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Ninth Infantry Division Association

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President
Frank Ozart

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 Dedication 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, Mr. DeLaura and 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 war prayers in Hebrew and Rev. Ralph Speakno said the Protestant service. The group gathered at the monument included many local dignitaries, among them were the Mayor of Worcester, the Mayor of West Roxbury and Congressman Donahue. These distinguished guests addressed the gathering and they extolled the men of the Ninth Infantry Division for the sacrifices 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 on the monument and the ceremonies were concluded by the playing of taps.

RESERVE CITATION
Once more the members of the Ninth Division are 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 Sunday night hoot. The men of the parish also deserve a pat on the back, they gave up a Saturday evening and spent many hours preparing the pudding. Many people came to Worcester for the Memorial Mass. The "Old Reliables" have been doing this years.

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, 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 those times when our nation is faced with so many seemingly insurmountable problems, a visit to Springfield is a real moral booster. As we wander through the places that were familiar to Lincoln we begin to realize that the principles he 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 ACCOMMODATIONS
While the historical spots in Springfield have remained unchanged, its lodging accommodations have greatly improved in the last thirty years. The Holiday Inn has a modern motel located at 3100 E. Main St. Springfield Il. 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 all the 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 Clower, assisted by Frank Ozart and Ed Airth 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 on the 1971 Reunion.

This Winter when you are planning your vacations make sure to include the 1971 Reunion in your plans. This will be a reunion that the whole family can enjoy so you can't afford to miss it.
President Orait 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 William Meadows and seconded by Ron Murphy it was voted to accept the report.

Emil Langer, Chairman of the 1970 New York Reunion gave a detailed report on the reunion and handed the President a check for $477.18, 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 grant of $100.00 for job well done.

Robert Winkleman of the Illinois Chapter briefed the Board members on the coming meetings 1971 Springfield Reunion, rates for the motel, etc. and upon a motion duly made by Leonard Tomassone and seconded by Francis Jedeke it was voted to: Accept the report of the Illinois Reunion Committee.

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DAVID GUINN, EDITOR. Publisher, The Octofoil.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

HEADQUARTERS
412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N. J.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name

City

State

I was a member of:

Battery __________ Company _______ Regiment __________ 9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year __________________________ $ 4.00
THREE-YEAR MEMBER __________________________ $11.00
Life Membership __________________________ $50.00

Octofol Automobile License Disc __________ $0.50

Decal, 25c (5) five for __________________________ $0.90

“Eight Stars to Victory” __________________________ $0.20

Pictorial History of 9th Division in action __________________________ $0.20

Ladies’ Auxiliary Member __________________________ $1.50

Combat Route Map __________________________ $0.50

60th Infantry History __________________________ $0.50

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Illinois __________________________ $0.20

Washington, D. C. __________________________ $0.20

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Ohio __________________________ $0.20

Fayetteville-Fort Bragg, N. C. __________________________ $0.20
were the heroes of Schonbrunn. Ernie gave a detailed account of the operations, which took place there, and I found myself on the run, surrounded. Several members of the group were housed in a certain vicinity located there. The town had grown around this place, and we got to by taking an elevator. There were several other villages with several of the buildings. It is now a small town, but as I stand there, I see the draw map of Schonbrunn which had been guiding the troops through.

The route was remarkable, and the snow-covered mountains were the scene of active fighting. On the top of the mountain to which we got to by taking an elevator. There was much fighting, and we saw the graves of several soldiers who were buried there. The town is now a small community, but it is still a place of interest. The hotel provided us with hot meals in a heated room. Not to be forgotten is the fact that the streets were shrouded every morning. We were a large group, and the hotel did not have the responsibility of seeing to it that we ate. However, every morning when we were to leave the hotel, they were all told to get our luggage at the corner every certain time to provide for loading the buses. It was an experience. When we got down for breakfast at a specific time, and he ready to load onto the buses at a certain time. When we got to our destination, we greeted the owner, and he said we were given a specific time to get back to the bus. Fortunately, except for Munich, we never left anyone behind. Munich six people who took pictures. We all had to get to Munich, Holland, and the other group. In reflection, it may be that it had to do with the cold weather, the snow, and the ice. I have been able to get along, and I have never been able to get along without my luggage. I have been able to get along with my luggage. It is not a difficult experience. I have been able to get along without my luggage. It is not a difficult experience.
Harry O's Report

If the New York Chapter's annual reunion were a present frantic pace, Harry Orenstein, the chapter's comptroller, would be the person to help him out in covering this year's event. But if Harry has just compiled the annual report, as his assistant, another takes place and he has final authority over all.

In his latest report, Harry tells us about the Chapter's Fall Dinner at the 9th Infantry Army Club. Col. Bill Klauk, a member of the 9th Infantry Chapter, commanded a Battalion of the 9th and was in attendance, getting permission for the Chapter's Dance at the army. Frank Fazio arranged for the transportation, and Air Force personnel did a bang-up job. In the morning and Mary hoped that in the evening that a large number of members will come out to vote for their favorite candidates.

Harry also had some sad news in the family. Martin Bree and Walter Niblock had a daughter, who was long time members of the New York Chapter. Their sorrow is greatly mourned by their many friends. We extend our sympathy to these two fellows at the 1971 reunion, and we will be at the Armony on December 13th, to remember the Chapter's Fall Dinner.

PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING AND DEAD

Father Connors 26th Annual Memorial Services were held on Nov. 7th, and 7th, 1970 and will long be remembered by those who were present. Among those present was Father Connors, Frank Fazio, and Wave Alpert, Joe Sanford and Mrs. Arthur Fair. They are invited to his Mass, the police Honor Guard etc. and Gold Star Parents.

After Mass, Memorial services were held outdoors at the 9th Infantry Armory, where Maj. DeLaforge opened with a prayer for the deceased men of the 9th. Other speakers were Capt. McGraith, the chaplain, Capt. Duff, the congressman, Capt. Alpert, and Capt. De Laforge. The ceremony continued with a wreath at the flag pole by President Frank Orenetz.

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Harry Orenstein

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3100 S. 31st Street, Springfield, Ill. 62703
9th INFANTRY DIVISION 1917 Reunion
July 29, 1971

PLEASE RESERVE

1. King Size Bed 1 person 11.75
2. King Size Bed 2 persons 12.75
3. Standard Bed 3 persons 11.75
4. Single Bed 5 persons 10.75
5. Triple Bed 7 persons 10.75

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HARRY'S REMEMBERS

As the sun rose on the 69th the bar was under the clocks and Aaron Alpert, Joe Sanford and Mrs. Fred Fair were there. The last time we saw Richard Robbins and their son Martin Bree and Walter Niblock was at the 9th Infantry Armory. They are invited to his Mass, the police Honor Guard etc. and Gold Star Parents.

At the Mass on Sunday, Father Connors 26th Annual Memorial Service was held at the 9th Infantry Armory, Illinois. Maj. DeLaforge opened with a prayer for the deceased men of the 9th. Other speakers were Capt. McGraith, the chaplain, Capt. Duff, the congressman, Capt. Alpert, and Capt. DeLaforge. The ceremony continued with a wreath at the flag pole by President Frank Orenetz.

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Memorial

Carl F. Lucas

Eugene M. Shore

June 7, 1970

As in the past two years, Fr.
Conors entered the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help to
celebrate a Memorial Mass for
former members of the Ninth Infantry Division. Sometimes
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shuge success. We know it took Charles J. Pagani

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dated 14 Sept. 1945 and signed item in the form of a receipt

Octofoil on the uniform and I

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Franklin W.GunterCo. L 60thInf.

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Every blessing to you and

This summer Father Connors

the first American priest to say

Dame Cathedral again. During

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to visit in all Europe.

Again, thanks very much, Merci

THE OCTOFOIL

Sincerely yours,

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Charles J. Pagani

1616 Burnwood Rd.

Washington D.C.

Dear Dan,

I received the duplicate membership card, thanks a lot.

Sorry for taking too long to write, but the past few weeks have been hectic, not to mention the excitement of the world wars!

I hope you are doing well and that your health is good. We are looking forward to seeing you in August to tell you what a wonderful trip we had on the tour. We want to thank you all and the Octofoil for the support that you have given us.

We miss the friends we made on the tour and look forward to meeting and making new friends in the future.

Sincerely,

Charles Pagani & Family.

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Franklin W. GunterCo. L 60thInf.

1243 South 34th St.

Dear Dan,

through my personal 200 File the other day I came across the item in the form of a receipt dated Sept. 1, 1941 and signed by Ovilda A. Stang for the sum of $5.00 for being assigned to the 9th Division Infantry Association. I will grant you this is not a big thing but I thought you might be interested. The item and the receipt were destroyed this since I have my on the form, but it appears for the year 1970. The thing remains with the military service or have passed on to the

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At Arlington Cemetery, a few moments of the two Jima documents were offered for sale. The models are made in Japan.