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THE OCTOFOIL

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PAUL KELLER IS NEW ASSOCIATION PREXY

MOTOR POOL SARGE MAKES IT TO THE TOP



PAUL D. KELLER, Association President

The entire Middle West and particularly Columbus, Ohio is proud of Paul D. Keller, a former 39th Regt. Motor Pool Sergeant, and a protégé of Major "Pinky" Frank Wade. Paul was elected President of the Ninth Infantry Division Association at the recent convention held in Boston, Mass. Paul, his youngsters and the charming Mrs. Keller, operate a small business concern of their own in suburban Columbus. In 1963 Paul was discharged from the Active Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel. He learned early while in the Ninth Division to always be one of the troops regardless of rank and that's Paul Keller yesterday, today, tomorrow and forever. Additional story printed in this issue about the new prexy.

SGT. BILL KREYE'S "THE PAWNS OF WAR" TO BE PRINTED IN OCTOFOIL

Sgt. William M. Kreye, 337 20th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11215 has put in many hours of labor preparing a most beautiful brochure with interesting text material that chronologically lists activities of the 39th Regiment from the days at Fort Bragg on across the continent.

The Sarge has with an artist's hand, decorated the brochure most beautifully and pasted it in three volumes. He has met the same treatment from book publishers that many others who have written similar narratives have met. The publishers admitted the work is well done but the potential sales would hardly bring in enough money to pay the printing bills. The publisher wants a potential sales of many thousands more than could be sold of a book of this nature. Since only former 9th men would be the ones interested in buying the book.

The beautiful color work will have to be eliminated but the text material will be printed in succeeding issues of The Octofoil until the text of all three volumes has been printed. This was authorized by an appropriation voted by the delegates at the Boston Reunion.

If the Sarge will grant his permission the three volumes will be placed on display at future Reunions so those who are interested may study the beauty and art work that has been put forth in preparing this fine bit of craftsmanship.

This issue of The Octofoil was thrown together hurriedly so the editor could take off for the National VFW Convention in New Orleans, La. More time will be available in getting material prepared for the next issue, at which time, Sgt. William M. Kreye's "The Pawns of War" will start being printed in future issues of The Octofoil. The story is most interesting to any former 9th man whether he was in the 39th Regt. or not. DON'T MISS IT!

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

New Address for Col. Robert Stumpf

Uncle Sam's postal authorities have advised The Octofoil that henceforth Colonel Robert Stumpf's mail shall be sent to 5840 Lowell Ave., Alexandria, Va., Director of Logistics Hq. USADC, Fort Belvoir, Va. 22060.

—Pay '68 Dues—

General Westmoreland's Mother Called By Death

The Octofoil again has to thank Capt. R. A. M. Hirst, 803 Newby Court, Springfield, Va. 22150 for helping keep the sheet well informed on activities of the Vietnam 9th Division. Also in the data sent to The Octofoil was the sad news printed in stateside newspapers about the death of Gen. Westmoreland's devoted mother. The clippings and pictures were from The July 10 issue of the Washington Post.

SCRAP BOOK

Capt. Hirst forwarded another edition of The Scrapbook, which is a miniature scrapbook filled with pictures and text materials of Ninth Division highlights in combat areas during the preceding week. It has a heading reading: For fighting men too busy to keep their own!

SCRAPBOOK

These issues are being forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer's office for display at the registration desk next year during the Detroit Reunion.

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

JACK COLEMAN DIED ON MAY 15

Sarge William M. Kreye, 337 20th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11215 furnished The Octofoil the following sad information:

Jack Coleman, one time Intelligence Section member of the 1st Bn., 39th Infantry, who resided in Narberth, Pa. before the war years, was one of the greatest morale boosters for the 39th group during their last days in Sicily through the long wait in England. Jack died of a heart attack on May 15, 1966 in his home at Morton, Pa. Surviving Jack is his lovely wife, Mrs. John Coleman (Jo) and five children: John, Pat, Michael, Paul and Eileen.

Kreye advises this fine couple had been married 17 years. He had attended the wedding services.

The Octofoil joins with Sgt. Bill Kreye and Jack Coleman's thousands of other grieving buddies and extends sincere condolences to the bereaved widow and children.

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

LOOKING FOR STAN CABAN ALSO FRANK FIDLER AND OTHERS

William M. Kreye, 337 20th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11215 and bemoans the fact he had lost contact with the late Jack Coleman up until the time of his untimely death. That happens in so many cases, Kreye points out. Old buddies move and unintentionally fail to take care of forwarding a new address to old buddies. At this time Sgt. Kreye is hopeful of contacting through The Octofoil one of the following:

Stanley Caban, who Kreye thinks is in Tampa, Fla., or may be has returned to Buffalo. Anyone who knows are asked to send a postal card to Kreye at the address given.

Another Kreye hopes to run down is Frank Fidler. Frank is either in Miami, Fla., or could be somewhere in Australia. ? ? ? Anyone knowing for sure drop Bill Kreye the needed information.

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

Financial Report Made By Boyle Was Good

The financial report filed with the Board by National Treasurer Thomas Boyle was clear and easy to understand. The report also conveyed the good news that the Association was being budgeted and operated within anticipated income.

Boyle has been trying to resign as Treasurer of the Association, but the Board members prevailed on him to continue for another year at least.

DETROIT, MICH. GETS NOD FOR 1968 REUNION; ASSOCIATION SHOULD MAKE BIG GAINS THROUGHOUT MIDDLE WEST DURING YEAR

The Association elected a dynamic former 39th man to lead the organization during the next 12 months—Paul D. Keller of Columbus, Ohio. Keller has a fine personality and is well liked by all who know him. His entire family is Ninth Infantry Division conscious and their interest in the organization is a big asset. He has already visited The Octofoil and outlined some ambitious plans he has to visit some of the Chapters but wants it definitely understood he is no way trying to interfere with the autonomous operation of all the chapters. He just wants to help, if he can. He wants to meet a couple of times with the Detroit Chapter before the next Reunion in order that a few bugs that keep creeping in at Reunions may be eliminated. Paul is already breathing new lifeblood into the veins of the Ohio Chapter. The new president lived for several years in Michigan since returning from combat with the 39th and knows many of the lads in that and the Illinois areas. The Octofoil pledges its unstinted cooperation to President Keller and predicts a banner year ahead for the Association and a 1968 Reunion that will be a stem winder.

REUNION NOW HISTORY

There isn't much point in printing here more praise about the work done by the New England Reunion Committee. Reference is made to stories printed elsewhere that have been sent in by Father Ed Connors, Harry Orenstein, Joe McKenzie and others.

LT. RAY MALOOF WAS A BIG HIT

However, The Octofoil would be lax in its duty if it failed to call attention to the fact that Lt. Ray Maloof, a wounded Vietnam Ninth Division man was a guest at the banquet with his pretty wife. He has the courage and inspiration that would have made old Paddy Flint a might proud soldier. The lieutenant had been told that he could never walk again but with typical Ninth Division courage and a firm belief in God—coupled with the help of a devoted wife Lt. Ray Maloof is able to walk again in spite of the Viet Cong wounds. He told Father Connors that for him to be able to rub elbows with old Ninth Division soldiers such as were in the Sheraton-Boston was worth the sacrifices he had made. Such things as Lt. Maloof's visit to that Reunion are what make these Reunions occasions that can't be expressed with mere words. To fully appreciate the significance—it takes actual participation.

The Lieutenant's home address is Lt. Raymond E. Maloof, 263 Needham St., Dedham, Mass., DA-9-0360.

As so graphically mentioned elsewhere—words can't describe the Parade of Flags that hit everyone with an electrical jolt that sent thrills from head to foot.

There are always a few bugs that enter into any Reunion program. No committee is perfect. Joe McKenzie hit the nail on the head in his story. He writes: "If it was fine and enjoyable tell the Detroit committee to repeat the performance. If it was a mistake also tell the Detroit Detroit so it can be eliminated. That spirit is why there is no other association of ex-G.I.s been able to put on a Reunion program that comes anywhere close to equal the annual Reunions of the Ninth Infantry Division Association."

—Pay '68 Dues NOW!—

"TINY" WEINSTEIN CALLED BY DEATH

Hyman "Tiny" Weinstein's many buddies were saddened to learn of his recent death in a New York State VA Hospital. "Tiny's" home was at 221 Teneyck Walk, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Capt. Mike Gatto of I Co., 60th Regt., now a prominent member of the New York Chapter was on Tiny's list as one of the truly "greats" of the Ninth Infantry Division.

KELLER IS A LEADER IN THE COMMUNITY

The Association's newly elected President, Paul D. Keller, lives with his family at 139 Pinewood Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43213. To list all of his activities since World War II would fill a book. Even the highlights of his extra-curricula activity gives an insight into the kind of man the Association has chosen as their leader for the ensuing year. Listed below are a few of Paul's present and past connections:

ENLISTED IN 1940

Enlisted in the Regular Army from Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 14, 1940. He served with "D" Co., 47th Inf., as a truck driver, and 1st Bn. Motor Sergeant and Platoon Sergeant for two years.

Paul was then assigned to the 39th Infantry as a WOJR, Motor Transport in September, 1942. Later he was commissioned and served as a Regimental Maintenance Officer for the balance of the war. He was promoted to Captain in 1944 and returned to the states in October, 1945.

Keller lives in Columbus with his wife, Idola; sons, Bob and Ron, and daughter, Nancy. Both boys are in college, Bob at Ohio University, and Ron at Phillips University, Enid, Okla. Nancy is in high school.

SALES ENGINEER

For 17 years Paul was a sales engineer for Economics Laboratory. At the present time Paul and Idola own and operate Stewart's Root Beer Drive In Restaurant.

Since separation from active duty Paul Keller has been active in Boy Scouts, Lions Club, Church and active Reserve. He has attended Advance Transportation School, Army Command and General Staff College. He retired from the active Reserve in 1962 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

—Pay '68 Dues NOW!—

Bob Mason Shocked to Hear Woodside Dead

Of the many scores of letters expressing sorrow to learn of Robert Woodside's death, one of the most touching was from Woodside's pen pal, Bob Mason, of Pennsylvania, who is also on the ailing side.

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

McManus Is Sent to a Spokane VA Hospital

The Octofoil has been advised that James P. McManus' new address is Box 7324, Hospital Park Station, Spokane, Wash. 99209. The old address was 2211 2nd Ave., Billings, Montana.

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

A gossip always gives you the benefit of the dirt.

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

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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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**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 1968 dues. Please mail my membership card to—

Name

Street

CityState

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 1968 countersigned membership card will be sent immediately.

By order of the President:
MRS. THERESA CUPRYS, President.

FAY POTO GIVE FINE SERVICE

The Fay Foto Service, Inc., is located at 43-53 W. Canton St., Boston, Mass. 02118. The pictures printed in this issue of The Octofoil which shows parts of the parade during the Boston Reunion were made by the Fay Co. The Octofoil left a check to pay for four pictures with Thomas Boyle on Saturday night after the parade in the a.m. The following Tuesday a.m. the prints were in Columbus ready to be processed into newspaper cuts.

The Fay outfit made some excellent shots but had them on display at the entrance to the banquet hall—and everyone was rushing to get inside thinking they could pick choice seats near the speakers' platform—the result not as many pictures were sold as would have been had the display been on another floor where the members could have examined the photos leisurely.

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

Gen. Van Bond Gets Mail in Tennessee

The Octofoil has just received an official post office address change for Maj. Gen. Van H. Bond, Indian Gap, Annville, Pa. The new address will be 313 Irene St., Clarksville, Tenn. 37040.

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

MAD RUSSIAN ON "BARBARY COAST"

Just before the Boston Reunion The Octofoil received a postal card from Mike Mysyk, the Mad Russian from Cleveland. He was in San Francisco, Calif. attending a Labor Union Convention as a delegate from his own union in Cleveland, O.

Until a couple of years back no Reunion was considered really opened until the Mad Russian put his blessings on the affair.

Mike is a former 60th man, from the 2nd Battalion, having become attached to the outfit while they were on a party out Chicken Road way at Fort Bragg.

Mike's old buddies miss him at these Reunions and they would appreciate it very much if the Wheels in that Utility Workers Union would set convention dates that do not conflict with Association dates.

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

The troublesome age groups in auto accidents are both the young and the old. Of drivers involved in fatal accidents, 37 per cent are either under 24 or over 65.

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

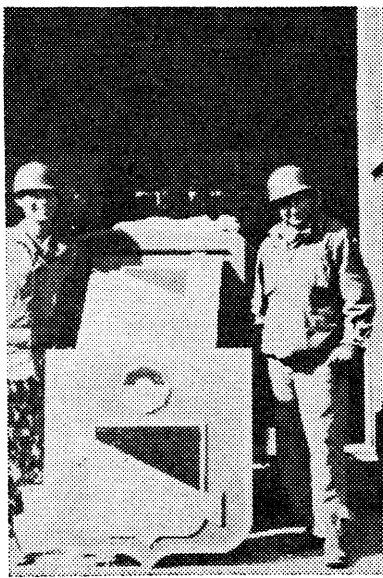
Sure Archibald, love is blind! That's why you see so many spectacles in the park these days.

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

It's time for the bulbs you didn't plant last autumn not to come up.

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

Ward Sends Regards



"ARKY" was the Army nickname tagged to him by Jack Scully. The picture Arky sent of himself and Cpl. E. F. Martin of Cummings, Ga., was a very poor print and when poor prints are sent in the results in the Octofoil are very poor. Anyway it is good to hear from old Arky—and to know that even if he is still hiding away from everyone down in those Ozark hills he is still thinking of the old gang. The address is simply Jim Ward, Blaine, Arkansas.

Auxiliary Still In Business

The Ninth Infantry Division Association's Ladies' Auxiliary held a short session in Boston. At least they were given a revue of what's coming in women's hats. Those who witnessed this extravaganza say they witnessed some unbelievable sights.

The ladies were assured by the Detroit ladies that plenty of space and time would be allowed them at the 1968 Reunion in the Motor Capital of the World.

The same officers who served the organization during 1966-67 were re-elected to serve during the 1967-68 fiscal year, who are:

Mrs. Theresa Cuprys, 1124 W. Kings Highway, Mt. Ephraim, N. J., was re-elected President.

Mrs. Betty Boden, Box 58, Chester, Pa., will serve as Vice President.

Tippie Plunkett, 286 Zimpfer St., Columbus, Ohio, 43206, will continue as the financial officer, officially titled Secretary-Treasurer.

CAR TROUBLE

About 40 miles from the city limits of Boston, the Cuprys' family bus konked out on Al and Theresa. Indications were that the repair bill was to be a big one—making it seem to be an unprofitable venture to order the repairs made. Just what decision Al and Theresa made about salvaging the family chariot was not learned. However, in spite of all this bad luck the Cuprys were two of the friendliest and smiling individuals at the Boston Reunion.

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

VICTOR FLUNKED OUT ON THIS TRIP

Walter Victor and the pretty Mrs. Victor from Atlanta, Ga., the 9th's favorite and best photographer in captivity, didn't get to make the Boston Reunion. Mr. and Mrs. Victor are shown cutting their 25th anniversary cake in a photo shown elsewhere in this issue of the Octofoil.

The celebration did have a few unique angles. Much of the discussion centered around plans for the expected arrival of the new member to the Victor household within the next few weeks. Doc Walton thinks it will be another boy.

Another picture Walt sent The Octofoil shows the old Photographer himself examining a Life magazine section that was filled with photographs of various spots that had been photographed by Walter Victor himself. But all conversations sooner or later leads back to that new arrival that will follow on the heels of the couple's 25th anniversary.

The Victor's new address is Mr. and Mrs. Walter Victor, 2745 Dodson Lee Drive, East Point, Ga. 30844. If Mr. and Mrs. Victor will make it to Detroit and give complete photo coverage to the 1968 Reunion volunteers will be resurrected and inducted into a baby sitting detail for the new little tyke.

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

Dick Pestel says there's something morally wrong about using deodorants. He claims his armpits should not smell better than the rest of him.

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

Distance lends enchantment, but not when you're out of gas.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASS'N. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Enclosed please find 1968 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 ☐

Three-Year Member \$11.00 ☐

LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$50.00 ☐

Octofoil Automobile License Disc \$.50 ☐

Decals 25c; (5) five for \$ 1.00 ☐

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

Ladies' Auxiliary Member \$ 1.50 ☐

Combat Route Map \$.50 ☐

60th Infantry History \$.50 ☐

Coat Lapel Octofoil Pin \$ 1.25 ☐

Please give credit to the following Chapter:

Philly-Delaware Valley ☐ Greater New York ☐

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

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

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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

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

"Mr. Grace!" screamed Rita, "I've taken all the criticism of my work that I'm going to take!" "How do you spell 'quit'?"

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

Lulu's wayward cousin, Effie Mae, has been picked up so often she's beginning to grow handles.

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

It's hard to keep a good girl down, but lots of fun trying.

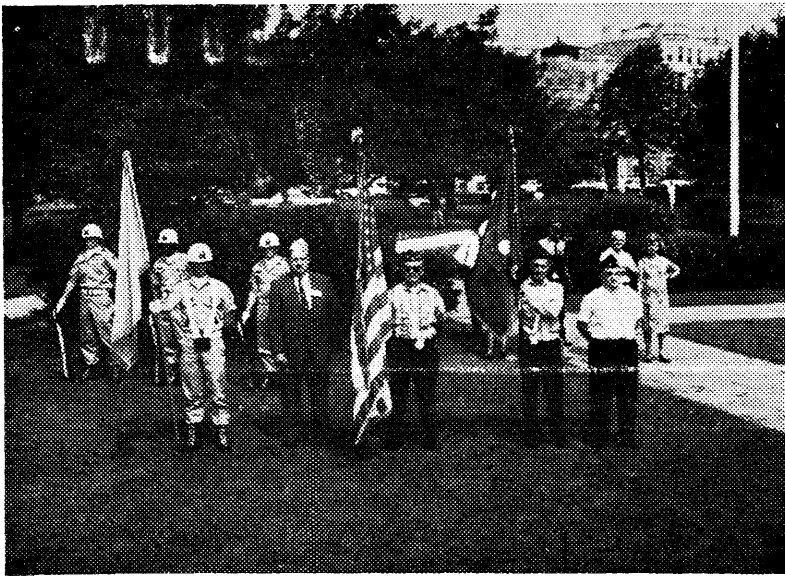
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Feeding on tomorrow's hopes is a starvation diet.

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

Gossip is like a long-play record —don't buy it until you've listened to both sides.

THE COLOR GUARD WAS TOP NOTCH OUTFIT



The above picture was made during the impressive Memorial Address of Father Ed Connors during the Memorial Services held in Boston during the 1967 Memorial Services. Tony Varone holds on to the Ninth Colors while John Rizzo proudly displays "Old Glory." The young G.I.'s name was not given to The Octofoil.

THE "OLD SARGE" OKAYS THE PARADE ROUTE



"The Old Sarge," Steve Budrick himself, from Union City, N. J., takes a squint at "his boys." All's well that ends well, says the Sarge. The Parade was just fine—the boys and girls put on a fine display for the Bostonians who lined to streets watching them strut by.

JULIA NETTA MEANS TO GET THE RIGHT SHOT



Julia Netta of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter, falls out of the Distaff line of march and starts double timing until she can catch up with some Chapter members whose pictures she wants for display at the next Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter meeting.

McKenzie Wants to Extends Thanks Publicly to Wallace and Lareau

(Editor's Note: The following letter was received from Joe McKenzie shortly after June 19, but too late for use in the last issue of The Octofoil):

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

Gentlemen: May I use the pages of our great paper to publicly thank Harold Wallace, 4510 Pine St. and Bernal Lareau, 13903 Candleshade St., both of Service Battery 26th F.A., and Houston, Texas.

My sister, a member of a Religious Order of Teaching Nuns, is attending summer school at Texas A & M at College Station, Texas. When I found the relation of College Station to Houston I immediately wrote to both men. Being a stranger in a strange city I thought either or both men could be her body guard until she reached her destination. Bernal wrote and Harold called from Houston. Both offered to help in any way they could. Their willingness to help was passed on to my sister. She wrote to them of her plans and to thank them for their generous offer to help. Harold Wallace took the afternoon off from work to meet her at the airport so that he could take her to her destination for that day. The following day Bernal had her out to his home for a Texas size dinner. Again, thank you.

Service Battery men are a little quiet this time of the year. Joe Bollow sent a letter, the first word from him since he was wounded in Sourboudt, back in '44. Joe works for Monsanto in Springfield, Mass. His hours are very irregular so he does not have much time for anything but work.

BONJO WILL RETIRE

Had lunch with Bill Bongiorno last week. Bonjo is talking of retiring. He is part owner of a prosperous dry cleaning plant but the long hours every day is beginning to take its toll. Does anyone want to buy a good going business for about 100 grand?

Talked with Peter Curro, a brother of our Dominic. I had hopes to see Dom in his old home town but he has not been there for over five years. Peter has no idea as to where Dom might be but thinks California is the most likely place.

Sincerely, Joe McKenzie.

Vietnam General Thanks Dick Pestel

Several months ago Dick Pestel, Ohio Chapter Secretary Treasurer, made several Octofoils to be displayed by the different units in Vietnam. Under date of July 10, 1967 he received the following letter from Maj. Gen. G. G. O'Connor of the Vietnam 9th Division:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Headquarters 9th Infantry Division
APO San Francisco 96370

Dear Mr. Pestel: The package containing the twenty-five Octofoils shipped by you recently arrived at this headquarters. They are of a quality that we will be proud to have displayed.

It is extremely gratifying to me, as well as to all the members of the 9th Infantry Division, to be remembered by the first generation of "Old Reliabilities." You earned for the Division an outstanding reputation that it has carried with it over the years. Be assured that the new "Old Reliabilities" are making every effort to meet the high standards established by the "9th" in its many valorous actions during World War II. I feel, as a result of our accomplishments during the past six months in our combat operations against the Viet Cong, we are headed in the right direction.

For your information I am enclosing an up-to-date troop list and organization of the 9th Infantry Division as currently organized under the Road Concept.

Again may I extend my sincere appreciation to you and the National Board of Governors for remembering us, the new generation of "Old Reliabilities."

Sincerely,
G. G. O'CONNOR,
Major General, USA
Commanding

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DOPE FROM DOC SESLOW ABOUT COL. ART HUROW

Dr. Seslow of the Greater New York Chapter, forwarded to following information to The Octofoil about Arthur Hurrow and asked that it be published. The communicate is self-explanatory:

COLONEL ARTHUR HUROW

Arthur Hurrow was born in Lodz, Poland on 12 March, 1918. He was graduate from High School prior to his departure for the United States. Col. Hurrow entered the Army from Michigan in July, 1942 and was commissioned 2nd Lt. Infantry at Fort Benning in September, 1943.

Since entering military service, Colonel Hurrow has earned degrees as a Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts in International relations. IN BOTH THEATERS

During World War II, Col. Hurrow served with the 5th Army in Italy; from there in 1945, he moved to the Pacific returning to the U. S. in 1946 when he joined the 9th Inf. Div. At the outbreak of the Korean War, he was stationed in Japan; he joined Eighth U. S. Army HQ in Korea in the summer of 1950.

Following his return to the U. S., he was assigned in 1952 to the USA Transportation Center at Fort Eustis, Virginia as Deputy Commander of a newly established Highway Unit Training Center.

He attended the Transportation School and served on the faculty for a year.

After attending the Command and General Staff College at Leavenworth, Kansas in 1954, he was assigned to the Office, Chief of Transportation, Washington, D. C.

In October, 1957 he was assigned to the 37th Transportation Command in France, initially as S-3 and later as Bn. Commander, 53rd Transportation Battalion.

Upon his return to the U. S., he was assigned to the Military Traffic Management Agency, Washington, D. C.

He attended the U. S. Army War College graduating with the Class of 1962. He then was assigned to HQ COMZ, Orleans, France, where he served on the Staff of the Transportation Officer.

In 1963 he assumed command of the 594th Transportation Group with Headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany. Upon his return to the U. S. in 1965, he attended Class No. 48 of the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University.

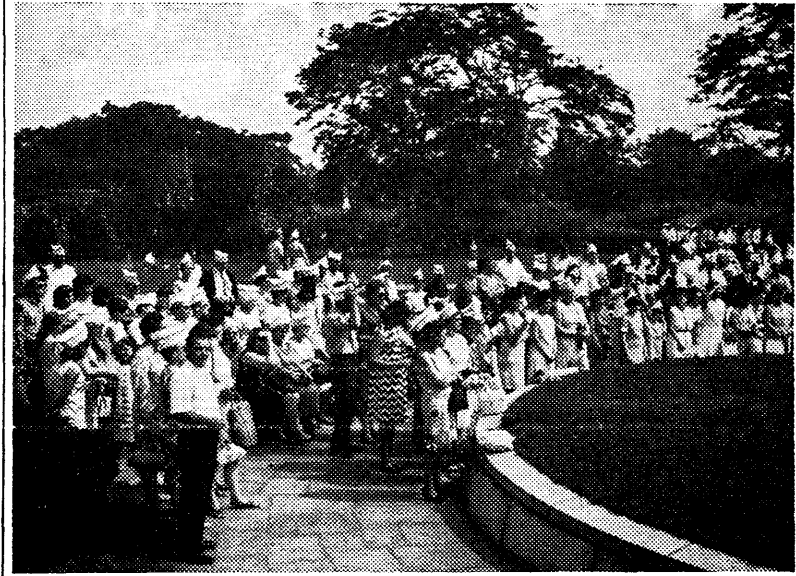
He was assigned to the Transportation Center, Fort Eustis, Virginia in December, 1965 and served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Special Assistant to the Commandant, Transportation School. He assumed his present duty as Assistant Commandant, U. S. Army Transportation School in February, 1967.

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It is not unlikely to postpone a wedding as long as you keep on doing it.

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SERIOUSNESS OF "YOUNG FRY" IS NOTICEABLE



It is heart throbbing to notice how serious the young members of Ninth Men's Families take the Memorial Services and how respectful they are, both the boys and girls of the colors at all times. With all the unpatriotic deeds in the colleges and other places today, it is inspiring to know these youngsters have been taught respect by their Ninth Division parents for God and country—and that these former Ninth men have picked good wives who are being so helpful in making the youngsters realize the significance of good citizenship and the need for real Americanism is also inspirational.

Minutes of the 84th Meeting 9th Infantry Division Association

The 84th meeting of the National Board of Governors was called to order at 5:40 P.M., July 20, 1967, at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel, Boston, Mass., attended by Messrs. Emil Langer, Anthony Varone, William Andrews, Ronald Murphy, Herbert Olsen, Arthur McDougall, Paul Keller, Ralph Witzken and Charles Koskie. Also attending were First Vice President Vincent Guglielmino, Treasurer Thomas Boyle, Editor of The Octofoil Paul Plunkett, Past Presidents Walter O'Keefe, Francis Maher, and John Bonkowski.

The secretary, Daniel Quinn, read the minutes of the 83rd meeting. After a motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Arthur McDougall it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes as read and place same on file.

REUNION CHAIRMAN

President Emil Langer then called upon the 1967 Reunion Chairman, Ronald Murphy, for a report of events. Ron Murphy expressed delight at the returns as of July 20th, and assured the Board Members that

the Reunion would be a success. Ron also thanked Herb Olsen for being on hand a day before time to greet the members who arrived before the reunion dates.

A discussion was held on the Scholarship Program but in the absence of Chairman John Clouser the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

President Langer then appointed Chairmen for the following committees for the General Meeting:

Financial Committee—Walter O'Keefe.
Nomination Committee—Francis Maher.
Newspaper Committee—Paul Keller.
Miscellaneous Committee—William Andrews.
By-Laws Committee—Harrison Daysh.

The committees will meet at 10:00 A.M. July 21, 1967 at which time other members will be selected to serve on these committees. The regular General Meeting will take place at 1:00 P.M. on the same day.

After a motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Anthony Varone it was voted to: Adjourn at 5:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL QUINN,
National Secretary

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Minutes of the 85th Meeting 9th Infantry Division Association

The 85th meeting of the National Board of Governors was called to order at 4:05 P.M., July 22, 1967 at the Boston-Sheraton Hotel, Boston, Mass., attended by Messrs.: Emil Langer, William Andrews, John Rizzo, Richard Pestel, Ralph Witzken, Charles Tingley, Anthony Varone, Paul Keller, Charles Koskie, Richard Wilson, Herbert Olsen, Peter Cusack, and John Boden. Also attending were Thomas Boyle, Treasurer; Paul Plunkett, Editor of The Octofoil; John Clouser, Chairman of the Scholarship Program; Frak Ozart of the Scholarship Committee, and Past Presidents Francis Maher and John Bonkowski, and Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh.

It was voted to omit the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's report.

President Emil Langer called for bids for the 1968 Reunion. John Clouser submitted a bid for the Illinois Chapter to hold the reunion in Springfield, Illinois. William Andrews submitted a bid for the Michigan Chapter to hold the 1968 reunion in Detroit, Mich.

It was voted by the Board members to hold the 1968 Reunion in Detroit, Michigan.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A discussion was held on the Scholarship Committee program.

Election of officers was held by the Board members and the following members were elected:

President: Paul Keller.
First Vice President: Francis Maher.
Second Vice President—Frank Ozart.
Third Vice President—William Meadows.
Secretary—Daniel Quinn.
Treasurer—Thomas Boyle.
Judge Advocate—Harrison Daysh.
Paul Keller asked the members for

a standing vote of "thanks" to Emil Langer, the outgoing President. Paul also thanked the members for electing him President. Emil Langer thanked the members for their cooperation during the year.

Upon a motion duly made by Peter Cusack and seconded by Anthony Varone it was voted to: Adjourn at 5:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL QUINN,
National Secretary

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Adolph Wadalavage Was "On the Run"

After the banquet at the Sheraton-Boston Adolph Wadalavage of the New York Chapter, was here, there and everywhere in nothing flat. Passing the table where The Octofoil editor was perched, Adolph scribbled off a note that read: "Wm. McCarthy, VFW Post 229, Richmond Hill, N. Y." Adolph supplemented this scribbling with this oral message: "Give him my best regards. You'll see him at the National VFW Convention in New Orleans." Then old Adolph was on to the next table, then the next and the next until he had covered them in all in the short space of time he had in which to accomplish this feat.

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Before a person makes up his mind to retire he should stay home for a week and watch the daytime TV shows.

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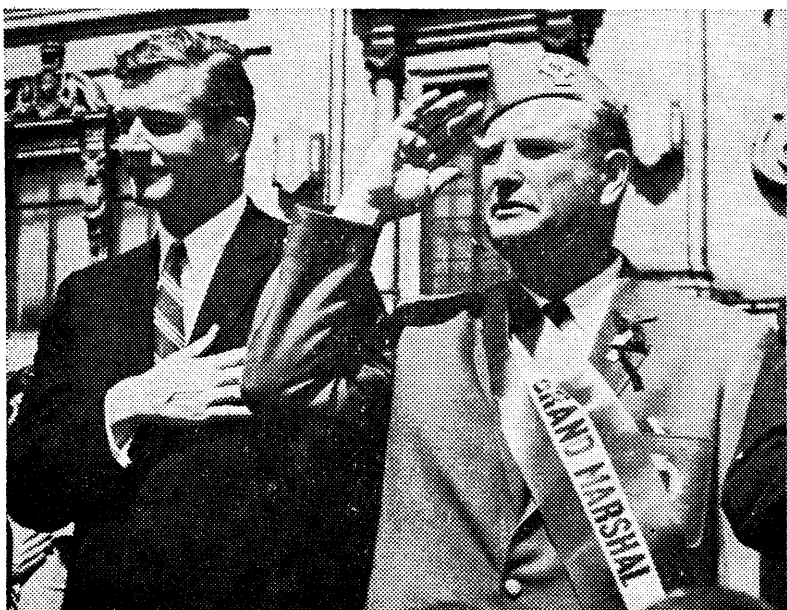
A connoisseur is a specialist who knows everything about something and nothing about anything else.

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It's not hard to diet in this day and time—just eat what you can afford.

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HARRY WHALEN OBSERVES NEW YORK PARADE



The Ninth Infantry Division Association's own Harry Whalen, of the Bronx, N. Y., was Grand Marshal of the great Patriotic Parade that was held recently in that area. The parade received nationwide publicity. The draft-card burners and beatniks were put in their places in no uncertain terms by the patriots who participated in and promoted the parade. Standing next to Whalen is New York City's own Mayor Lindsey. Whalen is going great guns with the aid of a "Pacemaker." He was noted in Boston running up stairways with boxes and packages that younger squirts were afraid to tackle. However, Walter O'Keeffe says Harry plans on having the "Pacemaker" rewired or reinstalled because he's heard a rumor that a scab electrician had something to do with the present installation. Observers of the parade advise that many of the photos taken during the parade the Ninth's Octofoil insignia are prominently displayed.

Crosskills Visit With the Ninth Lads in Columbus

Former Ninth Division men living in the Columbus, O. area were made happy during early July when a former 47th Regt. man and his charming wife visited Columbus for a few days. The couple, Mr. and Mrs. Don Crosskill of Fremont, O. are pictured in this issue of the paper.

Mrs. Crosskill, a former WAVE, signed up in the Ladies' Auxiliary while visiting Columbus. The Crosskills' home address is Don B. Crosskill, 1120 Franklin Ave., Fremont, Ohio 43420.

Detroit is only a short ride from Fremont. The Crosskills are already planning on taking in the 1968 Reunion—and that doesn't include just Mr. and Mrs. Crosskill. It means the entire family—Diann and Nancy, the two daughters are Ninth Division boosters as well as Don and Mary.

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Gold Star Mother Made a Long Trip

Mrs. Hetty Buttock, 911 Davis Ct., Fayetteville, N. C., probably made the longest trip to attend the Boston Reunion of any Gold Star parent. Mrs. Buttock participated in and seemed to enjoy all the activities. At the banquet the Octofoil editor was honored to have Mrs. Buttock sit at his table, accompanied by the loveable Gold Star couple from New York City, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McInerney.

"Peter Rabbit" Harvey's Family Have Good Time



Pictured above is Charles R. Harvey, petite Dianna Harvey and Mrs. Harvey. Back in Port Lyautey, Maknassy and all the way through Harvey was an ammunition carrier for 4th platoon, Co. B, 60th. Capt. Henry Rigby nicknamed him Peter Rabbit and that stuck. Many recognized Harvey's face at the Boston Reunion but not his real name—only Rigby's nickname. Peter Rabbit writes that his little Dianna has made so many friends at the last two Reunions and so has Mrs. Harvey, that they start saving immediately upon reaching home from a Reunion so they can financially afford attending the following year's Reunion. They've already set up a Piggy Bank for Detroit. The Charles Harvey address is 7407 Huntridge Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, 4231.

MORGAN EXTENDS HIS THANKS TO BUDDIES

George A. Morgan, a former 47th Regt. G.I., writes Secretary Quinn at length on various matters. The address given is 240 Linnie Canal, Venice, Calif. The July 5 letter to Secretary Quinn, read in part as follows:

Dear Danny: First I want to thank all the wonderful men of the 9th for going to bat for me. As my case now stands I still receive 50 per cent compensation from the VA. They admit I am 100 per cent disabled but say only 50 per cent is due to traumatic arthritis of the spine and right hip, ignoring the rest of the body despite their own records showing I was hospitalized in Rhiems, France for pains traveling all over my body (arthritis). They now state my condition is so far advanced they can do nothing for me and my wife and children are supposed to take care of me, or put me in the domiciliary. After a couple of years in the Cavalry and almost five in the Ninth I do not intend to end up in an Old Soldiers' Home. I had to stop work completely in 1957. As the VA refuses to do anything my doctors are arranging for me to go to the UCLA Medical Center where the doctors said they do not know what they can do but they will do something. The VA has frozen my case until I produce additional evidence.

WRITES THE PRESIDENT

I was so dam mad I wrote to the President, my congressman, who referred my letters back to the VA. Also letters from Gen. Westmoreland, who like Gen. Smythe, stated it was almost impossible to keep accurate medical records due to the tremendous casualties. Remember I was on S.D. after Normandy and all over the area grabbing medication from whoever I could. Letters from Gen. Devers, and R. E. D. Hoyle, who trained and made the Division the great fighting unit it was. To the effect that I was in perfect condition and would not have been sent overseas otherwise. I just got Dr. Copleman's address out of The Octofoil and hope to contact him at the Reunion. He often told me I had arthritis and gave me pills that he hoped would work.

WORM'S EYE VIEW

Danny, if you could get hold of Langer and the rest of the Board and friends and discuss the possibility of publishing a book on the 9th from the worm's eye view of a dog-face from the fox holes in Africa and Sicily—that would really give a true picture of what really occurred. Excuse the language but I have read so much crap and falsification, I want to vomit.

Actually as a means of self therapy when leaving service and could not perform my work, having to take many days off cancelling contracts, etc., I would write when I could what would be considered as a factual novel. Most, if not all, is true. I'd change my own name and those of the no-goods so as not to affect their families. I found some old drawings that I could possibly touch up to illustrate the book and use the names of the good guys. There are publishing houses that pay much higher royalties when the original is paid for.

I would gladly share with the Division or Scholarship Fund whatever is proper as there are laws governing such situations. The Presidents, Prime Ministers, Generals, Colonels, etc., the General's General, Soldier's Soldier, etc., have all had their say. Wouldn't it be nice if we who fought the war gave our view?

As ever the indispensable private. —George A. Morgan.

(Ed's Note: Comrade Morgan might try talking to Brig. Gen. Ed Randle of the 47th or Sgt. Bill Kreye of the 39th if he wants to learn how tough it is to get one of these publishers to print a book unless they can see a potential sales of many thousands of copies more than the poor regimental or division writer could ever hope to be able to peddle.)

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Mr. J. C. Lynch Unable To Attend the Reunion

When Mr. J. C. Lynch is unable to attend a Reunion it always leaves those who did attend with the impression "something was missing."

Mr. Lynch's inability to attend the Boston Reunion caused that feeling, especially among former 39th men.

Mr. Lynch is the father of Capt. Paul Lynch who was killed in action while with the 39th regiment. The Gold Star Dad's present address is Mr. J. C. Lynch, 484 Crestwood Ave., Hackensack, N. J.

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These days it takes a raft of money to keep afloat.

MINUTES OF 22nd ANNUAL REUNION THE 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSN.

The 22nd Annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held at the Hotel Sheraton-Boston, Boston, Mass., on July 21, 1967. There being a quorum of 78 members present, President Emil Langer then called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. A moment of silence was observed for the departed men of the Ninth.

The President then called upon the Secretary, Daniel Quinn, to read the minutes of the 21st Reunion. Upon a motion duly made by Anthony Varone and seconded by Paul Walton, it was voted to: Accept the minutes of the 21st Annual Reunion as read and place same on file for the record.

TREASURER REPORT

Thomas Boyle, the Treasurer, was called upon for his report. Boyle gave the membership an outlined report on the income and expenses for the past year. He concluded with these remarks: "To the best of my knowledge, all bills and obligations incurred by this association for the year ended June 30, 1967 have been paid or settled. The Budget and Finance Committee of last year's Reunion are to be complimented for their judgment in setting the budget of this association. Also the Officers and the Board of Governors of this association are to be complimented on their administration of this association. It is my opinion and judgment that the Ninth Infantry Division Association is in excellent financial condition."

Upon a motion duly made by Ronald Murphy and seconded by Al Orletti it was voted to: Accept the treasurer's report. President Langer thanked Boyle for his report.

The President then called upon Walter O'Keeffe, Chairman of the Financial Committee. Walter named the following members who comprised his committee: Frank Ozart, Thomas Boyle, Elmer Wagner, Richard Wilson, Vincent Guglielmino and Richard Pestel.

Upon a motion duly made by John Boden and seconded by Dom Miele it was voted to: Accept the budget as submitted by the Finance and Budget Committee.

The budget for the year 1967-68:

Anticipated income:	
Dues	\$4,230.00
(includes sales \$200.00)	
Investments	1,444.00
Reunion	500.00
Cash on hand	1,671.09
Total	\$7,845.09
Anticipated expenditures:	
Octofoil:	
Printing and mailing	\$1,920.00
Editor's expenses	400.00

	\$2,320.00
Secretary's salary	\$ 600.00
Clerical expense	600.00
Postage and express	415.00
Supplies	160.00
Utilities	400.00
Secretary Expenses	350.00
Treasurer Expenses	250.00
Fidelity Bond	81.00
Fire insurance	38.00
Accountant	100.00
Society Security	24.76
Memorial Wreath	25.00
Reunion gratuities	100.00
Journal ad	25.00
Chapter commissions	500.00
Printing	194.00
Dues notice	100.00
Board of Governors	175.00
Misc. or petty cash	170.00
Flag and staffs	115.00
Total	\$6,742.76

President Langer thanked Walter O'Keeffe and his committee for their report.

William Andrews then named the following members who served on the Miscellaneous Committee: William Meadows, Herbert Olsen, Harry Orenstein, Daniel Adams, Nick D'Agostino and Gallus.

Andrews reported that the committee recommends the following:

1. That Reunion Committees have someone on hand to greet the early arrivals for the Reunion. Boston had Herb Olsen at the Hotel a day or two before hand to meet the people who arrived before the Reunion dates.

2. On Thursday evenings for the social events, perhaps coffee and cake could be added for those who do not indulge in the beer party.

3. The limitation of speeches at the banquet.

After a motion duly made by Harry Whalen and seconded by Al Cuprys, it was voted to:

Accept the Miscellaneous Committee's report and recommendations.

NEWSPAPER

Paul Keller, Chairman of the Newspaper Committee, named the following members who comprised his committee: Henry Shimkowski, Arthur Schmidt, Victor Butswinkus, John Bonkowski, Jack O'Shea, Paul

Walton and Paul Plunkett.

The committee recommends:

1. Increase by \$80.00 the expenses of the Octofoil so that a story may be printed throughout the year that was written by a member of the 39th Inf.

2. The use of a better grade of paper for The Octofoil.

3. A vote of thanks to Paul Plunkett, the Editor of The Octofoil, for a job well done.

After a motion duly made by Harrison Daysh and seconded by John Sabato it was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations of the committee and especially to increase the expenses by \$80, so the story will be printed. (This brings The Octofoil expenses up to \$2,000.00).

President Langer thanked Paul Keller and his committee for their report.

BYLAWS

Harrison Daysh, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, named the following members who comprised his committee: Frank Fazio, Richard Storey, Emil Langer, and Connie Matulis. Daysh reported that his committee had discussed the qualifications of membership into the association and the committee recommends that the present By-Laws of membership be contained. This limits the membership to men who served with the Ninth Infantry Division from 1940 to 1945. (2) Daysh also reported that his committee recommends that the Board of Governors select the sites of the reunions two years in advance and to look into the possibility of holding the reunions in a resort area instead of the city hotels.

After a motion duly made by Francis Maher and seconded by John Boden it was voted to: Accept the By-Law Committee report and recommendations.

CALL ON MURPHY

Ronald Murphy, Reunion Chairman, was called upon for a report of events. Ron briefed the members as to the attendance and events to take place. As in all reunions there seemed to be a mix-up on the room rates charged to the members so Ron asked to bring it to his or his committee's attention if the rates charged were not the same as those appearing in the Octofoil. President Langer thanked Ron Murphy for his report.

SCHOLARSHIP

John Clouser, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, was called upon for his report. Clouser named Frank Ozart and David Heller as members of this permanent committee. Clouser briefed the members as to how the awards are given, that the committee considers the applicant's academic ability and financial needs and of course that they are related to members of the Ninth Division. A total of \$2,500.00 will be awarded.

1. Daniel F. Brown
2. Maralyn Goldsmith
3. Audrey Griesbach
4. Philip C. Huber
5. Peggy Ann Nailor
6. Alan J. Wax
7. Stephen M. Westrick

Renewals:

1. Kathleen Cusack
2. Henry Friediger
3. Jeanne King
4. Vincent Lepore
5. Charles Martin
6. Barbara Ridzi
7. Sue Swanson
8. Ellen Wilson

The National Board of Governors at their meeting on April 29, 1967 had approved the selections and recommendations of the Scholarship Committee.

After a motion duly made by Mark Sciarapitta and seconded by Harry Orenstein, it was voted to: Accept the Scholarship Committee's report.

Francis Maher, Chairman of the Nominating Committee then named the following men who served on his committee: John Rizzo, Ed McGrath, Alfons Cuprys, Charles Koskie, John Snyder and Len Tomasone. Four outgoing Board members were to be replaced and the committee produced five names. After a motion made by George Whitney and seconded by Max Umansky, it was voted to: Accept the Committee's report and recommendation. Nominations were opened to the members from the floor and upon a motion duly made by Frank Fazio and seconded by John Boden it was voted to: Close nominations.

The following members were elected to the Board of Governors: Peter Cusack, Richard Pestel, John Rizzo, Richard Wilson.

After a motion made by George Apar and seconded by Harry Whalen, it was voted to: Adjourn at 3:40 P.M.

DANIEL QUINN,
National Secretary

A MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD MANY YEARS AGO



The above photo was sent to The Octofoil by E. W. Hopkins, 1922, Dewey Place, Jacksonville, Florida 32207. It shows General Manton Eddy looking over the gravesites in Sedjenane Valley, Tunisia in 1943 after a very sad Memorial Service held at the site.

MAHER GETS 150 ROOMS IN THE HOLIDAY INN FOR THOSE WHO ATTEND MEMORIAL SERVICES

No one will be carrying the banner all night in Worcester in 1967 who visit that city to participate in the Nov. 5 Memorial Services to be conducted by Father Ed Connors at Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove St., Worcester, Mass.

Additional details about the mass will be noted in Father Connors' letter to The Octofoil in which he comments on highlights of the Boston Reunion.

Franny Maher, 14 Davenport St., Worcester, Mass., always one of Father Ed's helpers in making a big success of the services, has contacted the Holiday Inn at Southbridge and Myrtle Sts., Worcester. He has secured the assurance of 150 rooms for former 9th people, their families and friends who will spend the week end in Worcester for the purpose of participating in the Mass.

The following notices were printed on small cards and passed out during the Boston Reunion:

23rd Annual Memorial Mass for the deceased of the 9th Infantry Division will be at the Immaculate Conception Church, Worcester, Mass. Sunday, November 5, 1967 at 10:15 a.m.

If you are interested in receiving

Better Grade Paper Will Be Used

Delegates to the Boston Convention accepted recommendations of the Newspaper Committee that a better grade of paper be used on which to print The Octofoil.

The Octofoil printers were contacted immediately and they advised that the grade which has been used for many years was on stock in the warehouse. To use the better grade for the current issue would cause a delay. Hence the same newsprint stock is being used for the current issue while the better grade paper stock is being ordered now for the next issue and all future issues.

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The Exotics Keep 'Em Rocking

The Octofoil is in receipt of a neatly printed business card, which advertises The Exotics—Steve, Rick, Craig, Mark, Randy, Bob and John. The John is John Netta, son of Louis and Julia Netta, of the Wilmington-Delaware Valley Chapter. The Exotics claim they furnish the best in Rock 'N Roll that can be obtained anywhere. John has promised The Octofoil an "Exotic" photo to be used in a future issue of The Octofoil.

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WILTON TAYLOR NEVER FORGETS OLD BUDDIES

It never fails. Just before Reunion time every year The Octofoil receives a nice letter and card with timely messages for the Reunion guests. The letters and cards are always sent by that rugged old 47th, Co. M man, Wilton Taylor, Stop 6, Star Route, Lost Hills, Calif. Naturally Taylor sends he and Juanita's best regards to all former 9th men and especially former 47th men. He also mentions of having seen recently Harold Russe, formerly of Co. D, 39th. Other former 9th men Taylor has seen or heard from in that oil producing part of the world includes Capt. Mott of the 39th, who is in Bakersfield, and Ed Crayton of 60th, who is a teacher at Bakersfield College! Loyd Wofford of the 15th Engrs., Co. B is with Mobil Oil at Belridge Lease.

Blackie Waldron, formerly of Co. E, 60th, is in Port Huron, Mich. part time and in Canada part time. The brother of Blackie—Art Waldron is with Mobil Oil at Lost Hills, Calif.

Taylor gives the dope on how any former 47th men who want to affiliate with the National Campers and Hikers Association to write 7172 Tourist Road, Buffalo, N. Y. 14221.

Taylor's affiliation with the group has subjected him to some interesting experiences in "high" places.

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Woodside Passed Away



BOB WOODSIDE
Bob's thousands of former 9th buddies from 'Frisco to Maine will be grieved to learn of his death. Read complete story in this issue of The Octofoil.

Bob Woodside's Death Mourned

The Ninth Division World was shocked when Mrs. Robert Woodside sent out the word that her husband, Bob, had passed away. Although it was a well known fact that Bob's condition was incurable the death news still carried the shock. Letters continue to come into the Octofoil from all parts of the country—old buddies who have just heard the sad news. Bob was a jeep driver in B Co., 60th Regt. He feared nothing. Being a driver he visited many areas other troops were unable to visit. He never failed to remember the buddies in the bivouac areas or on the front lines. As a matter of fact, one time after getting Capt. Henry Rigby safely back from the front lines through a barrage of 88s, Bob wheeled around and went right back through the same barrage to get a 5-gallon can of Vio buried on the front lines that his boys in Co. B wanted and needed.

The bereaved and devoted widow wrote the Octofoil on June 26, advising she had received a letter from the editor dated June 24 and Bob had passed away about 5 a.m. on that same day.

On June 15 Mrs. Woodside wrote that the many letters Bob received from his many old buddies kept his morale built up and he had her read and reread the letters over and over to him many, many times.

Bob Woodside showed up at Fort Bragg in January, 1941 and separated from the service in June, 1945. He had several citations, including the Bronze Star.

The couple were blessed with two children; 6 grandchildren and a brother of Rome, N. Y.

Bob Woodside was buried with full military honors in the Upstate New York area he loved so well—Rome to be exact.

The Octofoil joins with thousands of other buddies of Bob Woodside and extends to this fine family condolences in this hour of need when they have lost a real friend.

No obituary the Octofoil could write would ever replace the fine language used in one of the widow's letters, which read in part as follows:

"Once again I wish to thank everyone for the nice letters and cards Bob received. If it could be realized how he watched for the mail. He suffered so very much and never a word of complaint. He always worried about the other patients. He was a wonderful husband and father and leaves us with a feeling of great loss."

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THE NETTAS JUST KEEP ROLLING ON

The Octofoil is most appreciative of the beautiful cards being received from Louis and Julia Netta of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter. Since leaving the Boston Reunion this fine couple have sent cards from Niagara Falls, on their 22nd honeymoon. Later cards began to appear with Atlantic City, N. J. postmarks. They were debating whether the next stop would be Wildwood Beach or not.

The couple are most appreciative of small favors friends and buddies unconsciously extend.

Pictures the Nettas were showing in Boston included scenes of that "little boy" who used to come to all the Reunions with them. He had to stay home during the 1967 Reunion. The Band that he is with (he's a big boy now) was booked for every night and that's that.

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Harry Orenstein Submits Complete Breakdown On Reunion Activities

By **HARRY ORENSTEIN**,
640 East 139th Street
Bronx, N. Y. 10454
WE DEMONSTRATED OUR
LOYALTY

The Reunions keep getting better and better. There was again one of the largest attendance of men, women and children at the Boston Reunion that was held on July 20, 21 and 22, 1967. They demonstrated their loyalty to the 9th Infantry Division Association when they came from the states of New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Michigan, Ohio, Maryland and other states. No Reunion City was too near or far away for these men and their families of the 9th Infantry Division Association. The Reunion Committee deserves a great deal of credit for the selection of Baron Hugo's Orchestra. Their rendition of the songs was well appreciated by the audience.

Thursday Evening was the beer party and dance.

Friday Evening was dance night. Baron Hugo's Orchestra played the popular songs of a generation ago, just the kind of music you wanted to hear and also modern popular music. At one time there were about 100 men and women doing the Hoky Poky. For the finale of the evening the orchestra played a medley of patriotic songs. One of the 9th Division Men borrowed the American Flag and began marching to the patriotic tunes. Soon afterwards most of the audience proudly marched in back of the American Flag, smiling and in a happy mood as they continued marching back and forth, round and round until the conclusion of the medley of patriotic songs.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Saturday morning Memorial Services were held. There were GIs carrying the Army colors that was followed by a band. In back of the band there were a line of marchers, about four blocks long of men, women and children. Father Connors in his Memorial Services, recalled the route of the 9th Infantry Division and the Supreme Sacrifices they made. Father Connors asked us to pray for one another and to remember those we left behind and the men who have passed on since. Ralph Witzkin delivered the Memorial Services for the deceased men of the Jewish faith.

Shortly after the Memorial Services many of the men, women and children went on a bus tour.

BANQUET

Saturday evening was the banquet and dance. An excellent steak dinner was served. Harrison Daysh did an outstanding job as toastmaster in introducing the speakers. Father Connors' speech was interesting to listen to. Father Connors remarked that Memorial Services would be held in Worcester, Mass. on Sunday, Nov. 5, 1967 and also invited the 9th Infantry Division to attend his coffee shop (Father Connors' Coffee Shop) on Saturday evening, Nov. 4, 1967.

PROF. MURPHY??????

Professor Murphy, Dean of Comedy, was the guest speaker. He is known to the entertainment world as a psychiatrist. His humorous stories really had the audience in stitches.

It was announced that the 1968 Reunion would be held in Detroit in 1968.

Then followed several hours of dancing. Again Baron Hugo's Orchestra played lively music. From the many college songs played, the Holy Cross song received the greatest standing ovation. If you can picture a large banquet hall filled to capacity with the excitement of everyone cheering, waving, singing and shouting while the band played the Holy Cross song then you have an idea how the audience was enjoying the Reunion. It was the greatest display of enthusiasm this writer has seen at a Reunion.

For the finale again it was a medley of patriotic songs. Again one of the Ninth Infantry Division Association men carried the American Flag and began leading the parade. Spontaneously most of the audience began following the flag displaying their smiles as they proudly followed the flag back and forth, round and round. At the conclusion of the medley of patriotic songs it was one of the most enjoyable Reunions of all times.

STRICTLY Q.M. NOTES

Vincent Amore and Bill Ledwak have signed up to become members for three years with the 9th Infantry Division Association.

Sue Swanson, daughter of George Swanson, was awarded a 9th Division Scholarship. Congratulations, Sue. Good luck and keep up the good work. Bill Palady in his pre-reunion travels reported he had visited Joe Merchant, Ed Newton, Rene Tremblay, Bob Lorenson, Irvin Taylor and others. Palady said he hadn't

seen Merchant or Newton for 22 years. Some of the Q.M. also hadn't seen each other since the end of the war, were present at the Reunion.

FIRST TIME FOR ANDY

This was the first time that Andy Sinare was sober in the morning after an evening at the Reunion. Berasi, Abrams and Palady were glad to see Sinare. There was going to be no dull moment with Sinare around. Everett Tapp took a plane to reach the Reunion.

Charles Tingley and Tom Gray were seen chatting with the Q.M.s at different tables. A group at a table that included Palady, Genatossio, and D'Antuono were having a good time recalling names and details of their experiences. Jagling was in a good mood as he had sharp reflexes when conversing with the Q.M. The writer enjoyed his repartee. Charles Cheevers and the writer talked about his New York friends.

VISIT RUSSO

Friday afternoon a group of Q.M.s visited Joe Russo and his family at his house. We were sorry to know that Joe had injured his arm and would not be able to attend the Reunion. Joe was very disappointed that he would not be able to attend the Reunion since he had planned for a long time to be present. Joe—here's wishing you a speedy recovery.

VISIT RAY MIELE

On Saturday afternoon there was a group of Abrams, Tapp, Berasi, Robbins, Palady, Mr. and Mrs. Jones and the writer visiting Ray Miele and his wife at his house. Andy Milano joined us later. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Miele were chatting. With a little imagination you can visualize the Q.M.s sitting in a large dining room. The Q.M.s were in a talkative mood as they recalled the first Fort Bragg QM arrivals at Tent City, their training, the Carolina Maneuvers, baseball, movies, USO, air raids, cities, places where the Ninth Infantry Division made history, the cadre, cards, or you name it as it was probably mentioned. We spent several hours reminiscing at Miele's house. We deeply appreciated Ray Miele and his wife's hospitality and the delicious spaghetti dinner that was served to us.

The writer was gratified to see the unprecedented turnout of 9th QM and their families. Here is a list of the men, women and children who were at the Reunion:

Horace Abrams
Joe D'Antuono
Louis Genatossio
Harry Orenstein
Bill Palady
Everett Tapp
Edward Twigg
Gene Berasi and his two nephews,
Robert and Carl
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cheevers
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gray
Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Jones
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ledwak
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robbins
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sinare
Mr. and Mrs. John Jagling and
his two daughters, Frances and Catherine
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miele and his daughter, Terry
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tingley and his daughter, Barbara
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MCCORMICK'S DEATH WAS A GREAT SHOCK

It is my unpleasant duty to report that our former QM Commander, MR. J. G. MCCORMICK, passed away recently. The QMs were shocked when they heard the news at the Reunion. Mr. McCormick was well liked in the QM. As Company Commander Mr. McCormick had great responsibilities and he carried out those responsibilities very well. He was our Company Commander for a long time. We will always remember him. The men of the 9th QM send their most sincere condolences to his wife and family. Here is the address of the bereaved widow:

Mrs. J. G. McCormick,
516 Howell Lane,
Havertown, Pa.

Ed's Note: When the Association was struggling to become an organization, Comrade McCormick contributed many hours of valuable time in helping get their solid foothold that was a great help the Association being the kind of solid organization that it is today. The Octofoil personnel extends to Mrs. McCormick sympathy during her most trying hours.

Best regard to all. Hope you are all well at home. Sincerely yours,
HARRY ORENSTEIN.

The QM addresses are:
Bill Palady,
403 29th Street,
McKeesport, Pa.
Harry Orenstein,
640 East 139th Street,
Bronx, N. Y. 10454

THE CROSSKILLS VISIT OHIO'S CAPITAL CITY



Mr. and Mrs. Don Crosskill of Fremont, Ohio, recently spent a few days in Columbus, while Mrs. Crosskill attended a convention. Don came along for the ride. Although Mrs. Crosskill wasn't in the 9th Division with Don, she was with the WAVES during World War II and knows quite a few facts of life about the Armed Forces—and lets Don hear from her on special occasions. When this fine couple visited the home of Ohio Secretary Richard Pestel, Grove City, Ohio, near Columbus, Dick made them a present of two hand-made Octofoils to take back to Fremont with them. Mr. and Mrs. Crosskill and the two daughters live at 1120 Franklin St., Fremont, Ohio.

FATHER CONNORS' REPORT ON THE REUNION HIGHLIGHTS INTERESTING

(Editor's Note: It isn't very often a member of the Association is fortunate enough to receive a letter of any length from Father Ed Connors. And when one is received, it is a literary gem, a document worthy of preserving forever. The Octofoil has been fortunate enough since the Boston Reunion to receive one of those moderately lengthy letters from Father Connors which are so rare. To mutilate the letter by trying to edit it would be almost a sacrilege. The letter is being reprinted below verbatim. Father Connors describes highlights of the Reunion, and then calls attention to plans for this year's Memorial Services in the city of Worcester. For a real treat read the following letter):

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
353 Grove Street
WORCESTER 5, MASS.

July 25, 1967.

Mr. Paul S. Plunkett,
286 Zimpher St.,
Columbus, Ohio 43206

Dear Paul: It was good to be with the gang again—this time in Boston—Bean Town. I think that the Boston Chapter Committee did a fine job.

The Memorial Service was a highlight as usual—with large participation—and a good march. That's the only time I get to the front—in a parade. Thursday evening and Friday evening there was good fun, a fine orchestra, pleasant refreshment, and the best of company.

THRILLED BY DEMONSTRATION

Like so many others I was thrilled with what took place Friday evening. At the end of the evening the orchestra played military airs—and the dancing turned into marching—everybody was marching, including old man Connors. Suddenly—inspired it seemed—Al Geist of Chicago, grabbed the large American flag from the stage—and led the march around the ballroom. An electricity filled the room—and from frivolity the attitude of all changed to joyous reverence—grateful Americans marched around the ballroom, thrilled that we were Americans—thrilled as we followed the inspired Flag Bearer, Al Geist.

GREATEST EVER

To me that was the most impressive outburst of spontaneous patriotism I have ever witnessed. And I think that we were proud of one another, and grateful that the old NINTH had played a part in making that Flag a symbol of freedom and goodness. I did not intend to go into this lengthy description.

REMEMBER SUNDAY, NOV. 5

I wrote this—simply to remind you of our November date for our Memorial Mass and Service, Saturday, November 4, as usual the people of the parish will be honored to have the 9th Division men and their families and guests break bread with us—from 7 p.m. until midnight—at Connors Coffee Shop. Be sure that all have their evening meal with us—very good, and cheap, too—\$0.00. The Memorial Mass on Sunday,

November 5, is at 10:15 A.M. After the Mass there will be a brief Memorial Service at our 9th Division Memorial—outside the Church. As the last few years, Sunday dinner will be served at the Wauchussets Country Club. And my good friend, Franny Maher, will help with room reservations. His address, Francis K. Maher, 14 Davenport St., Worcester, Mass. Even though many must leave immediately after the Mass each year, we still have over 400 who remain for the Sunday dinner. This will be our 23rd Annual Memorial Mass—1945 to 1967. And each year I am amazed and deeply grateful that so many of our 9th Division men of all Faiths—and their families—gather on this occasion to remember gratefully and prayerfully our Beloved Dead. To me it is a striking evidence of the reverence of the Men of the NINTH.

LT. MALOOF WAS GREAT

Now that I have an ambitious pen in my hand, I would like to mention another impressive highlight. At the banquet, Saturday evening, at the Head Table we had a distinguished guest—Lt. Maloof and his wife. Lt. Maloof is a Ninth Division man—the new Ninth—recently returned from Vietnam—wounded in combat. When Lt. Maloof was introduced to the assembly, everyone rose as one to give this young man a thunderous ovation. After the dinner Lt. Maloof told me that he never saw anything like this—it was worth all the dangers and combat and wounds to come home to this terrific demonstration of appreciation. By the way, the Commander of the new Ninth must be a good man—General O'CONNOR—must be a relative.

WISH THERE WAS ANOTHER PAGE TO READ—Editor.

If you have had the patience to read this far, Paul—my best to you and Dick for your dedication to the Ninth—and I am sure that all would agree with me that nothing keeps the spirit and the memories of the Ninth alive more than the Octofoil. God bless you and thank you. Sincerely, Edward T. Connors.

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Mrs. Pandolfi Passed Away On April 12th

Louis Pandolfi attended the Boston Reunion, but he wasn't the same jolly Louis. His friends were all saddened to learn that Mrs. Pandolfi had passed away last April 12 after a three weeks' illness. Louis and Mrs. Pandolfi lived at 35 Hay Ave., Nutley, N. J. Louis is a former C Bty., 60th F.A. man.

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

Rome wasn't built in a day, nor was America built during a coffee break or a paid vacation.

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There's a new recipe for sponge cake—your borrow all the ingredients. (Nothing new about that.)

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You get no praise for what you're gonna do next week.

CLOUSER FILED COMPREHENSIVE ON HIS SCHOLARSHIP ACTIVITIES

The following report was submitted to the delegates attending the Boston Reunion by the Association's Scholarship Chairman, Past National Association President John Clouser of the Illinois Chapter:

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

April 29, 1967

The scholarship committee considered thirteen new applications and nine requests for renewal. Upon examination of the new applications, it was found that two did not send the complete information requested. One applicant did not list all the information requested on the financial statement, and one applicant is attending a school not recognized by the regional accrediting association.

The committee then considered the scholastic ability and the financial need of the other nine new applicants. In considering the financial need of the applicants, their choice of college was noted. The committee does not feel that we should subsidize the education of a student at an expensive and exclusive type university when there is opportunity to receive a good education at less expense.

The committee would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Danley F. Brown, Freehold, New York.

Son of George H. Brown, retired from the United States Army. He served in Co. A, 47th Inf., February to December, 1945, and in the 9th M.P. Platoon, January to December, 1946.

Vocational Goal: Research biologist.

Now attending Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica, New York.

Grant: \$100.00.

2. Maralyn Goldsmith — Floral Park, New York.

Daughter of Wilbert D. Goldsmith, a locksmith. He served in Co. E, 39th Inf., November, 1932 to December, 1944.

Vocational Goal: Elementary teacher.

Plans to attend Farmingdale State College, New York.

Grant: \$100.00.

3. Audrey Greisbach — Melrose, Massachusetts.

Daughter of William J. Griesbach, a real estate broker. He served in Hqs. Btry., 26th FA Bn. from February, 1941 to August, 1945.

Vocational Goal: Medical doctor.

Plans to attend Jackson College for Women, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts.

Grant: \$200.00.

4. Phillip C. Huber—Olean, New York.

Son of Harold W. Hubert, now deceased. He served in Sec. Btry., 26th F.A. Bn., July, 1941 to August, 1945.

Vocational Goal: Business administration.

Plans to attend Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio.

Grant: \$200.00.

5. Peggy Ann Nailor — Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

Daughter of Jacob S. Nailor III, a carpenter. He served as a member of the 9th M.P. Platoon from September, 1941 to July, 1945.

Vocational Goal: Elementary teacher.

Plans to attend Shippensburg State College, Pennsylvania.

Grant: \$100.00.

6. Alan J. Wax—Brooklyn, New York.

Son of Harry Wax, a butcher. He served in Hqs. Co., 2nd Bn., 39th Inf. from April, 1941 to June, 1945.

Vocational Goal: Dentist.

College unknown at present.

Grant: \$150.00.

7. Stephen M. Westrick, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Son of Maurice H. Westrick, a warehouse manager. He served with Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 60th Inf. from April, 1942 to June, 1945.

Vocational Goal: Business administration.

Plans to attend University of Cincinnati.

Grant: \$250.00.

The other two applicants were good students but they did not have as great a financial need.

The committee considered the nine requests for renewal. We recommend grants to be renewed to eight of the applicants for the amounts stated below:

1. Kathleen Cussack, \$100.00.

Salem State College, Massachusetts.

2. Henry Friediger, \$150.00.

Carnegie Tech, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

3. Jeanne King, \$100.00.

Cortland State University, New York.

4. Vincent Lepsore, \$150.00.

Manhattan College, New York.

5. Charles Martin, \$500.00.

Vanderbilt University Medical School.

6. Barbara Ridzi, \$125.00.

St. Joseph's College for Women, Brooklyn, New York.

7. Sue Swanson, \$150.00.

Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, Connecticut.

8. Ellen Wilson, \$125.00.

Mercyhurst College, Erie, Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted by the Scholarship Committee,

JOHN J. CLOUSER, Chairman

DAVID HELLER

FRANK OZART

BRIEF RESUME

For school year 1967-1968:

13 applications received.

2 not processed as information was incomplete.

4 not awarded.

1 attending institution not accredited.

3 financial need not sufficient.

7 awarded for total of \$1100.00.

9 reapplied

1 financial need not sufficient.

8 renewed awards for total of \$1,400.00.

Grand total of \$2,500.00 awarded.

Grants previous years:

1966, \$3,225.00.

1965, \$2,600.00.

1964, \$950.00.

1963, \$500.00.

1961, \$500.00 for two years.

Total, \$7,775.00.

\$2,500.00 this year—Grand total, \$10,275.00.

Committee presented recommendations to Board of Governors on April 29, 1967 in Pittsburgh.

Awards were presented at the banquet in Boston. Some of the recipients were present. For the first time more money could have been awarded had it been available.

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JOE EXPLAINS HOW "EASY" TO WORK ON COMMITTEES

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

Thank you, men of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. We of New England hope that you had an enjoyable time in Boston.

I am one of the millions in this country who never worked on a committee for any kind of an organization. The work involved was unknown. How a committee should be formed and how it should work was unknown. So as part of your education as it was mine, if you are asked to be on a committee of any kind for any affair, accept with pleasure. You will begin to know all of the pleasures and troubles connected with your affair.

Larry McLaughlin agreed to do three small tasks, get a band, arrange for the bus trip and serve on the menu committee. Sounds very simple. It was everything but simple. He had more trouble getting a definite "YES" than R. H. Macy has in getting a yes for their Santa parade.

MURPHY ON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Ronnie Murphy used up all of his annual leave in the Boston post office because he had to take days off to see this man or to keep that appointment.

Herb Olsen did the odd jobs. Everytime he turned around he thought of something else that had to be done and he did it. Those big directional signs were his idea. So were the name stickers and the colored board for each unit.

Tom Boyle wrote more letters to more people in a six months period than a corporation secretary would write in one year. Fran Maher and Bill Greisbach had many anxious moments before their programs were completed.

It was a great experience. You should try it when the convention comes to your city.

Bill Andrews, Earl Landon, John Murray, Bill Bongiorno and Jim Newton of our Fort Bragg days of Service Battery 26th F.A. signed the register.

I talked with a member of the Boston Fire Department. I told him how we had the band for our parade and how good they were. He said the band travels all over the country and that they receive much praise wherever they go. I would say that Larry got the best band for marching in this part of the land.

If we did anything that you did not like do not tell us but tell the Detroit Chapter so that they will not make the same mistake. In like manner if you liked any part of our program tell Detroit to repeat the register.

Next on our calendar . . . The Memorial Mass - - November 5 . . . Worcester. Sincerely, Joe McKenzie.

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Report Made On July 6th Meeting In New York City

(Editor's Note: The New York Chapter's Demon Reporter filed this report on July 14. He had all kind of plans. The plans were a crap shooter's delight—filled with if and when come bets. Maybe a trip to Montreal—maybe not—maybe a visit with some Co. B 15th Engr. buddies. Back to New York for mail—over to Philadelphia for a visit with relatives. Some day it will all come out—maybe.)

By ARTHUR RICHARD SCHMIDT,

69-20 69th Street

Glendale, Long Island, N. Y. 11227

President 4-7100, Ext. 11

HYacinth 7-3993

We had our regular monthly meeting on July 6 at the Hotel Statler Hilton, 7th Ave. and 32nd St., New York City. Considering the fact it was a hot July night it was nice to note a good attendance. We had about 40 present. It grieved the writer to leave the meeting shortly after adjournment and being unable to partake of Jack Scully's refreshments and beer. However, I was able to snag a corned beef sandwich and couple of doughnuts for my mother.

In the absence of George Apar, Chapter President Ralph Witzkin called for a moment of silence in honor of our departed buddies.

He asked Dominick Miele, Chapter Secretary, to read the minutes of the last meeting. They were accepted as read. It was reported that Herman Weinstein was a patient at New York VA Hospital, 23rd St. and 1st Ave., New York City. Weinstein's address is 221 Ten Eyck Walk, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11206.

GELMAN'S MOTHER DIES

It was also reported that Dave Gelman's mother had passed away on July 2. The membership express sympathy to Dave.

BIG SUCCESS

Frank Fazio reported that the picnic was the biggest success ever. He also reported that our Fall Dance plans have been completed, including the booking of the band. He asked for a publicity drive on the part of the membership so that a large attendance dance could be assured.

Walter O'Keefe reported that plans for the bus tour had to be canceled because of a lack of commitments (bus to the Reunion).

SCHOLARSHIP

There was some discussion on the scholarship program—on the possible admission in to the Association as members of the 9th Infantry Division men now fighting in Vietnam; and the preferences of the membership for the Reunion site in 1968. There was some discussion on the selection of a member of the New York Chapter for nomination to the National Board of Governors.

SCULLY WINS PRIZE

Jack Scully won the dark horse prize—a bottle of Scotch.

Dom Miele has some applications for postal jobs. He can furnish additional information.

NEW LOCATION

THE MEMBERSHIP VOTED TO HAVE THE SEPTEMBER MEETING AT THE 69TH REGIMENT ARMORY AT 26th ST. AND LEXINGTON AVE., NEW YORK CITY. Notices are in the mail.

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REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN CEMETERIES

Entrance gates for all National Cemeteries are kept open to visitors every day throughout the year from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the exception of Memorial Day when the hours are from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Because of its location in the Nation's Capital, the Arlington National Cemetery visiting hours are extended to 7 p.m. during the months of April through September.

Graves at time of interment may be decorated with wreaths, evergreens, cut flowers, or floral emblems of live or artificial growth left by the funeral party. Cut flowers may be placed at any time in the approved type container, authorized for permanent use in a National Cemetery. Wreaths or floral emblems—either live or artificial—with wire stands may be placed on the grave, provided the wire stand is more than two feet from the headstone and the wreath or floral emblem does not touch the headstone. These are removed after a reasonable length of time.

Memorial Day is observed at all National Cemeteries on May 30, or on the day following when May 30 falls on a Sunday. All graves are decorated with small flags, and the national flag is flown at half staff from sunrise until noon, and at full staff from noon until sunset.

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

FORMER 9TH MEN HOLD A PRIVATE REUNION



Three members of the U. S. Army's famed Ninth Infantry Division of World War II who served together in both war and peace held a Reunion recently in the office of their employer, the Hon. Henry C. Von Elm, receiver of taxes, town of Hempstead, Nassau County, Long Island, New York, recalling the campaigns that took them from North Africa to Berlin are: (l. to r.): Joseph Muti (Co. "H," 39th Regt.), and Past Commander of the J. Franklin Bell American Legion Post No. 81, Inwood, L. I., N. Y.; Raymond Horwitz (Co. "F," 47th Regt.), and Past Commander of the Lawrence Cedarhurst American Legion Post No. 39, and Joseph J. Devine (Co. "A," 60th Regt.), both past Commander of the Cathedral American Legion Post No. 1087, West Hempstead, L.I., N.Y., and past Nassau County American Legion Commander (1965-1966), L. I., N. Y., Department of New York.

Harveys Now Have the Itchy Feet For Reunions

Up until time for the 1966 Washington Reunion Charlie "Peter Rabbit" Harvey, 740 Huntridge Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45231, hadn't given much thought to 9th Infantry Division Association Reunions. Then he learned his old platoon leader and later company commander, Captain Henry Ribgy of Philadelphia, would attend, so Harvey with his pretty wife, Lorene, and daughter, Dianna, took off to see how his old company commander was getting along as a civilian.

Harvey was one of the smallest ammunition carriers for Heavy Weapons in Co. B of the 60th Regt. Quite frequently the load he carried was a bit larger than was Harvey. Captain Ribgy pinned that Peter Rabbit on to Harvey and it stuck. Thousands of former Ninth men become acquainted with Peter Rabbit and they all learned to love the likeable little cuss. But to mention C. R. Harvey to them they knew not of whom you spoke. Mention Peter Rabbit—"Oh, yes; everyone remembers."

Pictured in this issue of The Octofoil is a likeness of the Harvey family taken in Boston.

In a letter to Dick Pestel, Ohio Chapter Secretary, Peter Rabbit advises the family arrived back in Cincinnati as per schedule and he was back on the job with a budget made out for the next 12 months that has provisions made for the family to be among early arrivals at the 1968 Detroit, Mich. Reunion.

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Many TV sets are so old they are GREY and white.

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Conceit is God's gift to little men.

Father Connors' Speech Given Good Distribution

In August, 1966 The Octofoil printed a most inspirational talk that Father Ed Connors delivered to the Catholic War Veterans of America. The incident that prompted Father Ed to make the talk was this group of veterans had voted the Ninth's own Gen. William C. Westmoreland "the outstanding American" award, "Honor et Veritas." Since the general could not leave Vietnam to accept the award personally he had designated Father Ed as his proxy to accept the award. Father Connors' talk was a masterpiece.

Before the Boston Reunion some of the Association members had caused to be printed very neatly several hundred copies of the speech and were handing them out to the Reunion guests.

Those who were not in Boston but who received the August, 1966 Octofoil are asked to dig out that back number and read the speech of Father Connors over again. It can't be read too many times. Each time it is read new thoughts, new meanings come from the message that stick out like a sore thumb. It is truly a great document.

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

Many men don't approve of women wearing slacks—especially on windy days.

—PAY '68 DUES NOW!—

Home is a place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in.

—Pay '68 Dues NOW—

Gun powder is a black substance used to mark the boundaries of nations.

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New York Picnic Was Big Success

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The New York Chapter picnic was held this year at a new location—Roosevelt Park, Metuchen, N. J. near Menlo Park Shopping Center. Tickets were \$4 and children free. The event was a huge social and financial success. It seemed as though everyone chipped in to help make the picnic an enjoyable event.

PARTIAL LIST OF WORKERS

Following is a list of the chefs and assistants and other workers:

Jim Hayes, sausages; Joe Usechack, beer; Frank Fazio, beer; George Bako, beer; Frank Smyles, building fires for grills; Jerry Cosenza, Hot Dogs; Joe Montalchi and Marty Bree, Clams; Mrs. Frances Montalchi and Mrs. Joan Bree, Sausages and Hot Dogs; Ralph Witzkin, helping at food counters; Joe Montalchi and Marty Bree, Sausages and Hot Dogs; Leo Burdek, M Co. 39th, Hot Dogs and Hot Corn; Vincent Guglielmino, chopping up peppers; Mrs. Rizzo, Mrs. Strausner, Joe Caldaro, and Mrs. Bako, selling raffle tickets; Howard Boehm, Dominick Miele, selling admission tickets; John Rizzo, Dominick Miele and Joe Caldaro, calling out the winning numbers for the raffle tickets and distributing the prizes; they received an assist from Joe Montalchi, Frank Fazio, Al Munatore, Ralph Witzkin, Mike Gatto, Jack Scully, and Jerry Cosenza; Policing Detail: John Mutchko, who complained that he came to get some milk and wound up serving beer and soda; Mike Gatto, cole slaw, macaroni salad and potato sala; Al Munatore, beer; Daniel Quinn claimed to be the "Overseer"—a title he assumed to get out of doing the work. My apologies as usual if I have failed to mention the name of someone who performed a task.

PRIVATE REUNION

The following had a little reunion of their own: They were from Co. M, 47th and claimed to have opened the barracks at Fort Bragg, N. C.: Charlie Finelli, John Kraskowski, John DeSepio, John Davis, 1st Sgt. Mike Lavenia and Sante W. Devila. Mrs. Rizzo donated a spun gold flower pin as a raffle prize; Jerry Cosenza donated watermelons, and his wife donated several hand made ceramic ash trays; again my apologies if I have neglected my duties in not listing all the donors. The picnic was held in Grove 2, Sections 1 and 1A. The rest room facilities were a great improvement over those at our former picnic site. Also, there were rides, etc. to amuse the children which were not available at our other picnic site—a slide, swings, a rotating ride which was operated by leg power, etc.

HAD BALL DIAMOND

We also had the use of a ball field. Some of the food items not mentioned above were steak sandwiches and coffee, ice cream. Frank Fazio was handing out ice cream. The writer failed to identify those who were working at the sandwich grill or the coffee urn.

GOLD STAR PARENTS THERE

Mr. and Mrs. McInerney, Gold Star parents, were there. The writer's mother was present; also a cousin, Robert Bauman, from Philadelphia, with his wife and four children. He never misses on of these events. Because of the Philadelphia company the writer was unable to pickup his usual traveling companion, Adolph Wadalavage. Many come by bus—including Harry Orenstein.

Many of the members got off their diets before the day was over. Everyone who bought a ticket got his \$4 worth, even discounting the fact that children came in free.

Bill Kreye was there with his wife, mother and two children.

Mutchko advised that Al Ragos could not make it. It would be impossible to list names of all who attended the picnic. It might be said that all the regulars and numerous new faces were noticeable.

Next year's picnic should be in the same location with directions on how to reach the place being a bit more explicit. Some members encountered difficulty finding the proper entrance into the grounds.

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Wise Men Have Sed

Old salesmen never die. They just get out of commission.

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The girl who searches too long for a smart cookie is apt to wind up with a crumb.

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A tired wolf is a fellow who hopes she'll say no.

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A gentleman is a man who is always as nice as he sometimes is.

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MIELE FURNISHES A LIST OF AWARDS MADE AT THE PICNIC

The Octofoil has good old Dom Miele, secretary-treasurer of the Greater New York Chapter to thank for the list of prize donors and winners which was one of the outstanding features of the Chapter's most successful picnic. The list as furnished by Miele follows:

LIST OF PRIZES DONATED

Jerry Cosenza, 222 Clinton St., Linden, N. J., Co. A, 9th Medics Bn., donated the following prizes:

- 2 kerosene lamps
- 1 bushel of onions
- 3 buckets full with groceries
- 3 buckets full with sponges
- 3 ceramic piggy banks
- 1 ceramic platter
- 6 ceramic glove shaped ash trays
- 1 ceramic "swan" flower vase
- 2 ceramic baskets with flowers
- 3 lipstick cleaner sets
- 12 watermelons plus toys for kids

Dom Miele donated:

- 1 Foldaway travel bag
- 1 Autovisor and umbrella (combination)

John and Betty Rizzo donated:

- 1 lady's pin
- George Bakor donated: 1 bottle of wine
- Dan Quinn donated: 1 pepper grinder

PRIZE WINNERS

Mrs. Minuti—First prize, Gold watch with cameo back pendant.

Mrs. Whalen, 2nd prize—Gold pin.

These other prizes were picked by winners themselves:

- Mrs. Migan—Bucket full with groceries.
- Mrs. Caldaro—Bucket full with groceries
- Mrs. Bako—Bucket full with groceries
- Mrs. Holeczko—Beautiful pin

Mrs. Seip—Beautiful pin
Mrs. Abdalli—Beautiful cameo pin

Mrs. Albanese—Butterfly pin
Mr. Ciofalo—Spider pin
Mrs. Bako—Butterfly pin
Mrs. Fazio—Beautiful pin
Mrs. Guidone—Beautiful pin
Mrs. Russo Manno—Beautiful pin.
Mrs. Di Palma—Traveling case
Mrs. Bitucci—Bracelet
Mrs. Maccia—Ceramic swan plant
Mrs. Camico—Pepper grinder
Ralph Witzkin—Bottle of wine.
Mrs. Bako—Bucket of sponges
Mrs. Kreye—Bucket of sponges
Mrs. Langer—Bucket of sponges
Mrs. Shotta—Ceramic basket with plant

Mr. Di Pinto—Visor and umbrella set (for car)

Mrs. Giovannelli—Ceramic "glove" ash tray

Mrs. Boros—Ceramic "glove" ash tray

Mrs. Viverito—Ceramic "glove" ash tray

Mrs. McAndrews—Ceramic "glove" ash tray

Mrs. Munatore—Ceramic "glove" ash tray

Mrs. Bako—Ceramic plant

Mrs. Fitzgerald—Ceramic piggy bank

Mrs. Caldaro—Ceramic piggy bank

Miss Quinn (Dan's daughter)—Ceramic piggy bank

Mrs. Mutchko—Kerosene lamp

Mr. Ciofalo—Kerosene lamp

Mrs. Bako—Ceramic Candy dish

Mrs. Di Palma—Lipstick cleaners set

Mrs. Kreye—Lipstick cleaners set

Mrs. Hooker—Lipstick cleaners set.

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OHIO GANG PLAN A BIG TIME PARTY

JESSE DAVIS HOME FROM VIETNAM

The Ohio Chapter really has cause to stage a celebration for its members and many prospective members.

OCTOBER 27

The date has been set as Oct. 27. The location is 1422 Dyer Rd., Grove City, Ohio. That is the Pestel home-stand. Anyone coming into Columbus on Interstate 71 should take the Frank Rd. exit. Get on 104 South until they hit Dyer Road. Then turn right until they hit 1422. The place will be easily located. Barns for miles around have huge Pepsi Cola signs painted on them. At least that's what the telephone company told Dick Pestel they were after Poor Richard had labored for weeks getting those perfect Octofoils on the barns.

The date is Sunday, October 27. Jesse Davis, Jr. is home with his parents at Hebron, Ohio, but will have to return for active duty a few days after Oct. 27. The members have been looking forward for Davis' return to Ohio and don't want to miss seeing the lad and talking with him. Many of them are hurrying back from the National VFW Convention in New Orleans in order to see young Davis and attend the picnic and breaking bread with many other old buddies who have not been seen in quite some time.

KELLER PRESIDENT

Another reason for this Oct. 27 celebration—a member of the Ohio Chapter—Paul D. Keller, is now the National President of the 9th Infantry Division Association—Dick Pestel was again elected to the National Board of Governors. With all these honors bestowed on Ohio—the officers and hard core members just have to get busy and sign up many new members and make a good record for others to shoot at.

PESTEL ELECTED

Another Ohio Chapter member who was honored at the Boston Reunion was Ohio Chapter Secretary Richard Pestel, Columbus. Dick was elected again to serve a three-year term on the National Board of Governors.

TIPPIE STILL IN

The Ladies' Auxiliary re-elected Tippi Plunkett of the Ohio Chapter as the National Secretary-Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary—while Paul will edit the Octofoil for another year.

To top all this off—Detroit, Mich. will be the host convention city next year. All members of the Ohio Chapter can afford to visit Detroit for the 1968 Reunion.

There will be plenty of refreshments for everyone at the picnic—on the house. Just pack a few sandwiches and come on out. Plenty of room for the youngsters to run and play. All roads lead to 1422 Dyer Rd., Grove City, Ohio—on Sunday, August 27, from 12 noon right on up until God knows when!

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Barbara In Another Pose



Pictured above is another pose of The Octofoil's little Long Island sweetheart "poetess," Barbara Muller. It was just too hard a job to determine which of the photos did proper justice to our Barbara—the result being both were used. The other photo appeared in a recent issue. Anyway, she's a little gem—that's for sure.

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FUNNY BONE TICKLERS—

Some men in younger days tried everything—candy, flowers, furs, jewelry—they all worked.

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Today, the girls just like the girl who married dear old dad would know better.

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Mini skirts make it a lot easier for gals to get up stares.

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A woman looks as old as a man feels.

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No, no, Lulu—"vice versa" does not mean dirty poems.

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Teacher: "What happened in 1492?"

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Tenement Kid: "Don't ask me. We live in the basement."

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Reasons that sound good are not all good, sound reasons.

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Too many cutting remarks can chop down the strongest friendship.

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To be the "man of the hour," you must make every minute count.

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Strange names are given race horses—especially when they lose.

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PAT CULLETTIN DIGS DEEP INTO GERMAN SOIL



Pat Culletin, 102 Pennsylvania Ave., Cherry Hill, N. J., forwarded the above photo to the Octofoil. It shows Pat and a couple of his old buddies on a detail in Germany during the year 1945. Pat says the two boys with him were awfully good friends and buddies and he just can't remember their names. Anyone who sees this picture and can identify the two buddies Pat would certainly appreciate it. He wants to write them at once.

VIETNAM NINTH MEN ARE SHOOTING AT CHARLIE FROM MINI-SIZE RIVER BOATS

Newsweek magazine recently had an article on page 33 that explained a new phase in Infantry troop fighting—and the story pertained to the new Ninth Infantry Division. A few excerpts from the article read as follows:

THE RIVER WAR

Not since the Mississippi flotilla was deployed to fight the Civil War battles of Vicksburg and Shiloh had the U. S. Army found use for an assault force designed especially for river warfare. But the war in Vietnam has seen the revival of many tactics and weapons of earlier days. The force was called "River Assault Flotilla One," and its overall mission was to root out the Viet Cong from the river and swampland south of Saigon.

... The river-assault force was a strong and mobile one. Its six shabby sandbagged barges, each carrying two 105-millimeter howitzers, were towed in and anchored in the river to provide artillery support. The troops were elements of the Ninth Division that had been detached from the infantry's traditional land base to live aboard the two huge Navy barracks ships which provide their floating bases.

ATTACK

Capt. Robert L. Reeves, 25, of Roswell, Ga., was leading his 9th Division men across a wide stretch of water 10 inches deep and bordered on each side by ominous mangroves. The men did not move in along the edge of the palms because that is where the Viet Cong usually plant their booby traps. Instead, they headed across the open field, then toward one of the banks of mangrove. When 100 yards from the trees, the Viet Cong opened up.

DOM MIELE KEEPS CLOSE TAB ON THE NEW NINTH'S FIELD ACHIEVEMENTS

The Octofoil is indebted to Dom Miele, Secretary-Treasurer of the Greater New York Chapter, for the many interesting clippings he saves and sends to The Octofoil that pertain to the experiences of the Vietnam Ninth Division. Dom writes:

"Every time I read an article in the papers pertaining to the Ninth Division in Vietnam I feel as though I am in it again."

Just a few lines from one of the newspaper clippings Dom sent to the Octofoil reads:

"Aboard a barracks ship in Mekong Delta, July 2, Pfc. Raymond E. Gary, a Nassau County medic, had just raced through a hail of bullets and skidded into a ditch on his way to a wounded GI when he found another man next to him had slumped over with a bullet in his chest.

"Gary, 23, of Bethpage, L. I., was part of a 9th Division force which stormed ashore in an operation utilizing barracks ships for the first time in combat since the American Civil War."

Another clipping Dom sent in is a hair-raising midnight experience a Bronx lad, Robert Savino, experienced about midnight at a spot called Bear Cat in South Vietnam.

Still another 9th lad from Brooklyn, named John Richardson was located by Joseph Fried a special cor-

respondent of The News and wrote a long article about John's escapade. A few of the highlights are extracted and read:

Aboard a Barrack Ship in Mekong Delta on July 4.—Specialist 4-C John Richardson of Brooklyn beamed with relief as he heard the whirl of the armed helicopter approaching his pinned down unit in the soggy rice-field. Seconds later, his relief turned to dread.

"The chopper gunner misjudged the target," Richardson said, and opened up too early. His path of fire took him directly over me."

Richardson, 20, son of Mrs. Margaret Richardson of 858 Ames Lane, Brooklyn, was in the lead platoon of "A" Co. troops sweeping the banks of the Raeh Nuiriver. He and his buddies of the U. S. 9th Division went into battle in the backdrop of an American Civil War setting."

Thanks, Dom. To read these hair-raising narratives does give a guy a feeling of being over there dodging sniper's bullets and occasional 88s again.

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A bachelor is a rolling stone that has gathered no boss.

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A guy that can read women like a book usually likes to read in bed.

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WALTON HAS A CONVOY READY

The Sage of North Georgia, the Hon. Paul H. Walton, Rt. 7, Old Dalton Rd., Rome, Ga., 300161, had hardly put his foot of any of Georgia's terra firm before he shot in a newsy letter to the Octofoil. He's already making great plans to help Detroit make the 1968 Reunion one helluva big success.

Doc and the members of his crew took six rolls of black and white films while in Boston that will be submitted to The Octofoil for use in its columns. All members are asked to make particular pains to send black and white prints in for publication. Several color prints in this issue are very unsatisfactory. They just will not reproduce.

RED WILSON IN ON DEAL

Red Wilson, an old 9th Med., and Walton have laid the ground work for a convoy to Detroit. Red is from Star Route, Canal Point, Fla. Former Ninth men will be picked up all along the route. One night the convoy will bivouac on Dick Pestel's Farm, near Columbus. Doc has already advised Pestel how many latrines he wants dug and how deep.

LOCATE BROCK

Doc and Bill sauntered down the pike a way and spotted one of Rex Ford's old buddies — Earnest H. Brock, former H Co. 39th Inf. man. Earnest and his wife, Vaundell, have three youngsters, two boys, Rickey, 16; Dyt, 14, and a daughter, Lela, 4. The first thing Brock noticed on the Reunion Booster Book Pages was the name of his old Commanding Officer, Albert C. Geist (Big Al) of the Chicago Chapter. Earnest wants any and all former 9th men driving his way to always stop in. He runs a country store. You take 41 South at Dalton, go south eight miles and ask anyone. He's been there for 20 years. Also operates a well known horse trading center in the same area. To get back on I-75 it is only about five miles south of Earnest's place.

Just before the Boston Reunion, but received too late for the last issue of The Octofoil a letter was received from Walton that had a bit of news. But he has probably relayed all that orally to the conventioners.

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ROULETTE

"Nuclear Roulette is the newest thrill game."

"Tell me about it, dad."

"Six trucks carry atom bombs through New York City—and one of them has a woman driver!"

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"EXPECTING" AND HOLDING 25th ANNIVERSARY



WALTER VICTOR and his lovely wife. Not many members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association cut a slice from their 25th wedding anniversary cake while they are expecting an addition to the family circle. But that is the situation at the Walter Victor home, 2745 Dodson Lee Drive, East Point, Ga. 30044 (suburbs of Atlanta). That's why Walter wasn't darting in and around tables taking pictures in Boston.

VIET CONG HERO COMES BACK — OR DOES HE?—STRANGE ANTICS...

BUT PROPAGANDA SHOW FALLS FLAT

By PETER ARNETT

KIM SON, Vietnam.—(AP)—The homecoming of the "dead" Viet Cong hero was elaborately staged recently except for the final detail. It was the wrong home.

As scores of Vietnamese villagers looked on and 35 foreign newsmen sweltered in the hot Mekong Delta sun, the latest round in the propaganda battle between North and South Vietnam unfolded. It proved a zero for the Saigon government.

THE OBJECT of the homecoming was to produce before his fellow villagers a Viet Cong prisoner whom the Communist propaganda apparatus has built into a legend.

According to the Communists, young Nguyen Van Be died valiantly last May after exploding a mine against an American tank, killing 69 U. S. troops and destroying three armored vehicles.

The Saigon government discovered late last year that this same Nguyen Van Be was actually a prisoner in a Mekong Delta jail. The counterpropaganda machinery started to roll.

AFTER HE WAS produced at a Saigon news conference, Radio Hanoi and Communist newspapers charged that their hero was indeed dead and that Saigon was resorting to "trickish stratagem."

The Communists challenged Saigon to produce Be before his own people in his own hamlet. Saigon accepted the challenge.

Just after dawn, four companies of infantry from the U. S. 9th Division deployed around the eastern part of Kim Son village, some moving in on foot, others by helicopter. Vietnamese troops zeroed in along the Mekong River banks, and eventually 1000 troops had surrounded the eastern section of the village.

WHILE MORE than 100 villagers awaited the arrival of Be, they were treated to a song and dance show by a Vietnamese psychological war team and drank fruit drinks provided by the 9th Division.

Reporters, photographers and television crews arrived just before noon. They had not been informed of the nature of the exercise until the helicopter was airborne.

With the stage set, Hero Nguyen Van Be arrived by helicopter. at midday with his parents and young brothers.

THE VILLAGERS were aware of the existence of Hero Be, both from Viet Cong propaganda and the Saigon government's refutation of his deeds.

Young Be, dressed in a white shirt and black slacks mounted a platform.

"I am glad to be home amongst you. I am not dead," Be told the villagers in Vietnamese.

BUT BE and the villagers looked somewhat puzzled.

Finally a newsman asked Be how many of the villagers he recognized.

"None," said Be.

VILLAGERS who knew Be were asked to stand up. Nobody stood. The covey of psychological warfare specialists, both American and Vietnamese, began looking concerned. Then they consulted maps.

Hero Be had actually lived in another hamlet, nearly 2.5 miles away. The troops had not gone through this area which was Viet Cong controlled. In fact, no roads led to the region.

THE COMMANDER of the 9th Division unit, Col. William B. Fulton, said it would take five hours to secure the real hamlet.

The psychological warfare officials suggested that the mistake was made by Hero Be himself. They said he had never before seen a map.

A HELICOPTER was summoned and Be was flown off to Saigon.

The villagers, looking bewildered, were permitted to go back to their homes.

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Doc Walton Loses Out

The Rome Legion Post evidently stacked the ballot boxes on election day because when the ballots were counted the ungrateful cusses had Doc's name on the losing side for the job The Octofoil was so sure he would be honored with. He's getting too many grandchildren to be worrying about Legion politics. Another one arrived on the night of the election—Susan Mechel Wagner.

News on the vegetable supply from the Walton garden spot is encouraging. Keep up the good work until Detroit Reunion dates, Doc. Opening of that Reunion won't be official until you get there!

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THOSE BRITISH

A leading British psychiatrist announced that American wives are hostile, aggressive and domineering.

An American housewife visiting in London called on the guy and told him he was a liar, then she give him a punch in the nose.

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One Hundred years ago (1867) Alaska was purchased from Russia by the United States for \$7,200,000 in gold.

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