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Mary Anderson

All members of the New England Chapter and their wives.

The 47th Infantry always had a reputation for being a sharp outfit. It developed that reputation under the guidance of Colonel Rondle. The Colonel had a keen eye for even the smallest detail and whenever he saw the least sign of slackness he made the regiment snap-to and get on the ball. Well the passing years haven't taken the edge off the General's eye for details. He caught us "gooling off" and gently reminded us to get on the ball. In a recent letter the General wrote as follows:

"I never see the name Weehawken but what I think of a job I held as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1917. I was stationed at Camp Merritt, N.J. for a while and during that fall was sent down to Hoboken with a bunch of other shoe-tails to censor Christmas packages being sent to soldiers already overseas. We had to open every package, then tie it up again, to see there was nothing in it which shouldn't be. There were thousands of packages stacked on the North German Lloyd pier. It wasn't a bad job and on our free time we could take the Weehawken Ferry over to New York and see the sights.

But what I am really writing about was to thank you for the nice story in the July-August "Octofoil" titled "Active Retirement" and about an old soldier.

One other thing I would like to mention and that is that in your mail call in that issue you had a number of interesting letters, but in most cases you did not give the addresses of the writers. I write to the 47th and 48th FA men and I think that others would also like to write to old buddies, but when no address is given it is impossible to do so. Often when an address is given the ZIP is not included and the post office is again with letters with no ZIP. I know you get out that issue right after returning from your vacation and it was a rush job and I don't mean this to be critical, but these addresses are important to people who want to contact the letter writers.

Being two old "Raiders" your Editor knows that when the Colonel drops a hint it's time to get on the ball, so in this issue all the letters in the "Mail-Call" columns are complete with addresses and ZIP Codes."

73 Reunion At Boston
July 26 - 28

Opps! We've Been Gigged

The 73rd Infantry Division Association Scholarship was established by the members of the association to commemorate the memory of their comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice in battle. As part of this fund the association established a scholarship program. Scholarships are awarded each year to relatives of men who served in the 7th Infantry Division. Each scholarship is for one year.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP

A person who wishes to apply for a scholarship must be related to a man who served in the 7th 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. The steps for applying for the scholarships are as follows:

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2. A transcript of the applicant's high school record must accompany the letter of application. The transcript must be a verbatim reproduction of every high school course in which the applicant has been enrolled, with names of all subjects in which he has participated, and must include all grades and dates of graduation. Selective Service registration number must be included in the transcript.

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.

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NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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MEMORIAL DAY * 1973

The last roll call has been answered by several "Old Reliables": Mr. Michael McInerney, Gold Star Parent; Mr. Anthony J. Flores, Rly C. Sth F.A.; Mr. Otville W. Langer, 3rd Ird. Med. cth Inf.; Mr. Elliott Charles Fishman, Co. R. 6th Inf.; Joseph A. Lagattuta Co. K. 6th Inf.

May they rest in peace.
During the past few years the “October Calf” had been written as the first-hand accounts of events that would become the history of the Division’s action. These articles were sent to us by officers and men who were present, and were received by the editors of our paper. They have received a first-hand account which makes this unique for several reasons. It was written during the war when the events were still fresh in the writer’s mind, it was not written for publication like a “diary” and a member of the Commanding Officer’s family.

Paul began his service with the 39th Infantry as a 1st Lt. Anti-Tank Company 3rd Bn 39th, which was commanded by Mr. Lynch and his father Mr. Joseph Lynch has been kind enough to put it in print in the Octofel.

The battleship “Arkansas” was the next ship to go and it was a beautiful sight to see all the convoy and a radiorange of 8 miles. Most of the time we spent at sea was on the starboard deck enjoying the sea and air. The water was so blue and beautiful as we went down. Quite a few of the boys became seasick but I was managed to keep everything under control. The food we had was excellent. Every night we had a little session in the mess hall, playing cards and talking over all the happenings of the day. Of course with the sea so rough we, the “American Officers” was the first sighted land the next morning. We were fairly close and it was a beautiful green, mountainous country with the white breakers crashing down the cliffs. We could identify are Frank Wade on the left and Colonel Flint on the right.

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**CHAPTER NEWS**

Harry O’s Report

**NEW YORK CHAPTER**

Harry Oronstein, our New York correspondent, tells us the President’s staff began the April meeting moving at a fast pace and there was a great deal of lively participation by the members on the Pro and Cons of the topics on the agenda, yet harmony pervaded the meeting room.

A warm welcome was given to a few old timers who missed several meetings at the February meeting. Val Del Marra returned from Florida where he spent the winter and John Zito and San Longo back from “Sick Call.”

The October Foil was on the table for Past-President’s night. Later in the month the Chapter members will travel to Florida for a meeting where several hundred men who wore the Octofoil are laid at rest.

There are good indications that the Chapter will be well represented at the Boston Reunion. Boosters and “ads” were collected at the April meeting and will be collected for another few months from those who missed this meeting.

The raffle winners for the evening were George Apar and Al Orletti. The “gag” enjoyed the usual delirium after the meeting with a great deal of reminiscing by the members.

Harry O.

**PHILLY-DELAWARE CHAPTER**

Events

Election

Dick Wilson reports for the Philly-Delaware Chapter. They are still going strong and recently held elections for the new year. Charles Trocoli an old timer from SC, 47th was elected President and Al Oppry from 47th & M.P. will hold the chair as Vice-President. Dick tells us that he will again join the Secretary and Vic Butswinkus was returned to the job of Treasurer.

The Ladies Auxiliary also held their elections and Connie Reardon and Linda 41-Gals for the coming year with Anne Williams as the new President. Shirley Sabato will hold the purse strings and Verne Sponau will be the secretary.

**Michigan Doings**

TRAVELING CHAPTER

This is really a traveling Chapter. The last meeting was held in Arizona, and the next will be held in Florida before the Holidays. Bill Meadows and sons Guy & Don flew out of Metro Christian Convention to spend a week in Spain and attend the wedding of a friend. P.O.W.’s are coming home thanks to your unending efforts.

The President replied to the letter as follows: “I am deeply grateful for your message about the settlement we have achieved in Vietnam. A long and difficult testing of the national spirit has come to an end, and now we must work together to build a peace that lasts, a peace that heals. With your support, this giant task ahead of us cannot be done. Please know that the next generation of Americans will know only peace. With my appreciation and best wishes, sincerely Richard Nixon.”

**SICK CALL**

Brighter news came from the Robbie Wilson who is doing very well after her eye surgery. She tells everyone for her many and many Christmas Cards near her way. The Chapter thanks her for the kind notes and greetings which were passed around for everyone to see and enjoy.

Recently, we received a letter from another long time friend of the Ohio Chapter, Dick Kendall. Sorry to hear that he is down with the bug. (TB, Your cards and notes would be greatly appreciated so please send them to: Richard Kendall VA Hospital, Ward No. 4 Dayton, Ohio 45428)

A note from Marie Korolko tells how she’s been making new friends and life is becoming a little more cheerful in Tuscon, Arizona. Wonderful.

Our appreciation to everyone who completed the questionnaire and we thank you for your comments. We do apologize for the typographical error, which was pointed out upon receiving the $15 instead of $13 for the 3 Year Dues. When this mistake was corrected on the Convention Bus list, bringing the total to 24 passengers but the goal is for 35. If they do not reach this number, the money will be refunded. Plans are to leave on Sunday July 29th at a time most convenient for everyone on the trip. The route will be through Canada at Sarnia or Windsor depending on the time of the trip. Those making the trip will receive a copy of the itinerary which will take the group through the Upper-New England Thru-way and the Massachusetts Turnpike. Refreshments will be provided and more important the bus will have restrooms. Of course stops will be made along the way.

This is the first time in getting in touch with Everett Tapp and Bill Phelps, (Ed’s note to Michigan Chan­cellor): Their family and friends are assured of coming and going is assured. A warm welcome was given to Floyd and Leora Hennessey from Florida before the Holidays. Bill Meadows and sons Guy & Don flew out of Metro Christian Convention to spend a week in Spain and attend the wedding of a friend. P.O.W.’s are coming home thanks to your unending efforts.

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The gang at Sheraton Hotel in Boston on Sunday July 29th and head for home. A lot of fun, coming and going is assured. The trip should cost about $35.00 a person.

Red News

The Chapter was saddened to learn of the demise of Mr. Michael McFadden (the Gold Star Parent from New York, Mr. McFadden’s son called off affectionately and will never be forgotten)

The Chapter is striving for a larger trip of names of “Boosters” for the Boston Reunion. An electric note to Michigan Chapter - Hugh Lee’s - 39th and Junior member of the Michigan Chapter - daughter Kathy is now living in Birmingham, Mich., Mrs. William Lester, 1914 Birmingham Avenue.

The gang out Michigan way now go over the “Octofoil” with a fine tooth comb. They read every line, recently in a Mail- Call line, one reported the name of a Michigan man who wasn’t on their roster. They wanted in time to have no things in getting in touch with him and advising him of the benefits for the fees derived from being an active member of the Michigan Chapter.

**CLAM BAKE**

**Friday July 27, 1973**

I WILL ATTEND THE CLAM BAKE

Name __________________________
Address ________________________

Make checks payable to:

**9th Infantry Division Assn. Reunion and send to:**

Reunion Treasurer Thomas Boyle
29 Hall Avenue
Somerville, Mass. 02144

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION**

**JULY 18, 1973**

**REQUEST FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS**

**FOR 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION**

**JULY 27-29 1973**

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**REUNION PROGRAM**

**July 1, 1973**

**CHAPTERS PLEASE FORM A COMMITTEE TO SOLICIT ADS AND BOOSTERS.**

In your National Service Life insurance term policy all or a large part of your insurance protection? Do you intend to keep this insurance for the rest of your life, or even live to be 70 or older? If your answer to these questions is yes, then you probably should not carry renewable term insurance indefinitely Why? Because for one thing, you may not be able to afford it when you are 70 or pass or 70. Longer you live, the higher the premiums. Remember that you are the average man you income will be smaller in the later years of life. Although ordinary or modified life plans may cost more now, the premiums do not increase. In the years to come, won’t they be easier to pay than the high term premiums?
Our faithful readers continue to keep us informed of their doings and affairs. We are always happy to receive your letters and hope that they will continue to flow in to us. If you have anything you wish to say let your hear, you will find that there is a place for you in the "Octofol" column.

Harry was in Florida for the racing season at Lauderdale. He returned to New Jersey on April 1st and will remain for the rest of the year (that’s for sure at least). Any of the fellows who want to catch up with him can do so by visiting the tracks at Monmouth and Freehold and looking for him in the Mutuels Department.

We will be found in the Main Money Room at Freehold and in the Memorial Money Room at Monmouth. He says he has to be "where the money is".

I am enclosing a list of up to date addresses for a dozen or more ex-Ninthers. You have a membership solicitation letter and application form send it to each of them. I’m certain that you would get some response. If you care to don’t hesitate to use my name as the one who suggested that they get more of their money’s worth if they joined up. Or if you prefer to be more formal you can do it by tracing the visits at Freehold and Monmouth and looking for him in the Mutuels Department.

Speaking of addresses, I’m hoping that my "Old Reliables" files for Newnan Dean, who likes Harry Kloms, was also in the Adjutant General Section. I think it might help if I would send the list along with a probing note and you might be able to get some responses.

Dear Dan:

I wrote to advise us of his publication of his search for the "Octofoil" some of the gang.

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