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THE OCTOFOIL

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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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GREAT ATTRACTIONS AT STONE MT

Taps Sounded

It is our sad duty to announce the passing of several "Old Reliables" and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Maj. Gen. John G. Van Houten - C.O. 60th Inf.

Joseph V. Mazzaro Co. C. 15th Eng.

Harold Greller Hq's 60th Inf & Can Co. 47th Inf

Mrs. Nancy M. Dogostino wife of Nick Dogostino of the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter.

May they rest in peace.

Mrs. Mae Greller writes: I have sad news to write, my husband Harold Greller of the Ninth Infantry Division passed away on April 27th. He had been ill for some time. He had cancer since 1970 and from his throat it spread to his lung and the Doctors said an operation was out. He had many colbalt treatments to try to shrink the tumors and that was about all they could do. I lost a great man and not only was he a great soldier with the Ninth but a great soldier with his suffering.

He always received the Octofoil which he looked forward too. Would you please mention him in the next issue of the Octofoil. He had a card made out many years ago that when something would happen to him he wanted his eyes donated to the EyeBank and I saw to it, that his wish was carried out.

He was laid to rest on April 30th at the Pinelawn National Cemetery.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Mae Greller
384 Knickerbocker Ave.
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11237

John P. Ryan, Jr.
Northville, N.Y. 12134

You will be sorry to learn that my former Regimental Commander in the 60th Inf., Major General John G. VanHoute, died of a heart attack in Brazil where he was visiting with his wife on the 23rd of February.

As you know, he reached the rank of Major General before being injured jumping out of a plane on a parachute jump and having to take an early retirement. His widow lives at 414 E. Hathaway Drive, East San Antonio, Texas 78209.

We have kept in close touch over the years and I planned to have him go fox hunting with me in Tryon, North Carolina in March.



STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. - As tall as a nine-story building, the three figures of (l to r) Jefferson David, President of the Confederate States of America, Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson appear to ride out of ancient Stone Mountain granite. The carved figures, measuring 90 x 190 feet, reside on the northern face of the giant monolith, central piece in a 3200-acre recreational and historical Park just east of Atlanta, Georgia.

Worcester Memorial

This year Father Connors will celebrate his Annual Memorial Mass on October 20th, 1974. On Saturday evening October 19th, the good people of the Immaculate Conception parish will once again welcome the "Old Reliable" to a get-together in the parish hall.

Last year's dinner at the Sheraton Motel proved to be very popular with the visiting fireman, so, Father Connors has decided that the 1974 dinner will be held at the same location. Make your reservation now and be sure of a choice room.

TIP OF THE HAT

Emil Langer donated to the Memorial Fund in memory of William Jezek who passed away on March 23rd. The secretary sent a letter to the family of Mr. Jezek expressing Emil's feelings.

Remembering the Scholarship Fund (or Memorial Fund) these members made donations:

Robert Pappas
Frank Machek
Aaron Alpert
Martin Bergman

Many thanks.

THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AT THE BUSINESS MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE ATLANTA REUNION IN 1974.

7-28-73

On this date, in accord with action taken at the Association's annual general membership meeting, we, the undersigned, considering that a motion was duly made and seconded that the Board of Governors at its regular meeting on this day should give preliminary consideration to the following proposal:

Hereby propose that the by-laws of the organization be amended to provide, in general, that certain monies currently carried in the Association's capital fund and/or invested fund 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 therein attendance; except that the furnishing of such sums out of these sources shall not exceed \$2,000. in any one year.

Further, we, the undersigned request that this paper shall be considered as due and proper notice in compliance with the by-laws to the end that this matter can extensively considered at the Association's 29th Annual Reunion in 1974, at Atlanta, Ga.

William F. Bongiorno
William Meadows

Witnessed: H.J. Daysh, J.A.

If any of our members are campers they will find an ideal site waiting for them when they come to Atlanta for the reunion. Close by Atlanta is Stone Mountain Park. Stone Mountain is the world's biggest granite mountain; a solid smooth-domed mass older than the Himalayas or the Alps.

Like a giant magnet, the mountain attracts people for a closer look. Some four million people a year visit the 3,200 acre state park which offers not only the mountain, but a full-range tourist facility unlike any other in the South.

Open year-round, the park's daily visiting hours are 6 a.m. to midnight. Campers and motel guests may come or go 24 hours a day. Attractions are open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The park is a haven for campers with some 500 lakeside sites, all nestled under the brow of the mountain. There is also a 90 room inn.

A 363 acre stocked lake affords excellent year-round fishing. Canoes, fishing and sailboats are available.

For those inclined to hiking, there's a 1.3 mile footpath to the top of the 825 foot high mountain and a longer trail around its base. Parts of the footpath, once used by the Cherokee Indians, have been designated a National Recreational Trail.

The Mountain bears on its side a major southern attraction -- the Stone Mountain Memorial Carving. It is the world's biggest work of sculptural art.

In another section of the park visitors can view an authentic

collection of Civil War relics at a museum, or follow the Battle of Atlanta and Sherman's march through Georgia in a three-dimensional sound and light exhibit.

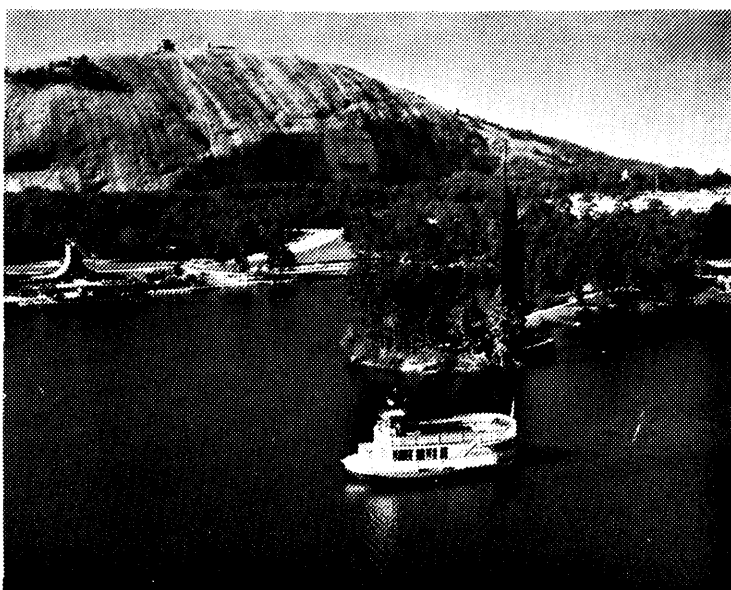
Visitors seeking more modern diversions can try the challenge of the park's 18-hole championship golf course. Designed by famed golf architect Robert Trent Jones, the scenic course lies on the shallow of the mountain.

Stepping back into the past, a steam train takes passengers on a five-mile trip around the mountain and the paddlewheel riverboat, Robert E. Lee recreates in hourly cruises the moods of Mark Twain's Mississippi.

A daily treat for guests are concerts on the "Bells of Stone Mountain," the world's largest carillon.

Other Stone Mountain attractions include, an antique auto and music museum where the Stutz Bearcat still reigns and a steam calliope pounds out a lively rhythm; and a see-and-touch game ranch with everything from whitetailed deer to buffalo.

When the "Old Reliables" come to Atlanta they will have only one complaint, "there isn't enough time to see everything."



STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. - Riverboat Robert E. Lee churns the waters of Stone Mountain Park's 363-acre lake under the watchful eye of carved figures in the Stone Mountain Memorial Carving.

Also visible in the foreground is the 13-story carillon tower, source of sound projection for Herbie Koch's daily concerts on the 732 Bells of Stone Mountain.

Located just east of Atlanta, the 3200-acre Park hosts a variety of historic and recreational facilities.

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Oscar Richards, Wayne, Pa.
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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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Board Meeting

The 111th meeting of the National Board of Governors was held at 4:07 P.M. April 27, 1974 at the Howard Johnson Chatham Center, Pittsburgh, Pa., attended by Messrs: Fred Josey, Robert DeSandy, Michael Belmonte, Charles Jones, William Hennemuth, Ralph Carci, William Bongiorno, Michael Deresh, Oscar Richards, William Kluz, Nick Palega, and Paul Keller. Also in attendance were Past President Walter O'Keeffe, Treasurer Thomas Boyle, Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh, 2nd Vice - Thomas Shine and Chairman of the Scholarship Committee John Clouser.

The secretary then read the minutes of the 110th meeting and upon a motion duly made by Robert DeSandy and seconded by Bill Bongiorno it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes and instruct the secretary to place same on file.

Thomas Boyle the treasurer then gave the members a quarterly report of the spending and income and upon a motion duly made Oscar Richards and seconded by Nick Palega it was voted to: Accept the Treasurers report.

William Hennemuth opened a discussion on the possibility of re-investing the associations funds for a greater interest. Bob DeSandy made a motion to table the discussion and Charles Jones seconded the motion. So moved.

The secretary, Daniel Quinn, briefed the members on the plans of the Atlanta reunion to be held on August 1-3. Details will appear in the Octofoil.

John Clouser chairman of the Scholarship Committee was called upon for his report. John stated that six applicants had applied . . . The committee recommends that one (1) new applicant and three (3) renewals be awarded the sum (total) of \$900.00. This will bring the amount awarded since 1961 to a sum of \$19,775.00.

Upon a motion duly made by Michael Deresh and seconded by Michael Belmonte it was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations of the scholarship committee.

President Josey thanked John Clouser and his committee for their efforts. The awards will be announced at the reunion and meanwhile the recipients will be notified by the Scholarship Committee.

The president then called upon the Board members for a report on their chapters.

Bill Klauz reported that the New York Chapter will hold a dinner and dance in May and visit Pinelawn National Cemetery at the end of the month to decorate the graves of our departed dead.

A large turnout is expected at the Atlanta reunion and group air fares are being checked with groups leaving New York and Newark Airports.

William Hennemuth reported that the Illinois Chapter is keeping their members up to date by a news letter and their meetings have had a good attendance. They will hold a Memorial Service the first of June in Springfield and decorate the grave of Ed Arn who passed away shortly after the 1972 Illinois reunion.

Charles Jones representing the Washington, D.C. Chapter reports their group is re-organizing and their membership list being rechecked and brought up to date.

Senate Confirms Quello

Another "Old Reliable" has made national headline when the Senate confirmed the appointment of James H. Quello to the Federal Communications Commission. Quello a member of the Michigan Chapter is a life long native of Michigan. He was born in Laurum, Mich., in the Upper Peninsula. His father worked as a lumberjack, delivered groceries, ran a saloon that was closed in 1919 by Prohibition, and then went to work for the Ford Motor Co.

Quello helped out his family as a boy by selling newspapers, magazines and fly-killer door-to-door. He worked his way through MSU, partly by waiting on tables, and became editor of the Michigan State News before becoming the first campus radio broadcaster.

A World War II Army veteran with combat experience, Quello rose from the rank of lieutenant to lieutenant colonel in his five years in the armed forces.

After the war he went to work of WXYZ doing publicity work for "The Lone Ranger" and in 1947 for a \$65-a-week raise, he went to WJR.

In his broadcasting career, Quello was legislative committee chairman with the Michigan Association of Broadcasters and did liaison work with the National Association of Broadcasters.

A number of prominent Detroiters, including U.S. Judge Damon J. Keith of Detroit and Francis A. Kornegay, executive director of the Detroit Urban League, supported the nomination and praised Quello during the committee hearings.

Oscar Richards told the members of the annual Dinner-Dance held by the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter that is always well attended. The monthly meetings are also well attended. He added a sad note when he told of the demise of Al Cuprys and Jack O'Shea, two members who did much for the Philly Chapter and the National Association.

Robert DeSandy reports for Michigan and told of holding meetings around the State with the last meeting held in Dearborn Heights, at the home of Everett Tapp. On May 26th they will hold a Memorial Service at the Mariners Church in downtown Detroit, a brunch will follow. Their annual picnic will be held at Kensington Park on Sunday June 9th. A good turnout is expected at the National Reunion to be held in Atlanta on Aug 1-3rd.

In late August the members will gather at Sand Lake as guests of Bill Meadows and Don Lewis for a day of boating, swimming and a picnic. The 1975 Michigan Reunion committee have selected the Detroit Hilton for the reunion site.

Bill Bongiorno reported that the New Englanders hold regular meetings in Worcester and response has been good. This year Father Connors will hold his Annual Memorial Mass and Dinner on October 20, 1974. The Sheraton Motel has been chosen as the C.P. for the dinner and lodging for the troops.

The president thanked the members for their reports.

There being no further business to come before the members and upon a motion duly made by Robert DeSandy and seconded by Paul Keller it was voted to: Adjourn at 5:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Quinn
National Secretary

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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DEADLINE FOR JOURNAL JULY 1

NEW YORK CHAPTER

The New York gang came to the conclusion that the Chapter was getting into a rut. So, they decided to shake things up a bit. Their first inovation was to rearrange the Chapter's social calendar. For many years the Chapter held its annual dance in the Fall. This year the membership opted for a Spring dance so that the ladies could show off their Easter finery.

The Spring gala will be held on May 11th at the 69th Armory on Lexington Ave. in New York City. Arrangements for the dance and buffet are under the capable supervision of Frank Fazio. When it came to catering to the whims of the New York gang, Frank has a tremendous track record. When Frank runs the affair everyone gets plenty to eat and drink, he is personally responsible for some of the "bay-windows" that are supported by some members of the New York Chapter. Early returns from the membership indicated that Frank is going to have a full house on May 11th.

Memorial Service

On May 18th members of the Chapter will gather at Pinelawn National Cemetery to pay their respects to fallen members of the Division. At 10:30 A.M. the members will assemble at the main building and will march to the Cemetary Main Flagpole where a Memorial Service will be held. After the service our members will visit various sections of the cemetary to decorate the graves of Ninth Division men who are buried at Pinelawn. This portion of the Memorial Service is the part that really brings back memories to those of us who served with the Ninth Infantry Division. Many, Many, "Old Reliabies" who fell in combat are interred at Pinelawn National Cemetery, as one moves through the graves he notes the dates on the tombstones, 8 November 1942, 13 March 1943, 30 July 1943, 19 June 1944, 10 July 1944, 11 Nov. 1944, 22 Dec. 1944, and 25 March 1945. To a stranger these dates may not have a particular meaning but to a man who wore the red, white and blue of the "Octofoil" during World War II the dates stir up powerful memories, memories of days spent in North Africa, Sicily, England, Normandy, and Germany. Memories of men who were humble, human and above all brave. Its hard to believe that they made their sacrifices thirty years ago, it seems like only yesterday.

New Secretary

Slowly but surely Art Schmidt is breaking in as Chapter Secretary. He has a big pair of shoes to fill but Art is determined to do the best he can. He is anxious to hear from our members and invites all the gang to drop him a line at his home 69-20 69th St., Glendale, N.Y. 11227. Art reminded us to remind you that dues are always welcome.

30 members attended a lively meeting at the N.Y. Chapter that was held at the 26th Armory on Friday, March 1, 1974. Most of the members present are looking forward to the 1974 Atlanta Reunion. The Transportation Committee, consisting of Frank Fazio, Charles Libretto, Danny Quinn and Ralph Witzkin are handling the air transportation details to Atlanta. In addition many more are planning to reach the Atlanta Reunion by other facilities. Pat Morano wrote that he and his wife are going by auto train to the Reunion.

Plans for the Month of May

Joe announced that May 3rd will be Past Presidents' Night. May 11th the N.Y. Chapter will hold its Annual Dance at the 26th Street Armory. Chairman Fazio stated that a wonderful evening is planned for this event which will include a Cocktail Party, a hot Buffet and a lively Dance Band. May 18th the N.Y. Chapter will hold its Annual Memorial Mass in L.I. which will be followed by a picnic in Bethpage Park.

Frank Faxio enlightened the members with additional details of transportation to the Atlanta Reunion.

The reunion travel committee has been checking out Air fares and came up with the following from Eastern Airlines:

Newark-New York to Atlanta and return - approx. \$102.00 group plan

The lucky raffle winners were John Parisi, Emil Langer and Harry Orenstein.

Other News

With the presence of Jim Hayes, John Rizzo, Dr. Seslowe, Frank Duffy, Vincent D'Addona and Harry Kaplan who had missed several meetings a more interesting and pleasant social evening for reminiscing was enjoyed by all.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery - Marty Gill, G. Company 47th. Adolph Wadalvage and Vincent Guglielmino are on the sock list. We hope we'll see you soon at our meetings.

When Governor Malcolm Wilson signed legislation changing the Veterans Day Observance in New York State from the fourth Monday in October to November 11th, beginning in 1974, New York became the 34th State to enact such legislation. The list of States has since grown to thirty-six.

The following States will honor veterans on November 11:

Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana.

Also, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

9th Q M Notes

The writer is looking forward to meeting the Southern QM's at the 1974 Atlanta Reunion. From their correspondence and with the other "Reunion Regulars" the QM's should have a very good turnout.

Yours truly,
Harry Orenstein

Editor's Note

Harry Orenstein announced that he joined the growing list of retirees on April 1, 1974. Harry intends to devote all his time to traveling and enjoying life. As this goes to press Harry and his wonderful wife Judy are enjoying the sunshine in Israel. They are having a great time visiting the "Holyland".

Reunion Dates
Aug. 1-3

I like the suit you're wearing.
Who shines it for you.

Illinois

Illinois Chapter News

During the winter months the Illinois Chapter has been meeting regularly at Tedtman's Bar and Restaurant. Top priority item on last month's meeting was finalization of plans for the Chapter's Memorial Day Service. Chapter President Bill Henneumuth announced that his year's service will be dedicated to the memory of Ed Arand. The service will be held at Ed's final resting place in Roselawn Cemetery, Springfield, Ill. on June 1st at 3:00 P.M.

Rooms Available

Since many members will travel great distances to attend the Memorial Service, the committee has arranged accommodations for those who might want to stay over-night in Springfield. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn East for Friday and-or Saturday nights, May 31st and June 1st. Special room rates will be given to all members who are in Springfield for the service. Anyone desiring reservations should contact John Clouser at 901 Graceland, Des Plaines, Ill. 60016.

On June 1st at 2:30 P.M. the members will meet in the Holiday Inn lobby and will proceed in a group to Roselawn Cemetery. Upon conclusion of the Memorial Service the group will return to the Holiday Inn where they will partake of an evening dinner which the committee has arranged for all members attending the Memorial Service.

Paul Clark has volunteered to drive his "Winnebago" to Springfield. The maximum capacity of this vehicle has never been determined and Paul feels that this is the time to run a load capacity test. He feels certain that a goodly number of members can be squeezed into the "Winnebago".

National Scholarship Committee Meets

The National Scholarship Committee consisting of Chairman John Clouser, Dr. Dave Heller and Mr. Frank Ozart met recently in Dave's Loop College office. In this academic atmosphere the committee put their expertise to work processing and evaluating the scholarship applications for 1974. After several hours of hard work they selected the recipients for the 1974 Memorial Scholarship Awards. Since its inception the Scholarship Fund has awarded \$18,875 to 68 sons and daughters of 9th Infantry Division men. The returns on this sound investment, while immeasurable, are surely a living memorial to the generosity of the "Old Reliabies".

"Raider" Receives German Award

David D. Silberberg who served with the 47th during World War II and who is honorary German consul of Memphis recently received an award from the West German government. Dave received the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit conferred by Dr. Gustav Heinemann, president of West Germany.

Silberberg received the award for his work to promote better understanding between citizens of the United States and West Germany. The award was presented to Dave by H.A. Gottlieb, the German Consul General in Atlanta. Dave practices law in Memphis, Tennessee.

Michigan Doings

The April Chapter Meeting will be held at the newly elected President Everett and Irene Tapp's home at 20303 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48127. The date for the meeting is April 6. The time is 7:30.

NEWS-NOTES

We all had a wonderful time at the February meeting at Fred and Jane Josey's home in Grand Blanc. There were 31 present.

Fred, Jane and Randy Josey, Bill and Lucille Andrews, Bob and Florence DeSandy, Everett and Irene Tapp, Ernie and Elsie Young, Gene and Phyllis Reedy, Maurice and Viola Mitchell, Charlie and Charlotte Fox, John and Thelma Obermiller, Elmer Wagner, Ed and Margaret Wisnewski, Tom and Gerry Hatton, Floyd and Leora Hennessey, Jim and Audrey Brumer, John Bonkowski, Orval and Martha Autin.

We were pleased to have Orval and Martha Autin with us at the meeting. Jane Josey's sister and her husband got acquainted with the gang when they accompanied up to Boston on the bus.

John Young was bitten by the flu "bug." We were glad to hear that he has recovered and returned to work.

Don and Helen Lewis were unable to attend because of a conflict of dates with a wedding shower. They intend to be present at Irene and Everett's home on the 6th, however, and we can all help Don celebrate his birthday.

We missed Ross Bonkowski who had gone to a family wedding; John was there for a short time but he also had to hurry away to attend the reception.

Kleb and Vi Stockford had out-of-town company from Florida on that evening.

John and Rose received a card from Ann Pehole. She is enjoying the Florida sunshine and recuperating nicely following her operation.

Mike and Angie Mysyk have both been hospitalized. She was just returning home when Mike entered the hospital on Feb. 8 with pneumonia. He also had nose surgery during his stay there. We hope that both of them are well along the road to recovery. If you wou would like to drop them a line, the address is Mike Mysyk, 12604 Darlington, Garfield Heights, Ohio.

Matt Urban left his job February 1 as City Recreation Superintendent of Port Huron to take over as City Recreation Director in Holland, Michigan. Matt is currently the state commissioner and the national vice president for the Amateur Softball Association. The chapter extends its best wishes for success in his new job.

Everett and Irene Tapp should be displaying tans at the April meeting and making the rest of us jealous. On Feb. 22 they flew to the Tampa-St. Petersburg area of Florida for a week's stay.

Robert Vollmar from Bowling Green, Ohio, sent his dues in. It certainly has been a long time since we heard from him.

Tippie Plunkett sent us her money to be included on the Booster Ad for the reunion booklet. She is well and looking forward to Spring like all the rest of us.

Thirty-four people have submitted their money to be included on the Guys-Gals Booster Page for the Michigan Chapter. If you have neglected to do so, send \$1.00 for each name to be included to Sec. James Bruner. We are hoping to exceed last year's total of 67 Boosters.

Officers

Elections were held for the Michigan Chapter for the coming year at the February meeting with the following results:

President -- Everett Tapp
Vice-President -- John Young
2nd Vice-President -- Bill Andrews
Adjutant -- Kleb Stockford
Treasurer -- Gene Reedy
Secretary -- Jim Bruner
Chaplain -- Floyd Hennessey

In addition to being elected President, Everett Tapp also walked off with the bottle of cheer as the winner of the raffle.

The Chapter is planning a memorial service on May 6th to honor all our departed comrades, both those killed during the war and those that have died since then. Plans are incomplete at this time, but we hope to have final plans by the April meeting. Under discussion are a service followed by a brunch or dinner depending on the time of day.

Plans are also underway for the June meeting which will be a picnic at Kensington Park on June 9th. More details in the next news letter.

The Hennessey's son is going to Fort Bliss after just returning to the United States from Germany. He has also been promoted to Staff Sergeant.

Keep in mind that August 1-3 is the National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. We hope that the Michigan Chapter will have a large turnout there. In light of the gasoline situation, a chapter bus to the convention is still under discussion and a final decision will have to be made at the April meeting. So let us know if you are interested or have any ideas.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to John Bonkowski for the outstanding job that he has done as the Secretary of this Chapter for the past five years. His hard work and dedication have been in a large part responsible for the growth of the chapter and the comradeship felt by the members. John will continue to work for the chapter in other capacities now that he has resigned from this job.

The committee to select the site of the 1975 reunion in Michigan met at Chairman Bob DeSandy's home last week and finalized its selection. Details will be announced at the April meeting. If you would like to participate, it is still not too late to volunteer to be on a committee. We want to make this an outstanding reunion for the entire association and we need your help!!!

We received a note from Evan Thompson sending us a check for himself and Ethel to be included on the Booster page in the reunion booklet. We join him in wishing that he was closer so attending meetings would be possible.

If you have any news that should be included in these News Notes, I would appreciate having it sent to me. The address is: James Bruner, 3448 Southgate Dr., Flint, Michigan 48507.

Sincerely,
Everett Tapp, President
Jim Bruner, Secretary



MAIL CALL

During the past few months many members have been "seeing red". They have been quick to respond to the warning and to take steps to get back into the black. Our address-o-graph is programmed to address the "Octofoil" in red when a member's dues expire. This handy system helps our members keep track of their membership standing and also prompts the members to send the Secretary a letter of thanks for the warning. As a result, the Secretary's mail is unusually heavy about this time of year. Here are some samples from his bulging mailbags.

Co. C 47th Inf.

Jack Collier
126 St. John Ave.
St. Louis, Mo. 63119

I don't like to see red ink on my "Octofoil" so I am enclosing a check for three years dues. My family and I have enjoyed the three reunions which we attended and have our reservations for Atlanta. The men who served in the 9th, and I know they were in the thousands, that have not attended a reunion simply don't know what they are missing. Dan I could go on and on about the 9th but I would like to tell you that when I see you in Atlanta I will be a District Commander of the V.F.W. Having been in the V.F.W. only since 1967 I am very proud of being a District Commander.

3rd Bn. Hdq. 39th Inf.

Newt Cole
Fullerton, Cal.

Sorry I'm late with my dues. I am retired now and seem to have less time to do things than before I retired.

Would like to see you all in Atlanta if my wife and I stay healthy.

We will travel in our Mini-Motor home if the gas holds out. Best regards to all.

A Co. 47th Inf.

Roy P. Dougherty
804 Central Ave.
Southampton, Pa. 18966

My "Octofoil" was addressed in "Red" this month so I had better get this check off to you today. If I don't it will slip my mind and I'd hate to miss my copy of the paper.

Everything is fine with my wife Ann and I. My two sons are both married and have families of their own now. That leaves my wife and I by ourselves again. Seems that life follows in circles. Both my boys have served in the Marines, the oldest spending thirteen months in Vietnam. But that is all in the past now so we just wait for the circle to make another loop around.

I closely follow the notes sent to you from former Ninth men but never see any from former Able Co. 47th men. Wonder what happened to them all. Could it be that they are still resting from the great war?

My best to all the boys.

Co. B 60th Inf.

Charles Harvey
7451 Huntridge Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45231

Have been in the V.A. Hospital having a cataract operation on both eyes and have to go back for another operation. Have been up to see my wife's sister and brothers, while there I called Tippy Plunkett to see how she is getting along, she is going into the hospital for another cataract operation. Enclosed is a check for three years dues.

Co B 60th Inf.

William Deme
1949 White St.
York, Pa.

Here are my dues for another year. Hope to see all of you boys one of these years.

2nd Bn. 39th Inf.

A.B. Casey
715 Walnut
Paris, Tennessee 38342

The article in the Jan-Feb issue of the "Octofoil" by General Randle was very well written and every "brilliant" Congressman and labor unit leader should have a copy.

It seems that each year passes just a little faster, it is hard to realize that a whole year has gone by since its dues paying time.

I look for familiar names in each issue but seldom see anyone from the 2nd Bn. of the 39th.

9th Q.M.

Aaron L. Alpert
160 Fountain St.
New Haven, Conn. 06515

Enclosed is my check for \$15.00. Five Dollars for dues and Ten Dollars for the Scholarship Fund.

At this moment I am contemplating attending the reunion in Atlanta. Let me know if to your knowledge any of the New England men are planning a bus, train or plane trip en masse to the reunion. Perhaps the New York Chapter is and if so I might be able to go along.

1st. Bn 47th Inf.
9th Div. Hdq.

Dean T. Vanderhoef
Rte. 1, Box 224
Conifer, Colo. 80433

Seems I hit the red ink squad this issue. Enclosed please find my check for \$13.00 to hold you for a while.

Enjoy the paper exceedingly. Getting a little harder as the years go by to match remembered names with remembered faces but success brings a warm feeling.

After five years of living on and by the ocean we are off to try the mountains. Can't say we don't practice that old military maxim of Mobility. Our new home will be in Conifer, Colorado.

9th Signal Co.

Kendall W. Guilford
Box 8164 - J.F.K. Sta.
Boston, Mass. 02114

While I have the time and the means wish to extend my membership through 1975, 1976 and 1977. Regards to all.

I celebrated my 69th birthday on April 4. Had my 40th birthday in Kothen, Germany in 1945, served through seven campaigns with the 9th Signal Co. I am semi-retired and in fairly good health. Still hear from 10 former members of the 9th Signal Company.

Co. D 47th Inf.

Fred L. Nichol
208 Wilkes Rd.
Fayetteville, N.C. 28306

Sorry I'm late again. Enclosed is my dues for another year. It seems like the years creep past so fast, I can't keep up with the dates.

I enjoy reading the "Octofil" so very much.

Show me a man who can eat, drink and be merry and I'll show you a fat grinning drunk.

Roy Schaeffer
1664 Sunset Ave.
Akron, Ohio

Enclosed is my check for dues for Mona B. and I for 1975. Would sure like to get to Atlanta this summer but with the gas shortages - it's a big question mark. Otherwise, all's well. Our "little girl", Paula, is married, and she and her husband are teaching mentally retarded kids in Putnam County near Lima, Ohio. I've just finished 28 years of music teaching and both Bea and I are still playing dance band, concert band and orchestra dates in the Akron area - and I'm doing some arranging in what spare time I can find.

Co H 47th Inf.

Peter J. Imbesi
214 Mountain Way
Lyndhurst, N.J. 07071

I'm glad you started this red letter address system, because without that I am sure I would forget to pay my dues.

I heard from the Port Authority that you have retired. I am looking forward to that day also. When I retire from American Airlines at Newark International Airport maybe I can take an active part in the organization.

Best regards to all my old friends from H Co of the 47th.

Co. B 15th Engr. Bn.

Richard C. McGrath
2856 West 85th St.
Chicago, Ill. 60652

I appreciate all the work you and your staff are doing. I look forward to the "Octofoil" as it is a link to remembering some very fine men.

I found out about the association in an uncommon way.

A few years ago while delivering my mail, I am a letter carrier on the southwest side of Chicago. I ran across a copy of the "Octofoil" being delivered to Jim Landise who was in the Artillery. Jim told me all about the association and your paper. Since I have subscribed I've been straining my memory. Maybe its old age as I have a hard time placing some of the names.

However, the bulb above my head goes on when I see names like Tony Maddona, Allie Ferrante, Fred D'Amore, etc.

These I remember as the backbone, along with many others of B Company 15th Engineers Battalion.

My best regards to all former members of B Co. who might remember me. Enclosed are my dues for another year.

Co H 4th Inf.

Frank Machek
Rd. 2
Uniondale, Pa. 18470

Quite a while since I've been to a reunion to visit with you fellows. I sure would like to make this year's convention but its when I'm busy with the hay harvest.

Do you ever get up this way? If you ever do stop in and visit us. We are near the Elk Mountain ski-tow, it's only two miles away. I would like to find out where Charles McCoy lives, he was with H Co. of the 47th, he told me he lived not too far from us. Sure think about Jack Scully, the fun and fooling we used to have. Best of luck to all.

A lot of American families have to be given credit. They can't get along without it.

Special Troops
9th Div. Hdq.

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Thank you for the red reminder on the "Octofoil", am enclosing my dues for three years (Optimist!?)

Good wishes to all and to the continued success of the "Octofoil".

Co. B. 60th Inf.

George W. Cyphers
18011 Windward Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Enclosed find my dues for another three years. I was checking my drivers license, etc. for expiration dates and I found that I had run out as far as the Association is concerned. So, before I get a red ink address on the next copy of the "Octofoil" I'm sending in the dues.

Whether I can make the reunion in Atlanta is problematical, I won't know until later on in the year. Best wishes to all the members of the Association.

Hdq. Co. 3rd Bn.
47th Inf.

Charles F. Titus

6119 N. Lawrence St.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19120

After ten years as a steady "Octofoil" reader I am trying to beat the red ink, so in this roll call a belated "here" from the rear ranks. I hope that you and all the members of the 9th Division Association are in the best of health.

34th F.A. Bn.

Jesse R. Davis
Box 84
Hebron, Ohio 43025

Jesse has been laid up in the hospital with a pinched nerve. He would like to hear from some of the gang. So how about some of the Cannoneers dropping him a line.

9th Div. Band

Karl S. Malmstiom
82 Chapel St.
Holden, Mass. 01520

Dues time again, so here is my check for a couple of years.

Enjoy the "Octofoil" very much and share it with several 1st. Division fellows who work with me. General Randle's writings interest me very much especially the article on Veterans Day, certainly one day set aside should be sufficient for all vets. I have the General's books and have shared them with many others.

Fortunately or unfortunately I was with the "Blue Band", I never see any familiar names in the paper. I am in contact with Bob Warsk, L.I., H.S. Fowler of State College, Pa., Anthony Jukubial from Albany, N.Y., Ralph King of Ithica, N.Y. and Vic Paumit from Silver Springs, Md. most of our correspondence is Christmas cards and an occasional telephone call.

Keep up the good work would like so much to make the Atlanta reunion, but can't. Fortunately I get to the Annual Memorial at Father Connors' church - its sort of a pilgrimage.

Co A 60th Inf.

Robert E. Pappas
3220 - 39th St.
Moline, Ill. 61265

Being as I don't want to be in the "Red" here is my dues along with a donation for the scholarship fund.

Regret to say I and the "Little Boss" will not be able to attend the Atlanta reunion this year.

I was elected Financial Secretary of Local 865 United Auto Workers, which has a membership of almost 4,000 men and women and I am also a member of the Black Hawk College Advisory Board on Labor Studies, so you see so much of my time is taken up that I don't even get a chance to see my friends in the Chicago Area, Illinois Chapter.

Sincere best wishes for a most enjoyable reunion in Atlanta.

9th M.P. Co.

Bill Bateman
306 N.W. 3rd Ave.
Aledo, Ill.

Enclosed find my check for another year's dues.

It seems that with each copy comes news of the loss of some dear old friend or friends. Al Cuprys was a good friend to all the members of the 9th. I served with him and Bill Costello in the states and overseas. Al will certainly be missed at the conventions.

I don't think that I will be at the convention this year. We will be passing through Atlanta in June on our way to Florida. It should be a great place for a convention. I hope that everyone has a great time.

Med. Det.
84th F.A. Bn.

Leo "Rebel" Smith
215 Geary Dr.

Montgomery, Ala. 36108

Enclosed find my dues for 74. Tell the guys from the Med. Det. 84th F.A. Bn to get down South to Atlanta this year for the convention. We need to get together again and fight the war over. Another thing, they can see what they have been missing all these years. See you in Atlanta.

F Co. 47th Inf.

John Rizzo
Lake Haven Estates
1120 S.W. 55th St. Box 18
Miramar, Fla. 33025

Well we made it, reached here on Easter Sunday. The weather is beautiful. After employing 48 boxes for packing we are ready to rest. I hope this is the last move we ever make, what a job. Betty's cousin had the house filled with flowers and had a nice supper waiting on the table, made it feel just like home. Fishing is real good.

Making reservations for Atlanta, we will fly up from here. Give our regards to all the gang from New York.

Co A 47th Inf.

John Saquella
6200 Upsal St.
Pennsauken, N.J. 08110

Enclosed find my dues for three years. The last three years certainly flew by.

I'm sorry that I won't be able to make the reunion this year but hope to attend in the future.

Give my regards to all especially to those from my outfit Co A 47th Inf.

Reunion Dates

Aug. 1-3 Atlanta