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# THE OCTOFOIL

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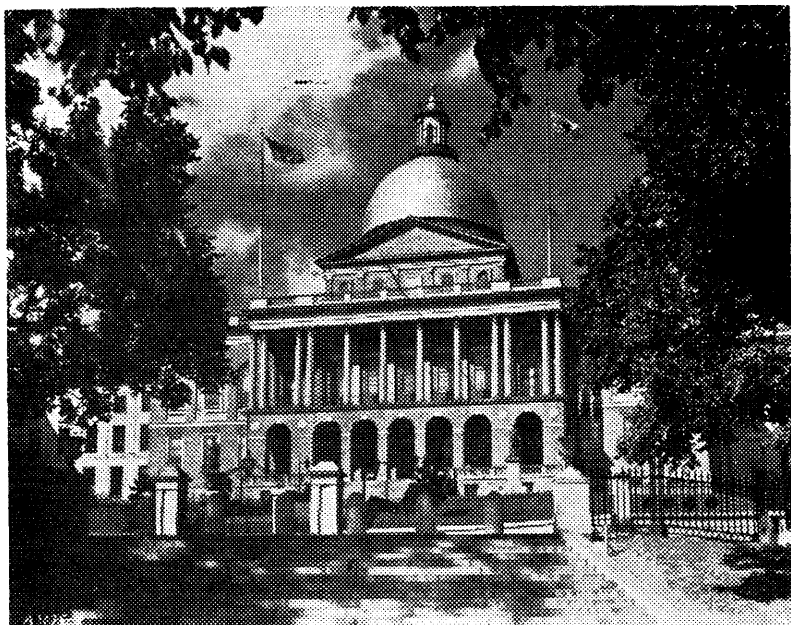
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January-February, 1967

## BOSTON READY FOR JULY 20-22 INVASION

### HISTORICAL MASSACHUSETTS STATE CAPITOL



The Capitol building was designed by Charles Bulfinch and erected in 1795 and served as a model for many state capitols. Its classic design and imposing gold-leaf dome have endured through the years with few additions and changes. Bound up with the architecture are associations with some of the leaders who helped to shape our American way of life. The edifice dominates Beacon Hill and is presently the seat of the Government of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

### IS YOUR OCTOFOIL ADDRESSED WITH TELL-TALE RED INK?

If this issue of The Octofoil reaches a member and the address is printed in RED ink—that fellow is in trouble. Secretary Dan Quinn has him on the delinquent list and that red ink means this is the last issue of The Octofoil this particular guy will receive until he sends some dues money to Secretary Dan Quinn, 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N. J.

Sorry, but that's the way the ball is bouncing. The Budget and Finance Committee at the last Reunion set the ground rules—and the tight budget will not permit any free loading.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

### Deadline Nearing For Scholarships...

Members who have someone in mind to recommend for Scholarship Committee consideration are reminded that March 15th is the deadline date for filing such requests. Full information is printed in each issue of The Octofoil in a 2-column information chart that is prepared by Scholarship Chairman John Clouser. Chairman Clouser's address will be noted in the concluding section of the chart.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

### IT'S THE 25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR MR.-MRS. JOHN SABATO

On January 31 Mr. and Mrs. John Sabato celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. John is a former National President of the Association and is a hard working member along with Mrs. Sabato, for the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter.

Members of the Chapter and Auxiliary in the Philly-Delaware Valley area send best wishes to this fine couple and hope for them many more years of happiness.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

Accholics Alias is a group in which you continue to drink, but under an assumed name.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

A beatnik is a cat that's too chicken to get into the old rat race.

### ERNEST IRION'S DEATH A MOST TRAGIC LOSS

The mere use of words are meaningless when one tries to describe innermost feelings that are aroused when the news comes through that a fine citizen, a soldier of the highest tradition, a devoted father and husband, a dedicated citizen has answered his last roll call. Such a man was Ernest Irion. He was respected and loved by his buddies in the 9th Division. Letters have poured into The Octofoil from old G.I. buddies from all parts of the country who experienced a tremendous shock when they learned of Ernie's death. Just a few of those letters are published in this issue of The Octofoil.

Parts of a letter from the bereaved widow, Mrs. Ernest Irion, 3608 5th Ave., N., Great Falls, Mont. 59401, are self-explanatory:

"Ernie passed away very suddenly on the morning of Nov. 15. It is hard to believe that no more than a minute or two passed between the time Ernie and I talked together and planned what we were going to do for that day, then as he walked out of the door he said: 'See you this evening,' and went out to the garage; but before I could finish opening the car door he passed away from a heart attack. When I found him one and one-half hours later I was on my way to the store. 'We have lost a very wonderful husband and father. But he left behind for us to cherish many wonderful memories. I feel it was a great honor that God saw fit that I could be his wife for nearly 21 years—as he had been ill with a heart condition for the past 16 years.

"Our 9-year-old daughter and only child, Vicki, also gave me courage and faith as shortly after being told at school about her dad's death, she said, 'Don't worry mother. God wanted Daddy or he would not have let it happen.'"

The Great Falls (Mont.) Tribune printed a feature story with Ernie's picture immediately following his untimely death. Parts of that story read as follows:

#### SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Funeral services for Ernest Irion, 51, of 3608 5th Ave., N., district commissioner of Boy Scouts was held at Trinity Lutheran Church. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens with full military honors.

#### ACTIVE IN CHURCH

An active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Ernest Irion was Montana district membership secretary for Lutheran Laymen's League and was first of two Montana recipients of the Lamb Award given by the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church in recognition of an outstanding adult scout leader.

He was one of the founders of Scout Troop 26, sponsored by Laymen's League of his church. Later in the month he was to have received his 10-year service pin in scouting.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

### WITZKIN SENDS A NICE LETTER

Under date of Jan. 19, 1967 the newly elected president of New York Chapter issued his first official call for a meeting. Ralph Witzkin, the new prexy, issued a newsy and business like notice. The call notice was prefaced with the following words of thanks:

"As your newly elected President for the ensuing year, I again wish to thank you. I will do all in my power to sustain and merit your confidence in me, for the good of the Chapter and the Association."

—PAY 1967 DUES N-O-W!—

An Ohio Scotchman is so close he won't clean his nails unless it's over a flower pot.

### COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED; A TENTATIVE PROGRAM HAS BEEN APPROVED; POSSIBLE TO SLIDE IN FROM HIWAY TO HOTEL LOBBY

The 1967 Reunion Committee met at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel on January 29 and again on February 9. The meetings were well attended and the outfit is now percolating with full steam ahead. The list of committees printed below gives an idea of the large number of hard workers who are enthusiastically back of the movement to make the 1967 Reunion in Boston one that will never be forgotten and one that will cause each and every one who attends to be happy and glad they did attend.

#### SEEKING PUBLICITY

The committee plans putting out publicity releases to metropolitan and community newspapers in the New England area in an effort to ferret out former Ninth men who are not members of the Association—and many who have never heard of the Association.

#### CONTACT MURPHY

Any member who fails to find the information desired about the Reunion in the Octofoil should contact Ronnie Murphy, 44 Strawberry Lane, Scituate, Mass.; Herb Olsen, 389 Highland Ave., Randolph, Mass.; or Tom Boyle, 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass.

Ronnie Murphy tells The Octofoil the cooperation of the members who have been attending committee meetings is most encouraging—as a matter of fact, it has been fantastic. And a second contributing factor is the wonderful cooperation forthcoming from the Sheraton Hotel—the most fabulous hotel in the country, in Murphy's estimation.

All the guest rooms at the hotel are outside rooms and offer a wonderful view of the city. The view is an ideal panoramic view since there are no high rise buildings near the hotel.

The large hotel swimming pool is a dream world. Beverages and snacks served at the poolside.

There are five restaurants conveniently located in the hotel—arranged to fit the mood and tastes of everyone.

#### ON ONE FLOOR

For the first time all affairs have been arranged to be held on the same floor.

Quoting Ronnie: "While the men are at work the women will play. A special program for the ladies is being planned for Friday afternoon plus a splash party for the young people. Friday and Saturday night the teen agers will dance to their own live music."

#### FREE PARKING

Free parking is provided for the guests of the hotel in the garage which is located directly beneath the building. Members who are driving to Boston will be able to exit from the Massachusetts Turnpike directly into the Prudential Center and to the hotel. Here they will be able to register at the motorists' entrance and proceed directly to their rooms without passing through lobbies.

Those arriving by plane will land at Logan Airport and will find themselves within 10 minutes ride of the hotel.

#### DON'T FORGET DATES

Don't forget the dates—July 20, 21 and 22—start planning now to be a part of this memorable occasion.

#### PROGRAM

THURSDAY—July 20th  
Registration—All Day  
Golf Tournament—10 A.M.  
Board of Governors Meeting—5:00 P.M.

Welcoming Party—8:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.

FRIDAY—July 21st  
Registration—All Day  
Business Meeting—10:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M.

Ladies' Program—1:00 P.M. to ??  
General Business Meeting—1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Board of Governors Meeting—4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Teenage Dance—7:30 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Informal Dance—8:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

#### SATURDAY—July 22nd

Registration—All Day

Memorial Services—10:00 A.M.

Bus Tour of City—12:30 P.M. to ?

Siesta . . .

Banquet and Dance—7:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.

#### COMMITTEES

Chairman—Ronald Murphy

Co-Chairman—Herbert Olsen

Treasurer—Thomas Boyle

Registration—Edward McGrath

Golf—Herbert Olsen, Ronald Murphy

Program—Ralph Renna, Ronald Murphy, Herbert Olsen

Publicity—Thomas Boyle, John Quinn

Dance—Peter Cusack, Joe McKenzie, Henry Shimkoski, Herbert Olsen

Banquet—Lawrence McLaughlin, William Mills, William Griesbach

Memorial—Father Edward Connors, Francis Maher, Connie Matulis

Thomas Gray, Lawrence McLaughlin

Hospitality—All Members of the New England Chapter and their wives

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 William Hennemuth, Mt. Pleasant, Ill.  
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 Arthur MacDougall, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 1968—  
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 Paul Keller, Columbus, Ohio  
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 Robert Rumennapp, 28017 Hughes St.,  
 St. Clair Shores, Mich.  
 Brig. Gen. Edwin Randle (Ret.), 503  
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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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## OZART'S NOTES ABOUT LANGER'S CHICAGO VISIT LOST IN SHUFFLE

(Editor's Note: These notes by Past National President Frank Ozart of the Illinois Chapter, were received at the Octofoil office just a few hours after the last issue of the paper had gone to press.)

By **FRANK OZART**,  
 2241 S. Marshall Blvd.,  
 Chicago, Ill. 60623

### NATIONAL PRESIDENT VISITS ILLINOIS CHAPTER

National Association President Emil Langer of New York, visited the Illinois Chapter meeting place at the Forest Park Moose Lodge on Friday, November 18, 1966. The Illinois Chapter members and officers were glad to see the Ninth Infantry Division Association's National President. He was welcomed with open arms. He is the first national president who has ever visited the Illinois Chapter on a meeting night. There was a good turnout for the night. A fish dinner preceded the meeting. President Langer gave a report on the Memorial Mass in Worcester, Mass. He said it was amazing to see a large crowd with all the bad weather that existed.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD DECEMBER 10, 1966

This party was held at Chuck Koskie Castle in Schiller Park, Ill. The party was a huge success. The food was very good and plenty of refreshments. The Illinois Chapter members thank Chuck Koskie for all the refreshments and his wife for all the food she prepared. Also Mrs. Winkelman and Mrs. Belmonte for the games during the party. The party broke up about 4:00 A.M. and everyone who was there had a very nice time.

### MEMBERSHIP

Years go by and there are still a lot of former Ninth Division men who do not know that we have one of the best associations in the country and that we welcome new mem-

bers who have served with the old Ninth Infantry Division.

The writer was with a group of people recently in a restaurant and during the conversation one of the lads stated he was in Africa. When asked what outfit he was with he replied it was the Ninth Division. I was amazed to hear it. The first thing I said to him was "are you a member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association?" The answer was no. I immediately gave him the information to send his dues to Danny Quinn. Joe Daukshis, Co. A, 60th Regt., is now a member. He was in Fort Bragg with the Ninth. At the Christmas Party he met some of the fellows who were in the 60th Artillery and Regiment.

### MEETING NIGHT

Forest Park, Moose Lodge, 810 Des Plaines Ave., Forest Park, Ill. Third Friday of each month. Time, 8:30 P.M.

Pay your dues now to Bill Hinne-muth, Treasurer of Illinois Chapter, 505 N. Wille St., Mt. Prospect, Ill.

### VALENTINE DINNER

FRIDAY FEB. 10, 1967

At the Nov. 18, 1967 fish dinner which was held in Forest Park Moose Lodge, the members requested that a fish dinner be held at the Cicero Moose Lodge. President Chuck Koskie agreed that there would be a dinner at the Cicero Moose Lodge Feb. 10, 1967. Fish and meat are available. All the fish one can eat for \$1. Meat will probably be around \$1.60 per person. There is a band for dancing and an organist in the cocktail lounge. Dance instructions from 8:30 to 9:00 P.M. free. All this for the price of the dinner. No gimmicks attached. It is difficult to understand how they do it. Cicero Moose Lodge is located at 2348 S. Laramie Ave., Cicero, Ill.

Illinois Chapter members wishes Association members everywhere a most prosperous and happy 1967.

## BOB WOODSIDE IS IN A VA HOSPITAL

Bob Woodside was one of the best liked guys in old Co. B, 60th Regt. He was one of the "originals" at Fort Bragg.

A native of Rome, N. Y., Bob's and Mrs. Woodside's home address now is 12408 Florida Ave., 3 Palm St., Tampa, Fla. 33612. Feb. 9 Mrs. Woodside dispatched a sad letter to The Octofoil. Parts of the letter was as follows:

"Just a short note to tell you Bob is in Bay Pines Veterans Hospital. His condition is poor."

Old buddies of this most likeable former 60th man—and a great soldier, should drop him a cheerful note or card. The address is: Robert Woodside, 22-2 South, VA Center, Bay Pines, Florida.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

People who give money for presents at Christmas time don't have to worry about it not being the right size.

## ARMY NEEDS 8,200 CIVILIANS FOR JOBS

Stamped with the plurality of a nationwide need, a gigantic advertisement now posted by the U. S. Continental Army Command reads: "We need 8,200 civilians for permanent jobs. The jobs we have are those hard-to-fill types, and the people we want are instructors, craftsmen, automatic data specialists, nurses and medical technicians and other position-seekers with skills and professions to fill a nationwide shortage area."

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

### BARBARIC

A spy was being led to his execution by a squad of soldiers on a cold, rainy morning.

"You soldiers are barbaric," the spy grumbled "to make me march through the cold rain like this."

"Quit squawking," snapped one of the soldiers, "we've got to walk back."

—PAY 1967 DUES N-O-W!—

## Mike Belmonte Is Shocked Because of Irion's Death

It has been quite a while since The Octofoil has received a letter from the inimitable Mike Belmonte of Chicago. The letter he sent on Jan. 3, was filled with sadness. It read, in part:

Among this past year's exchange of Christmas cards from my former buddies of the 60th F.A. Bn., I received one from the wife of Ernest Irion of Great Falls, Mont. I quote: "Ernie passed away on the morning of November 15, 1966, of a heart attack."

Mike continues:

Only this past summer Ernie had been a guest in my home for a short stay. During his stay in Chicago he attended one of the Illinois Chapter's meetings. Also one evening we held a small informal bull session here at my home, attended by Jim Landise, Maurice Powers and George Wens-lutonis, all of "A" Btry. Also present was former Major H. J. Sukala, D.D.S., a great friend of Father Connors. Ernie had been Doc's aide after leaving the 60th F.A. Bn. in Sicily.

Ernie was a medic in every sense of the word. A great guy. He leaves behind his wife, Alice, and daughter, Vicki.

Mike points out that "our ranks grow thinner each year." He also regrets his inability to make the long trip to Boston this year. The Belmonte address is: Michael Belmonte, 1161 S. Lombard, Oak Park, Ill. 60304.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

## State of Kansas Adopts the Ninth

Another newsy note sent The Octofoil by Captain "Scotty" R. M. A. Hirst (retired), 8303 Newby Court, Springfield, Va. 22150 is a clipping from the Department of Defense Commander's Digest issue of January 28 1967, which reads:

### KANSAS ADOPTS 9TH INF.

Army's 9th Infantry Division was adopted by proclamation of the governor of Kansas within one week of public announcement that elements of the former Kansas-based outfit had landed in RVN.

Gov. William H. Avery's proclamation lauded "Operation Kansas," asking citizens to donate items for 9th's pacification and people-to-people programs in RVN.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

In the good old days when you wanted a horse to stand still you tied him to a hitching post. Today you place a bet on him.

—PAY 1967 DUES N-O-W!—

## GEN. RANDLE SPEEDING PRODUCTION ON BOOK

Evidently the fellows who didn't get a copy of "Safi Adventure" after the first printing are breathing down Gen. Edwin Randle's neck for a copy of the second edition which was not due to go on the presses for quite a long time yet. However, in a letter dated Dec. 16, 1966 the general writes that he is speeding up production. Instead of setting all the pages by the slow handset method—he has sublet several pages to a typesetting firm and has recently had 12 pages set on a Linotype machine.

Gen. Randle took exception to the member who ventured a wise-crack that he bet it was the charming Mrs. Randle's voice the general had heard advising him to buy that beautiful Cadillac automobile. Quoting directly from the letter:

"For the benefit of that skeptic—never did Mrs. Randle ask me to buy a Cadillac. The Lord talks to all of us, but mostly we don't listen. I didn't until fairly recently. But as I look back I can see that he has held my hand for 72 years."

The general cites many close shaves he has experienced during the past 72 years and feels that it has been the Good Lord who has looked over and protected him.

The Octofoil is grateful to General Randle for the kind words he has to say about the paper and especially when he voices the opinion that The Octofoil does play a large part in helping perpetuate the Association.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

## Chuck Franklin In "Land of Sunshine"

Charles H. Franklin a former Co. K, 39th soldier—is hibernating now at 5741 Flamingo Way, Hialeah Fla. Chuck sends best wishes to all the members—sending in his dues and requesting some decals for the family auto.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

A person who can make the same mistake twice without getting nervous is getting well adjusted.

—PAY 1967 DUES N-O-W!—

## 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.

## REQUEST FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS

BOSTON-SHERATON HOTEL,  
 Boston, Massachusetts

Please reserve for the undersigned, room reservations, as checked, for dates noted:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\* \* \*

Single Room ( ), \$14 . . . Twin Beds ( ) \$18 . . .

Children under 14, no charge; over 14, same room, \$3 . . .  
 Children in adjoining room, \$12

Parlor suites with one bedroom—

( ) \$28 . . . ( ) \$40 . . . ( ) \$45 . . . ( ) \$50

Parlor suites, 2 bedrooms—

( ) \$61 . . . ( ) \$66 . . . ( ) \$73

In and Out FREE Parking at all hours

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Date of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Time of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_ A.M.; \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.

Date of Departure \_\_\_\_\_

## REQUEST FOR SPACE IN SOUVENIR PROGRAM

THOMAS BOYLE, Treasurer

New England Chapter 9th Inf. Div. Assn.  
 39 Hall Avenue  
 Somerville, Mass.

Attached is copy for an ad in the color-printed 1967 Ninth Infantry Division Association Convention Program:

Full Page — \$25 . . . Half Page — \$15 . . . Third Page \$12

One-Quarter Page — \$10 . . . One-sixth page — \$7

**Booster Ads—\$1—name and unit.** Create a Chapter Committee to solicit members for Booster ads. Send all ad copy, checks and money orders to **Thomas Boyle, 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, Massachusetts.**

Inside front and back cover pages — \$30

Outside back cover page — \$30



## NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASS'N. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Enclosed please find 1967 dues for:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

I was a member of:

Battery \_\_\_\_\_; Company \_\_\_\_\_; Regiment \_\_\_\_\_ 9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00 ☐

Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_ ☐

Three-Year Member \_\_\_\_\_ \$11.00 ☐

LIFE MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 ☐

Octofoil Automobile License Disc \_\_\_\_\_ \$ .50 ☐

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

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

Ladies' Auxiliary Member \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 1.50 ☐

Combat Route Map \_\_\_\_\_ \$ .50 ☐

60th Infantry History \_\_\_\_\_ \$ .50 ☐

Coat Lapel Octofoil Pin \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 1.25 ☐

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Please give credit to the following Chapter:

Philly-Delaware Valley ☐ Greater New York ☐

Illinois ☐ Washington, D.C. ☐

New England ☐ Michigan ☐

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

## OCTOFOILS ARE SENT TO FAR-AWAY VIETNAM



Recently The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch printed a feature story that carried with it the above picture. Richard Pestel, 1422 Dyer Rd., Grove City, Ohio, secretary of the Ohio Chapter, and a former 47th man, is shown with some of the 75 or more Octofoils that he made in his basement work shop, painted, packed and sent to General William Westmoreland for distribution to the Ninth Infantry Division which recently landed at Vietnam and were immediately assigned to an important and dangerous mission.—Dispatch Photo.

## DEPENDENCY RATE IS INCREASED

January 1 brought an increase in monthly compensation payments to parents and children of servicemen and veterans who die of service-connected cause, according to the VA.

Legislation calling for increases in Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) rates was signed into law by President Johnson on November 3.

Monthly payments for children were increased from \$77 to \$80 for one child; from \$110 to \$115 for two children; from \$143 to \$149 for three children and from \$28 to \$29 for each child in excess of three.

In the case of dependent parents monthly payments were increased from \$83 to \$97 for a single parent and the maximum income limitation is extended from \$1750 to \$1800.

Changes in income deductions for parents were made in the new law to bring it into line with the pension and income rules for veterans' widows.

## GUS HEISE'S DAD CALLED BY DEATH

Gustav Heise, father of Gus, Jr., of the Detroit Chapter, passed away on October 22 1966. Mr. Heise, Sr., a Gold Star Dad, is survived by four other children and 15 grandchildren.

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## Cuzzillo Remembers Scholarship Fund

When sending in his current membership dues Salvatore Cuzzillo very thoughtfully remembered to also make a contribution to the Scholarship Fund. Sal is a former K Co. 47th man, who now lives at 309 Broad St., Carlstadt, N. J.

Cuzzillo also made inquiry as to the whereabouts of another former K Co. 47th man—Fred Fershing, of South Bend, Ind. Secretary Quinn had Fred's address as of 1949 and sent it to Sal hoping that would be helpful.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

Those who can't help being foolish, shouldn't insist on proving it.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

## SCHMIDT PINCH HITS FOR MIELE AND SENDS OCTOFOIL RESULTS

(Editor's Note: New York's chapter Secretary Dominick Miele, was confined to a hospital during the Chapter's January meeting. President Langer appointed the Chapter's Demon Reporter to take notes and transcribe them for the Minutes Book. He killed two birds with one stone, using his report to The Octofoil he made a carbon copy which was submitted for the records. To conserve space some portions of the typed minutes had to be eliminated.)

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

Pres. Langer opened the January meeting by calling upon Al Lechmanek, Chaplain, to offer the opening prayer. A letter was read from Secretary Miele, thanking the members for their visits and get well cards and telegrams. The minutes of the last meeting were read. They were approved as read. Langer announced the presence of two new members, Boehm and Margoliese. Al Orletti was responsible for bringing the new members to the meeting. Howard Boehm was with H Co., 47th, and lives at 1411 Noble Ave., New York N. Y.; John Margoliese also of H Co., 47th, lives at 930 Van Nest Ave. Bronx, N. Y. The new members said they were attending to honor Frank Fazio who had been elected the Chapter Man of the Year.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Irving Feinberg, Chapter Treasurer, apologized for not being able to present a detailed report. He did report the Chapter in good shape, and promised a detailed report at the next meeting. Russo made a motion to accept the Financial Report, seconded by Rizzo.

President Langer reported that Secretary Miele had left the hospital on January 2, 1967. Adolph Wadalavage, Chapter Welfare Officer, reported that Miele was feeling good—and he wanted to thank the members for their get well cards and visits to the hospital—and noted that Miele was almost heart broken because he could not attend the meeting. Some discussion about a gift for Secretary Miele. A card was read from Cal Polivy stating he was back on the job and he was glad to hear from the membership. He sent his best regards to all.

### MR. McINERNEY RECOVERING

Frank Fazio reported our Gold Star Father Mr. McInerney, was doing pretty good, and was able to take short walks.

Fazio gave an interesting report on the party. He said we had occupied 16 tables at the party which was held on the upper floor of the Elks Club in Union City, N. J. Thirty pitchers of beer were downed. The 50-50 club was the best ever. O'Keefe said everyone had a good time and the pizza pie and hot dogs were very good.

### FAZIO "MAN OF YEAR"

Langer announced Frank Fazio had been elected "Man of the Year", and thanked him for his work for the Chapter, expressing the appreciation of the entire membership. Dan Quinn presented him with a beat up traveling bag—the bag Jack Scully uses to bring refreshments in. But Langer presented Fazio with a fine travel bag. Frank thanked President Langer for his kind words but remarked all members were ready to lend a hand in Chapter activities.

### BIRTHDAYS

It was announced that Al Lechmanek had a birthday on New Year's Eve; Al Orletti recently had a birthday, and Fazio recently celebrated his 48th birthday.

Langer then gave a summary of the events of the past year. He extended thanks for the membership's support, saying it had been a pleasure to serve as Chapter President.

### APAR INSTALLS

The gavel was turned over to George Apar to serve as Installation Officer. Apar did his usual thorough job in thanking the outgoing officers for the hard work they had done and then installed the new officers, expressing the opinion they were qualified and able to do a good job. In dismissing Varone, Schmidt, Jack Scully and Kenneth Grosse, Apar praised the group for their willingness to assist at all times. They were outgoing members of the Chapter's Board of Governors. In dismissing Al Orletti as Sergeant at Arms Apar wished him many more good years and thanked him for his readiness to help. In dismissing Al Lechmanek as Chaplain, Apar thanked him for a good job and hoped he would be around to serve for many years. In dismissing George Fraenkel as Judge

Advocate, Apar stated Fraenkel was always ready to do a good job and his wise decisions could be counted on.

### MIELE MISSED

In regard to Dominick Miele, the Chapter Secretary, Apar said that Miele was sorely missed and that it was gratifying to hear that he would be at the next meeting. Miele and Irving Feinberg, Treasurer, will continue on as neither job has expired.

In dismissing Jack Scully as 2nd Vice President, Apar thanked him for the work he had done and will continue to do for the Chapter. In dismissing Ralph Witzkin, 1st Vice President, Apar stated that Ralph was always a sincere, hard worker—he was capable and always willing to pitch in and thanked him for his hard work. In dismissing Emil Langer as President, Apar stated he was a diligent worker. He only regretted that Langer, always a faithful member, was not given the recognition he deserved for his talent until recently. Witzkin presented Langer a set of 9th Infantry Division cuff links and a tie clasp. He remarked that Langer was National President and was known by his fine deeds. Langer thanked Witzkin for the gift, stating he was proud to accept the gift because he knew that this was the Chapter's way of honoring its Past Presidents.

Apar mentioned that Russo, Sellow, O'Keefe, Uschak, and Pandettar were remaining on as members of the Board of Governors.

In installing the newly elected members of the Chapter Board of Governors: Suarez, Libretti, Munatore, Orenstein, and Polivy—Apar called upon them to serve and assist the new President and hoped for a good year. In installing Al Orletti as sergeant at arms Apar hoped he would have a good year. When installing Al Lechmanek as Chaplain, Apar wished him good luck for the coming year. In installing George Fraenkel as judge advocate, Apar wished for him good health and good luck. Apar wished for Miele a fast recovery. In installing Jack Scully as 2nd vice president, Apar expressed the hope that he would be our leader in the absence of Tony Varone. In installing Tony Varone as 1st Vice President, Apar praised him for carrying out his duties very well, and he hoped that he could be advanced to the job of our organization. Varone is also a member of the National Board of Governors.

### WITZKIN A GOOD MAN

In installing Ralph Witzkin as the new President, Apar mentioned he had been a good man on the National Board of Governors. He said there were nothing but good reports about him—he was a conscientious and capable worker, and he wished him good luck and an outstanding year.

Langer wore a big red carnation. He presented Ralph Witzkin with a white carnation. Witzkin accepted his election to the presidency with thanks and humiliation. He stated he had liked working with Langer and asked for support of the membership. He said he would mention Miele in his prayers, and wished the membership a Happy New Year and hoped for peace in Vietnam.

Guglielmino made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Fazio.

### DARK HORSE

Joe Uschak won the dark horse prize—a bottle of wine which had been donated by Jack Scully.

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## STODDARD MARKING TIME AT FORT BRAGG

Sheldon B. Stoddard is getting his mail at 206 Hull Rd., Fayetteville, N. C. 28303.

Sheldon has been assigned to duties at Fort Bragg and says he is enjoying the new assignment. He gets time occasionally to slip away and visit with his old buddy, Carl Ward, at Reidsville, N. C.

Stoddard has missed a few Octofoils while on his last overseas assignment. He is trying to catch up by reading these back issues during his spare time.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

## "Wild Bill" Zweil Has Some Plans

Looking over some of the attractive Christmas cards received at The Octofoil office, the one "Wild Bill" Zweil sent from 175 R Gold, N. Arlington, N. J., attracted attention. So did Wild Bill's penciled notation about some of his ambitious plans for 1967. Good luck, to you, Bill—and Mrs. Zweil in her new job.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

From current theological discussion indications are that hell is not as hot as it was 40 years ago.

## Christmas Party Notes of Interest

It was announced at the New York Christmas party that Ralph Witzkin was to be the next Chapter President. Thanks went to Al Lechmanek for providing coffee. It was announced the new 9th Division had reached Vietnam. Rizzo asked for a hand of applause for Emil Langer, Chapter President. Fazio was busy selling 50-50 chances. Rizzo asked for songs from the children.

Some of the early arrivals were O'Keefe, Fazio, Guglielmino and Miele. Wadalavage, O'Keefe, Witzkin, Fazio, Scully, Guglielmino and Fraenkel were working as chefs. Miele was busy selling 50-50 chances—he also operated the motion picture machine showing cartoons.

Assisting Santa Claus were Rizzo, Fazio, Langer, O'Keefe, Scully, Witzkin, Mrs. Rizzo and Suarez. Langer expressed the hope that everyone had enjoyed themselves and announced that Frank Fazio had been elected as Chapter Man of the Year.

Following is a list of 50-50 prize winners: Apologies are offered for any mis-spelled names: Charles O'Connors, \$60.00 and \$100.00; Audrey Warner, \$50.00; Mr. and Mrs. George Berges, \$25; Adolph Wadalavage, \$15.00; Steve Budedrin, \$10; Robert Shuttger, \$5.00; Tesetsu, \$5; Tantrim, \$5; Celeste Parisi, \$5; Jim O'Reilly, \$5; John Clorda, \$5; Hilde Dulle, \$5; E. Gallagher, \$5; H. Pllicki, \$5, and Estelle McInerney \$5.00.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

## JOHN MOON SUFFERS A SEVERE HEART ATTACK

Lucia Moon writes for her husband, John A. Moon, 313 Church St., Elberton, Ga. 30635. The letter was written to Victor Butswinkus, 6265 Ditman St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19135, a former 60th man. Victor is hopeful some of the boys will drop a few lines to John and cheer him up. Parts of Mrs. Moon's letter to Butswinkus reads as follows:

Was nice hearing from you again. John is in the hospital now. It's very sad news since it's his heart. The doctors feel his working days are over. I don't know if he can adjust to a life of no action.

It seemed to cheer him getting your card and one from the Salisburys. He recalled old times you had together. Write him sometimes. Perhaps he will feel like writing later on.

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## Thanks From Orenstein

The Octofoil feels that the few gestures and courtesies extended individual members is nothing more than the fulfillment of duties that are a part and parcel of the honor the membership accords the editor. But when a few minor courtesies are extended and a member shows the gratitude that Harry Orenstein of 640 E. 139th St., Bronx, N. Y. 10454, shows, makes the carrying out of small details a great pleasure and a privilege.

Under date of Dec. 18 Harry penned a thank you note to The Octofoil in which he profusely thanks The Octofoil for doing no more than fulfilling certain duties during past months. But irrespective of all that, The Octofoil is most grateful to Harry for his beautifully written thank you note.

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## HERB DAVIS PASSED AWAY JUNE 13, 1966

Bill Bateman, 306 N.W. 3rd Ave., Aledo, Ill., sent the following sad news to The Octofoil:

I have some sad news about one of the old 9th men. Herbert P. Davis departed this life June 13, 1966. Services were held from the First Methodist Church, Paxton, Ill., on Thursday, June 16, 1966.

Herb and I joined E Co. 60th about Oct. 1, 1940. Herb went overseas as First Sergeant. He was with the 9th until Sicily and was sent home. He ran an implement business in Paxton, Ill. He was a very good friend of mine and we had many good visits during the past 20 years. He was married while stationed at Fort Bragg. They had no children. The bereaved widow, Dortha, lives in Paxton.

### ENJOYS CONVENTIONS

I have enjoyed seeing old buddies at the past four conventions. These conventions have been outstanding. The men who have to do all the work and get things organized are due a pat on the back. Sorry I will not be able to attend the Boston convention. I sure hate to miss it. Good luck to all the work horses in the 9th Division Association. May the Boston convention be a big success.—Sincerely, Bill Bateman.

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## CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Tomassone of 1619 South Bancroft St., Philadelphia, who were honored at a party for family and friends on Sunday, January 29th in observance of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They are the parents of Leonard L. Tomassone, member of the Philadelphia-DeWane Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. They also have a daughter and a granddaughter.

### 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.

### DETROIT MEMBERS ENJOYED THE FILMS

The Octofoil has Betty Rumenapp to thank for a short story about the Greater Michigan Chapter's December meeting. Betty is the wife of Bob Rumenapp, secretary of the Michigan Chapter, 28017 Hughes, St. Clair Shores, Mich.

Elmer Wagner showed his interesting slides made on a trip he made this past summer through France and Belgium. Many of the slides were shown at a previous meeting at which time National President Langer was present.

Although showing of the films took almost three hours, those who attended the meeting claim it was the shortest three hours they ever spent.

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### OVERHEARD ON THE BUS

"Yesterday my wife wanted \$30. Last week it was \$20. God knows what she'll ask for next week."

"What does she do with all that money?"

"Beats me. I never give her any."

### Marianne Doyle Reports On the Family for Loren

Marianne Doyle writes for Loren L. Doyle, from Rt. 1, Humboldt, Ill. Parts of the letter:

Dear Mr. Quinn: I am enclosing check for my husbands dues for the next three years. Loren is no fonder of writing letters now than three years ago.

Please note change of address: Rt. 1, Humboldt, Ill. 61931. We have moved to a brick home on the bluff above the Kaskaskia River, eight miles north of Mattoon. Loren is still with the New York Central Railroad; has a few more "whiskers," and in good health. He would like to be remembered to all the 26th F.A. men. If passing through this vicinity they should come equipped with fishing pole—and drop in. Coffee pot is always on. Best wishes.—Sincerely—Marianne Doyle (Mrs. Loren L. Doyle).

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Old age would be much better if there was a future in it.

## WITZKIN DOES FINE JOB "RIDING HERD" ON MEMBERS AT MEETING

By ARTHUR RICHARD SCHMIDT, 69-20 69th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11227  
President 4-7100, Ext. 12

The New York Chapter's February meeting was held in the Hotel Statler Hilton, 33d St. and 7th Ave., at 8:30 P. M., Feb. 3, 1967. The meeting was presided over by President Ralph Witzkin. He did a fine job in controlling the meeting.

President Witzkin held a meeting with the Chapter Board of Governors prior to the regular meeting for the purpose of setting up an agenda for the ensuing year's activities. After the Board of Governors concluded their meeting, Ralph opened the regular meeting. Chaplain Al Lechmanek offered a prayer for departed buddies. Secretary Miele read the minutes of the last meeting.

Secretary Miele thanked the writer for making notes of happenings at the January meeting. He also extended thanks to the members for kindnesses shown during his illness.

Minutes of the January meeting were necessarily long in order to report on the dismissal of outgoing officers and the installation of the new officers by George Apar.

One minor amendment was made to the minutes as read and then they were approved.

Irving Feinberg, Treasurer, apologized for a snafu which prevented him from giving a full financial report. He stated the treasury was in the black and promised a full financial report for the March 3, 1967 meeting to be held at the Statler Hilton.

Feinberg is alleged to have a corner on the Japanese men's clothing line in New York City.

### BIG ATTENDANCE

Witzkin was honored by the largest attendance for a long time—at his first meeting.

### NEW FACES

He announced the following new faces: Joe McAndrews of 39th Anti Tank, now living at 190 N. Huron St., Lake Ronkonkoma, N. Y. (He was brought to the meeting by Tony Varone); Tony Andrioli, 47th Medics, 33 Clover St., Nutley, N. J.; Frank Cernero 47th Medics, 122 Plenge Dr., Belleville, N. Y.; it was also mentioned that Ralph J. Vuolo, 44 Halstead, Kearney, N. J., had brought his dues up to date.

### ORLAND ATTENDS

Tom Orland was present and was given a big hand for making the long trip to the meeting from his home.

It was good to note that Mr. McInerney the Chapter's Gold Star Father, was attending the meeting—after a lingering illness.

Al Rago was attending a meeting after having missed the Christmas party and January meeting because of illness.

### BETTY RIZZO SICK

It was reported that Betty Rizzo, the wife of one of our active members, John Rizzo, was ill and a patient at South Nassau Hospital, Room 714, Oceanside, N. Y.

### GELMAN THANKED

Feinberg asked for a round of applause for Dave Gelman who made a donation of 9th Infantry key rings with the Octofoil imprinted in color

on one side of the attached identification tag and the address of the New York Chapter where the keys could be mailed if lost.

### ASK FOR VOLUNTEER

Witzkin asked for a volunteer to serve as Chairman of the Chapter Welfare Committee. There was some discussion as to how to handle the problem of getting word around of a member's illness. Tony Varone accepted the Chairmanship of the Welfare Committee. He is to be assisted by representatives of the various areas such as Queens County, Long Island, Bronx, New Jersey, etc.

President Witzkin presented the tentative program set up by the Chapter Board of Governors.

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

May 20th was set as the tentative date for our Memorial Services at Pinelawn National Cemetery. Frank Fazio accepted the job as Chairman of the Memorial Services Committee.

June 11 was set as the date for our annual picnic to be held this year at Roosevelt Park, near Menlo Park, N. J. Yednak, who has been trying to get this site for the Chapter stated the date is definitely set for the 9th Infantry Division picnic. Jack Scully accepted the job as chairman of the Picnic Committee.

Witzkin mentioned the Convention was to be held in Boston, Mass., from July 20 to July 22, 1967. He stated he would have more to say relative to the convention at later meetings.

October 14 or Oct. 21 were given as alternate dates for the Chapter's annual dance. It was decided to let the committee decide on the dates. Feinberg accepted the job as chairman of the dance committee.

Adolph Wadalavage suggested the Chapter hold a meeting at which time the member's wives would be invited.

Russo suggested that the Chapter consider meeting in June at the Elks Lodge in Union City, N. J. for the purpose of inviting the member's wives.

Al Orletti, Chapter Sergeant at Arms, made the collection for dark horse prizes—5 shirts and a bottle of Scotch, which was donated by Al Lechmanek.

### WINNERS

Dark Horse prize winners were: Howard Boehm, a shirt; Androvich, shirt; Dave Gelman, shirt; Al Lechmanek, a shirt which he redonated; Jack Scully, a shirt, and Jerry Shapiro, a bottle of Scotch.

It was nice to have Mrs. McInerney visit with us for a while. She had been waiting for Mr. Mac in the lobby.

Adolph Wadalavage advised he did not have available the time off that was needed to do the right kind of job as Welfare Officer. However he pledged his cooperation to the extent of his ability and available time to anyone who could accept the Welfare Officer job.

Quite a drain was made on the refreshment supply because of the large crowd attending. Jerry Shapiro donated the bottle of Scotch he won and this helped to relieve the tension a bit.

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## TOM ORLAND IS STILL ROUNDING UP MEMBERS

Very few months roll around when Secretary Quinn fails to hear from Tom Orland, a former 39th man, now living in Binghamton, New York. And Tom never writes unless he has signed up a new member that he has uncovered on his business trips around the country.

Orland's latest recruit is a former 39th Inf. Cannon Co. sergeant—Eddie Kilmer, 51 N. Willard St., Burlington, Vt. 05401. Eddie was with the 9th from 1941 to 1945. He is an English instructor at St. Michael's College in Burlington, Vt.

A few days after signing up Eddie Kilmer, Tom Orland was attending a going-away party for Ron Gibbs, head of the Binghamton FBI unit, who was being transferred. Getting into a conversation with Michael T. Battagliano, 85 Park St., Binghamton, N. Y., it was learned that he was with Hq. Co. 9th Inf. Div. and just like that Orland had another notch on his membership score board.

Whatta man! The Association would really have a membership roster if there were a few more Orlands who belonged.

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### SKILLED NURSING CARE

The VA frees hospital beds for veterans in need of hospital care by providing nursing home care for veterans who have had maximum hospital benefits but still require skilled nursing care.

## PRESIDENT LANGER HAS A BRAND-NEW ADDRESS

Enclosed in Molly, Emil and Laurence Langer's beautiful Christmas card to The Octofoil was a neatly star-bordered box with the following announcement:

We wish to announce that effective February 1, 1967 our new home address will be:

5 BRENTWOOD DRIVE  
MORRIS PLAINS, NEW JERSEY  
07950

MOLLY, EMIL AND LAURENCE LANGER

Brentwood Drive is located on Route No. 202 and is .9 of a mile north of Route No. 10 or 2.3 of a mile south of Route No. 46. The Baran Agency is on the corner of Brentwood Drive on Route No. 202.

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## Auxiliary Prexy Shaking the Bushes for '67 Dues

Every few days Auxiliary President Theresa Cuprys makes contact with another eligible member for the Auxiliary and most always succeeds in signing up the prospect as a new member. The latest new member signed up by Theresa was Mrs. Catherine Cordivaria. At the same time she collected and sent in 1967 dues for Helen Sarnocinski and Marian Blitzstine.

President Cuprys' address is 1124 W. Kings Highway, Mt. Ephraim, New Jersey 08059.

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## MRS. DAVIS SENDS SAD NEWS ABOUT NEW 9TH MAN KILLED BY MINE

The Octofoil has made an effort to keep up with the activities of Mrs. Jesse R. Davis, Box 84, Hebron, Ohio, in behalf of the boys who are fighting in far-away Vietnam but she's a human dynamo who is impossible to keep complete tab on. She is the wife of Jesse Davis, Sr., a former 9th man. Young Jesse Davis, Jr. is now stationed in Vietnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis, assisted by a daughter, are continually helping various groups provide a few luxuries for lads in nearby VA hospitals—on top of their never ending packing boxes for Vietnam.

Mrs. Davis is the lovely lady who gave birth to the autographed and Octofoil embossed tablecloth gift idea for Gen. Westmoreland that got off to a good start at Father Connors' Memorial Services. The General has received the tablecloth and sent a nice thank you note.

### 9TH MAN KILLED BY MINE

Mrs. Davis forwarded the sad news clipping that gave details on the death of a 9th Infantry Division man in Vietnam by a land mine.

The soldier was Spec. 4 Robert Bethune, Jr., and was a member of the 60th Infantry Regt., 9th Infantry Division. He was driving an armored personnel carrier that hit a land mine. Bethune arrived in Vietnam on his 20th birthday, Dec. 20, 1966.

The 9th soldier was from Massillon, Ohio. The day before he was killed three Marines who were pals of the 9th lad, were killed when their helicopter crashed. All four were from Massillon. Mayor William J. Keen proclaimed a day of mourning. Flags were displayed and the Massillon churches invoked silent prayers at their services.

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## UHL'S SON SENDS DATA ABOUT 9TH IN VIETNAM

Dom Miele, secretary of the New York Chapter has forwarded to The Octofoil clippings from Vietnam editions of The Stars and Stripes.

The clippings had been mailed to Miele by Peter Uhl, 909 Premier Blvd., New Hyde Park, L. I. Uhl is a member of the New York Chapter and a former Co. D, 39th man.

The Octofoil would like to print young Uhl's full name and outfit in the next issue of The Octofoil and extend to him thanks for being so thoughtful. In Pete's note to Miele he merely wrote "My son sent the clippings from Vietnam."

Since the pictures of the Ninth unloading at Bung Tau were printed on newspaper pulp stock and were dark to start with it was impossible to get cuts made for use in The Octofoil. The 3-column and 2-column pictures were most interesting. They showed close up views of Gen. Westmoreland talking with Pvt. Ramon L. Mathews and others as they arrived. The 3-column picture showed the commanding general, Maj. Gen. George S. Eckhardt leading the troops ashore.

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## LOU VIVOLO CONTACTS OLD BUDDY, A SHERIFF

Lou Vivolo was with the 9th in Fort Bragg and on through Sicily. Then he was assigned duty with the 3rd Division.

Lou tells of meeting an old buddy, a former 9th Div. M.P., John Weber, who gave him an Octofoil. Lou filled out the application blank and is now a member. Lou was happy to learn the 1967 Reunion will be held in his own backyard—Boston—since his address is 283 Lexington St., East Boston, Mass.. 02128.

It has been 24 years since Lou had seen John H. Maloney. They served in the 9th M.P.s together. John is now sheriff at Bennington, Vt. The Bennington newspaper recently had an item about Lou's visit to Bennington. The article read:

Lou Vivolo of Boston, ex-middleweight New England amateur boxing champion, with his wife, Phyllis, and daughters, Louise and Rosemarie, decided to visit Bennington. Lou came especially to see his old buddy, Sheriff John H. Maloney, with whom he served in the 9th Div. M.P.s. It has been 24 years since they have seen each other.

Lou holds the Purple Heart and has eight major battle stars. Of course the veteran had to call on Reuben Levin, secretary of the Vermont Boxing Control Board. They had quite a gabfest about boxing.

Lou closes by writing "I would like to hear from other old buddies of the Ninth Division."

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The average person will fight far harder for special privileges than for equal rights.

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Catholic Sisters Send An Appreciative Letter From Germany to Silberberg

Pictured elsewhere in this issue is a 2-column piece of art showing the deaf-mute institute near Ingolstadt that is maintained by a Catholic order of nuns (OSF). David D. Silberberg, a prominent attorney of Memphis, Tenn., and a former Ninth Division man, sent the picture in to The Octofoil with a very interesting letter. Excerpts from Dave's letter is as follows:

Those of us of the 47th who were stationed in and near Schrobenuhausen back in 1945 may recall a little village just to the north on the highway to Ingolstadt called Hohenwart. There on a hillside is the deaf-mute children's institute operated by the Catholic nuns.

Members of the Intelligence team of the 47th became quite fond of these kids as well as the good Sisters who were doing so much for them. We visited them frequently with all sorts of goodies. Ever since my return home I have sent the Sisters a check at Christmas time with which to buy gifts for the children. I have just received a letter acknowledging my last letter wherein the Sister speaks of Gen. Westmoreland. I consider that rather significant and typical of the fine impressions the men of the Octofoil left behind. Although this did occur in the former 47th area, I feel confident that members of other Ninth units had similar gratifying experiences, and I thought it would be

nice to share this one with all of them.

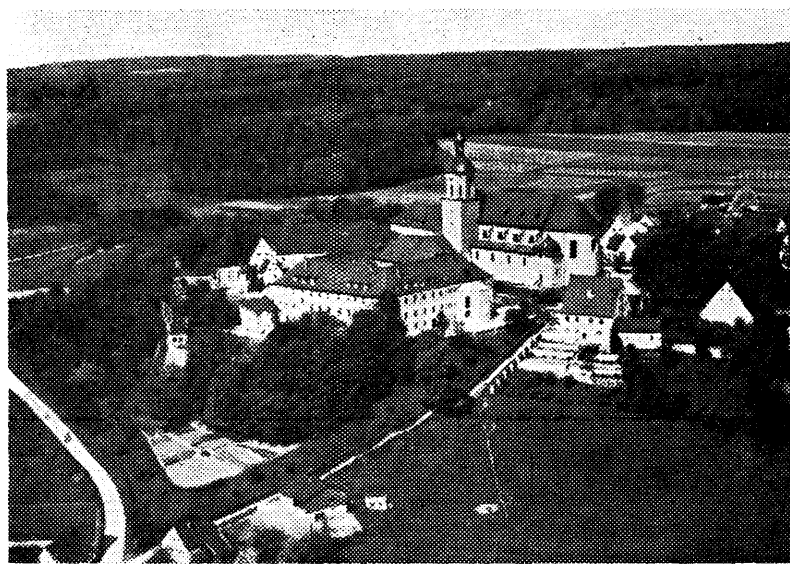
Excerpts from the nice letter signed by Sister M. Edelbrudis, OSF and dated Nov. 19 reads:

Dear Sir: Once again Christmas was so happy and joyous for our poor children—grace to your great kindness and generosity. We bought little moving animals and they had great fun with them. How can we thank you for all your goodness? As we told you every year, we can only pray that our Lord may give in return all you do for these poor deaf-mute children. He may bless you, your family and all your undertakings. . . .

And now, dear sir, allow still one question: In the time of occupation—1945—there was here a young officer—Mr. Westmoreland. Now we read in the news that Gen. Westmoreland is commander in Vietnam. May this be? We remember well the young, sympathetic officers. Perhaps it may be only the same name. We were interested to know, if Mr. Westmoreland may be really in Vietnam. He was so good also for us. We cannot forget the kind American officers, and daily in our prayers with the children we take them with us and pray: "Our Lord protect them and bless them. . . ."

I have nothing to give you in return than the blessing of our Holy Father—and our beloved Father Franziskus.

INSTITUTE NEAR INGOLSTADT IS THE GREATEST



Pictured above is an institute for deaf-mute children that is operated by a Catholic order of nuns (OSF). The institute is located near a little town called Hohenwart, near Ingolstadt. Members of the 47th became quite fond of the youngsters and the good Sisters when the outfit was bivouaced near them. The Octofoil is indebted to David Silberberg, former Ninth man, and now an outstanding attorney in the 100 North Main Bldg., Memphis, Tenn. 38103 for sending in the above photo. Elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil is being printed excerpts from a letter one of the good sisters recently penned to Attorney Silberberg. The letter is most interesting and should be must reading for all the members.

Bonkowski Unhappy About Methods Used By Many to Evade the Draft

On December 14, 1966, Past National President John Bonkowski sent a letter to Congressman Lucien Nedzi, who represents John's Michigan congressional district. Parts of the letter read as follows:

Dear Congressman Nedzi: I do agree with you that an investigation is due concerning the possibility of the professional athlete's methods of evading the draft. . . .

I trust you will continue to carry on your good work on the Armed Services Committee. We must do all that Gen. William C. Westmoreland requests in his devoted effort to preserve our way of life. He's doing a

commendable job under the most trying conditions. . . . Sincerely—John Bonkowski.

The congressman answered John's letter promptly and thanked him for his favorable comments.

STILL HOPING

The former National Prexy is still hoping efforts to round up a group of those Recon men will be crowned with success for the forthcoming Reunion to be held in Boston. John is keeping his contacts alive—and is also in touch with buddies on the 1967 Convention Committee, particularly Franny Maher and Hank Shimkoski.

Lancetta Is a Fellow Who Says It Quick-Like

Frank V. Lancetta, former A Co., 47th lad—living on Turner Ave., Winslow, N. J. 08095, doesn't mince many words when writing. When sending in 1967 dues the following was the full content of Frank's letter:

Enclosed is membership dues. See you in Boston.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

Few Words From Gen. Louis Craig

The Octofoil is most appreciative for the short letter received Dec. 28, 1966, from Gen. Louis A. Craig, parts of which read:

"The Octofoil, which you have given such a substantial character . . ."

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

John Brazil, Jr. Signs Up As Life Member

John Brazil, Jr. is now a life member of the Association. He was with the 26th F.A. Hq. Bty. His address at the present time is Box 111, Stoneboro, Pa.

John would appreciate hearing from some of his old buddies at the address given above.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

Mrs. Lillian McAvoy Remains In Hospital

The Octofoil received a Christmas greeting card from a Ninth Gold Star Mother, Mrs. Lillian McAvoy, and at that time she was still a patient at the General Hospital in Blackwood, N. J.

Women are not what they used to be. They used to be girls.

WORCESTER PAPERS GIVES BIG PLAY TO "THE OLD RELIABLES"

On Monday, Dec. 16, 1966 screaming headlines with full coverage about the Ninth Division landing in Vietnam was presented to readers of The Worcester (Mass.) Telegram. The feature article was written by Robert Tuckman of the Associated Press staff in Saigon.

Excerpts from The Telegram story read as follows:

The first contingent of a fresh American combat division has arrived in Vietnam.

Units of the 9th Infantry Division came ashore from troop ships at Bung Tau, 40 miles southeast of Saigon.

THE GENERAL WAS THERE

Gen. William C. Westmoreland, commander of U. S. forces in Vietnam, was on hand to greet his old outfit. Westmoreland served as an

officer in the 9th Division—nicknamed "The Old Reliables" during World War II in Europe.

The 9th Division is expected to set up a base initially at a camp 20 miles east of Saigon.

The Ninth Division was first formed during World War I in July, 1918. It has been disbanded and reactivated several times since. It was reactivated for Vietnam duty last February at Fort Riley, Kansas.

The division is under the command of Maj. Gen. George S. Eckhardt, 54, a native of Winfield, Kan. and a 1935 West Point graduate.

During World War II the division fought in the North Africa campaign, the Normandy invasion, the Battle of the Bulge and the Remagen bridgehead action.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

Joe McKenzie Sends In Some Newsy Notes About His 26th F.A. Buddies

By JOE MCKENZIE, 95 Washington Ave. Waltham, Mass.

"Happy New Year." Yes, the McKenzie family wishes our association and all its members a "Happy New Year." I hope all members of our association have resolved at the start of the New Year to attend a National Convention and Memorial Mass before we all get too old to travel. Make 1967 the year to attend our National Convention. It will be in Boston, the home of the Red Sox, the Bruins, the Patriots and the Celtics. It will be in Boston, the home of the bean and the cod. It will be in Boston which is in the midst of a huge urban renewal program. It will be at Boston's newest hotel.

CARL WARD MAKES PLANS

Carl Ward, Rt. 1, Reidsville, N. C., in a letter to The Octofoil, states he will be in Boston and wishes to see his old friends from the 34th. If Carl will find time to send us the names and address, both old and new, we shall try to locate his gang. We might be able to start some new action. Anyone with long lost buddies living in New England, send their names and addresses along. There is a possibility we might be able to renew old friendships.

OLD AND NEW FRIENDS

This past Christmas season many old and new friends of our association were kind enough to send that cheery seasonal greeting. John Bonkowski, Walter O'Keefe, Ted Schmidt, Bob Rumennapp, Ernest Spear, John Clouser, Chesley Mischler, Dick Rogers and Paul Plunkett are some of those very nice association members who took time out

from a busy work day to send this friendly greeting. I should say thank you to their wives whom I know were of great help.

26TH F.A. REMEMBERED

That great gang of Service Battery 26th F.A. Bn. did not forget their old Supply Sergeant with their Christmas Greetings. Joe Albanese, Roy Cortese, Pergi (Quintino Pergiovanni), Jim Daniels, Lew Ortigari, Bob Porter, Elbert Turner, Charlie Zablou, Ed Kral Anthony Ponticello, Harold Wallace, Arnold Leach, Jim Newton, Harry Fry, Elmer Roscoe, John Brazil, Frank Grutziuh, Carl Lucas, Paul Fribush, Peter Greco Paul Griffin, Jerry Langer, Jim Boyle, Bill Andrews, Travis Seymour, Isadore Blitzstein, Red Truscello, Ross Kepple, Bill Bongiorno, John Murray and Mrs. Harold Huber are just some of those nice people I have met through my membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Travis Seymour, 3022 Skyway Dr., Memphis, Tenn. is still a very sick man. He would appreciate a visit from anyone living in that area. Lew England has a boy in the army stationed in Germany, who has seen many old Ninth Division signs.

Jim Boyle is again the proud father of another girl.

Do you want to buy property in Florida? If so see Dick Rogers, Hqtr. 26th F.A., at 908 N. 30th St., Hollywood, Fla.

Now that your Christmas bills are all paid and before you start buying fishing tackle and golf equipment—make sure you start filling a budget envelope which is marked—CONVENTION—BOSTON—JULY 20-21-22. Sincerely, Joe McKenzie.

BILL MAUSER GIVES MEMBERS LOW-DOWN ON ALL 1966 HAPPENINGS

Bill Mauser, former 84th F.A. captain, compiles a letter for friends as a holiday greeting that scans the Mauser household activity for the current year. Bill's address is 1414 Hillcrest Drive, Lake Worth, Florida 33460. His 1966 edition reads:

Dear Friends: Christmas, 1966 and another opportunity to greet each of you in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Our annual letter has drawn favorable comment from many. Would you believe—several? Anyway, it's been fun so we'll do it again!

NEW HOUSE

The big news with us this year is our new house. We contracted to build in May and moved in August. Lake Worth is immediately south of West Palm Beach. Each of the kids now has his own room. Bill had some concern shortly after signing contract because the hospital administrator left and the finance director, who is Bill's immediate boss, had given notice to leave. We thank the Lord that the Board, headed by Mr. Maurice Frank as President, did not disturb Bill's position. The new Administrator, James K. Johnson, and the new Finance Director, Max C. Harper, came in July and Bill is most pleased with the opportunity of association with both men. The enclosed brochure describes the beautiful new John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital which opened in February.

"BIG MOMENT"

Bobby, age eight, had his "big moment" as a vocal soloist at the 2,500 person packed-out Boca Raton Bibletown auditorium in February at a Saturday night concert. Actually, he had a small solo part as one of about 60, including Barby, as the Kids' Khorus from Calvary Baptist put on a tremendous performance.

Pastor Houseman and wife Linda, really deserve prayer, praise and pity.

In April, over the Easter holiday, we had a visit from Nellie Pintus, the daughter of a Russian family Bill met in Germany. Nellie is teaching in WaWa, Ontario, Canada, and we all very much enjoyed her stay with us.

Barby, now 11, recently played her first piano solo at church and enjoys painting and her work with the new Scout troop. Billy, age 14, made the Lake Worth, Jr. High Warrior band and the honor roll. We had to give up his paper route which he had for three years because of our move. He has started "sitting"—had his first chance with the Garn family, Wayne and Renee who have two children. Bill met the Garns two years ago while they were vacationing here and stayed at the Royal Palm Manor. Our two families became good friends immediately. In September, the Garns moved from Fremont Ohio to Lake Worth and less than a month later, Wayne got the position of Hospital Engineer.

We had been after Bill to slow down. He finally agreed and surprised us with a delightful three-day cruise-boat excursion to Nassau in the Bahamas over the Armistice Day week-end in November.

Auf Wiedersehen and the Lord bless each one.

The Mausers All, including Tiger the Cat—also Herman and Harriet Hamster and Family.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

According to Confucious, a person is making a mistake when he doesn't correct a mistake.

—PAY 1967 DUES N-O-W!

GOD'S PROTECTION Father Connors Holds Mass For New Ninth Men

An article that was prominently displayed in The Worcester (Mass.) Telegram, dated Monday, December 10, 1967 reads in part:

The Rev. Edward T. Connors today will offer his daily Mass "to the men of the 9th Infantry Division" who earlier this morning moved ashore for the first time in Vietnam.

Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church Father Connors made this comment just before midnight when informed that units of the 9th had arrived in Vietnam.

Decorated for gallantry with the 9th in World War II, Father Connors served as a chaplain in the same regiment as Gen. Westmoreland, now commander of the U. S. troops in Vietnam.

FOR SUCCESS

"I'll ask God's protection and success for them under Old Westy," said Father Connors when informed that Gen. Westmoreland was on hand to greet his old outfit when it came ashore at Bung Tau—southeast of Saigon.

When informed of the Vietnam landing last night, Father Connors answered, "All I can say is that the old Ninth had terrific spirit . . . like a family."

"This is another Ninth," added the priest, "but if it has the spirit of the old Ninth—men really dedicated to their homes and country—they should be a great influence over there."

"I'll be with them, if in the rear echelon, tomorrow," added Father Connors, telling of his plans to offer the morning's Mass to the new 9th in Vietnam.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

Wilton Taylor Is Still Quite a Hiker

After the 47th men took that long walk from Safi to Port Lyauette it is hard to believe any former 47th man would join up with a "hiking club." But that's exactly what Wilton Taylor, a former Co. M, 47th man, has gone and done. Taylor and Juanita live in the oil well country at Lost Hills, California, Stop 6. The couple visited Montana for a "refresher" course in Family Camping out at the University of Montana. Then they took out for Washington and Oregon, taking a side trip to Banff National Park in Alberta, Canada.

Taylor sends regards to all his old buddies.

Any former 47th men interested in joining the National Campers and HIKERS Association can get an application blank by writing Taylor.

Wilton has been searching for his old buddy, Sgt. Richard L. Kinkennon, Secy. Quinn has him straight on Dick's address now—it is 1107 Pratt St., Creston, Iowa. Mrs. Kinkennon has been quite ill recently but is improving and Dick would like to hear from any of the old gang—and especially Edward Dochowski of Reading, Pa.

Taylor closes by cautioning everyone to get adjusted to using their home zip number. Taylor's is 93249.

CHRISTMAS BULLETIN

Wilton and Juanita produced a lengthy mimeographed form letter as a Christmas greeting to friends in which was outlined their many activities including church work, the hikes, garden and fruit trees winding up telling about their Cindy—the Daschund.

In a letter dated Feb. 8 Taylor thanks the many former 9th men who sent Christmas cards and says he greatly enjoyed Gen. Randle's story about his visit with the new Ninth at Fort Riley.

While on one of their many hikes the Taylors visited an Indian reservation and joined the Indians in a few of their dances, including the Hoop dance and Friendship dance.

The happy couple sends kindest regards and best wishes to all former Ninth men and the present 9th lads in Vietnam helping Gen. Westmoreland clean up the dirty mess that has been assigned to him.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

Walt Victors Holiday Card Quite Unique

The Holiday Greeting cards sent out by Walter Victor, 2745 Dodson Lee Drive, East Point, Ga. 30044—naturally placed emphasis on photography—the Victors pride and joy. Ruth, Walter and the three little Musketeer Victors are shown in an unusual background photograph—which also displays the family's new address.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

The Fall season is Nature's own looseleaf system.

## CELEBRATE 21st WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Two livewire Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter couples recently celebrated their twenty-first wedding anniversary celebration. The Octofoil regrets that the picture furnished by L. Tomassone had a dark background and failed to process clearly. Pictured above, seated from left to right, the celebrating couples, are: Nick and Nancy Dogostino, Anne and Dick Wilson. The gala celebration took place at the Dogostinos' residence, 309 Thurman St., W. Berlin, N. J. Along with the many friends and relatives who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Al Cuprys, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Decesare, Mr. and Mrs. John Sabato and Mr. and Mrs. Len Tomassone, all members of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter.

## Captain R. M. A. Hirst (Ret.) Has Complete Data On All 9th Insignia

The Octofoil is in receipt of a 9-page booklet, 3 columns of fine print with unit insignia reproductions that was compiled by the American Society of Military Insignia Collectors. The entire nine pages makes most interesting reading. The most minute detail of each and every Ninth Division unit insignia is given with photographs of the insignia. To print just the text of the nine pages would fill three pages in The Octofoil—which naturally isn't possible for that much space to be allotted.

The Octofoil is indebted to Captain R. M. A. Hirst (Ret.), 8303 Newby Ct., Springfield, Va. 22150 for having extracted these pages that pertain to units that have been attached to the Ninth Division and mailing the pages in. Parts of a letter from the Captain "Scotty" written 18 January 1967 reads:

Dear Paul: I thought it best that I begin 1967 by doing something constructive for the Association. So—in the course of my research (I'm doing work on the 57 German generals who served with the 6th Army in Stalingrad), I came across a most interesting copy of the American Society of Military Insignia Collectors' Trading Post Magazine (July-September, 1966 issue, Vol. XXV, No. 4) in which pages 23 through and including 31 were devoted to the insignia of the 9th Infantry Division and its various units assigned in the course of its World War I, World War II, 1957-58 reorganization and 1966 periods of active service.

**SHOULD CONTACT SECRETARY**  
Members interested in the complete data contained in the pages referred to might try contacting the secretary whose address is given in the following paragraph.

Quoting further from Capt. Hirst's letter:

I thought it might be of interest to the membership and perhaps, after effecting the okay of Theasmic

(Ira A. Duncan, secretary, 744 Warfield Ave., Oakland Calif. 94610) it might be printed in The Octofoil.

Another after thought in the course of my continuing research, I also came into contact with the Army's Photo Library (Room 5A486, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.). There, if any of the Old Reliabilities wish they can scan through Books 1 and 2 (covering photos 124160-270829), taken of the 9th in the course of various actions in World War II. Of my own particular interest (being of George Co. 60th) I saw a photo of the 1st Bn. advancing through Dreiborn on Feb. 3, 1945; another shot of the regiment moving towards the town; a shot of (Pvt.) Nicholas Pappas of Canton, Ohio, taken on 20 Sept. 1944; a shot of B Company with a 60-mm mortar taken in Dreiborn on 3 Feb. 1945; a shot of the tanks of Cannon Co. firing on retreating Germans near the town of Berg, from positions in the ruins of Nideggen taken 28 Feb. 1945; a shot of the Division MPs in Erpel with Remagen Bridge in background, taken 13 March 1945, and a shot of my "own" 2nd Bn. moving forward to cross the Roer River to attack Nideggen, taken 27 Feb. 1945. There is quite a bit of memorable history tied up in this Army photo library. And it's open to visitors. Anyone in the neighborhood who wishes more "guidance," I will be happy to perform. I can be reached at my office in the Pentagon at Extension 73890 and at my home—451-6116.

The address that Captain Hirst can be contacted by mail for additional information about these pictures and insignia is given above.

The Octofoil thanks "Scotty" for the interesting pages and only regrets that the tight Octofoil budget will not allow the use of the necessary space to reprint all the data that has been submitted.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

## Polivy Grateful For Cards He Received

The Octofoil is in receipt of a beautiful and appropriate Christmas card from Attorney Cal Polivy, one of the original New York Chapter members. Cal was hospitalized for quite some time because his ticker was acting up. He's back in his 295 Madison Ave., New York City law office going great guns again—representing a host of well-satisfied clients.

Cal wants to thank each and every former Ninth man who sent him best wishes and get well cards during his illness. And The Octofoil is most grateful for the kind words Cal had to say in reference to The Octofoil.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

## SPINK WITH THE PHONE COMPANY FOR 30 YEARS

A former T-5 9th Sig. man has been with the New York Telephone Co. for more than 30 years.

Everett H. Spink 7293 Akron Rd., Lockport, N. Y. 10494, the former 9th Sig. man—recently celebrated his 30th anniversary with the company. Ev sends best wishes to all members of the Association.

## REBEL LEO SMITH WANTS HIS BUDDIES TO WRITE

Leo Smith asks that the following request be printed in The Octofoil: "All you Medics from Med. Det. 84th F.A. Bn. get on the ball and come to Alabama to see 'Rebel' Leo Smith or write him. The address is Leo Smith, 215 Geary Drive, Montgomery, Ala. 36105."

Leo says he enjoys reading The Octofoil immensely. Here's hoping his appeal to hear from some of the old gang gets results.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

## MOTHER OF OLIVE MAHER IS VERY ILL

In a letter of recent date from Past National President Franny Maher that contained much information about the 1967 Reunion, he also includes a bit of sad news in which he wrote:

Olive's mother is back in hospital. She suffered another fall at home. Her head hit the bath tub when she fell resulting in a skull fracture and also a cracked vertebrae. We are both deeply concerned about her condition.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

A Will is a dead give-away.

## Correspondence From North Georgia Hills Covers a Multitude of Subjects

One of the first bits of news sent The Octofoil for this issue from Doc Paul Walton, Rt. 7, Old Dalton Rd., Rome, Ga. included clippings from South Carolina newspapers giving all the details about the wedding of Gail Dixon to Neil Richardson. Gail is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer William Dixon of 206 McSwain Drive, Box 152, Greenville, S. C.

The bride's dad will be remembered as a 47th Regt. Hqtrs. Top Kick. Bob Gracely first tipped Walton off about the great publicity on the Greenville (S.C.) newspaper society pages the "old Sarge's" youngster's wedding was getting.

Rev. John C. Livingston was assisted by Dr. Merle Patterson of Atlanta, Ga., who baptized both the bride-elect and her father.

### NOTES AT RANDOM

Highlights from Walton's letter: Talked briefly with Walt Victor in Atlanta, recently . . . Checking over the Corps area retired officers list, spotted CWO Harvey L. Smith, Box 4571, Surfside Beach, S. C. He was a 47th Med. Det. Supply Sergeant at Fort Bragg . . . Others included Major James Putnam, 3rd Bn. Surgeon through '41 maneuvers . . . Present address: James H. Putnam, 902 Huntington Bldg., Miami, Fla. 33131. . . Lt. Col. John Perry, Jr., Rt. 2, Box 225, Augusta Ga. 30903 . . . Had a bull session with J. B. Dodd. He's busy all the time. That bank is growing by leaps and bounds . . . Hope to shame Dixon and Gracely into joining the Boston convoy this summer . . . The letter ended abruptly with this pert sentence: Bill just brought in a quart of Old Crow.

### SEVERAL QUARTS LATER

However several quarts and several days later another letter with some more highlights arrived from Walton for Octofoil readers. Extracts from that letter were:

Dear Deacon Plunkett: Received a letter from CWO Harvey Smith, Box 4571, Surfside, S. C. He hasn't changed one bit. Also a note from Dr. J. H. Putnam, 902 Huntington Bldg., Miami, Fla. 33131. Jim has had some ticker trouble but is back pushing pills as big as ever . . . Lt. Joseph Prince, my neighbor in Viet-

nam now holds several medals and will be back stateside about May 1. . . All the kids were home for the holidays. Everyone had a wonderful time, including the dogs. . . The holidays were made brighter because of the many cards from old buddies—from Chicago to Miami, and from Boston to Oklahoma. Couldn't answer them all because I've lost many addresses. Need a system of getting the National to run off in book form for sale a mailing list with addresses of Association members. . . Heard from Gen. Randle. He was happy because 47th had such a big turnout in Washington . . . An old buddy of mine who lives in Rome, retired on disability, Major Forest, was with 2nd Armored in N. Africa. He is now reading Safi Adventure and Eight Stars to Victory. . . Hope to contact some of the Cannon Co. through Danny Quinn and maybe help Manus get his claim rolling. . . If Carl Ward doesn't cut down on his chow he will be running Art Schmidt a close race for excess avoirdupois. . . The story in The Octofoil reminded me of the 90-day wonder trying to give me hell for not saluting when he took a look at my Octofoil—and when I showed him the Air Corp shoulder patch on the other sleeve and called attention to the bulletin board which directed that we salute only the base commander and he was over on our side of the street—the wonder boy was rather speechless and sheepish . . . Glad Korobko is feeling better out in Arizona . . . The cartoon in last Octofoil looked just like Pete the Bandit after he had dug six latrines in one day on Carolina maneuvers. . . Gen. Randle looks almost as sharp as he did when he got his star in Oran. . . Father Tony DeLaura looks as though he is back his old self. Sure hope he gets to Boston . . . Rex Ford keeps harping about those dark hills of North Georgia. I believe they run him out and he's afraid to go back. He can have that side of the state. I'll take Plum Nelly and Bugger Hollow. . . I see President Langer is living up to our expectations—as mentioned in Washington . . . There is more but it can't be printed!

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

## Everyone Snowbound In Chicago... Nelson Pops Up On TV In Golf Togs

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

### SNOW BOUND . . .

This is written on Feb. 5, 1967. With all the snow the Chicago area has, people are still digging out their autos. This is one of the biggest snow falls during this present generation. The police department, fire department and snow removal people are doing a wonderful job of keeping traffic moving. They have worked around the clock for days. While writing about our adventure of the big snow fall I am watching on TV the Bob Hope Dessert Classic Golf Tournament in Palm Springs, Calif. Who is on the 15th hole? None other but the Ninth's own Lindsay Nelson announcing the golf players—in short sleeves, shirt and sunshine. How lucky can some people get?

### ELECTION NIGHT

Friday, Jan. 27, 1967, the Illinois

Chapter held an election for new officers. Michael Belmonte was elected President; Roger Elmer was made Vice President; Bob Winkelman was re-elected Secretary; Bill Hennemuth was re-elected as Treasurer, and Bud Remer as chaplain. Chuck Roskie, the outgoing president, was given a vote of thanks for the marvelous job he has done as president of the Illinois Chapter.

Support the new officers by attending meetings and affairs which the officers will put a lot of hard work into for the members' enjoyment.

### KEEP THESE DATES OPEN

Memorial Services to be held on May 30 at 11:00 A.M. at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Hillside, Ill.

Basket Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 25, 1967.

More information will be published in the next Octofoil issue on the Memorial Services and the basket picnic.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

## JOE DAUKSHIS IS BACK IN THE FOLD

Joe Daukshis is a former Co. A, 60th Regt. man who now lives at 2433 N. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Joe writes Secretary Quinn in part as follows:

Have belonged to the 9th Infantry Division Association but dropped out because of traveling around. Now I am settled in Chicago and would like to get reinstated. Please give credit to Illinois Chapter.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

## Wadalavage's Buddy Goes Back to Germany

Adolph Wadalavage, one of the New York Chapter's hard workers, was showing a card at the last meeting he had received from an old buddy who is or was visiting Germany under different circumstances than his last trip to the land of Krauts.

Jake Nailor the old M.P. buddy, made a flying trip to Germany to visit with his son, who is stationed in that area.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

A glamor girl is a gal who can get more out of a dress than she puts into it.

—PAY 1967 DUES N-O-W!—

## MRS. ANN OLSEN SIGNED UP WITH THE AUXILIARY

Looking over a list of new Auxiliary members furnished The Octofoil an application for membership, filled out by Mrs. Ann Olsen, 50 Stoughton St., Randolph, Mass. 02368 was noted. Mrs. Olsen is well known and loved by all former 9th men and their families who have attended any of the Memorial Services conducted in Worcester by Father Ed Connors each year.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

## INSURANCE DIVIDEND IS SLATED FOR 1967

Veterans holding GI insurance policies will receive about \$211 million in dividends during 1967. Former 9th men's payments will average about \$46.

Payments will be automatic—no application will have to be made for them. As in previous years, policyholders are asked not to write the VA concerning payment since this could delay payment processing.

—PAY 1967 DUES N-O-W!—

An egotist is someone who is always me-deep in conversation.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

Most of the people favoring birth control have already been born.

## WOODSIDE HAS SOME VERY FOND MEMORIES

Several weeks ago Bob Woodside, an old time 60th Co. B man, sit down and penned a lengthy letter to Secy. Quinn, filled with fond memories of days spent with old 9th Division buddies at Fort Bragg and overseas.

Then just as this issue of The Octofoil was going to press Mrs. Woodside sent in the news that Bob was seriously ill in a Florida VA hospital. That story appears elsewhere in this issue.

Parts of the letter to Secretary Quinn reads:

At long last I can take a deep breath—my dues are again paid up in the Association.

After hearing of Doc Reiman's death I realize how many of the old timers have departed from our team.

This fall makes the 24th anniversary of our North Africa invasion.

Time is passing on but the memories of this occasion remain vivid in my mind.

No authors have ever written as they should about the North Africa campaign. Our first three days on the ground were uncertain—a race against time to secure the beachhead.

Not only did we face fierce fighting but the weather was terrible.

The 2nd Bn. of the 60th fought every inch of ground to their final objective.

Many officers were lost in the assault. The 2nd Bn. was indoctrinated into full battle on their first day.

Getting from French Morocco to Tunisia entailed some planning and then hard work.

The morning we pulled out of our bivouac area on the outskirts of Tlemcen was a memorable one.

Nothing but a sea of mud—everywhere. This was one of many such incidents on the long trek to Kasserine Pass. Once at the pass we had miles of land mines to contend with.

Passing part of the Atlas Mountains and on up the Sejeane Valley was no picnic.

Volumes and volumes could be printed about the hell of those days. But those hardship days were great factors to binding Ninth Division men so close together.

Woodside's home address is 12408 Florida Ave., 3 Palm St., Tampa, Fla. 36612.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

## General Westmoreland Grateful for Octofoils

In response to the box of Octofoils Dick Pestel shipped to General Westmoreland for presentation to the commanding officer of the new 9th Division for distribution to the units, the general writes as follows:

Dear Mr. Pestel: Many thanks for your 14 January letter. It was thoughtful of you to make the Octofoils, and when they arrive, I will forward them on to the 9th Division. As you know, the Old Reliabilities have been here only a short time but have already started to carve an enviable record in the fight against the Communists.

Your support is appreciated. Best wishes.

Sincerely,  
W. C. WESTMORELAND,  
General, United States Army  
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## The "Old Sarge" He Keeps Rolling Along

The "Old Sarge" Steve Budrick, writes from 14 Union Ave., South River, N. J. 08882.

After loafing around home for two weeks during the holidays the Sarge reported back for work on Jan. 3, 1967. Steve asked The Octofoil to extend his thanks to the following good friends who remembered he and his mother with cheerful cards and messages during the holidays:

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Quinn and family—New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Brianyka—New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Cannella and family—New Jersey.

Mr. J. C. Lynch—New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. George Apar and family—New York.

Mr. Harry Orenstein—New York.

Mr. J. Spencer—New York.

Mr. Dom Miele—New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boyle—Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Plunkett—Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Matusik—Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ward—North Carolina.

The Sarge closed his letter with some Army Times clippings that made interesting reading. After reading the clippings it is easy to determine where all the rumors get started that are in continuous circulation whenever and wherever as many as two G.I.s get together.

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## GEN. WESTMORELAND SEEN AS WAR-HERO ENTRY IN NATION'S PRESIDENTIAL CONTEST

For the past several months nationally circulated newspapers and magazines have been printing stories that predicted Gen. Westmoreland's entry as a candidate for President of the United States. Admitting that the General would make probably the best President the country has ever known, it is difficult to visualize such a clean-cut square-shooting individual as Gen. Westmoreland becoming involved with the characters of either political party that it would be necessary for him to associate with in order to be a candidate for the presidency of the United States. Nevertheless the stories and trial balloons persist. The Washington Star recently printed a feature story by one of its ace writers, Richard Fryklund on the subject of Gen. Westmoreland becoming a presidential candidate. Parts of the Fryklund story reads:

Every successful American wartime commander has been proposed for the presidency, and several have been elected—which is reason enough to take a close look at Gen. William C. Westmoreland.

Westy, as his friends call him (Win With Westy! Go Westy, Young Voter!) has said nothing to indicate that he is interested in a political career, but then neither did Gen. Eisenhower. The political king-makers have created many a president, and there is no doubt that some of them will try with Westmoreland—if he wins in Vietnam.

### MAY WIN WAR

The first prerequisite for a war-hero candidate is that he win his war. Westmoreland hasn't yet. In fact, the Saigon politicians may yet fumble away the victory and with it both the Westmoreland military and political careers.

The Republicans in particular should love Westy. He may not be a Republican at all, but the Republicans have the greater need for a fresh new face.

If he does win the war and turns to politics, what kind of candidate would he make?

He ought to make a good one.

### A RELAXED SPEAKER

He is relaxed when he stands up to an audience. He speaks from rough notes or memory. He uses the language smoothly.

On a recent occasion he talked to a group of civilians from notes he had scribbled on the back of an envelope and it drew the same kind of rave comments that used to follow the early vintage Eisenhower private speeches.

He believes in what he says. There is no lack of the John Glenn in Westy. He believes in the basic American virtues, and he talks about them without embarrassment or cynicism. He's a Boy Scout and he's a good soldier.

He could be presented as a man of real ability—if he wins. His is the most complicated and difficult war in American history. Just to keep the troops fed and marching, he has to be a good manager, and this is the best managed war in American history.

### HE'S NO MILITARIST

At the same time Westy is neither a calculating machine nor a militarist. He is one of the rare professional soldiers who believes that it is the duty of the civilian bosses to tell a military commander in great detail how to run a war.

Wars are too dangerous in a nuclear age to be left to the generals, and Westmoreland accepts this.

Candidate Goldwater insisted if he was elected president, his Vietnam policy would be to turn the war over to the generals and say "Go win," but as president, Westmoreland, like President Eisenhower, would be more inclined to keep the military leaders under tight control.

The fortunes of war and the pitfalls of politics may deny the voters a chance ever to see candidate Westmoreland, but it isn't at all unlikely that the Westmoreland name some day will be carried by cheering throngs down the aisles of some future nominating convention.

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## Thanks From Dom Miele...

The Octofoil is happy to learn that the old "war horse" Dominick Miele, has licked his recent ailments and is back in there Secrettaring the New York Chapter just like brand-new. He sent the following message to The Octofoil requesting that it be printed in this issue. It is self-explanatory:

Just a brief message to my dear, beloved Comrades of the New York Chapter—

Dear Comrades: I'm sorry that I was not able to be with you at the meeting. As you probably know, I was hospitalized, due to a slight heart ailment.

But I want to express my deepest, sincere thanks to one and everyone who has visited me at the hospital while recuperating. I also want to thank each and everyone who sent me beautiful "get well" cards and telegrams. To those who got in touch with me by phone—you will never know how thrilled and happy it made me to be remembered by you wonderful people. Hope to make the next meeting so I can personally thank each one of you.

I don't want to make a document out of this—but, again Thanks to you and your families from the bottom of my heart. This was really a happier New Year for me than if I had been at home.

So, thank you—God bless you and God love you all.

Yours—Affectionately,  
DOMINICK MIELE.

New York Chapter member Art Schmidt forwarded to The Octofoil one of the beautiful "Thank You" cards Dominick was mailing to many of the members who visited him at the hospital. It was a red letter day in New York Chapter circles when the members learned that their Dom was out of danger and would be back with them soon.

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## AUBREY PHILLIPS PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 6, 1966

Another sad letter that Victor Butswinkus, 6265 Ditman St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19135 received recently, brought the sad news of Aubrey Phillips' death. Aubrey was a former Co. F, 60th man. The letter written by the grieving Mrs. Aubrey Phillips, 5115 8th St., South, Birmingham, Ala. 35212, is self-explanatory and will be a shock to Aubrey's many old Ninth Division buddies:

Dear Mr. Butswinkus: . . . Aubrey passed away March 6, 1966. He was 51 years old and in very good health, we thought. He had never had any heart trouble and was feeling fine. He woke up that Sunday morning at 4:30 with chest pains and his left arm hurting. I called the ambulance and the fire department but at 4:45 he was dead. They did everything they could but it was too late.

We still cannot believe he is gone—after living with someone for 29 years it is almost impossible to adjust your life to being without them. Our two boys and their wives live here and our daughter, who is 16 is here with me. Sincerely, Mrs. Aubrey Phillips.

The Octofoil joins with Aubrey's former Ninth buddies from all over the country and extends to Mrs. Phillips and the children sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this hour of darkness and grief in the loss of a wonderful husband and father.

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## Another Buddy of Ernie Irion Writes

James Haroutuman, 90 McLean Ave., Yonkers, N. Y. 10705, a former 84th F.A. buddy of Ernie Irion, has this to say in a recent letter in referring to Ernie's untimely death:

I had a Christmas card from Mrs. Ernest Irion of 3608 5th Ave., Great Falls, Mont. 59401. She informs me that Ernest died suddenly from a heart attack on Nov. 15, 1966. He was formerly with 84th F.A. Bn. Medics.

I know this sad news will cause Ernie's many, many buddies to shed unashamed tears.

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## John Thornton Heard From In Chicago Town (Illinois)

John E. Thornton writes from 1320 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. 60610. He is a former Co. D, 60th man. When paying 1967 dues John also remembered the Scholarship Fund and sent a beautiful Christmas card to National headquarters that is meant as greetings and best wishes to all the members.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI

The older some people get the more difficult it is to laugh in front of the zoo's monkey house.

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## Following Dad Seyfried



Shown here is the son of a former 9th Division man, William A. Seyfried, Jr., a former 47th Regt. man. The lad is now at an Amarillo, Texas Air Force Base. He is slated to graduate from the Tech School he is attending on Feb. 21, after which he expects to be assigned to some base for further training in aircraft maintenance. He is interested in flying and hopes to be able to obtain the necessary training that will thoroughly indoctrinate him with all the tricks of the trade. Dorothy and Bill Seyfried, Jr. are proud of their boy and rightfully they should be.

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## NARDONE YEARNS FOR THE OLD TIME SONGS

All the old timers remember the Army's greatest musician—The 9th Division's own Bennie Nardone. Just before the Christmas holidays a feature story was printed in a Columbus newspaper that carried Nardone's signature. He is still the Italian lad who worships good music—and hates the disgraceful noise put on the air lanes today under the guise of music. Bennie's letter reads:

I just don't have the Christmas spirit. I haven't had for a few years. So I turn on the radio and may get some good carols to kinda "turn me on." I'm still off. What I hear are modern day Christmas songs like Baby, It's Cold Outside—December, rock and roll Santa Claus tunes.

This is junk music I wouldn't even listen to on Feb. 13. One large bank in town is advertising a free Christmas album for something or other featuring Baby, It's Cold Outside. Christmas music? Humbug!

Whatever has happened to Silent Night, Joy to the World, Away in a Manger, Oh Come All Ye Faithful, The First Noel and all the other beautiful old-fashioned Christmas carols? Have they also been banned by the Supreme Court?

I've regusted. —Bennie Nardone, 1845 Bluff Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

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## CHAPLAIN PROPOST IS DOING NICELY

The Octofoil was happy to see penned on the Christmas card sent by Chaplain and Mrs. Cecil Loy Propst, a short note from the vivacious Mrs. Propst in which she advised Chaplain Propst was recovering very nicely from his recent battle with an unruly ticker.

Chaplain Propst stayed on with the Armed Forces until a few years ago. He is now located in Alexandria, Va., 5513 Old Mill Rd. He is pastor of the Epiphany Lutheran Church in that city.

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## Educational Payments For the Children

A large number of children are currently entitled to educational benefits from the VA, either as war orphans or as children of living veterans who are rated totally disabled because of service-connected disabilities. These eligible children may receive up to \$130 per month, when, between the ages of 18 and 23 they are attending an approved school.

Many of these children are now being paid direct rather than through the parent or other adult. The VA believes that such young people, who are attending institutions of higher learning, should be able to handle their own financial affairs. The VA regulations provide for this manner of payments, unless there is some valid reason why they should not be paid direct.

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A man is getting old when he runs out of gas after he runs out of gas.

## BUTSWINKUS INQUIRES AS TO WHERE SCHUMMANN IS

On Jan. 25 Victor Butswinkus finally broke down and wrote The Octofoil a few lines. Vic is one of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter spark plugs and a former 60th soldier.

Victor makes inquiry as to the whereabouts of another former 60th man—one Richard Schumann, whose present address is 5320 Indian Hill, Dublin, Ohio—near Columbus. Dick has made several trips back to Germany visiting with Mrs. Schumann's family, during the past few years.

Another note in Butswinkus' letter were quotes from a kid brother who is in Vietnam with the 25th Division and mentions the arrival of the new 9th Division in Vietnam.

### DANCE ON FEB 11

The Philly-Delaware Valley outfit staged a dance at Westmont Fire Co., in Westmont, N. J. on Feb. 11. Full details on this event will no doubt be coming through soon for the next issue of The Octofoil.

Another former 9th man who Vic has contacted is Philip Berman, 303 Lanewood Dr., New Castle, Pa. 16101.

Butswinkus will be a busy beaver when the snow all melts and he gets those Kiddie Go Carts oiled up and on the track for the summer races.

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## DESIGNATE BENEFICIARY

A serious problem facing veterans with GI insurance is keeping their beneficiary listing up-to-date.

In many cases, any similarity between the person or persons the veteran wants to get his insurance benefits and those who actually get it is strictly coincidental.

The VA is compelled by law to pay only the beneficiary of record when it settles a life insurance claim. Most major conflicts arise when a veteran, who had originally designated a parent as a beneficiary, marries and then forgets to name his wife, or later, his children as beneficiaries.

Any veteran who has married or remarried since last designating his beneficiary, or who has had children and now wishes to bring his beneficiary listing in line with his present wishes, should contact the nearest Veterans Administration Office.

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## Gems of Wisdom

A gentleman, sometimes, is a worn-out wolf.

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An executive is a guy who is always annoying the hired help by asking them to do something.

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A braggart is a person who wishes he were as good as he claims to be.

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The power and speed of new cars help bring places closer together—like this world and the next.

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A woman looks as old as a man feels.

PAY 1967 DUES N-O-WI

Where there's a will there's a delay.

PAY 1967 DUES N-O-WI

Average is a thing a hen lays eggs on.

PAY 1967 DUES N-O-WI

A procrastinator is one who puts off until tomorrow the things he has already put off until today.

PAY 1967 DUES N-O-WI

Every boy should have a dog—and a mother to feed it.

PAY 1967 DUES N-O-WI

Falsies are the bust that money can buy.

PAY 1967 DUES N-O-WI

At the White House it's not so much a swimming pool as it is a Bird bath.

PAY 1967 DUES N-O-WI

A bachelor is a man with several bad habits he enjoys.

PAY 1967 DUES N-O-WI

A psychiatrist is the last man you talk to before you start talking to yourself.

PAY 1967 DUES N-O-WI

The narrower a man's mind the broader his statements.

PAY 1967 DUES N-O-WI

Money isn't everything, but it does keep you in touch with your children.

PAY 1967 DUES N-O-WI

Leisure time is when your wife can't find you.

PAY 1967 DUES N-O-WI

The 19th Hole is where the golfer practices his swig.

PAY 1967 DUES N-O-WI

Old postmasters never die. They just lose their zip.

PAY 1967 DUES N-O-WI

Nobody knew what to do with garters until stockings were invented.

PAY 1967 DUES N-O-WI

The reason many people don't live within their income is that they don't consider that living.

PAY 1967 DUES N-O-WI

## FLORIDA NEWSPAPER FEATURES GEN. EDWIN RANDLE'S PRINTING-PUBLISHING ACTIVITY

Chuck Albury writes a feature column in the St. Petersburg Times—with a stock head **GOOD MORNING**.

In a recent issue of The Times Chuck's column was filled almost exclusively about the printing escapades of Gen. Edwin Randle. Quoting portions of the article it read as follows:

What is probably the world's smallest publishing outfit, Gen Edwin H. Randle's Eldnar Press of Belleaire, appears to be headed for publication of another book on a military hero. . . . The retired U. S. Army brigadier general and his wife have returned from a three-week drive to the Midwest. . . . At a small country churchyard in Illinois, they visited the grave of Confederate Gen. Bushrod Johnson, who was a 1847 graduate from West Point in the same class as Gen. William T. Sherman.

### LED AT CHICKAMAUGA

According to Gen. Randle, Gen. Johnson led a charge at Chickamauga, Ga., that was similar to Pickett's at Gettysburg, only Johnson's was successful. . . . General Johnson, Ohio-born, later became chancellor of the University of Nashville and later

moved to the rural area of Illinois to farm and tutor neighboring youngsters. . . .

### DIED DESTITUTE

He died nearly destitute, and his tombstone was provided by a Union Army Colonel who had befriended him. . . . General Randle took notes and photos, at the cemetery and says he might do a book on Gen. Johnson. . . .

Last year General Randle completed writing, handsetting and printing on a small press in his garage, a book called "Safi Adventure" about an invasion of Safi, Morocco, in which he led his 47th Regimental Combat Team. . . . He printed 250 copies of the 212-page book and had the jacke' printed by Meinders-Noble Printing Co., of Clearwater. . . . The first printing has been distributed and General Randle has started a second printing of 750 copies, using a larger press. . . . Eldnar Press, of course, is Randle spelled backward.

Another large portion of Albury's column covers the highlights of Gen. Randle's trip to Fort Riley, which was covered in a story published in the November-December issue.

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## Gen. Edwin Randle Taking the Jeep Bumps O.K.



Lt. Col. Baldae, acting Brigade Commander, departs with Gen. Randle for a tour of the 47th Infantry Training area in a jet-age version of the dependable old jeep—but irrespective of all the latest improvements in war equipment the jeeps at Fort Riley bounce passengers around just as much as the jeeps of yesteryear. However, Gen. Randle seems to be enjoying the UPS and DOWNS of the jeep ride—much the same as he usta. Submitted for release by the Ninth Infantry Division Information Office.



## AERIAL VIEW OF BOSTON TOWN IS AN IMPRESSIVE SIGHT... ONE THAT YOUNGSTERS AND PARENTS WILL REMEMBER



The above photo is being reprinted by permission of Aerial Photos of New England. The Octofoil is grateful to Herb Olsen of the New England Chapter, for securing this permission. At the lower left center of the photograph will be noted the Prudential Center and the Sheraton-Boston Hotel. The Massachusetts Turnpike runs directly under this building. There's something wrong with anyone who gets lost trying to locate the Sheraton-Boston. Most everyone arriving in Washington last year claimed they were lost for hours before finally locating the Association's headquarters hotel.

### Mr. McNerney Thankful "Ike" Acknowledges For Octofoils Sent Him Letter From Pestel

Dick Pestel carved out some of those man-sized hand-painted Octofoils for Mr. McNerney, the beloved New York 9th Division Gold Star dad. Mr. McNerney, in writing Dick his thanks, has this to say:

I sure was flabbergasted when we received The Octofoils. I had the idea when you told me on the telephone you were sending them that they were copies of the newspaper which contained accounts of my illness. We were delightfully surprised when we opened the package, and we thank you a million times for them. They will always have an honored spot on our living room wall.

God willing we will see you in Boston in July. Our love to you and Edie. Also to Paul and Tippiie and to all the boys and girls in Columbus.—Sincerely Michael J. McNerney, 2451 Webb Ave., Bronx, N. Y. 10468.

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Lulu has her problems. Says she can't do the Frug, the Watasi and the Jerk standing up.

"Dickie" Pestel of 1422 Dyer Rd., Grove City, Ohio, a former 47th man, has a habit of establishing contact with great and near-great leaders of the universe. He and the late Winston Churchill corresponded regularly because they both shared the same birth date. This started while the Dyer Road cowboy was visiting in England with Gen. Matt Eddy's guided tour group.

The latest dignitary to write Pestel was a letter received from Gen. Eisenhower and was mailed from Indio, Calif., dated Feb. 7, 1967. It read:

Dear Mr. Pestel: Thank you for taking the time to write me about the Stage 67 program, "The Military Churchill." Because of my respect and affection for the man, I truly enjoyed making it.

With best wishes, Sincerely,  
DWIGHT EISENHOWER.

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A guy who can't remember his postal Zip Code Number will very likely forget his wife's birthday.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

### LANGER SINGS "SWAN" SONG

New York Chapter President Emil P. Langer issued his letter of thanks to the New York members on Dec. 6, 1966. The letter reads:

Dear Member: My year as your President is fast drawing to a close and I shall always look back with a great deal of pride and satisfaction at having served as your President.

To all members who responded so generously to all requests, large or small, go my heartfelt thanks, and I pledge myself to continue in the service of our organization.

May this Holiday Season bring to all our members and their families, Peace, Happiness and Good Health. . . . Before I close may I wish all the members and their loved ones a Very Prosperous and Happy New Year.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,  
EMIL P. LANGER, President

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They tell about a Texas man who trades oil wells for banks—he bought a little boy for his dog.

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### Pestel Breaking Bread With Top Drawer G.I.

Strolling nonchalantly down the main stem of Ohio's capitol city—Columbus, Ohio—the Ohio Chapter's Secretary, Dick Pestel, all of a sudden started seeing stars and no one had given him a sucker punch either. Someone yelled "Hiya Dick"—and looking up he saw a familiar face with a Brigadier General's uniform draped around his body. Rubbing his eyes it suddenly dawned on Pestel that he was face to face with an old motorcycle riding buddy of pre-war days—one Paul Hoover.

When he finally got his equilibrium and was able to ask coherent questions Pestel learned that his old two-wheel bike buddy had remained in the service after the war and was now Brig. Gen. Paul Hoover, 201st Tact. Fighter Wing, stationed at Lockbourne Air Force Base—near Columbus. The General takes a quickie trip to Vietnam at intervals and promises Pestel to try and have a personal observation report to submit on how the new Ninth is percolating in that far-away part of the world.

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### Korobkos Still Following In Isaac Walton's Steps

The beautiful Christmas card received by The Octofoil from John and Marie Korobko, 6418 E. Scarlett, Tucson, Ariz. 85710 had a short message penned on it, conveying the information plans were being made for another big league fishing expedition in the Arizona wilds.

Michigan's loss of this fine couple has been Arizona's gain. They have certainly adjusted themselves and become an integral part of a strange land in a very short time.

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### Need Civilians In Saigon

Did you know that the Army is looking for 2,000 to 3,000 civilians to fill a wide variety of jobs in Saigon, Cam Ranh Bay and Qui Nhon, Republic of Vietnam? Those interested can write to the Civilian Personnel Director U. S. Army, Vietnam, APO San Francisco 96307.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-W!

They say there's a square doughnut on the market for folks who like to eat while watching Lawrence Welk's TV show.

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