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WORCESTER'S RED CARPETS STRETCHED OUT

Worcester's "Finest" Shown Retiring the Colors



A detail of well drilled and disciplined officers from the Worcester Police Department are designated each year to properly present and retire the colors as a part of the impressive services. Pictured above is the detail of selected officers who performed their duties most beautifully during the November, 1965 services.

Headquarters

UNITED STATES CONTINENTAL ARMY COMMAND
Office of the Commanding General
FORT MONROE, VIRGINIA 23351

VETERANS' DAY MESSAGE

Since 1918, Americans have paused each year on November 11th to honor men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of our Nation.

Millions of our citizens have answered the call to arms; many have died. All have given years of their lives and have suffered separation from families in the hope that, by so doing, succeeding generations could be spared war. It is to this end that members of the United States Armed Forces serve today in Southeast Asia, in our own country, or wherever American forces are needed.

To all who have worn the uniform of our country, we owe our heartfelt gratitude. On this Veterans' Day, let us pledge anew to uphold the principles upon which America was founded and to protect the freedom for which her soldiers have fought so valiantly.

PAUL L. FREEMAN, JR.,
General, United States Army—Commanding

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Mrs. Jesse R. Davis, Box 84, Hebron, Ohio, furnished The Octofoil the following beautiful "Mother's Prayer." Mrs. Davis is the wife of Jesse R. Davis, a former 9th Division man and an original Association member. She is also the mother of Jesse, Jr., now in Vietnam with the 4th Division. A story appeared in the last issue concerning young Davis. An additional story is printed in this issue about the many cards and packages the Davis' family sends regular to lads in Vietnam. The data was printed in a 4-column story of a Columbus newspaper showing pictures of Jesse and Mrs. Davis, being helped by daughter Helen, preparing boxes for the soldier boys.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER . . .

Take this son of mine into your hands and protect him. He has God on his side; he has the love of his family and of his sweetheart on his side. He is my son, Uncle Sam. I gave birth to him; I have watched him grow from a tiny, helpless infant, to a strong, ambitious boy. I nursed him when he was ill. Sometimes the way has been tough, but we have made it—my son and I.

MY SON, whom you have in your service now, is pure and good. He loves people and they love him. He is not a murderer, Uncle Sam. If he must kill, if he must go to war, tell him why—help us understand why.

MY SON, only on this earth 20 years, cannot even vote. He had no choice in the planning of this world he is now fighting for. We have done this to him. He is fighting for what we have done. He has come to you today, frightened—yes scared too death of what is about to happen.

HE IS AN American and I have taught him to be proud. He will serve you well . . . I have no doubt. Yes, he will fight to keep freedom where it belongs. He is a good boy, my son. Uncle Sam, love him as I do and teach him as I have, so that he may return to me safely after he has served you.

God and our love is on his side.

YOUNG SOLDIER'S MOTHER

Cal Polivy Has Been a Real Sick Fellow

The Octofoil has just learned that Calvin Polivy of the Greater New York Chapter, has been a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, Far Rockaway, N. Y. Cal suffered a coronary heart attack and will be at his home convalescing for quite a few more days.

Cal's home address is 110 Harrison St., Lawrence (L.I.), N. Y. 11559.

Cal is one of the original pavement pounders along with Les Ronay and many others who fought through thick and thin and give the New York Chapter the solid foundation that has been greatly responsible for its most enviable record of achievement during recent years.

Calvin Polivy is a successful New York City attorney. And he come up the hard way. Its a struggle and a hard struggle from law student days to a top rung in the legal profession ladder. Many of the weaker fall by the wayside. But Cal had the perseverance that it took to get there. He has often remarked "one of the toughest sacrifices made while trying to establish a profitable law practice was not being able to give the time I wanted to toward helping perpetuate the Ninth Infantry Division Association."

"No one enjoys attending Reunions and renewing friendship with old buddies any more than Cal Polivy. His success as an outstanding attorney has not changed the 9th Division G.I. Polivy. Once a friend—always a friend has long been a Polivy trademark.

The Octofoil extends best wishes for an early and complete recovery for a dedicated Ninth Infantry Division Association member—Attorney Calvin Polivy.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI

A Low Net Golfer



CECIL OVERTON

H Co., 47th Inf.
Overton lives in Muskegon Heights, Mich., 2271 Harding St. And quoting Secretary Quinn verbatim: He was awarded this trophy for Low Net (whatever that means). The editor's golf lingo is on a "par" with the secretary. And The Octofoil repeats: "Cecil was Low Net man at the Washington Reunion golf tournament, whatever that means." For further information write or wire Harrison Daysh.

LANGER GOES IN AND FINDS THEM

Emil Langer, National Association President, was out at Jones Beach, lapping up some sunshine during the latter part of August when he spied a chap he thought looked a bit familiar. Not being a man to pass up a 9th Division Association prospect, Emil introduces himself to this man—and lo, and behold—it turned out to be none other than the old Co. B, 15th Engr.—Charlie Hoffman.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI

MAHER PLEADS FOR MEMBERS ATTENDING 1966 SERVICES IN WORCESTER TO MAKE RESERVATIONS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE

The hospitable people of Worcester, Mass., especially those in Father Ed Connors' parish are busy as beavers these days—thinking up new and delicious delicacies to surprise Father Connors' "boys" with when they make the "trek" into Worcester on November 5 to partake of the hospitality that generates from Connors' Coffee Shop the night before Memorial Services in the Immaculate Conception Church, in Worcester.

Much has been written about Southern hospitality and it's nothing to be "sneezed" at—but the way those New Englanders make everyone feel so welcome—and "I'm so glad you come" expression coming not only from their tongues but from their eyes—that even the most ornery old "top kick" who ever lived, just couldn't keep from thawing out after a few minutes rubbing elbows with these good people.

LETTER FROM MAHER

On Sept. 29 Francis Maher, a past National President and one of Father Connors' "right-hand" aides in helping take care of all the needs of the many former 9th men and their families who make this annual trek to Worcester and join in these impressive Memorial Services, directed a letter to the Octofoil.

Quoting from Maher's letter: "One thing that I would like to stress to all members and guests—is early reservations at the motels."

"This is a very important item because there is a lot of confusion at the last minute and difficult to get accommodations at that very last minute on Saturday.

"If anyone wants me to make a reservation for them I would be happy to do so. Just call or write me. My home address is 14 Davenport St., or phone PL. 6-1803, Worcester, Mass."

TRANSPORTATION ARRANGED

Another important bit of information that was a part of Franny's letter stated that any of the members or friends of the Association who were not driving their own car to Worcester, that members of the New England Chapter will see that they are furnished transportation from the motel of their choice to Connors' Coffee Shoppe, to the Memorial Mass and to the Wachusett Country Club for the banquet and Fun Festival. Those driving their own cars will see 9th Division signs pointing to the Club with New England members stationed all along the way to put anyone back on the right track who gets "lost."

MASS AT 10:15 A.M.

The mixture of all religious faiths and nationalities at these services is really something to behold. As Father Connors once remarked, "We started ecumenical practices here long before the subject was discussed in Rome."

Although The Octofoil in its last issue printed detailed information relative to motels, rates, etc., a few letters have been received asking that the same information be reprinted. Condensing as much as possible, necessary motel information is as follows:

LIMITED AT HOLIDAY INN

The Holiday Inn is limiting reservations to 50 for those visiting Worcester for the Memorial Services. Management has made previous commitments for its other rooms. The Holiday Inn is on Southbridge St. Rates are: Double, \$15; twin, \$15; single, \$9.50.

Some other motels where accommodations may be secured by writing direct or contacting Maher include:

Wachusett Motor Lodge, 175 West Boylston St., West Boylston, Mass.—Single, \$8; double, \$12; \$14 for three in a room. Phone (617) 835-4416.

Esquire Motel, 130 W. Boylston St., W. Boylston, Mass. Phone 835-4641—835-4725. Single, \$8.50; double, \$10; triple, \$12. Also family units—4

DON'T FORGET THE NEW YORK CHAPTER'S DANCE

The news letter and notice for the October meeting sent out to Greater New York Chapter members by President Emil Langer had among many other important notices, the following notice:

The dinner-dance, on Oct. 22, at the Empire Hotel, 63rd St. and Broadway, will start at 7:30 P.M., instead of 8 P.M., as printed on the ticket.

Remember: Parking is free at the Kinney's parking lot, across the street from the hotel. Your ticket will be stamped by the hotel management. Beer will be served, the cost is included in your ticket.

Set ups are: Rye, \$10, and Scotch, \$12, including ice, ginger ale and soda. Tables are set up 10 to a table. Money must be sent in by Oct. 15th. Members will receive letters from the co-chairmen Frank Fazio and Walter O'Keeffe with reminders not to forget this great coming event.

Members are asked when sending in money, just to use the number (8) stamped on the ticket(s), so the committee can record it on their sheets so when the member comes into dance hall the Secretary will stamp the ticket(s) "PAID." Members will hold on to the tickets until they are picked up by the waiters.

Members are cautioned not to forget to bring along the tickets that have been sent to them.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI

Kathryn Kearns and Timothy Schriffens Married October 15

Now "ain't" this one for the books: Kathryn Kearns is the daughter of Joe Kearns, a former "M" Co. 47th man.

Timothy Schriffens is the son of John Schriffens, a former Co. F, 60th man.

On Oct. 15, 1966 Miss Kathryn Kearns exchanged marriage vows Timothy Schriffens.

The Octofoil feels safe in printing this statement: "Every member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association wishes for this young couple many happy and prosperous years together."

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI

Seeing is believing, except on television.

in a room \$14; 5 in a room \$16—six, \$18.00.

Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, 181 W. Boylston St., West Boylston, Mass. Phone (617) 835-4456. Single, \$9 and \$11; double, \$14 and \$17.

Rooms will also be available at the Worcester City Motel, Boston-Worcester Turnpike on Route 9, Shrewsbury, Mass. Rates are single, \$7.50—double, \$10.50; triple, \$12.50.

According to Maher, indications are the crowd will be larger than it has been any year heretofore. Start packing now—enjoy a night of real comradeship at the Connors Coffee Shop. Join in prayer with Father Ed and many former 9th buddies who it will be great to see again. And then join in with the gang and make Whoopee at the Wachusett Club.

All Aboard for Worcester, Mass.!

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI

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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 our fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively by means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to former members of the 9th Infantry Division."

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NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER STARTS BALL ROLLING FOR 1967 REUNION

By TOM BOYLE,
 39 Hall Avenue,
 Somerville, Mass. 02144

The New England Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association met on Friday, September 30, 1966 in the Exeter Room of the new Sheraton-Boston Hotel and the organization of the 1967 Reunion got under way. The meeting was presided over by the Vice President, Connie Matulis.

The first order of business was the selection of the officers of the 1967 Reunion. The following were elected: Chairman, Ronald Murphy; co-chairman, Herb Olsen, and Tom Boyle, Treasurer.

NEW HOTEL

The choice of all members was the Sheraton-Boston Hotel for its reunion site. This is a brand-new hotel, located in the Prudential Center Complex with its own entrance directly on the Massachusetts East-West Toll Road. Anyone coming from the West of Boston can easily get on this road. It runs the entire length of the state. If you come from East of Boston, you may have your troubles unless you come by boat.

REMEMBER DATES

The days for the Reunion have been set as July 20 through the 23rd. We have made many tentative

plans concerning the events, the cost and the meal, but in order to get the most for the Association members we plan to bargain a little more with the management of the hotel.

Reunions for the "Wearers of the Octofoil" are always affairs that we all look forward to and we need no special reason for attending but 1967 must be considered a special year, for in 1942, twenty-five years ago, "The Men of the Ninth" left its home in Fort Bragg, N. C., for foreign service and it was in 1942 that the "Wearers of the Octofoil" met the enemy of our great nation in North Africa. It was in 1942 that men of our Division depended on the man next to him, in front of him and behind him for his very survival. There are many of these fine men today who will read this article. We ask them to come to Boston and meet with these men twenty-five years after such a wonderful comradeship began.

Ronnie Murphy, the 1967 Convention Chairman, has promised The Octofoil some glossy prints of this fabulous hotel and other historical spots in and around Boston—which will be used in The Octofoil from time to time until the 1967 Reunion becomes history.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI

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

Mrs. Tippie Plunkett, Secretary-Treasurer
 Ninth Infantry Division Association Ladies' Auxiliary
 286 Zimpfer St., Columbus, Ohio 43206

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 1967 dues. Please mail my membership card to—

Name

Street

City State

While attached to the 9th Infantry Division my _____ (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 Secretary-Treasurer Tippie Plunkett, 286 Zimpfer St., Columbus, Ohio 43206. A 1967 countersigned membership card will be sent immediately.

By order of the President:

MRS. THERESA CUPRYS, President.

SEPT. 9 MEETING HELD IN NEW YORK CITY... AND PRO WAS ABSENT

By ARTHUR RICHARD SCHMIDT,
 69-20 69th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11227
 President 4-7100, Ext. 12

The Sept. 9 meeting of the New York Chapter was held at the Governor Clinton Hotel, 32nd St.

The writer was unable to attend and wishes to thank Secretary Dom Miele for mailing in notes on the highlights of this meeting.

A combination of birthday parties, honoring the writer's mother's 73rd birthday was the cause for being absent at the September meeting.

Both Adolph Wadalavage and President Emil Langer were kind enough to phone in and also make an oral report on some of the meeting's highlights.

The minutes of the June 3 meeting were read and approved. Al Lechmanek, Chanter Chaplain, opened the meeting with prayer for our departed buddies. Irving Feinberg, the Chapter Treasurer, read the Financial Report, and he was glad to report that the Chapter's Treasury was still in the black.

MR. MCINERNEY ATTENDS

Mr. McInerney, our Gold Star Dad, reported receiving a letter from Doc Reiman, which was written a few days before the latter passed away, but only delivered to Mr. McInerney a day or two before the meeting. The letter was read at the meeting.

In regards the death of Reiman, there was some discussion about the setting up of an established procedure to be followed whenever a member passes away. Al Lechmanek was to set up a tentative procedure. He said he would appreciate receiving suggestions from the membership. They can mail these suggestions to Greater New York Chapter, Ninth Infantry Division Association, Inc., P.O. Box 1108, G.P.O., New York, N. Y. 10001.

ORENSTEIN REPORTS

Harry Orenstein gave a report on the last meeting of the National Board of Governors.

Daniel Quinn, National Secretary, gave a summary report of the 21st Annual Convention.

Frank Fazio and Walter O'Keefe gave a rather optimistic report on the forthcoming Oct. 22, 1966 dinner and dance. Price per ticket, \$7.50. Parking free. Further information about the dance appears elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil.

MAY CHARTER BUS

The consensus of opinion was that the membership would try chartering a bus to go to Father Connor's Memorial Mass on Nov. 5 and 6, 1966 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Worcester, Mass. There is a deadline on when the bus company must have the contract. The price per person is \$6.50. With refreshments aboard the bus the fare would come to about \$8.00. Two types of buses are available—one for \$275 for 45 passengers and one for \$265 for 41 passengers. So we need a minimum of 41 passengers. Fazio and O'Keefe asked that members who are interested should inform the chapter by writing to Greater New York Chapter, 9th Infantry Division Association, Inc., P.O. Box 1108, G.P.O., New York, N. Y. 10001.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

A tentative date of Dec. 4 or Dec. 11, 1966 for the Chapter Christmas Party was set. Most of the members seemed to prefer the latter date, but the date chosen will depend on whatever date is open at the Elks Lodge in Union City, N. J.

40 MEMBERS

There were about 40 members in attendance at the September meeting. Emil Langer and Harry Orenstein congratulated Tony Varone on the nominating speech he made before the Board of Governors that resulted in Langer being elected the National President.

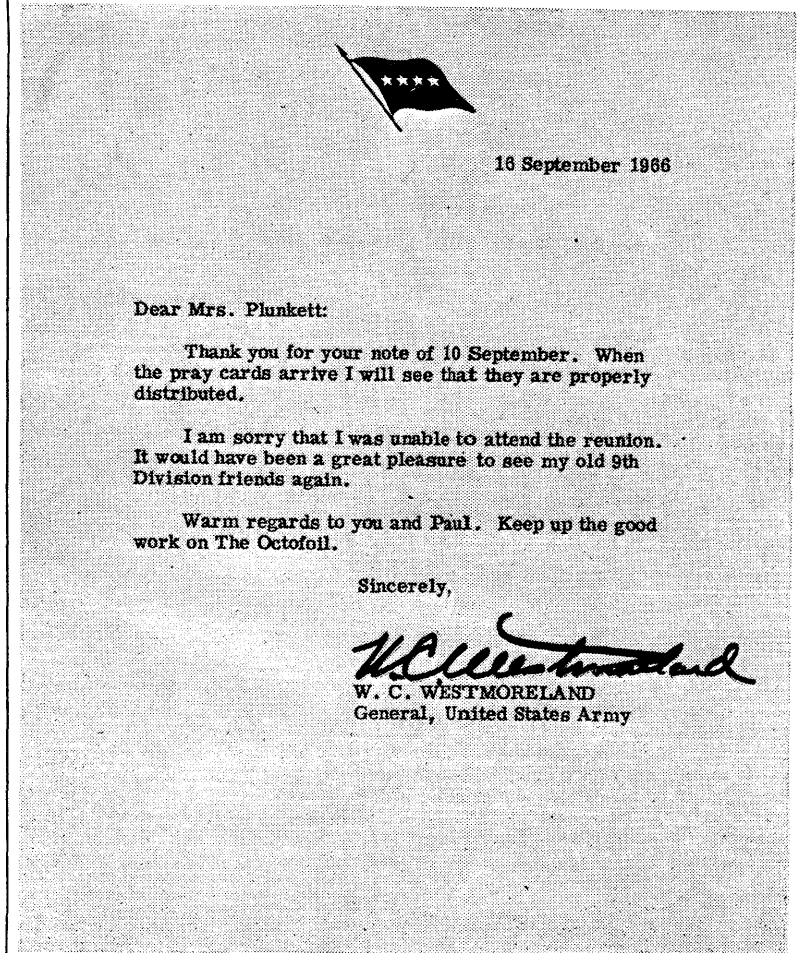
ODDS AND ENDS . . .

It was reported that Harry Whalen's daughter was getting married. . . . Adolph Wadalavage has been on sick leave several weeks. He had to have some sutures removed which had been left in from a previous operation. An infection had set in. The VA doctors let him report back for work on Sept. 15, 1966. No report was made whether Adolph was wearing his Yamulka (skull cap) or not. . . . Emil Langer handed out birthday presents (cough drops) to those members who have had recent birthdays. . . . A bottle of whiskey was donated by Bill O'Shea as a Dark Horse prize. It was won by Joe Kearns, M Co., 47th Inf. There was another Dark Horse prize—a wallet. The writer has been unable to learn who donated the wallet or who won it as a prize.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI

Any child who gets raised strictly by the book is probably a first edition.

General Westmoreland Interested In All the Boys



The above reproduction of a recent letter from the Ninth's own General William Westmoreland is reproduced for two reasons: First, to show how appreciative he is of even the smallest courtesy anyone extends to any of his boys in Vietnam—whether to individual soldiers or to groups. Secondly, it is hoped this reminder will cause many others to begin sending cheerful cards and small packages to those young boys so many miles from home—many who are sons of former 9th Division men who can well remember how lonesome they were and how appreciative they were of cheerful cards and letters—to say nothing of the happiness a box with a few cookies and other goodies brought.

WHEN O'KEEFE GOES ON A VACATION, HE GOES FOR DISTANCE

In the wee small hours of the morning after the Philadelphia Reunion the outgoing National Association President, Walter O'Keefe, slipped away from the hotel for parts unknown — and later on some cards begin arriving from the sunny beaches of Florida's East Coast.

After this year's Reunion he flew over the Florida cities and didn't make a landing until his plane was hovering over Hamilton, Bermuda.

One of the cards received showed the Gibbs Hill Light House—one of the oldest in the world; made of cast iron and completed in 1846. Its flash can be seen for more than 26 miles.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI

Disabled Vets to Get ID Cards Every Three Years

Some 360,000 eligible totally disabled veterans will now get ID cards once every three years, rather than on an annual basis.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI

No matter how small the town is, you can always find someone at the gas station to give you the wrong directions.

Dope On Where to Send for Medals

The following information has been printed in The Octofoil. However, requests continue to come into Secretary Quinn's office asking for information as to where to write in order to obtain medals and decorations. The desired information is being printed below. It is hoped that interested members will write the address down and file away in a safe place.

Those interested in obtaining medals should write to the Adjutant General, Decorations and Awards Branch, Dept. of the Army, Washington, D. C.

The letter should contain full particulars about the individual's military service, units to which assigned, dates of assignment and of course the old name, rank and serial number.

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A bachelor is a man who has taken advantage of the fact that marriage is not compulsory.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI

The best conductor of electricity is wire. (How about that?)

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI

Adolescence is the period in which children begin to question answers.

J. H. Lewis, from Volunteer State, Sends Picture



—Photo by Walter Victor, 2734 Dodson Lee Dr., East Point, Ga. 30044
 Pictured above is another group of merry makers at the recent Washington Reunion. It reached The Octofoil in an "around-the-world" route. Walter Victor sent it to J. H. Lewis, 211 Midland, Shelbyville, Tenn. Lewis sent it to Art Schmidt in Brooklyn—then Baron Schmidt sent it to The Octofoil. In all this handling none of them went to the trouble of identifying any of the merry makers shown in the photo. The Octofoil editor quickly recognized New York Chapter's Demon Reporter, Arthur Richard Schmidt and his mother, seated in the second and third spots from the edge of the table and it looks like he's holding a glass of suds in each hand.

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. 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.

O'KEEFFE IS A HERO IN THE LAND OF BUCKEYES

Recently the citizens of Massachusetts shipped one of their prominent citizens into New York State and got him elected a United States Senator to represent the great Empire State. Should New Yorkers "ship" Walter O'Keeffe into Ohio, if the Ohio Cooties have anything to do with the situation, O'Keeffe would be sent to the Senate to represent Ohio.

O'Keeffe, a member of Greater New York Chapter and a former national Association president, works near the Statler Hilton Hotel, where the Military Order of Cooties were headquartered during the recent National Veterans of Foreign Wars convention. (The Cooties is an Honor Degree of the VFW.) The Ohio Cooties set up a Command Post on the 16th floor and immediately thereafter problems started arising—such as the ice making machine were always "dry." Every time a man from the Ohio room would call Walt, in a jiffy he'd show up and let them in on a few secret maneuvers that resulted in big canvas bag after canvas bag filled with ice becoming available. O'Keeffe helped the Buckeyes get an ample supply of Cootie Milk much more reasonable than they had been able to get the needed stimulants.

Those who patronized the Ohio Hospitality suite during the convention really owe Walter O'Keeffe a vote of thanks for his untiring efforts to make their stay pleasant and economical as possible in New York.

Dan Quinn, National Secretary, was able to stop in for a short visit with the Cooties one afternoon during a cocktail hour in Dr. Olesen's "Wisconsin room."

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N-O-WI—

WHERE TO WRITE FOR MILITARY RECORDS

The General Services Administration has over 42 million records on file for current and former members of the Armed Forces. All but the most uncommon names are duplicated many times. When requesting information concerning service records your request should include the first five items shown below. If all of these items are not known, furnish as many of the remaining five as possible.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Full Name
2. Service Number
3. Branch of Service
4. Dates of Service
5. Reserve Status—Give full information—Branch of Service—Dates

ADDITIONAL HELPFUL INFORMATION

1. Last Known Address
2. Date and Place of Birth
3. Grade or Rank
4. Name and Address of Service Person's Parents
5. Residence of Service Person at Time of Entry into Service.

Be sure to show all periods of military service at each request, even only one period. If there were two or more periods of service within the same branch send your request (only one is necessary) to the office having the records for the last period.

WHERE TO WRITE

Officers separated between 7-1-17 and 12-37-59. Enlisted Personnel Separated Between 11-1-12 & 12-31-59—write to:
Military Pers. Records Ctr., GSA
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63132
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NORMAN FOWLER'S DEATH SHOCKS PALS

On July 8 Mrs. Norman Fowler, 1909 Victory Dr., Lansdowne, Md. 21227, sent The Octofoil the following sad news:

"I thought I would drop a few lines and let you know that my husband, Norman K. Fowler, passed away April 14, 1966. He died suddenly from a heart attack. He served with the Ninth Division all through World War II and was very proud to be a member of the Ninth."

The Octofoil joins with hundreds of other former Ninth Division men who knew and loved Norman Fowler, and extends to the bereaved family sincere sympathy in their irreplaceable loss.

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Kupkowski Sent His Kind Regards

Leonard Kupkowski, 27 N. Gazelle, Dunkirk, N.Y. 14048 asks The Octofoil to say hello to all his old buddies and express his regrets at being unable to attend the 1966 Reunion.

At the time of the Reunion Leonard was in Brooks Hospital, Dunkirk, with a badly sprained back.

The Octofoil hopes that by time this issue of the paper is off the press Kupkowski will be back in the old ball game, feeling fit as a fiddle.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASS'N. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, Natl. Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Assn., 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N.J.

Enclosed please find 1967 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 _____ \$ 4.00

Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund _____

Three-Year Member _____ \$11.00

LIFE MEMBERSHIP _____ \$50.00

Octofoil Automobile License Disc _____ \$.50

Decals 25c; (5) five for _____ \$ 1.00

"Eight Stars to Victory" _____ \$ 2.00

(Pictorial History of 9th Division in action.)

Ladies' Auxiliary Member _____ \$ 1.50

Combat Route Map _____ \$.50

60th Infantry History _____ \$.50

Coat Lapel Octofoil Pin _____ \$ 1.25

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PAUL S. PLUNKETT, Editor and Publisher, The Octofoil.

Emergency Medical I.D.'s Will Be Issued

Veterans with serious medical problems will be issued an emergency medical identification bracelet or necklace, according to a recent announcement by the VA. The identification is to be issued on the prescription of the attending VA physician.

The object of the new identification is to provide information to medical personnel for treatment of the person should he become unconscious by accident or sudden illness.

Information on the identification will include special needs of the patient, such as heart pacemaker, or the patient's reaction to certain drugs. Diabetes and epilepsy also will be identified.

The VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery supply service will make initial distribution of the bracelets and necklaces to all VA hospitals and clinics. They will be furnished without regard to service-connected disability.

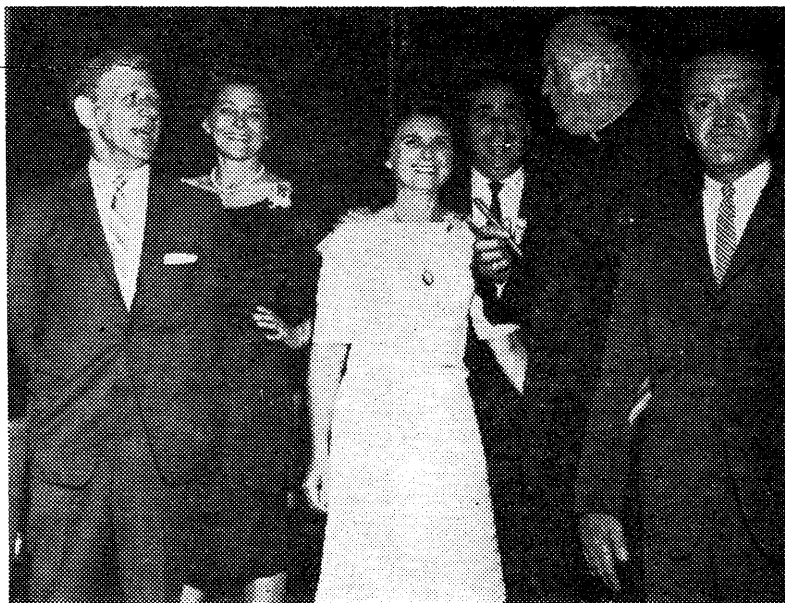
LT. WINSLOW STETSON HAS 9TH SPIRIT NOW

2nd Lt. Winslow A. Stetson is one of the new young platoon leaders. He is anxious to learn all he can about the wonderful history of the Ninth Infantry Division. In a recent letter to Secretary Quinn, he writes in part as follows:

Dear Mr. Quinn: I have been assigned to the re-activated 9th Infantry Division as a platoon leader and although I am unable to join your fine organization I would appreciate it if you could send me the requested items to increase my knowledge of the history of the "Old Reliables" and to help build unit pride.—Sincerely, Winslow A. Stetson.

Enclosing \$6.00 check for books. This young officer seems to be headed in the right direction—making an effort to bring more honor to the grand and glorious 9th Infantry Division. It's a pretty good bet if he goes into combat with any unit of the 9th his actions will be a credit to the traditions of the Ninth Division.

Smiles Are Easy When Father Connors Is Around



Everybody smiles when Father Ed shows up. His presence generates happiness. Just why the scowl on Jack O'Shea's mug has everyone baffled. A close look will disclose Father Connors' left hand clinched to O'Shea's right arm, in order to keep the Irishman from carrying out whatever that vicious mug indicates he has in mind.

Secret Is Out — Who Gov. Kerner Visited

In the last issue of The Octofoil a reprint story was printed that was sent in by President Emil Langer. The heading: "Gov. Kerner to Address the CSA." Calling a couple of reference rooms of local newspapers and a local library The Octofoil give up and decided to let the readers do a little guessing. But curiosity got control and after the paper was off the press, a letter was sent to National President Langer asking him "What in the world does CSA stand for?"

It was all very simple, President Langer reported. "He addressed the Czechoslovak Society of America of which I am a member. Mrs. Otto Kerner is a member. Her father, the late Mayor Cermak of Chicago, was a member."

Those who attended the Reunion held in Springfield, Ill., will never forget how little the Governor had changed from G.I. Otto to Governor Otto. Ninth Div. men are proud of the Governor and he in turn is mighty proud of his Ninth Division buddies and the Association as a whole.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI

The only time a husband can be sure he's right is when he admits he is wrong.

Bill Hansen Has a New Address

William Hansen's new address according to information furnished by the postoffice is William Hansen, 39 3d St., Manhasset, N. Y. 11030.

The old address was 11 Pearce Pl., Great Neck, N. Y. 11021.

It cost The Octofoil one dime to get this valuable information and Bill missed getting the last issue of The Octofoil.

Members are asked to please drop a postal card to the Octofoil and give the new address when moving—and also give the address being vacated. It'll save The Association money and keep the member receiving The Octofoil regularly.

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Wild Bill Zweil Prowls Around In Wilmington

On the last day of September Wild Bill Zweil and Betty were sightseeing down around Wilmington, Del.

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Bill was having his troubles with the VA trying to get some insurance problems straightened out.

Prejudice is an opinion that belongs to someone you dislike.

THEY LOOK SHARP . . . DISPLAYING THE REAL NINTH ESPRIT DE CORPS



Trooping the line at the activation ceremony of the 9th Infantry Division are: (Left to right) Maj. Gen. C. C. (Monte) Parrish, commanding general of the 89th Infantry Division (Reserve) from Wichita; Maj. Gen. George S. Eckhardt, commanding general of Fort Riley; Captain William Ruedel, Maj. Gen. Joseph E. Bastion, deputy commanding general, 5th U. S. Army; Mr. John Montgomery, aide at large to the Secretary of the Army, is in the background. Capt. Ruedel is commanding officer of Co. A, Fort Riley basic Training Brigade.—Photo by Jack Herron, Fort Riley Post Services Photo Lab.

THERE'S NEVER ANY DULL WEEKS FOR ILLINOIS CHAPTER MEMBERS

By FRANK OZART,
Past National President
2241 S. Marshall Blvd.
Chicago, Ill. 60623

With the reunion and vacations over, we can live normal again.

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY A HUGE SUCCESS

The party at Mr. and Mrs. Bob Winkelman's home which was held on September 24 was one of the finest. The attendance was very large and everyone present had a wonderful time. The movies of the Washington Reunion were out of this world. Casimir Pawelak brought along a roll of films that he took at the Reunion. His movie pictures are as good as any professional would take. Chuck Koskie brought his slide pictures of the reunion and they were very interesting. Bud Remer had a lot of pictures which he showed to all the people. The food was wonderful and plenty of refreshments. Thanks to Bob and Georgan for all the hard work they have put out to make another memorable affair.

FLYING LOW

Plans are being made for anyone who would like to go to Father Connor's Memorial Mass Nov. 6, 1966 to contact Frank Ozart, 2241 S. Marshall Blvd., Chicago, Ill. 60623, Phone 521-7838 for more information. Mike Belmonte, Chuck Koskie and Frank Ozart are planning to attend the Memorial Services. Many of the people from Illinois would just love to attend these Memorial Services, but due to the long distance and the amount of money needed to attend, many of our members are sorrowfully having to forgo making the trip. Those who have attended the Services in Worcester know what a wonderful time everyone has. We of the Ninth Division should be very grateful and proud to have a man

like Father Connors who puts in so much work for the men of the Ninth Division in arranging for this annual Memorial Mass. I know of no other Division that holds services on such a high and impressive level as does the Ninth Infantry Division.

MEETING NIGHT

Forest Park Moose Lodge, 810 Des Plaines Ave., Forest Park, Ill., Friday, October 21, 1966; time, 8:30 P.M. Pay your dues to Bill Hennemuth, Treasurer, 505 N. Wille St., Mt. Prospect, Illinois.

FISH FRY—FRIDAY NOV. 18, 1966

By request of the ladies who had a wonderful time the last time we had a Fish Fry Dinner, the Illinois Chapter will have another such event on Friday, Nov. 18, 1966. Time: 7:00 P.M., Forest Park Moose Lodge, 810 Des Plaines Ave., Forest Park, Illinois. Plenty of free parking is available for the Ninth Division. Those who will travel by public transportation may take the Congress "A" train to Des Plaines Ave. and walk a half block south to the Moose Lodge.

The price of the Fish Fry Dinner is \$1.25 per person and all you can eat. How can you beat it? The Price is RIGHT!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Illinois Chapter's annual Christmas Party will be held Saturday, Dec. 10, 1966—8:30 P.M. at Chuck Koskie's "Castle," 4334 Hirschberg, Schiller Park, Illinois. Anyone who gets lost just call 678-1028 and get put back on the right azimuth.

There will be plenty of food and refreshments available. Those who know Chuck realize refreshments will not run out as long as we are in Schiller Park.

Everybody is invited from the 9th Division. Come one—come ALL!

Korobko Goes Native In the "Wild" West

On July 5 and Aug. 15 The Octofoil received interesting letters from John Korobko and Marie, now living at 6418 E. Scarlett, Tucson, Ariz. 85710. John is a former Board member and moved from Detroit a few years ago, hoping the Arizona climate would be helpful to his health. Evidently it has—the way he writes. Some excerpts from the two letters are printed below:

We are now "taxpayers" in Arizona; finally broke down and purchased a home. But the work is just beginning: painting, plumbing, carpeting, drapery and formica inside. Then watering, cutting grass, planting, trimming outside. A real vicious circle. (Doesn't sound like a sick guy with such ambitious plans.)

Last reports though was that poor Marie was carrying the ball—Korobko, Sr. and Korobko, Jr. had hauled out for Coolidge Dam because they had heeded that bass and cat fish were biting up that way.

The last letter from Korobko tells about stopping off to see Eddy Padilla. He was home enjoying a few "cold ones" with some buddies.

They were counting time until a certain date when bear hunting season opened (bow and arrows), then the deer hunting season followed by the period set aside for dove hunting. Evidently John with his enthusiasm for the hunting that is available, has forgotten all about those house chores that needed to be done.

Doc Walton had better go to Arizona and sample the concoction Korobko is making and letting set in wooden barrels until the 1967 Reunion—it's a few barrels of Vino from some kind of fluid he's extracting from those prickly cactus plants.

It's a shame space limitation prevents publishing in full Korobko's interesting letters.

Naturally he sends his best to all the Ninth Gang—and so does Marie!

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FLAG WAVES AT 8 LOCATIONS FOR 24 HOURS EACH DAY

The American flag is now flown 24 hours a day at eight places in the United States. In four places as authorized by Presidential Proclamation, and in four others by tradition.

Those authorized by proclamation are: Fort McHenry, Maryland; Flaghouse Square, Baltimore; the Capitol, and the Marine Memorial. By tradition the flag is flown 24 hours a day at the following: Francis Scott Key's Grave; the War Memorial, Worcester, Mass.; The Plaza, Taos, New Mexico; and a civilian cemetery in Deadwood, South Dakota.

—PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI—

A true miracle drug would be one which children would take without screaming.

DAVIS' HOME TURNED INTO A SUB POSTOFFICE FOR SHIPPING PACKAGES TO SOLDIER BOYS

The Sunday, Sept. 16 editions of a Columbus (Ohio) newspaper had a 5-column feature about the Jesse Davis' family and their activity in behalf of the soldier boys in Vietnam. A 4-column picture showed Mr. and Mrs. Davis with daughter, Helen, surrounded with "knick-knacks" they were arranging in neat packages to be sent overseas. A 1-column picture of Jesse, Jr. was also featured—the same photo that was featured in the last issue of The Octofoil. Jesse, Jr. is with the 4th Division and in a recent letter to The Octofoil he gave the name of one of his old school mates now with the Ninth Division at Fort Riley and asked that a copy of The Octofoil be sent the lad, Pvt. Melvin Brown, U.S. 52679366, Co. A, 2nd Bn., 60th Inf. Fort Riley, Kansas, 66442. This was done.

Jesse, Sr., a former 9th man, is an original member of the Ohio Chapter, and Mrs. Davis has paid her Auxiliary dues for three years.

A few excerpts from the Columbus newspaper read:

ARMED WITH PAPER AND PEN

A Hebron family, armed with paper, pen and a special brand of patriotism is fighting a war in Viet Nam.

From their living room in Hebron, O., Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Davis and their daughter, Helen, fire hundreds of missiles to the front lines.

And they seem to be hitting their target with cheery notes and greetings.

Soldiers there have written back with a breezy, "Hi there yourself—who are you?"

The Davises have written to 119 servicemen whose names were listed in the Columbus newspaper.

"We figure it is the least we can do," says Mrs. Davis, a smiling grandmother who weekly sends off packages and parcels filled with such things as bubble gum and shoe strings to the troops.

The Davis living room is headquarters for the campaign filled with boxes of envelopes, stationery, greeting cards and Mrs. Davis' airlift items.

She sends a five-pound package

(\$4.05 airmail) every Thursday to Jesse and makes sure there is plenty of stuff to go around.

Helen, a phone operator in Hebron, faithfully jots off a daily letter to her brother. "It's no chore, there is a lot to report here," she says.

COST NO OBJECT

The family makes no effort to keep track of postage or time invested in the project. To them it is a labor of love and has paid off in the attitude of their son, who has one of the grimmest tasks of the war.

"Someone has to do this," he wrote to his folks, "and I'd rather it is me than someone who is forced into it who couldn't take it. I feel I'm not really working for the Army, but the men's families, wives and their friends."

"I know I'll never be in a battle like those Dad was in, but I still wear the uniform proudly."

Messages like these are all that is needed to keep the Davises busy at their desks. "We'll be writing as long as our guys are there," Mrs. Davis promised.

Shortly before the feature story appeared telling all of Ohio what this fine Davis family was doing The Octofoil was in receipt of a fine letter from Mrs. Davis, who in a modest sort of way, mentioned a few of the things they were doing for the boys in far-away lands. A clipping is conspicuously posted in the Davis' workshop which reads:

Send a million post cards to Gen. Westmoreland in Saigon, saying—"We appreciate all your men are doing and we love you for it."

ON TO WORCESTER

Jesse Davis, Sr. and his charming wife are looking forward to participating in the Memorial Mass conducted by Father Connors on Nov. 6 in Worcester.

Mrs. Davis has a couple of unique ideas she plans on proposing to those who visit Worcester Nov. 5-6. The Octofoil doesn't dare divulge this little secret that Mrs. Davis has shared with The Octofoil—but it should go over big with the gang in Worcester once they get all the details.

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McKENZIE SUBMITS NEWSY LETTER . . . SOME SAD NEWS . . . SOME CHEERFUL

By JOE MCKENZIE,
95 Washington Ave.
Waltham, Massachusetts

IN MEMORIAM

Gordon H. Inglehart,
Died Aug. 20, 1945

The news of Gordon's death comes as a shock to all of us, especially when we realize that it came less than two weeks after discharge. The letdown was too great after four years of strain and anxiety in our battle against the enemy and the elements. Paul Fribush and Gordon separated at Fort Dix on August 9. Remember Gordon in your prayers.

The Twenty-second Annual Memorial Mass

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Sunday—Nov. 6, 1966—10:00 A.M.
Worcester, Mass.

Chew and chat at the coffee shop on Saturday night. It's free. The parishioners at Immaculate have already planned to make your visit most enjoyable. Everybody's favorites, coffee and doughnuts, will be in ample supply after Mass.

The climax of a wonderful weekend will be a delicious dinner followed by a minimum of speeches. If you have never been to Worcester, try it this year. If you have been, I know you will want to be there again.

Change your records to read: Joseph J. Below, Thorndike, Mass. Bernal E. Lareau, 13903 Candleshade, Houston, Texas. Alvin B. Meyer, 100 Central Park South, New York City.

Lt. Col. Paul A. Griffin, 1910a Scott Circle, Fort Meade, Maryland.

Truly G. Hammock, 2105 Parkside Ave., Richmond, Virginia. Richard M. Hill, 4202 Camden, Dallas, Texas.

DID SOME VISITING

This past summer I saw Paul Griffin, Paul Fribush, Bill Andrews, Bill Bongiorno, Bill Sacro and Dale Guion. The old boys look pretty good after all of these years. Jim Daniels visited George Smith out in California. Bill Andrews has promised to be in Worcester on Nov. 6. Upon receiving a new address for Lareau, I sent it along to Wallace hoping that there would be quite a Reunion in Houston. Pergi went to Florida last January. Bill Bongiorno went to Florida last March and on his way up north had a long chat with Lorey Bland (ex corp.) Dick Hill still travels with a dance band. Write to him. Invite him to visit your home should he be in your state. This past summer we stopped at the home of Joe Bolow but the ex 6x6 driver was not at home.

Have you been writing to Seymour? Travis would appreciate a cheerful note. Q. L. Pergiovanni, John Murray, Walter Swenson, Clem LeBlanc, Joe Albanese, Lew Ortigari, Jerry Langer, Manny Efron, Bill Bongiorno, Fred Keyes, Jim Newton, Ike Blitzstein and the writer represented Service Battery at Worcester.

Remember in your prayers those of the old gang who are gone. Pray for the success of our mission in Viet Nam.—Sincerely, Joe McKenzie. 1967—BOSTON is to be your CONVENTION CITY—1967

Baron Has the Art of Bitching Down Perfect

The Octofoil is in receipt of a card from the New York Chapter's Demon Reporter, Arthur Richard Schmidt. He sent along news releases that showed how much more money he and others riding the Commonwealth of New York's "Gravy Train" would be drawing soon.

Then he takes off on one helluva tirade against humanity because a certain portion had to be returned in the form of taxes so his and other similar departments might keep on functioning.

Art evidently feels like the old maid, who is alleged to have said: "Who says you can't take IT with you?"

—PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI—

Bath mats are little dry rugs that children like to stand beside.

Philly-Delaware Girls Keep Signing 'Em Up

Taking a "sneak peek" at the indexed membership cards of the Auxiliary Secretary-Treasurer it was quite easy to ascertain that the ladies around Philadelphia were still going strong—never letting up a minute in their drive for new members. And it seems that anyone anywhere in Delaware who has a name like Netta gets automatically signed up. The latest application noted on file—you guessed it—it was from a Netta. This application was from Mrs. Rita Netta, 25 Styne Dr., Coventry, New Castle, Delaware, which comes under jurisdiction of the Philadelphia - Delaware Valley Chapter.

—PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI—

The easiest way to find a needle in a haystack is with a match.

All the Past Division Commanders' Photos On Display At Riley

Sgt. Maj. Virgil P. Meyer, of the 9th Division, Fort Riley, Kans., advises the Octofoil that the Division now has pictures of all former 9th Division commanders and they are being prominently displayed in Division Headquarters.

—PAY 1966 DUES N-O-WI—

College years is the only vacation a boy gets between his mother and his wife.

—PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI—

A lot of gals pad their expenses.

ADOLPH WALALAVAGE DOING A GREAT JOB

Adolph Wadalavage through some way, he didn't say how, but he did contact Morris Sobel, 4120 Newbern Ave., Baltimore 15, Md., collected a year's dues into the Association and sent it immediately to Secretary Dan Quinn. Morris is a former M.P. and 15th Engr. man.

Adolph's home address is 94-30 96th St., Ozone Park, N. Y. 11416.

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A beginner at water skiing often looks like a fellow falling out of a window.

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DR. DON ROBERTS SUBMITS TO OCTOFOIL A MEMORIAM TO A REAL PATRIOTIC AMERICAN

WALTER "DOC" REIMAN

The following letter received from Dr. Donald Russell Roberts, M.D., Elkins, W. Va., is self explanatory. For anyone to attempt to edit the letter in any way would detract from its beauty and sincerity:

By DON ROBERTS, M.D.
THE BRASS AND I SALUTE YOU, SERGEANT REIMAN

In 1941 I was a newly assigned medical officer to the 47th Inf. The appearance of the soldier before me on first inspection left much to be desired; his wrinkled uniform did not lengthen his short stature; he had painfully flat feet and his face had deep wrinkles like a happy bloodhound. When you looked at him his eyes snapped right back at you and you suspected rightly he was planning some devilment. I was surprised to find that he could write only his name and did not know how to fill out an emergency medical tag.

I tried to find a classification which he could fill in the detachment, aid man, litter bearer? But Reiman had his schooling interrupted at the 3rd grade level. He became a dropout when he ran off with the Cole Brothers Circus at age nine. This was followed by several seasons as a clown with Ringling Brothers and Hagenback and Wallace Circuses.

When Reiman joined the Army the circus schooling did not give Reiman a chance to show on the forms chart the army provided. Reiman came out with a 68 Army intelligence score. This occurred, he said, because he earned it "acting dumb" to see where it would get me! **ONE LOWER**

The 47th Medical Detachment had one member who had earned an intelligence score lower than Reiman—that was Pete Ronua or Pete the Bandit. Pete had a 57 and he was so unteachable that the First Sergeant locked Pete the Bandit up in the motor pool cage when the detachment marched out to practice close order drill. Peter was finally awarded a Section 8 on account of a stick-up he pulled on a visiting general during maneuvers.

Well the Bandit's discharge left Reiman as our anchor man in the lowest rating of army intelligence. Reiman went up to the main post and took a course on how to read and write, words like cat, dog, pig, mouse—and week ends he hunted and pecked the same words out on the detachment typewriter until he could fill out EMT tags and qualify as an aid man.

CIRCUS TRAINING HELPS

When the detachment went off on maneuvers down in Carolina that's where Reiman's circus training paid off, he would pull into a bivouac—have his tent pitched, the area cased and the evening planned down to the smallest detail before the First Sergeant could find him. By the time he returned Reiman had trading material and the evening entertainment for himself and his buddies all arranged: liquid refreshment, romance and adventure.

Reiman's ability to get out of difficulties only slightly exceeded his ability to get into trouble.

CREATES ASH TRAY

One week end he slept a drunk off in the Chapel and used the Holy Water to douse his cigarette butts. Nobody would have been wiser but Reiman left his overseas cap with his name written on the sweat band right in the Sanctuary.

The next week he nailed Charles Phillips' shoes to the bunk house floor. This showed up on inspection and he was warned to quit fooling around.

WAS NOT A YARD BIRD

Some people might think Reiman was a sad sack or yard bird but he wasn't. He really worked hard to get out of work. Take saluting for instance—he didn't like to salute; non-coms he disliked intensely. Saluting Junior officers he disliked, and he hated worst of all to salute the brass. In fact, he would turn around or cross the street in order not to salute Brass! That is until one experience he had in Fayetteville with Colonel Randle, as he told me later, "I saw him, Colonel Randle, coming so I lowered my head and walked to the other side of the street. By the time I got to the other street he was there before me, looking at me with his sharp eyes. "All right now," Col. Randle said, "You just salute me 50 times." As I did he said, "Don't let me ever see you duck me again." After that Reiman did salute but at times the salute reflected what he thought of the salutee.

The 47th medical detachment was blessed? by a number of medical soldiers who had army intelligence scores of 120 to 150; some of these

were college graduates. Most of them were capable and intelligent individuals. Over the years 28 of these medical soldiers were sent to officer candidate schools or were awarded battlefield promotions.

Each time one of these individuals was promoted his position, usually a sergeantcy, became vacant and it afforded a corporal a chance to become a sergeant and a PFC an opportunity to become a corporal.

EXPECTED PROMOTION

Each time this procedure occurred Walter Reiman, as one of the older men, had his happy bloodhound look ready to accept the long expected promotion, but it was to one of the newly arrived high school graduates that his insensible commanding officer gave the stripes. The newly arrived Corporal had trouble digging his own foxholes, so faithful Reiman selflessly showed the new man the ropes.

MAKES M.P.s UNHAPPY

Reiman and his pal, Norman Phillips, wandered off limits into the Medina at Port Lyauite. The M.P.s picked them up in a tipsy state and when they refused to give their names, only their numbers—the M.P.s had them thrown in the P.O.W. cage. The next morning Reiman put on his monkey act, climbing up the fence, picked imaginary fleas off his fellow prisoners and caused such havoc and laughter that the M.P.s were in stitches. By noon they called the aid station and begged us to come down and take our monkeys off their hands.

In England, before the invasion, the major did get around to giving PFC Reiman a T-5 which made him a corporal, but Reiman said the Major did it in such a way that he wasn't happy about it. After all, Reiman had carried the weight of the detachment on his shoulders since he left the States. We should have had a full review or at least the regimental orchestra to play a circus march.

MEETS THE RIGHT GIRL

In the fall of 1944, near Verviers, Belgium, the Cannon Co. had deployed its half tracks in a farmer's field. That evening Corporal Reiman helped carry a milk maid's pail of milk home. Her name was Lea Leveille. The Battle of the Bulge interfered with the courtship somewhat. But by the end of the war Reiman got a three weeks' pass. He asked Lea to marry him and then found that without the signature of his C.O. and Chaplain or the Commanding General he could not be married.

Reiman's C.O. and Chaplain did not understand Reiman's problem and did not sign. So, Reiman went to ETO Headquarters, and timed the guard's walking post so it would not interfere with his entrance. Following this he burst into the General's office and hid behind the door. When the General came in, he said, "Sir, can I have a minute of your time?" Sit down, the General said, what can I do for you, Corporal? Reiman said, "Well, Sir, I met a girl by the name of Lea Leveille up to Verviers, Belgium last fall. I've seen her every chance I've had since and we want to get married!" The General said, "You're from the Ninth Division—you've seen a lot." Then he sent for some papers and he wrote down Walter Reiman and Lea Leveille and signed the paper and stamped it and put it in an envelope.

Then he said, "would you tell me one thing more Corporal, how did you come in here without being stopped by the guard?" Walter said, "I just timed the guard's walking post so it wouldn't interfere with my entrance." The General laughed—"you infantrymen know all the tricks," and that was how Reiman told me he won his Belgium bride. **WROTE EVERY WEEK**

I had not heard from Walter Reiman for nineteen years until the fall of 1964. He then wrote faithfully at least once a week.

Reiman's Belgium wife had died and he was again happily married to Mert, a girl from Bluefield, W. Va. They operated Mert and Walt's Tavern and Luncheonette in West New York, New Jersey. Reiman's letters were written for the express purpose of straightening me out on all the things I and the Brass had done wrong during the war. The chief offense I committed was that I did not give that most persistent, devilish, capable, irresistible Cannon Company aid man his three stripes. I am sure the transcript of his record when it gets recorded up in Heaven will give Reiman the rank he deserves, for they don't make mistakes up there like the Brass does down here.

In fairness to Corporal Reiman (Continued on next page)

THE SAGE OF RABUN GAP COMMENTS ON LATE "DOC" REIMAN

Like all other members of the Association, "Doc" Paul Walton was shocked and grieved to hear of Doc Walter Reiman's death. Walton being also one of Dr. Roberts' First Aid men worked with Reiman during many trying ordeals and naturally felt very close to him. Walton has furnished The Octofoil copies of letters he and Dr. Roberts had exchanged just a few days before Reiman's death that concerned matters that were destined to make the old circus boy happy. Paul Walton says, "Doc Reiman's family was Ninth Division men. He loved them all."

No letter from Walton would be complete without a report on his old hound dogs and how they're all rarin' to get into some good races with the rabbits that inhabit nearby hills and woods.

The Octofoil's little "pin-up" girl, Sue Walton, is now enrolled in a Rome, Ga. business college. Our Sue may be going to school in the big city but our Doc still gets his mail way out on Route 7, Old Dalton Rd., Rome, Ga.

Walton tries to poke fun at the area Rex Ford come from up around Young Harris, Ga. According to Doc a person had to go into North Carolina and meet themselves coming back to get into Rex's home town around Young Harris. Rex now lives in Portsmouth, Va. Doc can poke all the fun he wants at Young Harris—years ago the community supported a mighty fine school—and maybe they still support that school which was dedicated to learning—not dodads and athletics—and operated for poor men's children, also.

Certain parts of Dr. Roberts' letter to Walton are also included in his story printed elsewhere in The Octofoil about Walter Reimans—a great guy—a friend to all mankind! **COMMENTS ON GEN. SMYTHE**

Doc Roberts comments "I'm glad to hear General Smythe is retaining his youthful ways."

Doc Roberts living amongst people in the poverty-stricken Appalachian area is a bit skeptical about all the poverty program promises and no action—his neighbors and friends remain victims of automation—unable to clothe themselves for comfort or to obtain the proper nourishment.

Illness of another medic who had promised to take care of Doc Roberts' patients while he attended the Washington Reunion prevented him from attending. But he's still planning on making a Reunion in the not too distant future.

The passing of the great Doc Walter Reiman seems to have more closely bound the ties that bind between those Cannon Co. men. Now, please turn to Dr. Don Roberts' story in this issue and read every word of it. Dr. Roberts' address is: Donald Russell Roberts, M.D., Heavner Bldg., Box 192, Elkins, West Virginia 26241. **PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI**

Another Cannon Co. G.I.



LT. SHOSBERGER
Pictured above is another of the officers from "Doc" Reiman's famous Cannon Co. "8 Balls."

Change Beneficiary Direct to VA Office

Beneficiary changes cannot be made in a last will and testament by GI insurance policyholders.

Changes in beneficiaries must be submitted to the VA in writing on a special form. Your State Veterans' Counselor or Veterans' Service Agency Director can assist you in making any changes. **PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI**

A tactless person is one who says what everyone else is thinking. **PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI**

Tingley Was Always "Johnny on the Spot"



—Photo by Walter Victor, 2734 Dodson Lee Dr., East Point, Ga. 30044
Charlie Tingley was a walking encyclopedia down in Washington during the Reunion. He was always at the right place just at the right time to help make everything more pleasant for those who attended this wonderful Reunion. Charlie is the "curly-haired" boy with the paper in his hand, caught "in the act" by Cameraman Victor.

FORMER PRESIDENT BONKOWSKI IS SAD TO LEARN OF REIMAN'S DEATH

Past President John Bonkowski, like scores of others active in Association affairs, was in close contact through correspondence with the late "Doc" Reiman and was saddened when news of Reiman's death was released.

Bonkowski sent a few cards to Reiman while the Bonkowski family was on a Canadian vacation—following the cards with a 1966 Reunion packet with program and other information. **BAD LUCK AT HOME**

In one of John's letters he conveyed the sad news that Mrs. Bonkowski's brother had passed away the day after Labor Day. The deceased brother-in-law and John were very close pals and this death was an additional burden for the Association's immediate past president to bear.

The Bonkowskis' parish priest at St. Raymond Church, has recently suffered a slight stroke. John likes to compare his parish priest in many ways to the Association's own Father Connors. **TAKES ON OTHER DUTIES**

Among extra curricula duties John has taken on includes conducting a religion class for the public high school students in that particular parish. **PLANS WORCESTER TRIP**

Mr. and Mrs. Bonkowski are eagerly looking forward to attending Father Connors' Memorial Mass in Worcester, Mass. on Nov., 6, barring no additional unexpected bad luck.

LAST LETTER TO "DOC"

Under date of Aug. 9, 1966 John Bonkowski typed out his last letter to "Doc" Reiman. He sent The Octofoil a copy of that letter, which reads:

Dear Walter: Received your letter yesterday and you can be sure that I was very pleased to hear from you. Yes, it was a nice Convention and it would have been wonderful if you had been able to attend.

There were over 600 present at the banquet, among them being Gen. Smythe and most of the Past Presidents. Gen. Ramsey did a remarkable job as our Toastmaster. Gen.

Collins, our Distinguished Guest, delivered a nice speech. As to Gen. Westmoreland's taped message, he didn't send us a 10-minute talk as expected, but he did send us a 20-minute message which was a wonderful gesture on his part to all of us in the Association. The Army Choir proved to be just great. All in all it was a splendid program. The only regret was that the time was so short. **BOSTON NEXT**

Perhaps you might have heard by now, Boston was selected as the next Convention City. This is a very good thing for the Association, because we can all learn a lesson from them. No matter how many disappointments we may suffer, we should never give up hope. I have every reason to believe that they will do all they can to make the next Reunion a great one.

Our new president is Emil Langer. Being from the same Chapter you must know what a wonderful fellow he really is. I've had the pleasure of talking with him not only at this Convention but last year also and I feel that we are very fortunate indeed to have men such as he in our organization. **MRS. McAVOY**

Doc, you have inquired about Mrs. McAvoy's sorry plight and what was said at the Board meeting. Well there are some legal aspects to this case which are hard to understand. For one thing, how can a hospital or anyone else for that matter lay claim to a Government pension? The Board instructed Harrison Daysh to look into any legal aid that this case may require. It was good of you to take such interest in this unfortunate incidence. We don't know what can be done, but we'll try to get the answers.

Here's hoping that you are feeling much better now, Doc. It would be nice to see you in Worcester for the 22nd Memorial Mass. If not there, then Boston for sure next July. How about it, Walt?

I'll close now, wishing you the best of everything, always. May God bless you and please write again.—Sincerely, John Bonkowski.

NEW NINTH LADS ARE GETTING RIGHT "INFO"

Names like "Go Devils," "Falcons" and "Rangers" are common idioms at Fort Riley as the 9th Infantry Division has been activated there with many of its units the same that brought it fame during World War II. Activation of the 9th Division ("Old Reliabes") took place Feb. 1 at Fort Riley.

The 9th Division was organized under the ROAD concept and includes nine maneuver battalions, a cavalry squadron, an engineer battalion, signal battalion and the typical support command setup with headquarters company and band, administration company, medical battalion, supply and transport battalion and a maintenance battalion. In addition, there is a division headquarters and headquarters company and a military police company. **PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI**

Devine Fighting For More Cemeteries

Joseph J. Devine, a former 60th Inf. man, at the present time Legion commander for Nassau County, has mailed out hundreds of letters with this message:

"Although the number of veterans eligible for burial of their mortal remains in national cemeteries has increased continuously due to repeated involvements of our armed forces in hostilities throughout the world, the facilities for such burial have not increased proportionately."

Devine insists on every ex-G.I. to contact his Congressman regarding this serious problem.

—PAY 1-9-6-8 DUES N-O-WI—
Sleeping pills for the husband would be a lot easier on the wife than contraceptive pills.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI
A bachelor girl is one who's hunting for a bachelor. **PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI**

BOARD WILL MEET SATURDAY, NOV. 5

The Board of Governors of the National Association will meet in Worcester, Mass., on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 5:00 P.M.

Father Ed Connors has been kind enough as to extend an invitation to President Emil Langer to convene the Board in the Recreation Room of the Church Rectory at 353 Grove St., Worcester, Mass.

By meeting near Connors Coffee Shop it'll only a skip and jump from the conference room to the fun room.

President Langer will be mailing out notices any day now giving an agenda of matters to be discussed at this meeting.

\$505.00 COLLECTED AT BANQUET FOR FUND

Charles Jones of the Washington Reunion Committee has mailed to Secretary Dan Quinn a check for \$505.00 for the Scholarship Fund. This is the amount that was collected as voluntary contributions during the banquet at the 1966 Reunion.

The Scholarship Program is a noble bit of work the Association is doing and the Association is unusually fortunate to have such an efficient Scholarship Committee that is chaired by past National Association President John Clouser of the Illinois Chapter.

A FORMER 9TH MAN GETS FEATURE STORY IN OHIO NEWSPAPER

A Columbus (Ohio) newspaper recently printed a 2-column box story with a photo of Richard "Dick" Corbin, a Columbus city detective. Dick is a former 15th Engr. man and a former president of the Ohio Chapter. Dick has suffered a couple of pretty bad heart attacks and is temporarily assigned light office duty at police headquarters.

Quoting parts of the feature story, it read:

Ricard C. Corbin, detective in the Columbus Police Division, won the Bronze Star for risking his life disarming mine fields during World War II.

Corbin recalls a narrow escape that almost cost the lives of many soldiers.

He was assigned to the 9th Infantry Division with the Corps of Engineers in St. Lo, France, when U.S. planes accidentally bombed their own units. "We were informed that the planes practically destroyed our battalion headquarters located near the front lines," said Corbin. "Luckily, most of the men were away at the time."

THE ARMY WANTS OFFICERS' TITLES TO BE ABBREVIATED

An appendix received from the Information Officer at Fort Monroe, Va., directs "new" abbreviations for Army officers, non-coms and commissioned officer. They ask all military publications to adopt the new abbreviations. For the information of Association members who may be reading Army Times or other such publications and might get themselves into a quandary wondering what in the world a BG is. According to this new Bible he'd be a Brig. Gen. In all probability The Octofoil will continue abbreviating these titles the same as has been the accepted custom for a long time. But anyway here's the new Madison Ave. ad writer's touch:

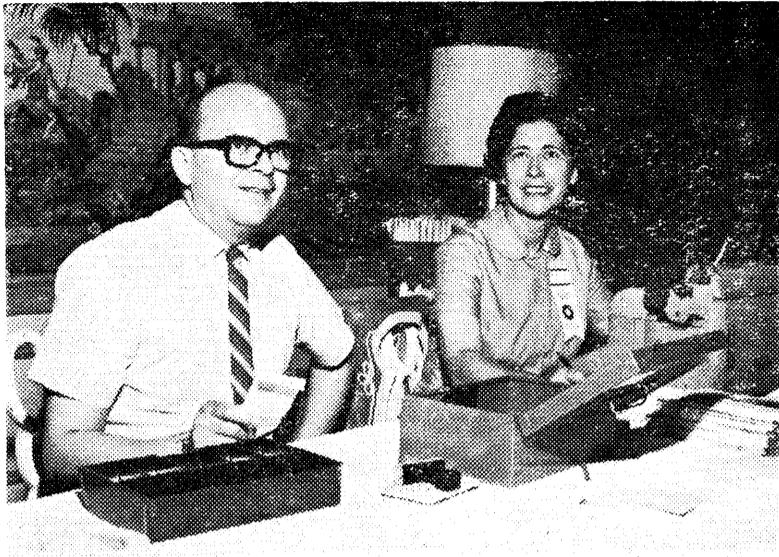
APPENDIX I
Correct abbreviations of Army rank as outlined in Change 3, AR 320-50 are as follows:

- GEN—General
- LTG—Lieutenant General
- MG—Major General
- BG—Brigadier General
- COL—Colonel
- LTC—Lieutenant Colonel
- MAJ—Major
- CPT—Captain
- 1LT—First Lieutenant
- 2LT—Second Lieutenant
- CW4—Chief Warrant Officer, W-4
- CW3—Chief Warrant Officer, W-3
- CW2—Chief Warrant Officer, W-2
- WO1—Warrant Officer, W-1
- SGM—Sergeant Major
- MSG—Master Sergeant
- 1SG—First Sergeant
- PSG—Platoon Sergeant
- SFC—Sergeant First Class
- SSG—Staff Sergeant
- SGT—Sergeant
- CPL—Corporal
- PFC—Private First Class
- PVT—Private
- SP 7—Specialist 7
- Sp 6—Specialist 6
- SP 5—Specialist 5
- SP 4—Specialist 4

You can't reduce by talking about it. You have to keep your mouth shut.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI

Alley and One of His Very Capable Assistants



—Photo by Walter Victor, 2734 Dodson Lee Dr., East Point, Ga. 30044
The registration desk at the Washington Reunion was well-organized and well-operated. John Alley was on duty with his able assistant when Walter Victor passed that way and snapped the above photo.

Mr. and Mrs. Langer Prove to Be Ideal Hosts

Art Schmidt submitted a report to The Octofoil about a social and officers business meeting combined that was called at the home of Chapter President Emil Langer, 30-09 89th St., Elmhurst, N. Y., several weeks ago.

Attending were Irving Feinberg, Walter O'Keeffe, Ralph Witzkin, Al Lechmanek, Vincent Guglielmino, Anthony Varone, George Frankel, Daniel Quinn, Frank Fazio, Jake Laskau, Harry Orenstein, Emil Langer, Arthur R. Schmidt, Al Munatore and George Apar.

Art adds: Emil and his wife proved excellent hosts. Emil has a beautiful finished basement with a well stocked bar. It doesn't take much to figure why Dan Quinn quipped: "More of the members should have similar get-togethers in their bar-equipped basements."

Mrs. Langer went all out to provide the boys with a good feed, including baked beans, home made potato salad, frankfurters, ham and cheese, relishes, and some good pumpernickel bread and butter and coffee. There was an ample supply of more potent liquids. Nevertheless much business was attended to.

IANNUCCI PAPA AGAIN
An important announcement was made by Irving Feinberg: He announced that Vincent Iannucci was again a proud father.

THE NETTA CLAN GIVE ATLANTIC CITY A PLAY

Shortly after the Washington Reunion The Octofoil received some beautiful scenic cards from Louis and Mrs. Netta. They were still vacationing. This time at beautiful Atlantic City.

They're making great plans to attend the Memorial Services in Worcester on Nov. 6.

A secret is something you haven't told yet.

A spinster is a gal who can knit but not knot.

It's almost as hard to quit smoking as it is to quit talking about quitting.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR NETTA ON BIRTHDAY

On Aug. 30 Secretary Dan Quinn started opening and sorting mail. A letter from Mrs. Louis J. Netta, 1 Highland Ave., Wilmington, Del., 19804, caught his eye. Applying his envelope opener, here's the good news that greeted him:

Dear Dan: My sons, Louis, John and myself would like to sign their dad for a Life Membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association for his 50th birthday on Sept. 15.

We know he would rather have the Lifetime membership instead of a big party we had planned earlier. We would also like to donate \$10 to the Memorial Scholarship Fund from all of us.

I think we had a very nice turnout for the Reunion and maybe we will see you again at the Memorial Services in November. We do hope to make it again this year.—Sincerely, Mrs. Julia Netta.

Mrs. Netta penned a short note to The Octofoil after Lou's birthday. She said he was really proud to receive the Life Membership card—and told them all they could not have given him anything nicer.

The Netta family, like all dedicated Ninth Division Association families, were grieved to read of Walter Reiman's death in the Octofoil. They, like many others, had received a card from him just a day or two before his death.

LOUIS ON NEW JOB
Mrs. Netta apologized for young Louis not attending the Reunion. She says he had just taken over a new job—one that he likes very much—and didn't think the "boss" would be too enthusiastic about giving him a "pass" after such a short time on the job.

Report Received

Treasurer Tom Boyle filed his usual thorough and understandable financial breakdown as of June 30, 1966 for the delegates attending the Washington Reunion.

The Association continues to operate in the black and the various projects have operated within allotted budgets.

The New, the "Old" and Many Past Presidents



—Photo by Walter Victor, 2734 Dodson Lee Dr., East Point, Ga. 30044
Above is one of many banquet room scenes The Octofoil received from the Ninth's own Walter Victor. Pictured on the speaker's platform extreme right is Mr. and Mrs. John Bonkowski, outgoing president; Mr. and Mrs. Emil Langer, the newly elected president; flanked by many Past Presidents, and on Langer's extreme right, unidentifiable from the photo is Father Ed Connors and Montana Senator Lee Metcalf, a former Ninth Division boy.

MORANO HAVING TO WEAR CORSET

Pat Morano is a former president of the Greater New York Chapter, now lives at 2208 Lincoln Way, East, Chambersburg, Pa. The miles that separate Pat from Manhattan doesn't keep him from keeping in touch with the members and knowing all about what's going on.

Pat's latest letter to Secretary Quinn, dated Sept. 22, advised that he was recovering from a bad backache condition with a pinching of the sciatica nerve in his left leg. This has Pat in a "girdle" for a few more weeks.

Pat asks The Octofoil to extend both his and Ann's very best regards to all the members of the New York Chapter and tell them they are hoping to be able to attend the Oct. 22 dinner-dance.

GEIST AND MAYME EXTEND THANKS TO REUNION COMMITTEE

Al Geist is a former Co. H, 39th man. He and Mayme are now living at 11400 S. Millard Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60655. Excerpts of a letter this fine couple recently penned to Secretary Dan Quinn read:

Dear Danny: We want to go on record and congratulate the Washington, D.C. Chapter for the marvelous way in which they conducted the 21st annual reunion of the 9th Infantry Division Association. We enjoyed our stay at the Shoreham Hotel, before and after the reunion. The use of the parking facilities at the hotel with unlimited in and out privileges at no additional charge was certainly an added pleasure.

We especially wish to congratulate the committee on their selection of the Banquet meal on Saturday night. The chicken was delicious—in fact it was super-duper—as was the potatoes, and vegetables. Best of all it was served hot. In fact we had to wait for it to cool. The committee really had the courage to stay away from steak or beef and this in itself, rates many cheers.

We could elaborate further, but to sum it up, we had a marvelous time—enjoyed meeting and visiting with old friends and buddies—and already we are looking forward to next year in Boston. Again—Congratulations to the men and women of the Washington, D.C. Chapter.—Sincerely, as ever, Mayme and Al.

LOUIS FIATO MAKES A MEMORIAL FUND DONATION OF \$25

During the Washington Reunion Tom Orband turned over to Secretary Quinn a check for \$25 to be credited to the Scholarship Fund.

The money had been given Orband by Louis Fiato. Lou is a brother of Tom Orband, a 39th man who was killed in action at St. Lo.

Secretary Quinn advises The Octofoil that Louis never forgets the men of the Ninth. Louis lives at 158 Henry St., Binghamton, N. Y., which is Tom Orband's home town.

The money has been credited to the Memorial Fund and Secretary Quinn has sent a sincere thank you letter to Louis.

"Our" Veda Asked For More Octofoils

Shortly before the convening date for the 1966 Reunion in Washington The Octofoil received a letter from the star performer at the Friday night dance—Veda Fernandez—the dancing girl who received a tremendous ovation from the former Ninth men after her superb performance.

Veda's dance studios are located at 1220 N. Pierce St., Arlington, Va. In her letter to The Octofoil the pretty little number asked that a couple of extra copies of The Octofoil be sent to her Arlington address.

Veda quickly won the hearts of her Washington audience and deserved the tremendous applause that was given her.

Taylor's Explore "Secret" Sectors of 13 States

Cards from Wilton Taylor and Juanita during the past several weeks has placed them in at least 13 states from Virginia to California. The Taylors are real outdoor enthusiasts and describe in detail their hiking experiences and cook out sessions, including visits with some original Americans on Indian reservations.

Taylor is a former 47th man—and when not hiking in strange territory, he's at home near Bakersfield, Calif., Lost Hills, Calif., to be exact—Stop 6.

Man knows what's on the other side of the moon, but still can't tell what's in the back of his wife's head. (Mama, why is that?)

DR. ROBERTS' STORY

(Continued from previous page) and to his Commanding Officer who has waited so many years to promote him—Corporal Reiman was detached to Cannon Company, I understand by word of mouth. Corporal Reiman performed many extraordinary deeds of heroism for and with the Cannon Company.

He served faithfully and well as aid man but the Cannon Company was not a paper outfit. As far as I know no papers came through from Captain Siminski's headquarters recommending him for medals with attached affidavits to prove him worthy. And a Commanding Officer had to have seen personally or proved by record a meritorious action before he recommended a man for honors and send the papers on down to Division.

When one thinks of all those non-writing Cannoneers—who knows how many honors, including Medal of Honor winners they are missing from not learning to write. As for me, I have unwittingly become a writer of sorts. I received papers from Divisions, Corps, Posts, Bases, etc. and had to answer by endorsement. For Corporal Reiman's actions I have developed my imagination and literary style, finding reasons for Reiman's individual initiative and unique approach to the military situations, or the situations he created in Fort Bragg, North Africa, Sicily, England, France, Belgium and Germany. As a result of course, of the stories I've had to tell, I don't expect to end up right away in the same place Reiman is now. But I'm hoping Sgt. Reiman will sneak in the door and put in a good word for me with the General up there!—Most Sincerely, Don Roberts.

New Yorkers Attend Wake For Reiman

Secretary Quinn recently pecked out a short note to The Octofoil—one of the paragraphs that stood out over and above the others read:

"We are all looking forward to our gathering at Father Connors this November. Poor ole Doc Reiman had hoped to be there this year. We will miss Doc. I was happy that we had a good turnout for his wake. My only regret is that I could not attend his funeral.

"Myrtle Reiman sent me two thank you cards—one for the association and the other for me. She had written for a Life Membership for Doc just before he died. It was to be a surprise for him when he recovered from his operation."

Appreciation Cards From Mrs. Reiman

The Octofoil is in receipt of a beautiful engraved "Thank You" card from the bereaved widow of the late "Doc" Walter Reiman.

The simple but beautiful card reads:

The family of **WALTER REIMAN** acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

MRS. MYRTLE REIMAN
The Association has lost a friend whose greatest virtue was LOYALTY. May God bless the sorrowing widow and sister. The Octofoil's most humble condolences to the bereaved relatives left to mourn the death of a noble character—**WALTER "DOC" REIMAN**

News of H. Garrison's Death Shocks Buddies

On Sept. 20 The Octofoil received a very sad letter, which is self-explanatory and reads in part:

Dear Mr. Plunkett: The Octofoil came on Friday. I've always enjoyed reading it to see if there was some news about the men Harry knew.

PASSED AWAY AUG. 11
Harry had a coronary July 13, 1966 and was in Bridgeton Hospital three weeks. He was released Aug. 7, 1966 only to have another attack Aug. 11. He returned to the hospital at 4:00 P.M. and passed away at 7:30 P.M.

It's been quite a shock because he was getting along so well. It was very sudden.

Harry trained at Fort Bragg in 1941. He was in the campaigns from North Africa to Germany. He was discharged in September, 1945. He was with Headquarters Co. 2nd Bn., 47th Inf.

He had planned to attend the Reunion in Washington. —Sincerely, Mrs. Evelyn H. Garrison, 238 Atlantic St., Bridgeton, N. J.

The Octofoil was shocked to learn of the untimely passing of Harry Garrison. The devoted buddies and pals he had in the Ninth Division will grieve his passing with The Octofoil. In behalf of all the members of The Association The Octofoil extends to the brave Evelyn Garrison most sincere sympathy in this trying hour.

PAY 1-9-6-7 DUES N-O-WI