The Octofoil, January/February 1970

Ninth Infantry Division Association
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 thank the many letters of sympathy concerning General Smythe's death. Your letters and those from Mr. Herbert Olsen, Association President, and Mrs. Paul Finski, 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 Ragnar. 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 OCTO FOIL which highlighted my father's career was handed to me in Vietnam by General Frank Gun. At that time, I was CO of the 3d Bn, 39th Inf. and General Gun was the Assistant Division Commander of the "Old Reliables.""

GREAT RECORD

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 1945.

Twenty-five years ago the Association placed a plaque at Arlington National Cemetery when the Association placed a plaque at Arlington National Cemetery when the Association placed a plaque at Arlington National Cemetery when the Association placed a plaque at Arlington National Cemetery when the Association placed a plaque..."
REPORTS FROM THE FIELD ARTILLERY

Joe McKenzie covers the 26th Field Artillery and New England heat 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 healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

The year 1967 ended in sadness for the family of Pvt. 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 20A. He was with Service Battery all the way until June 43. Men of the Ninth and especially Service Battery for taking a few minutes of your time during the busy holiday season to send a "Merry Christmas" to.

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 tough after 23 years of army life.

Rosie 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 Wash. Mrs. Harold Huber, Ed. Król, Joe Bollow, Johnny Farquhar, Red Truscull, Joe Athanace, Bill Andrews, Louis Leavitt, Harold Wallace, Paul Griffin, B. R. Turner, Bill Malone, Earl Landon, Cecil Wilmont, Mac Hurst, Bob Porter, Mrs. George Wilkinson, Fred Keyes, Arnold Leach, Jerry Langer, Carlo Natalino, Bill Bouchong, Joe Moiser, Jim Daniels, Roy Cortese, Ellen Roosen, Fred Matthews, Pegg, Jim Boyle, Dick Hill and John T. McClelland. They are just a few of the many people who d do remember. Cam were also received from Walter Okeefe, Chris Machle, Tom O'Kane, Jim Clauer, Tom Boyle, Dick Roberts, Bob Runnemore, John Rizzo and Tony Salton. These are some 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 at New York and a trip to Europe. What plans are you making to make our efforts a whopping success.

Victor to photo

E.T.O. Trip

Walter Victor of 2745 Dodges Lane, East Point, Georgia, our official photographer returned from the E.T.O. to photo the gang from start to finish.

He haswritten to several magazines and they are very interested in his work. We will always try to get the old outfit a little picture and we appreciate his efforts.

Ours in friendship,

R. A. BOY LE, Treasurer, 39 Hall Avenue, Somerville, Mass. 02144

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSN. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, Nait. Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Assn., 412 Gregory Ave., West Haven, Conn. 06517

Enclosed please find $75.00 for:

Name ___________________________ Serial No. ___________________________

Address ___________________________ City ___________________________ 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 Member _______ $50.00

Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund _______ $5.00

Loyalty Automobile License Disc _______ $ 50.00

Decade Disc _______ $ 5.00

Eight Steps to Victory (9th Division in action) _______ $ 5.00

Ladies' Auxiliary Member _______ $ 5.00

Combat Route Map _______ $ 5.00

60th Infantry History _______ $ 5.00

Please give credit to the following Chapter:


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EARLY BIRD

Many thanks to the following members who contributed to the Donatloo Memorial Scholarship Fund: Glenn Shaw, John Thomas, George Crag and Chaplain Kline.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE LADIES' AUXILIARY OF THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Miss. Tippie Plunkett, Secretary-Treasurer, Ninth Infantry Division Association Ladies' Auxiliary 280 Zemplar St., Columbus, Ohio 43206

I would like to become a member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association and I wish to enroll my membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Enclosed is check or money order for $115.00 for 1970 dues. Please mail my membership card to:

Name ___________________________ Street ___________________________

City ___________________________ State ___________________________

While attached to the 9th Infantry Division may _______ (state relationship, whether the Ninth Division was a husband, son, brother, etc.) was with _______ (give company, regiment, battery, attached unit, etc.)

Made my money orders payable to Ninth Infantry Division Association. Mail to Secretary-Treasurer Tippie Plunkett, 280 Zemplar St., Columbus, Ohio 43206. A 1970 countersigned membership card will be sent immediately.


**THE PAWNS OF WAR**

This is the north installation of Bill Kreyer's story of the 39th Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg till the end of the war - 1941 to 1945.

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**GENERAL EDDY**

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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 in order to meet the needs of veterans of the Ninth Infantry Division who are currently attending college and who need financial aid for completion of their education. The fund is maintained by the 9th Infantry Division Association and administered by the 9th Infantry Division Association Scholarship Committee.

**ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

1. A person who wishes to apply for a scholarship must be a man who served with the Ninth Infantry Division, or a dependent of a man who served with the Ninth Infantry Division.
2. Eligibility for the scholarship is determined by the 9th Infantry Division Association Scholarship Committee.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

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

1. A letter of application, written in easy-to-read form, shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, stating the name of the college or university you wish to attend and the dates for which you are applying for financial aid.
2. All applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from their school's principal, indicating their academic achievement and potential for success in college.
3. A copy of your high school transcript or report card must be submitted with your application.
4. If you are currently attending college, a letter of recommendation from your college's registrar or academic dean must be submitted.

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**THE KITCHEN CREW KILLED COWS in the 9th Infantry as a sergeant out and cooked steaks for the enemy, and we were masters at that. The 1st Battalion Headquarters Company swung up past Troina at night. We approached a very fortified trench location where the battalion commander suggested we would establish our command post. I remember approaching the area as HOVEY jumped off the main road into a riding area. I walked over to confer with HOVEY and I could see about a hundred yards toward some water. There was a broken pipe and the water was pouring out from one of the broken pipes and some water rushing there. Then there was a broken pipe and the water was pouring out from one of the broken pipes and some water rushing there. Then there was a broken pipe and the water was pouring out from one of the broken pipes and some water rushing there.
and we hope that you will visit us regularly. Here are a few samples from our recent delivery:

**Cleveland, Ohio**

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...the family to S. California. The York shindig. is now dues time. A limited budget keeps Christmas cards...it.

...the application because he felt...the move again. With my two...a right hand turn on a red light and have to stop for all pedestrians crossing the street. It only takes me 20 minutes to get to work. Please send me the...Pittsburgh Reunion. has been...writing and wanting to know...this year's reunion but he had...the largest research center in the U.S.A. and if their new...The Chapter's Memorial report on the activities of the...by Ralph Witzken and Jack Scully. These two are becoming professional caters and before lending their services will command high prices.

**Philadelphia, Pa.**

Father Kino 39th Inf.

Kino was sent a note...the controversial name for the...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 the Arizona...Freehold Langer gave a receipt for the...of any other reunion. Our...the reunion. The three day...up with an unbeatable price for...of any person who had...I expressed the hope that he...in touch with this old codger.

**Alaska to S. California**

...his son will be one of U.C.L.A.'s prize defensive teams. He sounds like both the offensive and...a rgest attendance at the...hotel reservation as soon as...the largest research center in the...a request for space in souvenir program...of any other reunion. Our...trips and visited Mexico. Many attractive features 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 trees like mad. You are permitted to make it right hand turn on a red light and have to stop for all pedestrians crossing the street anywhere, anytime, any place. The traffic signs at the street crossings are great, we walk the same distance as you do here; I work on the west side of New York and it only takes me 20 minutes to get to work. Please send me the name of some former enlisted men who live out this way. I would like to meet them.

**John J. Clooser 901 Grace Des Plaines, Illinois 60016**

**Newark, N.J.**

Harry reports that the New York Chapter has...the activities of the...by Ralph Witzken and Jack Scully. These two are becoming professional caters and before lending their services will command high prices.

**Palm Springs, Calif.**

Jim Lynch 47th Inf., informs us that James Conklin has been in the Veterans Hospital at East Orange, N. J. For quite some time. James served with Service Co. of the 39th Inf. As far as we would like to hear from...is sure is in a semaphore; he is probably raising an...served not only in my...my message. There are a lot of...for the...with a walk in the park or from some of his old comrades. Here is Veterans Hospital, Ward 8A, Cleveland, Ohio.

**Waldo Kraft, 4275 Van Nuys, Calif.**

This is really a crazy land for a native New Yorker. They import Florida orange trees like mad. You are permitted to make it right hand turn on a red light and have to stop for all pedestrians crossing the street anywhere, anytime, any place. The traffic signs at the street crossings are great, we walk the same distance as you do here; I work on the west side of New York and it only takes me 20 minutes to get to work. Please send me the name of some former enlisted men who live out this way. I would like to meet them.

**25TH ANNUAL REUNION REQUEST FOR SPACE IN SOUVENIR PROGRAM**

Attached is copy for all in the color-printed 1970 New York Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association Program. Full page $35.00 Half page $20.00 Quarter page $10.00 Eighth page $5.00 Booster ad $1.00 - name and unit. Send all copy along with check or money order to New York Reunion Committee of the Greater New York Chapter, 9th Infantry Division Association, P. O. Box 1108, G.P.O. N. Y., N. Y. 10001. **ROOM RESERVATIONS 25TH ANNUAL REUNION 9th Inf. Div. Assoc. Hotel Commodore, 42nd Street & Park Avenue New York City July 23, 24, 25, 1970 Please make reservation for ______ person(s) Date of arrival ______ at ______ P.M. Departing ______ Name(s) ______________________________ Address ______________________________ City ______________________________ State ______________________________ Zip ______ Type of accommodations Single Bedroom $12.95 Double Bedroom $18.95 (two persons) Twin Bedroom $19.95 (two persons) The above rates include Breakfast & Taxes Park and Bedroom $32.00 Baggage $45.00 $65.00 Portable Bed available for additional person at $4.00 per day.