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THE OCTOFOIL

412 Gregory Ave. Weehawken, N. J. 07087

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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WORCESTER MEMORIAL OCTOBER 21



Outgoing President Ron Murphy presents gavel to newly elected President Fred Josey at change of command held the night of the banquet.

Murphy's Farewell Message

Our twenty-eighth reunion is now a thing of the past. The New England Chapter wants all of you to know that it was an honor and privilege to have you with us at the Sheraton-Boston.

We hope that you enjoyed the Reunion as much as we have enjoyed being your host. We wish Fred Josey, the new president of our association the best of luck. My sincere wish is that he enjoys this coming year as much as I enjoyed mine as president of our association.

Our next meeting will take place in Worcester on October 21st. For the twenty ninth year, Father Connors will say Mass for all the deceased men of the Ninth. Stop for a moment and think what this means. For the twenty ninth year, men of all faiths will gather in response to the call of our beloved Father Connors, to honor and pay tribute to the 4581 of our comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice, as well as those who followed them over the years.

There is no other group or organization so dedicated to its deceased. Let's make a real effort to be at the Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester on October 21st so we can continue to fulfill our promise that they shall never be forgotten.

Ronald Murphy

Nixon Picks Quello

As we prepared to go to press we read in the newspaper where "an old reliable" was nominated to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission. We remember Jim Quello when he served with the 47th back in the days of Bragg and later with Division.

President Nixon has selected James H. Quello, 58, as his nominee to replace Nicholas Johnson as a member of the Federal Communications Commission, it was reported today by Broadcasting magazine, an authoritative trade publication. Quello is a retired vice president and manager of WJR-AM-FM in Detroit and now a broadcast consultant and teacher. Nixon reportedly made the selection late last week. Johnson, whose term ended June 30, has been serving beyond his expiration date because of failure of the White House to name a successor.

The following announcement is an important one and we want you all to read it loud and clear. This year the Memorial Services at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Worcester, Mass. will be held on Sunday, October 21st. That's right October 21st. Most of us are accustomed to attending the Memorial Services a little later in the year and the early date might throw us off guard. So mark your calendar now the date is October 21st. This year the parishoners of the Immaculate Conception are celebrating the 100rd Anniversary of the founding of their parish and they are looking forward to having their friends from the Ninth Infantry Division Association join in the celebration.

NEW BANQUET SITE

Father Connors realizes that the "Old Reliabilities" are getting older. So he is trying to make things real easy for us. This year the banquet will be held in the same building where most of us will be staying. Namely the new Sheraton Lincoln Inn located at 500 Lincoln St., Worcester, Mass. The Inn is a beautiful place only one year old and has everything under one roof. It is directly across from a shopping mall so you won't have far to go to purchase whatever you need for a mid-night snack. The Inn can also boast of a big indoor swimming pool so don't forget to bring along your trunks or bikinis.

Reservations

Once again Franny Maher is responsible for quartering the troops, all reservations for the Inn should be made through him. Single rooms are priced at \$18.00 and doubles go for \$24.00. Send your room reservations to Francis K. Maher, 14 Davenport St. Worcester, Mass. 01610 - Telephone 756-1803. Franny will confirm all reservations.

Directions

For those coming from New York, Connecticut, Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania and the South. Leave the Mass. Pike at Exit No. 10 take the Worcester Expressway No. 290 leave Expressway at Exit No. 20. Overhead sign will read Burncoat-Lincoln St. This will bring you to a traffic light, proceed across the intersection to the next traffic light and turn left. You will now be in the 400 block on Lincoln St. A short drive on Lincoln St. will bring you to the Sheraton Lincoln Inn. The way will be marked with 9th Division road markers, keep an eye out for them.

If you are coming from the North on the Mass Pike exit at Millbury-Worcester Exit, after leaving ramp make a left turn into Grafton St. Two traffic lights which are spread about two miles apart will bring you to a small rotary, make a left turn and you will still be on Grafton St. From here you will have two more traffic lights, at the second light make a right hand turn onto the Worcester Expressway and leave it at Exit No. 20, Burncoat-Lincoln Streets. Go across the intersection to the next traffic light, make a left hand turn and you have only a short distance to go to the Sheraton.

For those coming from the North and East if you use 495 Exit at the sign reading 290 West. Proceed to the sign marked Exit No. 20, Burncoat & Lincoln. Make a sharp right turn and you are now facing a large building of the State Mutual Life Assurance Co. You are now on Lincoln St. and just a short drive from the Sheraton. Keep your eye out for the 9th Division Road markers.

Inn to Church

Leaving the Sheraton for the Immaculate Conception Church make a right hand turn on Lincoln St. until you see the marker No. 290 West. Take this for a short distance until the overhead sign reads Holden-Fitchburg. Exit here continue on until you come to the traffic light at the bottom of the hill. Proceed across the intersection and make a left hand turn. You are now only a short distance from the Church.

Tip Of The Hat

The association is grateful to the members who attended the reunion and donated \$345.00 to the Memorial or Scholarship Fund. A special thanks to Ann Whalen widow of Henry Whalen and Carrie Porowski widow of Tefol Porowski for their generous donations. Emil Langer always a thoughtful fellow has for the last several years donated to this fund in the name of friends who passed on and this past month sent two names he and his wife Millie wanted to be remembered. Mrs. Anna Basta who died on July 16, 1973 and Mrs. Janet Vegso who passed on June 22, 1973.

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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 their 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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NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Enclosed please find 1973 dues for:

Name..... Serial No.

Street Address

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

I was a member of:

Battery.....; Company....., Regiment.....,9th Div

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year\$5.00 ☐
Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund..... ☐
THREE-YEAR MEMBER\$13.00 ☐
Life Membership\$50.00 ☐
Octofoil Automobile License Disc.....\$.50 ☐
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Ladies' Auxiliary Member\$ 1.50 ☐
Combat Route Map.....\$.50 ☐
60th Infantry History.....\$.50 ☐

Please credit the following chapter:

Philly-Delaware Valley ☐ Greater New York ☐
Illinois ☐ Washington, D. C. ☐
New England ☐ Michigan ☐
Ohio ☐ Fayetteville - Fort Bragg, N. C. ☐

Michigan Doings

In time to come the Michigan Chapter will look back upon 1973 as the year in which the Chapter realized some of its most cherished dreams. The members have worked hard in behalf of the Association and their efforts were finally rewarded. The gang from Michigan saw one of their own elected to the office of National President and they were pleased to learn that the National Board of Governors had selected their great city of Detroit as the site for the 1975 reunion. The boys and girls from the "Motor State" had plenty to celebrate about at the Boston reunion.

News-Notes

On June 17th the Chapter turned out for the annual picnic at Kensington Metro Park. Although the weatherman wasn't too cooperative the picnic was once of the greatest ever held by the Chapter. Don Lewis arrived early and staked out a choice spot for the gang. Maurice and Viola were right behind Don and they brought along that important supply of "Red Pop". Tom and Doris Pitzer made the longest trip of all, they wanted to show their grand-daughter what a Michigan Chapter picnic was like so they brought her over from Crown Point, Indiana. The gang set a record for disposing of raffle books. Bob DeSandy led the pack with 80 books sold and right behind him was John Young who got rid of 75. Don Lewis was the lucky guy who walked off with the top prize and Elsie Young won some of that Canadial Mountain Dew.

37 Ride Bus

Thirty-seven members of the Chapter traveled to the reunion at Boston in a chartered bus and from all reports they had a great time. They started off from Maurice and Viola Mitchell's place in Fraser, stopped in Port Huron to pick up some more members and then went on to Boston. On the way home the gang stopped at The Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester, Mass. After pausing at the Ninth Infantry Division Memorial they had coffee and doughnuts at the world famous "Connors Coffee Shop". For some members it was their first visit to the Immaculate Conception Church and they were impressed by the cordial hospitality of Father Connors' wonderful parishoners. The return trip also featured an evening stop at the Horseshoe Falls in Niagara. The falls brought back sentimental memories of previous visits to this world-renowned spot.

Boston Reunion

Michigan was represented by fifty-nine members at the reunion. Of course the high-spot of the reunion was the announcement that Fred Josey had been elected National President and that Detroit would be the site for the 1975 Reunion. The Michigan Booster Page in the Michigan Boosted 67 names another record for the chapter. Kleb and Vi Stockford celebrated their 27th Wedding Anniversary at the Welcoming Party on Thursday night and for Jakie Grgurich it was his 39th birthday all over again. He entertained the gathering with his Auctioneer bit and then made a big hit with the crowd by treating them to his rendition of "Cool Waters". Those who attended the Clam Bake

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 60016.



The Ladies Auxiliary members attend their business meeting to straighten out matters of the day.

Sad News

One of the chapter's "Old Reliables" has passed on. Bob Rumenapp an early founder of the Michigan Chapter, its Secretary for many, many years, a member of the National Board of Governors on two occasions and a friend of just about every member of the Association died in his sleep on the night that the chapter returned from the Boston reunion. Bob was laid to rest on August 2nd with Military Honors by his V.F.W. Post. Members of the Michigan Chapter led by Nation President Fred Josey attended Bob's funeral.

couldn't say enough about all the good food and the exciting visit to historic Plymouth. For those of us who decided to stay in town it was a nice day of leisure, walking the Freedom Trail and catching up on some shopping or enjoying a meal in one of Boston's famous restaurant. It was a great convention. Only an emergency appendectomy kept Jim Bruner from the reunion. Illness also kept the DeBell's from the reunion, Lorry became ill just before it was time to leave and she and John had to cancel their plans. An accident in the Fox family kept Chuck and Charlotte away from Boston, their son was involved in a motorcycle accident. Chuck and Charlotte wanted to be with him until they were sure that he was on the road to recovery.

74 Reunion In Atlanta

Executive Department
Atlanta 30334

Jimmy Carter
Governor

Mr. Daniel Quinn
Secretary
Ninth Infantry Division Association
412 Gregory Avenue
Weehawken, New Jersey 07087

Dear Mr. Quinn:

On behalf of the people of Georgia, I extend a cordial invitation to the Ninth Infantry Division Association to hold its 1974 meeting in our State.

Georgia has much to offer for those who are interested in history, cultural events, sports, and entertainment. Its scenery is beautiful and varied. Georgia offers mountains, beaches, plains, antebellum homes, beautiful flowers, and an unsurpassed variety of scenic grandeur. You will find our convention accommodations excellent. Our fine hotels and restaurants are eagerly waiting to serve you.

Georgia's greatest asset is her people. Your first, and perhaps most lasting impression of our State will be the friendly, courteous, congenial people whose spirit of helpfulness will make your stay memorable. "Southern Hospitality" is not a myth in Georgia.

If I can help personally in any way, please let me know. With best wishes to you and to the members of your fine organization, I am

Sincerely,
Jimmy Carter

It is often said that a change of pace is good for you. The National Board of Governors were thinking along these lines when they selected the site for our 1974 Reunion. Our Association's reunion cycle is almost as predictable as the moon's orbit around the earth but like all heavenly bodies we sometimes deviated from our prescribed orbit. One year we went to Fort Bragg and experienced a reunion that was unique and unforgettable another time we went to Pittsburgh and had a ball at the Chatam Center. In 1974 we are going to the "Southland". Atlanta will be the next port-of-call for the "Old Reliables". It's been a long time since the Ninth was south of the Mason-Dixon line but most of us have fond memories of that finger-licking Southern cooking, smooth corn whiskey, and wonderful Southern hospitality.

Atlanta is a great town. It has undergone a renaissance during the past 15 years and today is not only the commercial center of the Southeast but has become a truly international city. Its big modern airport has direct flights to almost every major city in the States and to many foreign cities. Atlanta can boast of a \$10 million civic center, a 57,000 seat circular stadium that is the home of three major league teams. The showpiece of Atlanta is Peachtree Center a \$125 million cluster of buildings designed to be a city within a city. The Center has 45 acres where you can walk without ever being on the same level as an automobile. It has gardens, galleries, restaurants, theaters and places to live and work - none of them more than seven minute walks from each other.

The "Old Reliables" will be hard pressed to see all of Atlanta's attractions during the three short days allotted for the reunion.

In future issues of the "Octofoil" we will give you more details on the plans for the 74 reunion. Now is the time for making plans for next years vacation. Why not plan to spend the reunion in Atlanta and then continue on down to Miami or Disneyworld in Orlando. Try it you'll like it.

The women's libbers who keep insisting that women ought to get men's wages forget what happens in married men's homes every payday.

They Made It Connors' Night

Another news item sent to us by Ron Murphy - as we start to go to press - the parishioners of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception celebrated the Parish's 100th Anniversary and in turn "They made it Father Connors' Night."

Father Connors described himself as the "green major," referring to a dubious award given him by the Ninth Infantry Division, which he chaplained during World War II.

He was green, the pastor said, because he was Irish, he was sloppy and he was "the worst soldier in the Ninth."

If other speakers made fun of Father Ed Connors, it was only because he had so liberally spoofed himself already. Cardinal Wright got some jibes in about why the pastor of Immaculate Conception never made monsignor.

Keane got some digs in about how "every time we give him money, he gives it away," and "the last time we gave him a car, he traded it in."

In honor of the anniversary, Keane presented Father Connors a chalice, a surplice, altar books, Mass cruets, table linens and a year's supply of coffee and cognac.

An old Army buddy of Father Connors from his days with the Ninth, Gen. William C. Westmoreland, former Army Chief of Staff, dropped in about half way through the evening.

He told the parishioners and friends of Immaculate Conception that Father Connors, when he was in the Ninth Division, was "everybody's chaplain Protestant, Catholic and Jew."

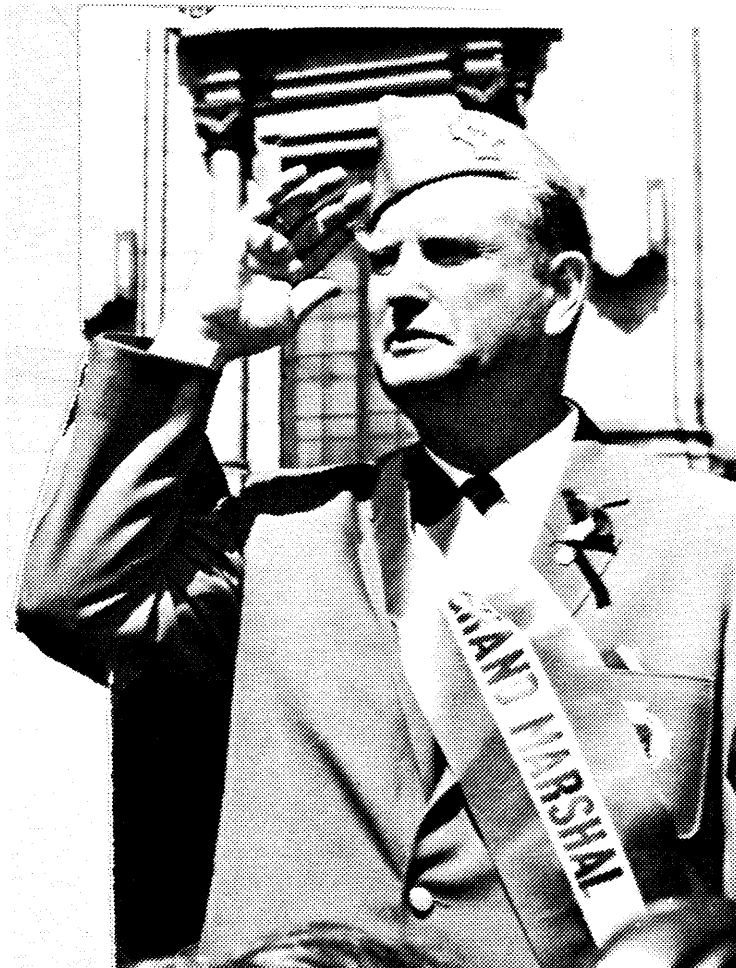
Westmoreland said that because of the friendship and kindness shown by the parish to himself and the members of the Ninth, they felt like quasi-members of Immaculate Conception.

The Ninth Division holds an annual Mass and reunion at Immaculate Conception every fall.

Reunion

By plane, train, car and chartered bus the New Yorkers made their way to Boston. The chapter had a wonderful turnout at the 1973 Reunion. The chapter had their C.P. in a fancy suite and the door was never locked. The place was swinging twenty-four hours a day. Bill Klause and Frank Fazio got things organized and they made sure that nobody was thirsty or hungry.

★★★★★ Taps Sounded



The late Harry Whalen shown a few years ago when he was Grand Marshall at the Americanization Day Parade held in New York.

Since our last publication the association lost five members three of them we have known since our days in Bragg when we served together in the 47th.

Josephy Lagatutta - Co. K. 47th.
Richard Pestel - Co. K. 47th.
Henry (Harry) Whalen - K Co. and Service Co.
Clair Mitchell - 15th Engs.
Robert Rumenapp - 60th Inf.

A Mass of the Resurrection was offered July 17, 1973 in St. Brendan Catholic Church for Henry A. Whalen, 56, longtime Bronx veterans and community leader.

Burial was in Long Island National Cemetery, Pinelawn. Full military honors were afforded the much decorated World War II veteran.

Active in veterans circles, Mr. Whalen was best remembered as the man who organized the annual Memorial Day parade along the Grand Concourse of the United War Veterans Memorial and Executive Committee for the past two decades.

He served as county commander of the United War Veterans in 1970 and 1971. The UWV is the coordinating council for the county's major veterans organizations.

Mr. Whalen also was active for many years in Norwood civic affairs, served as founder of the Norwood Civic Assn. and was active in Veterans and youth work in St. Brendan Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Anne Cotter: three daughters, Eileen Lennon, Kathleen Armstrong, and Nancy; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Whalen, three brothers, Al, James and Joseph; a sister, Margaret Keaveney, and six grandchildren.

Bob Rumenapp suffered a heart attack the week before the reunion and he and his wife Betty cancelled plans to attend with the Michigan group on the Chartered bus. The day after the reunion he passed away as the group returned to Michigan. Bob was an active member of the chapter and will long be remembered by his friends of the Ninth.

To the loved ones of these men we share your sorrow. May they rest in peace.

SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN: The deadline for military personnel who retired before September 21, 1972, to elect to participate in the Survivor Benefit Plan is midnight September 20, 1973. Under the plan, a retiree can elect to purchase an annuity for his widow or children by a relatively small deduction from retired pay. Under existing law the deadline cannot be extended.

HOSPITALIZATION: 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.

Business Transacted At Reunion

The 108th Meeting of the National Board of Governors

The 108th meeting of the National Board of Governors was held on July 26, 1973 at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel, Boston, Mass., at 5:15 p.m. The meeting was called to order attended by Messrs: Ronald Murphy, Robert DeSandy, Fred Josey, Walter O'Keeffe, Nick Palega, William Klaus, Paul Keller, and Edward McGrath. Also in attendance were Past Presidents Frank Ozart, John Bonkowski, and Francis Maher and 1st Vice-President Vincent Guglielmino. The members were asked by the President to stand for a moment of silent prayer for the departed men of the Ninth.

The secretary, Daniel Quinn, was called upon to read the minutes of the 107th Board meeting and upon a motion duly made by William Klaus and seconded by Robert DeSandy it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes as read and to instruct the secretary to place same on file.

The treasurer, Thomas Boyle, was asked to give his quarterly report and upon a motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Fred Josey it was voted to: Accept the treasurers report.

Ronald Murphy Chairman of the 1973 Boston reunion reported to the members that "all signs" are for a successful reunion. He then briefed the members on the "Clambake" to be held on Friday.

Frank Ozart was called upon for a report on the Scholarship Committee but as the board Members had acted upon the Scholarship Awards at the Spring meeting held in Pittsburgh there is no action as to the selection of the following young men and women-all related to men who wore the Octofoil. The sum of \$1100.00 awarded this year.

New applicants: 1. Katherine Lawell, 2. Ann M. Matulis, 3. Patricia A. McGinley, 4. Joanne Sabato, 5. Edward Sarnocinski, 6. Laurel Wisniewski.

Renewals: 1. Denise Feinberg, 2. Richard McDermott.

Committee Chairmen

Ronald Murphy then named the following men who will serve as Chairman of the various Committees:

Walter O'Keeffe, Finance Committee; John Bonkowski, Newspaper Committee; Nicholas Palega, By-laws Committee; Francis Maher, Nomination Committee; Robert DeSandy, Miscellaneous Committee.

Upon a motion duly made by William Klaus and seconded by Charles Jones it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Minutes of the 28th Annual Reunion-Boston, Massachusetts

The 28th Annual Meeting of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held at 1:20 P.M., on July 28, 1973 at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel, Boston, Mass., there being a quorum of 69 members present, the President of the Association Ronald Murphy called the meeting to order.

The membership stood in a moment of silent prayer for the departed men of the Ninth.

The secretary Daniel Quinn was called upon to read the minutes of the 27th Annual Reunion held in Atlantic City, N.J. in July 1972. Upon a motion duly made by Al Geist and seconded by Fred Josey it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes as reading of the minutes as read and to instruct the secretary to place same on file.

The Treasurer Thomas Boyle was asked to give his report and he listed the income and spendings of the association for the past year. He concluded by stating "Again it is my opinion that all financial obligations of this association for the year ended June 30, 1973 have been paid or settled and that the officers and Board of Governors are to be congratulated for their efforts".

Upon a motion made by Robert DeSandy and seconded by Connie Matulis it was voted to: Accept the treasurers report.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Frank Ozart was called upon for a report on the Scholarship Committee. John Clouser is permanent chairman of this committee but was unable to attend the meeting. Doctor David Heller is also a member of this committee. Ozart briefed the members and told them at the Spring meeting the Board of Governors had acted to award eight scholarships for a total of \$1100.00.

New applicants -
1. Katherine Lawell daughter of Raymond Lawell
2. Ann M. Matulis daughter of Connie Matulis - 26th FA
3. Patricia A. McGinley daughter of Thomas McGinley - 47th Inf.
4. Joanne Sabato daughter of John Sabato - 39th Inf.
5. Edward J. Sarnocinski son of Edward Sarnocinski - 47th Inf.

6. Laurel Wisniewski daughter of Edwin Wisniewski - 47th Inf.

Renewals -
1. Denise Feinberg daughter of Irving Feinberg - 47th Inf.
2. Richard McDermott son of Francis McDermott - 60th Inf.
Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh asked the membership for a standing vote of thanks to the Scholarship Committee for "a job well done".

NEWSPAPER

John Bonkowski chairman of the newspaper committee named the following members who served with him on this committee: John Young, Art Schmidt, George Bako, Al Geist and Andy Baker. Bonkowski opened his remarks by reminding the members "the importance of sending in news-it is like a two way street it has to be sent to the Editors to be edited and printed in order to be sent back to the membership".

The committee recommends the following:

1. More participation by all chapters in sending news items, social affairs etc.
2. A prompter means of delivery for the Octofoil to the membership.
3. That the budget allowed for the Octofoil be continued in order to maintain the present standards.
4. Commend the Editors, Walter O'Keeffe and Daniel Quinn for their efforts.
5. That the pre-reunion issue be sent to members who are

delinquent for one year, in keeping with the practice of sending a copy to all delinquents once a year for the purpose of promoting the reunion and renewing members that otherwise may be lost forever.

Upon a motion duly made by Walter Victor and seconded by William Klauz it was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations of the newspaper committee. President Ron Murphy thanked John Bonkowski and his committee members.

BUDGET

Walter O'Keeffe Chairman of the Financial Committee named the following members who served on this committee Elmer Wagner, Thomas Boyle, Oscar Richards, Fred Josey, and Vincent Guglielmino.

Upon a motion duly made by Fred D'Amore and seconded by William Meadows it was voted to: Accept the report of the Finance Committee. President Murphy thanked Walter O'Keeffe and his committee for their report.

Budget for 1973-4	
Estimated Income	
Dues	\$4700.00
Loomis	
Sayles	600.00
Scudder	
Stevens	1300.00
Misc.	600.00
	\$7200.00
Expenses	
Secretary Salary	600.00
Clerical Expense	600.00
Utilities	500.00
Postage	550.00
Octofoil	2400.00
Editors Expense	400.00
Chapter	
Commissions	315.00
Supplies	200.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
Treasurers	
expenses	250.00
Secretary's expenses	350.00
Accountant Fee	150.00
Printing	200.00
Board of	
Governors	275.00
Dues reminder	100.00
Social Security	32.00
Memorial Wreath	25.00
Reunion Journal	30.00
	\$7127.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Robert DeSandy Chairman of the Miscellaneous Committee was called upon for his report and he named the following members who served on this committee: Everett Tapp, Al Orletti, Harry Orenstein and Connie Matulis.

The committee recommends the following:

1. That the newspaper continue at the present six issues per year and a study be made by Editors to improve mailing.
2. Take this opportunity to congratulate the New England Chapter for an "outstanding reunion".
3. The committee also would like to congratulate the National Officers for a job well done this past year.

Upon a motion duly made by Oscar Richards and seconded by Al Geist it was voted to: Accept the Miscellaneous Committee report. President Murphy thanked Robert DeSandy and his committee.

BY-LAWS

Nicholas Palega Chairman of the By-laws Committee named the following members who served on this Committee: Lou Almassy, Don Lewis and Harrison Daysh.

The Chairman reports that this committee has no recommendations at this time.

Upon a motion made by Richard Wilson and seconded by William Meadows it was voted to: Accept the report of the By-laws committee. President Murphy thanked the chairman and his committee.

NOMINATING

Francis Maher of the Nominating Committee was called upon and he named the following members who served with him on this committee, Edward McGrath, Emil Langer, Richard Wilson, Frank Ozart, Paul Keller, and Eugene Readon.

The committee recommends the four out going Board of Governors be replaced by: Oscar Richards of the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter, William Bongiorno of the New England Chapter, Michael Deresh of the New York Chapter and William Hen-nemuth of the Illinois Chapter.

Upon a motion duly made by Vincent Guglielmino and seconded by Connie Matulis it was voted to close the nominations.

Upon a motion duly made by Connie Matulis and seconded by Hughie Lee it was voted to: Accept the report of the nominating committee.

Upon a motion duly made by Connie Matulis and seconded by Walter O'Keeffe it was voted to: Instruct the secretary to cast one ballot for a unanimous vote.

BY-LAWS

William Bongiorno asked to address the floor and spoke to the membership about the possibility of National subsidizing some of the expense at the reunion so the members attending the reunion would have less expenses.

Harrison Daysh, Judge Advocate, was called upon for advice on the matter and advised that the matter be made in the form of a motion.

"It was proposed that the by-laws of the organization be amended to provide, in general, that certain monies currently carried in the Associations Capital Fund and or invested funds be used each year at the Reunion to defray the expenses of significant activities or programs so as to reduce the cost of such affairs to the members there in attendance; except that the furnishing of such sums out of these sources shall not exceed \$2,000.00 in any one year."

Upon a motion duly made by Frank Rankin and seconded by William Meadows it was voted to: That the Board of Governors take action on this matter so that it can be presented to the general membership at the 1974 Atlanta, Georgia Reunion.

Upon a motion duly made by Walter O'Keeffe and seconded by Harrison Daysh, it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

The 109th Meeting of the National Board of Governors

The 109th meeting of the National Board of Governors was held on July 28, 1973 at 4:20 p.m., at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel, Boston, Mass., attended by Messrs: Ronald Murphy, Paul Keller, Robert DeSandy, Fred Josey, Charles Jones, Ralph Carci, William Klaus, Nick Palega, Oscar Richards, Richard Wilson, Edward McGrath, Bill Bongiorno and Michael Deresh. Also attending were the Treasurer Thomas Boyle, Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh and past Presidents Emil Langer, John Rizzo, John Bonkowski and Francis Maher.

Upon a motion made by Paul Keller and seconded by Robert DeSandy it was voted to: Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 108th Board meeting.

Upon a motion made by Robert DeSandy and seconded by Michael Deresh it was voted to: Omit the treasurers report.

The newly elected Board Members were then introduced.

Election of officers was held with the following members elected to serve for the coming year. President Fred Josey; 1st V.P. Vincent Guglielmino; 2nd V.P. Thomas Shine; 3rd V.P. Francis Maher; Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh; Secretary Daniel Quinn; Treasurer Thomas Boyle.

Ronald Murphy the out-going President turned the meeting and gavel over to the newly elected President Fred Josey. Josey thanked the members for the honor bestowed upon him and promised to do every thing in his power to keep up the fine tradition of the association. He asked the members for their full cooperation in supporting him for the coming year. Ron Murphy bowed out-thanking the members for their wonderful support for the past year.

Bids for the 1975 Reunion were submitted with Robert Desandy placing a bid for Michigan and William Klaus bidding for New York. Michigan Chapter was awarded the 1975 Reunion Site.

Bill Bongiorno discussed briefly the proposed amendment to the By-laws-that he submitted to the General Meeting and was voted upon for action by the Board of Governors - but upon a motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Ralph Carci it was voted to: Table the action until the Board meets in October in Worcester.

Upon a motion duly made by Oscar Richards and seconded by Michael Deresh it was voted to: Adjourn at 5:20 p.m.

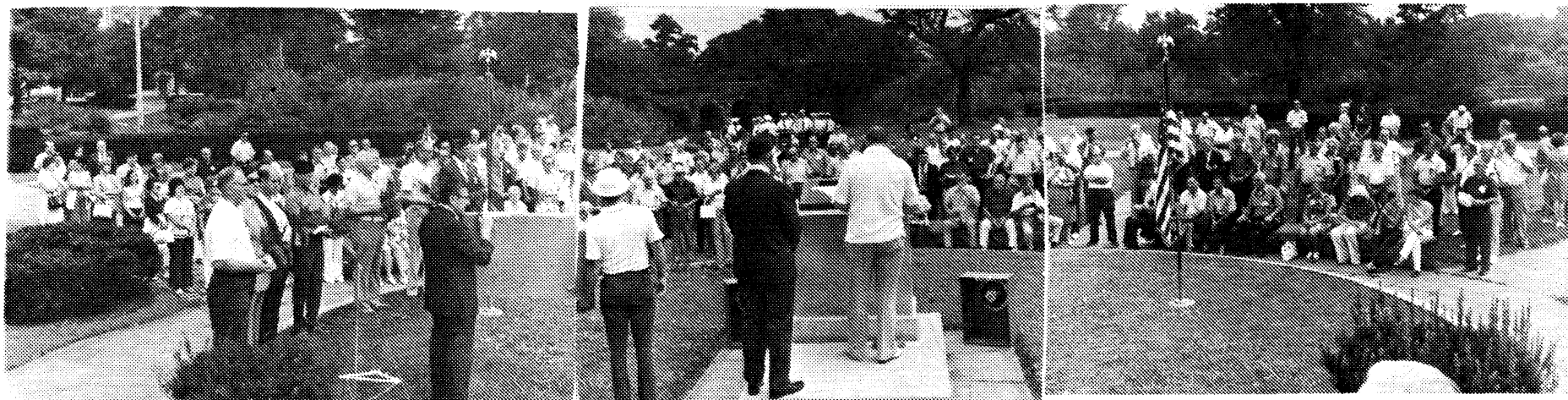
Respectfully submitted
Daniel Quinn.
National Secretary

FORT LEWIS, Wash. - Officials planning the 9th Inf Div's anniversary celebration July 18 avoided one hazard by telling the engineers to leave their dump trucks home.

In August, 1941, the division held a farewell parade for its commander, Maj. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, when he was reassigned.

The motorized columns included tanks, artillery, armored cars - and some brand-new dump trucks.

Everything went smoothly until an inexperienced truck driver kicked a wrong lever, dumping a load of surprised troops in front of the reviewing stand.



Harry O says:

The 1973 Boston Reunion ranks with the Best reunions.

Saturday evening, July 28, 1973 Father Connors was the center of attention as he led the marchers around and around the spacious ballroom floor, gesturing, tipping his hat, smiling, snapping his fingers and waving to the enthusiastic audience as the momentum of the band increased until the medley of songs were finished. And the marchers who followed Father Connors, too, displayed their enthusiasm and smiling proudly waving to the audience as they cheered them along their merry way. The marchers and the audience were having a wonderful time. It was a scene never to be forgotten by all who attended. When the band finally played the last song of the evening, we all knew we had an enjoyable reunion and that the Reunion Committee had done a fantastic job.

Interesting Speakers

Earlier in the evening Father Connors gave the invocation at the banquet. We had a delicious roast beef dinner. Tom Boyle was the Master of Ceremonies. We heard many interesting speakers that included Francis Maher, Judge Melquist and others. President Ronnie Murphy thanked the audience for coming. Major General Ira A. Hunt of the 9th Division and guest speaker of the evening said, "It is a rare privilege to be here this evening". He stated that "no division in the U.S. can compare with the WW II 9th Division. The new 9th Division tried to follow in your footsteps."

Prof. Murphy, a psychiatrist, had the audience in stitches and many, many, times the audience applauded his humorous stories and sophisticated remarks.

The band then played to the conclusion of the Reunion.

Memorial Services

Saturday morning the MEMORIAL SERVICES were held. The parade was led by the Boston Firemen's band, a color guard from the U.S. Army and followed by the 9th Division men, women and children and friends that was approximately four blocks long. Father Connors delivered the invocation. Later in the MEMORIAL SERVICES Father Connors recalled the 9th Division Route overseas. 4581 men of the 9th Division made the SUPREME SACRIFICE. He mentioned that the 29th Annual MEMORIAL MASS would be held in Worcester October 21, 1973. Reverend Speers delivered the closing prayer. Taps were played. The firing squad was the James A. Logan Post No. 6800 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Thursday evening, July 26, was the beer party and dance. On Friday, July 27, we had an enjoyable day at the Clambake in White Cliffs and also had an opportunity to visit Plymouth. Q M's Notes

Members gathered for one of the most impressive Memorial Services ever conducted at the Annual Reunions. The scene is at the Memorial to the War dead of the Boston Area located in the Boston Commons Park.

Talented Jakie

Talented Jakie Grgurich was the cynosure of all eyes when he gave an excellent performance on the stage as an auctioneer auctioning farm animals. He followed this with a rendition of a song that the audience greatly appreciated. Grgurich had the Q M's in good spirits with many facetious stories.

Our traveling vacationists Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pitzer visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dreifus and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Edster in Florida. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joe D'Antuono who have become grandparents. And they sang HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Everett Tapp. Here's wishing you many, many more happy birthdays. The Hennessey's, the Pitzer's and the Grgurich's were among the group who came from Detroit on the Chartered Bus. Floyd Hennessey's son, Paul, is now a staff sergeant. Palady was busy rounding up the Q M's for the Reunion.

AN UNPRECEDENTED TURNOUT

There was a great deal of reminiscing when this unprecedented turnout recalled their WW II days. Here is the list of Q M's present and their friends:

Horace Abrams
Charles Cheevers
Joe D'Antuono
Mike Dembitsky
John Francis
Bill Ledwak
John Moran
Harry Orenstein
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Gray
Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Hennessey
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Hokanson
Mr. & Mrs. John H. Jagling
Mr. & Mrs. Trevor Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Miele
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Palady
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Pitzer
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Russo
Gene Berasi and his friends, Dr. Ernest Borghetti and his friend Dick Robbins and his friend Cindy
Mr. & Mrs. Everett Tapp and their son, David and his son-in-law, Lt. Commander, Stan Primmer and his wife and their son
Mr. & Mrs. Jaki Grgurich and their two daughters.

ATLANTA 1974

Many of the Q M's plan to be at the Atlanta reunion in 1974. Walter Victor, the 9th Division's official photographer did an excellent job taking many pictures from various angles at the reunion and MEMORIAL SERVICES. We'll see Walter Victor in his home State in 1974 and at the Atlanta reunion.

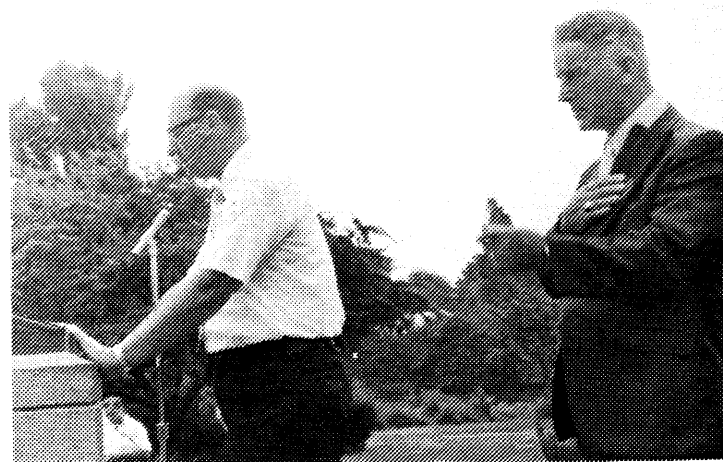
Best Regards to All
Yours truly,
Harry Orenstein

NEW YORK CHAPTER

When Harry Orenstein turned in his copy for this issue of the paper, he tried to throw a fast ball past the Editors of the "Octofoil". Harry submitted his usual excellent report on the reunion, gave plenty of details on the activities of the New York Chapter and brought us up to date on the latest happenings in the Q.M. group. Buried in among all the news was this innocent sentence: "It's never too late - Harry Orenstein and Judith Altschul are planning to be married on September 16th, 1973." To be perfectly frank with you we were almost called out on strikes. Being preoccupied with preparing copy for the paper we almost missed the significance of that brief announcement. It wasn't until we got to the end of the report that the importance of the announcement began to sink into our thick skull, then we did a double take that was pure Gleason. Harry married, while he was the dean of the New York bachelors - for him to desert their ranks was an earth shaking event. This was the most news worthy event that has occurred in the New York Chapter since the time Art Schmidt bought a round of drinks in a Yorkville tavern.

We wish Harry and his new bride nothing but the best. His many friends among the members of the Association will surely wish him the same. Harry has always been one of our most faithful members, he was always willing to undertake any job that was asked of him. We only hope that he won't let married life interfere with his activities on behalf of the New York Chapter.

Rev. Ralton Speers, New York member, praying for the departed men of the Ninth. Memorial Service Chairman Francis Maher is shown on the right.



After placing the Memorial Wreath, l-r, Chaplain Edward Connors, Mrs. Michael McInnery Gold Star Parent and President of the Association Ronald Murphy.



Chapter members at Memorial Service as they prepare to assemble the Memorial Wreath of the Octofoil. l-r. Thomas Shine D.C., Fred Josey Michigan, George Bako New York, Ronald Murphy National President, John Osmond New England, Walter Hopkins Philly-Delaware Valley, Paul Keller Ohio, and Paul Clark Illinois Chapter.



MAIL CALL

It seems as if the only people who don't take a summer vacation are our readers. They continue to keep our desk piled up with their wonderful letters. We are glad that they do and only hope that more and more of our friends get into the habit of dropping us a line from time to time. Here are a few of the letters we received during the past few months.

Charles Cihlar
Rt. 5, 1728 Clay Bank Rd.
Sturgeon Bay, Wisc. 54235
Co. H 60th Inf.

Sorry I won't be able to make the reunion but enclosed is a check for an ad in the Journal. My four sons and I are in the masonry business here in Sturgeon Bay. We do concrete block, brick and stone work. Out this way we have plenty of small commercial factories, ship building firms, cherry and apple orchards and many tourists so they keep us quite busy.

Dick O'Connor
9567 Bluford Ave.
Whittier, Calif.
Bty B 84th F.A.

Just got back from a three week trip to Andover, Winchester, etc. I also made a side trip to Liege to see some old Belgium friends. Andover has changed quite a bit but not the people.

Still in the grocery business, hope to retire one of these years. Still playing golf a couple of times a week. Sorry I won't be able to make Boston, but hope to make Worcester. Regards to all.

Leo Matz
166 E. Main St.
St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950
3rd Bn 39th Inf.

Leo's wife Carol writes that she and Leo won't be able to make the reunion although they really wanted to be there. Carol says that the description of the clam bake set their mouths to watering. Leo is now working at the Belmont Hills Country Club and can't get away during the summer months because the club is busy with golfers.

Arthur Schmidt
69-20 69th St.
Glendale, N.Y. 11227
Co B 15th Engineers

I am writing to let you know that I enjoyed our Reunion at Boston. As you already know I am a great eater, so it stands to reason that I enjoyed the clam bake most of all. The banquet dinner was also great but the beer party on Thursday evening was my favorite perhaps because it was free.

My greatest enjoyment came from meeting my buddies from Co B. Considering the fact that we were only a Battalion the Engineers made a good showing against the Infantry Regiments and other units. From Co B I met the following fellows: Pat DeColli, Frank B. Rankin, Bud Newhart, Jack Abramson, Jimmy Picillo, Fred D'Amore, James F. Keohane, Anthony J. Madonna, Norton Cross, Sid Levison, William Davison, and Al Ferrante. From Co A there was James DeLeo, Eddie Bartowicz, George Tsiknas, Steve Dobrino, Frank Alice, John Maule, Charlie Rovers, James Tomaso, Jerry Fasano, Ralph Renna, Walter Millstine, George Bundza, Carrol Devold, Anthony Soprano and Russ Bussell. From Co C there was Ron Murphy, Arthur Paulus, John J. Edmunds, Ed McGrath, and Warren Boulden. Also present were Alex Forrest from

Hdqs Co and Tom Gray. It was great making the rounds of all the tables and talking to the Engineers, but I missed fellows like Charles Hoffman, Peter P. Thomas, and John K. Waldron. If anyone has the present address of John Waldron please let me have it. I was glad that I met Jimmy Keohane at the clam-bake. He showed me how to tackle the lobster and the steamed clams.

Somehow I was fortunate enough to meet John Weber and his wife as they were going to dinner at the hotel. I mentioned to them that I was looking for a steak dinner in the Falstaff Room but couldn't get in because I wasn't wearing a tie or jacket. They were kind enough to ask me to join them in the Hawaiian Room and of course I agreed. None of us could quite figure out what we were eating and the menu was pure Greek; but we enjoyed the meal and each other's company. Weber was with the M.P.'s and now resides in the Boston area.

Another 9th Division man that I met at the reunion was Louis Vivolo of East Boston. Louis was once New England Amateur Middle Weight Champion, he didn't talk too much about his prowess as a boxer but I gathered that he could still deliver a knock-out punch. He also served with the 9th M.P.'s.

I was happy to meet Norton Cross and his wife during the reunion. Norton served with Co B of the 15th Engineers. He lives in Bethel, Maine and everyone up that way knows him as "Wimpy".

One of the men from the New York Chapter horn-swoggled me into carrying home his luggage and a watermelon that he had received as a bribe from another 9th Division man. When it came time to slice up the melon he didn't even remember me. I bear him no hard feeling, and I'll probably end up taking home two watermelons for him when we go to Atlanta next year for the reunion.

Tippie Plunket
Columbus, Ohio
Past President
Ladies Auxiliary

I was so happy to receive the reunion program that Harry Orenstein sent me. I think I have went through it a half dozen times and find so many names that I know. I hope that I can attend the reunion next year. Paul Keller wants me to go with him and his wife next year. I hope I can make it, if not I will look forward to Detroit. While in Boston, the Ladies Auxiliary and Harry Orenstein sent me cards, they are so thoughtful. Father Connors looked very good and I hope and pray that he remains in the best of health. He is a wonderful man and I hope that God will let us have him with us for many more years.

I have received word that Bob Rumenapp had passed away. It seems that so many of our good 9th Division men are leaving us.

Wallace B. Hawkins, Jr.
318-13th Avenue
Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401
Med Det 3rd Bn
60th Inf

Although we are losing members every year with time catching up with the "old gang" we also receive back in the fold members who left the outfit back in the War years and have only heard or learned about the association. Wallace Hawkins is one of these men. He writes "Received my three year membership card and copy of the Octofoil. Could not put it down until I read the entire paper. The editors are doing a fine job-keep it up. I was with the Med. Det 60th Inf-3rd Bn. joining the outfit in Fort Bragg in October 1942. Served in Africa, Sicily, Normandy, France Belgium and Germany. Was captured and POW for six months and had to go through Poland and Russia and to Italy and then back to the good old USA.

I would like to hear from some of my buddies in the 60th Inf. Med Det 3rd Bn. - I will make the 74 reunion if I am well. I have never attended a reunion and I am sure I have missed a good time - God bless you all.

P.S. I would like to hear from Walter J. Murphy from New York, N. Y.

George W. Cyphers
18011 Windward
Cleveland, Ohio 44119
B.C. 60th Inf

George was unable to attend the reunion and writes - "Sorry I couldn't make the reunion. As usual it was just a week before my plant's vacation shut down. I hope it was the best ever and am awaiting the Octofoil reports on it".

We were also glad that George called our attention to a change of his address so that we can make the necessary corrections on his addressograph plate-before Uncle Sam's post office starts writing and charging for return mail.

Ben Murell
Box 90
Hudson, N.Y. 12534
39th Inf.

Ben "The Bomber" is a very active guy in the Hudson, New York Area but always finds time to attend the reunions and Father Connors Memorial Services. To give you an idea of his activities here's a few - Punt, Pass & Kick Director, Hudson City Alderman and Majority Leader, N.Y.S. Athletic Commission, N.Y.S. Baseball Umpires Assn., Vice Pres.-Registered Approved Basketball Official and Little League Baseball, President.

George Berday
450 S.E. 8th St. Lot 2
Homestead, Fla. 33030
47th Inf

"Writing to let you know everything is O.K. down here and hoping for you and your family. I'm sending a little piece from the Army Times I've just received. You may remember about it. Some of the Engineers should remember it.

I am unable to make the Boston reunion but hope to be in Atlanta next year.

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

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George concludes - "It's good to be retired and enjoying life near (ten minute ride) the Homestead Airforce Base and their shopping commissary-especially the way the prices are today at the local super markets.

Franklin W. Gunter

423 So. 34th St.
Tacoma, Wash. 98408

Dear Dan:

As you can see I am now the owner and operator of an independent insurance agency here in Tacoma, Washington and would like to take this opportunity to say I am still a loyal booster of the NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION since they are now stationed right here at Fort Lewis a distance of 14 miles from where I live.

My main reason for sending this letter to you at this time is to ask if anyone happens to have any copies of any of the division histories from world war 2 such as eight stars to victory they would like to send to me so I can give them to the Fort Lewis Museum here since they have a collection of unit service records here and I notice they do not yet have any of these on display.

Since I am a former member of Company L, 60th Infantry, 9th Division I carry one of the division emblems on my car showing the 9th Division and Fort Lewis, Washington and I have made several very fine friends out here in the division.

I would like to say that if any of the old gang happen to get out here I will certainly make them welcome here and can show them what the GO-DEVILS are doing now here at Fort Lewis as well as the other regiments. Of course they are not like we knew them since the division is now a combat ready division and the weapons are a lot different than when we were together through Germany and such. I guess this is progress as far as the army goes.

I had the Honor of being the one who gave the Ranger, a local paper, here in Tacoma the story of some of my experience while I was with the Octofoil Division for their Reactivation a little over a year ago and then being in the reviewing stand for their first review here at Fort Lewis and I can assure you it was a real thrill to see the colors go by from the units. I may be retired but it still gets to a Soldier when the Colors Pass In Review with those who might be called on to prove the reason for the streamers on our colors.

By the way may I put in a plug to have a Division Reunion out here in Tacoma as I am sure that the Ninth Division would certainly like to help out and it might be a chance for some of the Old-Timers to get acquainted with the modern Ninth. Oh sure I realize that there are not as many of us out here who are former Octofoil Soldiers but then even so we would like to show the Evergreen State to you if you come out here to Gods Country sometime.

Well, guess I had better sign this off for this time and get busy but did want to send a note to the former 9th Men and this is the best way I know of to do this.

Just a former GO-DEVIL from Company L who still has many fond memories of a very fine division he had the honor to serve with.

R.M.A. Hirst
62 Wiesbaden
Gustav-Freytag Str.6
60th Inf

Dear Dan!

At the moment, I've just completed the May-June 1973 edition of the Octofoil. Quite naturally, the article, "Remagen Bridge East Bank View" caught my eye, and I 're-read' General Gustav von Wietersheim's interesting account of the German-side, of their efforts to counteract our spewing across the bridge. I only trust the membership also were of the interest to lend their credence to the devotion of this edition and the following to Wietersheim's account. It is not often in the account of the 9th's struggle across Northern Africa, Sicily, and the breadth of Europe that one can read a factual, unbiased account of the opposition!

Of recent date, my wife, Inge, and I returned from a two weeks holiday on the eastern coast of Majorca, at Cala Murada (which or correctly, which comes highly recommended). And soon, in the month of August, Inge will fly with her mother to visit with my wife's sister in Southampton, Long Island. At that time, Dan? I shall make a visit of my own, which I've wanted to do these past several years.

I've picked out a few pictures (in Germany) from the division history, 'Eight Stars to Victory', and I'll try to duplicate the same shots as they now look in 1973-

Examples, page 246, 'picturesque Monschau', 250 'battered Scheven hutte', 271 'Merode Castle', 276 'Derichsweiler', 278, another shot of Monschau, 304 'dreary Dreiborn', 308 'Ordensburg', 318 'historic Zulpich', 320, 'Bad Godesberg', 332 'Ninth Division Headquarters at Erpel', and that is about it - then I'd be in the East (or Soviet) Zone! What ever the results, Dan, I'll pleasure you with a copy.

As to my person, I've but another year on my civil Service contract and then I'll be headed home in the summer, 1974! Either towards retirement and a writing career (3rd effort) or to a one year's stand in the Washington (D.C.) area and then retirement and (either way) a return to Europe and my home (away-from-home) in Wiesbaden, Dan, at this address - either way - this is the address where I can be reached for (my) eternity.

I would only hope, that if one of the Octofoil guys come to Europe and this way, they'd stop by and say hi and have one on the 60th!

Nice talking to you again, Dan, and perhaps you too'll have a chance for a chat and a drink - here or in Weehawken - Warmest regards

Scotty

Due to limited space in this issue we will print the German version story of Remagen in another issue.