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DEAN TOWN SET FOR 73

Board Meeting

The 106th meeting of the National Board of Governors was held at 5:25 p.m., October 22, 1972 at the Holiday Inn Waltham, Massachusetts attended by Messrs: Ronald Murphy, Walter O'Keefe, William Klaust, Nicholas Palega, Ralph Carci, Edward McGrath, Nicholas Dogostine, Fred Josse, Robert Delaney, and Charles Jones. Also in attendance were Thomas Boyle, Treasurer, Francis Maher, Vice President, Vincent Guglielmino, 1st Vice President, Harrison Daysh, Judge Advocate, Past President Leonard Tomassone, John Bankowski.

The secretary then read the minutes of the 106th meeting and upon a motion duly made by William Klaust and seconded by Robert Delaney it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes and to have the secretary place same on file.

The meeting continued to the floor for the Treasurers report and Tom gave a quarterly report of income and spending. Upon a motion made by Charles Jones and seconded by Ralph Carci it was voted to: Accept the Treasurers report.

REUNION REPORT

Leonard Tomassone reported for the Philadelphia Chapter that hosted the 1972 Atlantic Reunion. Lenny expressed his thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the reunion a success and to the other chapter members who aided at the reunion. He then turned over a check for $39:00, the profit realized from the reunion, to President Ronald Murphy. President Murphy thanked Lenny Tomassone and all workers from the Chapter for their efforts on a wonderful reunion.

Upon a motion made by Robert Delaney and seconded by William Klaust it was voted to: Accept the reading of the report of the Philadelphia Chapter for the 1972 Reunion and to congratulate The Chapter for a job well done.

Upon a motion duly made by Walter O'Keefe and seconded by Charles Jones it was voted to: Give the Philadelphia Chapter a trophy of $39.00 for their work on the 1972 reunion. Ronald Murphy reported for the Reunion Committee on the 1973 Boston Reunion. Plans are being worked upon and the Committee feels that all attending will be pleased with the three day events. Details will appear in the Octofoil such as room rates etc.

The Sheraton Hotel in Boston will be the C.P. for the 1973 reunion being held in Boston on July 26-28th.

William Klaust made a motion and it was seconded by Robert Delaney to: Honor Richard Sterry at the Boston Reunion and present him with a plaque for his service to the Association.

Upon a motion made by Walter O'Keefe and seconded by Charles Jones it was voted to: Adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Daniel Quinn
National Secretary

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

An Open Letter appeared in the 1972 Reunion Program and for those who did not attend the reunion we would like to reprint and acknowledge the writer of this beautiful letter of expression. It was written by Lucille Mac Douglas the daughter of Art Mac Douglas of the 39th who contributed in the memory of Jim.

It is our sad duty to announce the passing of two "Old Reliables" Joseph Birchler 3 Bn 20th Inf Co B-27th Inf. and Joseph Lynch of the 39th who contributed to our Country.

The New England Chapter members are mighty busy these days setting up plans for the 1973 reunion in Boston. A group of committee members have been traveling around the South Shore of Massachusetts hoping to come up with a different day for Friday of the reunion. Plans are in the making for an excursion from the City that may be a bit new and develop into a pleasant day for the members who attend the reunion.

At the Board of Governors meeting held on October 31st the Reunion Committee announced that they are preparing for an old fashioned New England Clambake for Friday, July 27th. This type of Clambake dates back to early Pilgrim times. Plans are also being formed to hold this bake in a resort near Plymouth where the first Pilgrims arrived in this Country. This will bring us into the area at the entrance to Cape Cod. In case of bad weather the cake could be held indoors at this same place.

If you are a golfer there is an 18 hole course on the premises. The greens fee for our group will be around $4.00. For those who like to walk there are miles of sandy beaches below the dunes and these dunes are really something.

The rooms at the Sheraton are beautiful, as a matter of fact the whole site is a real sight to get up your tab and go over to see this. The rooms are not completely satisfied with your room. Of course they feel confident that they will have "no takers" for their offer as Hardy would say to Laurel: "I certainly hope so!"
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MESSAGE CENTER

Service Battery 26th field Artillery Bn.

This year another page was added to the history of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. For the twenty-eighth year (year 28) Father Connors offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for our members both living and dead. In the short space of one hour we put aside our troubles and joys to follow him and the Mass to ask God’s blessing on those who are gone.

Bill Bongiorno had a busy year. Florida in the winter, Atlantic City in the summer and Oregon in the fall to visit his son. Bill, Jr. and Bill had a minor operation on his hand that required a few days hospitalization. — Bill Seco fractured his left heel in a fall. His leg was in a cast for six weeks. Bill has been out of work for over six months — Saw Manny Effron and Joe McGowan at Atlantic City this summer. Joe is still interested in the Medics as he works for a drug company — Louis England is now the grandfather of two boys. — If you have any furniture you want refinished just call Louie. — Keith Griffin, son of our Paul, enlisted in the Air Force. — Doctor Burton L. Forbes, Medical 26th F.A., has been appointed surgeon for the State of Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars for the seventeenth time. — Had a card last Christmas from Irving Cohen for the first time since we parted company many years ago. — Both son and daughter of our Harold Wallace were married during the past year — Linda Ruopp, daughter of our Elmer, is an instructor in the physiatry department at the University of Connecticut. — Mrs. Jerry is flying high for the Strategic Air Command — Bill Andrews has not responded to medical treatment since his serious accident over three years ago — Soni Lembesis died during the past year. — She was one of the many on the 26th F.A. baseball team at Ft. Bragg. — If you want anything built, call Pete, but his price is big. He is Vice President of the American Construction Co., Hartford, Conn. — Change your records to read: Richard H. Mill — 26th Ind. Command, Belmont, Dallas, Texas, Apt. 1415. — Konso Nosak - 2141 Coldstream N.Y. — C. Total paid circulation...

THE MEMORIAL FUND OF THE 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Scholarship Information

The Memorial Fund of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was established in the name of the Association to commemorate the courage and sacrifice of the men killed in action in World War II. The Association, upon the advice of the Eighth Coordinating Committee, has decided to establish a scholarship program to be known as the Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

A person who wishes to apply for a scholarship must be a graduate of a high school in the State of New Jersey and at the time of application a student in an accredited college or enrollee in an accredited graduate school. The applicant must be a descendant of a man who served in the Ninth Infantry Division. Children who are not children of a former member of the Division will not be considered unless the child of a former member qualifies.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following procedure must be followed by those wishing to apply for the scholarship:

1. Send a letter of application, written in a separate 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 parent or guardian; the name and address of the secondary school the applicant attended; the title of the college the applicant expects to attend; the vocational goal of the applicant; and the name 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. Include a letter from the principal of the college or university which the applicant expects to attend. The letter must indicate that the student has been admitted to the college; the student is enrolled at the time of writing this letter and that the school is willing to cooperate with the association in the selection of the recipient.

3. Include a letter of reference from the present or previous high school principal. The letter must be written by the principal and signed by the principal.

4. The applicant must have a cumulative grade average of 2.0 or better, calculated by the applicant, to be eligible for a scholarship. The student’s record of grades must include all college credit courses taken in all college work except those courses required for graduation.

5. The applicant must have a minimum score of 100 on the SAT or ACT which is given in October, December, March, May, June, August or September.

6. The applicant must maintain a grade average of 2.0 or better while attending college, and an additional scholarship may be awarded to applicants who achieve a grade average of 3.0 or better.

7. The student must be a New Jersey resident.

8. The scholarship may be applied for by the student who is planning to attend a New Jersey college or university.

9. The Scholarship Committee will award a maximum of $500 to any one student in a particular year.

10. The Scholarship Committee will accept at least 30 applications.

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I certify that the statements made by me above are correct.

DANIEL QUINN, Editor and Publisher, The OCTOFOIL.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, National Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Assn. 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, New Jersey 07087

Enclosed please find 1972 dues for:

Name.............................................. Serial No.

Street Address............................................................

City.................................................. Zone State

I was a member of:

Battery .................................................. Regiment ....... Division

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year.......................... $5.00

United States Memorial Scholarship Fund.............................................. $10.00

THREE-YEAR MEMBER............................................. $13.00

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Combat Route Map.............................................. $5.00

60th Infantry History.............................................. $5.00

Please credit the following chapter:

Philadelphi Delaware Valley.............................................. Great New York

Illinois.................................................. Michigan

Ohio.................................................. Fayetteville - Fort Bragg, N. C.
Dear Dan,

I had a Go 300 Inf. right up until 9th May in my 305th Div. I then described myself as a medic. I was thinking of the enclosed brief history which is self explanatory. The enemy that was next to us was the 1st Sg.t. upon departure, but I was not then a member of L Co. in the "barracks" and I just couldn't throw it away. Thought I would send it to the Omi for disposition.

Best Regards

WALTER PASTEL

Milton, Mass.

What follows is a brief but concise history of this command from the end of the war until the 19th of June 1945.

COMPANY HISTORY

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1943

16-30 On the 16th the company moved from Pier No. 16 Staten Island, New York. Arrived at the Port of Bone, North Mrica. Loaded on boat and made landfall on the beach just east of Cape Matelot. We were then ordered to move in to the South of the market and landed in the division that could be described. The company then moved north and rest up for the night. Weather cloudy and very cool.

17-30 Camp Loughmore, North Ireland. Company participated in the battle of Northern Ireland and remained there for two or three weeks. Weather cloudy and cool.

18-30 Camp Loughmore, North Ireland. Company was then moved by foot to railroad station a distance of about three miles and then transported to the country. Weather cloudy and very cool. The company reached its destination the day after and the day of the 19th and every night we got out of bed, it rained all the time and it was very disagreeable. The night had a small fighter plane base here and our paratroopers on the ground were protected from it by enemy paratroopers. The defensive was very good, we had many raids which were of the same kind. The 25th we was on a beach patrol and there was a strong sandbank wing the air force. Everyone had to a great extent and was shot as spies.

19-30 Camp Company moved from Bone and was moved to the dockyard in Southern Algeria in order to move us into the desert. Weather cloudy and cool.

20-30 Camp Company moved from the dockyard in Southern Algeria to the docks in the city of Algiers. We were unloaded and rode the rest of the journey to where we were going to meet the enemy. It was a do or die affair. We were preparing to attack the enemy and there was two or three paratroopers that were able to make the trip.

21-30 The company received orders to be ready to move in at a moment's notice. On the 16th French English came in to meet the enemy. We were unloading from the boat the German Air Force made a bombing attack on the harbor, luckily no one of the company was hurt and we proceeded to the railroad station where we were able to go to the night. Weather cloudy and shot as spies.

22-30 The company was put in a series of outpost positions and was moving to join our third BN. We were moving to join our own Bn. or contact the 26 Inf. of the 1st Div. At 1600 hours we made contact with our own Bn. or contact the 26 Inf. of the 1st Div. and reorganized. This was completed next (end of next page).
IT WAS GENERAL WESTMORELAND WHO stepped into the spacious dining room at the SHELBURNE HOTEL on July 29, 1972, he received a long standing ovation that increased with each step until he reached his seat. The ovation continued. He was facing an appreciative audience of former 9th DIVISION men, their wives, and friends who were honoring him for his past achievement in WWII in VIETNAM. GENERAL WESTMORELAND was amazed at the enthusiasm that was displayed by the audience that was present for the 27th ANNUAL REUNION.

When FATHER CONNORS was introduced by the Master of ceremonies Dick Willes he received a long standing ovation. FATHER CONNORS was in a jovial mood. He continued his "Friendly rivalry" with GENERAL WESTMORELAND and while the audience was still in a good mood he showed his versatility by speaking in a more serious vein. His speech was interrupted several times for his facetious comments. He announced that the IRS ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS would be held in WORCESTER, MASS. on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1972. He read a speech for the award that he received for GENERAL WESTMORELAND in 1968 and then introduced him. FATHER CONNORS received a long standing ovation while GENERAL WESTMORELAND walked up to the microphone and the ovation continued for about 10 minutes. It was that kind of mood that we all had a wonderful time. GENERAL WESTMORELAND did very well answering questions and comments and the ovation continued for about 10 minutes.

MEMORIAL SERVICES AND THE PARADE.

Did we have a large turnout? Yes we did. Leading the parade was the ARMY band that was followed by the marchers, men, boardwalk from the SHELBURNE HOTEL to KENNEDY PLAZA where FATHER CONNORS held MEMORIAL SERVICES.

WALTER VICTOR, the former 9th DIVISION photographer took pictures of the marchers and FATHER CONNORS MEMORIAL SERVICES.

WAL Ter VICTOR also took many pictures at the ATLANTIC CITY reunion. You're doing an excellent job. VICTOR. Keep up the good work.

SEVEN NOTES.

ATLANTIC CITY is an ideal place for a reunion. You could step out of the SHELBURNE HOTEL onto the boardwalk, on to the beach and go swimming in the ocean. We enjoyed the cool breezes from the ocean. We enjoyed the early breezes from the ocean. There were many amusements and you could go window shopping.

It was just one happy family reunion. There were ROY DREIFUS and BILL PALADY reminded us of the early arrivals from FORT BRAGG to EUROPE recalling names and incidents. JOE WILLS joined them a little later.

At the tables JAKIE GRUBICH kept the men and women in a hilarious mood with his unlimited facetious stories. JAKIE had us in hysteries. BERAS, JEROME, and JUNGLING and all the rest of us joined in the laughing, the facetiousness, the sophisticated remarks and comments and the lively repartee that we all enjoy.

We didn't see the real JAKIE until we went to his room after the dancing and we all had a wonderful time. JAKIE is one of our best raconteurs. He told a story that was similar to WHO'S on FIRST. JAKIE confused the questioner and after some questions answered the questioner didn't want to be confused.

Bill Palady and his wife Everett Tapp, his wife and see David Joe Willis and his wife Curt Witt and his wife Thank you for coming. See you in Boston 1973.

JOE WELL WISHERS.

JAKIE visited TOM PITZER in the hospital before coming to the reunion. TOM had planned to make the reunion but couldn't make it. TOM is home now. Hope you will have a speedy recovery. TOM PITZER's address is:

Lake 4 Season
Craiova Point, Ind. 46307

It is my unpleasant duty to inform you that LT. COL. W.H. WAIAKART passed away several months ago. Our sincerest condolences to his wife and family. Here is his wife's address:

Wife
Mrs. W.H. Waiaart
4272-16th Road

RESPECTFULLY yours,
Harry Orentzen

THE QM COMMITTEE'S ADDRESSES ARE:

Bill Palady
282-25th Street
Meckeeper, Pa. 15122

Harry Orentzen
667 Walnut Avenue
Bronx, N.Y. 10462

JOSIE's youngest daughter, SUSAN was married to Jack MILKIN on JUNE 17, 1972 and went to EUROPE on their honeymoon. Hope you will have a pleasant EUROPEAN trip and a safe return to the U.S. There's talent in the TAPP family. Their son, DAVID, made the junior OLYMPIC TEAM of MICHIGAN. ROY DREIFUS and his wife GRACE stopped at CHARLES RING'S house before coming to the reunion. After the reunion they are going to continue their vacation trip to BOSTON and NEW YORK. They will all have a wonderful time at the reunion. Those present were Horace Abrams, Gene Berasi, Harry Orentzen, Roy Dreskin and his wife and GRACE.

Floyd Hennnessy and his wife John H. Jagling and his wife Twana Jonas and his two friends, Ted Mclean and his wife. Bill Palady and his wife John Sayler and his wife Everett Tapp, his wife and see David Joe Willis and his wife Curt Witt and his wife. Thanks for coming. See you in Boston 1973.

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**Michigan Doings**

The Michigan Chapter concluded its summer activity with a very successful outing at the Michigan Hotel. The event was attended by over 125 guests. Bill and Barbara acted as host for almost all of the evening. Their neighbors joined in the festivities and everyone seemed to be at home. They erected a large tent and invited a local band to play and turned their backyard into a real party place for the "Old Reliables." Some of the members were having a good time, in spite of the rain. The members didn't devote all their time to business matters that evening. They managed to put away plenty of work and save enough for a well-earned break.

**News Notes**

The Michigan Chapter expects to have a major turnout at the Memorial Service for Ed O'Keeffe on Sunday, September 9th. Everyone is invited to take part in the service and to show their respect for Ed, who was a fine officer and a true gentleman.

**New October Chapter**

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**New England**

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**Illinois**

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Once again we are printing a batch of letters that were received by the Octofoil. As you read them, you want to remember that they were written by members and not by their editors. As you read them, we don’t believe that we have the right to tamper with your message. Of course, it sometimes seems or is seen to be in bad taste omit from the column, but for the most part we print letters just as we receive them. If something is written in a cursive style, we will not take it off on the editors, laugh it off and remember that it was written by someone who stood shoulder to shoulder with you in the firing line.

Ray Brugger 96th INF.

Ray Brugger was a frequent letter writer and was a native of Youngstown, Ohio. He served in the 152nd Infantry, 38th Division, during World War II. He wrote many letters to the Octofoil, sharing his memories of the war and his experiences as a soldier. Ray Brugger was a devoted family man and enjoyed spending time with his family. He passed away in 2002.

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