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THE OCTOFOIL

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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Weehawken, N. J. 07087—412 Gregory Ave.

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See You In Detroit July 18

Fr. Connors To Speak At 1968 Reunion Banquet In Detroit

The principal speaker at almost every Reunion for the past twenty odd years has been either a One Star, Two Star, Three Star, or Four Star General. This year it will be different; we are going to hear from a man who holds a rank that is even more difficult to attain than a General's Star. He is senior in his rank and has had the honor of having it awarded to him by none other than the Chief of Staff General William C. Westmoreland. The "Green Major," Father Edward Connors will be the speaker at the 1968 Reunion Banquet.

Father Ed served with the Division in all its campaigns and has been a member of the Association since its inception. He probably has more personal friends among former members of the Ninth than any other man in the Association. His Memorial service each November at Worcester, Mass. is living testimonial to the fact that the men who died while serving in the Ninth Infantry Division will never be forgotten.

"God and Country" could very well be Father Connors personal motto. His entire life has been devoted to serving his God and his country. In these distressing days when many think it is fashionable to deprecate their country, Father Connors' unabashed patriotism is a joy to behold. He loves our country, he loves our flag, and he is not ashamed to say so.

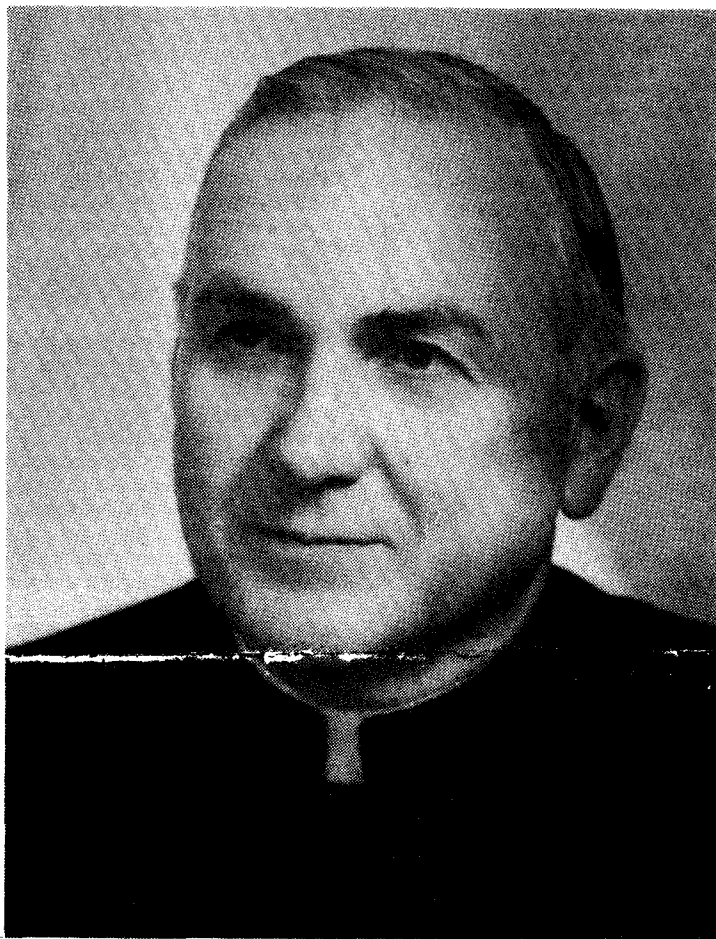
Like all Irishmen Father Connors has his lighter side, he possesses a fine wit and can tell a good story. So you can be sure that when he steps to the mike in Detroit he will be prepared to tell a few stories that will bring smiles to the faces of his audience.

Jim Quello Toastmaster

The Detroit Chapter has lined up an All Star program for the Reunion Banquet; such a program requires a top notch Toastmaster. They have found him in Jim Quello.

Jim served with the Division from September 1940 until after the Sicilian Campaign. While with the Ninth he served as C.O. F and D Companies 47th, Battalion Executive Officer 1st. Bn 47th and as Division Headquarters Commandant. He left the Division to join the 5th Army and ended the war years as a Lt. Col. commanding a Battalion in the 45th Division.

After the war Jim went into the radio broadcasting business. He is now Vice-President and General Manager, WJR Division, The Goodwill Station, Detroit, Mich. He is active in community affairs and is a member of the United Foundation of Metropolitan Detroit, the Mayor's Committee on Human Relations, the American Legion, and the V.F.W.



Father Edward Connors



Jim Quello

INTERNATIONAL AFTERNOON

Saturday, July 20, 1968

We will board our coaches at 1:00 p.m. at the Bagley Street Entrance to the Statler Hotel for a guided sight-seeing trip through the CIVIC AREAS OF DETROIT on to Detroit's NEAR EAST SIDE through the URBAN RENEWAL AREAS enroute to GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN.

Here we will see the FORD and DODGE ESTATES which stretch along the beautiful Lake St. Clair. Then be quickly whisked back to Detroit via the EDESEL FORD FREEWAY. We will enter CANADA through the WINDSOR TUNNEL. In Windsor we will have time for browsing and shopping - the men will have time for a glass of Canadian ale. ENGLISH CHINA and SCOTTISH WOOL-ENS are less expensive here than in the United States and you'll want to send a postcard from this foreign country.

About 3:30 our coaches will leave for a sightseeing trip along Canada's WEST RIVER DRIVE to the AMBASSADOR BRIDGE--the longest international suspension bridge in the world. We'll stop atop the Bridge at the International Boundary to view the PORT OF DETROIT. Then on to the CULTURAL AREAS OF Detroit including WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY. Arrival time back at our hotel will be approximately 4:00 p.m.

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Scholarship Fund

Walter Victor and Paul "Doc" Walton were very close friends. When Paul passed away, Walter chose a very fitting way to demonstrate his love for Paul. He sent a contribution to the Ninth Division Scholarship Fund in Paul's name.

We are certain that Doc would have appreciated this more than all the floral pieces in the world. Also donating to this fund were James Moore and Warren Bascone.

View From Canadian Shore



This view from Dieppe Park across the Detroit River in Windsor, Ontario, shows the skyline of modern Detroit.

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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 York Chapter Holds Memorial Service

It was an appreciative audience of the 9th Division men, women and children that heard Monsignor DeLaura deliver the Memorial Mass for the deceased men of the 9th Infantry Division on Saturday morning May 25, 1968 at Glen Cove, Long Island. Monsignor DeLaura told the audience that we should say prayers for our departed men of the 9th Infantry Division. He compared the opposing government groups of WW II with the opposing government groups of today and said they have the same ideas but call themselves different names. Harry Whalen assisted Monsignor DeLaura with the prayers during the Memorial Mass.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICES

After the Memorial Mass we travelled to the Pinelawn National Cemetery, Farmingdale, Long Island for the Memorial Services. Frank Fazio welcomed the 9th Division men, women and children to the Memorial services. A wreath was placed at the Flag pole.

HARRY ORENSTEDT'S SPEECH

We are gathered here today to pay tribute to the deceased men of the 9th Infantry Division. Last year I was in this cemetery and read the names on the headstones of the deceased men of the 9th Infantry Division and I noticed the ages were usually 20, 21 or 22 when they made the supreme sacrifice for the principles of our democratic way of life. It is common knowledge that the young men of today are the leaders of tomorrow in government, industry and education. If any of the deceased 9th Infantry men are looking down from above today, I am sure they would be saying to us, "We are glad you carried on to victory." Let us here today rededicate our lives to the deceased men of the 9th Infantry Division and remember them year, after year, after year.

MONSIGNOR DELAURA'S REMARKS

Monsignor DeLaura thanked the loyal men, women and children for their presence at the Memorial Services. He said we should say prayers for the deceased men of the 9th Infantry Division. Monsignor DeLaura mentioned that the deceased men of the 9th Infantry Division died for your children and their children so that they could live in a democracy. Monsignor DeLaura stated he is planning to continue the Memorial Mass and Services for many years.

After the Memorial Services we walked to the graves of the deceased men of the 9th Infantry Division and Monsignor DeLaura said prayers for them. He usually told stories about these men as he recalled their names. Here is a list of the graves of the 9th Inf. Div. now resting in the National cemetery in Pinelawn, L. I., (Section J)

Daniel F. Wallace, PFC 39th Inf.; Felice Guglielmino, PFC 47th Inf.; Frank P. Mayer, Cpl. 60th Inf.; Joseph Truglio, Pvt. 39th Inf.; Kwok D. Moy, PFC, 60th Inf.; Thomas Maher, 2nd Lt., 39th Inf.; Daniel J. Griffin, PFC, 47th Inf.; Fred E. Hitchcock Jr. T/5 9th Sig. Corps; Enrico Picco, PFC, 47th Inf.

Each year several grave sites are selected to be decorated. There are several hundred Ninth Division men buried at Pinelawn so it is impossible to visit all the graves.

Sincerely yours,
Harry Orenstein, Pres.

Board Of Governors Hold 87th Meeting

The 87th meeting of the National Board of Governors was called to order at 3:15 P.M., May 18, 1968 at the Hotel Statler-Hilton, Pittsburgh, Pa., attended by Messrs: Paul Keller, Richard Wilson, Robert Rumennapp, John Rizzo, Charles Koskie, Richard Pestel, John Boden, Ralph Witzken and William Andrews. Also attending were 2nd Vice-President Frank Ozart, 3rd Vice-President William Meadows, Scholarship Committee Chairman John Clouser, Past President John Bonkowski, Co-Editor of the Octofoil Walter O'Keefe and Robert Buck of Pittsburgh.

Upon a motion duly made by John Boden and seconded by Richard Wilson it was voted to: Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last Board meeting.

President Paul Keller then called upon William Meadows for a report on the 1968 Detroit Reunion. Meadows gave a detailed outline of the many events planned for the three day reunion. Details of such are published in the Octofoil. President Keller thanked Meadows for his report.

John Clouser Chairman of the Scholarship Committee was called upon for his report. Clouser briefed the Board members as to how the applicants are selected according to their scholastic ability and financial need. Twenty-seven applications were received by the Committee and fifteen awards are to be granted. Ten new applicants and five renewals will be notified by the Committee and the names will be announced at the annual reunion. The amount of the awards to total \$2800. President Keller thanked John Clouser and his committee for their ef-

orts and report. Upon a motion duly made by John Rizzo and seconded by Richard Pestel it was voted to: Accept the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee.

Upon a motion duly made by Charles Koskie and seconded by William Andrews it was voted to: Amend the Manual of Reunion Operations to include, that at all reunions held by this Association, the Scholarship Committee may solicit voluntary contributions for the sole purpose of the Scholarship Program.

Upon a motion duly made by Ralph Witzken and seconded by Richard Wilson it was voted to: Have the President appoint a committee to explore the desirability & feasibility of merging or someway linking the 9th Infantry Division Association and the Association of the Octofoil (new Ninth Division).

President Paul Keller then appointed Ralph Witzken as Chairman of this Committee along with the following members Harrison Daysh and Frank Wade. The President asked the chairman to select two more members to serve on this committee.

President Paul Keller asked the Chapter members if they would select the various committee members for the annual reunion, and have the names ready for him before the General Meeting, held on Friday morning July 19, 1968.

There being no other business to come before the members and after a motion duly made by John Rizzo and seconded by William Andrews it was voted to: Adjourn at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Daniel Quinn
National Secretary

MAIL CALL

The members continue to be prompt in paying their dues and they always include a message with their check. The following quotes were taken from some of the letters received by the Secretary.

William Coen - Cannon Co. 47th.
Forgot to pay my dues in Boston and didn't think of it until the Octofoil arrived. It's been a busy year with me but I have been able to schedule a vacation for the Reunion dates. The family always looks forward to those three days.

Carl K. Kohn - 39th. Inf.
Enjoy the Octofoil, lots of luck. I can't forget the good old 39th. Enclosed is a check for three years dues.

Pat Foley - 60th Inf.
I like the new paper, hope to see you soon.

Captain Scheel - D Co. 47th Inf.
We had hoped we would be able to attend the reunion this year but our seventeen year old son, "Rick" has been suffering from virus hepatitis for over a year and has been confined (again) to his bed for the past three months. Due to the fact that the doctors cannot tell us anything definite, we are not making any plans. We just accept each day as it comes. Here's hoping you have a good reunion.

Jim Delehanty - Med. Det. 84th. F.A.
Im happy to send in my dues for this year. I was a Btry Aid Mn with C and B Btry in Africa, Sicily, France, Belgium, and Germany. I enjoyed reading about William Mauser as I traveled with his Btry in Germany.

I was a Funeral Director in those days. You can imagine the ribbing I took, but I noticed they never turned down anything to combat colds and good old trench foot.

Ray Hanks - F Co. 39th. Inf.
Sorry I will not get to make the Reunion this year. I have made three and enjoyed them very much. I would like to hear from any of the guys from F Co. 39th. If any of them are ever in the vicinity of 109 E. Jefferson, Mishawaks, Ind. I hope that they will stop in.

E. DeDonato - H Co. 47th
Enclosed are my dues for 1968. Good luck, hope to be at the Detroit Reunion.

Andrew J. Seasock - B Co. 39th. Inf.
Have been out of the States for over a year and have just returned home. While going over some old mail I came across your dues reminder so I am sending a check for three years dues. Hope to see you at the next Reunion.

John W. Saquella - A Co. 47th.
Enclosed find my check for my 1968 dues. Please convey my best wishes to all Co A men. If everything continues to go well I expect to be in Detroit.

Col. William Tanner - 3rd. Bn. 47th.
Almost let my dues slip by. I often think about you and the other guys I saw in New York a few years ago at the Reunion. I am looking forward to making another one, best regards.

A. Micolucci - 47th Inf.
Meant to send in my dues a long time ago, but have been busy raising a family and fighting the high cost of living. Have been in touch with Langer, Schramm, and Harms. They are supposed to come and visit me, regards.

Remember The Dates

Remember the dates for the 1968 Reunion
July 18, 19, 20.

**NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASS'N.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Dan Quinn, Natl. Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Assn.,
412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N.J. 07087

Enclosed please find 1968 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

Please give credit to the following Chapter:

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Ohio Fayetteville-Fort Bragg, N.C.

Program For 1968 Reunion

THURSDAY - JULY 18th

Registration All Day
 Golf Tournament 12:00 Noon
 Board of Governors Meeting 5:00 PM
 Welcoming Reception Party 8:00 PM to 12:00 PM

FRIDAY - JULY 19th

Registration All Day
 Business and Committee Meetings 10:00 AM to 12:00 AM
 Ladies Meeting 1:00 PM
 Business Meeting 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
 Board of Governors Meeting 4:00 PM
 TEEN-agers Dance 7:30 PM to 11:30 PM
 Informal Dance 8:00 PM to 1:00 AM

SATURDAY - JULY 20th

Registration All Day
 Memorial Mass (at the hotel) 8:30 AM
 Parade and Memorial Service 10:00 AM
 International Tour 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
 Banquet and Dance (Informal) 6:30 PM to 1:00 AM

CHAIRMAN BOB DE SANDY
 CO-CHAIRMAN BILL MEADOWS
 TREASURER JOE CASEY

REGISTRATION CHAIRMAN JOE CASEY
 Registration will be open during the entire Convention. A Committee will be present to greet the early arrivals on Wednesday. A system will be set up to have an efficient check by members to find desired names of those that have registered. Strip Tickets - \$16 for adults and \$11 children.

GOLF CHAIRMAN BRUCE MIOR
 The members who wish to participate must enter their names as early as possible. The time of the Tournament will be Thursday, July 18 at 12 Noon. Maple Lanes is the place. Transportation will be arranged.

DANCE CHAIRMAN BILL MEADOWS
 Thurs. July 18. Welcoming Reception Party - Andy Zelenak and son will entertain as a strolling team playing the base and accordian. They are wonderful singers. - Free beer.
 Fri. July 19 - 7:30 to 11:30 PM Teenage Dance - Music by a popular local band "Poor Man's Pride." Coke Bar.
 Fri. 8:00 PM to 1:00 AM Informal Dance - Music by the Leo Marchionni 6 pc. Band. Leo played with many big name bands and he plays to please. - Service Bar - Bottle mix and ice.
 Sat. July 20. Informal Dance after the Banquet 9:30 to 1:00 AM. Leo Marchionni's Band returns with more of that good music. Service Bar - Bottle mix and ice.

MEMORIAL CHAIRMAN JOHN BONKOWSKI
 Program begins with Father Connors' Memorial Mass at the hotel. The location will be posted. Mass time 8:30 AM till approx. 9:10. There will be time for breakfast for those that wish to attend.
 10:00 AM formation begins (half hour late, due to the Police schedule). In case of a heavy rain the Memorial Program will be held in the Grand Ball-room. The 70th Infantry Division Band will lead the parade down Washington Blvd. at 10:30 AM. About a 25 minute march will take us to the Veterans Memorial Building. A PA system will be set up for use during our Program. Father Gerry, Ralph Witzkin and hopefully Chaplain Propst who is ailing, will offer prayers. President Paul Keller, Father Connors and Congressman Nedzi will speak briefly. The placing of the wreath and taps as in all our Memorial Ceremonies will follow.

THE INTERNATIONAL TOUR SATURDAY JULY 20 - 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

It is very important that those who desire to make this trip, place their name on the list for that purpose, as early as possible. This will determine how many buses we will order for this event. Buses will leave in front of the hotel at 1:00 PM. The tour will consist of a trip through the city, an hour stay in Canada by way of the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel under the Detroit River and a return over the Ambassador Bridge. The tour will end at the hotel at 4:00 PM.

THE REBEL WILL BE THERE

Carle "Rebel" Taylor has made plans to attend the Detroit Reunion and is looking forward to seeing his buddies from the 47th, especially Val Demari, Tom Harris, and all the other "Damn Yankees."

Carle operates the A.B.C. Tile Co. in Danville, Va. and when it comes to business he seems to have learned something from his Yankee buddies. His letterhead bears a notation that would warm the hearts of the old Yankee traders who demanded cash on the barrel head; it reads "OUR TERMS: All bills due when statement is rendered. 2% Service Charge will be added to all accounts over 30 days old."

Delegate at Union Meeting: I have to discontinue making speeches - my throat, you know.
 Member: Sore?
 Delegate: No, the listeners threaten to cut it.

What's the Difference?

Arthur Euler, 60th Inf., dropped us a line and informs us that he still resides on a farm near Bowling Green, Ohio. Art raises cattle and at the present time has 315 head on the farm. We city boys always thought that cattle were raised on ranches, but Art said that he lived on a farm and we will take his word for it. Maybe some of the farmers and cattle raisers in the Association can clear up our confusion, what is the difference between a farm and a ranch?

Apparently Art is very active in the American Legion; we noticed that he is Second Vice-Commander of The American Legion of Ohio. This is a high position in the State organization and Art must be well known in the Buckeye State.

Judge: I fine you \$50 for stealing this suit.
 Culprit: Can you make it \$40, it cost me ten dollars for alterations.

"THE PAWNS OF WAR"

This is the fourth installment of Bill Kreye's story of the 39th Infantry from the days in Fort Bragg till the end of the War in Germany - the years 1941 to 1945.

We were able to see at night from a nearby hill top, the flak that was sent up over Algiers by the ground gunners as the enemy bombers tried to bomb that city. Sometimes pieces of the shrapnel would fall in our area which was over ten miles from that metropolis. While enemy planes flew overhead, here and there a flashlight would appear as if as a signal for the overhead planes. The Intelligence Section would give chase to try and catch those giving the signals.

On another night while I was pulling a four hour shift of guard at the front gate of Maison Blanche airport, the commander of "C" Company brought in about a dozen drunkard "Tommies." They had been raising cane in a nearby town and they had fired a few shots. LT. ANDERSON came down to the gate and he relieved the "C" Company commander and his men.

CONRAD started to question these men but he received nothing but insults, unmentionable words and sarcastic language for his trouble. He was so mad that he was fit to be tied. He demanded that they at least respect the uniform of an officer of the United States Army. Then, he took off his jacket and he stated that he couldn't lick these blokes all at one time but he was tempered enough to take them on one at a time.

Just about this moment, STANLEY CABAN was on his way down to the gate to relieve me of guard duty. As he approached near the men and ANDERSON, some lunatic came out of one of the buildings firing a burp gun. CONRAD, as enraged as he was, coolly told CABAN to take that gun away from that man. STANLEY without any hesitation and as coolly, went over and disarmed the weapon firer. However, the quickness and the sudden excitement of this incident seemed to sober up the British captives and everything was under control once again.

CHAPTER 10 ROUBA, ALGERIA, NORTH AFRICA

From Birkedam the scene changed to Rouba, another small town inland from the coast about twelve miles. It was here that Lt. ANDERSON read in the "Stars and Stripes," the Army newspaper, about the American Rangers hiking six and a half miles in an hour. He had an ambition to someday enter the Olympic games as a runner and he figured that hiking was a good conditioner. It was at Rouba that CONRAD started the first of his conditioning hikes while we were overseas and it would be also a fine conditioner for the 1st Battalion Intelligence Section who would alone accompany him. We practically ran to the next town and back trying to duplicate the claimed Ranger's time.

As I already mentioned before, there was a lot of drinking after duty. BALDWIN and I went to a saloon one evening, to sample some of the stuff. We had been drinking quite heavily when we decided to try and find another place with stronger liquids. As we left the entrance of this saloon, a few shots were fired in the center of the town. I suggested to RAY that we'd walk away from the

firing. The street we selected to take was in the form of a horseshoe and to our surprise we circled right into the trouble. Two American soldiers had hold of the French Chief of Police. One of the soldiers held the muzzle of a 45 revolver to the Frenchman's head. He was shouting that he was going to blow the policeman's head off.

The peculiar thing about the entire mess was that I can't remember a thing of what happened after that. It seemed my mind just went blank. When I came to my senses, the two soldiers and the Frenchman had left the scene. RAY and I were sitting on the curb stone alongside of each other. He was holding a bottle of vino and I was holding the 45 revolver in my hands. As I sat there, I saw a squad of men marching in column of twos with rifles fixed with bayonets on their right shoulders and they were led by Lt. BERNHARDT, communications officer. We were escorted to Colonel ROSENFELD who recommended us for saving the life of the French Chief of Police of Rouiba.

One day I went on pass to Algiers with CEPOS, HANSEN and BISBING. We had been having a good time all day but we were getting very hungry. We found one of those black-market cafes about one block from the piers at the waterfront. We were eating our supper when the air raid siren blew. All three of us were in or full of high spirits except BISBING who only drank milk and he wasn't getting any of this precious white liquid overseas. The cafe emptied out except for the four of us who continued to dine as if nothing was going on.

A bomb was dropped close by, blowing in the cafe front window. We decided to go down to the piers to get a closer view of the bombings. While we were

walking along the waterfront, an enemy plane flew over. My other three companions had started running for an air-raid shelter down the street as the plane released another bomb. Suddenly, I came to my senses that danger was near and although they were half the distance to the shelter, I was the first to get there.

When the air-raid was over, we left the shelter and we started to walk the dark, lightless streets as the sun had set and we headed for our bivouac base. A jeep passed us by and as a result there was a tremendous flash as if a bomb had exploded. The tires of the vehicle had run over a trolley cable which had been knocked down by the previous bombing and now it laid all over the street with the electric current still on. The flash blinded me temporarily and it scared me half to death for the moment. We eventually returned to our camp by hitch-hiking most of the way on a British (lory) truck. The British were very generous in this respect as they always picked up Americans and gave them a lift.

While we resided in Rouiba, Sally of the Axis would entertain us with her sweet propaganda and she would play American jazz and swing music over a German radio broadcasting system. It was about the only station we could pick up on the lone command post radio other than BBC, a British radio station. Furthermore, they would tell us where we were during most of the campaign in Africa by unit designation which was usually very embarrassing. However, it was not all entertainment and play as the outfit stayed in occupation. There was the everlasting close order drill, calisthenics, schooling, hikes and field problems, to mention little about kitchen police and guard duty.

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.
5. All applicants must accept the decision of the Scholarship Committee as final.
6. Information to determine financial need will be requested by the Scholarship Committee after the applications have been considered.
7. 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.
8. All applications must be sent to: John J. Clouser, Scholarship Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division Association, 901 Graceland St., Des Plaines, Illinois 60018.

JOHN J. CLOUSER
901 GRACELAND STREET
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412 Gregory Ave. Weehawken, N. J. 07087

Taps Sounded

Once again we have received the sad news that four wearers of the Octofoil have passed away.

John T. Coleman - 39th Inf
Grayson C. Powell - Div. Hq.
Abraham Rachelson - 84th F.A.
Paul Lancetta - A Co 47th Inf

5/24/68

Dear Mr. Quinn,

It is my sad duty to inform you that John T. Coleman died very suddenly May 15, 1966. I realize that I should have notified you before this, but taking care of our five children, our home and now working keeps me pretty busy and I tend to put things off. I don't remember John's unit but he was with Sgt. Wm. Kreyer.

Sincerely
Josephine D. Coleman
(Mrs. John T.)

Dear Mr. Quinn:

I regret to inform you that my father, Colonel Grayson C. Powell, died on December 30, 1967. He was buried in Swainsboro, Georgia with full military honors. The active pallbearers were six Captains, all in the Judge Advocate General's Department, from Fort Gordon, Georgia. My father was Staff Judge Advocate for the Ninth from its inception at Ft. Bragg, N. C. in 1941 until the fall of 1944 when he returned early from the European Theater of Operations.

The Ninth Division will always occupy a special place in the memories of our entire family. Even now when we see someone wearing the Octofoil, we are all extremely proud. My father's youngest sister, Mrs. C. M. Singley of Columbia, S. C. composed the words and music of the Ninth Division March and it was dedicated coast to coast on the old "Army Hour" radio program originating from Fort Bragg in 1942.

My brother, Lieut. Commander Wendell W. Powell, is a 1956 graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy and I have been a member of the U. S. Air Force for the past 17 years. We don't wear the Octofoil, but we are upholding the military tradition. My mother does still reside in Swainsboro, Ga.

I request that you remove my father's name from the roll of the Ninth Infantry Division Association but not from the hearts of its membership. I believe the most satisfying years of his life were spent while a member of the Ninth Division.

Sincerely,
Grayson C. Powell, Jr.
Major, USAF
705 Maplewood Drive
Valdosta, Ga. 31601

May 24, 1968

Dear Mr. Quinn,

I'm terribly sorry that I haven't written before this but under the circumstances I'm sure you will understand.

My father, Abraham Rachelson, passed away quite suddenly on February 8, 1967. He was always proud of the fact that he belonged to the Ninth Division and EIGHT STARS TO VICTORY has always held a place of honor in our book case.

My mother, Mary, my sister, Susan, and myself, would like to take this opportunity to thank his many friends for their expressions of sympathy during our recent bereavement.

Thank you again,
Joyce Rachelson
6295 Kindred Street
Philadelphia, Pa.
19149

Greatly Appreciated

Mrs. Hazel Walton has received many messages of condolence and she greatly appreciates these kind expressions of sympathy. Recently Dan Quinn received the following letter from Mrs. Walton.

"I was so glad to receive your letter. Paul has talked so much about you and the other fellows that I feel that I know you all almost as well as he did.

I still can't bring myself to believe that he is gone; he had so many plans for this summer. He enjoyed so much seeing everybody, and we were planning so much on coming to the reunion.

I will be glad to receive the Octofoil; I enjoyed reading it almost as much as Paul did. Thank you ever so much and may God be with you and yours."

Brings Back Memories

We have been using old Army photos to illustrate Bill Krey's story "The Pawns of War," and we knew that sooner or later someone would see himself in one of the pictures. Now it has happened.

One picture showed English Generals examining a 37 MM A.T. Gun. G. Vince Scuccimarrri took one look at the picture and immediately realized that he was one of the G.I.s standing behind the gun. He wrote that he can remember exactly when the picture was taken and that it brought back many memories. Vince has been a patient at the FDR VA Hospital at Montrose, New York and would like to hear from members of the Association.

We are now waiting to hear from other men who were present when the cameraman snapped the picture.

SAM HUMPHREY ON THE MOVE

Most people would be content to remain settled in balmy Palm Springs, California, but Sam Humphrey, H Co. 60th, has an adventurous spirit and is itching to try something new. He writes that he intends to build a Trading Post, Cafe, and Trailer Court in Arizona near the Colorado River. Sam's two nephews, both 9th Division men, are already in the area and their reconnaissance reports must have convinced their uncle that Arizona is the Promised Land.

There in Spirit

Some of our most loyal members have never had the opportunity to attend a reunion or a chapter meeting. These men either live in communities far removed from the reunion sites, or else their work prevents them from taking time off during the month of July.

Halvor Gjeide is typical of these members. He served with the 60th Inf. and joined the Association when it was founded. Halvor is a fisherman who lives way up North in Peterburg, Alaska where the fishing season starts on May first and ends in October. Although he can't take an active part in the affairs of the Association Halvor maintains a lively interest in its activities and is an avid reader of the Octofoil. He has just renewed his membership for another three years and writes that he will always be a devoted member of the Association.

We are proud of members like Halvor and hope that some day he will be able to attend a reunion. If any of his old buddies want to drop him a line his address is Box 147, Petersburg, Alaska.

Carl Ward Regrets

Carl Ward, 34th Field, wants his friends to know that he will be unable to attend the Detroit Reunion. He has four weeks vacation but they are scheduled for April, July Fourth, November and December. Although he won't be able to see his old comrades this year, Carl writes that he expects to be present at the 1969 Reunion.

At the Boston Reunion Carl met a cook from C Battery 34th Field. Unfortunately, Carl has misplaced this man's name and address and is now unable to contact him. Carl has requested that we assist him in locating his former member of the 34th. If you can assist Carl in this matter, drop him a line. He can be reached by writing to Rt. 1, Reidsville, N. C.

Old Buddies Meet

Ronald Frank, D Co. 47th writes that last summer he vacationed at Presque Isle and while there visited Danny Ica-boucci. It's been nineteen years since they last got together, so they had a lot to talk over.

Ronny reports that Danny is in fine shape and that Dan's wife Gracie is an expert at making Lasagne; in fact, Frank claims that she is the best French-Italian cook that he has run into. Ronald almost met another D Co. man. John (Bog-gie) Buganski stopped at Ronald's home, Box 122-D, R.D.#1, Leechburg, Pa., but unfortunately Frank was not at home. He is hoping that John can stop by again some other time.

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I miss my wife's cooking, whenever I can.

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

When Ed Bailey served with K Co. of the 39th he was addressed as Captain Bailey, now-a-days he is called Mayor Bailey. Ed holds down the top spot in the city government of Demopolis, Alabama. He has served this fair city for almost twenty years and intends to run for Mayor one more time.

Ed's daughter attends Newcomb College, Tulane University in New Orleans. This year she is spending her Junior Year abroad at the University of London. Ed has written and told her not to come home until she has visited Barton-Stacy, a part of England that is dear to many 39th men.

In closing he wrote that all former members of the Ninth are welcome in Demopolis, but that a special welcome awaits former members of the 39th. Ed promised that if we are ever in Wallace County he will see to it that we get our fill of good southern fried chicken, catfish, or any other southern dish that our heart desires.



Paul "Doc" Walton

Tributes To Paul Walton

Every man who served with the 47th was shocked to read the death notice of Paul Doc Walton in the last issue of the Octofoil. At Fort Bragg he was known through the Regiment as a man of good humor and sharp wit but he is best remembered for his devotion to duty while serving as a 3rd Battalion Medic in combat. I knew him only in the line of duty when I was sick or wounded and like all men of the Medics, he was always there when needed. It did help to make you feel more secure knowing that they were near by when the going was rough. The K.I.A. rate was cut down considerably by the men of the Medics who often risked their own lives to evacuate the wounded under the most difficult conditions. Many of us wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for men like Doc Walton. In referring to the Medics you could use the words of Churchill "never did so few do so much for so many." They had to be special type of men to aid the wounded, comfort the dying and have compassion for those sick of physical or mental exhaustion. Doc Walton did all these things many times. It would be impossible to express in words the gratitude that we have for the help and aid he gave us when we were sick or wounded. From Africa to Germany Doc Walton had the toughest job in the Infantry and now that he has answered his final roll call, he will be given the highest award for a job well done. Charles F. Titus, 3rd Bnd 47th Inf.

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Top Kick in Soldiers Home

Jim Gaddess hasn't forgotten his friends from the 39th. He keeps in touch with his old buddies and reports on their doings from time to time. Jim informed us that he has been in contact with A.G. (Stash) Jewininsz. Stash was top kick of G Co. 39th Inf. from May 1942 until October 1943 when he was rotated home on the point system. The Sarge is now retired and resides in the Soldier's Home in Washington, D.C. He probably would be glad to hear from some of the fellows who served with him.

Jim expects to attend the Detroit Reunion and is looking forward to meeting the old gang.

I did not know of Doc Walton's death until recently. I called his wife and she is still quite upset. My wife and I plan to drive down and spend some time with her.

John Lewis,
Shelbyville, Tenn.

As you know I'm not the greatest letter writer but I had to write to you. Personally, seeing the Octofoil, I was shocked to read that another 47th Medic and a very good friend of mine had passed away. I was looking forward to meeting Doc Walton at the reunion this summer in Detroit. His presence alone was great and I will remember him in my prayers for he always will be remembered as an individual whom I rated above just friends. I am sure you will agree, today, you can't find many like old Doc Walton, the Paul Plunketts and the likes of men like that.

Ed continues--This has been a rough year for me but thank God and a wife who stuck by me through all my hardknocks, I have again landed a job in my own field. --I am looking forward to our reunion in Detroit.

Edward Machowski
3rd Bn Medics

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Honor Past Presidents

May 3, 1968 was honor night for the past presidents of the New York Chapter. A very large turnout greeted them. The members showed their appreciation and their enthusiasm by giving the past presidents a long standing ovation. Following is a list of past presidents who were present at the meeting. They are:

Al Bruchac, Danny Quinn, Irving Feinberg, Art Schmidt, Vincent Guglielmino, Max Umansky, Walter O'Keefe, John Rizzo, Frank Fazio, Emil Langer, Ralph Witzkin

It was a pleasure to hear Al Bruchac, Frank Fazio, Walter O'Keefe, John Rizzo, Vincent Guglielmino, George Apar and many others participating in the lively discussions during the meeting. After the meeting adjourned, the members enjoyed the delicious refreshments.