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JULY 28 IS D-DAY, POTOMAC BEACH-HEAD

When Gen. Collins Talks He Lays "It On the Line"



GENERAL J. LAWTON COLLINS

As will be noted in the main Convention story in this issue, Gen. Collins, pictured above, will be the main speaker at the banquet during the Washington Reunion. To hear Gen. Collins is worth the trip—but the many side attractions the committee has so painstakingly arranged for the members—especially the youngsters—makes this Reunion a MUST in the summer plans of all former Ninth Division men and their families.

DICK STOREY IS IN FINE SHAPE; HEADED FOR WASHINGTON

Under date of April 18 The Octofoil received a letter from President John Bonkowski that contained some good news. At a recent Board meeting it was reported that Past National President Dick Storey of Boston was on the sick list. The Board instructed the Secretary to send a "get-well sympathy" card to Dick. President Bonkowski decided to also send a personal card. John received a most pleasant surprise from the former prexy in which he wrote "I am feeling great and there is no truth to the rumors I'm in ill health. As Dick put it, according to his most recent physical exam, everything is "disgustingly normal."

It was noted in the letter General George Smythe sent The Octofoil he had past President Storey listed as one of the past National Presidents who would be at the Table of Honor being arranged for these men who have given so much of their time for the Association.

The Octofoil joins with President Bonkowski and Dick Storey's legion of other friends in being happy to learn that his illness was like the story of Mark Twain's "death." When the old boy heard about it he claimed "the story of my death is being exaggerated."

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

Many people depend largely upon the automobile industry—including doctors, undertakers and florists.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

The easiest way to get your wife's attention is by looking comfortable.

SEND COPY BY OR BEFORE JUNE 20th

Uncle Sam doesn't pay too much attention to second class mail around the first of any month—bills with first class postage get preferred treatment! Try and get all copy for the next issue into The Octofoil office not a day later than June 20. Efforts will be made to get it into the postoffice before July 1. It has always been a policy to try and have the issue preceding the Reunion containing a breakdown of events—delivered from 3 to 4 weeks before the opening day of the Reunion.

Pictures must be sent in on or before June 15th.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

Board Details In Next Issue

On April 30 the National Board of Governors held a very important session in Pittsburgh, Pa. Requests from some quarters pertaining to making Constitutional Bylaws changes were discussed and the matter will be presented to the membership in session in Washington for further action. Had The Octofoil waited for the stenographic transcriptions, then set the type, proof read, etc., it would have held up mailing this issue of The Octofoil about 10 days—and for that reason the full transcription will not be printed until the next issue of The Octofoil. Watch for the next issue. Study the minutes closely and come to the Washington Reunion fully informed.

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JULY 28-30—D DAYS—Washington

Gen. Ramsey Is a "Blue Grass" Lad

Brig. Gen. Lloyd B. Ramsey, who will be Master of Ceremonies at the 1966 9th Division Reunion Banquet in Washington at the Shoreham Hotel, is a native of the Blue Grass state of Kentucky. He was born in Somerset, Ky., May 29, 1918. His military career started July 1, 1940 when he was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry in the Regular Army. His first assignment was at Fort Thomas, Ky., with the 10th Infantry. In August, 1940 he was transferred to the 39th Infantry, 9th Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He remained with the 39th until February, 1943 when the regiment was in Africa.

He served a short while as aide-de-camp to General Alexander, British, Ground Commander under Gen. Eisenhower in North Africa.

In November, 1943 he was assigned to the 3d Infantry Division and was a battalion executive officer, battalion commander and regimental executive officer in the 7th Infantry and later G-3 of that division.

In March, 1946 he was assigned to the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia.

To list Gen. Ramsey's various assignments would fill a book. But he was given mostly infantry assignments—and one can tell from reading letters he has sent to The Octofoil that he is an infantryman thru and thru—talks an infantryman's language. He already has many friends in the Ninth Division that he made while with the Ninth. When he checks out of the Shoreham Hotel after the Washington Reunion it's a cinch bet he'll have many more 9th Division friends.

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BILL COEN HAD 30-DAY LEAVE OVER HOLIDAYS

Bill Coen, 1140 Overlook Dr., Washington, Pa., had a 30-day leave over the Christmas holidays from the VA Hospital. However, a letter from Doc Reiman, dated March 21 advises Coen is back home and he's writing a letter telling him to behave himself so he'll be in shape to meet with the gang in Washington.

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Pix Made In Hospital



The above picture of J. P. MacManus was taken at Fort Harrison VA Hospital Dec. 24, 1964. "Mac" is another of the famous 47th Regt. Cannon Company men "Doc" Reiman is always writing nice things about.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

JULY 28-30—D DAYS—Washington

GEN. SMYTHE AND COMMITTEE HAVE HIT THE JACK POT; GEN. "LIGHTNING" JOE COLLINS MAIN SPEAKER; GEN. RAMSEY WILL BE M.C.

SHOW STARTS JULY 28—ENDS WITH JULY 30 BANQUET

Printed below will be noted parts of a typical business and to the point Gen. George Smythe letter. The letter was followed by a phone call on Thursday, April 14 at which time The Octofoil was advised that General "Lightning" Joe Collins had promised positively that he would attend the banquet during the Washington, 1966 Reunion and deliver the main address. The old timers who attended the second annual reunion of the Division held in Columbus in 1947 will remember how Gen. Collins held 'em all spellbound, interspersing his down to earth talk about the Ninth Infantry Division with a bit of entertaining humor from time to time. No one, other than the 9th own commanding officers know the 9th's accomplishments better General "Lightning" Joe—and very few if any can tell the story more vivid. His speech of 1947 is still clear in the minds of those who heard him. Typical of General Smythe, after nailing down General Collins he kept on going through the channels that only he knows the angles—and comes up with Brig. Gen. Floyd B. Ramsey for the Master of Ceremonies. Gen. Ramsey is a former 39th man and at present is Deputy Chief of Information, U. S. Army.

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS TO BE HONORED

This 1966 9th Infantry Division Association Reunion will be recorded as "The Reunion of Past National Presidents." A special "second speakers" table will be arranged near the main speaker's table for the Past Presidents. Following is a list of the Past National Presidents. Those with asterisks (*) beside their names indicates they have notified Gen. Smythe or the committee they will attend the Reunion and the 21st annual banquet. It is gratifying to note the names of several former Presidents who will be in attendance who have not been attending the Reunions for the past few years. This is certainly a healthy sign. No doubt before July 30 rolls around many more will have notified Gen. Smythe they will be in attendance. The list as furnished The Octofoil follows:

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS—
Europe—1945, Ladd (deceased)
1st Reunion—1946, Smythe*
2nd Reunion—1947, Rigby*
3d Reunion—1948, Clarke*
4th Reunion—1949, Clarke*
5th Reunion—1950, Clarke*
6th Reunion—1951, Bruchac*
7th Reunion—1952, Wade*
8th Reunion—1953, Storey*
9th Reunion, 1954—Smythe*
10th Reunion, 1955—Linscott*
11th Reunion, 1956—Westmoreland*
12th Reunion, 1957—Clouser*
13th Reunion, 1958—Wade*
14th Reunion, 1959—Moore (deceased)

15th Reunion, 1960—Ozart*
16th Reunion, 1961—Sabato*
17th Reunion, 1962—Maher*
18th Reunion, 1963—Clouser*
19th, 1964—O'Keeffe*
20th Reunion, 1965—Bonkowski*

The second dias being set up for the Past Presidents also provides accommodations for the former Presidents' wives.

GEN. WESTMORELAND

Gen. Smythe informs The Octofoil that a ten-minute tape recording of an up-to-the-minute talk from Gen. William Westmoreland will be heard at the banquet. Since the former Association President, our own General Westmoreland, has his hands full in Vietnam he's doing the next best thing he can for his boys since he can't attend the banquet in person, he's preparing this tape at the last possible minute and still be able to have it reach Washington in time for the banquet. This will be a message worth traveling miles to listen to also.

ARMY CHORUS

There's just no end to the surprises Gen. Smythe and that Washington committee keeps coming up

with—The Army Chorus is an outstanding group. Their talent is in heavy demand. Arrangements have been made for this Chorus to treat the 9th Division banqueters to a 20-minute rendition of their favorite military songs.

JUST TOO MUCH HAPPENING

It's terrible to bypass some comment on the fabulous Shoreham Hotel in this issue of The Octofoil—but there isn't much space left after some of the many highlights being arranged for by the committee are skimmed over briefly.

The Washington Committee will furnish The Octofoil a schedule of events in the sequence they will occur during the Reunion that will be printed in the next issue.

SWIMMING POOL

Too much can't be said about that Shoreham swimming pool. Ask the parents who had youngsters with them the last time a Reunion was held at the Shoreham. The youngsters are no problem as long as that swimming pool is in operation. Quoting from a Shoreham brochure:

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Start Packing... All roads lead to Washington, D. C.—The shows start Thursday P.M., July 28—ending with the big dinner-dance July 30, on Saturday night.

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DOM MIELE GIVES OCTOFOIL A "LIFT"

Noted in this issue of The Octofoil are three pictures made by Dom Miele, secretary of the New York Chapter, at a meeting April 1 when the Chapter was honoring past presidents of the Chapter. The meeting was held at St. Mark's Church Hall in Jackson Heights, N. Y. The cutlines underneath the cuts explain the setup. The Octofoil is most appreciative of Dom's fine cooperation. If it was not for the fine cooperation of officers and members like Dom Miele The Octofoil wouldn't be worth the postage it takes to send it to the members.

Miele says the attendance was good and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves immensely.

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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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SAL TRAPANI

4733 Wyaconda Road

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J. R. Hutchinson
Pleased to Read
9th Reactivated

J. R. Hutchinson, who sent in the large photo of all the 9th staff officers that was made just before the outfit took that long boat ride, lives at S. 1611 Walnut St., Spokane, Wash.

"Hutch" writes a most interesting letter. Excerpts from a letter recently received from him reads:

"I was extremely pleased to read in the last Octofoil that the Ninth is being reactivated which will certainly result in its being returned to its former glory and proper place in the sun.

"It isn't possible to tell you how I look forward to each publication of The Octofoil and in so doing keep abreast of a lot of the finest friends any man has ever had the privilege of having. I was a second lieutenant member of the 39th Infantry cadre in the old tent city at Fort Bragg and stayed with the 9th right through to the end on the Elbe River in Germany. I wound up as Division Adjutant General.

SEES LINDSEY

"We don't see many of the old 9th people here in the Northwest but that doesn't mean I don't think of them. My wife and I had a wonderful reunion with Lindsey Nelson last fall in Seattle during the Washington-Ohio game. Needless to say we worked the old brethren over pretty well."

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

TED CURLESS TAKES
LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Ted Curless, a former 47th man—now living in Brooklyn, Wis., Box 155, writes Secretary Quinn that he's always forgetting to do something that should be done—and he doesn't want to get delinquent in the Association and miss any issues of The Octofoil. In order to take care of that little matter for once, last and always—Ted just made out a check for \$50.00 and penned a note to Quinn that read: "Now send me a LIFE Membership card."

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The sleeping pill is one of America's leading composers.

MRS. McAVOY GETS
A "RAW" DEAL

Information has reached The Octofoil that Mrs. Lillian McAvoy, 26 E. Linden Ave., Collingswood, N. J., is in a most embarrassing financial situation. She has been hospitalized almost 2 years. She had hospitalization protection (or she thought she did). Four months ago the company canceled out her hospitalization policy—without her knowledge. Now four months later she learns they are suing her daughter and attaching the small checks she had coming in because of her son's having been killed in action.

Those who met Mrs. McAvoy at the Philadelphia Reunion will remember how sweet and kind she was.

Just what can be done about helping this fine mother, The Octofoil isn't sure but all correspondence will be turned over to The Board of Governors for consideration when they meet in Pittsburgh on April 30. Mail sent to Mrs. Lillian McAvoy, 26 E. Linden Ave., Collingswood, N. J., will be delivered to her. This is her daughter's address.

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Wally Stine Meets
Many Old Buddies

Wallace Stine of 160 State St., Portland, Pa., 18351, former Hq. 34th F.A. man writes that he recently had an old buddy visit him from Burlingame, Calif., Robert Faydock, Hqtrs. DivArty. Then Stine and Bob started making the rounds. They looked up Harry White, 34th F.A. Bn. of Homedale, Pa., from there they visited Bruce Whitmyer, DivArty., of Manheim, Pa.

Another former 9th man has moved into Stine's neighborhood—Steve Bartler, formerly 15th Engrs., and Worcester, Mass. They see each other frequently at the local Lions Club sessions at which time memories of days with the Ninth Division are always brought up.

Naturally Stine is proud of his old Battalion Commander, General William Westmoreland, who has assigned to him one of the toughest assignments any G.I. ever got stuck with.

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Gen. Collins Has a
Fighting Record

When The Octofoil sent a letter to The Army asking for a breakdown of Gen. J. Lawton Collins' military assignments no one ever expected to receive the avalanche of material received. To print all the data in full that covers Gen. Collins' military record would fill each and every column in this issue of The Octofoil.

Hence, a few of the highlights are being extracted from the great record this man has chalked up. It is unbelievable that one man could pack so much action in the years he was a G.I.

FROM PELICAN STATE

Gen. Collins first saw the light of day in old New Orleans, La., on May 1, 1896. He graduated from the U. S. Military Academy and was commissioned a second looney of infantry on April 20, 1917, and assigned to the 22nd Infantry, until January, 1918.

Gen. Collins then enrolled in the Infantry School of Arms at Fort Sill, Okla., and following graduation had tours of two months each at Greenpoint, Brooklyn, New York and at Gloucester, N. J., until June, 1918, when he returned to Fort Hamilton as supply officer of the 22nd Inf.

In May, 1919, Gen. Collins went to France where he commanded a battalion of the 18th Infantry. His assignments with American Forces in Germany were many and important.

From July 1921 to June 1925 he was an instructor at the United States Military Academy. He graduated from Benning in 1926 and from advanced course of the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Okla. in 1927. He became an instructor at the Infantry School, serving until August, 1931 when he was assigned to the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, from which he graduated in 1933. He then went to the Philippines and became Assistant Chief of Staff for Military Intelligence, Philippine Division.

VII ARMY CORPS

Skipping over many important assignments, in January, 1941 Gen. Collins was assigned as Chief of Staff of the VII Army Corps with VII Army Corps located at Fort McClellan, Ala. The VII Corps was changed to Birmingham, Ala., in January, 1941.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Following Pearl Harbor, Gen. Collins was designated Chief of Staff to Gen. Emmons and flew with him to Hawaii. He assisted in the reorganization of the defenses of the Hawaiian Islands until he was named Commanding General of the 25th Infantry Division in 1942. Gen. Collins took the 25th Div. into Guadalcanal, relieving the First Marine Division. Early in January, 1943, the 25th Infantry Division as part of the XIV Corps, under Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, led the attack which drove the Japanese off the island.

ALWAYS PREPARING

The next several months were spent in occupation of Guadalcanal in preparation for the New Georgia campaign in which the 25th Div. assisted in the capture of the Munda Airport.

SENT TO EUROPE

In February, 1944 he was assigned to command the VII Corps in England for the invasion of Normandy.

The VII Corps landed on Utah Beach on D-Day and then captured Cherbourg, including the German Army and Navy Commanders, Von Schlieben and Renneke. On July 25, 1944 the corps spearheaded the attack of the first Army which made the breakthrough east of St. Lo.

The corps exploits around the Falaise Gap, Mons, Namur and Liege could go on and on. Lack of space will not permit printing the interesting data that should be printed.

In August, 1945 Gen. Collins was appointed Deputy Commanding General and Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Army Ground Forces. In 1945 he took over the Office of Director of Information for the War Department. . . . He became Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army Aug. 16, 1949 and served in that capacity until 15 Aug. 1953.

PRESIDENTIAL ASSIGNMENT

The President sent Gen. Collins as a United States Representative to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization effective 16 August 1953.

ON TO VIETNAM

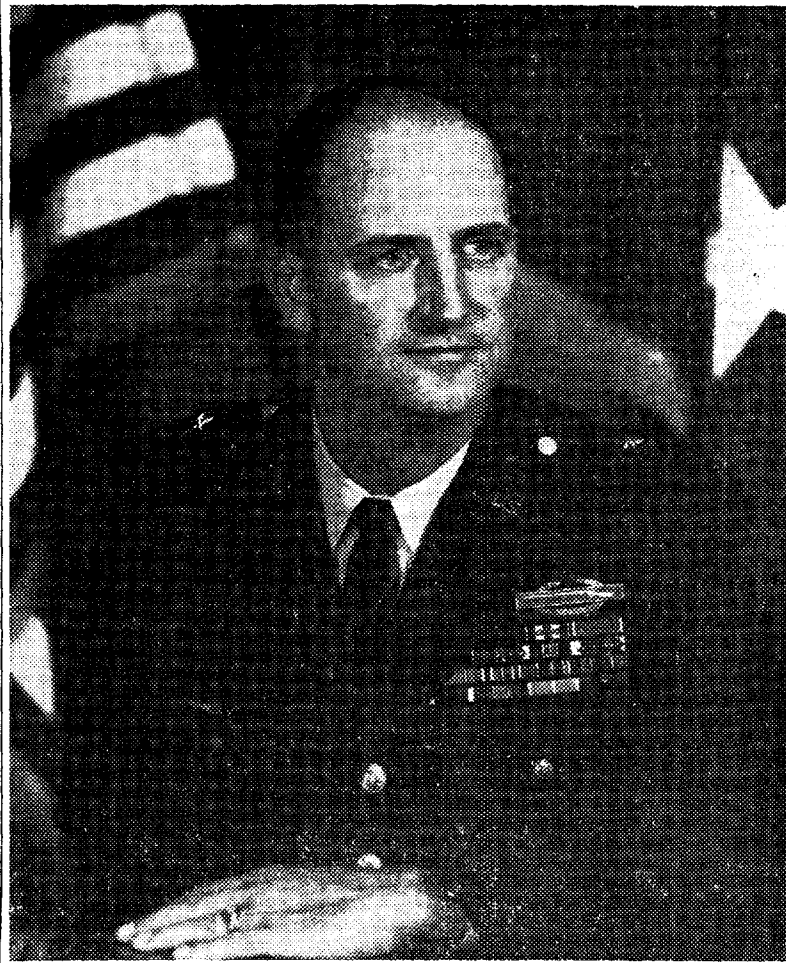
On Nov. 3, 1954, the President appointed Gen. Collins Special Representative of the United States in Vietnam with personal rank of Ambassador.

To list medals Gen. Collins has been awarded because of his outstanding service for his country would fill another book.

Gen. Collins retired March 31, 1956.

Gen. Collins and Mrs. Collins have three children: Capt. Joseph E. Collins, USA; Mrs. Jerome J. (Gladys) Stenger and Mrs. Michael J. (Nancy) Rubino.

Former 39th Man Top Notch Master of Ceremonies



BRIG. GEN. LLOYD B. RAMSEY

The Northwest Canadian Mounted cops musta got their motto about getting their man from Gen. George Smythe. He set out to get Gen. Collins as the main speaker for the Washington Reunion and decided on a former 39th man for Master of Ceremonies—Brig. Gen. Lloyd Ramsey, who was assigned to the 39th Infantry in August, 1940, and remained with the outfit through North Africa. Gen. Ramsey writes The Octofoil that he is looking forward to seeing many old buddies during the Washington Reunion. He plans taking it all in—not just the banquet. Gen. Smythe "got" both his men.

ROOM RESERVATION
NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

JULY 28-30, 1966

Members are urged to fill out the following coupon for room reservations at the Shoreham Hotel immediately. It is desirable to keep The Octofoil intact use a blank piece of paper copying the desired information from the questions asked below:

SHOREHAM HOTEL,
 Washington, D. C.

Sirs:—Please reserve for me the accommodations as indicated:

Mark "X" on line of accommodations desired.

Single Bedroom and Bath	\$12.00 Daily
Twin Bedroom and Bath	\$16.00 Daily
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Parlor, Two Bedroom Suites	\$55-\$125 Daily

Reservations received after July 14, 1966
 cannot be assured accommodations

Arrival Date _____ Time _____ Depart _____
 Name _____
 Organization _____
 Address _____

Col. Bill Tanner Gives
Quinn Good Names

Recently Col. Bill Tanner, 3d Bn., 47th, now of Union City, Tenn., tipped Secretary Quinn off where Robert E. Hulslander was located and that Bob was also interested in becoming a member of the Association.

Bob is a member of the firm, Massey & Hulslander, Inc., 1035 LaSalle St., Jacksonville, Fla. 32207 — P. O. Box 5744. The Massey & Hulslander company is a nationwide motel sales organization. No sooner had Secretary Quinn mailed out the application than he received the following letter by return mail:

Dear Dan: I most appreciate receiving the membership application for the 9th Infantry Division Association as I am most interested in becoming a member.

Enclosed please find my check in the amount of \$13.50 covering the 3-year membership and "Eight Stars to Victory," Combat Route Map, per enclosed.

"I hope I will be able to attend the Reunion to be held in Washington, D. C., July 28, 29 and 30.

"Bill is right, you joined the Third Bn. approximately two weeks after I was wounded in the push on Cherbourg. I hope I can meet you personally at the next reunion—Very truly yours, Robert E. Hulslander."

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BREWER HAS BEEN
MISSED RECENTLY

For many years Ed Brewer and his fine family were fixtures at all the Reunions. He has been sadly missed by his many old buddies at several recent conventions. Ed lives at 4407 W. 54th Terrace, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, and is a former 60th Go-Devil.

Ed is a printer and talking the same language, the Octofoil editor always looks forward to many enjoyable conversations at Reunions with Brewer. He didn't say in his most recent letter whether he planned making the 1966 Reunion or not—but he is planning on calling on Gen. George Barth at Leavenworth, which is only 30 miles down the pike from Shawnee Mission. Fort Riley looms on the horizon when one gets about 150 miles down the road from Shawnee Mission. Ed also has plans on taking a gander at the new Ninth Division. The Octofoil is looking forward to receiving a nice story for publication from Ed after each of these trips.

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The U.S. Weather Bureau does such a lousy job (sometimes) on forecasting the weather; but be thankful that they don't regulate it. (Yet!)

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THIS PICTURE FURNISHED BY J. R. HUTCHINSON SHOULD CAUSE OLD-TIMERS TO SUFFER "NOSTALGIA" AS NEVER BEFORE



MAJOR GEN. RENE E. DER HOYLE, BRIG. GEN. MANTON S. EDDY,
AND THE GENERAL AND SPECIAL STAFFS OF THE 9TH DIV.
FORT BRAGG, N.C.

PHOTO NO. 605
RELL, CLEMENTS
FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.

"Hutch" advises anyone desiring a copy of the above photograph (which is much larger than the facsimile shown) can secure one by writing the Libby Photographers, 218 South Lincoln St., Spokane, Wash. They have the negative and a glossy print is about \$2.50 each. Parts of "Hutch's" letter is printed elsewhere in this issue. Names of those who appear in the above photograph of staff officers made just before that day "good-byes" were said to Fayetteville and Fort Bragg, are front row, left to right: Lieut. Col. Mathews, Ordnance Officer; Lt. Col. Henny, Division Engineer; Lt. Col. Powell, J.A.G.; Lt. Col. McCleod, G-2; Lt. Col. Enright, G-1; Lt. Col. VanWreck, G-3; Brig. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, Asst. Div. Commander; Maj. Gen. Rene E. Der Hoyle, Division Commander; Col. Gibson, Chief of Staff; Lt. Col. Nourse, Adj. Gen.; Lt. Col. Libby, G-4; Lt. Col. Sheaffer, S.S. Officer; Lt. Col. Mullett, Division Q.M.; Lt. Col. Rhodes, Chem. Warfare Officer; Lt. Col. Lee, Division Finance Officer.

Middle row, left to right: Major Bond, Asst. G-3; Major Kenny, Div. Signal Officer, Lt. Col. McDonald, Div. Chaplain; Maj. Pickett, Asst. G-4; Maj. Peverill, Asst. Adj. Gen. Back row, left to right: Lt. Lindsey Nelson, P.R.O.; Lt. Bradley, Asst. Class. Off.; Lt. Hutchison, Asst. Adj. Gen.; Lt. Woodall, Div. Postal Off.; Lt. Croucher, Div. Athletic Off.; Lt. Hargry, Asst. Finance Off.; Lt. Houston, Aide Gen. Eddy; Capt. Quello, Hq. Co. Commandant; Capt. Williamson, Asst. Adj. Gen.; Capt. Baumgarten, Asst. J.A.G.; Capt. Howard, Provost Marshall, Capt. Wilson, Asst. Ord. Off.; Capt. Garde, Asst. Adj. Gen.; Capt. Phillips, Asst. Div. Chap.; Lt. McCarley, duty unknown; Lt. Stevens, Asst. Ord. Off.; Lt. (Name could not be ascertained); Lt. Cochran, Police and Prison Off.; Lt. Hastall, Asst. S.S. Off.

The "New" General Accepts Colors Proudly



Passing the colors of the 9th Infantry Division to its new commander upon the unit's activation is Maj. Gen. Joseph E. Bastion, Jr., Deputy Fifth U. S. Army Commander. Receiving them is Maj. Gen. George S. Eckhardt, Commanding General of the 9th Inf. Division and Fort Riley.—Photo by Jack L. Herron, DAC, Fort Riley Post Services Photo Lab.

"SOLDIER'S PRAYER" WAS QUITE A HIT

Shortly after the last issue of The Octofoil was mailed out Paul "Doc" Walton sent in a short letter in which he stated "I have let several of my friends read 'The Thoughts of a Soldier.' Several have asked for copies and I am having Susan type some up for them."

Doc was happy that Col. Tanner and Bob Hulslander had been located and was planning to write them.

—SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-W!—
JULY 28-30—D DAYS—Washington

Mathews Enjoyed Contents of Octofoil

E. S. Mathews, 3285 Somerset Dr., Cleveland, Ohio, 44122, writes short notes—but gets his point over. In a recent note to The Octofoil he stated that the contents of The Octofoil always made good reading for him—but he derived an unusual amount of pleasure from reading the last issue.

Thanks a lot, old timer. Letters like yours mean a lot to those who try and get together a publication that such a great group of men as compose the Association—deserve.

Tingley's Son Picks a Beautiful New England Girl To Lead to the Altar

Several weeks ago Joe MacKenzie, Waltham, Mass., mailed The Octofoil a clipping from The News-Tribune of that city. On the society page of that issue was pictured a beautiful young lady—Paula M. Bergin, was shown. Plans have all been made for Paula to become the bride of Charles O. Tingley, Jr., in June.

Every active member of the Association remembers and likes "the old man" who served so faithfully as National Secretary of the Association—and is still a worker through the Washington Chapter.

Miss Bergin will be graduated from Merrimack College in North Andover in June. She graduated from St. Mary's High School, Waltham, in 1961.

Young Tingley, a 1965 graduate of Merrimack College, is doing post-graduate work at Assumption College in Worcester.

The Octofoil hopes Charles O. "Curley" Tingley, Sr. will furnish the paper with a good wedding picture that can be used in the first issue that is printed after the vows have been exchanged. And The Octofoil joins not only with "Curley's" Quartermaster buddies—but all former Ninth Division men everywhere in wishing this fine young couple a long, happy, and prosperous life together.

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Easter Greetings From Scuccamari

Never a holiday or any occasion of particular significance rolls around and The Octofoil fails to get a greeting card from G. V. Scuccamari at the VA Hospital, Montrose, N. Y.

Little things like receiving a card seem to mean much to this former 9th lad. All our members should occasionally drop him a card with a few friendly remarks.

He is in Building 10, Ward D. The Easter greeting card closed in the lad's handwriting with these words: "My very best regards to all 9th Division veterans all over the country. Wishing them lots of good luck, happiness with jobs and hope they live in a spirit of prosperity and good health. With love and best wishes to them all."

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No matter how low the dollar may fall, it never falls as low as some people will stoop to get it.

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They're "Trooping the Line" During Ceremonies



Trooping the Line during Honor Guard ceremony at Fort Riley for Organization Day of Support Command Unit are, left to right: Col. John H. Barner, Commanding Officer, Support Command 9th Inf. Div., Captain Ray H. Rachels, B Co., Commanding Officer, 1st Supply and Trans Bn.; Maj. Gen. George S. Eckhardt, Commanding General of the 9th Div. and Fort Riley.—Photographed on March 8, 1966 by Jack Herron, Fort Riley Post Services Photo Lab.

Mrs. Lillian McAvoy Sends Get Well Card

Although having gone through the agony of being hospitalized for over two years the 9th's wonderful Gold Star Mother, Mrs. Lillian McAvoy, mailed to The Octofoil Editor some most cheerful "Get Well" cards while he was hospitalized. These cards from this fine Mother were doubly appreciated.

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Appreciate Netta Cards

Long after The Octofoil Editor had vacated Grant Hospital Louis Netta and Mrs. Netta continued to send "Get Well" and "Stay Well" cards. Mr. and Mrs. Netta live at 1 Highland Ave., Wilmington, Delaware 19804. This fine couple are hard workers for the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter and Auxiliary.

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Since the coming of the bikinis, all imagination has gone out of girl watching.

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN GOV. KERNER-PRES. BONKOWSKI

Early in March President Bonkowski sent a letter to Governor Otto Kerner, of Illinois, a member of the Association, and expressed full support of the Governor's action which was instrumental in banning the recent world championship fight in the State of Illinois and eventually out of the United States.

President Bonkowski writes "His letter of acknowledgement dated March 9th would make every Ninth Infantry Division Association member very proud that the Honorable Governor is one of us."

President Bonkowski closes his letter thusly: "With the Governor's approval, the following letter is printed for the whole Association to share:"

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR Springfield, Illinois

OTTO KERNER
Governor

March 9, 1966

Mr. John Bonkowski, President
Ninth Infantry Division Association
19941 Hickory Street
Detroit, Michigan

Dear John:

How very nice of you to take the time to write me concerning a certain boxing affair. Unfortunately, I suppose there will always be American citizens who think of themselves first and would not follow the statement made by President Kennedy "Think not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country." The great majority of Americans take their responsibility and will commit themselves, even their lives if necessary, to maintain our freedom.

Cordially,
OTTO KERNER,
Governor

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR Springfield, Illinois

OTTO KERNER
Governor

April 8, 1966

Mr. John Bonkowski
19941 Hickory Street
Detroit, Michigan 48205

Dear John:

Yes, you may use my letter if you wish. I feel very deeply that anyone has "the right" to express their opinion, but in Illinois boxing is a license and a privilege that may be withdrawn upon cause shown. I feel very strongly that our boxing commission was absolutely correct in withdrawing the privilege.

I hope you have a pleasant Easter.
Cordially,

OTTO KERNER,
Governor

MRS. DAVIS DOES A GOOD JOB SUBBING

One of the most loyal members the Ohio Chapter has ever had happens to be Jesse Davis, Box 84, Hebron, Ohio, 43025. And Mrs. Davis is just as proud of the Division as Jess is. His work keeps him away at times, but he doesn't have to worry—Mrs. Davis will carry on and keep The Octofoil posted. In a most recent letter attached to a beautiful get well card, Mrs. Davis has this to say:

"Sorry we did not get to go to Worcester last fall—but our son, Jesse, Jr., was called by Uncle Sam to report for the Army. He seems to be following in his father's footsteps. He is in the 4th Supply and Transport Bn. at Fort Lewis, Wash. It's a little distance but Jesse and I plan to fly out in June to celebrate his birthday if he does not get a call to go see "Westy" first.

Jesse, Jr. calls to his father once a week. Helps to pass the time more quickly for his father because he sure misses him.

NO NEWS

Haven't heard from any of the folks from Boston or Rhode Island lately, but I guess no news is good news.

"Tell Tippy I'll get around to sending my dues one of these days. I have good intentions but sorta slow. Guess I am slipping with old age—and just plain laziness. Sure hope you are feeling better.

A REAL PHILOSOPHER

"Just take things as they come and enjoy life. It's wonderful.

"Throw away all your cares for tomorrow will be filled with sunshine and blessings.

"We don't have much money but we are as happy as the robins that sing in the spring.

"Best to your family and to all former Ninth Division men and their families wherever they may be.—Mr. and Mrs. Jesse R. Davis and family."

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Air travel, says Uncle Buckle, is seeing less and less of more and more, faster and faster.

SGT. BILL KREYE'S GOOD BOOK IS UNPUBLISHED

Sgt. Bill. Kreye, 337 20th St., Brooklyn 15, N. Y., has put in many long hours typed out incident after incident that happened to he and his buddies in the 39th. Kreye has hand-colored many maps, and landmarks. His work is a work of art. But just like many others who have recorded important data he has been told by publishers it would not pay them to have the type set and the book printed unless their potential sales were between 5,000 and 7,500.

Of course Gen. Randle licked that situation, but there's not many men with the determination and time available to go on and on and on.

Kreye's masterful bit of art work will be shown to the Board at its April 30 meeting. Efforts may be made to run Sgt. Bill's masterpiece in serial form in The Octofoil. That will not do justice to the job he has laid out, though.

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Walton's Neighbor Shows Vietnam Slides

Paul "Doc" Walton wasn't sure about whether any of the Walton clan were fighting in Vietnam or not—so he couldn't furnish names to Tippi Plunkett to send one of the Veterans of Foreign Wars gift wrapped packages. So he sends in the name of one of his Kennesaw Mountain buddies. The guy was sent a package by the VFW. Then Doc takes his tribe and goes for Sunday dinner with the veteran's family to tell them the package has been shipped. The vet's family showed Doc and his outfit some interesting slides they had just received from Vietnam.

Doc suggests a lot of thought before any serious consideration is given to changing the bylaws of the Association pertaining to membership.

The address is still Old Dalton Road, Rural Free Delivery No. 7, Rome, Georgia.

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A baker, quipped Wimpy Pike, is a pawnbroker with a manicure.

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

MRS. SIROVY LOOKS FOR HER OCTOFOIL

Secretary Quinn recently heard from the widow of Otto Sirovy. The address is 150 Jackson St., Jackson, Minn. Excerpts from Mrs. Sirovy's letter reads as follows:

"I would be most thrilled to receive The Octofoil regularly. I am most anxious to receive the last edition which printed the obituary of my late husband, Otto R. Sirovy.

"If at any time I need the Association's help with the scholarship program for any of my children I will be most happy to contact you. It was a most generous gesture for you to remember us. I appreciate it greatly. We thank you very much. Hoping to receive the last issue of The Octofoil soon, I remain—Most Respectfully—Mrs. Otto R. Sirovy."

REIMAN HAS ONE OF THOSE "MURMURING TICKERS" IN HIS BOSOM

Walter H. Reiman, 6310 Polk St., West New York, N. J. 07093, asks The Octofoil to thank the hundreds of people who sent him cheerful cards and messages during his most recent hospitalization. (It is reported that "Doc" is back in a VA hospital.) He'll just have to get straightened out so he can fulfill what he's been promising himself all the year—"go to Washington and put in one whole week resting and relaxing around that fabulous Shoreham Hotel "swimmin' hole."

In his letters to The Octofoil "Doc" gives some good advice to members who become victims of heart ailments.

Daysh Has Some Excellent Ideas

Harrison Daysh, the young Washington attorney, and a member of the Washington Chapter, who has done a fine job for the Association in his capacity of Judge Advocate General, has written The Octofoil a few suggestions about the forthcoming July 28-30, 1966 Reunion at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington.

Quoting a part of Harrison's letter verbatim:

REMINDE our readers that to avail themselves of all the fine Reunion events planned they should arrange their hotel reservations for Thursday, July 28, and departing Sunday, July 31st. The D. C. Committee has been advised by the Shoreham management of some mixups in previous years.

TEEN AGERS

Daysh adds now that so many of our members have teen age youngsters who have to be planned for just as much as do the adults. that The OCTOFOIL MUST STRESS to the members the many plans the committee has definitely arranged for—the SPLASH parties and record HOPS will be events the youngsters will cherish for years to come.

VISIT THE LAW-MAKERS

Another suggestion in the Judge Advocate's letter was to the effect if any of our members would like to put in a few hours watching the Congress operate, letters or cards should be sent to their District Congressman now asking that he have passes with the member's names on them when they stop by the Congressman's office to pick them up.

Reading between the lines Daysh's letters reads as though the people in and around Washington have about given up hope of getting rid of those Congressmen and feel sure they will still be blowing hot and cold at the same old corner the last of July when the good old Ninth Division invades the area.

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An Invitation to Come to Arkansas

Secretary Quinn is in receipt of a friendly letter filled with Southern hospitality offers. It was written by Jim Ward, a new member and a former 47th man. He now lives at New Blaine, Ark., P. O. Box No. 5. Parts of Jim's letter reads:

Dear Dan: Thanks for The Octofoil and other information. I was in "H" Co. 47th from the time the Division was formed until Cannon Co. was formed. I was in Cannon Co. during Africa and Sicily. I was transferred to get a W.O. commission, but was injured and sent back to a hospital in Africa. I was with 2nd Bn. for a while; then later Bn. S-4 Sergeant after Brady Thomas was transferred to the 3rd Bn. He was captured a short time later.

REMEMBERS THE OLD CROWD

I remember Jack Scully and Frank Fazio. I was their sergeant at the motor pool. All Jack needed was a cigar and his paper. When I got blue all I had to do was talk to him. He always seemed to be in a good humor. I always thought well of those boys and hope they had similar feelings toward me.

DO IT AGAIN

I am 46 years old now. I made lots of mistakes, but I would not hesitate a minute to go back. I was discharged in June, 1945.

If ever in the future I can be of service to you or any former 9th man do not hesitate to call on me. My three kids are in college or just about to enter—so you know I am not overloaded with cash.

YANKEES WELCOME

Tell the boys to come down South for a vacation. A lot of Yankees are coming for a visit and staying. I have met and talked to Gov. Faubus on several occasions. He is not all bad. Take my word for it, he has done more for the state than all the governors before him. But he has stepped on a lot of toes. We are the fastest growing state financially wise of them all.

Send me Jack's and Frank's address and keep me posted on what's happening at Fort Riley. My best to all former 9th men.—Sincerely—Jim Ward.

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Bob Griffiths Hopes to See Gen. Randle Soon

Robert Griffith writes from 311 W. Lance Dr., Des Plaines, Ill. 60016.

Parts of Bob's letter reads:

"I found Gen. Randle's "Saf Adventure" very interesting reading. It brought back many memories. Even my wife, Eleanor, found the book interesting since she remembers me telling of some of the incidents mentioned in the book. The next time we are in Florida we plan to stop and see the General."

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DOC REIMAN MAY START A NEW WAR WITH THIS STORY; IT'S HIS AND NOT THE OCTOFOIL'S STORY

Walter H. "Doc" Reiman, 6310 Polk St., West New York, N. J. 07093 has put in much time doing research work and has compiled a darn good resume of his old outfit's activities—Cannon Co., 47th Inf. "Doc" may be right and maybe he did belong to the best unit of the Ninth—but the Octofoil refuses to become involved. The claims made in this story are the great "Doc" Reiman's allegations—and not The Octofoil's.

PART I—CANNON CO., 47th INF.—NORTH AFRICA—WORLD WAR II

PART I

By WALTER H. REIMAN

While Capt. Leon Sieminski is alive I would like to tell a true story about him and his men in Cannon Co. It happened in Kasserine Pass. General Rommel, called the "Desert Fox," had us pinned down. Capt. Sieminski had his half tracks and 105 guns and went up there—pushing them back. I was with the 3d platoon. We had a new officer named Shosberger, a nice young first lieutenant. The 3rd Platoon went into a valley. The Germans saw us going in and were waiting for us. They opened up with their guns. We all jumped from the half tracks, running to the hill. Lt. Shosberger's jeep was in the center of the valley. His radio man was calling Capt. Sieminski on the jeep—but the jeep was hit by a German shell. The radio man was hit. I saw it happen.

Lt. Shosberger was next to me. I picked up my medical bag and ran over to the radio man and began giving him first aid.

EVERYONE SCARED

In the meantime Captain Sieminski had his other platoon firing on another place. He didn't know about his 3rd platoon being caught in the valley. Lt. Shosberger peeked over the ridge to try and locate the Germans—he was fired on and had to duck—and quick.

After patching up the radio man I went back to Lt. Shosberger and asked where his wireman was. I was in need of wire. The wireman was very scared. In fact, we were all very scared. The wireman gave me a roll of wire. I told him to put the phone on his end. Give the phone to Lt. Shosberger. Then I laid wire alongside the hill. I came to a small opening; the Germans opened up on me. I went back, sat down. I was stuck. I thought if I didn't make it the entire platoon will be killed. I got up again and took a chance on running the wire. They opened up again, with God's help I made it.

MAJOR ROBERTS THERE

Maj. Roberts had his aid station there. I told him what had happened. Maj. Roberts got in touch with Capt. Sieminski. The captain was talking on the phone that I had layed the wire to Lt. Shosberger. Capt. Sieminski saw the Germans putting their guns on Maj. Roberts station. He had all first and second platoon Cannon Company guns fire. Major Roberts let me have some litter men. We took the radio man back to Maj. Roberts' station. Lt. Shosberger remarked to the writer "I'm going to put you in for a silver star." So far I haven't received the silver star.

I defy anyone to say that Cannon Company wasn't always ahead of the infantry. They started to call us the Cannon Co. Eight Balls. Newspapers wrote that Artillery and Infantry broke through Kasserine Pass. Since the newspapermen didn't know what outfit had broken through they just printed "artillery and infantry"—but it was Capt. Sieminski's 8 Balls who broke that Pass.

As Capt. Sieminski's Cannon Co. aid man we had our own aid station and other units were always calling on the Cannon Co. 8 Balls for help. At Kasserine Pass our aid station was taking care of our own plus at least 50 or more linemen who had been hit. Capt. Sieminski had his Cannon Co. men put the wounded men in half tracks and also on his own jeep and bring them all to Major Roberts.

And Captain Leon Sieminski always took good care of his old men. If I ever told the gospel truth in my life—here it is now—Captain Leon Sieminski was a great officer and also a fine gentleman.

THE END

Postscript: It happened in Africa. We were ready for chow. Capt. Sieminski had his field kitchen set up for a hot meal. A plane came over us—low. We thought it our own plane. It came again; this time dropping an egg on the kitchen. I ran to a half-track and started firing 45 mm at the plane. Capt. Sieminski yelled—"Keep the shells in front of him; let him run in to them. I can't say if I got a hit or not, but Capt. Sieminski put his hands on my shoulder and said, "Doc Reiman, you are all right for my book." That made me feel mighty good. He was a sad looking

man when he saw his cooks in the kitchen and what had happened. He tried to keep his men from knowing how he felt—but I believe I could detect that innermost hurt he went through when his men were killed or even wounded. He was a great Captain. I should know—I was his "Doc" also.—"Doc" Reiman.

PART II BELGIUM

Belgium and new outfit left its guns behind.

Again Captain Leon Sieminski had his 3d platoon on the go. Let's go; we hafta help the First Army so off we were to help the First Army. Then he came again—we're going to help another outfit—this was going back and forth.

Then Capt. Sieminski came again. This time he said we were going on a job that was really dangerous. A new outfit had left its rifles out there. We must get them before the Germans do. We searched and searched and searched. The Germans were moving in on us but we kept looking. Finally the rifles were located. They were put behind the halftracks and delivered to an outfit. The 8 Ballers had did it again. Our outfit fired a round or two and an infantry line outfit showed up from the rear and admitted the 8 Ballers had done a beautiful job but they thought they could carry on from that point. We retired to our original position ready to put any German outfit that popped up on the run.—The End.—"Doc" Reiman.

PAR III

BATTLE OF THE BULGE

It was snowing and cold and Capt. Leon Sieminski had the 1st, 2nd and 3d platoon ride the halftracks. The track I rode in always got stuck in the snow. After a lot of pushing we jumped on the track and were off again. THIS time Capt. Sieminski had us WAY AHEAD of the infantry. We pulled up to some farm land. Lt. Shosberger told us he wanted his rifles took off the half track and piled them in the deep snow. He told the half track drivers to hide the tracks. Other platoons set up their firing pieces also. There was a house down below. My trunk with supplies was moved to the house. Everyone had colds—Capt. Sieminski had a terrible cold. Two other aidmen worked in Cannon Co. with me to help with the colds. It was more than only a cold coming on. The other aidmen and I knew what was coming but said nothing. Capt. Sieminski knew the score also but kept quiet. We couldn't get to Maj. Roberts. He was too far back. No vehicles could move anyway. The snow was too deep.

NIGHT COMES ON

Night came and the men were getting sicker; fevers were setting in. We aid men were asking each other: "What are we going to do?" The officers were developing fevers. Lt. Shosberger came over and asked me to take a walk outside with him. "I want to see how my men are doing outside as they are guarding the guns and I have guards with the half-tracks." I put on my coat and helmet.

Snow was still coming down. "Doc we are in trouble. I haven't any gas in the half tracks. We do not even have a drop of gas in the cans. All the men are sick with colds." I still didn't let Lt. Shosberger know what they all had. They all had the flu.

We went and saw all his men who were on guard. The guards were told to see me when they had finished the guard detail. I remarked to Lt. Shosberger "Don't worry about your men. Let me do the worrying."

Reaching the house Capt. Sieminski called out, "Doc I want to see you. I went to his room; there was Lt. Page and Lt. Powell, Lt. Forman, Lt. Morey, Lt. Shosberger and myself. They looked worried. Capt. Sieminski had his head down on his hands over a table. He also was worried. "Doc, you know?" "Yes," I said. I know. The captain continued "If we would get an attack tomorrow we all will be finished; all the men are sick and all of us here. I reminded Capt. Sieminski "Remember in Africa you said the same thing and we all are still here." Doc, said the captain, I am glad you are with us. I requested all the officers have their men see me after guard duty. After that I will be back to see the officers. I went into my trunk and made a hot drink and came back to the captain's room—gave them all a drink and told them to go to bed. I will see you all in the morning. Every man in Cannon Co. had their hot drink. I told everyone to keep their blankets on them until you get up. A lot of men in Cannon Co. still remember that hot drink.

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CHECK REUNION DATES CAREFULLY

JULY 28-29-30, 1966

A breakdown of the Reunion in program form will be printed in the next issue of The Octofoil. However, the dinner-dance and talk by Gen. Collins on Saturday, July 30, will wind up the official festivities. There are some slight variations—the committees will in all probability have some night sessions so as to have more daylight sightseeing time with the family.

Particular attention is called to the main Convention story in this issue—Gen. Westmoreland's direct from Saigon tape recording—and the presentation of the Military Choir's 20-minute selections.

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"A Good Man," Says Doc



CAPT. LEON SIEMINSKI

Printed elsewhere, and written by the one and only "Doc" Walter Reiman are many paragraphs eulogizing while he still lives many of the fine and noble deeds chalked up by Captain Sieminski. "Doc" says it was a great day for the Cannon Co. when Col. (Gen.) Randle put Capt. Sieminski in command.

COL. BAREFOOT HAS AN UNUSUAL HOBBY

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Forrest Barefoot finally got around to writing The Octofoil. The letter came from 425 S. L St., Lompoc, Calif. The last information The Octofoil had about him he was teaching and it is presumed when he isn't rebuilding wornout automobiles that's what he's doing now. Read parts of his most recent letter:

"I spent most of my spare time in 1965 renovating a Model A and a Model T Ford. I have them both running and drive the 1931 Model A Sports Coupe to work. It reminds me of August, 1940, when I drove one from Phoenix, Ariz. to Fort Bragg to report for duty with the Ninth Division. It was the only one in the 34th F.A. Bn. and called for a lot of unnecessary attention and comment when we had our first safety check over in the old tent area.

Maybe I'll drive this one to a convention if it holds up.

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JULY 28-30—D DAYS—Washington

From Coen's Collection



Bill Coen, 1140 Overland Dr., Washington, Pa., who has been in and out of hospitals many times in recent years, took time out to dig out many pictures of the 47th Regt. Cannon Co. men to go with a story Reiman has written for this issue about his old outfit. The above picture is one of those Coen sent in. Pictured are, left to right: Bill Coen, Warren "Bud" Bascone, who was a gunner, later a sergeant; "Duffy" Longwell, who was in Bascone's gun section.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASS'N. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Enclosed please find 1966 dues for:

Name _____ Serial No. _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

I was a member of:

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

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year _____ \$ 4.00 ☐

Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund _____ ☐

Three-Year Member _____ \$11.00 ☐

LIFE MEMBERSHIP _____ \$50.00 ☐

Octofoil Automobile License Disc _____ \$.50 ☐

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

"Eight Stars to Victory" _____ \$ 2.00 ☐

(Pictorial History of 9th Division in action.)

Ladies' Auxiliary Member _____ \$ 1.50 ☐

Combat Route Map _____ \$.50 ☐

60th Infantry History _____ \$.50 ☐

Coat Lapel Octofoil Pin _____ \$ 1.25 ☐

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Please give credit to the following Chapter:

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JOHN HOLICK VISITED IN HOSPITAL BY BUDDIES OF NEW YORK CHAPTER

On March 5 Jack Scully, Ralph Witzken and Dan Quinn made a trip to the VA Hospital in East Orange, N. J., to visit with John Holick, 158 Jefferson Ave., Cresskill, N. J. John was formerly with I Co., 39th Infantry.

He is still in the East Orange VA Hospital—Room 1A-10.

HAS LARGE FAMILY

John has a wife and four children. The New York Chapter members sent him a gift of \$50.00 instead of buying flowers or some other customary gift.

APPRECIATED

John was self employed and the gift was greatly appreciated. Get-well cards from the members would be a big boost to John's morale.

He has two months in a hospital in Harrisburg, Pa., before being transferred to a hospital closer to his home.

It isn't his old wounds that is bothering John now but rather a liver condition that has caused trouble for many years.

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George Brum, Jr. Asks Cards for O'Neil

George J. Brum, Jr., 33 Colleen St., Newark, N. J., writes as follows:

Dear Dan: I just received my Octofoil and upon going through each article, I found this item which my buddy Phil Gilbert wrote about Harold Rissue and his serious injury. I immediately sat myself down and wrote him a "Get Well Message." I am passing on this information to all his buddies from Co. M, 60th in the New York and New Jersey area.

I also want to pass on this information about a Co. M man, Nicholas O'Neill, who was an early casualty in Africa and has been having a rough time of it. He is laid up in a veterans' hospital with multiple sclerosis. If this information was printed, I am sure a get well card or a letter from his buddies of Co. M would make him a very happy man. Let's cheer him up. His address is:

Nicholas O'Neill,
Veterans Hospital,
Building No. 1,
Lyons, New Jersey

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You're getting over the hill, buddy, when most of your dreams are re-runs.

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New Ninth Wants Photos of All Past Commanders

Sgt. Major Nash, Hqtrs., 9th Inf. Div., Fort Riley, Kansas, is looking for pictures of all former Ninth Division Commanders. The Octofoil has some cuts of a few former commanders, but proofs from these cuts would not suffice for the purpose for which Sgt. Maj. Nash needs the pictures.

It is hoped that some members of the Association will read this who are in position to help the Sergeant Major out and will contact him at once.

He was also very much interested in the operation of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

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New York Boys Go to the Airport and Wish Mr. and Mrs. Lynch Safe Trip

On February 19, Jack Scully, Frank Fazio, Ralph Witzken, Vincent Guglielmino and Dan Quinn went out to the Kennedy Airport to see Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lynch off on a trip to the Carribeans. Mr. Lynch is one of the beloved Gold Star Dads of the Ninth Division—the father of Capt. Paul Lynch, who was killed in action while attached to the 39th Regt.

SENDS NOTE

The Chapter members received the following "Thank you" card from Mr. and Mrs. Lynch:

Dear Danny, Frank, Jack, Ralph and Vince: "The cream of the troops." It was simply great to see you all at the airport. Paul would want you to look out for the "Old Man," and you do it so magnificently. As ever—Joe Lynch.

P.S.: It was very nice of you to see Kitty and I off at Kennedy Airport Feb. 19, 1966. A Happy Bon Voyage. It was all the best.—Joe Lynch.

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MacManus Has a Brand-New Address

Doc Reiman advises The Octofoil that James P. MacManus has a new address and would be most happy to get a card now and then from any of the old gang.

The new address is:
Mr. James P. MacManus,
2211 2nd Ave., North
Billings, Montana

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He who laughs last doesn't catch on very quick.

DOC REIMAN'S STORY

(Continued from Preceding Page)
FREEZING OUTSIDE

The next morning was freezing temperature outside. It had stopped snowing but snow was piled high. The Germans had fired out in the snow in the field. Every man got up and were by their guns. The guns of Cannon Co. were firing back and it stopped. A few days later the 9th Infantry came hiking up the road. "We heard what you all did up here. Then you will hear a GI call 'good job 8 balls.' He was watching them coming up. We were happy to see them again. We told them it's up to you now." So everything came out okay. —THE END.

**PART IV
REMAGEN BRIDGE**

Captain Sieminski had the third platoon go ahead alone and had us on a side of a mountain. We seen a river and a bridge. I didn't know where we were nor the name of the bridge. Capt. Sieminski had Lt. Shosberger put his guns so we could fire over the river. Capt. Sieminski and Lt. Shosberger remarked to me "See that bridge? It is called the Remagen Bridge. The Jerries are on the other side."

KRAUT PLANES

About 5 o'clock that afternoon German planes came over the bridge and dropped bombs down on it but missed. The next morning the German planes came again and missed it. Later on I saw men working over the bridge. They were on top. I mentioned it to the Captain. He came with field glasses. They were our Engineers working on the cables. Lt. Shosberger, Lt. Page, and Captain Sieminski left. We were all watching the Engineers. I was alone and along comes the platoon sergeant. I told him the Engineers were working on the bridge. We were watching the Engineers. "Look up, Doc, planes." I said they are German planes. They want to knock the bridge down. Then they came low and dropped bombs and opened fire on the bridge. Again they missed the bridge. Later on the platoon sergeant said "Look Doc a line outfit of men are crossing the bridge." They were crossing on both sides of the bridge. "Look, Doc, said a Cannon Company man, 'trucks are going over the bridge also.' I sat down by him—before you know it the bridge fell in half right into the river.

Capt. Sieminski, Lt. Page and Lt. Shosberger arrived with the jeep. What happened Doc, asked Captain Sieminski, look at the bridge now. It fell down into the river. They left again in the jeep. Night came—we could hear line outfits firing across the river. What outfits we didn't know. All night long we could hear them. The men in Cannon Co. said if we could only help them. But we couldn't get across the river.

SAVED 'EM AGAIN

Then Lt. Shosberger called let's go men; put the guns on the half track. I helped put the shells in the half tracks. Off we went again. The Engineers put up a pontoon bridge across the river. At night we all could cross over.

So Capt. Sieminski had his Cannon Co. go after the Germans again to help the men who were stuck.

Captain Sieminski's men broke the Germans up again.—THE END.

**PART V
BERLIN, GERMANY**

How many Ninth men know that Captain Leon Sieminski with his men were only 17 miles from Berlin. Gen. Patton's tanks went on to Berlin and Cannon Co. was not far behind. Gen. Patton's tanks rode into Berlin—Capt. Sieminski had Cannon Co. put its guns on both sides of the road. In case the Germans pushed General Patton's tanks out, Cannon Co. was there to take care of the German tanks if our tanks were pushed out. Cannon Co. was ready for them. But instead word went out that the war was over. Berlin fell. Cannon Co. did not get into Berlin.—THE END.

SWORN STATEMENT—

Everything I have written is the truth about a great man. And the men who stood behind him. Men who will never forget him—Capt. Leon Sieminski, Cannon Co., 47th Inf., 9th Division.

I understand Gen. Edwin H. Randle made Capt. Leon Sieminski the Commanding Officer of Cannon Co.

I hope Gen. Edwin H. Randle likes my story about an officer that he himself is responsible for being placed where his true self could be put to test.

In all the books I have read about the Ninth Division I never read anything about the 8 Balls of Capt. Leon Sieminski. None of the Ninth Division Generals ever mention this great man—WHY?

Captain Leon Sieminski came out of the Army as a Major.

There are many stories that can be told about Captain Leon Sieminski and Cannon Co. This is my story.—"Doc" Walter H. Reiman, 6310 Polk St., West New York, New Jersey 07093.

A Famous "8" Baller

**"DOC" REIMAN HIMSELF**

When the 9th Inf. Div. was making unbelievable history and "Doc" Walter Reiman was doing his part and more, the above photo will give a general idea of how Doc looked when he dressed up in his "Sunday" clothes.

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Balthaser Just Back From Fun-Packed Trip

Marvin Balthaser's letter speaks for itself. He lives at 800 Whitner Rd., Reading, Pa., and is a former Q.M. Sergeant. The letter:

Dear Dan: Enclosed is check for '66 dues. Just returned from a Mediterranean Adventure. Visited Lisbon, Portugal, Madrid, Spain; Palma, Mallorca; Cannes, Nice, Monte Carlo, France; Rome, Naples, Pompeii, Sorrento, Capri, Italy.

Won it in a sweepstakes promotion put on by the Cities Service Oil Co. Now I have seen both sides of the Blue Mediterranean—Sincerely, MARV.

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TRAPANI GETS A NEW ASSOCIATION MEMBER

Sal Trapani, Rockville, Md., member of the Washington Chapter, recently wrote Secretary Quinn:

Dear Dan: Col. Gawkowski (Lt. Col., retired), 6917 Cupar Dr., Annandale, Va. 22603 would like to become a member of the Association. A copy of The Octofoil was sent to Col. Gawkowski and he immediately filled out and sent in the application blank that is printed in each issue. The Colonel was with the 9th Div. Arty. Hqtr. from December, 1943 until November, 1946.

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Commands 2nd Brigade**COL. WILLIAM B. FULTON**

Col. William Bannison Fulton, pictured above, has arrived at Ft. Riley, where he will command the 2nd Brigade, 9th Infantry Division. For the past three years he has been chief of plans and policy, Office of the Director of Instruction at the U. S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Col. Fulton is a native California.—Photo by Jack Herron, Fort Riley Post Services Photo Lab.

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John Brandi Getting Outta "Free Loaders"

A short but "sweet" note from John Brandi, Tiltonsville, Ohio, dated March 23, 1966, reads:

Dear Dan: I want to get out of the "Free Loading" group. Enclosed are my dues, God willing, the wife and I will attend the Reunion in Washington.—Sincerely, John Brandi, Division Headquarters.

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JULY 28-30—D DAYS—Washington

OZART FILES A REPORT FROM ILLINOIS INDICATING ACTION

By FRANK OZART,
Past National President
(Member Illinois Chapter)
2241 S. Marshall Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60623

VALENTINE DINNER AND DANCE

On Friday, February 11, 1966, the Illinois Chapter held a get-together at the Cicero Moose Lodge. A fish fry was served at 7:30 P.M. and all the members who came early were waiting in the beautiful and spacious TV room at the Cicero Moose Lodge.

When all the members had arrived we sat down to eat. The fish was most delicious and a person was welcome to eat all he desired. After the dinner we danced until the wee hours.

John Clouser and his charming wife danced together. This was the first time I had seen Clouser on a dance floor and they looked like a professional dancing couple.

We had a very large crowd. It was one of the largest crowds we have had for at least the past 15 years for a function of this type. The members who attended had a most enjoyable evening. The price was right. It cost only one dollar for the fish fry. It included the dance band and the organ music for those who wanted to sing. The women are still talking about the wonderful time they had at the Cicero Moose Lodge. The ladies want to go back there again for the fish fry and dance.

GOT RESULTS

Chuck Koskie, Bob Winkleman and Frank Ozart made some telephone calls to the members who have not been around for some time. The response we had for the fish fry was tremendous. It sure did get them out for an enjoyable evening and we hope they come out more often to our future functions.

SICK CALL

Ted Matusik is out of the hospital and is walking around. He attended the fish fry with his wife. Roger Elmer is out of the hospital after a hernia operation. He was at the March meeting and is feeling good.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Plans are being made for the Memorial Day Services. After the services we are invited to John Clouser's "Castle" for food and refreshments. More details will be mailed to each Illinois Chapter Member. Keep this date open May 30, 1966.

CONGRATULATIONS

A Pennsylvania lad makes good in Illinois. John Clouser is the newly appointed Principal of Maine Township High School East, which is located in Park Ridge, Illinois. John was born in Pennsylvania, a country boy comes to a big city like Chicago and makes good. The men of the 9th Infantry Division Association congratulate John and may the good Lord give him strength and courage in his new position.

BASKET PICNIC

This year the picnic will be held in Bloomington, Illinois, on Sunday, June 26, 1966. Bring your own food and refreshments. Come as early as you can. More information on the picnic will be mailed to the Illinois Chapter members.

WASHINGTON OR BUST

Many of the members of the Illinois Chapter are making plans to go to the Washington, D. C. Reunion. The writer had difficulty getting vacation time at the time of the Reunion. After twisting a few arms, the boss decided to let me have my vacation at that time. It would take more than a job to keep me away from the Washington, D. C. Reunion. We all had a wonderful time the last time the Reunion was held in Washington.

Gen. Barth Meets An Old 9th Sarge from Algiers



When the 9th's own General George Barth attended the reactivating of the Ninth Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas on Feb. 1, he had more thrills in store for him than he expected. Pictured above he is shown shaking hands with the present County Engineer of Geary County, Kansas, Mr. Bernard Veltman. When Gen. Barth last saw Veltman he was a 9th Division Sergeant while the General was serving as Gen. Matt Eddy's Chief of Staff.—Photo by Jack Herron, Fort Riley Post Services Photo Lab.

SOME FOLKS DID NOT UNDERSTAND "FREE LOADERS" STORY

Any time a member of the Association receives a few extra copies of The Octofoil is because there were a few left over and this particular member is considered a hard worker and the officers feel as though he will see that those extra papers are distributed where they will do the Association some good. Some members who received a few of these overflow papers after the last issue became confused with the "FREE LOADERS" story and thought it was referring to them—when just the opposite was the situation. Those receiving the "bundles" are the hard-core workers, producers who are instrumental in keeping the Association's wheels ticking.

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REIMAN ADVERTISES

The following clipping was extracted from an issue of the DAV Magazine:

Walter H. (Doc) Reiman, 6310 Polk St., West New York, N. J. 07093, wants to locate Lt. Forman, Lt. Powell, Lt. Snyder, Lt. Shosberger, Lt. Page and Lt. Morey who were in Cannon Co., 47th Infantry, Ninth Division.

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JULY 28-30—D DAYS—Washington

Mr. McInerney Most Grateful for Cards

Mr. Michael J. McInerney, 2451 Webb Ave., Bronx, N. Y., 10468 is a most integral part of the New York Chapter. He has been sorely missed at several meetings recently because of illness. But he's back in the old ball game now—making up or lost time. Parts of a letter The Octofoil received from Mr. Mc recently is being printed below:

"I am now feeling better and was able to attend the April meeting of the New York Chapter.

"If you have a little space in the next issue of The Octofoil please tell all the boys I thank them so much for their 'Get Well' cards and letters. It is hard to express my appreciation for their thoughtfulness.—Sincerely, Michael J. McInerney."

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Georgia Lad Buys 3 Copies "8 Stars to Victory"—Donations

Albert M. Hodge is a former Co. I, 60th Inf. lad. He writes Secretary Quinn from his Savannah, Georgia, address: 5818 White Bluff Road, in part as follows:

Re: Annual Membership and request for 4 copies of "8 Stars to Victory."

Dear Dan: It was nice seeing you and meeting Mrs. Quinn at the 20th Reunion in New York. I think the local chapter in New York deserves a special commendation for a job well done. We do not know yet whether we will be able to get off to attend the forthcoming Reunion.

Enclosed you will find a personal check in the amount of \$12 to cover one year's membership dues and for the purchase of 4 copies of Eight Stars to Victory. I plan to give my three children a copy and donate one copy to my old High School which burned sometime ago and lost its entire library.

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Dick Cooper's Widow Pens a Nice Note

Secretary Quinn is in receipt of the following letter from Mrs. Richard (Ann) Cooper, 231 Broadway, Fort Edward, N. Y. 12828:

Dear Dan: News certainly does get around quickly. I had planned on notifying you of Dick's death but assume Father Connors helped me out in that respect. I know I wouldn't have gotten to it for several more weeks.

Dick was proud of having served with the 9th Division and enjoyed immensely seeing everyone at the Conventions and at Worcester.

I appreciate your offer to keep me on The Octofoil mailing list, so I can keep up with many of Dick's friends.—Sincerely, Ann Cooper.

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RUD HOFFMAN IS IN HOPES OF BEING IN ON '66 PARTY

R. S. Hoffman, former Co. F, 47th Regt., writes from 59 Center St., Waterloo, New York, closes a letter he recently sent to Secretary Quinn in this way:

"If everything goes right, we would like to bring our boys and come to Washington this year, but it is too early now to more than hope that we will be able to do it.

"Thanks again for the hospitality that you and your wife showed us last year."

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Reiman Back In Veterans' Hospital

During the past two months The Octofoil has received many letters from Doc Reiman. Some of these letters have necessitated much research work to authenticate statements now Doc's back in the VA Hospital, Room 4, 5A Floor, East Orange, N. J. He has written The Octofoil editor weekly to take it slow and easy and we'd both be around for a long time. Slow and easy is all it takes to lick a bad heart condition, so says Doc. Now it's time for some of the gang to lay the law down to Doc and tell him to practice what he preaches and take it slow and easy. His legion of buddies in all parts of the country are pulling hard for a rapid recovery of the one and only Doc Reiman, pictured in this issue—when he and a few others like him were making Cannon Co. of the 47th Regt. famous.

Doc advised The Octofoil of the raw deal our beloved "Gold Star" Mother, Mrs. Lillian McAvoy received from a Jersey hospital. Contents of Doc's and Mrs. McAvoy's letters will be turned over to the Board when it meets in Pittsburgh on April 30.

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Isn't it wonderful how well Abraham Lincoln made out, considering he was culturally deprived? —SEND IN 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

TIPS ON PAYMENT OF GI INSURANCE

- (1) Be sure to send the proper premium notice with correct premium payment.
- (2) Do not forward cash payments through the mail.
- (3) Insert the policy number on checks in payment of premiums.
- (4) Be sure to retain cancelled checks and money order stubs as proof of payment.
- (5) Mail remittances before the due date of the premium.
- (6) Consider the advantages of paying premiums quarterly, semi-annually or annually. Premiums paid in advance are discounted.
- (7) Consider paying premiums by deduction from Benefit payments.

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Boyle Issues Financial Bulletin For National

National Treasurer Tom Boyle submitted his audit of the National Association's finances to the Board of Governors recently.

Boyle's report was comprehensive and easily understood. The Association continues to operate within its prescribed budget.

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A tree is an object that stands in one place for years, then suddenly it jumps in front of a lady driver.

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Langer Advertises Meeting Location In Advance By Erecting Sign On Dias

By ARTHUR R. SCHMIDT,
69-20 69th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11227
HYacinth 7-3993
President 4-7100, Ext. 12

New York Chapter held its March meeting at the Hotel Statler Hilton on March 4. President Emil Langer asked Al Lechmanek to offer the opening prayer. President Langer has come up with an innovation. He has a sign made up on which he indicates the time and place for the next meeting. The sign is placed on the dias so it can be easily seen.

The April meeting will be held at St. Mark's Church Hall, 82nd St. and 34th Ave., Jackson Heights, Queens County, N. Y. at 8:30 P.M.

Some of the members claim this is as near church as some members will be until Father Connors Memorial Services. Others claim this location will discourage the heavy boozers—However, President Langer advises a little libation now and then will not be frowned on. In reality the meeting is being held in Queens County for the convenience of many members who live in Queens and Long Island.

Due to Secy. Dom Miele's laryngitis President Langer read his minutes of the last meeting. They were approved as read. Irv Feinberg advised the treasury surplus was increasing. Dom Miele reported the Chapter has 320 members—a new high. Langer expressed the hope for a still larger increase in members.

MR. MCINERNEY ILL

Adolph Wadalavage reported that Mr. McInerney, the Chapter's beloved Gold Star parent, was too ill to attend the meeting. Wadalavage also gave an accounting on a recent visit he made, accompanied by the writer and the writer's mother to Vincent Scuccimarri, who is a patient at the FDR VA Hospital in Montrose, N. Y. He was given some cigarettes. Scuccimarri seemed to be in good spirits. We all visited the canteen for coffee, hamburgers and pastries.

Due to the heavy rains the writer's car brakes became "moist." Wadalavage claimed for the party to have written 60 miles without brakes denoted a skillful driver.

HOLLICK IN HOSPITAL

Dan Quinn reported that John Hollick was a patient in the East Orange VA Hospital. He received a call from Hollick thanking him for the get well cards. He is in Room 10-5A. Quinn's suggestion that a few of the members pay him a call was accepted, and a collection was made to give Hollick when a group visits him.

*MR. LYNCH—SEVENTY-SIX

President Langer reported that our Gold Star Dad, Mr. Joe Lynch was 76 years old on February 27, 1966. The Chapter sent him a birthday card signed by the membership.

Langer gave instructions on how to reach St. Mark's Church.

PICNIC DATE SET

Jack Scully is working on our pic-

nic with the tentative date set for June 5th.

President Langer read a letter addressed to Dom Miele that had been received from Frank Lockwood. Mr. Lockwood is the superintendent of National Cemetery in Pinelawn, Long Island. He advised the Chapter would have to set a date and time for the proposed visit to the cemetery. This would have to be approved. A firing squad would be available from Fort Totten, N. Y. The date May 22, 1966 was suggested. Tony Varone offered the services of his son as a bugler. President Langer suggested that we keep the date originally set, namely, May 21, 1966. Walter O'Keeffe suggested the chapter purchase one wreath "in honor of all 9th men" lest by purchasing individual wreaths for the graves visited someone might be offended because a wreath was not placed on their son's grave. Others preferred placing wreaths on the individual graves visited. Frank Fazio suggested that a representative from each regiment be selected and these men should represent all 9th men who were deceased. It was decided that O'Keeffe should head a committee which would decide how the ceremonies would be conducted.

Wadalavage asked that a reminder be put in the next meeting notice requesting that anyone aware of any deceased 9th man send in the name of the deceased, the location of the grave, etc. Miele announced that 9th Division Caps are still available for \$5.62. Anyone desiring to purchase a cap should contact him.

HONOR PAST PRESIDENTS

O'Keeffe reported that part of the National Convention agenda would be to honor past National Presidents.

\$7.50 PER PERSON QUOTED

President Langer reported he had inquired at the Empire Hotel, 63rd St. & Broadway, New York City, in regard to holding a dinner and dance. Tentative prices were set at \$7.50 per person—with no profit going to the Chapter. This was left open for further investigation.

President Langer passed out "fizzle" tablets to all members having birthdays during March.

35 MEMBERS PRESENT

There were about 35 members in attendance. Nick Chipura, Co. I, 39th Regt., now of Clifton, N. J., made his first meeting. He has been a member of the Association for years.

Dark horse winners were Charlie Warner, George Fraenkel, John Rizzo, Bill O'Shea, and Jake Laskau. Pete Mezzapella, of Mastic Beach, N.Y., whose orchestra played during the last Reunion, was present. Pete is also a 9th Division man.

Dom Miele is working on the Chapter Scrapbook. He asks that the members keep sending him any material suitable for the scrapbook such as photos, news stories, personal remembrances, etc.

New York Chapter Held Meeting In St. Mark's Church

By ARTHUR R. SCHMIDT,
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President 4-7100, Ext. 12

New York Chapter's April meeting was held at the St. Mark's Parish Church Hall, at 82nd St. and 34th Ave., Jackson Heights, Queens, N. Y.

The meeting was "Past Presidents' Night" of the New York Chapter. The following past presidents were present: Frank Fazio, Max Umansky, Vincent Guglielmino, Pat Morano, Dan Quinn, Walter O'Keeffe, Irving Feinberg, Al Bruchac, and John Rizzo; Emil Langer, present Chapter President, asked all the past presidents to come up before the dias and pinned a live, large red carnation on each of the ex-presidents. He then called for a round of applause which was enthusiastically given. Langer explained he was wearing a white carnation while the past presidents were wearing red carnations because they have been through the "wars."

There was a giant size cake with the inscription "Ninth Infantry Division Association Welcomes Its Past Presidents." President Langer expressed his appreciation for the large turnout of past presidents. Some of the appetizing tid-bits available were Spanish rice, fish sticks, meat balls, frankfurters, potato salad, tuna fish salad, beer, soda and coffee.

LECHMANEK CHAPLAIN

President Langer called upon Al Lechmanek, Chapter Chaplain to offer an opening prayer for departed buddies. Dom Miele, Chapter Secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes included an item to the effect that Al Lechmanek had donated \$10 to the Chapter Welfare Fund. The minutes were accepted as read. Irving Feinberg, Chapter Treasurer, reported the Chapter's finances were in better shape than they had ever been in.

MR. MCINERNEY BACK

President Langer then announced the presence of our beloved Gold Star Father, Mr. McInerney. Mr. Mc received a tremendous applause. He has been absent for several meetings because of severe illness. He thanked the members for sending him get-well cards, especially the card on which the members all signed their names. John Rizzo stated Mr. McInerney was entitled to another hearty applause in honor of his 72nd birthday.

NEW MEMBER

President Langer announced the presence of William Hanson, Co. A, 60th, as a new member, and he was given a round of applause. Mr. Hanson was with H Co., 60th Inf. Regt. He is now living at 11 Pearce Place, Great Neck, Long Island, N. Y. Hanson was a member in 1946 and was now renewing his membership in 1966.

ORRARD ATTENDS

Frank Orrard, from Binghamton, N.Y., was given a round of applause in view of the great distance he has to travel.

FAZIO'S "IDEA" ? ?

Frank Fazio suggested that perhaps all meetings be held in a church to cut down on the booze consumption. He also mentioned that Lou Almasy had held his wedding reception in this hall and opined that perhaps this was why Lou had come to the meeting.

O'KEEFFE'S REPORT

Walter O'Keeffe reported he is making progress on the Chapter's plans to hold Memorial Services in Pinelawn Cemetery, Long Island in honor of 9th Infantry Division men who are buried there. He is trying to enlarge on the list of names he has and asks that anyone knowing of any other 9th men who have deceased to send him their names, unit connection, and grave lot and number. It was suggested that a 9th Division metal decal be placed on each grave. Date for the services is May 21. Anyone wishing to attend should be at the cemetery by 11:30 A.M.

QUINN'S REPORT

National Secretary Dan Quinn reported that progress on the National Reunion is coming along fine. He said that invitations were being sent to the past presidents of the National Organization. Langer informed the membership that reservations could be made by telephone from New York. President Langer reported that a meeting of the National Board of Governors is to be held on April 30, and he asked that any member who has a suggestion to be taken up by the Board, give it to Harry Orenstein, Tony Varone or himself.

15 BUCKS PER COUPLE

O'Keeffe reported he had gotten an estimate of \$15 for two for a dinner and dance at the Empire Hotel for Oct. 22. He asked that the affair be widely publicized. Langer announced that Irving Goldberg had passed

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New York Chapter Honors Its Past Presidents



Past Presidents of New York Chapter who were able to attend the meeting held in their honor on April 1 are pictured above, and are, from left to right, sitting: Danny Quinn, Max Umansky, Art Schmidt and Frank Fazio. Standing, left to right: Al Bruchac, Vincent Guglielmino, John Rizzo, Pat Morano, Emil Langer (incumbent - host), Walter O'Keeffe, and Irv Feinberg, now New York Chapter's Treasurer.

Brusic Thanks Miele

Francis Brusic, 53 Tuttle St., Wallington, N. J., took time out to thank New York Chapter Secretary Dom Miele for courtesies shown during the 1965 Reunion. Brusic is a former 47th man. Parts of his letter to Dom: "I want to thank you again for your help at the Reunion in July. I saw who I wanted to see. It meant a lot to me. I made a tape recording when I visited with General Randle. It's nice to listen to—and good for my boys. Thanks again. On account of working until midnight I can't attend meetings, but hope to see you soon."

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Taylor Comes Up With a Timely Suggestion

Wilton Taylor, former 47th man, now living in Lost Hills, Calif., advises that he tried but was not successful to get a recording of an Infantry Retreat Parade from the PRO at Fort Carson. He heard one of the recordings and says it is a wonderful presentation with other musical features made a part of the recording. He thinks the tape recording would add to the interest of any Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor leave for a trip through the woods of Western Canada and are hopeful to be back in the vicinity of Washington, D. C. along about Reunion time.

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What business needs most is more orders from customers and fewer from the Government.

MEET IN CHURCH HALL

Continued from Preceding Column
away, as per a phone call he received from Mrs. Goldberg.

President Langer read a newspaper clipping that Adolph Wadalavage had obtained to the effect there is some concern which purchases paper back books for resale at five cents per book. Wadalavage suggested this might be a source for the Chapter to obtain some extra cash.

OLD SARGE SENDS "TAGS"

Secretary Quinn reported that the "Old Sarge" had sent a case of cigarettes to our fighting men in Vietnam in the name of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Harry Orenstein reported reading a newspaper item to the effect that if Gen. Westmoreland should win a big battle, he would be put up to run for President on the Republican ticket.

DONATES HAM

Harry Wax donated a ham for dark horse prize while Dom Miele donated a cheese dip set. Kearns won the ham and Scully won the cheese dip set.

READY FOR PICNIC

Jack Scully reported that our picnic is all set for June 5th at Seeley's Pond, Wachtung Reservation, near Scotch Plains, New Jersey. He said all he needs is volunteers for the fires, soda and beer dispensers. The park opens at 9:00 A.M.

MAY 6 NEXT MEETING

The Chapter's next meeting will be on May 6 at the Hotel Statler Hilton, 7th Ave. and 33rd St., New York City at 8:30 P.M., and the June 3rd meeting is scheduled for the Elk's Lodge, in Union City, N. J.

DANCE LOCATION

The Empire Hotel where the Oct. 22 dance will be held is located at 63rd St. and Broadway, N. Y. C. See March 10 meeting letter for additional information.

The cemetery at Pinelawn, Long Island, N. Y., is called Long Island National Cemetery.

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WILLIAM MEYER WILL BE MISSED BY PALS

On February 10, 1966 Secretary Dan Quinn received a letter containing some very sad news. The letter was written by Mrs. William C. Meyer, 25 Forest Ave., Pearl River, N. Y., 10965. The letter reads:

"Dear Mr. Quinn: This is to inform you and any friends in the organization, that my husband, William C. Meyer, died on January 23, 1966 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, N. Y. Burial was in Hazleton, Pa.—Yours sincerely, Lucile Klotz Meyer."

Secretary Quinn sent a message of sympathy in behalf of the entire membership. The Octofoil likewise extends condolences to surviving members of a good, loyal Ninth Division man who will be greatly missed.

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Some Folks Had Red Stickers On Octofails

Quite a few jokers who haven't paid any 1966 dues were sent copies of last month's Octofoil. All of their names were supposed to be printed in red ink. The Addressograph people would never give Secretary Dan Quinn any definite date on delivery of the red ribbon so The Octofoil was afraid to print a story "If your name appears in red you owe a year's dues" and then the ribbon wouldn't arrive in time and no names would be printed in red. Hence the short story stating some Free Loaders were getting the paper. This caused a little misunderstanding that it took Secretary Quinn some time to straighten out.

When a member of the Association gets three or four extra Octofails on certain occasions—it is because the officers consider him an outstanding member and one who will put those extra papers to good use by sending them out to friends who are good prospective members.

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Maybe it's called grounds for divorce because of the dirt.

Mr. McInerney Attends



Everyone was happy to see Mr. McInerney his old self again—smiling and cheering up all those he talked with. Incidentally this was this Gold Star Dad's 72nd birthday. Mr. McInerney has been ill for several weeks and unable to attend the Chapter meetings. His return to "active duty" was celebrated along with the Past Presidents' Party.

Langer Cuts the Cake



President Emil Langer is shown taking a "whack" out of the big cake that was presented to the Past Chapter Presidents.

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Maurice Westrich

Octofoil Booster

A short note from Maurice and Rita Westrich, 3753 Meadowview Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio 45211, contains a few very complimentary remarks about The Octofoil and how they enjoy reading it. It's letters like this one from Maurice and Rita Westrich that makes the many long hours necessary to produce a readable edition of The Octofoil a pleasant chore instead of a pain in the neck.

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You've reached middle age when you feel on Saturday night the way you used to feel on Monday morning.

Walter Victor's Trip to Columbus Sidetracked

Late one night just before this issue of The Octofoil went to press the phone rang and the guy causing the disturbance was way down in Dixie—Atlanta, Ga., to be specific—the speaker—Walter Victor's—the former Ninth man who has turned into a demon photographer. He asked the editor of The Octofoil if he could meet Flight so and so coming through Columbus about midnight the following night. The date was made—then the next night another call came through—from the same location—same voice—advising "I've been rerouted and will be going right on into Cleveland, Ohio, bypassing Columbus completely—so you can go back to sleep—Good night."

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Succimarri Thanks Boyle For Card

Victor Scuccimarri didn't have any Easter greeting cards to mail out—but he most assuredly had the spirit of the occasion in his heart as can be verified by those who received his hand penned Easter messages on all kinds of scrap paper. Scuccimarri is a remarkable lad and has gone through a lot in the FDR VA Hospital in Montrose, N. Y. But he keeps his chin up in true 9th Division style—and most appreciative of all courtesies. He seemed especially impressed with the type Easter Card National Treasurer Tom Boyle had sent him and expressed himself in a note to The Octofoil—with Easter greetings to his paper.

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Middle age is when you are old enough to know better, but young enough to keep on doing it.

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A beauty contest could be more aptly termed the lass round-up.

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A BIRDSEYE VIEW OF SOME WASHINGTON BEAUTY SPOTS TO BE SEEN



AERIAL VIEW OF THE MALL AREA LOOKING EAST. In foreground is the Lincoln Memorial separated from the Washington Monument (center) by the Reflecting Pool. To the rear of the picture is the Capitol Building. To the right is the Tidal Basin, location of the world famous Japanese Cherry Trees that form the back drop for the National Cherry Blossom Festival.

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS TAKEN AT RANDOM FROM RILEY RELEASES

FORT RILEY, Kans. — Modified and jalopy racing will be held at the Plaza Speedway in Junction City each Sunday night. Fort Riley Special Services has arranged for buses to pick up military personnel at all Service Clubs on the Post at 7 p.m. each Sunday.

A person to person Savings Bond campaign at Fort Riley was successful, resulting in a 77.9 per cent participation rate, according to Major General George S. Eckhardt, commanding general of the 9th Infantry Division and Fort Riley. The percentage was five per cent above that of the whole Fifth Army district.

Nearly everyone at Fort Riley had an opportunity to pause and participate in "Law Day, U.S.A.," observances sponsored by the Judge Advocate Section on Sunday, May 1.

Law Day has been marked annually on May 1 since 1958. Proclaimed each year by the president, in 1961, it also was set aside by Congress as a national celebration. The theme this year is "Respect the Law—It Respects You."

The first recruits, approximately 900 recent inductees in the Army, scheduled to receive basic combat training with the 9th Infantry Division, arrived at Fort Riley during the week of March 28.

The recruits were assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry and will receive an 8-week basic combat training cycle conducted by training committees from the 1st Brigade, 9th Inf. Div. and the 9th Division

Artillery. A similar group of approximately 900 recruits arrived during the week of April 4 and were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 11th Artillery, for basic combat training.

Lt. Col. William R. Richardson, commanding officer of the 3rd Bn. 39th Inf., was recently awarded a Certificate of Achievement. Col. M. W. Kendall, commanding officer of the 1st Brigade, 9th Infantry Division, presented the certificate.

Major Richard E. Zastrow has been named G-1 (Personnel) officer of the 9th Infantry Division and Fort Riley, replacing Lt. Col. Raymond G. Mais who has been reassigned as Fort Riley special services officer.

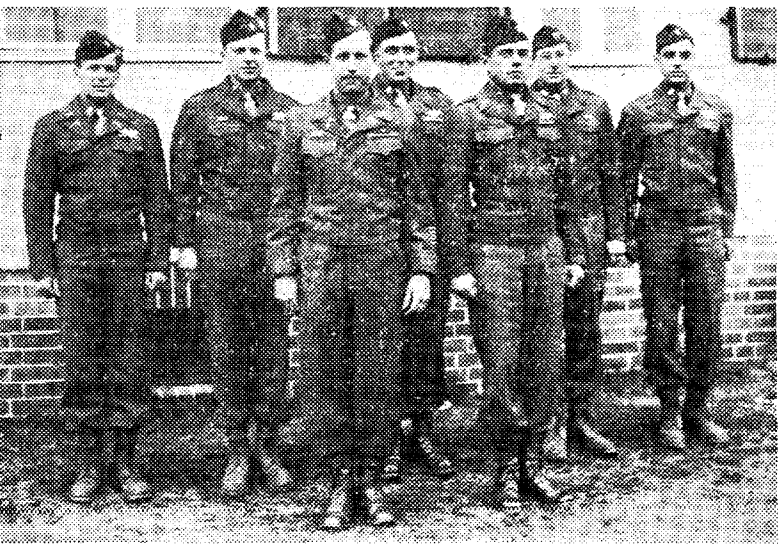
Jungle training will be emphasized during the final week of the eight-week basic training cycle. This basic training is to be conducted by units of the 9th Infantry Division.

The Fort Riley Safety Officer, Mr. Robert J. Leininger, has announced that the new 1966 National Drivers Test will be presented over the CBS television network, WIBW-TV Channel 13, at 9 p.m. May 24.

Participation by military personnel at Fort Riley has been urged because it is aimed at reducing traffic fatalities. This is not the same test that was telecast a year ago.

Many members of the Association who live in that area showed considerable interest in last year's tests. No doubt many of them will be looking forward to viewing the 1966 telecasts.

Walter Mahon and a Fine Group of Buddies



The above group picture is another of the pictures Walter Mahon's family loaned the Illinois Chapter. Lt. Walter Mahon is shown with a group of buddies. He is on the extreme left in the above picture. Frank Ozart advises that when he visited Walt's family it was unbelievable how they remembered names of Ninth Division Association members they had met many years ago or had heard Walter mention the names before his untimely death.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS SET FOR NEW YORK

May 6: Regular Meeting — Statler Hotel.
May 21: Memorial Service — National Cemetery, Pinelawn, L. I., N. Y.

June 3: Regular Meeting — Elks Club in Jersey.

June 5: Picnic — Scotch Plains (tentative date).

July 8: Possible meeting — Statler Hotel.

July 28-29-30: National Convention, Washington, D. C., Hotel Shoreham.

Sept. 9: Regular meeting; place to be announced.

Oct. 7: Regular meeting; place to be announced.

Oct. 29: Annual Dance; place to be announced.

Nov. 4: Regular meeting and nomination of officers for coming year; place to be announced.

Nov. 5-6: Worcester Memorial Services.

Dec. 2: Regular meeting and election of officers. Place to be announced.

Dec. 4: Christmas Party (tentative date); place to be announced.

Jan. 6, 1967: Regular meeting and installation of new officers. Place to be announced.

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Taylor Has Lost Sgt.

Kenkennon Again!

Even though The Octofoil doesn't hear from Wilton Taylor and Juanita as often as was the case years ago—now and then he drops Secy. Dan Quinn or The Octofoil a few lines. His address is still Stop 6, Star Route, Lost Hills, Calif. 93249.

Taylor hopes someone reading this article can and will help him locate an old buddy SFC Richard Kenkennon. Last year he was still in service at Fort Belvoir, Va. Dick is a former 47th, Co. M man. He stayed with the Armed Forces until last year—now he has become lost in some city's asphalt jungle.

Taylor enjoyed Gen. Randle's book and learned many things he had not known before.

Taylor has been with the Mobil Oil Co. for 20 years and is now working in the production department.

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Until a husband can get alimony by crossing his legs and winking at the judge, there's no such thing as equal rights.

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Nassau Legion

Receives Praise

In a direct communication National American Legion Commander L. Eldon James of Virginia praised the Nassau (N.Y.) Legion and its fifty-six American Legion posts for excellent humanitarian efforts in their full support of United States Policy in Vietnam.

A former 9th Division man, Joseph Devine, of Hampstead, N. Y., a 60th Regt. soldier, is commander of the Nassau Legionnaires.

"Rendezvous With Destiny," Good Story

"Rendezvous with Destiny" is an all-absorbing story of the 101st Airborne Division. It was published by the 101st Airborne Division Assn., P.O. Box 454, Greenville, Texas, 75401. It contains 830 pages.

The history of the "Screaming Eagles" of the 101st Airborne Division, has a memorable record in World War II.

"Rendezvous with Destiny" is not only of interest to former members of the Screaming Eagle Division, but to all veterans of the battle for Europe in World War II.

"Rendezvous with Destiny" is a tale of gallantry and devotion seldom equaled in the U. S. Military history and is well worth the reading. The deluxe edition is available for \$8.00. Address: 101st Abn Div Assn., P. O. Box 454, Greenville, Texas, 75401.

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Harold Huber's Death

Kindly Remembered

A former 26th FA Bn. man, Harold Huber of Service Battery—was mentioned in the Olean, N. Y. First Presbyterian Church bulletin for the week of January 16, 1966. The announcement read:

The flowers are given in loving memory of Harold Huber by Service Battery, 26th Field Artillery Bn.

The Rev. Paul P. Hagen, D.D., and the Rev. A. David Bos are ministers of the Olean church.

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Editor May Get Picked

Up For Wearing 2 Hats

The Editor of The Octofoil received a very important looking letter on April 15, with the return address: "STATE OF NEW YORK—EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, ALBANY, NEW YORK."

It was a letter under the Empire State Seal and signed by His Excellency, the Honorable Nelson Rockefeller, Governor. As a "citizen" of New York the Editor was told what his rights were regarding certain matters and invited to the State Capitol for additional information.

That's all well and good but the Editor has been a registered voter of Franklin County, Ohio, since 1930. Just how his name and address got mixed up on the New York State's mailing list is a puzzle.

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THE COMPUTER OR THE POSTMAN GONE NUTS

A letter dated Dec. 12, 1965, addressed to The Octofoil editor, was forwarded to this office by Secretary Quinn on April 20th. The letter is signed by a former 60th F.A. man—Louis H. Gray, 732 S. Elmwood, Oak Park, Ill.

The Christmas greetings are appreciated even if they were a bit tardy being received. The writer wants to know when the editor moved and when the editor's job was passed on to someone else. Regardless of the "screwed-up" atmosphere that is such an apparent part of the letter, there is some very sad news in the letter that Octofoil readers who knew Capt. Jack Brown, will be saddened after reading the item. That part of the letter reads:

"I had a phone call last month about Capt. Jack Brown, 60th F.A. Bn. He was killed in the American Airlines crash at Cincinnati in November. Jack's widow, Georgia, lives in Tenafly, N. J., at 35 Burlington Road. They have two sons and a daughter. He was on a business trip, and was assistant sales manager for Beechnut Life Savers."

Quoting further from the letter: "Muriel and I have our oldest at Boston College (1st year). He is there on a National Merit Scholarship. His brother, Thomas, is a semi-finalist also. We are sweating out the next step. The next one in line is a freshman at St. Ignatus High School. Last two are in elementary—7th and 2nd grades."

Enclosed are a few addresses that might be of interest of some of The Octofoil readers:

Glenn F. Elliott, Moorehead, Minn., or International Harvester, P.O. Box 591, Fargo, N. Dak. (Secretary Quinn reports that Elliott last paid dues from Dallas, Tex., in 1959.)

Louis Prince, 8895 Snack Holly, Cincinnati 42, Ohio.

George Thurtle, R.F.D. 1, Box 999, Brownsville, Texas.

Col. Ralph I. Williams, FA School, Fort Sill, Okla.

Col. D. C. France, Naval War College, Newport, R. I. (Moved from Arlington, Va.)

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Most men don't approve of women wearing slacks. Especially on windy days.

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You can get mighty out of breath running from something that ain't after you.

CAN'T AFFORD TO BYPASS THE HOTEL ANY TIME

Regardless of how much other interesting data is sent in about the July 28-30, 1966 Reunion in Washington, it isn't fair not to make some mention, even in condensed form—about that unbelievable Fairyland that makes up the Shoreham Hotel.

A few of the highlights are mentioned below:

THE MARQUEE LOUNGE!

A cozy place to meet any time after noon. Hors d'oeuvres are served after 4 p.m. There's entertainment and dancing evenings. No cover. No minimum.

THE GARDEN RESTAURANT

A bright, beautiful dining room—perfect for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Children are welcome . . . so bring the family. Modestly priced!

THE SNACK BAR

Just right for a quick bite! You'll love the sunny atmosphere . . . the speedy service. And the sensible Shoreham prices will please you even more!

SWIMMING POOL

One of the most beautiful outdoor pools you've ever seen, edged by a broad sun-deck overlooking Rock Creek Park. Separate splash pool for kiddies. Luncheon is served at pool-side.

LOBBY SHOPS

Garfinkel's superlative boutique filled with treasures from this famed downtown store is located in the lobby! Find newspapers, out-of-town papers, pocketbooks, forgotten aspirins, cosmetics, little gifts in the news stand. Visit the Beauty Shop or Barber. And don't overlook the talented florist, the helpful clerks at the Tour and Transportation Desk.

1000 GUEST ROOMS

Whether you're a newcomer to conventions or an old hand, you'll be delighted with Shoreham accommodations! Rooms are spacious. Immaculately clean. Air conditioned. There is radio, television, 24 hour messenger service, direct-dial phones. Deluxe Hospitality Suites are available.

TRANSPORTATION

Flying? The Shoreham is convenient to National, Dulles and Friendship Airports, with direct limousine service to and from the hotel. It's only minutes from Union Station, Trailways and Greyhound Bus Terminals. For in-city traveling, there are taxis at the door whenever you need one . . . air conditioned public buses at the corner. If you wish to hire a car, The Shoreham will have one for you in finger-snapping speed.

PARKING!

Adequate parking facilities for registered guests of the hotel and motor inn.

SERVICE!

The Shoreham management has been handling visiting groups for more than 35 years. They have all the know-how to help you plan a really successful convention! What's more, because The Shoreham is independently owned and operated, you deal directly with top management. No frustrating, time-consuming chain-of-command to spoil your visit!

LOCATION!

The Shoreham is a fabulous private resort in the heart of bustling Washington! Conveniently located—it's only minutes from important government and office buildings. And it's close to national landmarks, fine shopping, theatres.

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Threatens to Rejoin 9th; Wife Encourages

Jim Swotchak, a former A Bty. 34th F.A. man, writes from 13 Cleveland Ave., Westfield, Mass. 01085, in part, as follows:

Dear Dan: Please send me one copy of "Eight Stars to Victory" and a copy of the 60th Infantry history. Check attached.

The above will be given Brother Andrew who is associated with St. Alphonsus College in Suffield, Conn. Brother "Andy" was with C Co., 60th Inf., in North Africa and Sicily and in Europe until around St. Lo area where he became a POW. I guess he forgot his track shoes and couldn't run fast enough. (That's an awful thing to say, isn't it?)

The gang from C Co. will remember Brother Andrew as Andy Caronato, I'm quite sure he is from Long Island.

No doubt Dan when your little woman grows at you these days you threaten to go to Fort Riley and join the Ninth again. I tried it and my wife was willing to pay the plane fare. Best wishes—Jim Swotchak.

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A "peeping tom" is a fink too lazy to walk to the beach.

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Whenever opportunity knocks, some people complain about the noise.

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It's possible to get gallons of trouble out of a pint bottle.