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# THE OCTOFOIL

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

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Association Dues: \$5.00 per year - \$1.50  
will be earmarked to pay for the Octofoil

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## PLANS FINALIZED

### ★★★★★★★ Taps Sounded

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

George Williams Co. B 15th Engs. Bn.  
Lawrence "Dick" Rogers  
Hqs. 26th F.A.  
Ralph "Whitey" King Div Hq  
Karl Malmstrom Div Hq  
Michael Salitario 26th FA  
Abe 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 them farewell.  
May God bless them.

Abe 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-a tavern 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.

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Vic Daumit writes: "I have the sorry task of informing the association of the death of two long time Division men, Ralph "Whitey" King and Karl Malmstrom. Both dear friends were with the Division Band from "Tent City" till the end of the war.

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John Pappas writes: Sorry to be the bearer of sad news but enclosed is a newspaper clipping about the death of George Williams former 15th Engineer. I seen him last November in Worcester and had been active in attending reunions. He'll be sadly missed by his friends of the 15th Engineers, the association and myself".

### REUNION PLANS FINALIZED

The plans for the thirty-second annual reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association have been finalized. The reunion will be held in 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 on the Ballroom Level. Take the elevator from the Hotel's lobby down to the Ballroom level floor.

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 Yakoubek 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. There will again be free beer and Coke with a cash bar for mixed drinks.

### MEMORIAL

The Memorial Service will be held at the Richard J. Daley Center Plaza following a parade from the Hotel. The parade will start at 11:00 a.m. in the Hotel's Plaza. The 81st Army Band from Fort Sheridan will lead the parade.

### BANQUET

The Annual Banquet will feature a Gourmet meal in the finest tradition of the Hyatt Hotels. The Banquet will be in the Regency Ballroom at 6:30 p.m. Following the banquet will be the President's Ball with music by Tommy Fitzsimmons and his orchestra.

### ACT NOW

There is still time to make your reservations for the 1977 reunion in Chicago. The hotel is ready to receive your requests for rooms. The airport, train station, bus stations, and the hotel's garage are waiting for you. Don't disappoint them.

**32nd Annual Reunion  
July 28-30, 1977  
Chicago, Illinois**

The Hyatt Regency Chicago hotel is a busy place. Business is so 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 blank printed in the Octofoil 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 direct to the Hyatt Regency Chicago for \$3.15. Don't get confused with the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel. If you come by train or bus take 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.

### NIGHT LIFE

If you are not too old there is plenty of night life in 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.

### Tip Of The Hat

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

**Robert Hosking  
Anthony Bolognese  
Howard Heilman**

and a special thanks to Howard for his extra generosity. We're proud of all of you.

### Thirty Second Annual Reunion Ninth Infantry Division Association July 28, 29, and 30, 1977 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)  
8:30 p.m. Welcoming Party - Regency "A" Ballroom

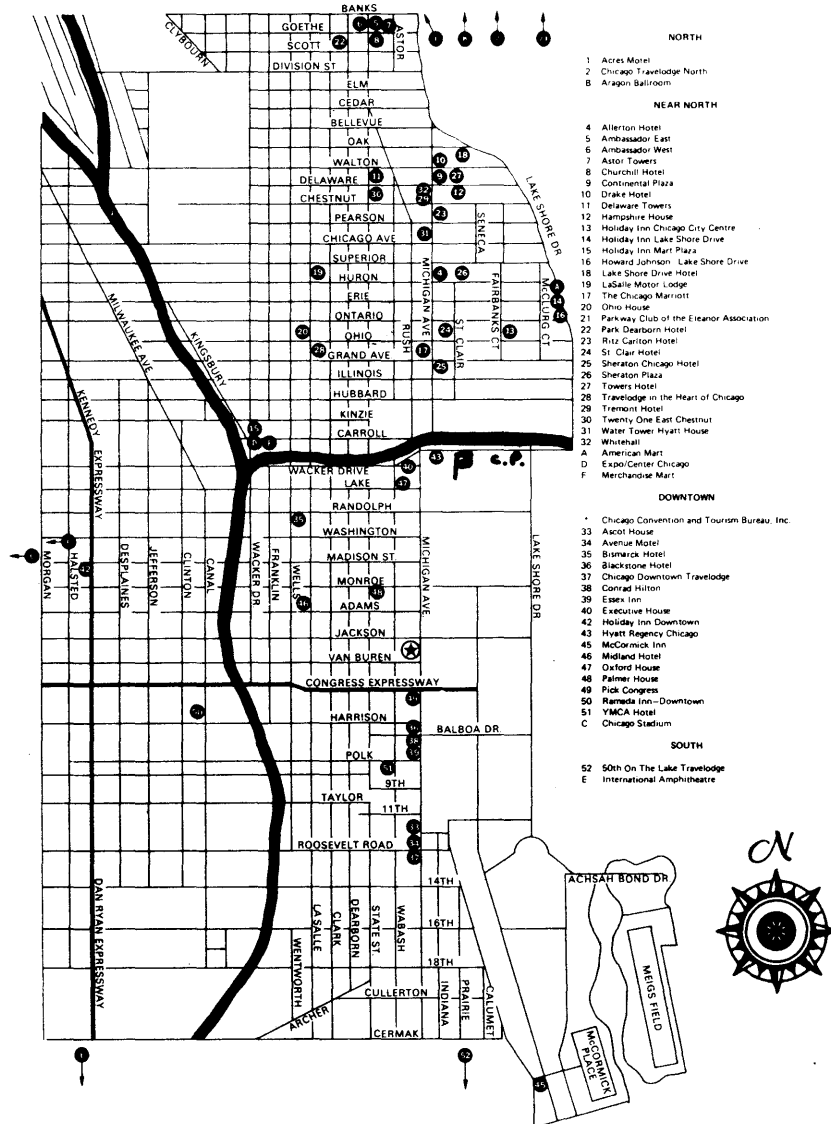
#### Friday July 29, 1977

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 - Burnham 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  
10:40 a.m. Form for Parade - Plaza of the Hotel  
11:00 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

### Chicago Map



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from members will be appreciated. Every effort will be made to return photographs and  
art work in good conditions.

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 In-  
fantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of their fallen comrades, to preserve  
the spirit of the division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace  
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July 28-30, 1977  
Chicago, Illinois  
Request for Space  
in Souvenir Program  
Prices**

Full Page **\$30.00**  
Half Page **15.00**  
Quarter Page **7.50**  
Back Cover Page **50.00**  
Booster ads **\$1.00 per name and unit**  
Make out checks to Reunion Committee, Ninth  
Infantry Division Association. Mail Copy and  
checks to: Mr. Frank Ozart, U.S. Route 45 and  
Laraway Road, Frankfort, Illinois 60423

**NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Dan Quinn, National Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Assn.  
412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, New Jersey 07087

Enclosed please find 1977 dues for:

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**Mail Call CONT'D**

ROBERT DARAN  
2460 Juniper Dr., CB12  
Apt. 24-202  
Delray, Fla. 33445

Thanks for the reminder. I  
have been so busy trying to get  
re-located that payment of  
dues just slipped my mind. You  
will note my new address.  
Please give my regards to Al  
Bruchac if you see him.

M. Co. 60th Inf.

Co. B 9th Med.  
39th Med Hqs.

PETER RADICHIO  
1427-15th Street No. 2  
Santa Monica, Cal. 90404

Received letter today and not  
wasting anytime letting you  
know all is well here and the  
weather is terrific. My front  
door is open letting in the  
beautiful sunshine. This is the  
time of year, you should have  
the convention in sunny  
California. So all you nice  
people can get away from that  
miserable cold and snow.

I want Mr. Fazio to know that  
this is a short letter not a  
newspaper this time.

Received a letter a couple of  
weeks ago from George Stein B.  
Co. 9th Med. living in Denver,  
Colorado, doing fine and I hope  
to see him when the weather  
straightens itself out.

I received my book, Soldiers  
Report, from General West-  
moreland all I can say, it's a  
book that tells it all like it is, so  
you must buy it, read it and tell  
your friends. The book of the  
year and forever.

I would like to know what are  
the events for the year? I am  
expecting to be in New York and  
Long Island areas in the latter  
part of May. Also, I'll be  
making trips after May.

Now, I am running out of  
words so I'd like to express to  
all the guys and gals in the New  
York Chapter a good year and  
the best of health. God bless you  
all.

JOHN P. RYAN 60th INF

Dear Dan;

I read Harry Herman's letter  
relative to the city of Cher-  
bourg's museum not having any  
mention of the 9th Infantry  
Division's part in the capture of  
that city and Fort du Rhoule.

I would be happy to pay for  
the 9th Division flag and deliver  
it to the museum in June when I  
have to return to Europe for a  
director's meeting.

I had breakfast in Dallas last  
week with Art Hamblin who was  
a Master Sergeant in the G-1  
Section of Division  
Headquarters and have done  
some fox hunting in Tryon with  
Louis Prince who was a Captain  
in the 60th Field. I had dinner  
with Dean Vanderhoef who  
retired as a Full Colonel and  
lives in Texas Creek, Colorado.  
Dean was in the G-2 Section of  
Division Headquarters and left  
to take over command of a  
battalion in Normandy.

I share Harry Herman's  
feelings that there should be  
some record of what we did in  
Normandy, so that our children  
and their children will know  
that we were there. At the time  
that General Von Schlieban  
surrendered, I was on tem-  
porary duty as A.D.C. to that  
great soldier, General Eddy.

Div. Hq. G-3

JOHN DOOLEY  
904 Gary Drive  
Plainfield, Ind. 46168

Hope to be in Chicago in July.  
Pat and I are in good health and  
with family raised are starting  
to take it easy. Retiring in  
February 79 to our home in  
Naples, Florida and a lot of golf  
and fishing.

9TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
Fort Lewis, Washington

H Co. 47th Inf.

HORACE M. SPAULDING  
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Washington, D.C. 2008  
Tel: 387-2453

I'm enclosing dues money as  
requested by the red ink of the  
Octofoil. That "red ink" is a  
great idea for pushing dues.

Until I noticed in the "chapter  
list", I didn't know that a  
Washington, D.C. Chapter  
existed.

Tell me how to contact the  
chapter and I'll get in touch  
with it or when you send them  
some correspondence tell the  
chapter secretary to drop me a  
card or call me.

I retired as a Major, but was  
taken prisoner at El Guettar  
and at that time was a Captain  
and commanded H Company.  
P.S. I hope to get to the con-  
vention in Chicago, but don't  
know for sure as yet.

VA BENEFITS FOR A  
VETERANS FAMILY do not  
necessarily cease upon his  
death. Depending upon whether  
or not the veterans death is  
attributable to a service-  
connected disability, a variety  
of benefits are available to the  
eligible widow, his children, and  
in some cases, his dependent  
parents. Immediate benefits  
include a burial flag, reim-  
bursement for burial expenses,  
and GI insurance proceeds if a  
policy is in force. Death  
resulting from a service-  
connected disability would  
entitle the widow and minor  
children to Dependency and  
Indemnity Compensation. In  
some cases, the veteran's  
dependent parents may be  
eligible. If the veteran's death is  
the result of a non-service  
connected disability, then his  
widow and children may be  
eligible for pension payments,  
depending upon their income.

**RESERVATIONS NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION**

Reunion July 28-31, 1977  
Hayatt Regency Chicago  
151 East Wacker Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Name .....

Address .....

City ..... State ..... Zip .....

Arrival date .....

Departure date .....

Convention Room rates

Single (1 person)	\$31.00
Double (2 persons-1 bed)	\$31.00
Twins	
(2 persons-2 beds)	\$31.00
Executive Suites	\$95.00
Regency Suites	\$130.00

Reservations must be received 21 days prior to opening date of  
Convention.

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**LADIES' AUXILIARY  
of the  
NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION**

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 1977 dues. Please mail my mem-  
bership card to-

Name

Street

City

State

While attached to the 9th Infantry Division (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  
Mrs. Lillian Krasovetz  
107 USA East  
Gibbsboro, N.J. 08026

# Traveling down road of history

HISTORY OF 47th INFANTRY — Aug. 1944

For the 47th Infantry Regiment, July had been a month of slow, vicious, exhausting fighting against an enemy accomplished in the art of delaying action. The Jerry had been diabolically clever in his defense, using the terrain to the utmost advantage, and once again demonstrating his sheer determination in the face of overwhelming odds.

But the events of July had also divulged his fundamental weakness. As long as the activities of the attacker could be foreseen and controlled, the technical perfection of his defense was without a flaw. But once the attacker succeeded in denying him control of the situation, he became confused, frantic, disorganized.

## DISORGANIZED

It was thus a disorganized enemy we faced in the opening days of August, an enemy that had been knocked on his heels by the audacity of our attack. According to official G-2 reports, resistance was primarily confined to harassing action, and that coordination between units, so indispensable to successful military operations, was ineffective, and in some instances non-existent. While the armored forces exploited the break-through at St. Lo. by continuing their drive to the south in an effort to isolate the Brittany ports, it was the job of the 47th Infantry and other units of the VII Corps to pursue the reeling enemy who was retreating generally to the southeast and east, allowing him no respite and thus denying him any opportunity in which to rally his forces for a semblance of a defense line.

## MARIGNY TO PERCY

The regiment was still assembled about three miles southwest of MARGINY on August 1st, when orders were received to move by motor to a new assembly area several miles northwest of PERCY. In the general sector in which we were to be employed, the enemy held a deep salient from which he was trying to extricate himself. The British advance to VIRE on our left and the advance of the 1st Infantry Division to ST. POIS on our right had made the position of the enemy in the immediate regimental sector of operations definitely precarious. We were to attack generally southeast and gain and keep contact with the withdrawing Germans.

The attack was scheduled for 1000 hours on the morning of the 2nd of August. Elements of the 4th Infantry Division had operated in the regimental sector on the previous day, and in an early morning attack on August 2nd had pushed on to our initial intermediate objective without encountering any resistance. Because of this, the regiment was ordered to attack as soon as was practicable, and at 0900, we moved across the line of departure in a column of battalions. The narrowness of the regimental sector and the resulting congestion on the few available roads delayed progress somewhat. Small arms fire was not encountered until late afternoon, but long-range artillery fire, progressively more intense as the advance continued, fell on the forward troops. By nightfall, the objective for the day had been occupied.

## ST. SEVER CALVADOS

The road running from VILLEDIEU LES POELES to ST. SEVER CALVADOS was the main object of the attack on the 3rd of August, and as the 3rd Battalion started their advance to Hill 203, an intermediate objective, it became evident that the enemy had withdrawn during the preceding night and contact had been lost. The 1st and 2nd Battalions attacked across Hill 203, progressed rapidly as far as the ST. SEVER CALVADOS - VILLEDIEU LES POELES road, and secured it for the night with road blocks and AT defenses. Meanwhile the 3rd Battalion had sent a strong combat patrol as far south as the village of BESLON without meeting 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 anti-personnel and teller mines had caused several casualties.

From our positions occupied on the 3rd 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 had done his best to establish something akin to a defense. It was the mission of the regiment on the 4th of August to drive the enemy from these ridges and continue the attack vigorously to the southeast. Hills 280 and 283, the highest points in the series of ridges, proved to be the focal point of enemy resistance. In the advance, the regiment received heavy concentrations of artillery and mortars, and some hand-to-hand fighting took place in closing in on the objective. By 1530 the two hills had been occupied and the regiment had succeeded in securely controlling these ridges. The 3rd Battalion pushed on as far as LE GAST before nightfall.



Troops of the 47th Infantry paused as they passed through the French Town of Fontenormont to sign the pay-roll on what was actually the front line at the time. They were stopped one by one as they passed by 1st Sgt. Nelson Quale of Stoughton, Wis. (A Co. 47th.- Aug. 5, 1944)

Here again the enemy defense was favoured by the terrain which rose gradually in a series of ridges to the southeast. Much of the area was heavily-wooded and roads and trails were few. As each ridge-line was occupied, higher and even more foreboding ground could be

discerned in the direction of the advance. The enemy habitually fell back on the ridges when pressed and harassed our advance as efficiently as his limited resources in artillery and mortars permitted, then defended the crests of the ridges with small arms fire.

And so, on August 5th, the regiment again attacked the high ground to the front. The 3rd Battalion moved south through a heavy woods and their progress was made slow by the resistance encountered in these woods. Meanwhile, the 1st Battalion moved to the right through the 4th Division sector to attack Hill 280, and by late evening the battalion had reached the top of it. From this high ground, they were in an excellent position to support the attack of the 3rd Battalion on the following morning.

## LA TUILLERE

At 0800, 6th of August, the 3rd Battalion attacked, with supporting fires from both 1st and 2nd Battalions. Heavy resistance was encountered from the flank from the small village of LA TUILLERE. By working one company around to attack this strong point from the west, and at the same time making a coordinated attack with the remainder of the battalion, they were able to take the objective and push on several hundred yards further before darkness. Meanwhile the 1st Battalion had continued its advance in an effort to secure the high ground overlooking the main road running from ST POIS to ST MICHEL de MONTJUIL. The effort was entirely successful, and by 1800 the road was in sight. Progress for the day had been very satisfactory in spite of determined 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 was now within striking distance, screened by several high ridges on which the enemy had chosen to defend the town.



August 13, 1944-Beauvain, France. General Eddy meeting with Colonel George W. Smythe and Lt. Col. Donald Clayman of the 47th. L-R unidentified Officer, Col. Smythe, General Eddy and Col. Clayman. This was taken a few days before the General was promoted to Command the XII Corps of the Third Army, on August 19th.

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 time, then attack abreast to the southeast, capture the town and cut the PERIERS EN BEAUFICE - GATHEMO road. In its advance to the line of departure, the 1st Battalion met heavy small arms and mortar fire, but by aggressive action they were enabled to cross the LD, along with the 2nd Battalion, at 1115.

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

As soon as the line of departure was crossed, it was evident that the enemy was determined to defend 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 dispatched around the left flank of the battalion to a position northwest of LA NAZIERE. Here an enemy force was engaged, some of them killed, several taken prisoners and the rest routed out of the positions from whence they had been able to fire upon the main body of the regiment. Heavy mortar and artillery fire was still being received from the high ground in the 60th Infantry'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 fatally wounded.

It was evident that Hill 302, in the 60th Infantry's sector, would have to be occupied before further progress could be made, a coordinated attack was planned for August 9th. "F" Company of the 60th Infantry was to approach Hill 302 from the northeast, 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.

## PERIERS EN BEAUFICE

The attack began at 1100. "A" and "B" Companies attacked vigorously towards Hill 302, meeting extremely heavy small arms fire. Repeated attempts were made to gain the crest of the hill but the severity of the opposition prevented success.

The 2nd Battalion attacked as planned, but from his positions on the hill and the observation afforded him, the enemy was able to prevent us from making appreciable progress in its attack toward the town. "E" Company was sent around the right flank through the 39th Infantry sector to attack the town from the east. This maneuver proved fruitful, for progress was reported despite increasing resistance.

Enemy air activity in the Corps sector was considerable during the night. Several bombs were dropped on Cannon Company, causing some casualties.

## HEAVY CASUALTIES

It became increasingly evident that the enemy had chosen Hill 302 as the focal point of his resistance in this sector, and that possession of this strategic point enabled the enemy to successfully hold up the advance of the regiment. On the morning of August 10th, the 3rd Battalion was released from division reserve, and at 1030 they attacked Hill 302, with supporting fires from "A" and "B" Companies, in positions on the slopes. Heavy fire was encountered when the battalion reached a point just northwest of the crest, and in an effort to eliminate this fire, "I" Company was moved to the vicinity of LA LEVERIE, a small town on the left flank, where, after a terrific fight and heavy casualties including the loss of all the company's machine guns and mortars, they succeeded in silencing the enemy sufficiently to allow the rest of the battalion to advance. By 1830, the stubbornly defended hill had been occupied by the 3rd Battalion. During the action Captain James V. Neelley, Commander of Company K, was killed.

The attack on the 3rd Battalion had considerably lessened the resistance in front of the 2nd Battalion. Progress was still slow, however, but by nightfall they had reached a position about a mile from the town.

## BITTERLY CONTESTED

The occupation of Hill 302 had been bitterly contested, and with the loss of it, the enemy was forced to make a general withdrawal along the entire regimental sector. In anticipation of this, patrols were sent out to PERIERS EN BEAUFICE early on the morning of August 11th; no opposition was encountered and by 1030, the 2nd Battalion had occupied the town and secured the high ground to the north.

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## NEW YORK CHAPTER

The New York Chapter meets the first Friday of the month at the 69th National Guard Armory located on 26th and Lexington Avenue in New York City.

President of the Chapter Harry Meltzer missed the March meeting due to illness of his wife but past President Emil Langer filled in and conducted the meeting.

## Elated

The Treasurer Irv Feinberg was elated when he gave his report because he was able to give a full report from our current bank statement instead of his usual "scraps of paper". He was happy that our bank balance was slightly higher than it was last month.

Henry Nissen, Service Co., 39th Infantry was welcomed to the meeting as Henry hasn't attended a meeting in some time. A discussion was held on the possibility of a merger with the new Ninth Infantry Division stationed in Fort Lewis, Washington and our association, or the admitting of membership of those who served with the Ninth in Viet Nam.

In addition to the usual dark horse raffle of New York State Lottery tickets there were two bottles of wine added to the prizes that were donated by Dave Gelman. Harold Jaffe won first prize with John Parisi and Val DeMaria taking second and third prizes. Frank Duffy and Al Orletti won the wine.

## Pleasant Surprises

At the April meeting there were some pleasant surprises. Art Schmidt donated \$60.00 to the Welfare Fund in honor of his 60th birthday and Ed Egan attended the meeting, his first in several months. Al Orletti was reported doing well after an operation for a cataract. Frank Fazio had sad news for the members when he announced the passing of Abe Gottfried an old timer from Company H 47th Infantry. Doc Hyman Seslowe was reported on sick call but recuperating after a slight stroke.

Bill Klauz had obtained overseas caps and was busy taking names of those who wanted to order a cap. A Ninth Division patch and lettering will be sewed on the cap for about \$2.65. Bill still has a few hats left.

## Happy Birthday

Art Schmidt was a surprised guy when Frank Fazio walked in with a large birthday cake and the gang joined in singing "Happy Birthday" to Art.

Mike Deresh won first prize on the dark horse with Francis Smiles and Art Schmidt winning second and third prizes. As usual John Parisi and Frank Fazio had a spread of food and drink for the troops when the meeting concluded.

## Air Group Rates

The Chapter members were interested in group air rates for the trip to Chicago with a Jersey group leaving from Newark Airport and the New Yorkers leaving from either LaGuardia or Kennedy Airport. Ralph Witzken had checked the rates from Newark and the regular fare is \$161.00 (round trip) but with groups of 10 or more it will be \$131.00. Those interested contact Ralph at 467-0430 or Dan Quinn at 866-8195. The rates from a New York airport is about the same and the New Yorkers may call Frank Fazio at 882-5655.

Art Schmidt  
Secretary N.Y. Chapter  
69-20 69th Street  
Glendale, N.Y.

## ILLINOIS CHAPTER

It all started two years ago when the Illinois Chapter committed themselves to hosting the 1977 reunion. After a great number of meetings, many hours of planning and making arrangements, the reunion committees are prepared for the Chicago invasion. Headquartering at the impressive Hyatt Regency Chicago is a sharp contrast with the quarters provided thirty-two or more years back. Registration chairman, Bob Winkelman assures us that his favorite secretary, Georgine, will have returned from her trip to England to assist him. The barrels of beer for the Thursday evening Welcoming Party are ready to roll and the dance bands are tuning up for Friday and Saturday nights. The scholarship committee has made it's selections to be announced at the reunion banquet. Now's the time for all you stout hearted men and women to get in condition for the Memorial march to the Richard J Daley Civic Center.

Mike Belemonte is arranging for a golf outing, so all you duffers of the Ninth, pack your clubs. Trophies will be given to the winners.

## King Tut Makes the Scene

The famed Treasures of Tutankhamun exhibit is presently at the Chicago Field Museum. It is one of the biggest ever to come to this country and will be here until August 15. It will be in only five U.S. cities. You will want to take the opportunity to see this.

Our ladies will find it especially delightful to visit near-by Water Tower Place. There is superb shopping in the atrium mall where glass elevators whisk you to a great variety of shops and dining places.

Boat tours and bus tours of the city are available from near the hotel. Dining suggestions will be available at the registration table.

## Especially for Procrastinators

How long is it since you have attended a reunion? Is there some old buddy you haven't seen in years? Do you find yourself saying, "Maybe I'll go next year" Make this the year that you have run out of excuses for not attending. Pack up the old duffle bag and spend some carefree days renewing acquaintances and reminiscing. You won't be sorry. The welcome mat is out.

## Come to Chicago!!!!

Mr. & Mrs. J. Clouser  
Des Plaines, Ill.

## Michigan Doings

The Chapter Meeting was held on Saturday, April 16.

Rose & I welcomed all the newly elected officers and members at our home in the Northeast section of town.

## HERE N THERE

Rain and heavy fog hampered the attendance of our first Meeting of the year on February 12th in Richmond, Michigan. However, the warm hospitality of Ed & Marge Wisniewski made us forget all about the inclement weather once we got there. The friendly atmosphere with plenty of delicious food, snacks and refreshments was enjoyed by all:

Hosts, Ed & Marge Wisniewski, Pres. Elmer Wagner, Rodger & Jennie Alsgaard, Bill & Dolores Zimmerman, Leonard & Sally Kowalski, Floyd & Lee Hennessey, Fred & Jane Josey, Jim

& Audrey Bruner, Gene Reedy, John & Rose Bonkowski.

It was good to see some of our newer members again. Rodger & Jennie Alsgaard - Bill & Dolores Zimmerman who came along with Pres. Elmer Wagner and enjoyed the ride in his new Buick.

Len & Sally also made it and we enjoyed a few more memories of the Chapter's earlier years.

It's always a pleasure to see Fred & Jane Josey. Fred has been doing a great job promoting the Regular Bottle Raffle that covers the cost of these Notes. This time it was his lucky turn to take home the prize. Our sincere appreciation and congratulations.

Jim & Audrey Bruner arrived a bit late. With Jim's busy working schedule we are fortunate that they're able to attend at all.

Gene Reedy was tempted to turn back more than once due to the heavy fog with zero visibility at times. The precious cargo of "Red Pop" urged him on and we thank him for the effort.

Floyd & Lee Hennessey braved the elements all the way from the Toledo area. We were relieved that it cleared up and the trip back home was much better.

## SICK CALL

John Obermiller has been on sick leave for some time and just recently returned to work. The Saturday night shift kept him and Thelma from attending the meeting.

Don & Helen Lewis got as far as Mt. Clemens where they were visiting friends. When it was time to drive towards Richmond, the fog began setting very quickly. Fearing that the conditions would get worse as the night went on, they decided to head for home and we missed them. There had to be many more that turned back.

Hospitalization was a factor for some. V.P. Everett Tapp was recovering after surgery. The last we've heard, he & Irene were making plans to go to Florida for some rest.

Chap. John Zulkiewski called that he was about to be admitted for possible surgery on his legs that kept him in pain.

Tom Hatton had knee surgery last December. At the time of the meeting, he & Gerrie were in Florida and they did enjoy a visit at Maurice & Vi Mitchell's home.

Bob & Flo DeSandy also had a wonderful time seeing the Mitchells. As mentioned in our last Notes, they were in Florida to celebrate his Dad's 80th Birthday. Bob and his brother presented their Dad with a most wonderful gift - a beautiful yellow Chrysler Cordoba.

A call came from John Young while I was away and we were happy to get the message that all is well with them. John & Jane are keeping busy and couldn't make the meeting because of the weather and the distance. They sent their regards to the Gang.

## NEW OFFICERS

The Chapter elections were an important item on the agenda and the following have been elected for the current term of office.

Pres., Edwin Wisniewski; 1st V.P., Fred Josey; 2nd V.P., Gene Reedy; Adjutant, James Bruner; Treasurer, Bob DeSandy, Chaplain, Everett Tapp; Secretary, John Bonkowski.

Newly elected Pres. Ed Wisniewski, in behalf of the entire Chapter thanked Past Pres. Elmer Wagner and all the out-going Officers for a job well done. He vowed that the duties of the newly elected will be carried out to the best of our abilities.

## GUYS &amp; GALS

There are 26 names on the Chapter "Guys & Gals" Booster page for the Reunion Journal. We are just past the quarter mark towards our goal of 100. We can do it with your help.

Elmer Wagner, John & Rose Bonkowski, Dale E. Smith, Nick & Violet Gorno, Gene Reedy - Bob-Kathy-Rick-Sue, William & Dolores Zimmerman, Rodger & Jennie Alsgaard, Leonard & Sally Kowalski, Fred, Jane & Randy Josey, Edwin & Margaret Wisniewski, Floyd & Leora Hennessey, James & Audrey Bruner.

Twelve dollars have been donated towards the Memorial Shrine Fund. We trust that this will grow likewise.

Most of the events for the year have been discussed at this meeting. Some of them will be brought up again when we'll get together on April 16. Do come down and bring your ideas along so we can plan another great year for the Chapter.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Our Annual Memorial Service will take place on Sunday, May 22. Circle your calendars now, because there will not be any other Notice prior to that event. The program will begin with a 12:00 Noon brunch in The Le Cafe at The Ponchartrain Hotel, down-town Detroit. From there we'll go a few blocks East to The Christ Church, 960 E. Jefferson Ave. Detroit, Mi. Here, we'll conduct a 2:00 PM Memorial Service in Honor of our Departed. There is plenty of free parking space next to the church. After the Ceremony, you'll have a great opportunity to see the new Renaissance Plaza which is only a short walking distance away. Your family and friends are welcome. Kindly send in your completed questionnaires so that Bob DeSandy who is in charge of the Brunch can submit a figure to the management, a few days in advance. (If you can't make the brunch, do come to the service.)

## ANNUAL PICNIC

The following event will be the Annual Picnic in June at the Kensington Metro Park. The date will be either Sunday, 19 or 26th depending on your replies. Hopefully, Don Lewis will be the Chairman again as he has been for the last few years. (Doing a great job.) An important reminder, this will be the deadline for the Chapter "Guys & Gals" boosters and your ads in the Reunion Journal. We hope to do a bit of celebrating if we reach our goal of 100 Boosters. More about this in our next Notes.

The 32nd Annual Reunion in Chicago on July 28, 29 & 30th isn't really that far away. At this time we don't know if there will be a Chapter Bus or Amtrak to the Convention. Many have indicated that they plan on driving this comparatively short trip. A few have some side plans made. Again, we'll act to your response in the questionnaire and the decision will be made at this coming meeting.

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An Outstate Meeting Committee of Fred & Jane Josey and Bill & Lucile Andrews will be checking into the Indiana-Michigan area for a possible get-together with The Great Illinois Chapter. We'll be anxiously looking for their report.

Not too long ago, we received a nice note from Floyd and Lee Hennessey. They have come across a former member, Bob Fisher, "B" Co. 60th and have invited him and his wife to come along to the meeting. Happy to say that we'll all have a chance to meet them on the 16th.

While I was putting these Notes together, a call from Marge Wisniewski informed me that President Ed was admitted to Mercy Hospital in Port Huron. He was experiencing dizzy spells due to extremely low blood pressure. After a week's hospitalization which took in many tests, Ed has responded well and is now resting at home. A Get Well card in behalf of the entire Chapter was greatly appreciated. He's looking forward to this meeting and we're hoping to have a nice turn-out.

Ed Wisniewski, Pres.  
John Bonkowski, Sec.  
19941 Hickory St.  
Detroit, Mich. 48205

## HEALTH THROUGH HORTICULTURE

The lives of many elderly and handicapped people have been brightened by Howard Brooks, a pioneer in horticultural therapy.

Believing that gardening can help motivate patients with mental or physical problems, New York University Medical Center's Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine opened a Therapeutic Greenhouse in 1959. Howard Brooks was the horticulturist who made the program a success.

For some patients, the feeling that the plants need them helps bring them out of depression. For others, it may aid in strengthening muscles. For the elderly who may be limited in their activities, it is a new world filled with beauty.

The program has been so successful that hospitals around the country have copied it.

Although he is retired and living in Maine, Mr. Brooks still acts as a consultant for horticultural therapy.

He believes that gardening is preventive medicine and can be prescribed for anyone.

"It relaxes and soothes you," he says, "while putting you in harmony with the earth. And it offers a way to remain productive."

Lillian G. Genn

IT'S A FACT - You can't change your beneficiary listing in your GI insurance through your last will and testament! You have to file your beneficiary listing with the VA since the law provides they may pay only those beneficiaries you listed with them.

CHECK IT OUT! Veterans who become ill should investigate their eligibility to be admitted to a Veterans Administration Hospital. Veterans may be entitled to care in VA Hospitals even though they are covered by insurance.

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## PAY YOUR 1977 DUES NOW

If you have not already done so, please remit your 1977 dues at once in order to save your Association time and expense of mailing out dues notices and reminders.

## CHICAGO NIGHT LIFE

CHICAGO - Chicago offers Ninth Division Association members an exciting variety of night-time entertainment. If you like the elegance of plush dining rooms and entertainment, you'll find it in rooms like the Truffles of the Hyatt Regency. You can dance to combos at the Wild Onion, also in the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

On the near north side, close to the 1977 reunion hotel, Rush Street is lined with night clubs, lounges and supper clubs. Various spots offer everything in music from jazz to rock-'n'-roll bands.

Wells Street in Old Town, another popular night life area, presents a variety of lounges offering jazz, blues and folk music.

Theatrical variety can be found in Chicago, with national companies of Broadway hit shows appearing on Loop-area stages. (How many know that the world premier of Ibsen's "Ghosts" was given before an immigrant group here in Chicago?) Goodman Theater boasts a famous repertory company performing through much of the year.

Greater Chicago offers summer theaters and theater lounges which often feature top Hollywood stars in plays or musicals. Many of these are located in the suburbs and may be reached easily on Chicago's expressways or suburban train systems. In addition, theaters where you dine before seeing a show are popular in Chicago.

For the musically-minded, Chicago's Civic Operat House is home of the famed Lyric Opera, which performs during its late fall and early winter season. Civic Opera House also presents performances by visiting ballet troupes, musical groups and folk dancers. Orchestra Hall on Michigan Avenue is home of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and its world-famous conductor, Georg Solti. Also featured here are recitals by soloists and orchestral groups.

The Auditorium Theater -- an architectural landmark -- also is showcase for recitals and concerts by well-known classical musicians and popular artists.

To the north of Chicago, Ravinia Park offers a summer-long program of music by well-known performers and groups, including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Ravinia presents operas in concert version, ballets and theatrical performances.

Also during the summer season, a program of evening concerts is presented in Grant Park bandshell on the lakefront. Performances are free and feature well-known musicians and singers.

If your preference is for cinema, the Loop and near-north areas have many first-run movie theaters. Various Chicago-area institutions, including the Art Institute and the University of Chicago, feature re-runs of classical films of the past.

## Travel Tips

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For schedule information, Call 312-454-7800

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## 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.
5. 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 60018.

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### NEW ART WORKS IN CHICAGO PLAZAS

CHICAGO - Visitors here will find new and varied art forms designed by contemporary masters in public plazas throughout the downtown area.

One need not be an art enthusiast to appreciate the beauty of Chicago's new plaza art by such famous contemporary artists as Alexander Calder and Marc Chagall.

Calder's "Flamingo" dominates the plaza at the Chicago Federal Center located at Adams and Dearborn Streets. The bright red sculpture stands 53 feet high and weighs 50 tons.

American-born Calder is also the artist behind a new mobile in the lobby of the Sears Tower, the world's tallest building. The mobil, entitled "Universe," is 55 feet wide and 33 feet high and weighs 16,174 pounds.

One of the most colorful additions to Chicago's outdoor modern art gallery is "The Four Seasons," a mosaic by Marc Chagall. The mosaic mural is located at the First National Bank Plaza, Monroe and Dearborn Streets. The 70-foot long mosaic is composed of 350 different shades and hues of mosaic material including glass, marble, stone and granite.

No visit to Chicago would be complete without viewing the famous Picasso Sculpture, a Chicago landmark since 1967.

## 47th HISTORY CONT.

Active patrolling was carried out all day; no contact with any sizable force was established, but several stragglers were picked up. A patrol from the 3rd Battalion was sent along the PERIERS EN BEAUFICE - GATHEMO. In an attempt to secure more firmly the regimental positions, the 1st Battalion advanced to the southeast of the 2nd Battalion. Some scattered small arms fire was encountered, but the position was secured.

## FALAISE

While the regiment had been 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 Brittany Peninsula and its strategic ports. 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 juncture with the British forces advancing south toward FALAISE. The speed of this brilliant maneuver had pocketed the German 7th Army and elements of the 15th Army, and only a narrow escape gap between ARGENTAN and FALAISE was left through which the enemy could extricate his surrounded forces.

## CLOSING ESCAPE GAP

On the 12th of August, The regimental positions were taken over by the 109th Infantry of the 28th Infantry Division and the regiment assembled northwest

of PERIERS EN BEAUFICE preparatory to moving to MAYENNE. The general mission of the 9th Division was to assist in closing the escape gap and subsequently wipe out the trapped Germans.

Movement to the new assembly area was accomplished without difficulty on the 13th of August, and on the next day, another motor movement was made to the vicinity of JAVRON, and from thence to an assembly area near GARROUGES. Preparations were made to attack north on the 15th of August.

Contact with the enemy had not been established in this sector and the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, with elements of the 9th Reconnaissance Troop attached, preceded the movement of the main body of the regiment with motorized patrols. The plan was for the 2nd and 3rd Battalions to attack abreast, -seizing successive objectives, while the 1st Battalion remained in motorized reserve. The advance of the 2nd and 3rd Battalions was rapid; the towns of LE CHAUX and JANE DU BOIS were seized against only scattered resistance. The 1st Battalion was committed in the early afternoon, and small arms fire was encountered south of BEAUVAIN. The resistance was overcome, and the battalion reached outskirts of BEAUVAIN, the assigned objective for the day.

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I know some guys who, if there were a nip in the air, would drink it.



GIANT CYLINDERS, Chicago's Marina City twin towers, point to the sky as they frame Chicago River. Unique building house yachts on lower level, automobiles in center, and luxury apartments at the top. The Towers are three blocks west of the 1977 reunion hotel, The Hyatt Regency.



# MAIL CALL

60th Co. L  
EDWIN BREWER  
714 North Walnut Street  
Maryville, Mo. 64468

Before another month passes, I'd better send my check for 1977 dues - might tell you that I have every dues card since I joined the association in 1946. That year's dues card (1946) was signed by George W. Smythe, president and Michael Puzak, secretary-treasurer and the first year you signed cards as secretary was 1960. You have done one helluva good job all these years Dan and I know the membership appreciates your efforts.

If my wife will come along in July, will see you in Chicago this year. In 1950, Joe Flores and I attended the reunion in the windy city and had a blast.

So long and hope you and yours are in good health.

Co. B 39th Inf.  
DANIEL DOUVANIS  
2025 Eaton Avenue  
Bethlehem, Pa. 180018

May I add my thanks to you for your great contribution in keeping the 9th Inf. men closely knit through the Octofoil. Paying my annual dues is a pleasure and a privilege.

Continue the fine work and hope to meet you at the forthcoming convention.

Co. K 60th  
PAUL A. MITCHELL  
30 Hallsdale Drive  
Louisville, Ky. 40220

Regards to all. Have had a myocardial and some pulmonary problems. Remember me even though I won't be able to see you this year.

Have a fine meeting.

HQ Co. 60th Inf.  
NORMAN L. MARTIN  
706 Lebanon Avenue  
Belleville, Ill 6221

Dues are due and I better get them in. Don't want to miss out on any of the news.

Last year wasn't too good for me. Had two operations within six days. The second one cost me the loss of my right leg. I spent 5 weeks in the hospital during June and July, 7 weeks in November and December and so far this year 2 weeks. At the present time I'm back in the V.A. Hospital for another week or two.

Called John Allen and Stumpy Lebreto before Christmas and received a call back from Stumpy. I gave Otto Geyer a call back in November and he stopped in the hospital to see me. He only lives a few miles from the Hospital. He looks the same as he did 30 some years ago.

Sorry not to have dropped a card to the rest of my old buddies. I wish them the best for 1977.

From what the doctor says I don't believe I'll make the convention. Five more treatments of Kemotherapy will take me into July. Having it so close and not being able to attend is hard to take.

Best of luck to all.  
Ed's note: Hang in there Norman.

Co. K 47th Inf.  
RICHARD WILLIAMS  
800 N. Rush  
Gary, Ind. 46403

Let's get this red address out of the way forever - Enclosed find check for a Life Membership.

Maintain address as is.  
See you in Chicago.

JOHN P. HYNES  
P.O. Box 183  
Bronx, N.Y. 10455

I am having a Mass said for the men of Company E. 47th who died the day I was captured and became a Prisoner of War and became a guest of Der Fuhrer and my last day with the 9th Infantry Division. This was March 28th, 1943 at the Battle of El Guettar in Tunisia, North Africa the last pass before on to Tunis.

All my best. I am taking it easy as my legs aren't too good and it is hard on the legs bartending.

Went to the V.A. Kingsbridge Hospital and they wanted me to stay for varicose veins and I put it off.

It is hard. I am here alone in New York and the only one left is my brother, wife and family in Sarasota, Florida.

Hope you had a nice St. Patrick's day and will have a nice Easter.

God bless you and all the boys of the 9th Infantry Division.

One I keep in touch with who was captured with me, Merton Leroy Call of 9 Orange Street, Eastport, Maine 04631.

Will close.

34th F.A. C Btry.  
JOE DAILYDAS  
c-o County Life Mobile Park  
Midway, Ark., 72651

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

Co. K. 60th Inf.  
JULIAN W. MORGAN  
Rt. 1 Box 343  
Moselle, Miss. 39459

I had the honor of meeting General Westmoreland at the University of South Mississippi. Hattiesburg on October 28, 1976. I now own one of his books, which he autographed for me.

I enjoy the Octofoil very much, and am renewing my three year membership.

I would like to hear from any of the Co. K men who served between July, 1942 and July, 1945.

Div. Hq.  
JOHN BRANDI  
400 Buckeye Street  
Tiltsville, Ohio 43963

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

Co. F 47th Inf.  
RODGER E. ALSGAARD  
2834 Wynes Street  
Saginaw, Michigan 48602

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

We pushed off shortly after dawn. We came under fire. In deploying my squad I forgot myself and in my concern with urging on a new replacement, exposed myself longer than necessary and took a rifle bullet high in the chest.

Ask me not the exact area on the map. Let it suffice to say that my papers read "wounded in action at Schevenhutte, Germany."

Looking forward to Chicago.

Co. A 47th Inf.  
JOHN SAQUELLA  
6200 Upsal Street  
Pennsauken, N.J. 08110

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

Co. H. 47th Inf.  
PETER IMBESI  
214 Mountain Way  
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 displease me, not to get the Octofoil; my really one contact with our 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; at which time I will have plenty of time, and will attend all the conventions. I make it my business to try to look up at least one former 9th Division man each year and last year the honor went to Frank Machek, in Uniondale, Pa. outside of being a little bit older, and a few teeth missing he is the same, kind, hardworking, good fellow he was in the old Co. H. 47th days.

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

D. Co. 47th Inf.  
FRANK S. JACKSHA  
1872 Reany Avenue  
St. Paul, Minn. 85119

Am sending 3 years dues. Hoping this year to make the Chicago Reunion.

That's the closest to here yet so should make it this year. I also will retire this year.

Best wishes.

Co. L. 47th Inf.  
SALVATORE TRANQUILLO  
511 Locust Ave. P.O. Box 24  
Port Chester, New York 10573

Enclosed please find a check for my 77 dues. Thanks for the red ink reminder. I still receive out patient treatment for a service connected nervous condition. I report to the V.A. Regional Office every six weeks in New York. I work at the Arnold Bakers Plant in Greenwich, Conn. I expect this to be my last year. I'll be pushing 62 this coming July 30th. I don't feel up to par. I don't know what I'm going to do once I leave. I have to have a place where there's some peace and quietness. I can't stand this rat race of a routine, day in and day out.

Best regards.

47th 3rd. Bn.  
LESLIE T. CARMEAN, JR.  
Rt. 2 Box 200  
Fairfax, Mo. 64446

It's fun reading the Octofoil. I kept my dues up for 20 years. So once in a while they 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 comrades 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 let my dues expire for so long. Remember Father Delura Chaplain of 47th. Here is my life membership dues.

P.S. I was in hope they would send me, a Legion of Merit ribbon (Silver Star). Col. D.R. Roberts put me in for one. The records probably got lost! I was supposed to get all these. I enjoy reading mail call, and see once in awhile someone I knew. We had fun, with the hard times of battle. I got 7 battle stars and oakleaf cluster on bronze stars. Danny, I think if you are the same one, I remember you well.

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3 Bn. 60th Inf.  
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Enclosed is my dues for three years. One of the fellows I was with overseas in the Ninth Division visited me last summer. We had been writing to each other for thirty years. So we had a great reunion. He lives in Indiana and I in Southeast Alaska. We had some great fishing and a wonderful time. We were in Hq. Co. 3 Bn 60th Inf.

MP HQ.  
JOHN (TEDDY) WEBER  
46 Bromfield Street  
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Sorry I forgot my dues. Enclosed find check, etc. After spending a quiet Christmas I fell in the damn bathtub the next day broke four ribs and punctured a lung. So, I quit my job and retired. I also quit taking baths.

Best to everybody.

1st Bn. 47th Inf.  
FRED R. VENO  
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Am enclosing my 77 dues and hope they are in time to avoid the red ink. Hope the wife and I can make the Chicago convention.

Co. K. 60th Inf.  
J.F. HART, JR.  
7 Nenagh Drive  
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I am enclosing my membership dues for another year, before the old red line gets me.

After six kids, five grandchildren and one on the way, and three kids still single I have been pretty busy. Don't get a chance to make the Reunions or the Mass in the Fall, but as I am planning to retire early next year maybe I'll have more opportunity. In any event, I keep up with things by doing a cover to cover reading job on the Octofoil.

My best wishes to all the guys and particularly to the members of K Co., 60th Infantry. Thanks to the great job you and other dedicated people have done this Association continues to flourish.

Best regards.

B. Btry. 84th F.A.  
SAM ROBINSON  
1000 Paradise Road  
Swampscott, Mass. 01907

Got the message - "red ink" on ye old Octofoil - enclosed is check for 3 years plus 50 cents for 9th License Disc.

Also read Harry Herman's letter about the 9th being left out in Fort de Rhoale (Cherbourg). If there is a drive to put a flag on emblem there count me in on a donation.

Am still round the North Shore of Boston and always make the 9th Reunion in Worcester. Love that man, our Father Connors, he is the greatest!!

Sorry I can't make Chicago - but some day, when I retire, I'll make them all.

See you at Worcester.

Co. D. 9th Med.  
NORBERT R. GORNY  
150 Pelican Crescent  
Stuart, Fla. 33494

I enjoy our 9th Division paper very much. Brings back loads of memories of my stay with the Co. D 9th Med. Bn. from January 1941 to June 1945.

B Co. 60th Inf.  
CHARLES R. HARVEY  
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45231

Enclosed there is a check for the next three years. I am still having a lot of medical problems. I have been in the Veterans Hospital for surgery on my eyes for cataract surgery. I am being treated on the out patient basis for emphysema, cataract surgery and this past November 2 days before Thanksgiving I went to the doctor with my wife because of the bad weather and on our return home she was pulling the car in the garage, I slipped on the ice and broke my ankle in three places after surgery I was in the Hospital for 13 days and at the present I am still going to the Veterans Hospital for treatment. It's getting better but I still have a long way to go.

We still hear from Tippey Plunkett, and he is getting along fine except for having to stay in the house due to the weather.

I will close for now. I still enjoy reading the Octofoil. I would like to find a 60th Infantry pin I need one and a 9th Division patch.

C. Co. 47th Inf.  
HOWARD D. BROOKS  
R.F.D. No. 1

South Harpswell, Maine 04079  
My face is as red as the ink used to remind me my dues was long overdue! My check for three years dues is enclosed.

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 as good correspondents as they were soldiers, the post office wouldn't have to worry about deficits. If there are any out there who feel like writing, I'd enjoy hearing from them. Now that I am retired, I have more time for correspondence. For those interested, see page 6, of the April-May issue of MODERN MATURITY Magazine.

Sorry I missed the two issues with the story about the 47th Infantry. How can I get a copy? With all good wishes to the old buddies of "Charley" Co., and the rest of the 9th.

Editors note: The secretaries office sent Howard the back copies.

Co.K, 47th Inf.  
JOHN T. WEATHERALL  
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Texas City, Texas 77590

I see by the RED INK that I'm about to be delinquent again. Enclosed you will find three year's dues.

Joe Mazzaresse and I exchange Christmas cards every year, but he is the only one I've ever heard from.

My wife always expressed an interest in attending one of the reunions, but we just never seemed to be able to get away at the right time. She passed away on December 19, 1975, after a fight with cancer for twelve and half years.

Hope everyone has a grand time at the reunion, and wish I could be there.

Regards to all.

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What scares us is that if the cost of living goes much higher, nobody will be able to afford it.