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President Wilson Message
Dear Members of the 9th Infantry Division Association. As your 30th National President I know that all of you do in expressing our appreciation for the work that the 30th Reunion Committee did in Atlanta, Georgia. It was a great Reunion. As to my term in office, I know that with the help of our fine National Officers and strong Board of Governors it will be a success and a happy one for all.

In conclusion I hope to see you all in Worcester on October 20th at 2 p.m. I assure you of a day of fun that you will never forget.

God Bless,
Richard Wilson
30th President
Ninth Infantry Division Association

Most of his 32 years in the military have been in heavy weapons and logistics. He now takes command of four Army readiness regions, including Ft. Devens, making Ft. Meade, Md., his headquarters.

His work lies in civil defense and includes cooperation with state adjutants general and community relations.

More than half of the reserve component forces in the United States come under the supervision of the 1st Army. Kalergris prior assignment was in the Pentagon, where he served as assistant vice chief of staff of the Army.

He entered the Army in 1941 and graduated from Officer Candidate School in 1942 and was commissioned in the artillery. He is also a graduate of the advanced management program at Harvard Business School.

During the Rhineland and central Europe campaigns of world war II he served with the 7th Infantry Division, and later he was a staff officer with the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea in 1961-62.

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Directions

For those coming from New York, Connecticut, Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania and the South, there are the Mass Pike exits at Exit No. 25, Burncoat-Lincoln Streets. Go across the intersection to the next traffic light, take a left hand turn and you have only a short distance to go to the Sheraton.

For those coming from the North and East you use Exit 493 at the sign reading 290 West. Proceed to the sign marked Exit No. 20, Burncoat 6 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 at Church

Leaving the Sheraton the Lincoln St. traffic signal will make a right hand turn on Lincoln St. After the traffic signal, the marker No. 290 West. Take this for a short distance until you come to the traffic signal at the bottom of the hill. Continue straight through and make a left hand turn. You are now only a short distance from the Church.

Ladies Auxiliary Elect New Officers

The gals were out to be done by the guys and we were happy with the reunion. They found their way to their annual meeting and elected officers for the coming year. Lavarraine Clark of Illinois was elected to the auxiliary for the year. Jolita Netta of Delhi, New Jersey will be the Secretary-Treasurer. Officers are: Congratulating officers, we were happy that the Honor Chapter will handle the公共 Relation Officer to keep us posted on their doings.

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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 will bring you to a small rotary. Two traffic lights, make a right hand turn onto the Worcester Expressway and leave at Exit No. 23, 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.

Thomas Shine at reunion with his wife Margaret.

Two weeks after the Atlanta reunion on August 17th the Association lost our 1st Vice-President Thomas Shine of 800 7th Place, Landover Hills, Maryland, a hard worker for the Association and a real good guy. He did more than his share of the "Quiet and unassuming" to remain anonymous. Bob Smith an old buddy of Tom writes "I regret to inform you of the death of Tom Shine our 1st Vice-President and fellow member of the Board of Governors. Also a former Platoon sargent with Company G of the 30th Infantry from Briggs to Norwood until he was seriously wounded near O Pearrell on the outskirts of Cherbourg and returned to the States where he married an Army nurse, Margaret, who no doubt nursed him back to health again.

Tom suffered a heart attack on August 17 which proved fatal to the parishioners of Father Connors church, Tom, knowing in there pitching to keep the Association active.

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Find the address of 412 Gregory Avenue, Weehawken, N.J. 07087.

Every year the Weehawken Lodge of Elks have a Memorial essay contest among the Weehawken High School students and this year the secretary named winner with this essay. If we all have a heart and be good to our country.

The "SIGNIFICANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY"

A drum roll is heard, muffled at first, then building to a crescendo. Tags are played. A clergyman delivers an invocation. Some student recites the duly prepared Gettysburg Address. Local politicians take a retrospective look at the parade preceded the ceremonies (as it almost invariably does) awards are given for the highest, the brightest, and the bestest. Now comes the part everyone has been waiting for — the refreshments!

Except for a few friends and relatives of the participants very few people are there to solemnly commemorate the deaths of those who have given their lives for their country. Is this not, however, partly the fault of those who have organized the festivities? Are the big brass bands, the floats, the pinto, really relevant to the Memorial Day? As I understand it, Memorial Day is, as its name implies, a day in which we remember and honor the men and women who have died in service to this great republic. It seems miraculous to me that one could contemplate these deaths while at the same time reveling in the festivities associated with Memorial Day.

I feel it is important for us to take a closer look at those who have died, and ask why? "Home and mornin' apple pie." While I can't vouch for the apple pie, I believe I would not be presumptuous if I ventured to say that a major motive was patriotism. This was not a blind, "brain washed" patriotism, but rather a true love for a country which had given them a way of life, which they felt superior to any other. So superior they did find it, that they were willing to sacrifice their individual lives to keep the nation intact for those who were to follow.

Not all of them were decorated, world renowned heroes, and sadly none of them went into battle wanting to die. The fact remains, however, they died for us, for democracy, for human rights, for the cause they were fighting for. For the truth.

Memorial Day is not a holiday, in that sense of the word with which we commonly associate frivolity and gaiety. It is a day for somber reflection on the awesome price paid by great men and women so that there might still be a United States of America. Without wishing to seem maudlin, there were indeed times when this great democratic experiment was in peril of extinction. It is only due to the patriotism of those who were willing to give their lives, that we survived.

Memorial Day can be a great tribute to any war hero if, when we and now, remember to make this the last one to be done by curbing, if not completely abandoning, shows of cheer and concentrating more on the bravery and patriotism of those who have done this day is dedicated. They, not the speakers, the pianists, or the parades are the true significance of Memorial Day.

As you know the Association does not have a chapter in Atlantic or in Georgia for that matter but we do have many of our members can be of some regular member, per year included in the membership of the Association. The National Board of Governors in 1932 voted to hold the 17th reunion in Atlanta. The Secretary named me to go about the planning of this event in Atlanta.

Selecting the Sheraton-Biltmore we felt was a good choice for many reasons - Its location near the business centers of the city, the room rates are more reasonable than the other larger hotels in Atlanta and the food is excellent.

Those who ever ran a reunion know there are many items to be taken care of, getting a group of speakers, dance bands marching band, and it was done with quips in New Jersey and Walt Victor in Atlanta. Walt O'Keeffe made the trip in 25 at his own expense to help select a host.

Frank Faizo of New York along with O'Keeffe worked on the Journal. Bill Klauz headed a group consisting of himself, Frank Faizo and Max Umansky to take care of the march to the Memorial, the country and through the festivities associated with the parade. All the speakers, the picnics, or the parades are the true significance of Memorial Day.

President Josey's farewell speech at the closing of the reunion banquet in Atlanta.

This brings to a close the 26th Annual Reunion of this Association and I want to extend my thanks to all the officers and members of the Board of Governors who have made this past year of mine one which I shall long remember. I also wish to give my sincere thanks to each and every one of you for journeying to Atlanta to make this another memorable reunion. Each of you as individuals by your continuing attendance at the Reunions and the Memorial Mass at Worchester keep this Great 9th The Organization that I am sure our forebears meant it to be. Our next meeting for the 30th year will take place in Worcester on October 19th and 20th. Father Cossons will say Mass for all the deceased men of the 9th. We Michigan people are looking forward to seeing you in "76" for our 30th reunion in Detroit. I would like to invite everyone to bring your gift with my warmest wishes for a successful reunion year and to 1974. And to Dan Quinn for so many years has served as an excellent President of our Association and will do so for many years to come. We are all present in my appreciation of that service and for the guidance that he has given for this past year. This little bit of my biography has been made by Jane and my son Bill and if you probably are aware of all of the reunions and the Memorial day at the National Board of the Association and before I turn over the responsibility of this Association to my successor, I wish to express my appreciation to those who have helped make the 30th reunion a great one.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Fill out Form 3579, one copy for each of your relatives of the participants representing the Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, and other church denominations.

All subscriptions should be sent to 412 Gregory Avenue, Weehawken, New Jersey 07087.

Edward Knapick.


date. The arrangements for the National Board of Governors were made by Bill Bonigero, Fran Mabur and Tom Boyle with Vicitors setting the speakers, flowers etc.

President Josey addressed the members along with the National Secretary and General Edward Randale. The Army Band was great and they played for the march to the Memorial, during and after the services. "Walter Victor was a big factor getting this band. For it is hard to find these Army bands any more."

Betsy and John Fitzzes, Marie Quigley, Bob Barbargada and Emil Landers assisted at the register. Franky Feak and kept those things moving for the three days along with the two ladies from the convention bureau and friends of the Vicitors. I wish to say every one of my friends and his family was right in attendance at the Reunion banquet and the 30th year will the meeting for the 30th year will be a memorable one. I shall always remember. I wish to express my appreciation to those who have helped make the 26th reunion a great one.

The dilapidated old car eased up to the bull at the George Washington Hotel.

"One dollar," said the attendant.

"Sold," answered the driver with a smile.
A very important segment of the reunion "taking time out to remember our dead".

Trying hard to "pick 'em up and lay 'em down" the gang marching to the Memorial Service held on Saturday morning in General Pershing Park on West Peachtree Street.

General Edwin Randle (R) chatting with some of the "old timers" and their wives. The General made the "march" to the Memorial Service and in the bargain he was interviewed by a local TV station camera group as he walked up the hill on Peachtree Street.

The gals were right there trying hard to keep up with the "old timers". The secretary later admitted he rode to the park the year before when he was in Atlanta to reconnoiter the site for the Memorial Service. It turned out the march was just over a mile but the gang all "hung in there" till the end.

Frank Rankin former B Company Commander of the 15th Engineers looks more like a "German brewmaster" as he helps tap a barrel of beer at the first night reception.

Every year Walter Victor takes a picture of the "youngsters!" in there pitching to keep time with the music in the dance known as the "Alley Cat".
CHAPTER NEWS

SMALL WORLD, LOTS IN

John Clouser is pictured with CWO Wilford F. Brown who is recruiting duty in the Illinois area.

On Thursday evening, August 20th and Friday evening, August 21st, we all enjoyed a Beer Party and Dance. We had a lively band proceeding past, contemporary and Dixie music. When the band leader asked for volunteers to do the Alley Cat there was a large response from all. The audience, and how they enjoyed their dancing! The music started slowly, in momentum until it reaches its fastest pace with the dancers trying to keep up with the speed of the band. When they were done, the Congo, judging by the facial expressions and gestures of the dancers, it was clear every indication they were having a good time and enjoying their dance.

REUNION NOTES

Our special thanks to Don Quinn and Walter B. Connors 30th Annual Memorial Service, which was held at the Atlanta Reunion a most fitting tribute to our dear friend Betty Rita, Max Umansky, Walter O'Keefe, Frank Pazzi, Marvin Alber, Max Umansky and Emil Langner who by freely giving their services at the registration desk and seating arrangements made it possible for all of us to have an efficient and smooth operation of the Reunion.

TV was taken of the Marchers to the Memorial Service. In the evening many of the marchers saw themselves on TV in a brief showing of the Memorial parade.

N. Y. CHAPTEr NOTES

We were happy to see our Floridians, Betty and John Rizzo, Max Umansky and George Whitney, former New Yorkers, at the Reunion. Lourey McQueen approached Elliott Hertz and received the Jack Scully Scholarship award. Irving Feinberg's son received a 9th Division Scholarship award.

Q. M NOTES

The Detroit Reunion in 1975 is a good selection for the next Reunion. On our previous Detroit Reunion occasions the Q. M. were well represented. However, this year Detroit had previous excellent reunits, many of whom were already making plans to be at the Detroit reunion in 1973. Everett Tapp was elected to the bid of Q. M. It was a pleasure to be at the Atlanta Reunion and meeting several of the Southern Q. M. for the first time since the end of the war. The Q. M.'s enjoyed reminiscing of the past, comparing by and continuing with modern topics. Judy Orenstein greatly appreciated the Q. M.'s hospitality. She made many more friends and told the wives of Q. M.'s the value of Detroit Reunion in our timeline. Here is a list of Q. M. attending the Reunion:

Horace Abrams
Hershel Thomas
Robert Cucher
J. H. Dobb
Mr. & Mrs. Willard Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mandell
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Orenstein
Mr. & Mrs. Ray B. Gordon
Mr. & Mrs. Everett Topp and their three children, David, Beverly and Marcie

Thanks to all of you for attending the Reunion.

Sincerely,
Harry O'Conner
207 W. 28th
N. Y. 10016

I L L I N O I S C H A P T E R N E W S

The summer months have proven to be busy, active ones for all of us. At the June meeting at Teddman's Bob Kade introduced to the members and their families out to his home for a planned pot-luck supper. Bob was overjoyed with the response being his wife, Georgia's birthday. So on the appointed day the group arrived well armed with the required fare. Bob had an opportunity to revive his army acquired cooking talents, as he manned the chargrill. The consumption of hobbles was directly proportional to the temperature of this July day, a real record breaker.

Reunion Notes

Illinois members attending the Reunion also had a chance to accept the often heard in vitae, “I'll come back”, in person.

The Illinois C. P. room was lively with headquarters where friends and buddies gathered for conversational and liquid cheer. After the evening dances, kicked off shoes and elevated varications provided visual evidence that these foot- weary Illinitians had a good time. Dining out at the Abbey, Top of the Mart and other favorite places. Spectacular view of the temperature of this July day, a record breaker.

The service was held, with the Invocation by Rev. Ralton Moore. The service was followed by the presentation of the 9th Division Scholarship award. Lawrence Langer and Elliot Zulkiewski and Leroy McQueen.

SUCCESSFUL PICNICS

Kennington Metropolitan Park was the location for the Chapter's annual big picnic. Thirty-six members and their families got together on June 9th and had a great time putting up the yard on the grounds. The Reunion was still going strong when someone proposed a picnic for the Illinois families. Adults in September was chosen for the date and a group of 15 went on further by a local newsletter as to the details.

M I C H I A N D I N G

This summer there have been few idle moments for the men and gals from the Michigan Chapter. On May 28th the Chapter held its first Memorial Service at the Michigan City Memorial Park. The service was dedicated to the memory of the men who made the supreme sacrifice while serving with the 9th Infantry Division and to the members of the Michigan Chapter who have passed on since the end of World War II. Al Young arranged for the Rev. Hubert Rhymes of the Congregational Church in Illinois City to be with the Michigan Chapter for the Memorial Service. Among the honored guests were Betty Quinn and her mother and her sister.

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PHILLY-DELA

John Clouser was invited to meet an Army recruiter who is from the new Ninth Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington. John met him at a career session during his time at the Pilates High School. "Interested enough Brown served in Korea which was the same Division I served with while in Korea."
Business Transacted At Reunion

20th Annual Meeting 15th Reunion of the
Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel.
Atlanta, Georgia

Reunion of the
National Secretaries of the
National Secretary and his
was held in August 1973. The union had been made in
and was held in the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, on
President Josey thanked Mr.
for his report. Bob
the secretary for his report. Bob
for the membership present at this meeting. A discussion from the floor on
this matter.

A discussion was held on the
giving the possibility of holding a reunion:

"Chairman Robert DeSandy and seconded
by Richard Wilson.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF ASSOCI "BOGUE'S"

In 1977, the board of the

A discussion was held on the
limitations of the association regarding
the success of
the organization be
recommends that the Board of Governors to
reduce if this organization is
needed to take into account the

Upon a motion duly made by
Robert DeSandy and seconded
by Richard Wilson it was voted to:
accept the report of
the Committee.

The treasurer, Mr.
was called upon for his report.

Upon a motion duly made by
John Sabato and seconded
by Richard Wilson it was voted to:
accept the report of
the Finance Committee.

A discussion was held on the

Upon a motion duly made by
Charles Treado, Albert Perna,
John Bongiorno, Richard Wilson,
and seconded by
Robert DeSandy it was voted to:
accept the report of
the By-Laws Committee.

The following recommendations were
subordinated by the Committee:

1. Any and all due submitted to the National Secretary will be
received in the National Secretary's office and be
retained in the National Secretary's office. It is suggested that
the Secretary sends the names of the candidates to the
Nominating Committee for their records.

The Secretary of the
National organization check the possibility of holding a reunion:

A discussion was held on the
possibility of participating in a
tour of Africa or a tour of some sort in some future
year.

Upon a motion duly made by
Mike Belmonte Chairman of
the By-Laws Committee it was voted to:
accept the report of
the By-Laws Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMISSION

Mississippi Committee Chairman
Walter Wilson named the men who served
with him: Harry West, Louis
Donato, Richard Wilson, and seconded
by Michael Belmonte and
Robert DeSandy it was voted to:
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Vermont Chapter

Upon a motion duly made by
Max Czarnecki and seconded
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By-Laws

Michael Belmonte Chairman of the
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Here are a few samples from our latest delivery.

Steve Yubas 4th F.A.
5222 Newett St.
Chevy Chase, Md. 20016
On 30th June 1972, I retired from active duty in the Army due to disability. The Veteran Administration also adjudicated me 100 percent disabled. I had a total of 33 years Federal Service, including 5 years Army service. My health is fair but I have my ups and downs. Retiree sentiment seems to agree with me and I enjoy the leisure life with the exception of being by myself. My wife passed away in 1970. My children are all grown. The oldest have completed college and my youngest daughter is in her second year. I spend a good bit of my time playing golf. I visited Spain, spent some time in Florida, and last year we went to Texas. My summers are spent in Ocean City, Md. where I have a summer home and a boat. Get to do quite a bit of fishing and plan on spending most of this Europe summer but had to go into the hospital in June for an operation. Feeling better now and am trying to visit my Baldies in the fall and spend the winter in Florida.

I would like to hear from some of my comrades who served in Battery C 4th Artillery. Please hope to see you at the Atlanta reunion.

Curtis Buchanan 48th Inf.
21402 Cambridge St.
Florence, Ala. 36033
Dear Dan:

Being an old member of the Ninth, from Fort Bragg to St. Lo where I lost an arm, I am most interested in any coming reunion of the Association. Please send me a check for dues.

I am on being available or attending the reunion in Atlanta. Have called the army base in my home town, South Bend Ind., Florida and while the name of the applicant is not given, I believe that they will be at the reunion and interested in attending.

Another Ninth reunion I attended was in Philadelphia in August 1974.

Just a note to tell you I received my membership card and the decal. What a wonderful time Caroline, my wife, and I had in Atlanta. Some of the fellows I met at the reunion I had not seen since we were around Fort Lewis and they are all in the service, either still in the Army or otherwise.

It is even fun drinking in public. Of course being the Jughead group here, and this being a dry county too, I have to rule raising a glass or on most of the cases brought before me.

If you need a transcript of the Division history, "Eight Stars to Glory," a copy is available for one or two regardless of the cost.

Again I would like to express my gratitude for such a wonderful reunion, the great job you are doing as National Secretary.

Henry Dietrich
Hodg's 1st
C.Roydon Drive
North Cape May, N.J. 08204
Dear Dan:

Finally made the move on July 16th and we are now living in South Jersey. Our phone is (609) 880-0150.

If you are ever down this way, stop in and see us. Call first, if you can pick up a drink of Dewar's.

Hope to get up to the September meeting. Regards to all the gang.

Sam Robinson
48th F.A.
160 Paradise Rd.
Swampscott, Ma. 01907
Enclosed is a clipping which should be of interest to the members of the Association who served with B Battery of the 48th. Kalergis really was O.C.S. material.

I was in Miami last month and met Mr. Boyd F. Booyes "M.C." at the airport. He is the only black man there like Walter Torrseter (N.Y. Chang). I hope you can get him some of the others who might recognize the name. We were on a "Road Tour" in 42, the show was called "From California to Maine" it was part of a U.S.O. group.

Wilson Taylor
Co M 47th Inf.
Mobile Oil Co.
Stp. Co.
Last Hills, Calif. 92259

Regards to all the gang that attends the Association meetings or the Division meetings, and to all the old soldiers.

Mrs. Al Ouprys
Jameswood Square Apts.
Apt. A-15
Blackwood, N. J. 08012
Just caught the note that you let me know that I have moved. Al had planned an auto on this years reunion, we were taking a month vacation and I was to intend to visit some of his buddies. Al was 190 per cent for the Ninth Division Association that was all he talked about. He always seemed to want all out whenever anyone would ask him a question. Tell everyone to have a good time at the reunion. This is a sad year for me, I miss the comradery and all our friends from the Ninth.

Ralph Caroll
4705 Int.
6231 Kilmer Street
Cleveley Manor, Md.
Dear Mr. Speaker:

Enclosed find copy of Tom Shwes letter. It came as quite a shock to all of us here in the 4th Co. My wife and I want to the funeral home to offer our sympathy to the family and the Association.

Sorry to be writing this sad news but we were all happy to get the news after the reunion.

We want to congratulate you and everyone that helped with putting on a great reunion. We had a great time in Atlanta.

Franklin W. Gunter
66th Inf.
423 So. 34th St.
Tampa, Wash. 94940

Dear Dan:

Yes, as you can see I am an independent insurance agent here in Tacoma, Wash. and doing quite well here by myself. I saw in the 47th issue of the Octofoil where one of the boys from the Ninth said he was interested in some of the Octofoils which had been published in Europe on the 47th, so I wrote the Fort Lewis Military Library and gave them his address and they said they would like to have any of these memembers of the Division they were able to get as they will have a large collection of them on hand now. Fort Lewis is the home of the 47th Division and they are always looking for these Octofoils where they can be placed on display with the rest of the Division Memories they have in the Division Record Section.

If there are any others who might happen to have any of the histories of the 47th Division and any of its activities that they would like to get rid of I am sure that the museum would be very happy to secure them. The 47th Division Museum, Fort Lewis Military Library, Fort Lewis, Washington 98433 and if they would write to them they can have it very fast as they have any of the particular items on hand already and if not I know they would like to receive them.

Being an Ex-Cow Devil I am still a very strong booster of the Division and of the Octofoil Association which I have joined here as a former Octofoil Soldier. Also I am also keeping my mine and my wife's membership in the Association and do have 9th Div patch still on the right sleeve of my Class A Uniform which I have here.

I hope that you will print this note in the Octofoil as there must be some of the others who have some remanet of the association and its activities and I know that the museum would be happy to have them for their collection. They are the Trophy Room hero if they do not want them any more. A letter to the museum would certainly bring a reply I know and it could be just what they need to complete the Division Room here.

Thanks a lot for your assistance in this and my very best to all the Gd Devils at the convention there although I won't be there myself in person as business keep me here at home pretty much.

Sincerely yours
Franklin W. Gunter

When we are dead you are so disabled that you are working from you prevented you from working you may be entitled to your payment of your premiums. These benefits may exceed your GI insurance earnings and give you needed cash insurance cover.

CASHING IN YOUR GI INSURANCE?

Before you do, stop and consider these alterna­tives. If you're not covered by your GI insurance policy. The interest is only 5 percent compounded annually on the unpaid balance. But that's not all. Your policy will remain in force for at least some insurance coverage. The loan may be repaid in instalments tailored to fit your needs as long as they are made in multiples of $50 and, regardless of the cost which you may explore. For instance, you could exchange your present policy for one having a lower cash value. You could then receive a check for the difference in the cash values of the two policies. A check for the difference is not possible which you can explore. For instance, you could exchange your present policy for one having a lower cash value. You could then receive a check for the difference in the cash values of the two policies. A check for the difference is

THE MORMON FUND OF THE 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION Scholarship Information

The Memorial Fund of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was established by the members of the Division to commemorate the memory of their comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice in battle. To create this scholarship fund, the association established a scholarship program. Scholarships are awarded each year to relatives of men who served in the Ninth Infantry Division. Each recipient is awarded $1,000 for one year.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

A person who wishes to apply for a scholarship must be a member of the Division. Children of former members of the division will be given first consideration. No children of veterans in custody are to be considered unless no child of a former member qualifies.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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

1. Send a letter of application, written in expository form, to the chairman of the scholarship committee stating the following name and address 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 and degree of relationship of a former member of the division. The unit number 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 semester 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 when he is asked a friend.

5. The applicant must take the SAT in October. The applicant must send the results of the SAT to the chairman of the scholarship committee. These results may be included with the high school transcript or sent to chairman of the College Entrance Examination Board. The SAT of the CEEB may be submitted in lieu of the PSAT.

6. 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.

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. Must reapply by April 15th of each year. A financial statement, and a letter requesting renewal of the scholarship should be sent to the chairman of the scholarship committee.

9. All applications must be sent to John L. Clashe, Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division Association, 901 Graceland St., Des Moines, Iowa 50301.