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# THE OCTOFOIL

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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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## ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY!

### Old Gal Still There To Greet You



STATUE OF LIBERTY. Guarding the entrance to New York harbor, "Bartholdi's Mother" (Sculptor August Bartholdi's mother was the model) is lower Manhattan's most famous sightseeing attraction.

### Smythe Family Express Thanks

Lt. Col. John D. Smythe, the son of the late General George Smythe, has sent a letter to the Association in which he expressed thanks for the many letters of sympathy that were received by his mother, Mrs. George W. Smythe.

The Colonel wrote as follows: "On behalf of my mother, Mrs. George W. Smythe, I want to acknowledge and thank the 9th Division Association for their letters of sympathy concerning

General Smythe's death. Your letters and those from Mr. Herbert Olsen, Association President, and Mrs. Paul Plunkett, Women's Auxiliary, were very thoughtful and appreciated.

Many of the letters of sympathy from his comrades highlighted his wartime service in the 47th Infantry from Sicily through Ramagan. He was very proud of the men of the 47th Infantry and always spoke with pride of the accomplishments the Regiment

contributed to the success of the Division.

As an aside, the OCTOFOIL which highlighted my father's career was handed to me in Vietnam by General Frank Gunn. At that time, I was CO of the 3d Bn, 39th Inf. and General Gunn was the Assistant Division Commander of the "Old Reliables."

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### Reunion Will Bring Back Many Memories

It seems like it was only yesterday when the Association held its first reunion in New York City. However, a quick glance at the calendar brings us back to reality and the realization that it took place a quarter of a century ago. In 1946 the agenda for the bull sessions were confined to tall tales about our war time experiences, now after twenty-four reunions they have been expanded to include tall tales about our exploits at past reunions.

#### MEMORIES

Twenty-four reunions add up to a lot of memories. Memories of good times and great events that took place in Columbus, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit, New York, Springfield, Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh, and Fort Bragg. Many of the events that transpired at these reunions will never be forgotten - the solemn moment at Arlington National Cemetery when the Association placed a plaque at The Tomb of The Unknown Soldier - the demonstration parachute jump at Ft. Bragg when a former "Old Reliable," Major Duncan, unfurled the Ninth Division Colors as he drifted down in his chute and upon hitting the ground presented them to General Randel his old regimental commander - the stirring moment at Boston when everyone rose to their feet and marched around the ballroom behind the American flag - the Memorial Mass in the Vatican Pavilion at the New York World Fair - the reception and tea at the Governor's Mansion in Springfield - at Pittsburgh the thrill of meeting an old comrade in arms who has risen to the top spot in the Army - in every city, the crowds that lined the streets to watch the Association parade to the Memorial Services. These and many other great memories will be recalled and relived when the Association gathers in New York to celebrate its Silver Anniversary Reunion.

obtaining their college degrees. This record of achievement began twenty-five years ago at the first reunion in New York City. Now once again we are meeting in that great city and we hope that this approaching reunion will mark the start of another twenty-five years of notable achievements.

#### U. N. TRIP

The itinerary of almost every visitor to New York includes a trip to the United Nations. This world famous organization is housed in a beautiful building located in an enclave on the East River. For the past two decades some of the most important international discussions have taken place within its confines. A guided tour of the United Nations is one of the events that the committee has arranged for guests at our reunion. The United Nations is a city within a city and you can spend hours going through its many interesting exhibits.

When drawing up the plans for this reunion the committee didn't forget about the merry making. Their schedule for the evening events includes plenty of good entertainment and refreshments. Members who attended the last reunion in New York will recall the wonderful music that was provided by Pete Mezzapelle and his crew. Pete will be back again this year and his group is greater than ever. Pete is a former Ninth Division man and he will be looking forward to seeing many of his old buddies.

#### A GREAT RECORD

The Silver Anniversary Reunion will be recorded as an important chapter in the annals of the Association because it will demonstrate that the "Old Reliables" have been faithful to the pledge they made when the Association was founded in war torn Germany. For twenty-five years we have perpetuated the memory of our fallen comrades, for a quarter of a century we have kept alive the esprit de corps of the division, and through our scholarship program we have assisted many young people in

#### COME ONE-COME ALL

Anniversaries are usually occasions for the entire family to get together to celebrate the happy event. Let's make the 1970 Reunion a family get-together for the members of the Association. Remember that first reunion in the Hotel New Yorker, the place was so full of "Old Reliables" that it resembled the Town Pump on payday night. We hope that this year's reunion will be a repetition of that first one.

SEE YOU IN NEW YORK ON JULY 23, 24, and 25, 1970.

**THE OCTOFOIL**

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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 spirit 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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### REPORTS FROM THE FIELD ARTILLERY

Joe McKenzie covers the 26th Field Artillery and New England beat for the "Octofoil." He makes sure that we are kept apprised of the activities that take place in these two sectors. His most recent message to headquarters follows:

Happy New Year. May each member of this great organization, his family and his parents enjoy a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

The year 1969 ended in sadness for the family of Carl F. Lucas. He died two days before Christmas. Carl was one of those original draftees from New England to Ft. Bragg and Service Battery 26FA. He was with Service Battery all of the way until June '45. Men of the Quartermaster will remember Carl because he was the one from 26FA, Bn. who bothered them every day for more rations and more equipment.

Again this year the U. S. Mail Service brought many cheerful greetings to the McKenzie maison. Thank you, men of the Ninth and especially Service 26FA for taking a few minutes of your time during the busy holiday season to send a "Merry Christmas" to us.

Paul Griffin added a note to say that he is working for Firestone at Ravena Arsenal where he handles safety and security. He works six days a week. That is rough after 21 years of army life.

Ross Kepple has been in the V. A. Center, Wadsworth, Kansas for almost one year. He expects to return to Quincy, Illinois about March 1st.

Dick Hill has had a troublesome year. Things are better now and he has settled down to enjoy a new life with his son.

Christmas greetings were received from Dr. Burton L. Forbes, Everett Grigsby, Mrs. Harold Huber, Ed. Kral, Joe Bolow, Johnny Earnhardt, Red Truscello, Joe Albanese, Bill Andrews, Louie England, Harold Wallace, Paul Griffin, Blitz, Elbert Turner, Dick Malone, Earl Landon, Cecil Williamson, Mac Hurn, Bob Porter, Mrs. George Wilkinson, Fred Keyes, Arnold Leach, Jerry Langer, Carlo Natalini, Bill Bongiorno, Joe Mosier, Jim Daniels, Roy Cortese, Elmer Roscoe, Paul Fribush, Pergi, Jim Boyle, Dick Hill and John T. McColgan. How many of those men do you remember.

Cards were also received from Walter O'Keefe, Ches Mischler, Ernest Spear, John Clouser, Tom Boyle, Dick Robers, Bob Rumenapp, John Rizzo and Tony Salton. These are more of the good men of the Ninth you meet when you attend our national conventions.

The next events on the calendar are the national convention this summer in New York City and a trip to Europe. What plans are you making to make our efforts a whopping success.

Statistics show there are more TVs in the U. S. than bathtubs. Guess the commercials aren't quite long enough to permit taking a bath.

**Remember  
The Dates  
July 23rd - 25th**

**NEW YORK  
REUNION  
1970**

### NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASS'N. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, *Natl. Secretary*, 9th Infantry Division Assn.,  
412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N.J. 07087

Enclosed please find 1970 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

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP ..... \$50.00

Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund .....

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

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(Pictorial History of 9th Division in action.)

Ladies' Auxiliary Member ..... \$ 1.50

Combat Route Map ..... \$ .50

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

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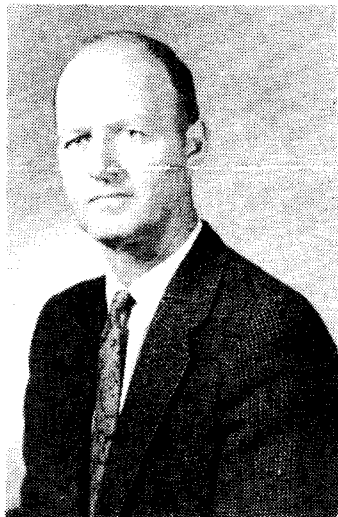
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### OUR MAN IN EUROPE



arranging tours in and around Liege, for our group.

**Accepting Reservations**  
George Fraenkel "chief cook and bottle" washer for the tour is also busy writing to the Mayors of the different cities we will visit telling them of our plans. He informed us to continue accepting reservations for the trip and the way our members are still writing in to get in on the "wait list," we may have to charter the new Boeing 747 (368 passengers) to accommodate the crowd.

**Travelers Guide**  
It's been a long time since we've had "shots" but the gang will soon be hitting the "Medics" for their inoculations before the trip. A letter sent to the travelers informed them how to get a passport, what inoculations to receive, what clothes are best suited for traveling (no leggings and helmets this time) and of course what amount of money to take along - the big spenders know who they are.

**Invasion Commander**  
Our Commanding Officer for this invasion will be Colonel (Westy promoted him last Summer at the reunion) Rev. Edward Connors - just as long as he doesn't want to pilot the plane, we'll be in good Command.

Scotty Hirst, 60th Infantry, our foreign correspondent living in Wiesbaden, Germany is a busy fellow these days but has taken on the extra job of assisting with the plans for our visit to the ETO.

**Liaison Men**  
He has dispatched a note to our "Belgian liaison men in Liege" and again cautioned them on not being too "expansive" but in being prompt and fulfilling in their desire to renew acquaintances with the "Legions of Elsenborn." His friends are

Question - I am receiving disability compensation for a one hundred percent service-connected disability. I have an unmarried twenty-year-old daughter who has decided to return to school. She desires to become a teacher. Will she be considered my dependent for compensation purposes?

Answer - Yes. As a veteran with the disability you describe, you would be eligible for additional compensation for this daughter. The Veterans Administration considers children more than eighteen years of age but not twenty-three years to be dependent, if that child remains in school. The school must certify to VA that the child is in school on VA Form 21-674, "Request for Approval of School Attendance." Your daughter may also be eligible for educational benefits as a child of a

totally disabled veteran. I suggest that you contact the VA regional office nearest you for further information.

### Victor to photo E.T.O. Trip

Walter Victor of 2745 Dodson Lee Drive, East Point, Georgia, our official photographer at all reunions, will be on the trip this summer to the E.T.O. and will photo the gang from start to finish. He has written to several magazines and they are very interested in his project. Vic is always trying to get the old outfit a little publicity and we appreciate his efforts.

### GOOD TIME GUARANTEED

Plans for the coming reunion are in the hands of a capable crew. Co-chairmen Emil Langer and Frank Fazio have been putting in long hours on the arrangements. They are determined that everyone attending the reunion will have a good time. Reunion headquarters will be located at the Hotel Commodore, a location that will put you in the heart of the city. The room rates, listed in another part of the paper, are very reasonable and include a bonus - a free full course breakfast in one of the hotel's dining rooms. Every room is spacious and air conditioned.

Real Estate agent: "Now here is a house without a flaw."  
Harvard graduate: "Goodness, what do you walk on?"

### EARLY BIRD

Last year among the new members who joined the Association was Reuben A. Hunt, G Co. 47th, of Cleveland, Ohio. Reuben was one of the first men to be assigned to the Division when it was formed at Fort Bragg. He seems to make it a habit of being first; this year he was the first man to send in an ad for the Reunion Journal. Reuben took a half-page ad in the Journal and we hope that many other members will follow his good example and take an ad in this publication.

### Tip of the Hat

Many thanks to the following members who remembered the Memorial Fund: Glenn Shaw, John Thornton, General Louis Craig and Chaplain Kines.

### 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 1970 dues. Please mail my membership card to—

Name .....

Street .....

City ..... State .....

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

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

Make checks or money orders payable to Ninth Infantry Division Association. Mail to Secretary-Treasurer Tippie Plunkett, 286 Zimpfer St., Columbus, Ohio 43206. A 1970 countersigned membership card will be sent immediately.

# THE PAWNS OF WAR

This is the ninth installment of Bill Kreye's story of the 39th Infantry from the days in Fort Bragg till the end of the War in Germany - the years 1941 to 1945.

No story of the 39th Infantry Regiment could ever be told nor completed during World War II without a few words about Colonel HARRY A. "PADDY" FLINT. There could be many books written about this man alone. He took over the command of the 39th Infantry Regiment just before Troina. The 1st Battalion of the 39th had been relieved momentarily in the sector. As we returned to the rear with columns of men on each side of the road, there stood some figure in the middle of the road. His black scarf wrapped around his shoulders, the silver eagle on the front of his helmet, he wore high boots as if he had returned from horseback riding, there was "PADDY" clapping his hands.

He looked at each individual soldier with a high praise in his eyes as they passed him by. He had a broad grin on his ruddy face and he kept on clapping his hands as if he had enjoyed a great performance. It was "PADDY" who would hug every private in the outfit and every lieutenant would get a chewing out. It was "PADDY" who gave the 39th Infantry Regiment its famed motto, AAA-O (Anything, Anywhere, Anytime, Bar Nothing). It would become a tradition that would never be forgotten.

It was just about this time too, that every man in the 39th painted with white paint the AAA-O on the sides of his helmet. It was worn by the soldiers in battle where the equally proud insignia of the 9th Infantry Division, "the Octofoil" was not. The inspiration of this man was so tremendous that the meaning of the motto came true. The 39th would do "Anything," go "Anywhere," "Anytime," it was called upon regardless of the size of the enemy (Bar Nothing). "Hit don't make no difference," PADDY used to say.

Most of the time PADDY just wore an old sweatshirt, a pair of G.I. pants, a helmet with or without an inside liner, a pair of G.I. shoes and a pistol (not two pearl handled ones but an ordinary 45) in a holster with usually his right hand grasping it. PADDY went right down to see General MANTON S. EDDY, who was commanding the 9th Infantry Division, and as EDDY was in a huddle with other staff officers, PADDY barged right in.

"General EDDY, I'm the commander of the 39th Infantry. I'm a fighting man and don't forget it. If you want anything out of my regiment just come to me with it and I'll handle it." Then he walked away to find the 39th Regiment and General EDDY bewildered said to his staff officers, "Who was that?" Some of the staff officers had known PADDY FLINT and explained that to the general.

PADDY found the 39th Regiment and told the operations officer to summon the regiment together. The operation's officer was also bewildered and inquired who he was. "I'm PADDY FLINT and I'm commanding this regiment." When the regiment



GENERAL EDDY decorates LT. COL. MICHAEL B. KAUFFMAN, CO 2nd Bn., 60th Inf., in square in front of cathedral, Cefalù, Sicily, September 1943.

assembled, these words were spoken again, "I'm not here to command you, I'm here to lead you. What's good enough for me is good enough for you. Hit don't make no difference. And, one more thing," PADDY stated, "I got a motto and its going to be your motto, too, and you're going to like it. That motto is 'Anything, Anytime, Anywhere, bar none (AAA-O)'. Tomorrow at six o'clock I want to see that motto painted on every helmet in the outfit."

Up till now there had been many false rumors and stories spread around about how badly the 39th regiment had performed before "PADDY" FLINT had arrived to command the outfit. It was true that the 39th had made some mistakes but it had fought very bravely and so gallantly through the past campaigns. However, "PADDY" would add more spirit to the unit which would usually accomplish the impossible.

It was told that PADDY FLINT was 56 years of age and he was a soldier's soldier. In fact, he was too old for combat and they wouldn't give PADDY an outfit to command. However, PADDY was determined to find himself one, and that he did. As he kept his eyes opened, he observed that the 39th Infantry was in need of a commander with eagles on his shoulders. He was only five feet eight inches tall and he weighed about 155 pounds. His legs were bowed like a bulldog from riding horses for a long time in the horse cavalry. He had a good military education and he had out-ranked all the generals as far as military schooling was concerned. However, PADDY's drawback was his speech, like General GEORGE S. PATTON, Jr., he couldn't make a speech to his men without using eighty-five per cent cusswords.

There was another commander who was also worth every bit of mention who was devoted to his duties. He was

Major HENRY P. TUCKER of the 1st Battalion, 39th Infantry, who seemed to be an "in and out commander" of this battalion. He seemed to be always available when the 1st Battalion, 39th became commanderless. Luckily, TUCKER wanted to accomplish goals beyond the impossible and failed on a couple of occasions. Like "PADDY" TUCKER's ingenuity to inject the spirit of 39th tradition into the newly-arrived replacements was to pay off as there were not too many old-timers left from the initial landings of North Africa.

Old PADDY was a good man to his soldiers. Every time one of them got wounded or sick and went to a hospital, PADDY would sit down and write him a line or two. He would comment that his old spot was always opened for him in his old outfit and nobody was going to take his place after he returned.

It was along this terrain before Troina that JOHN SABATO of "E" Company, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry, who resides down Philadelphia way when not engaged in war, ate a lot of dirt roaming around the hills on our left flank. After the dive bombing by the airforce and the increasing pressure by the 1st Infantry Division and the 39th, Troina fell. After any battle, when the morning reports reveal the price paid for the victory by American casualties, there was little time to mourn the loss of those missing in action, wounded, taken prisoner, or killed in action. One man surely to be missed would be Sgt. JAMES J. McINERNEY, Company "I", 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry, killed July 30th, 1943.

It had been the fourth time that the German 15th Division had been practically destroyed since we engaged them in North Africa. The German commanders would never admit that they were out-foxed or out-maneuvered by the Americans. It was always the

excuse that one of their subordinate commanders made a blunder but none of their crack units were ever beaten on the field of battle. They could change unit identifications and thereby the 15th Division could go on forever.

After Troina it was a matter of how fast we could pursue the enemy and we were masters at that. The 1st Battalion Headquarters Company moved up past Troina at night. We approached a very fertile location where the battalion commander suggested we would establish our command post. I remember approaching this area as HOVEY's jeep pulled off the main road into a siding to the area. I walked over to converse with HOVEY as I could hear about a hundred yards inward some water running. There was a broken pipe and the water was pouring out from one of the broken pipe ends. Someone rushed over to get a drink. I guess, when an S-Mine exploded. Another soldier ran to the aid of the wounded man and another S-Mine went off.

The shrapnel hit HOVEY's jeep but neither he nor I received any damage. There were many casualties up to two hundred yards from the explosions. Corporal DAVIS and Technical Sergeant ARTY KOHN were wounded and DAVIS was nowhere near the exploding mines.

The enemy used bouncing time shells. These shells would hit two or three times down a road and then explode about five or six feet off the ground. I always wondered if this was the prearranged ingenuity of the enemy or just a matter of luck as far as they were concerned. Our airforce flew over our infantry positions once again and when they released some extra gasoline empty fuel tanks, it seemed we were going to be bombed again. However, these metal containers floated much slower than regular bombs traversing to the earth in a circular motion or end over end. Anyhow, many infantrymen took cover and played it safe.

The kitchen crew killed cows in the fields and the mess sergeant cut and cooked steaks for the men which could have been used to mend the soles of the soldier's shoes. However, the farmer demanded payment for his dead cows, but the men laughed at him. They thought he should be grateful that they spared his life and that he was alive. Little did we know that the United States government had to pay for every single thing destroyed in the war.

Pushing the enemy back to almost Randazzo, he put up another great stand. It was to our north through Mt. Pelato, Mt. Camolato, near Mt. Soro and through Mt. Albano that the 60th Infantry, the "Go-Devs.," were making their famous silent march, putting additional pressure on the enemy.

Lt. Colonel PHILIP C. TINLEY an officer from West Point took over the command of the 1st Battalion, 39th Infantry, AAA-O as the battalion reached and passed the fortress of Troina. Piper cubs were scouting the enemy front and when these "angels of mercy" were in the sky, the enemy artillery kept relatively quiet. The piper cubs were now the eyes for our own artillery and the enemy knew that if their guns were spotted by this creature, they would be destroyed by our counter battery. Sometimes, enemy 88's tried to bring down the piper cubs with aerial bursts. A few times German fighter planes tried to sneak up on the piper cub to cut him down but the piper cub had too much maneuverability.

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GENERAL BARTH'S  
STORY WILL  
APPEAR IN THE  
NEXT ISSUE.

## 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 must 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.

JOHN J. CLOUSER  
901 GRACELAND STREET  
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60016

# MAIL CALL

THE OCTOFOIL  
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Our mail never stops arriving, almost every day we receive interesting letters from our members. These letters are always welcome and we hope that you all will continue to keep in touch. Here are a few samples from our most recent delivery.

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Cleveland, Ohio  
George Cyphers  
B Co. 60th Inf.

Enclosed is the membership application of Thomas Lorello, who was my squad leader in the Huertgen Forest. Lorello, better known as Sgt. Brooklyn, visited me for a few days last week; he asked me to send in the application because he felt that he might lose the form if he waited until he got home to mail it.

We were wounded at the same time in December 1944 and I didn't see him again until the summer of 1968 when I was in New York on vacation. While there I looked through the telephone directories and found a similar name listed. Taking the million to one shot, I called the number and found him again.

George writes that he hopes to be in New York for the reunion, so he and his Old Buddie will have the chance to meet again.

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Washington, D. C.  
George Berday  
47th Inf.

Sending you my dues for the coming year and wishing everyone the best. Ruth and I want you to know that we had a wonderful time at the reunion. We hope to make the New York shindig.

Capt. Nichols, the Viet Nam veteran who attended the Pittsburgh Reunion, has been writing and wanting to know when the next reunion will take place. He is now going to school at Fort Knox, Kentucky and I guess he will get his gold leaf when he finishes school. Best wishes to all, see you in New York.

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Van Nuys, Calif.  
Wilbert "Snuffy" Goldsmith  
E Co. 39th

This "Old Reliable" is on the move again. With my two oldest children married and my youngest daughter a young lady of twelve, we sold our house, jumped in our car and started out on another campaign. We took the southern route down along the southern seaboard through Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, and California. Saw many interesting things and visited Mexico.

At present we are living in a furnished apartment house. Ten apartments in the building make it a large apartment house out here; yes we have a kidney shaped swimming pool. This is really a crazy land for a native New Yorker. They import Florida orange juice like mad. You are permitted to make a right hand turn on a red light and have to stop for all pedestrians crossing the street anywhere, anytime, any place, bar nothing. The freeways are great; I work the same distance from my job here as I did in New York and it only takes me 20 minutes to get to work. Please send me the name of some 9th Division men who live out this way. I would like to meet them.

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Pittsburgh, Pa.  
George Long  
376 AAA

George sent along his dues and said he was sorry to miss last year's reunion but he had to be in Virginia when the reunion was held.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

Father Kines  
39th Inf.

Father Kines sent us a note and a contribution for the Scholarship program. He is back to teaching and was unable to be in Worcester for the Memorial Service. He regrets that he won't be able to attend the reunion or make the trip to Europe because he will be doing parish work in Texas this summer.

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Barnesboro, Pa.  
John Mrugala  
K Co. 47th Inf.

John writes that an illness in the family kept him away from the Pittsburgh reunion. His family is really growing up, his daughter is now fifteen and a sophomore in high school. John is probably raising an All American, his son will be playing end for the Junior High School team and will play on both the offensive and defensive teams. He sounds like a good prospect for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Jim Lynch, 39th Inf., informs us that James Conklin has been in the Veteran's Hospital at East Orange, N. J. for quite some time. James served with Service Co. of the 39th Infantry and he would like to hear from some of his old comrades. His address is Veteran's Hospital, Ward 8A, East Orange, N. J.

Palm Springs, Calif.  
Waldo Kraft  
G Co. 47th

This belated Christmas card will bring you up to date on the Kraft family.

We moved - the family 3 times up and down the west coast - Alaska to S. California! Waldo's "gout" was more correctly diagnosed as rheumatoid arthritis so we tried the desert for 5 months in the spring, liked it, bought a modern Spanish house on a golf course in Palm Springs, will winter here and summer in Kodiak.

I had to change my way of living since last November. Your note of November 21st mentioned seeing me with a walking stick, since last November I have had to use a cane.

I have acute rheumatoid arthritis and have no feeling in my right foot and ankle. I can drive very well with handicap controls on my car.

It didn't seem like Christmas yesterday with no snow - the children were swimming in the pool.

I am one of U.C.L.A.'s prize guinea pigs. Their Medical Center have managed to keep me off crutches. U.C.L.A. has the largest research center in the U.S.A. and if their new medication works on me - it will help millions. I fly to L.A. once a month for a check up.

You had better send me a bill for my dues.

Best regards to all.

Waldo

## HARRY O'S REPORT

As usual Harry Orenstein was right on time with his report on the activities of the New York Chapter. Harry never misses a deadline.

Harry reports that the New York Chapter held its February meeting at 69th Inf. Armory in New York City. The meeting was well attended and the discussions were loud and learned. Bill Klauz who served with the Ninth during the war and is now a Lt. Col. in the 69th attended the meeting. Bill played a large part in getting the New York Chapter the meeting room at the armory.

President Langer gave a report on the proposed activities for the coming year. The Chapter's Memorial Service at Pinelawn National Cemetery will be held on May 23, 1970. The big open air banquet will be held on June 7, 1970. Plans for the Fall Dance are still tentative and will be announced later.

When the business meeting concluded the members dug into a big spread that was set out by Ralph Witzken and Jack Scully. These two are becoming professional caterers and before long their services will command high prices.

## Silver Anniversary

Plans for making the 1970 Silver Anniversary Reunion one of the most memorable reunions have started.

In 1965 the New York reunion had one of the greatest reunions in the 9th Division Association's history. It had the largest attendance at reunions since the reunions were the outstanding annual event of the 9th Division Association. Many of you will remember the trip to the New York World's Fair in 1965.

Frank Fazio who was chairman of the 1965 Reunion will be an assistant to Chairman Emil Langer for the 1970 Reunion. Detailed planning for the Silver Anniversary Reunion to continue in the finest reunion traditions are making progress. The Silver Anniversary Reunion Committee have come up with an unbeatable price for the reunion. The three day stripticket will cost \$17.00 for adults and \$12.50 for children. In addition, there will be a free tour of the United Nations with each strip ticket.

Here are some of the highlights of the 1970 Silver Anniversary Reunion.

Thursday Night - Little Old New York Night

Friday Night - Beer Party and Dance

Saturday Morning - Parade to H-Jalmar Square Memorial Services; United Nations Tour

Saturday Night - Banquet

Expectations are that the New York Silver Anniversary will have the largest attendance of any other reunion. Our suggestion is to make your hotel reservation as soon as possible.

## IS YOUR OCTOFOIL

## ADDRESSED WITH

## TELL-TALE RED INK?

It is that time of year when we remind you to check your membership card for "it is now dues time." A limited budget keeps us from mailing the Octofoil to those who fall in the delinquent class. Get on the band wagon and send in dues to the secretary's office, 412 Gregory Avenue, Weehawken, N. J. 07087.

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## O'KEEFFE FINDS OLD COMRADE

As Co-Editor of the "Octofoil" I have had the occasion to read many of the letters that crossed the Secretary's desk. Many of them were written by people I knew either through the Association or from my days in the 47th. But sadly to say I never came across one from somebody who had served in my Company. But it seems that things may be different in 1970. The year started off with a good omen. Dan Quinn received an application for membership from a fellow who served not only in my company but in my platoon.

Lawrence Putman from Cincinnati, Ohio wrote Dan and said that after twenty-five years he finally got around to joining the Association. He expressed the hope that he would see or hear from some of the old gang. Well, Lawrence is sure in for a surprise; he is going to hear from one former member of E Co - ME. By the time this appears in print Lawrence will have received my message. There are a lot of former E Co. men in his neck of the woods and I am going to set Lawrence on their trail. By the time the reunion rolls around we may turn out a full complement of Captain Larson's boys.

It is occasions such as this that make me appreciate the Association so much, without the Association I would never have been able to get in touch with this old comrade.

Remember  
The Dates  
July 23rd - 25th

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July 23, 24, 25, 1970

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## 25th ANNUAL REUNION REQUEST FOR SPACE IN SOUVENIR PROGRAM

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Full page	\$35.00
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quarter page	\$10.00
one eighth page	\$ 5.00

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