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"TEENERS" AREA FEATURES '66 REUNION

BEAUTIFUL 9TH MEMORIAL ERECTED BETWEEN CHURCH AND RECTORY



Nothing short of a visit to the Immaculate Conception Church Grounds in Worcester, Mass., can properly convey the sheer beauty of the Ninth Division Memorial almost adjoining the beautiful Church itself. Franz Steiner was in the process of constructing another beautiful mosaic for the memorial when Memorial Services were held in Worcester on November 7, 1965. Pictured above during the 1965 outdoor services with Fathers Connors and Rowan is Congressman Harold Donahue, City Manager Francis McGrath, Mayor Paul Mullaney and President John Bonkowski.

National President Grateful For the Large Crowd At Memorial Services

TO FORMER NINTH DIVISION MEN AND THEIR LOVED ONES—

Another Memorial week-end in Worcester, Mass. has passed, but for we who were able to there, the memories will linger on. As each year slips into eternity, these moments mount and the pilgrimage becomes more significant.

To each of you, who have answered my appeal and made the trip to Worcester, I wish to express my gratitude. The turn-out was just great.

At this time, I also wish to express my sincere feeling to all of you who had to be seated in the adjoining room during the banquet because the Wachusetts Country Club was filled to capacity. This was a great tribute to Father Connors.

And to all of you, who planned on being there, but couldn't for one reason or another, I wish to extend this same feeling and thank you for your letters, which were read by Father Connors at the banquet.

On the humorous side, our never forgotten friend, Father Murphy, was right there to take blame for everything that didn't work out just the way it was supposed to. (Now that he's served his penance, he must be in Heaven.)

To the Hank Shimkoskis and Fran Mahers—the wife and I send our cordial thanks for their kind invitations and cordial hospitality.

The same to my Mom's cousins in THREE RIVERS, MASS., who we met for the first time. That's where my Dad and Mom lived years ago, and the people there proved to be just wonderful.

Sincerely,
JOHN BONKOWSKI, President
Ninth Infantry Division Association.

"Flo" Gunter Pinch-Hits For Frank Again

From way out in Tacoma, Wash., Florence Gunter sends in a check for her husband's 1966 dues. Franklin Gunter is a former 60th man. He and Mrs. Gunter live at 423 S. 34th St., Tacoma, Wash. 98408.

Florence says that both she and Frank are enjoying good health—and Gunter is kept pretty busy. They send Holiday Greetings to former 9th men everywhere.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

Thanks from Sue...

A short but sweet note from Sue Swanson, 41 Pine St., New Haven, Conn., reads:

Dear Mr. Quinn: I was recently given a notice from the registrar that she had received the Association's check for \$250.00. I am writing this note to confirm the payment and to tell you again how grateful I am for the Association's financial help.

Thank you.—Yours truly, Sue Swanson.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

NEW YORK CHAPTER'S NOVEMBER MEETING NOTES WILL BE MISSED

Arthur Richard Schmidt, "The Baron," New York Chapter's demon reporter, has been on an extended vacation, visiting relatives and friends scattered in the Hill Country from the Old Dominion State of Virginia, to the Lone Star state of Texas. His uncle accompanied to see that Art found his way back to the bright lights. He was not present at the New York November Chapter meeting is why there is no detailed report on proceedings of that meeting.

The editor of The Octofoil stopped by the Hilton Hotel for a few seconds just before the meeting convened. Indications were the attendance was going to be very good. The editor was fortunate to spot a few of the old New York Chapter reliables who were early arrivals—including the one and only Dr. Seslow.

The editor has been able to attend one full meeting of the New York Chapter and it was a most enjoyable experience.

The November visit to the Big City was a real quickie—while visiting the New York Chapter meeting room the two grandchildren and Mrs. Plunkett were left waiting nearby.

After a short visit with the youngsters a late train had to be caught for Philadelphia in time to catch the chartered bus for Worcester. It is hoped the above explanation will explain to the good members of the New York Chapter why the editor could not remain and "cover" the meeting for The Baron.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

Stop praising a woman and she thinks you don't love her any more—keep it up and she'll think she's too good for you.

WASHINGTON COMMITTEE TAKES OVER GREAT SHOREHAM HOTEL — ROOMS ARE LARGE ENOUGH FOR BASEBALL GAMES

Frank Wade appeared before the Board of Governors at the November 6, 1965 meeting in Worcester, Mass. and made an interesting and enthusiastic report to the members about the plans formulated so far by the Washington, D. C. Chapter that pertain to the 1966 Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion.

The brochure furnished by the fabulous Shoreham Hotel is breath-taking. Those who attended the last Reunion in Washington remember the spacious rooms. It was Tom Boyle of the New England Chapter, who remarked after returning to the lobby from his room, "Give me the ball players and I've got enough space in my room for a good baseball game."

TEEN AGERS

Among some of the highlights reported on by Wade was the fact that the Washington Committee has already arranged with the hotel to have an area "staked out" for the teen age children of Association members. Coke machines and juke boxes will be installed in the area—which will be properly chaperoned and programs arranged for that will be a source of joy long to be remembered by the youngsters.

AUXILIARY REMEMBERED

The children are not the only ones being planned for. Already the groundwork has been laid out for a most interesting program for the wives, mothers, sisters and other distaff groups of the Association.

The next three issues of The Octofoil will print full and detailed information about the plans as they unfold.

Tentative plans now call for committee meetings on Thursday night—so much more time can be devoted to seeing the historical sights in and around Washington. The Memorial Services at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers and at the gravesides of the late President John F. Kennedy and the 9th's own beloved commander, the late Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, are planned.

WHITE HOUSE TOUR

A tour of the White House will be arranged. This is just skimming the surface. The Washington Committee has just begun to function.

SWIMMING POOL

Those who attended the last Reunion held in Washington will remember what a problem it was to pry the youngsters away from that beautifully lighted swimming pool at the Shoreham. Guests will again have free access to this fairyland swimming pool. The free inside parking privileges are also available. The Shoreham is removed just far enough from congested downtown Washington to add to the enjoyment of the occasion. Children, accompanied by parents will again be admitted to the "baseball game" sized rooms free.

HARD TO BELIEVE

The brochure furnished The Octofoil showing various interior settings of the fabulous Shoreham Hotel is absolutely fantastic—almost impossible to believe.

Pictures of happy dancers on the Shoreham's Terrace dancing away under the stars is a sight to behold.

The world famous Blue Room, the charming Garden Restaurant, the Marquee Lounge—all arrangements often read about but not actually seen very often.

REGENCY BALLROOM

The Washington committee is now negotiating with the Shoreham management concerning the use of the hotel's famous Regency Room during the Reunion. This room affords 17,500 unobstructed square feet of floor space. The hotel makes this boast: Name It—We'll Arrange It.

It's all so beautiful a person does not know where to look first.

LUAU PARTIES

The Hawaiian Luaua spectacular that can be arranged for groups visiting the Shoreham is another treat that will be long remembered.

That committee from Washington promised great things for 1966 when they visited New York plugging for the 1966 Reunion. As things are beginning to stack up—they intend to make good on those promises. It is not too early to start arranging vacation plans now to include the Ninth Infantry Division Reunion in the Nation's Capital.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

DICK STOREY HAS BEEN ILL

Members of the Association attending the Board of Governors meeting on November 6 were saddened when the report was made that a former Association President, Dick Storey, had been seriously ill.

Some of the old timers present cited a few of the things that Dick Storey had done that even to this day is working for the Association. His experience, and resourcefulness can be considered responsible for much of the progress the Association has made.

The Octofoil joins with officers of the Association and members everywhere who knew Dick Storey, in hoping he is able to regain his health rapidly.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

A psychiatrist could be called a mind sweeper.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS ---

Officers of the Ninth Infantry Division Association and The Octofoil personnel join together in one husky voice and sing out to members of the Association everywhere and their loved ones...

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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An extract from the certificate of incorporation of the 9th Infantry Division Association reads: "This Association is formed by the officers and men of the 9th Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively of means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to former members of the 9th Infantry Division."

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I certify that the statements made by me above are correct.

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

Deadline Is Set For Next Issue of Octofoil

Anyone having pictures for the next issue of The Octofoil must mail them so as to be received at The Octofoil on or before Feb. 1, 1966. News notes may be accepted up to and including Feb. 10, 1966, but not one day later. Some extra copies of the next issue will be mailed out to many who have fallen by the wayside and failed to pay 1965 dues. It is hoped that when such members receive the next issue of The Octofoil they will become conscience-stricken and mail in 1966 dues.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!

Resolution Backing Vietnam Policy Is Approved By Board

Particular attention is directed to the minutes of the Board meeting held in Worcester, Mass. Nov. 6. Just before the Board adjourned a resolution was presented by the President, John Bonkowski, pledging the Association's endorsement of the U.S. government's Vietnam policy. The short but to the point resolution is printed as a part of the official proceedings as recorded and should be read carefully by all the members.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!

Well, you have to admit the Russians have us beat one way. They're more successful at blaming their shortcomings on others.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!

Delightful curves often lead to disagreeable triangles.

Sgt. Steve Budrick Ripped For "Kill"

The Old Sarge Steve Budrick, 21 Union Ave., South River, N. J., was in Worcester, Mass. early for the Memorial Services. He was on the reception committee that met the chartered bus when it rolled in from Philadelphia. And that outfit the Old Sarge was sporting was a killer-diller. He had on a cowboy suit from head to foot that would make Roy Rogers and the rest of those Hollywood cowboys green with envy.

If any of the members were able to get a good picture of the Sarge in his new uniform with all those danglers and spangles, The Octofoil would appreciate borrowing the picture long enough to get a cut made for use in a forthcoming issue of The Octofoil. The picture will be returned.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!

George Furber Now Full-Fledged Member

George J. Furber writes from 32 Forest Terrace, Wayne, N. J. 07471.

George and Mrs. Furber attended the Reunion in New York City in July and his mind was made up then and there to become an Association member. It is hoped that many of George's old buddies from Co. C, 60th Field Artillery, will see this notice and drop him a card or better still give him a call when in that part of the world.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!

Time is gaining on you if it takes you longer to rest than it did to get tired.

Open Letter From Father Connors to General Wm. Westmoreland's Troops

Father Connors passed out copies of a little 4-page pamphlet at Connors' Coffee Shop that contained a beautiful message. Copies were also placed at the table of diners at the Wauchussets Country Club. There were several important items printed in the pamphlet, but one outstanding feature item was in the form of a message to Gen. Wm. C. Westmoreland, commanding general of the troops in Vietnam. Because of the close ties that exist between members of the Association and General Westmoreland the message was enthusiastically received by former 9th men attending the Memorial Services.

The message read:
GENERAL WESTMORELAND

I hope that I am speaking for all the men of the 9th Infantry Division as I make this statement—We are behind our Government 100 per cent. We are behind her Foreign Policy, we believe that our Armed Forces in Vietnam are fighting a necessary and vital fight. Personally, when I hear about and read about the Demonstrations—pacifist, so called—which tend to embarrass our Country and so discourage our Troops in Vietnam, I am saddened. I believe in the right to free expression, I believe in the right to criticize—but I denounce disloyalty to our Country and to her leaders, I denounce disloyalty to our Armed Forces, I denounce disinterest in the evil forces of Communism. We all hate war, we all love Peace. And truly the men of the 9th Division hate war—they suffered the dangers and horrors of war—from the shores of North Africa, through Sicily, the Normandy Beach, the hedge rows of the Cherbourg Peninsula, across France and Belgium, the Hurtgen Forest, and across Germany to the Elbe River. They left behind 4581 white crosses, they took home thousands of bruised bodies, and thousands of scarred souls. With good reason the men of the Ninth hate war. But they believed that they were fighting a just and necessary war—for the freedom of man—that man might be free to live and to vote and to pray according to his conscience. They believed that they were on God's side.—And the men of the 9th Division believe that in Vietnam we are fighting a necessary war against a godless enemy—the enemy of God and the enemy of the dignity of man—a violent, godless force whose avowed purpose is to enslave all the peoples of the world—which includes the United States—if necessary, by aggression and bloodshed.

We Men of the 9th Division believe that we are our "Brother's Keeper"—we believe that our love for God and Country demands our present participation. The Men of the Ninth fought on foreign soil—and during those long years of war and suffering they always had the support and the devotion and the prayers of the people at home.

At times our troops in Vietnam must feel very lonely—when they read about the demonstrations—which are not symbols of Peace, but evidence of disgraceful surrender. Yes, Westy, we, your former comrades in the 9th Infantry Division believe that the participation of our Troops in Vietnam is necessary and vital. No one hates war more than you—you endured almost three years of fighting in World War II—you endured the hardship and dangers of the Korean conflict—and now Vietnam. You must be awfully tired. Indeed you must hate war—and you must be looking forward hopefully to the days of Peace. But you are also a dedicated American, you are loyal to your government, you are loyal to your Country.

As you and your Troops are fighting in Vietnam the Cause of God and Country, we pledge you our support and our prayers. On this, the occasion of our 21st Memorial Mass and Service, we are offering our prayers—Jew and Protestant and Orthodox and Catholic and unaffiliated—that God may strengthen you and your Troops, that He may protect you—that your sacrificial efforts may help to bring about—and soon—a real and just and lasting Peace—may help to avert the threat of godless Communism—that your efforts may reveal to the world your love of God and for the children of God—we pray that ALL Americans may demonstrate, by word and deed, their loyalty to our Beloved Country and our Leaders. Westy, in my parish every week the parishioners offer special prayers for you and all your Troops. God bless you, Westy, and God bless all our Troops—and thanks from your grateful Comrades!

—Father Ed Connors, Green Major Roman VI

JUST OUT

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"SAFI ADVENTURE" MAKES BIG HIT FROM COAST TO COAST

By PAUL S. PLUNKETT
 Octofoil Editor

Attention is called to the display ad appearing elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil announcing the completion of work on Gen. Edwin Randle's book, "Safi Adventure."

The Octofoil was honored by the General and was mailed a copy of the book during the first mailing.

Plans were to read the story in installments. But it didn't work out that way. The contents were too absorbing to stop reading once the task was started. The entire book was finished the first night after it was received. Since the reader is a former 60th man and did not engage in the events narrated in the Colonel's book, there is no bounds to the thrills he would have experienced while reading the book had he been a former 47th G.I. Any former 47th man who participated in that North Africa landing and the days that followed who fails to read Safi Adventure is doing himself a gross injustice.

The book is not only a volume of substantiated true facts, it is a beautifully printed and bound product.

WALL ST. JOURNAL COMMENTS

The staid old Wall Street Journal in its Aug. 30 issue paid compliments to Gen. Randle's efforts in a page 1 story that read, in part:

"Some hobbyists combine their printing fever with a desire to write. For example, Edwin H. Randle, a retired brigadier general living in Clearwater, Fla., has written a book about his infantry regiment's invasion of Morocco during World War II and has just finished printing 250 copies of the 212-page epic. Now at the binders, the book will be published Nov. 8—the 23rd anniversary of the 1942 invasion. He plans to sell the volume for about \$5 and figures most of the buyers will be veterans who participated in the invasion."

\$5 MAY PAY FOR PAPER, ETC.

In setting the small price of \$5 for

the book, Gen. Randle stands to regain most of the money he spent for paper stock and ink to produce this unique book. The many man-killing hours of labor put into the project, has been a donation.

Former 47th men who haven't contacted the general for a copy should do so immediately. Doc Roberts, the Regimental Surgeon, has asked for 10 copies. When the present supply of 250 copies is gone there will be no second edition.

"Red" Simpson by all means should get a copy of this book and take it with him at all times. The last time he stopped off in Columbus and was telling what some thought were "tall stories" about jumping from roof top to roof top, etc., are corroborated in the "Colonel's" book. With a copy of the book "Red" can prove he isn't telling lies when he tells his stories hereafter.

Some of the 47th lads who reached Port Lyautey after that long walk are going to differ with the Colonel in his opinion that the walk was arranged so as not to leave bad effects. Some 47th men living in the Columbus area swear their feet are still swollen and sore caused from that long, long walk from Safi.

One installment of the book was printed many months ago in The Octofoil. Doc Walton and other Chow Hounds began pestering the "Colonel" about that chicken dinner that never materialized for all of the men. He attempts to explain this never to be forgotten incident in one chapter of his book. Whether this explanation will satisfy those who didn't get any chicken, only time will tell.

The G.I. who dropped into the First Aid for a prophylactic during a pretty hot skirmish takes the prize for being the height of something.

No review can do justice to this interesting factual book-length narrative. The only satisfying way is to read a copy from cover to cover.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!

THINKS FAZIO IS AN EXCELLENT PREXY

The Octofoil is in receipt of a letter from Walter "Doc" Reiman, 6310 Polk St., West New York, N. J. 07093 in which "Doc" goes way out praising the administration of Frank Fazio as President of the New York Chapter.

Reiman took in part of the Chapter's dance at the Union City Elks. He uses glowing terms in describing that party and the band—saying it was typical Ninth Division—satisfied with nothing but the best. He also thinks Jack Scully was deserving of the honors bestowed upon him by the Chapter.

Doc's old ticker got to acting up otherwise he would have stayed at the Elks that night until they would have had to run him out.

Doc closes by saying all those 9th Division women he met have plenty of class also.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!

Any girl likes mixed greens—fives, tens, twenties, etc.

TED MATUSEK BACK IN "CIRCULATION"

Secretary Quinn has forwarded to The Octofoil a letter he received recently from Ted "Shirts" Matusek. Ted was in a Chicago hospital the last time the Octofoil editor visited Chicago but through the good graces of Bob and Georgiann Winkelman telephone contact was made. There's never a Ninth Division get together held that Matusek fails to show up, but what many inquiries are made as to how "Old Shirts" is doing.

Ted's address is 3424 South 57th Court, Cicero, Illinois 60650. Secretary Quinn had the addressograph plate made out to read 3424 South 57th Street. So the lad hasn't been receiving his Octofoil. They don't call 'em streets in Cicero—you either live in or on a Court—or an Avenue. No streets. Now that Secretary Dan understands that system it is hoped that Ted Matusek gets Octofoils on time hereafter.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!

A Roman orgy is group therapy.

SERVICES LEFT A LASTING IMPRESSION

President Bonkowski's Expression Tells the Story



The consecrated expression on the face of Association President John Bonkowski during the outside Memorial Services in Worcester, Mass., on Nov. 7, 1965, is symbolic of the feelings each and everyone attending the services experienced. Shown with President Bonkowski is the Ninth's own Father Gerald Rowan and Father Ed Connors.

MacDougall and Sweeney Stand Fast In Rain



The above picture was printed on page 1 of Section 2, Worcester (Mass.) Telegram Nov. 8, with the heading "SHELTERED—Thomas C. Sweeney shares his raincoat with son, Tommy." On Sweeney's right is National Board of Governors Member Arthur MacDougall of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter.

MEDALLIONS READY

The Octofoil is on the mailing list of a New York Taxicab Drivers newspaper. In the current issue a supplement is included which appeals to all World War II taxi veterans to apply immediately for their Medallions.

If ideas were sold like merchandise, a lot of pundits would have to close shop or give green stamps.

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A bachelor's bedroom is a wildlife sanctuary.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!

A perfect wife is the one that's married to the guy next door.

ASKS MEMBERS ATTEND "RITES" AT FORT RILEY

The Association's very capable Judge Advocate, Harrison Daysh, tipped the Octofoil early in October the Ninth was being reactivated.

Under date of 4 November 1965 Secretary Quinn received a letter from Maj. Gen. G. S. Eckhardt who will be the Division's commander.

Gen. Eckhardt is anxious to get in his possession all the data available that pertains to the military achievements of the great Ninth Infantry Division. He specifically asks for facts available on the history of the Division, a list of medal of honor winners, and information on the location of the Division's trophies and other memorabilia.

The general closes his letter in this way:

"I would like to invite you and other members of your Association to attend the activation ceremonies which will be held at Fort Riley. We shall forward all pertinent details at a later date."

Secretary Quinn has forwarded a copy of "8 Stars to Victory," the Division's combat map and several back issues of The Octofoil. Quinn suggests that the new Division Commander contact Gen. Louis A. Craig for additional information. It was also thought that by printing this request in The Octofoil there might be other members who are in position to help Gen. Eckhardt gather the information he wants for the new Ninth Division personnel. His address is: Maj. Gen. G. S. Eckhardt, U.S.A., Commanding, Fort Riley Kansas 66442.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!

Ladies' "Artillery" Go "Great Guns"

The following names is a partial list of ladies from the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter's Auxiliary who have recently turned in 1966 dues:

Gene Hopkins, 30 Luis St., Feasterville, Pa.
Verna Soprano, 713 Delaware Ave., Norwood, Pa.

Edith Tomassone, 4448 Wither-
spoon Ave., Pennsauken, N. J. 08109.
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Wilmington, Delaware.

Nancy DoGostino, 309 Thurman
St., W. Berlin, N. J.

Julia Netta, 1 Highland Ave.,
Stonehurst, Wilmington, Del. 19804.

Ann DeCesare, 1616 S. Bancroft,
Philadelphia 45, Pa.

Florence Fox, Holmes, Pa.
Betty Boden, Chester, Pa.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!

MRS. ZWEIL IN ON THE DEAL

Mrs. William Zweil, 175 Gold St., North Arlington, N. J. took care of her Auxiliary dues for 1966 before she left the Wauchussetts Country Club, after attending the Memorial Mass and the Country Club dinner.

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Next Meeting Place Will Be Announced

The Board of Governors meeting in Worcester, Mass. Nov. 6, 1965 recommended that the next meeting be held in Pittsburgh, Pa. However, final action on the next location was left up to the discretion of the Secretary of the Association.

The idea behind the recommendation of Pittsburgh as a meeting place for the Board was an effort to equalize the miles to be traveled by New Yorkers and New England members with their counterparts from Chicago, Detroit, etc.

The exact location and time will be published in the January-February issue of The Octofoil.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!

The easiest way to get something opened is tell a four-year-old not to touch it.

ATTENDING THE FATHER CONNORS MEMORIAL SERVICES "TIGHTENS THE TIES THAT BIND" FORMER NINTH DIVISION MEN

The good people of Worcester opened up their arms and welcomed former Ninth Division men and their families to Worcester and the Memorial Services conducted by Father Ed Connors at Immaculate Conception Church on November 7, 1965. Each year ties between these good people and former Ninth Men who visit Worcester become closer and closer. Now a Worcester college professor and his wife have conferred with Father Connors about the feasibility of many of these fine people extending overnight hospitality to some of these former Ninth people—especially many Gold Star parents who have been unable to attend because of expense involved.

The Worcester Telegram devoted a full half page space to this year's Memorial Services and events pertaining thereto. The reporter and photographer who covered the services, in side remarks to members of the Association, marveled at it all, mentioning their own units with which they served during World War II. They had never had a get-together and had lost all contact with old buddies.

In a letter from Father Connors, written several days after the Services, he advised 466 were served at the banquet and of those only 15 were parishioners—the rest Ninth Division people. This year well over 600 9th Division people attended the Mass. During the week following Memorial Services veterans organizations celebrated Veterans' Day and the speakers thanked the Ninth Division Association for having opened the Week so auspicious as they had at the Connors Coffee Shop, Memorial Mass and the Wauchussetts Country Club banquet.

Good times are had at Reunions—much time and effort go in planning entertainment—but nothing seems to give the innermost satisfaction participation in these Memorial Services gives. No words can express these feelings. Each succeeding year after attending one of the services a person feels he must go back. He can't miss this innermost satisfaction—he can't miss seeing those fine, hospitable God-fearing Worcester people again.

MONSIGNOR MANNING

Attending the banquet after the Memorial Services was noted Monsignor Manning, Rev. Peter Scanlon, Rev. John Labouskas, Rev. Gerald Rowan, City Manager Francis McGrath and many others. Seated near President Bonkowski and Secy. Dan Quinn at the banquet table were Mr. and Mrs. Lessard and Mrs. Waldron.

The following article appeared in The Worcester Telegram on Nov. 8:

By JACK TUBERT

Telegram Staff Reporter

They spoke of hate yesterday in the house of God. Outside, a rain-drenched flag hung limp at half-staff.

Yet—
Love of country never shone more brightly. The American flag never flew more proudly than at Immaculate Conception Church during the 21st annual Memorial Mass to the 4,581 World War II of the Ninth Infantry Division.

"We all hate war," whispered war-hero priest, Rev. Edward T. Connors from the pulpit to an overflow crowd of 1,000 persons.

"Who hates war more than the men of the Ninth hate war? With good reason . . ." his voice trembled, perhaps in remembering: "They left behind nearly 5,000 white crosses. They brought home thousands of bruised bodies . . . thousands of scarred souls."

"With good reason, the men of the Ninth hate war. But they believe they were fighting a just and necessary war," said Father Connors. "They believed they were on God's side."

GODLESS ENEMY

"And," he added, a spark to his voice, "the men of the Ninth Division believe that in Viet Nam we are fighting a necessary war against a godless enemy . . ."

Father Connors pledged the prayers of his parish and all those gathered there yesterday to American fighting men in Viet Nam.

In an open letter to Gen. William C. Westmoreland, once commander of the Ninth, a frequent visitor in Worcester and now commander of all U.S. troops in Viet Nam, Father Connors wrote:

"At times our troops in Viet Nam must feel very lonesome—reading about the demonstrations which are not symbols of peace but disgraceful surrender . . ."

The letter was continued in a booklet distributed at an afternoon banquet at Wachusett Country Club.

Denounced at the Mass was disloyalty to America and her fighting men. Father Connors said anything to aid the "evil force of Communism" is "un-American, unmanly and un-Godly . . ."

Winner of the Silver Star for battlefield gallantry, originator of this Mass saluting his fallen comrades, Father Connors said, "I hope I speak for all the men of the Ninth as I make this statement:

"We are behind our government 100 per cent. We are behind our President. We are behind America's foreign policy, and we believe that our armed forces in Viet Nam are fighting a necessary and vital fight."

"Personally," said Father Connors, "when I hear about and read about the demonstrations—by pacifists, so-called—which tend to embarrass our country and so discourage our troops in Viet Nam, I am saddened . . ."

"I believe in the right to free expression, I believe in the right to criticize," stormed Father Connors, "but I denounce disloyalty to our country and to her leaders. I denounce disinterest in the evil force of Communism . . ."

He then spoke of hate to make his love more strong.

Dramatic proof "that our flag is still there," in this day of draft burnings, was offered Gold Star parents in the audience—and today's equally puzzled GI's in Viet Nam—when the congregation lifted its voice in the National Anthem to close the Mass.

The draft card burners; dodgers of duty, too, got their lumps later at the rain-dampened services at the Ninth's memorial monument outside the church.

MCGRATH SPEAKS

There, City Manager McGrath said two pictures came to mind: "The photograph on the front page of this morning's Telegram of the five young men in New York burning their draft cards . . . and you people of all faiths from all states standing here in the rain participating in this service to the 4,581 war dead."

"I think this audience symbolizes America today more than the loyalty displayed by those draft dodgers in New York," snapped the city manager.

Few in the crowd ran from the rain shower. Tommy Sweeney, 7, of 15 Wilrose Ave., did seek the shelter of his dad's raincoat while listening to the city manager.

The boy's father stood unmoving. Former Vice Mayor Thomas C. Sweeney, he had a brother die with the Ninth in Europe; Myles (Chipper) Sweeney . . .

ARRIVE BY BUS

From Chicago and Baltimore, Columbus, Ohio, and Pittsfield and Northbrook they came, these people Father Connors happily called "demonstrators."

By bus—one chartered group of 42 from Philadelphia—by car, by plane, Jew, Catholic, Protestant. All under one roof. Drawn apparently by this one man they learned to turn to in dark times, Father Connors.

"In the eyes of the world," he said later, "this is insignificant, but to me it is an important demonstration."

Among yesterday's "demonstrators" were Mr. and Mrs. Lessard of Newington, Conn., and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olson of Randolph.

GOLD STAR PARENTS

Each couple had a son killed in the war. Each couple walked before the altar. They carried no signs. One couple carried the ciboria, containing the Host; the other carried the cruets, containing the wine and water. "The people's gift to the altar," explained Father Connors.

U.S. Rep. Harold D. Donahue, Mayor Mullaney and John Bonkowski, of Detroit, president of the Ninth Infantry Association, also spoke at the outdoor ceremony.

Minutes of the 78th Meeting, Board of Governors, Held November 6, 1965

The 78th meeting of the National Board of Governors was called to order at 5:25 P.M., November 6, 1965 at the Holiday Inn Motel, Worcester, Massachusetts, attended by Messrs. John Bonkowski, Charles Koskie, Arthur MacDougall, Victor Butswinkus, Anthony Varone, Emil Langer, William Hennemuth, Ronald Murphy, Henry Shimkoski and Frank Wade. Also present were Vincent Guglielmino, Herbert Olsen, Thomas Boyle, John Boden, Harrison Daysh, Frank Ozart, Frank Fazio, Walter O'Keeffe, Paul Plunkett, Richard Pestel, and Mr. Joseph Lynch.

The secretary read the minutes of the 77th meeting. After a motion duly made by Frank Wade and seconded by William Hennemuth, it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes, as read, and place same on file.

The treasurer, Thomas Boyle, gave his report. After a motion duly made by Ronald Murphy and seconded by Anthony Varone it was voted to: Accept the treasurer's report.

President John Bonkowski then called upon Frank Fazio, Chairman of the 1965 New York Reunion Committee. Fazio gave the members a detailed explanation and in conclusion presented the President with a check for \$758.64, the profits realized from the Reunion.

Upon a motion duly made by Ronald Murphy and seconded by Victor Butswinkus it was voted to: Accept the report and thank Frank Fazio and his Committee for a wonderful reunion.

Upon a motion duly made by Henry Shimkoski and seconded by Arthur MacDougall it was voted to: Grant the New York Chapter a gratuity of \$100.00 for a job well done.

Frank Wade, Chairman of the 1966 Reunion, was called upon for his report. Frank informed the members that the Hotel Shoreham had been selected as the site for the Washington, D. C. Reunion. The dates—July 29, 30, and 31st. The rates of rooms, etc. will be published in The Octofoil. President John Bonkowski thanked Frank Wade for his report.

CHAPTER REPORTS

President Bonkowski asked for the Chapter reports.

Charles Koskie reported for the Illinois Chapter. He stated the chapter members have been very active. A party was given in honor of John Clouser, who recently married.

Arthur MacDougall reported for the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter. Arthur stated that the Chapter members have also been very active. The Ladies' Auxiliary meets the same night as the men and have experienced great success.

Thomas Boyle reporting for the New England Chapter told the Board members that regular meetings have been held with good attendance. The members have been trying to assist Father Connors with his Memorial Mass and dinner.

Boyle concluded his report by stating that an election of Officers was held in October and that Sid Levenson was elected President.

Emil Langer reported for the New York Chapter. He told the members of the hard work done by the New York members to insure a most successful Reunion. A party or annual dance was held on October 30th and Jack Scully was honored as the "Man of the Year for the New York Chapter". Emil also spoke of the Christmas party being held on December 7th at the Elks Club in Union City, N. J. Santa will appear and give presents to the youngsters while Mother and Dad enjoy a cocktail hour (2 to 6 P.M.)

Frank Wade reported that the Washington, D. C. chapter members will be kept busy working on the 1966 Reunion. Frank recently spoke with Gen. Westmoreland.

President John Bonkowski reported for the Michigan Chapter. He stated that meetings were held each month and that plans were made for a Christmas party to be held on December 18th. John informed the members of the unfortunate accident of Bob Rumenapp's wife, Betty. He asked the members to write a get well note.

Ovation for Mr. Lynch

Mr. Joseph Lynch was given a standing ovation as he entered the room to "sit in with the Board members" at their meeting.

REACTIVATED

The secretary, Daniel Quinn, reported that he had been contacted by the PRO of the "New Ninth Division". The secretary announced the activation of the Ninth Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kans., early in 1966. The Division will be commanded by Maj. Gen. George Eckhardt.

ADOPT RESOLUTION

After a motion duly made by William Hennemuth and seconded by Emil Langer it was voted to: Endorse the following statement that was prepared by President Bonkowski and reads as follows:

"Let it be known that all the men and all the officers in our Ninth Infantry Division Association wholeheartedly endorse and support our country's policy on Vietnam. Our pledge and full endorsement is the only course that our conscience and the supreme sacrifice of our fallen comrades will allow".

THINK OF FUTURE

Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh requested the Board members to think of the future years and the termination of the association. He recommended some policy be set up for such an occasion. Upon a motion duly made by Charles Koskie and seconded by Emil Langer it was voted to: Table the discussion until the next meeting and have the Board members look into the matter.

A brief discussion was held on the selection of the site for the next Board meeting. Pittsburgh, Pa. was recommended but the secretary will select the time and place.

There being no further business to come before the members and upon a motion duly made by Ronald Murphy and seconded by William Hennemuth it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL QUINN,
National Secretary.

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1966 Dues Should Be Sent In TODAY-NOW!

Officers of the Association will allow distribution of one more issue of The Octofoils to the deadheads who have not paid 1966 dues—after that, it will become necessary to go through the painful operation of separating the wheat from the chaff. Get busy and send in those 1966 dues NOW—TODAY!

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Cross reference is a technique that has to be taught to librarians. It comes naturally to married folks.

Mrs. McAvoy Is Still Confined to Hospital

Under a Nov. 15 date line The Octofoil received a nice note from one of the Association's lovely Gold Star Mothers, Mrs. Lillian McAvoy. She is still a patient at General Hospital, Blackwood, N. J., where she has been a patient for many months.

Mrs. McAvoy advises that the many cards she has received has been a source of much joy and she wants to publicly thank those who have been so thoughtful as to send cheering cards to her at the hospital.

Among some of those she mentioned were:

Father Ed Connors, Worcester.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Plunkett, Columbus, Ohio.

J. Kirkup, West Upton, Maine.
Mr. and Mrs. J. McInerney, of the Bronx, N. Y.

Walter "Doc" Reiman, West New York, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Netta, Wilmington, Del.

Charles Gregar, Rahway, N. J.
Mr. and Mrs. George Merz, Ise-lin, N. J.

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McKENZIE SENDS AN "S.O.S." CALL

Joe McKenzie is on the prowl for some addresses. Secretary Quinn was able to help him a little—but not all the way. It is hoped some member from Illinois who reads this story will be able to help good old Joe out.

The "lost" man Joe is searching for is Bernal Lareau, formerly of Silvis, Ill.? or Iowa? Anyway he was from the Moline, Davenport, Iowa and Rock Island, Ill. area.

Joe's address is Joe McKenzie, 95 Washington Ave., Waltham, Mass. He will be eternally grateful to anyone who will give him a tip on where Lareau may be located. If that is not possible he will appreciate getting the name of someone in the Rock Island, Ill. area who will exert a little effort in helping locate the guy.

Mc is also trying to run down some "lost" men in the Richmond, Va. area, but it seems that he and Secretary Quinn may have contacts in that area which will yield some "pay dirt."

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Wanted!

A 26th Field Artillery Year Book, published in late 1939 or early 1940 with all the men's pictures who were with the unit then. Chief Warrant Officer Leoni, New England Chapter, has such a book. If anyone reading this has a copy of this book or knows anyone who has and will contact the undersigned he will be most grateful. Much pleasure can be derived at scanning through such a book often and remembering many old buddies as they looked in those long ago days—even though it was sometime later before the writer became a part of the 26th Field.

Wanted!

Wanted!

JOHN "DUCO" BODEN

P. O. Box 58 - - - Chester, Pa.

Please check through old Army souvenirs and see if a copy of this 26th Field Artillery book can be located. Any cost involved, postage, etc., will be taken care of. Don't let me down, fellows . . . and wives!

Philadelphia Celebrates When Netta Makes PFC



In the last issue of The Octofoil a beautiful letter was printed that Mrs. Theresa Cuprys had received from the son of a former Ninth Division man and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Netta, Sr. While home on furlough recently young Netta attended a Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter meeting and Mrs. Cuprys furnished The Octofoil the above photo, which was made after the meeting. Pictured above, left to right is: Dick Wilson, Chapter Secretary; John "Duco" Boden, Chapter President; G.I. Louis Netta and his dad, former Ninth Division G.I. Louis S. Netta, Sr. Mrs. Cuprys, president of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter, says that the day young Netta made PFC the entire chapter and auxiliary celebrated the event.

JOHN "DUCO" BODEN'S REPORT ON BUS TRIP TO WORCESTER; WRITTEN PARTLY IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE; PART IN UNKNOWN JIVE LANGUAGE

By JOHN "DUCO" BODEN, Pres. Philadelphia-Delaware Val. Chapter Box 58, Chester, Pa.

The day Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter members left for the 21st annual Mass for the deceased members of the Ninth Infantry Division at the Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester, Mass., at dawn it was cool and clear. A bus loaded with wives and slightly gray headed ex-doughboys loaded up and headed for Massachusetts to meet friends and fellow Ninth Division men—many of whom had not been seen for approximately 20 years. At a Chapter meeting several months ago the members indicated an interest in going to the Memorial Services as a group in a chartered bus—eliminating the tire-some drive individual cars entailed. The Red Arrow Bus Lines, Folsom, Pa. was contacted. The writer is a Shop Steward for the bus company and went all out to arrange the kind of service the Chapter members and wives deserved. The driver of the bus was Harry Paige, who claims he knows as much about the Ninth Infantry Division as many of the members because of the writer continually boosting the Division's exploits to other Bus Company employees.

ANN WILSON MISSED

The only dark cloud was the fact Ann Wilson could not make the trip because of illness. Her husband, Dick made the trip, but there was not as much fun as there is usually when Ann is around. Her presence was sorely missed. Fear not, Ann—you're slated for the front seat on the next safari.

PASSENGER ROSTER

Following are the names of those who made the trip via Red Arrow: Al and Dot Thorpe, Lou and Julie Netta, plus their son, John, who looked after the daughters of Ed and Helen Sarnocinski, that good looking blonde named "Baby" (bet she will like that), and the smooth-looking chick, Mary Ellen MacDougall, the daughter of Art and Betty MacDougall. Of course there were other beauties there in the persons of Ilene and Maxine, daughters of those old regulars of this Chapter—like and his wife, Marian Blitzstein. The other daughter, Maxine, was left at home.

NEW MEMBERS

Pat and Dom Rapuano, new members of this Chapter and those two Smoothies, "Tippie" and Paul Plunkett, Columbus, Ohio. "Tippie" is National Secretary-Treasurer of our Ladies Auxiliary, and old Sharpie Paul is our Octofoil editor. It was a real pleasure to have them with us on this trip and they are welcome to any of our Chapter activities. Others

included Betty and Duco Boden and of course Dick Wilson and his daughter, Linda, a doll in her own right. Frank Alice and his wife, Theresa and son, Frankie, enjoyed the ride. Frankie spent a lot of time with Eddie Sarnocinski counting cows and sheep on the way up. Pat DeColli won all the money in the card games—both going up and coming back.

The couple that would have won a prize for being the most helpful was Mr. and Mrs. Smoothie Butswinkus, of this Chapter. A real help—both of them.

SABATO BUSY

On the trip up to Worcester, John Sabato and his wife were both busy. John was busy losing money and his wife, Shirley, busy watching to see if she could get him to stop playing by just thinking about it. Betty Boden can do this act simply by glaring and blowing steam. Of course, Shirley would never do this. But it sure helps, old dear.

Nancy and Nick Dogostino, vice-president of this wonderful Chapter, both were on deck and had a ball. At least that's what the word from Nick is. When do we go again, he asked. He was told "Relax, old Cat, it won't be too long." Edith Tomasone was O.K. going up, but man that Chick was a sick one coming back. Her hubby, Len, was worried that she wouldn't be able to make the spaghetti on the following Sunday. But Edith said if I can't my daughter, Laura, can, and that good looking number will make some guy a good wife. She can cook anything except water, and Len said right!

Paul and Lida Lisa are new members but by the time the next meeting rolls around they will be old friends with everyone in the Chapter. They also had a ball on the trip. DE CESARE COUNTS THE BUCKS

The trip wouldn't have been complete without that great couple—Alfonse and Theresa Cuprys. Both contributed to making the trip brighter.

Vic and Ann DeCesare both lapped up the trip. Vic spent almost the entire time on the trip counting the money he had lost in the card game.

LANGER GETS RIDE

Jerry Langer, a Swinger from 26th Service Bty., got a ride down to New York City on the way back—Sooo it was a Swinging Trip.

For those who didn't make the trip they missed a wonderful time. Those people of the Parish really deserve many thanks, because they really took care of the Philly-Delaware Valley group—and a million thanks from all former Ninth men and their families from this area, at the Cradle of Liberty—Philly on the Delaware!

Philly-Delaware Distaff Crew Board the Bus



A few of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Ninth Division Auxiliary members who made the bus trip from Philadelphia to attend the Memorial Services in Worcester, Mass., are pictured above at the Wachusetts Country Club just before boarding the bus for the trip back home. Standing, left to right: Edi Tomasone, Pat Rapuano, Betty Boden, Dot Thorp, Estella Butswinkus. Seated: National Auxiliary President Betty MacDougall.

Anybody who thinks space exploration is new obviously never had to feel his way to the fuse box.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!—

A conceited ass who thinks he knows as much as you, is an egotist.

You can't give away kindness, it always comes back.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!—

Give a pig and a child everything they want. You'll get a good pig and a rotten child.

President Bonkowski and Lindsey Direct Open Letter to Recon Men

President John Bonkowski and the Ninth's own Lindsey Nelson, famed TV sports personality, have come up with the mailing address of 50 former Ninth Recon men and are directing the following appeal in the form of an "open letter" to those ex-G.I.s in an effort to get them to become identified with the Ninth Infantry Division Association. The letter reads:

AN OPEN LETTER

"We were very fortunate in acquiring a list of 50 names and it is our foremost ambition to welcome all of you into our great NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION.

"Thanks to our hard working Editor we are able to reach you and reveal some of our Association's functions.

"As you read through this issue of The Octofoil, you'll learn of our very impressive Memorial Services, which take place every year. It is the only one of its kind in this whole nation of ours.

"Here, you will also be informed of the coming National Convention in July, with Washington, D. C. as the chosen site. Perhaps, it can be arranged to hold your next NOMAD meeting over there. Being vacation time you'll find this ideal for the entire family. Bob Lynch, one of the Recon men whom you all remember, can verify this, since he attends most of these Conventions.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

"Then, there's The Octofoil, which is published every other month. Can you think of a better way to keep in touch with your Buddies through the years? You will continue to receive this paper, by just simply filling out

the proper form found elsewhere in this issue, and sending it with your dues to our National Secretary, Dan Quinn. There are some who have saved and treasured every copy right from the beginning and we wouldn't be a bit surprised, if the Association decides to publish all these into a single volume, some day in the not too far distant future.

"Really, space here wouldn't be sufficient to tell you all about our Association—so, for any additional information you may write to the National President, John Bonkowski, 19441 Hickory St., Detroit 5, Mich., or National Secretary Dan Quinn, 412 Gregory St., Weehawken, N. J. Or if you prefer, to one of your own Nomad buddies:

"Nick (Cappy) Capobianco, 209 Blatchley Ave., New Haven 13, Conn. "Bob Lynch, 2103 11th St., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

"We'll close this appeal, hoping that you will give it your kind consideration. May we send all of you our best regards and Special Greetings for the coming Holiday Season. Sincerely,

LINDSEY NELSON
JOHN BONKOWSKI"

(Ed's Note: President Bonkowski inclosed a photo showing a group of Nomads. Shown were: Briody, Armianico, Steward, Kotinsley, Troop CO Ortof, Kearns, Lt. Harner, Dadey, Appello, Kurshan, Madtes, Betchel, Benevento, Pagliarulo, Hyman, Abate and (Cappy) Capobianco. It is a large number of men on a very small picture. Efforts will be made to see if it can be blown up and used in a future issue.)

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NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASS'N.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Enclosed please find 1966 dues for:

Name _____ Serial No. _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

I was a member of:

Battery _____; Company _____; Regiment _____ 9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year _____ \$ 4.00 ☐

Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund _____ ☐

Three-Year Member _____ \$11.00 ☐

LIFE MEMBERSHIP _____ \$50.00 ☐

Octofoil Automobile License Disc _____ \$.50 ☐

Decals 25c; (5) five for _____ \$ 1.00 ☐

"Eight Stars to Victory" _____ \$ 2.00 ☐
(Pictorial History of 9th Division in action.)

Ladies' Auxiliary Member _____ \$ 1.50 ☐

Combat Route Map _____ \$.50 ☐

60th Infantry History _____ \$.50 ☐

Coat Lapel Octofoil Pin _____ \$ 1.25 ☐

Please give credit to the following Chapter:

Philly-Delaware Valley ☐ Greater New York ☐

Illinois ☐ Washington, D.C. ☐

New England ☐ Michigan ☐

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

Attention Is Called to Changes Made By Scholarship Chairman

Several important changes have been made in the Scholarship Information Chart that runs each month in The Octofoil. Members are asked to read the Chart again regardless of how many times it has been read in the past.

Scholarship Chairman John Clouser asked that changes be made in several of the paragraphs and two entirely new paragraphs were added. Attention is also called to Chairman Clouser's new address.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

People will believe anything—if you whisper it.

George Whitney Moves to Georgia

George A. Whitney, Jr. explains why he was unable to attend the 1965 Reunion. The company George works for has transferred him to Atlanta, Ga. His new address is George A. Whitney, Jr., 585 Dutch Valley Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30324.

George hopes to have himself sufficiently readjusted so he can get away from his job and be with the gang in Washington in July, 1966.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

No, the war against poverty isn't over yet. Some families still own only one car.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

Lulu isn't really a gold digger—she just hates poverty worse than sin.

FRANZ STEINER CONSTRUCTS A NEW MOSAIC

Franz Steiner is truly a great artist. He had just about completed a beautiful new mosaic for the Ninth Infantry Division Memorial when Memorial Services were held in Worcester in November.

Franz is another of the wonderful parishioners in Father Ed Connors' parish. It was Franz Steiner's artistic knowledge and abilities that created the original mosaic on the monument.

Inclement weather had created some slight imperfections on the old mosaic—so Franz immediately began laboring hours and hours after his regular work hours, getting an entirely new and more beautiful mosaic prepared for the monument.

To say thank you to such people as Franz Steiner is most inadequate. It leaves those he befriends speechless—not knowing how to express themselves.

Every member of the Association owes it to himself to visit Worcester and take a good look at the memorial and dazzling mosaic.

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HENRY S. RIGBY OPENS PHILLY ESTABLISHMENT

Many times during the past year former old time 60th Regt. men have written to The Octofoil and asked, "What's happened to Henry Rigby?"

Henry was the second president of the Association, succeeding General George Smythe after his first term.

Henry was president of the Association and arranged for the second annual Reunion that was held in Columbus, Ohio, that was a most enjoyable affair.

Rigby was one the youngest and well liked company commanders in the early combat days of the Ninth.

President John Boden of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter, advises that he recently talked with Rigby in Philadelphia and learned that the former Co. B, 60th Iad, is now operating one of Philadelphia's newest restaurants known as Philadelphia 1700 Restaurant, Pier 37, North Philadelphia, Pa. Phone: Market 7-1700.

Henry might get the surprise of his life some morning upon opening to find Peter Rabbit, Pop Woodside, Paul Plunkett and many other assorted ex-G.I.s waiting to get in.

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REIMAN UNBOSOMS THOSE THOUGHTS

Excerpts and highlights of a recent letter from Walter H. Reiman, 6310 Polk St., West New York, N. J. 07093, read thusly:

Our old medic, Dr. Donald Russell Roberts, M.D., Elkins, W. Va., advises he has delivered 22 babies in the past 26 days of October, 1965.

Bert Crandall, of Radio Station WNBC, advises: "The 9th Division has been mentioned by me but I was not in it—I'm sorry to say."

Gen. Craig remarked at the Reunion he wondered what was in the boys' minds overseas. The following poem from Stars and Stripes expresses what was on my mind:

I'M A BUCK PRIVATE

All my friends are corporals or sergeants or more;
I'm still a buck private, the same as before;

Some shirts bear stripes, some bars and citations,
But mine is quite naked,

Without decorations;
I have no ideas, never had any notions—

Don't want any stripes or promotions,
Oh, I've traveled these countries—overseas did I roam—

I have just one ambition—I wanna go home.

Alexander Hill, Box 1000, Steilacoom, Washington, is trying to locate Capt. Samson or Lt. Green, Ser. Co., 47th. Please contact Alex at address given.

An old Cannon Co. man has been located and would like to hear from any of the old gang. The name and address is: James P. MacManus, 47 Washington St., Billings, Mont.

Doc is still trying to locate the following Cannon Co., 47th men:

Lt. Forman, from Philadelphia.
Lt. Powell, from Nebraska.

Lt. Snyder, ??
Lt. Shosberger, Chicago.

Lt. Page, South Carolina.
Lt. Morey, Michigan.

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Millions of us are idle, but thank goodness most of us have jobs.

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Speed reading these days is a necessity—if a person wants to get off the country's Freeways.

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The stores have had their Christmas stocks on display so long now, they're almost out of style.

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Three Knights of the Road: Ozart, Koskie and Hennemuth, Display the Pioneer Spirit ... Blazing a Trail From the Windy City to Worcester, Mass.

By FRANK OZART,
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THE TRIP TO WORCESTER—

The writer left Chicago at 7:30 A.M., Friday, Nov. 5, 1965 with Bill Hennemuth and Chuck Koskie, two members of the Board of Governors. After traveling 650 miles we stopped at Rochester, New York for the night. Chuck Koskie called one of his old buddies who lives in Phelps, New York—George King, who invited us over to stay for the night. But, being situated as we were, the decision was made to see him in the morning.

Mrs. King served us breakfast and thanked the Ninth Division for the scholarship award her daughter received.

George would have gone with us to Worcester if he could have gotten somebody to replace him at the postoffice. George is a mail carrier and the mail must go. Arriving in Worcester about 2:00 P.M. we checked in the Holiday Motel.

FEAST FOR A "KING"

In the evening we went to Father Connors Coffee Shop. Everything there was fit for a King. All the food one wanted to eat and the hall was crowded—only elbow room available. A tip of the hat to Father Con-

nors, the New England Chapter and the people of Immaculate Conception for some real New England hospitality. Leaving Father Connors Coffee Shop we headed for the Holiday Motel, arriving at the hotel we met some of the fellows from New York and we were invited to the New York Headquarters. We stayed there until the wee small hours of the morning. The New Yorkers are very hospitable and entertaining. Everyone had a good time.

MEMORIAL MASS SUNDAY

The Memorial Mass was wonderful and there was a large turnout.

It rained during the outdoors Memorial Ceremonies. The crowd remained as though it was a bright, sunny day. This was Hennemuth's and Koskie's first Memorial Mass they have attended in Worcester—and they were very greatly impressed with it all. The banquet at the country club was filled to capacity. The food was good and Father Connors was in good spirits—as usual.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Illinois Chapter will hold a Christmas Party on Saturday, December 18, 1965, at 4334 Hirschberg, Schiller Park, Ill. Tel. 678-1028. Time: 8:30 P.M.

JOHN CLOUSER'S "LAST MILE"

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On Friday, August 27, I left for John Clouser's home at 6:00 A.M. It was pouring rain but that did not stop us or make any changes in our plans. I arrived in Des Plaines at 7:00 A.M., at John's home. John, his mother and I boarded Clouser's car and we were off for Rapid River, Michigan. After driving about seven hours and traveling 350 miles we arrived at our destination. The first stop was at a beautiful motel where reservations had been made. After getting "organized" we went to the bride-to-be's home (Helen Wils).

Helen took us to see her cottage which was 35 miles north from Rapid River. The cottage is very beautiful and on the lake. After spending a couple of hours at the cottage we headed for Rapid River. We had dinner together and in the evening we went to St. Charles Roman Catholic Church in Rapid River, for the wedding rehearsal. This was new to the couple, so they needed to brush up on the procedure of the marital ceremonies. When we left the church, John drove the bride-to-be to her home and we went back to the motel.

We did get a little thirsty and to calm our nerves went to a pub to quench that thirst. The big day was next day and everyone had to be at their best. Saturday, August 28, we got up at 8:00 A.M. and had breakfast. After breakfast, the other usher and myself went to the church early to seat the early arrivals. John arrived at St. Charles Catholic Church with his best man and his mother at 11 A.M. Believe it or not, he looked very calm and not a bit nervous—like a real soldier from the Ninth.

The bride arrived in very good style. She looked a little nervous but her charms had covered all her nervousness. About 11:30 A.M. it was then Mr. and Mrs. John Clouser. At 12:30 P.M. we had luncheon at the Terrace Garden near Rapid River. It was located on the lake—which was very beautiful. After the reception, the newlyweds left for their Honeymoon ???

FITS INTO THE GROUP

A lot of people are surprised to learn that John finally got married. Many will think that we of the Ninth have lost John and that he will be a drop-out—like so many others. We have not lost John as an active member. The Ninth has gained a charming young lady. Many of the Illinois Chapter members have met her and say that she fits right into the group. In behalf of all members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association the happy couple was wished the best of luck and all the happiness in the world.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1965

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Winkleman invited all the Illinois Chapter members to a surprise party for the newlyweds. The party was held at Bob and Georgan Winkleman's home in Palatine, Ill. Georgan's fine cooking was enjoyed and Bob was a perfect host with the refreshments. We were then shown some movies of our Springfield, Ill. Reunion; Walt Mahon's Memorial Services, picnics at Champaign, Cantigny and Bloomington, Illinois. Everyone present enjoyed themselves. The party brought out many of the old faces and some new ones. Just like all such gatherings—talk revolved around the Ninth Division.

The newlyweds were given a roto broiler by their well wishers who attended the Surprise Party.

PLANS FOR WORCESTER

Bill Hennemuth, Chuck Koskie, Joe Lacic and the writer put finishing touches to their plans for the motor trip to Memorial Services in Worcester, Mass.

Harry Orenstein Reports On His Q.M. Boys Who Attended Services

By HARRY ORENSTEIN,
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Bronx 54, N. Y.

TO ALL Q.M.'S—

Father Connors' Memorial Services on Sunday, November 7, 1965, was one of the largest 9th Division audiences of men, women and children. It was a day to remember the deceased men of the 9th Infantry Division. Father Connors recalled the route of the Ninth Infantry Division from Africa to Germany and the Supreme Sacrifices many of the Ninth Division made.

After the Memorial Services we traveled to the Wauchusett Club. There were many speakers at the Wauchusett Club dinner. Mr. Francis McGrath, city manager of Worcester, made a most interesting talk. He commented on the Ninth Division's accomplishments, the sacrifices they made, the cause they were fighting for and continued with contemporary events. One of the largest audiences ever recorded attended the dinner. The dinner was excellent and the entertainment was enjoyable.

NOTES ...

Actually, Father Connors' affairs

begins on Saturday evening with a buffet dinner. The usual large attendance was present. There was plenty of refreshments.

It was another opportunity for the "boys" to reminisce. Joe Russo recalled the pre-invasion days of Africa on the boat and the names of the Q.M.s who were with him. Richard Robbins did an outstanding job rounding up the "Boston Boys" for Father Connors' affair. It was a great pleasure to see so many of the Q.M.s present. Here is the list:

Mr. Joe D'Antuono
Mr. Harold Hokanson
Mr. Harry Orenstein
Mr. Edward Twigg
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Amore
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gray
Mr. and Mrs. John Jagling
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Miele
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Milano
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robbins
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Russo
Mr. and Mrs. George Swanson
Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Taylor

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

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Joe McKenzie Comments On the Great 1965 Memorial Services

By JOE MacKENZIE,
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Before the lights went out, we of the Ninth had attended the twenty-first Memorial Mass celebrated by our Father Connors.

This year the Mass was more beautiful because it was a little different. All inside the church could take part by singing certain hymns at the different parts of the Mass. Too bad you missed it. Make plans now for next year.

I have always told you of the wonderful weather that greeted the group in Worcester. This year was different. Light mist, light and heavy showers were on hand for the week end. Whatever dampness was on the outside it soon disappeared when one entered the Connors Coffee Shop and the main Church.

FIRST TIME FOR LANGER

Jerry Langer was there for the first time. From the time of our arrival until his departure all he could say was "This is amazing. I never thought it would be like this."

Mrs. Isidore Blitzstein, wife of that great 26th F.A. medic, also there for the first time expressed the same sentiments. You too will be amazed with your first visit.

THEY ARE WONDERFUL

Again the parishioners performed the heroic feat of feeding men, women and children. All home cooked and more varieties than Heinz. "Thank you" of Immaculate from the bottom of our hearts. You are wonderful.

Mrs. Harold Huber and her children were here from Olean, N. Y. It was a hard trip to make without Harold but she said it had to be made and did remarkably well.

Jim Newton, a Fort Bragg original who left us in August of '42 to go to OCS, was there with Mrs. Newton. Pergi and his wife were there from East Hartford, Conn. For company he had his sister-in-law and her husband. John Murray was there with Bill and Mrs. Bongiorno. Frenchy LeBlanc arrived at Walt Swenson's house at 5 a.m. on Sunday. They were not going to be late for 10 o'clock Mass. Manny Efron and Jerry Langer arrived Saturday afternoon. Jerry has his own show room in the garment district of New York, where he specializes in bridal gowns and party formals. He has taken very good care of himself since we parted company back in '45. Joe Albanese, with his wife and daughter, together with Lew and Mrs. Orticiari, made the trip down from White River Junction, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keyes spent the week end in Worcester. Fred hasn't changed at all. Mr. and Mrs. Ike Blitzstein were passengers in the bus which the Philadelphia Chapter had chartered. Will someone write a note about that trip? Last but not least, the four MacKenzies were there. Elmer Roscoe and John Quinn had previous engagements otherwise they would have been there.

MCGRATH FINE SPEAKER

Ceremonies at our memorial after Mass were interrupted by a heavy downpour. Those brave souls who withstood the elements were rewarded by an inspiring address by Mr. McGrath, City Manager of Worcester, Mass.

The Coffee Shop on Saturday night had more in and out traffic than the bus station at Fayetteville. Those from near and far had a great time talking of important events of the past year.

On Sunday if you could hold a cup of coffee without it spilling you were a real juggler. Just elbow room in the coffee shop after Mass. I do not know of any cleaner who had to remove coffee stains from suits and dresses. Everyone had a good time.

The Mass is over but the memory lingers on. It will be a topic of conversation for the next year. If you want to be amazed as was Jerry Langer and Mrs. Blitzstein, then you be present at our next Memorial Mass.

Plan your vacation in '66 so that you can attend the convention in the Nation's Capital.—Joe MacKenzie.

Shortly after going to press with the last issue of The Octofoil a newsy letter was received from Joe MacKenzie. Parts of that letter are being used below:

SERVICE BATTERY Twenty-Sixth Field Artillery Battalion IN MEMORIAM

Daniel Looney—Died October 28, 1964.

Harold Huber—Died, January 17, 1965.

Since my last letter you, Service Battery lost two good men. We might remember Dan for being so quiet

and Harold for being such a good cook, but our thoughts will always be of two men with whom it was a pleasure to live and to serve.

ODDS AND ENDS

Travis Seymour, 3022 Skyway Drive, Memphis, Tenn., is still on the sick list. Why not send a card to him. Bill Bongiorno visited North Carolina for his vacation. J. P. Quinn has a boy teaching English at the Jesuit University in Iraq. Mrs. George Wilkinson has had a serious operation. We hope she is well on the road to recovery. John T. McColgan, 27 Mt. Pleasant Pkwy., Livingston, N. J., was also on the sick list. Lou England bought a small farm that he intends to cultivate in his spare time. For regular employment Lou works for General Motors. Ross Kepple sent a note asking to be remembered to all the gang. Dom Curro has returned to his home in Russell, Mass. While in England we received six recruits. They were with us a short time before they were shipped to the Cannon Co., 39th. One of these boys was named John Pohorilak of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. After discharge, John entered the seminary and was ordained a Catholic priest. He is now Rev. John Pohorilak, 3605 Perryville Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Change your records to read:
Louis Truscello, 15 Glenwood Ave., Cambridge, Mass.

Walter P. Swenson, 96 Marblehead Street, North Reading, Mass.

Louie England, RR 1, Ridgely, Illinois 61870.

I received a note from Dick Rogers, Hqtrs. 26th F.A. He is the owner of the Rogers Blue Spruce Plantation, Rt. 2, Whitefield, N. H. Winter quarters are at 908 N. 30th St., Hollywood, Florida. So if you want to beautify your estate, write to Dick.

My Alice was seriously sick this past summer so our plans to attend the convention had to be canceled. Maybe we shall see you in D.C. in 1966.—Joe MacKenzie.

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Walton Depends On His Buddy For Timely Tips

"Doc" Walton, the Sage of Old Dalton Rd., Rt. 7, Rome, Ga., says that he hears regularly from his old sidekick, Walter "Doc" Reiman—and as long as Reiman is "riding herd" on operations he knows he can relax, enjoy the aroma from the North Georgia stills and the yelping of his beagles.

Printed elsewhere in this issue is a story about a former active New York Chapter member who has taken up residence in Atlanta—George Whitney. It seems that Walton and Victor should be able to get that long looked-for Chapter to perking pretty soon.

Young Dave Walton has finished his active duty hitch and is back on reserve.

A Rome (Ga.) radio newscaster has been quoting fillers taken from columns of The Octofoil to entertain his listeners, according to Walton. With that kind of publicity help some new members should be ferreted from up around old Rabun Gap in the Cracker State.

Folks down Doc Walton's way are getting "het up" with those beatnik draft card burners and if those nuts try and start any bonfires with draft cards in that red clay hill country Walton claims there'll be a hot town in the old town that night—and the heat will not be from any draft cards that are being burned.

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BUTSWINKUS ENTERED A "TREASURE HUNT"

Everything was serene on the chartered bus enroute back to Philly after the Memorial Services. Then a wail rent the air—"Where's my shoes?" Hearing this, good old Victor Butswinkus leaped over seats and occupants getting to the bus exit—from there he shot a straight azimuth to a Howard John garbage-trash can and in nothing flat was waist deep (head first), pulling out contents of the can. Finally Vic located what he was after and rushed back breathlessly to the frantic lady with a package—the package contained the "lost" shoes. Many were just shaking their heads, thinking maybe poor Vic had flipped his lid. They couldn't figure out why he was throwing contents of that trash can to the four winds.

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Women blush more often from anger than modesty.

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Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans.

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Reiman Rolls Back Calendar to 1941

Walter Reiman did a pretty fair job of reminiscing while the following was being typed out:

By WALTER "DOC" REIMAN
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Years 1941 and 1942 before the war—Ninth Infantry Division—Remember the 9th Division theater? When you got to the theater you stand in line. About three blocks long and you stand another half hour before the doors open. Finally you get in. Now look for a seat. You finally get a seat. By that time you are all in from standing in the line outside. The lights in the theater go out. The picture starts. Before you know it lights go on in the theater again. The films had broken. You wait until they fix it; again the lights go out; the picture starts. You sit back and look at the picture. Again the lights go on and they again fix the film. Now you are getting sick of it; you still wait. The lights are out again; everyone boos. The picture starts and you finally see the picture. You go back to the barracks and write home what a wonderful time you had—and had seen a picture at the Division theater. Let's go to the P.X.

SINGING MOOD

You go in and see cigarettes of all brands; candy, pipe tobacco, cigars, sodas, soaps, razor blades, mirrors, girl's brackets. Most everything you would want. Now to the back for a can of Red Top. You talk to the boys, then get another beer. This time Blue Ribbon. More friends come in, they will all get one round each. Before you know it you will be getting another round. This keeps up. Now we are all happy. In the mood to sing. All the old songs. Before you know it, time is up. You are on your way back to the barracks. You think your barracks have been moved. You try to walk straight; your feet get mixed up and you fall to the ground. You then get up and before you knew it you are in your bed.

This was all on \$31 a month.

MEDICAL DETACH. 47TH INF.

THE DRILL FIELD

In the A.M. we go behind the barracks and drill. Left flank, right flank, to the rear march. Out in the Carolina sun. You come back to the barracks. Now they tell you—full field inspection out in the field in back. We take out our blankets, socks, shoes, shorts, pants, shirts, undershirts, handkerchiefs, pup tent, soap toothpaste, razor blades, comb, raincoat. You put it all on the ground nice and neat. Major Roberts comes to inspect your things. When he is all finished you carry everything back to the barracks and put them away again. Then out in the field again to have medical classes.

That was the old Army life.

CHRISTMAS DAY

On Christmas Day 1942 a lot of Infantrymen were at home. Some couldn't go home, maybe they were on detail or maybe they had no one to go to. Maybe they couldn't get a pass. But still in the 9th Division they had Christmas any way. In the morning you could go to your Chapel. The Chaplain made you feel like home. He stands outside the door and says good morning to you. How are you today? I am happy to see you. The Chaplain seems to know everyone. He shakes your hand with a kind little smile. He gives you a feeling that you are a part of him. Inside the Chapel there are seats, the candles are burning. When inside you get the same feeling. After the Mass you will see your Chaplain outside; he is always ready to talk to you. You feel like a new man inside. The Chaplain is always there to help you. That is a good Chaplain. And most were good. The barracks had Christmas ornament hung around. Every outfit had a Christmas tree. The Christmas dinner was as good as the one at home. *Wishing every one a Merry Christmas.—DOC REIMAN.*

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Mrs. John Clouser's Father Passed Away

Information has reached The Octofoil that conveys sad tidings. The beloved father of the new Mrs. John Clouser, passed away on Nov. 1.

This sad occurrence precluded the possibility of this fine couple attending the Memorial Services in Worcester on Nov. 7, 1965.

The Octofoil joins with the thousands of other Ninth Division friends of Mr. and Mrs. Clouser and extends heartfelt sympathy in having suffered the loss of one so close.

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

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

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

A person who wishes to apply for a scholarship must be related to a man who 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, written in expository form, 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. The applicant must take the PSAT which is given every October. The applicant must see that the results of the PSAT are sent to the chairman of the scholarship committee. These results may be included with the high school transcript or sent to the chairman from the College Entrance Examination Board. The SAT of the CEEB may be submitted in lieu of the PSAT.
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.
8. Recipients of the scholarships may apply for renewal of the scholarship each year. A copy of the student's college grades, a financial statement, and a letter requesting renewal of the scholarship should be sent to the chairman by March 15.
9. All applications must be sent to: John J. Clouser, Scholarship Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division Association, 901 Graceland St., Des Plaines, Illinois 60016.

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

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

I would like to become a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Enclosed is check or money order for \$1.50 for 1966 dues. Please mail my membership card to —

Name
Street
City State

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

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

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

By order of the President:
MRS. BETTY MacDOUGALL, President

Paul Morrisette and Dario Bartolomucci New Life Members

Two former 60th men are now Life Members of the Association. Paul Morrisette, formerly M Co., 60th, of 116 Liberty St., Pawtucket, Rhode Island, paid the secretary for his Life Membership after the Memorial Services in Worcester. Paul saved through a Christmas Savings Club for his membership fee.

Dario Bartolomucci, 3132 Rita, Springfield, Ill., formerly with the 60th's 1st Battalion has also become a Life Member.

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Those who criticize the younger generation seem to forget who raised it.

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Betty Rumenapp In Bad Accident

Association members from all parts of the country were stunned to hear upon arriving in Worcester for the Memorial Services that Bob Rumenapp and Betty would not be able to attend. Betty at that time was in a Michigan hospital suffering from serious head injuries caused in an automobile wreck.

Since returning to Michigan President John Bonkowski has visited with Betty at the hospital and says she was showing signs of improving—but did not know how long she would be hospitalized. Betty's hospital address is St. Joseph Hospital, Room 406, Mt. Clemens, Mich. The Rumenapps' home address is 28017 Hughes, St. Clair Shores, Mich. 48081.