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President's Message

Here it is June, almost the end of my administration. I want to take this opportunity to thank everybody, especially the Board of Governors for the wonderful cooperation they have given me in the past year. Also I want to thank the National Secretary for his hard work in making my term easy. Also thanks to the National Treasurer for his punctual financial reports.

I don't want to forget the Judge Advocate for his legal assistance, and the Editors of the Octofoil for their effort with our publication. Also I wish to convey my gratitude to all the chapters for their reports on these projects.

Being a member of the New York Chapter, I bear the responsibility on the coming reunion in New York, and I'm happy to say according to all reports, everything is going along on schedule. Reservations are coming along very well. So to in conclusion I want to say thanks again, hoping to see you in New York July 23rd, 24th and July 25th.

Your President
John Rizzo

Proposed Amendment To By-Laws

Acting on the recommendation of the Miscellaneous Committee's report from the 1969 General Business Meeting, and a motion duly made by Frank Orrant 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 ($4.00 to $5.00) Three (3) years from $11.00 to $13.00 – and a Life membership for $50.00 to $75.00.

PAY YOUR DUES NOW!!!

To the Women of the Ninth Infantry Division Association

First, I sincerely hope that this article which will be printed in the next issue of the Octofoil reaches you before our Convention which starts on July 13, 1970. For some reason or other very little is written or heard of, of the ladies who have to put up with the Mens of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, and yet you are the main support of everything the Association does. You attend all our functions and help in many ways to bring all of us together. The coming Silver Anniversary Reunion is expected to be the greatest of all the reunions we have ever had. We hope our ladies as always will be there in force. Congressmen from Member NATO countries may have their wives and friends waiting for them at the hotel Commodore, which is the home of the reunion.

To make the reunion a success, the committee has done everything possible to make it the biggest and the best one we have had. Remember the dates July 23rd - 25th

Sincerely,
Emil P. Langer
Reunion Chairman

Association Is Celebrating Twenty-Fifth Birthday

Big Party In New York
Everyone Invited

New York will field an all star lineup for this year's reunion set. Last month the committee announced that Lindsey Nelson would be the speaker-guest - now they have released the news that Msgr. DeLaura will act as Toastmaster. Having those two fellows on the dais at the same time is like having two 500 hitters back to back in the batting order. When they step to the mike everyone sits up and takes notice because both of these heavy hitters can really drive home their message. You can bet your bottom dollar that there won't be any bored spectators at the 1970 reunion banquet.

The Silver Anniversary Reunion seems to have rejuvenated many "Old Reliables." The "Veterans" have heard from members who haven't attended a reunion for years. They all tell us that come July 22nd they will get their butts out of the rocking chairs and will start to make tracks for New York. Apparently everyone wants to take part in this historic occasion because many members have written to us and have told us how much they are looking forward to this year's reunion. Even the hotel management is getting excited, they have advance reservations for the reunion have been excellent. It seems that 1970 is destined to be the year when many old friendships get to be renewed among members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. From all indications it would appear that the 1970 Reunion will be a sell-out and that the Hotel Commodore will be jammed to the rafters with "Old Reliables."

Prolonged Reunion

For most of us the reunion will end on Saturday evening when the President raps the gavel and officially brings the Twenty-Fifth Annual Reunion to a close. For some people the reunion will be only the beginning and is destined to last another two weeks. There are some who are making the trip to the E.T.O. and will start to make tracks for Europe. In the E.T.O. maybe a few of the German Mayors will spread the welcome mat. Scotty Hirst "our man in Europe" is working on some of these plans and will be there to greet us in Dinant. We wish them God Speed and hope that they have a wonderful time.

In the Home Stretch

The die has been cast, the preparations have been made, the committee has done everything they can to make the reunion a success. The big key to the membership, they are the ones upon whom the success of the reunion depends. We hope that every able bodied member of the Association Dues: $4.00 per year – $15.00 will be remembered to pay for the Octofoil.

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General's Opinion

When the "Colors" of the Ninth Infantry Division were good after World War II every "Old Reliance" fervently hoped that they would never be seen in battle again, but this was not to be. The peace that had been achieved has not been so great as each sacrifice during World War II was not destined to be of long duration. The communist nations would do their fellow men the favors of our great victory if they determined to test their evil designs upon the free nations of this world. So once again young men are called upon to do battle with the forces of our enemies, assigned to the Ninth Division was reactivated and once more the red, white, and blue of the "Octofoil" was seen on the neck of the young American soldiers serving their country.

When the by-laws of the Association were drawn up, the members of the Association did not think that any more battle streams would be added to the "Colors" of the Ninth, therefore, they restricted membership to veteran Association to men who had served during World War II. This, however, has gained new laurels in battle and many young men have died in Viet Nam wearing the insignia of the Division. Many people feel that the by-laws should be changed and the rolls of the Association opened to the men who died in Viet Nam. Last year in Pittsburgh, President John Kiernan spoke to General Westmoreland and requested his opinion on this question. The General replied to me in a letter that the Association is made up of the men who served during their time off from their chores to see me again. After about two years out in the Pacific, therefore, had two aides from the Association. He is still a Lieut. Col. In a few days a group of volunteer cadets must join the "Octofoil" upon the free nations of the world. The General has kept a weather eye on the Free World. The communist nations are eager to continue the relationship with the American people. As discussed at the reunion last summer, I had planned to share with you the techniques used by other division associations to strengthen ties with members of the active division. They visit the returning veterans. However, with the inception of the 9th, excluding its 3rd Brigade, some new names have emerged of limited value. Nevertheless, it still remains true to point out that the only requirement for me is to build up such associations as the 1st Infantry, and 1st Cavalry under the wearing of the patch - past or present.

Some of those who served with the 9th in World War II and are now members of the Association recognize the need for new blood in the organization. I have been informed that while in Vietnam, the 9th Infantry Division, on at least the occasions prior to its inception, tried to develop a relationship with the Association, but to no avail. Membership cards can be made available to you from the Octofoil Association when you serve in the Vietnam, the Ninth Infantry Division, at least the occasions prior to it. Some enthusiastic 9th Division members are eager to continue an association with the Association. I urge you to consider revising your organization which restricts membership to World War II veterans only, and give the Vietnam veterans full membership to your Association to include the opportunity to build up a vital and interested member of the Association. This will help in any way I can to bring about an opportunity for our Vietnam veterans to join the Association.

Sincerely,

Dan Quinn,

President

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, National Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Aaen.
412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, New Jersey 07087

Enclosed please find 1970 dues for:

Name ____________________________ Serial No. _________

Street ____________________________ City __________ Zone State __________

I was a member of: 

Battery ______ Company ______ Regiment ______ 9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Membership, per year $________

Donation Scholarship Fund __________

Three-Year Member $________

Life Membership $________

Octofoil Automobile License Decal $________

Deals, etc. (five for) $________

Eight Stars to Victory $________

(Pictorial History of 9th Division in action) __________

Ladies' Auxiliary Member $________

Combat Route Map $________

Infantry History _________

Please credit the following chapter:

Philadelphia Valley __________

Greater New York _________

Illinois __________

Washington, D. C. _________

New England _________

Michigan _________

Ohio _________

Patterson-Bragg, N. C. _________
TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND

While serving in the Army we were men formed into friendship. Billy Davidson and Henry Garguilo were men who formed such a friendship. Recently Billy had the sad duty of notifying us of Henry's departure, and I am writing this to pay tribute to our friend and old comrade as Billy wrote it.

DIED AT BRAHG

I first met Henry on September 23, 1941, called him in February 1942, and at last returned to be activated at Fort Bragg. He was a happy, lucky kid of 21, full of life and with a love of life, but serious when it came down to the hard fact of becoming a soldier.

15TH ENGINEERS

He rose through the ranks and became a Staff Sergeant of the 1st Platoon, B Co. 15th Engineers. He was instrumental in molding it into what we believe was a first rate staff and service section.

When and Where

At this table our year will not be filled but it will be long remembered and one of the best.

The following members and their children I hope few of us will ever forget.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Many "Old Reliability’s" are still serving our country by being active members of Army Reserve. For those in the regular service of the 3rd Div (TNG) based at Fort Bragg and those in one of these units, Frontier Ninth Division, please fill in one of your top command votes.

4TH TAKES OVER

When and Where

It was early evening when we entered the town of Schevenhutte. One squad of Engineers took over a house with a connecting room. The rest of us took over a house and connecting bakery down the road. There was an open area about the size of a football field between both houses. Our trucks, spaced apart for protection, were parked off the road.

As it became dark we set up our guard posts. I picked the 3rd Platoon, shift starting at 3:00 a.m. I had my rifle ready, I lay there for a moment, waiting and didn't see the patrol. I waited and when the patrol came closer we could see that it was a group of tanks. The driver and front man the machine guns outside the tanks, I didn't know what the "Finn", "Rossa", and "Mozzy" were already on the 3rd two calibers firing gun. Via Yanceh was in the barn on his rifle to cover the men missing the machine guns, he was killed while providing that protection. Sgt. Hay was also killed in action.

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This is the 11th installment of Bill Kreye's and W. K. Godfrey's book, "The War in Germany - the years 1941 to 1945." The story is told through the eyes of Corporal CHARLES REUNION KREYE 3B, who served in the 3rd Battalion, 9th Infantry Division, as part of the 3rd Infantry Regiment. The narrative captures the experiences of American soldiers during World War II, focusing on their daily lives, the challenges they faced, and the impact of war on their personal and professional lives.

In the year 1941, the American soldiers were stationed in England, preparing for their upcoming missions. The British provided them with training, equipment, and a sense of community, which helped them feel more prepared for the challenges ahead.

The story highlights the camaraderie among the soldiers, the importance of discipline and teamwork, and the sacrifices made by those who fought in the war. It is a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by millions of soldiers around the world during this time of conflict.

The narrative is a testament to the enduring spirit of service and dedication that defines those who fight for their country. It is a reminder of the importance of remembering those who served and honoring their legacy.

The story concludes with a scene of a holiday celebration, as the soldiers gather to share Christmas with their families and loved ones, despite the challenges of war.

The war in Europe was a complex and multifaceted conflict, and the story of Corporal Charles Reunion Kreye is just one of the many tales of courage, sacrifice, and resilience that defined the experiences of American soldiers during World War II.
Overcomes Handicap

HARRY O'S
NEW YORKERS HOLD
ANNUAL PICNIC

Not even a cloud burst could dampen the enthusiasm that was displayed by a large attendance of men, women, and children at the Annual Picnic which was held at Roosevelt Park, Menands, New York on Sunday, July 6, 1970.

The heavy downpour continued from 2:25 to 2:45 p.m. while most of the large crowd remained in their cars. A few men raked a terraplane during the rainstorm to protect the rifles. When the rain stopped, the entire group resumed their happy festivities that began the morning and continued until the sun went down.

Chairman Jack Scully and his assistants, Frank Paz and Ralph Witzkin should be congratulated for their job they did at the picnic. Scully supplied and arranged for the supply of hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks (white wine, coffee, beer and soda for everyone), Scully and Fatsco had to coordinate the activities of children, Luise DelMarta, Harvey Dietrich, Vincent Galgadow, Al Langer, Bob Orthof, Al Orletti, Bill Nadolski, Adolph Walsawich and many others in the preparation and supervision of the variety of food.

A special thanks is extended to those who furnished the picnic. Other contributing individuals were Lou Altsasser, Frank Falaro, Lenny Langi, Harry Sadek, Munoz and Val DelMarta.

About 25 prizes were given to the men, women, and children. Al Rago sold the raffle tickets. Dom Miele sold the tickets for the prizes.

C/O 47th Reunion

An additional thanks is extended to the picnic writers, John Delapoga, Joe Kramar, John Connelly and John Lavoie, who loaned us a truck so that we could move the picnic area, and as a result we all had a wonderful time at the picnic.

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SOCIAL SECURITY INCREASES will not affect VA pension and/or VA domiciliary benefits for veterans with non-service-connected disabilities.

Our special thanks to the Hudalie Trucking Company who furnished us a truck so that the food and picnic equipment could be transported to the picnic area, and as a result we all had a wonderful time at the picnic.

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OM NOTES

It is 25 years after WWII and it will be a real pleasure and privilege to continue the friendships that were made in WWII. From the letters received the OM should be well represented. Usually the large turnout include the following: HILBERT ABRAMS, GENE BERAS, FLOYD HENNESSY, TREVOR JONES, BILL PALADY, TOM PIZZETTI, ANDY SINARE, and EVERETT TAPP. When this group get together there is a plenty of repartee. Also, they reminisce about their WWII experiences, and practically mention all the 9th OM's from A to Z, and who they met in their travels. The reunion is a great occasion to become acquainted with your veterans with non-service-connected disabilities.

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The Memorial Fund of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was established by the members of the association to commemorate the memory of those who served with the 9th Infantry Division who died in the line of duty. As a part of this fund the association supplies scholarships to outstanding students 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 in a high school, college, or trade school. The pupil must have been a member of the division. The application turnouts for this division are all well at home.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Send a letter of application, written in expository form, to the chairman of the scholarship committee stating the following: name, address, age, sex, and occupation of the applicant and if he or she is a member of the association. The application must be postmarked by the terminal date. Entitlement is based on the date of the application and the name of the division member.

2. A representative of the applicant's high school must be included with the letter of application. The representative must be a member of the association. The letter of application and the certificate of the applicant is sent to the chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

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4. All applications must be postmarked before the Scholarship Committee.

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An aerial view of the Empire State Building and other midtown Manhattan skyscrapers. The view looks north up Manhattan Island. The East River is at the right.

Target For 1970 Reunion

WEDNESDAY - JULY 22, 1970
6:00 P.M. - Ladies Meeting and Social
THURSDAY - JULY 23, 1970
4:00 A.M. - Golf Tournament
9:00 A.M. - Registration All Day
10:00 A.M. - Registrars and Local Meetings
1:00 A.M. - Ladies Meeting and Social
3:00 P.M. - Board of Governors Meeting
9:00 P.M. - Welcome Party-Ragtime and Dance
FRIDAY - JULY 24, 1970
9:00 A.M. - Registration All Day
10:00 A.M. - Registrars and Local Meetings
1:00 A.M. - Ladies Meeting and Social
3:00 P.M. - Board of Governors Meeting
9:00 P.M. - Welcome Party-Ragtime and Dance
SATURDAY - JULY 25, 1970
4:00 A.M. - Reading and Local Meetings
10:00 A.M. - Parade and Memorial Services at the United Nations
1:00 P.M. - Picnic
4:00 P.M. - Board of Governors Meeting
5:30 P.M. - PMV Reunion Banquet
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As we have said before our mail-bags seem to be bottomless and we never seem able to empty them. Here are a few samples from our latest delivery.

**Glenn A. Davis**

Division Hq., CoB 47th

Glenn joined the Ninth in November 1943 and served with the Division until the end of World War II. When the Division was reassigned to the Ninth Corps in April 1945, Glenn served as a academy in the 899th Signal Co. He is well-known in the Association and hopes to be able to attend the reunion in September.

**Dennis R. Dwyer**

Casselberry, Fla.

Dennis served with the Ninth in the Pacific Theater from 1944 to 1945. He is currently employed as a色彩する in the private sector.

**William R. Robb**


Bill received his commission in the Ninth in June 1944 and served with the Division until the end of the war. He is currently employed as a色彩する in the private sector.

**R.M. Hummel**

97 Medics

Hq. 1st Bn 60th

R.M. Hummel has been a member of the Ninth since 1943 and is currently employed as a色彩する in the public sector.

**Anthony J. Brianyk**

New Jersey, has finally decided to make a move to Florida. He is currently employed as a色彩する in the private sector.

**Charles E. Neal**

9th Recon Troop

Bill Buemi was an infantryman in the 9th Recon Troop and served in the Pacific Theater from 1944 to 1945. He is currently employed as a色彩する in the private sector.

**Ralph A. Desibio**

Lockport, N. Y.

Ralph served with the Ninth in the Pacific Theater from 1944 to 1945. He is currently employed as a色彩する in the private sector.

**Robert W. Robb**

Brownsville, N. Y.

Bob served in the Pacific Theater from 1944 to 1945. He is currently employed as a色彩する in the private sector.

**Steve Lask**

Baltimore, Md.

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