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THE OCTOFOIL

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Heller First President



LINCOLN'S TOMB

ANOTHER LAND MARK THAT IS A MUST FOR THE VISITORS IN SPRINGFIELD IS THE TOMB OF LINCOLN. THIS YEAR THE ANNUAL REUNION'S MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT THIS LOCATION.

Transportation to Springfield

Getting to the 1971 Reunion will be no problem for members of the Association. Springfield is serviced by all types of transportation. Both Greyhound and Trailways have direct service to Springfield and the Illinois Central and the G.M.&O are available for those who prefer to travel by rail.

AIR LINES

Ozark airlines provides direct service to Springfield from Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Washington D.C. and Dallas/Ft. Worth. Many smaller cities in the Mid-west also have direct service to the Capitol of Illinois. Ozark Airlines has a good deal

for groups who wish to attend the convention. They will give group rates to ten or more people who are leaving from the same airport. There is no restriction on times, days or flights and members may travel together or independently both coming and going. By using the group plan members can save about 33-1/3% on a round trip fare. Members desiring to form a group should contact Ozark Airlines at their home airport. Holiday Inn will furnish free transportation from the airport to Reunion Headquarters

BY CAR

For those who still like to do their own driving getting to

Springfield should be easy. U. S. Highways 66, 54, 36, 29 and Interstate 55 all pass through Springfield. Members living in the north and east can make the entire trip on super-highways that lead to the Land of Lincoln. The Holiday Inn is located along Interstate 55 and is a short distance from the turn-off at Stevenson Drive.

If you own a boat and are adventurous you can reach Springfield by sailing up the Sangamon River from the Mississippi. Abe Lincoln did it back in the 1800's. It really doesn't matter how you travel, just as long as you go to Springfield for the 1971 Reunion.

"Old Reliable" College Prexy



Once again a former Ninth Division man has achieved a high position in his chosen profession. Dr. Dave Heller, a long time active member of the Illinois Chapter, has been chosen to serve as the FIRST President of the Chicago Loop College. Dave was inducted into office on October 16, 1970. The inauguration ceremonies were held in the Rockefeller Chapel on the campus of the University of Chicago. Some of the proudest people at the inauguration were Dave's friends from the Ninth Division. John Clouser, Bud Remei, Paul Clark, Roger Elmer and Frank Ozart were on hand when Dave assumed the Presidency of the Chicago Loop College.

For many years Dave has served on the Ninth Infantry Division Association's Scholarship Committee. His untiring efforts on behalf of this worthwhile activity have helped to make it a great success. In 1963 Dave served as Chairman of the wonderful reunion that was held in Springfield, Ill. Many of our members will remember the moving Memorial Service that he conducted at Lincoln's Tomb. The following quotes were taken from the biography which appeared in the inauguration program.

Dr. David H. Heller is the President of Loop College, one of the City Colleges of Chicago. Loop College is a public comprehensive community junior college located at 64 East Lake Street and currently enrolling some 8100 full-time and part-time students.

Dr. Heller, born in Chicago on September 7, 1920, received his Ph.D. degree in educational administration from the University of Chicago in 1952. He had previously been awarded the M.S. degree in zoology by the same institution in 1942. A graduate of Tuley High School, he received his B.E. degree from Chicago Teachers College in 1941.

He began his teaching career in the Chicago Public Schools in 1945, following his Army discharge. During World War II, Dr. Heller served with the Ninth Infantry Division and was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action, as well as several other decorations.

In 1952 Dr. Heller joined the faculty of Chicago Teachers College, where he became chairman of the department of biological sciences in 1955. He became Assistant Dean in Charge of the Crane Campus of Chicago Teachers College on its opening in 1956 and was instrumental in the rapid development of that campus, which graduated over 300 teachers, most of whom are now teaching in west side Chicago Public Schools. The Board of Trustees of Junior College District No. 508 appointed him as Dean of the Loop College in 1965 and in 1969 promoted him to the presidency on the recommendation of students and faculty, and the Chancellor of the City Colleges of Chicago.

Dr. Heller is co-author, with William C. Resnick, of the college text, ON YOUR OWN IN COLLEGE, published by Charles E. Merrill, Inc., now in its second edition. He is the author of a number of articles and reviews which appeared in professional journals. He is listed in AMERICAN MEN OF SCIENCE and WHO'S WHO IN THE MIDWEST. He lives in Highland Park with his wife and three daughters.

He has been a member of the City Club of Chicago since 1960 and is currently serving as its Board of Governors and Chairman of the Education Committee.

The Association is very proud of Dave's achievements and we all wish him the best of luck in his new position.

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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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Finds Ninth Division Mementoes

The members who visited Europe this summer weren't the only people who came across things that reminded them of their days with the Ninth. During the summer Bill (Sam) Buemi bought a new house and while relocating he came across many mementoes of his days with the "Old Reliabilities." Among his souvenirs he found copies of the "Fort Bragg Post", old issues of "Yank" and copies of "The Raider." He also discovered detail sheets that he had snatched from Co. F's (47th) bulletin board. Dave must have been an avid collector during his days at Fort Bragg because he also found copies of Daily Training Schedules and Menus that were issued in 1942. According to the menus Co. F. had three cooks, Lamaitis, Repetti and Stout. Bill said that Repetti was the one who did the most for his appetite.

In 1942 the Army didn't beat around the bush when it had something to say, it said it in plain language. Here are a few notices that appeared on Co. F's bulletin board in those days.
Aug. 15, 1942
"There will be no gambling, between N.C.O.'s and Pvt's. Action will be taken to anyone caught. Think before shuffling the deck or rattling the dice. This is the 1st and last warning."
1st Sgt. Alton B. Ivey

Sept. 17, 1942
"Men going on sick call for treatment which keeps them from demonstrations and other drills - need not apply for weekend passes"
STAY IN AND REST UP
1st Sgt. Alton B. Ivey

No doubt Bill has many other gems that appeared on the bulletin board of Company F. If he sends them along we will print them in future issues.

★APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP★

in the

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Michigan Doings

This past year has been a very successful one for the Michigan Chapter. New members have been signed up and the Chapter's meeting and social events have been well attended. The General Motors strike and the severe cold weather that has afflicted Michigan haven't had any effect on the Chapter's activities.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 20th the Chapter held a Christmas party at Bob DeSandy's home. Severe weather conditions prevailed the night of the party but that didn't deter the members of the Michigan Chapter, some of them travelled over 100 miles to attend the Christmas party. Among the members attending were Bobe and Betty Rumenapp, Elmer Wagner, Bill and Barbara Meadows, Bill Phelps, John and Rose Bonkowski, Jim and Audrey Bruner, Tom and Gennie Hatton, Don and Helen Lewis, Eugene and Phylis Reedy, Fred and Jane Josey, John and Jane Young and Maurice and Viola Mitchell. According to John Bonkowski the weather was so bad that night that everyone had a perfect excuse for staying at home, but the "Old Reliabilities" are made of stern stuff and don't let a little thing like bad weather keep them away from a good party.

FUTURE EVENTS

The Chapter's next meeting will be held in February. It is an important meeting because elections are scheduled to be held at the February meeting. During the E.T.O. tour Elmer Wagner took many pictures and he will show some of his slides at the meeting.

During August or October the Chapter will hold a meeting outside the Detroit area. As yet a site hasn't been selected for the meeting but members will be given plenty of advance notice so that they can make plans for attending this meeting.

The 1971 Reunion will be held in the Michigan Chapter's back yard and the Chapter is making plans for being well represented at this important event.

SAD NEWS

The Michigan Chapter's News-Letter contained some sad news for all of us. Florence Phelps the wife of Bill Phelps passed away during December. Many members of the Michigan Chapter were at the Memorial Service at Worcester when this occurred and were unable to pay their respects in person but they sent a letter of condolence from Worcester.

John and Thelma Obermiller also experienced some sad news. Thelma's father and brother passed away on the same day.

The News-Letter also mentioned the death of Gerald Kramer an "Old Reliable" from the 60th Inf.

Remember
The Dates
1971 Reunion
Springfield
July 29-31



James Cagney in Brighton Woods, England, 1944, shown with members of E and F Companies 47th Infantry.

This summer while going through his old mementoes John Rizzo came across some pictures that will be of interest to former members of E and F Companies of the 47th Inf. John sent along a picture that brought back many memories to this Editor of the "Octofoil". It was taken during the Regiment's sojourn in England and shows Jimmy Cagney posing with members of E and F Companies. (Editors note: I remember well the day it was taken, I was on guard duty. - Walter O'Keeffe)

The previous evening Jimmy had put on a show at Regimental Headquarter, the men from E and F Companies were unable to attend the show. Some of our officers happened to be at Headquarter at the time and when they returned to Brighton Woods they brought Jimmy Cagney back with them. The next day he went around the area and said hello to the members of E and F Companies. Some of the fellows had cameras and took pictures.

Some of the "Raiders" shown with Jimmy are Ignatious Gaiogna, John Tokarchek, John Padavano, Hugh Hatrick, John Bac, Phil Puelo, John Travellise, Mike Hadden and John Rizzo. I recognize the other faces but for the life of me I can't recall the names that go with the faces. Perhaps some of our members can refresh my memory.

Appreciates Aid

Scholarship Recipient
Guy A. Meadows
I would like to thank you and the members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association for continuing my college scholarship again this year. The financial assistance which the Association provides for me is appreciated more each year. Thank you for your help.

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Chapter 18 NORMANDY BEACHHEAD

Major TUCKER who had once again took over the command of the 1st Battalion took a few men and myself and went forward to contact the 90th Infantry Division command post. The situation in the entire beachhead was bogged down and none of the units seemed to advance. The enemy was tightening his defenses and if we didn't move soon, we could expect another Anzio where the ring would be tried to be made smaller and the enemy would try to reduce its strength. As we approached the 90th command post there were a few enemy snipers behind the lines and one with an automatic weapon covering the road across a little creek. Some of the snipers were taken care of but the automatic weapon was something else again. We managed to get by it unscratched but TUCKER remarked, "What the h— is going on up here?" There was a small town which the 90th was to take before our 60th regiment was to jump off. However, the 90th failed and it was relieved or pushed aside to let the 9th Infantry Division take over. The 9th took the town with little trouble.

The 47th and the 60th Infantry Regiments of the 9th spearheaded a drive which broke through the enemy resistance with the 39th Infantry Regiment following up in reserve. The aim of the 47th and the 60th was to cut off the Cotentin Peninsula. The plan was to have the assault regiments move forward as fast as they could and the reserve 39th would clean out all pockets of resistance that were left behind. After the first day the 9th Infantry Division had made the largest gain of the Normandy campaign and that was a six mile penetration.

During the push, we had frequent trouble from our airforce. The planes and crews were briefed perhaps at four and five in the morning as they were operating from bases in England. By the time these planes came over their assigned targets which was hours after their briefing, the targets were already in the hands of the swift pacing 9th Infantry Division. We were strafed and bombed by our own planes until we produced signal panels and the airforce finally recognized what they were for. Panels were kept close by after these initial experiences. A P-38 strafed a path lined with hedgerows on each side of the cart path. I kept dodging from one side of the path to the other as the plane zigzagged during his attack and I just timed those leaps perfectly.

ERNIE PYLE, one of the most daring war correspondents, spent over a week with the Ninth Infantry Division. He came to the conclusion that the 9th was one of the best. He didn't get a definite answer from the Ninth's grinning commander General EDDY as to why German shells came from every direction. The answer was simple. As the division moved so fast, there were no allied outfits near them to protect their flanks or their rear. Germans got confused and to get away from the ever-pressing 9th, the enemy usually ran into other allied units to surrender. Hitler was confused as he ordered four, yes, I said four, infantry units to scatter to get away from the hard-pressing 9th.

TOM HENRY, CHARLES WERTENBAKER and BOB CAPA were there, too. WERTENBAKER wrote a book called "Invasion" which is all about the capture of Cherbourg by the fabulous Ninth Infantry Division. On June 17th, the Cotentin Peninsula was cut off

by first the 47th Infantry Regiment and closely behind was the 60th Infantry

THE PAWNS OF WAR

This is the 13th 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.

Regiment as they reached the coast. It was again that old 9th punch and drive, a swift perfectly executed attack. As the enemy was forced to drop back, the 9th was right on top of him.

The 1st Battalion, 39th, as we entered St. Jacques de Nehou, came upon a sight that made us more bitter than we already were if such is possible. There in the church before the altar, hanging from ropes, were the bodies of three American paratroopers. No doubt, they had been dropped too far behind the enemy lines on D-Day but they didn't deserve this brutal fate. The bodies were hastily removed and given proper burial.

The battalion reached this town just about sunset. An enemy jeep came down to the crossroads and it unloaded a couple of German M. P.'s unwillingly into the hands of the Americans. Then, two enemy trucks filled with ammo were also captured. The 1st Battalion set up a command post in a house about a hundred yards north of the center of the town. I established three outposts, two were forward about two hundred yards from the house within the assault companies. My men who occupied these posts were KUJAWA, GIEPARDA, WILDER and KRAUS our newly arrived German interpreter. STANLEY CABAN and I were in a post behind the command post. The 1st Battalion was in reserve of the 60th Infantry Regiment and little did we expect what was to happen.

At about 0400 hours, the enemy made a desperate attempt to break out near St. Jacques de Nehou. The Germans were crafty, cunning and sly when battles were going according to their plans as, should we say, they had a one track mind. But, the story was a little different now, the Americans had the initiative, the surprise, and the enemy was confused as he didn't know where we were or how many of us were there. Two enemy machine guns opened fire from where I thought I had put my two forward outposts. The bullets bounced off of the command post house and it must have shaken up the house quests.

CABAN was on duty when this thing started and he fixed his bayonet to the end of his rifle. I tried to size up the situation as the personnel from a motor pool to our rear became panicky and some of the men ran in all directions. We thought them to be Americans but we were not absolutely sure. Then one of them ran into our outpost and he almost got his gut opened by CABAN's bayonet but the thrust was withheld at the last second.

CABAN and I went of the house and we found that everyone was very excited. Captain FULLER came out of the house saying we have no supporting artillery. With TUCKER's instruction, FULLER took off in a jeep to contact our guns. I was wondering about my two outposts and I was itching to go down there and investigate. But,

they had other plans for us. CABAN, CROSCOPE, who I believe came out of the house, and I were ordered to go on a patrol to find out what was attacking us. When we started out there was plenty of small arms fire. The patrol had moved some distance by the time the sun came up. We found that we were moving forward in very heavy brush and our visibility was limited to a few feet. However, enemy tank sounds too close for comfort but they seemed confused as if they were changing gears indicating that the tanks were turning around and couldn't make up their minds which way to go.

The enemy ground forces in the meantime had infiltrated our lines but Major TUCKER withdrew the forward elements of our troops to the edge of the town. The patrol, incidentally, did not know of this change. It was about this time that a piper cub flew over us and the first four shells fell about a hundred yards in front of us. Captain FULLER had contacted the artillery and it was time for the patrol to head back. The patrol maneuvered beautifully and reached the American lines safely even with the unknown adjustment. The two Intelligence outposts which I expected to be wiped out or overrun were also back safely.

Immediately upon our return, TUCKER ordered me to take all personnel that were not immediately engaged, back to the next town which was about seven miles over the swampy plain. We hadn't walked very far when there was a lot of dust stirring up the road toward us. It was a jeep containing General EDDY and his driver. The vehicle stopped on a dime and the general stepped out of the vehicle. After a snappy exchange of salutes the general asked, "You fellows are not running away from a fight, are you?" When I explained what was going on, he seemed pleased for the moment.

He then asked someone where he could find a phone. There was one only a few feet away on the side off of the road. He talked with air support but they didn't offer him any help and that made him furious. When he heard that there was another battery of artillery in position, he was in all his glory again.

The 1st Battalion, 39th Infantry AAA-O received a presidential citation for this battle. The 1049th German Infantry Regiment plus other elements of the German 77th Division were practically destroyed. The decisive and costly defeat of the enemy was a tribute to the exceptional gallantry, aggressiveness, and the determination of each member of this battalion and it exemplifies the highest ideals of military service.

At least one mortar section, it could have been either Sergeants PAT HIGGIN'S, PETER UHL's or RICHARD TEES' squad from "D" Company, 39th who fired over 600 rounds of 81mm ammunition during the engagement. It seemed that the contact by Captain FULLER had turned this affair into a rout. The 1st Battalion was

ordered to attack when the artillery serenade ceased and they drove forward about five miles. The countryside was cluttered with German dead as many of them died with their rifles clung over their shoulders, others died fighting in the battle. The enemy had been surprised, bewildered and defeated. It would probably be a long time before he'd try to break out again.

The kitchens had been shelled. The trucks carrying our barracks bags with our personnel items were destroyed. Also the battalion journal which records the activities and the history of the 1st Battalion, 39th Infantry were burned beyond recognition from enemy artillery fire. STANLEY GIEPARDA, the 80% Pollack, who seemed to be a few years older than the rest of the fellows and who was more reserved, proved to be chivalrous and he performed to the occasions. We came across a German magazine with a picture of a group of Americans in full dress uniforms standing at attention and the AAA-O was on the side of their helmets. It was explained to me by our interpreter that Hitler was warning his German troops and the French to beware of the American SS troopers.



Crisey France (Marigny) - Gen. Eddy gives award to a soldier of the 39th Infantry.

When the 9th came upon a small town which was offering heavy resistance by enemy forces, it was practically leveled to the ground by our artillery, mortar and anti-tank fire. This procedure which saved American lives was bitterly contested by the French civilians. Under the German occupation, the French farmers of Normandy lived sort of peaceful and they ate well even though the German took about eighty per cent of their yield. In the big cities the French starved. Now that the Allies were contesting the German occupation, the French were having their homes destroyed, personal belongings lost and their loved ones who remained, hurt and killed. No wonder the French in Normandy hated us.

Chapter 19 ON TO CHERBOURG

The road to Cherbourg was tough but our advance was swift. It seemed as if the Germans passed the word that "Hitler's Nemesis," nickname for the 9th Infantry Division, as well as "Notorious" and as TOM HENRY referred to the outfit, "The Avenging Ghosts of the 9th," were coming through the sector. We took very few prisoners at first as the 79th Infantry Division advancing on our right and who were a few miles behind were taking thousands of prisoners. It seemed that the enemy after a little skirmish was getting out of our way.

The Intelligence Section was joined by a few members of the French underground. The 39th Infantry took the town of Bricquebec and fought desperately for Octeville. The 47th entered Cherbourg and after very fierce house to house street fighting and aide from the 79th and 4th Infantry Divisions, the city was taken. Cherbourg was a mess as the enemy denied the piers and the harbor facilities to the use of the Allies. However, this was not the end of the peninsula campaign as the rest of the Cap de la Hague had to be taken and the 60th Regiment had already begun the advance. There was still a strong enemy loose in this area. The 9th Infantry Division now chased the enemy up the peninsula and the enemy made one last stand. The enemy defensive line was quickly broken and the Intelligence Section was sent out on a motor patrol. The patrol consisted of CABAN, WILDER, CROSCOPE, KUJAWA, GIEPARDA, KRAUS, FERINA and me.

FERINA drove the jeep, GIEPARDA manned the 50 caliber machine gun that was mounted inside. We must have been about fifteen miles ahead of the assault troops when we came almost to the end of the

cape. GIEPARDA's eagle eye spotted an enemy soldier in a dug-out in the fields to our left. I halted the jeep and left GIEPARDA at the machine gun to cover our approach as FERINA stayed at the wheel. The rest of us formed a skirmish line as we moved forward on the enemy position. When we were almost on top of the position, a white handkerchief appeared on the end of a rifle as it was waved from side to side and six of the enemy came out when they were persuaded.

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CAMERAS INSTEAD OF GUNS

Started from Atlanta Wednesday night at 7 o'clock p.m. in the rain. We got out of town and saw the prettiest rainbow. We drove until 12:30 p.m., stopped at a motel in North Carolina. The woman that registered us had an English accent so I asked her where she was from. She told us she was from England and when we told her we were heading to England she was delighted. We got up at 7:00 a.m., drove all day. We passed a trailer being pulled by a car with a sign saying "Mom's Mink Coat".

We arrived in New York City and was trying to find a place to park our car so we could register at the Commodore Hotel and just as we were ready to ask someone where to park, one of my buddies that lives in New York spotted us and directed us to the hotel parking lot.

Young girls and old women wore mini skirts in New York. So hard to walk around without straining your neck (tall buildings not mini skirts). You cannot tell the boys from the girls with the long hair some of the boys have. One of the boys had his hair in a pony tail.

One of our 9th Division girls was shopping in a store, a man approached her and asked her some questions. It turned out that he was a pickpocket because a store detective spotted him and took him away.

LOVED PARADE

We had a parade for the 9th Division soldiers who passed away. It was a wonderful sight to see New York traffic stopped. We went to the U. N. Building for the memorial services and a tour of the building. I turned around and asked one of the girls at the telephone desk how could I get outside and she told me to dial 9 - without cracking a smile.

We had a banquet and General Westmoreland sent a tape recording wishing us a safe trip. Our principal speaker was Lindsey Nelson Sportscaster for the Mets Baseball Team. You could see the tension building up as the eleventh hour approached as that was the time 167 of us were going to board a bus for Kennedy Airport. Everyone hurried but we did not leave the hotel until 11:30 p.m. After getting our baggage checked at the airport we found that the plane would not leave until 4:30 a.m. Everyone was disappointed because we were ready to go. We finally left at 6:00 a.m., for a wonderful air ride to London, no bumps or anything. Everyone was tired, so as soon as we had our breakfast most of us fell asleep. Our pilot asked us to set our watches for England time which is five (5) hours difference. During the flight our captain told us to look out the window to see Nova Scotia and other interesting places.

ENGLAND

We finally landed at the airport 60 miles from London. We went through Customs without any trouble. We boarded buses for the ride to London. The bus ride was nice since the women and children in the group had never seen the English countryside. The guide in the bus explained the customs money and answered all the questions to everyone. Also, he pointed out historic places as we rode to London. We stayed in London three days which everyone enjoyed because the people were so nice to us. Our guide pointed out that you did not see any smashed fenders on taxis and cars. Also everyone drove with their parking lights only. We drove by bus to Winchester and Southampton, England, where the Division was stationed before the invasion. Many of the boys met families that they had

made acquaintances with during their stay before the invasion. Father Ed Connors had Mass at Southampton just like he had before the invasion. We had two Gold Star Parents who accompanied us on the tour - Mr. Joe Lynch, 80 years old and

Mrs. Hetti Bullock, 76 years old. Mr. Lynch made 18 trips to Europe, and everytime he stopped by St. Pauls Cathedral where they keep a book with 28,000 American soldiers listed in it. He had a disappointment every time because his son's name is still not in the book. The Queen of England sent him a gold engraved book and told him his son's name would be in the book - so far it's still not there. His son's name was Captain Paul Lynch who was killed at the Remagen Bridgehead. He had the Silver Star and other decorations. It was a depressing feeling to watch Mr. Lynch look through the book and not see his son's name in it. Our guide told Mr. Lynch that he would see the proper people and get his name in the book with the other soldiers.



A view of the ship that took us from England to France.

CHERBOURG

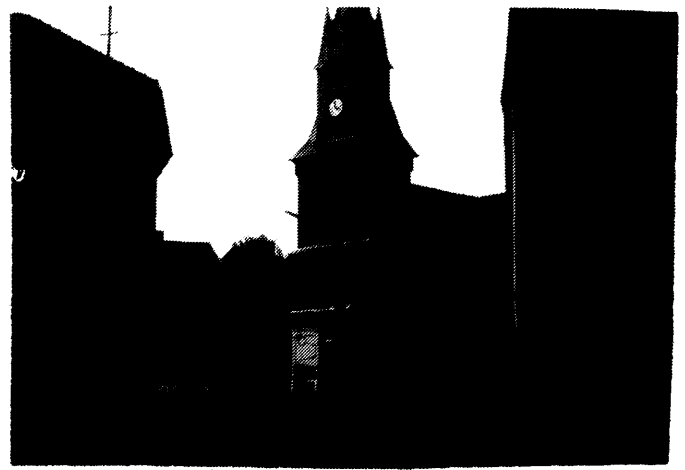
Got ready to go through Customs. A TV Station sent a cameraman who made pictures to be seen that night. We did not get a chance to see it because we were on a steamer heading for Cherbourg and Utah Beach. After five hours on the boat we got to Cherbourg, France, and boarded the buses for our hotels. We passed through Customs which consisted of a guard coming on the bus asking us "were we Americans?"

After a good night's sleep we headed for some of the areas our Division fought bitter battles at. Our Division was the first to enter Cherbourg and held on to it. We went to Utah Beach and one of our men walked about 300 yards (tide was out) to wash his face in the water. We went to the cemetery on Omaha Beach and many of the boys saw names of their buddies who are buried there. The women in the crowd had tears in their eyes. There are over 9,000 soldiers still buried at Omaha Beach, 14,000 were sent back home. We stopped in St. Lo where it was our jumping off place. No one could recognize anything because it was so built up. The last time we saw the town, all the buildings were bombed out. We stopped at a church in St. Mere Eglise where Father Ed Connors told the local pastor that he stopped in his church and got the vester to say Mass 18 times in the field during the heat of the battle. The church is still the same. We left for Caen and other places we went during the war. It was a funny feeling going to those places with a camera instead of a gun. We headed for Parish where we stayed three days. The women in the tour did not like the public bathrooms in France. They have no stools - just a place where you have an imprint where to place your feet. The people in Paris did not seem friendly and one of the Frenchmen told his wife as we walked by "Just look at the stupid Americans". The hotels

were not air-conditioned so we sweated every night and it seems that the French never sleep, noisy all the time.

BELGIUM

We left Paris for Dinant Belgium where they had a celebration for us. This is one of the towns we liberated and they appreciated it. Our buses were one and one half hours late. The Mayor (Burgermaster), Chief of Police and other important people were waiting to escort us to the town. The people were very friendly to us. After a parade through the town we had a ceremony at a statue at the City Hall where a wreath was placed for our departed buddies. They had a celebration in the City Hall for us with the best Champagne. We went back to our buses getting ready to depart for our hotels in Leige. Just before the buses were ready to pull out, the Chief of Police asked where was the photograph and they pointed out the bus I was in. He asked me to step out and I kept teasing



Schevenhutte, Germany 1970, as compared with picture of same site taken back in 1944 that appears on page 250 of "Eight Stars to Victory". Ed Johnstone took picture when he toured Europe last Spring. It's unbelievable how little the town changed other than the rebuilding of damaged homes.

REMAGEN

We left next day for Frankfurt and the ride along the Rhine River was beautiful. We stopped at the Remagen Bridgehead where our Division was one of the first to cross during heavy shelling. Also this was the place we saw our first jet plane flown by the Germans. It went so fast, our gunners didn't have a chance to shoot it down. This is the spot where Paul Lynch was killed. Mr. Joseph Lynch, Paul's father was with the group. Also this is the spot where our MP's suffered their worst casualties. Reverend Gerald Rowan was one of the MP's who almost got killed here. He made a vow that if he got out alive he would become a priest which he did and he was the one who helped Father Ed Connors celebrate Mass as we went along the tour. We stopped for lunch along the Rhine River and had the best meal we had on the whole tour.

We arrived at Frankfurt about 5:00 p.m. Everyone rushed out to buy something before the stores closed at 6:30 p.m. Cuckoo clocks was one of the favorite items sent back to the states. Had a wonderful German meal, then next morning we boarded our buses for Munich. Our Gold Star mother, Mrs. Hetta Bullock, lost her baggage in Cologne and our guide kept trying to find it but she still did not have it when we got off our plane in New York. She did not complain at all. Her daughter did not want her to make the trip but she was determined to make it. She told her if something should happen to her on the trip she did not care because she would be with "her boys."

EAGLE'S NEST

We had a sightseeing trip to the Eagle's Nest (Berchtesgaden). The trip to the Hitler's Hideout was breathtaking (scenery and narrow roads). We had to board special buses for the trip up the mountain. The timing had to be perfect about half way to the mountain because that was the only wide road where the buses going up meet the buses going down. The road is real narrow and as we kept climbing up the mountain, the bus stopped suddenly and everyone got uneasy but what happened was that our guide dropped her pocketbook (girl guide) and it rolled out of the bus. The pocketbook got caught on a small rock along the road, otherwise it would have rolled down the steep mountain. After eating all kinds of different foods, we were delighted to get a box of "Kentucky Fried Chicken" for our lunch. It was different and also delicious - enjoyed by everyone with a coke to top it off. Going up the mountain made us think about the labor it took to build the roads, tunnel and elevator to reach the Eagle's Nest. They

told us most of the work was done by prisoners. Just think how many died there.

We went back to our hotels in Munich, getting ready for our trip to the Good old U.S.A. We were scheduled to leave Sunday 1:00 p.m., but the night we had dinner at the Beer Hall in Munich our tour guide told us we would have to go to Amsterdam to catch our plane to the U.S.A.

HOMEWARD BOUND

We left 10:00 a.m. Sunday by train and we saw some more of the beautiful country. We arrived 10:00 p.m. that night near Amsterdam. We stayed at a newly opened Holiday Inn and we were the first to sleep in our room on the 10th floor. Everything was American and all the people spoke English so we enjoyed it. Next day after breakfast of hard rolls, salami, ham and other meats, we waited for instructions. We found out that the plane would leave Amsterdam 6:00 p.m. We had lunch and boarded buses for the Airport. When we got there we found out that the plane was in the hangar for repairs and everyone was sad and some of the women cried because they missed their families in the States. We had a good German supper of Pheasant with a wine gravy. Most of the people rested and slept on the chairs at the airport because we were all tired out. About 12:30 p.m. we boarded our plane for the States and everyone was quiet after lunch and most of the passengers fell asleep. We got to New York about 4:00 a.m., reset our watches and went through Customs. Everyone scattered out to their homes with a wonderful memory of our trip. My wife told me before we left for the trip that she would rather have a fur coat instead of making the trip. When we got back she said she would rather have the trip instead of the fur coat because she met an awful lot of nice people. To sum it up by a lot of boys, "AMERICA" love it or leave it.

Walter Victor
2745 Dodson Lee Drive
East Point, Ga. 30044
709th Ord. Co.

Remember The Reunion Dates July 29-31

Continental guide to English cooking. If it's cold it's soup. If it's hot it's beer.

Harry O's Report

New York Chapter has 1971 Elections.

President Emil Langer's final meeting of the year was held on Friday, December 4, 1970 at the 26th Street Armory.

In the large turnout were many of the old gang who enjoyed an interesting business and social evening.

Joe Uschak delivered the Board of Governor's report that was held in Worcester, on Saturday, November 7, 1970.

President Emil Langer gave the final report of the Silver Anniversary Reunion that was held in New York in July, 1970.

ELECT OFFICERS

Following is the list of officers that were elected for 1971:

President, Harry Orenstein; 1st Vice President, Arthur Schmidt; 2nd Vice President, Doc Seslow; Secretary, Dom Miele; Treasurer, Irving Feinberg; Judge Advocate, Eddie Eagan; Sergeant-of-Arms, Al Orletti; Chaplain, Ralph Witzkin.

Board of Governors for 1971-1972:

39th Inf., Herminio Suarez; 47th Inf., Mike Yednak; 60th Inf., Charles O'Connor; Special Troops, Dave Gelman; Division Artillery, Joe Dailydas.

After the meeting adjourned our connoisseurs of edibles, Ralph Witzkin and Jack Scully exquisitely displayed the refreshments for the evening.

XMAS PARTY

Ralph Witzkin, chairman of the Xmas Party and his assistants Jack Scully and Frank Fazio arranged an excellent Xmas party for the men, women and children at the Union City Elks Club on December 13, 1970.

In the kitchen under the supervision of Jack Scully was Vincent Guglielmino and many others who prepared the refreshments and Frank Fazio, John Rizzo, Ralph Witzkin and Lou Almassy who dispensed the frankfurters, sandwiches, cakes, coffee, beer and soda to the audience.

In the spacious room was a beautiful Christmas Tree with electric lights and tinsel. In this room, the men, women and children were being shown movies by our cameraman Dom Miele. In another room children were enjoying bowling and in a third room adults were watching the football game between the New York Giants and the St. Louis Cardinals. In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Guglielmino's talented daughter, Francine, supplied additional entertainment when she played the accordion. Her playing added more liveliness to the afternoon. The audience appreciated Francine's musical talent by giving her a long round of applause.

Then came the announcement that Santa Claus was on the way. With a cheerful smile Santa (Jack Scully) entered the room loaded with toys on his back as the audience cheered and applauded. Francine played Jingle Bells with the audience participating. There was an ample supply of games, dolls, and toys for everyone.

To make the afternoon a happier occasion for all, George Apar was at the Christmas Party. We were all happy to see George again. George appeared to be his usual, cheerful self, the same person we used to see at the Division meetings and the

Associations Special Events. Good luck to you George for continued good health for a very, very long time in the future.

Our special thanks to Ralph Witzkin and his staff who made it possible for us to have a wonderful time at the Christmas Party.

TO ALL 9th QM's

IT'S ANOTHER YEAR

Received 73 Christmas Cards. Thanks very much. Glad to hear from all of you. Hope 1971 will be a HAPPY YEAR for all of you.

LOOKING BACK -- 1970

The members and friends who were fortunate to attend the 1970 functions will remember that the 1970 SILVER ANNIVERSARY REUNION was one of the greatest reunions the 9th DIVISION ASSOCIATION ever had. It was the PERFECT REUNION that included MSGR. DeLAURA as TOASTMASTER, LINDSEY NELSON as GUEST SPEAKER, and also, THE UNITED NATIONS TOUR.

Following the SILVER ANNIVERSARY REUNION, a group of approximately 165 men and women made a EUROPEAN TOUR visiting many of the cities and places that were familiar to the men about 25 years ago.

And finally, FATHER CONNORS MEMORIAL SERVICES that were held in NOVEMBER 1970 was one of the finest MEMORIAL SERVICES ever held. The SATURDAY EVENING social was immensely enjoyed by all of us. The same evening WALTER VICTOR displayed his commentary ability with slides of the EUROPEAN TOUR. Sunday morning FATHER CONNORS delivered the ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICES in the church, the outdoor services were held at the 9th DIVISION SHRINE and a delicious pot roast dinner concluded the MEMORIAL SERVICES.

LOOKING AHEAD -- 1971

The SEPT. - OCT. 1970 OCTOFOIL has published the place and dates of the 1971 reunion. Here they are: HOLIDAY INN 3100E, 31st St. Springfield, Ill. July 29, 30 and 31, 1971.

The 1971 REUNION COMMITTEE has already begun making plans to give the 9th DIVISION ASSOCIATION another interesting and enjoyable reunion. The article also mentions that places in SPRINGFIELD have been restored to the conditions of LINCOLN's time, such as LINCOLN's law office. This should make an enjoyable tour for all of us.

A TOPIC OF CONVERSATION

Of course, one of the main topics of conversation will be the 1970 EUROPEAN trip. There will be many men and women present at the 1971 Reunion, who will discuss their trip, the cities and places visited to their friends at the reunion.

The writer has no date yet for Father Connors Memorial Services.



APO-9 Staff, Camp Elsenborn, Belgium, October 1944.

Left to right, sitting: SHANNON, CARLAND, JOHNSON, HARTMAN, FUHRMAN. Kneeling: TINKHAM, SELL, YEHLE, MYERS, MCCLURE, ROBINSON, PERRY. Standing: HEALEY, LONG, POSTEN, MCQUISTON, PILSNENSKI, GROGER, MCGEE, VAGLICA, and ACETO. Absent was MONRONEY.

THE OCTOFOIL

The OCTOFOIL, the 9th DIVISION newspaper, is an interesting paper to read. Included in the JULY - AUGUST 1970 OCTOFOIL issue were two pages of pictures of the SILVER ANNIVERSARY REUNION and the EUROPEAN tour, and the writer's SILVER ANNIVERSARY QM article. Included in the SEPT. - OCT. OCTOFOIL issue was a full page article by ARTHUR SCHMIDT of the EUROPEAN tour, the writer's QM report of FATHER CONNORS MEMORIAL SERVICES in NOVEMBER 1970, and another issue of the installment THE PAWNS OF WAR by BILL KREYE. Bill was with the 39th INFANTRY and it is his story of WW II from FORT BRAGG to GERMANY.

CHANGES IN ADDRESSES

Col. A. R. Glafka, USA (ret), Villa Fontana No. 231, 123 Brackenridge Ave., San Antonio, Texas.

Mike Dembitsky, 70 Northgate Manor, Rochester, N. Y.

Mike Grace, P. O. Box 1405, Fayetteville, N. Carolina.

Trevor Jones, 32 Cedarbrook Apts., Brookfield Center, Conn. John Kowalski, 4307 Judith Street, Rockville, Md.

Andy Milano, 74 Hillview Road, Westwood, Mass.

Joe Russo, 49 Federal Street, Weymouth, Mass.

J. C. Sullivan, Star Route Box 33, Elrod, Ala.

Ivey Sutton, 1308 Live Oak Parkway, Wilmington, N. Carolina.

Rene Tremblay, SI, RFD, Charlotte, Vermont.

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

These are the army post office staff members at Division Headquarters who handled the mail for all the various units which made up the 9th Division. This picture was taken in front of the building which served as the Division Post Office in Camp Elsenborn in October-November 1944. A number of the members are career postal employees: Paul Aceto is in the Manchester, Connecticut, post office; Lew Yehle is a supervisor at Enid,

Oklahoma; Barney Long is Assistant Superintendent of Delivery and Collections, Albany, New York; Bill Shannon is in the post office at Marfa, Texas; Jim Posten is Postmaster, Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey; and Hal Perry is at Postal Service Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

If you didn't make mistakes you might live and die without ever hearing your name mentioned.

Remember
The Dates
1971 Reunion
Springfield
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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. THE APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BY MARCH 15. Applications received after March 15 will not be considered.
5. All applicants must accept the decision of the Scholarship Committee as final.
6. Information to determine financial need will be requested by the Scholarship Committee after the applications have been considered.
7. Recipients of the scholarships may apply for renewal of the scholarship each year. A copy of the student's college grades, a financial statement, and a letter requesting renewal of the scholarship should be sent to the chairman by March 15.
8. All applications must be sent to: John J. Clouser, Scholarship Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division Association, 901 Graceland St., Des Plaines, Illinois 60018.

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

THE OCTOFOIL

MAIL CALL

This month our mail-bags were stuffed to over-flowing. Besides our usual heavy load of correspondence we also received holiday greetings from many of our members. It is almost impossible to reply personally to all the people who sent us greetings so we are taking this opportunity to wish you all good health and good luck during the New Year. Keep the letters coming; we are always glad to hear from our members. The following letters were in our mail-bag this month.

Don Crosskill 9th Div. Hq.
1120 Franklin
Fremont, Ohio, 43420

Just a short note to tell you how much we enjoyed the 25th Reunion. Mary and I are already planning our trip to Springfield. Enclosed is copy of a clipping which appeared in the "Fremont News Messenger" after the reunion. So far I've heard from two men in our area but haven't been able to meet with either of them. However, plans are in the making for a get-together to talk over old times and to inform them about the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

We hope the trip to the E.T.O. was enjoyable for you. We are looking forward to reading about it in the "Octofoil."

Ed. Note: The clipping that Don sent us tells about the 25th Reunion in New York and the 1971 Reunion in Springfield. It also mentioned the fact that Dan would like to hear from any Ninth Division men who lived in the area.

Gold Star Parent

Joe Lynch

Mr. Lynch must have found the Fountain of Youth. His activities amaze most of us who are many years younger. We wonder where he gets all his pep. Last summer he made the trip to the E.T.O., in November he attended the Memorial Service at Worcester and now we learn that he is visiting the Air Force Academy in Colorado.

We received a beautiful card from Mr. Lynch and he informed us that he was spending the Christmas holidays with his daughter and son-in-law Col. Dan Lufkin. He writes that his three grandchildren, Joe (15), Amy (11) and David (7) set a fast pace and that he has a hard time keeping up with them.

G Co. 47th

Waldo Kraft
1441 Via Estrella
Palm Springs, Calif. 92262

Every Christmas the Waldo Kraft's get out a Christmas Greeting that is a thing of beauty. It contains color pictures of all the Kraft's and shows some of the activities that they have enjoyed during the last year.

This year's letter informed us that David and Pam were married at St. James, Seattle. Susie graduated from Gonzaga University and is teaching kindergarten up in Anchorage, Alaska. Tim is now a teenager and Audrey continues to enjoy her Arabian horse.

Last summer the family enjoyed a wonderful time in Kodiak. Tessa climbed mountains, Frieda dug castles in the sand, Kevin fished and caught a 13lb. silver, and Jennifer spent the summer days in the shining surf. The letter contained pictures which showed the Kraft's at all these activities.

The letter also contained the welcomed news that Waldo is much improved in health and spirits.

E. Co. 39th Inf.

Edward Brown
136 East Race St.
Martinsburgh, W. Va. 25401

Ed is a new member of the Association but he is an old timer with the Division. He enlisted in Sept. 24, 1940 and was assigned to the 9th Division at Fort Bragg.

He sailed for North Africa on the SS Thomas Stone and was aboard it when it was hit by enemy fire. He was picked up by a British Destroyer which brought him to shore. During the action Ed suffered a broken back.

Ed is looking for a 9th Division Patch, perhaps one of our members might have an extra one that they could send along to Ed.

C&D 60th Inf.

Gordon Taylor
135 Wedgewood Drive
Greenville, S. C. 29609

Dear Dan:

Enclosed check for \$12.00 to cover Membership for Three years.

My wife, daughter and I had a wonderful trip back to old combat area this summer. We were about three weeks behind the Anniversary Tour group and travelled independently in a rented car. We visited Paris, Brussels, Liege, Eisenborn, Monschau, Zulpich, Cologne, Remagen and Bonn and went on over into Rurh pocket area to Neuastenburg and Winterberg and Hemer where I was one of that group of uninvited guests of Jerri just prior to end of war. We also spent considerable time in southern France, visiting in home of student who spent a school year in our home in 1968/69. We saw Nice, Piza & Florence Italy, Venice Italy and Salzburg, Austria. We missed Munich & Ingolstadt due to lack of time and funds. It was a wonderful experience to see how much progress some of the cities had made after the war. I recommend such a trip to anyone who has considered it and then turned it down.

Let's have another reunion at Ft. Bragg.

I Co. 60th Inf.

Sidney Kobren
168-24 127th Ave.
Jamaica, N. Y. 11434

Sid sent along a picture that was taken in front of Division Headquarters in Fort Bragg. It was taken in 1941 and shows Sid and another soldier standing in front of Division Headquarters.



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"Are you a nervous man?"

"No, but my uncle was. He worked in a dynamite factory, and one day he went all to pieces."

26th F. A.

John P. Quinn
29 Shamrock Street
Worcester, Mass. 01605
Dear Dan:

Sorry that I was unable to attend the Ninth Infantry Division Memorial Mass held recently in my own home city of Worcester, Mass.

I know that if I did attend, and I surely looked forward to attending but other urgent business in my Local Union kept me away, either yourself or Mrs. Quinn, would have made me get my dues into "good-standing."

I'm enclosing a check for three (3) years dues, however, I'm not too familiar with how much I really owed the association, so if you desire to credit it to past years dues etc., OK with me. GIVE N.E. CHAPTER THEIR SHARE OF THE CREDIT.

BEST WISHES TO ALL FOR THE COMING HOLIDAYS.

Grateful

Last November after the Board meeting Father Jerry Rowan was chatting with some of the gang. During the conversation he told them about the Little Sisters of The Poor who operate St. Joseph's Home in El Dorado, Kansas. In that part of the country sudden storms often disrupt the electrical service and the home is plunged into darkness. The Sisters at St. Joseph's were trying to install an emergency lighting system that would illuminate the stairs and hallways whenever the regular service was disrupted. Many of the fellows must have been impressed by Father Jerry's description of the wonderful work that the Sisters were doing because they sent donations to the home.

Apparently they sent the donations in the name of the Association because we have received a letter from Sister Mary Magdalena, Supr. of the St. Joseph's Home at 930 N. Topeka Ave., El Dorado, Kansas and in her letter Sister Magdalena requested that we extend her thanks to the following members who had donated to the emergency lighting fund, Bill Bongiorno, Harrison Daysh, Victor Butswinkus, Art MacDougall and Barbara Meadows. So on behalf of the people who reside at St. Joseph's Home, thanks fellows.

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IN NEED OF HOSPITALIZATION? You are eligible to enter a VA hospital for treatment of a disability or illness incurred or aggravated while you were in service. If your injury or illness is not service-connected, and you are eligible to receive compensation for a service-connected injury or disability, then you can be admitted if a bed is available. If you have no service-connected disabilities and wish to be admitted for an illness or ailment, then you can be granted admission when a bed is available if you are a war-time veteran and can certify that you are unable to pay the hospitalization costs. Special consideration is given to other veterans under certain circumstances.

McKenzie Editor

One of our most reliable reporters is Joe McKenzie. He covers the New England beat like a rug. Whenever something news-worthy happens to an "Old Reliable" Joe is the first one to know about it and to bring it to the attention of the "Octofoil". Apparently a nose for news is inherited because Joe's son is following in his father's footsteps. Young Joe's beat covers the campus at Holy Cross College in Worcester Mass. Recently he advanced from the rank of reporter to that of Editor-In-Chief of "The Crusader", the only vehicle of information, news, and opinion which has a campus-wide audience.

Young Joseph McKenzie is a junior mathematics major and is a member of the Cross and Scroll Society and the Honors Program. Upon assuming his new post he stated that "The Crusader" would accurately report all major campus events but would avoid becoming too provincial by covering events at other campuses and in Worcester. Judging by the example set by his father we feel sure that The Crusader is in good hands. Good luck Joe, we hope you meet all your deadlines.

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APOLOGIES

Every once in a while your Editors of the "Octofoil" goof, and when we do we like to apologize for our mistake. Last August Pauline Olsen, President of the Ladies Auxiliary, sent us a letter and requested that we publish it in the next issue of the paper. Somehow or other it never got into print. So here after much delay is the letter we received from the President of the Ladies Auxiliary.

A NOTE FROM YOUR AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

"On August 27, 1960, I received a lovely letter from Mrs. Paul Plunkett, (Tippie as we all know her by). She had been away from home for awhile and when she went to the Post Office upon her return home and found the gift from the 9th Inf. Div. Aux. she felt very happy to know she had so many friends. Enclosed with her letter to me she sent a very beautiful card saying "Many Thanks to All of You for your Kindness, God Bless You All." Just so the ladies know which editor made the goof, his initials are W.O.K."

Taps Sounded

Dr. Seslow has informed us of the following sad news pertaining to former 9th Medics.

Rudy Walzer has passed away. He served with Co. D 9th Medical Detachment. Rudy resided at 1455 49th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. He is survived by his wife Rose and his daughter Debbie.

The son of Earl Deitch was killed in an auto accident. Earl also served with Co. D 9th Medical Detachment.

Jerry Fasano wrote to us about the death of George Ackerman, a former member of A Co. 15th Engineers. George passed away last September.

We've also received word that Bill Quincy, formerly with the 47th Infantry, passed on last Spring. Bill was living in Perry, Illinois at the time.

Ulia Netta's father Gaetano Piluso died November 16, 1970.

The Michigan Chapter tells us of the demise of Gerald Kramer.

May we offer our condolences on behalf of the membership and may they rest in peace.

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T.D.'s GET-TOGETHER

Apparently the gang from the 899th T.D. have been having their own reunions for many years. William Savage informs us that last July Rcon Co. and Co. B had a reunion at Dubuque, Iowa. About 70 fellows were present and they had a real blast.

In 1971 Bill and his wife will be host for the reunion and they intend to hold it at the Holiday Inn in either Bay City or Saginaw, Michigan. Bill requested that we pass along the word to any T.D. men who might be interested in attending. You can get more information by writing Bill at Fontaine Gardens, Apt. 5, 4923 Fontaine Blvd., Saginaw, Mich. 48603.

Now that we have passed along the word for Bill we hope that he will do the same for us and hope that he will tell his gang about our reunion in Springfield.

PAY YOUR

DUES NOW!!!

HOLIDAY INN EAST

3100 S. 31st Street, Springfield, Ill. 62703

9th INFANTRY DIVISION 1971 Reunion
July 29-31, 1971

PLEASE RESERVE	1 Kingsize Bed 1 person 11.75
	1 Kingsize Bed 2 persons 12.75
	2 Kingsize Beds 2 persons 17.75
	\$3.00 each additional person

Name Number in party

Address

Date of arrival Date of departure