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# THE OCTOFOIL

412 Gregory Ave. Weehawken, N. J. 07087

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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will be earmarked to pay for The Octofoil

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## Next Stop Worcester Nov. 8th Then Springfield July 29 TO 31

### Site for the 1971 Reunion



The Illinois Chapter members announced at the New York reunion that they have selected the city of Springfield for next year's gathering of the clans. Shown here is the State Capital of Illinois.

### It was a perfect Reunion

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Reunion has added another chapter to the Association's history and what a wonderful chapter it is. "Old Reliables" from all parts of the country flocked to New York and had a grand old time celebrating the Association's twenty-fifth birthday. The reunion committee made certain that this birthday party would be one that would be remembered for a long, long time. They provided all the ingredients that were necessary for a swinging time and the members provided the spirit and enthusiasm that added life to the party. Reminiscing was the order of the day and Lindsey Nelson was the Officer of the Day.

Lindsey caught the spirit of the reunion and his words were a magic carpet that carried his listeners back to the yesteryears of 1940 - 1945. His stories of those eventful days were a blend of the serious and the comic. He told of the occasion when General Eddy and his distinguished guests dined on beef that had been procured outside of the normal supply channels. The beef in its living state had been the sacred bull of

a local Arab leader, its demise brought on a case of diplomatic indigestion at Division Headquarters. Lindsey brought laughter to the lips of the "Old Reliables" but he also brought tears to their eyes when he spoke of the brave men we left behind on the battlefields of the E.T.O. He closed with a quote from the preface of General Randle's book "Safi Adventure". The words were written by a soldier of an earlier war - we have read them a dozen

times but we never grasped their full meaning until we heard Lindsey Nelson say them at the reunion banquet -  
"Here lie we dead because we did not choose  
To live and shame the land from which we sprung  
Life, to be sure, is nothing much to lose  
But young men think it is, and we were young."

We were expecting several stories from the members that took the trip to Europe but as we go to press it appears as though we will have to wait for the next issue. However we do have a number of pictures taken across the big pond and they are shown in this issue.

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### Memorial Service

When newspapers begin to print football scores and sportscasters start to talk about the World Series we can be pretty certain that the summer is coming to an end. Another reliable indication that fall is just around the corner is the arrival of Father Connors invitation to the Annual Memorial Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester, Mass.

#### A HISTORIC DATE

This year the Memorial Service will be held on November 8th, a date that has great historical significance for men who served with the Ninth. Twenty-eight years ago on 8 November 1942 the Ninth Infantry Division assaulted the littoral of North Africa. It was on that date that the Division suffered its first casualties from enemy action. The men who fell while storming the North African beaches were the first of many brave soldiers who were to die while wearing the Octofoil. Many of their comrades were destined to suffer a similar fate on battlefields in Algeria, Tunisia, Sicily, France, Belgium and Germany. Today another generation proudly wears the Octofoil. In Vietnam young men from this new generation have made the same sacrifice that the first "Old Reliables" made on the shores of North Africa so many years ago. The Memorial Service at Worcester honors these courageous men who put their country's welfare above their own.

#### WELCOME FOR THE TROOPS

On the Saturday evening of November 7th the parishioners of Father Connors church will welcome the troops and their families in the parish hall. As in other years they will put out a "spread" that will satisfy the biggest "chow hounds" - even guys like Art Schmidt never go away feeling hungry. On Sunday there will be coffee before and after the 10:00 A.M. Mass. At 12:15 a dinner will be held at the Wachusett Country Club. We don't know how the good Chaplain can get these people to serve a meal at so low a cost, but he does it.

#### RESERVE A ROOM NOW

Joe McKenzie our faithful New England correspondent has a word of advice for any of our members who are planning to attend the Memorial Mass. Joe suggests that they make their hotel and motel reservations early. November 7-8 will be homecoming weekend for The College of the Holy Cross and the football team has a game at Amherst. These activities will draw a large number of people to Worcester and rooms will be hard to come by. To avoid any inconvenience our members should make their reservations NOW. Joe sent us a list of motels that are in the Worcester area, we are printing it so that you can make advance arrangements for your stay in Worcester.

#### WORCESTER

Holiday Inn, 70 Southbridge St. (617-791-2291)

AUBURN - 4 miles from Worcester

Yankee Drummer Inn, 621 Southbridge St. (617-332-3221)

SHREWSBURY - 9 miles from Worcester

Driftwood Motel, Boston Turnpike (617-842-8911)

Worcester City Motel, 235 Boston Turnpike (617-791-0976)

Shrewsbury Motor Inn, Boston Turnpike (617-798-3711)

WEST BOYLSTON - 10 miles from Worcester

Wachusett Motor Lodge Route 12 (617-835-4416)

Howard Johnson Esquire Motel

SUTTON - 11 miles from Worcester

Pleasant Valley Motor Lodge Rt. 146 (617-865-5222)

FRAMINGHAM - 15 miles from Worcester

Hunter's Motor Inn 1186 Worcester Rd. (617-879-1510)

Remember the dates  
Saturday November 7th  
Connors Coffee Shop  
7:00 P.M. to Midnight

Sunday November 8th  
10 A.M. Memorial Mass  
and Services  
Immaculate Conception Church  
12:15 P.M. Dinner at the  
Wachusett Country Club

3:00 P.M. Homeward Bound

## THE OCTOFOIL

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James Bruner, Flint, Michigan  
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An extract from the certificate of incorporation of the 9th Infantry Division Association reads: "This Association is formed by the officers and men of the 9th Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively of means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to former members of the 9th Infantry Division."

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## New Secretary — Ladies Auxillary

## Tippie Resigns

Dear Members, 9th Infantry Division Association Aux.:

It has been such a great pleasure serving as the Secretary and Treasurer of the great 9th Auxiliary and it is sad for me to have to resign as your officer, but I think someone younger and in good health can do a much better job than I. My heart and thoughts, will always be with you all, for you all have been just wonderful to me, and I love you all.

Good Luck and God Bless you all, and have a wonderful reunion and E.T.O. trip.

Thanks to all you good people for being so kind to me.

Sincerely,  
Tippie Plunkett

Mrs. Amelia Langer the new Secretary-Treasurer of the Ladies Auxillary has the following message for the ladies of the Association.

"A few words from your new Secretary-Treasurer, a position which I accepted reluctantly, for it meant taking Tippie Plunkett's place. This will be a difficult thing to do, for she did such a wonderful job. We will always remember her. She made only one request, that the ladies write to her, for she loves us all.

Now to business, I'm looking for new members. We make it very simple, for elsewhere in the paper you will find an application for membership. All you have to do is mail it to me with a small amount, so don't delay. Members of the Auxiliary can assist our membership drive by enrolling friends who are not presently members of the Auxiliary."

Amelia (Molly) Langer  
5 Brentwood Drive  
Morris Plains, N. J. 07950  
201-539-5345

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

in the  
LADIES' AUXILIARY  
of the  
NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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

Mrs. Amelia Langer, Secretary-Treasurer  
Ninth Infantry Division Association Ladies Auxiliary  
5 Brentwood Drive, Morris Plains, N. J. 07950

HARRY O'S  
REPORT

It was one of the largest audiences of men, women, children and friends who attended the SILVER ANNIVERSARY REUNION at the HOTEL COMMODORE, NEW YORK CITY, on July 23, 24, 25, 1970.

It was SATURDAY the last evening of a memorable reunion. We had one of the largest turnouts at a reunion for the dinner and we filled the spacious banquet ballroom. There was a standing ovation as the persons entered the ballroom who were to occupy the seats on the dais. The STAR SPANGLED BANNER was sung. A delicious prime ribs of beef dinner was served. We were now ready for the speeches.

## TOASTMASTER

THE TOASTMASTER WAS IN EXCELLENT FORM. EMIL LANGER introduced REV. MSGR. DE LAURA as toastmaster, and he did an outstanding job. He introduced all the persons on the dais that included FRANK OZART the NEW PRESIDENT of the ASSOCIATION.

MSGR. DE LAURA said we are grateful to be here. He recalled how he joined the 9th DIVISION. He had the audience continually laughing with his stories.

MSGR. DE LAURA played a tape that GENERAL WESTMORELAND had recorded. GENERAL WESTMORELAND had returned to VIETNAM. Included in the tape recording was the message BEST WISHES FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL REUNION.

The Monsignor was at his best when he introduced LINDSEY NELSON as the GUEST SPEAKER for the evening. Part of his introduction included that LINDSEY NELSON is a talented man, a loyal 9th DIVISION MAN, and is the SPORTSCASTER for the NEW YORK METS.

Lindsey recalled that he was with the METS when they played their first ball game. He mentioned some of the players at that time. He has been with the METS for nine years.

## LINDSEY RECALLS

Lindsey mentioned names that brought back unforgettable memories. Remember FORT BRAGG, the 82nd and the 9th in FAYETTEVILLE, EL GUETTAR, SICILY? Remember the loading in EUROPE, PARIS reentered, REMAGEN, the BATTLE of the BULGE? Remember the end of the war?

He recalled names and stories connected with GENERAL BRADLEY, PATTON, MANTON EDDY, WESTMORELAND, PADDY FLINT, OTTO KERNER, who later became GOVERNOR of ILLINOIS and many others.

Lindsey told many anecdotes during the speech that the audience enjoyed and at the end of his speech he received a long standing ovation.

JOHN CLOUSER said that the 1971 REUNION would be held in SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. John read the list of names that were awarded 9th DIVISION SCHOLARSHIPS.

FATHER CONNORS remarked that the 26th ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICES would be held on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1970. He said last year he had the largest attendance at his MEMORIAL SERVICES and at his DINNER.

MSGR. DE LAURA remarked that we are most grateful for EMIL LANGER, FRANK FAZIO, RALPH WITZKIN, DANNY QUINN, WALTER O'KEEFE and many others for this SILVER ANNIVERSARY REUNION.

## THE EUROPEAN TRIP

The time was now rapidly approaching for the large group that were going on the EUROPEAN trip to get ready and enter the buses that would take them to the airport. The luggage was also placed on the buses.

MSGR. DE LAURA closed the reunion with a prayer.

## THE PARADE

MEMORIAL SERVICES  
SATURDAY MORNING

SATURDAY was the big day. With a police car leading the way, followed by the ARMY BAND, we marched from LEXINGTON AVENUE, and 43rd Street to FIRST AVENUE and 47th Street. The parade was four blocks long.

EMIL LANGER did an excellent job introducing the speakers. MSGR. DE LAURA delivered the opening prayer and was followed by FATHER CONNORS, JOHN RIZZO and RALPH WITZKIN. Their theme was that we should remember the 9th DIVISION MEN who made the SUPREME SACRIFICE and THOSE who have passed on since.

GOLD STAR PARENTS MR. and MRS. M. McINERNEY of NEW YORK and MRS. BULLOCK of NORTH

CAROLINA placed the MEMORIAL WREATH at the speakers rostrum.

The MEMORIAL SERVICES were concluded with the playing of taps.

## IN SICK BAY

One familiar face was missing from this years' reunion and everyone from the 60th Inf. was looking for him. Charlie Liberetto suffered a heart attack just before the reunion. While everyone was having a good time at the Commodore Charlie was resting at Flushing Hospital.

The hospital's switchboard handled an extra heavy load during the reunion because all Charlies many friends tried to call him. The reports on Charlie's condition are good and we hope to see him soon at the New York Chapter meetings

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Enclosed please find 1970 dues for:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

I was a member of:

Battery \_\_\_\_\_; Company \_\_\_\_\_; Regiment \_\_\_\_\_ 9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00 ☐

Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_ ☐

THREE-YEAR MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ \$11.00 ☐

Life Membership \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 ☐

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

Decals, 25c; (5) five for \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 1.00 ☐

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

Ladies' Auxiliary Member \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 1.50 ☐

Combat Route Map \_\_\_\_\_ \$ .50 ☐

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

Please credit the following chapter:

Philly-Delaware Valley ☐ Greater New York ☐

Illinois ☐ Washington, D. C. ☐

New England ☐ Michigan ☐

Ohio ☐ Fayetteville-Fort Bragg, N. C. ☐

## QMNOTES

It was one of the largest turnout of QM's for a REUNION. Included in the large group that made the EUROPEAN TRIP were:

Everett Tapp  
Floyd Hennessey & his wife  
Trevor Jones & his wife  
Tom Pitzer & his wife  
also present at the reunion were:

Aaron Alpert & his friend Herb Temkin - 47th Inf.  
Joe Demato  
Harry Orenstein  
Bill Palady  
John Rooke  
Ernie Siegel  
Horace Abrams & his wife  
John Jagling & his wife  
Ted McLean & his wife (Trevor Jones & his wife's friends)  
Andy Sinare & his wife  
Curtis Witt & his wife

John Rooke has signed for three years as a member of the 9th DIVISION ASSOCIATION. As usual, ANDY SINARE was the life of the party. But we all contributed to the sophisticated repartee. Andy showed us many pictures that brought back memories. We did a great deal of reminiscing from FORT BRAGG to INGOLSTADT. We all had a most enjoyable time at the reunion. Our sincere appreciation to the NEW YORK CHAPTER REUNION COMMITTEE who made the SILVER ANNIVERSARY REUNION the PERFECT REUNION.

## A SAD REPORT

BILL PALADY informed us that ALLEN WEBSTER passed away on JUNE 25, 1970. All the QM's liked ALLEN. Our sincerest condolences to MRS. WEBSTER and HER FAMILY. Best regards to all. Hope you are all well at home.

Sincerely yours,  
HARRY ORENSTEIN

The QM COMMITTEE'S ADDRESSES are:  
Bill Palady  
403-29th Street  
McKeesport, Pa.

Harry Orenstein  
901 Walton Avenue  
Bronx, N. Y. 10452





Art Schmidt looks as though he is right at home with (left to right) Pat Morano, Nick Palega, Mrs. Olga Palega, Mrs. Ann Morano, standing Mrs. Paul Walton, and Mrs. Walter Victor, Mr. and Mrs. McInerney, and Mrs. Hetty Bullock at the Gay Ninety night party.

## 1970 NEW YORK REUNION



Father Connors, Mrs. Hetty Bullock and Mr. and Mrs. Michael McInerney, Gold Star Parents, gather to place wreath at Memorial Services. Back of them is President John Rizzo, Father Rowan, Msgr. Anthony DeLaura and Chairman of the Reunion Emil Langer.



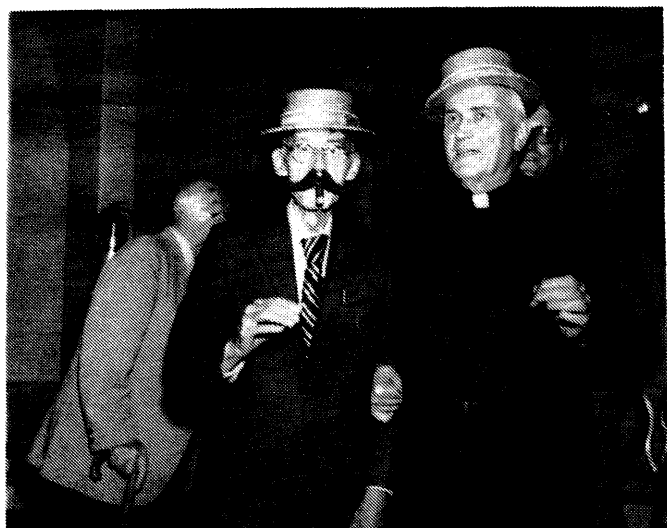
The troops gather to remember our dead.



Ralph Witzken offers prayers for our Jewish members. Msgr. DeLaura is also shown as he offered prayers before Ralph.

### THE UNITED NATIONS TOUR

After MEMORIAL SERVICES we went on a U. N. tour. Our U. N. guide was very informational, interesting and articulate. Her presentation of the branches of the U. N., their functions, the seating arrangements, the problems that are discussed, the composition of the U. N., the languages that are spoken, and how they are interpreted, which nations contributed the pictures and tapestry were adequately explained as we went from room to room.



They look like a couple of "old song and dance men" but they are (bending over) Mr. Joseph Lynch, Mr. Michael McInerney (Gold Star Parents) and Father Connors. Looking over their shoulders is big George Brown of A Company 47th.

### REUNION SOUVENIR

Everyone who attended the reunion banquet received a pennant that will be a wonderful souvenir of the Twenty-Fifth Annual Reunion. These pennants will be hanging in the homes of many "Old Reliabilities" for years to come. The pennants were the brainchild of Bill Muldoon he had them made up and donated them to the New York Chapter for distribution at the reunion.



With heads held high the troops march to the Memorial Services.

### TIRED BUT HAPPY

On the Sunday morning after the reunion Frank Fazio, Emil Langer and Ralph Witzken were three tired fellows. For many months they had worked on the reunion plans but their hard work didn't really begin until the members started to arrive at the Commodore. For three days and nights they were constantly on the go taking care of all the details that go into making a reunion a success. Because of their hard work and careful planning the Silver Anniversary was a huge success.



With colors leading the troops start the parade to the Memorial Service.



Father Jerry Rowan chats with the younger generation.

Remember  
The Dates  
1971 Reunion  
Springfield  
July 29-31



The Ladies Auxiliary were in the line of march with the men.

# UTAH BEACH

## 25th Anniversary 9th Inf. Div.

### July 31, 1970



*All the guys and gals gather for this picture on Utah Beach. A brief ceremony was held here with Father Connors leading the group in a prayer for the men of the Ninth.*



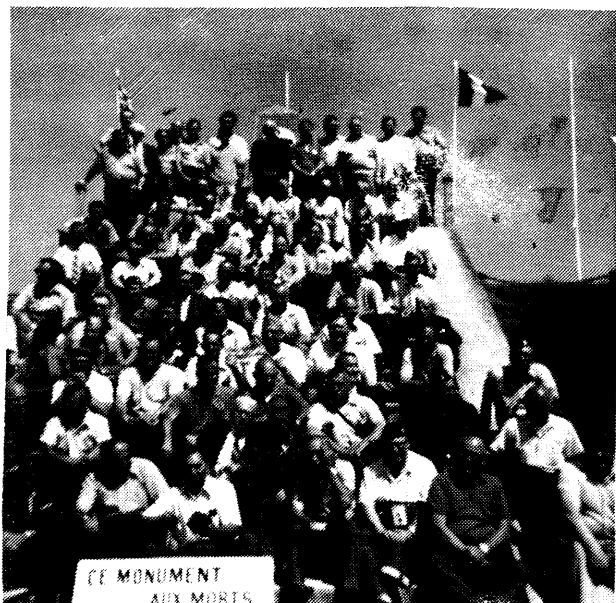
*A group in front of the Eiffel Tower.*



*Winchester Cathedral is the background for Bill Greco, Max Umansky, Nick Russick, Jack Scully, Dan Quinn and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips.*



*The Mayor of Dinant, Belgium greets Mr. Joseph Lynch God Star Parent. Mrs. Hetty Bullock is at the right.*



*Just the guys sit in on this picture at Utah Beach.*



*This is what is left of the Bridge at Remagen.*



*Quinn and Jack Scully view the scene in Monschau from the same angle that appears in "8 Stars to Victory". (page 278)*



THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE 25TH ANNUAL REUNION

The 25th Annual Reunion General Meeting of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held on July 24, 1970 at the Hotel Commodore, New York, New York. There being a quorum of 83 members present, President John Rizzo then called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. A moment of silence was observed for the departed men of the Ninth.

The President then called upon the secretary Daniel Quinn to read the minutes of the 24th annual reunion. Upon a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by Leonard Tomassone it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes as read and instruct the secretary to place same on file for the record.

Thomas Boyle the Treasurer was called upon for his report. He gave a detailed report on the income and spendings for the year. Boyle concluded by stating "to the best of his knowledge, all bills and obligations incurred by this association for the year ending June 30, 1970 have been paid or settled and the association is in good financial condition. The Officers and Board members are to be congratulated for their efforts in operating the association". President Rizzo thanked Boyle for his report and upon a motion duly made by James Bruner and seconded by Dom Miele it was voted to: Accept the Treasurers report.

John Clouser, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, was called upon for his report. Clouser named Frank Ozart and David Heller as permanent members who serve on the committee with him and then briefed the members as to how the final selections are made according to the applicants academic ability and financial needs and that all these young people are related to members of the Ninth Infantry Division. A total of \$1150.00 will be awarded.

NEW APPLICANTS

John Friel  
Joseph P. King  
Michael A. Kortas  
Marie J. McKenzie

RENEWALS

Eric M. Kocay  
Jonathon A. Kocay  
Neil L. McLaughlin  
Guy A. Meadows  
Ann C. Powers  
Edmund P. Sabato

The National Board of Governors at their meeting on April 25, 1970 voted to approve the report and recommendations of the Scholarship Committee. President Rizzo thanked John Clouser and his committee for their efforts with this committee, and upon a motion duly made by Charles Koskie and seconded by Elias Hopkins it was voted to: Accept the report and to thank the Committee members.

Emil Langer Chairman of the Reunion, was called upon for a brief report. Emil spoke of the attendance that had registered and events that were to take place. All signs are for a successful reunion. President Rizzo thanked Langer for his report and added to "thank all the members of the New York Chapter who have served on the reunion committee" for a job well done.

George Apar Chairman of the Financial Committee named the following members who served on this Committee: Nick Dogostino, Maurice Mitchell, Art MacDougall, John Edmunds, and Charles Koskie. The Treasurer and Secretary also sat in on part of this meeting and 1st Vice President, Vincent Guglielmino.

The Budget for the year 1970-71

Anticipated Income		
Dues	\$4067.00	
Investments	2208.00	
Reunion	300.00	
	\$6575.00	
Anticipated Expenses		
The Octofoil	\$2040	
Editors Expense	400	
		2440.00
Secretarys Salary		600.00
Clerical Expense		600.00
Utilities		420.00
Postage		405.00
Supplies		170.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		160.00
Treasurers Expense		250.00
Chapter Commissions		388.00
Printing		182.00
Accountant		150.00
Memorial Wreath		25.00
Social Security		28.00
Scholarship Committee Expense		69.00
Board of Governors		150.00
Dues Reminder Notice		100.00
Journal Program		35.00
Secretarys Expense		350.00
		\$6522.00

The Financial Committee recommends, but only if absolutely necessary, to borrow monies from the Capital Fund for operating expenses.

Upon a motion duly made by Harry Whalen and seconded by William Meadows it was voted to: Accept the budget and recommendations of the Finance Committee. President Rizzo thanked George Apar and his committee for their report.

Frank Ozart of the Nominating Committee then named the following members who served on this committee: John Sabato, Leonard Tomassone, Casey Pawelak, Francis Maher, Paul Keller, and Max Umansky. Four Board Members are to be replaced and the Committee recommends the following members: Nick Dogostino of the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter, Charles Koskie of the Illinois Chapter, Ronald Murphy of the New England Chapter and Walter O'Keeffe of the New York Chapter. Upon a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by Francis Maher it was voted to: Accept the Committees report.

John Clouser made a motion to close the nominations and this was seconded by Harrison Daysh and so voted.

John Clouser made a motion (seconded by Al Geist) to have the Secretary cast one ballot for a unanimous vote. So voted.

Thomas Shine of the Miscellaneous Committee named the following members who served on this committee: Victor DeCesare, Al Cuprys, Harry Orenstein, John Bonkowski and Tom Boyle.

The Committee recommends:

- Due to the long delays in delivery of some of the members copy of the Octofoil, the following recommendations are made:
  - Possibility of using 1st class mail at the members option - cost of this service to be paid by the members requesting the service.
  - Check with the Post Office to try to improve the service.

- Members to report to the Secretary regarding dates of delivery where problems exist or arise - a paragraph in the Octofoil be used requesting reports from members of Chapters etc., as this would help determine where and how extensive the problem may be.
- Recommendations for auto decals.
  - Recommends that the Association purchase a better grade of decal for auto windshields. The present ones do not adhere well for a long period.
  - One decal be included in with the membership card and for dues receipt.
- The Committee wishes to compliment the Staff of the Octofoil on their excellent work in publishing this paper, and on the successful use of the red label to indicate a members's dues are delinquent.
- The Committee recommends that we do not accept members from the New Octofoil Association, due to differences in age, outlook and that their experiences are under different conditions than ours were.

Upon a motion duly made by Henry Santos and seconded by Robert Yoder it was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations of the Miscellaneous Committee. President Rizzo thanked Thomas Shine and his committee for their report.

Charles Jones of the Newspaper Committee named the following members who served on this committee: Art Schmidt, Victor Butswinkus, Elmer Wagner, Paul Leschak and Walter O'Keeffe.

The Committee submitted the following recommendations:

- Ask the present Editors to serve for another year.
- The Committee is in accord with the present six issues a year per six pages if possible.
- Continue with the practice of sending at least one copy a year to delinquent members.
- Continue with the story by Bill Kreye - "The Pawns of War" till completion.
- Because of increases with costs of printing etc., if necessary meet these costs, subject of course, to the action of the Board of Governors.
- Request the members to keep sending in newsy stories etc.

Upon a motion made by Al Cuprys and seconded by Ron Murphy it was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations of the committee. President Rizzo thanked the committee for their report.

James Bruner of the By-laws committee then named the following members who served on this committee: John Clouser, Elias (Hoppy) Hopkins, Joseph Maule, Ronald Murphy, Anthony Soprano, Harry Meltzer, and Judge Advocate Harriston Daysh.

This committee recommended the following:

- That the cost of membership be increased
  - 1 year from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per year
  - 3 years from \$11.00 to \$13.00
  - Life membership from \$50.00 to \$75.00
- That the By-laws be amended to admit members from the Vietnam Conflict.

Upon a motion made by John Sabato and Leonard Tomassone it was voted to: Accept the report of the committee.

On the questions it was voted to have a separate vote on each motion.

After a standing vote on the question of increasing the membership dues it was voted: Not to change the present cost of membership.

Upon a motion duly made by Anthony Soprano and seconded by Henry Meyers it was voted by the membership (after a check of membership cards to verify the good standing of the members voting): That the Board of Governors at their November (1970) meeting amend, after due notice, Article 4 of the By-laws of this association, to provide that all members or veterans of the 9th Infantry Division who served since its activation at Fort Riley, Kansas, for the Vietnam conflict and who wore the Octofoil and served honorably during the period of the 9th Infantry Division or any component thereof, during the preparation and engagement in that conflict, shall be eligible as individuals, to join the association. New Chapters may be formed where necessary to properly carry out the objective of this association.

Upon a motion duly made by Harry Whalen and seconded by William Meadows it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Daniel Quinn  
National Secretary

The 97th meeting of the National Board of Governors was held at 3:50 p.m., July 25, 1970 at the Hotel Commodore, New York, New York, attended by Messrs: Out going President John Rizzo, James Bruner, Nick Dogostino, Walter O'Keeffe, Joseph Uschak, Charles Jones, William Meadows, Leonard Tomassone, Francis Maher, Ronald Murphy, Frank Ozart, and Charles Koskie. Also attending were the treasurer Thomas Boyle, and Past Presidents John Clouser, John Sabato, Herbert Olsen, Emil Langer, and Paul Keller.

President Rizzo called the meeting to order and asked the members to stand and observe a moment of silence in memory of our departed comrades.

Upon a motion duly made by William Meadows and seconded by Leonard Tomassone it was voted to: Omit the reading of the minutes from the 96th Board meeting, and the financial report.

Election of Officers was held by the Board members and the following members elected to serve for the coming year.

President, Frank Ozart; 1st Vice Pres., Vincent Guglielmino; 2nd Vice Pres., Richard Wilson; 3rd Vice Pres., Robert DeSandy; Judge Advocate, Harrison Daysh; Secretary, Daniel Quinn; Treasurer, Thomas Boyle.

John Rizzo the out-going President thanked the members for their support during the past year and turned the meeting over to the newly elected President Frank Ozart. Frank thanked the members for the honor bestowed upon him and promised to do his best for the association. He concluded his remarks by asking the members for their cooperation for the coming year.

President Ozart then asked for bids on sites for the 1972 reunion. The Illinois Chapter was awarded the reunion for 1971 at the Pittsburgh 1969 reunion. This is in keeping with the policy of selecting sites two years in advance. Leonard Tomassone submitted a bid for the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter with the possibility of holding the reunion in Atlantic City. Ronald Murphy submitted a bid for the New England Chapter to be held in Boston.

The Board Members voted to award the 1972 reunion site to the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter.

There being no other business to come before the members, President Frank Ozart closed the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Daniel Quinn  
National Secretary

The 96th meeting of the National Board of Governors was held at 5:05 p.m., July 23, 1970 at the Hotel Commodore, New York, New York, attended by Messrs: John Rizzo, Frank Ozart, Charles Jones, James Bruner, Joseph Uschak, Leonard Tomassone, Richard Wilson, Thomas Shine, Francis Maher, Treasurer Thomas Boyle, Past Presidents Paul Keller, John Bonkowski, John Sabato and Emil Langer Chairman of the Reunion.

President Rizzo opened the meeting by asking the members to stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of our departed buddies.

The secretary Dan Quinn read the minutes of the 95th meeting and upon a motion duly made by Richard Wilson and Leonard Tomassone it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes and place same on file.

President Rizzo then called upon the treasurer Thomas Boyle for his report. Upon a motion duly made by James Bruner and seconded by Joseph Uschak it was voted to: Accept the report as submitted.

Emil Langer, Chairman of the 1970 Reunion, gave the members a briefing on happenings of the reunion as of this time. All indications are for a successful reunion. President Rizzo thanked Emil Langer for his report.

The following members were appointed by the President to serve as Chairman of the various committees for the general meeting:

Financial Committee, George Apar; Nomination Committee, Frank Ozart; Newspaper Committee, Charles Jones; Miscellaneous Committee, Thomas Shine; By-laws Committee, James Bruner.

There being no other business to come before the members, and upon a motion duly made by Thomas Shine and seconded by Joseph Uschak it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Daniel Quinn  
National Secretary

Help Wanted

We are printing the following in the hope that one of our readers may be able to assist us.

Mrs. Olga Kenda of Whiting, Ind., wrote us and requested that we forward a letter to Harry McNamee who served with Co B 39th Inf. Mrs. Kenda's husband Julius served with that company and Harry McNamee was one of his best friends. Recently Julius passed away and Mrs. Kenda wants to notify his old buddy. Unfortunately she does not have his address, and his name is not on our membership rolls. If anyone has this fellows' address please contact Dan Quinn so that Mrs. Kenda's letter can be forwarded to him.  
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Telegram Received

9th Division Banquet  
Hotel Commodore  
New York  
Dear Mr. Toastmaster:

Please make sure sure Medicare Father Connors does not get lost in Europe. Put him in no dress parades, keep him out of Rome as he wants to be Monsignor. Don't make him a General, we heard too much when he became a Colonel.

The Troops at  
Immaculate Conception

Because of limited space the story by Bill Kreye - "The Pawns of War" was omitted from this issue but will be continued in the next issue.

# MAIL CALL

This year everyone got a vacation except the mailman who delivers to 412 Gregory Ave. The Silver Anniversary Reunion and the trip to Europe created great interest among our members and many letters pertaining to these events were added to the usual heavy load that the mailman drops off at the "Octofoil."

Wilton Taylor 47th Inf.  
Stop 6  
Lost Hills, Calif. 93249

Wilton writes that he enjoyed the last edition of the "Octofoil" and noted with interest the article about enrolling the members of the new Ninth Division. He thinks that it is the proper thing to do.

Wilton reports that Lloyd Wofford, Co B 15th Eng, has returned home from the hospital and is doing fine. If anyone has the address of either Paul Glendenning, Co D 47th, or Lester Schweir, Co L 47th, Wilton would sure like to hear from them. He is trying to contact these old friends. The news that Stan Cohn and Steve Budrick had passed away was received with great sadness by Wilton but he reminds us that this is a hill that we all will have to take when the time comes.

Richard Schafer 39th Inf.  
Section No. 1 Dom.  
V. A. Center  
Martinsburg, W. Va. 25401

Dick joined G Co 39th Inf at Barton Stacey, England in December 1943. He served with the company until July 1945. At the present time he is hospitalized at the V.A. Center in Martinsburg W. Va. For quite some time he was a radio announcer for Station WNBD which is located at the V.A. Center. Dick is anxious to hear from some of his old buddies. He would especially like to hear from Marion Lee, from Bloomfield, Ind. and Carl Sonney and J. A. Soukon both of whom lived in Detroit, Mich. Perhaps some of our members who live in the Martinsburg area might be able to stop by at the V.A. Center and pay Dick a visit, we feel certain that he would welcome such a visit.

Ted Wisniewski K Co 39th  
366 Asburton Ave.  
Yonkers, N. Y. 10701

Ted writes that at this years reunion he met an old friend that he hadn't seen since the Sicilian campaign. Bill Nelson came in from Stuebenville, Ohio for the Reunion and the first thing he did upon reaching New York was call Ted. They got together at the banquet and talked over the good times they had while serving with K Co. Ted would sure like to meet some more of his old buddies at these affairs.

Roger J. Gartland Medical Detach  
Watertown, N. Y. 47th Inf.

Roger and his wife had a good time at the reunion and they expressed their thanks in these words. "We want to thank the members of the New York Chapter for the fine arrangements at the reunion. To make preparations for such a large group requires much time, effort and patience. The fellows from New York succeeded in the venture and again we feel grateful for those enjoyable days."

J. J. Gately  
1737 Browning Rd.  
Pennsauken, N. J. 08110

J. J. Gately is compiling a history of T.D. units. and he would like to hear from anyone who served with the T.D.'s.

Joe McKenzie 26th F.A.  
95 Washington Ave.  
Waltham, Mass 02154

Very little news that pertains

to "Old Reliabilities" escapes the eyes of Joe McKenzie. A recent issue of "The Postal Patriot" carried a picture that showed James C. Hennelly receiving a promotion certificate from George K. Walker, Office-in-Charge of the Boston Post Office.

Joe sent us a copy of the "Patriot" and informed us that James C. Hennelly, who was promoted to Data Systems Management Officer, was a former member of the 26th F.A.

Hugh M. Hanson  
12816 Branford St.  
Arleta, Calif. 91331

Some time ago Hugh suffered a stroke that left him seriously disabled but like the "Old Reliable" that he is, Hugh didn't give up. His wife Esther informs us that twice weekly he takes treatments at the V.A. Hospital and is making progress in his recovery. He is now able to get around with the aid of a four legged cane.

Recently the Hansons moved so that they would be closer to the hospital where Hugh is receiving treatment. Their new address appears above. Any of Hugh's friends who want to drop him a line of encouragement can reach him at that address.

139 Pinewood Dr. 39th Inf.  
Columbus, Ohio 43213

Dear Dan,  
This is the first opportunity I have had to write since returning from the European trip.

I want to tell you what a wonderful time my family and I had. We enjoyed it all, including the minor inconveniences. To relive the past and look at the present is a great experience.

Both of our sons are in Vietnam. Bob is in the Special Forces and should be home in Oct. Ron is in a Helicopter Asslt. Co. He will be home in March. Both of them used to attend the Reunions of the 9th.

The best to you and Marie.  
Sincerely  
Paul D. Keller  
P.S. Idola says the above are her sentiments exactly.

Henry Geisel A.T. Co.  
242 S. 3rd St. 39th Inf.  
Lehighton, Pa. 18235

Henry was one of the group that made the trip to the E.T.O. Upon his return home he sent us the following letter:

"My wife, son and I want to thank you for making the tour such a very nice one. I don't think anyone can realize the amount of extra time that must have been spent to make the tour possible. As far as we are concerned, accommodations, food, etc. were far better than we had hoped for, so thanks very much."

Burton L. Forbes Hq & Sev Battery  
220 Hudson St. 26th F.A.  
Denver, Colorado 80220

Dr. Forbes has signed up with the Association for another three years. Burton suggested that we have our reunion dates printed in the V.F.W. magazine. We did this earlier in the year. Incidentally Dr. Forbes had been the Department of Colorado Surgeon for over fifteen years.

## THE OCTOFOIL

### NEWS NOTES FROM DETROIT

Our Picnic notice brought a wonderful response. In all, we received fifty replies and many of them contained kind notes of support not only for the Picnic Fund but also for the Guys & Gals Booster Page.

The weather was just perfect for our picnic and a fine crowd of fifty-three had a most enjoyable time. Those present at this typical Chapter Family Picnic were:

Elmer Wagner, Bob & Betty Rumenapp, Bill & Barbara Meadows and 2 boys, Bill Phelps, Jim Bruner, Bob & Florence DeSandy, Don & Helen Lewis, Maurice & Viola Mitchell, Eugene & Phyllis Reedy and a group of 10, Fred & Jane Josey and 3 children, Everett Tapp and 2 daughters, Kleber & Viola Stockford and 2 children, Charles & Charlotte Fox, John & Thelma Obermiller and a group of 5, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence St. Charles, Mark Bando & Nancy Grives, Rose and John Bonkowski.

Danny Ciatti took top honors at the picnic and went home \$70 richer. Once again, it was one of our gals who took home a Bottle Prize. This time it was Barbara Meadows.

Among the replies was a sad note from Ann Pehote, who informed us that her husband John, a 60th man, was seriously ill. A card signed by all at the picnic arrived in time before he passed away on the Fourth of July, his 63rd birthday. We've expressed our deepest sympathy on this sad occasion. Most of us will never forget another occasion a few years ago, when John and Ann were hosts to the greatest picnic this Chapter ever had at their Lake Fenton cottage.

### WELL REPRESENTED AT N. Y.

The Chapter had a nice turn-out at the New York

Convention. Besides the 23 who were heading for that ETO Trip (Mentioned in the previous notes) there was: Maurice & Viola Mitchell, Don & Helen Lewis, Bob & Florence DeSandy, Bob & Betty Rumenapp, Matt Urban, Jim & Audrey Bruner. (If anyones name is not mentioned, kindly let us know).

Jim and Audrey were very kind in allowing their room to be the Chapter CP.

The following served on the various committees: By-Laws - Chairman J. Bruner, Nominating - B. Rumenapp, Finance - M. Mitchell, Newspaper - E. Wagner, Miscellaneous - J. Bonkowski, (Alternate) B. DeSandy.

For those of us that made that ETO trip, we brought back more memories than this space will allow. The stories, pictures and movies that we've taken along the way, will be brought to many meetings from now on, so that we can share these experiences together.

Sincerely,  
Elmer Wagner, President  
John Bonkowski, Secretary  
19941 Hickory St.  
Detroit, Michigan  
Aug. 15, 1970

P.S. - The 43 Boosters in this year's Convention Journal was the greatest amount ever from our Michigan Chapter. Thank you, all.

### TIP OF THE HAT

The Memorial Fund was given a lift thanks to these members who remembered. Mrs. Tippi Plunkett in memory of her husband Paul, Howard Brooks, Fred Cline, Ed Hopkins and all the people that donated at the Reunion Banquet. The Scholarship Fund comes from the Memorial Fund and the guys and gals at the reunion donated \$551.00.

JOHN J. CLOUSER  
901 GRACELAND STREET  
DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS  
60016

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412 Gregory Ave Weehawken, N. J. 07087-

## Chaplain Propst Retires



Not many men can look back upon a lifetime that encompasses two successful careers. Chaplain Propst is one of the few men we know who can lay claim to this distinction. In 1960 he retired from the military after having devoted twenty years to the welfare of young Americans in the service of their country. Upon leaving the Armed Forces he embarked upon the difficult task of forming a new congregation in Alexandria, Va. His civilian ministry was as successful as his military endeavours. The congregation he founded in 1960 is now viable and growing day by day. In July 1970, Chaplain Propst felt that the time had come for him to turn his work over to a younger man and he announced his retirement from the active ministry. Good luck and God bless you Chaplain.

## Taps Sounded

JOHN LIHACH

Another one of Paddy Flint's boys has gone on to his eternal reward. John Lihach passed away on May 10, 1970. He served with the 1st Bn 39th Infantry from 1941 until 1945.

In 1949 John joined the New York City Police Department, he was assigned to the 9th Precinct and worked out of that Precinct until the time of his death. He is survived by his wife and three children. Both the 9th Division Association and the 9th Precinct lost a good man when John passed away.

MORRIS W. KUZBYT

Marty Gill gave us the sad news that Morris Kuzbyt had died on July 12, 1970. He was a long time member of the Association and had served with Service Co. 47th. He was active in the American Legion and at the time of his death was Adjutant for the Department of New Jersey.

He is survived by his wife Helen, a son Robert and a daughter Arlene.

JOHN PEHOTE

John Bonkowski told us of the death of John Pehote a former member of the 47th Infantry. He leaves his wife. The Michigan members expressed their sympathy and we add ours at this late hour.

Mrs. Schmidt

The Ninth Infantry Division Association lost a wonderful friend and a loyal supporter when Mrs. Marie Schmidt passed away on May 5, 1970. Mrs. Schmidt had been ill and hospitalized for three months prior to her death. For many years her son Arthur has been a very active member of the New York Chapter, his efforts on behalf of the Association always received the full support of Mrs. Schmidt. She loved the Association as much as Arthur did.

Mrs. Schmidt and Arthur attended just about every function that the Association or the Chapter sponsored. At these affairs they made numerous friends among the members of our Association. The news of Mrs. Schmidt's demise will bring sadness to members in all parts of the country.

M. ALLEN WEBSTER

Carolyn Webster wrote to us that her husband M. Allen Webster had passed away on June 25th. Allen leaves his widow and four children. His friends from the 9th Q.M. will be saddened to learn of his untimely death.

May they rest in peace.