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# THE OCTOFOIL

412 Gregory Ave. Weehawken, N. J. 07087

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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## GREATEST CITY IN THE WORLD

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### Taps Sounded

This is the sad part of this job when trying to put a paper together and we come to this column "Taps Sounded" and have to add the names of a few more buddies:

**Ray Cwill, Service Co  
39th Inf.**

**John R. Pulli, A-T 60th  
Inf.**

**William M. Messer-  
smith, 9th Q.M.**

We also received word that Mrs. Harry Flint, widow of Colonel Harry "Paddy" Flint of the 39th had passed away.

May they rest in peace. On behalf of the members of the association we extend our belated sympathy to their loved ones.

Ray Cwill's daughter Mary writes "My dad Ray Cwill who was a member of the Ninth Infantry Division, passed away on September 29, 1975. He hadn't been ill for a long time-just home for a week or so for a rest. I had left the house for an hour or so and when I came home I found him dead from a heart attack. All very sudden-no one had expected it. Daddy had many friends in the Division and often talked of them fondly. He loved to reminisce about the good times he had with them and the reunions.

Mary A. Cwill  
3 Rogers Street  
Kingston, N.Y. 12401

### Tip of the Hat

Many thanks to John Thornton who every year at this time remembers the Memorial Fund and an extra thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary who have been extra generous to this fund.

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The Statue of Liberty, still a thrilling sight as you enter the New York Harbor. With the coming of the "jet age" the grand "Old Lady" has been more or less by-passed but to many of us we'll never forget our return to this country when our ship entered the New York port. In the background are the two new World Trade Center buildings that has been added since our last New York reunion in 1970. These are the tallest buildings in N.Y.

#### Each Reunion City Has its Supporters

A lively discussion could last for hours which City had the best Reunion since the 9th Division Association Reunions began. Here are a few examples:

The 1967 Boston Reunion had plenty of excitement when a member carried the American flag around the dance floor followed by many in the audience. As the played on and on, the music became louder and louder gaining momentum, and the audience spontaneously increased as the Flag Bearer kept circling the dance floor until the medley of patriotic songs ended. Those who were present at this Reunion will never forget the enthusiasm that was displayed. We enjoyed Father Connors remarks as one of the Speakers.

The 1974 Detroit Reunion also would have its supporters that it was the best Reunion the Association ever had. A watermelon, that was donated by Walter Victor, was the coveted prize given to the Chapter that sang the best song with the audience acting as judges. Even though there were many enjoyable moments, and each Chapter tried their best to win the prize, the watermelon was divided among the members. As usual, those "friendly rivals," General Westmoreland and Father Connors were at it again. Their skit about Father Connors trying to be promoted to Monsignor drew waves of laughter from the audience. Their facetious remarks were enjoyed by all.



Some of the Michigan group that were responsible for three great days are shown at the sing-along on the first night of the reunion.

#### Welcome to the Greatest City in the World

The National Executive Board made the logical choice when they selected New York as the Reunion City in the Bicentennial Year. New York is making a special effort during the Bicentennial Year for a memorable reunion and a wonderful vacation for you, your family and friends.

#### ATTRACTIONS

Here are some of the outstanding attractions in New York while you are attending the Reunion -

One of the most outstanding places to visit is Radio City Music Hall - the worlds' largest theatre with over 6000 seats. In addition to a film, you will see the world's famous Rockettes who will thrill you with their rhythm and precision dancing. Radio City Music Hall should be a top priority.

Rockefeller Center is a marvelous place to visit. It has a sunken plaza which is used for dining in the summer and ice skating in the winter. Rockefeller Center covers a wide area which includes tall buildings, shops and restaurants. There are many varieties of flowers on display adding to its beauty.

#### UNITED NATIONS

Many visitors coming to New York visit the United Nations which provides a guided tour. The guide explains the functions and purposes of the General Assembly and the Security Council Chambers and very often visitors are invited to sit in on an interesting session. The beauty of the buildings, the tapestries, the art and the architecture are some of the many interesting features to enjoy.

You can take a three-hour Sightseeing Cruise around Manhattan Island and see the Manhattan skyline, the Statue of Liberty, Palisades, the Empire State Building, the United Nations buildings, and many more points of interest.

You can take a bus tour around New York with the guide explaining points of interest, such as Chinatown, United Nations, St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Statue of Liberty, Wall Street, famous museums, and many more historical points of interest.

#### SHOPPING

For the ladies who like to go shopping there are a great variety of department stores, in addition to shopping areas and gift and souvenir shops throughout the city.

#### Chairmen

Our Reunion Chairman Emil Langer and Co-Chairman Frank Fazio are experienced in handling the Reunions in New York. They successfully ran the 1965 and 1970 Reunions and others previously, and once again the New York Chapter is selecting them for their experience and know-how for the 1976 Reunion. We have confidence in Emil and Frank that this Reunion being in the Bicentennial year the 9th Division Association will have another unforgettable Reunion.

#### GREAT WHITE WAY

Of special interest is 42nd Street and Broadway - the Great White Way - the greatest entertainment Center in the world where one can see outstanding theatrical performances.

For sport fans, there are the Yanks at the Yankee Stadium and the Mets at Shea Stadium, and nearby to the Statler Hilton is Madison Square Garden where sporting events and shows are held.

The 102 story Empire State Building and 110 story World Trade Center are thrilling sights to see.

The above only briefly touches the many special attractions that would be of interest to the Association members and their friends while attending the Reunion in New York.

The 1976 Reunion will be held at the Statler Hilton on July 22, 23 and 24. The Statler has a spacious dining room that can accommodate everyone.

#### Largest Reunion

The 1970 Reunion in New York would find many supporters as the best Reunion of all time. It was a combination of the Silver Anniversary, and a trip to Europe 25 years later, to revisit many of the places they had seen previously. It was the largest attendance at a Reunion. There is going to be plenty of reminiscing as they recall that evening, the dinner, the luggage and buses waiting downstairs that were to take them to the airport, across the Atlantic to Europe and their safe return home. It was an enjoyable Reunion with Msgr. DeLaura as Toastmaster and Lindsey Nelson as the Guest Speaker.

#### Reservations

So, send in your reservations as soon as possible to the Statler Hilton Hotel. We are looking forward to seeing you at the 1976 Reunion.

Harry Orenstein

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1976  
Michael Deresh, Woodridge, N.J.  
William Bongiorno, Bedford, Mass.  
William Hennemuth, Mt. Prospect, Ill.  
Oscar Richards, Wayne, Pa.

1977  
Walter O’Keeffe, Ridgewood, Queens, N.Y.  
Everett Tapp, Dearborn, Mich.  
Dominick Greco, Tiltonsville, Ohio  
Anthony Chaconas, Washington, D.C.  
Paul Clark, Chicago, Ill.

1978  
William Klauz, New York, N.Y.  
Ralph Carci, Cheverley Manor, Md.  
Herbert Olsen, Randolph, Mass.  
Elmer Wagner, Bay City, Mich.  
Albert Perna, Philadelphia, 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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NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Enclosed please find 1976 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 ☐  
Decals, 25c; (5) five for.....\$ 1.00 ☐  
Ladies' Auxiliary Member .....\$ 1.50 ☐  
Combat Route Map.....\$ .50 ☐  
60th Infantry History.....\$ .50 ☐

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Please credit the following chapter:

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

118th Meeting National  
Board of Governors

The 118th meeting of the National Board of Governors was held in Worcester, Mass., on November 8, 1975 at 5:05 P.M., at the Sheraton-Lincoln Inn, attended by Messrs: Walter O’Keeffe, Herbert Olsen, William Bongiorno, William Hennemuth, Dom Greco, Elmer Wagner, Everett Tapp, William Klauz, Michael Deresh, Anthony Chaconas, Ralph Carci, and Al Perna. Also in attendance were: Treasurer Thomas Boyle, Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh, 1st Vice-President Vincent Gugliemino, 2nd Vice-President Francis Maher, 3rd Vice-President William Meadows and past Presidents Fred Josey, John Bonkowski and Leonard Tommasone.

President O’Keeffe asked the members to stand for a moment of silent prayer for the departed men of the Ninth.

Upon a motion duly made by William Klauz and seconded by William Bongiorno it was voted to: Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 117th meeting.

Thomas Boyle the Treasurer was called upon for his report and Tom gave the members copies of the quarterly report from July to September of 1975 of the income and spending for that quarter. Upon a motion duly made by Al Perna and seconded by Ralph Carci it was voted to: Accept the report of the Treasurer, William Bongiorno called for a vote of thanks from the members to Thomas Boyle for a job well done.

Profitable Reunion

Elmer Wagner reported for the 1975 Michigan Reunion and supplied the members with a financial report that realized a profit of \$1674.12 for the Detroit reunion. The Michigan Chapter had turned this money over to the National Secretary along with a check for \$467.50 representing the donations collected for the Memorial Fund

Upon a motion duly made by William Klauz and seconded by Dom Greco it was voted to: Accept the report of the 1975 Michigan reunion.

President Walter O’Keeffe thanked Elmer Wagner and the Michigan Chapter members for their efforts in making it a great reunion and also a profitable one. Upon a motion duly made by Herbert Olsen and seconded by Michael Deresh it was voted to: Give the Michigan Chapter a gratuity of \$100.00 for a “Job Well done”

Michael Deresh reported for the New York Chapter that the 1976 Reunion to be held in New York City on July 22, 23, and 24th with plans finalized for room rates, etc., details will appear in the Octofoil from time to time. President Walter O’Keeffe thanked Deresh for his report

Site for 77 Reunion

President Walter O’Keeffe opened a discussion on the legality of the vote by the Board of Governors, at the last meeting, when they selected Fort Lewis, Washington as the site for the 1977 reunion. O’Keeffe cited that the vote lacked the necessary majority and should be voted upon again. Upon a motion duly made by William Bongiorno and seconded by Al Perna it was voted to: Rescind the vote of the last meeting, on the selection of the 77 site, and called for a new vote

Al Perna submitted a bid for the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter to be host for the 1977 reunion

William Hennuth submitted a bid for the Illinois Chapter with the reunion to be held in Chicago or nearby the city

Anthony Chaconas submitted a bid for the Fort Lewis Area

Illinois Selected

The Illinois Chapter was selected by a majority vote and upon a motion made by Herb Olson and seconded by Michael Deresh it was voted to: Make the vote unanimous and instruct the secretary to cast one ballot for same.

There being no other business to come before the Board and upon a motion duly made by Michael Deresh and seconded by Al Perna it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M

Respectfully submitted  
Daniel Quinn  
National Secretary  
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There must be something to reincarnation, judging by the way some people come back to life at quitting time.

31st Annual Reunion  
REQUEST FOR SPACE  
IN SOUVENIR PROGRAM

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Attached is copy for an ad in the color-printed 1976 New York Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association Program.  
Full Page \$40.00  
Half Page \$25.00  
Quarter Page \$15.00  
One Eight Page \$7.50  
Booster ads - \$1.00 name and unit

Send all copy, checks and money orders to the New York Reunion Committee, Ninth Infantry Division Association: Mail to Ralph Witzken, 100 Stonehill Road, Springfield, N. J. 07081

REQUEST FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
July 21 — 24, 1976

NEW YORK Statler Hilton  
Front Office Manager  
7th Ave., 32nd Street, N.Y. 10001

NAME		
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
FIRM NAME		
ARRIVAL DATE	HOUR	AM PM
DEPARTURE DATE	HOUR	AM PM

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED  
Not later than 2 weeks prior to opening date of convention and will be held until 6 PM on day of arrival unless later hour is specified.

CONVENTION	ROOM	RATES	
Singles:		22.00	
Doubles-Twins		28.00	
Triples:		32.00	
Quads:		38.00	
EXECUTIVE TOWER FLOOR			
Singles:	45.00	50.00	55.00
Doubles-Twins:	65.00	70.00	75.00
Alcove Suites:		55.00	75.00
Suites: (Parlor & 1)	130.00	140.00	165.00 175.00
Suites: (Parlor & 2)	197.00	200.00	250.00 300.00

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP  
in the  
LADIES' AUXILIARY  
of the  
NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

I would like to become a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Enclosed is check or money order for \$1.50 for 1976 dues. Please mail my membership card to-

Name  
  
Street  
  
City State

While attached to the 9th Infantry Division (state relationship, whether the Ninth Division man was a husband, father, brother, son, etc.)

was with  
give company, regiment, battery, attached unit, etc.)

Make checks or money orders payable to Ninth Infantry Division Association. Mail to Phyllis Perna, 2642 South Juniper, Philadelphia, Pa. 19148. A countersigned membership card will be sent immediately.

## Harry O's Corner

## NEW YORK CHAPTER

## Deresh Knows the score

With Mike Deresh as President in 1975, the New York Chapter had a great year. He conducted the meetings in an efficient and expeditious manner. The lively and stimulating discussions on the floor with repartee and sophisticated remarks, added to the enjoyment of these meetings. Mike accepted these comments, as they were given, in the spirit of congeniality. The excellent turnout at these meetings was an indication of our appreciation for his leadership.

We had many successful social events during Mike's term in office. For the first time we enjoyed a week-end at the Windsor Hotel in April. In May we had Past Presidents' Night, the Memorial Services and Picnic at Pinelawn. In December we had our Annual Christmas Party.

Pres. Deresh should be commended for the excellent job he did as President of the New York Chapter in 1975.

## The December Meeting in Review

It was another lively meeting which Mike Deresh conducted as President of the N.Y. Chapter at the 26th Armory on December 5, 1975. A great deal of business was discussed and completed. Chairman Walter O'Keefe gave his report of the chartered bus to Worcester. Adolph Wadalavage said that a wonderful time was had at Father Connors Memorial Service and there were the usual large turnout of 9th Division men, women, children and friends. Frank Fazio, Co Chairman, reported on additional plans of the 1976 Reunion. Frank also reported that an enjoyable time has been arranged for the Xmas Party. There would be a Cocktail hour, a hot and cold buffet, and music. There will also be a raffle of a beautiful Afghan made and donated by Betty Rizzo.

## New Officers

Elections were held and the following officers were elected for 1976:

**President, Emil Langer**  
**1st Vice-Pres., Frank Fazio**  
**2nd Vice-Pres., Harry Orenstein**  
**Fin Secy., Irving Feinberg**  
**Recording Secy., Arthur Schmidt**  
**Judge Advocate, Edward Egan**  
**Chaplain, Ralph Witzkin**  
**Sergeant of Arms, Harry Meltzer**

**39th Infantry, Frank Russo**  
**47th Infantry, Harry Kaplan**  
**60th Charles Libretto**  
**Special Troops, Dave Gelman**  
**Division Artillery, James Haroutunian**

## Other notes of interest

Irving Feinberg reported that because we had such a good time at the Windsor Hotel this year, we are going to the Stevensville Hotel, Swan Lake, in March 1976.

We were happy to see at the meeting a really "old timer," John Morris of the 60th Infantry.

We received a letter from Dom Miele stating that he plans to attend the Xmas Party. His friends will be glad to see him.

The raffle winners were Alfred Seeley, Vincent Guglielmino and Frank Fazio.

As usual we enjoyed the delicious Buffet when the meeting adjourned.

## The Worcester Memorial Services

Father Connors Annual Memorial Services has a special meaning to the New York Chapter members as we remember our departed comrades. Also, it is an opportunity to renew our friendships, reminisce, attend a great social get together on Saturday evening and the dinner on Sunday. The City of Worcester honors the 9th Division Association for the unforgettable 9th Infantry achievements of WW II.

## The 1976 Reunion

We are rapidly completing details for the 1976 New York Reunion in the Bicentennial Year. Reservations for the 1976 Reunion are now being accepted at the Statler Hilton Hotel. The writer was appointed Publicity Chairman of the 1976 Reunion.

## Personal Tibits

The election of the 1976 Officers will be held at the December meeting.

Our special thanks to John Parisi for the excellent job he is doing in setting up such delicious refreshments after our meeting adjourns.

The late Jack Scully's sisters Mary and Kathleen donated to the Scholarship Fund named after their brother. Many thanks to them and to Emil Langer whom from time makes a generous donation to this fund.

For Max Umansky distance is no deterrent. Max came all the way from Florida to attend the N.Y. Chapter's meeting in November and was on the bus to Worcester to attend Father Connors Memorial Services.

Congratulations to Bill Muldoon of the 47th Regiment on the occasion of the marriage of his daughter. Our best wishes to the couple.

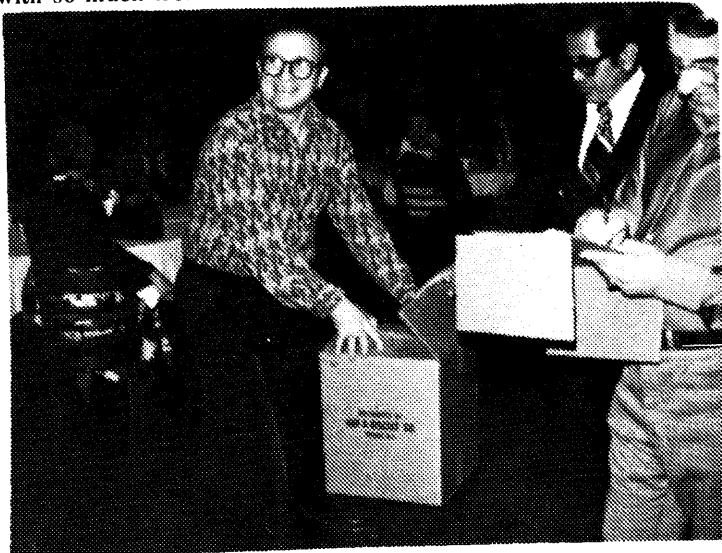
A letter was read from Michael Deresh's daughter thanking the New York Chapter for being awarded a Jack Scully Scholarship.

The lucky raffle winners were Frank Russo and Irving Feinberg.

It is my sad duty to inform you that William Messersmith 9th Q.M. passed away during October 1975. Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the bereaved family.

Harry Orenstein  
 687 W. 204 St.  
 New York, N.Y. 10034

At lunch one day, Bill Klauz gave up on a not-too-tender steak, put down his knife, and said: "It's a shame to fry a tire with so much tread on it."



At the New Yorkers Christmas party (l-r) Frank Fazio prepares a gift, Bill Canales looks on in approval while Ralph Witzken checks his list. Betty Rizzo donated a beautiful shawl as one of the prizes, and Bill Canales donated a watch. It was a great party with 110 members and their wives attending.

## Philly-Dela.

## NEW OFFICERS

Things have been happening at the Phila. Delaware Valley Chapter. We held our elections, the results-

**President - Al Perna**  
**Vice Pre. - Marty Krasovitz**  
**Treasurer - John Sabato**  
**Secretary - Dick Wilson**

We thank our outgoing officers, for a job well done. We pledge our support to make the Phila. Del. Val. Chapter outstanding. We wish our new officer success.

## Thanks for Remembering

The month of November was really a month of Thanksgiving, for our Chapter. Thanks to God for the beautiful weather, on the 9th, at Worcester, Mass. Thanks to Father Connors, and the members of his parish, for honoring us at the memorial services. To all the members who made the trip, thanks for remembering.

## Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Marty Krasovitz held an open house for the gals and guys. Our thanks to Lilly, for the buffet dinner was super deluxe. It was attended by 30 couples. Thanks Marty for getting rid of the empties.

## Exchange Gifts

We held our Christmas Party at Egg Harbor, N.J., which is 60 miles from Phila. Oscar and Connie Richards drove over 100 miles - That's real friendship! The ladies exchanged gifts while the food and music were out of this world - thanks to our program directors. It was a beautiful night of warm friendship between the Ninth.

One of Phila's finest ladies, Betty MacDougall, was taken to the hospital right before the dinner. Our prayers are with her, for a speedy recovery.

## Work of Art

Our outgoing Pres: Chas Troccoli received a work of art from and by Dick Wilson. Charlie was so proud, he showed it all over the place. We had such a large turnout that it would be hard to mention names. We wish all the troops a Happy New Year. The next meeting is Jan. 16, 1976 at Dick Wilsons, 530 Elm Ave. Woodbury, N.J.

Charles Troccoli  
 1106 Chestnut Ave.  
 Woodbury Heights, N.J.

THE MEMORIAL FUND OF THE 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
Scholarship Information

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:

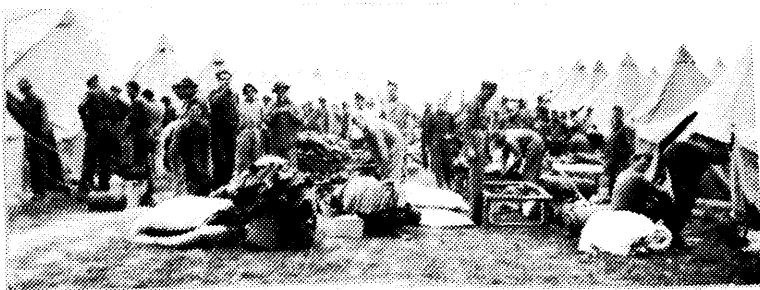
1. Send a letter of application, written in expository form, to the chairman of the scholarship committee stating the following: name, address, age, and sex of the applicant; name, address, and occupation of the applicant's parents or guardians; the name and address of the secondary school the applicant 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.

## Michigan Doings

Twenty Two of our members and their families attended the 31st annual Father Connors Memorial Mass at Worcester, Massachusetts on Nov. 9, 1975. As usual the Saturday night get-together at the Coffee Shop was enjoyed by all with plenty of food and drink to partake of. The weatherman was very grateful and gave us a beautiful Sunday in the 70s for our parade to the Church and also for the ceremony at the memorial outside of the Church after the Mass. Those in attendance were as follows: Everett & Irene Tapp and their family LCDR & Mrs. Stanley Primmer with their children Mark, Leighn Ann, and Michael of Brunswick, Maine, John & Thelma Obermiller, Gene Reedy and Daughter Kathy, John & Rose

Bonkowski, James & Louise Rushlow, Elmer Wagner, Bill & Barbara Meadows and Son Donnie, and Fred & Jane Josey and Son Randy.

**WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?** When it comes to pension and compensation there is a difference. Compensation is paid to a veteran to help compensate him for service-incurred injuries. On the other hand, pension is paid to permanently and totally disabled veterans for disabilities not traceable to war-time service. Both may be payable to veterans survivors. However, pensions, which are based on financial need may be paid only if income does not exceed established income limitations.



These men are not pitching tents for the New York reunion but they are members of the 15 Engineers on the Carolina Maneuvers 1941.

## McKenzie's 26th Field

### Our Appreciation

Gentlemen:

What can we say or do to express our appreciation to Father Connors for his dedication and spiritual devotion to Ninth Men? He has attended most all national conventions. His first Mass back in 1945 was a Mass of Thanksgiving for our safe return and a reminder that we should not forget those who met death on the field of battle.

### Resounding "Yes"

After discharge, and settled in parish work again, Father Connors wondered what his men looked like in other than OD's and fatigues. With the assistance of Red Byrne and few natives from Worcester word went out announcing a Mass and a get-together. Two hundred seventy five people (men and women) responded to his invitation. At the get-together (which happened to be a fine chicken dinner) he asked one important question: It was "should we meet again next year?" He heard a resounding "yes". So after 31 years the answer is still yes.

So for 1976 and for many years thereafter it is the hope that all of us will be able to again meet in Worcester to attend a Memorial Mass celebrated by Father Connors.

### Note Swapping

For those who have never attended a Memorial Mass do not feel that you will not meet anyone you do not know. If you have a name of someone write to Dan Quinn or Father Connors for his address. Start a little note swapping and the first thing you know is that you will be meeting in Worcester. As soon as you arrive at the hotel or the Connors Coffee Shop someone will recognize you.

### Hospitality

The hospitality of the parishoners at Immaculate Conception is out of this world. They knew you were coming so they baked a cake. Food, both solid and liquid, was in inexhaustible supply. For those who were able and knew how, dancing went on until 11 p.m.

### "Fall In"

Sunday, at 9:15 a.m. most men assembled at a fire station about one half mile from the church. Here an honor guard from the Worcester Police Department, a band, Ninth Division Color guard and over 200 men were given the command "fall in". The parade to the church was a marvelous display of military indoctrination during the years '41-'45.

### Reminds Us

Five minutes after the marchers are in church a concelebrated Mass begins. It is called concelebrated because Father Connors had the assistance of another priest. It is a high Mass because there is music by a choir. You have to be present to get the feeling from the solemnity of the Mass itself. A short talk by Father Connors always reminds us of our years from Africa to Germany. Some of it may be a repeat of his and our experiences. It is always good for someone to remind us of what we did with the best years of our life.

### Amazed

If you attend your first Memorial Mass next year you will be amazed at the feeling of everyone during the weekend. You will return home, tell your friends, neighbors, and fellow workers what you witnessed. They will not believe you. I think that Father Connors is the only ex army chaplain who conducts such a remembrance service for his men.

### Unselfish Committee

After Mass is the memorial service at our monument. Short talks by city officials and invited guests and the ceremony is over. Everyone is now heading for the coffee shop for that bottomless cup of coffee and the most delicious doughnuts this side of the Mississippi. Your relaxing and enjoyable Saturday night and Sunday morning was the result of unselfish committee work by the people at Immaculate Conception.

The last activity of our weekend is dinner. Over 500 men and women enjoy a delicious dinner. It will also be the time to say a long good-bye till we see you next year.

### Display of Courage

Courage is something we all must display sometime during our life. It happens during war and peace. Young and old, male and female are called on to display courage when the occasion arises. Mrs. Sylvester Byrne displayed her courage by attending the Memorial Mass. Everyone in the Field Artillery knew her husband "Red Byrne." Some Engineers, Infantrymen and Special Troops met him at the 30 Memorial Masses which he attended. "Red", a real gentleman, passed away last August. His wife had the courage to carry on.

### 26FA

In the past I have not listed the names of men from 26FA in fear that I may miss a few and be the recipient of some playful joshing. This year I am going to list the names of ex 26ers whom I remember. If I missed you do not get too upset. Here they are. Bob Warner, Bill Meadows, Milton Parrott, Tom Boyle, Dick Rogers, Jerry Leone, Dick Wilson, Mike Sciarappa, Jim Oliver, John Boden, Connie Matulius, Jim Hennelly, Gil Fernokas, Dan Mazeika, Henry Cappella, John Quinn, Pergi, John Murray, Bill Bongiorno, Elmer Roscoe, Manny Effron, Jerry Langer and Joe Albanese. Wouldn't you like to say "Hello" again to some of those with whom you served? You could if you attend our 32nd Memorial Mass in 1976.

Sincerely yours,  
Joe McKenzie  
95 Washington Av.  
Waltham, Mass.  
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### NOTES FROM THE EDITORS:

Russ Bassel of the 15th Engineers and living at PO Box 2961, Port Chester, Florida 33952, asked the secretary for assistance in locating a Colonel Beets of the 26th F.A. We searched high and low but have no records of the Colonel. We assume he never belonged to the association although he served with the old outfit. Perhaps some one of our members could help Russ.

Kenneth Ray, 400 Sullivan Street, Elmira, N.Y. 14961, asked the secretary for the address of Marino Gentile but again we do not have records on him. Ken was with the 39th so I imagine so was Gentile.

## Mail Call con't

Roger J. Gartland Med Det 47th Inf  
255 Charles St.  
Watertown, N.Y. 13601

What a wonderful weekend in Worcester on November 8th and 9th, proved to be. Esther and I enjoyed the party on Saturday and the dinner and the impressive Mass. I don't think we have to be ashamed in which we can still march in a fair formation. Enclosed is my dues and best regards to all and hope all will have a happy holiday season.

Jerry Mullis Co E 60th Inf  
Box 613  
Swannanoa, N.C. 28778

Jerry feels ashamed that he dropped out of the Association but is anxious to rejoin. "Since I last paid my membership I have been in and out of the hospital quite a few times and moved about a number of times. I am now employed as the Asheville VA Hospital in Asheville, North Carolina as a Nursing Assistant. G.S.4 - God has been good to me, and I'm quite sure that in due time I will eventually come across one of our fellow comrades who was with the Ninth, and I hope the association will continue for a long time." Jerry closes asking about the reunion this year as he has six weeks vacation and would like to attend. "If you know of any men living around Asheville please let me know." -- Regards to all.

Salvatore Tranquillo Co L 47th Inf  
Box 24, 511 Locust Ave.  
Port Chester, N.Y. 10573

"I'm applying for membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association. I was in the outfit in Fort Bragg for two years and overseas for two years 1941-1945. I was hit at El Guettar, Africa, hospitalized for a couple of months and rejoined the outfit again, went to Sicily and England. I was taken ill with Malaria and things went bad for me. This was shortly before "D Day." I was sent back to the States and discharged with a sixty percent disability.

I'm a friend of Anthony Forte who is a member of the association but from a different regiment. He lives here in Port Chester and gave me the application to join the association which I am proud to be part of such a fine outfit.

Paul Potts Hq Co 39th Inf  
2100 Norton Lane  
Bedford, Ind. 47421

A few lines along with my membership dues. I'm in fair condition for a 54 year old with 5 years in the Ninth and 28 years with General Motors. I take this time to wish all 9th Division members (especially Regt. Hq's 39th) a good Holiday Season and a successful 1976.

Al Sebeck 60th Inf  
14211 Mackinaw Ave.  
Burnham, Ill. 60633

Bonnie writes for her husband - "Al was really thrilled to see that picture of the boxing team in the latest issue of the Octofoil. He took it to work and some one got away with it now we have none. I sure would appreciate it if you could send us a few copies. See you in New York.

Editors note: We sent a few extra copies and we have Al and Charles LiBretto trying to identify the members in the picture. At press time they have named half of the men.

George Berday 47th Inf  
De Soto Trailer Park  
Lot 286  
Hornestead, Fla. 33030

George sends his dues and writes "The time really flies by. Wish it wouldn't go by so fast. Sitting here thinking about the weather up North. It's beautiful down here. In the low 80's. I'll be up in Pennsy next July and hope I can make the reunion in New York. Miss seeing the gang.

Going to work tonight at bingo with our Legion Post. Nothing else for now. Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Robert J. Mason 26th FA  
2818 Garbett Ave.  
McKeesport, Pa. 15132

Bob sent a beautiful Christmas card and adds - "hope you have a nice Christmas. Surely enjoy reading the Octofoil - It keeps me posted on a lot of the guys from the Ninth.

Gaetano Muscato 47th Inf  
47 Big Tree Street  
Livonia, New York 14487

Dear Secretary Quinn,

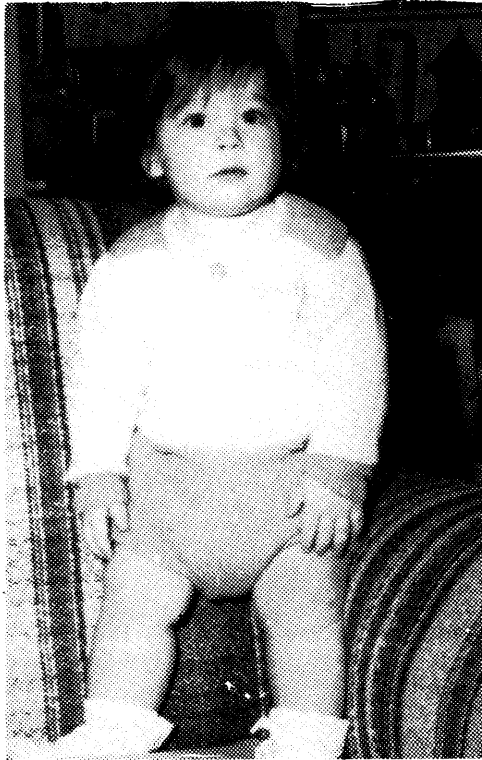
I'm writing in the hope that you will be able to help me with a problem I am having. My son recently received his master's degree from Syracuse University in the field of television and radio broadcasting. With the job market so tight he is having a very difficult time finding work. I know that our association has people in the field of broadcasting, such as Lindsay Nelson, as members. I would like to know if there is any way that the Association can help me to get in touch with these people or can forward word of this problem to them.

I am enclosing a copy of my son's resume in case it can be of any help. His background is mainly in the field of television production. He also has some experience in advertising and the educational aspects of television.

I hope you will be able to help us out in this problem and thank you very much for your assistance.

Eds note: The Secretary supplied Gaetano with Lindsay's address and wrote him that we would use his letter in the Octofoil for further assistance.

## 26 F.A. : chip off the old block



William A. Bongiorno was a happy 11-month-old boy in Bedford in 1943, (left), modeling a suit sent from Sicily by his father, William F. Bongiorno, while he was there with U.S. forces. Now the suit has been inherited by another generation: Jonathan Bongiorno, (right), also at age 11 months, tries on the Sicilian suit sent by his grandfather and worn by his father 31 years ago. Jonathan and his parents live in Corvallis, Ore. The grandfather, William F. Bongiorno of 3 Cedar Ridge terr. in Bedford is affiliated with Craft Cleaners of Lexington.



## Traveling down road of history



These are pictures we received from Jim Leopold in a holiday card. Taken on Christmas Day of 1944, the Staff of the 2nd Bn. 47th Infantry, from l-r: Bn Exec. William Larson, 7 Clinton Avenue, Montclair, N.J., John Bonnett Bn S-2, RD No. 3, Titusville, Pa., Daniel E. Duncan, BN S-3, 1750 Richardson Road, Merritt Island, Fla., BN, C.O. Lewis E. Maness, 3209 Nottingham Lane, Coco, Fla., and Jim Leopold, Bn S-1, 200 Lakewood Pl., Highland Park, Ill. This was in the town of Kalternberg, Germany.

Here's Jim Leopold in the same town, Kalternberg, at the same location, last October 1975. He also supplied us with the address of Ray L. Inzer, 818 Harwell, Abilene, Texas and Ray A. Valliere, 42 MacMillan Drive, Brunswick, Maine. Here asked where are Roy Code, Otto Geyer, Doc MacLauchlin, and Jack Compton? The secretary's office supplied us with Roy's address: 3209 Cook Street, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, Otto Geyer, 1217 Quantock Dr., St. Louis Mo., Doc's at Box 774 Conover, N.C. but we have nothing on Jack Compton.



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George Margon was the cartoonist of the 47th Regimental publication and these two sketches were from the Christmas booklet of 1944.

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The Editors of the Octofoil wish to thank all those who sent the beautiful Christmas Cards and best wishes for the New Year. We would like to wish all the members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



*Aw - You're not Really  
Santa Claus*

## CHRISTMAS of 1944

The 47th Infantry published a booklet back in 1944 and in the Christmas issue they had a poem written by Warrant officer Harold T. O'Hara. At this Christmas, 31 years later we republish his poem. Harold passed away a few years ago but we shall always remember him and his staff that included Jack Reilly, Luke Savage, Marty Roach, Bob Dunn and the one and only George Morgan the artist of the group.

### DON'T PINE FOR US

Don't pine for us at Christmas; don't let the teardrops well  
In eyes that brought us laughter and wove us in their spell.  
Don't think of us as absent, though miles keep us apart,  
For there can be no barrier to your place in my heart.

The stars still shine, the sun still sets, the clouds still drift along;  
And Love and Laughter know not Time; and God won't still a  
Song.  
The folks we love, the joys we knew, the dreams we ever share,  
Have let us through the stormy nights, made light our every  
care.

In dreams we've seen you, heard your voice, and thrilled before  
your smile.  
You've been our dream companion, our guide, mile after mile.  
We've talked with you, and laughed with you; we've bared our  
very soul.  
And you have been the hands that led us to each hard earned  
goal.

We've found peace and contentment through the days, and  
months, and years.  
Because your eyes were on us. Please don't shield them now  
with tears.  
For Christmas should be jolly, peaceful, bright and gay;  
And that's the way we want it - if we can have our way.

So, don't permit the shadows to crease your face with pain;  
Flood yourself with sunshine - let other seek the rain.  
For cares are never heavy, the road is smooth and true,  
When in our minds we travel gayly side by side with you.

It's then we want your sparkling eyes, your laughter loud and  
clear;  
It's then we need you at our side; to feel your presence near.  
But hearts are cold, the road is rough, the way is dark and  
dear,  
If, in our dreams, we see your face etched with care and fear.

For then our mind is troubled and our joy is turned to grief;  
We stumble in the darkness, and in blindness seek relief.  
We're tortured, harried, goaded, and our mind is seared with  
pain.  
Because your tears are our tears, and will ever so remain.

So fill your eyes with stardust; smile the smile we love,  
And early Christmas morning gaze at skies above,  
Whisper, "Merry Christmas!" and wherever I may be,  
I'll know you're here beside me, and at your side I'll be.

## MAIL CALL

Co M 60th Inf

Paul Morrisette  
116 Liberty St.  
Pawtucket, R.I. 02861  
Paul writes asking about the Scholarship Program that is available for our members children and adds "outside of getting older my activities are mainly centered in my new position as Chief of Audits with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation and Quartermaster for the State of Rhode Island VFW. As always - thank you - keep up the good work and regards to all.

Co I 60th Inf

Roy Schaeffer  
1664 Sunset Ave  
Akron, Ohio  
"I'm enclosing dues for 1976 for Mona B. and me-red-lined - I don't want to be! We're certainly going to try to be in attendance at number 30 in July. for not only is New York an exciting city to visit, but we have so many friends among the "Ninth Divisioners" there.  
I have joined the ranks of the retirees-said: "bye bye" to the classroom last June 6th. My time is filled instead with music-dance bands, concert bands and orchestras, arranging, directing our Akron YusefKlanGrottoBand and the ever present practicing and a few private students. Just can't seem to get to the "settin" and "rockin" age!  
We hear from quite a few of the guys (and wives) at Christmas time - Al Bruchac, Wadalavage, Harold Smith, Brooks, Malyack, Norman, Doc Baldini and had letters last year from Al Hodge and Loland Jackson - to name a few. Sure hope we'll see all of you in New York!  
Keep the Octofoil coming Dan and take care.

Co D 60th Inf

John E. Thornton  
PO Box 3782, Mdse. Mart  
Chicago, Ill. 60654  
Do hope that you and yours are all in good health, and that things are going along real good for you. I am doing good for an ole vet of 67? Sure hope that World Conditions improve real good in the coming year, and the Employment does likewise. Have a nice Holiday and the best of everything to all.

Co K 60th Inf

Merton H. Beebe  
176 East Robbins Avenue  
Newington, Conn. 0611  
Merton sends his dues and adds "I am sorry that I have not been able to attend our reunions as of late due to having a major operation which restricts my travel some what.  
The best of luck and health to our members of a proud organization.  
Editors note: Hang in there Merton - maybe you can get to the New York reunion this summer. We'll all be praying that you do.

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Martin Gill  
2401 Pennington Road  
Trenton, N.J. 08638  
Many thanks for your reply to my request for Norman Dean's Address. I haven't as yet passed it on to Harry Klomp but will do so soon. As the adage says, the road to hell is paved with good intentions. While intentions are good, the demands of family, adequate job, performance and economic survival often steal the time needed for other interests. However, since we have already reached the "60th mark", retirement and more leisure time can't be more than a couple of years away.  
The October 4th get-together of the fellows from the Finance Section of Division Headquarters was a memorable experience. Of the sixteen enlisted personnel who are still living, twelve and their wives were there. Many had not seen or heard from one another during the thirty years since we began returning home from Germany in 1945.  
Of the group that attended, Steve Gray and I, insofar as I know are the only two who are members of the association. Steve spent a good part of that Saturday evening trying to recruit new members for the association.  
I am not absolutely certain but I have a feeling that the wives enjoyed the get-together equally as much as the men. Sorry I could not attend the Memorial in Worcester but hopefully next year. Surely will make the New York reunion this summer.  
Kindest regards to all and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Co K 47th Inf.

John A. Mrugala  
Box 11  
Barnesboro, Pa. 15714  
I am enclosing a check for my 1976 dues. I am reading a book entitled "The Battle for North Africa 1940-43". It is a very good book and interesting. The Ninth is mentioned several times by W.G.F. Jackson, a British General. He served in Tunisia, Sicily and Italy. He was a squadron commander in the 6th Armoured Division and a staff officer on Eisenhower's and Alexander's Staff. Really enjoy reading the book. I belong to the Military Book Club. At home these days convalescing from a heart-attack that I had in July of this year. Was in the hospital for twenty five days. Doing nicely now but it will be awhile before I go back to work. I want to wish all the members and especially my old comrades in arms - Gods Blessing and the best for the coming holidays.  
Editors note: "Hang in" John.

Edward W. Machowski  
5931 N.W. Circle Ave  
Chicago, Ill. 60631

9th Med

Ed sends his dues and pens "May you and yours have a Merry Christmas and a most prosperous and healthy New Year. The very best to all the gang of the 9th and another successful reunion.

Harold W. Smith 60 INF  
9515 Bluegrass Place  
Colorado Springs,  
Col. 80911

As you know, I have been a member of the Association for 30 years, and many years ago served a term on the Board of Governors. So you know that I have always been deeply interested in it and with particular reference to its future. At the 1975 Reunion in Detroit, I learned of proposals to merge our organization with that of the new 9th Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. Twenty or thirty years ago I would have been violently opposed to entertaining any such idea on what seems to me as quite valid grounds. We were a young enough, vigorous enough, energetic group of closely knit friends welded together by a war that had affected all of us. Through the wisdom of our first wartime commander, General Manton Eddy, the idea of the association and its constitution were hammered out to fit our joint aims. We were dedicated to the principles our fallen comrades had paid for with their lives. We were sufficient unto ourselves. But that was a long time ago!

Today, we are faced with the certainty of becoming a dying organization. A last man's club. The years have taken their inevitable toll of our membership. We are beginning to feel the chill of winter in our bones. Most of us are well past the half century mark and even the youngest of us have fewer hairs on the old head, and gray ones, at that! For many years I have subscribed to the old cliché - if I can't take it with me, I won't go! But let's not kid ourselves, it just can't be that way. So it's time to sit back and reassess matters. As the British used to say - fall back and regroup!

The new 9th Division Association at Fort Lewis is not composed of a bunch of baby-faced members. I was assured by their former Command Sergeant Major in Detroit that many, if not most of the members are themselves now in their 30's. One of their Board members is a general officer - so we know he is past 21, even with the more rapid promotion system of today! The new association has a potential membership of at least 10,000. The financial contribution they would make far exceeds what we have left.

It occurred to me one night at Detroit, as I sat in the Michigan "C.P." enjoying a drink and some nostalgic conversation, that Fred Josey, our former Past President, and a few others with him were doing all the work behind the bar, and how much nicer it would have been if there had been some younger members to do their work. Perhaps this is not quite an accurate observation since as I understand it, the merger proposal would affect only the nationals, not the local chapters. So maybe poor Fred would have to play bartender after all! But in all seriousness, some fresh young blood into our association would be a healthy infusion.

I urge our present Board of Governors and our entire membership to think on this subject sincerely and objectively between now and our next Reunion, when it is sure to be raised again. For those who are just mere members, like me, write your thoughts as I have done and let the Board

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know how you feel. If you can attend the next Reunion, be prepared to vote on the issue. Just remember, we are not running a "fontine", or a "Last Man's Club". The hour is late. Soon, even reunions will be too much for most of us. While we can still think and act clearly, and with purpose, let us, by merger, indeed perpetuate all that the 9th Infantry Division Association stands for.

Henry E. Royall  
105 Noble Street  
Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514  
47th & 60th Inf

The Colonel writes "In October I was out in the State of Washington visiting my children and grandchildren. While there I visited the Ninth Division Museum at Fort Lewis. It is an excellent Museum but it seems to me to be lacking memorabilia of the 9th in WWII. There was no WWII operations map on display. Maybe our Association could help them in some manner.

Merry Christmas to all.  
Editors note: The secretary's office is loaded with material from the Division so with permission of the Board of Governors we should be able to supply them with maps etc.

George F. Long  
714 Penny Drive  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15235  
376th AAA

George sends his dues and "Best wishes for Happy Christmas season and a Happy and prosperous 1976".

Victor Daumit  
3400 Janet Road  
Silver Spring, Md. 20906  
Div. Hqs.

"Sorry I'm such a lousy member but I'm going to make one of these reunions and surprise the hell out of everybody! I'm still very active in the dance business and previous commitments are always popping up just about the time I'm about to leave for one of our reunions. However my thoughts are always with the Ninth Division. Enclose find dues for 1976."

Eds note: We disagree with Vic and consider him a good member who keep up his membership.

Earl Wilkey  
402 Calhoun Ave  
Rome, Ga. 30161  
Co F 47th

Thanks so much for writing to me and for including my letter in the Octofoil. Enclose find \$5.00 for membership. I will be proud to belong to the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Hope someone will remember me and will write. Good luck to all.

Albert C. Geist, 39th Inf  
14040 Chelsea Drive,  
Orland Park, Ill. 60462  
Dear Dan:

Here is my dues for the next three (3) years. Received the Sept-Oct. 1975 copy of the Octofoil and wouldn't you know it that the printer would make a mistake in printing my new address. It should be "ORLAND PARK" instead of Alden Park, but due to good postal service we just received a Christmas Card with Alden Park, Ill. on it but with the proper ZIP code.

You can definitely give credit for my dues to the Illinois Chapter.

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and hope to see you in New York in July. We just became Grandparents for the 4th time with a grandson named Glenn Jonathan Dixon. Best of everything to all.

Verne W. Hunter Jr.  
8751 Prescott Dr.  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15237

Verne missed receiving the Octofoil, and being a Life member since 1974 he should have been, so the secretary checked out and found the addressograph plate indicator had broken off. We're so glad that Verne let us know that he enjoys reading the Octofoil. "I sure miss the interesting reading and wealth of information".

Best wishes to all.

James T. Canada  
PO Box 434  
Shannon, Ga. 30172  
Co D-60th Inf

Jim sends his dues for 76 and writes "Sorry that I didn't get to attend the reunion in Atlanta in 74. One of my old buddies stopped by for a chat, it was Carl Sleazer. I hadn't seen or heard from him since before I left the outfit to come home. He was in the hospital with a broken leg.

It was such a surprise to have him come out of his way to see me on his way to Florida that I forgot to ask him for his address or if he belongs to the association, but I sure was glad to see him. He told me about how many of the old buddies he had seen lately, we had a very good visit. I am out from my job for about two months because of an operation and don't have anything to do but lay around and rest for they won't let me do anything else for a while. I hardly see any letters in the Octofoil from any of my buddies from D Co 60th. There are two of them living pretty close to me and I heard from Talley Calvin this past summer. He called me and we had a good chat.

Will close for now - tell all the "Old Reliabilities" I said hello.

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New York In 76

You can see enough fools in the daytime without going out at night to hunt the main herd.