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BOSTON SNAGS THE REUNION FOR 1967

"Changing of the Guard" for the Association



—Photo by Walter Victor, 2734 Dodson Lee Dr., East Point, Ga. 30044

PRESIDENT EMIL LANGER AND PAST PRESIDENT BONKOWSKI

The "old" and the "new." Pictured above is Past President John Bonkowski of the Detroit Chapter, passing the symbol of authority, the gavel, over to his successor, the likeable Emil Langer of the Greater New York Chapter. Bonkowski was a most sincere and dedicated leader and he left a year filled with accomplishments that will give Emil a high mark to shoot at in order to equal or better it.

DEADLINE FOR PIXS AND COPY IS OCT. 5

As previously printed it takes a full week to get pictures back from the engravers—after that the typesetting, makeup, press work and mailing. That is why Oct. 5 has been set as the deadline date for the next issue of The Octofoil. It is regrettable that the deadline falls just a day or two before Greater New York Chapter's October meeting—because they will no doubt have an interesting meeting after the summer recess of two months. But scores of members have asked that the next edition be on the press in time to reach the members several days before Father Connors' Memorial Services in Worcester, on Nov. 6. By setting the deadline as of Oct. 5, it will be at least Oct. 15 before the paper enters the postoffice—and the pace those birds work at times there's no way of knowing exactly when the sheet will reach the members. Certainly by entering the postoffice on Oct. 15 all the readers should have their copy of The Octofoil at least one week or ten days before the services—with all the latest details from Franny Maher and Father Connors.

No urging is needed for those who have attended any one of the Father Connors Memorial Services to attend again and again and again. To those who have never attended, if there is any way it can be arranged, every member and every friend of the Association should attend. No one can attend without having a feeling that he or she has done something noble and worthwhile—Catholic and non-Catholic alike.

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N.O.W!—
If more people acted their wage there'd be less people "head over heels in debt."

MEMBERS SHOULD READ THE MINUTES

Each and every member who was unable to be present to hear the various committee reports presented to the members in session, should read the minutes carefully which are printed in this issue of The Octofoil. Every committee has worthy suggestions—particularly the Miscellaneous Committee—a committee that was not considered very important a few years ago. Among a few of the suggestions, the committee asks the members to send in suggestions how the annual reunions can be improved. The Octofoil is asked hereafter to print instructions on how to reach the headquarters hotel after reaching the city limits of the Reunion City. These two are only two of many suggestions and recommendations to be found in the minutes.

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N.O.W!—

NEW YORKERS HOLD NO JULY-AUGUST MEETINGS

Although no Chapter meetings were held by the Greater New York Chapter during the months of July and August, President Langer sent our letters keeping the members up to date on happenings and reminding them of the Oct. 22 Dinner-Dance slated to be held at the Empire Hotel, Broadway and 63rd St., New York City.

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N.O.W!—
A Chinaman was worried by a vicious looking dog. . . "Don't be afraid of him," the owner reassured. "You know the old proverb, a barking dog never bites." "Yes," replied the Chinaman, "you know proverb, me know proverb, but do dog know proverb?"

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N.O.W!—

New Officers and Board Members For Year 1966-67

Members are asked to cut this directory out and keep in a convenient place. There isn't sufficient space to print all the addresses of the officers and Board members in the Page 2 masthead each month. This is the last time this list will be printed until new officers are elected in Boston in 1967. The officers who were elected and installed at the Washington Reunion are as follows:

President—
Emil Langer, 30-07 89th St., Jackson Heights, N. Y.
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Emil Langer, 30-07 89th St., Jackson Heights, N. Y.

Arthur MacDougall, 5051 Homestead Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 1968—

Charles Koskie, 4334 Hirschberg, Schiller Park, Illinois.
Paul Keller, 139 Pinewood Drive, Columbus, Ohio.

Anthony Varone, 75 Ninth Avenue, Kings Park, L.I., N.Y.
Robert Rumenapp, 28017 Hughes, St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

Brig. Gen. Edwin Randle (Ret.), 503 Althea Road, Clearwater, Fla. 1969—

John Boden, P. O. Box 58, Chester, Pa.

Herbert Olsen, 389 Highland Ave., Randolph, Mass.

Ralph Witzkin, 1569 Fabyan Place, Hillside, N. J.

Charles Tingley, 720 Thayer Ave., Silver Springs, Md.

William Andrews, 5780 Alpine Ave., Comstock Park, Mich.

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N.O.W!—

Gov. Otto Kerner Was CSA Banquet Speaker

National President Emil Langer has forwarded to The Octofoil clippings that read as follows:

Hon. Otto Kerner, Jr., Governor of the State of Illinois, will be the principal speaker at the 28th CSA Quadrennial Convention Banquet in the Great Hall of the Pick-Congress Hotel.

Brother Kerner is a member of Lodge Sokol Pilsen, No. 434, CSA.

A 2-column picture appeared with the story. President Langer is also a member of the CSA organization.

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N.O.W!—

DICK LAWLER WILL BE GUEST AT WORCESTER

Richard T. Lawler is a State Inspector for the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Massachusetts and lives at 44 Harriet Ave., Quincy, Mass. 02171.

Although Dick is not an ex-Ninth Division man, he has heard much about Father Connors' Coffee Shop and the Memorial Services and has notified The Octofoil that he plans attending the services this year.

EMIL LANGER, NEW YORK CHAPTER, WILL HEAD ASSOCIATION DURING 1966-67 TERM; THE WASHINGTON CHAPTER DID A FINE JOB

Printed elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil are many stories, written by Chapter reporters, giving their versions of the 1966 Reunion held in Washington. In this particular story The Octofoil will skip over minute details of the wonderful Washington Reunion, thereby avoiding repetitious stories. Suffice it to say, the predictions made in The Octofoil previous to the Reunion were all carried out to perfection—and then some. Too much praise can't be heaped on the hard working committeemen and committee girls of the Washington Chapter.

PAST PRESIDENTS

It was an inspiring sight to see all those past National Presidents seated as a group at the speakers' platform—Gen. Smythe, Henry Rigby, Al Bruchac, Frank Wade, Dick Storey, John Clouser, Frank Ozart, John Sabato and Franny Maher. Naturally, Gen. Westmoreland couldn't attend, as much as he would have liked to.

His tape recorded talk was well received and appreciated.

It was worth the cost of making the trip to see "Little Peter Rabbit" Harvey of Cincinnati, greeting his "old" company commander, the boyish looking, ever-smiling Henry Rigby of Philadelphia.

DIGNITARIES

Just about time Frank Wade would think everything was under control he would be advised that so-and-so were just seen leaving the registration desk—such guys as Gen. Clayman, Senator Lee Metcalf of Montana, and Wade would strike out trying to locate them—when as a matter of fact they were enjoying themselves greatly just by mixing with the "troops" and talking shop man to man—with rank forgotten.

GEN. COLLINS SPEECH "TOPS"

Gen. "Lightning Joe" Collins' talk was just the kind of talk one would expect from a "Fighting Soldier" like Gen. Collins. And the M.C., Gen. Lloyd Ramsey added plenty to the evening program that helped make it the outstanding success that it was.

EMIL LANGER PRESIDENT

Emil Langer of the Greater New York Chapter was elected president for the ensuing year. Emil's acceptance speech and a message to the members at large appear in this issue of The Octofoil. Emil is a friendly, accommodating fellow—a successful New York business man. Many were heard to remark that as long as there were men of Emil Langer's status who would sacrifice of his time and efforts to work for the Ninth Infantry Division Association, there would always be an Association as long as two men were alive who fought in combat with the Ninth. Gen. Craig made that remark, except he expressed it more beautiful, in a Memorial address in Columbus, O. back in 1948.

ENTERTAINMENT

The entertainment each evening defies description. The Vietnam pictures held everyone's strict attention, and so did Vedo Fernandez's curves. The dance band was out of this world and Vic Daumit did himself proud by arranging the high type show that was presented.

TEEN AGERS ENTERTAINED

Specially arranged parties were enjoyed by the teen agers. They seemed to be as proud of being an offspring of a Ninth Division G.I. as their "old man" was that he had been a part of the Ninth Division.

ARMY CHORUS

The top-notch vocal renditions of this group brought the house down. There were ex-G.I.s who ordinarily are unemotional who were standing and applauding, whistling and yelling for more after the Army group finished each number.

ARLINGTON CEMETERY

There were many unashamed tears noticeable during the sacred Memorial Services. Just like every other event on the program, the services showed signs of hard work and ex-

cellent planning. It's unfair to try and pick out any particular one of the Washington Committee and express thanks. They all worked like troopers—which they were.

BOSTON NEXT

It's been a long time since members of the Association "marched" off to Boston, Mass. for a Reunion—but that's how the ball bounced at the Washington Reunion and Boston was voted as the 1967 Reunion City.

Those Back Bay Irishmen have already started work on making the 1967 Reunion something worth writing home about.

Ronnie Murphy, a member of the Board of Governors, who lives at 44 Strawberry Ln., Scituate, Mass., had not taken the time to unpack his bags after returning home from the Nation's Capitol before the lad had penned a letter to The Octofoil. Parts of Murphy's letter reads:

BOSTON IN '67!

This news was received with much enthusiasm and we are proud to have been chosen host for next year's Reunion.

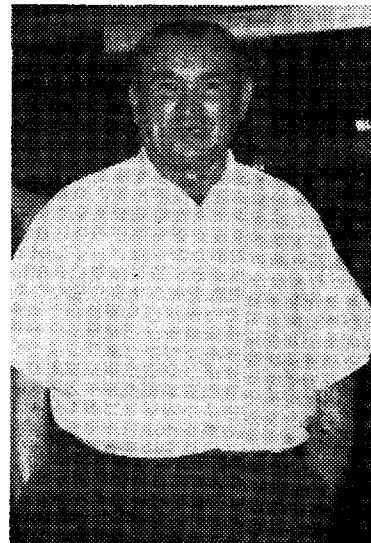
We're confident that with Boston's rich historical background, combined with the outstanding facilities of the new Sheraton Hotel and the program that is being planned will make this a successful and enjoyable convention.

The Committee and myself will be looking forward to the next Board meeting in November at Worcester. Then we will be better able to tell you what we have planned for you in Boston to make this another memorable Reunion for the men of the Ninth.—Sincerely, Ronnie Murphy.

P.S.: Scituate is just a Doc Walton whoop and a holler down the pike from Boston Commons.

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N.O.W!—

Awaiting Rest of Gang



—Photo by Walter Victor, East Point, Ga.

George Kopac has never missed a Reunion. He's always there a couple of days ahead of anyone else and has the city pretty well "cased." Kopac is shown above at the Shoreham waiting for the balance of the gang to show up.

Now that the telephone company has started to introduce television phones we may get a lot of pleasure out of calling wrong numbers.

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N.O.W!—

A swimming pool is a crowd of people with water in it.



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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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New Prexy's Acceptance Remarks Were Few But They "Hit the Spot"

When it was announced to the assembled guests at the 1966 Reunion in Washington, D. C., that Emil Langer of the Greater New York Chapter was the newly elected President for the ensuing year, President Langer was asked for some remarks. In a most impressive manner he addressed the group with the following well-chosen words:

Honored Guests, Honored Past Presidents, Gold Star Parents, and All My Buddies and Friends...

First, I want to say that it is a great honor for me to be elected as your National President for the coming year. I want to formally thank the Board of Governors for electing me to this Post. I shall work hard to preserve the game we have made for ourselves.

In a few hours our 21st Annual Reunion will come to an end. At this very moment a new year faces all of us. All the national officers as well as the officers of our Chapters will need your utmost cooperation and unswerving loyalty.

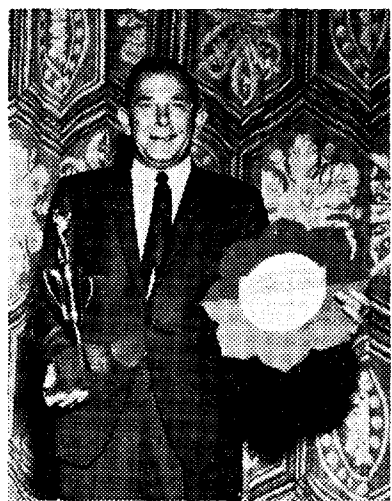
I have two people, who I know will help me carry a little of the load—my son, Laurence, and my wife.

In conclusion, just let me say that in the war years when we stood shoulder to shoulder in sadness and in happy events, may this same spirit prevail for all time.

And let me add the famous words of a great orator, and as they say it in Italy "Auf weidersame" (Auf wiedersehen) "Goodby, I see you again."

(Editor's Note: The Editor's "pig Latin," mixed with poor English and worse Gaelic does not fit into the above quotation—and The Octofoil is not responsible for the correctness of what phrases Italians might try and use when they attempt to speak the Kraut lingo.)

O'Shea Issues Challenge



—Photo by Walter Victor, East Point, Ga.

PAUL LECHAK
 Pictured above is Paul Lechak, Pittsburgh, Pa., and the trophy he won at the Ninth's golfing competition. Jack O'Shea, Philadelphia Chapter, argued the whole night through that Paul was not entitled to the trophy. But the authorities thought Jack was talking through his hat and awarded Lechak the trophy. Other trophy winners will be published in a later edition when the space is available.

A Soviet geneticist has evolved a new breed of cow. It has a neck like a giraffe, so that it can eat in Rumania and be milked in Russia.

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N-O-WI—

Shape is that which a bathing suit takes when she's in it.

LT. JOE PRINCE MAILED OCTOFOIL 1ST DIVISION VIETNAM NEWSPAPER

Several months ago the one and only "Doc" Paul Walton, Rome, Ga., sent The Octofoil the name of one of his neighbors who was in Vietnam—Lt. Joseph S. Prince. The Octofoil later received a very nice letter from the Lieutenant.

It isn't very often that the Army taps a man and capitalizes on his civilian training—but somehow or another word got to the top echelon that Lt. Prince was an honor graduate from the University of Georgia School of Journalism—now after many tough skirmishes in combat, Lt. Prince has been appointed to the editorial staff of the American Traveler, official Vietnam publication for the First Infantry Division. The paper is a real morale booster for the troops and most informative and educational for the stateside arm-chair generals who are fortunate enough to receive copies of the paper.

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N-O-WI—

JIM BRUNO PASSED AWAY 2 YEARS AGO

Although James Bruno passed away over two years ago, The Octofoil has just been given this sad information.

The bereaved widow, Mrs. Marjorie Bruno is living at 5840 Bari Court, La Mesa, Calif.

Jim Bruno had many friends and buddies in the Ninth Division who will be saddened to read this belated obituary.

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N-O-WI—

PRESIDENT EMIL LANGER DIRECTS OPEN LETTER TO ALL CHAPTERS

I am indeed very grateful for being elected to the Presidency of the Ninth Infantry Division Association for the coming year. I shall do all I can to preserve the great name our Association has made for itself. The membership must be congratulated for the wonderful turnout we had in Washington, D. C. A great time was had by all who attended. My family and I enjoyed seeing many new faces and I hope this trend continues.

Our next great get-together will be in Worcester, Mass. on November 5 and 6—The Memorial Mass of Father Connors.

Everyone I talked with after the dinner-dance on Saturday night is happy that Boston is the site of our convention next summer. I know the boys up there are already working hard to give us a convention long to be remembered.

Work hard and plan many events for your Chapter for the coming year.

And last, but not least, our retiring President, John Bonkowski, is to be congratulated for the job he did to advance the cause of our Association.

The best of luck to all our scholarship winners.

Sincerely,

EMIL P. LANGER, President

Ninth Infantry Division Association

30-07 89th St., Jackson Heights, N. Y. 11369

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASS'N. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Enclosed please find 1967 dues for:

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I wish to sign up for the following:

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(Pictorial History of 9th Division in action.)

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Combat Route Map _____ \$.50 ☐

60th Infantry History _____ \$.50 ☐

Coat Lapel Octofoil Pin _____ \$ 1.25 ☐

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A Pair of Swingers(?)



Showing this little tyke the sights in Washington kept "Doc" Paul Walton pretty busy. Whoever thought at Bragg 25 years ago, Doc Walton would be pictured at a Ninth Reunion "baby-sitting" with a grandson who gives Doc orders that are obeyed.

You can size up the new neighbor when their kid screams "I ain't a-going to do it!" and you hear nothing go WHAM!

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N-O-WI—

DAYSH'S LETTER TOO LATE FOR GOLFERS

Just as the last copies of the Octofoil were being mailed preceding the Reunion a most informative and interesting letter was received from the Association's Judge Advocate, Harrison Daysh. The letter gave full information about that part of the Reunion program set aside for those who enjoy golfing. The Octofoil regrets not having received the information a few hours earlier. The information would have no doubt made the golfing feature more enjoyable for those who participated.

Even with the lack of publicity conversations heard in and around the Shoreham Hotel would indicate those who did participate had quite a bit of fun—both at the course—and telling "whopping" lies at the hotel about scores afterward.

Maybe before the Boston Reunion The Octofoil can gather much data for the golfers' benefit and make up for the omission of such information preceding the 1966 Reunion.

Discretion comes to us after we are too old for it to do any good.

No matter what happens, there is always someone who knew it would.

Falsies are the bust that money can buy.

Sgt. Bill Kreye Puts Papers to Very Good Use

Sgt. Bill Kreye, 337 20th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11215, telephoned Art Schmidt for a copy of The Octofoil when his failed to arrive 'way back in February. A short while later Sgt. Kreye met an old buddy on the street who had a son in the Armed Forces, a Lt. Weingarten, attached to the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas. This friend "borrowed" the paper and sent it to his son.

Kreye continues: "Just before the Washington Reunion we drove to Lebanon, Pa., which was for the very first time and stopped at the Wilders and the Sansomes. John Wilder was one of my boys who was killed near St. Lo. It had been too sad and I could never gather the courage to visit his mother or father. Both have now passed on but surviving are a sister and a brother. John's father was a very prominent editor of the Lebanon News and a successful football coach at Amherst. John was captain of the high school football team and a good basketball player. An extra copy you sent me after my father's death was left in Lebanon with John's sister. Both Adam Wilder and the sister have taken over the Lebanon News. So, you see those extra Octofoils were not wasted."

REUNION WAS GREAT

The Washington reunion was great. It was wonderful to see many good friends who attended, naming a few: Fudie and Mrs. Zullo, all the Ralph Alessi's, the Schumachers, Bill Solli-day and his mother; Charlie Warner, Frank Russo and his two nieces and Sam Farruto and the missus. I had remembered Gen. Ramsey at Bragg as a lieutenant, I believe, in the 39th Serv. Co.

NEED SCOOTERS

I felt sorry for some of our older followers who had to do all that walking in the cemetery. I suggest we furnish motor scooters or some other form of transportation.

ATTENDS PHILLY PICNIC

Mother, Veronica, Carolyn, Robert and I attended the Philadelphia Chapter picnic, a few miles from Berlin, N. J. Many good friends were there, such as Bill Solli-day and his mother; Frank Russo, Frank Alice and his wife, Richards and his wife, the Sabatos, John Boden, Butswinkus, Big Ed from "B" Co., 47th; the MacDougalls, the Wilsons and so on. Only one casualty, Mrs. Solli-day was stung by a yellow jacket.

ANOTHER BUS RIDE

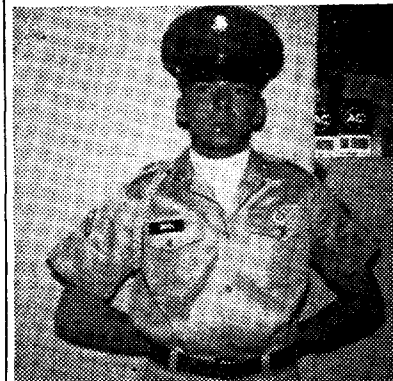
The Philly Chapter will hire a bus, maybe two to make the trip to Worcester this November. I'll try to make that memorial and the New York Chapter dance in October.

SMALL WORLD

I had an Aunt Clara who years ago dated a man by name of Rob McComb. A few years ago she passed away and at the wake Rob's brother appeared who has been a friend of the family from way back. I spoke to William McComb at that wake and he was curious to know what my 9th Infantry Division Association pin stood for. I explained about the outfit and he stated he had a fellow living next door to him at their summer home in Seabright, N. J. who was very active in a veterans' organization such as the one I belonged to. Who do you think his neighbor happens to be?—DANNY QUINN.

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N-O-WI—

Gone to Help "Westy"



PFC. JESSE R. DAVIS, JR.

Co. B, 4th Supply & Trans. Bn., 4th Inf. Div., 2nd Brig., APO, San Francisco 96262. Soldier Davis' dad is a dedicated Association member and one of the original members of the Ohio Chapter. Mr. and Mrs. Davis live in Hebron, O., Box 84.

Any child can tell you what's wrong with today's parents. They think they know more than their children.

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N-O-WI—

Heard at an auction sale: "Sold—to the lady with her husband's hand over her mouth."

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N-O-WI—

THE DEATH OF "DOC" WALTER REIMAN LEAVES A VOID IN THE ASSOCIATION THAT CAN'T BE FILLED

When the buddies of Walter "Doc" Reiman are reminded of his recent death, the words of the immortal James Whitcomb Riley, written many long years ago, should be most consoling:

HE IS JUST AWAY!

*I cannot and I will not say
That he is dead—he is just away!*

*With a cheery smile and wave of the hand
He has wandered into an unknown land.*

*And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be since he lingers there.*

*And you—Oh, you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return.*

*Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here.*

*Mild and gentle as he was brave—
When the sweetest love of his life he gave.*

*To simple things: Where the violets grew,
Blue as the eyes they were likened to.*

*The touches of his hand have strayed
As reverently as his lips have prayed.*

*When the little brown thrush that harshly chirped
Was as dear to him as the mocking bird.*

*And he pitied as much as a man in pain
A little honey bee wet with rain.*

*Think of him still as the same, I say—
He is not dead—he is just AWAY!*

—James Whitcomb Riley.

During the past month The Octofoil has received 14 letters and cards bearing the signature of the late Doc Reiman. All of these letters pertained to problems of the Association and the problems of many individual members. To the Octofoil editor personally were several cards with a warning: "Take it slow and easy—don't rush, and you'll be with us a long, long time, even with your bum ticker." Now those consoling cards from Doc will be no more.

The Octofoil editor was relaxing in his room at the Statler Hilton in New York when the phone rang—and the usual cheerful voice of Past National President Walter O'Keefe, sadly stated: "I have some awfully bad news for you. We just received word that our pal, Doc Walter Reiman passed away at the Bronx VA Hospital. Secretary Quinn is now busy contacting all the New York Chapter members he possibly can. We will assemble at the funeral home, 1610 Tyler, West New York, N. J., tomorrow night."

The shock was terrific. Doc loved the Ninth Division Association—he loved his old buddies as few men know how to respect those he has gone through so much with.

With the help of Bill Coen, 1140 Overland Dr., Washington, Pa., Doc was in the process of preparing some historical data with pictures for future use in The Octofoil when he passed away. This was gleaned from correspondence he and Coen had that Doc had forwarded to The Octofoil recently.

Several of Doc's letters to The Octofoil conveyed the hard work he was doing in an effort to help Mrs.

Lillian McAvoy, a 9th Division Gold Star Mother. Doc had stirred up the VA and had letters from them pertaining to Mrs. McAvoy's plight.

He sent a long list of names—too many to attempt to reprint of those who had sent him get well cards—closing the letter thusly:

"I thank every one for sending me get well cards. A little card means a lot—to know you have friends behind you and thinking of you."

Doc himself sent out hundreds of "get well" cards to former Ninth men who were in much better physical condition than he was.

In all of Reiman's letters he closed by asking that his best wishes be extended to the Ladies' Auxiliary. He was always prompt in seeing that dues for his loyal wife and sister were paid into the Auxiliary on time.

As written in the headlines at the beginning of this obituary to the one and only lovable Doc Walter Reiman: "A void exists within the ranks of the Association that cannot be filled because of the passing of Doc Reiman."

This world is a better place in which to live because unselfish men like Doc Reiman have passed our way.

Glory be to God, that the members of the New York Chapter had seen fit to recommend to the Reunion in Washington a citation or certificate of merit to Doc Reiman for his unselfish devotion to the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

The Octofoil joins with Doc's many other devoted friends and pals and extends sympathy to the bereaved widow and other sorrowing surviving relatives and friends.

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N-O-WI—

FATHER CONNORS ACCEPTED AN OUTSTANDING AWARD IN MIAMI, FOR GEN. WM. WESTMORELAND

During the past month The Octofoil has received display clippings from Boston newspapers, front page banner head stories from the Worcester (Mass.) Telegram. Each carried the same message:

WORCESTER PRIEST TO ACCEPT AWARD ON BEHALF OF GENERAL WESTMORELAND

Just to mention a few of those sending these interesting items to The Octofoil were Francis Maher, Worcester, National President Emil Langer, New York City; Fred B. D'Amore, 95 Webster St., East Boston, Mass., and many others.

The stories all carried pictures of both Gen. Westmoreland and Father Connors. Excerpts from The Worcester Telegram reads as follows:

Gen. William C. Westmoreland, commander of all U.S. troops in Viet Nam, has selected a Worcester priest to accept an "Outstanding American" award on his behalf at Miami Beach.

Rev. Edward T. Connors, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, verified that he would accept the Catholic War Veterans of America's "Honor et Veritas" medal for the general.

Cardinal Sheehan of Baltimore and movie actor Pat O'Brien also will be honored.

The Honor and Truth medal is not an annual award. It last was

presented in 1961 to General of the Army MacArthur.

WIRED TO FATHER CONNORS

In a telegram from Saigon, Gen. Westmoreland wired Father Connors as "an old and valued friend, and my Catholic chaplain in World War II, it would do me a great honor if you would accept the award for me."

In a letter to the Catholic War Veterans of America, explaining he could not get away from the battle zone, Gen. Westmoreland wrote, "there is no one I would rather have represent me on this occasion" than Father Connors.

SERVED TOGETHER

Father Connors was decorated with the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

Over the years, Gen. Westmoreland has visited Father Connors in Worcester many times.

Father Connors said he considers his selection by Gen. Westmoreland "a great honor." He said it was typical of "Westy" to pick an old beatup priest to represent him.

Father Connors added, "When you slug it out for three years together, you get pretty close to people," and he was most proud that the general had "picked friendship, rather than rank" to represent him at the award ceremony.

A non-Catholic, Gen. Westmoreland is a native of Saxon, S. C.

GEN. EDWIN H. RANDLE AGREED WITH REIMAN ABOUT "8 BALLS"

Walter "Doc" Reiman has answered his last roll call. The Octofoil is most humbly grateful that Gen. Edwin H. Randle lost no time in advising "Doc" how much the general appreciated Doc's story in a recent issue of The Octofoil about Doc's "old" Commander, Capt. Seminski. The general typed out his feelings about Doc's story and when sending the letter to The Octofoil Gen. Randle was considerate enough to make a copy and send it to "Doc" Reiman in a New York Veterans' Hospital.

When good old "Doc" Reiman left this earthly world, the contents of Gen. Randle's letter were of source of consolation that only Doc knew how to appreciate.

General Randle's letter, and a copy of which reached Doc Reiman exactly one month before his death reads as follows:

Dear Paul: Walter "Doc" Reiman in the March-April Octofoil paid a splendid tribute to his former company commander, Major Leon Seminski. In closing he writes, "I hope General 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 the test."

LIKES STORY

I do like Walter's story immensely. And more than that, he has given me an opening to say something that has been on my mind for a long time.

In my opinion Leon Seminski is an outstanding example of wasted command and leadership potential. For that I blame myself, partly. He went through the entire war—North Africa, Sicily, Europe—without a single promotion. When I returned from Japan and learned that Seminski ended the war still in command of Cannon Company, and still a captain, I was deeply shocked.

When I first saw Leon Seminski he was a 1st Lieutenant at Bragg, either a battalion adjutant or commanding a battalion headquarters company. I was instantly impressed with his soldierly bearing and military appearance. Here was no amateur. He was a professional, and we had so pitifully few of them. Oh, we had a great deal of splendid officer material, but it lacked experience and seasoning. Here was a young officer who knew what it was all about, right now.

I did not speak to him, I didn't have to. I knew a soldier when I saw one. But I do remember saying to myself, "There is a future battalion commander."

LEARNED FAST

Later, when we were ordered to form a Cannon Company I gave Lt. Seminski command of it and recommended him for promotion to captain. He got it. He did not know artillery, but he could learn, and I knew he would do a fine job. Division artillery ran a school for cannon companies, and that was one company I did not have to worry about.

FORMED AT BRAGG

Cannon Company was formed at Fort Bragg by transferring men from other companies. I warned company commanders not to throw off on Seminski, but a few did. From that, Cannon Company got its nick-name, "The Eight Balls," though few, if any, were really eight balls. Some were just men other company commanders could not handle.

I told Captain Seminski, "Go over your men carefully and any you don't want send back."

He said, "I'll keep them all, sir, and I'll make soldiers out of them." There was an edge in his voice when he said it, and determination.

And he did make soldiers out of them. Soon Cannon Company was

one of the best companies in spirit and in discipline. There were no better soldiers than those "Eight Balls." They were proud of their company, of their captain, and of themselves. Captain Seminski could do no wrong and still can't in their estimation, as witness "Doc" Reiman's fine letter. When an officer gets a tribute like that from men who served under him in combat for three, or even four years, that is something he can remember with warmth and pride the remainder of his days.

One day orders came for Cannon Company to go to Post Ordnance and draw their self-propelled guns. When the column of monsters returned who was driving the first one, with his head sticking out of the hatch?—Captain Seminski. I was waiting for them on the road behind regimental headquarters. The captain stopped and idled his engine.

"Seminski," I said, "where in the world did you ever learn to drive a contraption like that?"

LIKE A TRACTOR

He grinned and said, "Well, Colonel, it isn't much different from driving any tractor, and I've been driving tractors on the farm all my life."

I said I felt partly responsible for Seminski not getting any advancement or promotion. At El Guettar when the 47th lost all three battalion commanders and I was scrounging around trying to think of officers who could quickly develop into battalion commanders—why I didn't send for Seminski I shall never know. I just did not think of him. He would have developed into an outstanding battalion commander. And what a fighting battalion he would have led.

DOING TOO GOOD

I suppose Leon was a victim of his own excellence. When an officer is doing an outstanding job you hate to take him away from it, forgetting he would do a superior job with a larger command. Then too, Cannon Company was separate, not part of any battalion, with no one to boost the captain's stock. And Seminski became something of a "loner" with his Cannon Company. He kept pretty well out of sight, but he was always there when needed. I don't know why he was overlooked all through Sicily and Europe, but he sure was overlooked. I have thought of it a great deal and deeply regret not having placed him in command of the 3rd Battalion at El Guettar.

Nothing I have said should be construed as reflecting on those outstanding officers who rose through the grades to command battalions. I have always been exceedingly proud that when the war in Europe ended the Regimental Executive, all three battalion commanders, and all three battalion executives had been lieutenants under me and had won all their promotions through leadership and ability and sheer guts. I love them as sons. But numbered among them, another lieutenant colonel and battalion commander, should have been Leon Seminski.

Yes, Reiman, I did like your story. And this is what I think of your former company commander.

With warmest regards, I remain—

Edwin H. Randle.

P.S.: I am sending a copy of this letter to Walter Reiman who, when I last heard from him, was in a veterans' hospital.

As previously stated, the above letter was one of Doc's most cherished possessions when he passed away. Thank you, Gen. Randle for your promptness in getting this letter off to Doc Reiman before God in His most infinite wisdom saw fit to call "Doc" Walter Reiman to his eternal rest.

The Fort Riley Post Has Most Interesting Data

The Octofoil has been placed on the mailing list of the Fort Riley Post. It is an interesting 16 to 20-page tabloid sheet that keeps its readers well informed on the progress being made by the new Ninth Infantry Division.

There was one helluva "boo-boo" on page 20 of a recent issue. There was a 3-column picture showing Col. Maurice W. Kendall, commanding officer of the 1st Brigade, Ninth Infantry Division, presenting an award to Pvt. Edward M. Nreca for being an outstanding basic trainee.

The colonel had a great big Third Division shoulder patch on his uniform while commanding a 9th Division unit and making an award to a Ninth Division soldier. Such things just shouldn't be happening.

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Because of jet planes there are no longer any distant relatives.

Who's Reiman's Buddy?



Just before his death "Doc" Reiman sent The Octofoil the photo shown above, saying that he remembered the youngster pictured with him as a fine, courteous and accommodating lad—but just couldn't remember the lad's name and address and was asking Octofoil readers' help in trying to identify and locate the youngster—who wouldn't be quite so young today.

WALTER VICTOR AND NELSON HIT ATLANTA NEWSPAPER'S PAGE 1

The New York Mets recently played at the Atlanta (Ga.) Stadium. Naturally the Ninth's own Lindsey Nelson was on the airplanes giving all the details. An Atlanta paper printed a 2-column picture of Lindsey and the Ninth's ace photographer, Walter Victor, with the following caption: WALTER J. VICTOR is shown with Lindsey Nelson, sportscaster for the New York Mets. Lindsey and Victor got together when the New York Mets played at the Atlanta Stadium. Both served in the 9th Infantry Division during World War II. The division made the landing in Africa, Sicily and D-plus 4 in Europe. The Division earned eight combat stars. Gen. Westmoreland, who is commander in Vietnam, is a former Ninth Infantry Division man.

Naturally Victor put in a plug about the forthcoming Washington Reunion.

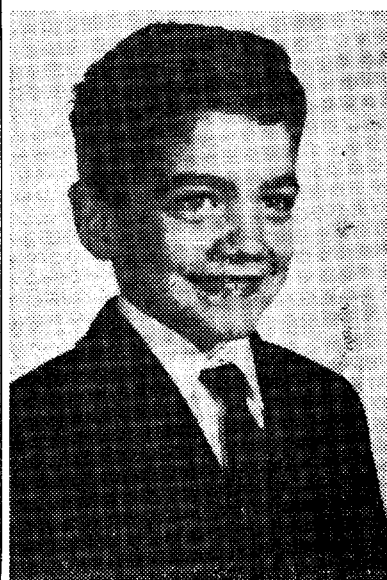
NEW ADDRESS

Walter has a new address now. It is: Walter J. Victor, 2745 Dodson Lee Dr., East Point, Ga. Phone 766-5554.

As usual Walter made some very fine photos at the Reunion in Washington. He has sent approximately 75 prints to The Octofoil. The prints were taken to New York in hopes Secretary Quinn could identify most all of those appearing in these excellent photos. Quinn was quite a help, but still there were scores of prints he did not personally know the individuals—and if they could only see the prints it's a cinch but many of them would want copies for keepsakes.

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Frank Alice, Jr. Honored



—Photo by Walter Victor, East Point, Ga.

Thanks to "Duco" Boden The Octofoil is in receipt of the above photo of young Frank Alice, son of Frank and Theresa Alice. Dad Alice was with A Co. 47th—20 years an Association member. Frank, Jr. won 1st honors at St. Richards School in South Philadelphia among over 1,000 children. It is interesting to note his mother won the same award when attending school—Frank, Sr. made the show place—running third. Boden amplifies the old "like father, like son" and inserts mother and father in his quotation.

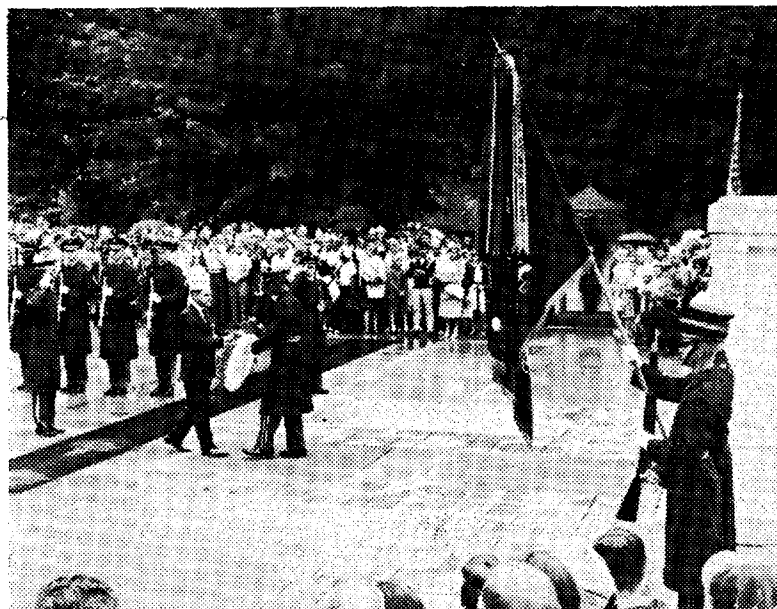
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The Immortal Paddy Flint Honored By Old Pals



—Photo by Walter Victor, 2734 Dodson Lee Dr., East Point, Ga. 30044
There were unashamed tears when old-time doughboys paused in reverent silence at the graveside of the great "Paddy" Flint, who was a soldier's soldier. Pictured above at Col. Flint's graveside is Mrs. Warren Herzberg, Mrs. Sallie Flint Von Kann (daughter), Miss Lisa Von Kann and Warren F. Herzberg.

Unknown Soldiers Tomb Decorated With Octofoil



—Photo by Walter Victor, 2734 Dodson Lee Dr., East Point, Ga. 30044
Shown above is President John Bonkowski as he approached the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers to lay an Octofoil wreath. The light rain and hazy skies did not detract one iota the rapt attention each and every bystander was giving each move that was made during this most sacred occasion.

Other Groups Mixed With 9th At Kennedy Grave



—Photo by Walter Victor, 2734 Dodson Lee Dr., East Point, Ga. 30044
While the former Ninth Division men and their families stopped and paid their respects to the martyred President John Kennedy at his grave site in Arlington National Cemetery, there were many other organizations from all sections of the United States—arriving by chartered bus to also pay their respect and show their love for the young President who was so ruthlessly taken from a nation that needed him.

THERESA CUPRYS NEW AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Mrs. Theresa Cuprys, 1124 W. King Hwy., Mt. Ephraim, N. J. was elected and installed president of the Ninth Infantry Division Association Ladies' Auxiliary during the Washington Reunion. Mrs. Cuprys is the wife of Al Cuprys, a member of the National Board of Governors and a hard working member of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter. Mrs. Cuprys, in her own right, has long been one of the spark plugs for this wide-awake Chapter and Auxiliary.

Mrs. Betty Boden, Box 54, Chester, Pa., was elected First Vice President. Mrs. Boden is the wife of the one and only John "Duco" Boden, President of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter. John was elected a member of the National Board during the Washington Reunion.

Tippie Plunkett was re-elected the Auxiliary's secretary-treasurer. Her address is 286 Zimpfer St., Columbus, Ohio 43206. She has asked The Octofoil to remind the old members who have not paid 1967 dues that 1967 cards will be mailed out immediately upon receipt of 1967 dues. She also asks those who have occasion to write to the secretary-treasurer to please give zip code numbers.

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New Prexy Offers Kind Courtesies to Visitors

Just before leaving Columbus for New York City for the national Veterans of Foreign Wars Convention The Octofoil editor received a most cordial letter from the Association's new President, Emil Langer.

Mr. and Mrs. Langer had just returned home from a vacation trip and much work that had to be done had been accumulating—but the new prexy was not too busy to ask that he be contacted by phone by the editor and arrangements would be made for transportation to the National Cemetery at Pinelawn, where the editor's son is buried.

Since the two grandchildren who live on West End Ave. in New York City were in a New England summer camp, visiting the cemetery was postponed until the editor passes through New York enroute to Father Connors' Memorial Services.

Nevertheless this fine gesture from Emil Langer at a time he was most busy is a courtesy that will be long remembered and appreciated.

The letter showed further that Emil Langer's interest in his Chapter and the Association never lags.

GOVERNOR CLINTON

He outlined plans for the Sept. 9 Chapter meeting at the Governor Clinton Hotel. Then he outlines the plans that are being made for the Dinner-Dance Oct. 22. Emil Langer is Ninth Infantry Division—first, last and always.

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LETTER FROM YOUNG PFC. JESSE R. DAVIS

Shortly after the last issue of The Octofoil went on the press a nice letter was received from Pfc. Jesse Davis, Jr. Young Davis' dad is one of the most loyal members of the Ohio Chapter. And Mrs. Davis is an enthusiastic Auxiliary member. While on furlough visiting Mom and Dad young Davis got caught in a clincher because of the plane strike and was rushed back to Fort Lewis, Wash., in the family auto—accompanied by his parents. He has since left to help Gen. Westmoreland win the war in Vietnam.

Young Davis was with the rest of the family at Father Connors' 1964 Memorial Services. The Octofoil just can't resist quoting from a paragraph of the soldier's letter. It is so refreshing to read such letters after having to encounter a few wild-eyed, long-haired characters on the streets.

Parts of the letter reads:

"In the last few months I have changed my mind about the Armed Forces. While in civilian life I was of the opinion that this period of time would be somewhat wasted—but as each day goes by I find that the crisis in Vietnam is a fight that must be won, because if we were to get out of that country now, we would have many more battles to fight in other parts of the world and maybe here in our own United States."

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis, Sr. live in Hebron, Ohio, about 20 miles from Columbus. Address is Box 84. They are planning on attending the Memorial Services. Taking their soldier boy back to Fort Lewis kept them from attending the Reunion.

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An old timer is a fellow who remembers when folks rested on Sunday instead of Monday.

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An acquaintance is a fellow we know well enough to borrow from, but not well enough to lend to.

Illinois Chapter Members Did a Wonderful Job



—Photo by Walter Victor, 2734 Dodson Lee Dr., East Point, Ga. 30044
Charles Koskie, John Clouser, Frank Ozart and others remained in Arlington Cemetery long after the chartered buses had departed and visited all former Ninth Division men's graves that they could learn about. Above "Chuck" Koskie is shown putting one of the beautiful metallic Octofoils the Illinois group brought to the cemetery into the earth at the head of Lou Becker's grave. Lou was a hard worker for the Association, and a former Vice President. Mrs. Becker gave the Association \$500 from the late Lou's estate to get the Association's Scholarship program off to a good start.

Father Connors Greets the Photographer's Wife



—Photo by Walter Victor, 2734 Dodson Lee Dr., East Point, Ga. 30044
One of the first well-wishers to greet Father Ed Connors when he showed up in Washington for the banquet was the pretty wife of Walter Victor, East Point, Ga. Walter is the alert photographer, a former Ninth man, who sees all and gets it on film at all Ninth Division Reunions.

Typical Scene of the Many Buses Used for Tours



—Photo by Walter Victor, 2734 Dodson Lee Dr., East Point, Ga. 30044
Above is an interior view of a chartered bus—one of many that were chartered by the Washington Chapter for the enjoyment of Reunion guests to go on sightseeing tours and to the Memorial Services in Arlington Cemetery. Sitting cross-legged, right up front is "Big Karl" Taylor, former 47th man. Noted to Karl's right is another 47th man, Vincent Guglielmino, of the Greater New York Chapter. Victor also furnished The Octofoil several different shots of interesting interior bus scenes.

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

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

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

A person who wishes to apply for a scholarship must be related to a man who served with The Ninth Infantry Division. Children of former members of the division will be given first consideration, but children of men killed in combat given first preference. Applicants who are not children of former members of the division will not be considered unless no child of a former member qualifies.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following procedures must be followed by those wishing to apply for the scholarships:

1. Send a letter of application, written in expository form, to the chairman of the scholarship committee stating the following: name, address, age, and sex of the applicant; name, address, and occupation of the applicant's parents or guardians; the name and address of the secondary school the applicant is attending or has attended and graduated; the name and address of the college the applicant expects to attend; the vocational goal of the applicant; and the name of and degree of relationship to a former member of the division. The unit and dates of service in the division of the former member must be included.
2. A transcript of the applicant's high school record must be included with the letter of application. The transcript must include at least the first seven semesters of the applicant's record.
3. The applicant must have a counselor or principal of the high school he or she is attending write a letter of recommendation to the chairman of the scholarship committee.
4. The applicant must take the PSAT which is given every October. The applicant must see that the results of the PSAT are sent to the chairman of the scholarship committee. These results may be included with the high school transcript or sent to the chairman from the College Entrance Examination Board. The SAT of the CEEB may be submitted in lieu of the PSAT.
5. THE APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BY MARCH 15. Applications received after March 15 will not be considered.
6. All applicants must accept the decision of the Scholarship Committee as final.
7. Information to determine financial need will be requested by the Scholarship Committee after the applications have been considered.
8. Recipients of the scholarships may apply for renewal of the scholarship each year. A copy of the student's college grades, a financial statement, and a letter requesting renewal of the scholarship should be sent to the chairman by March 15.
9. All applications must be sent to: John J. Clouser, Scholarship Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division Association, 901 Graceland St., Des Plaines, Illinois 60016.

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

Mrs. Tippie Plunkett, Secretary-Treasurer
Ninth Infantry Division Association Ladies' Auxiliary
286 Zimpfer St., Columbus, Ohio 43206

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 1967 dues. Please mail my membership card to—

Name

Street

City State

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

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

Make checks or money orders payable to Ninth Infantry Division Association. Mail to Secretary-Treasurer Tippie Plunkett, 286 Zimpfer St., Columbus, Ohio 43206. A 1967 countersigned membership card will be sent immediately.

By order of the President:

MRS. THERESA CUPRYS, President.

Disabled Veterans Have PX Privileges

Honorably discharged vets with a 100 per cent disability rating are now permitted expanded post exchange privileges. In the past, honorably discharged 100 per cent disabled veterans have been allowed to purchase items in the post exchange only when under hospital care for their service-connected disabilities. Disabled veterans are allowed to designate one member of their family to make purchases on their behalf.

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Work is anything we do for pay, while recreation is anything we pay for doing.

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Many a girl would be better liked if she weren't so popular.

AL RAGO ACTIVE AT VFW CONVENTION

While attending sessions of the National V.F.W. Convention in New York City recently the editor spotted a VFW cap with the insignia "Commander of Uniondale VFW Post." The face, at a distance, looked awfully familiar. Closer inspection disclosed the Commander to be none other than Al Rago, a hard working member of the Greater New York Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

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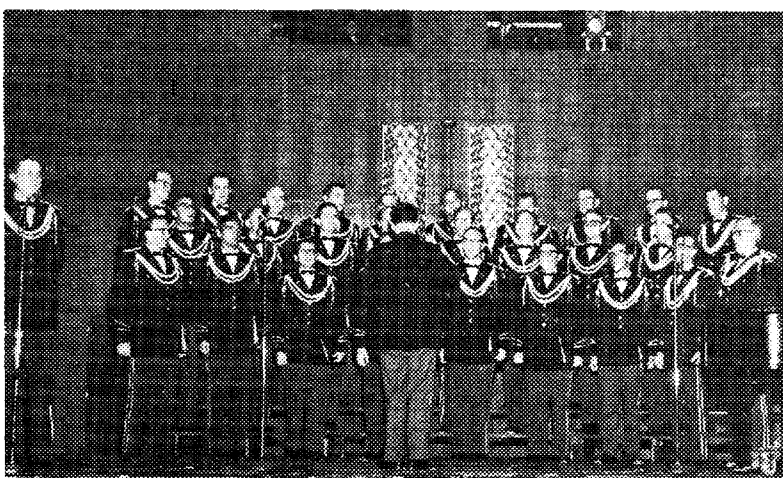
What you hear never sounds half so important as what you overhear.

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The American Way is using instant coffee to dawdle away an hour.

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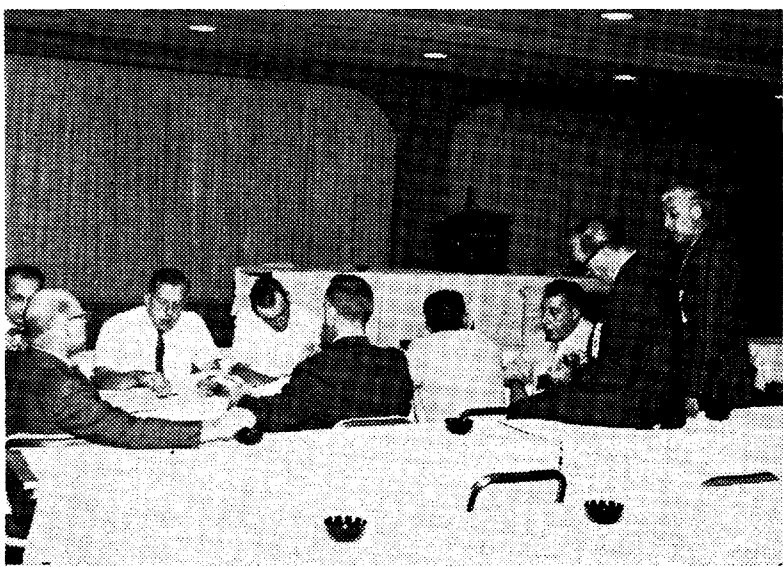
Army Chorus Was Even Better Than Expected



—Photo by Walter Victor, 2734 Dodson Lee Dr., East Point, Ga. 30044

Very few, if any of those attending the Washington Reunion, have ever listened to anything that come close to being the hit the Army Chorus pictured above, proved to be. They deserved the tremendous applause the audience gave them after each of their inspiring renditions.

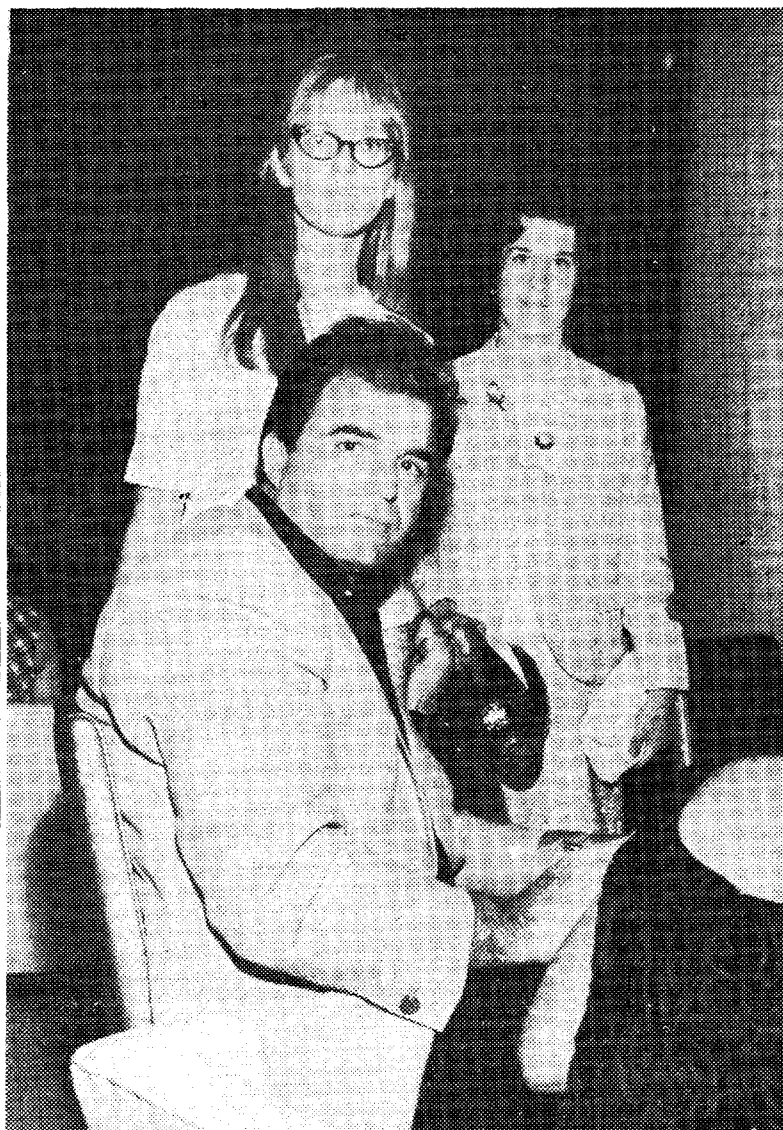
The New Board Holds Session Before Banquet



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Pictured above are some of the members of the Board of Governors in session just before the banquet. Facing the camera is Paul Keller, Columbus, O.; John Clouser, Illinois Chapter, a past National President and chairman of the all-important Scholarship Committee; Walter O'Keeffe, a past National President; and Vincent Guglielmino, incumbent First Vice President. Standing is John "Duco" Boden, a new Board member and president of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter; next to Boden is National Secretary Dan Quinn. Seated, with back to camera is Bill Andrews, Michigan; Herb Olsen, New England, and George Apar, Greater New York Chapter.

'Teen Agers "Kidnap" Doctor Ben Casey



—Photo by Walter Victor, 2734 Dodson Lee Dr., East Point, Ga. 30044

Vince Edwards ("Dr." Ben Casey), was at the Shoreham Hotel during the Reunion and the 'teen agers run him "ragged" for autographs. Here Dr. Ben is shown with teen ager Lillian Ford and Christine Provost.

'Franny' Gets Big Play Decorating Top DAV "Brass"

"Franny" Maher has so many irons in the fire insofar as activity with various veterans' organizations is concerned that he sometimes meets himself coming back from where he's going.

Father Connors admits if it wasn't for Franny Maher's help in making and executing the many details necessary to make a success of the Memorial Services at Worcester each year, things wouldn't run as smooth and happily as they do. Franny is a past National President of the Association, as well as a past President of the New England Chapter. At the Washington Reunion he started through the chairs again—having been unanimously elected one of the vice presidents.

Maher is commander of the Worcester Chapter 4, Disabled American Veterans. The Worcester Telegram recently printed a 3-column picture of Franny placing the national senior vice commander's cap on Mayor Wells of Worcester.

The ceremonies were held in front of the Worcester City Hall—after Vice Mayor Dan Foley had proclaimed the day as George A. Wells Day.

BRIEF REMARKS

In brief remarks at the ceremony, Mayor Wells said that being unanimously elected to the second highest position in the national veterans' organization makes you stop and appreciate, makes you humble.

All the city officials of Worcester participated in the ceremony honoring Mayor Wells. Also present was Edward Theriault of Boston, who is state DAV commander.

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NEW YORKERS PAY HOMAGE TO "DOC"

In commenting on the loss New York Chapter had suffered because of Doc Reiman's death, Art Schmidt advises that Doc was not quite 50 years old but had suffered with an enlarged heart for a long while. He had undergone surgery and it was thought the operation was a success—but evidently the shock was just too much.

The moment word was out that Doc Reiman had passed away the telephone wires between New York Chapter members were busy conveying the sad news. On August 24, Art and his mother stopped at the Scheurle Funeral Home, West New York, N. J., to pay their respects and while there many Ninth Div. men visited the funeral parlors as a group, which included Ralph Witzkin, Dan Quinn, Dom Miele, Walter O'Keeffe, Al Lechmanek, Al Munatore, Ed Egan Jack Scully, Emil Langer and George Apar. The chapter had sent a beautiful Octofoil floral piece.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 860 placed an honor guard at Doc's casket. The certificate of appreciation the Washington Reunion had authorized to be presented to Doc for his hard work for the Association was given to Mrs. Reiman, the widow.

Services were held at St. Joseph's Church on Aug. 25.

Many others who could not be with the group that visited the funeral home to pay respect visited later, including Adolph Wadalavage, John Rizzo and many others.

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LANGER PLUGS THE OCTOBER 22 DANCE

In his call for the Sept. 9 Chapter meeting of the Greater New York Chapter at the Governor Clinton Hotel, President Emil Langer stresses the importance of those planning to attend the Oct. 22 dinner-dance at the Empire Hotel, 63rd & Broadway, to contact Walter O'Keeffe or Frank Fazio on or before Oct. 15. The committee was able to get a very reasonable price for an affair of this kind—\$7.50 per person. The committee has done some hard work in making arrangements. It's up to the members to make the dinner-dance a big success by making every effort to attend.

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Mrs. McAvoy's Last Letter Dated July 19

On July 19th The Octofoil received a card from Gold Star Mother, Mrs. Lillian McAvoy. Her arthritic pains were still almost unbearable, but she sent her best wishes to those who would be attending the Washington Reunion—and especially to Father Ed Connors.

Mail sent to Mrs. Lillian McAvoy, 26 E. Linden Ave., Collingswood, N.J. 10108 will reach this very fine Mother.

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N-O-WI—

The kangaroo is an abortive attempt by Nature to create a safe pedestrian.

Charlie Tingley, Jr. Knows How to Pick 'Em



MRS. CHARLES O. TINGLEY, JR.

In a recent issue of The Octofoil a story was printed telling of Charlie Tingley, Jr.'s wedding to the pretty Paula Marie Bergin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Bergin, 291 Dale St., Waltham, Mass. The young couple are making their home at 20 Institute Rd., Worcester, Mass. Young Tingley's dad is one of the Ninth Infantry Division Association's "spark plugs." For several years he was the Association's Secretary-Treasurer. The Octofoil joins with "Pappy's" thousands of buddies from the Ninth Infantry Division and wish this fine young couple many happy years of wedded bliss.

Youngest Auxiliary Member Meets the General



—Photo by Walter Victor, 2734 Dodson Lee Dr., East Point, Ga. 30044

Attending her first Reunion young Patty McTeague, Columbus, Ohio, granddaughter of the Octofoil editor and Tippi Plunkett, kept begging someone to let her meet Gen. George Smythe, saying she's never seen a "live" general before. As soon as she paid her 1967 Auxiliary dues she wanted to know if that entitled her to go to the picnic on Dick Pestel's Ranch in Ohio. The little miss evidently made a hit with the general, he later introduced her to Mrs. Smythe but never got around to the dance he promised. After seeing some of those teen age gyrations the general probably realized it'd be a little harder for him to tear a football line to pieces than when he was in West Point—that was an easy task, compared to dances these 'teen agers were doing. Nevertheless on the way home Pestel told Miss McTeague how the Krauts blamed Gen. Smythe for making them lose the war; how he organized a regiment out of lost and wandering soldiers—now every kid on the North Side of Columbus knows that it was Gen. George Smythe who won the war and when school opens the message will get over to many more.

Minutes of the 80th Meeting, Board of Governors, 9th Infantry Division Assn.

The 80th meeting of the National Board of Governors was called to order at 4:30 P.M., July 28, 1966 at the Hotel Shoreham, Washington, D. C., attended by Messrs. John Bonkowski, Robert Rumenapp, Paul Keller, Victor Butswinkus, Charles Koskie, Emil Langer, Anthony Varone, Frank Wade, Ronald Murphy. Also present were John Boden, Vincent Guglielmino, Paul Plunkett, Paul "Doc" Walton, Thomas Boyle, Treasurer, and John Clouser, chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

The secretary Daniel Quinn, then read the minutes of the 79th meeting. After a motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Emil Langer, it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes as read and place same on file.

The Treasurer, Thomas Boyle, was then called upon to give his report. Boyle gave a detail report on the income and spending for the last quarter of the year. After a motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Victor Butswinkus it was voted to: Accept the treasurer's report.

The President, John Bonkowski, then asked Frank Wade, Chairman of the Reunion for a report on the Reunion. Wade briefed the members on the Reunion as to date, outlining events to take place and the number of people registered. Bonkowski thanked Frank Wade for his report.

President Bonkowski then appointed the following Chairmen to head the Committees:

Walter O'Keeffe—Financial Committee.

Ronald Murphy — Nominating Committee.

Sal Trapani—Newspaper Committee.

Emil Langer—Miscellaneous Committee.

Harrison Daysh — By-Laws Committee.

In order to expedite the regular business meeting to be held on Friday, July 29th, the President called for a special meeting to be held Thursday evening, July 28th, in order to select members for the above committees.

John Clouser, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, then reported to the Board Members. At the Board Meeting held in Pittsburgh, Pa., on April 30, 1966, the Board Members had voted to accept the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee. Clouser asked that an additional sum of \$175.00 be awarded to another applicant who should have been considered at this meeting. After a motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Emil Langer, it was voted to: Add the applicant to the present list of Scholarship Awards for the amount of \$175.00.

After a motion duly made by Ronald Murphy and seconded by Paul Keller it was voted to: Adjourn at 5:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL QUINN,
National Secretary.

Minutes of the 81st Meeting, Board of Governors, 9th Infantry Division Assn.

The 81st meeting of the National Board of Governors was called to order at 3:30 P.M., July 30, 1966 at the Hotel Shoreham, Washington, D. C., attended by Messrs. John Bonkowski, Robert Rumenapp, William Andrews, John Boden, Herbert Olsen, Ronald Murphy, Anthony Varone, Emil Langer, Charles Tingley, Ralph Witzkin, Charles Koskie, Paul Keller. Also attending were Walter O'Keeffe, Harry Orenstein, Francis Maher, Max Umansky, Frank Wade, Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh, and Treasurer Thomas Boyle.

The secretary read the minutes of the 80th meeting. After a motion duly made by Anthony Varone and seconded by Ronald Murphy it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes as read and place same on file.

Thomas Boyle, the Treasurer, gave a brief report.

BIDS FOR NEXT REUNION

President Bonkowski called for bids for the 1967 reunion. Ronald Murphy and Herbert Olsen submitted a bid for the New England Chapter. Robert Rumenapp and Bill Andrews submitted a bid for the 1967 Reunion for the Michigan Chapter.

It was voted by the Board members to hold the 1967 Reunion in Boston, Mass.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President
Emil Langer was nominated by Anthony Varone and seconded for nomination by John Boden.

Ronald Murphy was nominated by Charles Tingley and seconded for nomination by Herbert Olsen. Paul Keller moved to close nominations. Seconded by John Boden. So voted.

Emil Langer was declared elected to the Office of President.

First Vice-President
Vincent Guglielmino was nominated by Charles Koskie and seconded for nomination by Robert Rumenapp. Charles Tingley moved to close the nominations, seconded by Paul Keller and so voted.

Vincent Guglielmino was elected by a unanimous ballot.

Second Vice President
Francis Maher was nominated by Ronald Murphy and seconded for the nomination by Herbert Olsen.

Emil Langer moved to have the nominations closed and it was seconded by Ralph Witzkin. A unanimous ballot was cast.

Third Vice-President

William Meadows was nominated by John Boden and seconded for nomination by Herbert Olsen. Charles Tingley moved to close the nominations. This was seconded by Ronald Murphy. A unanimous ballot was cast.

Secretary

Daniel Quinn was nominated by Anthony Varone and seconded for nomination by John Boden. Paul Keller moved to close the nominations. This was seconded by Charles Koskie and so voted.

Daniel Quinn was elected by a unanimous ballot.

Treasurer

Thomas Boyle was nominated by Emil Langer and seconded for nomination by Charles Tingley. Anthony Varone moved to close the nominations. This was seconded by John Boden and so voted. Thomas Boyle was elected by unanimous ballot.

Judge Advocate

Harrison Daysh was nominated by Paul Keller and seconded for nomination by Robert Rumenapp. William Andrews moved to close the nominations and this was seconded by Ralph Witzkin. Harrison Daysh was elected by unanimous ballot.

VOTE OF THANKS

John Boden asked the members for a standing vote of thanks to John Bonkowski, the outgoing President.

President Bonkowski thanked the Board members for their cooperation and added "It was a pleasure and indeed an honor to have served as President of this Association".

Charles Koskie asked the Board members to consider holding a future reunion in the Mid-West area: (Illinois or Michigan area).

Emil Langer thanked the members for electing him to the office of President.

Upon a motion duly made by Anthony Varone and seconded by Charles Tingley it was voted to: Adjourn at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL QUINN,
National Secretary.

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DOC ROBERTS IS A GRANDPA NOW

One of the last news releases Doc Reiman sent to The Octofoil before his death read:

Major Donald Russell Roberts, Elkins, W. Va. is giving out cigars. His daughter, Margaret, gave birth to a baby boy June 15, 1966—now Doc Don Roberts is a grandfather.

Good luck, Grandpa!

Another note added the following: "Mrs. Roberts, Don's wonderful wife, will be taking a refresher course at West Virginia University, in order to get her Master's Degree in Mathematics."

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N-O-WI—

Clothes do not make the man but a good suit has often made a lawyer.

Second Edition of "Safi Adventure"

It's a long, rocky road before there will be a second edition of "Safi Adventures" finished. But Brig. General Edwin Randle has started plugging away on setting all that type again because so many of his friends were disappointed in not getting a copy of the first edition. He has installed some new equipment that will make his labor a bit more easier—but—again, there's a lot of work to be done—but one of these days the news will be flashed across the universe that Gen. Ed Randle's "Safi Adventures," second edition is now a reality.

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MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL McINERNEY VFW GUESTS AT MEMORIAL SERVICES

During the month of August The Octofoil editor spent several days in New York City attending the Military Order of the Cootie and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Convention. (The Cooties is an Honor Degree of the VFW.)

The night Memorial Services were held in the tremendously large New York Hilton auditorium Cardinal Spellman delivered an inspiring message; Kate Smith sang the national anthem and "God Bless America."

Gold Star parents were ushered into the large auditorium and escorted to reserved seats of honor. A lump formed in the editor's throat when he looked up and saw who was being escorted in. It was two of the Ninth Division Association's loveable Gold Star parents—Mr. and Mrs. Michael McInerney. This fine couple was also properly escorted out with honors before others were allowed to leave their seats.

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'PETER RABBIT' GLAD HE MADE THE TRIP

The Octofoil is in receipt of a letter from Charles R. "Peter Rabbit" Harvey, 7407 Huntridge Ave., Cincinnati, O. 45231. "Peter Rabbit" is a former Co. B 60th man. He, his lovely wife and daughter were early arrivals at the Shoreham Hotel.

From early morning until late at night the "Rabbit" was buttonholing everyone and making the inquiry: "Has anyone seen Lt. Henry Rigby?" Lt. Rigby, later Capt. Rigby was Harvey's company commander. Finally Rigby showed up and of all things when he was assigned to a room it was a room next to Peter Rabbit's room. Not only was Harvey thrilled to again see the smiling face of Henry Rigby—but there were scores of others who soldiered with him who were thrilled that he attended the Reunion. Included in this list of Rigby admirers was The Octofoil editor. Henry succeeded General Smythe as the second president of the National Association.

The Octofoil was elated to read in Peter Rabbit's letter that finally the VA had come around to recognizing some of the things bothering Rabbit are and were a direct result of exposure and hardship in combat areas.

Mrs. Harvey says she enjoyed the Reunion as much as her Charlie did—and hopes the happy little family will be able to attend the Boston Reunion, stopping over in Philly for a few meals at "Lt." Rigby's restaurant in that city.

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PESTEL UNDERGOES AN OPERATION FOR HERNIA

Upon arriving back in Columbus after several days in New York City attending the National VFW Convention a sad message was waiting—which conveyed the news that Dick Pestel, former Board member and well known by all the old heads of the 47th Regt., was in Mt. Carmel Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. Investigation disclosed that Dickie had undergone an emergency operation the previous day and at the time was resting as well as could be expected.

Pestel has since been removed to the Pestel Ranch and under the watchful care of his good wife, Edie, indications were that he'd be back on that tractor in a few days.

The Krauts give Pestel a double dose of shrapnel and the medics have cut and sowed on him so much his tummy looks just like a big jig saw puzzle.

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WANTS TO PLACE 4TH DIVISION WITH NINTH

Mrs. Jesse Davis, Box 84, Hebron, O., writes that both she and Jess were much impressed with young Davis' company commander, Captain Castillo, who they met the day young Davis shipped out from Fort Lewis for Vietnam. He is a man who goes out with the boys and tries things out with them—not tell them to go on their own and DO IT.

She says now she has two divisions to love—the Fourth to which young Davis is serving with and her own Big Jesse's Ninth.

Mrs. Davis closes her nice letter with this thought: "If Gen. Eisenhower deserved to be elected President after World War II—our Westy deserves that and MORE when he gets this mess in Vietnam cleaned up."

Mrs. Davis recently purchased two copies of "8 Stars to Victory." One for herself and one to be donated to the Hebron library.

There's no end to the nice people who belong to the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N-O-WI—

Humility is the ability to act ashamed when you tell people how wonderful you are.

MINUTES OF 21ST ANNUAL REUNION, NINTH INFANTRY DIV. ASSOCIATION

The 21st Annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held at the Hotel Shoreham, Washington, D. C., on July 30, 1966. There being a quorum of 64 members present, President John Bonkowski then called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. A minute of silence was observed for the departed men of the Ninth.

MINUTES READ

The President then called upon the National Secretary, Dan Quinn, to read the minutes of the 20th Annual Reunion. Upon a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by Dom Miele it was voted to: Accept the minutes of the 20th Annual Reunion as read and place same on file for the record.

Thomas Boyle, the Treasurer, was called upon for his report. Boyle gave a detailed report on the income and expenses for the past year. He concluded his report with these remarks: "To the best of my knowledge, all bills and obligations incurred by this association for the year ending June 30, 1966 have been paid or settled. The Budget and Finance Committee of last year's reunion are to be thanked and complimented for their fine judgment in setting the budget of this association. The Officers and the Board of Governors are to be also complimented on their administration of your Association. And lastly, may I say that in my opinion and my judgment the Ninth Infantry Division Association is in excellent financial condition. Upon a motion made by Francis Maher and seconded by John Boden it was voted to: Accept the Treasurer's report.

President Bonkowski thanked Boyle for his fine report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The President then called upon Walter O'Keefe, Chairman of the Finance Committee. O'Keefe named the following members who comprised his committee: John Clouser, William Andrews, George Apar, Paul Keller, Herbert Olsen and Victor Butswinkus.

O'Keefe reported that his committee suggests the Association study the possibility of raising the membership dues, recheck the use of the Capital Fund, and thank Richard Storey who was most helpful in setting up the sound financial structure of the Association the year Storey was President.

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

The budget for the year 1966-67:

Anticipated Income:	
Dues	\$3,900.00
Investments	1,400.00
Reunion	500.00
Misc.	200.00
	\$6,000.00
Cash on hand	\$1,138.81
	\$7,138.81
Anticipated expenditures:	
Octofoil	
Printing and mailing	\$1,800.00
Editor's expense allowance	400.00
	\$2,200.00
Secretary's salary	600.00
Clerical expenses	600.00
Postage and express	410.00
Utilities	400.00
Supplies	155.00
Board of Governors	135.00
Chapter Commissions	350.00
Treasurer's Expenses	250.00
Secretary's Expenses	350.00
Dues notices	100.00
Accountant	100.00
Misc. or Petty Cash	170.00
Insurance Bond	81.00
Fire Insurance	15.00
Memorial Wreath	25.00
Printing	144.00
Social Security	22.00
	\$6,107.00

President Bonkowski thanked Walter O'Keefe and his committee for their report.

Emil Langer then named the members who comprised his Miscellaneous Committee: Louis Allenberg, George Bartley, Joseph Pawelak, Louis Netta, Edward McGrath, and Harry Orenstein. Langer reported that the committee recommends the following:

1. The Committee voted unanimously to thank Paul Plunkett and Dan Quinn for their efforts for the association.
2. Encourage the members to make reservations at the hotel. Many members do not realize that there is no financial commitments to the hotel if they can't fulfill their reservations. It is better to be able to cancel a reservation than to show up at the last moment and try to

get a room in the hotel where the reunion is being held.

3. Have the Board of Governors study the sites for coming reunions.
4. Have the reunion committees build up the teenage angle and create more activity for them when they do attend.
5. Try to publish in the Octofoil the best routes to the Hotel—that is after the members reach the city where the reunion is being held. The host Chapter could inform the Editor of such information.
6. The Board of Governors continue to study and investigate the future of the association and its funds.
7. Encourage the membership for suggestions for better reunions.

After a motion duly made by Ronald Murphy and seconded by Paul Walton it was voted to: Accept the Miscellaneous Committee's report and recommendations.

NEWSPAPER COMMITTEE

Arthur Schmidt, Chairman of the Newspaper Committee (Arthur replaced Sal Trapani as Trapani was busy with the D. C. Reunion affairs), named the following men who comprised his committee: Bill Meadows, Frank Ozart, Tony Varone, John Boden, Nick D'Agostino, and Paul Plunkett.

The committee recommends:

1. That the mailing list (for Zip codes) will have to be brought up to date before January 1, 1967. Expenditures of \$250.00 will be allowed to complete this job. It is estimated that some 3000 plates will have the Zip Code added to the addresses.
2. It was recommended at the last annual reunion that the Editor check into the possibility of having the publication printed in booklet form instead of the paper now used. The Editor stated this would be too costly.
3. Commends the Editor, Paul Plunkett, for a fine publication.

After a motion duly made by George Frankel and seconded by Francis Maher it was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations of the Newspaper Committee.

President Bonkowski thanked Arthur Schmidt and his committee for their report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ronald Murphy, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, then named the following members who comprised his committee: Francis Maher, Dick Pestel, Al Lechmanik, Charles Koskie, Bob Rumenapp, Victor Butswinkus.

The following members were nominated by the Committee to serve on the National Board of Governors for the next three years:

These men will replace members from their Chapters leaving the Board—

Ralph Witzkin—New York Chapter.

Herbert Olsen—New England Chapter.

Charles Tingley—Washington, D.C. Chapter.

John Boden—Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter.

William Andrews—Michigan Chapter.

After a motion was duly made by Frank Wade and seconded by Walter O'Keefe, it was voted to: Close the nominations.

After a motion duly made by Francis Maher and seconded by Vincent Guglielmino it was voted to: Accept the slate of officers submitted by the Committee.

After a motion duly made by John Clouser and seconded by John Sabato it was voted to: Instruct the secretary to cast one ballot in favor of the slate as recommended by the Nominating Committee.

President Bonkowski thanked Ronald Murphy and the members of his committee.

WADE REPORTS

Frank Wade, Chairman of the Reunion was asked by President Bonkowski for a report. Wade briefed the members on happenings as of this date.

Paul Keller asked the members for a standing vote of thanks to Frank Wade and his Committee for a job well done.

A discussion was held on the possibility of reducing the price of the Reunion tickets. No action was taken.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

President Bonkowski then called upon John Clouser, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. Clouser named Frank Ozart and David Heller as members of this permanent committee. Clouser informed the members as to what the committee considers when selecting candidates. The applicant's Academic Ability and financial needs and being a rel-

OZART, A FORMER PREXY, COMMENTS ON THE REUNION

By FRANK OZART,
2241 S. Marshall Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60623

The Washington, D. C. Reunion was one of the best that the Ninth Division has held. We, of the Illinois Chapter, thank Frank Wade, Chairman of the Reunion, and his committee for a wonderful time.

Some of the people the writer seen at the reunion from Illinois were Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Koskie, Mr. and Mrs. John Clouser, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Driskell, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Radic, Mr. and Mrs. Casimir Pawelak, Mr. and Mrs. Al Geist, Bud Remer, Mr. and Mrs. Al Sebeck, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pacer, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Martin and Frank Ozart. The people who could not make the reunion because his wife was ill. Ted Matusik was too ill to make the trip. It is hoped these good people recover rapidly from their ailments.

OLD BUDDIES MEET

Nate Gaynor and his lovely wife, Beverly, were present at the Reunion. Nate was former Secretary of Illinois Chapter before moving to Washington, D. C. Thanks a million, Nate and Beverly, for the hospitality you have shown, Frank Brysic, former First Sergeant of "D" Co. 47th Regt. was present. Nate Gaynor, Frank Brusick and Frank Ozart were all in the company.

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Winkelman are inviting all the Illinois Chapter members to a party on Saturday, September 24, 1966. Time is 8:30 P.M. Location: 825 Poplar, Palatine, Ill.

Anyone who gets lost should call 358-2189. Food and refreshments will be served. Movies will be shown of the Washington, D. C. Reunion. Highlights of the Reunion such as the Memorial Services at Arlington Cemetery at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers, placing the Ninth Division plaques on the graves of Gen. Matt Eddy, Col. "Paddy" Flint and Lou Becker graves were most inspiring.

Also the teen splash party was well planned.

If time will permit at the Sept. 24 party those who would like to see highlights of many other Reunions and Memorial Services will be afforded that opportunity. Bob Winkelman has a fine album of these films. Members having interesting Reunion pictures are urged to bring them to the party so others may also enjoy looking at them.

MEETING NIGHT

Forest Park Moose Lodge, 810 Des Plaines Ave., Forest Park, Ill., third Friday of every month—8:30 P.M.

Pay dues to Bill Hennemuth, Treasurer, 505 N. Wille St., Mt. Prospect, Ill.—Sincerely, Frank Ozart.

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N-O-WI—

A rural area is one of those backward places that uses money instead of credit cards.

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N-O-WI—

Trying to get a word in edgewise with some people is like trying to thread a sewing machine with the motor running.

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N-O-WI—

One of the hardest things a youngster faces nowadays is learning good manners, without seeing any.

ative of a Ninth Division member.

A total of \$3,225.00 will be awarded to 13 young men and women.

Applicants for the first time are:

1. Kathleen Cusack.
2. Henry Friediger.
3. Paul Matulis.
4. Peter Matuza.
5. Barbara Ridzi.
6. Ellen Wilson.
7. Pamela Webster.

Renewals

1. Joanne King.
2. Vincent Lepore.
3. Charles Martin.
4. Gail McLaughlin.
5. Elaine Piowarski.
6. Sue Ann Swanson.

The National Board of Governors at their meeting on April 30, 1966 had approved the selections and recommendations of the Scholarship Committee.

After a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by Harry Orenstein it was voted to: Accept the report of the Scholarship Committee.

John Rizzo asked the members for a standing vote of thanks for the outgoing President John Bonkowski.

There being no further business to come before this meeting and upon a motion duly made by John Rizzo and seconded by Frank Ozart it was voted to: Adjourn the 21st Annual Meeting—at 12:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL QUINN,

National Secretary.

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N-O-WI—

MAHER SUBMITS ADVANCE DATA

Members of the New England Chapter passed out cards with the following information during the Washington Reunion:

Twenty-second Annual Memorial Mass for the deceased of the 9th Infantry Division at the Immaculate Conception Church, Worcester, Mass. Sunday, Nov. 6, 1966.

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

Last year we had our largest crowd.

Free Buffet Supper at Connors' Coffee Shop, Saturday night.

In a letter dated Aug. 20, Francis Maher, 14 Davenport St., Worcester, Mass., furnishes The Octofoil additional information as follows:

LIMITED AT HOLIDAY INN

This year we are going to be limited to 50 rooms at the Holiday Inn due to previous commitments by the Inn. It will be first come, first served. Maher promises the latest dope on the situation for the next issue of The Octofoil.

Holiday Inn is located on Southbridge St., near the postoffice. The Holiday rates are:

Double \$15; twin \$15; single, \$9.50.

There will be plenty of rooms at other motels located in the area of the Church. Many of the members have patronized these motels before.

Listed below are a few of these motels:

Wachusett Motor Lodge, 175 West Boylston St., West Boylston, Mass.—Single, \$8; double, \$12; \$14 for three in a room. Phone (617) 835-4416.

Esquire Motel, 130 W. Boylston St., W. Boylston, Mass. Phone 835-4641—835-4725. Single, \$8.50; double, \$10; triple, \$12. Also family units—4

in a room \$14; 5 in a room \$16—six, \$18.00.

Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, 181 W. Boylston St., West Boylston, Mass. Phone (617) 835-4456. Single, \$9 and \$11; double, \$14 and \$17.

Rooms will also be available at the Worcester City Motel, Boston-Worcester Turnpike on Route 9, Shrewsbury, Mass. Rates are, single \$7.50—double, \$10.50; triple, \$12.50.

Even with the long list of motels given above reservations should be sent in early—and for the rates that are quoted, it must be mentioned the reservation is for a Ninth Infantry Association man or friend of a member of the Association.

BANQUET SAME PLACE

The banquet will be held at the same place as for the past two years, at the Wachusett Country Club, West Boylston, Mass. The New England Chapter members will have Octofoil signs posted leading the way from the church to the country club. **LOOKING FOR BIG CROWD**

Judging from conversations between the members attending the Reunion in Washington there will be an unusually large turnout for the 1966 Memorial Services.

FOOD A-PLenty

Father Connors has asked The Octofoil to be sure and print a notice that those good parishioners will again pile the tables with all kinds of delicious food at the Connors Coffee Shop on Saturday night. He asks that appetites not be spoiled by nibbling on bits of food before coming to Connors Coffee Shop. Those good parishioners have a good time when they see Father Connors "boys" enjoying that good old New England cooking.

Another issue of The Octofoil will hit the mail just before the Memorial Services in Worcester.

Former Ninth Band Leader Puts On Real Show



—Photo by Walter Victor, 2734 Dodson Lee Dr., East Point, Ga. 30044
Secretary Dan Quinn is shown above telling Vic Daumit and his pretty wife how well pleased the members were with the fine show that was arranged for the benefit of Association visitors. Vic is a former Ninth Division band leader—and went all out to see that his old buddies got nothing but the best in entertainment while they were bivouaced in Washington for the 1966 Reunion.

Scores of Tables Scattered Around Just Like This



—Photo by Walter Victor, 2734 Dodson Lee Dr., East Point, Ga. 30044
Walter Victor has furnished The Octofoil scores of pictures showing happy throngs around tables such as the above. The Octofoil was unable to positively identify by name more than two or three at any one of the tables and felt it a bad policy to print the pictures and identifying only a few of those seated at the tables. Some system must be worked out before Boston for names to be given some assistant who should accompany the photographer when making the shots. Noted in the above picture flanking Father Connors' Memorial Mass notice is Dick Pestel, Ohio Chapter Secretary-Treasurer and former Board of Governors member, with a young Auxiliary member, Patty McTeague of Columbus, O. Seated, Paul Keller, Columbus, incumbent Board member; Mrs. Keller and three young fry Kellers; standing, with glass of "water" is Frank Wade, Reunion Chairman. He and Keller are former 39th men; next to Frank is the Octofoil editor and Tippi Plunkett, the Ladies' Auxiliary Secretary-Treasurer. Pestel is a former 47th soldier and the Octofoil editor was with Co. B—60th.

THE BARON OF BROOKLYN HAS FOND REUNION REMEMBRANCES

By ARTHUR R. SCHMIDT,
69-20 69th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11227
HYacinth 7-3993

President 4-7100, Ext. 12

This report is not going to be up to the standards the writer likes. He was having such a good time at the Reunion in Washington the fact he had repertorial duties to perform was forgotten. Joe Ushak and Smiles allowed the writer to accompany them to all kinds of side parties and temporary "CPs" where at times liquid refreshments were so plentiful it began to look as though everyone present would have to swim out. Ushak and Smiles left Washington for a auto drive to Fort Bragg.

WELL REPRESENTED

The New York Chapter was well represented. They had a command post. It was always well patronized. Dan Quinn was a good "customer."

The writer being from Co. B, 15th Engrs., was pleased to note the large Engineer representation. Some of the B Company men were Pat DeColli, Paul Lisa, Ernest Newhart, Fred Elme. The Engineers had their own CP. The writer hopes to be forgiven for not being able to visit the Engrs. CP. Something always happened—such as detours, extended visits at other CPs. The 15th Engrs. had their emblem on tie clasps and the writer was fortunate enough to get possession of a tie clasp—thanks to Pat DeColli high pressuring Jerry Fasano into making the presentation.

Pat Morano, former president of the New York Chapter, made the trip with his wife from Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

TEARS IN HIS EYES

The writer's mother commented that she noted tears in Father Connors' eyes while he listened to the taped message from Gen. Westmoreland. Anyone could observe how Father Connors feels toward the General.

IMPRESSIVE SERVICES

Services at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were very impressive. After the services the writer and his mother visited the "trophy" room and located the plaque which was placed there by the 9th Infantry Division Association.

GOOD MILEAGE

The news 320 horsepower job that

propelled the writer, his mother—Adolph Wadalavage and his sons to Washington performed well and fairly economical.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

The New York Chapter was well represented in the political activities. Emil Langer, present president of the New York Chapter, was elected National President; Vincent Guglielmino, a sincere and hard worker for the Association and the New York Chapter, was elected 1st Vice President of the Association; Dan Quinn was re-elected National Secretary; Ralph Witzkin was elected to the National Board of Governors; Walter O'Keeffe and Al Bruchac were on the dias as honored former Presidents of the National Association; Harry Orenstein received a certificate for his work on the Board of Governors; Al Lechmanek received an award for his hard work for the Chapter and the Association. The writer was acting chairman of the Newspaper Committee; Tony Varone was also on the Newspaper Committee; Harry Orenstein was on the Miscellaneous Committee; George Apar and Al Lechmanek also served on Committees.

LOST AFTER ARRIVAL

There were numerous reports regarding members who become lost trying to locate the hotel after arriving in the city. Adolph Wadalavage was supposedly the writer's map reader and navigator. He finally admitted to being lost. He also claimed he knew how to get out of Washington. Following his directions was another "wrong-way" Corrigan flight.

SMILES IN TROUBLE

Frank Smiles advises he had an awful time with Joe Ushak who was Smiles' "navigator." Joe claimed to know all about the route to the hotel. According to Smiles, Ushak would order him turn left when he should have turned right—resulting in a tour of Washington that lasted about one and one-half hours before the hotel was located. Smiles claims he will never know how Lincoln's Monument and the Washington Monument appeared on the route to the hotel—but both monuments were circled several times. (Ushak's name may be spelled incorrectly here—if so apologies are offered.)

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ORENSTEIN REPORTS WASHINGTON REUNION WAS NICELY ARRANGED

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THE QM REPORT OF THE 1966 WASHINGTON REUNION

The Washington Reunion will rank with the great Reunions of the past. Those who attended this Reunion will long remember it as one of the best Reunions the 9th Division Association ever had.

Here is a brief summary of some of the highlights:

Thursday Evening, July 28th—

Beer Party. Movies were shown of Vietnam and other sections of the world.

Friday Evening, July 29th—

Dance Night and Floor Show. One of the entertainers in the floor show, Vedo Fernandez, displayed her dancing talents. The audience appreciated her dancing ability.

Saturday, July 30th—

The big day of the Reunion was Saturday. There were Memorial Services in the morning at Arlington Cemetery. After the services we visited the late President John F. Kennedy's grave.

In the evening was the banquet. A list of all the Presidents of the Association was read and those who were present received a round of applause. The Army Chorus sang several songs. When the Army Chorus Group finished singing, the audience was standing, and cheering, and applauding.

It was interesting to listen to Gen. Lloyd B. Ramsey, Gen. J. Lawton Collins and Gen. George Smythe, as they reminisced about their Army careers, and continued with contemporary events.

A tape recording was played that Gen. Westmoreland sent from Saigon. Father Connors delivered an entertaining talk.

REUNION NOTES

There was a large turnout for the Washington Reunion. On Thursday and Friday, there were bus tours of the city. The children had their own room where they could enjoy themselves. There were times during the dancing when the younger generation had the dancing floor for themselves.

QM NOTES

The 1967 Reunion will be held at Boston, Mass.

It's time for congratulations:

To Charles Tingley who was elect-

ed to the National Board of Governors.

And to George Swanson's daughter, Sue, and to Allan Webster's daughter, who received 9th Division scholarships.

Father Connors will hold the 22nd Annual Memorial Mass on Sunday, November 6, 1966 at Worcester, Mass.

Many of the 9th Division Association will arrive on Saturday evening to attend Father Connors' Coffee Shop.

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In the May-June, 1966 Octofoil issue, Everett Tapp reported the sad news about Arthur Green's death due to an auto accident.

Bill Palady reported that in his Pre-Union Travels, he met many QM especially in the New Haven area.

The following QM men, women and children were present at the Reunion:

Harry Orenstein
Bill Palady
Gene Berasi; his sister, Mrs. Borghetti nad his two nieces, Arlene and Caroline.

Joe DeMato; his wife, Mary, and his niece, Barbara Grant.
Everett Tapp and his TWO friends. Charles Tingley and his daughter, Pat.

Curtis Witt and his wife.
Bill Palady gave the writer two more QM addresses. They are:

Peter B. Compton, 39 Fenway Dr., Hamden, Conn.

George Menta, 1559 Chapel Ave., New Haven Conn.

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

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Dear Fellows:

Zip Code's got me in a spin
Cause the one you have ain't right:
I'm gonna lose my month-long grin
Less you can see the light.

Ol' Uncle Sam'll cut me off short,
Won't deliver my mail;
You'll find that I'll have to resort
To a loud and angry wail.

Please, kind sirs, sweetly said
Keep me receiving The Octofoil—
I'd rather consider losing my head,
So, dammit—ZIP me up!!

Frantically yours—Dick Pestel.

JOE MCKENZIE COMES UP WITH A VERY GOOD REUNION REPORT

By JOE MCKENZIE,
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Our hats are off to the Washington Chapter. They did a wonderful job. As the word is spread around, I am sure there will be many who will say, "I am sorry that I did not go." The McKenzie family had a good time too.

The enjoyment at a national convention is not all in the activities planned by committees to attract us to their cities, but in the meeting with those with whom we served. Parties, banquets, dances, sight-seeing, fashion shows, etc., are a part of every convention. But when you meet someone that you haven't seen since Fort Bragg days or since we parted company then is the time that one really enjoys a convention.

TENT CITY MEN

Two such men are Jim Sullivan and Ben Atkinson, from "A", 26th F.A. Both are Tent City men. Both attended their first convention. Sully is from Chicago. Ben is from Richmond. It was their first meeting since parting over 20 years ago. Ben is a brother of Jack who was a Corporal in Service 26th when we arrived as recruits at Bragg back in February of '41.

Paul A. Griffin, recently promoted to Lieutenant Colonel dropped in to say Hello on Saturday afternoon. Paul Fribush came down from Baltimore on Thursday and Friday nights hoping to see Griff, but the Lieutenant Colonel couldn't make it either night. Both men were in Service 26th.

MANY CHATS

The McKenzies enjoyed many chats with Harold Frantz and family of Hqtrs. 26th. It was the first time that we had met in all of these years. We were both brought up to date by

the Mischlers, Wilson and Clousers, also of Hdqtrs. 26th. The last time I saw Joe Pacer was at the New Yorker many years ago. The old boy looks as though he is ready to open up the old field desk again and go to work. Bill Andrews and his family arrived in style from Michigan. They traveled by train, enjoying the best the railroad had to offer. Donald Rollar, who got paid by Hdqtrs. 26th but ate and slept wherever he could, attended festivities on Friday and Saturday nights. Bill Meadows and Walter Grover of "A" 26th were others who brought their families from Michigan to have a good time. Tom Boyle and Mike Schrappe are the only two I remember from "C," 26th. I know I missed someone but don't get mad at me. I'll enjoy reading your account of a good convention.

NEWS KINDA OFF

There is not much to report on the men of Service 26th F.A. Jim Daniels visited George Smith in Monterey, Calif. Johnny Brazil was also on Jim's man hunt but John was not at home. When Jim visited George he brought his camera along. I received two snapshots and believe it or not George looks the same now as he did since we first met back at Bragg in 1941. Recently I found out that Bernal Lareau had moved to Houston, so off went a letter to Harold Wallace inviting him to visit Bernal. No report has been made by Harold of their meeting. A month ago while enjoying the Massachusetts countryside I visited the home of Joe Bolow. The old truck driver has a very nice home in the small town of Thorndike. Try to find that on your map.

Remember—Memorial Mass—November 6, 1966—Worcester, Mass.

Remember—the National Convention will be in BOSTON—1967.

Sincerely, Joe McKenzie.
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BONKOWSKI WRITES INTERESTING LETTER

Just because his term has expired as President of the Association does not mean that John Bonkowski of the Detroit Chapter intends to be less active. On the contrary, his activity seems to be increasing.

The Octofoil received several cards from John and his pretty wife while they were vacationing in Canada.

Excerpts from a letter dated Aug. 8, reads:

MISTAKE ABOUT CARPENTER

Upon my return, I found Gen. Westmoreland's reply to a letter that I'd sent him shortly before the Convention. It was read at my last Board of Governor's meeting, just before the banquet. Perhaps his answer would be of interest since it reveals a misprint as to Capt. Carpenter's father being a 9th Inf. Div. man. It is a nice letter.

COMMITTEES DID GOOD JOB

Frank Wade and his Committees have done a splendid job and certainly should be congratulated for their great effort. It was wonderful to see so many of our Association friends there. Meeting Gen. Smythe and so many of our Past Presidents was a great pleasure. Our Toastmaster, Gen. Ramsey, Honored Guest Speaker, Gen. Collins, Gen. Westmoreland's taped message, and the Army Choir were all wonderful. The only regret was that the time was so limited.

Before I close I wish to say it was a wonderful year for me. I'll never forget it and I'll always be grateful to everyone in the Association for making it so.—Sincerely, John Bonkowski.

On July 21 John sent a letter to Gen. Westmoreland in which he expressed the hope that both the General and Captain William C. Carpenter might be able to attend a Reunion in the near future.

REPLIES ON JULY 28

Under date of 28 July 1966 Gen. Westmoreland wrote as follows:

Dear Mr. Bonkowski: Many thanks for your 21 July letter and your expression of support. It is always good to hear from old members of the Ninth Division.

There apparently was a regrettable misprint in the newspapers concerning Capt. Carpenter's father. He actually was a member of the 99th Division, which, as you know, was closely associated with the Ninth Division in the Battle of the Bulge.

As you can well imagine, the complexity and uncertainty of events preclude any future commitments on my part, and I certainly am envious of those attending the Division reunion this year.

Best wishes and good luck.—Sincerely, W. C. WESTMORELAND, General, United States Army.

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People call it "take-home" pay because there is no other place you can afford to go with it.

Walton—Continued

Parkway, on to Deep Gap where we spent the night. We pulled out early in the A.M. and had breakfast at a place 20 miles down the road. Then we cut over at Roanoke and went up as far as Luray, cutting across the valley and mountain to Warrenton. We spent the night at the Rip Van Winkle. From the lumps in those beds I can't see how poor old Rip slept as long as they say he did.

Our gang pulled up stakes and hit the road at 6:30 reaching Washington by 10 A.M. We were lost for an hour trying to locate the Shoreham. Thursday afternoon was spent introducing the wife and daughter to the gang. The teen agers "captured" Ben Casey in an elevator and made him autograph for them all. Susan is awfully proud of that autograph.

The beer party was tops.

The sightseeing tour at 1:00 P.M. Friday was a pleasure. The driver covered all the spots—even hitting a few we were not supposed to see.

Although I've passed the teen ager bracket I participated in the splash party. That was really something to wake up the Old Cats.

The Memorial Services at Arlington were enjoyed by everyone. We visited Gen. Eddy's, Col. Flint's and Lou Becker's grave sites, then on to President Kennedy's grave side.

The banquet was everything that could be expected. The Army Chorus was perfect. The dancing and the band music was great. After sadly saying goodbye to all the folks—our crowd retired so as to check out early Sunday A.M., which we did—eating buckwheat cakes at Aunt Fanny's on Route 95, enroute to Richmond, Va. We hit 85 on to Atlanta, arriving at my daughter's at seven bells.

Those who didn't get their money's worth at the Washington Reunion are those who will never be satisfied with anything.

ON TO BOSTON

Now that Mrs. Walton has gotten into the old Ninth Division Spirit—Doc has his orders—there's no trip to Boston for him unless it's a two-some.

The Octofoil had gathered a little dope on the Walton clan before the Reunion and space limitations kept much of it from being printed in the last issue. David, the son who graduated from Berry College with honors was in Louisiana on maneuvers.

Susan kept her satchel packed for three weeks before the family left Rabun Gap for the bright lights of Washington, D. C.

In the last issue of The Octofoil two poems written by a 15 year old lad, Wayne Olinger, of Rome, Ga., were published. Doc says Wayne was happy when he saw his poem in print and pasted copies all over his bedroom. A Rome radio station owner had the poem read and commented on it during a broadcast.

Among some of the old timers recently contacting Walton was John Lewis, in Shelbyville, who reported that Ray Lowell was okay.

'Teen Agers Knew the Steps, Stops and Wiggles



—Photo by Walter Victor, 2734 Dodson Lee Dr., East Point, Ga. 30044
Splash parties, juke boxes, cokes and all the things that go to make for a successful teen agers' party were arranged for by the Reunion Committee in Washington. Shown above are a couple of 'teen agers taking advantage of the hot and fast numbers that were coming through clear and LOUD.