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THE OCTOFOIL

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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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Lindsey Nelson Will Speak At 1970 Reunion Banquet

NETHERLANDS TO SPONSOR MEMORIAL PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE FOR AMERICAN SERVICEMEN NEXT-OF-KIN

The Netherlands War Graves Committee, Amsterdam, has announced that a third memorial pilgrimage has been scheduled to Europe for American Servicemen next-of-kin for the 6th of September, 1970.

Departing New York via KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, relatives of American Servicemen STILL buried in the Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg will be the guests of the Dutch people for nine days during which time visits to the graves of America's war dead will be arranged and a special memorial service conducted at Margraten. During their stay in Europe, all participants will be hosted by the Netherlands - all transportation in Europe, lodging and meals being provided WITHOUT COST. Lodging generally will be in Dutch homes. A complete program of activities will also be provided during their visit to further the "people to people" approach and to acquaint everyone with the highlights of these countries.

Any immediate member of the deceased veteran's family is eligible to participate. This includes father, mother, widow, children of the deceased, brothers, sisters and foster parents. The spouse of a relative is also eligible to accompany said relative. Teenagers and small children will not be accepted. Also, at the present time only four members of a veteran's family can be on the same pilgrimage.

The entire program - all expense - including round-trip air transportation from New York to Amsterdam, lodging, transportation in Europe and all other incidentals except purely personal expenses is offered at a total cost of \$220.00 per person. For relatives who cannot afford to pay this amount, a limited number will be assisted financially by the Netherlands War Graves Committee, as it is the desire of the Dutch to make a trip to the veteran's burial site possible for everyone who wants to do so even if finances are of great consequence to that relative.

Inquiries should be addressed to Mr. H. F. Ryder, U.S. Representative, Netherlands War Graves Committee, 333 North Michigan Avenue - Suite 605, Chicago, Illinois, 60601.



Lindsey Nelson

PROGRAM FOR THE 1970 REUNION

WEDNESDAY - JULY 22, 1970

6:00 P.M. Early Bird Registration

THURSDAY - JULY 23, 1970

8:00 A.M. Golf Tournament
9:00 A.M. Registration All Day
5:00 P.M. Board of Governors Meeting
9:00 P.M. Welcoming Party - Reception and Dance

FRIDAY - JULY 24, 1970

9:00 A.M. Registration All Day
10:00 A.M. Business and Committee Meetings
1:00 A.M. Ladies Meeting and Social
1:00 P.M. General Business Meeting
4:00 P.M. Board of Governors Meeting
9:00 P.M. Teen-agers Party and Dance
9:00 P.M. Dance

SATURDAY - JULY 25, 1970

9:00 A.M. Registration All Day
10:30 A.M. Parade and Memorial Services at the United Nations
11:30 A.M. Tour of the United Nations
Free Afternoon (The Mets Will Be In Town, 2:P.M.)
7:30 P.M. Silver Anniversary Banquet

Registration will be open during the entire Convention. A Committee will be on hand to greet the early arrivals on Wednesday. The names of those registered will be set up so that other members may look up their old pals, room number, etc. Strip Tickets \$17.00 for Adults and \$12.50 for Children.

The Gold Tournament will be under the direction of Mr. William O'Shea, and any member wishing to play should contact Bill early Thursday Morning, July 23, 1970. Meet in the Lobby at 7:45 A.M. and leave at 8:00 A.M. for Bethpage State Park and Golf Club. Tee off time will be about 10:00 A.M. Bill will try to bring as many golf clubs as he can, but you are reminded to bring your own golf shoes and golf balls.

CHAIRMAN - Emil P. Langer
CO-CHAIRMAN - Frank Fazio
TREASURER - Ralph Witzkin

Sportscaster For The Amazing N. Y. Mets

More good news from the Reunion Committee. They have just released the word that Lindsey Nelson will be the speaker at the reunion banquet. Lindsey is a real "Old Reliable". He joined the Division at Ft. Bragg and served with it through all eight campaigns. Presently he is the T.V. and radio announcer for the World Champion Mets. Lindsey has come a long way since those days in Ingolstadt when he broadcast the games of the Ninth Division nine over a signal net set up by the 9th Signal Company.

WORLD TRAVELER

When the baseball season is over, Lindsey takes on many other broadcasting assignments. This work takes him all over the world. During the past two years he has broadcast from such diverse cities as Moscow, Leningrad, Istanbul, Cairo, Delhi, Calcutta, Bangkok, Tokyo, and Honolulu. While visiting these places he has had the opportunity to observe what is taking place in the rest of the world and he makes the following observation. "When I see what is going on in the world today, I place even more value on my years with the 9th Infantry Division and am thankful for the privilege of having been associated with a Division of fine American men who knew what was important to them and who were willing to defend their ideals willingly with their lives. I think that may be why I look forward to our annual reunions whenever I can possibly get to them. For too brief a time I can enjoy again the company of men about whom I have no doubts or reservations. I know what they are because I have seen them under circumstances that stripped them of all pretense. This circumstance is one that is seldom understood by anyone who has not been there. But the participants understand."

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

This year Lindsey visited England and while there made a sentimental journey to Winchester. He toured some of the places that we all knew so well during the winter of 1943-44. Lindsey spent a few interesting hours with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Willke, the folks who ran and still run the Travellers Club at Winchester. He reports that the train trip from Winchester to London brought back memories of the rides we all took while on a forty-eight hour pass to London. Lindsey has also returned to many of the places in North Africa where the Division served. No doubt this summer he will have some interesting things to say about some of these places.

EVERYTHING SET

With the announcement of the guest speaker for the reunion banquet, the Reunion Committee has just about completed their plans for the Silver Anniversary Reunion. Everything has been done to assure the members a wonderful time while they are in New York. The committee has plans that will keep everyone busy while they are at the reunion. We hope that every member of the Association will make a determined effort to be in New York City on July 23, 24 and 25. Make your reservations in advance, fill out the blank that appears in another part of the paper and send it along to the hotel.

Americans are great people for remembering Anniversaries. The greeting card manufacturers are aware of this fact and have designed cards for almost every occasion. However, they have not come up with a card for A Twenty-Fifth Annual Reunion. We have.

The Reunion Journal is our greeting card to the Association. You can sign this card by taking an ad in the Journal. Like the commercial greeting cards our ads come in all sizes and price ranges. If you want to spread your name across a whole page and feel like splurging you can subscribe to a full page ad for \$35.00. If you are the modest type and just want to show that you remember the Associations' Anniversary you can take a booster for \$1.00. Ads are also available in halves, quarters, and eighths of a page.

This Twenty-Fifth Reunion Journal will be a limited edition and will become a collectors item. If you desire to be numbered among those whose greetings appear in the Journal now is the time to act. Fill out the application that appears in another part of the Octofoil and send it along to the Reunion Committee.

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1970—
Peter Cusack, West Roxbury, Mass.
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1971—
George Apar, Franklin Square, N. Y.
Frank Ozart, Chicago, Illinois
Robert Winkelman, Paletine, Illinois
James Bruner, Flint, Michigan
Charles Jones, McLean, Va.

1972—
Leonard Tomassone, Pennsauken, N. J.
Francis Maher, Worcester, Mass.
Joseph Uschak, New York, N. Y.
Thomas Shine, Hyattsville, Md.
William Meadows, Detroit, Mich.

Board Member Emeritus
Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig (Retired)
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Rev. Edward Connors, Worcester, Mass.

The official publication of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Single copy price is 25 cents per issue or by mail \$1.50 per year payable in advance when dues are paid. Dues are \$4.00 per year with \$1.50 of the \$4.00 earmarked for six issues of The Octofoil. Members should notify the National Secretary, Daniel Quinn, 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N. J., of any change in address.

Published six times yearly, July-August, September-October, November-December, January-February, March-April, May-June by and for the members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. News items, feature stories, photographs and art material from members will be appreciated. Every effort will be made to return photographs and art work in good condition.

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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Board Of Governors Meet

The 95th meeting of the National Board of Governors was held at 3:07 p.m., on April 25, 1970 at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, Pittsburgh, Pa., attended by Messrs: John Rizzo, William Meadows, Frank Ozart, Charles Jones, James Bruner, George Apar, Thomas Shine, Richard Wilson, Leonard Tomassone, and Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh. Also attending were: Scholarship Committee Chairman John Clouser and Co-Editor of the Octofoil, Walter O'Keeffe and 1st Vice President Vincent Guglielmino.

Upon a motion duly made by Leonard Tomassone and seconded by William Meadows, it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes of the 94th meeting and to place same on file.

President John Rizzo gave a detailed report on the 1970 New York Reunion and the Program for this reunion will appear in the March-April issue of the Octofoil.

Scholarships

John Clouser reported on the Scholarship Committee recommendations for the coming year. Ten awards are recommended by the Scholarship Committee, four new candidates and six renewals for a total of \$1150.00. Upon a motion duly made by James Bruner and seconded by Leonard Tomassone it was voted to: Accept the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee and the report of this committee. Their names will be announced at the reunion in New York and in the meantime the Scholarship Committee will notify the successful applicants.

It was noted during the discussion of the awards, that due to the low return of investment income this past year, the scholarship awards and amounts of same were greatly reduced.

Acting on the recommendations of the Miscellaneous Committee's report from the 1969 General Business Meeting and upon a motion duly made by Frank Ozart and seconded by William Meadows it was voted to: Recommend to the membership at the next General Meeting (1970 New York Reunion) that dues be raised as follows: One year (1) from \$4.00 to \$5.00 — Three (3) years from \$11.00 to \$13.00 — and a Lifemembership for \$50.00 to \$75.00.

Judge Harrison Daysh briefed the Board Members as to what had transpired between the committee and Major T. B. King representing the "New" Ninth Division group on the possibility of merging the two groups. Talks will be resumed and Harrison is hopeful of having a complete report for the membership at our next reunion.

There being no other business to come before the Board and upon a motion duly made by Leonard Tomassone and seconded by Charles Jones it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Quinn
National Secretary

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Remember
The Dates
July 23rd - 25th

NEW YORK
REUNION
1970

HARRY O'S
REPORT

When Emil Langer took office as President of the New York Chapter he wasted no time in getting the program set for his term in office. At the March meeting he announced the dates for the Chapter's principal events during 1970.

The Memorial Service at Pinelawn National Cemetery will be held on May 23rd. On June 7th, the gang will gather in the great outdoors for the annual picnic. The Fall Dance will be held on October 24th. Of course the most important dates in 1970 are July 23rd, 24th, and 25th because they are the days when the Association will hold its Silver Anniversary Reunion in New York City.

PAST PRESIDENTS

At the April meeting the Chapter honored its Past Presidents. There was a large turn-out for this meeting and quite a few Past Presidents were in attendance. The list included Al Bruchac 1950 & 1953, Danny Quinn 1956, Vincent Guglielmino 1959, Max Umansky 1960, Pat Morano 1961, Walter O'Keeffe 1963, Frank Fazio 1965, Emil Langer 1966, Ralph Witzkin 1967, Harry Orenstein 1968, and Joe Uschak 1969.

During his term in office Pat Morano was a dedicated and hard working President. He always put out 100% for the Chapter and many times put the Chapter's business ahead of his own personal plans. Pat still retains this spirit - he drove all the way from Chambersburg, Pa. to attend the April meeting.

The members extended their thanks to the Out-Going President Joe Uschak and as a token of their appreciation they presented him with a handsome piece of luggage.

After the nights business was concluded the members retired to the buffet table and partook of the tempting viands that were prepared by Jack Scully and Ralph Witzkin. These two fellows are making a name for themselves as gourmards. If they continue to treat the members so well the entire Chapter will have to go on a Weight Watchers Diet.

THE EUROPEAN TRIP
EUROPE REVISITED
25 YEARS LATER

SUNDAY, July 26, 1970, the day following the SILVER ANNIVERSARY REUNION, a large group of 9th DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERS will fly to EUROPE for a two week tour. Some of the cities on the itinerary are LONDON, WINCHESTER, CHERBOURG, PARIS, LIEGE and MUNICH. The travelers will be comparing these cities with the same cities of 25 years ago. There will be a great deal of reminiscing.

The 9th DIVISION ASSOCIATION wishes the travelers a pleasant and an enjoyable trip to EUROPE and a safe return to the UNITED STATES.

Harry Orenstein
9th Q. M.



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ANOTHER AUTHOR

John D. Peel of the St. Louis (Missouri) Metropolitan Police Department has written a book designed to assist in the professional training of privately licensed watchmen, guards, and security officers.

The book, "Fundamentals of Training for Security Officers", is the only such volume of law enforcement basics written with security personnel specifically in mind. The simple, non-technical manner of presentation gives the book special value for the newcomer to the security field, and the practical workaday usefulness of the information will win respectful attention from the seasoned officer as well.

Peel, who developed the first manual of information and procedure for Department-licensed security personnel in St. Louis, served with the Ninth Infantry Division from Fort Bragg to Ingolstadt, Germany, initially with the 60th Infantry and later with the Public Relations Office. He has previously authored a book of ideas and techniques for staging public events.

PAY YOUR

DUES NOW!!!

Question - I am receiving a VA pension check as a widow. The words "unremarried widow," have been removed from my check. Does this mean I can continue to get a pension if I remarry?

Answer - Remarriage of a widow causes her pension payments to stop at the end of the month before the month in which she remarried.

The Red Cross rejected Ole' Slush's blood donation - his plasma had an olive in it.

Michigan Doings

Like the auto makers who made their town famous the Michigan Chapter is never content to rest on its laurels each year the members try to come up with a new and improved model. In 1969 the chapter had a very successful social program that brought many new members into the Association. The "Motor City" boys have gotten off to a good start in 1970 and they expect to surpass their 1969 record.

On its roster are men from almost every city in Michigan. Many of these members cannot get to the meetings in Detroit but they still take an active part in supporting the Chapters' activities.

NEW OLD FACES

John Bonkowski always keeps the "Octofoil" informed on what's new in Michigan and we are always happy to pass on the news to anyone who is not on the Chapter's mailing list. John informs us that some old faces have returned to the fold. William Savage, Stanley Turowski, and Thomas Hattton have again signed up with the Chapter. Tom Hattton went all out - he became a Life Member thus joining the five other members of the Chapter who are Life Members of the Association. Tom also signed up for the trip to the E.T.O. Michigan will be well represented on the trip to Europe. Cole Gronseth, John Bonkowski, and Floyd Hennessy also hope to return to the scene of our battles in Europe.

Last year the Bill Andrews' did not celebrate Christmas on December 25th, they put off the celebration until Bill Jr. returned home from Viet Nam.

John Korobko's widow, Marie, sent Seasons Greetings to all the members of the Chapter. She still resides in Arizona and would like to hear from her and John's old friends. Her address is 6418 E. Scarlett, Tuscon, Arizona 85710.

The Chapter held elections for Officers late in February. As we go to press we have not received the results of the elections but hope to have this news for the next issue of the "Octofoil."

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. THE APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BY MARCH 15. Applications received after March 15 will not be considered.
5. All applicants must accept the decision of the Scholarship Committee as final.
6. Information to determine financial need will be requested by the Scholarship Committee after the applications have been considered.
7. 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.
8. All applications must be sent to: John J. Clouser, Scholarship Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division Association, 901 Graceland St., Des Plaines, Illinois 60016.

9th Div. 'Greats' — Site For Memorial Service—

Just before his death General Barth completed his story of the North African Campaign. He had intended to follow this first article with another which would deal with the Sicilian Campaign. However, before starting this new venture he took time out to compile a list of the great leaders that he had met while serving with the Ninth Division. The General prefaced his list with the following statement: "There may be leaders who should be classed as 'Greats' and who came to the Division after I had left it but since I didn't know or serve with them I have not included them in the list." The following Ninth Division men were included in the General's list of great leaders.

THE NINTH DIVISION GREATS BRIG. GEN. EDWIN H.

RANDLE, then colonel in command of the 47th Infantry, for superior leadership at Safi, El Geuttar and the Northern Tunisian campaign: (Already covered in early part of this article)

GENERAL THEODORE J.

CONWAY, then Lieut. Colonel commanding the 60th Inf., for great leadership in the drive that resulted in the clearing of the Sedjanane Valley and the capture of the final defensive position on Djebel Chinit. (Already covered in detail in this article.)

MAJ. GEN. DONALD A.

STROH, then Asst. Div. Commander of the 9th Inf. Div., for his outstanding achievement in taking a badly defeated unit, the 39th Infantry, reorganizing it on the spot; restoring its will to fight and leading it forward to capture most of Djebel Ainchouna, its initial objective, during the five days required for the arrival of a new colonel to command the regiment. I believe that Gen. Stroh's energetic action was the turning point of the 9th Division's successful wide envelopment on the north front of the II American Corps. Instead of awaiting the arrival of Col. Ritter, Gen. Stroh was able to turn over to him a regiment whose first failure had been overcome. It was attacking against stiff resistance and had taken its initial objective. Its morale was high from then on!

LIEUT. GEN. STAFFORD L.

IRWIN, then Brig. Gen. commanding the Artillery of the 9th Inf. Div., who trained the artillery into a powerful asset to the Division. The motor march of over seven hundred miles over icy roads by the entire 9th Div. Artillery to the British position at Thala was a master stroke. Rommel's armored spearhead, after the battle of the Kasserine Pass reached Thala but was met there by a British force, reinforced by over 80 guns of Irwin's artillery. This blunted the German tank attack and caused the retreat of the enemy through the Pass. The American supply base at Tebessa was saved and never again was the enemy able to regain the initiative in North Africa.

MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE

W. SMYTHE, then Colonel, commanding the 47th Inf. One of the 9th's finest combat leaders. For 18 months he led his regiment. It was a good one when he took it he made it even better with more training and battle experience. Once in Sicily and twice in the campaign in France the 47th performed outstanding service. At the Battle of the Bulge, where Smythe held firm in the vital area around Monchau he collected remnants of troops

initially overrun by the Sixth Panzer Army, incorporated them into his own regiment, took several complete artillery battalions, forming a group that he tied into the fire direction center of the 9th Div. Arty. The rest of the 9th Div. moved in and the northern flank was secure. The main German attack was stopped and the 6th Panzer army was forced to move to the south and join the Fifth Panzer army, driving west into a canalized attack that eventually doomed the German offensive before it reached the Meuse River line. Again, in March 1945, it was the 47th Inf. that crossed the Remagen Bridge after a reconnaissance force of the 9th Armored Div. rushed the bridge while it was still intact. For about six hours the 47th was the first and only infantry across the river. The rest of the 9th Division crossed that night, followed by three other divisions and the bridgehead was secure but the initial casualties, particularly in the 47th Inf. were very heavy. (Further details on these actions are contained in Part II of this article.)

COLONEL HARRY A. (PADDY) FLINT,

Commanding the 39th Inf. He was an inspired combat leader and soon became the idol of the 39th Inf. His exploits have been printed before in the Octofoil. 'Paddy' gave to his AAA-O Regiment an esprit de corps and battle-wise efficiency it needed badly. He maintained the fine performance of the 39th until his death while riding a tank in the Battle of St. Lo on July 25, 1944. (More details on 'Paddy' in Part II of this article.)

MAJOR GENERAL VAN H.

BOND, then Lieut. Col. and Reg. Executive Officer, 39th Inf. When 'Paddy' Flint died at St. Lo, Gen. Eddy insisted on the battlefield promotion of Lieut. Col. Bond and that he continue in command the 39th Inf. This was agreed to and was a wise move since 'Paddy' had built up a fierce personal loyalty to himself and the regiment. Under Col. Bond's command, the regiment quickly transferred its loyalty to him. From then on the legend of their beloved leader continued to hover over the colors of the 39th! Their combat record was superior until the end of the War.

LIEUT GENERAL MANTON

S. EDDY, then Major General, who commanded the 9th Div. through the Tunisian and Sicilian Campaigns; the early fighting in Normandy, including the capture of Cherbourg and the breakout and pursuit following the Battle of St. Lo. After this he left the Division to take command of the XII Corps. His dynamic leadership through Tunisia, Sicily and Normandy was a great factor in maturing the 9th Div. and making it one of the finest divisions the U. S. Army produced in World



The rectangular United Nations Secretariat Building dominates this scene of the United Nations headquarters. The entire complex occupies an 18-acre site between First Avenue and the East River, from 42nd to 48th Streets. To the left is the domed roof of the General Assembly Building. To the extreme left are the twin towers of United Nations Plaza, one of New York's most exclusive cooperative apartment buildings.

(Photo by the New York Convention and Visitors Bureau.)

War II. After he left the Division it continued its fine battle record until V-E Day. This fact alone makes him one of the 9th Inf. Div. 'greats'.

GENERAL WILLIAM

WESTMORELAND, then Lieut. Col. commanding the 34th F.A. Bn. His long service and combat record in the 9th Div. molded him as a combat leader who would rise to greatness. He served as Chief of Staff of the 9th during and after Normandy and also commanded the 60th Inf. towards the end of World War II. He continued to the top, including the supreme command of our forces in Viet Nam and is now Chief of Staff of our Army. The 9th is proud to claim him as one of its own 'greats'.



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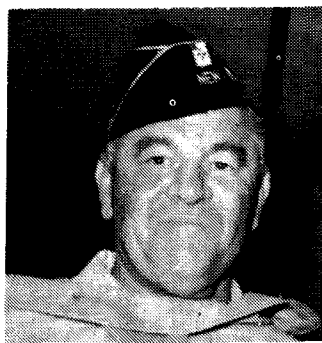
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Taps Sounded

Once again death has visited the ranks of "The Old Reliables" and has removed two more members from the active roles of the Association. Steve Budrick and Stan Cohen have passed on to their eternal rewards. Their activities on behalf of the Association have made them well known to many members of the Association.

FAMILIAR FIGURE



Steve Budrick was a familiar figure at the National Reunion and Memorial Service, among the members of the Association he was affectionally known as "Old Sarge." Steve was always one of the first to arrive at the reunions. Upon his arrival Steve would post himself in the lobby or at the registration desk and for the remainder of the reunion would act as a one man welcoming committee. Steve not only greeted the new arrivals he also lent a hand to the reunion committees. Reunion committees are notorious for being short-handed so Steve's assistance was always welcome, he helped many chairmen over some rough spots.

LOVED A PARADE

The traditional reunion parade was Steve's shining hour.

He was an "Old Soldier" and like all "Old Soldiers" he believed that a unit on parade should look its best. Each year when the members fell out for the parade it was Steve who lined them up, straightened the ranks, and got everyone off on the right foot. If some yard-bird goofed up, Steve would sound off and the poor soul would soon mend his erring ways. This year when the Association steps off in New York it just won't be the same without the "Old Sarge" to give us the cadence. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

Stan Cohen

NATIONAL SECRETARY

Stan served several terms as National Secretary of the Association, while holding this position he also acted as Editor for "The Octofoil." Stan handled both of these difficult jobs with ease and efficiency. He was possessed of boundless energy and was never reluctant to expend it in behalf of the Association. Stan made a great contribution to the Association and his passing will bring great sadness to all his many friends among the "Old Reliables."

OLD TIMER

Stan Cohen was a real old timer in the Association. For many years he was one of the sparkplugs that kept the New York Chapter running along smoothly. Stan did not confine his activities to the New York Chapter he also took an active part in National affairs. During the formative years of the Association he played an important role in getting the Association off to a good start.



MAIL CALL



No matter how hard we try, we can never get to the bottom of our mail bags. Just as soon as we think we are making progress the mailman brings another load and we start all over again. Here are some samples from our latest delivery.

Carl H. Hull 2nd Bn Hq Co.
Tucson, Ariz. 60th Inf

During the past two years Carl has had to curtail his correspondence with friends from the Division and he had a good reason for doing so. His son Robert was severely injured in a cycle accident and for the last two years Carl has devoted all his time to nursing the boy back to health.

Carl informs us that Ray Barnes, Motor Pool Sgt. of the 2nd Bn 60th Inf, has suffered a heart attack. For a while he was in critical condition but is now at home and on the way to recovery. If you want to send Ray a card his address is P.O. Box 4142, Hachuca City, Ariz., 85616.

Bill Bateman 9th M.P.
Aledo, Ill.

Recently Bill spent some time in Milwaukee. While there he visited with Bob Slapinski. Bob served with the 9th M.P. Co. and the 9th Q.M. Co. He now owns and operates the Forty Winks Motel in Milwaukee. Bill Bateman tells us that Bob is the perfect host and he recommends the Forty Winks Motel to any "Old Reliabilities" who are passing through Milwaukee.

Joseph Smyth A Co. 60th Inf.
Broadview, Ill.

For a while Joe was laid up in the Veterans Hospital at Hines, Illinois but he is now home and doing alright. Bill still thinks of his buddies from A Co. and sends them his best regards.

Joe is looking for a 9th Division shoulder insignia. If anyone has an extra one and wants to send it to Joe, his address is 2913 S. 10th St., Broadview, Ill. 60153.

W. B. Cardoza 9th Div. Hq.
Forestville, Md.

Bill is a displaced New Englander and he longs for those New England Chapter meetings. He wants to be remembered to Franny Maher and the other fellows from the New England Chapter.

Milton Taylor M Co. 47th
Lost Hills, Calif.

Milt keeps track of all our members who are in the Far West and he keeps us advised on their status. This month he had some bad news, Lloyd C. Wofford, B Co. 15th Eng, is seriously ill.

Lloyd is still in the hospital and Milton tells us that he would like to hear from some of his old buddies. Why not drop him a line, the address is Kern County General Hospital, Rm. 326, 1838 Flower St., Bakersville, Calif.

Glenn Elliott 60th F.A. & Div. Hq.
Moorhead, Minn.

Glenn is a District Sales Manager for the International Harvester Co. and does quite a bit of traveling. In the course of his travels he lost track of the Association; however, John Cattle of Seward, Nebr. supplied Glenn with an application and he is now a member in good standing.

Dick Keegan 34th F.A.
Nabnasset, Mass.

Dick usually pays his dues at the Memorial Service at Worcester. Last year the attendance at the service was so large it prevented Dick from getting to the registration table so he had to mail his dues to the Secretary.

Unfortunately Dick won't be able to make the trip to Europe but he is looking forward to the Reunion in New York.

Russ Bassel 15th Eng.

When we saw Russ Bassel's new address we were impressed. It is certainly a mouth-full and we would like to know how it is pronounced. Russ is down under in Australia working on a railway construction project. He has been there for a year and will probably be there for another year.

Incidentally his new address is Indooroopilly, Q'LD 4068, Australia.

Bill Richey 84th F.A.
Bloomington, Ill.

Bill signed up for a three year membership and also requested a copy of "Eight Stars to Victory." Bill mentioned the fact that he had a fond spot in his heart for the 47th because he was in the Liaison Section and worked very closely with the 47th during its campaigns.

Jim Gaddess G Co. 39th Inf.
Oil City, Pa.

Jim missed out on the reunion at Pittsburgh last year. While we were enjoying ourselves at the reunion Jim was recovering from major surgery. He is now fit as a fiddle and back to work.

It seems that quite a few "Old Reliabilities" have retained their first membership card. After our recent article about "Plank Holders" we heard from several fellows who claimed to be among the first members signed up by the Association.

Howard Lillegaard served with D Co. 47th and he joined the Association when it was formed in Germany. He has remained a member ever since.

Charles L'Bretto sent us a Xerox copy of his original card, it is No. 612 and is dated May 1946. So it seems that Charlie is eligible to be numbered among the "Plank Holders" of the Association.

Charlie also informed us that his son is now serving in Viet Nam with the Air Force. Charlie didn't say exactly where the young fellow is stationed but his address is A1C J. C. L'Bretto, FR0089-38-4877, US MACV Trg. Dir. (AFLS) c/o Adv. Tm. No. 62, APO San Francisco 96234.

New Brighton, Pa.

Dear Dan,
Enclosed you will find four items.

ITEM No. 1 - The most important. A check for my 1970 dues.

ITEM No. 2 - Tell "Plank Holder" Dave Silberberg I have him beat by two days. My original membership slip is dated May 31, 1945 and signed

by Captain James Struid C. O. of "C" Company 39th. Inf. My xerox copy shows that and my 1946 and 1947 membership cards.

ITEM No. 3 - I am sure no one can beat the next two items, but maybe tie it. VOL 1, No. 1 of the "Ninth Division News" dated June 13, 1945 and a xerox copy to prove it.

ITEM No. 4 - A xerox copy of VOL. 1 No. 1, of the A-A-A-O News dated June 22, 1945.

I don't think I will make it to New York. I have a daughter and two grand children living in Biloxi Mississippi. Her husband is making a career of the Air Force. I will be with them while you people are meeting in New York. I really enjoyed myself in Pittsburgh.

I am

Sincerely yours,
Thomas Funkhouser
Co. C 39th Infantry

Minn., Minn.

Dan,

Seeing the picture of General Eddy decorating LTC Michael B. Kauffman in Cefalu, Sicily, reminds me that I spent two delightful weeks as his "roommate" at the Army War College, Carlisle, Pa., in March. While there we had two memorable reunions with other Old Reliabilities - William C. Westmoreland and John E. Carrier. Westy needs no introduction, and former Go-Devils will recognize John as the erstwhile company commander of Headquarters Company 60th Infantry. Mike is now a Major General in the USAR.

The red, white, and blue octofoil was very much in evidence at the College, since Major General George S. Eckhardt, who commanded the Ninth in Viet Nam, is the present commandant. Why not merge our association and the new association which the "new" Ninth has formed?

Enclosed are my annual dues.

Sincerely,
N. J. Hennen
Major General USAR

MANY MEMORIES

Once again Scotty Hirst is over-seas. This time he is a civilian working in Germany. Scotty has always been interested in the history of World War II and is forever looking for articles that would shed light on the vents that transpired during the conflict on the continent. Now that he is in Germany he has the opportunity to hear the Germans side of the story and in a recent letter he gave us some interesting information about the crossing of the Rhine.

Dear Dan,

Thank you for your kind note of recent date and for the kindness of adding our 'European friends' to the Division's mailing list. I am certain they'll enjoy the paper and it will be an indirect means of keeping them abreast of your plans for the coming sojourn on the continent. God willing, I'll be able to devote a day or two to their coming when they arrive in Liege.

Silver Anniversary

But this particular note, Dan, is prompted by the coming 25th Anniversary of the 9th crossing of the bridge at Remagen! In this vein I should wish to translate and make quotations from an article by General of Infantry Otto Maximilian Hitzfeld which appeared in a recent German Veterans newspaper. General Hitzfeld is the senior surviving officer; of the former German 67 Army Corps, which was responsible for defense of the bridge effective 2000 hours, 7 March 1945. Hitzfeld's opening comments, historical in nature, give summarily the same background on the bridge as is found in the Division history. Then he follows with the statement that of the writing about the fall of the bridge, a great deal has been erroneous, and the remainder contains little of correct historical value. We Americans, he states, look upon the conquest of the bridge as a bold exploit or heroic deed.

Remagen

This is possible as the conquest of the bridge took boldness and courage but, he says, the incident itself a stroke of good fortune.

He notes in particular that the other interested parties (the Belgians, the French and the historians) still research to establish just how this event came about as though there was some secret cause and for this reason Hitzfeld, today, still receives visits from officers and historians from different countries who wish to hear a recant of exactly how everything occurred.

As to the tactical side, Hitzfeld points out that bridge's defense was not a battalion but a company of convalescents - thirty-six men; that the request by the bridge Commander, Hauptmann Bratge, for reinforcements went unheeded; the bridge defenses such as ack-ack were withdrawn before 7 March; that the offer of mobile forces from the 67th Army Corps in the night of 6/7 March was disapproved by Commander 15th Army; that armoured defenses were nil; that communications were poor (insufficient); that means of obstructions on the bridge were not at hand; there was no plan for covering fire; and the use of Volkssturm Regiments remained a dream.

Technically, Hitzfeld recalls, the reasons for Lt. Timmermann's success in acquiring the bridge were that it was possible the 1939 installed electrical lines were damaged; the explosives to be used in destroying the bridge had been stored in Darmstadt since 1940 and had been used elsewhere; that the 24 sites for position the explosives on the bridge were set with 400 kilo of explosives instead of the needed 600 kilos; and he continues with five more points to be considered - recall of military police, misinformation given the bridge Commander on direction of American attack, and Remagen was joined with bridge at Bonn under command of General Von Bothmer, etc.

47th Inf.

History tells us that Lewis Maness' 2D Battalion of the 47th was the first of the Ninth Division to cross the Remagen bridge in the early hours of March 8th, 1945. Then followed that regiments 1st and 3D Battalions, in that order - all on the 8th. Elements of the 60th (my Sixtieth!) began to cross on the night of the 8th - again our history tells us the 1st Battalion leaped off first but what of the second and third? I recall, quite vividly, it was broad daylight when George Company of the 2D went across - thus I should assume we crossed on the 9th of March(?). Perhaps on this ninth of March - twenty-five years later, I can spend a moment or two on the site - to also seek to recall where I was wounded (and subsequently

Congressman

As you know, Ken Hechler, the now congressman from West Virginia, wrote an excellent historical treatise on the capture of the bridge - I would imagine the 9th Armoured Division also has a few words to say (but I've never seen a history of that unit) - then too the Eight Stars to Victory has a few memorable words to say and I should imagine the history of the 99th Division would also have a word or two.

But, I wonder how many will recall those memorable days some twenty-five years past? Will I stand alone on the East Bank next month? Then too, I often wonder if I'll ever have the opportunity of seeing the film made on that subject. But where are they today - the Germans -

Strobel, Scheller, Peters, Bratge and Kraft - the Americans, Timmermann, Drabik, Delisio, and Burrows?

If we have someone in the Division who is steeped in the history of Remagen and would like to have General Hitzfeld's article - have them drop a line - be delighted. Best regards, as always

Sincerely,
Scotty

WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION

Recently the Editors of "The Octofoil" received a letter from George Dohmann a member of the Association who served with the Ninth Medics. George's letter brought up a question that has probably arisen in the minds of many of our members. Because we feel that this letter will be of interest to all our members we are printing it in its entirety and welcome comments from our members.

"I guess I should have addressed this to the Ninth Infantry Division Association since my question is really directed to the Association and is not a news item.

My question is prompted by a conversation that I had with one of my customers who lost a son in Viet Nam. I learned that this young man, William Wagner, about 19 years old was K.I.A. while serving with C Co., 39th Inf., 9th Division. His father had heard that I had served with 9th in World War II and it was a particular point of pride with him that his son had served with our outfit.

That evening when I got home my "Octofoil" was in the mail and while reading it over I thought back on the afternoon. I wondered where these new Gold Star Parents fit into our Association and also where does the 9th Division veteran of Viet Nam fit?

I know these questions go beyond the articles of the Association at the time when it was formed, not because of short-sightedness on our part but rather because I don't think it ever occurred to anyone that the 9th would see action again. But it has, and judging by the news reports it has added some note-worthy pages to those now contained in "Eight Stars To Victory."

New Ninth

Perhaps these new veterans are the men we should hear more of, and looking to the future it may be they who will provide for the continuance of our Association. Most important of all however is the service that both the Association and "The Octofoil" can render to the new Gold Star Parents. For one thing it would be a consoling thought for them to know that their sons too are remembered at Worcester.

Perhaps we would have to add a supplement to "Eight Stars To Victory", alter the masthead of "The Octofoil" and make some other changes in our organization, but these people feel strongly about the Ninth Infantry Division and why shouldn't they be encouraged to continue to do so?"

THOUGHT-PROVOKING

This letter certainly raises some thought-provoking questions and it merits consideration by all our members. We hope that our members will let us know how they feel about this situation.

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THE PAWNS OF WAR

This is the tenth 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.

About this time there was a program introduced to rotate soldiers for furloughs back to the United States. However, I only heard of two men going back, then it ceased to exist anymore. The enemy situation was getting desperate, especially on the British front on the east side of Mt. Etna. They had held up the British advance for weeks but now the enemy was in danger of being cut off and trapped from the rear if Randazzo and the north side of Mt. Etna could be overrun and the mountain circled.

"PADDY" FLINT came down to the 1st Battalion, 39th Command Post to chat with Lt. Colonel TINLEY. "PADDY" seemed very anxious to take and get into Randazzo very quickly. It seemed the enemy realized their predicament and they withdrew from the entire British sector. It meant that it would be a toss up who would get to Randazzo first and "PADDY" wanted the AAA-O boys because they had exerted the pressure. So, the 1st Battalion without a breather made readiness to assault Randazzo. We had an outpost overlooking a creek which was an obstacle in the battalion's approaches toward the town. There had been many Teller mines in the area to slow up our advance. Lt. Colonel TINLEY came up the hills with an artillery officer, Captain FLOWERS of the 26th Field Artillery, and they joined our outpost. TINLEY was in conversation with the other officer about our impending attack. He remarked something about having fire ready if something happened and he was almost certain that it would. The artillery officer replied that it would be taken care of. Just before sundown the initial troops started to cross the stream as enemy machine weapons opened fire.

In seconds there was the explosion of two time bursts about twenty feet off of the ground right over the two enemy firing positions. It silenced them immediately. Randazzo was taken by the 1st Battalion, 39th Infantry (AAA-O) early that same evening. TINLEY, I and a few others were the first ones enroute through the bed of rocks (dried rocky stream bed). We had beaten the British to the town by hours as the enemy resistance collapsed and the British had approached from the east. Then we were pinched out of the action north of Randazzo as the 3rd Infantry Division and the British on the east coast left no front for the 9th. The 3rd U.S. Infantry Division were the final victors to Messina the last remaining soil on the island of Sicily.

During many incidents through the campaign if streams of dust were seen rising from the dirt paths, it was probably caused by the jeep driven by "Dead-Eye" PROSSNER who hailed from down South Carolina way. Some other fellows to mention were Lt. DAYSH who drove a jeep as a messenger from one battalion to another and kept contact with



GENERAL EDDY gives "pre-invasion" talk to Hq. Co. 9th Div. behind West Downs School, Winchester, England. (25 May 1944)

regiment. There was Lt. BROOKS, Lt. BOYD, Lt. DUNN, etc., etc. Many privates who had the honor to guard the battalion command post at night, volunteered for the first shift or the last morning shift if the first was not available. It had something to do with undisturbed sleep.

When the enemy came to the end of a campaign and they had ammunition which they could not cart to the rear, they set fire to it. At night these huge fires would light up the dark skies in the enemy's rear areas. Sometimes it would seem like the night of the 4th of July, as tracers and shells exploded in the sky. I was sure that they were not celebrating our victory.

The 9th Infantry Division remained in position until August 20th when the island of Sicily was officially rid of enemy troops. Lt. BENNETT who became our S-2 officer near Troina worked hard. He had been the only officer that went to the outpost and picked them out although he didn't man them. It was most helpful at that because if you remember we, the Intelligence Section, only consisted of JOHN KUJAWA, ROY WILLIAMS and yours truly. We were all tired and we were thankful that the campaign of Sicily only lasted thirty-eight days. It was a great victory as the enemy pitted twenty-two divisions against twenty-two American and British divisions with the Americans carrying the mail.

It was time to wash up out of our steel helmets and to get something hot to eat when new replacements arrived. The following personnel were assigned to the 1st Battalion Intelligence Section: STANLEY GIEPARDA, later known as the "old man" or the "80% Pollack," from New Haven, Connecticut; JACK COLEMAN of Narberth, Pa. and a student of Villanova University; and FRANKLIN CURTIS. WILLIAMS transferred to the Anti-Tank Platoon complaining that the Intelligence was too dangerous and the work was of a strain with little rest. BILL SOLLIDAY struck a home with the company mail clerk job.

The 1st Battalion moved a few days later to Cefalu. We put up two man tents in an almond orchard by the seashore. It was here that we really had some relaxation. However, there was still reveille, calisthenics, close order drill and a few field problems. There were a few passes to Palermo. Then, we lost almost half of the battalion as replacements for the 3rd and 34th Infantry Divisions who had lots of difficulty at Anzio on the mainland of Italy.

The 9th had so far made the invasion of Africa, taken El Guefar, stopped Rommel's thrust through the Kasserine, took Maknassy, pushed the enemy out of the Green Bald Mountains, captured Ferryville and Bizerte, aided in the invasion of Sicily by having one of its regiments secretly attached to the 82nd Airborne and the 39th overran the western coast of that island with the 34th Field Artillery, the 39th attached to the 1st Infantry Division battered Cerami and Troina, then the 9th beat the British to Randazzo. Right here the war should have ended for the invincible 9th, but, however, it was only the beginning.

It was here for the first time that the division received some of the credit it had so dearly earned the hard way. Because of confused censorship regulations, the 9th had been neglected in the press releases concerning the North African and the Sicilian campaigns. It was almost a forgotten outfit as far as citations and medals were concerned. Only Divarty and the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment received presidential citations and individual medals were handed out in comparatively small quantities compared to the men of other outfits.

CHAPTER 17 OUR SECOND HOME

In our bivouac near Cefalu, JOHN KUJAWA and I were tent buddies. JACK COLEMAN and FRANKLIN CURTIS were teamed together, so were STANLEY GIEPARDA and SAMUEL DOUGLAS. These three tents

were very close to each other and for some reason which I didn't discover in time, GIEPARDA and DOUGLAS changed the drainage ditch which they had around their tent. That same evening we had a deluge of rain and KUJAWA & Co. were flooded out of their tent.

I heard that one morning as the group reported at reveille which was under normal conditions before sunrise, one of the platoon leaders failed to awaken. When this platoon was beckoned for the report, some quick thinking private yelled, "all present and accounted for" and the formation was dismissed with no one the wiser.

They showed movies on the beach at night about once or twice a week. When I asked JOHN KUJAWA on many occasions to what was playing at the show, he always replied, "They drive by night." The name of that picture never did play at the beach movie, but Hollywood did make a movie around that era with that title. I wonder if JOHN ever did get to see it?

Another evening as I was alone in our tent and I was writing a letter to home under candlelight, COLEMAN and CURTIS were returning to our area from a pass. I heard the two of them approaching as they were singing, "There's a light in Sergeant Kreye's tent--." Then COLEMAN tripped and fell over one of the tent pegs and his body fell on my tent. COLEMAN and the tent canvas were on top of me.

STANLEY CABAN returned from the hospital and I was sure glad to see him. The routine in camp became stabilized with swimming, hand to hand combat, nomenclature of weapons, trigger squeezing, and soft ball games. JOHN WILDER, another recent replacement to the Intelligence Section, who came from Lebanon, Pa., impressed me in his first game by getting four singles in four trips to the plate. Every evening we had a retreat formation in Class "A" uniforms and our rifles had to be in tip-top conditions. Usually I inspected the Headquarter's Platoon as no officers were present.

There were boxing bouts held between volunteers (men assigned to go in there by order of the commanding officer). Women and children came to our area to collect soldier's clothing for laundering also to see if we had any "chocolat." Every Sunday morning we had masses and when we were in combat we had masses whenever it was possible. The natives would sell us grapes and almonds which were plentiful in Sicily. The grapes were the best I had ever eaten, so big and sweet. It seemed every Sicilian spoke some English and was to New York City at some time or other.

It was a short time later when we packed and we headed for a marshalling area near Palermo. Colonel "PADDY" FLINT told us we were going to our winter home in England. Was it possible that "the killers" were going to a civilized land? Would they be permitted to run around loose? It was too much to believe. If they were going to send us that far, why not all the way to the United States? We had done our share and there were many untired divisions in the United States Army. However, EISENHOWER needed the veteran 1st and 9th Infantry Division to help crack Hitler's Atlantic Wall.

When we reached the marshalling area, we were quartered in large canvas tents.

The first night we had a terrific wind and rain storm. The occupants of the tent did everything in their power to keep it from blowing away. While three or four of us held the center support pole upright, the rest of the fellows were outside in the pouring rain continually knocking in the wooden tent pegs back into the earth. When morning rolled around and the storm had receded, our tent was the only one standing although slightly lopsided. That same morning was topped off with a fifteen mile hike to cool off the personnel. After a day or two, we left the "muddiest patch of earth in the world," on the night of November 8th, 1943. The 9th was on the high seas bound for the British Isles. We were briefed on some of the habits, ways of the Britishers before our arrival. We were told to be awakened in the morning was "to be knocked up in the morning."

On ship my boys were assigned to ship's supplies and they were eating and living like kings. I was not so fortunate as I was put in charge of sanitation of the "head" and washrooms which became an occupational hazard. After an uneventful voyage, we arrived at Swansea, Wales where we were greeted mildly and then put aboard those English style passenger trains. The occupants sat in compartments facing each other as six rode forward and the other six rode backward. We finally arrived in the neighborhood of Barton Stacey, England. We occupied one story wooden barracks which housed about thirty men each. At one end of the barrack there was a small room which bedded four men. F/Sgt. FREEBURG, T/Sgt. DENKER, S/Sgts. KRASOVETZ and SIMON occupied this room. I slept in the large room which contained my men and others of our company.

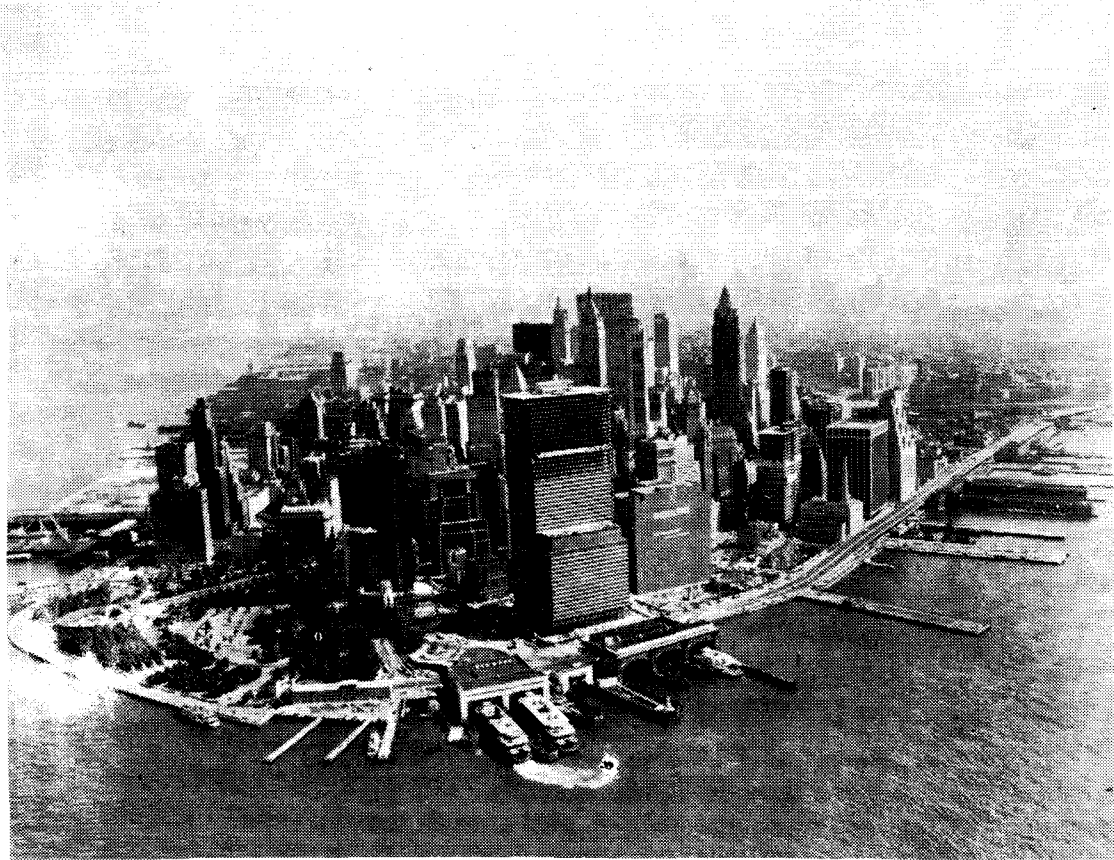
We had upper and lower berth double bunks. I took an upper near a little pot-belly stove similar to the troubled-some one at Camp Upton, Long Island when I entered the service. JACK COLEMAN had my lower but when I wasn't in my bunk, JOHN KUJAWA was laying on top of the blanket. He got the nicknames of "the horizontal kid" and "the 20% Pollack." We no sooner arrived at our new home when already there were incidents reported between the whites and the blacks. A nearby town of Andover was declared "off limits" to white troops. It was at Barton Stacey that the Intelligence Section contract bridge games came into full bloom and a little game called "galloping dominos" became everyone's pastime. They were very liberal with passes to London, Winchester and other surrounding towns. The 9th Infantry Division really struck a home at Winchester and it became evident why. They were great people and the 9th could love people like them. Besides the countless passes the men were getting, there were seven day furloughs available for those that wished them.

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NEW YORK
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All Around The Town



NEW/OLD LOWER MANHATTAN. Modern wonders rise among the historic sites of New York City's "financial district." In the center foreground is the newly created address, New York Plaza. The slab-like buildings belong to (left) Chase Manhattan Bank and (right) Manufacturers Hanover Trust. At far left, on the Hudson River, you can spot the landfill for the future Battery Park City.

FR. CONNORS TO RECEIVE MERIT AWARD

The Rev. Edward T. Connors, former chaplain of the 9th Infantry Division, U. S. Army, and now pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester, received the 1970 award of merit at the 43rd Annual Armed Forces Dinner, May 7, at the Wachusett Country Club, West Boylston.

The dinner, sponsored by the Armed Forces Committee of Worcester County, also honored the Air Force Maj. Gen. Winston P. Wilson, chief of the National Guard Bureau, was the main speaker.

JOE FINDS LOST SHEEP

Another Ninth man has been found. He is: Mr. Eugene M. Shore, Special Service Depot Aschaffenburg APO New York 09162

Gene Shore was an old tent city man with the 26FA. He served with "C" Service and Hdqtrs. Btry. His army travels after June of 1945 are unknown but he is receiving retirement pay at the above address.

Aschaffenburg is about 10 miles from Frankfurt. Anyone going to Europe this summer and who knows the old sarg might want to look him up just to renew old acquaintances.

Joe McKenzie

TIP OF THE HAT

Remembering the Memorial Fund the following members sent a donation: John Losnes, Steve Urbanyi, Aaron Alpert, Carney Johnson, Myer Wolfson and Major General Hoyle. Many thanks men. This fund which is used mainly for Scholarship Awards sure can use the lift.

GI Benefit Assistance

GI benefit assistance to a veteran's family does not necessarily cease upon his death.

Depending upon whether or not the veteran's death is attributable to a service-connected disability, a variety of benefits are available to the eligible widow, his children, and in some cases, his dependent parents.

Immediate benefits include a burial flag, reimbursement for burial expenses, and GI insurance proceeds if a policy is in force.

Death resulting from a service-connected disability would entitle the widow and minor children to Dependency and Indemnity Compensation. In some instances, the veteran's dependent parents may be eligible. If it resulted from a non-service-connected disability then the widow and his children may be eligible for pension payments, depending upon their income.

The children of veterans who die from service-connected disabilities become eligible for up to 36 months of higher education assistance. And, if the widow does not remarry, she may be eligible for a GI home loan.

Depending upon the nature of the benefit, one or more of the following records should be brought along when applying: the veteran's discharge papers or his military service number, branch of service, and dates of service; the veteran's birth, marriage, and death certificates, and his children's birth certificates.

PAY YOUR DUES NOW!!!

THE OCTOFOIL

412 Gregory Ave. Weehawken, N. J. 07087-

Now Hear This!!!

A number of months ago in my message to all the members of the Association telling them of the coming Reunion in New York City, I mentioned that July 23, 1970 was just around the corner. Now only two months away, the Silver Anniversary of the Ninth Infantry Division will be with us, and I look forward to Greeting All the members of our Association. I know that this will be the greatest and biggest Reunion we have ever held, and so I urge you to send in your registration forms for your Hotel Room, and forward all Ads and Boosters to the New York Chapter, or Mr. Walter O'Keeffe. Lets' make this the biggest Journal in the history of the Association. If we all do just a little bit, it will be. I'm counting on all of you. Looking forward in seeing all of you on July 23, 1970. Have a safe trip to New York, and bring your walking shoes.

Emil Langer
Chairman

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July 23, 24, 25, 1970

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25th ANNUAL REUNION REQUEST FOR SPACE IN SOUVENIR PROGRAM

Attached is copy for an ad 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

one eighth page \$ 5.00

Booster ads - \$1.00 - name and unit.

Send all copy, checks and money orders 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.

Deadline For Program - June 20th.

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.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASS'N. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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I wish to sign up for the following:

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Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund ☐

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Decals 25c; (5) five for \$ 1.00 ☐

"Eight Stars to Victory" \$ 2.00 ☐
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