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A change of command of the Association as two Raiders from Easy and Fox companies turn over the gavel of authority. Walter O'Keeffe the outgoing President (E Co. 47th) hands the gavel to the newly elected President of the "Old Reliables".

BUSY GALS
The Ladies Auxiliary were busy "gals" at the reunion but found time at their social and meeting to hold their election of new officers for the year. Julia Soto was chosen as the leader of the group for the coming year, with Irene Tapp assisting at the helm as Vice President. Keeper of the funds will be Phyllis Perna as Treasurer. Keeping the gals posted will be Edith Krasovetz as Secretary. Listening to their woes will be Ruth维奇 as Chaplaine. Good Luck Ladies.

Tip Of The Hat
Many thanks to those members who remembered the Memorial Fund and made those attending the reunion who contributed, the largest sum ever collected at a reunion - $831.00. Rev. Edward T. Connors Anthony Herman Frank Jones Bill Coen

Ron Coen was one of the first donations the association received at the reunion and Bill who spoke at the meeting regarding the restriction of the Memorial monument at Worcester told the secretary "I spoke of the spending of this fund and want to put my money where my mouth is." The Ladies Auxiliary made donation to the collection of $831 and the Michigan Chapter members contributed $50.00 to this fund.

Once again-many thanks to all.

2nd Annual Memorial Mass and Service for the deceased of the 9th Infantry Division will be at the Immaculate Conception Church, Worcester, Mass., June 7th, 1976 at 10:30 a.m.

If you are interested in receiving notification of this Memorial Mass, drop a note to Reverend Edward T. Connors, 355 Grove Street, Worcester, Mass. 01605.

For Room Reservations, contact Francis R. Maher, Jr., Bay Davenport Street, Worcester, Mass. 01605. Tel. 413-756-1883.

Free Buffet Supper will be served for the benefit of the VVomen Auxiliary at Connors' Coffee Shop, Saturday evening, Sunday's Dinner will be at the Sheraton Lincoln Inn.

REGISTRATION
Franey Maher who is handling the reservations for the Worcester Memorial weekend informs us that "The Sheraton-Lincoln Motel in Worcester is insisting that all reservations be submitted two weeks prior to November 6th and all those that happen to miss, we often have to cancel without notifying Maher or the Sheraton-Lincoln will receive a bill for same." When the Sheraton-Lincoln Motel is filled the Holiday Inn will be the next choice for rooms. If you do not want the Holiday Inn, please indicate in your letter to Maher your reservation are a must.

To those who never attended the Memorial Services in Worcester, we are certain that the weekend is one of the greatest weekends of your life. Photo of a reunion of Mine shafts with the gang arriving on Saturday afternoon. It may be a little longer than 24 hours but it seems more than that. Everything is packed into one weekend.

Saying hello to old friends and new ones that we've met through the association is one of our big kicks but the weekend is more than that; Saturday evening the parishioners of Father Connors Church will spread a wide spell that will spread the hearts of all the good old chowhounds.

Sunday morning finds the "old reliables" falling in for a short march to the Church where our comrades are remembered in prayer. After the Mass, which is attended by members of all Faiths, a short service is held at the right side of the Monument , the Church Grounds, and the looking Gold Star Boulevard.

Then it's "a break" at Con­ners Coffee shop and off to the Sheraton-Lincoln Inn for din­ner. The good Padres always makes certain that the gang is back on the road to home around 3:00 P.M.

Once again if you plan to attend make your reservation early.

Travel Tips
For those coming from New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Pennsylvania and the South you can make your reservation for the Worcester Expressway at Exit No. 20. Overhead sign will read Burn­ twood St. This will bring you to a traffic light, proceed on the second light turn right onto the Worcester Expressway and leave at Exit No. 20. Burntwood-Lincoln Streets. Go across the in­ tersection to the next traffic light, make a left hand turn onto the Worcester Expressway and leave at Exit No. 20. Burntwood-Lincoln Streets. Go across the in­ tersection to the next traffic light, make a left hand turn and you have a short distance to go to the Sheraton Lincoln. For those coming from the North and East if you use 495, Exit at the sign reading 290 North and East. Proceed to the sign marked "Boston West." Make a right turn to "S. Macon." Make a right turn on "Maiden Drive" which is the large building of the State Mutual Life Assurance Co. You will find the Sheraton-Lincoln and a short drive from the Sheraton. Keep your eye out for the 9th Division Road markers.

Worcester Memorial November

HOSPITALIZATION
Many veterans became ill and use their life savings to pay for needed care before they are admitted to a Veterans Administration hospital. Medical and hospital care are very expensive today, and most people who are regularly employed are covered by some type of health and hospitalization insurance. Many veterans fail to realize that they may be eligible for care in V A hospitals even though they are covered by insurance.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
One of the greatest honors that can be bestowed upon anyone is to provide or organize an event as great as the 9th Infantry Division Association. I assure you that I will devote all my efforts to carry on the fine work that made this Association what it is today. With the help of the dedicated officers and the devoted Board of Governors, I look forward to an interesting and suc­ cessful year.

My congratulations to the New York Chapter for a very en­ joyable and well organized reunion. Good Luck Ladies.

We didn't know George while he attended all the reunions. "We bid him farewell many years ago but he attended all the reunions. George moved South a little guy who "hung in" there for many years ago to the warmer climates, and may God be good to Him."

Due to the efforts of John "Al," his Commanders Team, and the Ladies Auxiliary, his Post 2492 was awarded Awards and Cations at the State level for the years, 1975 and 1976.
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Dear Dan:

You do not seem too enthusiastic about my recent intelligence about the membership and the two associations and the need to become one, but maybe this note will withdraw the interest of the membership - the memory of the Remagen bridge is about to become a memory. Yes, the remaining portions, those stealable objects which now stand on either bank of the Rhine river at Remagen (on the westbank) and Erpel (on the east bank) will be torn down in the very near future. They'll be made a memory in a needed effort to widen the Rhine river (in that area).

I've just been informed of this fact by a correspondent in Germany - the bridge which on March 4, 1945 was taken by the 9th Armoured Division, which was built during World War I (!!!), was 330 meters long, which carried two railroad tracks across the river, which stood in its motors over the river, which carried the name of a famous World War I German general (Ludendorff), which carried (or permitted to be carried) the remnants of German units across in a vast effort for defense in late April, which was defended by General Hitzfeld's 2nd Armored, which collapsed into the Rhine river on March 4, 1945 - yes, it will be in very short order more a memory than it is today. I am proud to say, though, Dan, that I do have one of the building stones from that bridge in it possible that other 9th members might wish on one.

Either way, Dan, I thought the guys would want to know - one of our avenues to one of our grandest achievements will be soon but only a memory - the real thing will be soon - rubble and cart off as landfill, wherever!

Wendy (center) as he chats with the old gang just before the parade, Lenny Tommasone on his right with Elsie Hopkins on the left, (maybe they were inviting the General to the 1978 reunion, as the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter will be host for that event)

The Ladies Auxiliary members are shown as they await the call for "Fall in" for the march to the Memorial Services at the Eternal Light monument on 23rd Street.

Congratulations are in order as the Co-Chairmen of the 76 Reunion Frank Dwyer and Emil Langer tactfully together before the banquet knowing the reunion is a big success.

Mail Call CONT'D

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Dear Dan:

Only time I get a few minutes to write is during one of those daily afternoon thunder storms, that esports all effort for the evening. Retired a year ago yesterday. Since then the only time we got home sick for N.Y. was the weekend of the convention. Both of us are old and the wife Mildred and I find this life pretty tough to take. Golf course in the morning, before the heat of the day. A light snack for lunch before jumping into the pool for the afternoon. Don't have to carry my two sons around, they are now carrying their own. We do have an 18 year old son living with us or else we would have been north for the convention. We both thought very much about it, so much so we got letters off to Higgins, Usha, and Tees of Cape May.

My dues is paid up, so I guess all I need from you is to change my address. We are living 3 miles south of Silver Springs, our phone number is in the phone book. If you or yours are ever down this way please look me up, and I'll show you how to live.

With the help of God I'm sure that you will see us at the next reunion.

CERTAIN EVIDENCE IS NECESSARY when making a claim for any type of benefit. As a rule the application must include the following items: name, address, date of birth, date of death, place of death, type of benefit being sought, and the best supporting evidence. For this reason, it is necessary to keep these records easily accessible. A fireproof safe is strongly recommended. A fireproof safe is strongly recommended. A fireproof safe is strongly recommended.

The situation outlined above has generated strong feelings among the members of our Association. There are opportuniities for each of us to establish our feelings about the question. It is apparent from the course of past events that the question will not fade away, and it is equally apparent that some solution must be found for the problem. Realizing the complexity of the problem, the Board of Governors established a committee to make an in-depth study of the question. National President, Charles Koonce, with the concurrence of the Board appointed the following members: the Chairman Walter J. O'Keefe, Harrison Duff, Francis Maher, Everett Tapp, Al Perna and Charles Koonce, who will serve on the committee. The committee will confer with General Westmoreland who will serve as liaison between it and the members of the OCTOFOIL Association who have petitioned for membership in our association.

One of the primary functions will be to explore all facets of the question, and to develop plans for alternate courses of action. These plans will be presented to both the Board and the membership for their consideration.

The committee is not empowered to take any actions beyond the collection of the information and data that it may require to develop its report.

If the committee is to develop viable plans, it must know how our members feel about this situation. Therefore, as Chairman of the committee I am requesting that our members drop me a line advising me of their thoughts on this matter. Please be frank, no one will be quoted; all replies will be confidential. We want a true picture of what is going on so we can do what is best for the Association, we want to make a team effort, we are open to suggestions and advice.

Please address your letter to Walter J. O'Keefe.

POSSIBLE MERGER

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All the pictures in this issue were taken by Walter J. Victor. Anyone interested in obtaining copies can get in touch with Walter by writing to him at 2742 Ivan Lee Dr., East Falls, Pa. 19128. Walter has many other reunion pictures which we were unable to print because of lack of space.

77th REUNION IN CHICAGO

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The 12th meeting of the National Board of Governors was held in New York City on July 22, 1976 at 5:15 P.M. at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, attended by President Francis Maher, Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh, Past Presidents William Klaus and Charles Koskie, Elmer Wagner, Herbert Olsen, William Bongiorno, Ralph Carci, Anthony Chacanas, Oscar Richards, Leonard Clouser, Thomas Boyles, Anthony Tapp,也是Treasurer Thomas Boyles, Vice-President Vincent Gugliemino, Secretary Daniel Quinn, and President Francis Maher, Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh, Past Presidents John Bonkowski, Fred Josey, Paul Kornos, and others.

President O'Keeffe called the meeting to order and asked the members to stand for a silent prayer for the departed men of the Ninth.

The secretary Daniel Quinn read the 13th report of the National Board of Governors for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976. The report was accepted by a vote of 74 members being a quorum of 74 members present. The report was signed by President O'Keeffe. The report was read aloud by the secretary and approved by a majority vote of the members.

The treasurer Thomas Boyles, the chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the annual budget for the fiscal year 1977-1978. The budget was approved by a majority vote of the members.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M. with President O'Keeffe thanking the members for their participation and service.
New York Chapter

IMPRESSIONS

The Memorial Services at Atlantic Park Square, New York City and the Parade were both a reminder of the gals in gray. Egan, Parade Chairman and Mayor of the Bronx, had a large contingent in the Parade, in honor of the Ladies’ Auxiliary. Although the Parade was for 10 blocks long no one could get tired. I was lucky enough to ride in the Police Van with my former Army Band. Cohn, Guard and Firing Squad did a fine job, not to mention the cooperation from the New York City Police and Park Department. Someone “upsaitua” must like us because we had fine weather for the parade and services.

The Barbecue came off without any mishaps thanks to Mike Wagner who is chairman of the Volunteer Auxiliary. We were able to serve everyone and have been a success because the hard workers who made these events two affairs a huge success. The Memorial Services and Parade produced some “top” material on the day. A double success.

And a pleasant surprise, indeed as Paul & Idella Kelley drove up all the way from Columbus, Ohio. Paula is a former member of the Ladies Auxiliary and we made her feel right at home.

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And how we are glad to see you all. The Andrews more than any other Chapter, doing their thing. Our Chapter is doing its best.

Thank you Gene Reedy for delivering the remainder of the Cup. We also thank our friends, George and Mary Garza for all that good fresh tasty popcorn - enough for everyone and yet some.

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ADVANCE REGISTRATION

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**NEW YORK**

The first day of the Reunion went over very well with the members of the Chicago Chapter. The members were well received by the Committee Chairmen and the Board, and the meeting was held at the Assembly Hall. The members were met by the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the President. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Father Michael, and the officers were presented to the members. The agenda for the meeting was then presented, and the members were given an opportunity to ask questions. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM. The new officers are: President, John D. Young; Vice President, William Bongiorno; Secretary, Julia Netta Tapp; Treasurer, Phyllis Krasovetz; and Assistant Treasurer, William Perna.

**NEW YORK**

On Friday night, the second day of the Reunion, the members gathered at the Terrance Ballroom for a special session. The session was held in honor of the 100th anniversary of the State of New York. The session was well attended, and the members were given an opportunity to ask questions. The session adjourned at 5:00 PM. The new officers are: President, John D. Young; Vice President, William Bongiorno; Secretary, Julia Netta Tapp; Treasurer, Phyllis Krasovetz; and Assistant Treasurer, William Perna.

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Hq. Co. 26th F.A. 1101 Chicago Avenue, Alexandria, Va. 22304
We really enjoyed the reunion in New York and seeing all the people we haven’t seen in years. The New York Chapter is sure thrilled that we were congratulated for a fine job!

The enclosed “tell-tale red ink” on last Jan-Feb issue of the Octofoil. Perhaps this check will revitalize me.

Last year we had the privilege of going to Guam to visit our elder son, Capt. John, and his wife, Eileen. During the 28th Inf., U.S. Army Loren would often go to Guam without ducking bullets and I am sure how much it had changed.

Since Loren retired in January 1977, he enjoys reading newspapers to eat and sleep at regular hours and no longer has to worry about railroaded. His retirement is a time of joy for both of us. He now has time for his interest in woodworking and furniture refinishing, and has just finished redressing a sideboard that was a family heirloom.

During reunion time we will try to be in the west as we plan to visit Loren’s sisters in San Diego after a stopover in Seattle with our younger son, a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. But give our regards to the men of the Ninth. Sincerely,

Marj. Gen. R.E.D. Hoye (Ret.)

Barryville, N.Y. 12719

Now, to the Officers, Commanders and members I want to express my appreciation to the finest fellows I have ever attended by me, I, especially, the Dom Miele committees and members, and all the members want to express my opinion on the Reunion held at the Statler Hotel. It surely was the finest reunion ever attended by me, I, and is stationed in Fort Hood, Texas, and is going to stay there 25 yrs. even if I have to do it.

It was truly a trip to Japan and a trip to Hawaii. I am glad to have been in one reunion at Statler, and was out of the air in New York as a pilot. We also flew in a day, a daughter at home (12, 14 and 17) so I am glad to have been in one reunion at Statler, and was out of the air in New York as a pilot.

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