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# THE OCTOFOIL

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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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July-August, 1965

## BONKOWSKI, DETROIT, PREXY for 1965-66

### LIEUT. GEN. WM. WESTMORELAND SENDS MOST INSPIRING MESSAGE

Although Lt. Gen. Westmoreland is many thousands of miles away from New York and burdened with problems no other commanding officer of the U. S. Armed Forces has been forced to contend, he took time out to type a message to his old buddies in the Ninth Infantry Division. The letter was read at the banquet during the 20th Reunion, and The Octofoil is grateful to Past President Walter O'Keeffe for making the necessary arrangements for The Octofoil to print the General's message so those who were unable to attend the Reunion might have the pleasure of reading the message. All our members remember Col. Westmoreland during combat days—and the close ties that have and are binding—all former Ninth Division men and Uncle Sam's commanding officer in far-off Vietnam. As busy as his military assignments kept him, Gen. Westmoreland found time to serve a term as President of the Association. The name of Gen. Westmoreland brought enthusiastic applause from the nearly 1,000 who attended the banquet during the New York Reunion. He is and always will be remembered in the prayers of former Ninth Division men.

The letter reads:

15 July 1965

TO: The Members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association

In the course of a military career, a soldier serves with many outfits. He remembers some with pride; the memory of others dims easily. The men of some become his lifelong friends, of others merely associates in the service. But the ties with the old outfit are strongest and the friendships most lasting when one looks back on the unit he served with in combat.

So it has been with me. I have served with many great outfits. I treasure each insignia and value friendships made in every one. But the fondest memories those born in battle with the Ninth—through Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, the Ardennes and Central Europe. And the bonds of comradeship are strongest with those with whom I was privileged to share this victory trail.

I wish I could be with you for our 1965 Reunion. I am honored by what Walter O'Keeffe wrote when he knew I must decline this year—that a place has been reserved for me nevertheless, and that I will be, to quote Walter, "uppermost in the thoughts of the members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association."

I ask you to remember also all the men of all the United States Armed Services who have joined with the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam to beat down this Communist-led insurgency, which is clearly now the pattern of Communist action to be applied to country after country in the free world if it is successful in South Vietnam.

Theirs is a difficult task—far different from ours of World War II, but nonetheless fraught with danger and the need for personal sacrifice. Here we face an unrecognizable enemy in a wild terrain where there are no recognizable battle lines. The Viet Cong uses every trick of guerrilla warfare from sabotage to kidnap, murder or atrocity, respecting neither age nor sex nor status as military or civilian. He is capable of fighting large-scale actions at times and locations of his own choosing. He is strong, well-supplied and well-led.

But he must not win. Our nation has gone on record to declare the Viet Cong will not win—that South Vietnam will one day be independent and free of Communist terror and aggression.

The path to this victory will be long, so we must have patience, understanding and support.

I know patience, understanding and support will come from members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

I sincerely wish you a great Reunion for 1965 and hope to be with you in 1966.

W. C. WESTMORELAND  
General, United States Army  
Commanding

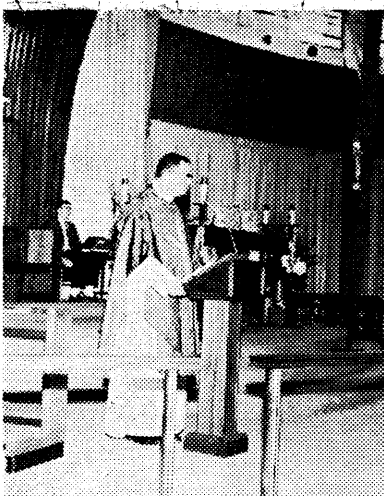
### Association's New Prexy



JOHN BONKOWSKI

The Octofoil attempted to secure a better close-up picture of the Association's new president, John Bonkowski of the Detroit, Mich. Chapter. John is a most sincere young man and is going to make the Association a wonderful president. The Octofoil will print a larger and more clear picture of John at an early date.

### Father Gerald Rowan



The Ninth Division's own Father Gerald Rowan is pictured in the Vatican Chapel during Mass at the World's Fair.

### A New Vice-President



Pictured above is the one and only John "Duco" Boden, president of the Philadelphia Chapter. "Duco" was elected a vice-president of the National Association. The original photo Victor sent in has been reduced. It showed the "Arab" surrounded by listeners.

Once a woman never revealed her taste in lingerie except on the clothesline. Now she does it every time she sits down.

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### GANG WILL INVADE WASHINGTON IN 1966—WILL TAKE SUPERHUMAN EFFORTS TO PUT ON BETTER SHOW THAN NEW YORKERS

Washington, D. C. won in a three-way contest between that city, Boston and Detroit for the 1966 Reunion. The Washington outfit got busy right away and announced Frank Wade and Gen. Louis A. Craig were co-chairmen for the 1966 get-together. Plenty of time to print details about the Washington lads' plans at a later date. There isn't enough space in the next six issues to print all the details and give due credit to the Big 1965 Reunion—which was beyond any doubt—the "Daddy" of them all up to this date.

### BONKOWSKI ELECTED

The announcement that young John Bonkowski from Detroit had been elected president of the Association for the coming year climaxed beautifully a successful Reunion that will always be remembered by those who attended. Not one man has been heard to say anything other than—"I'm sure glad I come."

### SCHMIDT STOLE THUNDER

During the New York Reunion The Octofoil editor jotted down several pages of notes to refresh his memory when time came to write a story about the Big 1965 Reunion Party in New York. He knew full well it was impossible for him to convey to those who were not in attendance the magnitude of the 1965 Reunion—but try he would. Then just before publication date the New York Chapter's Public Relations Officer, Arthur Richard Schmidt, filed a story for publication that covered every angle of the operation from "soup to nuts." Space being limited and newsprint expensive The Octofoil budget doesn't allow for too much repetition in these columns—such being the case there was no place for the editor's notes but the waste paper basket. Members are asked to read Schmidt's narrative for a complete report on the 1965 Reunion.

### EXECUTIVES

During Gen. Randle's talk at the banquet he remarked that he had been watching the smooth operation of the Reunion plans—how well planned everything had been—and how well those plans were being executed. He concluded that if he was the head of a large corporation needing executive leadership in various departments he would employ each and every member of the New York Reunion Committee at a top wage level. Those who know the "old man" are full aware of the fact that he doesn't go around throwing bouquets promiscuously. Bouquets he passes out have to be well earned—the hard way.

### GEN. CRAIG IMPRESSED

Gen. Craig was also impressed with the magnificent job the New York Chapter members were doing. The messages these two former 9th Division leaders delivered to their troops of yesteryear were messages worth traveling many miles to hear. NOT ENOUGH TIME

The only regret the Octofoil editor has—is that the time was too short to visit with everyone. Many old buddies were seen at a distance and there was every intention of seeing the guy later on for a real visit—but there just wasn't enough time to make all those visits. There were scores of former Ninth men attending the 1965 Reunion who had never before attended a Reunion. Many buddies saw each other again for the first time they had seen each other since some German 88s had caused separation in those combat areas of long, long ago.

Those three days spent in New York City during the 1965 Reunion cannot and will not ever be forgotten by those who were there.

Now read Art Schmidt's story for full details.

### PRESIDENT BONKOWSKI SENDS SHORT MESSAGE

AN OPEN LETTER TO MY NINTH DIVISION ASSOCIATION BUDDIES

Greetings:

I just can't find the words that really express my sincere feeling about being elected your President. As I have already stated, it truly is one of the greatest moments of my life and I will cherish the experience as long as I live.

I'll always try my best and with the help of God, I pray that I will prove worthy of this great honor you have bestowed upon me.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN BONKOWSKI, President  
Ninth Infantry Division Association.  
19941 Hickory St., Detroit 5, Mich.

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### Deadline Moved Up

The next deadline date for The Octofoil is being pushed back a few days, contrary to the standard deadline as lived up to during the past several months. This is being done so full information about the Memorial Mass in Worcester, Mass. that is held each year by Father Ed Connors, can be passed on to the membership. Copy and pictures must be received by or before Tuesday, Oct. 5, so as to be placed in the mail on Oct. 15, thus assuring delivery to the members at least two weeks previous to the BIG DAY in Worcester.

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### Ed Egan's Parade Plans Were Great

Without fanfare or noise Ed Egan could be detected moving in here and there, checking on this and that all during the New York Reunion. But Egan's great triumph was the smooth manner in which he had organized the parade to move out and proceed. Getting permission to move down busy Fifth Ave. is not small accomplishment in itself—and then the smoothness of the operation was spectacular. His assistants, John Rizzo, Max Umansky and others operated just like old time drill sergeants.

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### Bonkowski Sends Committee Thanks

Dear Buddies:

As Chairman of the Miscellaneous Committee for the 1965 Reunion I wish to thank the men who served with me: Dick Wilson, Lou Netta, Ed Arn, Dr. Hyman Seslowe, Jake Laskau and Paul "Doc" Walton.

A special word of appreciation to Harry Orenstein for many of his helpful comments.—Sincerely,

JOHN BONKOWSKI.

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Many people are poor conversationalists simply because they've never learned to talk freely on subjects they've never thought much about.

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 PAUL S. PLUNKETT, Editor and Publisher, The Octofoil.

## CEMETERY MARKERS WILL BE REPLACED

Following is an excerpt from a U.S. Army Policy Memo concerning replacement of Government headstones or markers:

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## Walton's Cure-All Fluid



Doc Walton, "Sage of Rome, Ga.," come to the big city prepared. He even took that suitcase, filled with Georgia Moonshine, to the ballroom. The bottle is labeled, "Home." His eyes were a bit misty when Walter Victor took the above picture, but Walton claims the water was not from excessive use—his eyes always waters at the sight of good whiskey.

A pessimist is a man who begins worrying about crabgrass in mid-winter. An optimist is one who thinks he doesn't have to worry until spring.

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The only thing a heated argument ever produced is a coolness.

## REIMAN DIGS UP SOME 'WAY BACK RECORDS

The March-April issue of The Octofoil printed names of past presidents of the New York Chapter—now Walter H. Reiman, 6310 Polk St., West New York, N. J. 07093, comes along with some "ancient" history about the first officers of the Association. Quoting from Doc Reiman's most recent letter:

The first President of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was Brig. Gen. Jesse A. Ladd, year 1945. First secretary-treasurer was Major F. M. Frey. I can prove this from my first membership card which reads: Member Walter H. Reiman, Card No. 4303.

Expires Dec. 31, 1946  
 BRIG. GEN. JESSE A. LADD, USA  
 President

F. M. FREY, Major

Secretary  
 While rambling through an old barracks bag Reiman has come across a Bible that was given him before the Saffi landing, inscribed from Franklin D. Roosevelt. He's also located his old dog tags in that bag. But there's one thing he can't find and that is Leon Silmski's address. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of

## LEON SILMSKI

should write to Walter Reiman at the address given above AT ONCE.

An old-timer who recently wrote to Reiman was Lt. Col. Henry J. Chiarini (Reserves). Col. Chiarini had hoped to attend the New York Reunion, but was detailed on an advance party and had to report at Fort Devens. He is a former 47th man.

Previous to the Reunion Reiman did a lot of writing, rounding up old buddies, trying to get them to attend the Reunion. Many did—including his old buddy—Doc Walton, from Rome, Ga. Dr. Roberts, down in the Hill Billy country around Elkins, W. Va., tried to make arrangements to get away—but something happened and he had to cancel out on attending this year but has hopes of being able to get to Washington.

It is fellows like Walter Reiman dedicated to the perpetuation of an Association of old buddies who have made the Ninth Infantry Division Association second to none and as long as men like Reiman live the Ninth Infantry Division Association will stand right up at the top of the class with other Divisional organizations.

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## EXTRA OCTOFOILS TO BADGER STATE

The New York partnership known as Schmidt & Wadalavage advises The Octofoil that 12 copies of this issue sent into Wisconsin may get a few new members. They have requested that the copies be sent to Bob Slapinski, 11017 W. Blue Mound Rd., care 40 Winks Motel, Milwaukee, Wis. 53226. Bob thinks he has some live wire prospects in that area and intends using the Octofoils to close the deal that will make them full fledged Association members.

Art Schmidt and Adolph Wadalavage have frequent meetings to discuss small matters such as purchasing new Cadillac automobiles, etc.—but occasionally these meetings give birth to something worthwhile—such as helping Bob get those Wisconsin prospective members signed up.

## EVER HEAR BERT CRANDALL?

Schmidt has been advised that a Bert Crandall has been broadcasting over NBC radio stations in the New York area and casually mentioned recently he fought with the Ninth Infantry Division. If so he still isn't a member of the Association—and someone should sign him up pronto.

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## Station WOR Helpful to the Association

Station WOR, New York City, was most helpful before and during the 1965 Reunion held in New York. Announcements of the various events were made from time to time by the station's Program Department.

One drawback to improved highways is there is no longer such thing as a distant relative.

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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 1966 dues. Please mail my membership card to —

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Make checks or money orders payable to Ninth Infantry Division Association. Mail to Secretary-Treasurer Tippiie Plunkett, 286 Zimpfer St., Columbus, Ohio. A 1966 countersigned membership card will be sent as soon as possible.

By order of the President:

MRS. BETTY MacDOUGALL, President

NO WRIT, NO WALK,  
SO SAYS ED BAILEY

Edward B. Bailey, a former Ninth Division man, has been the popular mayor of the thriving little city of Demopolis, Ala., for several years. Finally some of the racial tensions and unrest has hit the quiet little city. But Ed is proving himself quite capable to cope with the situation.

When demonstrators attempt to parade without a permit Bailey's lawmen throw them in the hoosegow, irrespective of what cause the demonstrators are advocating. Mayor Ed says "a permit is waiting for the demonstrators who apply to the city hall and pick up the permit." But he has told his police to be tough with any group attempting to parade without a permit.

Mahon's Scrapbook  
Will Be Interesting

Past National President Frank Ozart, 2241 S. Marshall Blvd., Chicago, Ill., writes that he has an old scrap book of Walter Mahon's that he plans going over with the Octofoil editor in the near future. Pictures of Walt dancing with the Russian girls brings back many memories.

The Illinois Chapter recently held Memorial Services for Mahon.

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We should admire the astronauts who will fly to the moon, says our new typist, because it takes real courage to go to the ends of the earth.

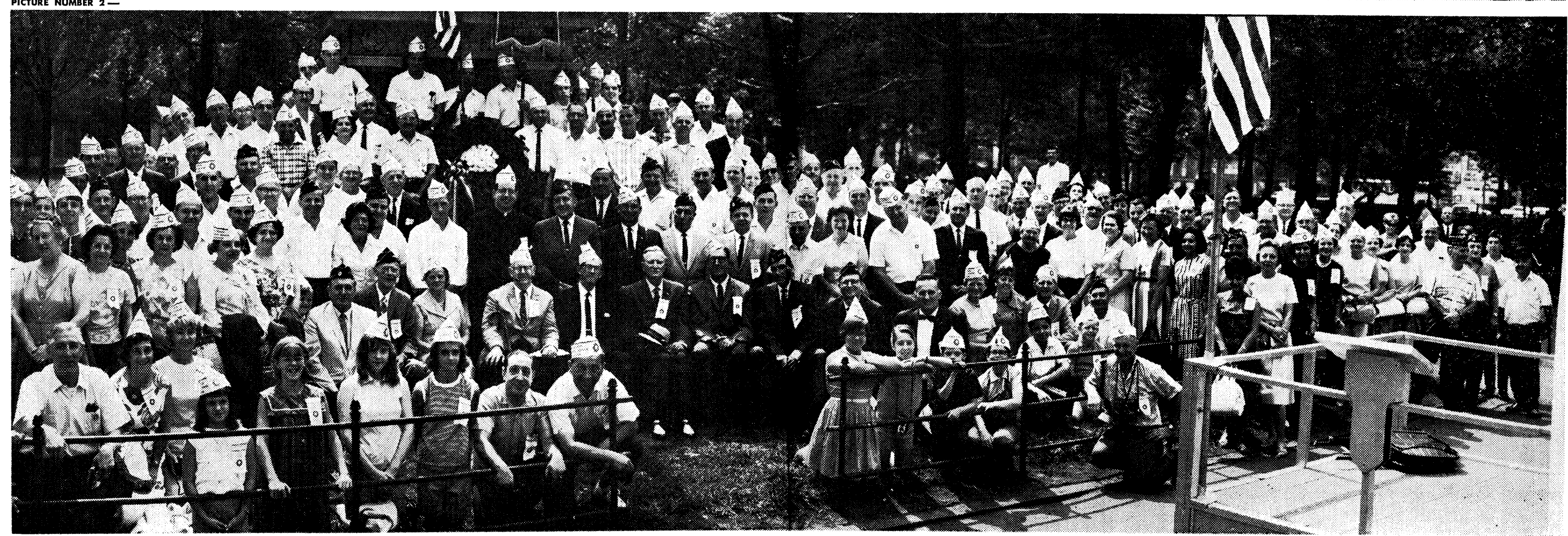
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Fun is like insurance, the older you get the more it costs.





TIRED BUT HAPPY AFTER PARADING DOWN FIFTH AVENUE TO THE SHRINE OF ETERNAL LIGHT . . . READ PICTURE DETAIL STORY ON PAGE 6 — PASTE PICTURES 1 AND 2 TOGETHER — AND GET A FAIRLY GOOD FACSIMILE





# RECALL THE HELL OF KASSERENE PASS

## LAST INSTALLMENT OF FATHER KINES' DIARY BEING PRINTED IN THIS ISSUE OF THE OCTOFOIL

In printing the last pages of Father L. Berkley Kines' wonderfully kept diary of days spent with the Ninth Division in Africa, The Octofoil personnel will feel that something is missing from Octofoil pages in months to come. The Octofoil, in behalf of all the members and readers extends thanks to Father Kines for permitting the use of his diary on these pages. The diary as recorded by Father Kines and continued from a recent issue of The Octofoil reads:

**Jan. 3rd, 1943.** It was my sad duty today, to bury Private Aaron Rosenblatt, Co. D, 18th Infantry in the Catholic Cemetery in Souk-Ahras. He had been mortally wounded in action nearby. He was from Philadelphia and of the Hebrew faith. He was laid to rest with full military honors. The bugler and the six riflemen were of his religion. At the moment I was about to begin the reading of the Hebrew ritual, an English corporal presented himself and asked to be allowed the privilege of conducting the service since he was a Cantor in a London synagogue. It seemed but the natural thing to accord the corporal this privilege, and the body was lowered into the raw earth, witnessed by a large part of the French population of the village. This burial might have had almost international complications involving finally our Charge d'Affaires in Algiers, Mr. Robert Murphy. It involved me with the local curé and town officials because the burial took place in consecrated ground. We had some tense moments involving local customs with a touch of Canon Law. However, eventually things were smoothed out.

My relations with Mr. Murphy were cordial. He wrote under date of November 27, 1939: "Your reference to the North African landings brings back many souvenirs and especially that of your participation in them."

### ROMMEL BREAKS THRU

**Feb. 15th, 1943.** A casual announcement over BBC informed us, who had settled down to garrison life at Souk-Ahras, that Field Marshal Rommel's Afrika Corps had broken through the thinly held lines near Feriana and with two Panzer divisions (21st and 24th) seemed headed northwest toward the passes leading to Constantine. At 2:00 A.M. we were roused from sleep, and Grimmer announced that we would proceed toward what by this time looked like a major German break-through. We hurriedly packed the jeep with the necessary gear, leaving behind in Souk-Ahras all impediments under the careful supervision of Corporal Myer Kantor of Poughkeepsie, New York. The four of us who made the trip would become inseparable companions during the next few weeks. Dr. Kohlmoos, Bill Nesbital from Jersey City, Morelli and I. The trek over the Atlas Mountains was made in a biting wind which chilled us to the marrow. We could not keep the windshield upright; it had to be closed over the motor and covered with canvas, a defense precaution to prevent scouting planes from picking up any reflections. Smoking was prohibited as well as fire for heating the C rations.

Morning found us in the outskirts of El Kef, a massive fortress-like town sitting astride the main highway leading to Sbiba. This has been one of the last Arab strongholds to fall in the empire building of the French in the last century. Suddenly the towns took on Greek sounding names; perhaps they had been such during the days of Grecian greatness! Early in the afternoon we received our first taste of gunplay from a German strafing party of two Messerschmidt 109's near the Roman ruins of Sbiba. They were flying at tree-top level at about three hundred miles per hour. Dr. Kohlmoos and myself were lucky in finding a ditch of some depth as the death-spewing machines roared by. But three French officers were not quick enough and were killed. Then as a dessert to this nerve-shattering routine we were given front-row center seats as a huge tank battle evolved in the desert in front of the town.

Sundown comes quickly at Sbiba which is on the fringe of the desert, and with sundown comes bitter coldness. Nobody seemed to have a clear picture of what we were doing there or where we should bivouac for the night. Two battalions of the 18th Infantry of the 1st Division had also arrived by this time and were in the same state of indecision. One old sergeant was taking no chances

with his platoon. He in a jiffy had the GI's bedded down while he personally took charge of the sentry posts. He wore a coonskin hat, had a rifle with the longest barrel I have ever seen mounted with a telescopic lens, as he put it, "just in case." Grimmer has not yet returned from the briefing held somewhere in the rear, and Major Ramsey, battalion executive officer, being told that a cactus patch was just ahead which might give some protection against this fierce wind, said, "Well, let's go. Pete can find us in the morning." When the order got back to the medics' set-up, another one was given. But, taking the first order as the true one, Kohlmoos, Morelli and myself began our night march in what we believed was the wake of the battalion. We finally reached a cactus patch a few hundred yards ahead. Beyond was an Arab farm house with the usual chorus of dogs baying at the moon. Not a sign of the battalion—just three lost men, cold, hungry and scared. We rolled up in blankets and never did get to sleep. About 4 A.M. the battalion arrived. Grimmer had returned with the news that we were moving over into Kasserine Pass.

### WORD OF CAUTION

Before inserting the diary entries of the American retreat out of the Kasserine Pass, perhaps a word of caution will be in order. Being an eyewitness of a chaotic withdrawal has this great disadvantage: only a small segment of the entire picture can be given. Some years ago I tried to acquire what was the official report on our battalion on the battle, but the matter was marked "Classified." I suppose like Gettysburg, this episode will be debated long after the survivors have answered the last roll call.

### ARRIVE IN DOWNPOUR

**Feb. 19th, 1943.** Arrived in a field near Kasserine Pass in a torrential downpour, bitter cold, stopped behind some Roman ruins whose walls seem to be about six feet thick; absolutely desolate and hideous looking country. Artillery shells (German 88's) began falling in the morning. No plane coverage, ceiling almost zero. Much American equipment around. The 19th Battalion of Engineers are up in the mouth of the Pass. A horse-drawn French battery of 75's quickly destroyed. Now 9 A.M. The battalion will split up and move forward about 4 P.M. I Company on the right, K Company on the left with L in reserve. M Company, the heavy weapons unit, will be in support behind I and K. Soldiers very slow in digging the fox holes. Everyone so cold and hungry and fearful of what is ahead. Our senses seemed numbed. Rain stopped about 1 P.M. More soldiers digging now. Visited all the companies, gave general absolution to the Catholic men and blessings to the others. The Pass is about 3 miles wide. Grimmer set up his command post behind L Company, while Dr. Kohlmoos put up his medic station in a wadi (gully) a few yards behind the command post. Laiche with his anti-tank Company also here. Just found out that the 1st Battalion of the 16th Infantry is over on our left, commanded by Lt.-Col. Stark. Raining again. Boy, it's really cold!

**Feb. 20th, 1943.** Warned by a courier that the Germans are on the move, have already (5:30 A.M.) overrun the forward positions. Our men are falling back. Small arms fire clearly audible. At 6 A.M. the 88's begin their orchestration. Grimmer moved the CP three times this morning before noon. We are now out on the flat located in a huge wadi which is running deep with the rain of the past two days. At 11:45 A.M. Captain Luther Gambill received warning that the German tanks had broken through our lines and that I Company under Captain Robert Cobb, classmate of Bing Crosby, was in danger of being ambushed. We are now ready to press

the panic button. No transportation, communications very poor. We started across the plain toward the Pass leading to Tebessa. Kohlmoos parked the ambulance at the cross-roads at the Tebessa road and a valley road running east and west. Now 6:30 P.M., still raining. Lt. John Dyroff, the motor officer, doing a swell job with the few jeeps left. Troops begin to assemble around the ambulances. Most had thrown away their equipment and were very downhearted. The first meal of the day consisted of some luckily found C rations, one can for three men. Luck still with us—a captain of the 7th Field Artillery passing by gave us three boxes of K rations. Water very low. Just found out my good friends Sgts. Tansey, Aiello and Farano were killed. Tansey was the last soldier I had shouted adieu to, as his company moved up the Pass. I Company coming in, the soldiers are singing the praises of their captain who got them out of a tight squeeze with only one man wounded. At 9:30 P.M., we numbered about three hundred fifty. Everybody mad and crying—to quote one GI, "Padre, I never thought those Krauts would see my back." 10 P.M. began retreat, Dr. Stinson leading the march. At 1:00 A.M. it was clearing again. Dr. Kohlmoos, Morelli and myself still at the ambulance. Machine guns down the road about five hundred yards. Must be German. The tracer bullets are white (writing this inside the ambulance). Machine gun fire closer, hiding in the ditch alongside of the road. It's the Germans all right, a Volkswagen full of them. They stop about fifty feet away, go down to the stream and fill their canteens. Then one more burst at the ambulance and they are off. *Deo gratias.* 2:30 A.M. All clear now, more troops straggling in from K and L companies.

### IMPOSSIBLE FOR MASS

**Feb. 20th, 1943.** No Mass possible although it is Sunday. Picture far from encouraging. We are huddled in the Pass, I Company moving back on the Tebessa Road to protect the flank. The boys look pretty weary, but morale has been restored. Americans just don't like to take a beating even if the opposition is the varsity. Most of the remarks indicate that if and when we get a return game the score will be different. Valley roads under heavy shellfire. The Germans are using our jeeps and half-tracks. Rainy and cold. A ready our armored stuff is moving up from Thala in great quantities. Spent the remainder of the day just waiting. Rosary recited in each company area. Just heard BBC, "The situation in Kasserine as critical but confused. There is no doubt that this is a major push by the Afrika Corps."

### MORE WAITING

**Feb. 21st, 1943.** Another full day of waiting. Battalion strength up over 500. Grimmer gone off to get reserves.

**Feb. 22nd, 1943.** Dr. Kohlmoos moved the aid station further up the North Pass near a railroad culvert. Still raining. Good news: Dr. Kohlmoos promoted to Captain. Mail, heavy gunfire all day.

**Feb. 23rd, 1943.** Command post back in the center of the North Pass. All of our heavy stuff is out in front, giving the Germans a real pounding. Rumor has it that Rommel armored units were stopped cold before Thala by the 9th Division artillery.

**Feb. 24th, 1943.** Germans are retreating; we are moving toward the village of Kasserine. Capt. Vaughan arrived with piles of mail.

**Feb. 27th, 1943.** Grimmer and myself visited headquarters. A pleasant chat with General Robinette. He praised the work of the soldiers but was quite frank in expressing the fact that we had taken a licking.

**Feb. 28th, 1943.** Bivouacked near Tebessa. Joe Mason, Florida, the Red Cross representative drove in with a truckload of supplies, the most valuable items being soap, razor blades and cigarettes. We are to rejoin the 9th Division. Major General M. S. Eddy (9th Div. Commander) and General Theodore Roosevelt near Tebessa. They greeted Grimmer warmly. Again no Mass possible. Have gotten word through to Algiers to rush up the Mass kit. Visited all companies; said the rosary.

**March 3rd, 1943.** Grimmer replaced by Lt. Col. John Kiley.

**March 5th, 1943.** At long last Mass kit arrived from Father John Ford, a British one at that. Visited Tebessa; very well preserved Roman

buildings, triumphal arch of Caracalla, templo of Juno, Christian church dedicated to St. Fulgentius. Had a pleasant chat with the local curé. This was the last Roman town on the skirt of the Sahara and heavily fortified and garrisoned. Nearly everybody at Mass this evening; fifty went to Holy Communion.

This ends the saga of the Kasserine Pass. Like any defeat or retreat nobody wants to discuss it. To forget it seems the best thing, but for the record I would like to add my small praise to the work performed by the medics. They, of course, considered their bravery simply in the line of duty, but that cliché does not do them justice. And of the group, the work of Lsland Osmun, Keith Miller, Slick Thomenson and Frank Schaffer really merits more than just a passing bow. Personally, I had lost some good friends and did not have the honor of laying their remains to rest. When we finally entered the village, the Germans had performed the task. The graves were neatly spaced, clearly marked and even had flowers on them. R.I.P.

### GOOD-BYES QUIET

**March 15th, 1943.** Changed over to the First Battalion along with the medics. A bit of a shock since the 3rd Battalion with its large quota of Catholic men would have only Sunday Mass. The good-byes were quiet, sincere and not without a slight catch in the throat. War always seems to bring out men's better selves, especially when the pressure is on.

**March 27th, 1943.** The whole regiment (39th) moved into the Gafsa area. By this time General Montgomery was exerting great pressure on the Mareth line to the south and east. Our operation was aimed at the area around Sfax and Gabes thus producing a pincer movement. But it never quite worked out that way. The Germans retired toward Tunis. Rommel was recalled and his place was taken by Von Arnim. As we rode through Gafsa, it was only a shell of itself, a ghost town. The little Catholic church on the Gabes road was a sorry relic of war, its empty windows staring blindly into the hot sun; its altar destroyed and the surrounding buildings pockmarked with holes. Its steeple was still erect, surmounted by the Cross which against the setting sun seemed like a huge sundial marking time against eternity. People would come back, rebuild the sacred edifice and the priest would begin the *Introibo ad altare Dei*, clothed in vestments from a British Mass kit donated by an American chaplain.

**March 28th, 1943.** Arose at 2:45 A.M. A bit of hot C rations at 4:00 A.M. The 47th Infantry was at the head of the column. We took off at 6:00 A.M. Crawled up the west side of the mountain barrier while below lay the frightful looking Arab town called El Guettar. At 2:45 P.M. the German artillery barrage caught up with us. Shells are bursting all around. Let's get out of here! Made a run for it with Kohlmoos, Morelli and Nesbital toward the Battalion CP. The bursts are becoming thicker. Down in the ditch it is difficult to write. Suddenly the crescendo dies away and I can hear somebody shouting, "Medics out here, hurry." We found Anderson of headquarters company badly wounded. Dr. Kohlmoos was hit by the next burst in the left ankle. There is a jeep afire just at the base of the hill. Took Dr. Kohlmoos and Anderson hurriedly to the 47th Regiment medics. The Germans are still firing at 10:30 P.M.

It was about at this point that I asked the \$64,000 question, "Was all this worth-while? Did it have to be so far away from home?" I guess the best answer came from a GI of Italian descent who wrapped up the whole package with the remark: "Really I don't know, Father, but I'd rather be fighting here than on Main Street."

As noted before and confirmed by many German prisoners, the quality of the American soldier that baffled friend and foe alike was their sense of humor, the ability to laugh and to die. During a lull at El Guettar I had the somber duty of taking six bodies back to Gafsa for burial in the American cemetery. That sacred rite having been duly completed, Morelli and I were stopped at a road block about five miles from our battalion position. Nearby was a Negro battery of Long Toms, whose specific job was to pepper the German supply lines. After walking over to the batteries position, safely hidden behind a sizeable hill, and after in-

troductions to the officers who were very proud of their unit, we stood by as casual observers, but the ritual followed was strictly formal. As the shells were being loaded into the guns, the top sergeant, who was addressed as Uncle Moe, imparted his blessing in the form of a kiss per shell. Just a split second before the lieutenant gave the signal to fire, with the full cadence of a Negro spiritual came the words, "Mistah Rommel, heah we come!" Some 14 seconds later, as the thud resounded across the valley, the second line of the chorus joyously burst forth, "Mistah Rommel, count yo' men!"

### BARRAGE ALL DAY

**April 4th, 1943.** The Germans had kept up a lively artillery barrage all day. The colonel in command of the 39th Infantry sent for me and insisted that, if it was at all feasible, I should say Mass. As he put it, "Padre, we need all the help we can get upstairs. Disperse the men and let the good Lord take care from here on in." I borrowed a medical chest from Doctor Raia, of New York City and there in the African twilight with the strangest melody that ever accompanied the Holy Sacrifice I offered the unending oblation "at the going down hereof." All during the service the armies exchanged heavy artillery fire. About two hundred and fifty were in attendance scattered along the hillside with whatever cover was available and all went to Holy Communion in a manner that might be called on the double, each soldier hurrying from his sheltered position and back again. I was very happy when I could literally say, "Go, the Mass is finished."

One thing that never became a routine was death with its awful stench. And it seemed much closer and more clammy when it took a friend. On April 2nd it struck blindly and carried away in its black maw a real hero, one Keith Miller from Rochester, New York. He was hit in the back by a sniper while attending one of our wounded. As I annointed him, he repeated the *Fater and the Ave*. His own mother could not have been more gentle than those medics, Martin, Osmun, and Schulski. "Am I on my way out, Father?" Now how does one answer that question? I didn't even try. Miller was the medic who had gone into a mine field and brought out the wounded men with great unconcern for his own life. He died on the way to Gafsa and lies at eternal rest among the white crosses there. R.I.P.

### FINISH AT EL GUETTAR

Our regiment's work at El Guettar was finished on April 8th. I said a Requiem Mass on the wind-swept edge of the Sahara Desert. All around was strewn the wreckage of Rommel's once powerful Afrika Corps which was now being readied for the final assaults by Montgomery and Bradley, the latter having replaced Patton.

Just a note on the strange things that Americans do when they go to war. After we had returned to the bivouac area near Tebessa bringing us plenty of rest and clean clothes, the meandering Joe Mason of the Red Cross showed up. In his caravan were boxes filled with Coca-Cola. One of the line companies sold the cokes at twenty-five dollars per bottle. The money was sent to the widows of the men of the company who had been killed.

### THE FINALE

The finale was played out in Northern Tunisia from roughly April 23rd to May 13th. We circled the British Eighth Army and along with the two other regiments (60th and 47th), we were in the push through the Sedjanane Valley. This involved a forced march from the area around El Guettar to La Calle on the Mediterranean. The French would be in at this final collapse of Hitler's legions, namely the 19th French Corps under General LeClerc. The curtain descended swiftly and our regiment played its part nobly. The terrain was mountainous and difficult to fight in. I managed to say Mass daily in one Italian area or another. The outstanding fact was that the American forces had now made the varsity. The desperate effort of Germany to reinforce her armies came to naught. Coordination and cooperation were much more in evidence and we made far fewer mistakes than at the Kasserine. But when the German prisoners began to say that the Americans were as good as anything they had faced and when we realized

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## 36-INCH WIDE MEMORIAL GLOSSY PRINT PICTURES CAN BE OBTAINED NOW

The picture noted on page 4, being printed in this issue of The Octofoil has been reduced considerably from the width and depth of the original photo sent to The Octofoil. The photo is a full 36 inches wide—reduced here to two 15s—30. Members who want one of the fine glossy prints can obtain one by writing the Verna Photographers, 420 7th Ave., New York 1, N. Y. The price is \$2.50, postage prepaid.

The reproduction on page 4 does not do justice to the original glossy print—because of reductions to get on one Octofoil page. Those who care to paste the two photos together may think they are seeing things when they note the iron railing around the Memorial Shrine do not join together. The reason for this is that several inches had to be taken off the top of one side of the photo and several inches were taken from the bottom of the other half to squeeze in the necessary space available on an Octofoil page.

The portion cut off the glossy print for cut making purposes added much to the effectiveness of the original photo.

A similar all-inclusive wide 36-inch wide photo was also made by the Verna Photographers at the Saturday night banquet.

### BLANK ON PURPOSE

So many times members of the Association refuse to clip certain items from The Octofoil because to do so would deface an article on the back side that they want to preserve. For that reason page 3 is being run completely blank in this issue. Now those who want to paste Nos. 1 and 2 together for an approximate reproduction of the original photo, may do so without disturbing any other contents of this issue. Sorry, but this is the best that could be done—and it took a lot of scheming to come up with the job that has been done.

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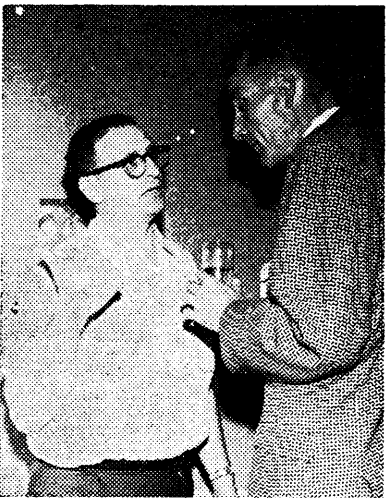
## Ladies' Auxiliary Has 1966 Cards

Tippie Plunkett, 286 Zimpfer St., Columbus, Ohio, has asked The Octofoil to print a notice in this issue asking the Auxiliary members to remember 1966 dues are due and payable for the Auxiliary at the same time the men pay their dues into the National Association.

The Auxiliary has made considerable progress during its first year in existence. The ladies are greatly encouraged because of the support that has been forthcoming during the first year in existence and feel certain that when the Association assembles in Washington, D. C. for the 1966 Reunion that a most interesting program will be arranged for the ladies attending as well as for the youngsters they bring along. Contact has already been made with the 1966 Washington Committee for the consummation of such plans.

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## Fazio & O'Keefe Confer



Frank Fazio, president of the New York Chapter, is shown giving a few pointers to National President Walter O'Keefe.

## Morrison Goes For the Belt Buckle Idea

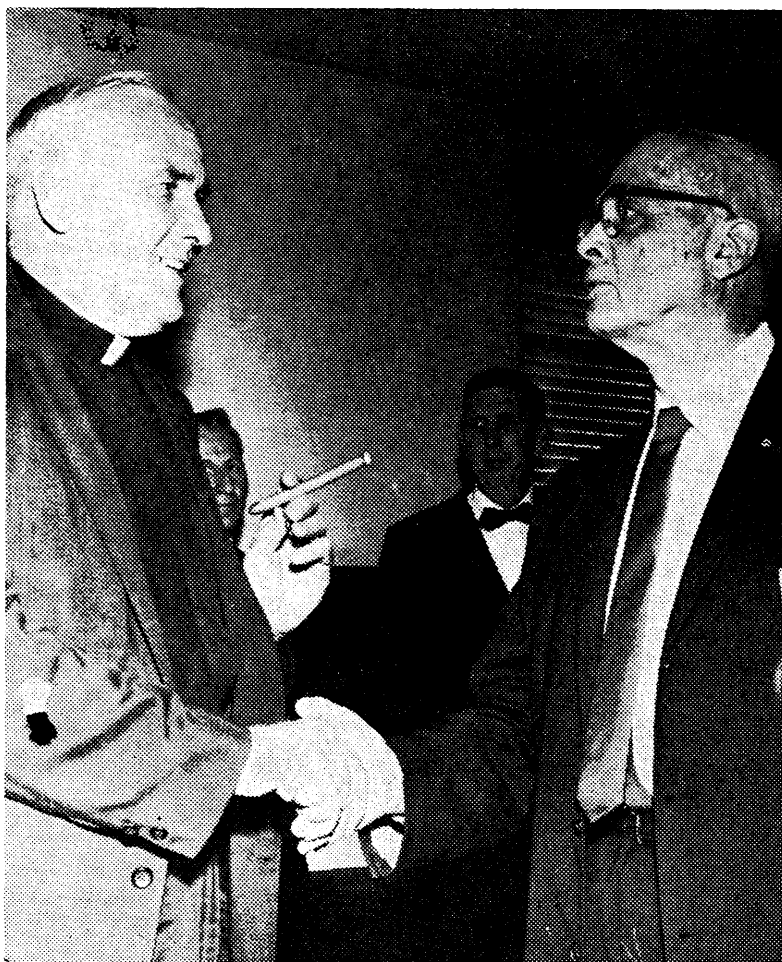
Bill Morrison, a former A Co., 39th Regt. man gets his mail at 242 Woodmont Ave., Union, N. J. Bill is sold on the idea that the Association should get an Octofoil dye made and have it impressed on belt buckles that would be for sale at National headquarters.

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Women can never be as successful as men. They have no wives to advise them.

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## Two "Old?" Warriors Have Happy Meeting



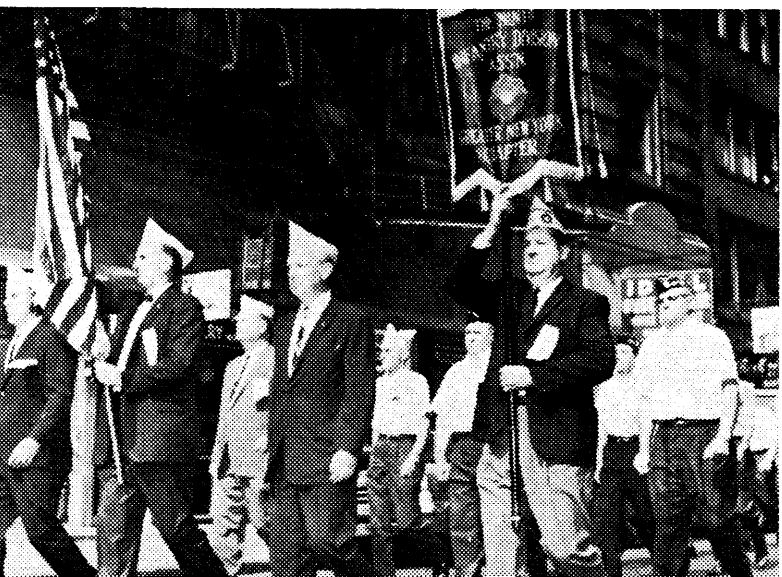
Father Ed Connors and Lt. Gen. Louis Craig have a happy Reunion during the 1965 Reunion. Noted with bow tie in rear is William Hennemuth of the Illinois Chapter, and a member of the Board of Governors.

## Gold Star Parents Honored At Memorial Services



Two of the many Gold Star parents honored at the 1965 Reunion are shown above, Mrs. Michael McInerney and Mr. Joseph Lynch, at the Shrine beside the wreath while Taps were sounded.

## Perfect Cadence With Old Glory and 9th Colors



The "old boys" shown above showed the whole cockeyed world there was still a lot of life left in them as they parade down Fifth Avenue with colors flying high.

## MANUS LOOKS FOR MONTANA BUDDIES

James P. Manus writes from Box 276, Billings, Mont., and asks if there are any other members of Cannon Co. or D, H or any 47th Regt. company located anywhere near Billings to please get in touch with him as quickly as possible. He's anxious to meet someone out that way he can sit down and talk about Ninth Division days with.

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## ATTENTION, MICHIGAN CHAPTER MEMBERS

Everett Tapp of New York advises The Octofoil he recently met a former Co. E, 60th man from Dearborn, Mich., who is a nice prospect for membership in the Greater Michigan Chapter. The prospect's name is Andy Janik, 3456 Byrd, Dearborn, Mich.

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The absent-minded office manager pulled the typewriter down on his lap and began to unfasten the ribbon.

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## SCRAP BOOK A REAL BOOK OF MEMORIES

The scrap book that was so carefully compiled and preserved by the late Walt Mahon is an absorbing series of many almost forgotten incidents. The Octofoil editor had occasion to briefly scan over the book recently. When more time is available to give justice to a complete review of the book's contents an effort will be made to do so in the Octofoil.

Frank Ozart, past National President, of Chicago, and the Octofoil editor, devoted a couple of hours scanning through the contents of this interesting book—but to do complete justice, many, many hours should be devoted to thorough reading and examination of the authentic photos and many official, semi-official and personal communiques.

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## Army Depots Plug New York Reunion

"Sound-Off" is a neatly printed publication distributed to civilian and military personnel in and around Fort Meade, Maryland. Posted conspicuously on the bulletin boards at this facility several days preceding the 1965 Reunion were copies of "Sound-Off" and prominently displayed in its columns were notices about the 9th Division Reunion that was in the making.

One grizzled old Army career man, Sgt. Walter Blake, from Meade, who was attending the Veterans of Foreign Wars Convention in Chicago recently, was heard to remark, "How in the hell and who in the hell got that notice in our paper?"

The Octofoil has a "sneaking" idea a Georgia Cracker by the name of Walter Victor may have had a lot to do with getting this information circularized through "Sound-Off" and several other similar publications.

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## JOHN AND MARIE KOROBKO WRITE FROM ARIZONA

John Korobko, a former member of the Board, will never be forgotten for the wonderful Reunion he helped put on as Chairman of the Detroit Reunion Committee—naturally with a big assist from Marie.

This fine couple is now living in Tucson, Ariz., 1101 S. Baylor Drive, and John would like to hear from his old 47th 2nd Bn. buddies.

For many years John was one of Detroit's "Finest" police officers. Injuries sustained while on duty has forced him to retire and move to Arizona.

Marie writes that John's health is much better and the whole family—excepting the daughter, have fell in love with the Western State.

Korobko, Jr. graduates from high school in 1967, and John's parents celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary the same year. The Korobko clan hope to visit Michigan that year and are hoping that the Reunion in 1967 will be somewhere along their route so they will be able to attend.

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## LADIES' TEA WAS A VERY NICE AFFAIR

With the help of Betty Rizzo and many other distaff members of the New York Chapter, Reunion Chairman Frank Fazio secured accommodations in a beautifully appointed assembly room in the Hilton Hotel for members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to assemble and enjoy tea and discuss their future plans.

It was decided to continue with the officers of last year until the Washington Reunion at which time the Auxiliary will no doubt be a "howling success" and ready to go out and do things for the betterment of the Association. The 1966 Washington Committee has already made some very definite plans for the ladies—and the ladies in turn are giving a lot of thought about the many teenagers who are attending and enjoying the Reunions with their dads and mothers.

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## Rumenapp Sends His Greetings...

Dear Buddies:

Once again, it is my privilege to thank you for electing me for the second time to the Board of Governors.

The first time was a memorable occasion and one of my greatest thrills—but to be chosen for a second time is really quite an experience. I hope I can be of some assistance to all the members and to our new President, John Bonkowski.

Thanks again for your confidence. Sincerely,

BOB RUMENAPP,  
Secretary, Michigan Chapter.  
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## Father Kines' Diary

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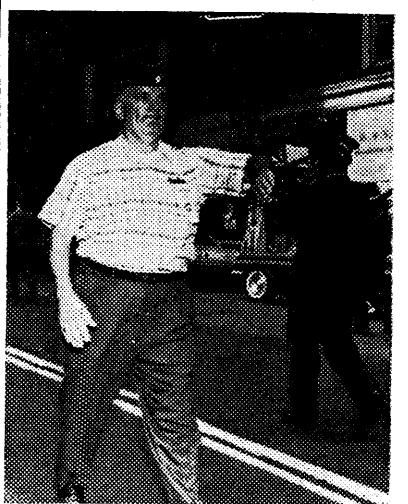
that these men had fought the Russians and the 8th Army, we began to believe that at long last we had arrived.

After the African campaign ended, we returned to Algiers. Then by train went to Oran into a training area. Just before we took off for Sicily the 39th Regiment was picked as a prize American unit to parade before King George VI of England. We trained the French Foreign Legion at Sidi-Bel-Abbes and began to prepare ourselves for the invasion of Sicily. This operation would be under the command of Gen. George S. Patton.

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## Rizzo Leads the Parade



Pictured above is John Rizzo, a former president of the New York Chapter, who did an outstanding job as Parade Marshal at the New York Reunion.

## FATHER L. B. KINES SENDS REGRETS FROM CALIFORNIA

Father Kines' many buddies were disappointed that he was unable to attend the New York Reunion. He sent the following message to The Octofoil for it to be relayed to those attending the Reunion. The letter—postmarked Vallejo, Calif., reads:

My last Octofoil was forwarded from St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, to this rectory where I am helping out until about Aug. 15—then I shall return to St. Joseph's for the next school year. I am sorry I will not be able to attend the Reunion, but I sent Frank Fazio \$2 so I can be listed as a "booster."

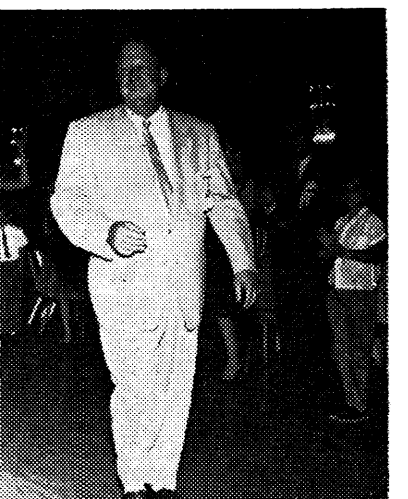
MET DOC KOHLMOS

When I arrived in San Francisco I was met at the airport by Dr. Heinrich Kohlmos of the 39th Medics.

Although we had not seen each other for 22 years—the years fell away quickly, as we spent many happy hours of yack-yacking while we ran through "Eight Stars to Victory." Doc is a dedicated 9th man and was very close to Col. Paddy Flint. All in all it was a grand reunion. Kindly remember me to all my good friends of the Ninth—especially the 39th, and Father Connors, Father Rowan, O'Shea, Roche Jacobs, etc. God bless them all, always—Father Kines.

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## Ozart Loses Partner



Frank Ozart, of Chicago, a former National President, talked one of Harry Sager's pretty sisters into tripping a few light fantastic steps during the Friday night dance. Somehow Frank lost his partner in the shuffle and had to solo for a few seconds until he located his "lost" partner.

A man is getting old when he inspects the food instead of the waitress.

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The only thing children wear out faster than shoes is parents.



## MAHER SAYS ACCOMMODATIONS AT WORCESTER ARE PLENTIFUL... MEMORIAL MASS ON NOVEMBER 7

The Octofoil plans to go to press a bit early with the next issue in order for the members to have ample time in which to fill out reservation blanks for accommodations during the week end of November 7, 1965 at Worcester, Mass., at which time Father Ed Connors will again conduct the inspiring Memorial Services that have become a part of the lives of so many former Ninth Division men.

### CARDS AT REUNION

Cards that were passed out during the Reunion in New York read:

Twenty-first Annual Memorial Mass for the deceased of the Ninth Infantry Division at the Immaculate Conception Church, Worcester, Mass. Sunday, November 7, 1965.

If you are interested in receiving notification of this Memorial Mass, drop a note to Rev. Edward T. Connors, 353 Grove Street, Worcester, Mass.

Last year we had our largest crowd.

Past National President Francis Maher, 14 Davenport St., Worcester, Mass. 01610, again this year is a busy lad helping Father Ed put the finishing touches on plans for the large crowd that is expected. Each year the number increases. Any former 9th man who ever attends, never misses another if at all possible to attend. Former Ninth men who are non-Catholics far outnumber those of the Roman Catholic faith who attend the Services. The hospitality of the Parish people is something that cannot be described. One just has to go to a Connors Coffee Shop party to appreciate the warmth these good people have for former Ninth men. When they are attending to every wish of their guests, in some mysterious manner these good people leave the impression what they are doing is an honor and a privilege to them. No where else in this whole wide world is there a brand of hospitality that can come anywhere near matching the brand displayed by members of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Worcester, Mass.

### MAHER'S LETTER

On Aug. 9 The Octofoil received a

letter from Franny Maher. Parts of the letter reads:

We have just returned to Worcester, having taken a few days vacation after the Reunion—and it is time to start making plans for the November 7 Memorial Mass. And the first order of business was to start nailing down hotel or motel accommodations. This I have done—having already secured 75 rooms at the new Holiday Inn, which is just one street over from the Sheraton, the facility we have used in years gone by. The prices at the Holiday Inn are as follows: \$10.50 for single; \$14 for double or twins; no charge for children under 12 staying in the same room with their parents.

There are other motels which we used last year—the Esquire, located on W. Boylston St., West Boylston, Mass. Rates are: Single, \$8; double beds or twin beds, \$10; and \$2 for a cot. Another motel next to the Esquire is the Wachusett Motor Lodge, located on W. Boylston St., in West Boylston, Mass. Phone 835-4416. The rates are: Single, \$8; double, \$12, and \$2 extra for each person. There will be 20 rooms available. Another motel next door is the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, also West Boylston St., West Boylston, Mass., 43 rooms. Phone 835-4456. Rates are: Single, \$9 and \$10.50; doubles, \$14, \$15 and \$16.50. Different prices is because of room sizes, and TV—black and white or color.

The Esquire Motel's phone number is 835-4641; 30 rooms will be available there.

### WRITE NOW

Although Father Connors will furnish full details in the next issue of The Octofoil about the Sunday banquet and other details—members should not wait until the next issue to send in for room reservations. Write immediately to the motel of your choice—sending payment for one day's lodging to be assured that the reservation will be honored and held until arrival.

For additional information write Father Connors or Francis Maher at the addresses given above.

More details in the next Octofoil.

## Harry Whalen Leads Way to the Vatican Chapel



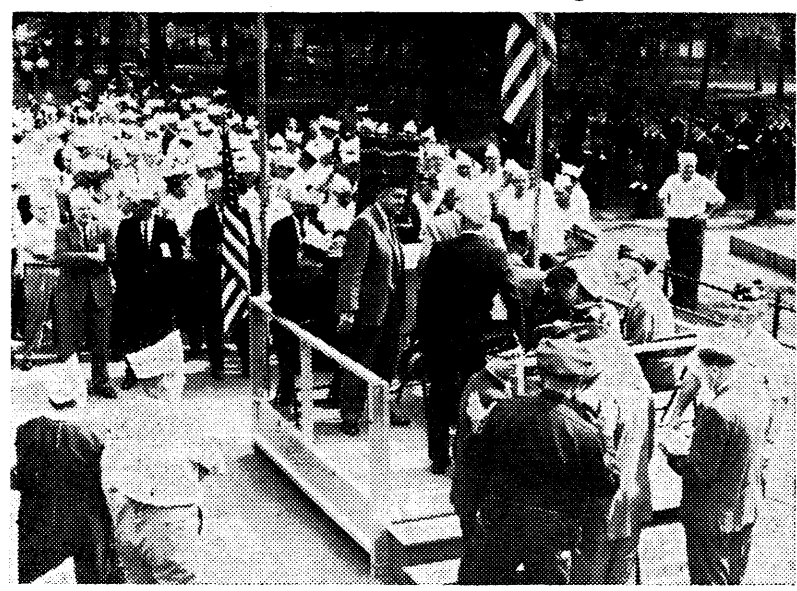
Ninth Division men forgot all about the many interesting sights in and around the World's Fair area when it was time to visit the Vatican Pavilion, where Father Gerald Rowan, a former Ninth man, was to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Harry Whalen, pictured above, heads a large group that attended the Mass.

## Kathleen Robbi Sheds Tears During Services



There were many who shed unashamed tears during the impressive Memorial Services at the Shrine of Eternal Light on Fifth Avenue, in New York during the 1965 Reunion. It just happens that Kathleen was one of those Walter Victor's camera happened to catch in the act.

## Speakers' Platform Scene During Services



Noted facing the camera on the speakers' platform just before Memorial Services started was Past President John Clouser, Gen. Randle with his back to the camera and seated with New York Chapter 9th Division cap on is Mr. Michael McInerney, an honored Gold Star parent. Others not identified.

## "WOODY" HEAPS HIS PRAISE ON WORKERS

Boardman F. "Woody" Lockwood writes from Hartford, Conn., where he is connected with the Davis-Jacobs Travel Service. The letter reads:

Dear Dan: The members of the Association who attended the Reunion in New York recently owe a debt of gratitude to the Committee, and to the NEW YORK CHAPTER in particular for the excellent program and fine arrangements which we enjoyed. There was a tremendous amount of work and it all went very smoothly.

I am sorry that I mislaid The Octofoil which had the information about the program as I would have paid tribute to the 47th Infantry in it. However, you can accept the enclosed check for the Scholarship Fund in lieu of a place in the program.

Hope I can make the Memorial Mass in Worcester. — Cordially — "Woody."

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

Girls at 12 stop making faces at boys and start making eyes.

## CHAPTER AWARDS MADE AT REUNION

During the 1965 Reunion banquet the following Chapter awards were given out:

Herb Olsen, New England Chapter. Louis Netta, Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter.

Fred Josey, Michigan Chapter.

Edward Arn, Illinois Chapter.

John Rizzo, New York Chapter.

### SPECIAL FOR MR. LYNCH

A special award for the Gold Star Father of the Year was presented to Mr. Joe Lynch. Mr. Michael McInerney was given a similar award at the Springfield (Ill.) Reunion.

Outgoing Board members were given awards, but to conserve time President O'Keeffe asked the Board members to take a bow as their names were called and the citations were handed them later.

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As the Indian said, everyone is smoking the pipe of peace but no one is inhaling.

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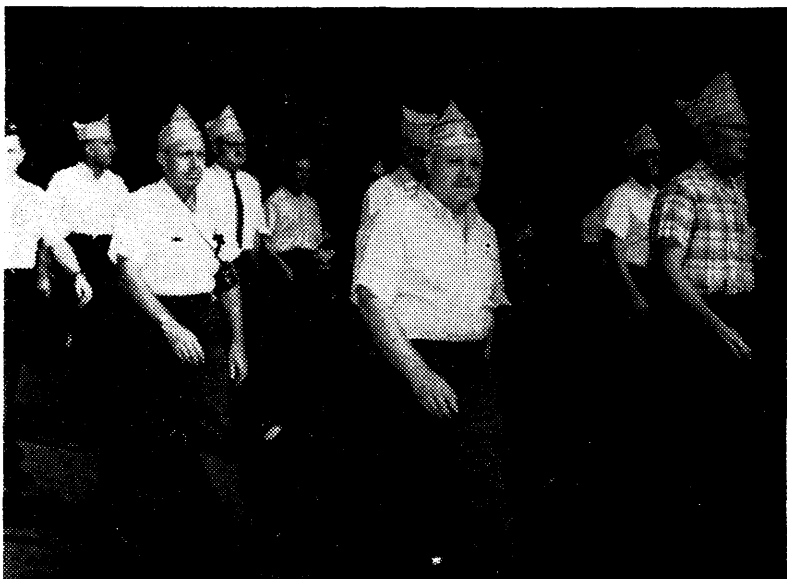
There is only one thing to get for the gal who have everything. Penicillin!

## Cadence 120—But Old Men Followed the Band



The band which led the marchers down Fifth Avenue was "tops." Pictured above are shown some of the bandmen as they led a rejuvenated Ninth Infantry Division to the Memorial Services. It was all a sight to behold!

## They Held Up Traffic On Busy Fifth Avenue



There was a very little "rout-stepping" here. Standing out prominently in the above line of march was noted Harry Sager, from far-away Fostoria, Ohio. Harry's short legs made it look as though he was moving faster than the others—but the old cadence was perfect.

## MSGR. DELAURA HAS A NEW ASSIGNMENT

The Octofoil is indebted to both Vincent Guglielmino, a former 47th man and 1st Vice President of the Association, and to Jim Hayco, Westbury, N. Y., for sending clippings in from Long Island newspapers that tell of Msgr. Anthony DeLaura's new assignment. Parts of the newspaper articles read:

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anthony DeLaura, pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Copiague, moves east into Nassau County to succeed the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. Albino Balbo as pastor of St. Rocco's Church in Glen Cove.

Monsignor DeLaura, who has been at Our Lady of the Assumption for the past 13 years, was ordained in 1933 after studying at Cathedral Preparatory, New York City; St. John's College, and St. Francis College, both in Brooklyn, and Our Lady of the Angels Seminary in Niagara Falls, N. Y.

### FIRST IN BROOKLYN

His first parish assignments were in Brooklyn before he went to St. Brigid's parish in Westbury after World War II. Monsignor became pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption in 1952.

During World War II, Monsignor served as chaplain of the 47th Infantry Division of the 9th Infantry Division in Europe. He was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, two Presidential Citations, and six battle stars.

In 1957 Monsignor De Laura was appointed diocesan consultor and parish priest consultant by Bishop Kellenberg. Governor Rockefeller named him to the Central Islip State Hospital Board of Visitors in 1960.

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## ZWEILS IN THE SWIM FOR A SHORT TIME

"Wild Bill" Zweil and his good wife, Betty, write from 175 Gold St., North Arlington, N. J. The Zweils' phone number is 998-843.

Bill and Betty were able to attend the Mass that Father Rowan conducted in the Vatican Pavilion at the World's Fair. Then he made the sad mistake of gallivanting around trying to take in all the Fair—including a trip through the Japanese pavilion. After that "Wild Bill" began to get tired and took off for home and had to stay in bed for the next couple of days. He says he's slipping, but he shouldn't feel too bad—he wasn't the only one who had to go to bed after several hours parading around the World's Fair grounds. Bill says it's one helluva note that he can go 3,000 miles to see the gang and then can't finish the rounds he wanted to make. He expects to make up for lost time at the Memorial Mass in Worcester.

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## BILL KREYE HAS HIS BOOK WRAPPED UP

Sgt. Bill Kreye turned over to The Octofoil several hundred pages of copy he has compiled that is steeped with 9th Infantry Division experiences. The book has taken up many, many long hours of the Sergeant's time. He has neatly pasted the pages inside a book cover, placing art work on pages where such work shows to good advantage.

Immediately upon returning to Columbus from New York the Octofoil editor left for Chicago for two weeks and as soon as this issue goes to press will be in South Carolina for several days—but at some future date it is hoped that time can be spared to read the Sergeant's narratives closely and carefully so as to be able to give Octofoil readers a fair and understandable appraisal of the book.

It is a crying shame that it is so hard to get publishers to produce such books as Sgt. Kreye has prepared. The publishers are only interested in the Almighty Dollar and they claim sales possibilities for such books are limited to the few who have served in a particular unit—whereas they want a sales potential of many thousands before being willing to consider printing and attempting the sale of these fine books.

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## Request 12 Copies May-June Issue

The Octofoil is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Dorothy Cunningham, Corresponding Adjustant for the Nassau County (N.Y.) American Legion, in which Mrs. Cunningham asks for 12 copies of the May-June issue of The Octofoil.

A former 60th man, Joe Devine, is commander of the Nassau County Legion.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

Some people go back to school for an M.A., but most of us just go back for the P.T.A.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

"etc." is a sign used to claim you know more than you really do.



## CHAPTER'S "DEMON REPORTER" SUBMITS THOROUGH REPORT ON ALL THE 1965 REUNION ANGLES

By ARTHUR RICHARD SCHMIDT,  
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The writer was too busy having a good time to compile a story that would do justice to the 1965 Reunion. Scores of members were heard to remark this was the largest Reunion ever held by the Ninth Infantry Division Association. The banquet hall was filled to overflowing—with many having their money refunded because the hall was filled to capacity.

The beer party (Little Old New York Night) and the beer party and dance on July 30 were all equally well attended.

### FINE CROWD AT MASS

There was a good representation at the Memorial Mass offered by Father Rowan at the Vatican Chapel at the New York World's Fair in honor of departed buddies.

Most everyone took advantage of the special privilege passes that were obtained from the General Motors Exhibit, the Ford Exhibit, the General Electric Exhibit, the Vatican Exhibit, and the Bell System Exhibit—not to mention the free tickets to the World's Fair Grounds.

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

The ceremony at the Memorial Services on July 31 at the Eternal Light, Madison Avenue, and 24th St., New York City, was very impressive. There were many tears noted on the faces of so-called war-hardened veterans while Gen. Randle was making his speech. The distance from the Statler Hilton Hotel to the Eternal Light is about 11 blocks, but the marchers proved themselves able to make it at a good pace. The number participating in the march was the largest ever seen at a Reunion—at least a full block long, not including the First Army Band which led the marchers.

### DASH FOR BENCH

Everyone made it, but Paul Plunkett was seen to make a dash for a bench when he got to the site of the Memorial Services. He claimed the parade had proceeded at "double time."

Gold Star parents present were Mr. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. McInerney and Mr. Spencer. It was a most impressive sight to see Mr. Lynch, Mrs. McInerney and Mr. Spencer place the wreath at the monument.

Al Lechmanek made the trip to the Memorial site in his car, taking with him Mr. Lynch. Al would have liked to march in the parade, but he has not yet gotten over a recent serious illness.

### COMPLIMENT TO EGAN

Ed Egan is to be complimented on his handling of the parade, with an assist from Max Umansky and John Rizzo.

### ADVANCE PARTIES

Attendance was so good that the Committee was selling strip tickets on Wednesday, July 28, the day before official opening day. Dominick Miele, Chapter secretary, was hard at work on Monday, July 26, getting things set up.

The following were busy at the Reception and Registration desks: George Fraenkel, Stan Cohen, Emil Langer, John Rizzo and Mrs. Rizzo, Harry Orenstein, Dominick Miele, Walter O'Keeffe, Frank Fazio, Max Umansky, Adolph Wadlavage, Dan Quinn and Harry Whalen's daughter.

### COHEN DUE THANKS

Stanley Cohen is to be given credit for getting tickets to the following shows: To Tell the Truth, Baker Street, The Owl and the Pussy Cat, Ted Mack Original Amateur Hour and Jeopardy.

Also on free distribution were the following pamphlets: New York Vacation Lands, Summer 1965, Visitor's New York Restaurant Guide, New York World's Fair, 1965 (which included an excellent map of the Fair.) Doc Seslowe was hard at work at the Registration Desk passing out the informative pamphlets and helping out in general.

Tony Varone was at work taking tickets for the beer party (Little Old New York Night). This was a huge success as shown by the overflow crowd that expanded into the adjoining room.

Irving Feinberg is to be given a hand for getting the novelties such as the old time striped vests, derbies, and crowns for the ladies.

### TIRED PEOPLE

With regard to the World's Fair activities, there were a lot of tired people getting back to the hotel for the beer party and dance which was held on July 30.

### THANKS FROM FAZIO

Frank Fazio, President of the New York Chapter, has asked this column

to extend heartfelt thanks from him to all those who served so faithfully on the many committees that made the Reunion the success that it was. **JOURNAL BIG SUCCESS**

The Reunion Journal was a great success. Dave Gelman deserves a big hand for the job he did, but he wants to thank all the advertisers and the boosters for their support, without them there could have been no Journal. As for the Journal itself—it was well set up and a work of art.

### THANKS FOR PUBLICITY

Emil Langer, co-chairman of the Reunion, thanked the writer for the publicity he secured pertaining to the Reunion. Stan Cohen and Walter O'Keeffe give many assists in getting Reunion publicity in the right places. **LINDSEY NELSON A HIT**

Lindsey Nelson, the well known sportscaster, was master of ceremonies at the banquet. Unfortunately, his arrival was delayed due to a prolonged baseball game he was broadcasting, but perhaps it was worth the delay because the New York Mets finally won a ball game. Some lucky guys got free tickets to the Old Timers Baseball game at the Yankee Stadium.

### FATHER CONNORS WAS BRIEF

Father Connors made a brief speech at the banquet. He could not stay long because of previous commitments.

### OUTGOING PREXY

Walter O'Keeffe gave a speech as the outgoing National President. . . John Bonkowski, the incoming National President delivered a few well-chosen remarks. Bonkowski is a very sincere and conscientious worker and has the interests of the Ninth Infantry Division Association in his heart. He will do a good job for the Association if the membership gives their support.

### WASHINGTON NEXT

Washington, D. C. was selected as the site for the 1966 Reunion. Indications are that the New York Chapter will have its usually high attendance at the Washington Reunion.

### MEMORIAL SERVICES NOV. 7

Father Connors announced he will hold the Memorial Mass for Ninth Division deceased men on November 7, 1965. The Holiday Inn is now in operation and Frances Maher has already made 75 reservations. Any overflow can be handled at other nearby motels in Worcester, Mass. It is requested that members who plan attending the Memorial Mass send word to Father Connors in advance.

### INTERESTING SPEECHES

Both Generals Randle and Craig made most interesting speeches at the banquet. Danny Quinn made a plea for the members to send in their dues. John Clouser gave a report on the scholarship program, and announced the names of the 12 who were awarded scholarships. Those names will be noted in the official minutes under committee reports.

In a collection for the Scholarship Fund made at the banquet, some \$660 was collected.

### APAR AWARDS GOLF TROPHIES

George Apar distributed the Golf Tournament awards to Paul Leschak, 39th, Philadelphia; Emil D. Donato and the Father and Son Award to Bill O'Shea and son.

After the band stopped playing many went to their own little private parties and CPs. Many remained on the dance floor and joined in group singing. Several times the lights were flashed out, possibly hinting that the songsters were out of tune and should go to bed. But the song "leader" pleaded with them to let's sing just one more song.

### ENGINEERS REPRESENTED

The writer felt much personal satisfaction because of the large representation from the 15th Engs. Battalion. It is hoped this was a result of the personal appeals the writer had sent to his old buddies. A partial list of Engineers attending the Reunion follows:

Steve Dobrino, 6041 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Jerry Fasano, 294 Arlington Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Toni Valeri, 821 Detroit Ave., Monroe, Mich.; James Tomaso, 42 Ashford St., W. Haven, Conn.; Charles Roberts, 5300 Webster St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Anthony F. Chiodi, 421 West St., Fort Le, N. J.; George Bundza, 138 Beaverbrook Parkway, Worcester, Mass.; George C. Ackerman, 1293 2nd Ave., New York, N. Y.; Peter Magnanelli, 6704 Hillandale Road, Chevy Chase, Md.

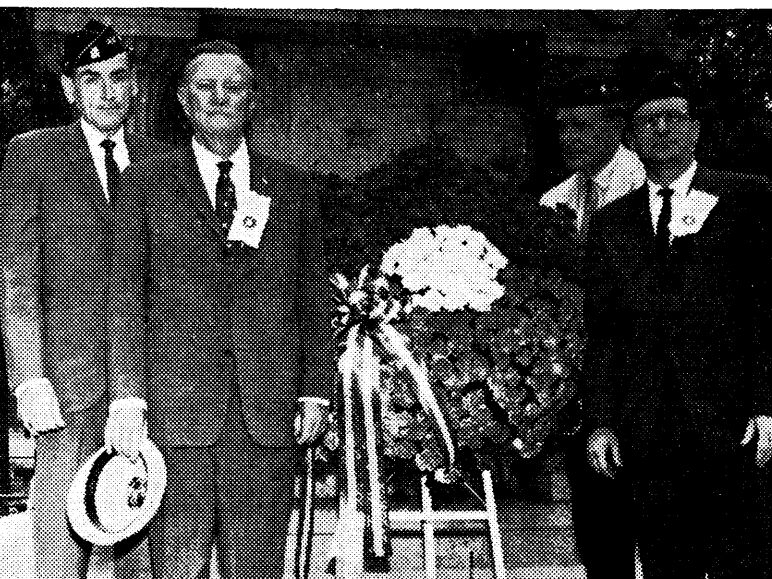
Frank Alice, 2911 S. Carlyle St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Henry Santos, 213 River Rd., Lincoln, N. Y.; Harold Weiner, 3125 Tibbett Ave., Riverdale, (Continued on page 9)

## Auxiliary Members Pose With Wreath At Shrine



Betty MacDougall, National President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and a member of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Auxiliary, left, above; right, Mrs. Al Cuprys, also a member of the Philadelphia Chapter's Auxiliary.

## National Officers With Gen. Randle At Services



Pictured above with hat in hand is Gen. Edwin Randle; behind the General is National President Walter O'Keeffe; to Walter's left is National Secretary Dan Quinn and New York Chapter President Frank Fazio. The occasion will remain in the minds of those who participated as long as they live. Description is beyond mere words.

## ORENSTEIN SAYS 1965 REUNION WAS THE GREATEST THE ASSOCIATION HAS HELD

By HARRY ORENSTEIN,  
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Bronx 54, New York

### IT WAS OUR GREATEST REUNION

In the writer's opinion, the 1965 New York Reunion was the greatest Reunion of the 9th Infantry Division Association. Probably, the largest attendance of men, women and children were present at the Reunion. Here is a brief summary of some of the highlights:

Thursday evening, July 29 was the Beer Party. Friday A. M. and P. M., July 30 was Ninth Division Day at the World's Fair. With each three day strip ticket was a FREE World's Fair Ticket.

Friday evening was the beer party and dance.

Saturday, July 31 was THE BIG DAY at the Reunion.

Saturday morning was the parade. We marched from the STATLER HILTON HOTEL, 7th Ave. and 32nd St. to 24th St. and 5th Ave. to the ETERNAL LIGHT following THE FIRST ARMY BAND. The Parade of men, women and children was about two blocks long. At the ETERNAL LIGHT, MEMORIAL SERVICES were held for the deceased men of the 9th INFANTRY DIVISION.

Saturday evening was the dinner. It was a delicious dinner, part of which included a shrimp cocktail, prime ribs of beef and Baked Alaska.

Speeches followed the dinner. Lindsey Nelson, the TV sports broadcaster, did an OUTSTANDING JOB as Toastmaster. Mr. Nelson reminisced about the 9th Infantry Division. His introductions of Father Connors, Gen. Randle and Gen. Craig, and his stories were interesting, humorous and enjoyable. Father Connors, Gen. Randle and Gen. Craig recalled their 9th Division experiences and their speeches were excellent. Dancing followed the speeches.

The 1966 REUNION WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON, D. C. **THE QM ROUNDUP**

Richard Robbins' daughter, Kath-

erine, received a Ninth Division Scholarship. GOOD LUCK, Katherine. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Demato and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Slapinski were pre-Reunion arrivals. Slapinski was meeting the "BOYS" for the first time in 20 years coming all the way from Wisconsin. George Swanson and John Kowalski were former QM but both later transferred to the 9th Ordnance. Bill Palady's wife, Margie, couldn't attend the Reunion because of a sore throat. We missed Margie at the Reunion. We all wish Margie a speedy recovery.

There were plenty of children at the Reunion. Here is a list of the QM, ladies and children at the Reunion:

Mr. Harry Orenstein  
Mr. Bill Palady  
Mr. Ernie Siegal  
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Amore  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Demato  
Mr. and Mrs. John Kowalski  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robbins and daughter  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Slapinski  
Mr. and Mrs. George Swanson  
Mr. Gene Berasi and three nephews  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Finkelstein and son  
Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Jones and two daughters  
Mr. and Mrs. Everett Tapp and three daughters and son

Here are two new addresses:  
Robert A. Slapinski,  
11017 W. Blue Mound Road  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

John Kowalski,  
1705 Tilton Drive  
Silver Spring, Md.

Best regard to ALL. Hope you are ALL well at home.—Sincerely yours, Harry Orenstein.

The QM Committee addresses are:  
Bill Palady,  
322 31st St.,  
McKeesport, Pa.

Harry Orenstein,  
640 East 139th St.  
Bronx 54, N. Y. 10454

## ENTIRE ASSOCIATION GRATEFUL TO MR. JOE LYNCH FOR KINDNESS

Mr. Joseph Lynch, Gold Star member of the Association and father of Captain Paul Lynch has been a consistent worker for the Association. He has always supported Annual Reunion Programs and has been a regular attendant at Reunions and the Memorial Services Father Ed Connors conducts in Worcester each year. Mr. Lynch is loved and admired by all members of the Association who know him.

On June 29, 1965, Bob Doolittle, a former B Co. 47th man, from Fort Bragg, to the end of the war, was fatally injured in a plane accident and died July 2, 1965.

Mr. Lynch phoned Pres. Walter O'Keeffe and he was asked to represent the Ninth Infantry Division Association and to offer condolences to Mrs. Mary Doolittle.

A wreath of flowers bearing the Ninth insignia was sent to the funeral home and Mr. Lynch donated his Gold 9th Division lapel pin so Bob could be laid to rest with this pin in his lapel. Mr. Lynch then attended the wake at Spring Lake, N. Y. and the burial on July 6th.

Mrs. Mary Doolittle has written a note of appreciation to the Association, and members of the Association feel most grateful to Mr. Joe Lynch for his understanding services to the bereaved family of Bob Doolittle.

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## FATHER ROWAN SENDS THANKS TO GROUP

Shortly after the New York Reunion Father Gerald Rowan penned a nice letter to Secretary Quinn. His address is 307 E. Central Ave., Wichita 2, Kansas, care St. Mary's Cathedral Rectory. The letter reads:

Dear Dan: When I got back I figured to wait a few days for things to settle down here before writing you, but it is as busy as ever. I had to go to Fort Riley, Kansas to see my brother. He has been transferred to Okinawa. Running the Cathedral parish, even temporarily, is quite demanding on one's time.

### THANKS—

At the next meeting of the New York Chapter I wish you would express my deepest appreciation to Walter O'Keeffe, Frank Fazio and all the members for inviting me to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Vatican Pavilion for the members of the Association, living and dead and their families. It was an honor and a privilege. Thank you. Hope to see you in Worcester. God bless you, one and all.—Father Jerry.

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## CUPID'S ARROWS PIERCE "HARDENED" J. CLOUSER

Past National President John J. Clouser has been pierced by one of Cupid's arrows in a vital spot—and the only cure is to march down an aisle to the accompaniment of slow music and face a man who will say "repeat after me—I DO."

When the rumors first started to be circulated at the New York Reunion to the effect that Professor John Clouser was deserting his bachelor buddies no one believed the yarn—not our John, they said.

But The Octofoil is in receipt of a letter in John's own handwriting that reads in part "I will not be in Illinois next weekend as I am going to Northern Michigan to be with my fiancée and finalize the plans for our wedding on the 28th."

Members of the Association from coast to coast wish for John and the new Mrs. Clouser the best of everything in their future years together.

Clouser's new address is 901 Graceland St., Des Plaines, Ill. 60016.

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## Leo Smith Was Just a Little Disappointed

Leo Smith, Pineapple, Ala., left the Reunion a little bit early. He was disappointed in not having met many old buddies he had hoped to meet. Among those he had hoped would show up were Ken Mills, Ray Croteau, Berardoni, Stein, James Delehanty and others from the 84th F.A. Med. Det.

Leo gets his mail at 215 Geary Dr., Montgomery, Ala. It is hoped some of his old 84th buddies who read this will drop him a card.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!

The man with money to burn will always meet a woman who is a match for him.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!

You begin to feel your age when you realize that the beautiful blonde looking your way is giving your son the once over.



**SCHMIDT'S N. Y. STORY**

(Continued from page 8)  
N. Y.; Ralph Penna, 60 Prince St., Boston, Mass. (All of the above from Company A.)

From Company B were the following: Paul Lisa, 30-06 N. 24th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Pat DeColli, 1837 S. Carlyle St., Philadelphia; Simon Garber, 136 Capen St., Dorchester, Mass.; Sidney Levison, 272 Tappan, Brookline, Mass.; Norton Cross, Bethel, Maine; Frank Kasko, 1557 Second Ave., New York, N. Y.; Ferdinand Elmo, 158-51 89th St., Howard Beach, N. Y.; Charles Hoffman, 91-43 81st St., Woodhaven, N. Y.; Ernest Newhart, New Hope, Pa.; James McGuigan, 66 Nichols Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jack Wilson, Star Route, Box 3A, Canal Point, Fla.; Jack Abramson, 2264 Creston Ave., Bronx, N. Y. 10453; Robert Coupland, Pennsylvania.

From C Co. the following were in attendance: Arthur P. Paulus, 147-49 Huxley St., Rosedale, N. Y.; George McCheehy, 102 Forest St., Fitchburg, Mass.; John Lewis, Shelbyville, Tenn.; Francis E. Maher, 14 Davenport, Worcester, Mass.; Edward McGrath, Box 275 Green Harbor, Mass.; Ronald Murphy, 44 Strawberry Lane, Scituate, Mass.

From Headquarters Co.: Peter J. Radano, 2525 88th St., Jackson Heights, N. Y.

The following showed no company affiliation on the registration listings: Owen E. Maguire, 63 Cypress Ave., Bogota, N. J.; A. Soprano, Norwood, Pa.; Bassell Russell, 100 Burbank Drive, Snyder, N. Y. 14226.

Norton Cross and his wife invited the writer to visit with them in Bethel, Maine. Norton is busy building a ski slide. An invitation for a visit was also received from James McGuigan.

**LOOKING FOR CARDIVELLI**

Steve Urbanyi, Co. B, 60th Inf., 2222 Sherwood, Apt. 9, Toledo, Ohio has asked help in trying to locate Nick Cardivelli, Steve Nazorovitch and Felix Scaroposki, all who were originally from the New York area. Anyone knowing these men should have them get in touch with Urbanyi at the address given above.

**TEA FOR LADIES**

During the Association's Saturday afternoon business session members of the Ladies' Auxiliary assembled in one of the beautifully decorated assembly rooms in the Statler Hilton Hotel and after enjoying a tea party, decided to continue until next year with their present slate of officers. A new slate to be elected at the Washington Reunion.

**MEN'S MEETING**

Since the minutes of the Twentieth Reunion as compiled by Secretary Dan Quinn will give detailed information as to what transpired at the business meeting, it is not necessary to relate any of those incidents in this report.

Thanks a million to all of the members who have helped fill these columns by supplying news notes. Their co-operation, both the men and women is being solicited for future columns that will be prepared for The Octofoil.—Sincerely, Arthur Schmidt.

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**Evangelus Pernokas' Mother Passed Away**

The Boston (Mass.) papers on Sunday, August 8, 1965 carried the sad news that a former "B" Bty. 26th F.A. man's mother had passed away. Evangelus Pernokas was the 26th lad whose mother had passed away.

The Octofoil extends condolences to Evangelus and other members of the bereaved family.

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**Ann Whalen Is Happy**

Someone must have just whispered a good story to Ann Whalen and Father Rowan, pictured above, judging from the grins on their faces.

The only thing that goes as far as it did ten years ago is the dime that rolls under the bed.

**Ruth Victor — One of Lindsey's Distaff Admirers**

Notice how much younger Lindsey Nelson tries to make himself look when one of the pretty gals pose with him for a photo. This is Ruth Victor's first Reunion but says that from now on there will be a different story—she'll be attending them all hereafter.

**And They Danced The Whole Night Through**

The Arabs may have a name for some of the dance steps that were practiced during the dances arranged for by the New York Chapter. The Octofoil tried unsuccessfully to learn what many of the performances were called. But they all had a good time—whether they danced a smooth waltz or adapted themselves to the modern wiggles dance craze.

**HANK CHIARINI CALLED FOR DUTY DURING THE REUNION**

The following letter from "Hank" Chiarini, 821 American Legion Highway, Rosendale, Mass., a former 47th man, is self-explanatory:

Dear Dan: I hoped to make this year's New York Reunion but again I am on the advanced party to go to Fort Devens on the 28th of July. The troops arrive on Saturday, 31 July and we get back to the Army Base on 14th August. This may be my last encampment, so next year, come hell or high water, I should be able to attend.

Say hello to all the gang! If I can possibly get an Army plane ride I'd be able to make it, but that is very doubtful.

Keep the faith, and all the best of luck at the Reunion.—Sincerely—Hank Chiarini.

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Teacher: Give me a sentence with the word "diadem" in it.

Johnny: Motorists who drive 70 miles an hour diadem sight quicker than those who drive 40.

**Reunion Journal One of the Best**

The 1965 Reunion Journal is a souvenir that no one will want to part with. The art work in the finished product is superb. The names and addresses of the Boosters is a tremendous directory of former 9th men's names—many of whom had not been heard from since combat days.

The Chapter ads are all interesting to read. The inside front cover and inside back cover has two one-page ads from the Summit Typewriter Co. Albert Lechmanik, 45 Maple St., Summit, N. J., a hard working member of the New York Chapter, is responsible for these two page ads being in the Journal. Each and every individual page speak for themselves.

Dave Gelman, chairman of the Program Committee, and his entire Committee are to be congratulated.

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While women can keep a secret as well as men it takes more of them.

**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.

**Pauline Olsen and Her Youngsters Take a Break**

"Oh, shucks, Mom, we just got here. Don't talk about going back to town now." That is what Pauline Olsen's three youngsters seem to be saying when Mom decided it was time to take a break after a few hours hiking around the World's Fair grounds.

**George Merz Plans to Bring Wife Hereafter**

George Merz writes that he got a little "bombed" during the Reunion and forgot to buy some decals for his car. George had a ball at the Reunion with his old 47th buddies, especially those from Service Co.

George and Mrs. Merz live at 69 W. Francis St., Iselin, N. J. George says he can't begin to express himself regarding the good time he had in New York, and he plans on going to Washington and has already started telling the wife why she should go with him in 1966.

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**GRATITUDE TO RUSS HALL FOR PUBLICITY**

Many former Ninth men were in attendance at the New York Reunion who have never attended a Reunion before. Many of these new faces can be attributed to the fine publicity releases that were made and to the excellent co-operation given the releases by Russ Hall, who is with station WPAT in New York City. Russ was with the Ninth until transferred to the Air Corps. While with the 9th he was attached to the 60th Regt.

Many members reported having heard the plugs Russ Hall put on the air boosting the Reunion. The Association and the New York Chapter both owe the lad a rising vote of thanks.

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**Macomber Plans to Hibernate in Mexico**

Dick Macomber, a former 60th man, and a member of the Ohio Chapter, who has been living in Arizona because of ill health, has been visiting old buddies in Columbus and a brother in Zanesville, Ohio, during July and August.

The Ohio Chapter plans a party for Macomber before he leaves the Buckeye State to return West. Dick claims when he returns to Phoenix, after winding up a few details there he has his eyes set on a small community in old Mexico where he plans to grub stake a claim and set up housekeeping. As soon as the address is known The Octofoil will pass it on for the benefit of any old 60th men who might be sightseeing Down Mexico-Way.

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**PAUL LESCHAK WAS ABLE TO ATTEND**

Paul Leschak 3037 Zephyr Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., a former Co. C, 39th man, was able to attend the New York Reunion—the first he has attended since the gang met in Pittsburgh 16 years ago.

In a letter to Secretary Quinn before the Reunion Paul asked about the golf competition being arranged for members and advised he was bringing his cute little teen age daughter along for the 1965 party.

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## Minutes of the 76th Meeting—Board of Governors—New York City

The 76th meeting of the Board of Governors was called to order at 5:30 P.M., July 29, 1965 at the Hotel Statler-Hilton, New York, New York, attended by Messrs. Walter O'Keeffe, William Hennemuth, Frank Ozart, John Bonkowski, Henry Shimkoski, Victor Butswinkus, Harry Orenstein, Emil Langer, Frank Wade and Leonard DeBell. Also present were Thomas Boyle, the Treasurer; Paul Plunkett, Editor of The Octofoil, 1st Vice President Vincent Guglielmino and Guest Anthony Varone.

The Secretary read the minutes of the 75th meeting. After a motion duly made by Frank Ozart and seconded by John Bonkowski it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes as read and place same on file.

The Treasurer, Thomas Boyle, gave his report. The Secretary also provided the Board members with a copy of the Accountant's report in order to compare figures. After a motion duly made by Frank Wade and seconded by John Bonkowski it was voted to: Accept the Treasurer's report.

A discussion on the Scholarship report was tabled until the next Board meeting.

After a motion duly made by Frank Wade and seconded by William Hennemuth it was voted to: Adjourn at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
DANIEL QUINN,  
National Secretary.

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## Minutes of 77th Meeting—Board of Governors—New York City

The 77th meeting of the National Board of Governors was called to order at 4:15 P.M., July 31, 1965 at the Hotel Statler-Hilton, New York, N. Y., attended by Messrs. Walter O'Keeffe, John Bonkowski, William Hennemuth, Henry Shimkoski, Paul Keller, Ronald Murphy, Victor Butswinkus, Harry Orenstein, Emil Langer, Anthony Varone, Robert Rumenapp and Frank Wade. Also present were John Clouser, chairman of the Scholarship Committee; Thomas Boyle, the Treasurer; Paul Plunkett, Editor of The Octofoil; Harrison Daysh, Judge Advocate; 2nd Vice President Herbert Olsen, and Thomas Egan.

The secretary read the minutes of the 76th meeting. After a motion duly made by Victor Butswinkus and seconded by Emil Langer it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes, as read, and place same on file.

Frank Wade made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Henry Shimkoski and carried.

After a motion duly made by Frank Wade and seconded by Victor Butswinkus it was voted to: Permit the Scholarship Committee to continue the practice of collecting donations for Scholarships at the Banquet.

John Clouser reported that the Scholarship Committee had received a request for a second grant. The request was received after the deadline stated in the Octofoil but because of circumstances the Board was requested to take action on this matter. After a motion duly made by Ronald Murphy and seconded by Emil Langer it was voted to: Allow the Scholarship Committee an additional sum of \$250.00.

### WASHINGTON NEXT CITY

President Walter O'Keeffe called for bids for the 1966 Reunion. Ronald Murphy submitted a bid for the New England Chapter. Frank Wade for the Washington, D. C. Chapter, and John Bonkowski for the Michigan Chapter. It was voted to: Hold the 1966 Reunion in Washington, D. C.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

#### President:

John Bonkowski was nominated by Ronald Murphy and seconded by Victor Butswinkus. Robert Rumenapp made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Anthony Varone. So voted. Unanimous ballot was cast for John Bonkowski.

#### 1st Vice President:

Vincent Guglielmino was nominated by Robert Rumenapp and seconded by Harry Orenstein. Emil Langer moved to close nominations, seconded by Frank Wade. So voted. Unanimous ballot was cast.

#### 2nd Vice President:

Herbert Olsen was nominated by Frank Wade and seconded by Ronald Murphy. Paul Keller made a motion to close nominations, seconded by John Bonkowski. So voted. Unanimous ballot was cast.

#### 3rd Vice President:

John Boden was nominated by Frank Wade and seconded by Victor Butswinkus. Emil Langer moved to close nominations, seconded by Harry Orenstein. So voted. Unanimous ballot was cast.

#### Secretary:

Daniel Quinn was nominated by John Bonkowski and seconded by Anthony Varone. Harry Orenstein made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Henry Shimkoski. So voted. Unanimous ballot was cast.

#### Treasurer:

Thomas Boyle was nominated by Emil Langer and seconded by William Hennemuth. Anthony Varone moved to close nominations, seconded by John Bonkowski. So voted. Unanimous ballot was cast.

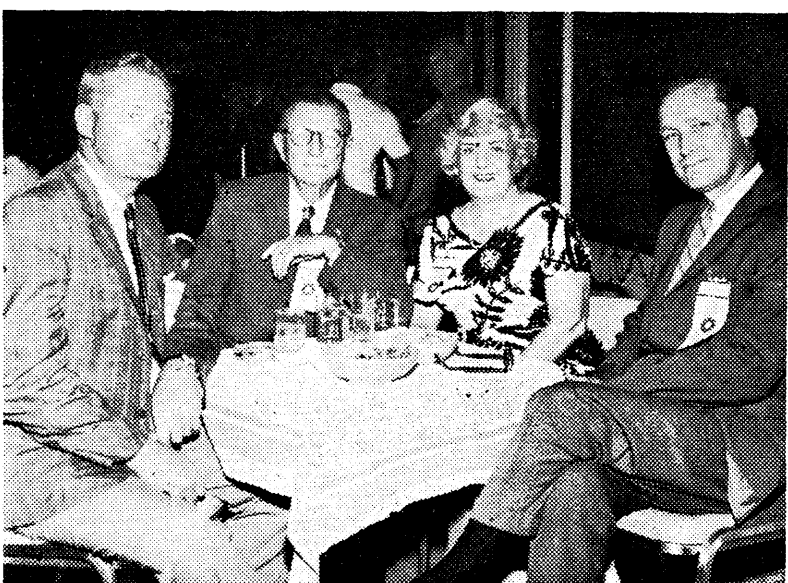
#### Judge Advocate:

Harrison Daysh was nominated by Paul Keller and seconded by Emil Langer. Frank Wade moved to close nominations, seconded by John Bonkowski and so voted. Unanimous ballot was cast.

Upon a motion duly made by John Bonkowski and seconded by William Hennemuth it was voted to: Adjourn at 5:30 P.M.

DANIEL QUINN,  
National Secretary.

## Gen. Edwin Randle and Mrs. Randle At the Party



General Edwin Randle was in New York early and stayed late—visiting with all his boys. One of the first functions was the Little Old New York Night on Thursday, and the General was right there Johnny on the Spot swapping yarns with all the old gang.

## Harry Orenstein Always Organizes a Gay Crowd



Harry Orenstein, one of the Q.M. "boys" is one of the best known former Ninth men. He is a regular Reunion attendant as well as the Memorial Services held in Worcester each year—and as per usual, he gathers a merry group around him. He is shown in the center, seated.

## Ben Murrell and Son Pose With Lindsey



Ben Murrell has been mixed up in baseball activities and other athletics in New York State for a long time. So it was only natural for Ben and his fine young son to hunt up Lindsey Nelson and pose for a photo with the famous sportscaster.

## Three Exhausted Families At the Fair Grounds



Taking a break so they can start all over again—exploring the sights at the World's Fair are Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Czar, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bell and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Niblock and family.

## GEN. CLAYMAN WAS AN HONORED GUEST

Slipping into the Saturday business meeting unannounced and taking a seat in the back of the assembly hall, Gen. Donald Clayman was taking it all in for several minutes before one of the members spotted him and recognized him. When the announcement was made that Gen. Clayman was in the hall he received a tremendous applause.

After the meeting the general, in his usual unassuming manner, shook hands and rubbed elbows with his boys until time for the banquet.

The fine Reunion that was held at Fort Bragg is still the talk of those who attended. They all are not aware of the fact that it was Gen. Clayman who laid the groundwork and did much of the work that helped make the Fort Bragg Reunion the tremendous success that it was. Then Uncle Sam had to yank the general away from Bragg and send him overseas just a few days before his former 9th buddies barged in on their old Alma Mater.

Now that Gen. Clayman has finally become a civilian and will be his own boss it is hoped that he will become a regular visitor to all the Reunions and make up for those he has been forced to miss.

Just like most of the other Ninth Division officers—Gen. Clayman is loved by his men—those who knew him best when the going was rough.

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## ALL HELL TURNS LOOSE WHEN WALTON LEAVES THOSE GEORGIA HILLS

No edition of The Octofoil would be complete without a breakdown from the inimitable Paul "Doc" Walton, sage of North Georgia's Red Clay Hills. In his first letter to the Octofoil after returning to the old homestead on Rt. No. 7, Old Dalton Road, Rome, Ga., Doc prefaces his letter thusly:

### HIS POP ELOPED

While I was in New York attending the Reunion my dad purchased a Chevy sports coupe, black, with red seats; bought a new mule, two pigs and got married—all in the same week. All I have to do is leave home for a few days and things really begin to happen. Neighbors are wondering whether this was a "shotgun" nuptial party—it all happened very sudden.

Doc says that after meeting the pleasant Mrs. Walter Reiman he isn't going to worry about Walt any more. He's in good hands.

### GLAD TO SEE GEN. CLAYMAN

Walton also writes: "Our efforts to get Gen. Clayman to the Reunion were successful. His appearance helped brighten the old gang up. If the Army knew him like the old 47th boys know him, they would still be hanging stars on him and wouldn't let him out of the service."

Coming back through Atlanta, Doc called Major Virgil Batchelor and give him a report on the old gang. Then he walked down Peachtree St. to Col. Oscar Thompson's shoe store. The Colonel has seven youngsters, ranging from 23 years of age downward—but as Doc puts it, he is the same swell guy the fellows knew 20-odd years ago. He promised to try and attend the next Reunion.

Lindsey Nelson claims the reason Walton is so well known by former Ninth men that when he went wild with the hypo needle everyone contacted were branded for life. But Col. Bill Tanner, the good will ambassador from Union City, Tenn., was a bit more kind than Nelson, he says that Walton fixed his foot sore blisters down on Chicken Rd. and other places—else he'd never have made the mileage that he did. Col. Tanner is planning to make all future Reunions.

"Cotton" (Whitey Vaughn) has contacted Walton and asked for a report on which of the ambulance jockeys showed up at the New York Reunion.

### SMALL WORLD

An old Q.M. man out of the 9th—Soldier Tapp, drifted South and got hitched to an Atlanta girl. He has a sister, Mrs. Moorhead, whose husband is connected with Berry College, the small North Georgia College that young Walton recently graduated from. The Mooreheads live only a whoop and a holler down the pike from the Walton home. A little more reconnaissance work and Walton will have located enough former Ninth men in those hills to organize a good sized Chapter.

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While money isn't everything, it does keep yon in touch with your children.

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In the early days of the automobile, people were flabbergasted when somebody drove 15 miles an hour. They still are.

## REIMAN WANTS THE AUXILIARY TO MAKE ITSELF HEARD FROM

Under dates of June 28 and Aug. 7, The Octofoil is in receipt of two letters from Walter H. Reiman, 6310 Polk St., West New York, N. J. 07093. Both letters dwell on the subject of the Association's Ladies' Auxiliary. Walter wants 'em to formulate a program of their own and then push it.

Parts of Reiman's letters read: The Ninth Infantry Division Association had a wonderful Reunion this year of 1965. I met a lot of the boys—and I found out one thing—most of their wives are not members of the Women's Auxiliary.

The Women's Auxiliary we need. The dues for a year is only \$1.50. Be a member of the great Ninth Infantry Division Association. It will make you feel inside of yourself like one of us. I am very happy I paid my wife's dues so she could be a member of the Women's Auxiliary.

In Doc Reiman's June letter he asks for more correspondence from the Ladies' Auxiliary about activity.

Okay, ladies—Doc has laid down a dare. Get busy and then send in to The Octofoil news of the Auxiliary's activity.

Any Association members driving in or around Guttenberg, N. J., would do well to look for a sign that reads PETE & V'S TAVERN—341 70th St., phone 865-9760. That happens to be an institution that is owned and operated by Doc Reiman. A visit there and you'll never be sorry.

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## Member's Son Had Good Time At the Reunion

It's always nice to hear from any of the Association members who enjoyed themselves at a Reunion—but it is a double pleasure when one of the member's "kids" takes time out to write. And that is what young Martin Bree, Jr., of 2495 Dogwood Ave., East Meadow, N. Y. 11554 did. His dad was a 39th Inf. man.

The Miscellaneous Committee at the recent New York Reunion took cognizance of the fact these teen agers will have to be provided for at future Reunions with an interesting program of events all to themselves.

Young Martin's letter reads in part:

As the son of a member of the 9th Infantry Division Association I recently attended the 20th Annual Reunion in New York City. I enjoyed it very much and I made many friends, one of who was Chuck Carci, which brings me to the point of this letter. I would appreciate it greatly if you would forward to me the address of Mr. Ralph Carci, whom I believe, lives in Maryland.

Thank you very much—and I plan attending the next Reunion in Washington, D. C.

(Editor's Note: Secretary Quinn furnished the young man the address he wanted.)

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You can't take it with you, but that's the only place you can go without it.

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An ideal husband is what every woman thinks the other woman has.

## MINUTES OF TWENTIETH ANNUAL REUNION—9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION—New York City

The 20th Annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held at the Statler Hilton Hotel, New York, New York, on July 31, 1965. There being a quorum of 101 members present, President Walter O'Keeffe then called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. A minute of silence was observed for the departed men who wore The Octofoil.

The President then called upon the National Secretary to read the minutes of the 19th Annual Reunion. Upon a motion duly made by Francis Maher and seconded by Paul Walton it was voted to: Accept the minutes of the 19th Annual Reunion as read and place same on file for the record.

Thomas Boyle, the Treasurer, gave his report. Boyle gave an outlined report on the income and expenses for the year. Boyle concluded with these remarks, "Again it is my pleasure to say that in my opinion and my judgment that this association is in excellent financial condition." Upon a motion duly made by John Clouser and seconded by John Sabato it was voted to: Accept the Treasurer's report.

President O'Keeffe thanked Thomas Boyle for his report.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The President then called upon Frank Wade, Chairman of the Financial Committee.

Chairman Wade then named the following members who comprised his committee: Alfons Cuprys, Edward McGrath, Paul Keller, William Hennemuth, Vincent Guglielmino and George Apar.

Upon a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by John Boden it was voted to: Accept the budget as submitted by the Finance and Budget Committee.

The budget for 1965-1966:	
Dues	\$4,500.00
Investments	1,350.00
Reunion	500.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Cash on hand	\$1,478.00
Total	\$8,028.00
Anticipated Expenditures:	
Octofoil, printing and mailing	\$1,900.00
Editor's expense allowance	400.00
Secretary's Salary	600.00
Clerical expenses	600.00
Postage and express	400.00
Telephone and utilities	320.00
Treasurer's expense	250.00
Secretary's expense	350.00
Printing	265.00
Stationery and supplies	150.00
Dues notices	100.00
Board expenses	350.00
Chapter Commissions	381.00
Reunion Chapter gratuities	100.00
Petty cash	200.00
Social Security	22.00
Fire Insurance	15.00
Insurance Bond (blanket cover)	81.00
Accountant	100.00
Memorial Wreath	25.00
Less income	\$6,609.00
	\$6,550.00
	—\$59.00

President O'Keeffe thanked Frank Wade and his Committee for their report.

Henry Shimkoski, Chairman of the Newspaper Committee then named the men who comprised his committee: Tony Varone, Arthur Schmidt, Victor Butswinkus.

The committee recommends:

1. A better grade of paper be used for the publication for clearer pictures and longer use for those who save the papers.

2. Have the Editor check into possibility of having the publication printed in booklet form instead of the type now used.

3. Commends the Editor for a fine publication.

From the floor it was recommended by Frank Wade and Francis Maher: That the Editor explore the possibility of getting together all past issues and have them made into a booklet. After a motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Bill Meadows it was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations.

President O'Keeffe thanked Henry Shimkoski and his committee for their report.

John Bonkowski, Chairman of the Miscellaneous Committee then named the men who comprised his committee: Richard Wilson, Ed Arn, Lou Netta, Doctor Seslowe, Harry Oren-

stein, Jake Lasku and Paul Walton. The Miscellaneous Committee recommends the following:

1. That a definite program for young adults be set up at Reunions.

2. That the Judge Advocate check into future status of the association when membership is down to little or nothing. What will happen to the funds, etc.?

What necessary action can be taken now for the future.

3. Encourage floor discussions for greater attendance at Reunions and Chapter meetings, exchange ideas, etc.

After a motion duly made by Al Lechmanik and seconded by George Fraenkel it was voted to: Accept the Miscellaneous Committee's report.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Leonard DeBell, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, then named the following members who comprised his committee: John Sabato, Frank Ozart, John Rizzo, Fred Josey and Thomas Boyle.

Five members are going off the Board of Governors and four men were nominated to replace same from their chapters.

Illinois Chapter—Charles Koskie.

Ohio Chapter—Paul Keller.

New York Chapter—Anthony Varone.

Michigan Chapter—Robert Rumnapp.

After a motion duly made by Fred Josey and seconded by Lenny DeBell it was voted to: Replace those chapter members going off the Board with the names of the above named members.

Nominations from the floor was held and General Edwin Randle was elected as a member of the Board at large.

### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

President Walter O'Keeffe then called upon John Clouser, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. Clouser named David Heller and Frank Ozart as members of this permanent committee. Clouser briefed the members as to what the committee considers, such as the Academic Ability and financial need of the applicants when selecting the following candidates:

1. Briggs, Linda, daughter of Harry Briggs, Btry. C, 26th F.A. (deceased), the sum of \$550.00 (\$350.00 grant and \$200 to repay loan). Vocational aim: Medical Technician.

2. Edward Byrne, son of Sylvester Byrne, Hq. Btry., Div. Arty., \$200.00. Vocational aim: Business Admin.

3. Maureen Cusack, daughter of Peter Cusack, Anti-Tank 47th, the sum of \$100.00. Vocational aim: Elem. teacher.

4. Maureen D'Amore, daughter of Fred D'Amore, B Co., 15th Engr., the sum of \$250.00. Vocational aim: Chemical research.

5. Arela Fraley, William Fraley, Co. G, 60th Inf., the sum of \$225.00. Vocational aim: Medical Technician.

6. Joanne King, George King, Co. F, 47th Inf., the sum of \$150.00. Vocational aim: Recreation Education.

7. Lillian Leone, Gerard Leone, Hq. Bty. 26th F.A. The sum of \$100.00. Vocational aim: Nursing.

8. Vincent Lepore, Vincent Lepore, Co. A, 47th Inf. The sum of \$250.00. Vocational aim: Engineering.

9. Arnold MacKer, Donald MacKer, E and F Co., 39th Inf. The sum of \$25.00. Vocational aim: Teacher.

10. Gail McLaughlin, Lawrence McLaughlin, 47th Inf. The sum of \$100.00. Vocational aim: Elementary Education.

11. Elain Piwowarski, Henry Shimkoski, 60th F.A. Bn. The sum of \$175.00. Vocational aim: Teacher.

12. Kathleen Robbins, Richard Robbins, 9th Q.M. The sum of \$175.00. Vocational aim: Teacher.

Total awards: \$2,350.00.

The 75th meeting of the National Board of Governors was held in Washington, D. C. on April 24, 1965 and at that time the Board members approved the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee.

After a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by Pat Morano it was voted to: Accept the reading of the Scholarship Committee.

President Walter O'Keeffe thanked John Clouser and his committee for their report.

### 21ST MEMORIAL MASS

Francis Maher briefed the members on the 21st Annual Memorial Mass and dinner held by Father Connors in Worcester, Mass. November 7, 1965 is the date. More details will appear in The Octofoil. Such items as the rates and room accommodations at nearby motels will be included with the news items.

A discussion was held on the possi-

## ILLINOIS GROUP WILL MEET ON SEPT. 17th

Bob Winkelman, secretary of the Illinois Chapter, announces that the Chapter will hold a meeting on Friday, Sept. 17 at 8:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Forest Park Moose Lodge, 810 Des Plaines Ave., Forest Park, Ill.

Bob, ably assisted by his wife, Georgie, and Frank Ozart, have an interesting program lined up. Colored movies made during the Walt Mahan memorial services and several other Illinois Chapter affairs will be shown. The 102 pictures that Walter Victor made during the 1965 Reunion will also be available for those attending to look over and see what was missed by not attending the Reunion in New York City.

## Ozart-Winkelmans Are Perfect Hosts

The Octofoil editor was in Chicago recently attending the National Veterans of Foreign Wars convention. Shortly after arriving a phone call was received from Past National President Frank Ozart, a native of the Windy City. Arrangements were made to meet Frank the following Sunday afternoon.

With Ozart at the wheel, those 100 miles per hour inner and outer belt speedways, called Free Ways, leading in and out of Chicago, were navigated and soon Frank, the Octofoil editor and Tippi Plunkett, secretary-treasurer of the Association's Ladies' Auxiliary, had licked the labyrinth of crisscross roads and were out in the wide open spaces—headed for Palatine, Ill., where Bob and Georgie Winkelman live in a beautiful rural area—in a new home Bob has erected since the Springfield Reunion. The afternoon passed rapidly and before it was realized the clock was nearing the midnight hour. In the meantime Georgie, with an assist from Bob and the oldest daughter, had prepared a meal that was fit for a king—topped off with some of Georgie's specially prepared English pudding and sauce. The Winkelmans have recently returned from Georgie's old home in England and the clear colored movies they made while abroad were great entertainment. After viewing the English scenes, Bob went through his fine collection of films and showed scenes made at the last Illinois Chapter picnic, at the Walt Mahan Memorial Services and many other scenes pertaining to the Chapter's activities.

The zero hour for departure came around only too soon. Suffice it to say—those Illinois Chapter people have a brand of hospitality that is really something to write home about—and the trip to Palatine proved to be the highlight of the editor's trip to the Windy City.

To Bob Winkelman, Georgie and Frank Ozart, thanks again and again for a most enjoyable evening.

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## Calvin Polivy Rates High in Legal Circles

Cal Policy, a former Judge Advocate of the National Association, has established for himself a most enviable reputation in New York City and New York State legal circles. He is a member of the Friedman & Polivy firm at 295 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y., phone MUrray Hill 6-1131.

Cal's prominence in New York legal circles hasn't caused him to diminish any of his love for the Ninth Infantry Division men he soldiered with from Bragg right on through. The expression on his face as he went from table to table shaking old buddies' hands told the story of how he was enjoying renewing these old-time lasting friendships.

Observing Calvin Polivy and many others just like him at Ninth Reunions is an inspiration to the officers to carry on and on and on.

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A family man is the one who has replaced the currency in his wallet with snapshots.

bility of a trip by the members to England, Europe, France and Germany. Several members stated they would check into rates, etc., and report at some future meeting.

John Clouser then asked the members for a standing vote of thanks to Walter O'Keeffe, the Outgoing President for a job well done.

There being no further business to come before this meeting and upon a motion made by John Clouser and seconded by Vincent Guglielmino it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 3:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
DANIEL QUINN,  
National Secretary.

## July 9th New York Chapter Meeting Give Scully's Picnic Crew Big Hand

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The New York Chapter's July 9th meeting was held at the Hotel Statler Hilton. Much discussion that pertained to the forthcoming Reunion was on the agenda. Since this is now history, those details will be omitted from this report.

President Fazio reported on the Memorial Services held at Pinelawn National Cemetery on May 22. It was a wonderful ceremony. Ninth Division wreaths were placed on the following graves:

1. Charles Harold Brook, Hqs. Co., 60th Inf.
2. Edward B. Kramer, I Co., 47th.
3. Victor Solimeo, F Co., 47th.
4. Felix Guglielmino, F Co., 47th.
5. William Lewis, 39th Inf.
6. Joe Truglio, 39th Inf.

Quite a number of names of men of the Ninth Division who are buried in the Pinelawn Cemetery were located. A list is being compiled—when completed the list will be furnished the members.

### SHORT MEETING

The July 9 meeting was short—but a good feed had been prepared by Jack Scully. One of the new faces at the meeting was Joe Brody of the M.P.s.

### SORROW

Inside of a period of three weeks the New York members were saddened to learn that Frank Fazio's sister-in-law and Daniel Quinn's mother had passed away. Many of the members paid respects to both of the bereaved families. Dan's mother was 86 years old and died of a heart attack on July 11. Some of those who visited the funeral parlor in Hoboken, N. J., were: Jack Scully, Frank Fazio, Arthur Schmidt and his mother; Mrs. Fazio, Mr. and Mrs. McInerney, Vincent Guglielmino, Dominick Miele, George Apar and Walter O'Keeffe, Lou Almassy, John Rizzo, Mrs. Rizzo and Mrs. Guglielmino—and possibly many others.

### PICNIC REPORT

The following report on the picnic held at Seely's Pond in the Wachung Reservation, Scotch Plains N. J., is incomplete to the extent that some names of members who worked hard to make a success of the event, may be omitted. If such is the case apologies are offered:

There was an advance guard at the picnic grounds to help start fires and prepare food and the counters at 9:00 A.M. The following members were observed taking care of their details: Adolph Wadalavage at the pickles; Jack Scully, Ralph Witzkin and Zep Avilan at the rolls; Joe Twill at the beer; Al Orletti at the hamburgers. (He was the first casualty); Walter O'Keeffe was seen working at the roll counter; John Rizzo was taking care of one fire; John Hobeck, Co. I, 39th, said he was attending his first picnic. He said he was at Captain Paul Lynch's grave at Tenafly, N. J. and cut the grass; Tony Varone was at the frankfurter stand; Frank Fazio was taking care of the beans; Al

Rago, Dominick Miele and Mrs. Rizzo were busy selling tickets to the picnic. There was a baseball game between the young men and the old men, the fathers winning by a score of 9 to 5.

### JACK'S IN-LAWS BUSY

Jack Wilson (Jack Scully's brother-in-law), and Tex McGrath were at the beer and soda counter; Jerry Cozenso donated watermelons, onions and ceramics made by his wife; Vincent Guglielmino was dishing out hamburgers; George Bako, G Co., 47th, and Stan Mrozinsky, G Co., 47th, were working at the beer and soda counter; Mrs. Rizzo, Mrs. Mutchko and her daughter, Darlene, were selling raffle tickets, as were Mrs. Camielo and her daughter, Donna; Tony Varone, Al Orletti, Frank Fazio, Harry Hooker—a friend of Joe Twill, John Rizzo, Vincent Guglielmino, Lou Almassy, Mike Yednak, Steve Budishin, and Dave Braven were working on the corn on the cob. Bravin reported that Gen. Clayman was in Monroe, Va., joining a brokerage concern and he might be in for the Reunion; Herminio Suarez, Harry Wax, Emil Langer, Dick Hashrovick and Tony Varone supervised the athletic contests. The writer was selected to keep the scores and succeeded in botching up in the spelling of the names of the contestants and supervisors.

### WINNERS

Names of the winners were Eric Svenson, Richard Varone, Diana Suarez, Thomas Strausner, Betty Krystoforski, Ann Alessi, Herman Suarez, Joan Giorano, Michael Varone, Mary Ann Muzzio—each winner got a monetary prize. Al Rago and Dominick Miele worked at giving out the raffle prizes. The winners were as follows:

Mrs. Sullivan, a watch; Mrs. Koepell, a can opener; Mike Yednak, a can opener; Mr. Munatore, a canister; Mr. Lechmanik, an ash tray; Art Schmidt, a gray warmer; Mr. Buchler, a plant set; Mr. Bako, a canister; Mr. Alessi, a plant set; Mr. Whalen, a Madonna statue; Mr. Suarez, a Madonna plaque; Mr. Giacomelli, an ash tray; Mr. Fahy, an ash tray; Mr. Sedlak, a tree set; Mr. Marrero, an ash tray; Mr. Ercolano, an ash tray; Mr. Schegel, a vase; Mr. Margoese, an ash tray and a candy dish; Mr. Hasbro, a tree set; Al Rago, a shoe ornament; Mr. Strassner, a vase; Mr. Boudreau, an ash tray; Mr. Hodapp, an ash tray; Mr. Lechmanik, a shoe ornament; Mr. Barrett, a Madonna statue; Mr. Yednak donated \$3 for a raffle prize, which was won by Mr. Whalen.

Prizes were donated by Mike Yednak, \$3 cash; Dan Quinn, 2 canister sets; Jerry Cosenza, 10 watermelons, crockery; Dominick Miele, a gray warmer; Walter O'Keeffe, 2 electric can openers.

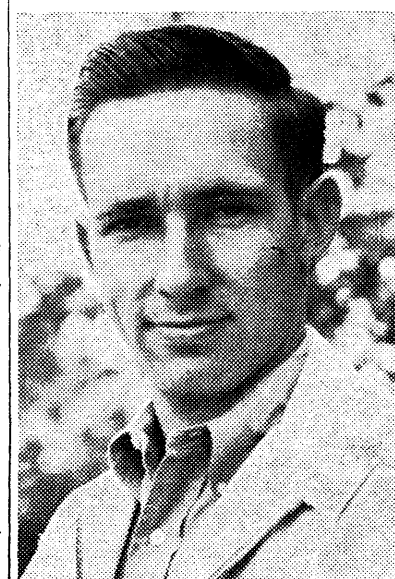
The picnic was a financial success.

### VACATION SNAFU

Carlton Curtis sent word that a snafu in vacation plans was going to prevent his attending the Reunion as he had previously planned.

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## Chip Off "Old Block"



PAUL DAVID WALTON

Young Walton recently finished his studies at Berry College, with flying colors. He received his B.S., majoring in Business Administration, Math, and Art. The lad is a son of the inimitable Doc Walton, the 9th Medics champion needle pusher.

There are three types of people you can't argue with: those who think you're right, those who know you're wrong and those who couldn't care less.

## AL LECHMANIK GREAT SUPPORTER OF NINTH

The Octofoil editor had the distinct pleasure of enjoying a most enjoyable session with Albert (Al) Lechmanik, a member of the New York Chapter, while attending the 20th Annual Reunion.

Al's ticker has been acting up on him and he had to take some of the activities at a rather slow pace—but that doesn't dim his thinking and always planning for a bigger and better New York Chapter and a bigger and better National organization.

Al is a loyal supporter of The Octofoil and passed on many suggestions that will no doubt be helpful in months to come in getting a more interesting paper to the Association members. Al's home address is 45 Maple St., Summit, N. J. Phone CR. 3-9098.

Al made a \$50 donation to the Scholarship Fund among his many other contributions and efforts in behalf of the Chapter and the National Association during the 1965 Reunion.

Woody Lockwood sent a check for \$25—and this \$75 added to the \$600 collection made at the banquet gave the Scholarship Fund a boost of \$675.00.

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Here's the Christmas gift problem in a nutshell. You've got to find something needed enough to be practical yet not needed enough to be expected.

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Nowadays the voice crying in the wilderness is just a teen-ager with a transistor.



## RUMENAPPS REPORT ON REUNION TRIP AND MICHIGAN'S ACTIVITY

By R. F. RUMENAPP, Secretary  
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(Edited by Bob's Secretary of War Betty Rumenapp):

We Michigan people are about to get back to normalcy after a wonderful trip to the outstanding Reunion in New York City. Naturally, I am overwhelmed at being elected to the Board of Governors again.

The trip from Detroit to New York was made leisurely and we had the privilege of seeing a niece, Sr. Angela Michele, O.S.F. during her Novice year at Maryview in Villanova, Pa. She thinks the 9th Division is something extra special—and after she attended the Springfield Reunion the members are in her thoughts and prayers. When she does write home she always writes a hello to the 9th men everywhere—especially the Michigan members. She is looking forward to reading the next issue of The Octofoil with the New York Reunion news.

Every part of any Reunion is something to remember, but meeting old friends from your outfit is always the best. And so it was with the writer at the New York Reunion. Visits with Izzy Cohen, 60th A.T., and Tex Neinst (Springfield Reunion) are memories never to be forgotten. The writer hadn't seen Izzy, his wife, Elsa or the children since the last Reunion in New York—the two older Cohen youngsters, Joel and Nathan attended the Friday activities. The youngsters listened attentively to the stories Izzy, Louie Netta and the writer repeated about the great Ninth Division. Another old-time 60th A.T. buddy, E. V. Marion, from Mt. Airy, N. C., was a welcomed sight. He had to leave only too soon and report for duty at Mt. Airy where he's a captain on the Police Department. Izzy couldn't attend all the functions the New York Chapter had arranged because of his work schedule and the fact he was moving from Vyse Avenue in the Bronx to 248-02 76th Ave., Belrose, Queens, N.Y. He said to make sure someone contacts him there about signing up. He's been intending to join for a long time but just kept putting it off—but now, after meeting so many of the New York gang he'd like to get in the swing too!

### ALL HAD A GOOD TIME

The rest of the Michigan gang who attended all said they had a wonderful time also and as far as all reports, arrived home safe and sound.

### BONKOWSKI STAYED ON

Our new President, John Bonkowski and his family stayed on in New York for another day to see the Statue of Liberty and take the boat trip around Manhattan. They stopped in Buffalo and saw the American Falls one night; then crossed over Peace Bridge and saw the Canadian side—then on to see Hamilton and Toronto before coming home the following Wednesday night. John is still elated and thrilled from the honor bestowed on him of being elected our National President and those of us who know him well, know he'll do his best to do credit to the members who had confidence in him enough to select him for this high office.

### DEBELLS VISIT CANADA

Len and Loretta DeBell and their children also came home via the Falls, Toronto and Montreal, Canada, and arrived home safely but tired on Wednesday evening. Except for two flat tires going, a few minor car difficulties with their new '65 car, they also had a wonderful time in New York. Their only regret is that Len is going off the Board, but they are looking forward to Washington next year.

### BARTLEYS REACH MONROE

Cards have been received from George and Monie Bartley from Monroe, Mich., advising of their safe arrival on Sunday P.M. They had to rush back, but took time enroute to visit their daughter who is in College at Rochester—taking her completely by surprise, which was one of the highlights of their trip. Anyone who saw them in New York know how they were enjoying themselves—and they saw everything there was to see! 'Tis great to be so young and spry!

Tony and Bea Valeri haven't written since returning, but it is presumed that they, like all the 15th Eng. gang, had the time of their lives and are looking forward to Washington in 1966.

### TRAGEDY

John S. Orlick was one of the charter members of the first Ninth Division Chapter organized in the Detroit area. Detroit papers recently printed details regarding John's untimely death. Excerpts from the De-

troit paper's stories read:

Careless smoking was blamed for a Southgate house fire in which two golf professionals died.

John S. Orlick, 48, and James "Gene" Sullivan, 55, of Miami, were asphyxiated in Orlick's single story frame home at 16640 Quarry Road.

As an infantryman in World War II, Orlick won the Bronze Star and Silver Star, the latter for capturing a German machine gun nest in the battle for St. Lo, shortly after the Normandy landing.

### BAD LUCK FOR DESANDY

Bob DeSandy, F Co., 47th, one of Michigan Chapter's spark plugs, and a great favorite with all of the 47th men and other members, couldn't attend this year's Reunion—much to his regret now! If he'd been in New York on the 28th he'd not be in the position he's in now—he broke his ankle in three places on Thursday and spent all of the Reunion time in St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia—wishing he'd been able to switch his vacation—instead of going to the Company picnic and playing baseball. He's home now, with a full leg cast for 8-12 weeks—and asks that he be remembered to all his old buddies and says he expects to see them in Washington. He also reports on an upcoming move in the next week—he and Florence and their daughter, Nancy, are moving into their beautiful new home at 23430 South Colonial Court, St. Clair Shores—so his friends may write him at his new address after next week. He'd appreciate hearing from them, as he will be laid up quite awhile.

### EARL HYDE IN HOSPITAL

Earl Hyde, Co. M, 3d Bn., 60th, of 415 Allen, N.W., Grand Rapids, has been in the V.A. Hospital in Battle Creek since May. He suffered a nervous collapse Easter Sunday after the serious tornadoes which struck the Grand Rapids area on Palm Sunday. Information is lacking as to how seriously his home was hit, but his wife writes that he'd appreciate mail from his friends.

### PICNIC SHAPING UP

The Chapter's Picnic Committee met recently to complete plans for the Annual Picnic, Aug. 22, at Stony Creek Metropolitan Park's White Pine area, between Rochester Road and Van Dyke, off 25 Mile Road. A big turnout is expected to honor the new national President, Detroit's own John Bonkowski. Slides of the New York Reunion and other past Reunions were shown, plus liquid and solid refreshments were toasted in honoring President Bonkowski, the Michigan Chapter President, Bill Phelps; his wife, Florence; Bruce Moir, former 9th M.P., Mrs. Emily Adlen, Betty Rumenapp's mother, and a friend of the Rumenapp family from Lakeland, Fla., Mrs. Inez Cadwell. An enjoyable time reviewing the Reunion and planning for the picnic was had by all present.

### THANKS TO NEW YORK

The Michigan Chapter individually and collectively extends thanks to the wonderful New York gang for a great, successful Reunion. The many fine things everyone had to say about the New York Reunion and the various committees was a partial reward for their hard work. Let's hope Washington has just as great a turnout. They really should have if all work together and help Wade and Gen. Craig with their crews who are now planning for a big 1966 Reunion.

A campaign will be started at the picnic to get an active Ladies' Auxiliary functioning in the Michigan area.

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### Al Orletti Says This Is a "Small World"

Frank Fazio, president of the New York Chapter was talking to Al Orletti on the church grounds shortly after the services and Frank remarked to Al he would carry one of the Chapter's flags in the Reunion Memorial Services parade. Another parishioner overheard the conversation and asked what this 9th Division business was all about. It developed the stranger had served with Co. A, 15th Engrs.—and furthermore he had not as yet received his "Eight Stars to Victory," although he joined up and paid for it while still overseas. During this conversation it developed that a sister of Lt. Copelli of the 39th Regt., had donated a colored glass window in the church in his honor. Lt. Copelli was killed in action—it's a small world, after all!

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Injustice: If you make out your income tax correctly you go to the poorhouse; if you don't, you go to jail.

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Even procrastination has its good points. For instance, it has prevented an awful lot of divorces.

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## WALTER VICTOR GETS A BAD BREAK TRYING TO GET PIX DEVELOPED

Scattered throughout this issue of The Octofoil will be noted approximately 30 pictures that were made by Walter Victor during the Reunion.

Walter is a professional photographer as one can well see from the class of work he turns out. The former Ninth lad, with the charming Mrs. Victor and the boys, live at 340 Lyndhurst Drive, S.W., Atlanta, Ga.

Walter has furnished The Octofoil 102 excellent shots he made throughout the Reunion in New York. Practically all commercial and industrial business offices are closed in New York City on Saturdays. Such being the case Walter was unable to get his excellent shots developed so he could place them on display in the lobby or near the dining room on Saturday night. Had he been able to display his pictures there's no doubt but what hundreds of the members would have been interested in getting a print sent to their homes. Any member wanting a print of the pictures shown in this issue can get a glossy print copy by writing Walter at the address given. It's a crying shame that The Octofoil does not have the space or money to print likenesses of the other 70 pictures that were sent in. Naturally a person doesn't know what pictures they might appear in unless allowed an opportunity to look them over.

About the only thing that can be done now to try and help the members secure pictures they are interested in is for The Octofoil to send the 102 pictures to the chapters to be shown at future meetings. The pictures are now in Chicago and will be sent to New York City for a Chapter meeting, after which efforts will be made to have many of them on display at the Holiday Inn during the Memorial Mass at Worcester, Mass. on Nov. 7.

Among the 102 pictures sent to The Octofoil were many dance floor scenes, Philadelphia groups at all three parties, Secretary Quinn passing on the citation to Mr. Joe Lynch, money collected for the scholarship fund, many Vatican Chapel scenes, scores of group pictures at all events.

Walter swears he'll bring his own portable developing equipment in a trailer to the Washington Reunion—and will have prints posted in the hotel lobby a few moments after they are made.

### THIS IS A FREE TICKET

It's Not Good for Anything IT'S JUST FREE!

Printed on the reverse side of Victor's business cards, passed out during the Reunion he had the above FREE TICKET message printed.

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### PETER MEZZAPELLE HAS AN ORCHESTRA

Peter Mezzapelle's Orchestra, The "Mello-Dees" furnished the fine music that was heard at both the Thursday and Friday night parties during the New York Reunion. Mezzapelle is a former Co. L, 60th Infantry man. Pete's address is 140 Orchid Drive, Mastic Beach, N. Y. Telephone: 281-9027. Members living in the New York area and belonging to clubs that sponsor dances would be doing their club a big favor to tip them off about the excellent job the "Mello-Dees" are capable of doing for such occasions.

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### PESTEL'S LETTER LOST IN THE "SHUFFLE"

Dick Pestel, secretary of the Ohio Chapter, was unable to attend the New York Reunion. However, he did type out a beautiful message that he wanted read to the convention when it was in session. The letter was sent to The Octofoil editor in care of the Statler Hotel. Through some "quirk" at the hotel or postoffice—the letter was never delivered, but was returned to Pestel—who is still "cussing" a blue streak because so much labor he put in on the typewriter wound up being labor wasted.

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### ENGINEERS GIVE FINE SUPPORT

Looking through the 1965 Reunion Journal the double-page spread ad that the 15th Engrs. has in the book is most impressive. And it was learned that after the Engineers had paid for the two page ads the group also donated \$25 to the New York Chapter's Welfare Fund—to be used solely for welfare purposes such as Mass cards and flowers for deceased members and gifts for hospitalized members of the Chapter.

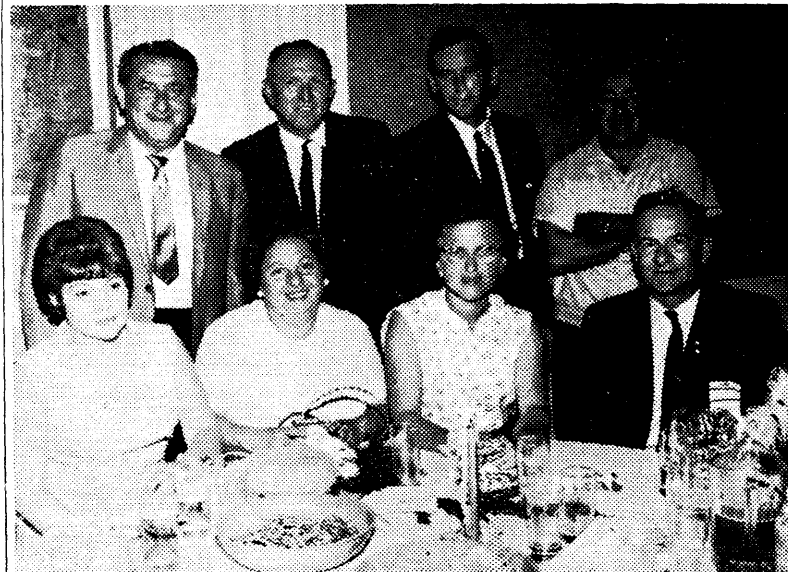
Forty-three names as boosters appear on the Engineers' pages in the Journal.

## The John Brandi Party Had Their Share of Fun



John Brandi and wife with a group of buddy merry-makers were caught by the Walter Victor alerted lens as he strolled over the vast premises where it looked as though hundreds of merry parties were being held simultaneously.

## Al Bravin Gets a Happy Throng Together



Al Bravin on the right, seated, with a group of buddies and friends is one of hundreds of similar scenes that could be noted in all sectors of the vast assembly area the New York Chapter had reserved for the pleasure of those attending the 1965 Reunion.

## Devine Takes Off for Convention in Oregon



Joseph J. Devine, Hempstead, N. Y., a former 60th man, and now commander of the Nassau County American Legion, is shown above with Northwest Orient Airline Stewardess Judy Cehung as he leaves the John F. Kennedy International Airport to represent the Nassau County Legion at the national American Legion Convention that was held in Portland, Oregon. While attending the convention Devine was appointed as a National Vice Chairman of the Distinguished Guests Committee.

This is the season when we complain if the house isn't as hot as it was in the summer when we complained about the heat.

One sure way for a man to get into hot water at home is to take his bath before the rest of the family.

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The first thing needed to make a dream come through is to wake up.

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Some men have good heads for figures while others lose theirs completely.

There's really nothing so burdensome about a housewife's daily toil. Except that it's daily.

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The divorce rate is heading for a new high. Women are becoming wealthy by decrees.

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