresses, Carney L. Johnson, Jr., was considerate enough to notify The Octofoil. His old address was 2019 Louisa St., New Orleans, La. The new address will be 305 Lynx Drive, Arabi, La. 70032.

If others would be as considerate as Carney, the many dimes that the Octofoil shells out to the post office could be avoided.

Emidio Papa Sends Greetings to Buddies

Emidio J. Papa writes:

"I would like to hear from all men of Co. M, 60th Regt. Okay, you guys, let's hear from some of you. My address is:

Emidio J. Papa, 41 Cherry Street, Glen Falls, N. Y. 12801."

Emidio plans on attending the '65 Reunion.

New York Papers Get All the Dope

The Octofoil has been furnished carbon copies of letters sent to the many New York City newspapers by Public Relations Director Arthur Schmidt of the New York Chapter. Announcements regarding the meeting at the Union City Elks Club—the June 13 picnic, and the elaborate Reunion plans are all covered in the news releases.

Nelson's Fame Increases Yearly

Lindsey Nelson, another famous alumni of the Ninth Division, who will M.C. the Reunion banquet in New York City July 31, has received so many honors for his outstanding performances in the field of radio and TV where he tops 'em all when it comes to holding public interest while he so vividly describes every move made in the sports spectacles that he broadcasts, that it is impossible to categorically list all the honors he has had bestowed on him. Listing just a few of these honors include:

For four consecutive years he has been named Outstanding Sportscaster in the United States.

He is the voice of the New York Mets baseball team, the voice of college football on NBC-TV where he does such annual telecasts as the Army-Navy and the Rose Bowl game. He has a daily radio show on the NBC radio network in addition to regular appearances on "Monitor" on weekends on NBC. In January, he teamed with Bing Crosby in covering the Crosby Golf Tournament on NBC from Pebble Beach, California; and in February he teamed with Bob Hope in covering the Bob Hope Tournament from Palm Springs.

WITH 9TH 4 YEARS

Lindsey Nelson served in the 9th Infantry Division for four years—joining the 47th Infantry at Fort Bragg in 1941 and later being transferred to Division Headquarters. He was with the Division in North Africa, Sicily, England, France, Belgium, and Germany. He was transferred from the 9th Division in the summer of 1945 when he went to Linz, Austria, to broadcast Army baseball games.

In 1960, Lindsey Nelson and Fred Haney of the Milwaukee Braves—went to Germany and conducted baseball clinics for the U.S. Army in Europe.

WRITES PYLE STORY

Recently, Lindsey was selected by the Overseas Press Club to write the story of Ernie Pyle for *Dateline*, the Press Club publication on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of Ernie's death.

MAKES BANQUET CIRCUIT

Nelson makes just about as many appearances on the banquet circuit around the country as he does on television.

Annually he is the master of ceremonies of the Kickoff Luncheon that precedes the Rose Bowl game. It is attended by some 3,000 people.

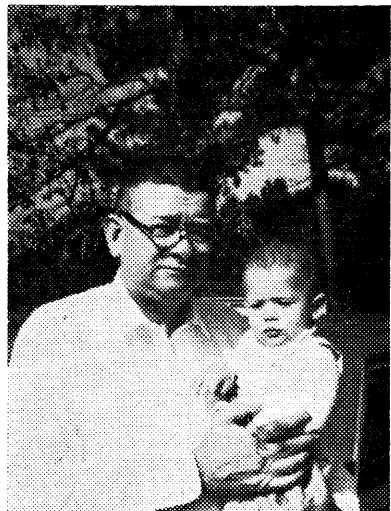
He was the principal speaker at the annual convention of the National Bakers' Association in October in New York.

He was master of ceremonies of the Governor's Baseball Dinner in Tampa, Fla., as well as emcee of the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Awards in North Carolina in April.

He was also master of ceremonies of the Welcome Home Dinner for the New York Mets, attended by 1100, in April.

And now on July 31, 1965, Lindsey Nelson comes back "home" to do his bit and be the master of ceremonies at the 20th annual Reunion banquet of the Ninth Infantry Division Assn. —July 29-31—All Roads Lead to N.Y.—

Rockin' Chair Walton



Paul "Doc" Walton's old buddies find it hard to believe that their favorite "Pill Pusher" limits his extra curricula activities these days to rocking his grandson many times each day.

—Pay '65 Dues Now—Attend Reunion—
The father of nine kids panicked when his wife told him "Monday was Labor Day."

—July 29-31—All Roads Lead to N.Y.—
A modern wife jumps when a husband hollers at her—right down his throat.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W!—

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, 901 Graceland St., Des Plaines, Illinois 60016.

CLOUSER HAS A NEW ADDRESS

Members having the occasion to contact John Clouser regarding information that pertains to the Scholarship Program will please take note of Clouser's new mailing address—which is:

John J. Clouser,
901 Graceland Street,
Des Plaines, Illinois 60016

Clouser advises The Octofoil that applications for consideration by the Scholarship Committee (new and renewals) should have been received on or before March 15. This information was given The Octofoil in answer to a letter from The Octofoil. Several members have asked for that information. However, Clouser added in his letter should he receive a request from any one of the students previously helped, with a transcript of the student's grades included, he will study and consider the request. John cautions that he cannot make any definite promises but will make favorable recommendations to the Board of Governors on any such requests he receives that he feels are entitled to favorable consideration.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W!—

Longs For Knowledge of World War I Pals

Quite frequently Secretary Quinn receives letters from World War I men who have read in Veterans' magazines about the Ninth's annual Reunions. They grasp at these notices, hoping against hope that it is a meeting of old World War I 9th Infantry men.

The letters are usually pitiful—"I have lost all contact with my old buddies. Can you furnish the names and addresses of just a few?" etc.

Secretary Quinn always answers the letters and points out to The Octofoil how happy we of the Ninth Infantry Division Association will be in the years to come that we have perpetuated our Association, kept files and contacts alive.

The latest letter Secy. Quinn received from one of the old 9th Inf. World War I men was from Vernon V. Havener, 207 S. Walnut St., Springfield, Ill.

—Pay '65 Dues Now—Attend Reunion—

Volunteer State Is Heard From

Down in Shelbyville, Tenn., Raymond Lawell is making his plans to celebrate at the New York Reunion with his old 39th Regt. buddies. His home address is 500 Cannon Blvd., Shelbyville, Tenn.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W!—

The difference between a modern girl and her mother, the modern girl does what her mother wanted to do.

LADIES' AUXILIARY MARCHES ONWARD

The following names are not near all of the ladies who have sent in for Auxiliary cards during the past month, but these names were the latest to be received by the secretary-Treasurer:

Mrs. Ruth Berday, 3071 S.W. 27th Lane, Miami, Fla. (Moving back to Washington, D.C. soon.)

Mrs. Margaret H. Gray, 73 Monmouth St., Brookline, Mass.

Mrs. Jane Josey, 8162 Green Valley Drive, Grand Blanc, Mich.

Mrs. Russel Hummel, 2411 Lommel Lane, Marion, Ind.

Mrs. Emma Willis, 24 Florence Ave., Westville, N. J.

The list grows and when the Auxiliary members get together in New York City, they'll be heard from.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W!—

Fred J. Bicking's Death Recorded

Fred J. Bicking, Jr. passed away on April 3, 1965. Fred was with the 60th Med. Det., 9th Division. He was with the outfit in Africa and during the Normandy invasion.

The former 60th man was on the Endicott, N. Y. police force for a long time. He was promoted to sergeant in 1950. For 12 years he had been in the security department of General Aniline & Film Corp.

Surviving Fred are his wife: Mrs. Margaret Clayton Bicking; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bicking, Sr.; and one brother, Stanley W. Bicking, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Fred held the Silver and Bronze Star medals and other citations for meritorious service.

Police Chief Delbert Pembridge recalled that he and Fred were close friends in their youth who, after taking different paths, ended up in the same regiment in the Ninth Infantry Division.

Fred Bicking was a friendly G.I. who made friends easily and held them. Many old buddies will be grieved to read the notice of his death. To Mrs. Bicking and other members of the bereaved family, The Octofoil extends heartfelt sympathy in this darkened hour of their lives.

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GEORGE AND RUTH BERDAY HEAD BACK TO WASHINGTON

George and Ruth Berday's address has been 3071 S.W. 27th Lane, Miami, Fla., but the couple were making plans to move back to Washington, D. C. George plans attending the New York Reunion and naturally is hopeful that many old buddies from C Co., and Serv. Co., 47th show up.

KANSAS PAPER PRINTS FEATURE STORY ABOUT FATHER ROWAN'S EXPERIENCES

On Friday, March 12 The Wichita, Kansas Eagle printed a page 1 feature article written by Steve Sells about Father Gerald Rowan's Ninth Division combat experiences. Father Rowan was with the Ninth M.P.s.

The story is lengthy and included a 2-col. picture of Father Rowan.

Some of the highlights of the story as printed, reads as follows:

Twenty years ago Thursday, the Rev. Gerald Rowan of St. Mary's Cathedral watched men die trying to cross a strategic bridge in Germany.

An Army military policeman, he was to direct traffic across a railway bridge across the Rhine River at Remagen, Germany.

"We had taken the bridge but it was a doubtful situation," recalled Father Rowan. Arriving at the 250-yard long bridge in a jeep, Father Rowan said, "I got off to relieve the other MP and found he had been peppered with shrapnel. He was dead."

With German shells exploding all around and soldiers and light vehicles coming up, confusion and frustration built up. They were green troops and they just bottled up there and were destroyed in the act.

"There was nothing you could do,

except try to keep them going. I was at it 14 hours. There were 25 or 30 bodies lying around the next morning. By then we had the bridge pretty well secured."

DAY'S "REST"

After a "much needed one day's rest," Rowan was sent to guard the other side of the bridge. Here, he almost met the death he had escaped during the fighting.

"I was stationed in one of the four towers at the ends of the bridge, over 75 feet up, and heard the structure suddenly start to collapse," he said.

The towers did not fall but Rowan watched as "a part of a company of men, maybe 100," were killed.

"That was quite a mess," Rowan said. "One fellow was holding his left leg which had been cut off below the knee, swinging back and forth on his buttocks and moaning."

"After that it was a cleanup operation. Everyone was dejected because it broke up the supply line."

"During the war I made up my mind if I made it through I would try to become a priest."

After ordination his first assignments were in the Wichita area. He has been in that area eight years.

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 membership card to —

Name

Street

CityState

While attached to the 9th Infantry Division my..... (state relationship, whether the Ninth Division man was a husband, 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

ORENSTEIN KEEPS Q.M. "LADS" "ON THE BALL" FOR REUNION

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

TO ALL Q.M.'s:—

The New York 1965 Reunion is going to be one of the outstanding Reunions of all times.

Lindsey Nelson, the TV sports broadcaster, will be toastmaster. Gen. Louis Craig and Gen. Ed Randle will attend the Reunion. The Reunion Committee plans to give you maximum values at a minimum cost. An excellent dinner has been arranged for your enjoyment. A free World's Fair ticket will be included in the three-day strip ticket. It will be a wonderful experience to the men, women and children to march down Fifth Avenue to the Eternal Light at Madison Square Park, following the U. S. Army Band. At the Eternal Light, Memorial Services will be held for the deceased men of the Ninth Infantry Division who will always be memorialized.

It is 20 years since the ending of World War II. You can renew your friendships at the Reunion. Based on all the writer's Reunion information there is going to be the largest turnout of the Q.M. than has been the case at any Reunion.

So come on down fellows and attend one of the best Reunions the Ninth Division Association has ever held.

Here are some of the 1965 Reunion highlights:

HEADQUARTERS—
Statler-Hilton Hotel
7th Ave. and 33rd St.
New York City

Thursday, July 29—Beer Party.
Friday, July 30—World's Fair.
Friday, July 30—Beer Party and Dance.

Saturday A.M., July 31—Parade and Memorial Services.

Saturday evening, July 31—Banquet and Dance.

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

The Q.M. Committee addresses are:

Bill Palady, 322 31st St., McKeesport, Pa.

Harry Orenstein, 640 East 139th St., Bronx 54, N. Y.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W!—

BUTSWINKUS TRIES TO LOCATE NOVIN

Victor Butswinkus, of the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter and a National Board member is trying to locate a former Co. F, 60th man—Kenneth F. Novin. Kenny's wife is supposed to have a band called Carolina Ridge Runners playing clubs in the Eastern part of the country. Any member who knows the present whereabouts of this couple are asked to send that information to Victor Butswinkus, 6265 Ditman St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19135.

Butswinkus writes about another former 60th man, H Co. The name is Victor Roberts. Vic's Army name was Victor A. Kowalski. Another new Philly Chapter member is Alvin F. Thorp, a former Anti-Tank 60th man, who lives in Wilmington, Delaware now.

—New York Is Ready—Are You?—

MINUTES OF 75TH MEETING -- BOARD OF GOVERNORS -- ON APRIL 24TH

The 75th meeting of the Board of Governors was called to order at 3:45 P.M., April 24, 1965 at the Hotel Shoreham, Washington, D.C., attended by Messrs. Walter O'Keefe, Victor Butswinkus, Ronald Murphy, Arthur MacDougall, Harry Orenstein, Emil Langer and Richard Pestel. Also present were Treasurer Thomas Boyle, Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh, 3rd Vice-President Sal Trapani, Scholarship Committee Chairman John Clouser, Francis Maher, Charles Tingley and Generals Smythe and Craig.

The secretary read the minutes of the 74th meeting. After a motion duly made by Harry Orenstein and seconded by Richard Pestel it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes, as read, and place same on file.

The President then called upon John Clouser, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee recommended the names of 12 young men and women for the awards. (The names to be announced at the Reunion). After a motion duly made by Ronald Murphy and seconded by Victor Butswinkus it was voted to: Accept the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee. The applicants to be awarded the Scholarship grants will be notified by this committee.

The Treasurer, Thomas Boyle, gave a quarterly report. It was recommended by Boyle that the Secretary open another General Fund Account as a savings account instead of accumulating large sums of money in the regular checking account as the Association does not receive interest on this account. After a motion duly made by Richard Pestel and seconded by Ronald Murphy it was voted to: Accept the Treasurer's report.

Co-Chairman of the 1965 Reunion Emil Langer gave a progress report. Langer outlined the events for the three days. All details will appear in The Octofoil. The price for a member will be \$15.00 per grown-up with children's prices reduced. This strip ticket will include a ticket to the World's Fair (\$2.50 regular price), the Thursday night social—Little Old New York, the Friday night dance and the Saturday evening banquet.

President Walter O'Keefe thanked Emil Langer for his report.

The President then called for Chapter Reports:

Victor Butswinkus reported for the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter. He told the Board members that the Chapter is very active and recently held a Victory Dinner and Dance for those members of the Chapter who worked so hard for the success of the 1964 Reunion in Philadelphia. Two plaques were awarded to the Philadelphia Police and Fire Department Band and to Eddy Ruhl for his fine singing performance at the Reunion. Butswinkus went on to state that the Ladies' Auxiliary was doing "great." The Ladies hold their meetings the same night as the men. The Philly-Delaware Chapter members have visited Wilmington, Delaware and held a meeting there. Butswinkus stated that he was surprised

to find so many members in the Delaware area. Victor Butswinkus concluded his report by presenting the Association a check for \$25.00 for a donation to the Memorial Fund. Ronald Murphy reported for the New England Chapter. A meeting was held on April 7, 1965 at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Boston. The New England members are enthused about the possibility of holding the 1966 reunion in Boston. Murphy went on: The Chapter members will hold a Memorial Service on May 30th at the Ninth Division Memorial at Father Connors Church in Worcester. A good attendance is expected for this affair. President O'Keefe thanked Murphy for his report.

Richard Pestel reported for the Ohio Chapter. Pestel stated that they are trying to create and hold the interest of the members living in Ohio but he felt that if a Reunion was held in Ohio it would be a great help to the Chapter. He therefore submitted a bid for the 1966 Reunion to be held in Columbus, Ohio. President O'Keefe thanked Pestel for his report.

Charles Tingley reported for the Washington, D. C., Chapter. A meeting was held recently with the main purpose of reactivating the Chapter in order to hold the 1966 reunion in Washington. A good response was received from the membership with them all eager to work on the reunion committee. President O'Keefe thanked Tingley for his report.

John Clouser reported for the Illinois Chapter. He stated that on May 30th the Chapter members will hold a Memorial Service at the grave of Walter Mahon. A different grave site is selected each year in order to give the members a chance to participate. A picnic will be held after the Memorial Services. The Chapter holds regular meetings and the attendance has been good. President O'Keefe thanked Clouser for his report.

Harry Orenstein reported for the New York Chapter. Orenstein explained to the members the extra work necessary because of the Chapter being host for the 1965 Reunion. However the Chapter will still hold the annual picnic in New Jersey on June 13th. This is a large gathering with some 600 people in attendance. The Fall Dance is planned for October and the Children's Christmas Party in December. President O'Keefe thanked Orenstein for his report.

The secretary in the absence of the Editor of The Octofoil gave a brief report on the newspaper. One more paper will be issued before the Reunion around the 15th of June.

Francis Maher reported that the Holiday Inn Motel will be opened before Fall and the members attending Father Connors Memorial Mass and Dinner should have no trouble obtaining rooms for this weekend, November 6, 7, 1965.

After a motion duly made by Victor Butswinkus and seconded by Arthur MacDougall it was voted to: Adjourn at 5:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL QUINN,
National Secretary.

ROCKEFELLER CENTER TOURS GO FROM PINNACLE TO THE BUSY SUB-CELLAR

The Queen of ancient Babylon had nothing on the present-day steno-grapher who is lucky enough to work in Rockefeller Center. The famous Hanging Gardens of Babylon, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, were built by King Nebuchadnezzar to please his royal bride. Some 2500 years later, the terraces and roof gardens of Rockefeller Center were designed to provide a pleasant vista for workers in its skyscraper office buildings. Nearly four times the size of their ancient counterpart, they are only one of the many wonders to be seen in New York's famous "city within a city."

Regular guided tours take visitors through the gardens and from pinnacle to busy sub-cellar of the 16 buildings which make up Rockefeller Center. Begun in 1931, the giant business and entertainment complex is still the largest of its kind.

40,000 WORKERS

More than 40,000 people work in Rockefeller Center and more than 160,000 people visit it every day, yet it never seems too crowded. Its well-planned public areas, embellished with murals and sculpture by renowned artists, give it a feeling of spaciousness and warmth and make it a model for architects and city planners throughout the world.

Focal point of the Center is the Lower Plaza, dominated by the gilded Prometheus Fountain. From

October to May it is an ice skating rink. It summertime, it is an outdoor cafe.

Connecting Rockefeller Plaza with Fifth Ave. is the Channel Gardens, a landscaped mall.

The Channel and the open Plaza form a dramatic approach to the 70-story RCA Building, one of the tallest structures in the world. Inside, the world's fastest passenger elevators carry visitors to the Observation Roof. From this vantage point, 850 feet above the ground, visitors can see a distance of 50 miles over an area that includes portions of four states.

Rockefeller Center is equally interesting underground. Its 16 buildings are joined by more than a mile of underground passageways. A fascinating variety of stores and restaurants line the underground concourse.

Rockefeller is also one of the most important entertainment centers in the nation. It includes the 6200-seat Radio City Music Hall. It also is the headquarters of the National Broadcasting Company. NBC conducts its own behind-the-scenes guided tour and also admits studio audiences free to many television broadcasts.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W-I—
Peroxide makes blondes. Dye makes brunettes. Gin makes both.

—Pay '65 Dues Now—Attend Reunion—
The best safety "belt" is the one you don't take for the road.

Union City Elks Club Was Site For June 4th Meeting

By ARTHUR RICHARD SCHMIDT,
69-20 69th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11227
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At the time of this writing great plans were in the making for the New York Chapter's annual picnic at Seely's Pond on June 13. Since The Octofoil will not reach the members until after the affair—a complete report will be filed of happenings as they did occur during the picnic in the next issue of The Octofoil.

MORE ADS

It's still not too late to send in an ad for the beautiful colored printed Journal Dave Gelman and his committee are preparing. Note the advertisers coupon blank in this issue of The Octofoil.

The Friday, June 4 meeting was held at the Elks Lodge, 3200 Hudson Ave., Union City, N. J. About 30 members attended. Chaplain Harry Orenstein opened the meeting. The usual report was made by Treasurer Irving Feinberg—chapter still in the black. George Apar suggested that the Reunion Committee provide Irv with a display room to show off the items he sells in recognition of the good work he does for the Chapter.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

President Frank Fazio asked John Rizzo to give a report on the Chapter's Memorial Services in honor of the Ninth Infantry Division dead. Rizzo made a fine report. The story appearing elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil about the Memorial Services outlines in detail the facts Rizzo gave orally to the members attending the June meeting.

Other reports made at this meeting by various committees working with the General Convention Committee are covered in individual stories in this issue of The Octofoil.

COMMITTEE TO HEAR BITCHING

Harry Orenstein made a motion, seconded by Rizzo that the Chapter allot Dominick Miele, Chapter Secretary, \$50 on his Reunion expenses. Motion unanimously adopted.

President Fazio then announced a committee will be set up for the Reunion to take care of complaints by the membership. The president selected two men for each of the following committees: Finance: George Apar and Vincent Guglielmino; Nominating, Emil Langer and John Rizzo; Miscellaneous, "Doc" Seslow and Harry Orenstein; Newspaper, Arthur Schmidt and Tony Varone. The chapter also give consideration to vacancies that will occur on the Board of Governors.

Vin Guglielmino received a wire from Al Leckman advising he was not feeling too good physically and asked to be excused when the roll call was made.

Paddy Higgins won the dark horse prize of \$5; Dan Quinn won a two-quart jug of booze, and Jake Laskau won a bottle of Scotch. After the meeting the group proceeded to the dining room for fish dinner and beer.

MEMORIAL

At 11 P.M. the lights went out, and Chapter members were given concrete evidence that the Elks also remember their dead. Sounding of the chimes is the usual ritual performed daily in honor of departed Elks.

BOWLING

After and during the fish dinner the bowling tournament was in progress. Among the bowlers were Frank Fazio, George Apar, Stanley Cohen and Lou Almasy. Fazio won the first game.

REIMAN PERFECT HOST

Walter Reiman invited the writer to his tavern in Guttenberg, N. J. He proved a most gracious host. The tavern is called Pete and Vi's, and is located at 341 70th St. Walter says he'll buy any 9th man a shot who visits him. He also has a luncheonette at 215 61st St., West New York, New Jersey.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W-I—

ALEX FOREST HELPS WITH ADDRESSES

Alex T. Forrest, 155 Wilson Ave., Beaver, Pa., a former 15th Engr. man, is a busy individual. His work necessitates his presence at various times in the four corners of the world. But he never gets too busy to give attention to the Ninth Infantry Division Association and especially his old 15th Engr. gang. Noting Art Schmidt's difficulty in getting correct addresses of some old 15th Engr. men, Alex forwards the following information, giving the correct address of two "lost" men:

Edward F. Kuklewicz, 1835 Preston Road, Hagerstown, Md.
Robert N. Mandel, 505 Wilmot Rd., New Rochelle, N. Y.

"CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE" CHAPTER ELECTS JOHN "DUCO" BODEN AS THE 1965-1966 PREXY

The Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter has a new president—John "Duco" Boden. Indications are this city of "Brotherly Love" is slated for some action—pyrotechnic action just as soon as "Duco" gets limbered up.

In sending in his first correspondence to The Octofoil, Boden, with his customary modesty, suggests that The Octofoil hold over some of Art Schmidt's bulletins and use Boden's if there isn't room in this issue for both. He claims Schmidt is overworking himself anyway.

By JOHN "DUCO" BODEN,
President Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter—Box 58
Chester, Pa.

Henceforth we will try in each issue of The Octofoil to give a rundown on what's taking place here in Philly Town.

First of all John "Duco" Boden was elected president of this—the fastest growing and party throwing—Chapter in the country. At the first meeting those present were treated to a glass (very small) of French champagne to start things off on an even keel.

The Chapter voted to have meetings held at a different hotel each month so as to be near everyone who wants to attend but feels it is held only on a specific night or at a specific place. Now they decide at the meeting where the next one will be held. A better turnout has been noted under the new arrangement.

SALUTE TO THE LADIES

One thing must be said about the Ladies' Auxiliary of this Chapter: None of our dances or dinners would be the success they are without the ladies. We want all the Octofoil readers to know this. In behalf of the Chapter each of the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary are sincerely thanked—calling names isn't necessary. They are all hard workers.

Marty Krasovetz and Beauty, his wife, are among the many hard workers this Chapter is proud of.

DANCE HELD IN MARCH

In March we held a dance in Earlton, N. J. If it hadn't been for the hard work and dedicated work of two couples, namely: Nick and Nancy Dogostino and Al and Theresa Cuprys the affair would not have been as successful as it was. These four are hard workers at all the meetings and dances. Ann Wilson has to be mentioned for her efforts, while her husband hides in a corner and sips Scotch with Boden, discussing the old 26th Field gang. The March dance was the biggest-attended dance ever held by the Chapter. Efforts are being made to secure a larger place for the Fall Harvest Dance. Maybe the BEN FRANKLIN! Surprised. But that's it for this fall.

OTHER HARD WORKERS

Due credit must be given the ladies who worked so diligently in preparing the meal for the hungry dancers. Here are some of them: Betty MacDougall, Stella Butswinkus, Julia Netta, Betty Boden, Shirley Sabato, Edith Tomassone, Ann DeCesare, Marilyn Blitzstein and a few more whose names just can't be remembered presently. ALL Chapter members helped by selling and buying the 50-50 chances to make it a great night to be long remembered.

OVER TO DELAWARE

The April 10 meeting was held in Wilmington, Delaware, at the home of Julie and Lou Netta. It seemed more like a party because of the people who only knew of the Ninth Division through Lou and Tony. The meeting was held in a \$50,000 home—which Lou claims is getting too small to move around in. Some of the people who were so very nice to us and couldn't do enough to make us feel at home were Julie's brothers who were on the bar doing a bang up job for Nick and Frank Piluso—two real hard working guys on the serving and mixing end.

WATCHING THE YOUNGSTERS

There was Louis Netta, Jr., who took over watching of all the kids, who Lou, Sr. and Julie so graciously had insisted they be brought along. Those who brought "small fry" feel most grateful.

Also on the bar were Howard Smith and his wife, Cecelia, both making our night in Delaware one to remember for a long time. A family friend helped out, also Angelin Dreher, with preparing the food—a real worker for the Ninth Division group. Julie's sister says she feels as though she belongs to the chapter. She makes most of the dances—the name is Paula Meadows and a better twister and swinger never come down the pike. A cousin, Mary Dinetta was present, helping do 1000 and 1 things to make the visitors happy. Mr. Galtona Piluso—Julia's dad, welcomed the visitors as they

arrived, listened to their jive and apparently enjoyed it.

BIRTHDAY CAKE

They baked a birthday cake for Vic DeCesare, a 49-year-old cake, if you please. Vic, YOU DON'T LOOK IT, but the handsome cats don't show age until late in life, like 46 or 47. Right, Vic?

At this party or meeting were the old faithful who show up for every meeting and do more than their part of the work. Without them this Chapter would be in a pickle. They are, namely: Nick and Nancy Dogostino, Theresa and Al Cuprys, Stella and Vic Butswinkus, Betty and Art MacDougall, Ann and Dick Wilson, Shirley and John Sabato, Vic and Ann DeCesare, Edith and Sharpy Tomassone, Betty & "Duco" Boden, Victor Roberts, Bill Lux, Dot and Alvin Thorp, and of course that famous giver of toilet seats for door prizes, Tony and Verna Soprano.

DANCING UP A STORM

A Ladies' Night was held at the swank and fashionable "Walbers on the Delaware" for almost the same crowd. And dear readers, if you have never seen the Frug and Watussi danced—man that cat, Vic and Ann DeCesare really tear up the floor, while the two flashes from Wilmington, Delaware, Alvin and Dot Thorp, burned a hole in the floor with a dance called "Hold Me I Am Going Down for the Last Time Trot."

There were quite a few old swingers in attendance, such as Hoppy and his young wife, putting away the soda, and Ed and Helen Sarnocinski doing the Barefooted Bounce or the Tight Shoes Waltz. Miriam and Ike Blitzstein did the American version of the Cat Bird Stomp. Betty Boden didn't dance with her hubby, "Duco." He was busy listening to the French chick sing Paris ballads. A well-known radio and TV star was also in attendance. This cat's name is Bruce Davis, of station WIBG, one of the largest in the East. His wife, Tillie was there, and really had a ball. Indications are many future meetings will be held at "Walbers On the Delaware."

To Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter members—let's have a big showing at the New York Reunion.

Listen, New York Committees—Prepare for us—the Philadelphia-Delaware Chapter Valley is on the march—toward New York City.

PHILLY GIRLS TAKE IN BROADWAY SHOW

FLASH!—

One June 2 Stella Butswinkus, Betty MacDougall and Betty Boden, members of the Ninth Division Association's Ladies' Auxiliary, visited the Big City to see "GOLDEN BOY," with Sammy Davis, Jr. Accompanying the above trio were Helen Whaley, and Evelyn Steel—both smooth "Cats." While not members of the Division, they really boost the Association to the skies—so be on the lookout for Helen and Evelyn at the 20th Reunion in New York City.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W-I—

Buemi Up in the Air; Mysyk In New York

The Octofoil received a call from the Columbus (Ohio) Airport one day recently. The caller was Bill Buemi from Cleveland, Ohio. Bill explained he was just taking a leisurely cruise over the state with one of his neighbors who had recently bought himself a plane and they were breaking it in. Bill is a familiar face at Reunions. He will be noted for the many times he has interceded when the "Mad Russian" was in action—probably saving Mysyk's scalp.

And incidentally, the same day Buemi "buzzed" The Octofoil with his neighbor's plane—a card come in from Buemi's "problem pal," Mike Mysyk, "the Mad Russian." Mike was in New York City attending a Convention of Trades Union workers. Mysyk is a "wheel" in a Cleveland Local Trades Union.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W-I—

WALLY STINE GOES ON VISITING SPREE

Wallace C. Stine, Hqtrs. Bat., 34th F.A., writes from 160 State St., Portland, Pa., and advises he will be at the 1965 Reunion.

Stine had as a visitor recently, Robert Faydock, of San Bernardino, Calif. The two then visited with Harry White, Honesdale, Pa.; Bruce Witmyer, Monheim, and Robert Krause of Allentown. It had been 20 years since Faydock had seen either of his old buddies and eight years since Wally and seen his old buddies.

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Many a girl will run from a mouse and not a wolf.

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:

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Ladies' Auxiliary Member	\$ 1.50 <input type="checkbox"/>
Combat Route Map	\$.50 <input type="checkbox"/>
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Micolucci Hopes to Find Henry Shields

Under the date of April 25, Albert Micolucci, 1614 Lynewood Dr., Havertown, Pa., former 47th man, has this to say:

Dear Dan: Headlines of today's newspapers look like back in 1941 and 1942. When I was inducted June 8, 1941 I was told "this is the war to end all wars," and believed him.

We are a little more concerned about the headlines now, for most of us have military age sons. My son is almost 19 and attends Drexel College in Philadelphia. He also takes part in R.O.T.C. I hate to see him go through what I did—38,512 hours in the infantry.

Besides my wife and son, I also have a daughter 14 years of age. We are all fine and I'm making a living laying bricks in the daytime.

We are all looking forward to attending the Reunion in July and also taking in the World's Fair. This last Reunion, here in Philadelphia, I had the thrill of meeting Emil Langer, J. Vanni of S. Amboy, Bob Dunn of Swedesboro and Dick Toole, from Ohio, and many others.

I correspond regular with Calvin Harms of Cresskill, N. J., and Emil Langer. They visit us for spaghetti and round meat balls. (Also a bit of Italian wine I make from American grapes.)

Received many Christmas cards from old buddies. HAS ANYBODY LOCATED HENRY T. SHIELDS?

See all of you this summer.—Albert A. Micolucci

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DICK HALLBERG AN ILLINOIS BUILDER

Dick Hallberg is located at 691 Bateman St., Galesburg, Ill. Dick is a prominent builder in that part of the country and since the Reunion happens during his busiest season it will be impossible for him to attend the Reunion. But that doesn't mean Dick isn't interested in his old buddies and the Association.

Recently a former 15th Engr., Earl Bartlett and Mrs. Bartlett dropped in on the Hallbergs for a visit. Earl is an engineer with the John Deere Co., Horicon, Wisconsin. Dick got a promise from Earl before the visit was over, to join the Association.

Both these former 9th men send kindest regards to all of the old gang.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W—

A Hamburger by any other name costs more.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W—

ORVILLE STANGL A CATTLE RAISER

Orville Stangl served in both Cos. I and M, 60th Regt. According to his business stationery he is in the Registered Shorthorn cattle raising business, Java, South Dakota. In a recent letter Orville has this to say:

"The many active members who are keeping the Ninth Division Association alive are to be commended.

"I am still engaged in farming—primarily beef cattle. Raise pured stock and also feed out cattle for market.

"In 1950 to 1952 I was recalled to active duty and saw combat service with the 7th Division in Korea. After five campaigns in Europe with the 9th I didn't relish that Korean fracas. But being a combat infantry veteran of two wars with two famous divisions is a distinction.

"I am still single but manage to keep occupied with community service groups. Have served as a youth leader (4H clubs for farm boys). This is an enjoyable challenge.

"Very seldom see any names mentioned of people I can remember. What has happened to Third Bn., 60th Inf. men? Are they like me—too damn lazy to write?"—Sincerely, Orville A. Stangl.

Orville tells about some fabulous fishing spots out his way and hopes some former Ninth men passing that way will stop in for a visit.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W—

Woodside's Review of Memories Arrived

Just before each edition, The Octofoil receives a letter from a former 60th Jeep driver—"Pop" Robert Woodside, originally of Rome, N. Y., but now living at 12408 Linda Ave., Tampa, Fla. 33612. Each of these letters are filled with details about incidents that cause nostalgia to set in.

Woodside says "Every former 9th man has a head full of fond memories. The big trouble is not being able to sound off often enough. My recent visit with Gen. Randle was the first chance I have had to talk with anyone about days spent with the Ninth Division for sometime. He is a grand fellow and he is very proud of his association with the 9th Infantry Division Association. Our differences in rank was no barrier. It made me realize more than ever, that being on as great a team as the Ninth was a part of my life that was well spent. I will be bitterly disappointed if we don't get to attend the New York Reunion."

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W—

FORMER 60TH MAN ACTIVE IN LEGION



JOSEPH J. DEVINE

Joseph J. Devine, of Hempstead, New York, was recently elected to be Nassau (N.Y.) County Commander for the American Legion. He has served the Council in many capacities, including Treasurer, Adjutant, Membership Chairman and County Vice Commander.

Devine is a former Ninth Division man, having participated in the North African invasion, Battle of Kasserine Pass and other combat engagements in North Africa and Europe.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W—

FORMER 47TH LAD IS A V.F.W. SKY PILOT

Richard "Dick" Pestel, a former 47th Regt. man, who got pretty well banged up with shrapnel, is still able to do his bit in helping perpetuate veterans' service organizations.

Pestel was recently elected Chaplain for the Benson W. Hough VFW Post No. 3424—one of the larger posts in the Columbus area. Before being installed into office, Dick had memorized the Chaplain's ritualistic work for meetings, funerals, memorial services and other functions needing the services of a Chaplain.

Friends are boosting Pestel to work himself through the two chairs leading to the Post Commander's chair.

—July 29-31—All Roads Lead to N.Y.—

BRIG. GENERAL STOLL RETIRED ON JUNE 30

George McCartney, 609 Moreland Dr., Pittsburgh, Pa., has furnished The Octofoil with an April 1 edition of The Lebanon (Pa.) News. The newspaper printed a long story with picture concerning the retirement of Brig. Gen. Justin W. Stoll, 112 Kimberly Dr., Upper St. Clair, Pa.

Gen. Stoll entered active duty with the Ninth Division at Fort Bragg in August, 1940. He distinguished himself as an officer with the 84th F.A. during the African Invasion. He continued with the 84th Field throughout the Morocco-Algeria, Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe.

Cited for gallantry during the Normandy Invasion, he received the Silver Star for his part in that action. Other decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart. The French government honored him with the Croix de Guerre with Palm, and the Belgian Government presented him with the Fourragere.

Gen. Stoll was promoted to Brigadier General during service in Korea.

General and Mrs. Stoll will reside at 15 Tally Ho Lane in Alexandria, Va., after his retirement.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W—

Gen. Randle Doing Bit As a Recruiter

Gen. Ed Randle recently furnished Secretary Quinn with the name of Maurice E. Wetham, Box 617, Bonners Ferry, Idaho, as a prospective member of the Association. Maurice was a lieutenant in L Co., 47th and was wounded at both El Guettar and again at Troina, Sicily.

J. R. Hutchison, who was a "Light Colonel" with the 39th at the time Maurice was with the 47th, and has been sending his copy of The Octofoil to the old 47th man. After receiving Secretary Quinn's letter a new name has been added to the membership roster—it is Maurice E. Wetham, Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

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Married love is like wine. It'll either improve with age, or turn to vinegar.

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"BLACK MARKET" BAND LEADER WRITES COL. FLINT'S WIDOW

Bennie Nardone, former 39th man, who lives at 1845 Bluff Ave., Columbus, Ohio, was leader of the famous 39th Regt.'s "Black Market" Band. Several months ago The Octofoil printed a story about the immortal Col. "Paddy" Flint, CO of the 39th. The story brought back many memories to Nardone, so on May 2, 1965, he sat down, and with pen in hand, sent the following letter to "Paddy's" widow, Mrs. Sallie Emery Flint, 4000 Cathedral Ave., Washington D. C.:

Mrs. Sallie Emery Flint,
Washington, D. C.

"Dear Mrs. Flint: My name is Bennie Nardone and I served under Col. Flint and felt very close to him. I was the regimental band leader—which the Colonel called his Black Market Band because we bought, found, stole or borrowed instruments and the band was never authorized. After the Sicilian battles, a lieutenant piano player and myself played many impromptu concerts for the G.I.s and Col. Flint was always there.

"During the heat of an engagement with the Germans Col. Flint asked me to try and locate a half dozen of our boys and see if we could salvage a half dozen beat up instruments in a trailer to the rear. We found some instruments that would make a noise. We come back to the area where K Co. was pinned down. The Germans were holding them to a standstill. We were greeted with mortar fire upon our arrival. Without any 'tuning' up, we stood straight up and started blaring away. The war seemed to end. Both the Germans and Americans ceased firing and lay there enjoying such jazz strains as 'The Jersey Bounce,' 'The St. Louis Blues,' etc. The next day the town was captured by the Americans.

"I was ordered to Col. Flint's headquarters and thanked personally for our performance. One day after the Sicily campaign Col. Flint sent for me. I went to his tent. He was in a very sentimental mood. He opened up his typewriter and typed out a few verses about an old Army Buddy who had been killed—who the buddy was I don't remember. I will copy the verses, hoping that you might enlighten me and will know who the Colonel had in mind when he typed the verses. He asked me to write some music for the verses. But I never did get around to it, because of training and a dance we were playing for almost every night. I will go to my grave regretting not having gotten around to writing that music. He mentioned it every time we had a regimental assembly: 'Norden,' he would say, 'Still hain't wrote that music for me. I hope he does before we go to France.' Only if I had. It would have meant so much for him—and so much to me. Do you know who he was writing about? If you do please let me know. I think Col. Flint was

the most wonderful man I ever knew in my life. The verses read:

"We've ridden the trail in the sunshine
We've ridden the trail in the rain
And side by side as we used to ride
We are out on the trail again.

"But soon we come to the crossroads
Where the trail forks left and right
And one leads into the sunshine
And one leads into the night.

"You'll build you a thousand camp fires,
I'll build me a thousand, too
And by my own firelight I'll sit at night
And dream of nights with you.

"So give me your hand at parting
And never the heart shall fail
Till our ride is made and we come unafraid
To the Camp at the end of the Trail.

"On another occasion a USO show troupe visited England just before the Normandy invasion and put on a show for our regiment. After the show was over Col. Flint remarked to the USO group, 'My band can put on a better show than that.' He sent for me and told me to put on a show for the USO. He ordered a battalion of men to attend. I located a couple of G.I.s who were pretty good entertainers. Between these G.I. entertainers and the band we put on a good show. You should have seen the Colonel beaming, smiling and bragging about his Black Market Band. I was mighty happy and pleased to know how we were appreciated by our Colonel. He was loved by all of us.

"I'll never forget the day he was killed. We were all stunned. Absolutely stunned. They wouldn't tell us the truth. But somehow we knew. Col. Flint will always live in my memories. I loved him as if he was my own father. Sorry to be so sentimental in this letter, but Col. Flint was GREAT.

"Most sincerely,
"BENNIE NARDONE."

The Octofoil is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Flint in which she comments on Nardone's letter and advises she is in the process of answering it. Among many other most touching remarks made by Mrs. Flint in her letter to The Octofoil were:

"Col. Flint was indeed proud of his 'Black Market' band and often spoke of it in his letters to me.

"I am sure you know he was devoted to his regiment and proud to be its C.O. It had a fine record and made its contribution to the history of the war.

"I believe my husband was a good leader but also he had good men who followed him. It was an outfit that justified its motto AAA-O."

Maj. J. M. Alley Has Been On Sick Call

Secretary Quinn is in receipt of a short note from Major J. M. Alley, AUS, Ret. Maj. Alley was with AG Section, Division Hqtrs. His address now is 4701 Kenmore Ave., Apt. 1313 East, Alexandria, Va. 22304. Parts of the Major's letter reads:

"Will not be able to make the New York Convention, since I spent three months in a hospital this winter—now I must work for a while!

"While I do have to see the doctor a couple of times each month, I have been told that for all practical purposes I have recovered."

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Ardennes Campaign Book On the Market

"Voice From the Ardennes," is a book now in its third printing. The author, George C. Koch, 26 Liss St., Staten Island, N. Y. 10312. Koch was with the 16th Infantry, 1st Division. He is 80 percent service connected disabled and writes from personal experiences about that dead of the winter battle. Price of this third edition is \$1.50. Anyone desiring a copy make contact Koch at address given above.

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ED SLOSSON IN GOOD STANDING

Edward Slosson, Jr., 63 Sherwood Place, Greenwich, Conn., recently forwarded to Secy. Quinn dues for the next three years. Ed asked the secretary for certain information about the Veterans' National Cemeteries. The secretary was forwarded to Ed the needed information.

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MILLHOLLAND HAS TO MAKE DEADLINE

Ken Millholland is sad that he will miss out on seeing his old Co. G, 47th buddies at the New York Reunion. But Ken's "pride and joy"—The Hickory Daily Record, Hickory, North Carolina, is celebrating its 50th year covering the Western Carolina Piedmont Area, and the mammoth 50-year edition that will be published has the entire Record personnel working into the wee small hours, getting everything in shape for this edition, as well as laying groundwork for a 50th anniversary celebration that the Tar Heel State will long remember.

Ken enjoys reading The Octofoil and preserves each issue for future reference. He hasn't seen Dr. McLaughlin, another 47th man, who lives in that section, for some time, but hears from and about him indirectly—and they both send best regards to the old 47th gang.

—New York Is Ready—Are You?—

BOYLE'S STATEMENT HAS GOOD NEWS

National Treasurer Tom Boyle issued his usual comprehensive financial statement for the three months ending March 31, 1965.

Boyle is a "watchdog" over the Association's finances and quite often comes up with suggestions that effect savings for the organization. His most recent statement shows the Association is being capably run and the financial structure is sound—and operating on the black side of the ledger.

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Calling a man in his 60s a sexagenarian seems to be a slight exaggeration.

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MAJ. GEN. BARTH COMES THRU WITH AN INTERESTING LETTER

Secretary Quinn recently received a wonderful letter from Maj. Gen. George Barth (Ret.) The Octofoil has been tempted to make an effort to contact Gen. Barth for some time and ask him to send in a few lines now and then. Shortly after Association headquarters were set up in the old War College in Washington, Col. George Barth was attending all the Board meetings, giving his sage advice and time in helping get the organization on terra firma. The interesting letter reads:

1101 S. 2nd St.,
Leavenworth, Kans. 66048
April 9, 1965

Dear Dan: Just received your letter and am very sorry that I will not be able to attend the Reunion this July. Although I served with four other Divisions in World War II and the Korean War, the Ninth has always been my first love since, as its Chief of Staff in North Africa, Sicily and early Normandy I had my first experience in combat. As you may know, I left the Ninth to take command of a regiment of the 90th Div. and never saw the Octofoil again, but I followed its exploits avidly during the remainder of World War II.

AGREES WITH GEN. SMYTHE

I was particularly glad to see Gen. Smythe's comments in a recent issue of The Octofoil concerning the ignoring of the Ninth in Chet Huntley's television program on the Battle of the Bulge. The Ninth did its job without benefit of publicity and often failed to catch the public's eye, but its record speaks eloquently for those who have really studied the European and Mediterranean campaigns.

The case of George Smythe is particularly interesting. It was his 47th Infantry that was practically thru the Seigfried Line in September of 1944, near Aachen. A fine combat command of the 3rd Armored Division was teamed with the 47th in this action. The 39th and 60th Infantry fought to exhaustion in the Hurtgen Forest on the right of the 47th. Finally the Ninth Division came out of action but the 47th stayed on attached to the 1st Division. The 9th was the first of five excellent divisions that struggled against heavy odds in the painful clearing of the Hurtgen Forest. The other four were the 1st, 4th, 28th and finally the 8th Div. All were completely exhausted before the forest was finally cleared.

ORGANIZES A "DIVISION"

The unsung fame of the 9th Division, and particularly of the 47th Infantry, came at the time of the Battle of the Bulge and was more responsible for the eventual defeat of the Germans than the highly publicized exploits of the 101st Airborne, with Combat Commands from the 9th and 10th Armored attached, at Bastogne. The 9th held the shoulder of our line near Montchau and never budged, although the Germans tried desperately to widen the penetration at the base of the salient. The German records show that the main attack and the use of the road net towards Brussels and Antwerp required the overrunning of the 9th and thus they were never able to do. Von Runstad admitted at the time that the stand of the 47th Infantry and the 9th Division doomed his offensive in the first four days of the fight. The 47th had just gone into the line when the attack came. George Smythe dug in where he was and stopped and reorganized broken units of other divisions that retreated through his lines. He told me that his infantry strength was augmented by about 6000 men, including one complete Battalion of the 99th that held on his flank and became part of his command after the rest of the 99th was overrun. He also took over four anti-tank battalions and a number of artillery battalions including an 8-inch Howitzer outfit. All these he organized and his force finally approximated the strength of a full division.

NINTH AT REMAGEN

Again at the time of the capture of the Remagen Bridge by a small spearhead of the 9th Armored Division, it was the 9th Division that first entered the bridgehead and held during the critical early hours when the Germans reacted violently to erase the foothold across the Rhine. Smythe's 47th Infantry was the first regiment across the bridge. For the first 24 hours fighting was desperate. The 47th Inf. suffered over 50 per cent casualties. By the end of the fourth day four divisions had been rushed into the bridgehead which was then secure but it was the 9th that got there first and suffered the most. Due to security measures, it made no headlines and not until long

afterwards was it known in this country that the "Anonymous 9th" had scored another first.

GEN. RANDLE 9TH ALUMNUS

I was also interested to read in The Octofoil news of Gen. Randle, another fine soldier who was a product of the 9th Division. I first knew him when I took over as Chief of Staff of the Division the day before the Battle of El Guetar in Tunisia. He led the 47th Infantry in our attack against Hill 359 and received his promotion to Brigadier General and the D.S.C. as a result of his fine leadership. He was always unruffled and decisive. His men followed him without question. He wore an O.D. cloth fastened to the back of his helmet and hanging down to protect his neck from insects. It reminded me of the kepis of the French Foreign Legion with their white neck cloths. **STRAGGLER DROPS IN**

A story was told of a straggler from another outfit that joined up with Col. Randle's headquarters group at El Guetar. After he had been fighting for several days a check was made; he was told to go back to the unit to which he belonged. He refused and said that Col. Randle was "his man" and that if there was fighting to be done he'd stay with the Colonel. He inspired confidence and loyalty from all who knew him. He gave me a tough time, I remember, over the non-arrival of trucks for his regiment. He always thought of his men and their welfare first and fought anybody who, in his opinion, was unfair to his outfit.

SO SORRY

Again, I'm sorry not to be with you in New York next July when the 9th Division meets for its 20th Reunion. It was a wonderful privilege to belong to this, one of the real "shock outfits" of World War II. Please extend my best wishes to all at the Reunion.—Cordially yours—G. B. Barth, Maj. Gen., USA (Ret.)
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TOM EGAN GOING UP IN LIONS CLUB

Thomas M. Egan is a life member of the Association. He served as a Ninth Infantry Captain from 1942-1945. He also saw service in Korea. The community service work Tom has done and is doing in the borough of Queens, New York, would fill many columns. Just a few of these extra curricula activities include serving on the Queens Village Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; chairman of many committees working for the betterment of the Eastern Queens YMCA; active in Knights of Columbus work; a member of Long Island University Alumni Association and LaSalle M.A. Alumni Association.

Tom has served the Queens Village Lions Club and 20K-1 District Lions in just about every capacity a Lion could serve.

To show their appreciation Thomas M. Egan has been elected District Governor of District 20K-1 Lions International. He will be the leader of more than 2,000 Lions in the area and in charge of 44 Lions Clubs.

Tom lives at 38 Stratford Ave., Garden City, N. Y. Is married and has a son, Thomas H., attending college and a daughter, Patricia, attending high school.

Another well known former Ninth man is active in the Lions organization and has held many high offices is Al Bruchac, a former 60th man, who has also served as New York Chapter president and as president of the National Association.

Groenedykes Have Made Their Plans

Al Groenedyke plans on letting the Groenedyke Family Shoe Store at 3010 S. Wilson, Grandville, Mich., get along as best it can without his valuable assistance during the 20th Reunion in New York. This former 34th F.A. man is looking forward to meeting a big delegation of former 34th men when he and Mrs. Groenedyke arrive in New York City.

Ev Tapp Will Be Counted Present

Everett Tapp, 9th Q.M., of 20303 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, Mich., along with all the other members of the Tapp family are looking forward to a very enjoyable vacation—the highlight which of course will be attending the 20th Reunion—and side trips to the World Fair.

Some people have tact and others tell the truth.

A good listener is usually thinking about something else.

"Nothing" is a balloon with its skin off.

Tom Boyle Issued a Call, And Then Filed a Report

National Treasurer Tom Boyle doubles as New England Chapter Secretary. On May 10 he sent out notices for an important meeting of the Chapter to be held at the Statler-Hilton in Boston, Mass. Discussion of room rates and other information pertaining to holding the 1966 Reunion in Boston were on the agenda.

Boyle related the highlights of the trip that he, Ronnie Murphy and Franny Maher made to attend the Washington Board meeting. The New England members were given highlights of various reports filed at the Washington meeting.

Quoting from Tom's letter to the members:

"Detroit, Washington and Ohio are listed as chapters also seeking the 1966 Reunion. We wish we could say Boston is a shoo-in for 1966 but would only be fooling ourselves. For New England to secure this Reunion we must present a very formidable request. Your attendance at this meeting with your ideas and support would be of great value to our representatives on the Board of Governors who must make this presentation."

On May 31, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester, Father Connors celebrated a Mass at 8:00 A.M. for the 4581 men of the Ninth who gave their lives for our nation's cause; also for the men who returned and have since gone to their eternal reward. A wreath in the form of an Octofoil was placed on the monument after the Mass.

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FRED JOSEY AND FAMILY EN ROUTE

Fred Josey writes from 8162 Green Valley Dr., Grand Blanc, Michigan. This former Co. G 60th man and his wife had to make a "quickie" trip to the Reunion last year. They plan on a real vacation this year—bringing the two husky boys along—for a gander at the World's Fair and other points of interest en route.

Mrs. Josey has taken out a membership card in the Ladies' Auxiliary.

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John Snyder Writes From Bowling Green

John Snyder hasn't been able to attend a Reunion since the Detroit conclave. But he feels sure he'll be in New York July 29. John's home address is 303 S. Maple St., Bowling Green, Ohio. The former Co. K, 47th man sends his kindest regards with best wishes to all former K Co. men.

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O'CONNOR PLANS TO LOCATE TAYLOR

Dick O'Connor, the Down Easterner, who transplanted himself in Whittier, Calif., a few years ago is bivouaced at 9567 Bluford Ave., in Whittier. Dick, Grace and the boys are crossing the country in a Volkswagen camper to attend the Reunion and visit relatives.

A side trip this former B Bty., 84th F.A. man plans on making—is to go to Bakersfield, then get directions to Lost Hills, Calif and visit Wilton Taylor, the former Co. M, 47th man, who has contributed so many columns of news material for The Octofoil in years past.

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DAD SMITH'S BOY HOME FOR GOOD

It has been quite a while since The Octofoil or Secretary Quinn received a letter from Mr. J. W. "Dad" Smith, Rt. 1, Butler, Pa. 16002. All the time his boy, Wringold J. Smith, former 84th F.A. man, was sweating out his retirement date with Uncle Sam's Army, "Dad" Smith saw to it that his son was never delinquent in the Association. At long last, the 20-year stretch has ended—and the former 84th man is a civilian. He returned home on July 2, 1965. Hereafter "Dad" Smith says Wringold will take care of that little detail—but Dad will be around to see that he doesn't forget.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N.O.W.—

'TENTION!

Hudson County, N. J. Members —
When someone dents your car —
Stop and See
JOE PHILLIPS, Proprietor
E Co., 60th Infantry

J. & C. AUTO BODY

UN. 3-0882
1111 23rd Street
NORTH BERGEN, N. J.

Once there was a little old blind man who was thankful that he wasn't a big tall blind man.

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Bob Mautte Taking Off For Visit to Sunny Spain

Secretary Dan Quinn forwards to The Octofoil parts of an interesting letter he received from Robert E. Mautte, 3296 Perry Ave., Bronx 67, N. Y. Bob was a 39th Inf. Sergeant. The letter:

Enclosed you will find 1965 dues—which it is an honor to pay when I think of all the wonderful guys I met from Fort Bragg to the end of the war. . . .

In regards some of the guys—I see John McGowan, Pete Perrin, Joe Jacobs—all served with me in the 39th Regt.

For the past 16 years I have worked for the U. S. Customs in New York City as an export examiner. John McGowan also works for the Customs as a bookkeeper.

Pete Perrin manages a shoe store in Wycoff Heights, N. J.

Joe McCullough works for Corn Products, as a clerk in Ridgefield, New Jersey.

Jake Jacobs stayed in the Army, and is now a retired sergeant.

GOING TO SPAIN

I am sorry I won't be able to make this year's Reunion, as my wife and I will be sailing on July 24 for Spain and Portugal. This will be our third crossing since 1959, that is why I missed a few of the Reunions. I assure you it is much more pleasant as a traveler than as we traveled during the year.

However, I will surely make the Reunion next year wherever it is, as I am anxious to see the guys again. In closing I hope you all have the best Reunion ever. Give my best to the boys, especially the 39th gang.

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Rev. Wm. Phillips Is In Bad Health

In the last issue of The Octofoil a short article was printed, calling attention to the fact the postoffice had notified The Octofoil that Rev. Wm. C. Phillips' new address was 4817 Spottswood Rd., Memphis, Tenn. 38117. The Octofoil presumed Rev. Phillips had a new assignment.

Under date of April 9 he wrote The Octofoil and the letter contained the sad news that he had retired from an active pastorate because of ill health. He says since 1962 he has been in hospitals for ailments of varying severity. In October, 1963 he was brought down by a cerebral stroke of moderate severity. This necessitated three months in the hospital and six months convalescence; then back to the hospital for two more months. Upon retirement Rev. Phillips moved to Memphis because most of his hospitalization was in that city; his medicals are in Memphis and he has spent many years while engaged in active ministry work in Memphis. He still lives in hope that a decided improvement in his condition will take place before long. The Octofoil and Rev. Phillips many old Ninth buddies join in hoping and praying that he will soon regain his lost health.

In his letter he sends best regards to all of the friends of those never-to-be forgotten days when I journeyed across the face of Africa and Europe with the glorious Ninth Infantry Division. Rev. Phillips was a Ninth Division Chaplain, having the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

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Woody Lockwood Bringing Family

Boardman "Woody" Lockwood, 242 Trumbull St., Hartford 3, Conn., has made hotel reservations for himself, Mrs. Lockwood and Judy, the cute little 15-year-old daughter at the Statler for the 20th Reunion.

"Woody" is another Hqtrs. 47th man who expects to see many of his old buddies that he hasn't seen or heard from in a long time.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N.O.W.—

Wants Belt Buckle With 9th Insignia

Edwardo F. Padilla wants a belt buckle with the Octofoil as an inset. Secretary Quinn does not have such an item in stock, but there may be a possibility if the demand reaches sufficient proportions that such an item can be arranged to be put in stock for the members.

Ed is an old C Co., 60th man and is living in Winkelman, Arizona—P. O. Box 113.

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MERT BEEBE WITH AETNA LIFE FOR FORTY YEARS

Forty years is a long time to work for one outfit—but that is the record Merton H. Blake, a former K Co., 60th man, has chalked up with the Aetna Life Insurance Co. Mert's home address is 176 East Robbins Ave., Newington, Conn. He's making every effort to be at the Reunion.

CHICK HENNER SENDS OCTOFOIL POST STORY

The December 12, 1964 issue of Saturday Evening Post prints a 12-page story, complete with vivid pictures, the story titled, "THE GI'S WAR FADES AWAY." Chick Hennen, a former 60th man, forwarded a copy of The Post to The Octofoil. Chick, who lives at 4130 Washburn Ave., No., Minneapolis, Minn., 55412, is mentioned in the story. The Ninth Division comes in for a bit of timely recognition—especially when the author, W. C. Heinz, narrates on the Huertgen Forest nightmare. As Heinz comments . . . "Who can forget that obstacle? It was the nadir in the saga of the Ninth."

Looking over areas that have been rebuilt since the terrific shelling and bombing that left the sectors in such hopeless condition, the author remarks:

"Chick Hennen should see this."

Then to explain to Post readers who Chick Hennen was, the author inserts a paragraph with heavy rule at top and bottom, which reads:

"Major Norbert J. Hennen was out of Sheboygan Falls, Wis., and he fascinated me. He was a wry little guy who had been in it since Africa, and he was very tough and he never smiled. On most of our people the American helmet looked like an inverted mixing bowl, but the way he cocked his over one eye it made me think of a snap-brim hat. They were going to burn the Germans out of the pillbox with a flamethrower, but when we got within 100 yards of it the tree bursts started. The air was filled with the splintering noise and the shrapnel and the tops of the trees coming down, and Hennen was sitting on one of the fallen limbs and whistling *The Darktown Strutters Ball*. For months after I wanted to try to get him drunk and find out what made him like that, but I never saw him again and now he's a lawyer in Minneapolis."

The author of this absorbing Post story, Bill Heinz was in Europe with the troops when the incidents he relates in the story happened.

Anyway Chuck Hennen's thoughts are far from Huertgen Forest now. He closed his recent letter to Secretary Quinn by saying he was mailing in his dues before he left the money at a Minneapolis bar since he and Dick Sims, 3d Bn., 60th—were on their way out for dinner and a little celebrating that night.

Maybe at some later date The Octofoil will have the necessary space to print other excerpts from the Post's story.

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Kreye Harkens Back to Billiard Room Incident

The Octofoil is in receipt of an interesting narrative from Sergeant Bill Kreye, 337 20th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. The sarge deviates from AAA-O incidents and relives some experiences in those Brooklyn poolrooms. He has a good moral lesson attached to the story. However, every story in The Octofoil has been condensed for this issue. Many were left out altogether — so Kreye's feature will have to be filed for a future time.

The book length story Sgt. Kreye has written "The Pawns of War," will be submitted to The Octofoil during the Reunion and as space is available from time to time parts of the book will be printed.

Kreye sent in a drawing that is a facsimile of an Octofoil, with AAA-O at both ends. He uses these drawings in his empty license plate slot (New York State has only 1 license plate). Kreye's unique Ninth insignia is bound to attract favorable attention.

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Elias Hopkins' Son Gets Academy Appointment

George E. Hopkins, a fine looking boy, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Hopkins.

Elias "Hoppy" Hopkins was with Co. M, 47th and is now a member of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter.

The son, George, is now attending Bloomsburg State College, Bloomsburg, Pa. He was one of the six young men nominated by U. S. Rep. Willard S. Curtin for admission to the United States Air Force Academy. George is a graduate of Nehaminy High School, where he played soccer and baseball and was a member of the bowling team and band. He is especially interested in aeronautical engineering.

The Hopkins family lives at 30 Lewis St., Feasterville, Pa.

—New York Is Ready—Are You?—

Didja hear about the salesman who chased the hotel chamber maid into a linen closet? No soap.

—July 29-31—All Roads Lead to N.Y.—

MEMORIAL SERVICES CONDUCTED BY NEW YORKERS WAS INSPIRING

By ARTHUR RICHARD SCHMIDT, New York Chapter Correspondent

On May 22 at 11:30 A.M. members of the New York Chapter performed one of the most heart-touching acts any group of veterans anywhere have ever carried out. On that day many carloads of the members gathered at the Pinelawn, Long Island National Memorial Cemetery.

The ceremonies were started by the placing of a beautiful wreath at the base of the flag staff in honor of all Ninth Infantry Division men who have passed away. The wreath was shaped like the Octofoil, with red carnations on top, blue carnations on the bottom, and a white center.

A group of American Legionnaires visited the cemetery on the same day as the Ninth men, three of the Legion's group were former Ninth Division men. Two of these former 9th men who were with the Legion's group were Joe Devine, 60th Regt., and former Nassau County Commander, and Paul Colombo, 899th Tank. The writer's count may be incomplete, but among those he was able to count in the group included Dominick Miele, George Apar, Paddy Higgins, Dan Quinn, Walter O'Keefe, Frank Fazio, Vincent Guglielmino, John Rizzo, Jack Scully, Bill Kreye, Tony Varone, Jim Hayes, Al Orletti, Frank Duff, and Arthur R. Schmidt.

STAFF SIDE

On the staff side there were Mrs. Rizzo, Mrs. Higgins, Bill Kreye's mother, the writer's mother, and Vincent Guglielmino's daughter, Francine. After ceremonies at the flag the group proceeded to the graves of the following men from the Ninth Infantry Division:

Felice Guglielmino, PFC, 47th, died 7-10-44.

Charles Howard Brock, PFC, Co. D, 60th, died 3-31-63.

Victor Solimeo, Staff Sgt., 47th, died 7-21-44.

Edward B. Kramer, Pvt., 47th, died 6-30-64.

Joseph Truglio, Staff Sgt., 39th, died 7-16-44.

Nearby it was noted another 9th man was buried—William Lewis, Pvt., 39th, died 8-6-44. At each grave the following prayer was said:

Be favorable, O Lord, to our humble prayers for the soul of Your servant (name), whose anniversary is being remembered today, for whom we offer the sacrifice of praise, that You would deign to grant him companionship in Heaven.

(Silent Prayer.)

L. Eternal rest grant to him O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine

upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

If the deceased was with a particular regiment, President Frank Fazio called on a member from the same regiment to lead the group in prayer at the grave.

VISIT EDITOR'S SON'S GRAVE

Charles McFarland Plunkett, deceased son of The Octofoil editor, who served with an Armored unit, who is buried in the National Cemetery, was visited by some of the New York group. Young Plunkett's grave was decorated and a prayer offered.

The Chapter members entered the cemetery with a short list of former Ninth men buried in the cemetery. Very shortly after arriving many more former Ninth members' names were recognized by the Chapter members. A more thorough check on the names of former Ninth men buried in this particular National Cemetery will be made before the services are held there next year.

ORLETTI COMMENTS

Al Orletti remarked this was a fine thing the Chapter was doing in honoring departed buddies, and remarked further, "We should have been doing this much sooner."

President Fazio thanked all for attending the services. Several sent reasons why they were unavoidably detained and could not attend the services, among who was Adolph Wadlavage. He was forced to work on this date.

GUGLIELMINO PERFECT HOST

After the services Vincent Guglielmino invited the entire group to the hospitable Guglielmino home for refreshments. The entire caravan followed Guggy. Upon arrival it was learned that Myrtle, Guggy's charming wife, had prepared a most appetizing collection of cold cuts, coffee and cake. All that tremendous supply of chow somehow vanished almost suddenly. Tony Varone and the writer did more than their share in helping the food disappear. But Mrs. Guglielmino was ready for such eventualities and in nothing flat she had a second spread ready for the chow hounds.

The group then adjourned to the Guglielminos' newly refurbished basement rec room and bar. The amount of beer and the more potent liquid that disappeared from the well stocked Guglielmino private stock was something to behold. Those who were not too full or too tight to stand up—did give Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Guglielmino a rising vote of thanks for being such grand host and hostess. John Rizzo and Jack Scully helped Guggy in serving the Free Lunch Counter "patrons."

NEW YORK CHAPTER MET MAY 7th IN THE STATLER PENN ROOM

By ARTHUR RICHARD SCHMIDT,

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The New York Chapter held its May meeting in the Pennsylvania Room at the Hotel Statler-Hilton, 33rd St. and 7th Ave., New York City, May 7, 1965.

"EX-PRESIDENTS' NIGHT"

As was mentioned in President Frank Fazio's meeting notices, this was "Ex-Presidents' Night." There was a full house of members present to honor the former presidents of the Chapter.

The meeting was officially opened by Harry Orenstein, Chapter Chaplain, who offered a prayer for departed buddies.

Sergeant-at-Arms Al Orletti had to lend a helping hand in getting the meeting started, by dragging many of the members away from the refreshments, which had been amply provided by Jack Scully.

Irving Feinberg, Chapter Treasurer, reported the Chapter treasury was in good shape.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read by Secretary Dominick Miele.

President Frank Fazio then announced the meeting was being held in honor of our past presidents and introduced those who were present, namely: Pat Morano, Max Umansky, Vincent Guglielmino, Irving Feinberg, Arthur Schmidt, Dan Quinn, Walter O'Keefe, and John Rizzo. Each was given a thunderous hand of applause.

NEW MEMBERS

President Fazio then announced some new members were present: Mike Deresh, Cannon Co., 60th, 131 6th St., Wood Ridge, N. J., and Mike Iorio, C Co., 60th, 915 Premier Blvd., New Hyde Park, N. Y. Fazio also announced Lou Almassy was making an early appearance, possibly because his bowling ability was improving.

The president called on Dan Quinn to present the following past-presidents: Irving Feinberg, Arthur R. Schmidt, Vincent Guglielmino, Max Umansky, Pat Morano, Stan Cohen, Walter O'Keefe, and John Rizzo with a fine set of cuff links, a tie clasp and a cigarette lighter. All had the Ninth Infantry insignia on them, and the lighters had the past president's name engraved. These men were presented with these mementos in honor of their service to the Chapter and the Association. They had not been given a gift when they finished their term of office as had been the practice of the Chapter.

MORANO SPEAKS

Pat Morano made a short speech applauding the work of the Chapter Reunion Committees. He said he missed New York, but he likes his new home in Chambersburg, Pa., and extended an open invitation for any 9th men passing that way to be his guest at the Morano home. Pat took some ribbing making the long trip because he heard the gifts were to be presented. Anyone who knows Pat Morano, knows that he is all heart and soul for the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Harry Orenstein gave a report on the last meeting of the National Board of Governors. He reported the Philadelphia Reunion Committee operated at a profit. He also gave some information on the scholarship program. Harry reported that Emil Langer gave the Board a fine report on New York Chapter's progress in arranging for the 1965 Reunion. The report also gave the information that both Columbus, Ohio and Washington, D. C. had in bids for the 1966 Reunion.

Dom Miele asked that the membership heed the request from the postmaster that zip code numbers be used whenever possible.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

President Fazio reported that the Chapter's Gold Star parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McInerney, were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary and they were to repeat their marital vows on May 8 at the St. Paul the Apostle Church at 12:40 P. M.

Walter O'Keefe reported that Gen. Craig could be counted on to be at the Reunion, and there was a good chance that Gen. Smythe would also attend.

The president announced plans to have Memorial Services at Pinelawn National Cemetery on May 22, 1965 honoring the deceased former Ninth Division men buried there.

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A girl who dresses like a million dollars shouldn't walk like loose change.

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Byron Anzell Will Attend Reunion

Byron Anzell is the latest Co. B, 15th Engr. man to answer Arthur Schmidt's letter asking for contributions to pay for an ad in the Reunion Journal. The ad to be placed in the name of the Engineers.

Angell plans on attending the Reunion. He writes that he hears occasionally from a few of the old gang, particularly Fred D'Amore and Sid Levinson.

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GUY THOMAS INQUIRES ABOUT UNIT CITATIONS

Guy Thomas writes from 7 Colwell St., Addison, N. Y., and asks Secy. Quinn for a list of the medals former Ninth men are entitled to. Guy was with the Ninth from January, 1941 until September, 1945.

Secretary Quinn has a record of all unit awards but not of individual awards. However, he advises that information can be gotten by writing Army Records Center, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. and giving serial number, date of entry into service, date of separation, rank and list of medals and ribbons a member believes he is entitled to.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W—

WALTER WILLIS PROMISES TO SEND SOME PICTURES

Another Co. C 39th man has written in. He is Walter S. Willis, 24 Florence Ave., Westville, N. J. Walt has 28 years' seniority with the Mobil Oil Refinery in Paulsboro, N. J. He couldn't get his vacation this year during the Reunion but hopes better luck next year. When sending in his own dues Walter asked that the wife, Emma, be recorded as a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Willis has some interesting pictures that his old 39th buddies will enjoy, and he has promised to send them to The Octofoil in the very near future.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W—

JERRY MULLIS ASKS OLD BUDDIES WRITE

Two former Ninth Divisioners have been living as next door neighbors to each other for a long time and neither knew the other was a former Ninth man. But recently one of the neighbors, Andrew Gabel, General Delivery, Belmont, N. C., noticed the 9th Division lapel pin the other neighbor, Jerry W. Mullis, 120 Adcock St., Belmont, was wearing—that did it. There's never a lack of something to talk about when the two meet now. Jerry wants to hear from any of his old E Co. 60th buddies and promises to answer any and all letters directed to him. He has promised The Octofoil some pictures of himself and the newly-found former Ninth neighbor.

—New York Is Ready—Are You?—

Folks would be in better health if they didn't get sick so much.

—PAY 1-9-6-5 DUES N-O-W—

Lulu says a self-made man is better than no man at all.

Asks About Parking the Autos In New York City

Many members have written The Octofoil asking questions about having their cars parked during the Reunion. There are many open air lots on the Jersey side of Lincoln Tunnel. The time lost, transportation cost to the hotel doesn't make such parking desirable. The indoor parking facilities the Statler-Hilton Hotel has—which are located just two blocks from the hotel are most reasonable and convenient. Those arriving on Thursday should by all means use the hotel facilities. After office hours on Friday there are all kinds of outdoor auto parking spots with available space within a short distance of the hotel. For strangers driving into New York who use the tunnel, they have only a few blocks to drive to get to the hotel entrance. Unload and turn the key over to the doorman—and forget auto worries for the small indoor parking charges that will be added to the bill when checking out.

BEING FORCED TO HOLD FATHER KINES' DIARY UNTIL THE NEXT ISSUE

It is with much regret that The Octofoil has been forced to hold until the next issue the last installment of Father Kines' all-absorbing diary, based on incidents happening during the North African campaign. The material with headlines "The Hell of Kasserene Pass" has all been set into type, ready to go but the press of material from the New York Chapter pertaining to the Reunion, makes this necessary. Father Kines' diary will still be news to readers in the next issue, whereas the New York copy would have been useless after this issue. This last installment of the diary is really a thrilling narrative. Anyone who went through the Hell of Kasserene Pass will almost relive those horrible days when reading Father Kines' final installment in the next issue. Please bear with us, this time!

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CARL DIMMICK HAS ROOM DECORATED

Carl (Pop) Dimmick is employed by the Lipton Tea Co., in Flemington, N. J. He gets mail at Route 1, Box 262, Stockton, N. J.

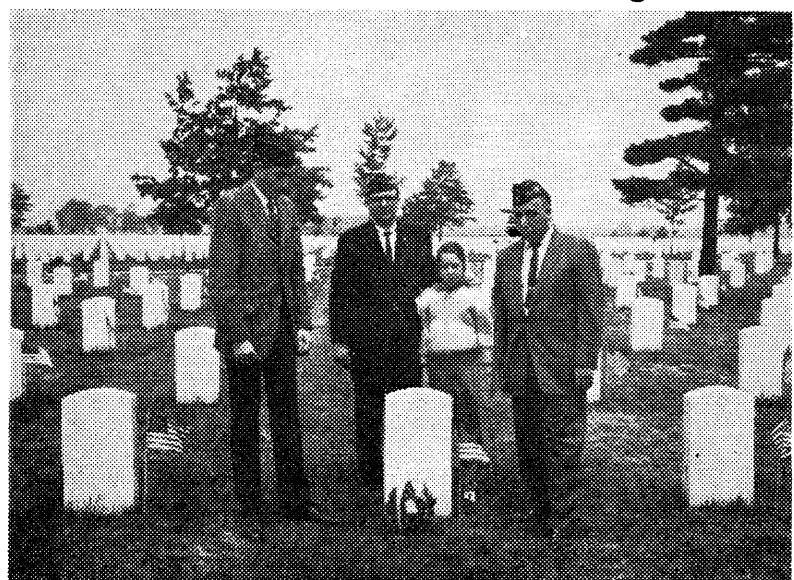
Carl is trying to locate some of the old Fort Bragg Co. E, 39th men. He's especially anxious to learn the whereabouts of Sgt. Albert L. Cox, Michael Dorherty, Robert King and Willard Roberts.

Dimmick started putting in his spare time tracing back the Dimmick family tree. He just uncovered the fact that one of his ancestors was hanged in England in 1530. Now he doesn't think he should carry on the Dimmick traditions.

He dropped family tree tracing and is devoting his spare time decorating his sleeping quarters with various kinds of Ninth Division signs.

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Solemn Ceremonies For Felice Guglielmino



Decorating the grave of Felice Guglielmino, killed July 10, 1944, brother of Association Vice President Vincent Guglielmino. Shown, left to right: President of the Ninth Infantry Division Association Walter O'Keefe, Frank Fazio, President of the New York Chapter; Francine Guglielmino, daughter of Vice-President Vincent Guglielmino, who is shown on the right.

Pete Radano Helps Round 'Em All Up

Pete Radano, 2525 88th St., Jackson Heights, N. Y., is doing his part in trying to round up correct addresses of "lost" 15th Engrs. In a recent letter he gives the new and correct addresses of the following former 15th Engrs. men:

Ed Kuklewicz, 1835 Preston Road, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Stanley Sweet, 1914 Hampstead Dr., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15235.

—New York Is Ready—Are You?—

Money saved for a rainy day buys a much smaller umbrella than it used to.

—July 29-31—All Roads Lead to N.Y.—

Howard Fitzpatrick Has a New Address

Howard Fitzpatrick sends in his new address as: Howard Fitzpatrick, 2 Overdale Drive, Louisville, Kentucky 40229. Howard was in Hqtr. Co., 2nd Bn., 47th, anti-tank platoon, 2nd squad. He enjoys reading about many of the old gang in The Octofoil and would appreciate hearing from any of the old gang—or better, have them drop in when they are in that area. Howard works for General Electric Appliances.

—New York Is Ready—Are You?—

Said mama ghost to baby ghost: "Don't spook until spooked to!"

New York Members Perform Sacred Duty



Decorating the graves of two killed in action Ninth men—on the left the grave of William Lewis of the 39th Infantry and on the right, Victor Solimeo of the 47th Infantry. Shown in the picture, kneeling, left to right: Jim Hayes, Francine Guglielmino; her father, Vincent; Al Orletti, Jack Scully, Frank Duffy, Tony Varone and Dan Quinn. Standing, left to right: John Rizzo, Dom Miele, George Apar, Art Schmidt, Frank Fazio, Pat Higgins, Bill Kreye and Walter O'Keefe.