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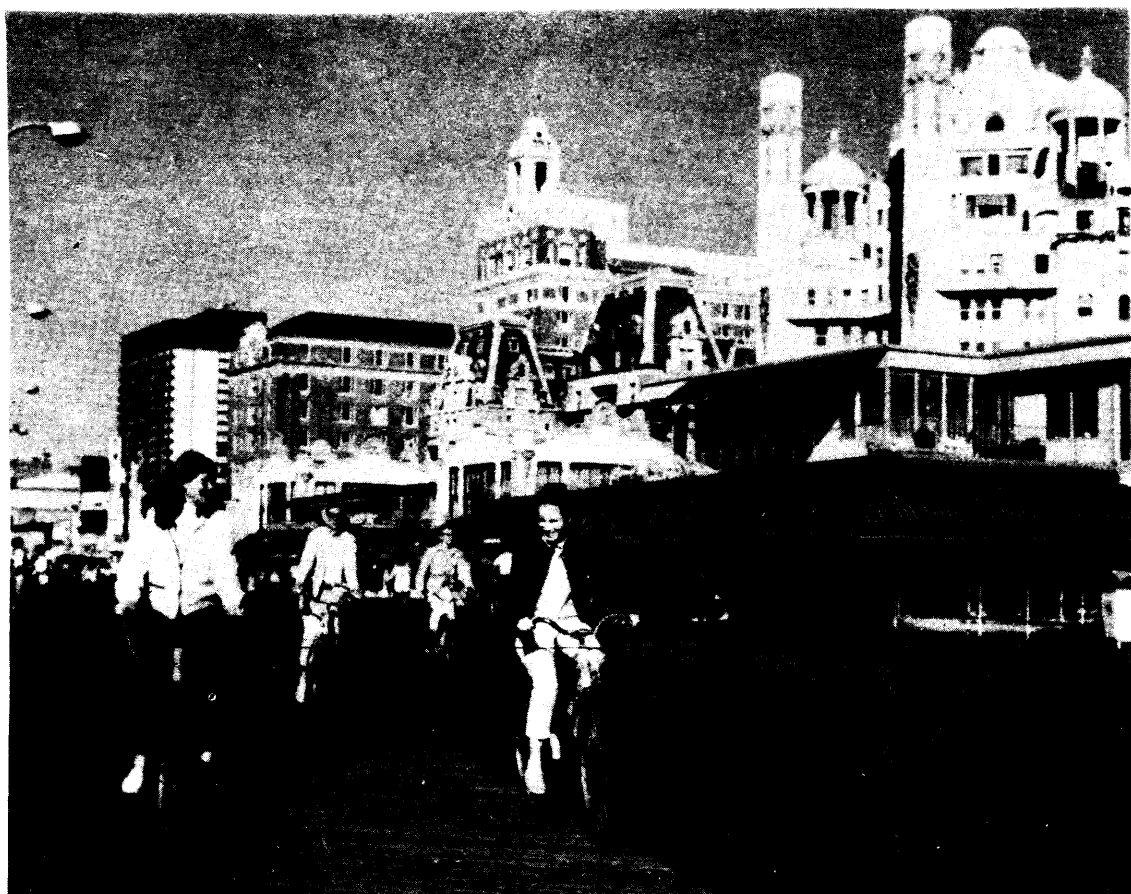
THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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Something For Everybody



Enjoying the "Boardwalk" early in the morning when bicycles are permitted.

REUNION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter held their meeting January 15, at Reunion Headquarters, Shelburne Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J.

Members present were: Nick Dogostino, John Sabato, Jingles Butswinkus, Reds Macdougall, Vic DeCesare, Paul Lisa, Al Cuprys, Tony Soprano, Lenny Tomassone and a very welcomed surprise, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Scardilli. Our Chairman for the Reunion, Dick Wilson, could not make it due to other commitments.

We went right into Reunion business. Joe Scardilli volunteered to take charge of the publicity in the Atlantic City area. We know that this job is going to be a rough one, so we want to thank Joe Scardilli, for coming to our meeting and volunteering for such a task.

The ball is now rolling. From the bundle of room commitments we received from the Hotel, we can foresee one of the largest turnouts of any Reunion.

We want to say to all Ninth Members, you had better get your reservations in early. Please don't forget your Date of Arrival. The staff of the Shelburne Hotel are anxious to receive us. This hotel is tailor made for our Reunion. We know that everyone will have a most enjoyable stay here at the Shelburne.

Reunion Chm. Dick Wilson
Assist. Chm. Len Tomassone
Treasurer John Sabato

Atlantic City Gets O.K.

General Craig, our old Commanding General still keeps tabs on the activities of the Association. In a recent letter he commented on our reunion site for 1972. He thought it was an excellent selection and wondered why we hadn't thought of it sooner.

The General called our attention to Williamsburgh, Va., as another place that would be a wonderful site for a reunion. It is close to Washington, D.C. and contains so many beautiful places to see and so many things to do, that the committee would have to do very little planning. Our members would be kept busy just trying to cover all of Williamsburgh. A modern motor Inn is located at Williamsburgh and it has all the facilities required for a successful reunion. General Craig, cautions us that Williamsburgh is a popular place and plans have to be made far in advance.

We are always trying to find new places to visit, so it might be worthwhile looking into the General's suggestion.



Boardwalk Dresses Up

The 102-year-old Atlantic City Boardwalk is getting its first redecking since 1946 in a \$1.2 million two-mile reconstruction project.

The five-mile artery that connects Convention Hall and Atlantic City's hotels being rebuilt is from Indiana Avenue to Roosevelt Place and will remain passable during construction.

The herringbone pattern is being retained although chairways — smooth portions which run the length of the Boardwalk — are being eliminated because chairs now are electrically propelled.

The first Boardwalk, about a mile long, consisted of collapsible 12-foot sections laid on the sand. It was the brainchild of a hotel keeper and a railroad conductor who were upset when visitors tracked sand into the hotel and into railway cars.



Tip Of The Hat

Many thanks to these members who remembered the Scholarship or Memorial Fund: Richard Martin, Carl Taylor and John Holick. John Scully's family made a mighty fine donation to this fund in memory of "Our Jackie".

ATLANTIC CITY: There's Something for Everybody

On the New Jersey shore, just a little over two hours from New York, lies Atlantic City, a resort area with attractions for tourists from all over the world.

This is not the idle boast of the population — it is borne out by statistics that show some 15 million persons visit the city every year.

This island resort five miles at sea is accessible via air, train or bus as well as private automobile over high-speed highways.

Atlantic City has a skyline silhouetted against blue sky by day and thousands of varicolored lights that blink a welcome to its wonderland by night. This seashore resort boasts one of the finest sand beaches in the world.

6-Mile Boardwalk

It has a unique 60-foot wide Boardwalk which is six miles long. Lined with shops whose windows twinkle with diamonds, costly rugs and rare objects from markets all over the world, it's a favorite for shoppers for bargains or rare exotics.

There are concessions, kiddylands, theatres and amusements lining the walk and fine fun piers jutting out into the Atlantic Ocean.

There are palatial hotels along the Boardwalk, looking out over the Atlantic Ocean. Within the past 12 years the most modern motels in the country have been constructed one block from the beach, on Pacific Ave. — a street that has come to be known as Neon Way — as well as on the Boardwalk itself.

Entertainment, comfort, rest and relaxation are the paramount aims of the innkeepers. There are rambling lobbies, inviting lounges, cozy cocktail rooms, sun decks and beach cabanas.

At least 100 of the hotels and motels have one or more swimming pools and scores also have ice skating rinks. The world's best chefs and excellent food make the dining rooms a gourmet's delight.

The Mecca

Focal point of Atlantic City is the six-mile long boardwalk, which looks over the sandy beach and affords a view of the ocean. It is a mecca for millions of all ages. There are exhibits by leading manufacturers and shops with articles from the world over.

There are concessions of every type and amusements and ocean piers for fun and frolic jutting out into the sea. Rolling chairs for relaxing rides along the Boardwalk are a popular feature.

Beach 5 Miles

Atlantic City's bathing beach is five miles long with fine white sand sloping gently under the breaking surf. During the summer, there are 152 members of the Beach Patrol, including doctors and lifeguards, manning 50 lifesaving stations along the stretch. Its safety record is the pride of the resort.

Atlantic City is also a convention city with gatherings of 50 to 100 all the way to 50,000 or more. The combination of hotels and motels within walking distance of the world's largest convention hall proves irresistible to convention planners and delegates from all over the world. As an amusement capital, it is a conventioneer's favorite.

In 1964, Atlantic City entertained the Democratic National Convention.

The Convention Hall has a seating capacity of 70,000 persons and 350,000 square feet of exhibit space. The main arena alone seats 41,000 persons. A ballroom seats 5000 and there are numerous committee or meeting rooms that accommodate from 25 to 500 people. It has spacious and colorful lobbies, escalators for three levels and it is fully air-conditioned.

There are a thousand attractions which give Atlantic City reason to claim it is the nation's amusement capital on one hand and a resort of rest and relaxation on the other. Its invigorating salt sea air also makes it a leading health city.

There is the Steel Pier, an amusement city in itself with a water circus, theatres, top name bands and entertainers in its huge halls. Also a diving bell into the ocean, exhibits, games, children's attractions and many more features.

One of the greatest attractions is the boating and fishing. Palatial yachts dock at its million-dollar State Marina, and sailing craft dot the sea and the backbay waters where thousands of outboard motorboats speed from dawn to dark on a summer day.

This is truly a fisherman's paradise. The waters abound with every kind of fish — from giant tuna and marlin to blues, weakfish, croakers, rock, porgies, king, bass, cod and flounder. If you prefer, there are lobsters, oysters, clams and blue-clawed crabs.

For the golf enthusiast, there are eight courses, among them the swank Seaview and the elaborate Atlantic City Club at Northfield, seven miles on the mainland.

For racing fans, there is the Atlantic City track, a \$20 million plant beautifully landscaped with a modern mile oval. There the top thoroughbreds of the country race from August to October.

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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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Taps

Sounded

Again it's our sad duty to report the loss of two members and the father of Molly Langer, secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary.

James Arn of the 39th Infantry passed on at the beginning of the year. Many Illinois members attended his wake and braved the ice and snow to drive to Springfield for his funeral.

Jim was an active member of the Illinois Chapter and a "hard worker" at the last reunion held in Springfield, and was Co-Chairman of the reunion. He is survived by his widow and two daughters. They live at 3147 E. Carpenter, Springfield, Ill. and we are certain they would appreciate hearing from Jim's many friends of the 9th.

Carl Kohn also the 39th Infantry died on January 3, 1972. He lived at 914 Fernwood Avenue, Plainfield, N. J. Carl was wounded back in North Africa and since his discharge was very active in Veteran's affairs, being a member of the Disabled Veterans of America, past Commander of the VFW Storr Richie Post 506 and a service officer for over 20 years. Carl is survived by his widow, a sister and a brother.

Molly Langer lost her father, Joseph Wenzara this February. On behalf of the members may we offer our belated condolences. May they rest in peace.

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GRATEFUL

Mrs. Elizabeth Propst widow of Chaplain Probst, sent a letter of thanks and it reads: Thank you very much for your kind letter in behalf of the 9th Infantry Division Association. Yes, I would like to continue receiving the Octofoil. Again I thank you, Sincerely, Elizabeth N. Pronst.

Mrs. Rita Flood widow of Larry Flood, writes: "Thank you for your thoughtfulness on behalf of Larry's friends and relatives."

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 1972 dues. Please mail my membership card to—

Name

Street

CityState

While attached to the 9th Infantry Division my (state relationship, whether the Ninth Division man was a husband, father, brother, son, etc.)

was with give company, regiment, battery, attached unit, etc.)

Make checks or money orders payable to Ninth Infantry Division Association. Mail to

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

Michigan Doings

When the Michigan Chapter closed its books for 1971, the members could look back upon a year that saw the Chapter make great gains. During 1971, everything was going up for the gang from Michigan, the membership increased, attendance at the Reunion and Worcester Memorial grew and more and more members were taking an active part in the Chapter's affairs. The wonderful Christmas party at Fred and Jane Josey's home provided a fitting climax to the Chapter's social calendar. Fred and Jane went all out to provide a great time for all the gang, the beautiful Christmas decorations put everyone in a holiday mood and the rafters rang when the boys and girls gathered around the bar to sing Christmas carols.

Plans For 1972

The Chapter doesn't intend to slack off in 1972, plans are already afoot to make 1972 even better than 1971. The first meeting of the year was held on Feb. 19, at Bob DeDandy's and the Chapter started preparing for the many events that will take place during the coming year.

The Annual Picnic will be held in June and the committee is already planning for an event that will surpass the great time that everyone had at the last picnic. Last year the Outstate Meeting proved to be a great success, so the Chapter will have another one this year. It will be held in August at Bill Meadows's cottage in Eash Towas, Mich. More details about this meeting will be published at a later date.

Michigan intends to make a good showing at Atlantic City and to make it easier for everyone to attend, the Chapter is chartering a bus for the trip to the Jersey Shore. There are still a few seats open on the bus and John Bonkowski is waiting to hear from anyone who wants to join the gang in their safari to the reunion. If you live anywhere between Detroit and Atlantic City contact John, maybe he can make arrangements to pick you up.

Sick Call

The Michigan Chapter almost lost a Vice-President when Bill Meadows suffered a serious accident just before New Years. Bill was working on a ladder 40 feet in the air when the ladder worked loose and sent Bill tumbling to the ground. He had the presence of mind to hold onto the ladder and it broke his fall somewhat. Never-the-less he suffered a severe fracture of the leg and foot. After a stay in the hospital Bill returned home where he is still recovering from the effects of his crash landing. Now he knows how the Paratroopers feel when they take that first big stop out of an airplane. Bill's accident didn't make him forget about the Association, while he was laying in a hospital bed he made out a check for his 1972 dues.

Elmer Wagner is another fellow who has been having some medical trouble. His leg has been bothering him for some time and the doctors tell him that surgery is the only cure for what ails him. So Elmer will be laid up for awhile.

Chit-Chat

Dale and Lucy Demski ran away from Michigan's cold winter and spent a vacation in sunny Florida. They gave their friends the needle by sending post-cards that boasted of the 80 degree temperature that they were enjoying down south. *** Fred Josey became the eleventh "Life Member" in the Michigan Chapter. Fred intends to live until he is 100 so he feels that he has gotten a great bargain. *** Ed Krause changed jobs and had to move away from Michigan, he and Carrie are now residing in Illinois, their new address is 7225 Mildred Rd., Rockford, Ill. 61111.

Harry O's CORNER

NEW YORK CHAPTER

JOIN A GREAT TEAM

Following its usual practice, the New York Chapter met on the first Friday of the month at the 69th Regiment Armoury. The February meeting was Arthur Schmidts' first meeting during his new term of office as President and he wielded the gravel with real authority. Arthur came to the meeting with a purpose, to set up the Chapter's program for the new year, and he saw to it that the members paid attention to the business at hand.

As a result of Arthur's diligence the membership arrived at the following schedule for the coming year. On May 5th, the "Past Presidents" of the chapter will be honored. This is always an affair where the caterer puts his best foot forward and puts out a great spread for the "Past Presidents", these honorable gentlemen are usually thirsty so there will also be plenty to drink.

DECORATING GRAVES

On May 20th, the members of the Chapter will visit Pinelawn National Cemetery to pay their respects to the members of the Division who are buried there. A moving Memorial Service is also held at the flagpole in the center of the cemetery.

December 10th is the date that has been selected for the Annual Christmas party. At the February meeting no one had any information on the date for the Memorial Service at Worcester, so plans couldn't be prepared for this event. However, when the date is known the Chapter will make plans to attend this annual event.

Sincerely yours,
Harry Orenstein

PAY DUES NOW

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Atlantic City

July 27 - 29

CHAPTER 25

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The day arrived when our outfit was relieved in this sector and we had to backtrack to Dreiborn. They sent us a half-track to haul our equipment and men out of Herhahn. But, the accumulation was too much and there had to be two trips made. As the half-track approached the house, there was a barrage of artillery and mortars all around the house. The enemy had heard the noisy beast when it moved. Having put on the first load, it was decided to have the driver start up the engine, roll past the house. Then, turn the half-track

around and pass the house again on the way back as six of our men would jump on without having to stop the vehicle. We also prearranged this for the second pickup and we had men there who didn't belong in our section. Sure enough, when the driver started his motor and began to move on those tracks, the shelling started again. The first trip was successfully on its way and it would be about two hours before the vehicle would return again providing there were no mishaps.

When the vehicle noise disappeared into the distance, the shelling stopped. It was a long wait but finally that grinding noise could be heard in the distance getting louder and louder. As the vehicle neared the house, the shells came in again. The half-track stopped in front of the house, we carried the remainder of the equipment from the rear of the building down the narrow alley to the front and onto the half-track. Again the same procedure was the first trip and we were on our way. As we crossed the main intersection, there was a 9th Infantry Division M. P. directing traffic as the enemy shells burst all around. The house that we left and the half-track were not touched by any of the firing. It was our last look at Herhahn, Germany.

The German 62nd Division was pushed back by the 60th Infantry Regiment and it contacted the 5th Armoured Division. Then the "Go-Devils," with Colonel WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND as a member of its staff and shortly later its commander, took Widdau. The 39th overran Alzen and Wahlerscheid with the 2nd Infantry Division to our south and the 99th Infantry Division being pinched out of its sector. Dreiborn and Herhahn had been taken by the 60th and occupied by the 39th. The AAA-O stopped an enemy counter attack just beyond Herhahn and advanced to Mosbach where the enemy was in full retreat. Company "L" of the 39th Infantry had rifle practice in kneeling positions or a "turkey shoot" as the enemy was picked off like flies trying to get away down the mountain side where there was no concealment.

The 47th, the "Raiders," took Vogeisou, Ordensburg, Wollseifen, and the Uft-Taisperre Dam. The 60th captured Hasenfeld under heavy resistance supported by the 746th Tank Battalion and units of the 78th Infantry Division. The mighty 9th was steamrolling along. Once across the Roer River it was on to the Rhine. The 9th Infantry Division with some aid from the 9th Armoured Division captured too many towns. It gets monotonous listing the names of these towns but it must be remembered that some G. I. was probably killed, wounded or remembers some incident about them. It wasn't long before we ran into a little difficulty. At a town near the canal region of the Erft Canal, Kaltenberg, GIEPARDA, KUJAWA and I occupied a kitchen of an elderly German couple's house as they roamed

THE PAWNS OF WAR

This is the 19th 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.

within it. As the advance had been very swift, it was impossible to bother with enemy civilians. However, for safety precautions it was necessary to keep one eye on them and the other about your business. By this time the 1st Battalion had occupied the next town and probably beyond that. SKI, CABAN and the others were forward with the advancing elements as my leg was starting to act up and the commander was considerate to get me rides from one town to the next. It would have an effect upon my knowledge of the adventures of the Intelligence Section because I was not forward with them where the real action was occurring. It was also impossible to know what each man was undergoing and the adventures they went through. It was SKI's section to handle now even if I was still on the company's roster.

SKI and crew were risking their necks getting enemy prisoners back from the forward positions to our place. We had received over twenty of them and the best place to handle them until we acquired more or got rid of what we had was in the barn which was about twenty yards in back of the house. GIEPARDA and KUJAWA had just secured the prisoners in the barn when the barn roof was hit by an enemy 88mm shell. KUJAWA received a serious leg injury and GIEPARDA got a slight but serious head wound (all head injuries are serious regardless of the extent of the damage). GIEPARDA helped KUJAWA get into the kitchen and I sent GIEPARDA on to the medics under his own power. I laid KUJAWA on the kitchen floor as comfortable as possible and I applied medication to his wound to prevent infection. A few prisoners had entered the kitchen also and one who was a medic offered to assist. KUJAWA who was bitter wouldn't permit the German to get within three feet of him and I could understand his feelings.

All the prisoners had scattered all over the place, except for one killed and five injured in the barn. Just then a corporal by the name of ANTHONY P. VARONE entered the kitchen and he offered his assistance. I remembered his name because he was a pal to my brother-in-law, JOHN J. SCROBINSKI, during their high school days and I remembered seeing him with big JOHN. I saw ANTHONY just long enough to tell him to round up the scattered prisoners that were roaming about throughout the town.

At this time a new device was introduced by the British. As I entered another room in a different house, a soldier was about to light what appeared to be an S-mine. However, it was a can of split pea soup with a fuse down through the center of the can. After the fuse burned down through the can, the can was opened and there in the can's contents was hot pea soup. Magnificent, because you couldn't see the light burning that heated the soup and imagine having hot chow in the trenches?



The Remagen Bridge shortly after the bridge collapsed as seen from the East side of the Rhine. March 1945.

We captured Bad Godesburg, a town of vast size on the western shores of the Rhine River. To our north and about eight miles from the river, the 60th Infantry, "Go-Devils" were meeting all kinds of doggit stiff resistance. So, the 39th Infantry moved north behind the enemy and attacked to the west. With this type of opposition of front and rear assault, the enemy soon crumpled. We were secured along the Rhine and it would probably be a long wait to build up supplies, equipment and the barges necessary to make the crossing of this natural barrier.

At Bad Godesburg almost everyone had to be deloused as the outfit was attacked by lice and fleas. As commanders talked about waiting for landing barges to cross the river, I saw the first jet German fighter plane or I should say I heard the plane go by and then just got a glimpse of it before it was out of my sight. Imagine the lives it was going to take to make another forced beach landing? The Rhine River was a fast flowing waterway and there was evidence that the enemy was planning to defend along its natural water barrier.

CHAPTER 26 REMAGEN BEACHHEAD

The enemy had been very confused in the entire sector west of the Rhine River. Although we had reached the river most of the outfits advancing in other sectors had not. The 9th Armoured Division, which had been attached to the 9th Infantry Division about a week before Bad Godesburg, were many miles south of our division. They found the railroad bridge at Remagen, a town west of the Rhine River, still intact. It was the Ludendorff Bridge. The only bridge across the Rhine still standing although it was set with demolition charges. Somehow the Germans had forgotten to set off those demolition charges. It was one of the biggest blunders of the war for the German Army to make but one of the biggest breaks for the United States 1st Army if they could act quickly.

However, the enemy should have known by this time that once the 9th Infantry Division took over a piece of ground, it could not and would not be pushed off or forced back. The aircraft approached the bridge from the east. As they came over the mountain which ran along the river, they went into a dive. In the dive they released their bombs which missed the bridge. They had to pull up quickly to avoid crashing into another range of hills on the east shore of the river. The pull up slowed down the speed of the enemy planes and this was where the American ack-ack guns which were stationed on both sides of the river opened fire upon them. Every three out of every four planes were downed at the spot. The enemy made every desperate effort to push the Americans out of the beachhead. He committed his reinforcements piece meal and as they were committed into the line, the 9th quickly disposed of them.

In comparison to communique reports as to the size of the bridgehead, the enemy's were more accurate. Days later the bridge collapsed, caused by the concussion of thousands of shells and bombs which had exploded near it and a few on it. However, by this time the engineers and the Navy had installed pontoon bridges across the "cat-walks" which had reduced the traffic across the Remagen Bridge.

It was a desperate operation to hold that small two mile in depth and four mile in width area. With a few divisions the 1st Army had assembled in that sector they took care of all the Germans had to offer. The 78th Infantry Division was expanding a sector on the northern flank.

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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 60016.

JOHN J. CLOUSER
901 GRACELAND STREET
DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS
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THE OCTOFOIL

MAIL CALL

26th Field

If mail was money we would be millionaires, our desk is always piled high with it. Here are a few samples from this month's batch.
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DeLand, Fla. 32720

2nd Bn. 47th Inf.
Tony writes that he and Marion are finding Florida very agreeable. They really dig that Florida sunshine. Recently Tony came across the address of an organization that he is vitally interested in and he wants to pass along the address to others who might be seeking it. He asked us to print the address of the National and Florida Chapters of the American Ex-Prisoners of War Association. They are as follows: American Ex-prisoners of War, Inc., 1511 Iowa Place, Orlanda, Fla. 32803 - American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., P. O. Box 5367, San Antonio, Texas 78201.

Father Kines S. J. 39th Inf.
4403 Dunland Rd.
Baltimore, Md.

The "Good Father" sent along his dues and informs us that he intends to be at Atlantic City for the reunion. He is well and enjoying his retirement.

Julius L. Iannotti is a fellow who doesn't forget his old buddies. Julius lives in Connecticut but he traveled to Long Island to see a former comrad who is ill.

Julius tells us that Abraham Berger is now a patient at a Nursing Home on Long Island and is confined to a wheel chair most of the time. Abraham is a life member of the Association. His present address is Five Town Nursing Home, 130 Irving Place, Woodmere, New York. Julius said that Abe would like to see or hear from some of his old friends.

A. B. Casey Co. Hq. Co.
311 West Wood St. 39th Inf.
Paris, Tenn. 38242

Here it is dues time again, the last twelve months just got by me some way. It seems that each year they go by a little faster, perhaps it is just the rush we live in. I have been around long enough to start slowing down a little, but if any different from the past, I am having to go faster and work longer.

I enjoy the Octofoil very much, the last issue contained a photo of a road which caused driver Dean Hellinger and me a little trouble one night. Occasionally I see someone's name that I remember but most of my old buddies in the 39th have disappeared.

Attached is check for 1972 dues. Thanks.

E. C. "Rusty" Roscoe
Elmer Roscoe Hq. 26th F.A.
Storrs Road
Storrs, Conn. 06268

Have a son who is now in the Service - however, he chose the Air Force. He, Larry, joined while at college - the ROTC program. Larry was in the pilot program and took his flight training at Craig Air Force Base in Alabama. He received his Wings last October and needless to say old proud Ma and Pa went down to the graduation. Has more rank now than his old man ever had. Larry was assigned to SAC and will be stationed up at Grand Forks, N. D. He is presently in California getting the necessary instructions for the ship he will have.

Larry Neudeck Co. A 47th Inf.
6811 Boston St. Rd.
Hamburg, N. Y. 14075

Larry sent in his dues for 1972 and sends his best regards to all his old buddies from the Ninth.

Lelak Co. B 47th Inf.
RD 1 Box 59
Venetia, Pa. 15367

Old Sarge Lelak is another fellow who has a wonderful wife who takes care of his affairs. Wanda Lelak writes here is the Sarge's dues for 1972, he still depends on his better half to take care of his dues, after 26 years I still do it for him. I keep telling him I won't but end up doing it any how.

I enjoy reading the "Octofoil" as much as he does. Hope to see you at the reunion this summer.

Al Napadano
New Castle, Pa.

Al had been out of touch with the Association for some time and when he wanted to get in touch with Dan Quinn he discovered that he had lost Dan's address, but that didn't stop Al, he got on the phone and called Weehawken to get the address.

Al tells us that he knows about eight fellows from New Castle who were former members of the Division. He intends to round them up and bring them to the reunion. John Peluso from C Battery 84th F.A. and Sam Buntman are two of the fellows that Al intends to bring to Atlantic City.

Al left the Division at Dessau, Germany in May 1945. He has some pictures that were taken at that time and intends to send them to the "Octofoil." Perhaps some of our readers will be in these pictures. Al would like to hear from some of his old friends.

Edwin E. Brewer
4407 W. 54 Terrace
Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66205

Ed writes: Everything is fine out here in Kansas, couldn't make it to the last reunion because the company said I had to take my vacation in June. My wife and I took my in-laws to South Dakota, Wyoming and Colorado for a two week trip.

My wife and I will become grandparents for the first time in August. Our daughter only lives five miles from us - so grandma will be able to do some "baby-sitting."

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Gentlemen:
Happy New Year. Yes, another new year is upon us. It is again time for us to take stock of ourselves. How can we take better care of our health and welfare? How can we be better members of our association? Do we promise to write more often to our editor? Do we promise ourselves to attend more national conventions and more Memorial Masses before we fall victim to the rocking chair? Whatever we promise to do, let us do it.

THANKS

Again this year many members of the Ninth took time out from their many duties to help St. Nick with a cheerful message of Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Yes, every day the mail man had many of those messages for the McKenzie family. Thanks, men, I was very glad to hear from you.

This year for the first time I received a Christmas card from Irving Cohen. Every truck driver in 26FA will remember Irv in battalion motors. Keith Griffin, son of our Paul, enlisted in the Air Force. Louie England became a grandfather to twin boys. Harold Wallace had an operation which was not so serious as it could have been. Paul Griffin, still working for Firestone, has been transferred from Akron to Ravenna. Dr. Burton L. Forbes, Medic Det. 26FA has been elected surgeon by the VFW for the State of Colorado for the seventeenth year. Marlin Wallace, daughter of our Harold was recently married. Louie England has enough spare time on his hands so that he can enjoy his new hobby, refinishing antique furniture.

SEND MESSAGE

January in New England this year reminds us of our springtime season. After spring is summer and our national convention at Atlantic City. Get out your little black book with all of those names and addresses. Send out that message, "See you in Atlantic City."

WORCESTER, Oct. 23rd

Veterans Day 1972 is October 23rd. Fr. Connors has put in his bid for a beautiful day. If you do not see your friends in Atlantic City promise them that you will see them in Worcester.

Sincerely
Joseph McKenzie
95 Washington Avenue
Waltham, Mass. 02154

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Illinois News

We always know what's going on out Illinois way because Georgina Winkelman makes certain that we get all the latest news. She informed us that by Christmas time all the gang had recovered from the effects of the reunion and were ready for another big party. During the holidays they got together at the O'Hareport Motel and sat down to a big Christmas dinner in the Golden Room Inn. After the meal they retired to a private suite at the Motel where they had a great time bending the elbow and talking over the events that had taken place during the reunion at Springfield.

Monthly Meetings

On the third Friday of every month the Chapter meets at the Moose Lodge at Forest Park, Ill. The February meeting was the occasion for the Chapter's annual "Fish Fry". The committee told the chef to lay in a large supply of fish because a large turnout was expected for this affair. The Chapter is always happy to see new faces at the meetings, so if you are a member of the Chapter don't be bashful about attending the meetings, all the gang is looking forward to seeing you. Bob Pappas is a recent addition to the Chapter and he has proved to be a real active member, he drives 180 miles to attend each meeting. The Chapter could use more faithful members like Bob.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

During 1971 Silver Wedding Anniversaries were celebrated by the following members: Bob and Georgina Winkelman, Bill and Peggy Hennemuth and also by Casimir and Jen Pawilak. Good luck folks, we hope you all will be together for another fifty years *** Roger Elmo's oldest son was married on January 15th. The Chapter attended the wedding and a good time was had by all *** Ted Maluski and his better half are still not up to par but they hope to be back in shape real soon. They would like to hear from their friends in the Association ***

SAD TIDINGS

The members of the Chapter were shocked when they learned of Ed Arn's death. Ed underwent an operation and was at home making a satisfactory recovery when he suffered a relapse and passed away.



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