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Ninth Infantry Division Association

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With saddened heart we announce the passing of three "Old Reliables".

Robert Rinn
William B. Penn
Otto Kerner
Div Hq
96th Inf
34th F.A.

There is no death
What we call death
is but a repose
They wake not
who slumber so
Therefore,
We mourn - we weep.

My husband, William B. Penn, passed away on January 23rd of this year. He always enjoyed the Octofoil and was proud of his service with the Ninth Division.

Mrs. William B. Penn
1107 Beach Avenue
Southaven, N.J. 38671

We apologize for not including the last address of Jesse Nunan for many of our members when they read the sad news of his passing written in the Octofoil. We extend our heartfelt sympathy.

"Our friend Otto was a great humanitarian who brought the human touch to each of his endeavors," several hundred mourners were told at memorial services for former Gov. Otto Kerner.

"His social conscience was legendary... and his concern for the well-being of his fellow man was foremost in his every activity," said U.S. District Court Judge Abraham Marovitz, who delivered the eulogy.

Governor Dan Walker, Mayor Richard J. Daley, Sen. of State Michael J. Howlett, Chief Criminal Court Judge John R. Boyle and members of the Ninth Infantry Division association were among those in attendance.

Kerner, 67, died of cancer on May 5th and was buried at the Arlington National Cemetery.

"May they rest in peace. To their loved ones we extend our heartfelt sympathy."

**Tip Of The Hat**

General William C. Westmoreland

As we go to press we've learned that General Westmoreland's book "A Soldier's Report" can be obtained at many book stores located near our C.P. at the reunion. However Howard Waldman of 26 Newman Street, Metuchen, N.J. an old timer from the 41st, has promised that he will be available on Saturday July 24th to assist our members who wish to purchase the book. We feel certain by the time the reunion rolls around something will be worked out so that our members who come to the reunion can easily obtain the book. For the General has promised to autograph them at the reunion.

To Speak at Reunion

Jim Connelly recently learned of the association and became a life member. He also sent space in the Reunion Journal along with a donation to the Memorial Fund.

Many thanks.

Jim Connelly

Memories

Many things can be written about the attractions at a reunion but when all is said and done the only thing that really matters is the "old timers" themselves. We all look forward to being with the old gang and are anxious to see our old pals once again. For a few days we can forget about our troubles and go back in memory to those days when we were soldiers with the Ninth.

There is something about misery and fear that brought us together and there were times when we had our lighter moments. Little things that meant so much in the time - a beer - a bottle of wine or whatever the drink of the country that we were in.

We can look back on it with pride for whether we wanted or not we were there, when it counted. Reunions are made of memories and the "Old Reliables" have plenty of those. Try to be at the reunion in New York.
The OCTOFOIL

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I 776 New York Reunion Program

Thursday, July 22nd
Registration 10:00 A.M. - All Day Washington Room
Board of Governors Meeting 9:00 A.M. - Boston Room
Welcoming Party 5:00 P.M. - Georgian Room

Friday, July 23rd
Registration 10:00 A.M. - All Day Committee Meetings 10:00 A.M. Nominating Committee - Empire Suite A Newspaper Committee - Empire Suite B Finance Committee - Town Room Miscellaneous Committee - Village Room General Membership Meeting 11:00 A.M. Georgian Room Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 10:30 A.M. - Play Penn Room Beer and Dance 9:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M. Terrace Ballroom

Saturday, July 24th
Registration 10:00 A.M. - Parade Formations and Memorial Service 9:30 A.M. - Cocktail Hour (open bar) 11:30 A.M. - Play Penn Room Banquet 8:00 P.M. - Terrace Room

Sunday, July 25th
Safe Journey Home

PARKING
The convention committee has made arrangements for you to park your car at the HO-PENN GARAGE on West 29th Street between 7th and 8th Avenues at a rate of $1.00 per day. You must drop your luggage at the hotel which is the nearest to the HO-PENN GARAGE. Then proceed to 29th Street. Make a right into 29th Street. Normal rates are 85¢ per day which includes pick up and delivery. You must park your car by July 17th if you will be using the HO-PENN for parking. Management will set aside an area for us.

WRITE TO:
EMIL P. LANGER
3 BRENTWOOD DRIVE
HOME PHONE: 201-529-5325
MORRIS PLAINS, NEW JERSEY 07950

YOU MUST LET ME KNOW BY JULY 15TH IF YOU WILL BE USING THE HO-PENN FOR PARKING. MANAGEMENT WILL SET ASIDE AN AREA FOR US.

CUT OUT THIS CLIPPING. IT MUST BE PLACED ON THE DASHBOARD OF YOUR CAR.

IT WILL BE YOUR IDENTIFICATION.

REQUEST FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS
Ninth Infantry Division Association July 21-21, 1976
NEW YORK Statler Hilton

NAME
ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP
FIRM NAME

ARRIVAL DATE: HOUR AM FM
DEPARTURE DATE: HOUR AM FM

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO OPENING DATE OF CONVENTION AND WILL BE HELD UNTIL 9 A.M. ON DAY OF ARRIVAL UNLESS LATER HOUR IS SPECIFIED.

CONVENTION ROOM RATES

Singles: $22.00
Doubles: $24.00
Triples: $28.00
Quad: $30.00

July 22 - 24 New York In 76
Meet A Friend

REGISTER EARLY FOR THE REUNION...
CHAPTER NEWS

Michigan Doings

NEWS-NOTES

As we approach the last 3rd of April 3rd Meeting was a pleasant surprise that more of you would have been able to attend. We thank all of you who came.

Susie Elmer Wagner; 1st V.P.
Ed & Wario Wiscinski; 2nd V.P.
Don & Helen Lewis; Chaplain
John Zdun; Treasurer
Bob & Florence DeSandy; Fred & June Young; Paul & Leora Hennessey; John & Jean Yousum; Fr. Arthur Resch; Chuck & Charlotte Foss and many others.

Our appreciation to those who number to continue and return their questionnaire.

Many kind notes were received.

There were five letters returned and four forwarded by the Post Office. This makes us appreciate the job that the National Secretary does, in someone does not inform him of a change of address but we do it now when you move.

Matt Urban expressed in usual generosity with a donation along with all the usual things we do and the work is done as efficiently as possible wherever needed. See you in New York and we hope you will all drink all to that at the Convention.

OUR FRIENDS

It was new to hear from our Irish friends. Bill, John, Mike and Angie Myrick and Robert Konkel, who are not many others were in our thoughts.

A letter from Helen Lewis, Henenssey and Bonskowski was a pleasant surprise. We wish all the best to the trip the Don with Helen Lewis and a most pleasant visit to Floyd & Leora Hennessey's in Columbus, Ohio. The weather was nice and enjoyable and we hope to see you around to see a few repeats, unless the total will have been even greater.

The next is on the Alumni List to the Convention. As soon as everything is finalized we will send a list to the Convention Committee for Room reservations. We need that in order for leaving Detroit at 6:30 AM on Wednesday, October 11th at 9:30 AM at Grand Central at 1 PM. Of course there will be quite a few traveling on their own. The Wiscinski's have a good turn out, as usual.

We hope you will all get in already for our Outstanding Veterans Recognition dinner.

Langer read the following correspondence including a letter from Past President Paul Pawelek in which Paul said that he was sorry he could not attend our March 19th dinner in New York but that he would be at the Convention. Langer was happy to report that both Paul and wife Nancy have arrived in Detroit to be remembered by those who love and will be remembered by everyone.

The letter from Paul was received and included a photo of Paul and his wife. Paul was fully recovered and Al was recovering nicely at home in Pennsylvania. Frank thanked the membership for remembering him in his Get-Well messages and phone calls. Also, Langer announced the presence of a new member. Edward Bozarth of the 9th Infantry Division and the 9th Infantry Division out of Westfield, Ohio. Langer called the attention of the members to the importance of silence of our friends.

President's Night

President Langer asked all of the Past Chapter Presidents to return to the Convention on June 22nd to give a short report on the President's Night step to forward to the dinner. At each past President is stepped up which has given a round of applause. The Past Presidents present were:

- David Runyon, General Fanshaw, Frank Fox, Arthur Schmidt, Vincent Gallagher, and Joseph Kasten.

Langer read the letter from Past President Paul Pawelek saying he could not come to the meeting because of another commitment but that he sent his best regards to all of the members.

Langer presented each Past President with a tugs of appreciation.

Langer announced that we would have a meeting on July 9th to make final plans for the reunion in New York.

On July 22nd we will have a "Little Old New York" with beer, soda, and dancing. Don't miss it, because there is no "New York's Eve Night" for all of us.

On July 24th we have the usual Committee Meetings at 6:30 PM at the General Motors Contracts Meeting at 11:30 AM and to keep the ladies busy we are going to have Ladies Tea Party at 11:30 AM on July 24th, which will be changed our Parade and Memorial Services at Madison Square Plaza, (Erie, 5th Ave and 4th Street, New York City).

At the Observation Tower of the Empire State Building yes.

The committee is trying to keep the price of the trip ticket around $26.00 plus $15.00 for Overnight at New York.

Mr. Walter O'Keeffe, reported on the Heart Ball, thanked the membership as usual.

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We have many others were in our thoughts of the board in New York.

10:00 AM we will have our Parade and Memorial Services at Madison Square Plaza, (Erie Street at 4th Avenue, New York City).

Generous Jean

The members regrouped at the Officers Club for refreshments and a buffet lunch.

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