**Reserve A Room Or Bring A Tent**

This year when the "Old Reliablies" step off for their march to the memorial service they will be led by one of the finest military bands in the world - The U. S. Army Field Band. This band, under the direction of Major Hal J. Gibson, is internationally famous. It is the official touring representative of The Department of the Army, and has appeared in all 50 states and has toured in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, Europe, and the Far East. The band has marched in five Presidential Inaugural parades, escorted the President on special occasions, and has played for many visiting heads-of-state.

**CONCERT FRIDAY EVENING**

The Field Band's participation in our reunion will not be limited to the parade. On Friday evening the band will give a concert for the members of the Association. The band concert repertoire is designed to appeal to all audiences, offering classical, semi-classical, and popular soloists, chorale arrangements, novelty numbers and military marches. The Field Band is composed of The Army's finest soldier-musicians. Many have studied at the country's leading conservatories and schools of music, many have played with major symphonies and leading dance orchestras before entering the service. Their performance on Friday evening promises to be one of the highlights of the Reunion.

**SOLDIERS' CHORUS**

The Soldiers' Chorus, an integral part of the band, will also provide for the "Old Reliablies." This group is made up of 30 highly trained and talented vocalists under the direction of Sergeant Major Gene Coughlin of Detroit Lakes, Minn. These musically-gifted soldiers will sing at the concert and on Saturday evening at the banquet, they will offer a patriotic program that is guaranteed to make every loyal American's heart beat a little faster.

We are honored to be able to have the Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus perform at our reunion. The young men will really enjoy the band, it isn't very often that they have the opportunity of hearing 100 soldier-vocalists play the tunes that American soldiers have never had to sing at the concert and on Saturday evening, at the banquet, they will offer a patriotic program that is guaranteed to make every loyal American's heart beat a little faster.

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**EXPECT LARGE ATTENDANCE**

We have been in touch with the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge and they tell us that the advance registrations are coming in at a good clip. It seems as if all the boys are trying to be in Pittsburgh for the reunion. We have a hunch that this is going to be one of the greatest reunion ever had. So if you haven't made up your mind as yet, stop procrastinating, fill out that reservation form and send it off to the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge. You don't want to miss out on all the fun, do you?

**1969 Reunion**

**July 24-25-26 Pittsburgh**

**PALADY TO BOST THE OWN**

Harry Orenstein tells us that Bill Palady is a real reunion old timer. Bill attended the other Pittsburgh reunion about 20 years ago. He has since attended reunions in Chicago, Springfield, Columbus, Detroit, Springfield, Columbus, Detroit, Seattle, Montreal, London, France, and Germany. He is a member of the Association and has attended every reunion since 1949. Bill is very much looking forward to the reunion and will be arriving in Pittsburgh on Friday evening.

**HONORED GUESTS**

Our dais will be graced by many notable figures, not the least of whom will be Father Edward Connors, the famous "Green Major." Father Connors will introduce our guest speaker General William C. Westmoreland. Father Connors will introduce our guest speaker General William C. Westmoreland.

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REQUEST FOR HISTORY

During World War II many brave men died while serving with the Ninth Infantry Division. The loved ones they left behind treasure the memory of their brave sons or brothers, and they are still interested in learning more about the unit in which their beloved relative served.

Recently Dan Quinn received a letter from Mr. T. W. Thornton of Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. Thornton wrote as follows, ‘The news was given to me by both my congressman and an ex-member of the Ninth Division. My brother was in Company C of the Ninth Infantry Division during the latter part of 1944, and early part of 1945. He was killed in action February 20, 1945. My family would like a history of the Division between 1944 and 1946, if there is one. You seem to be the person to turn to for this information and if you know where I can find the history, I will be very much appreciated.’

Dan was only too happy to be able to comply with Mr. Thornton’s request. The history went off in the next mail. We hope that when Mr. Thornton reads the history of the Ninth Infantry Division he will receive satisfaction from the knowledge that his brother played an important part in the writing of this saga.

Taps Sounded

Dick Wilson of the Philadelphia Chapter wrote to us with the sad news that William “Babe” Lux, had passed away on May 25th. Bill lived in Wilmington, Delaware, and was a good member of that Chapter. He served with the 60th Infantry Anti-tank unit and was wounded in action. He received the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

ARMY TO RETIRE

On July 1, 1969 the military Service Number will become part of history. The Social Security Account Number will replace all service numbers for members of the active, retired and Reserve components. Beginning on this date the above item to our Federal income tax returns. When you file your tax return you must report the Social Security Account Number on your tax return. You will receive a Social Security Account Number only.

Your Social Security Account Number has no prefix or suffix. It is, therefore, will not change if you ever change your name. If you are not sure about which type of identification form is the Social Security Account, please call 1-800-772-1213 for assistance.

Your Number Account will be your single identifier for use by the Federal Government. It was not until Feb. 28, 1918, that the first service number was issued to an enlisted man. Master Sergeant Arthur B. Beaumont received the unique distinction of receiving the first.

If you do not receive your Social Security Account Number by June 30, 1969, you may call the nearest office of the Veterans Administration. If you do not receive your number by June 30, 1969, you may call the nearest office of the Veterans Administration.
The OCTOFOIL COMES OF AGE IN WORLD WAR II


Continued From Mar-Apr Issue

The Octofoil

Editor’s Note - During World War II General Barath served as C/S of the 9th Infantry Division. The OCTOFOIL was the Division’s newspaper that it takes more than good equipment and plentiful supplies to make a great Division.

To become great a division must have within its ranks men who are determined to fight. These men, under the guidance of their superiors, follow those orders must be willing to put the Division’s welfare above their own. Thus we had a great Division.

The applicant’s format.

The General had commanded, the worn out by the ease with which the machine gun in the Italian line had to positions on the north flank of the British First Army. The American 11th Division with four battalions, the 1st Armored Div., the 1st Armored Div., and the 34th Inf. Div. with the Corps would be directly under the command of the 1st Armored Div. General Humphrey. General Halsey was in command of the 1st Armored Div. The 1st Armored Div. was composed of the 1st Armored Div. and the 2nd Armored Div. The 2nd Armored Div. was composed of the 7th Armored Div. and the 7th Armored Div.

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Tippie: To... 

John Saquella A Co. 47th Infantry Division
John sends his regards to all in Ashville. He reports that he has been busy with his various jobs and has almost forgotten to pay his dues.

Dorothy Glass 60th F.A. Division
Dorothy writes that she is getting ready for the reunion in Pittsburgh. She is looking forward to firing off a few salvos with the old gun from the 60th Field.

Earl A. Ike A Co. 47th Infantry Division
Earl is all up about the trip to the E.T.O. He has his barracks bag packed and is raring to go. He is anxious to hear from the boys who served with him in A Co. and hopes to meet some of them at the Pittsburgh reunion.

Herald W. Smith 60th Inf. Div. Columbus, Ohio
Herald informs us that he retired from the Army in 1967 as a Lt. Col. Retirement didn't dampen the desire for duty, however. He is now a civilian employee with the same type of job he had in the military. Although born in Baltimore, he fell in love with Colorado Springs and now calls that beautiful town home. Herald wants to be remembered to all his old friends from the 60th Inf. Division.

Father Morton 68th Infantry Division
During the past year Father Morton has been plagued by illness; however, he is now feeling better and is enjoying a long rest out of Detroit way. He is looking forward to attending the reunion in Pittsburgh and is especially anxious to see and talk to General Westmoreland.

Walter S. Willis C Co. 39th Infantry Division
This spring Walt has been kept busy with his daughter's college search for a place to live. He is facilitating the decision by taking his daughter on a tour of bases throughout the United States to see what best fits her needs. Walt hopes to have her decision made by the time the reunion rolls around.

Clay M. McBeth B Co. 60 F.A. McComb, Ohio
Clay McBeth may be busy these days but he intends to take time out of the routine for the reunion.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP in the LADIES' AUXILIARY of the NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION Mrs. Myra F. Furlong, Treasurer-Ninth Infantry Division Association Ladies' Auxiliary 286 Emler St., Columbus, Ohio 43201
I would like to become a member of the Auxiliary to the Ninth Infantry Division Association. I enclosed as check or money order for $5.00 for 1969 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, son, etc.)

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

Make checks or money orders payable to Ninth Infantry Division Association. Mail to Secretary-Treasurer-Tippee Dow 9th Recon Co. 601 GRACELAND STREET DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS 60016

Charles Neal 9th Recon Co. Madison, Tenn.
"I hope to see the reunion in Pittsburgh this year and am looking forward to meeting some of my buddies from the 9th Rec Co. as well as all the men of the Ninth. Had a great Army reunion in Detroit last year and I think Bob Mosher is doing a wonderful job this year (with the publicity) and I know that the selection of Chautauqua Civic Theatre will be lots of fun." 

Bill Keyes' story "Pawns of War" will be a topic of conversation in the memories of many. Walter F. Potts' old outfit, The Anywhere, The Aline, Anyhow, Bar Nothing boys have been writing to the Octofoil telling of the memories that the story brought back.

Nick Roberts writes that he was 1st. Bn. Supply Officer, and recalls very well the time when the British Tank Commander gave him 15 minutes to clean his supply dump. Nick recalls that many gold-tails were left behind that day.

Bill Mahoney started reading the story in the Jan-Feb 1969 issue and mentioned some issues so that he can complete the read.

Scotty Hunt joined G Co. of the 60th Inf. after D Day but that outfit did not go back to the U.S. until 1945. No sir, before he joined he was in the 60th Inf. and after that outfit was in the 69th where he served as a 25mm gunner.

Edward Hopley, M.C., North Carolina
Ed changed his address and he dropped a line to apprise us of the fact. After all these years he has finally made Hollywood and the Hollywood A.V. Metuchen that is. Hopley reports that he is still on the firing line at the Frankfort on a daily basis. He should be due for rotation soon.

Reece Ford 79th Inf. HCO, Fort Benning, Ga.
Rex writes he hopes he can attend the reunion in Pittsburgh and recently drove from Asheville, North Carolina and it sure brought back memories for him. He tried to make it to the Amory in Salisbury, N.C. but didn't have the time. This is where H Co. 992 was when the war was declared-December 1941.

The响应的proposed trip to the E.T.O. in 1970 by the men of the Ninth and their families has been tremendously successful. The decision has been made. The 9th Inf. Division Assoc. will embark on July 26, 1970 for movement to their overseas staging area, in London, England. Objective: A sentimental drive through Europe for two weeks.

Yes! Our trip is becoming a reality. Just think—the morning after our 25 th reunion, we will board our modern jet for a six hour flight to London, and arrive just in time to do some evening pub crawling. Monday we will have extensive sightseeing, including the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace, and at night a visit to the famous Palladium.

Tuesday we will be free so you can visit on your own. Wednesday we will move on to Winchester area, the Division will move on Thursday to Southampton for embarkation on the Cross Channel Steamer for Cherbourg. We will visit the Liberation Museum and other points of interest. On Friday, we will pay a visit to the Beach St. Merry Eglise, Caen, then on Saturday to Falaise for F.B. R. A. Sunday will be a day of leisure and on Monday we inspect Paris and visit Versailles. We will then hit the trail again north to Eupen Moshtain, Wurtemburg Forest to College. Thursday, August 6, we will continue on to Dusseldorf, Rothenberg through Bremen and Bad Godesberg to Remagen, and what remains of the famous Ludendorff Bridge and then on to Koblenz where we will board a Rhine Steamer to Mainz.

The next day, we will again continue on the autobahn via Wuerzburg Rothenburg a very old medieval walled city and then continue via the Bavarian Alps to Germany where we will stop at the birthplace of our association. Then back to the states and Munich Saturday, we will have extensive sightseeing and spend Saturday night in the Hofbrau for a last happy get-together. Sunday, August 9th, you will have the morning at leisure and in the afternoon the Division will redeploy to the U.S.A. and to make your plans now, we will book our flights shortly. They will be available by the time, and we will accept reservations. Total cost including two meals, hotels, transfers, and sightseeing, based on a two-person room will be about $55.00.