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THE OCTOFOIL

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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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Historical American Site

President

Frank Ozart



To the Officers and members
of the Ninth Infantry Division
Association.

The honor you have bestowed upon me in New York City at the 1970 reunion in electing me President of this Association for the ensuing year 1970-1971 is the greatest honor ever accorded me. With God's help and the help of each and every member, I will attempt to make this the greatest year the Association has experienced. The Ninth Infantry Division has never taken a back seat for any unit and neither will the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Without the cooperation of all the Officers and most especially the cooperation of the rank and file members during the next 12 months, any efforts of mine will be futile. Therefore, I humbly petition each and every former Ninth Division Man to give his all toward the perfecting of an organization second to none during 1970-1971.

It is time to begin thinking of sending 1971 dues to Secretary Dan Quinn, 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N. J. Danny is greatly enthused with the possibilities has has to help make the Association greater.

This Association is bigger than any individual connected with it. Bigger than any geographical area. We will continue to march ever onward as long as we remember and practice this.

Keep the wheels rolling along
- one for all - and all for one.
Cordially Yours,
Frank Ozart
President
Ninth Infantry Division Assoc.

Memorial

The "Old Reliables" devotion to the memory of their fallen comrades hasn't lessened with the passage of time. Once again they proved this by their large attendance at the Memorial Service in Worcester, Mass. For the twenty-sixth time since World War II, Father Connors said a Memorial Mass for the men who were killed while serving with the Ninth Infantry Division. Again this year two former members of the Division joined Father Connors on the altar of the Immaculate Conception Church. Msgr. DeLaura and Father Rowan joined Father Connors in offering up prayers for our honored dead.

GOLD STAR PARENTS PRESENT

After the Memorial Mass a ceremony was held at the Ninth Division monument which is located outside the church. Ralph Witzken offered up prayers in Hebrew and Rev. Ralton Speers read the Protestant service. The group gathered at the monument included many local dignitaries, among them were the City Manager of Worcester, the Mayor of Worcester, and Congressman Donahue. These distinguished gentlemen addressed the gathering and they extolled the members of the Ninth Infantry Division for the many sacrifices that they had made during World War II. They said that Worcester was greatly honored by the presence of so many "Old Reliables." Many "Gold Star Parents" attended the ceremonies. They included Mr. and Mrs. Michael McInerney, Mrs. Hetta Bullock, and Mr. Joseph Lynch. The President of the Association Frank Ozart, placed a wreath at the monument and the ceremonies were concluded by the playing of Taps.

DESERVE CITATION

Once more the members of the Ninth Division are in debt to the wonderful parishioners of the Immaculate Conception Church. These fine people went out of their way to make us feel at home. The ladies deserve special praise, they toiled for many hours preparing the delicious dishes that were served at the Saturday night buffet. The men of the parish also deserve a pat on the back, they gave up a Saturday evening and spent the night waiting on the people who came to Worcester for the Memorial Mass.

These great people from the Immaculate Conception parish really deserve a "Distinguished Unit Citation" for the wonderful job they have been doing all these years.

Command Post for the 1971 Springfield Reunion



LAND OF LINCOLN

Making preparations for the annual reunion is a never ending task. While the gang was whooping it up at the 1970 Reunion in New York, the Illinois Chapter was hard at work finalizing the plans for the 1971 get-together. They selected Springfield, Illinois as the site for the 1971 Reunion and scheduled the event for July 29th through the 31st.

The site chosen for the 1971 Reunion is one that has great historical significance for every American. It is often called the "Land of Lincoln." The "Great Emancipator" began his political career in this small Illinois prairie town. It was there that he developed the philosophies and acquired the wisdom that enabled him to lead our country through some of its darkest hours.

Many of the places that Lincoln knew so well are still in existence and have been restored to their original condition. His law office remains as it was when the prairie farmers came to town to hire the services of the young lawyer from Kentucky. The old State Capitol has been returned to its original condition, if the politicians of Lincoln's time were to return to its halls they would feel right at home. In these times when our nation is faced with so many seemingly insurmountable problems, a visit to Springfield is a real morale booster. As we wander through the places that were familiar to Lincoln we began to realize that our country has been through difficult times before and that America has always produced a man who was

equal to the challenges that face the nation. A trip to Springfield will be especially rewarding for the youngsters. The facts that they have learned from history books will come alive. Our youngsters will be better able to appreciate their American heritage after they have visited the places where one of our greatest Presidents spent a good part of his life.

MODERN ACCOMODATIONS

While the historical spots in Springfield have remained unchanged, its lodging accommodations have been greatly improved in the last 130 years. Reunion headquarters will be at the Holiday Inn, a modern motel located at 3100 E. 31st. St., Springfield Ill. The motel has a convention hall that

will hold 2000 people, it has both indoor and outdoor swimming pools. The motel is only a short drive from downtown Springfield.

Rates for the reunion will be as follows:

One Double Bed - One Person \$11.75.

One Double Bed - Two People \$12.75

Two Double Beds - Two people \$17.75

\$3.00 for each extra person over twelve years of age.

Reservations should be made as early as possible because the Holiday Inn cannot set aside rooms the way a hotel does. All reservations must be made at least two weeks before the reunion.

HARD WORKING COMMITTEE

The Reunion Committee headed by John Clouser, assisted by Frank Ozart and Ed Arn is doing everything possible to make the 1971 Reunion an enjoyable one for the members and their families. The Springfield Chamber of Commerce, the Holiday Inn, the local newspapers, and the residents of Springfield are all helping the committee and they are looking forward to being our hosts for the 1971 Reunion.

This winter when you are planning next years vacation make sure to include the Springfield Reunion in your plans. This will be a reunion that the whole family can enjoy so you can't afford to miss it.

★THE OCTOFOIL★

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An extract from the certificate of incorporation of the 9th Infantry Division Association reads: "This Association is formed by the officers and men of the 9th Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the 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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Judy and Bobby Barbagallo are shown, visiting Anzio Cemetery on their trip to Italy last summer, paying their respects at the grave site of Sargeant James J. McInerney Co. I, 39th Infantry.

★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 1971 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 _____
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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

Board Meeting

The 98th Meeting of the National Board of Governors was held 5:00 P.M., November 7, 1970 at the School of Father Connors Church, Worcester, Mass., attended by Messrs: Frank Ozart, Ronald Murphy, Francis Maher, Walter O'Keeffe, Thomas Shine, William Meadows, Robert Winkleman, Leonard Tomassone, Nick Dogostino, and Joseph Uschak. Also present were Past Presidents Emil Langer, John Bonkowski and Herb Olsen, Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh, Treasurer Thomas Boyle, 1st Vice-President Vincent Guglielmino, 2nd Vice-President Richard Wilson, Pete Cusack, Joseph Phillips and Nunzio Mortelliti.

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

Upon a motion duly made by Bill Meadows and seconded by Ronald Murphy it was voted to: Omit the reading of the minutes from the 97th Board meeting (election of Officers etc.).

President Ozart called upon Thomas Boyle for the Treasurer's report. Boyle gave a quarterly report for the period ending September 30, 1970 and upon a motion duly made by Ronald Murphy and seconded by William Meadows it was voted to accept the report.

Emil Langer Chairman of the 1970 New York Reunion gave a detailed report on the returns and handed the President a check for \$677.18, the net profits from the reunion. Upon

a motion duly made by William Meadows and seconded by Ron Murphy it was voted to accept the report of the New York reunion and to grant the New York Chapter a gratuity of \$100.00 for a job well done.

Robert Winkleman of the Illinois Chapter briefed the members on the coming 1971 Springfield Reunion, rates for the Motel, etc., and upon a motion duly made by Len Tomassone and seconded by Franny Maher it was voted to: Accept the report of the Illinois Reunion Committee.

After a long discussion on Article 4 of the By-laws of this Association, to admit into this Association, members of the Viet Nam conflict, Walter O'Keeffe called for a motion and this was seconded by Joseph Uschak to vote on the question. The Board members voted five to four against the motion to change Article 4.

Some Board members expressed their beliefs that notice of this Amendment should have been given to the membership (through the Octofoil) before the members voted on the Amendment at the New York Annual meeting, held on July 24, 1970.

Upon a motion duly made by Francis Maher and seconded by William Meadows it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Daniel Quinn
National Secretary

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Tip Of The Hat

Many thanks to Louis Fiatto of A Company, 39th Infantry who remembered the Memorial Fund by donating to the Scholarship Account.

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I certify that the statements made by me above are correct.
DANIEL QUINN, Editor and Publisher, The Octofoil.

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I wish to sign up for the following:

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60th Infantry History _____ \$.50 ☐

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25th ANNIVERSARY TOUR 1970

Mementos of Arthur R. Schmidt's European Tour GRATEFUL

The writer wishes to express his appreciation for the kind assistance and consideration extended to him during our recent tour. If it had not been for the help of many members and especially Elmer Wagner (who was my room partner and saw to it that I and my luggage was loaded and unloaded onto the buses as we went from one place to another) I might have been left behind in London. Unfortunately two bruises developed on my left leg from my artificial leg and I had to use crutches throughout the trip. George Fraenkel, our tour leader, arranged for the rental of a wheel chair in Cologne, Germany, which made things easier for the remainder of the Tour, but if it were not for the kind offer of John & Sue Behrendt of Litchfield, Illinois to push me around in the wheel chair I would have had some difficulty in getting around. I also remember another couple who pushed me around in Cologne, but I can't remember their names. I also want to thank those who were kind enough to bring me refreshments when we made stops for sight seeing and I stayed on the bus. I remember getting a cold glass of beer in St. Lo, and a wurst in Monschau. Many people took pictures of me and for me using my camera so that I could bring back some pictures of the tour. I remember a man with his son getting me some cold bottles of beer. I also got some nice treatment from Father Connors. George Fraenkel took care of my medical needs in London by taking me to the American Embassy and to St. Joseph's Hospital.

OFF WE GO

There were about 165 of us who made the tour, including the wives and children. We left for John F. Kennedy Airport immediately after the banquet was over at our 25th Annual Reunion at the Hotel Commodore in New York City. Due to a delay in the take off of the BOAC Jet no one got much sleep that night. I have one of the members to thank for a harrowing experience that I went through in Kennedy Airport. By error he checked in my luggage and I spent several hours looking for it before we realized what had happened. Luckily my baggage reappeared in London Airport. I had some difficulty trying to figure out the English and French monetary systems. Usually I would just take out a large bill, rather than try to count it, and I would end up with a pocketful of coins.

Upon our arrival in London Airport we were taken to our hotels in London. I stayed at the Churchill, one of the finest in London. Some stayed at Statler Hilton, and some stayed at another hotel. We all had a good time at the Elizabethian Room - drinking from grogs, and I don't think anyone yet knows what he was eating or drinking. You could not tell what it was by the names they gave the food, but it tasted good. The waitresses (wenches as they were called) saw to it that the men were treated as the lords that they were. The women of the group had to tend to the needs of the men.

We usually travelled around from place to place by bus. Our four bus drivers and four tour guides in Europe, once we landed in Cherbourg, were from Germany. They were very courteous and competent, and they did a good job of keeping our large group together and making sure that we arrived at our designated stops on time. I got along good with them because I could speak German. Elmer Wagner also speaks German, and we had a grand time trying to decipher the menus which were written in

German. If we did not understand a certain item we could speak in German to the waiter or waitress and find out what it was. We assisted some of the members in reading the menus and ordering their meals. But I am getting ahead of myself.

PUB CRAWLING

Before leaving England the group stayed in three hotels in Southampton. We used Southampton as the starting point for making individual tours to the neighboring towns which were familiar to us from the days when we trained for the Normandy invasion, such as Winchester and Arlsford. I went to Winchester. I remember waiting for a pub to open at 6:00 p.m. (they close for a few hours in the afternoon and then reopen). While I was waiting at the pub a resident of Winchester by the name of Adams asked me whether I knew a Nick Polakoff from the M.P.'s. He said Polakoff used to stay at his home as a guest during World War II. Some of the members came along and waited with me for the Pub to open, but they gave me the "honor" of being the first one in when the Pub opened. Once inside I proceeded to try all of the different kinds of beer they had, including "Mild and Bitters". In Southampton I stayed at the Hotel Royal.

SO LONG ENGLAND

We left Southampton for Cherbourg via the Channel Ferry. This was a delightful cruise. Again I was given service by John Bonkowski and his wife who kept me supplied with liquid refreshments. Others brought me sandwiches, including Fraenkel. On arrival in Cherbourg we were taken by bus to our hotels in Cherbourg and Caen. We always stayed in one of the better type of hotels. While in the Normandy area we visited Utah and Omaha Beaches and the military cemetery near Omaha Beach. The people at Utah Beach were very gracious to us. They showed us films of the invasions and opened the museum, and they gave us medals to commemorate the invasions. Father Connors held a stirring service in honor of our departed buddies. The military cemetery is a work of art. The lawns are kept well and the layout of the cemetery is very impressive. We found the graves of several former 9th Infantry Division men. We had a short service in the cemetery chapel. Some of the towns we went to in the area were Carentan, Ste. Mere Eglise, and St. Lo. I believe several volumes could be filled with the pictures taken by the members.

PARIS

We travelled by bus to Paris where we all stayed at the Hotel Ambassador, one of the finest hotels in Paris. We went on several sight seeing tours. Several of the members went on night club tours, including the Club Lido. I enjoyed eating at the sidewalk cafes. Walter Victor, our official cameraman, was taking pictures all over the place.

HURTGEN AREA

From Paris we went on to Liege, Belgium. Some of the group stayed at a hotel in Liege. I stayed at a resort motel in Spa. I found something very much to my liking. The hotel room was equipped with a refrigerator stocked with assorted alcoholic beverages. I found out the items were not free. The maid counted the empty bottles in the morning, and you were billed accordingly. From Spa and Liege we spread out into groups according to where the troops were in battle in the Hurtgen Forest area, Eschweiler, Schmidt, Monschau, Schevenhutte, etc., and made tours of these areas. Ernest Newhart, and myself

were the heroes of Schevenhutte. Ernie gave a detailed narrative of the action which took place there, and I found the place where I was wounded. Several members took pictures of the house that was located there. The town has grown since we were there in World War II, but we still found several spots that we remembered such as the church, the bridge, the lumberyard, and several of the buildings. It is now a resort town. I had a hand drawn map of Schevenhutte which I used in guiding the troops through.

The route was very scenic, and the snow covered mountains were something to see. We took pictures at the top of the mountain to which you got to by taking an elevator. There was a restaurant (Kehlstein-Haus) where we got several liters of beer, and the women had a grand time buying souvenirs. I think that by the time the tour was over, most of the members were carrying more luggage filled with souvenirs than with clothing. Again my hotel was equipped with a refrigerator stocked with "beverages".



Arthur Schmidt is pictured in the town of Schevenhutte in front of the house where he was hit back in 1944.

REMAGEN

We went on to Cologne and then on to the Remagen Bridge. There is no more bridge. Only the ruins remain. Countless pictures were taken. Discussions were held as to where the pontoon bridges were that had been placed across the Rhine River by the Engineers. Some said the pontoon bridges were upstream of the actual bridge site.

DINANT

I am forgetting the fine welcome the Mayor of Dinant had for us. We had a parade to the village square. Father Connors and others spoke, including the Mayor, and then about a dozen of us, including myself were invited up to the Mayor's private offices where we were given champagne, and shown some displays of industrial products. I was impressed by the playing of both the American and Belgium National Anthems. Dinant is on the Meuse River where it is said the 15th Engineers took the 47th Infantry Regiment to an island, where they had to go back off, instead of to the opposite shore of the River.

I am reminded that we had a parade in Southampton when we debarked onto the Ferry to go to Cherbourg.

SCENIC ROUTE

From the Remagen Bridge we travelled to Frankfurt, Germany where we all stayed at the Frankfurter Hof, one of the finest hotels there. I called relatives in Braunfels (Heinrich Ruhl, a cousin) from Frankfurt, which is about 40 miles from Braunfels.

From Frankfurt we drove on to Ingolstadt, where the Division served as Occupation Troops after the war ended. We made a short stop for picture taking and refreshments. Then we went on to Munich where we were to spend several hectic days.

I stayed at a fine apartment hotel. We went on several tours of Munich. One of the spots I think most of the group will remember is our visit to Beechtesgaden, where Hitler had his hideout in World War II.

Perhaps the highlight of the tour was our last night in Munich when we went to the Hofbrauhaus. We had a dinner, German style, and I was just getting started to get into the mood for drinking several liters of beer, when we had to leave all too soon.

We started the final leg of our tour with a train ride from Munich to Utrecht, Holland, made necessary by the cancellation of our flight from Munich to New York. KLM put us on a flight from Amsterdam to New York. You might say this cancellation was a blessing in disguise in that we got to see another foreign country. The train ride was a long ride, and Elmer Wagner's knowledge of German came to good use in helping the dining room staff serve the group meals. We thought we were supposed to get off the train at Amsterdam, but were surprised to learn that we were to get off at Utrecht. Fraenkel was at the station, and when he roared "Everyone get off" I never saw so many luggage cases tossed out of the windows in such short a time. I came close to being tossed out of the window myself. As it was, my crutch got caught between trains and I lost the rubber cap for it. Again people came to my rescue and bought me rubber caps in the town.

The plane was delayed in leaving Amsterdam for New York, but the KLM airline partially made up for the delay by providing us with a fine dinner, consisting of chicken and wine, while we were waiting.

BACK HOME

We arrived in Kennedy Airport about 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 11th - two days late. Father Scanlon and Adolph Wadalavage were there waiting for us. Father Scanlon went with Father Connors, and Adolph took several members to places where they could get transportation, including Walter Victor, who had left his car at Adolph's house. I had to take a cab.

I forgot to say that we all stayed at the Holiday Inn Motel at Utrecht, Holland. Again the room was equipped with a refrigerator well stocked. But this time there was an improvement. The hotel provided us with ice for mixed drinks.

Not to be forgotten is the routine which was followed every morning. We were a large group, and George Fraenkel had the responsibility of seeing to it that no one was left behind. So every morning when we were to leave to go to a new destination we were all told to get our luggage in the corridor at a certain time to provide for loading onto the buses, get down for breakfast at a specific time, and be ready to load onto the buses at a certain time. When we stopped for sight seeing we were given a specific time to get back to the buses. Fortunately, except for Munich, we never left anyone behind. At Munich six people did not board the train and they had to get to Utrecht, Holland by plane.

In reflection, it may be that if I had not walked through the Tower of London, I may not have done so much damage to my leg, and I might have been able to get back on my artificial leg sooner and enjoyed the trip better. As it was I had to content myself with having some young nice looking airline hostess push me around in a wheel chair.

As a rule, breakfast was the Continental type - rolls, butter, jam, and coffee. Not that I deprived myself of ham and eggs, but I do remember getting an American type breakfast at the Hotel Royal in Southampton, including eggs and bacon and cereal. We got good and ample meals at dinner time on the house, but if you wanted a glass of beer this was extra. Coffee was available but you had to pay extra for it.

GOLD STAR PARENTS

I must give credit to the stamina shown by the Gold-Star parents, Mr. Joseph Lynch and Mrs. Hetta Bullock, who made the tour with us. Despite the necessity for climbing in and out of buses, they went right along and did not miss going to any of the sightseeing tours and other activities we indulged in.

Several members had movie cameras and they were taking pictures from the buses along the route. I would like to see some of these if they could be made available.

While I have it in mind, I want to thank John Obermiller and his wife for being so considerate of me in Paris. I think they also helped me with my luggage in Munich.

In closing I would like to say that I would like to go on another trip to Europe, but I would like to see more the route followed by the Division during World War II; and I would like to make the trip at a slower pace, and possibly in a smaller group. This would probably cost more and take more time, but I am getting older (although not too old) and getting nearer to time for retirement. So I would have plenty of time on my hands and enough money as well. (I hope).

If anyone wishes to write me concerning the tour my address is, 69-20 69th Street, Glendale, New York 11227. My telephone numbers are HY 7-3993 - Area Code 212 and 857-3580 - Area Code 212.

Art Schmidt

**Remember The
Reunion Dates
July 29-31**

Harry O's Report

If the New York Chapter's activities continue at their present frantic pace, Harry Orenstein will have to hire a helper to assist him in covering the Chapter's doings. It seems as if Harry has just completed the story on one affair when another takes place and he has to start all over.

In his latest report, Harry tells us about the Chapter's Fall Dance at the 69th Regiment Armory. Col. Bill Klauz, a member of the New York Chapter, commands a Battalion of the 69th and he was instrumental in getting permission for the Chapter to hold its dance at the armory. Frank Fazio arranged for the band and refreshments and as usual did a bang-up job. In keeping with the traditions of the 69th the bar was under the command of two "Sons of Erin" Jack Scully and Walter O'Keeffe. All the gang had more than enough to eat and drink and the band got everyone out of their seats and onto the dance floors. Many wonderful parties have been held within the confines of the old 69th Armory but few of them equaled the one that was held there on October 17th, 1970.

Harry also reported on the Chapter's plans for attending the Worcester Memorial Services. The chapter charted a bus for the trip to Worcester and it was a sell-out. On December 13th the chapter will have its

annual Christmas Party at the Elks Club in Union City. Danny Quinn made the reservations at the Elks and he reports that the entire clubhouse has been redecorated and that the accommodations will be better than ever. Ralph Witzken is preparing the program for the party and he insists that everyone, young and old, will have a good time at the party.

The chapter's next meeting will be held at the Armory on December 4th. The officers for 1971 will be elected at this meeting and Harry hopes that a large number of members will turn out to vote for their favorite candidates.

Harry also had some sad news, he informed us that Martin Bree and Walter Niblock had passed away. These men were long time members of the New York Chapter and they will be greatly missed by their many friends. The last time we saw these two fellows was at the 1970 reunion in New York.

PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING AND DEAD

Father Connors 26th Annual Memorial Services were held on Nov. 7th and 8th, 1970 and will long be remembered by those who were present. Among them, were members from California, Georgia, Michigan, etc. and Gold Star Parents. Following is a brief summarization of the affair:

On Sunday morning before Mass, the police Honor Guard led a parade a short distance from the fire house to Gold Star Boulevard, thence up the hill to Immaculate Conception Church.

At the Mass on Sunday, Father Connors said special prayers for George Apar, Charles Libretto and many others for a speedy recovery. All faiths are invited to his Memorial Services. He said we should pray for the deceased men of the 9th Division, for the living, for those in the Armed services and to pray for Peace. He recalled the 9th Division route from Fort Bragg to the Elbe River and revisiting Europe was a wonderful trip which gave him the chance to see many graves of 9th Division men.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

After Mass, Memorial services were held outdoors at the 9th Division shrine, where Msgr. DeLaura opened the services with a prayer for the deceased men of the 9th. Other speakers were City Manager McGrath, the Mayor of Worcester, Congressman Donahue, Rev. Ralton Speers, Ralph Witzken and Frank Ozart. Their theme was the sacrifices the 9th Division made and to pray for Peace. At the conclusion of the services Taps were sounded and a 9th Division wreath was placed at the flag pole by President Frank Ozart.

After the outdoor services, we traveled to the Wachusett Country Club for dinner and entertainment by the band. Father Connors was M. C. and sang a few songs including the "Holy Cross College" song.

FAITH IN FUTURE

Frank Ozart, Pres. of the 9th Div. Assn., remarked that the 1971 reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn East, Springfield, Illinois. Msgr. DeLaura displayed his humorous and serious speaking ability when he had the audience continually laughing and applauding his collection of facetious stories. He also said "It's always an honor and a privilege to comere" and he has faith in the future of Democracy and that the youth with more understanding will again return to our Democratic form of government.

One of the most articulate speakers that attends Father Connors memorial services, is City Manager Francis McGrath. He is always happy to be here with the members of the 9th Division. It's another opportunity to renew faith in God and a great opportunity to renew memories. Father Rowan mentioned that he also had a wonderful trip to Europe. Father Connors asked that we show our appreciation to the parishioners who supplied the food for Saturday night. There was a tremendous round of applause for them, as they supplied everyone with such a variety of meats, vegetables, salads, cakes, pies, beer, soda, coffee etc. We enjoyed the rendition of songs by Joe Lonergen, his daughter Debra, and his sons, Michael and Joseph.

Walter Victor gave an interesting and excellent commentary, when he showed slides of the Silver Anniversary reunion and the European trip. We saw pictures of London, Winchester, St. Lo, parts of the Remagen Bridge and tunnel and many other places. There were many persons present who saw themselves on the screen.

Dancing followed, when the showing of pictures were finished.

Q. M.'s PRESENT

The following QM's were present: Aaron Alpert, Joe D'Antuono, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hokanson, Mr. and Mrs. John Jagling, Mr. and Mrs. John Moran, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Russo, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cheevers and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Jones and their friends Mr. and Mrs. Ted McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Miele and their friends Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cedrone and Mrs. Teresa Franchetti, Mr. and Mrs.

Richard Robbins and their son Peter, Mr. and Mrs. Dan O'Leary, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sanford and Mrs. Arthur Fair.

Best Regards to all and hope you are all well.

Sincerely yours,
Harry Orenstein
901 Walton Ave.,
Bronx, N. Y. 10452

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THE PAWNS OF WAR

This is the 12 th 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.

Chapter 18 NORMANDY BEACHHEAD

Many books have been written about the "Invasion of France" and they give excellent accounts of all the action during the first twenty-four hours. Other stories which are based upon documentation may be almost correct in details. I feel that the German strategists and commanders had the idea that they were never outsmarted. That they were defeated because of some subordinate commander's mistake. That none of their highly trained divisions were ever completely annihilated and that they always returned in some area to fight another day.

If the war were to be fought according to the German time-table, we would never win it. The 9th Infantry Division was a spoiler of German time-tables and when the Germans were confused they were licked. However, to confuse the enemy was a very difficult task.

The airforce was to soften up the Atlantic wall with a concentrating bombing attack prior to the first assault landings. However, these bombs hit the Normandy area but most of the bombs landed three miles inland from the beaches. The airborne troops such as the veteran 82nd Airborne Division and the 101st in the American sectors dropped behind the beaches to disrupt enemy communications and to disorganize enemy troops build-ups. Their success depended upon the accuracy of their drop and the time element of the main assault attack making contact with them.

The 4th Infantry Division assaulting the extreme western flank known as "Utah Beach," landed at the wrong assault beaches but they were successful with relatively light resistance at first. The 29th Infantry and the 1st Infantry Divisions landing at "Omaha Beach," had the roughest of it all. Other British, Canadian and French sectors took their initial objectives the first day.

The bunkers and pill boxes along the first defenses at "Utah Beach" which looked down on the beaches were still intact and they were coming back to life again. I happened to be on the top deck of a liberty ship which left the port of Southampton. As I laid on my stretcher, the ship approached the wrong beach, "Omaha." The enemy shells were still exploding on the sand beaches which indicated that the troops of the 1st and the 29th had not penetrated too far inland. The liberty ship altered its course to the west as it sailed parallel to the shore and probably through the mined waters to the waters off of "Utah Beach." Then the ship anchored as it waited for its turn to unload. One of the enemy guns from the first defenses fired a shot which sailed over our liberty ship and the shell fell harmlessly into the water behind us.

I was finally taken from the deck and I was put aboard a "DUKW," an amphibious vehicle, then taken into the beach. Some troops laid me and my stretcher on the sand a few yards from the water. In the

meantime, other guns started to open up on the ships at sea. From determination, fear, and the knowledge of what results when you remain on hostile beaches, I raised myself off of the stretcher. I favored my weight on my right leg which was all right. The right ankle seemed to be a little stiff but I did limp badly and I did get off of the beach.

Allied assault teams who got passed the first defenses soon came to the second defenses which consisted of a few bunkers and pill boxes here and there. These were surrounded with flooded areas, some barbed wire entanglements, some booby-artillery shelling became increased. Thereby, more shells were hitting the beaches, too.

The 39th Infantry Combat Team, AAA-O of the 9th Infantry Division came in behind the 4th Infantry Division about D plus 1 to 5 as the other elements of the 9th straggled ashore as late as D plus 9. According to "PADDY" FLINT, it was a good thing that we were invited because otherwise we would have swam the English channel to get here. As soon as the 39th got ashore, it got an important assignment and it was attached to the 4th Infantry Division.

The 1st Battalion, 39th Infantry sent their men in straight lines of seven and eight to attack the defenses. This was the hard way as the lines went parallel to the beach in a westerly direction. This meant that the attack was constantly through the length of the mine fields protecting and surrounding the enemy's fortifications. Each group of men would try to follow their leader's footsteps not to try to set off enemy mines other than necessary. If a mine exploded, it was usually set off by the last of the group instead of the first men as the mines had been planted a long time and it took a little pressure to set them off under the damp ground conditions. When a pill-box or bunker was reached, the men dropped handgrenades, charges of TNT down vents and chimney pipes. Others set demolition charges and blew them out. It was terrific going for the troops but they were inspired by Colonel HARRY A. "PADDY" FLINT who stood on a little knoll as a shell whizzed over his head and it landed too close for comfort.

When his aide beckoned him to take cover, he then decided to walk away from the little knoll.

The 1st Battalion once again had those 57mm guns up front firing point blank at pill-boxes. Lt. Colonel PHILIP C. TINLEY, battalion commander, who seemed interested in the progress of the 57mm and the assault troops, was wounded by a sniper. Two aid-men came to the aid of TINLEY and put him on a stretcher to carry him back to the rear. They got about ten yards when a mortar shell or a mine exploded beneath the litter. It killed all three of the men. There were many casualties and Lieutenant HARRISON DAYSH was amongst them. Finally, the key to the fortifications, Quinneville, was taken by our 3rd Battalion. The 1st and 2nd Battalions linked up with the 3rd to end all harassing on Utah Beach. All the coastal fortifications had been connected by a system of tunnels and underground passageways with the town of Quinneville as the central link. It was the furthest penetration to the northwest by the Allies. General EDDY was right, we wouldn't get any food rations for the first four days.

We discovered that we were part of the U. S. 1st Army with reliable General OMAR BRADLEY at the helm. The 39th Infantry was ready to join their partners of the 9th Infantry Division now that they had their warmup, the 47th and the 60th regiments at an assembly area. Lt. BENNETT who was very active again and unsteady legged KREYE went on a patrol to establish a safe approach route for the 1st Battalion to get to this assembly area. This was successfully accomplished and the 9th was ready for its big move.

I came upon Sgt. CURT C. HUFF and I asked him if he had an extra rifle somewhere. I still had this cock-eyed carbine and before I wanted to go on any further I wanted something more dependable to protect myself with. There were too many snipers about who had been unmolested and left behind the American lines. CURT said that he had many weapons in a half-track and that I should help myself. I selected a Springfield with a sniper's sight attached to it and I should dare be captured at any time with this gun.

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SERVICE BATTERY 26FA BATTALION

In Memoriam
Carl F. Lucas
December 23, 1969
Eugene M. Shore
June 5, 1970

As in the past 25 years, Fr. Connors entered the Sanctuary at 10 a.m. on Sunday to celebrate a Memorial Mass for those men of the Ninth who are no longer with us. It was a memorable occasion for him and for us who were present at the Sacrifice of the Mass. If you have never attended a Memorial Mass, you should, before the rocking chair gets you.

The good people of Immaculate were ready to pamper us on Saturday night. Coffee and — in the Connors' Coffee Shop after Mass on Sunday. Dinner was served at the Wachusset Country Club.

Change your records to read:
Roy Cortese, 1615 N. Jackson St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Joe McGuckin, 56 Williams Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

Alexander Wilcopolski, 1052 Balmoral Ave., Chicago, Ill.

George Smith, 312 S. Wilmington St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Dick Hill, 4000 Hawthorne St., Dallas, Texas.

Thank you for your donation to the Fr. Connors gift. The committee used the money to send him to Europe where he renewed old acquaintances in many familiar places. Last year Harold Wallace made the trip from Houston to Worcester. Believe me, he has not changed since you last saw him back in 1945. Last November Mrs. Arnold Leach was in the hospital. She is now well and I hope that Margaret and Arnold will be in Worcester this November. Through the grape vine I heard that Bill Andrews and his wife were seriously injured in an auto accident. I have written to Bill and have had no reply. Peter Murray, son of our John, is in Viet Nam. Paul Griffin is in charge of Security at Firestone in Akron. Paul Fribush tried to attend the funeral of Sgt. Shore but was too late. Dale Guion is having serious trouble with his legs and may have to retire. Had a note from Lew Orticiari. He has much more work to do since the new Interstate highway was completed. Saw Bill Bongiorno recently. He is still talking of retiring from the cleaning business.

Wherever you go to church say a prayer for those who are no longer with us.

Springfield, Illinois is your convention city.

Joe McKenzie

Taps Sounded

One of the unpleasant tasks of being the Editors of the Octofoil is to be the bearer of sad news and this issue is no exception. With sad hearts we announce the passing of several buddies and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Walter Niblock of the 60th Infantry.

Martin Bree and Julius Kenda of B Co. 39th Inf.

Robert J. Hamilton, Sr. of the 26th F. A.

Horace Keys of the 34th F. A.

Fred J. Simmond of the 34th F. A.

Mrs. Florence Phelps wife of Bill Phelps of the 60th Inf. and Chaplain of the Michigan Chapter.

May they rest in peace.

Michigan Doings

There was a nice turn-out of 19 people at our August Meeting. Those present were: Pres. Elmer Wagner; Vice Pres. Bob Rumenapp & Betty; Sec. John Bonkowski & Rose; Board Member Jim Bruner & Audrey; Members, Tom & Gerrie Hatton; Fred & Jane Josey; Don & Helen Lewis; Maurice & Viola Mitchell; Eugene & Phylis Reedy; Gusts: Writer Mark Bando & Nancy Grives.

The following have sent word that they wouldn't be able to attend: Bob & Florence DeSandy; Bill & Barbara Meadows; Bill & Florence Phelps.

Some of the Ol' Regulars that we haven't seen for a long time are: The Andrews, Rushlows, Dawsons, Caseys, Urbans, Moirs, Bartleys, Borins, DeBells, Harbords, Landons, McPhersons, Rappazinis, Yockeys and Lillifors just to mention a few. If we can get them back at our meetings again, what a Chapter this would be.

The Bottle Raffle at our last meeting was won by Jane Josey. This was the second time for Jane and we congratulate her on her good fortune.

So far, we have a list of 19 people from our Chapter that are planning on making that pilgrimage to Worcester. If there are any more, kindly let us know. By far, this is the greatest amount ever, from Michigan.

Jim & Audrey Bruner; Tom & Gerrie Hatton; Fred & Jane Josey; Don & Helen Lewis; Bill & Barbara Meadows; Maurice & Viola Mitchell; Eugene & Phylis Reedy; Bob & Betty Rumenapp; Pres. Elmer Wagner; Yours Truly & Rose.

As usual, the National Board of Governors will meet during that week-end in Worcester. However, this time a very important issue will be decided that will effect this Association. Let your views be known to your Representatives, Jim Bruner and Bill Meadows or any other National Board Member, about opening the Association to the new Ninth Division men.

At our August meeting, the question once again came up about our annual out of town (Detroit) meeting. Pres. Elmer Wagner made a suggestion to have a Dinner meeting in Frankenmuth. Think this over and in our next notice which will contain a questionnaire, we'd like to know your opinion. If enough interest is shown, such a meeting would be arranged for April.

Marie Korobko was in town at the time these notes were put together. We had the pleasure of talking with her on the phone and we'll try our best to see her before she leaves for home (Arizona) around the 1st of Oct. Too bad that she couldn't stay long enough to make our meeting.

The day of our meeting happens to be Sweetest day, so may we suggest that all you fellows bring your Best Girl out for a pleasant evening together.

Sincerely,
Elmer Wagner, Pres.
John Bonkowski, Sec.

Appreciates Aid

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the assistance given to us last summer by Scotty Hirst and his friends from the ETO — Lieutenant General E. R. Paul Berben and Inspecteur Principal Paul D'Odemont of Belgium. They helped the group on their tour of Europe in many ways but the gang will never forget the reception they received in Dinant. It made us feel a little more welcome and at home. Thanks a million "Scotty". We've sent a note of thanks to "our friends".

Help Wanted

Quite often the Editors of the "Octofoil" and the National Secretary receive inquiries from people who are trying to locate former members of the Ninth Infantry Division. Sometimes we can provide them with the information that they are seeking, other times we are unable to assist them.

This issue we are printing two letters from people who are trying to locate former members of the Division. The Rev. Guy S. Athearn, Minister at the First United Methodist Church at Hawthorne, Florida, writes as follows. I am trying to locate Dalton E. Nordyke who served with the 47th Inf. from October 1941 and so far as I know stayed with the Division through the war. He and I graduated from Officers Candidate School together and were assigned to the 47th Inf. But after only a short time I was transferred out and assigned to Post Headquarters, Fort Bragg. Before the division shipped to North Africa, Dalton was best man at my wedding. We kept in touch for quite a while but then gradually lost track of each other.

When he left the states he was a 1st Lt. and would probably have been at least a Captain and possibly a Major by the end of the war. So far as I know he came through the war safely. I hope that some member of the Ninth Division Association might know where Dalton lives.

SEEKS FAMILY

This past year Edward Johnstone visited Europe and toured many of the places where the 47th Inf. saw action. He writes that on Easter Sunday he visited the graves of some former Ninth Division men, including that of George N. Stetz, who was from Pennsylvania. Ed took a picture of the grave and would like to send it to the family of George N. Stetz but he doesn't have their address.

If any of our members can help these fellows in their quests please send the information to the "Octofoil" and we will pass it on to the Rev. Athearn and Ed Johnstone.

N. E. CHAPTER ASSISTS

The members of the New England Chapter also rate an accolade for the assistance they gave to Father Connors. Franny Maher had the tough job of providing accommodations for all the visiting firemen. This year he had an almost impossible task, the date for the Memorial Service coincided with the Holy Cross College home-coming week, and to make things a little more difficult three local college football teams were playing at home. Worcester was bulging at the seams and rooms were at a premium; never-the-less, Franny managed to get everyone bedded down for the night.

Tom Boyle and Ron Murphy helped with the arrangements for the dinner at the country club and they somehow or other managed to get everyone a table "up front". All in all everyone had a most enjoyable visit to Worcester.

The New England Chapter is having a social evening with their business meeting and it is working out good. The first meeting was held at Red Byrnes home in Peabody. Steaks were served with all the fixings and all the booze and beer that they could drink. The next meeting is scheduled at Bill Bongiorno's home with the same menu. They had 40 people at their first meeting and hoping for more this time.

PHILLY'S BALL ROLLING

We of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter wish to thank the Board Of Governor's for awarding us the Convention for 1972.

The Chairman for this

Convention will be Dick Wilson, and the Co-Chairman, Len Tomassone. We have selected Atlantic City, N. J. for the 1972 Convention.

We want all our Chapter Members to participate in this fine affair. We guarantee that everyone will have a wonderful time. Remember members, we have committees to form so let's get the ball rolling.

Our meetings are being held at the Dick Wilson's Residence. 530 E. Elm Avenue, Woodbury, N. J. Tel. TI 5-5847.

The election of Chapter Officers will be held at our meeting on Saturday November 26.

We will have our annual "Chip-In" Christmas Party at the Wilson's Residence on Saturday night December 12. You all know we had a great time last year and we promise you a better one this year.

Some time in March, we will have our Banquet for the out-going President. In April, we will have our annual Spring Dinner-Dance. So you see members, The Philly Delaware Valley Chapter is moving along with "Gusto" and I'm sure you want to move along with us too. So get in touch with Dick Wilson on the details for all our functions coming up in the future.

Sincerely,
Len Tomassone
4448 Witherspoon Ave.
Pennsauken, N. J. 08109
Tel. NO 3-1928

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THE MEMORIAL FUND OF THE 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION Scholarship Information

The Memorial Fund of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was established 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 may be submitted in lieu of the PSAT.
5. THE APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BY MARCH 15. Applications received after March 15 will not be considered.
6. All applicants must accept the decision of the Scholarship Committee as final.
7. Information to determine financial need will be requested by the Scholarship Committee after the applications have been considered.
8. Recipients of the scholarships may apply for renewal of the scholarship each year. A copy of the student's college grades, a financial statement, and a letter requesting renewal of the scholarship should be sent to the chairman by March 15.
9. All applications must be sent to: John J. Clouser, Scholarship Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division Association, 901 Graceland St., Des Plaines, Illinois 60018.

NEWS—NOTES

Tippie Plunkett writes us from California on a recent visit there to her son's home where she was greeted by her first Great-grand daughter. Tippie had hoped to be back in time for the Worcester Memorial and the gang missed her at the 26th Memorial Mass.

Many members were traveling this past summer in Europe and they weren't all with the 25th Anniversary Tour of the Association. My nephew tells me of meeting a member in Ireland around August 10th, when we were already back home and I am wondering if it was Ed Briody of Co. F 39th Inf. who was touring and sent us a card from Spain. Then again it could have been Walter Tondettar who was also touring with another group around the same time. We missed Walter in England.

Writing about travelers reminds us of the large group from Michigan that attended the 26th Memorial Services in Worcester, also our President Frank Ozart coming in all the way from Chicago only to be topped by Pete Radichio and his wife who came in from Santa Monica, California. Mrs. Hetta Bullock our God Star Mother traveled by herself from North Carolina. Mrs. Paul Walton and Walter Victor and his wife traveled from Atlanta, Georgia. There were many new faces at this gathering, that is new for Worcester and among them were many people who made the trip to Europe this past summer. They have a great love and respect for Father Connors and at the same time took the time to remember the dead of the Ninth.

MAIL CALL

The past few months the volume of mail has been so heavy that it will probably be the end of the year before we get to the bottom of the pile. Here are some samples from the mountain of mail that awaits as per usual.

Edward H. Johnstone
200 W. Main St. F Co. 47th
Princeton, Ky.

Last spring, my wife and I were in Europe. During our tour, we took time to retrace some of the footsteps taken with the 47th during the latter part of 1944 and the early part of 1945. Through the good graces of some old 9th Div. friends, we were shown around the areas of Schevenhuetten, Monchau and Frenzerberg. We talked to many of the natives in the area and were fortunate indeed to have dinner with the family who once owned Frezerberg Castle.

Contrary to popular belief, the area was much the same. We picked up relics in the woods around the old fortifications which were dug by Fox Company at Schevenhuetten. A demolition crew was removing duds and ammunition from the area while we were visiting there.

I thought it might be of interest for you to see how closely things today resemble things as they were in 1944 around Schevenhuetten. I am enclosing a picture taken in April, 1970 which is somewhat the same as appears on page 250 of "Eight Stars To Victory."

Incidentally, the former owners of the farm in Frenzerberg were among the most gracious and cultured people we had the opportunity to visit in all Europe.

Lew Orticari 26th F.A.
Box 7, Royalton, Vt.

Lew writes that everything is just fine up in the Green Mountain State and that he is kept busy working for the Vermont Highway Department. The new 189 Interstate Highway passes directly in back of his home and it puts him only two hours and twenty minutes away from Boston. Lew says that if any of the boys are coming up his way they should get off at Exit No. 3 on Route 107, turn right and drive only a mile to his office which is near the Vermont State Police Barracks. He will be glad to see any of the boys and will take them out for lunch or coffee. Recently Lew met Joe Albanese and received the sad news about Sgt. Shore passing away.

Charles J. Pagani
1636 Burnwood Rd.
Baltimore, Md.
39th Inf.

Received the duplicate membership card, thanks a lot. Sorry for taking so long to write but the past few weeks have been hectic, not to mention the excitement of the world series. However, I really must apologize for not writing back in August to tell you what a wonderful time we had on the tour. We want to thank you and all the others who worked so hard to make the tour such a huge success. We know it took a lot of time and hard work. Also we want to say thanks to all the wonderful people who went on this tour. Because without such a good group we could not have had as much enjoyment and fun as we did. Memories of the boat trip to Cherbourg, the train ride to Holland, even the wait at Amsterdam Airport and many, many more will last for a long time to come. (My son constantly mentions some incident that happened) And no matter how many times we would go back it would not be the same. So thanks again to all, and we hope we will meet again at the next reunion.

Sincerely,
Charles Pagani & Family

Franklin W. Gunter Co. L 60th Inf.
423 South 34th St.
Tacoma, Washington
Dear Dan,

I was going through my personal 201 File the other day and came across a collectors item in the form of a receipt dated 14 Sept. 1945 and signed by Orville A. Stangl for the sum of \$10.00 for membership in the 9th Division Association issued to me in Co. L, 60th Infantry.

While I will grant you this is not a big thing still I thought that my wife had long ago destroyed this since I have my card for a paid up membership for the year of 1970. The thing which makes this sort of a collectors item is that this receipt was issued to me in Ingolstadt, Germany, since that is where the 60th Infantry was stationed at that time.

When I found this in that stack of papers, my wife and I both were surprised and I was wondering if Lt. Stangl is still a member of the organization and also where he now is since most of us who were with the service are now in a retired status if we remained with the military service or have passed on to the Soldiers Reward as so many of our buddies have done.

As you know, both my wife and I belong to the 9th Division Association, and we feel real proud of the organization and hope that the organization will continue to serve those of us who were so proud of the Octofoil patch on our left shoulder and later on the right shoulder. Yes, I still have a uniform with the patch on my right shoulder in spite of the fact that I have been retired from active duty since 1961. In fact I retired from active duty Sept. 1, 1961 and while I may not have been able to attend any of the functions of the association, still I feel that I have a close attachment to the organization and also the Octofoil since there are many Soldiers stationed here at Fort Lewis who also have the Octofoil on the uniform and I never miss up any chance to ask what unit they were with over in Vietnam since this is where most of them served with our organization.

I wonder how many of the Ninth Division have a receipt showing membership in the association since we organized over there in Germany after World War II. Also how many of us there are still around who remember the good times as well as the sorrows we shared together over there. I grant you we all were with the division in World War II as the association never has taken in the boys who served with the division in Vietnam which was where our Standard served after World War II but I feel we are slowly being removed from the ranks and unless we do something to preserve the Esprit-de-Corps it won't be too long before we are no longer remembered.

If you would like you can pass this on to the Octofoil and they can print it as this comes from a loyal Association Member out here in the Evergreen State who still feels a lot of pride in the Unit he served with and the many friends whom he had while over there trying to make the world safe (?) for the ones who follow us here in the United States. I wonder sometimes what the new generation can be thinking of but then I guess our parents also wondered the same thing about us when we were the younger generation ourselves.

Wishing you all the very best, we remain

Loyal Members
Mr. & Mrs. Franklin W. Gunter

Alfred R. Benoît
156 Harris Street
Pawtucket, R. I. 02861
Dear Dan,

Well I finally found the time to drop you a short note. We are now completely recuperated, and rested from our hectic but marvelous trip to Europe, plus all the extras. The Lemieux's, Sis and Pete, join my wife and I to extend to you our sincerest thanks for a job well done. It was really something to take care of such a large group, you are the best.

Our slides came out very good, especially one of you taken in the Elizabeth Room in England - we sure did have fun all over Europe. We will have a snap finished of that slide and send it on to you at a later date.

Do hope this letter finds you back in the groove, and enjoying the very best of health, etc., etc. Again, thanks very much, Merci

Beaucoup, and Danke Sehr.

Sincerely yours,
Alfred R. Benoît
(P.S. Dan & Marie - You both did a marvelous job for which we thank you very much, regards and best wishes. Noella, Sis, Al & Pete.)

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This summer Father Connors was one of our members who went to Europe to revisit the places they knew so well during the war. Upon his return home he sent us a letter in which he outlined the highlights of his trip to the E.T.O. The good Father wrote as follows.

Dear Dan,
I was honored to be with you people on the European trip. I was overwhelmed that the gang gave me this trip. It is too bad that during World War II we didn't have a few skirmishes in Ireland so that we could have paid a visit to the land of our ancestors. As in all chartered trips, there were a few mishaps, but I am sure that with all the good things that happened we all enjoyed the trip and enjoyed being together.

There were many highlights of the trip - Utah Beach where we landed, the cemetery near Omaha Beach where I saw the graves of many of my men, the welcome at Dinant in Belgium where we had crossed the Meuse River. I think that our stop at the spot where we had crossed the Remagen Bridge impressed us all and I was impressed especially on different occasions when we paused to pray for those men who made the supreme sacrifice and to pray for our beloved country. In Paris I was thrilled to visit Notre Dame Cathedral again. During World War II when we were about 25 miles outside of Paris, I asked the General to stop the war for a few hours so that I could make a quick trip into Paris and to offer Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral. This I did and I learned afterwards that I was the first American priest to say Mass in Paris after its liberation. However, I was disappointed when we visited Notre Dame this summer that they didn't have my name in blazing lights "Welcome Back - Connors Our Liberator".

The night in Paris when the gang visited the night clubs I could not go because I didn't have a tie, and I must add that I didn't try to get one.

Again, thank you Dan for your great dedication to the 9th Infantry Division Association and thank you for your interest and kindness to all the troops on our European trip.

Every blessing to you and Marie and the family.

Sincerely yours,
Rev. Edward T. Connors

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Loren L. Doyle
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Dear Dan,
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Having just got out older son off to summer camp last night, I thought I had better take care of father's responsibilities next. Since summer camp for Loren Craig is six weeks of training at Fort Riley, Kansas as part of his college ROTC training, naturally father's dues to the Ninth Division Association were not far from mind. Loren Craig is a junior chemistry major at Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terre Haute, Indiana and is a Fifth Army ROTC Scholarship student. In this day of student dissent and rioting, we are proud that our sons would fight for our country.

Our younger son, Eric, is a freshman zoology major at Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, who is minoring in mathematics so he can join the Air Force. He wants to fly, and is willing to go to summer school to pick up the extra courses needed for the minor.

Father, Loren L., is fat and sassy, and busy as ever, now that he has to drive to Indianapolis, Indiana, 150 miles away, to go to work. He still is running up and down the rails with the Penn Central and almost has enough "whiskers" to be a conductor. A bit envious of the trip abroad this year but with two in college, even with scholarships, he is not contemplating Europe. For any former 26th Field Artillery buddies, the coffee pot is always on, and we love company.

Sincerely,
Marianne Doyle

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George W. Dohman called our attention to something that will interest every "Dogface" who served in World War II. Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana has nominated Ernie Pyle for a place in the Hall of Fame of Great Americans located on the Manhattan Campus of New York University. To be elected to this sanctuary one must have been dead more than twenty-five years, a U.S. citizen, and must receive a majority vote of the electorate. Ernie Pyle deserves a place in the Hall of Fame of Great Americans because he won fame as the best friend the American soldier, sailor, airman, or marine of World War II ever had. He kept our nation advised and informed as to what it really meant to be an individual in uniform serving in the armed forces of the United States in time of war. He told the true story of what it takes to be a combat soldier.

To tell this story Ernie knew that he had to get to the source material, so he lived with the troops; he lived as the combat soldier lived and - he died as the combat soldier dies. Today he rests in honored glory in the National Memorial Cemetery in Punchbowl Crater near Honolulu, alongside the remains of many of the soldiers he so loved and admired.

If you believe that Ernie Pyle should be in the Hall of Fame at New York University, you can assist in bringing this about by sending a letter of approval of Senator Bayh's nomination to the Electoral College of the Hall of Fame whose members will consider and act on the nomination. Your letter should be addressed to:
Hall of Fame for Great Americans
Attention: Electoral College
1009 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10028

Serial No. 32003238
1st Sergeant Co. "C"

47th Infantry

Dear Dan Quinn:

Here is another "Old Reliable" checking in! It is just by chance, too, that is happening! I work at the NYU Medical Center (see enclosed brochure) and happened to be talking with Warner Deyoe about "army days" and when he found out what my old division was he told me we were having a reunion in July. He brought in a copy of the April-May issue of the old "Octofoil" to give me the details. Unfortunately, the deadline for having an "ad" in the souvenir book or program has gone by or I would have put one in.

Now to go back a few years! I am one of the original members of the Association but the last time I had a card was in 1958. I moved about a bit at that time and when I wrote Stan Cohen at the old Box 66, Livingston, N. J. address the post office returned my letter as non-deliverable. I let it go at that.

I joined the 9th at Ft. Bragg via Ft. Dix when it was formed. You can see by my serial number that I was in the first draft. I joined "Charley" Co. 47th Inf. at Ft. Bragg and was with the company until I was discharged. I was registered by my draft board Oct. 16, 1940 and called Jan. 14, 1941. I was one of those "Over-age destroyers" that were to be discharged; I was on the Saturday before the Japs bombed Pearl Harbor, was out a month, and I reported back to Bragg and "Charley" Co. in January. From then on I was with the company until I was discharged in June 1945 after the long trek from near Ingolstadt down near the Danube. I landed at Safi, Morocco, and fought through to the fall of Bizette, Tunisia, then to Sicily until that ended around Mt. Etna, then to England, Tichbourne and D+3 at St. Mer de l'Eglise and through France, across the Rhine at Remagen Bridge, etc., etc., to Most, Czechoslovakia where we waited for the Russians as I remember, etc. Finally, with 128 points I was sent back after I had arranged discharges for two third of my company! I have a purple heart from Africa (not bad enough to put me out of action) and a Bronze Star w/cluster. The cluster was a Combat Infantry Award from Africa which was changed to a Bronze Star later, remember? The enclosed brochure will tell you what I do now. Maybe some of the gang would like to see it and IRM; although I realize that going to a hospital to visit is not most people's idea of fun unless they have to it is world-famous in the rehabilitation field.

My check for membership is enclosed along with a small contribution to the Scholarship Fund. Please return my old Membership card with my new one. Keep the brochure.

Best regards,
Howard D. Brooks

By the way, this is an apartment house and should be addressed this way:

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(Tel. No. 673-3201)

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DUES NOW!!!

At Arlington Cemetery, souvenir models of the Iwo Jima Memorial are offered for sale. The models are made in Japan.