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Ninth Infantry Division Association

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**Plan Finalized**

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**Taps Sounded**

This is always the saddest part of trying to put the Octofill together when we come to "Taps Sounded" and see a name or two of men that we know in the outfit, brothers whom we got to know through the association. Added to those who have gone before them are:

Lawrence "Dick" Rogers Hqs. 26th F.
Ralph "Whitey" King Div Hq
Karl Malmestrom Div Hq
Michael Savarino 26th F.

Ab Gottfried Co H 47th Inf.

Lest we forget lest we forget!

To their loved ones we offer our sympathy as we share your grief. To our Comrades we bid farewell.

May God bless them.

Ab Gottfried we knew since our days in Fort Bragg and had seen him from time to time. Like the rest of us he was kept busy at his place of business but he never lost interest in the association. I'll never forget the night we visited him at his place in Newark Jack Scully. Frank Fazio were with the crowd and needless to say we had a ball. It was at the same place that Abe was wounded in a holdup attempt a few years ago and this left him paralyzed. So his last few years were rough. He is survived by his wife Thelma, a son and two daughters.

Vic Daumit writes: "I have the sorry task of informing the association of the death of two dear friends of the 15th Engineers, the Hqs. 26th F.A.

Robert Hosking
Anthony Bolognese

Both dear friends of the association and myself".

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**BANQUET**

The 32nd Annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association will be held in Chicago, Illinois. The plans for the thirty-second annual reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association have been finalized. The reunion will be held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel, 151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois, July 28, 29, and 30, 1977.

Registration will take place starting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in the New Orleans Room which is located on the Ballroom Level. The check-in desk is from the Hotel's lobby down to the Ballroom level.

The members participating in the golf tournament should meet in the New Orleans room at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday. Meetings of the Association and the Auxiliary will start at 10:00 a.m. Friday.

**WELCOMING PARTY**

The Welcoming Party Beer Bust will be Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. in the Regency A. Ballroom. Music will be furnished by Frank Yakoobek and his Cordovox. There will be free beer and Coke with a cash bar for mixed drinks.

Friday night will be the time to dance to the music of Ralph Berger and his orchestra in the Regency Ballroom at 8:30 p.m. The Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel is a busy place. Business is still good that they recently announced they are going to build another part to the east of the present building which will double the room capacity and provide a new convention center with a large exhibit space.

The view from your hotel room will be of Lake Michigan or the Chicago River. The Chicago River turns green on St. Patrick's day. Sorry, but you will miss that. See the reservation blott printed in the Octofill for room rates and how to make reservations.

**PARKING**

If you drive the hotel garage, which is located in the basement of the hotel, will give you 50 percent off the regular rates so that you can park for $3.00 per twenty-four hours. You can drive into the garage, unload your car and take the elevator to the lobby and check in at the desk.

The North-West Loop Continental Air Transport bus will take you from O'Hare Airport to the Hyatt Regency Chicago for $3.25. Don't get confused with the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel. If you come by train or has takes a taxi to the hotel.

**IN READINESS**

The reunion committee is in the process of making the final plans for the reunion. Everything is being double checked and rechecked to make sure everything is in readiness for the old gang of the Ninth. There will be entertainment and good times for everyone. Dancing, golfing, sightseeing, shopping and eating.

**NIGHTLIFE**

If you are not too old there is plenty of nightlife and close to the Hotel. It is safe to walk outside at night. Rush Street and other Near North Side entertainment areas are close by. You can listen to music from Jazz to Rock.

The Reunion Committee and Chicago are ready, are you? Act Now.

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**Tip Of The Hat**

The association is indebted to these men for remembering the Memorial Fund:

Robert Hocking
Anthony Bulger
Howard Hellman
and a special thanks to Howard for his extra generosity. We're proud of all of you.

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**Program of Events**

**Thursday July 28, 1977**

9:00 a.m. Registration - New Orleans Room (Ballroom Level)
9:00 a.m. Golf Tournament - Meet in New Orleans Room
4:00 p.m. Board of Governors Meeting - Addams Room (Third Floor)
6:30 p.m. Welcoming Party - Regency "A" Ballroom

**Friday July 29, 1977**

9:00 a.m. Registration - New Orleans Room
10:00 a.m. General Meeting - Toronto Room (Ballroom Level)
10:00 a.m. Women's Auxiliary Meeting - Ogden Room (Third Floor)
10:30 a.m. Committee Meetings - (Third Floor Level)
Newspaper - Field Room
By-Laws - McCormick Room
Nominating - Burham Room
Finance - Wright Room
Miscellaneous - Addams Room - Sandburg Room
4:00 p.m. Board of Governors Meeting - Addams Room
8:30 p.m. Dance - Regency "A" & "B" Ballroom

**Saturday July 30, 1977**

9:00 a.m. Registration - New Orleans Room
10:00 a.m. Parade for Parade - Plaza of the Hotel
11:30 a.m. Parade and Memorial Service - Richard J. Daley Center
6:30 p.m. Annual Banquet - Regency "A" & "B" Ballroom
8:30 p.m. President's Ball - Regency "A" & "B" Ballroom
Traveling down road of history

ST. SEVER CALVADOS

The road running from ST. SEVER to CALVADOS was the main object of the attack on August 8th, and at about midnight, the 3rd Battalion started their advance to ST. SEVER, in an attempt to secure the town. The mission of the regiment, and it was obvious the enemy had pulled back to this line of ridges and had done its best to establish something akin to a defense. It was the mission of the regiment on the 8th of August to drive the enemy from these ridges and close in on the town. "E" Company attacked Hill 295, and as they advanced, the 3rd Battalion had sent a strong combat patrol as far south as the village of BRESILON, and in the absence of any opposition, the battalion then occupied the town and secured all roads leading from it with strong AT defenses. No appreciable contact with the enemy had been established during the day, but personnel and tiler miles had caused several casualties.

From our positions occupied on the 8th of August, a glance at the terrain was sufficient to indicate why contact had not been established on that day. A series of high ridges confronted the regiment, and it was obvious the enemy had pulled back to this line of ridges and even had its best to establish something akin to a defense. It was the mission of the regiment on the 8th of August to drive the enemy from these ridges and close into the town. For the day had been very satisfactory in spite of deter- mined enemy resistance at some points. Enemy mortars had been used extensively against the forward troops, and in some instances fierce fire fights had taken place.

PERIERS EN BEAUFICE

As soon as the line of departure was crossed, it was evident that the enemy had abandoned the town, for intense, mortar, artillery and small arms stopped further forward movement. Most of the fire was coming from the left and left rear of the 1st Battalion. Company "B" was dispached around the left flank of the battalion to a position northwest of LA NAZIÈRE. Here an enemy force was engaged, some of them killed, several captured prisoners and the rest routed out of the positions from whence they had been able to fire upon the main body of the regiment. The mortar and artillery fire was being received from the high ground in the enemy's sector, however. Positions gained during the day were consolidated, lateral contact established, and the troops dug in for the night. During the afternoon, Lt. Col. Woodrow Bailey had been fatality wounded.

It was evident that Hill 302, in the 8th Infantry's sector, would have to be occupied before further progress could be made. A coordinated attack was planned for August 8th. "F" Company of the 1st Battalion was to approach Hill 302 from the north, and "A" and "B" Companies of the 47th Infantry were to attack the hill from the west. Simultaneously, the 2nd Battalion was to move from the main objective, the town of PERIERS EN BEAUFICE.

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August 13, 1944-Beauvain. France. General Eddy arranged for Colonel George Bailey of the 47th. L-R unidentified Officer, Col. Sanchez, General Eddy. Bailey is standing on the 3rd Battalion with General Eddy. Bailey took a few days before the General was promoted to Command the XII Corps of the Third Army. On August 8th, the 7th Division was in reserve, and the general plan was for the 1st Battalion to come up on a line with the 2nd Battalion, which was slightly further advanced at the 1st Battalion, then attack ahead to the southeast, capture the town and cut the railroad. The town, EN BEAUFICE- GATHEMOL road. In advance to the line of departure, the 1st Battalion met heavy small arms and mortar fire, but by aggressive action and mortars permitted, then the forward units were able to cross the LD, along with the 2nd Battalion, at 11:30.

LT. COL. BAILEY, C.O. 2ND BN.

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NEW YORK CHAPTER

The New York Chapter meets the first Friday of the month at the 90th National Guard Armory, 320 Lexington Avenue in New York City.

President of the Chapter Harry Nissen, Service Co., Southside, was welcomed to the meeting as Harry hasn’t attended a meeting in over a year or so. A discussion was held on the need for a new member with the new Ninth Infantry Division stationed in Fort Lewis, Washington and our association, or the admitting of members on a regular basis, is what we served with the Ninth in Viet Nam.

In addition to the usual dark horse betting and a Lottery tickets there were two bottles of wine that were donated by Francis Parisi. Franc, first prize was won by John Parisi and Vital Marsal won the wine.

The Treasurer Irv Feinberg reported that the New York Chapter had a balance of $936.55 in the bank.

Tapp; Secretary, John M.,


city are available from near the

the 69th National Guard

The New York Chapter was

Lexington Avenue in New York

You can’t be $131.00. Those interested in.group of 10 or more it will be

from Newark and the regular

leaving from either LaGuardia

Airport and the New Yorkers

usual John Parisi and Frank

Division patch and lettering will

be sewed on the cap for about

$2.65. Bill still has a few hats

The ATC Rest area will be

open on Saturday, April 16.

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CHAPTECHUR

It all started two years ago when the Illinois Chapter was holding its annual "Retirement Home" given in conjunction with hosting the 1977 Reunion. After a series of meetings, many hours of planning and making arrangements, the reunion committee was prepared for the Chicago in- 

vasion. Headquartering the impressive Ray Sci Rency

Chairman of the committee, was John Parisi. In

contrast with the quarters provided thirty-

promoting the Regular Bottle

fare is $161.00 (round trip) but

with groups of 10 or more it will

less than one half the cost of the

year. The following event will be

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Park, 1560 E. 43rd St. on Saturday, August 20, 1977.


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CHICAGO NIGHT LIFE: Chicago offers Ninth Division Association members many opportunities for night-time entertainment. If you are looking for a romantic evening, you’ll find it at one of the many elegant dining rooms and entertainment venues in the city. The Auditorium Theater is a popular choice for music and dance performances. If you prefer live theater, the Goodman Theater offers a variety of productions.

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CHARTER/CONVENTION SERVICES: If you're traveling with a group, don't forget Continental offers the finest charter service and convenient services available. Airport transfers, plant tours, company meetings, convention shuttles, interstate transportation, and rental cars are all available.

PRIVATE LIMOUSINES: It's your own private chauffeur driven limousine to O'Hare Airport and all suburban areas. Our radio dispatched drivers are on call 24 hours a day.

NEW ART WORKS: Chicago offers many opportunities to appreciate the beauty of Chicago's new plaza art. Among the many contemporary masters in public plazas throughout the downtown area.

CLOSING ESCAPE GAP: On the 30th anniversary of the Regimental reorganization, the regimental positions were taken over by the 19th Infantry Division and moved northwest of Paris. The famous Picasso Sculpture, a Chicago landmark since 1967.

4TH HISTORY CONT.:

Active patrolling was carried out all day, no contact with enemy forces was established, but several stragglers were picked up. A patrol from the 3rd Battalion was sent along the PERIERS EN BEAUFFICE-GATHEM to secure the position.

FALAISE: While the regiment had engaged in its drive to the southeast, the armoured forces under General Patton had brilliantly exploited the breakthrough and had succeeded in sealing off the British and American forces using their superior maneuverability to best advantage. They had swung to the east, quickly seized LE MANS and then turned north for the purpose of effecting a junction with the British forces advancing south toward FALAISE. The speed of this brilliant maneuver had pocketed the German 7th Army and elements of the 21st Panzer Division, and only a narrow escape gap opened up between ARGENTAN and FALAISE, while the enemy could extricate its surrounded forces.

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MAIL CALL

Co. H, 47th Inf.

J O H N  J. CLOUSER
901 GRACELAND STREET
DE PLAINES, ILLINOIS
60016

JUNE 1978

E. CO. 47th Inf.

PETER IMBESI
314 Mountain View
Lyndhurst, N. J. 07071

Once again I received the "OCTOFOIL", printed in Red. It reminds me of the song, "A letter Edged in Black".

I thank you for this kind reminder for it would degrade me, not to get the Octofoil; my really one love is to the Octofoil organization and with a wonderful past.

Although I am not active and cannot attend conventions, too often; I am looking forward to my retirement from American Airlines; and during this time I will have plenty of time, and will attend conventions. I make it my business to try to look up at least once a year the former 9th Division men each year and last year the baner went to Frank Mackey, in Undeadville, Pa. outside of being a bit fitter older, I have somewhat changed, same kind, hardworking, good job and a wife.

Best regards and a long future to all our members and to the organization.

D. CO. 47th Inf.

FRANK J. SANDELMAN
1072 Beavy Avenue
St. Paul, Minn. 55119

Am senooding you and all the boys of the 9th Infantry Division. I am in touch with who was captured with me, Merov Grayson, part of Orange Street, Easton, Maine 04601

Will close.

2409 P.C. B. Crey

JOE DAILYDA
co County Life Mobile Park, 72800

Am sending my dues for one year. And hoping to be in Chicago in July for the Reunion also hoping to see the gang.

J. CO. 47th Inf.

WILLIAM W. McKOR
Rt. 4 Box 341
Moselle, Miss. 38649

I had the honor of meeting General Westmoreland at the headquarters of South Mississippi H battalion, on October 28, 1942. Now I have no book to read, it was so good, which I enjoy for myself, from any of the Co. K men who served with me between July 20, 1942 and July 30, 1943.

D. Co. Inf.

JOHN BRANDI
600 8th Rockybake Street
Elmwood Park, Illnois

Enclosed are my dues. My wife and I hope to be with our friends at the Chicago Reunion.

F. Copy Inf.

RODGEE R. ALGALD
284 Stone Street
Siegman, Michigan 46952

Thank you for your article, in the last Octofoil, on the action at Koenigshutte, Germany. I recall vividly the morning of October 12th, of that year, when we were operating in that area.

I have been off short after dawn, we came under fire. In debating you I found myself in my concern with scope of my Koenigshutte replacement, exposed my longer than necessary a rifle butt hight in the chest.

Ask me not the exact area on the map which is sufficient to say that my papers were "roused" and my infallible Jackie had a nice hight in the chest.

Looking forward to Chicago.

Co. G, 47th Inf.

JOHN SAGUELLA
10150 Union Street
Pennsauken, N.J. 08109

I say hello to everyone for me, particularly all the boys of Co. "A" 47th Inf. Hope to make the convention this year.

H. CO. 47th Inf.

H A L V O R G JERD A
Box 1116
Aklaska, Alaska 99603

Enclosed is my dues for three years 1977-1979 and with overviews in the North. We have been writing to each other for thirty years. So we had a great reunion. He lives in Indiana and I in Southeast Alaska. We kids, five grandfishing and a wonderful time.

We were in Hq, Co. 5 47th Inf.

MP HQ

JOHN (TEDDY) WEBER
45 Bomfield Street
Quincy, Mass. 02170

Sorry I forgot my dues. Enclosed find check. After spending a quiet Christmas I fell into the damn battush for treatment. It was getting better but I still have a long way to go.

We still hear from Tippey people. I'm getting along fine except for having to stay in the house due to the weather. I will close for now, and still enjoy reading the Octofoil.

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R.O. 7th Bn.

FRED R. VENO
753 Palmhfield Street
Joliet, Ill. 60435

I am enclosing my 77 dues and hope they are in time to avoid the red ink. Hope the Octofoil will make the convention.

C. Co. 47th Inf.

SAVANTO TRANQUILLO
1151 Lacust Ave. P.O. Box 28
Perry, Okla. 74077

Enclosed please find a check for my 77 dues. Thanks again for the red ink reminder. I still receive our patient correspondence, service connected nerve condition. I write to the V.A. Regional Office every six weeks.

At the time of your article in the Arnold Bakers Plant in Greenwich, Conn. I expect this to be my last year. I’ll be pushing 42 this coming July 30th. I don’t feel up to par. I don’t know what I’m going to do now I leave. I have to have a plane where there’s some place of peace and quietness. I can’t stand this rat race of a routine, day in and day out.

Best regards.

L. BAUER, 7th Bn.

LESLEY T. CARMEAN, JR.
413 Box 28
Fairfax, Mo. 64066

It’s fun to be with the Octofoil. I kept my dues up for 20 years. So maybe I should send me a spare Octofoil. I remember when they first organized the Octofoil, we were up in Germany. They too, my first dues out of my pay. I wonder how times have changed, what would the commrad that had fallen in battle, if they could come back and see what has taken place in History. What would they do? I am proud to be a member and that you remember me. Even though I am not active so for long. Remember Father Delores Chaplain of Co. K 47th Inf.

My life membership dus.

P.S. I was not going to send you, a Legion of Merit ribbon (Oliver). Col. D.R. Roberts put me in for one. The records probably lost last I was supposed to get these. I enjoy reading mail call, and see once in awhile something I keep. I had fun, with the hard times of battle. I got battle stars and oakleaf cluster on bronze stars. Danny, I am one of the same, remember you will.

S. Boury, 7th Bn.

SAM ROBINSON
1000 Paradise Road
Swampscott, Mass. 01907

Got the message “red ink” on ye old Octofoil - enclosed in check for 3 years plus 50 cents for 6th License Disc.

Also read Harry Herman’s letter about the 9th being left in Form in Rhine (Bouff.). If there is a drive to put one in the game, let’s see. We have some good correspondents as well as soldiers, the post office wouldn’t have to worry about deficiet. If there are any more years early next year and I might have more. In anticipation of the reunion, I am writing to with things by doing a cover to cover reading of the Octofoil.

My wish is to all the guys particularly, the members of Co. K, 47th Inf. Thanks to the great job you and other dedicated people have done this Association continues to flourish.

Best regards.

B. BARRY, 4th Bn.

SAM ROUNIS
8000 Paradise Road
Swampa, Mass. 01907

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S. Boury, 7th Bn.

RODGER E. ALSGAARD
2834 Wynes Street
South Harpswell, Maine 04079

My dues are due and I better get them in. Don’t want to miss out on anything.

Last year wasn’t too good for me, 6 weeks in the Infirmary, spent 5 weeks in the hospital during the month of November and December, and 13 weeks in the Army. At the present time I’m back in the V.A. Hospital for another week or two.

Called John Allen and Stumpy, the old gang, but the demands of raising a family, and making a living plus the demands of grandchildren, seem to take up most of my spare time. If all were so grand correspondents as they were soldiers, the post office wouldn’t have to worry about deficiet. But I still have from some of the old gang, but the demands of raising a family, and making a living plus the demands of grandchildren, seem to take up most of my spare time. If all were so good correspondents as they were soldiers, the post office wouldn’t have to worry about deficiet. If there are any more years early next year and I might have more. I’m going to be working at this book, and I think I would like to do this book.

We still hear from Tippey people. I’m getting along fine except for having to stay in the house due to the weather. I will close for now, and still enjoy reading the Octofoil.

S. Boury, 7th Bn.

Edittor note: The secretaries of this issue sent Howard the back copies.

C. Co. 47th Inf.

H O W A R D D. BROOKS
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South Harpwell, Maine 04079

My face is as red as the ink used to render the Octofoil. Not much hope today’s weather, my face is as red as the ink used to render the Octofoil. Not much hope letter is not too much. Don’t get a chance to look at the Octofoil.

I am enclosing this year’s dues.

J. F. HART, JR.
7 Neenagh Street
Willimington, D. C. 20013

I am enclosing my member dues for another year. I still hear from some of the old gang, but the demands of raising a family, and making a living plus the demands of grandchildren, seem to take up most of my spare time. If all were so good correspondents as they were soldiers, the post office wouldn’t have to worry about deficiet. If there are any more years early next year and I might have more. Willow this year’s dues. I think if you are the next time I will get in touch with you.

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