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NINTH DIVISION GETS READY FOR ACTION

NEW COMMANDER WELCOMED BY GEN. BARTH



GREETS FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF OF 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION. Major General George S. Eckhardt (right), commanding general of the 9th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, greets Maj. Gen. (Retired) George E. Barth (left), former Chief of Staff of the 9th Inf. Div. from March, 1943 to June, 1944 under Gen. Eddy, at the reception held at the Fort Riley Officers Open Mess shortly after the activation ceremony of the Division at Fort Riley.—Photo by Jack L. Herron, Fort Riley Post Services Photo Lab.

President Bonkowski Keeps Busy

President John Bonkowski mailed the following report of his official activity to The Octofoil editor, care Grant Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. The President's address is printed on the masthead of Page 2 in each issue of The Octofoil but for the benefit of many who have written The Octofoil for his address it is: John Bonkowski, President, 9th Infantry Division Association, 19941 Hickory St., Detroit, Mich.

Excerpts from the Feb. 2 letter from President Bonkowski reads as follows:

We received many Season's Greeting cards from our Association friends. At this time Rosaline and I wish to thank them all for their thoughtful Christmas cards and greetings sent our way.

I've exchanged letters with Mrs. McAvoy, who appreciates hearing from so many members in our Association. She doesn't know how long she will remain in the hospital.

Father Connors wrote to thank for the copies of letters I sent him. He mentioned that the children in his parish donated a hundred dollars which he forwarded to General Westmoreland for the poor children in Vietnam.

General Randle also thanked me for the copies of Gen. Westmoreland and my letters. At the same time, he informed me that the first volume of "Safi Adventure," was a complete sellout in a very short time.

Secretary Quinn advises the new Ninth Infantry Division was officially activated yesterday, February 1st.

As of now I'm a Lifetime Member in our Association. This has been my intention for a long time.

On the home front, among my other activities, I've been elected to the Board of Directors in my Home Owners Association. This will not interfere in any way with my present duties.

I hope the next letter I address will be to the Zimpfer St. address and not the hospital.

Here's my best wishes for a speedy recovery. Also my best regards to Tippi, who takes such an active interest in our great Association. May the good Lord bless you two.

Sincerely,
JOHN BONKOWSKI, President.

EDITOR CONFINED TO HOSPITAL FOR SEVERAL WEEKS

If some of the stories in this issue of The Octofoil don't sound too rational when read, please consider the sources. For 26 days since the last issue of The Octofoil the editor has been a guest at Grant Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. This issue of The Octofoil is being put together against the medic's orders. Corners are being cut and the pep that's needed to get out the right kind of sheet is not forthcoming at the present time.

The illness has held up getting the paper ready for the mail man for several days.

It is a physical impossibility to personally acknowledge receipt of all the cheerful cards received by the editor at the hospital and it is hoped that this "THANK YOU" will suffice because as soon as this issue goes to the post office the editor plans to try and obey the medic's order and get some needed rest.

The old ticker keeps acting up is the reason for these trips to Grant Hospital at various intervals.

LINDSEY NELSON IS HELPING TO LOCATE LOST RECON MEN

President John Bonkowski reported to the Board members in Worcester that he was still putting in many hours each week trying to locate former 9th Recon men and interest them in joining the Association.

In a recent letter President Bonkowski had received from a famous former Ninth man, Lindsay Nelson, the famed radio-TV person, had promised Bonkowski that he would make every effort he could to likewise contact former 9th Recon men and explain to them why they should become affiliated with the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Orphanage Given 20 Lbs. of Candy

After the New York Chapter's Christmas Party for the kiddies they had about 20 pounds of candy left over. Ralph Witzken took the candy over to the kiddies at St. Peter's Orphanage, located at 334 Lyons Ave., Newark, N. J. The following note was received by the Chapter a few days later:

Kind Benefactors: Your most generous donation of candy was most sincerely appreciated.

You were very kind to remember us and we are grateful to you. May the Christ Child love and bless you.

Gratefully,
—Sister Mary Leocalia, St. Peter's Orphanage.

DID YOU GET THIS PAPER FOR FREE?

Many members are getting copies of The Octofoil this issue who are not entitled to receive them. Out of the goodness of Secretary Quinn's heart he asked that they be mailed these FREE copies in the hopes some of them would become conscience-stricken and pay 1966 dues.

There will not be any extra copies printed next issue for the benefit of 1966 delinquent FREELOADERS.

Schaeffer Still In Akron

Sneaking through some of the Ladies' Auxiliary mailing addresses it was noted that Mrs. Bee Schaeffer was listed as living at 1664 Sunset Ave., Akron, O., and a member in good standing for 1966. That would indicate the Schaeffer family are still furnishing good music to the Summit County, Ohio folks.

NEW NINTH GETS OFF TO FINE START; THEY WERE REALLY "FILLED-IN" ON THE OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE 9TH

The Ninth's own General George Barth was an honored guest at Fort Riley, Kans., when the Ninth Infantry Division was reactivated. Between Gen. Barth and the new Ninth's Public Relations Men The Octofoil has been furnished many pages of interesting material regarding the old Ninth that was printed and distributed to the new Ninth recruits. There are many incidents credited to the Ninth that many of the oldest of the old timers do not know about. As space permits these items will be printed in The Octofoil. Pictures were furnished of many of the Ninth's various unit commanders. As space permits these photos will be printed.

A close tab will be kept on this new Ninth Division and it is hoped and believed when its history is recorded the Octofoil will hang high in the percentagewise record book of worthwhile accomplishments. Gen. Barth very aptly expressed the feeling of all former Ninth men when he wrote: "Seeing the old colors being presented brought back a flood of memories of Tunisia, Sicily and Normandy. It was, indeed, a wonderful outfit."

Newsweek Magazine seems to have an authentic pipeline to the Pentagon and other Washington sources. In the current issue of Newsweek the following is noted under its standing "Pereiscope" heading:

MARCHING ORDERS

"The Army has penciled in the newly activated Ninth Infantry Division for duty in Vietnam, most likely to relieve the 1st Infantry. By October, the 15,400-man division will be finishing its training at Fort Riley, Kans., also home station for the Big Red One."

The Octofoil's old reliable, Doc Walter H. Reiman, 6310 Polk St., West New York, N. J. contacted PRO at Fort Riley and relayed some 9th Division "ancient history." He was rewarded with a very courteous thank you letter.

Frances J. Smiles, 47th Inf. Med. Det., now living at 29 Louis St., Staten Island 4, N. Y., early in January alerted The Octofoil to some of the reactivation plans of the Ninth.

Frances furnished The Octofoil a complete breakdown of Gen. George Eckhardt's enviable military background.

FORT RILEY POST

The Fort Riley Post is a neatly printed 5-column tabloid size newspaper printed weekly by the Johnson City, Kansas Daily Union. The sheet is filled with newsy items about the new 9th and its personnel. The Octofoil is glad to be on The Post's mailing list and hopes to be able to pass on developments within the Division from time to time as gleaned from columns of The Post.

A VISIT TO RILEY WOULD BE MOST INTERESTING

In a letter dated 27 January 1966, signed by Col. E. V. D. Murphy, Deputy Post Commander, Secretary Quinn received a letter, parts of the letter read as follows:

"The 9th Division will be reactivated here at Fort Riley 1 February 1966. An appropriate ceremony will be held on the Division parade ground at Fort Riley. Approximately 300 guests have been invited, to include General William Westmoreland.

"A portion of the Division's trophies are enroute to Fort Riley and as others are located an exerted effort will be made to obtain them. We have an excellent museum here in which to display historic items.

"Arrangements are being made to obtain all of the Division's former commanders' pictures through the Office, Chief of Information, Department of Army, but there is a possibility all of them might not be available, so any you can supply will be appreciated."

THE OCTOFOIL

The Ninth Infantry Division Patch
There are many old time Ninth men who can't properly explain the

meaning of the Octofoil when asked, although it has been explained many times over. Printed below is verbatim what has been told every man who ever served with the Ninth and was again given in printed form to those who were made a part of the new 9th in Fort Riley recently:

"The shoulder patch of the 9th Infantry Division is an Octofoil, a device dating back to the 15th Century, when it was customary for each son to have an individual mark of distinction. Under the rules of Heraldry there are eight foils or positions. Heraldic rules gave the OCTOFOIL to the ninth son, a device symbolic of his being surrounded by eight brothers; these rules and the symbolism of the OCTOFOIL make it a logical and correct insignia for the 9th Infantry Division (Regular Army).

The colors of the OCTOFOIL consist of a red quatrefoil atop a blue quatrefoil with a white center. The red alludes to the artillery, the blue is the representative color of the infantry and the white is the color of the numerous found on divisional flags. Surrounding the OCTOFOIL is a rim of olive drab the symbolic color of the United States Army Uniform in previous years.

"The first soldiers to enter Germany during World War II were Infantrymen wearing the Octofoil. The OCTOFOIL was worn at the defeat of Rommel in North Africa, and was worn by the liberators of Belgium."

Skipping over the list of all past Division commanders, division and unit citations, additional data compiled and published was headed:

CHRONICLE OF THE 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION

The 9th Infantry Division has firmly established itself as a great American fighting team. Organized on 18 July 1918 at Camp Sheridan, Alabama, the Division was in training in the United States when World War I came to an end. The Division was then demobilized, beginning in December, 1918 the demobilization of the division was completed on 15 February 1919.

In 1923 the Division although on the inactive list was redesignated a Regular Army Unit—17 years later. It was reactivated on 1 August 1940 at Fort Bragg, N. C. The reactivated Division had units assigned to it that had seen combat action during World War I, among them were the three infantry regiments (39th, 47th and 60th) that had already distinguished themselves in combat and who would again receive honors in the few short years to come.

INTENSIVE TRAINING

After the reactivation, the Division entered a period of intensive training, followed by the Carolina maneuvers, conducted by the First Army in September 1941. The Division (Continued on Page 4)

April 15 Copy For Next Issue

Let's try and get copy in by April 15th for the next issue of The Octofoil. Then the next issue deadline will be decided by the Reunion Committee. Announcement on that date will be made in the next issue.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-W!

A man about town is most always a fool about women.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!

USUAL EASY TO READ REPORT

Members of the Board of Governors are in receipt of a 3 months financial statement prepared by National Treasurer Thomas Boyle. The report is easy to read and prepared for a layman to understand. And the Association is still operating on the black side of the ledger.

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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.

THOUGHTS OF A SOLDIER

It's refreshing to know that there are many teen-agers who have good, clean thoughts and are not all of the beatnik type. The following poem was written by 18-year-old Barbara Mueller, 735 New St., Uniondale, L.I.

*When I woke up today, I thanked God for another day;
 A day to feel a part of life, but day I felt for world's strife.*

*I thought of our boys on foreign shores
 In Vietnam where there are no laws.
 I thought of the nights when they wait for their friends
 To come back from missions as each day ends.*

*They hope and pray—they are safe today,
 They wonder how long they will have to stay.
 They think of their homes, their girls, or their wives.
 They wonder what will become of their lives.*

*They think of the world in its mixed up way.
 It seems trouble goes on from day to day,
 With no peace and love among men,
 And they close their eyes and think again.
 They think the thoughts close to their hearts,
 And then once again the fighting starts;
 And once again they wonder why?
 It seems the same as each day goes by.*

*They're lonesome and tired and often times sad.
 They wonder if things will always be bad.
 They wonder if they will see us again.
 Please dear God watch over these men.*

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SAL TRAPANI

4733 Wyaconda Road

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DEMAND FOR "SAFI ADVENTURE" BOOKS EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS

No sooner was the word out that "Safi Adventure" was off the press—bound and ready for delivery than the books started to sell like the proverbial "hot cakes." Publicity came from the most unexpected sources—The November 29 issue of The National Observer, an affiliate of the Wall Street Journal, published on the West Coast, had a page 1 feature article telling how the general had mastered the printer's and pressman's trades, then proceeded to print a book he had written. Wires began to pour in from people wanting to get possession of copies for purely speculative purposes.

Gen. Ed. Randle was in a quandary. He was "sitting" on his remaining few books for his own 47th boys. He couldn't feature himself putting in another four or five years hand-setting those pages again. He toyed with the idea of having a paper back edition printed. He had been advised a paper back edition would not detract from the value of the 1st printed edition.

On Jan. 16 The St. Petersburg, Fla. Times Sunday Magazine printed a full page about Safi Adventure, showing Gen. Randle in his typesetting clothes, setting type and doing a bit of proofreading.

MORE BOOKS COMING

Gen. Randle advises The Octofoil he has bought some more type so as to set more pages before going to press and an extra chase so as to print more pages at one time. It took a lot of debating to decide what to do about another edition of Safi Adventure, but the many letters from disappointed former 47th lads was too much—now he has started setting the type over, correcting the errors he found in the original edition—and within one year he hopes to have the

second edition of Safi Adventure off the Eldnar Press.

VFW PAPERS FEATURE BOOK

Feature articles were printed in several state and local V. F. W. papers in Ohio giving details of the unique and unusual way in which Gen. Randle had produced "Safi Adventure."

Members are being forewarned—one full year in advance when the next copy of Safi Adventure will be on the market. There's no excuse for anyone being left out in the cold and not getting a copy.

Arthur E. Delbartes, a former Co. F, 47th man, sent Secretary Quinn a copy of the National Observer that printed the story about Safi Adventure, and while writing slipped in a check for a life membership in the Association.

GOING "MODERN"

In a letter of recent date Gen. Randle advises The Octofoil "Ex-Private Frank Gonzol who is a millwright with Union Carbide in charge of machinery in one of their plants in New Jersey—came through here, saw I needed a variable speed arrangement on my press, invented one (that was last year) and this December when he came again, stopped by, spent two hours on his way to Fort Myers, Fla., and installed it. That was really something. And it works like a charm. I can regulate it for any speed."

The address for the benefit of those who want to send for that book delivery in early 1967 is: The Eldnar Press, 503 Althea Road, Belleair, Clearwater, Florida, 33516

The Octofoil will keep Association members informed on how the general is progressing with the typesetting on this second edition of Safi Adventure.

Board Sets Meeting In Pittsburgh During April

Secretary Dan Quinn advises The Octofoil that the Board of Governors will hold a meeting sometime during the month of April in the city of Pittsburgh. Until he checks with a few more Board members to learn which week end would be most convenient for them to get away to attend a Board meeting, he was unable to state definitely exactly which week-end the meeting would be held. Notices will be sent to all members in plenty of time in advance so as to arrange to attend.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-W!—

Father Andrysiak Is Dead

Someone has mailed to The Octofoil a clipping from another veterans' paper in which a Harry C. Wood, Rt. 5, Box 288, Lakeland, Fla., is trying to locate Father Timothy M. Andrysiak. A similar request came to The Octofoil several months ago. The Octofoil editor had met Father Tim in an airport in Chicago and he was enroute to Frisco after a hitch in Korea. It was thought that he was still living. But information was sent to The Octofoil in answer to that inquiry, advising that Father Andrysiak had passed away. No details were given.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-W!—

SENDS OUT MOST INTERESTING NOTES

The Octofoil has been furnished a copy of New York Chapter Emil Langer's first letter to the membership. It was dated Jan. 13, and conveyed many noteworthy news items. Emil succeeded a good President, but he's getting off to a good start to make a fine record for himself also. He held a special Board meeting on Feb. 4. The meeting held on Jan. 7 was held during the transit strike, and regardless of the hardships confronting them many more than a quorum attended the meeting.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!—

Mr. McInerney Has Been Ill

Just a few days after the last issue of The Octofoil went on the press word reached the plant that Mr. Michael McInerney, 2451 Webb Ave., Bronx, N. Y. was quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. McInerney are an institution within the confines of the 9th Infantry Division Association—especially with the New York group. No national meeting of former 9th men seems exactly right unless these two fine Gold Star parents with their smiling faces are present.

A card was mailed to Mr. McInerney, which he acknowledged, so it is to be presumed the good man is back in there pitching again—and may this fine and inspiring couple live to be with the Association and an inspiration for many years to come.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!—

FAZIO'S YEAR WAS MOST SUCCESSFUL

On The Octofoil's desk lays a pile of mimeographed letters. Among the letters will be found each letter that Frank Fazio mailed monthly to the New York members while he was their president. The various projects he called to their attention each month was filled with a list of events for each month that took hard work to carry through with. Follow up the notices Frank mailed out by reading Art Schmidt's reports and it was easy to learn that Fazio had been most successful in the carrying out of most all of the projects the Chapter sponsored.

It's a safe bet that Frank Fazio won't consider he has done his part now that he has served a term as president of the Chapter. His activity will continue to be noted in helping carrying out anything that is for the betterment of the Chapter.

The Octofoil offers a well deserved salute to Frank Fazio for a job well done.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-W!—

The Boden Clan Is Well Represented in Vietnam

After learning that John "Duco" Boden's pretty daughter Susan had a husband in Vietnam it was decided to see if The Octofoil could get Sue to write a few lines—then it was learned that Mrs. Boden had a nephew flying a helicopter, picking up wounded troops and Sue was asked mention that in her letter.

For the benefit of those who do not know, "Duco" Boden is president of the Philadelphia - Delaware Valley Chapter. The letter that Susan Mitchell wrote The Octofoil reads in part:

A-2C Ted P. Mitchell is my husband—the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. John Boden. He is in Vietnam with the 16th Tactical Recon. Squadron, stationed outside of Saigon. He has been there since October and is hopefully expected back in the states in August, 1966. From the fairly frequent letters we receive, his morale seems to be very good, considering, and he seems to be very proud that he can be one of the many men who can help our cause over there in any way. Ted and I have a two-year-old son, who I must say is a perfect specimen of his daddy.

MARINE CORPS

Robert Ward, U. S. Marine Corps., is my mother's nephew. I regret to say that there is little information I can give you about him, as we see very little of his family due to distance. I don't know his military rank, however, I do know that he has a rather dangerous job in Vietnam. He flies a helicopter on the battlefield and picks up the wounded soldiers. I do not know his location, but he has been there for about five months. He also has a wife and a very young baby.

ENJOYABLE STAY

Little Teddy and I are having a very enjoyable stay with my parents while we patiently await the return of Ted. My father is playing his role of grandpa to the hilt.

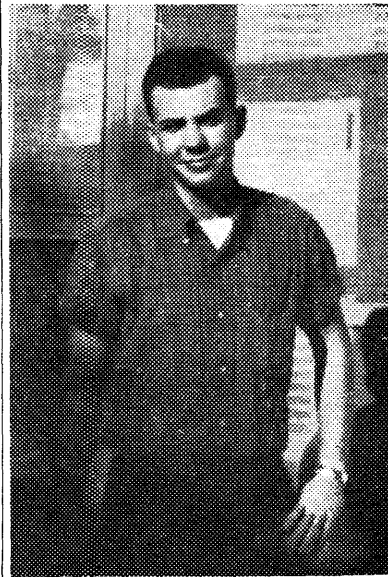
Well, Mr. Plunkett, I hope that this information is sufficient. It was a fine gesture on your part to give these two men space in The Octofoil. I want to express my appreciation for giving them your time and consideration, especially my husband. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

SUSAN MITCHELL.

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Boden's Son-in-Law



John Boden, president of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter has a swell little daughter named Susan. She has sent The Octofoil many nice letters in recent weeks. Susan's husband, Ted Mitchell, pictured above, is in far-off Vietnam. Sue is a good soldier also. At all times she has a sunny disposition and smile for everyone.

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President Caught In the "Blackout"

President John Bonkowski dropped a few lines to The Octofoil to advise that he and his family had arrived back in Detroit safely. Having stayed over in New England after the Memorial Services to visit with relatives in Twin Rivers, Mass. The President lingered long enough to get caught in parts of that big "down East" light failure that had much of that part of the world in total darkness for a spell.

John closed his letter thusly: "I want our members to know it was wonderful to be able to talk with them in Worcester, even though the time was most limited. There was so much to do and so little time to do it, while in Worcester."

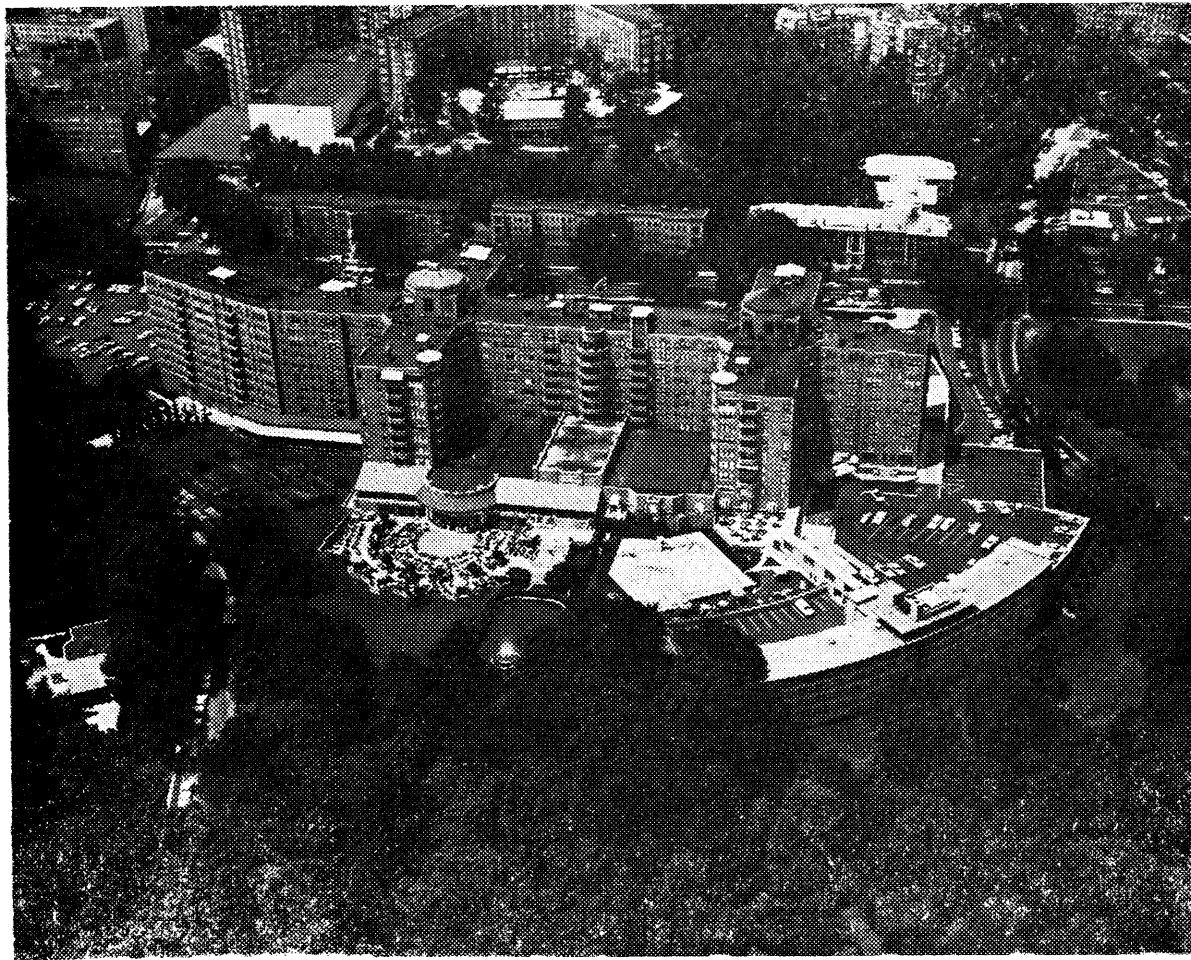
—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!—

There was a little old lady—who had such fear of growing old that she turned blonde overnight.

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REUNION COMMITTEE GOING 'GREAT GUNS'

BIRD EYE'S VIEW OF HEADQUARTERS FOR MEMBERS DURING REUNION



THE SHOREHAM HOTEL, ten minutes from downtown Washington, D. C., is situated in a resort like setting overlooking beautiful Rock Creek Park. The building features 1100 spacious air-conditioned guest rooms, all with radio and television. Included are one and two bedroom and parlor suites and also De Luxe Hospitality Suites. Convention rooms are large and well equipped, and the Main Exhibit Hall of the hotel accommodates up to 250 booths for displays. From October through May, The Shoreham's "Blue Room" is the favorite spot of Washingtonians for dining, dancing and famous name entertainment. In the summer season, The Shoreham's dinner and supper dancing moves outdoors to the charming Terrace surrounded by lovely grounds and highlighted by the graceful electrically lighted fountain. Other facilities of the hotel are the Garden Restaurant, a popular family dining spot, the comfortable Marquee Lounge for cocktails and the quick service snack bar. For guests there is a free outdoor swimming pool and a children's wading pool.

Gen. Westmoreland Is Very Appreciative of Small Favors Extended

The Hospital Committee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars allows Tippy Plunkett, the Association's Auxiliary Secretary a small sum of money to pay for candies and other goodies to be sent to soldiers overseas. She has put in considerable time lately trying to learn the names of any lads in Vietnam who were related to any members of the Association. She has been fairly successful. As busy as Gen. Westmoreland is he or some member of his staff have been cooperative and helpful.

Under date of 27 January 1966 she received the following letter from the General:

Dear Mrs. Plunkett: Thank you for your letter and the accompanying clipping. It is heartening to hear from so many of our friends who voice their support for our efforts in Vietnam.

Your prayers and thoughtfulness in our behalf are greatly appreciated.

We received your candy during the holiday season and it was enjoyed by many.

Best wishes to you and Paul for a happy and successful 1966.

Sincerely,
W. C. WESTMORELAND,
General, United States Army

Butswinkus Reports On Some New Members

Victor Butswinkus doesn't write very much nor very often—but when he does he gets right to the point. In his most recent letter he refers to a couple of new members of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter.

Parts of the letter reads:
Will you please mention our two new members in the next issue of The Octofoil. Their names:

Paul L. Schultz,
7603 Brentwood Rd.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19111

Frank Varanavage
527 Solly Avenue
Fox Chase
Philadelphia, Pa. 19111

Frank is a former member—but in some way got lost in the shuffle—Vic says he's a good worker and they are expecting some good work from his efforts.

An Open Letter to Our Editor -- By the President

Dear Paul:

There are many organizations that have conscientious and hard working members. However, none of them have the fortune of having a more dedicated man than our own Editor.

For this and so many other reasons we'll always be grateful to you. We were sorry to hear of your illness and we shall pray that you are well again.

It is our sincere wish to have you with us for a long time to come. In short, Paul we need you.

Sincerely,
JOHN BONKOWSKI, President
Ninth Infantry Division Association.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

JACK O'SHEA TAKES TIME OUT TO WRITE

The job Jack O'Shea has causes him to work on the nights the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter holds meetings. This goes against Jack's "grain" and he's trying to figure out what to do about the situation. The home address is still 412 South Ave., Holmes, Pa.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

Greco Looking Forward to Washington Reunion

An old 60th F.A. man writes from down in Ohio—Dominick Greco lives at 403 Highland St., Tiltonville, Ohio and is planning on having a real party when he hits Washington this July.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—
MacMANUS SURE DUES GET PAID

Jim MacManus, 47 Washington St., Billings, Mont., mailed in his dues the second time. Secretary Quinn finally got Mac straightened out. Jim was with Cannon Co., 47th Inf. And is inquisitive about who the Colonel or Light Colonel was who had charge of the 84th FA from Bragg to Africa. Anyone who can give Mac that information send him a card.

He also wants to know how many days the 47th spent in combat. Secretary Quinn took a wild guess and come up with 400. He'd like to know how far off he was.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—
Death is a breath-taking experience.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—
Lulu says a Dachshund is a Great Dane after taxes.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

Group of Former M.P.s At the New York Reunion



According to Photographer Walter Victor, 340 Lyndhurst Dr., S.W., Atlanta 11, Ga., the above Association members are former 9th M.P.s who got together during the New York 1965 Reunion. Walter did not get the names of the members in the picture. It is a typical Reunion picture of the many jolly groups that get together.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER WORKING OUT PROGRAM THAT WILL BE LONG REMEMBERED BY THOSE WHO ATTEND 1966 REUNION

Cut this date out and paste it in a conspicuous place—Ninth Division Reunion, Washington, D. C.—July 28-31, 1966.

The Octofoil hit it lucky and was able to get Libby Wade, (the charming petite wife of Frank Wade), to handle publicity releases to The Octofoil from time to time on progress of the Reunion Committee.

Ted Alexander and his 12-piece band have been "snatched" away from the White House to play for the Ninth Division's dance that will be held after the banquet. Ted has one of the most popular bands in Washington and is in demand at all the leading country clubs in that area—and no kidding, quite often the services of Ted and his boys are requested at the White House.

Tingley Corrects The Octofoil Second Time

Several months ago ago good old Charlie Tingley kindly but firmly explained to The Octofoil editor that when Gen. W. C. Westmoreland was referred to as Lt. Gen. Westmoreland he was being improperly addressed. But the general was too modest to ever register a complaint. Charlie was thanked and promised The Octofoil would not be guilty of such a breach again.

In the very next issue it happened again. In the second "reprimand" Charlie was a bit more positive. But this time column after column of standing type was pulled out of the racks that was being held as "time" type to be used as fillers and in each and every story that pertained to Gen. (4-star) Westmoreland there was that Lt. Gen. again and again and again. It is hoped that all standing type has been corrected and correspondents sending in copy about the general will read this story and be governed accordingly.

Anyway, thanks for the encouraging information about the 1966 Reunion and the beautiful holiday greeting card from you and Mrs. Tingley.

SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI— JACKSHA REMEMBERS FEW SAFI INCIDENTS

Frank S. Jacksha, 1872 Reaney Ave., St. Paul, Minn. 55119, an old D Co., 47th man, has written Gen. Randle for a copy of Safi Adventure. He could probably have given the general a few incidents that would have made interesting reading. In a letter to Secretary Quinn Frank tells about one of the lads falling in the water instead of his landing barge. Then he tells about his outfit taking a break, he going to sleep, no one awakened him when they moved out so when he did awake he didn't know what else to do but go back to sleep. He found his outfit about 4 P. M. the next day. And along about this time a gang of Arabs come running up with a hand full of hand grenades they'd picked up, wanting to know what they were holding—luckily no pins were pulled. All in all, judging from the letter, Jacksha had a fairly hectic time getting on African terra firma.

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Col. A. Nora Howes Thinks Octofoil O.K.

Lt. Col. A. Nora Howes sends The Octofoil a new mailing address for the U.S. Continental Army Command's Information Officer at Fort Monroe, Va. 23551.

The Colonel added a personal paragraph to the address requests, which reads:

"The OCTOFOIL is a very worthy Division Association publication. This office appreciates being the recipient of each bimonthly issue."

The Octofoil appreciates the kind remarks and feels quite flattered.

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JOHN KOWALSKI IS BACK TO HIS OLD P.A. HOME-TOWN

John J. Kowalski sends in his new address is John J. Kowalski, 108 McAllister St., Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

For the past seven years John has lived in the Washington, D. C. area and was used car manager of Tom's Chevrolet, 11416 Georgia Ave., Wheaton, Md. He is originally from Pennsylvania and is going back to his old stomping grounds. He will be associated with Stocker Chevrolet, Benner Pike, Bellefonte, Penn.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—
Women (not all of 'em) hope their perfumes will tell a man something they wouldn't dare say.

The committee has held several meetings since the last issue of The Octofoil and much has been accomplished.

A meeting was held at the Shoreham on Jan. 17, at which time Sal. Trapani and Charlie Tingley filed reports. Published elsewhere is a request from Trapani for support in helping the Chapter get out a creditable program and journal.

Vic Daumit is doing an excellent job getting entertainment arranged for the visitors—members, wives, mothers and the kiddies.

STRIP TICKETS

The cost of the strip tickets will be \$15—and for children under 12—it will be \$12.

PARTY FOR CHAPTER

On Saturday, Feb. 19 the Washington Chapter held a meeting at the Orange Room of the La Plata Howard Johnson Motor Lodge with cocktails and a buffet supper.

That Chapter is combining business with pleasure. They shouldn't have any trouble getting members to serve on the committees. They believe "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy"—so they never fail to ring in a relaxation period after each committee meeting.

PLENTY SIGHTSEEING

The committee has unanimously concluded there should be plenty of time allowed for sightseeing during the Reunion. Several hours will be allotted to Arlington on Saturday morning for the Memorial Services at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers and visits to the tombs of General Eddy, Colonel Flint, Gen. Stroh and President Kennedy. The permanent Kennedy Tomb is to be finished by July.

As previously stated in The Octofoil, separate party facilities have been arranged for the young people, such as record hops and splash parties at the pool.

The room rates are \$12 single—\$16 double or twin.

PICTURE TELLS STORY

Printed along with this story is a picture of the fabulous Shoreham Hotel. Future issues of The Octofoil will print other points of interest in and around Washington.

DINE AND DANCE UNDER THE STARS

All summer long on the romantic Shoreham Terrace! Catch a gentle summer breeze from beautiful Rock Creek Park. Watch the famous Shoreham Fountain shimmering like crystal in the moonlight. And the fabulous Shoreham food never tastes better than it does in this enchanting al fresco setting!

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BALLROOM YOU'VE EVER SEEN!

One glance . . . and you're sure to agree: Nothing matches the new Regency Ballroom for out-and-out splendor! So beautiful, you don't know where to look first! Above are five specially designed Italian crystal chandeliers of incredible beauty. Trick cranberry-color carpeting covers the floor. Walls are paneled in depth grainy East Indian Laurel adding depth and strength to the exciting red, gold, beige and crystal color scheme. Sumptuous gold brocade on the chairs is reflected in huge baroque mirrors. Behind the bandstand, walls are caged in gauzy white-and-gold curtains, separating the area from the rest of the Ballroom. Of course, the experienced Shoreham staff is at hand at all times to help you plan. Your inspection is cordially invited.

Three days at the immaculate Shoreham is a vacation in itself without the many side treats the Washington Chapter has arranged.

Start planning now. Remember the date printed above!

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

A New York domestic was charged with robbing several employers of furs and jewels. As maids go, she was a gem.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

The strong silent man isn't always listening.

GEN. GEORGE BARTH WAS CLOSE OBSERVER DURING 9TH'S ACTIVITY

(Under date line of Thursday, February 3, 1966, The Leavenworth Times printed the following story about the reactivation of the Ninth Infantry Division and printed a 1-column picture of Gen. George Barth that headed the story:

FT. RILEY—The inside story of the 9th Infantry Division's accomplishments came from Maj. Gen. George B. Barth (USA-Ret.) who came here Tuesday to see the reactivation of the 9th Infantry Division. He was chief of staff of the "Old Reliabilities" from March 1943 to June 1944 under Gen. Manton S. Eddy.

General Barth, who with his wife, Mary, lives in Leavenworth, retired in December 1957, terminating an Army career that started with his graduation from the U. S. Military Academy 39 years previously.

The 69-year-old military veteran with his prepossessing personality and impressive bearing, alert to the progress of the present day, vividly recalls his action-filled military past. He considers his days of service with the 9th his finest hour and the future of the division his utmost interest.

"The 9th didn't get a lot of publicity in World War II, compared to others, because they didn't talk about themselves all the time," he stated. "The best things were said in tents by Patton, Bradley (Generals Patton and Bradley) in the middle of battle. They (the 9th Division) finally got somebody to write about them later on, but a lot of things didn't get in the news."

TOOK TO LIFEBOATS

General Barth states that, for example, no story was ever printed concerning the bizarre landing of a 39th Infantry battalion into Algiers. The unwritten story, attested to by General Barth, goes like this . . . The 39th sailed from England during the landing, but the Transport Ship Stone was hit by torpedos and all troops took to lifeboats.

"Ingenuity and aggressive decisions were the key to winning the War," General Barth interrupted himself. "Here is a case where Lieutenant Colonel Oaks, battalion commander, decided to go 150 miles by lifeboats and make an assault landing, and it worked! That had a lot to do with victory in Algiers."

He lauded the 9th Division Artillery for stopping Rommel's tanks at the Battle of the Kasserine Pass after it made a 700 mile forged motor march. And General Barth cannot say enough about the 60th Infantry "Go Devils." He states that Randazzo, one of the enemy's last defenses before the Allies could reach Messina, was

taken because the 60th went around the city and came back through the mountains onto the town.

"It was a 'ghost division,' you might call it an anonyms division. Only the enemy knew it was there — boy how they knew it!" Others units got in the headlines. After D-Day plus four, the Division was sent to cut off the Cotentin Peninsula which it successfully did. Next it held the right shoulder after the big bombing that accompanied the St. Lo break-through, and this was a very important mission. The 9th did its job well!"

COL. SMYTH'S "DIVISION"

General Barth's eyes gleam when the subject of the Battle of the Bulge is brought up. "Now here is a case where a commander grasped the initiative. Colonel Smyth took the 47th Regiment in defensive, and when the Germans passed through he ended up with 6,000 infantrymen plus artillery which had retreated with other units. He made this a fighting force that nothing could dislodge. Everyone knows at the Remagen Bridge, where a small tank force of the 9th Armored Div. rushed the bridge before it could be destroyed. It was the 47th Inf., followed by the rest of the 9th Inf. Div., reinforced the 'tankers' and secured the initial bridgehead, allowing American units to stream into Germany and Czechoslovakia."

"It was a wonderful division! Of those who commanded units during the War, one made four star, three made three star, five made major general and three made brigadier. We didn't have many medals of honor because everyone was too busy accomplishing their missions to sit down and write these things up," General Barth says.

"It's like that name 'Old Reliabilities,' nobody knows where we got it. Some think it came from a news release after action around Schwammanauel Dam. I'll tell you, Hitler had some names for us, end probably not too complimentary!" he stated.

General Barth also saw combat with the 24th Division in Korea. He wound up his Army career as deputy commanding general, 1st Army, in charge of the Army Reserve program.

While he was here, he renewed acquaintance with Bernard Veltman, Geary County engineer, who was a sergeant with the "Old Reliabilities" — joining the 9th in the Algiers Campaign.

New 9th Commander



Pictured above is Maj. Gen. George S. Eckhardt, who is the new commander of the reactivated Ninth Division. — Photo by Jack L. Herron, Fort Riley Post Services Photo Lab.

They Remember Scholarship Fund

A tip of the hat to the following members who sent in donations to the Memorial or Scholarship Fund:

Father Kines (39th Inf.)
Howard J. Heilman, 60th Inf.
John Thornton, 60th Inf.
Martin Bergman, 47th Inf.

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Wilton Taylor Promises To Send In Some News

For several months now The Octofoil has received no news notes from Wilton Taylor, the old 47th man out in Lost Hills, Calif. However, on Dec. 20 Wilton and Juanita sent in a few lines asking that their best be conveyed to all former Ninth men and saying they thought they would have some newsworthy notes ready to send in before many more moons.

Wilton's address is Stop 6, Star Route, Lost Hills, Calif.

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Mrs. McAvoy Still a Hospital Patient

During the past few weeks The Octofoil has been in receipt of several letters from Mrs. Lillian McAvoy, one of the Ninth's Gold Star Mothers, who is still a patient in General Hospital, Blackwood, N. J.

Members who attended the Philadelphia Reunion will remember the charming Gold Star Mother who attended with her daughter—that was Mrs. McAvoy.

She has been in this hospital almost a year. She gets despondent at times and asks for the prayers of Father Connors and others that she may some day be able to again return to her home. A get-well card or a personal note to this fine and lovable Gold Star Mother is greatly appreciated.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

GEN. WESTMORELAND ADVISED OF ACTION

On December 6, 1965 President John Bonkowski sent a letter to Gen. Westmoreland. Parts of the letter read as follows:

"At our last Board of Governors meeting in Worcester, Mass., a statement was presented and adopted:

"Let it be known, That all the men and all the officers in our 9th 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."

On 16 December 1965 Gen. Westmoreland answered thusly:

Dear Mr. Bonkowski: The statement by your Board of Governors expressing support by all the men and officers of the Ninth Infantry Division Association for the efforts of our armed forces in Vietnam is deeply appreciated.

I have forwarded your letter to the Command Information Officer for dissemination to our troops via our military newspaper.

On behalf of all the servicemen in this command, I extend my heartfelt thanks to each member of the Association for this encouraging statement.

Sincerely,

W. C. WESTMORELAND,
General, United States Army
Commanding.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

If you eat slowly, you will eat less. This is particularly true if you are living in a boarding house.

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sion was later attached to the Amphibious Corps of the Atlantic Fleet and underwent Amphibious training. Subsequently released from their attachment, the Division again came under the control of the Army Ground Forces.

The first elements of the 9th Infantry Division departed the ZI in September 1942 for the North African Theater of Operations; here, elements of the Division took part in "Operation Torch" when the 39th RCT landed at Algiers, the 47th RCT hit the beaches at Safi, French Morocco, and the 60th RCT fought on the beaches at Port Lyautey, Morocco and secured the "Citadel" (Kasba).

FOUGHT AT MAKNASSY

Later in March 1943 the 60th RCT fought at Maknassy, Tunisia, while the remainder of the division moved to El Guettar, attacking the enemy at the Gage-Gabes axis in order to relieve the pressure on the British Forces to the south. In the weeks that followed, the Division continued its strong steady drive toward Bizerte, where on 7 May 1943, its troops rolled through the city and mopped up the final enemy resistance in Tunisia. The "Africa Korps" was not only beaten, but it was smashed beyond repair or reorganization.

SICILY NEXT

The Ninth Division's next combat mission was in Sicily where on 9 August 1943 it went into action at Troina. Three days later, one element of the Division had reached Florence, and another had occupied Randazzo, key points of the enemy's last defenses before reaching Messina. The Division remained in position in Sicily until it was officially announced on 20 August 1943, that Sicily was free of the enemy.

The Division then left the Island of Sicily and was transported to England. Here it went into training for the "Big Job"—the Invasion of Fortress Europe."

(To Be Continued)

(Editor's Note: There are so many members of the Association who come to the Division late and have never learned the outstanding record that the Ninth Infantry Division established that it was decided to publish in installment the data that Ft. Riley Public Relations men have done such a fine job of recording. Additional information on exploits of all the regiments and attached units will be in the next issue of The Octofoil.)

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

WALTON READ HIS "SAFI ADVENTURE" THROUGH IN 1 NIGHT; COULDN'T STOP

Doc Paul Walton, the Sage of Rabun Gap, down on the old Old Dalton Rd., Rt. 7, Rome Ga., received his copy of Gen. Randle's "Safi Adventure" and thought he'd read a few pages and put it up for another day. But it didn't work out that way. He just kept on reading until there was no more to read. He isn't the only one who's done that.

Doc is wondering whether he could go back into one of those Moroccan barber shops where you got a shave, haircut, mud pack, shampoo, tonic, massage and perfumed up so you smelled like a bed of roses for 28 cents. The same thing would cost \$10 in an American barber shop.

Now that John Clouser went out and got married Doc is afraid something will happen to Art Schmidt. Harry Orenstein, Dom Meile and a few others unless someone takes to watching them.

Doc's son got promoted on his job so he goes out and buys a Pontiac car, and a marriage license. He brings the bride home—none of the family had ever seen her. Doc tells her "You have played hell. When you saw this boy you thought you was doing the smart thing; you hadn't met the rest of this family—sister, I'll tell you again, you've played holy hell." Last reports coming in the bride was holding her own.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

Paul, Betty and Ellen

Leschak Send Greetings

The following letter addressed to the members of New York Chapter is self-explanatory and is signed by Paul, Betty and Ellen Leschak, 1037 Zaphyr Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15204:

Dear Fellows: Just wanted to drop you all a line to thank you for the wonderful time you showed my family and I while we were in New York.

My daughter is still talking about that trip to Yankee Stadium.

Here's hoping to see you all in Washington, D. C.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

A rich man's joke is always funny.

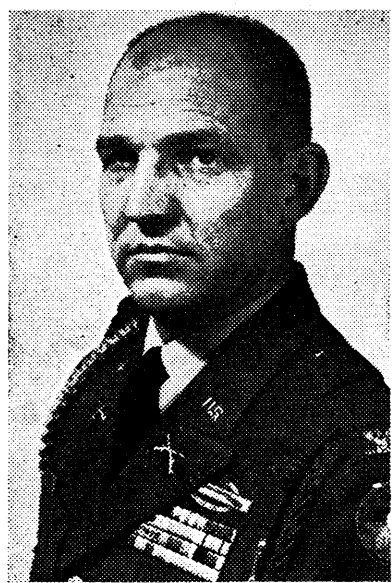
—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

More and more people are getting automobiles—and more and more automobiles are getting people.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

The world's greatest kibitzer is the unmarried half of the Siamese Twins.

Commanding 1st Brigade



Colonel Maurice J. Kendall, pictured above is the commanding officer of the newly activated 9th Infantry Division's 1st Brigade. Col. Kendall is a former director of personnel of the Infantry Center at Fort Benning, Ga.—Photo by Jack L. Herron, Fort Riley Post Services Photo Lab.

OTTO R. SIROVY'S DEATH A SHOCK TO HIS MANY FRIENDS

Mrs. Otto R. Sirovy, 150 Jackson St., Jackson, Minn., recently advised Secretary Dan Quinn of Otto's death. He was a former C Co. 47th Regt. sergeant and well liked by his men. Otto is survived by a large family. Besides his wife, Mary, eight children survive: Michael, 20; Sandra, 18; Linda, 16; Patrick, 15; Gary, 13; Sherry, 11; Jimmy, 8, and Lori, 5.

Otto was buried with full military rites in Jackson on Nov. 4. Secretary Quinn has placed Mrs. Sirovy on the Octofoil mailing list and also advised her of the Association's Scholarship Program.

President Bonkowski Is Now Life Member

Under date of February 2, 1966 Secretary Dan Quinn received a letter from President John Bonkowski, parts of which reads as follows:

"I'm sending you the check for a Life Membership. This was my intention for some time."

"In a few days I'll send you my regular report as I've done in the past."

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Sam Robinson Sends An Interesting Letter

Sam Robinson, 84th FA Bn., writes from Marblehead, Mass. The letter was written on the inside of an attractive Merry Christmas and Happy New Year card to all former 9th Division men. Parts of the letter reads:

Enclosed is check for \$12 for my dues. Please convey to all my friends and buddies my best wishes—good health and peace to them all.

As one of the original 9th men God has been good to me and allowed me to stay on through all the fighting that I went through and lived on to see the other fortunate men who have been as lucky as I.

Seeing all the men and their families brings more pleasure and tears of joy to my eyes—the pleasure and joy of seeing Father Ed Connors at the Worcester Reunions has always been a day that no one should miss.

I hope all the future reunions will be as great as the last one. Get the word around for the men to come to the Worcester Reunions. Let each one get bigger and better. Best to one and all! —Sam Robinson, Marblehead, Mass.

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Col. Otto R. Koch, Jr. Back From Overseas

The postoffice department has advised The Octofoil to discontinue sending Col. Otto R. Koch, Jr.'s Octofoil to an APO address but hereafter see that they are sent to Col. Otto R. Koch, Jr., Hq. U. S. Support Cmbd., Fort Ritchie, Md. 21719.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

"If you've got it, a truck brought it."

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

Ladies' Auxiliary Member _____ \$ 1.50 ☐

Combat Route Map _____ \$.50 ☐

60th Infantry History _____ \$.50 ☐

Coat Lapel Octofoil Pin _____ \$ 1.25 ☐

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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. ☐

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. Tippi 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 Tippi 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

DAVIS-JACOBS PROPOSES TRIP TO THE OTHER SIDE

The Davis-Jacobs Travel Service of Hartford, Conn., has come up with an overseas package deal in the neighborhood of \$500 or \$600—with 40 participating. The area covered is supposed to be area covered by the 9th while in combat plus stopovers in Paris and London.

The chapters that have received the brochures decided not to go into the matter further until after the Washington Reunion.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N.O.WI—

In a beauty parlor the talk alone is enough to curl your hair.

—PAY 1966 DUES N.O.WI—

A neurotic is a person in a clash by himself.

—PAY 1966 DUES N.O.WI—

Alva Lewis Passed Away In May, 1965

It is with regret that The Octofoil reports the death of another popular 47th Regt. man. Alva B. Lewis, Co. E, a 47th Regt. Corporal passed away May 22, 1965 from a malignant brain tumor.

Mrs. Lewis says Alva was mighty proud of having been a part of the Ninth Division and although she had only had the pleasure of meeting two former Ninth men, Mike Roberts and Herschel Newcomb, she knows they all were fine men from things Cpl. Alva had told she and the children who survive—a daughter, Sharon, 19, and Kenneth, 13. Mrs. Lewis address is Mrs. Alva B. Lewis, Norris City, Ill. 62869.

—PAY 1966 DUES N.O.WI—

HEART ATTACK IS FATAL TO COOPER

Leonard J. McIlvaine, Secretary of the 100th Infantry Society sent Secretary Quinn an obituary that carried news of Richard Cooper's death. Secretary Quinn had pleasant memories of Dick from the last Memorial Services in Worcester. Dick Cooper's friends among the ranks of former 39th Inf. men were many. His passing will be mourned by all who knew him. The notice read:

Richard D. Cooper, 45, of 231 Broadway, Fort Edward, N. Y., died in Glens Falls Hospital Wednesday night as the result of a heart attack. Mr. Cooper had been employed by the Glens Falls Insurance Co. for the past 24 years. He was a native of Glens Falls and a graduate of St. Marys Academy, Class of 1938. He was a veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the 9th Infantry Division Association, and Glens Falls Council, 194 Knights of Columbus.

Surviving are his wife, Ann; a sister, Mrs. Leonard Bouton of East Middlebury, Vt.; a brother, Edward C. Cooper of Turner Falls, Mass. and several nieces and nephews.

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COL. ANDY BAKER BACK IN THE U. S.

Lt. Col. Andrew Baker has been jumping around a bit here of late. He is a former 39th man, but now at the Seneca Army Depot, Romulus, N. Y. Parts of his interesting letter to Secretary Quinn reads:

"Sorry I was not able to attend the Memorial Services but pressure of work here at Seneca Army Depot would not allow me to attend.

"Since the family's last reunion attendance at Springfield, we moved from Texas to Massachusetts while I went to Turkey and now from Massachusetts to New York, where I am stationed at Seneca Army Depot, located on Seneca Lake. At present I wear two hats, Depot Executive Officer and Director for Supply and Transportation. Keeps me busy.

"The family are all fine and will be looking forward to the reunion in Washington, D.C. My oldest son, Ted, is presently a cadet at the Pennsylvania Military College, Chester, Pa. After four months he is settling in to military life and seems to be enjoying it. Bob, my youngest, is a Senior in high school and also will be heading for college next September—North Eastern University in Boston, he hopes. My regards to all. We'll see you all in Washington—orders permitting—Andy."

—PAY 1966 DUES N.O.WI—

BOSTON HERALD'S MAG USES ENTIRE PAGE PIX

Good old Joe McKenzie of Waltham, Mass., has forwarded to The Octofoil a recent issue of The Boston Herald's magazine section "This Week," a national syndicated magazine. In bright colors on the cover is a full page picture of General William Westmoreland. The picture is adaptable to being framed, and no doubt copies may be obtained by writing The Boston Herald, Boston, Mass.

An article on page 2, headed "THE FIGHTING GENERAL" is an absorbing narrative. The story states that Gen. Westmoreland is certainly deserving of a salute for the masterful way he is handling the greatest task that could be given any man.

In a cable to This Week General Westmoreland reports that he had trouble entering into the joyous spirit of VE Day 20 years ago. At that moment he was inundated with refugees—Balkans, Ruthenians and Poles—all in desperate flight from the oncoming Russians. Today, in South Vietnam he faces a similar situation. "Here," he says, "only the locale is different as people flee from the oppression of the Communist Viet Cong."

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Albert and Grace Lee Write From Oregon

Another former 47th Regt. man is located in the far Northwest—Salem, Ore.—Albert Lee. Al and Grace recently contacted Secretary Quinn and gave their address as 1874 Fir St., South, Salem, Oregon, 97302.

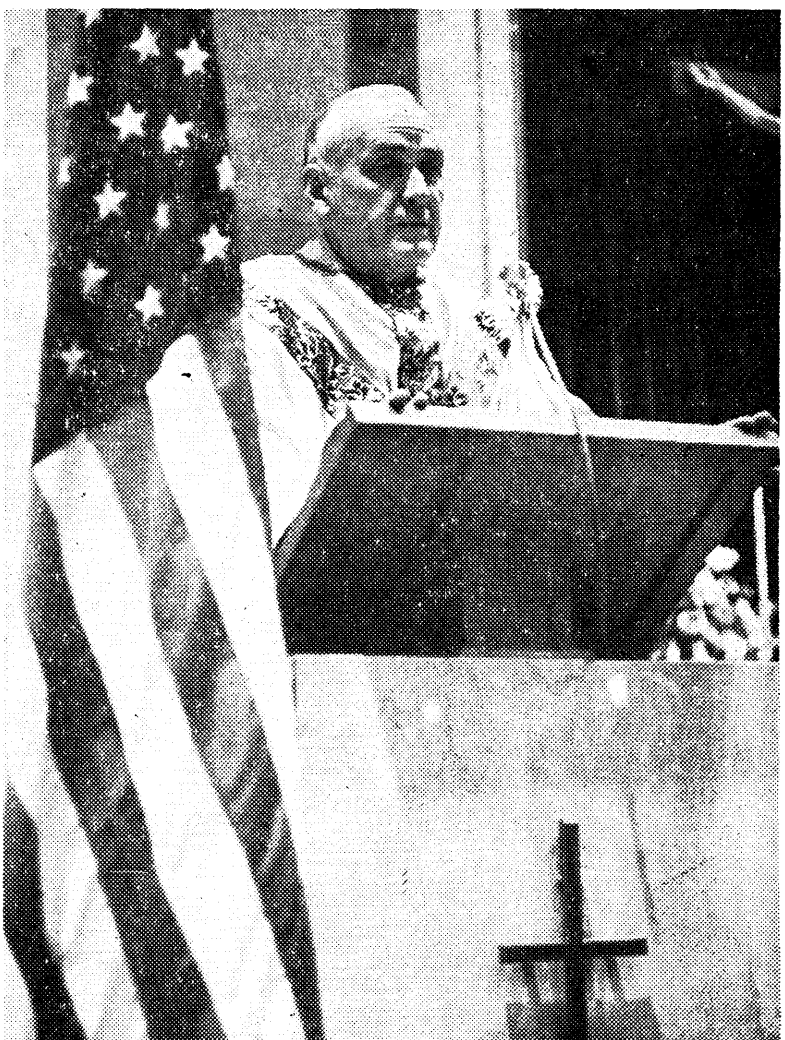
Grace asked that she be given additional information about the Ladies' Auxiliary. Even if there is no Association Chapter near Salem she and Albert want to do their part in helping to keep the National Association percolating.

—PAY 1966 DUES N.O.WI—

Freedom is being able to do what you please without considering anyone except your wife, the police, the boss, the life insurance company, the state, federal and city authorities and your neighbors.

—PAY 1966 DUES N.O.WI—

Former 9th Man Bill Cardoza Snaps Prize Photo



Many members have wanted a photo of Father Ed Connors for a long time, such as shown above. The Octofoil has a former Ninth man, Bill Cardoza and New England Chapter President Franny Maher to thank for the above photo of Father Connors as he, with tears in his eyes, retraced many of the long and torturous routes Ninth Division men had followed during the Division's combat days.

INTERESTING NOTES FROM MCKENZIE EVEN IF THEY WERE WRITTEN JAN. 4

By JOE MCKENZIE
95 Washington Ave.
Waltham, Mass.

The next day after the last issue of The Octofoil entered the postoffice, the following newsy letter under date of Jan. 4, 1966 was received from Joe McKenzie:

It is again that time of the year when it was my pleasure to wish everyone in this great association of ours a "Happy New Year". May each and everyone enjoy peace, happiness, good health, and prosperity for this new year of 1966.

How is the New Year starting weatherwise in your part of the country? New England has had temperatures in the 60's at Christmas time. Northern New England has had temperatures in the 60s at Christmas time. Northern New England has had little snow and too too much cold weather. If this kind of weather continues we shall have to invite you to New England for 12 months of the year instead of a weekend in November.

POSTMAN BUSY

The postman was very busy this past Christmas season climbing the steps of the Maison McKenzie with greetings from friends both far and near. Uncle Sam did a good job with the millions of greetings entrusted to his care.

Maj. Paul Griffin sent a card from Fort Jay, New York. Grif was vacationing on Okinawa at the Uncle's expense and returned to this country last August. I see by the papers that Fort Jay is about to close but a letter addressed to the Major at Quarters 214b should be forwarded to him.

Peter Greco added a note to say that last August he suffered a heart attack and is slowly recovering.

Dr. Burton Forbes, 26FA Medic Detachment, is kept busy visiting his patients in hospitals and nursing homes. Sometimes office visits extend far into the night.

Dick Hill is still traveling the country with a dance band. Letters sent to him at 4202 Camden, Dallas, Texas, will be held until he returns home.

Mrs. Huber added a very nice note to her card. It was just a year ago that she suffered the loss of her husband.

Elbert Turner had a change in employment which meant that he had to move from Amarillo to Bing Spring, Texas.

REMEMBERED BY OTHERS

Other members of Service Battery who remembered this old Supply Sergeant were Paul Fribush, John Quinn, Ed Kral, Joe Albanese, Bill Andrews, John Brazil, Roy Cortese, Frank Grutzius, Harold Wallace,

Arnold Leach, Jim Daniels, Jim Boyle, Pergi, Red Truscello, Harry Fry, Louie England, Charlie Zablow, Elmer Roscoe Lew Orticari, George Wilkinson, Bob Porter, Clem LeBlanc, Jerry Langer, Cecil Williamson and John Murray.

MISCELLANEOUS CARDS

Other cards were received from good men of the Ninth when the McKenzies have met either or Worcester, National Conventions or through the pages of The Octofoil. These men are Tony Salton, John Bonkowski, Ted Schmidt, Ed McGrath, Ike Blitzstein, Lawrence Rogers, Bob Rumenapp, Bob Mason, Walter O'Keefe, John Clouser, Ernest Spear, Paul Plunkett, Chesley Mischler and Dr. Burton Forbes. Dr. Forbes added a note to say that once in a while he sees his old first aid man, John Fisher of Casper, Wyo.

It is always pleasant to recall the good times members of our association have when they attend a national convention or a Memorial Mass. In the not too distant future the association will have its 25th convention and Father Connors will celebrate his 25th Memorial Mass. The cost for a member and his wife who live beyond the eastern states may be as much as 3 to 5 bills for the week end. Transportation would have to be by air unless some lucky guy can arrange a month's vacation at the right time and travel by car. So make up your mind now that you will attend the 25th Convention or the 25th Memorial Mass. You fellows start writing now to your buddies of your intentions so that you can have the greatest reunion anyone ever had.

Remember — Washington, D. C. — 1966.

Who is the man of the year? — Read TIME—Jan. 7, 1966.

Sincerely, Joe McKenzie.

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Mrs. Sam Feightner Takes Care of Sam

Mrs. Samuel C. Feightner, Rt. 1, Box 134, Perrysville, Ohio, sends Sam's 1966 dues in and apologizes for Sam's forgetfulness. Sam is one of the old Co. K, 47th men. It used to be that Dick Pestel and other 47th men in the area would drop in on Sam and jog his memory about such things as dues, meetings and reunions. They claim it was a difficult task to locate Sam's bivouac area sometime.

—PAY 1966 DUES N.O.WI—
It takes the average housewife about four checkbooks to fill up one green stamp book.

—PAY 1966 DUES N.O.WI—
Ulcers are what you get from mountain-climbing over molehills.

HUGH J. ADDONIZIO MADE THE HEADLINES FROM COAST TO COAST

By ROBERT LAIRD,
Of the World-Telegram Staff

"What were you trying to do—be a hero?" Mrs. Hugh J. Addonizio yelled into the telephone.

Her husband—who says of himself that he rarely gets excited about anything—murmured mildly in reply, "No, I just happened to be there and I couldn't let them get away."

"Them" in this case happened to be a gang of five armed men who held up a Newark bank yesterday, and, true to his word, Addonizio did not let them get away.

He and the driver of his Cadillac limousine pursued the gang's getaway car at speeds up to 60 miles an hour, causing it to swerve out of control and crash into a utility pole.

The bullet-splattered incident gave Addonizio a new title, hero, to add to the one he already carries in Newark, mayor.

Now, it would not be too much to expect any politician to begin immediately milking the name of hero for everything it was worth.

And Addonizio certainly had such a chance when he showed up at City Hall unscathed but two hours late for a budget hearing following the wild chase.

His modest summary for his bug-eyed auditors in the chamber was, however, "I'm a very lucky person." That's all.

MODEST

The 51-year-old mayor's modesty about his courage under gunfire—the gang pegged five shots at his Cadillac—may stem from the fact that it was far from the first time that he had heard bullets zinging overhead.

He was a captain in the 60th Infantry Regiment of the Ninth Division during World War II, took part in

eight battle campaigns in North Africa and Europe and won a Bronze Star and several other decorations along the way.

"I've been shot at thousands of times," he shrugged after yesterday's hair-raising episode. "I was excited after the shooting started but I think I've been through enough to come through a crisis. My war experience stood me in good stead."

The 5-foot, 7-inch balding mayor might have added that he has found his term in office an experience to toughen a man, too.

There has been some rugged going since he resigned from the seat he held 14 years in the United States House of Representatives to run for mayor in May, 1962.

This year, for example, there has been the recent teachers' strike, a series of civil rights marches and demonstrations and five days of picketing by his own police force when one of their numbers was suspended after shooting a Negro.

But the unflappable Addonizio has plowed ahead, expanding the town's urban renewal projects, pushing anti-poverty programs and developing plans for new school buildings.

It's a labor of love for him in large part, for he was born and schooled in Newark. In fact, the home in which he was born was on the same street on which he now lives, Hazelwood Ave.

His wife is the former Doris Goodheart. They have four sons and two daughters.

Addonizio was an all-state football quarterback when he attended St. Benedict's Preparatory School. He went on to play football on the same team with the fabled Seven Blocks of Granite at Fordham University where he majored in business administration.

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Father DeLaura's Call Didn't Come Thru As Planned

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anthony F. DeLaura was released from a New York hospital on the day the banquet was being held during the 1965 Reunion. He called the hotel and efforts were made to get his line connected directly with the speaker's table. This didn't work out for some reason or another. He did talk with Secretary Dan Quinn on an outside phone and sent his warmest regards to each and every member of the Association and their families. Father DeLaura has been a mighty sick man and a few cards will cheer him up a lot. Let him know the old 9th boys are still thinking of him and they know it has been no fault of his own because he has been unable to attend all the reunions that have been held in recent years. The address is: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anthony F. DeLaura, St. Rocco Church, 18 Third Street, Glen Cove, N. Y.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI— NEW YORK CHAPTER SHOWED A SURPLUS

President Frank Fazio of the New York Chapter, appeared before the Board of Governors meeting in Worcester, Mass., on Nov. 6, 1965 and presented a thorough breakdown of all income and expenditures in connection with the 1965 Reunion. When Frank had finished with his report he was given a rising vote of thanks.

After all bills had been paid the Chapter had a surplus of \$758.64 to be turned over to the Association.

The 1965 Reunion was a well-managed and well-operated project. To come up with a \$758.64 surplus indicates some good leadership.

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Bob Gordon Thinks 39th Men Gets Lost

Robert F. Gordon, a former L Co., 39th man, writes from 1423 State Route 885, Clairton, Pa. 15025.

Bob deplors the fact he sees no more L Co. men's names in The Octofoil than he does. He wants them to wake up and send in some news notes.

Anyway he sends regards to all his old 39th buddies and hopes to see a lot of them in Washington.

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Woodside Yearns For Day He Visits Old Buddy In "Philly"

Bob Woodside, 12408 Florida Ave., 5 Palm St., Tampa, Fla., 33612 noticed a story in the last issue of The Octofoil about his old buddy Capt. Henry Rigby, B Co., 60th, operating a restaurant in Philadelphia—so the Demon Jeep Driver has shot an azimuth on this Philadelphia location and hopes to put in his appearance there soon.

Other newsy notes in Woodside's letter advised that Bruce Burnett, another former Co. B, 60th man, was doing well out in Champaign, Ill.

A sad note creeping into Woodside's letter told of Mrs. Woodside's serious illness during the past year. She seems to be definitely on the road to full recovery now.

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"Wild Bill" Zweil Heads For Florida

A beautiful Christmas card was received by The Octofoil from "Wild Bill" Zweil and Mrs. Zweil. An enclosed note advised that Bill had been ill during the winter months—and he was sure all he needed was some Florida sunshine—and he was making some definite plans to see that this Florida sunshine was made available to him in the very near future.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

Hugh Hanson Has An Ohio Address

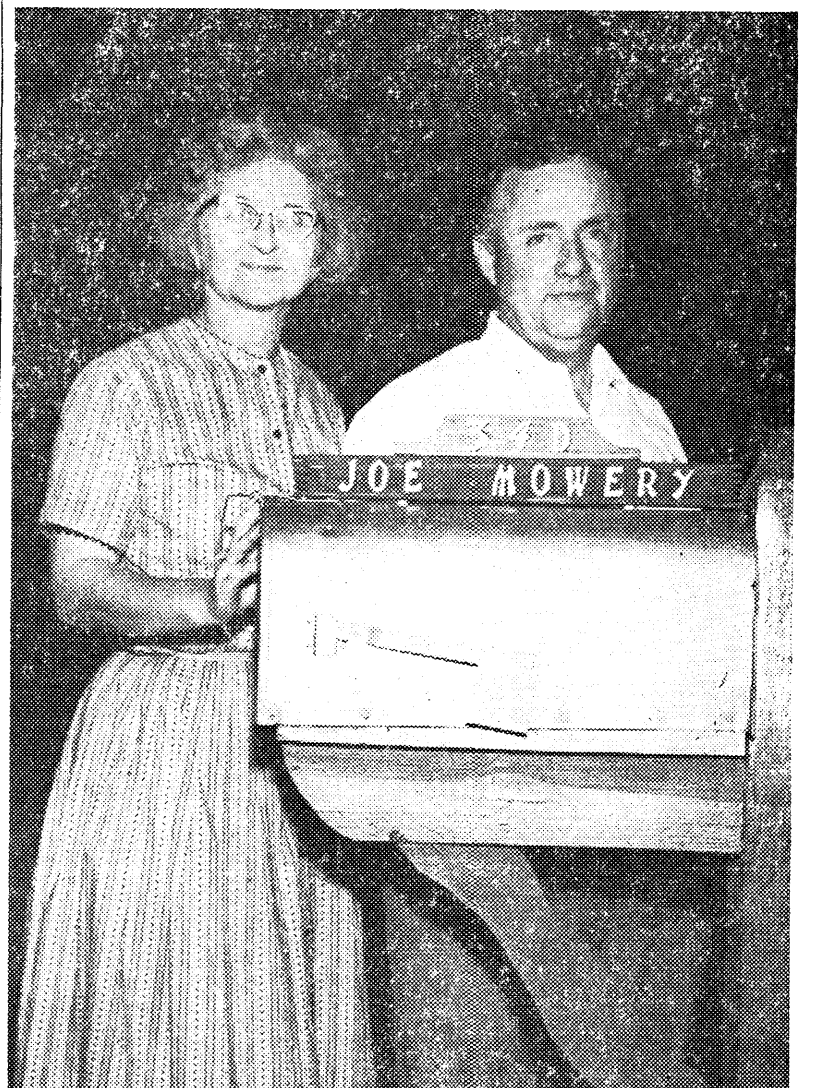
On Dec. 6, 1965 Secretary Quinn received a letter from Hugh and Esther Hanson, 14516 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, 44110. Parts of the letter read:

"Enclosed is Hugh's dues. Don't know if it's time for them or past the time. Any way better late than never. Hugh is home again from the hospital since August. But he is not feeling too good. Hope everything is fine with you and yours and hope you all have a nice holiday season."

Someone furnished The Octofoil misinformation recently that Hugh and his family were living in New York State. The Octofoil is glad to learn their correct address because he has many friends both in New York City and in Ohio who are interested in how he is getting along.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

Walter Victor Finds a Tar Heel "Sad Sack"



Whenever Walter Victor grabs his photography equipment and strikes out cross country to record some notable event in pictures, he manages to ferret out a former Ninth man along the way and "mugs" him. On such a safari recently Walter stopped by Forest City, North Carolina for a short visit with Joe Mowery. Pictured above is Joe and Mrs. Mowery beside the family mail box. After listening to Victor's stories about the last Reunion, Mowery was one "sad sack" because he did not attend, but swears he will never miss another one.

Walter will have a new address in Atlanta pretty soon. When it is furnished The Octofoil it will be published. Frank Wade's Washington Reunion Committee is arranging for Victor's pictures made at the 1966 Reunion to be developed and printed each night for display in the Shoreham Lobby the following day.

BILL MAUSER'S FAMILY ARE HAPPY AND BUSY IN THEIR FLORIDA HOME

Bill Mauser's Ohio friends as well as buddies from all over the country will be happy to know that he and his family are happily situated in West Palm Beach, Fla. 33406, 41 Sherri Circle. Bill gave The Octofoil a complete rundown on family activities during the past year. Some of the highlights are taken from the letter and printed below:

Bobby Mauser became 7 in October and his second grade teacher reports he is a little less than perfect in deportment. Pastor Houseman and his wife, Linda, are doing a terrific job with the Kids Khorus at Calvary Baptist, where Bobby comes through with a solo now and then.

Barby started in the fifth grade this year. She too enjoys the Kids Khorus and Young Peoples at Church. Her piano studies are coming along nicely and she is still Girl Scouting and helping with the Good News Club.

Billy will be 13 in Jan. and is in the 8th grade. He made the Honor Roll this last grading period; he's still blowing the sax and tried out for basketball. He delivers both morning and afternoon editions of the local newspaper and is interested in slot-car racing.

DOTTY'S DUTIES

In addition to home management

duties Dotty keeps going. She has 2 and 3 years old in her Sunday School class, is a Deaconess, Treasurer of both the Gideons Auxiliary and of Barby's Girl Scout Troop. She is doing "patient-feeding" as a hospital volunteer once a week. Dotty has joined a Bible study group which meets weekly under the capable guidance of Rev. Al Pratt. They meet at the home of Mrs. Lois Johnson.

In February, Bill had a real answer to prayer when he became employed at Lake Worth General Hospital. His official title is Patient Accounts Counsellor.

About Feb. 1 the beautiful new John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital will be officially opened. This is a 150-bed hospital located in Atlantis, about two miles from the present hospital. Present plans call for the Lake Worth Hospital to operate as a satellite of the J. F. K. Hospital.

The entire family is grateful to the Administrator, Harold Wetzel, for giving Bill the opportunity and challenge and we are prayerful for success in the field of hospital administrative work.

Our love and very best wishes to each and everyone.—Signed: Auf Wiedersehen, The Mausers all —Bobby, Barby, Billy, Dotty, Bill.

General "Westy" Greets Korean Help

Associated Press wirephotos that appeared recently in most all American newspapers shows the Ninth's own General William Westmoreland, greeting Col. Song Taik Ku, who heads a military assistance group from South Korea, recently arrived in Saigon. The stress and strain of this Vietnam jigsaw puzzle is a bit noticeable in the pictures. Many are beginning to realize the terrific responsibilities that have been thrust on the shoulders of Gen. "Westy."

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Maurice Thorgas In Central Falls, R.I.

Maurice N. Thorgas, 559 Hunt St., Central Falls, R. I., a former 15th Engr. man, sends his best wishes to all his old buddies and is looking forward to seeing many of them in Washington.

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Early Christmas Card

Holiday greeting cards started to be received at The Octofoil office early in December. Many elements preclude the possibility of acknowledging receipt of each and every one of the cards. Nevertheless each one of the cards were strung together and used as a Christmas room decoration. And each were greatly appreciated.

One of the first cards to arrive in 1965 was from The Octofoil's old Reliable G. Victor Succimarr, a former 9th lad who has been a patient in the VA Hospital at Montrose, N.Y. for a long time.

It is hoped that former Ninth men from all parts of the country remembered Vic this year by sending him greeting cards. Those who have visited with the fellow say the letters and cards he receives do him as much good as the treatments he receives from the medics.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—
Cosmetics are a woman's way of keeping men from reading between the lines.

"Four Horsemen" Relax During 1965 Reunion



It wasn't very often Walter Victor could get any of the New York Chapter members to stand still long enough for him to take a photo. However, he managed to get the above four hard workers to pause for a few seconds. Pictured, seated, left to right: National President Walter O'Keefe, member of New York Chapter; Frank Fazio, President of the Chapter; Dominick Miele, the hard-working Chapter secretary, left, standing, and Emil Langer, Co-Chairman for the 1965 Reunion.

Rev. Tardif Arranges Beautiful Programme

Father Hilaire-Marie Tardif, O.F.M., D.MUS., is still busy preparing his organ recitals up Montreal-way. The Octofoil is in receipt of two beautifully printed programs which were presented on 19 December, 1965 at the Chapelle des Franciscains, Franciscan Chapel, 2010 W. Dorchester ouest.

Where the rub comes insofar as The Octofoil is concerned is the fact these recital programmes are all printed in French and there's no French translators available amongst the Octofoil personnel.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

A modern company's business would have to be pretty dadburn good not to leave it any time to hold a conference.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

GEN. GEORGE SMYTH IS IN THERE "PITCHING"

Good news trickles in from Washington to the effect that Gen. George Smyth is showing a lot of interest in the committee's activities arranging for the 1966 Reunion.

Gen. Smyth is an "arranger" beyond comparison. Ask any of Hitler's survivors. Who else could pick up several thousand lost and strayed GIs from every GI outfit on the Continent and get them in some semblance of order and proceed to put on a jam-up job of giving the entire Kraut army fits.

He was the first president of the Association and was responsible for the Association getting off to a good start. He come back later to serve a second term as president.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

The best killer of crab grass is winter.

ORENTEIN STARTS PLUGGING FOR A SUCCESSFUL REUNION IN 1966

Harry Orenstein, 640 E. 139th St., Bronx, N. Y., 10454 can always be depended on stirring up some interest and getting a representative group of Q.M. "boys" at the Reunions and the Memorial Mass. His most recent appeal to his "boys" was quite an appeal and at Harry's request the story is being repeated.

TO ALL Q.M.:

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR
From the November-December, 1965 Octofoil.

The November-December 1965 Octofoil has published the city and dates for the 1966 Reunion. Here they are:

SHOREHAM HOTEL
Washington, D. C.
JULY 29, 30, 31, 1966

Also, included was the writer's article of the 1965 Worcester Memorial Services. Here it is:

Harry Orenstein reports on his QM Boys:

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. Fran-

cis 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 begin 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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New Yorkers Turned Out for January Meeting Despite the Transit Strike

The following notes sent to The Octofoil by Arthur Schmidt on Jan. 16 are probably old bits to most New York members, but it's still news to many former New Yorkers living in all parts of the country who want to know what's happening to "their" chapter even if printed late. Hence many of the highlights of Art's Jan. 16 letter are being printed below.

Members and officers of other Chapters pickup some worthwhile ideas that benefit their own Chapters after reading notes on New York Chapter meetings.

The following are the newly elected officers of the New York City Chapter:

President: Emil Langer
First Vice President: Ralph Witzkin.

Second Vice President: Jack Scully.

Sergeant At Arms—Al Orletti.
Judge Advocate: George Fraenkel.
Chaplain: Al Lechmanik.

Secretary: Dom Miele.
Treasurer: Irving Feinberg.

For the Board of Governors (Chapter) to serve from 1966 to 1967:

39th Inf.: Frank Russo.
47th Inf.: Walter O'Keeffe.
60th Inf.: Joe Uschak.

Sp. Trps.: Doc. Seslowe.

Divarty: Walter Tondettar.

Dom Miele, Secretary, and Irving Feinberg, Treasurer, have one more year to serve.

Despite the big transit strike that was in effect on January 16 there were 25 Chapter members who showed up for the meeting.

The following members of the Board of Governors are also hold-overs whose terms have not expired: Anthony Varone, 39th; Jack Scully, 47th; Mike Gatto, 60th; Arthur Schmidt, Special Troops, and Kenneth Grosse, Divarty.

In the absence of Harry Orenstein Frank Fazio opened the meeting with prayer; Secretary Miele and Treasurer Feinberg made their respective reports which were accepted. As read. A card of thanks was read from Paul Leschak because of the wonderful time the chapter showed he and his family during the Reunion. His daughter is still thrilled about it all. They are looking forward to seeing all their New York City friends in Washington.

Fazio reported that the Chapter's beloved Gold-Star parent, Mr. McInerney was much better. He also reported that Joseph A. Scardilli, 1168 White Horse Pike, Absecon, New Jersey, donated the \$5 prize he had won in the 50-50 club to the Chapter Welfare Fund.

Frank Fazio and Al Lechmanek were the only two outgoing officers present at the meeting, and Miele presented them with honorable "discharges."

Dan Quinn was asked to act as installing officer. With stand-ins taking the place of absentees Quinn discharged his duties nicely.

Fazio thanked the membership for their support and asked that the members put their support back of

Emil Langer and the other newly elected officers. Langer presented Fazio with a set of cuff links, a tie clasp and a cigarette lighter as a small token of appreciation of the membership for a job well done. All these articles had Ninth Division insignia on them, and the cigarette lighter is engraved with Fazio's name and the year he was President.

LATE COMERS

Charlie Libretto and George Apar arrived late and reported they had witnessed some strange goings on in the Empire Room.

EUROPEAN TOUR

There was some discussion on the possibility of going on a European tour to visit some of the areas which the Ninth Division had traveled over under quite different circumstances. Harry Wax produced a letter he had received from the Fulbright Commission in Germany in response to a letter which he had written them.

SAFI ADVENTURE

There was some discussion on Gen. Edwin Randle's new book "Safi Adventure." It was reported that the general couldn't keep the presses running fast enough to keep up with the demand.

COMPANY ARRIVES

The following former 9th man showed up at the meeting as a result of having received Christmas cards from Emil Langer: James Q. Reilly, 27 W. 72nd St., New York City, Co. C, 47th, and formerly from Chicago; and Cliff Lemmons, 145 E. 35th St., New York City, Co. C, 47th. Neither man was a member of the Association but it is pretty certain that Langer will continue to put the pressure until they are signed up.

APAR'S DAD PASSED AWAY

George Apar's father passed away on Jan. 15. Members of the Association from all over the country join with the New York Chapter and the Octofoil in extending heartfelt condolences to George and other survivors.

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Harold Rissue Suffers Injuries From Accident

Phil Gilbert, from Reddick, Ill., a former Co. M, 60th man, sends in two years dues for Harold Rissue and advises that Harold was involved in a bad accident two weeks ago and is in a Veterans Hospital with a broken back and punched spinal cord and will be hospitalized for a long time. Rissue asked Gilbert to write The Octofoil and give his address hoping some former buddies would read it and send him a card now and then. The address is: Harold Rissue, Veterans Hospital, 2500 Overlook Terrace, Ward 4A, Madison, Wis.

Harold's home is in Park Falls, Wis. He is one of the old timers from Co. M, 60th Regt.

Let's get busy and drop him a lot of cards.

The tranquilizer pills Doc Roach gave me work so well that I don't care whether I pay him or not.

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40 Members Attended February 4th Meeting Held By New York Chapter

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We had our regular monthly meeting at the Hotel Statler Hilton, 33rd St. and 7th Ave., New York City, on Feb. 4, in the Buffalo Room. We had a large attendance—about 40 members. Prior to the regular meeting Chapter President Emil Langer held a meeting of the Chapter's Board of Governors, and we decided on a tentative program for the balance of the year. The program is printed elsewhere in this issue.

Represented on the special meeting of the Chapter's Board of Governors were: George Fraenkel, Walter O'Keeffe, Tony Varone, Arthur R. Schmidt, Dominick Miele, J. Uchak, and Walter Tondettar. Our next meeting will be held at the Hotel Statler Hilton, 33rd St. and 7th Ave., New York City.

OPENS IN DUE FORM

Al Lechmanek, Chapter Chaplain, opened the meeting with a prayer for our departed members. Dom Miele, Chapter Secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. The writer suggested that it might be well to note in the minutes that we did manage to get enough members present to provide a quorum despite the transit strike. President Langer then asked Irving Feinberg, Chapter Treasurer, to give a financial report. It was reported that the treasury was in the best shape it has ever been in.

MR. MCINERNEY BETTER

Adolph Wadalavage, Chapter Welfare Officer, reported that Mr. McInerney, our favorite Gold Star Parent, was doing very well following a recent illness and he hoped to be at our next meeting. It was reported that George Apar's father had passed away.

The writer and the Welfare Officer visited Vinny Succimari at Franklin Delano Roosevelt VA Hospital in Montrose, N. Y., on Feb. 13.

Wadalavage mentioned the Chapter should start working on its planned Chapter Scrap Book. Dom Miele offered to set up the book and requested that the membership send him items of interest, photographs, etc., which can be used in the scrap book.

President Langer asked for suggestions on what to do in order to alert in time in the event of death of a member or of his family.

FAZIO MAKES SUGGESTION

Frank Fazio suggested that Dom Miele insert in our next meeting notice the request that members advise him of the death of a member; Miele would then notify other key members, who in turn would notify still other members in a sort of chain letter system, so that eventually every member would be advised. Langer said there would be some more thought put on this subject.

John Rizzo reported that the minutes provide that the colors be provided at the bier. Some members felt

that the colors be brought only on the request of the family.

Dan Quinn reported that Dick Cooper of upstate New York passed away; that Savoy had passed away and that Paul Plunkett, Octofoil editor, was a very sick man.

RESOLUTION

President Langer reported that the last National Board of Governors came up with a resolution that we go on record as supporting the government's policy at Viet Nam. He then read a letter from Gen. Westmoreland in which he stated that our expression of support was deeply appreciated.

MEETING PLACE

President Langer asked that the membership keep an eye out for a possible meeting place—getting details such as expenses, parking facilities, evening available, etc. The consensus of opinion was that we would probably stay at the Statler Hilton because of the parking problems elsewhere, and convenience of the hotel to our New Jersey members.

President Langer then reported that we were looking for a chairman for our picnic. No one volunteered. Then Jack Scully and Frank Fazio were "volunteered" into the jobs of Chairman and Co-Chairman respectively. Langer discussed the possibility of holding a catered picnic with the plan being to pay only for what you used. Fazio pointed out that such a plan might well cost much more than our previous picnics have been costing. Langer asked that the membership advise him of any contacts they may have. Walter O'Keeffe reported he might be able to contact someone in Staten Island, N. Y. The consensus of opinion was that we continue with our present picnic arrangements.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Langer remarked that the 9th Infantry Division Reunion will be held in Washington, D. C. on July 28-29-30, 1966. He requested the members check these dates so as to prevent errors in making plans and reservations.

DANCE POSSIBILITY

There was some discussion on the possibility of having a dinner and dance for our Fall Dance and Langer asked that the membership advise him of any possible locations for the dance, giving him the details on cost of tickets, location, night available, liquor and beer arrangements, etc.

JUNE 5 FOR PICNIC

June 5 was set as the tentative date for our picnic; Oct. 29 is the date of our Fall Dance; and Dec. 4th as the date for our Christmas Party.

NEW MEMBER

Silverius Galvin, K Co., 47th, and Anti-Tank Co., now of 120 N. Vivyen St., Bergenfield, N. J., was announced by Langer as being a new member.

Al Lechmanek won the first door prize—a toilet soap set; Miele won the second door prize; and Hugh Lee won the 3rd door prize—a bottle of cologne.

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FATHER ROWAN ON NEW ASSIGNMENT

John Rizzo, a past President of the New York Chapter, advises The Octofoil that the 9th's own Father Gerald Rowan has been moved to a new parish. He is now at St. Thomas Aquinas R.C., 1221 Stratford La., Wichita, Kansas.

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GREETINGS FROM GEORGE F. LONG

George F. Long, 714 Penny Drive, Pittsburgh 35, Pa., a former 376th AAA, Bty. B sends his greetings to all his old buddies and hopes many of them are planning to congregate in Washington this summer.

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Heilman Heard From In Buckeye State

Howard Heilman is a former 60th man. He writes from 2800 130th St., Cleveland, Ohio. Heilman sent his regards to old buddies and made a contribution to the Scholarship Fund.

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STODDARD IS STILL IN KRAUT COUNTRY

Sheldon B. Stoddard, C.W.O., writes again from Germany. He hopes to get back to the states in June, or at least in early July in time to attend the Washington Reunion. Sheldon got to see a few of his former 34th F.A. men at Fort Bragg during the Reunion before he was rushed out on his present overseas assignment. His present address is CWO Sheldon B. Stoddard 503d Admin Co., APO New York 09039.

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Father Kines Helps Scholarship Fund

An examination of Secretary Dan Quinn's records showing monies paid in during recent weeks would show a credit beside Father Kines' name for the Scholarship Fund.

Octofoil readers will always feel grateful to Father Kines for allowing The Octofoil to print in full the interesting diary he kept of the outfit's ups and downs in Africa.

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Wadalavage and Schmidt Visit VA Hospital On Feb. 13

A postal card from Arthur Schmidt advises The Octofoil that he, his mother and Wadalavage made a visit to the Montrose VA Hospital and visited with Vincent Succimari on Feb. 13. Just why Adolph keeps going on these safaris with Schmidt is a \$64 question. Through pretty good authority the word leaks out that Art wound up getting his party lost again.

Another card from Schmidt came in under the wire as this issue was going to press in which the Baron claims he never was lost but returned a new way in order to save 25 cents in toll charges.

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LEO SMITH HAS FOND MEMORIES

Leo Smith, 84th F.A., writes from 215 Geary Dr., Montgomery, Ala., in which he says he really had the time of his life at the New York Convention and he is expecting to have just as good a time in Washington as he had in New York.

Greetings in Worcester



George Furber, 32 Forest Terrace, Wayne, N. J., snapped the above welcome sign that greeted members as they entered Worcester to attend the 1965 Memorial Services conducted by Father Ed Connors. The erector of the sign run short of the letter "e" but his heart was in the right place.

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ORRAND VISITS BRAGG AREA

On Jan. 19 Tom Orband, former 39th man, of 29 Delmar St., Binghamton, N. Y., has been on a tour of the South and when he wrote Secretary Quinn he was spending two days at Fort Bragg. He was making personal calls on those Fayetteville lads who had let their Ninth Division charter get suspended. Tom had asked Secy. Quinn to rush him some auto Octofoil stickers. He planned plastering those former Ninth men's cars who lived in that area, especially Walter Slover and Steve Hammond.

Anywhere this former 39th man, Tom Orband goes, he's bound to ferret out some former 9th Division men and usually wind up bringing them into the membership fold.

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COL. ADAMS GETS OUT HIS FORTIETH BULLETIN

The Octofoil is in receipt of Col. Curtis Adams 40th bulletin, issued around Christmas time each year and giving a complete rundown on the Adams' family activities during the preceding 12 months. It all makes interesting reading, and if The Octofoil had space to spare the members would get a "bang" from reading the unique way he has of expressing some of these highlights.

In closing the following paragraph reads: "If we can get this letter printed in a proper method in time, it may get out in time to bring wishes to all our friends for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Drop us a note and when you can drop in at Hacienda Alberta, for it exists chiefly to welcome our friends. Addresses are still: GUANAJA, ISLAS DE LA BAHIA, HONDURAS, CENTRAL AMERICA, for Airmail, and "Col-adams" Guanaja, Honduras for cables. Our front step is 85 degrees, 53 minutes and 15 seconds West Longitude, and 16 degrees, 27 minutes, 7 seconds North Latitude. Our yacht harbor is the best in a thousand miles and the airfield will handle planes as large as C-47-S now. A 11-foot, 257-pound marlin was caught a few weeks back and we have the usual sporty fish, plus many hundreds of varieties unknown elsewhere. A Marine study center may be placed here. Come and see us at our Tropical Island paradise which was originally founded by pirates and witches.—Alberta and Curtis Adams.

After looking over a world Atlas it was impossible to find but a few spots that the Adams had not taken a flying trip around during the past 12 months. However there was one sad note. Col. Adams' medical check-ups at the hospital in San Antonio ruled out the proposed Hawaiian and similar trips.

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JOE PODANY ENJOYS READING OCTOFOIL

A former Co. B, 47th man, Joseph S. Podany, writes from 2956 N. E. Benjamin St., Minneapolis, Minn., 55418.

Joe has been a continuous member of the Association ever since it was organized and says he gets a lot of enjoyment from reading The Octofoil from cover to cover each issue.

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The 1966 cars will be (are) longer and wider. Detroit is edging nearer the ultimate goal—the two garage car.

A MICHIGAN MEMBER TRAVELS 484 MILES IN ORDER TO ATTEND MEETING

Robert Rumenapp, 28017 Hughes, St. Clair Shores, Mich., Secretary of the Michigan Chapter, writes as follows:

At our last meeting in December, we had a very nice and enjoyable Christmas Party, at which time George Hansen, 345 E. Prospect St., Marquette, Mich., formerly of Co. L, 60th Inf., attended—coming from 484 miles away, and we were all enthralled with his stories of experiences during World War II and since with the Michigan National Guards. He is now affiliated with the 107th Eng. Bn., 46th Inf. Div., Michigan ARNG. Although this was his first meeting with most of us, he has been following all of the Association's activities and is quite interested in helping us to further our Chapter plans.

COME TO CAMP GRAYLING

George proposed a plan and has invited all the Michigan men and their wives to come to Camp Grayling for a week-end sometime between June 18th and July 3rd for a special get-together. Although the dates are undecided, reservations must be in by April—especially for those who plan on bringing their wives (and, or families), so that adequate facilities may be obtained nearby. This is a great opportunity for all of our Michigan members, especially those in the Upper Peninsula and in Northern Michigan to get together and meet old friends—and also to see a great display of our National Guard maneuvers, comparing some of the modern training being taught today to the training of World War II. The National Guard Camp at Grayling is one of the finest training centers in the country and the Decoration ceremonies alone are worth the trip to one of our State's most fascinating sections. We would appreciate hearing views of all the members as to a meeting of this type. Letters may be sent to the Secretary, Bob Rumenapp, 28017 Hughes, St. Clair Shores, Mich., the National President, John Bonkowski, 19941 Hickory, Detroit, Mich., or to George Hansen, Camp Grayling.

FEB. 19 MEETING

There was a Michigan Chapter meeting on Feb. 19 at Walker's Bar, 20317 Mound Rd., Detroit, at which time this Camp Grayling plan and other prospective plans for further Chapter activities before the Washington Reunion in July were discussed.

CORRECT ADDRESSES

We would also like to bring our Michigan files up to date with all members' addresses, outfits and family status; this includes the names and ages of the children, so that we may keep a record of those qualifying for the Ninth Infantry Division Association Scholarships annually. Anyone knowing of 9th Division men who have not been on our mailing list, please let the secretary know so that they will not be overlooked in the future.

RESOLUTION

Our National President, John Bonkowski, has notified all the Officers and Board members of the Association of the resolution that was sent to Gen. W. C. Westmoreland of our Viet Nam policy and of his appreciative reply. We should all be proud of the achievements that our own "Westy" has made, and be grateful that he can take the time out of his busy schedule to write to his old Division men.

The Chapter was glad to see Betty Rumenapp had recovered to the extent of being able to attend meetings at least, even if she is still under a doctor's care.

The Chapter sent get well cards to Editor Paul S. Plunkett and are all hoping and praying that he has a speedy recovery.

The newly elected officers are as follows:

James Dawson, President.
William Andrews, Vice President, Western Michigan.
Jim Rushlow, Vice President.
Joe Casey, Treasurer.
Bob Rumenapp, Secretary.
John Bonkowski, Chaplain.
Eugene Reedy, Adjutant.

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News Notes From Doc Reiman Covers Many Interesting Subjects

The Octofoil has received letters from many individuals and chapters expressing thanks to Walter "Doc" Reiman, 6310 Polk St., West New York, New Jersey, 07093, for the interest he displays in betterment of the Association. During the past few weeks The Octofoil has received several letters from "Doc." Parts of those letters are being reprinted in the following column:

Shortly after the Christmas holidays Reiman tipped off The Octofoil that Doc Walton had bought his wife a Christmas present that would make her think of him every week when she had to wash his sweaty clothes on the washing machine that he had bought her for a Christmas present.

PRES. BONKOWSKI THANKS

President John Bonkowski sent a nice note to Reiman thanking him for the many different ways in which he was helping the Association.

GEN. HODGES, 79 YEARS OLD—LED 1ST ARMY IN WAR II DRIVE

The Octofoil has Doc Reiman to thank for the following letter:

San Antonio, Tex., June 16.—Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, commander of the First Army in its drive through France, Belgium and Germany in World War II passed away at Brooks General Hospital, I understand Gen. Hodges died of a myocardial infarction and heart attack.

After the war in Europe General Hodges and his staff went to the Pacific Theater and Hodges witnessed the surrender of Japan aboard the battleship Missouri. The Ninth Division will never forget the great general.

Highlights of a letter The Octofoil

John Moore Moves to the Land of Sunshine

John K. Moore is a former Co. A, D & Hqtrs., 60th Regt. man. In a letter to Secretary Quinn John says he has enough of this thing called work. He is retiring and is heading South The Meriden, Conn. address is no longer any good. The new address is John K. Moore, N4, 12th Ave., East, El Rancho Village, Bradenton, Fla.

He closes his letter thusly: "Finally decided I have had enough of work—heading south. I want to see if there are still some fish waiting to be caught in the Gulf of Mexico. Also looking forward to a good bit of sunshine, quite a bit of play, and a hell of a lot of leisure. Regards

received from Doc dated Dec. 13, 1965, read in part:

We might get a new member in the New York Chapter soon. His name is Nicholas Pribish, 507 Lowe Ave., Ridgefield. He was with the 9th Div. in Africa.

Mr. Coen and a member of the 9th Division Association is in the VA Hospital. Some of the members should send him cards. The address is 1140 Overlook Dr., Washington, Pa. 15301.

Gen. Randle's book is certainly worth the price one pays for a copy. I wouldn't take several times over what I paid for mine.

Reiman recently received a letter from Leon Sieminski, commanding officer of the 47th Inf. Cannon Co. He writes he will be in Washington for the Reunion. Doc says "Now we'll have another great man to pay our respects to at the 1966 Reunion. It was Gen. Randle who made this man the Commanding Officer of Cannon Company. Every member of the Cannon Company 8 Balls who can get to Washington should be there."

In another letter Doc spells out every move each Regiment made from the time they started crawling off those convoy boats before dawn on November 8 until the fall of Bizerte. He explains the boys found out the hard way that those little old guide books didn't tell the guys everything they should know. Those things were learned the hard way. Doc's resume of those days probably contains a few incidents that those letter-perfect historians' books never heard about. It's a crying shame that space limitations doesn't permit the Octofoil print Doc's narrative verbatim.

Nassau Legion Group Active Under Devine

Joseph J. Devine is Commander of the Nassau (N.Y.) County of the American Legion. He issues regular and complete reports on all phases of activity in that area. Each day some noteworthy event is scheduled.

E. B. Licence edits a publication that prints in detail any and all affairs that are of interest to the members of the organization.

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and best wishes to any former members of the 1st Bn., 60th who might run across."

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BERGMAN WRITES FROM PHILADELPHIA

Martin Bergman, a former E Co., 47th Inf. man, now lives at 7227 Kindred St., Philadelphia, Pa. Marty misplaced the Philly Chapter's secretary's address so he mailed his dues on in to Secretary Quinn requesting that Philly Chapter got the credit. He then topped off his check with a nice contribution to the Scholarship Fund.

Bergman was hopeful that he was not too late to get a copy of Gen. Randle's Safi Adventure. If you are, Martin, the General has put his work clothes back on and is setting type again. There'll be another edition. A story is printed elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil giving details.

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George and Ruth Are Planning For Reunion

George and Ruth Berday, 5120 4th St., N.E., Washington, D. C., are enjoying meeting with the Washington Reunion Committee. They write and tell about partaking of a crab feast in October and then to Frank Wade's hospitable home for a committee meeting—then another committee meeting at the Shoreham in November, 1965. This former 47th lad writes that he didn't realize there were so many of the old outfit in that part of the world until he started meeting with the committee. George and Ruth are expecting a great time down in Washington next July.

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COL. BILL TANNER AN ACTIVE MEMBER

Secretary Quinn recently received an interesting letter from Col. Bill Tanner, 3rd Bn., 47th Regt., now of Route 1, Union City, Tenn. The letter in part, read:

Dear Danny: Occasionally (generally around New Year's) I get a call from Bob Hulslander. I believe he was gone before you came to the Battalion. He came to the 47th from O.C.S. while we were still at Bragg. He was platoon leader in "I" Co. until El Guettar, I believe, when he took over "L" Co. He commanded "L" Co. until he was hit in Normandy.

DOING OKAY

I think Huls has done right well for himself. He's in the real estate business specializing in handling motels.

Anyway the point of this letter is that he's not a member of the Association but would like to be. I recently sent him my back copies of the Octofoil. Drop him a card and you'll have another good member. His address is:

R. E. Hulslander,
6821 LaLoma Drive,
Jacksonville 17, Florida
Thanks.

BILL TANNER.

P.S.:The last convention was one of the real high points of my life. You and the rest of the gang up there did a wonderful job.

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CODE LOCATED IN FAR-OFF PAKISTAN

Roy D. Code, former Co. H, 47th man, under date of Dec. 5 wrote the following letter to Secretary Quinn from far-away Pakistan:

Dear Dan: I just finished reading a copy of The Octofoil with enjoyment and thought I would write and wish you a Merry Christmas and ask how things are with you these days.

I have been here in Pakistan since just after the first of the year on a project for Esso. I had made plans to take my three months vacation beginning just before Christmas, but have decided to postpone it until early in the summer. I hope it works out so I will be able to attend the reunion this year, so let me know the when and where of this year's blow-out. The copy of the Octofoil I have is some months old and didn't give any information about it, but I imagine the arrangements have been made by now.

Give my best regards to Fazio, Scully, and Orletti and anyone else I may know. I am looking forward to seeing them again.—Sincerely, Roy D. Code.

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STANLEY KAZDOY IN WASHINGTON AREA

Another former 39th A Co man is heard from in the suburbs of Washington, D. C. Stanley Kazdoy writes from 7611 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912.

Stan sends his kindest regards to all the old gang and is looking forward to seeing many at the Reunion in Washington next July.

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Quiet people are not the only ones who don't say much.

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There are no bad days—some are just better than others.

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A liquor store could be called a Stupor Market.

Excerpts From Correspondence That Was Written Dec. 7, 1965 By Schmidt

The Octofoil had been advised that New York Chapter's reporter, Arthur Richard Schmidt would be touring the Southland with his uncle during the December, 1965 Chapter meeting and no notes would be forthcoming. On the afternoon the papers come off the press a lengthy communique was received from Schmidt, covering the December meeting and advising that plans had been changed at the last minute and he did not make the trip down South but spent the time in the City of Brotherly Love. Hence, some of the highlights of that antiquated Dec. 7 letter are being used.

The December meeting opened in due form with the regular committee and officers' reports being heard and approved.

Fazio announced the Chapter's checks henceforth would carry the Chapter's personalized printed insignia. He also submitted the sad report that Gold Star Dad Michael McInerney was ill and would be unable to attend the Chapter's Christmas party.

A Christmas card to General William Westmoreland was passed around and signed by the members.

DANCE A SUCCESS

Fazio reported that the October dance was a success—over 200 had attended. It was held in honor of Jack Scully, the man of the year.

"SAFI ADVENTURE"

Fazio reported one of our members had brought in a book written by Gen. Randle. The title of the book is "Safi Adventure," and is about the adventures of the 47th Infantry Regiment in Africa. Boardman F. Lockwood brought the book in. His copy had a personal autograph. Fazio advised the book can be bought for \$5. Lockwood is in the travel agency business. He pointed out that a European tour of areas where the 9th Division fought, including Paris and London, meals and lodging can be had for \$532. At least 40 people would have to make the trip to get that rate.

NEW MEMBERS

Fazio announced that William Hanson, 60th, and now of 11 Pierce Place, Great Neck, N. Y., had written him to the effect that he had to move to New York and would like

to attend a meeting. Fazio asked for a hand for the two new members who were attending the meeting—Hugh J. Lee, I Co., 39th, 42 Montrose Ave., Summit, N. J., and Boardman F. Lockwood, Hqtrs. 47th, 242 Trumbull St., Hartford, Conn., telephone Code 203, 247-7221. The latter says he attended the New York Reunion and Father Connors Memorial Services in Worcester, Mass.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Walter O'Keeffe reported everything was all set for the Christmas Party at the Elks Lodge in Union City, N. J.

MIELE'S REPORT

Secretary Dom Miele reported that New York Chapter has 467 paid up members.

Art Schmidt's report as to those he saw working hard at the Chapter's Christmas party read as follows:

The following were seen at work: Dom Miele garnering new members and taking care of the movies; Ralph Witzkin, Herminio Suarez, Al Orletti and John Mutchko were distributing pretzels and potato chips; Al Rago, Emil Langer, Vincent Guglielmino, Vincent Guglielmino, Suarez, Mutchko, Frank Fazio, and George Fraenkel were arranging tables; Suarez and Mutchko were distributing beer; Fazio was distributing beer glasses; Fazio and Bill O'Shea were distributing soda; Harry Caldaro was busy at several chores; Witzkin and Guglielmino were picking up empty soda bottles; Rizzo, Fazio, Al Orletti, and Witzkin and Al Munatore were distributing sandwiches; Caldaro led the children in singing Christmas carols; assisting Santa were Rizzo, Langer, Witzkin, Mutchko, Fazio, Rago, Suarez, Munatore, Orletti, O'Keeffe, and Scully. There were plenty of gifts for the children. John Rizzo was assisted in distributing the 50-50 Club prizes by George Apar, Langer, Fazio, Dan Quinn, Miele.

Lango and Mutchko were distributing soda. Orletti, Suarez, Fazio, Langer distributed ice cream. On the clean up detail the following were observed: Scully, Guglielmino, O'Keeffe, Witzkin, Rizzo, Langer, Orletti, Mrs. Fazio. There was an overflow crowd.

A TRIBUTE TO WESTMORELAND AN IDEAL GENERAL

By RICHARD FRYKLUND
From the Washington Star

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—A conspicuous "nonevent" of the American peace offensive is the lack of any protest from the general who is trying to win the war in Vietnam.

Gen. William C. Westmoreland has watched a lengthy pause in the bombing of his enemy's supply lines, ceasefires which permit the Viet Cong to get the jump on his men and peace talk which undermines an already shaky ally.

But not a complaint from the general. Not even a quiet protest to the many members of Congress, who have visited Saigon during the pause, or to friendly reporters.

His is an impressive performance by a general who, by nature, wants desperately to win and who has been given, in public statements by his civilian bosses, a "blank check."

The significance is that the United States has found an ideal general for an impossible war.

Westmoreland understands the impossibilities and, more important, agrees that they must remain impossible.

It is impossible for him simply to go out and win in the traditional way, for instance, even though he is confident that he could.

It is impossible for him to control his South Vietnam ally or for his ally to control him.

It is even impossible for him to use that blank check.

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara's talk about a blank check implies that Gen. Westmoreland can have what he wants in Vietnam and that if the men, equipment and tactics are lacking, it is because Gen. Westmoreland has not asked for them.

The general himself won't say so, but this is nonsense.

He wants more men and more equipment and more flexible tactics now, and he would have them now if he really had had a blank check in the past.

He wanted the buildup to start almost a year before it did.

Early in 1964, when coups in Saigon and the Communist buildup in the field started serious deterioration of the war, Westmoreland wanted at least to use American fighter bombers in the country, according to his military intimates in Saigon.

But at that time there was no climate in Washington for direct intervention, and Westmoreland knew it.

He knew the President was looking hard for a way out of the war, and officials were saying that a deeper American commitment would depend on the musical-chairs government in Saigon demonstrating that it could win the war and the hearts and minds of the people.

Knowing he could not have fighter-bomber strikes Westmoreland did not ask for them.

WANTED TROOPS

He wanted American combat troops long before the Marines landed in February of last year, but he did not request them. He knew that he could not have them until the election were over or until the Viet Cong were on the verge of winning.

He wanted the North Vietnamese supply routes bombed long before they were, but he did not request it. During his conferences in Saigon and Honolulu with Defense and State Department officials it was made quite clear that the climate was not right.

He wanted the buildup of bases and supply facilities for American troops long before he asked. The same with tear gas and with the new policy of using massive fire power instead of soldiers.

HE'S NOT CRITICAL

His intimates say, in fact, that Westmoreland does not even claim in private that his own preference in troops, weapons and tactics would have been better for the United States or for South Vietnam.

He is a modern general who believes that for optimum national benefit, modern wars must be controlled by the highest civilian officials; the wars must be severely limited even at the cost of American casualties; that fighting now must be inextricably mixed with diplomacy, and that world opinion of what is done in a war is as important as what is actually done.

The nuclear age, Westmoreland believes, means that wars no longer can be fought only by generals. A general is merely the man who has to get the most out of the tools that are given and who mustn't complain when tools are withheld.

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The best way to have the last word with your wife is to holler "uncle."

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All you need in order to travel these days is (1) a drip-dry shirt, (2) wash 'n wear suit, and (3) credit card.

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