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THE OCTOFOIL

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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Association Dues: \$5.00 per year — \$1.50
will be earmarked to pay for the Octofoil

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NETHERLANDS TO SPONSOR MEMORIAL PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE FOR AMERICAN SERVICEMEN NEXT-OF-KIN

Ever since the end of World War II, the Netherlands War Graves Committee has been sponsoring pilgrimages to the cemeteries in Holland where American servicemen are buried. The following news release has been received from the War Graves Committee. It may be of interest to some of our "Gold Star Parents", so we are printing it in its entirety.

The Netherlands War Graves Committee, Amsterdam, announces another memorial pilgrimage has been scheduled to Europe for American Servicemen next-of-kin for the 31st of August, 1972.

Departing New York via KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, relatives of American Servicemen still buried in the Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg will be the guests of the Dutch people for nine days during which time visits to the graves of America's war dead will be arranged and special memorial services conducted. All participants will be hosted by the Netherlands-transportation in Europe, lodging and meals being provided without cost. Lodging generally will be in Dutch homes. A complete schedule of activities will be provided during their visit to acquaint everyone with the highlights of these countries.

Any immediate member of the deceased veteran's family is eligible to participate. This includes father, mother, widow, children of the deceased, brothers, sisters and foster parents. The spouse of a relative is also eligible to accompany said relative. Teenagers and small children will not be accepted.

The entire program - all expense - including round-trip air transportation from New York to Amsterdam, lodging, transportation in Europe, and all other incidentals, except purely personal expenses, is offered at a total cost of \$220.00 per person. For relatives who cannot afford to pay this amount, a limited number will be assisted financially by the Committee, as the Dutch wish to make a trip to the veteran's burial site possible for everyone who wants to do so regardless of financial position.

The Dutch people by their hospitality hope to demonstrate in a positive way their gratitude to those who, through the sacrifice of their lives, liberated the Netherlands from Occupation in 1945, bringing freedom to their country. By this means, the next-of-kin will have an opportunity to see that the sacrifice made by U.S. Servicemen has not been forgotten.

Inquiries should be addressed to Mr. H. F. Ryder, U. S. Representative, Netherlands War Graves

Committee, 636 Public Ledger Building, 6th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Penna. 19106.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO ATLANTIC CITY



If you don't go for the Ocean water try the pool at the Shelbourne Motel - it's big enough to accomodate the entire Division group.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO ATLANTIC CITY

A variety of convenient means of transportation to the resort will serve members and exhibitors. Excellent schedules are available for air, rail, bus and limousine service to Atlantic City and a network of first-class highways and express toll roads insures comfortable travel for those motoring to the meeting.

Train Service

Train service to the convention site is via the Pennsylvania Reading Seashore Lines. Individuals utilizing the Pennsylvania Railroad coming from the Mid-West, North and South will terminate their trip at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station at 30th Street in Philadelphia. A High Speed Service operates from 16th and Locust Streets to Lindenwold where convenient connections can be made with the Pennsylvania Reading Seashore Lines serving Atlantic City.

Bus

Excellent bus schedules prevail for those coming from short distances. Forty daily buses operate from the Port Authority Bus Terminal in New York City. Two companies - Public Service and Lincoln - offer non-stop service from New York to Atlantic City in 2 1/4 hours, via the Garden State Parkway. From Philadelphia, Public Service operates non-stop service to Atlantic City in 75 minutes.

By Air

It is now possible for convention attenders to fly all the way to Atlantic City from any part of the world. Allegheny Commuter will operate 20 flights daily between the Philadelphia International Airport and Atlantic City's Bader Field - the downtown airport just four minutes from the Boardwalk. Jet powered turbo-prop aircraft will be utilized on these 20 minute flights. Excellent connections with Allegheny Commuter flights may be arranged by your airline or travel agent. Allegheny Airlines Central Reservations - offers instant confirmed reservations with checked baggage service through to Atlantic City. Allegheny now offers 10 daily flights between New York and Atlantic City (thru Newark.) Serving the Regional Jetport in Philadelphia 24 hours a day are 11 leading airlines: Allegheny, American, Delta, Eastern, Lufthansa, National, Northeast, Northwest, Pan American, TWA and United. The frequency of arrivals throughout the day offers a variety of scheduling for the traveler coming from any distance.

Or, for those who prefer ground transportation from the Jetport, a quick convenient limousine service delivers conventioners direct to Atlantic City hotels and motels in 65-75 minutes, eliminating all taxi connections. The service operates several times daily and is increased as demand requires to meet the needs of convention attenders.

Personalized air service to and from Atlantic City is offered in a fleet of modern executive aircraft by Southern Jersey Airways operating from Bader Field, just five minutes from most hotels. Aircraft capacity is from three to eight passengers. Southern Jersey Airways will meet your flight at one of the nearby metropolitan airports such as New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore or Washington, or you can arrange to be picked up at your hometown airport. Reservations may be made through any airline or National Air Taxi Conference member.

Travelers planning to use this convenient service are advised to make reservations, through their airline ticket agents or travel agencies, with the Salem Transportation Company or the Yellow Limousine Company at the International Airport Philadelphia.

Motoring

Motoring to Atlantic City, convention attenders traveling from the West may utilize continuous turnpike and expressway systems at speeds up to 70 m.p.h.

Washington, D.C.

From POINTS SOUTH THROUGH WASHINGTON, the recommended motor route to Atlantic City is as follows: Take the Washington-Baltimore Expressway through the Baltimore Tunnel, then the new Interstate Route 95 to the Delaware Memorial Bridge. On the New Jersey side of the bridge, follow U.S. No. 40 direct to Atlantic City.

From Points West

From CHICAGO, PITTSBURGH, and WEST, take the Pennsylvania Turnpike to the Valley Forge exit. Continue on the Schuylkill Expressway to the Walt Whitman Bridge outside Philadelphia. After crossing the bridge, continue on the North-South Freeway, and bear left onto the Atlantic City Expressway. Your trip will terminate in the "Heart of Atlantic City."

South Atlantic Coast

From points along the SOUTH ATLANTIC COAST, the direct route to Atlantic City is on the Ocean Highway, "over and through" the new Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Follow U.S. No. 13 right on U.S. No. 113 and right on DEL. No. 18 to the Cap May-Lewes Ferry. In Cape May, follow the Garden State Parkway to the Atlantic City Expressway exit.

New York State

The scenic Garden State Parkway is the direct route from upper NEW YORK STATE and EASTERN CANADA. Take Exit 38 off the Parkway onto the Atlantic City Expressway.

From NEW YORK CITY, take the Lincoln Tunnel, the Holland Tunnel, or the George Washington Bridge to the New Jersey Turnpike connecting to the Garden State Parkway for the best route to Atlantic City.

'A Symbol Of Joy'

"I see Atlantic City as a symbol of joy."

That's the reaction famed musician-composer Duke Ellington expressed during a recent personal appearance here with his orchestra.

Ellington, a frequent White House visitor and guest of honor at a gala 1969 birthday party hosted by President and Mrs. Nixon, said he views Atlantic City as a "big, four-sided symbol of glamour." The four sides are the beach, Boardwalk, business sections and night life.

"I can speak with authority on cities around the world. I've been all over in my travels and I think Atlantic City is one of the world's greatest resorts," Ellington said.

He pointed out that "there have been numerous changes in Atlantic City" since he started coming here when he was 4 years old - "and, thankfully, they've been for the betterment of the community."

Atlantic City

July 27-29

DIVISION REACTIVATED

The Ninth's colors didn't remain in mothballs for very long. The Army announced that the 9th Infantry Division was reactivated on April 1st and is now stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash. The division will be activated over a 12-month period, the major buildup of the 9th is expected to begin in August. The "Old Reliables" will reach 90 per cent strength, about 15,000 men, by April 1973. Support units will account for another 7,000 men. The news release which announced the rebirth of the 9th contained the following brief outline of the division's history.

Reactivated In 1966

The 9th was reactivated in 1966 and went to Vietnam in 1967. It fought in the Mekong Delta. One of its battalions, the 3rd of the 60th Infantry, was one of the early units to be pulled out of Vietnam when President Nixon ordered troop withdrawals from there. The battalion was flown to the McChord Air Force Base July 8, 1969, and two days later paraded through the streets of Seattle. Another unit, the 3rd Brigade, later that fall, was inactivated at Ft. Lewis. The remainder of the division was inactivated in Hawaii.

New Commander

The newly activated 9th Infantry Division will be commanded by Maj. Gen. William B. Fulton. General Fulton is now serving as director of the doctrine and command systems directorate as well as the STANO systems manager in the Army's Force Development office.

General Fulton is not new to the 9th Infantry Division. He served with the "Old Reliables" in Vietnam as a brigade and assistant division commander from January 1966 to February 1968.

Best Wishes

Every former member of the 9th is proud to learn that the Division is once again numbered among the active units on the Army's rolls. We send our best wishes to the officers and men of the newly formed division. Theirs is a proud heritage and we remind them that they will have a difficult job living up to the standards that were set by the "Old Reliables" in World War II and in Vietnam. Best of luck.

Ladies Auxillary

Shirly Sabato
President, Ladies Auxillary
Shirly tells us that she and John became proud grand-parents on January 11, 1972, and she sent the following birth announcement.
Ninth Division Grandson
James Michael Sabato, Jan. 11, 1972 - 7 lb. 7 oz.
Son of John M. and Alexius Sabato.
Grandparents: Betty and Cecil Overton, Michigan Chapter
Shirly and John Sabato, Phila-Del. Chapter.
John and Alexius met at Springfield Reunion in 1963. Were married in Muskegon, Mich. in 1968. John is now an Army career man stationed at Fort Ritchie, Md.

Atlantic City
Reunion Dates
July 27 - 29

Seeks Information on Bulge

At the time we didn't realize it, but we were making history during those days when we served with the Ninth Infantry Division. There are still many people who take a great interest in what went on during those hectic days, only recently we heard from a young man who is interested in learning more about the Ninth. He is William C.C. Cavanagh of Co. Durham, England. His letter follows, perhaps some of our members have the information he is seeking.

I am 22 years of age and a keen amateur historian interested in the "Battle of the Bulge". My mother is from Weismes in the Ardennes and her family still lives there. I have been in contact with many veterans including Generals Eisenhower, Bradley, Cota, Taylor, Ridgway, Collins, Middleton and many others. I have a large collection of battle souvenirs and many letters, photographs and tapes sent to me by veterans.

I have a copy of Feb. 2nd 1945 "Stars and Stripes" in which appears an article entitled "Last Edge of Bulge Wiped out". There is mention of the 9th Infantry Div. "The 9th Inf. Div. moving toward the village of (tear) rheid on the Monschau/Schlieder road was within 600 yards of the road tonight, but it was meeting with heavy resistance from Germans well entrenched in pill boxes. The Americans brought up self-propelled 155mm guns to deal with the bunker's."

I have heard from Mr. J. W. Eades of the 6th AFV Bn Assoc. who told me of his admiration for our division. His unit was so in the Monschau area.

I have never made contact with any veterans of your unit and would like to do so. I would be honored if any of your members could tell me of their own memories and experiences in the "Bulge" either on tape or in a letter. To complete my research I must hear from some of your members and would appreciate their help.
William C. C. Cavanagh
2 Dene Villas
Chester-Le-Street
Co. Durham, England

All 65 Year Old
Veterans Eligible
For VA Hospital

Older veterans needing hospitalization for treatment of non-service connected disabilities can be admitted to a VA hospital without having to sign the so-called "pauper's oath" as was formerly required.

All veterans, including those with peacetime service, who are at least 65 years old and suffering from non-service connected disabilities, are eligible for care in a VA hospital regardless of what their financial situation might be.

Other required medical services, including treatment on an "outpatient" basis, also are provided to any veteran who is receiving pension or compensation based on need of regular aid and attendance, or who is permanently housebound.

In addition, drugs and medications at VA expense are authorized to veterans in receipt of housebound rate of compensation or pension on the same basis as applicable to veterans in receipt of aid and attendance benefits.

Veterans wanting complete information on medical benefits should visit the local counseling center of the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs.

MINUTES OF THE 103rd MEETING NATIONAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The 103rd meeting of the National Board of Governors was held at 3:11 p.m. May 6, 1972 at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, Pittsburgh, Pa., attended by Messrs: Leonard Tomassone, Paul Keller, Ronald Murphy, Ralph Carci, Michael Belmonte, Charles Koskie, Walter O'Keeffe, Nicholas Dogostino, Fred Josie and William Meadows. Also present were John Clouser Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Richard Wilson Chairman of the 1972 Reunion, Thomas Boyle Treasurer, and Dick Pestel former Board members.

President Tomassone called the meeting to order and asked the members to stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of the departed men of the Ninth.

The secretary Daniel Quinn, then read the minutes of the 102nd meeting of the Board of Governors and upon a motion duly made by Ronald Murphy and seconded by Bill Meadows it was voted to accept the minutes as read and place same on file.

Thomas Boyle the treasurer, was called upon for his report. Tom gave the members a quarterly report and upon a motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Nick Dogostino it was voted to: Accept the treasurers report.

The President then called upon Richard Wilson the 1972 Reunion chairman for his report. Dick reported that all committees are operating and the latest report on room reservations indicates a large turnout of members in Atlantic City comes the summer. Again he requested the members to get their room reservation in early and for those who want to spend a little more time in Atlantic City the special room rates will prevail all week of the reunion.

Scholarship

John Clouser Chairman of the Scholarship Committee was called upon for his report. Clouser reported that his committee recommends five applicants be granted the total sum of \$1050.00, and upon a motion made by Bill Meadows and seconded by Paul Keller it was voted to: Accept the recommendations and the report of the Scholarship Committee.

The names of the candidates will be announced at the reunion and in the meantime the Scholarship Committee will notify the successful applicants.

President Tomassone thanked John Clouser and his committee for their efforts on this committee.

Upon a motion duly made by Bill Meadows and seconded by Fred Josie it was voted to: Michigan Chapter to have a banner made for their use and at their own expense.

Upon a motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Nick Dogostino it was voted: That all Chapters, if requested, be empowered to have a banner made.

Upon motion duly made by Walter O'Keeffe and seconded by Paul Keller it was voted: That restrictions as to the use of this banner be limited to organization functions or Veterans Memorials but of a non-political nature.

Ronald Murphy then briefed the members as to the plans of the 1973 Boston reunion. President Tomassone thanked Murphy for his report.

Bill Meadows reported for the Michigan Chapter that they were very active and met with great success with the Out-State meetings. The Chapter members will charter a bus for the trip to Atlantic City for the reunion.

Walter O'Keeffe reported that the New Yorkers had held a "Past Presidents" night on May 5th and that 14 Past Presidents of the New York Chapter were on hand for the celebration. A trip to Pinelawn National Cemetery is planned for May 20th, to decorate the graves of our comrades.

Charles Koskie told the meetings of the Illinois Chapter and at their last meeting held in April - 34 members were present. A Memorial Service is planned the Monday before May 30th. The members participating will then go to the home of Joseph Lacie for a picnic.

Koskie told of a change of location for the meetings and they expected a large turnout of Illinois members for the Atlantic City reunion.

Tom Boyle reported that the New England Chapter was having good crowds at their meetings and working committees were being set up for the 1973 reunion.

Upon a motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Ronald Murphy it was voted: That the 9th Infantry Division Association, through our President Leonard Tomassone, convey to the Octofoil Association our good wishes for a successful 1st reunion and continued success with their association. President Tomassone had been invited to attend the Octofoil reunion to be held on May 13th, in Washington, D.C.

Upon a motion duly made by Bill Meadows and seconded by Paul Keller it was voted to: Reimburse President Tomassone for part of his expenses for the trip to the Octofoil reunion, the sum of \$25.00 to be the amount.

There being no other business to come before the Board and upon a motion duly made by Fred Josie and seconded by Ralph Carci it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Daniel Quinn
National Secretary

Tip Of The Hat

A special thanks to these members who remembered the Memorial Fund with their donations: Ray Berthiaume, Bill Morrison, and Howard Heilman.

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Q. My wife has been urging me to change the beneficiary designation on my \$10,000 National Service Life Insurance policy. When I initially took out the insurance I was unmarried and had named a close relative as beneficiary. I always thought the insurance would be automatically paid to the wife of a veteran. What are the facts in this regard?

A. The VA must pay the designated beneficiary of record. If you want your wife to receive the proceeds of your NSLI policy, you must name her as beneficiary. By the way, it is not necessary that you either seek permission of the present beneficiary or even advise the beneficiary as to your new designation. For change of beneficiary forms and assistance in completing them contact your local V.A. Center.

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

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

The Memorial Fund of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was established by the members of the association to commemorate the memory of their comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice in battle. As a part of this fund the association established a scholarship program. Scholarships are awarded each year to relatives of men who served in The Ninth Infantry Division. Each scholarship is for one year.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

A person who wishes to apply for a scholarship must be related to a man who served with The Ninth Infantry Division. Children of former members of the division will be given first consideration, but children of men killed in combat given first preference. Applicants who are not children of former members of the division will not be considered unless no child of a former member qualifies.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following procedures must be followed by those wishing to apply for the scholarships:

1. Send a letter of application, written in expository form, to the chairman of the scholarship committee stating the following: name, address, age, and sex of the applicant; name, address, and occupation of the applicant's parents or guardians; the name and address of the secondary school the applicant is attending or has attended and graduated; the name and address of the college the applicant expects to attend; the vocational goal of the applicant; and the name of and degree of relationship to a former member of the division. The unit and dates of service in the division of the former member must be included.
2. A transcript of the applicant's high school record must be included with the letter of application. The transcript must include at least the first seven semesters of the applicant's record.
3. The applicant must have a counselor or principal of the high school he or she is attending write a letter of recommendation to the chairman of the scholarship committee.
4. The applicant must take the PSAT which is given every October. The applicant must see that the results of the PSAT are sent to the chairman of the scholarship committee. These results may be included with the high school transcript or sent to the chairman from the College Entrance Examination Board. The SAT of the CEEB may be submitted in lieu of the PSAT.
5. THE APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BY MARCH 15. Applications received after March 15 will not be considered.
6. All applicants must accept the decision of the Scholarship Committee as final.
7. Information to determine financial need will be requested by the Scholarship Committee after the applications have been considered.
8. Recipients of the scholarships may apply for renewal of the scholarship each year. A copy of the student's college grades, a financial statement, and a letter requesting renewal of the scholarship should be sent to the chairman by March 15.
9. All applications must be sent to: John J. Clouser, Scholarship Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division Association, 901 Graceland St., Des Plaines, Illinois 60018.

MAIL CALL

We feel like that lucky fellow at mail-call who always received a bunch of letters while the rest of the company got one or two or none. Every day the mailman stops at our place, most times he passes our neighbors by. Here are some samples from our latest batch.

AlGeist
11400 So. Millard Ave.
Chicago, Ill. 60655

Al had two requests, the first was easy to fill, he wanted Msgr. DeLaura's address. We couldn't help him on the second. Al would like to receive negatives of any pictures that were taken at the Luau in Springfield. He wants to see how he looked in the daring costume he wore to the Luau.

Alex Kerner
1685 Jefferson Ave.
Miami Beach, Fla.

Co. K-60th Inf.

Al served with the 60th Inf. during 1941 and 1942. He is looking for any "Old Reliabilities" who live in Miami Beach.

Stanley Kazday A Co.
7333 New Hampshire Ave. 39th Inf.
Hyattsville, Md.

Stan gives us the good news that his eldest son Alan Craig graduated from Baylor University in Waco, Texas last month. His youngest son Douglas is in Israel for six months working and living on a kibbutz.

Wilton Taylor M Co.
Lost Hills, Calif 93249 47th Inf.
Wilt signed up for another three years and sent his regards to all his old buddies from the Ninth.

Joe Hasenfus Co E 47th Inf.
7435 Irving Ave.
Pennsauken, N.J.

Joe apologizes for being tardy with his dues and sends his regards to the old gang from Easy Company of the Raiders. He plans to be in Atlantic City for the reunion.

Bob Griffett Co G
311 W. Lance Dr. 47th Inf.
Des Plaines, Ill.

The Octofoil address in "RED" caught Bob's eye and he forwarded his dues. He thinks the idea of using red ink on the addresses for delinquents is a good one especially for those of us who are a "wee bit" forgetful. Bob writes "I was sorry to read of the death of Jack Scully. I am sure he will be missed by everyone." I will try to make the reunion this summer.

Frank S. Jacksha 47th Inf.
1872 Rearcy Ave.
St. Paul, Minn.

Frank sends his dues and writes "I am sad when I read in the Octofoil about the men that have passed away. The years have really slipped away fast. Here it's 30 years since 1942 - seems impossible but it is true. I can hardly believe it.

The reunions slip by and every year I can't make it. I wish they would have it in Chicago that's only 400 miles from here. My vacation comes in August so I can never get away in July.

Frank has a little trouble with his breathing and cannot fly in planes and he thinks any other way of traveling is too slow. Sends his best to all of the old timers.

Ray Berthiaume 15th Eng
186 Quinpiac Ave. Co A
New Haven, Conn.

Ray sends his dues and writes that he is kept busy with extra activities at night at school and being Sec. Treas. of local Union he is kept on the go. Ray figures on retiring in 1973 as he feels he's worked long enough.

William H. MacDonald F Co. 47th
113 Gordon Drive
Seminole, Florida

Bill sends his dues and writes that he has seen in the Octofoil where another Ninth Division man moved to Florida. Since last year he is now 100 percent disabled from wounds in Germany. Bill is unable to work and is in Florida for reasons of his health. He would like to hear from any of the old timers of F Co 47th especially those who were with the company Sept. 22, 1944, the day he was hit by an "88".

Bill tells us his town of Seminole is near St. Petersburg on the West Coast of Florida and he would like to hear from any of the members in that area.

Richard Schafer G Co.
Sec 1 39th Inf.
VA Center
Martinsburg, W. Va.

Dick has been at the Veterans Administration Center for some time and keeps abreast of happenings through the Octofoil. He writes that through the Octofoil he met James Keller who also served in G Company 39th Inf. Jim lives in Winchester, Va. and they haven't seen one another in over twenty years. He concludes "it is always nice to receive the Octofoil and hear about the men of the old outfit. Hope to hear from any of the men who served with G Company 39th." - So what do you say "fellas" - let's get on the ball and drop Dick a few lines.

Bill Mauser 84th F.A.
1414 Hillcrest Dr.
Lake Worth, Fla.

It took a visit from Steve Yuhasz, C Btry 84th F.A. to wake me up to the fact that the 9th Infantry Division Assoc. is not dead.

I am just starting my seventh year as Director of Personnel and Community Relations at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Lake Worth. A few months ago John Vander Meiden, 84th F.A., stopped to visit. We chawed about Safi, and some of the other campaigns, like England. Regards to all the gang.

Cas Przybylski Hq Co 3Bn
1042 Dewey Ave. 39th Inf.
Evanston, Ill.

Cas is still on the "sick list" and would like to hear from some of the old gang.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.

PHILADELPHIA-DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER

27th ANNUAL NATIONAL REUNION

July 27, 28, 29, 1972

Hotel - Motel Shelburne Michigan Avenue & Boardwalk
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Please insert our greeting or 'ad' in the Souvenir Journal to be issued at the 27th ANNUAL NATIONAL REUNION at the Hotel - Motel Shelburne on July 27, 28, 29.

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Roland E. Pope 60th Inf.
P.O. Box 34622
Seattle, Wash. 98124

Roland is the fellow who sent us the story on the Division's reactivation in Ft. Lewis. He hopes to see all the gang at the reunion in Atlantic City.

George Berday 47th Inf.
450 S. E. 8th St.
Homestead, Fla. 33030

Writing to let you know my new address. Just moved into a 60'x12' mobile home. I retired from Civil Service in September and moved down here where the sun is doing me a lot of good. We're ten minutes away from Homestead Airforce Base so everything is handy. Eight miles from a nice beach at the end of the street we live on. We'll get up to Miami Beach to see Kalin one of these days.

We were the first people to buy a home in this park. It's a block off Dixie Highway or Rte. No. 1 going down to the Keys. If you ever get down this way look us up.

Meetings

There was a large turn-out for the April meeting at Bob and Betty Rumenapp's home. Bill Meadows made his first appearance at a meeting since his serious accident in December. Bill is still on crutches and it seems as if he will be on them for many months to come. However, Bill isn't complaining, he realizes how lucky he was. There aren't many fellows around who fall forty feet and can still talk about it. Michigan Vice Presidents must be accident prone. Everett Tapp is the second one to come up with a fractured bone. Everett broke his left heel while trying to avoid a sliding pile of steel stock on the job. In the future, when Michigan Vice Presidents assume office they should be given a pair of crutches instead of a gavel.

Another member left the sick-list to attend the April meeting at the Rumenapp's. Elmer Wagner showed up at the meeting and although he has still not recovered 100 percent, he is still well enough to be making plans for a visit to London and Frankfurt in May.

During the April meeting plans were finalized for the Chapters Annual picnic. This much awaited event will be held on June 25. Once again Don Lewis will handle the arrangements for this affair. Don always does a bang-up job so the Michigan gang can look forward to a wonderful time with plenty to eat and drink.

JOHN J. CLOUSER
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DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS
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PROGRAM 1972 REUNION

Atlantic City

July 27, 28, 29, 1972

THURSDAY JULY 27

REGISTRATION 10 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

4:00 P.M. - Board of Governors Meeting

9:00 P.M. till 1 A.M. - Welcoming party and dance

FRIDAY JULY 28

REGISTRATION 10 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

10:00 A.M. - General Session and Committee Meetings

10:30 A.M. - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting and Social

1:00 P.M. - General Session

4:00 P.M. - Board of Governor's Meeting

9:00 P.M. till 1:00 A.M. - Dance

9:00 P.M. - Teenage Party

SATURDAY JULY 29

REGISTRATION 10 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

10:30 A.M. - Memorial Service

Free Afternoon

7:00 P.M. Banquet and Dance

Michigan Doings

Bus Trip

Michigan will be well represented at Atlantic City. Already 36 guys and gals have signed up for the chartered bus trip to the reunion. There are still a few seats open. If you want to make the trip contact John Bonkowski at once, the seats are going fast and you may be shut out if you don't act immediately. The bus will leave from Maurice Mitchells home at 35201 Garfield Rd. in Fraser, Mich. There is a good reason for selecting this site as the jump-off point for the trip to the reunion. Adjacent to Maurice's home is a piece of vacant land where the members can park their cars. While our members are enjoying themselves in Atlantic City, their cars will be safe under the watchful eyes of Maurice's family and neighbors.

The bus will leave for Atlantic City on July 26 at 5:30 p.m. The trip should take about 14 hours. There will be plenty of refreshments aboard and several stops along the way have been scheduled. The return trip will leave Atlantic City on July 30 at 10:00 A.M.

The Michigan Chapter had a change of command in February. The newly elected officers for 1972 are President Bill Meadows, Vice President Everett Tapp, Adjutant Fred Josey, Treasurer Bob DeSandy, Chaplain Bill Phelps and Secretary John Bonkowski. Last year was a banner one for the Michigan Chapter, so these new officers will have to keep their noses to the grind-stone if they expect to match the record of their predecessors.

News-Notes

Everett Tapp's mother recently underwent surgery and Everett went to Kentucky to be with her while she recovered. Fred Josey lost his father and uncle. Tippy Plunkett contacted the Michigan gang and advised them that she would be in town for the annual Easter party at the V.F.W.

The Michigan Chapter showed their appreciation of John Bonkowski's efforts on behalf of the Chapter by presenting him with a beautiful plaque at their last meeting.

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REQUEST FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS

FOR 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSN. REUNION

SHELburne PROPERTIES
RESERVATION DEPARTMENT
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Atlantic City, New Jersey 08404

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Single occupancy ☐ 16.00 Twin occupancy ☐ 22.00 Parlers ☐ 25.00
Assignment Preference ☐ Hotel ☐ Motel
Please reserve Single Rooms Double Rooms

Arrival Date Time a.m. p.m. Departure Date

Reservations Not Held After 6 p.m. unless accompanied by Deposit.
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