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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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CHICAGO, CHICAGO OUR KIND OF TOWN

NOTICE: PROPOSAL TO AMEND BY-LAWS

The undersigned members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 42 of the said Association's By-Laws, hereby propose the following amendment to paragraph 4 of said By-Laws to be duly considered and enacted by the members in attendance at the annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois, during July, 1977:

The amended version of paragraph 4 will stipulate:
MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS:

4. To permit any person who wore the Octofoil and served honorably in the Ninth Infantry Division from December 7, 1941, to May 7, 1945, including such persons who honorably served as members of the 70th Tank Battalion, 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion, or the 376th Anti-Aircraft (A.W.) Battalion between those dates to be eligible for membership in the Association.

Further, any person who wore the Octofoil and served honorably in the Division during its activation and combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam shall also be eligible for membership. The wife of any member or any person who was eligible for membership prior to his decease shall be eligible for membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Association.

SIGNATORIES:

HARRISON J. DAYSH SALVATORE TRAPANI
ANTHONY J. CHACONAS FRANK B. WADE
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VICTOR D. DAUMIT

★★★★★★ Taps Sounded

Once again it is our duty to announce the passing of several "Old Reliables"

William Meadows 26th FA
L.C. Gourley Co M 47th Inf
Gerard E. Frank Can Co. 39th Inf
Russell Higgins 39th Inf.

May they rest in peace.

Barbar Frank notified us of the passing of her husband Gerard E. Frank. "He died on April 30, 1977 in Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, N.J. of a heart attack. Gerard was captured in Tunisia in 1943 while with Cannon Company of the 39th and was a POW until he was released in 1945. He was buried in the National Cemetery in Pinelawn, New York."

Edna Gourley writes that L.C. passed away on January 26, 1977. "He had worked on a crane, felt O.K. and died in his sleep. He always planned on making a reunion, certainly enjoyed the Octofoil. He was with the Ninth from North Africa to Germany, returned and lived a good life and a happy one. We have one son who is a graduate of M.I.T. in 1963 at Boston. We have an 80 acre ranch where we had planned our retirement"

Bill Meadows was an old timer from the Artillery and we got to know him from the association. He had served on the National Board of Governors and one of his main interest was that of the Association. He and his wife Barbara were among the group that made the trip to the E.T.O., back in 1970. We shall miss him and along with his many friends of the association we offer our belated sympathy to his family.

SECOND CITY - For the first time in 21 years, Chicago is without Richard J. Daley at its helm. Democratic politicians are chipping away at each other behind the scenes with much more vehemence than they used to dare. But the nation's Second City still works - or at least that part of it most visitors see. For as former Senator Paul Douglas often said, Chicago is "a town with a Queen Anne Front and a Mary Anne Back." Along the 24 miles of Chicago's East Side - the clean and well-kept shores of Lake Michigan - there remain some of the most appealing and eye-catching urban sections in the United States. But ten blocks west, Chicago becomes a small-scale, blue collar city of modest two- and four-family apartments, and beyond them are some of the nation's worst slums. It is a husky, vibrant community, and still poet Carl Sandburg's City of the Big Shoulders, "the nation's Freight Handler," the "Tool maker, Stacker of Wheat." (The grain dealers put on one of the liveliest shows in town every weekday from 9:30 A.M. to 1:15 P.M. at the Chicago Board of Trade. Trading can be watched free from the visitors' gallery.) Except for a needless and foolhardy step into the slums, a traveler will find Chicago after dark safer than many large cities and certainly more alive, along its lakefront, than most of them.

GETTING AROUND - Most of what a visitor to Chicago wants to see and do can be found in a very long, north-south rectangle along the lakefront. Chicago Transit Authority buses are reasonably frequent and comfortable. Northsouth subway-elevated service along the corridor a few blocks in from the lake is fast, albeit noisy. Fares are 45 cents. Chicago's taxis are often battered and dirty, but there are lots of them and they are a bit cheaper than New York's. Before any stranger sets out in Chicago, he or she would be well-advised to ascend to one of the other of the glassed-in observatories atop either the John Hancock center (upper Michigan Avenue) or the Sears tower (Loop area), two of the world's tallest. Both are normally open from 9 A.M. to midnight daily, admission \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children. One of the more dramatic views of the massive Chicago skyline can be had from the Wendella Tour Boats (312-337-1446). They leave from a small dock in the Chicago River at Michigan Avenue, at 10 A.M., 1:15, 3 and 7:30 P.M. The boats cruise up the Chicago River and back into Lake Michigan. Fares: \$2.50 to \$3.50 for one- to two-hour trips.

Hyatt Regency Chicago



This is IT FELLA'S-OUR C.P.

Things that matter

When it gets near reunion time many things can be written about the attraction of a reunion but the only thing that matters is the "Old Reliables" themselves. For those of us who are able to attend we look forward to being with the old gang once again. The Chicago hotel site is one of the best and with all the work that the Illinois Chapter members have put into the plans for the reunion we can't go wrong.

If you think that you might be able to attend don't hesitate but send in your reservations from the blank that appears in this issue. It is always easier to cancel out at the last minute where as it sometimes becomes a bit of a hassle to get a room at the last minute. It will also be a big help to the committee just how many people will be in attendance.

We have special rates for our rooms and this rate will apply for a few days before and after the reunion. Ordinarily these rooms run about double the amount we will be charged. Pack your old "B" bag and get ready for three grand days with your buddies.

The Reunion Committee have kept their word on trying to keep down the cost of a strip ticket for the three days. The price of \$28.00 will include the welcome party on Thursday night, the dance on Friday night and the banquet dinner on Saturday. With the cost of living these days the committee is to be commended.

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

LADIES AUXILIARY "NOW HEAR THIS"

The president of the Ladies artillery is asking that the ladies attending the reunion in Chicago join the group at a meeting to be held on Friday July 29th at 10 AM in the Ogden Room. There will be a brief meeting but it will be more or less a social hour. Come on gals-get with the group.

Tip Of The Hat

We're mighty proud of John Droney who recently learned of the association and lost no time joining the ranks of the "Old Reliables". In addition he made a donation to the Memorial Fund. Thanks John.

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An extract from the certificate of incorporation of the 9th Infantry Division Association reads: "This Association is formed by the officers and men of the 9th Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of their fallen comrades, to preserve the spirit of the division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively of means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to former members of the 9th Infantry Division."

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Countless veterans are continuing to pay monthly premiums on their GI Life Insurance policies, the proceeds of which will eventually go to the estate of a deceased relative or long forgotten friend.

The sad part of it is, the veterans immediate family will miss out on the proceeds just when needed most, regardless of the amount of commercially purchased protection.

This and similar situations arise because some veterans

neglect or are unaware of the steps that should be taken to change beneficiary listings, when situations change as a result of marriage, birth, divorce or death.

Veterans possessing GI insurance policies should "dig" them out, check the designated beneficiary and be sure it coincides with their current wishes. A change of beneficiary may not be made by a veterans' last will and testament.

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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BOARD MEETS

The 123rd meeting of the National Board of Governors was held in Pittsburgh, Pa., at the Marriott Inn on April 30, 1977 at 4:05 P.M., attended by Messrs: Charles Koskie, Walter O'Keefe, Anthony Chaconas, Ralph Carci, Herb Olsen, in attendance were Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh, past President Bob DeSandy and Scholarship Chairman John Clouser.

President Koskie asked the members to stand for a moment of silent prayer for the departed men of the Ninth.

The Secretary Daniel Quinn read the minutes of the 122nd meeting of the Board held in Worcester, Mass., on November 6th. Upon a motion duly made by Al Perna and seconded by Ralph Carci it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes and to instruct the secretary to place same on file.

Thomas Boyle the Treasurer was unable to attend but forwarded to the members his quarterly reports. Upon a motion duly made by Everett Tapp and seconded by Herb Olsen it was voted to: Accept the Treasurers report.

John Clouser reported for the Committee of the 1977 Chicago Reunion. Plans were going smoothly with all details completed. Clouser closed by telling the members that the price of the strip ticket for the three day reunion will be \$28.00 and in these days of inflation this is a good deal. The members thanked Clouser for his report.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Chairman John Clouser was called upon for his report. Clouser explained that this committee is a permanent one consisting of Dr. David Heller and Frank Ozart. The recipients are selected according to their academic ability and financial need and all are related to members of the Division of WW2.

The committee recommends grants to four new applicants and two renewals, for the sum of \$900.00. These students will be notified by the Scholarship Committee and their names announced at the reunion. As of this year the Association has awarded the sum of \$22,225.00 to relatives of men who wore the Octofoil, since the Scholarship Program was started in 1961.

Upon a motion duly made by Al Perna and seconded by Pat DeColli it was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations of the Scholarship Committee.

FUTURE REUNIONS

Harrison Daysh Chairman of the Committee for Future Reunions opened a discussion on sites for the annual reunions with the goal set for 1979. The committee will recommend to the Board of Governors at the next meeting scheduled for July 28th a site other than the routine Chapter areas.

Walter O'Keefe Chairman of the Committee on the study of possible merger with the New Ninth Division Octofoil Association reported for this committee. After an open discussion it was decided to table the matter till the annual reunion meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by Anthony Chaconas and seconded by Paul Clark it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel Quinn
National Secretary

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 Grassland St., Des Plaines, Illinois 60014.

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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.

A well-adjusted person is one who can play bridge or golf as if they were games.

Age is creeping up when a man doesn't care what the new stenographer looks like-just as long as she can spell.

RESERVATIONS NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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

Name

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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.

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 membership card to-

Name
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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
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Traveling down road of history

HISTORY OF THE 47TH INFANTRY-AUGUST 1944 Part II-

This is the second part of the History of the 47th Regiment continued from the March-April issue of the Octofoil.

The Attack of the 16th of August was screened by reconnaissance elements of the 3rd Armoured Division. BEAUVAIN was entered without opposition and the 1st Battalion, motorized, moved towards FAVEROLLE. They detrucked south of the town and proceeded on foot to the high ground which was their assigned objective for the day. The 2nd Battalion encountered opposition from small arms, mortars, tank artillery and self-propelled artillery in their advance up the central part of the regimental sector. Pressure on the flanks and from the front caused the enemy to withdraw and by late afternoon the 2nd Battalion had also reached its objective. The 3rd Battalion, also motorized, attacked up the western side of the regimental sector, and after detrucking and continuing the advance on foot, ran into part of the same force that had opposed the 2nd Battalion. A heavy concentration of artillery succeeded in lessening the resistance to an extent that the objective could be occupied.

An important railroad and a main east-west highway running parallel to each other across the regimental sector of advance were the objects of the attack on August 17th. High ground to the north dominated these roads, and the enemy made a determined effort to defend these roads from that high ground. The 1st and 3rd Battalions moved out rapidly and opposition was nil until they reached the railroad. 120 mm mortars and small arms fire held up both battalions temporarily, but in the late afternoon, in an attack supported by the tanks of the 746th Tank Battalion, the enemy was driven from the dominating ground and the east-west road was secured by 1655. The 2nd Battalion was brought up quickly to assist in defense of the road for the night.

An extremely large enemy dump was captured intact during the day, visible evidence of the hastiness of the enemy's withdrawal.

"INNISCOURT" REGIMENT

The 1st and 2nd Battalions consolidated their positions during the 18th of August while the 3rd Battalion pushed on. Reconnaissance units from the British "Inniscourt" Regiment contacted our advance elements, and later the entire regiment moved across our front from the vicinity of BRIOUZE. Contact with the rapidly retreating enemy had not been established during the day. As the "Inniscourt" Regiment took over the advance in our sector, the regiment was ordered to an assembly area south of the main road where they were to await further orders.

After having disastrously tried to stem the tide of allied power released after the July 25th breakthrough, the enemy began his headlong and disorganized flight for safety. Subsequent events proved that the speed of our pursuit made impossible any semblance of a defense behind the several rivers that normally would have constituted sizable barriers of resistance. It was now that the regiment began its part in the pursuit of the fleeing enemy, which ultimately led to the piercing of the famed Siegfried Line.

From 2nd to 18th of August, the regiment had been continuously on the move in an effort to keep contact with the enemy, and fighting in some instances had been severe. The men were extremely fatigued and individual weapons and vehicles were badly in need of attention. It was fortunate, therefore, the orders to move to a new assembly area near SEES did not come until the 21st of August. The interim was used to best advantage for rest and maintenance of equipment.

Due to the stringent shortage of transportation, only a part of the regiment moved to the vicinity of SEES on the 21st; the balance followed on the 22nd. Our tactical mission was to protect the left flank of the 1st Army, being prepared to counter-attack northwest, north or east, if the occasion should arise.

RAPID PROGRESS

The rapid progress of the armored forces had left the regiment far in the rear, and from the 23rd to the 26th of August the regiment made a series of moves from the vicinity of SEES to VERNUIL, LA FERTE VADAME, MAROLLES EN HUREPOIX and AUXONETTE. The regiment assembled near the latter town prior to crossing the Seine River on the following morning. At MAROLLES EN HUREPOIX, the 3rd Battalion was attached to the 3rd Armoured Division.

FLOATING BRIDGE

A floating treadway bridge had been constructed over the Seine River near TILLY, and it was here the regiment made its crossing. The 1st Battalion moved across at 0630, followed shortly by the remainder of the regiment. The battalions moved forward rapidly on foot, and before the end of the day had marched twenty miles. Isolated groups of enemy were encountered twice during the day, but they failed to deter our progress. Interrogation of the prisoners captured revealed that the enemy was incapable of any determined resistance in our sector. The prisoners were from units that had been completely disorganized and had been banded together for the purpose of withdrawing to the next defense line, wherever it might be, and delaying our forces as much as their limited capabilities allowed as they withdrew.

The 60th Infantry passed through the regiment on the 28th of August, and the regiment was designated division reserve. At dawn, "C" Company had experienced a minor attack by a German patrol. A counter-attack resulted in the capture of 17 prisoners. In late afternoon of the same day, the regiment was moved to the vicinity of COULOMNIERS: movement was completed by 2200.

FAMED BATTLE FIELDS

The regiment was now approaching the famed battlefields of World War I. The Marne River was crossed near LA FERTE SAN JOUARRE in the motor movement which took us to an assembly area a few miles south of CHATEAU THIERRY. Twenty-six years before, the 47th Infantry, then a part of the 4th Infantry Division, had fought valiantly in this region. Some of the troops availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the famous "Belleau Wood" and the American Military Cemetery.

The graves of our predecessors who had died in battle in 1918 were visible evidence of the tradition worth of our regiment. The grave of Lt. Helment W. Feska, who had been captured on July 11th in Normandy and subsequently killed by an allied strafing raid, was discovered. It is significant to note that the 47th Infantry has honored dead from both World Wars buried at "Belleau Wood."

MURDEROUS FIRE

On August 7th, 1918, the regiment moved across the Vesle River. Murderous fire from the German machine guns strategically placed on the north bank of the river caused heavy casualties and progress was slow and exhausting. On August 30th, 1944, a few miles to the west of that 1918 crossing, the 47th Infantry again crossed the Vesle River. A line was established on the north side of the river, and advance patrols were sent forward as far as the Aisne River. No contact with the enemy. The contrast was great.

On August 31st, motor movement continued across the Aisne River, and then northeast to an assembly area near DIZY LE GRAS. No enemy opposition was encountered.

ADDENDA TO AUGUST

HISTORY

To provide greater flexibility of operations during the fast-moving situation which followed the break-through on July 25th, the 3rd Armored Division had been segregated into separate combat commands, and operated, in a large measure, independently of each other. During the chase through France, it was believed that a further division of the combat commands would provide even greater mobility and consequently a more rapid pursuit would be insured. These separate combat commands were, therefore, divided into task forces and special forces. Added infantry protection was indispensable; it was because of this that our 3rd Battalion was called upon to join the "Special Force" on the 26th of August. A short resume of their activities during the eleven days they were detached from the regiment follows.



Maj. Gen. M.S. Eddy in Beauvain, France has a bit of trouble understanding French youths who show him by some sort of gestures exactly what they mean. In the background is Lt. Col. Donald Clayman, C.O. 3rd Bn. 47th Infantry. This was one of the last days that General Eddy was with the Division. He was promoted to Command the XII Corps of the Third Army.

SPECIAL FORCE

The battalion was motorized in an assembly area near ST VRAIN and travelled to MENNACY where they joined Special Force. The force moved immediately in an advance guard formation with Co K at the point. The Seine River was crossed near MANDY and the advance continued thru-out the



Maj. Gen. Louis Craig who took command of the Division in August 1944 is shown (center) holding a roadside conference near Mortagne, France, with (L to R) Lt. Col. A.C. Brill and Captain Yaraborough the General's aide.

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night. Several isolated pockets of enemy were by-passed, but near LIEUSANT, Co K engaged a company of enemy infantry, took 25 PW's, and routed the remainder. Movement forward was stopped at 0500, and the Special Force coiled up and awaited further orders.

The Marne River confronted the division on the 27th of August, and Combat Command "B" was given the mission of establishing a bridge-head across it. Special Force was designated division reserve, and followed in the wake of CCB over a route which took them through ATTILY, PONT-CARRE, VILLENEUVE - ST DENIS, VILLENEUVE LE COMTE, LEGEAUX, CRECYEN PRIE. Co I, as advance guard for the day, skirmished with a small force of enemy near GRETZ, and routed the group with speed sufficient to allow the main body to continue their advance without delay. CCB had meanwhile effected the crossing the Marne River without difficulty; by nightfall, Special Force had reached the south bank of the river near MONTCEAUX.

INSIGHT

An insight into the fluidity of the situation can be gained from the experience of a platoon of L Co which had been dispatched to the rear to give protection to

On August 28th, Special Force was assigned the mission of covering the central sector between CCA, who had advanced to SOISSONS, and CCB, whose objective for the day was FISMES. The advance through ST JEAS LES JUMEAUX, SAMMERON, LA FIERTE S O U S J O U A R R E, COCHERELL, MONTREUIL AUX LIONS, DAMMARD, OUCHY - LE - CHATEAUX, BEUGNEASX, nd BRAINE was accomplished without contact with the enemy. At BRAINE, however, the armoured artillery had knocked out a troop train. Many prisoners were taken by FFI, and Special Force set up defensive positions around the town to guard against possible infiltration.

The advance continued on the 29th of August through BOURG - ET - COMIN, MOULINS, VENDRESSE, CERNY, CHAMOUVILLE, and by 2200, the Force had set up defensive positions around the town of COLLEGIS for the night.

Special Force continued its motor march on 30 August and passed through GRANDELAIN, CHEVREGNY, and MONTAMPTTEUIL. At 1500 forward movement was stopped and CCA passed through Special Force and occupied the roads on the outskirts of LOAN. Later, Special Force established road blocks to the east and north of the town.

Again Special Force reverted to division reserve. The movement generally to the NE continued at 1130 through PARFONDROU, VESLUD, SISONNE, LAPPON, SEVIGNY, SERAINCOURT, REMANCOURT. Orders were received at 1445 to move north and engage a Panzer unit which has been reported moving south. The report, however, proved unreliable, for after moving through DOUMELY, GIVRON, CHAUMONT, and MAINBRESSY, no contact had been made.

Orders on September 1st instructed Special Force to seize MONS, BELGIUM. After passing through RESIGNY, GRATEAUX, LA HAUT - CHEMIN, and MONT ST JEAN BRUNCHAMEL, Special Force received information from its reconnaissance elements that an enemy force of undetermined strength was in the vicinity of BUCILLY and HIRSON.

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Michigan Doings

On Sunday, June 26, the Annual Chapter Picnic took place at Kensington Metro Park off I-96 and Kent Lake Road.

NEWS-NOTES

A great crowd of 34 showed up at our April 16th Meeting and Social Nite. Rose & I were delighted to see such a fine turnout at our home. We only hope that you've enjoyed the evening as much as we did.

Pres. Ed & Marge Wisniewski
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Bill & Dolores Zimmerman

HERE-N-THERE

Really nice to see Pres. Ed Wisniewski looking so fine after his recent illness. Marge must be taking good care of him. We still don't know what brought about that sudden drop in blood pressure.

The fine crowd came from many parts of the State. Out of the Grand Rapids area, we were pleasantly surprised to see Bob & Mac Cole from Wyoming. Driving down from Comstock Park were Bill & Lucile Andrews.

From around Saginaw and Bay City came Past Pres. Elmer Wagner- Bill & Dolores Zimmerman- Tom & Gerrie Hatton- Rodger & Jennie Alsgaard- A fine group, indeed. The Obermillers missed again due to Saturday- night work.

V.P. Fred & Jane Josey from Grand Blanc represented the Flint area. And what a job Fred did on the Bottle Raffle. Fifty chances were sold and we thank you all. Our congratulations went to the winner of that Drawing, Helen Lewis. It made Don happy in Garden City- a little at a time.

From Wayne, it was nice to see and talk with Charles & Doris Williams.

Charles Everett & Irene Tapp called from Dearborn Heights that they would be a bit late. We were sorry to learn that Everett's Dad passed away since our last Meeting. Our belated Sympathy card was sent in behalf of the entire Chapter.

John & Jane Young traveled over 200 miles from Lewiston, not far from Atlanta. They've brought some wonderful plans with them for a weekend in August. More information will follow.

Always pleased to see Floyd & Lee Hennessey from Lambertville, who seldom miss a gathering. Sorry that The Fishers couldn't come along as planned earlier.

Gene Reedy, Chuck & Charlotte Fox, Rose & I were hoping to see more of the native Detroiters on that occasion. We still have quite a few on the mailing list, including such great supporters as Art & Ann Litos.

Treasurer Bob & Flo DeSandy came from the suburb of St. Clair Shores, the scene of some of our finest Christmas Parties.

A little further to the North, Len & Sally Kowalski drove down from Mt. Clemens to round out the list of our wonderful guests.

It could have been larger. The Hoskings from Trenton were planning to attend but Bob called that he wasn't feeling well and regretfully had to change their plans.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

Back at the April Meeting, besides a most pleasant Social Nite many important items have been covered during the business session. An Election Committee has been set up to consist of the three immediate past presidents. Each year the Out-going President will replace the senior member on this Committee. Now serving are Past Presidents, Everett Tapp, Tom Hatton and Elmer Wagner.

Nominations have been opened for electing one member to replace Everett Tapp on the National Board of Governors, whose term will expire at the coming Convention. So far, John Young, Bob DeSandy and John Bonkowski have been nominated with the election to take place at the Picnic Meeting.

Since most Members through their replies and at the Meeting have indicated that they intend to drive to the Reunion, there will be no Chapter Group Transportation this year. This will not effect the attendance because we already have a larger list of those that are going to this Convention than a year ago.

REUNION COMMITTEES

Those representing the Chapter on the five important Committees at the Convention will be: Fred Josey - 8 Nominating, Bob DeSandy- Finance, Don Lewis - By-Laws, Rodger Alsgaard - Miscellaneous, John Bonkowski - News-paper.

Pres. Ed Wisniewski, John Young, Bill Andrews, Elmer Wagner and Floyd Hennessey offered to serve as Alternates on those Committees.

August Outing - John Al Young's bid for an August Outing in Lewiston was accepted and the date was set for the August 27th week-end. Mark your calendars now so you will save that date for this big occasion. All the details will be made at the Picnic and in the next NEWS-NOTES.

Another important date to circle on your calendars is October 15. The Outstate-Meeting Committee of Fred & Jane Josey and Bill & Lucile Andrews have reported that that week-end has been reserved at The Holiday Inn, in Sturgis, Michigan. It is located along US 12 and about 140 miles West of Detroit. This is the event that we're going to get together with The Illinois Chapter for a one great week-end. Everyone in Ohio and Indiana are welcome too. Thirty rooms have been set aside at about \$25.00 each. (Single or Double beds.) Contact Fred Josey for your Reservation as soon as possible: Write to: Fred Josey, 8162 Green Valley Drive, Grand Blanc, Mich. 48439. More about this at the Picnic, Convention and future NEWS-NOTES.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The following have attended the Annual Memorial Service on Sunday, May 22nd: Rev. Theodore & Mildred Marsh, Everett & Irene Tapp, Pres. Ed., Marge & Bill Wisniewski, Bob & Flo DeSandy, Bill & Lucile Andrews, Elmer Wagner, Floyd, Leora & Davey Hennessey, Leonard & Sally Kowalski, John, Thelma & Denny Obermiller, Don & Helen Lewis, Charles & Doris Williams, Chuck & Charlotte Fox, John & Rose Bonkowski.

The high-lights of the day were many: First, a friendly gathering at The Ponchartrain and a delicious 12:00 Noon brunch at The LeCafe.

A fine sermon delivered by The Rev. Theodore Marsh at The Christ Church.

The Golden Honor Roll Call and the sound of the Taps by Bill Wisniewski, son of Pres. Ed & Marge.

We'd like to mention it here, that the day we were holding our Memorial Service, at Christ Church, they were celebrating the 132nd Anniversary of its Founding. It was a great day and I wish that there were more of us present to honor our Departed. Three names were added to the Golden Honor Roll this year: Tony Berdinski, who passed away last October. John Herman (Honorary member) laid to rest in April. Al Haidys about whom we were informed that morning in the Lobby, by a relative. Al joined The Ninth at Fort Bragg, served in the Field Artillery and passed away in the '50s.

Walt & Lorraine Snowfleet in Grand Rapids sent us a letter telling us that he has been working very long hours on the night shift. Although they can't make the Meetings they do enjoy the News-Notes.

Among the other 30 replies, Frank Morbitzer sent his Booster and dues with an enclosed note. Can't say when he'll be able to make any of our events. He sees that his Mother who is 87, gets her daily medication. Frank is very dedicated and we appreciate hearing from him in Harrison.

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Taps Sounded



William Meadows

"It was cancer that spread through Bill's bone-marrow and got into his vital organs and blood stream. He was in pain since February and they didn't know what was wrong with him until he was admitted to Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, after the Memorial Day weekend. As you already know, the end came on Sunday morning, June 5.

Those who were able, came to pay their last respects the following evening. Barbara and her sons, Guy & Don were grateful to see so many of their Ninth Infantry Division friends on this sad occasion. Fred, Jane & Randy Josey, Leonard & Sally Kowalski, Helen Lewis, Leonard & Lorry DeBell, Elmer Wagner, John Zuliewski, Everett & Irene Tapp, Bob & Florence DeSandy, Billie Martin, John & Thelma Obermiller, James Dawson, John & Rose Bankowski.

The following day, Pres. Ed Wisniewski and Don Lewis stopped by. An attempt by Everett Tapp to arrange a Military Funeral failed when no area military units would be sent for a non active Serviceman.

The Burial took place on Thursday, June 9 in Towas, The pallbearers were Don Lewis, John Al Young, Al White, Floyd Hennessey, Len DeBell and Robert Roberts. They all were Ninth Division men except Roberts, a neighbor across the road from The Meadows. John Obermiller was the other Chapter member present and he handled our Octofoil Memorial Plaque at the Funeral Home, Church and Grave-side. Taps were sounded by a young man from a local High School. It was a fine Ceremony. After the Funeral about a hundred people, Family and Friends gathered at a nearby place for a luncheon. From there all the Ninth group were invited to Don & Helen's place for some refreshments and relaxation.

The Lewis' and Hennesseys' stayed on for the entire week-end to be with Barbara and son, Don, who decided to erect a flag-pole in Memory of his Dad. With some help the 35 foot project was completed for an 11:00 A.M. Dedication Ceremony this past Sunday. The Flag which was presented to Barbara at the Grave-side, was raised to the top and returned to half-mast for the next 30 days. Bill would be proud.

Barbara took it pretty well until it was time to depart. A few words from the Association friends would mean so much now. We will not let her down. Her address is Box 5325 National Hts., Michigan. 48748

John Bonkowski, Sec.
19941 Hickory St.
Detroit, Mich. 48205

HONOR GENERAL CRAIG

On June 18th the Washington, D.C. Chapter held a reorganization meeting and luncheon at Fort Leslie J. McNair. The luncheon was a special occasion honoring General Craig a past commander of the Division.

Again we are sorry that this notice wasn't printed in the last Octofoil but the news arrived too late as we had gone to press. We know that many more members would have attended this luncheon, that included the Commanding General of the Ninth stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. Maj. Gen. Valney F. Warner joined the group along with the "new" members of the Ninth or the Octofoil Association. General Westmoreland was also in attendance.

UNDERGROUND DRIVE FROM THE HYATT REGENCY GARAGE

For your driving convenience, Chicago has an excellent underground expressway skirting the north and west sides of the Loop.

The Hyatt Regency Garage, with space for 1100 cars, leads directly into this drive, which will move you under the Loop's heavy traffic and connect you to all expressways.

Convenient access into the Garage is also available from either the Underground drive or the street level with entrances off Stetson.

We hope this map will be helpful when using the Lower Level Drive.

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ILLINOIS CHAPTER

A solemn group of Illinois members and their families gathered at the graveside of John Zack on Sunday, May 29th for a Memorial Service. Paul Clark, Color Bearer, led the procession to the graveside. As all gathered about, John Clouser offered a prayer for all the deceased of the Ninth. Bud Remer, Chapter Chaplin, gave an inspirational talk which gave cause for reflection and soul searching. A floral arrangement in the form of the Octofoil was placed on the grave by Mike Belmonte.

Following the service, the troops regrouped in the back yard of Chuck and Irma Koskie for a good old fashioned picnic. Lawn games were played and plenty of good food and bubbies were available. Chuck conducted a raffle of a bottle from his private stock to help rebuild the treasury. Peg Hennemuth collected the tickets and held the hat for Dora Clark to draw the winning name. You guessed it--Peggy won. Peg promises to share its contents at the reunion.

It was great to see the Dave Hellers, Cas and Jean Pavelek and Captain Jim. They will all be at the reunion to lend a hand. Chuck and Irma's little two year old granddaughter, Carrie, stole everyones heart when she made her debut into the Ninth. This was a memorable Ninth Division Family Day.

We Lost a Friend

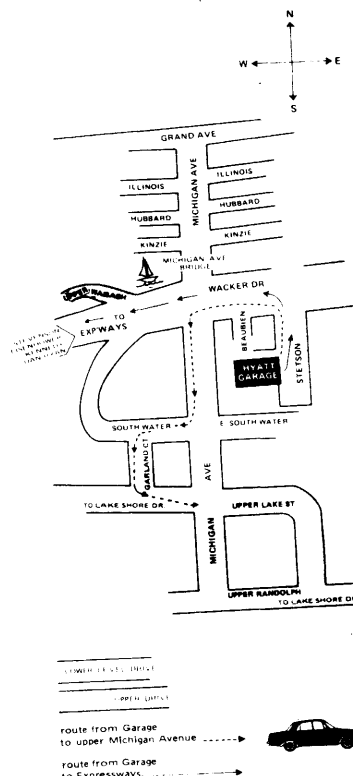
We were all saddened by the recent death of Martha Watts. Martha was a dear friend of Bud Remer and was his guest at all of our activities. We will miss Martha and extend our sympathy to Bud.

Coming Events

The monthly June and July meeting will be held at Tedtmans. Final details of the reunion will be related. Duties and committee work will be reviewed and everything readied for the count-down on July 28th.

Frank Ozart and John Clouser attended the Testimonial Luncheon for General Louis Craig in Washington, D.C. on June 18th.

The Illinois Chapter has received a special invitation to join the Michigan Chapter at their Out-state meeting on October 15th. Sounds like a wonderful event and the Illinois Chapter graciously accepts. The host chapter conveniently located this event in Sturgis, Michigan, which is as near to Chicago as it is to Detroit. We are hopping for a good turnout for this Fall Fiesta.

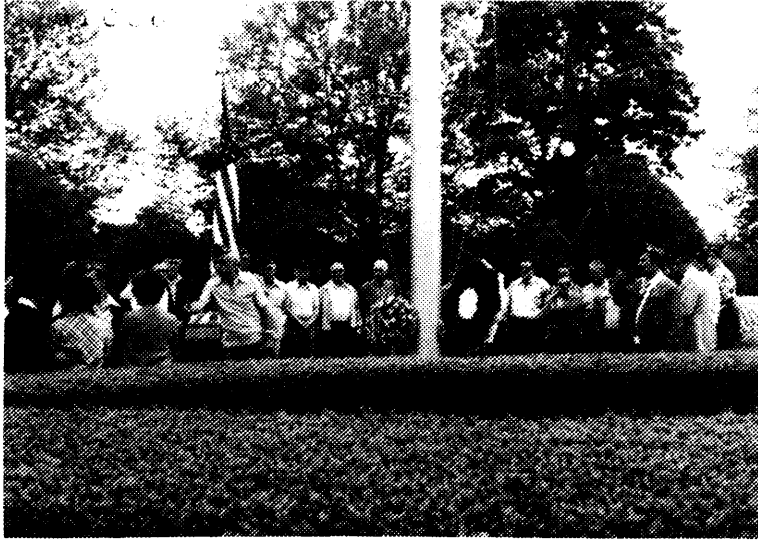


NEW YORK CHAPTER

REMEMBERED

On May 21st the Greater New York Chapter members remembered the deceased comrades at a Memorial Service at the Pinelawn National Cemetery in Farmingdale, N.Y. After a brief ceremony, and placing of the Division wreath at the site of the flag pole, the members visited the grave sites of the men who wore the Octofoil, those lost in WW2 and many of the men who have since joined their comrades.

The members and their families then drove to Bethpage Picnic park where a pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all.



The New York Chapter held its Memorial Service for the deceased of the Ninth at the Pinelawn National Cemetery, Long Island, N.Y. They are shown gathered at the placing of a Division wreath before visiting the grave sites.

PAST PRESIDENTS

At the New Yorkers (we call them this although half the members come from the Jersey area) meeting held in May the Past Presidents of the Chapter were honored. Those former Presidents attending were: Vincent Guglielmino, Irving Feinberg, Art Schmidt, Frank Fazio, Ralph Witzkin, George Bako, Joseph Kearns, Walter O'Keeffe and Michael Deresh. Dan Quinn never did make the scene. He started out for New York but attended a farewell party for one of his fellow workers and the party lasted longer than he anticipated. Frank Fazio, who should have been a Mess Sergeant, he takes care of the chow for the New Yorkers, supplied a large whipped cream cake with the markings "In Honor of the Past Presidents"



A picnic was held at Bethpage State Park a few miles from the National Cemetery after the ceremonies. The gals had a chance to sit around while the guys did the cooking.

AIRFARE GROUP

The New York Chapter members interested in a package airfare group to the Chicago reunion should contact Dan Quinn (201-866-8195) or Ralph Witzkin (201-467-0430). As of June 20th 14 people are in the group leaving Newark Airport. For those who will leave from LaGuardia Airport (there are about 12 people in this group) contact Art Schmidt (212-HY-7-3993). The group fare rates is \$131.00 per person a saving of about thirty dollars. The tickets have to be picked up about seven days before departure, which in the case of the Jerseyites who will be leaving Thursday July 28, but this group will have their tickets paid before July 15th. Come on fellows let's have a good turn out from the Chapter. We have never let down the host chapter at any reunion.

NEW YORK STATE RECEIVES NATIONAL CEMETERY

To be located at Calverton on Long Island, this new national cemetery will consist of approximately 902 acres of land. The opening of the new facility will offset the closing of the Long Island National Cemetery which is expected to occur about January 1978. First interments at Calverton are anticipated by October, 1977.

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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.

RECRUITING

Calvin Polivy is never too busy with his law practice to take time out to do a little recruiting for the old outfit. He recently signed up Ray Horwitz, 261 Central Ave., Lawrence, N.Y., formerly of the 47th Infantry. Welcome aboard Ray and thanks a million to Cal. We'll never forget Cal for his legal assistance when the group that took the trip to the ETO in 1970 returned home we were dunned for payments that were made to the travel agency but somehow were fouled up.

COMPANY B-39TH HOLDS REUNION

We are sorry that we could not have printed in the last issue of the Octofoil the announcement of the 25th Reunion of B Company-39th Infantry, but we had gone to press when we received the notice. In any event we offer our apology and do hope they had a good turnout. The event took place in Rochester, N.Y. on June 16-19th. Congressman Frank Horton a member of the association and former Company Commander of B Company 60th Infantry was to be the guest speaker.

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

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.

Mail Call CONT'D

3rd Bn. Hq. Co.
60th Inf.

Frank Witson

56-16-230 Street
Bayside, New York 11364

Enclosed find check for \$13.00 to pay for three years membership in the Association.

I have been an avid reader of the division newspaper since it started publication at the end of World War II. I would like to continue receiving it so that I can keep abreast of all the news pertaining to the men of the Ninth Division and especially 3rd Battalion Headquarters Company of the 60th Infantry.

At the present time, I am the principal of a New York City Elementary School in the Fresh Meadows area of Queens. I have been in the New York City School System since I left the Ninth Division back in 1946.

Give my regards to all my former buddies and friends and keep up the good work of holding the Association together.

Recon. Tr.

Bob Lynch

2103-11th Street
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

Sign the wife and myself up for the Chicago Reunion where we hope to see other 9th Recon buddies.

Also, put me down for the golf tournament if they are having one, although I didn't see any word of it in the Octofoil.

Regards to all and will see you soon.

P.S. I hope we can again put an end to incorporating 9th Units of other years into our Association.

47th 3rd Bn.
& Co. B 9th Med

Albert J. Haft, M.D.
1045 Atlantic Avenue
Long Beach, California 90813

Enclosed is my check for \$5.00 for membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

I just received a letter from Brigadier General Edwin H. Randle and he suggested writing to you.

I was a member of the Ninth Infantry Division from June, 1942 through September, 1945. I served in the 47th Inf. as a Bn. Surgeon with the 3rd Bn. from Fort Bragg all through Africa and Sicily to England. In England I was transferred to B Company 9th Medical Bn. and remained with this Organization until I was rotated back to the States in August, 1945. From that time on I was on terminal leave and did not do any further official duty.

Kindest regards.

47th HISTORY CONT.

The battalion immediately deployed and encountered a roadblock in BUCILLY. Co I cleared the block, elements of the 36th Armoured infantry passes through it, relieving Special Force who had received orders to continue on to and secure HIRSON, by-passing any further resistance encountered.

FIRMLY SECURED

By 0300, 2nd September, all roads leading out of HIRSON had been firmly secured. Elements of the 1st Inf Division took over these defensive positions and the Special Force moved on towards MONS. At AMOR, enemy infantry and seven tanks were encountered; the battalion deployed immediately, wiped out the troops, and continued the attack to the woods north of AMOR where other enemy groups had been reported. Orders were received, however, to by-pass these groups and to continue on to the objective using the NW route.

B Btry. 84th Fa. Bn.

Dick O'Connor
9567 Bluford Avenue
Whittier, California 90605

Just a note to say I'll be in the "Windy City". I retired 1-15-77 and its a lot of fun. I'm back in college two days a week, play lots of golf, do a bit of cooking. Grace has two more years to work. I got out at 62.

I may take a bus to Chicago and see some of the country. I would drive but going alone is too much. Too bad we don't have a group out here to make the trip. I thought about hitchhiking but I get a lot of no's from everyone.

Looking forward to seeing you and the New York crowd. Take care.

P.S. Love California but still have a warm spot for New York and the East.

Co G 47th

Reuben A. Hunt
36470 Center Ridge Road
North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039
c-o Viola M. Fennell

Reuben is a life member of the association and writes "I'm doing about as well as can be expected health wise. I hope and pray that I can attend the reunion in Chicago. It seems the last few years I have been sick around reunion time." He asked for a copy of 8 Stars to Victory for a friend but we have so long since run out of this book. He did sign up his three daughters in the Ladies Auxiliary. "Good luck and good health to all."

15th Engr.

George Bender
77 Dent Street
West Roxbury, Mass 02102
Enclosed is check for 1977 dues.
Best regards to all.

47th Serv. Co.

Robert W. Buck
5877 Heberton Drive
Verona, Pa. 15147
Sorry I could not make the Spring meeting in Pittsburgh.

Know you had a nice meeting. Hope I can see you all in Chicago. It is a busy time for me so can't promise.

Lots of luck Dan.

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The column moved out at 1530, passing through FOURMIES, FERON, RAMOUSIES, FALLERIES, then crossed the Belgian border at 2230 at GRAND RENG, and immediately set up defensive positions SE of MONS. The operation proved extremely successful, for the advance on the 3rd and 4th of September had cut the route of withdrawal of the German, 15th Army. Many PsW were taken, heavy casualties inflicted, and the remaining troops almost totally demoralized during the two-day period, while Special Force Casualties were extremely light.

DISSOLVED

On the 5th of September, the attachment of the 3rd Battalion of the 47th Infantry to the 3rd Armoured Division was terminated, Special Force was dissolved, and the battalion proceeded on its way to rejoin the 9th Infantry Division. The success of the eleven day mission was obvious.

MAIL CALL

Co. C 47th

Howard D. Brooks
"Four Winds" R.F.D. No. 1,
South Harpswell, Maine 04079
Glad to have the March-April
OCTOFOIL, and the con-
tinuation of the 47th Regimental
History. I remember, when
submitting morning reports to
battalion, it was expected that
we would write a few lines
describing company activities for
the day. I suppose some of this
information was the source
drawn upon in compiling this
story of the regiment's ac-
complishments in Europe.

Before I go further, I would
like to correct an impression
given when you printed my
letter. On line 10 the "My"
should be "their"! I have never
been married, much less have a
family, and grandchildren! I
know some of my old buddies
with whom I have kept in touch
will do a "double-take" when
they read that!

Was surprised to see the
Modern Maturity article
reprinted on page 4, too.
Thanks! Of course, you may
have just been short of news!

I still have the company
roster for "Charley" Co. . . . (I
went to Europe D+3 as "Act-
ing" 1st Sgt.) and I thought I
would like to have it re-printed
in the souvenir program for the
reunion in Chicago, in July, if it
can be accommodated on one
page. It would be in memory of
that great bunch of guys that
made up the company then. I'm
writing Frank Ozart to see if it
would be possible.

As I read the history of the
47th Regiment, I think of that
time in my life as one of the
richest I ever experienced. In
this, I am sure, I simply echo
the sentiments of a lot of my
buddies of those days. Then I
compare these guys to the
spineless misfits that skipped
out to avoid serving in Vietnam,
and Carter's pardon, and at-
tempts to upgrade other than
honorable discharges of others.
It makes a guy want to go
somewhere and vomit! What a
sorry state of affairs!

Best regards and thanks
again.

9th Signal Co.

Kendall W. Guilford
Box 8164
John F. Kennedy Sta.
Boston, Mass. 02114
Enclosed money, order
(\$13.00) for another three year
membership. Although not due
at this time wish to not let
membership lapse.

Of late after an operation and
now facing a cataract
operation, at age 72 retired, this
membership and the Octofoil
mean much.

After 7 campaigns with the 9
Signal Co. still hear from about
10 of my old comrades each
year. These contacts plus the
Octofoil and membership I'll
treasure to the end.

Due to failing eye sight and a
declining physical condition
have been unable to attend
recent reunions. My best
regards to all 9th members.

A Co. 47th

George Morgan
1720 Pacific Avenue
Venice, California 90291

Dear Danny and all you
wonderful guys - I have been
sick - if my dues are paid,
please donate to some member
of the outfit.

I go back to the V.A. Hospital
tomorrow.

Say "Hello" to the gang.

Co. G 39th

James A. Gaddess
Henrys Bend Star Route
Oil City, Pa. 16307

Enclosed, please find check
for dues for three years, which
according to the Octofoil are
long overdue.

Just survived a very severe
winter in Western Pa. Old
childhood type of winter, plenty
of cold; snow and ice.

Have spent several months in
the Erie Veterans Hospital for
some of the old 1944 stuff, and I
now have severe arthritis in
most of my joints.

Regret that Joe McKensie
reported that Paul Griffin
lucked-out while hunting in our
deer country. We used to hunt
them like rabbits, but now one
just has to be in the right spot at
the right time.

Received invitation from Ohio
Bob Smith to visit him, and if
the old legs hold out, I plan on
doing that later in the year.

I read Harry C. Herman's
letter about the museum in
Cherbourg, and I feel that in
respect to Tom Shine; Ray
Hayhurst, Danny Blackwell,
and many, many others,
something should be done to
correct this mistake.

Please advise me if there is
anything I can do to help in this
cause.

Wishing a good year to
everyone . . .

1st Bn. 47th
& Div. Hq.

Dean T. Vanderhoef
Texas Creek, Co 81250

Always glad to send along my
dues. Do enjoy the OCTOFOIL,
searching regularly for familiar
names.

Sorry not to have made any of
the recent Reunions. My last
was in Atlantic City and even
that was most abbreviated due
to pressing personal problems.
Best wishes for the next in
Chicago.

Co. A 15th Eng

Henry Santos
91 Slater Pk. Avenue
Pawtucket, R.I. 02861

Spring has sprung (or has it?)
which has made me envious of
all the birds I see heading north
each year so I'm going to join
them this year. We are moving
back to Pawtucket, R.I. to find
most of our ROOTS, be close to
family and friends and of top
priority closer to Worcester and
Fr. Connors' Coffee Shop we've
missed so much.

New address (May 1, 1977
effective date)

Henry R. Santos
91 Slater Pk. Avenue
Pawtucket, R.I. 02861

Thanks to the Octofoil I've
had a chance to visit Russ Basel
and wife who live fairly close.
We had a very pleasant visit
with them a few weeks ago.

My health, which was our
main reason for moving to
Florida, has been much better
after many months of in and out
of the V.A. Hospital.

Planning to be in Chicago if
all is well.

Co I 39th

John Holick
158 Jefferson Ave.
Creerskill, N.J. 07626

John sends his dues even
though he was laid up in the
hospital with an attack of
jaundice that stems from old
wounds. He sends his regards to
all the old gang.

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Co. E. 47th

Martin Bergman
9815 "A" Haldeman Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa. 19115

Went through some old WWII
boxes and came up with some
interesting 9th stuff - Firstly, a
copy of a letter from Ben K.
Humphrey - Capt. Co. E. 47th -
after I got back to the U.S. - Jan.
'44 from the P.O.W. life. I wrote
to all wives and families of
P.O.W.'s still in captivity. I
wrote to Ben's wife and the
enclosed is the letter he wrote
me in August, 1944. I carried
him off the battlefield when we
got captured (El Guetar) - try to
locate him, please. I would like
to see him at the 1978 Reunion in
Philadelphia and with the work
that Al Perna and the other
guys are doing now it should be
the GREATEST!!! Yet.

Also, I found this newspaper
clipping from 1956 - the Padre is
still living about 90 years old
and still writes to me.

39th-E Co.

Robert Vollman
17910 Middleton Pike
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Enclosed find check for \$13.00
for three years membership
dues. Sorry to have made the
red line list. Best regards to all
39th members.

Co. D 47th

Fred Nichols
2084 Draughton Street
Fayetteville, N.C. 28306

Received my Octofoil (in the
red). Sorry about dues being
late. Always enjoy reading it.

Go up to Little Silver, N.J.
about twice a year for visiting
and fishing and will try some
day to come by your way.

Enclosed is money order for
my dues.

Please note change of ad-
dress. We still live in same
house but mail delivered to our
house now instead of end of
street.

3rd Bn. 39th

Peter A. Perrin
14-D Canton Drive
Whiting, N.J. 08759

I am enclosing a check for
three years dues. Sorry about
the delay. I have retired six
months ago and moved to South
Jersey and lost some of my
records.

I hope the Octofoil stays with
us a long time. It's the living
spirit of the Ninth.

Co. E 60th Inf.

Arthur Lougher
108 Elm Street
Waverly, New York 14892

First, thanks for your help on
my locating Dr. Shelkirk and
Frank Czar - 1st Lt. Schade - 1st
Parker. Through your sincere
help and V.F.W. and American
Legion - finally letters are not
coming back unknown, etc.,
which of course means, I finally
think I am locating them. So
thanks again.

I received a letter from
Seminole, Florida - from a
Frederick G. Dick, Caribbean
Towers, Apt. 111A, 11000 62nd
Avenue, Seminole, Florida
33542. Enclosed is letter. I think
he would like very much to hear
from you.

Would you kindly return
letter.

Thanks again for everything.

G. Co. 39th

Bob Smith
134 Roger Avenue
Bellevue, Ohio

Enclosed are my 1977 dues.
Am planning on making the
reunion in Chicago in July along
with three other 9th Div. men
from this vicinity.

I am still trying to locate
Charley Chevers of Boston,
Mass. If you have any address
on him will appreciate same.
Editor's Note: We sent Chevers
Address.

JOHN J. CLOUSER
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John D. O'Rourke
914 Canton Street
Orlando, Florida 32803

Tom Egan of Garden City,
N.Y. recently sent me a copy of
the Octofoil, and it brought back
many fond memories of the four
years (1941 thru 1945) I spent-
with the Division of Fort Bragg,
North Africa, Sicily, England
and Western Europe.

Please renew my mem-
bership in the association so
that I can begin receiving the
Octofoil on a regular basis.

I would like to know if you
know the present whereabouts
of Dr. Marion Klinger who was
the Third Battalion 60th In-
fantry Surgeon in North Africa
and Sicily? If so, please advise.
If I remember correctly, he was
from New York State.

Best wishes and my
congratulations to you on a job
well done for the Association
over the years.

39th 1st Bn. Hq.

Homer Green
1336 Anniston Avenue
Shrewport, La. 71105

I am writing to let you know
besides my heart attack in 1970,
I had a stroke on June 4, 1976, so
that really put me in bad shape.
Three times in the hospital,
almost 4 months altogether. I
have been a sick man.

I really would like to know
what happened to some of the
guys who used to be in our
platoon, such as Gelaso,
Monsane, Russo, who was our
cook. He and I were in when the
war was over.

One of my favorite buddies
was Roger Villeumier. I heard
from him about two years ago.
He saw my letter in the Octofoil
when I finally paid my dues for
three years. We write to each
other off and on. I called him on
the phone a couple of times.

How about Sgt. Freeburg? I
see Lt. Daysh is Judge Ad-
vocate for Octofoil.

A lot of boys got hurt and left
our outfit. I know a few of our
guys got killed in action, Sgt.
Huff, Sgt. Walfert, Krauz, Long,
Fisher, who was my half track
driver.

One of the guys who went the
same day I did lives about five
blocks from me. Ronald Shelby.
He was in Regt. Hdqs. 39th.

I sure wish Sgt. Kreye could
get his write up back in the
Octofoil again. I missed all of it
but I read about three papers. I
failed to subscribe for several
years.

As long as I still live I will
take it three years (dues) at a
time.

Regards to everyone.

9th Recon

Charles E. Neal
901 E. Old Hickory Blvd.
Madison Tn. 37115

Enclosed please find \$13.00
for three year membership.
Sorry to let my membership
elapse. My wife and I plan to
attend the Chicago Reunion this
year and hope to renew
acquaintances with some of the
old Recon. buddies as well as all
the 9th Div. men.

We wish to thank you. We
have no gripes. You're doing a
fine job.

47th L Co.

Bill Muldoon
507 Treasure Point Dr.
Regency Park
Port Richey, Florida 33568

Received your letter of May
23rd and was glad to hear from
you. Greetings from South Long
Island (Florida). Everyone I
meet down here comes from
someplace on Long Island. In
fact, my next door neighbor
comes from Farmingdale. The
reason I missed Pinelawn is
that on the 21st we left New
York and took a slow ride down
(1250 miles). First day we
stopped in Virginia. Next day
South Carolina and the third
day into Florida. We took over
the house on the 25th, now busy
fixing up odds and ends; wash-
ing windows, putting up cur-
tains, gardening, etc. How
would you like to be in a brand
new house and have no fur-
niture. (The moving van has not
caught up to us yet). Down the
road from us is the Phillies
spring training camp, so now
you know where I end up in
February and March. Glad you
filled me in on all the news
about the association. It sure
was nice of you to give me all
the news. Maybe sometime in
the winter you will drive down
and we can take in some spring
training games. No, I won't
make the reunion this year as I
will be busy with the house, but
please try and save and send a
journal to me. I would really
appreciate it. Will close now
and hope to hear from you soon.

60th Inf. Co. F

Gerald M. Lindner
9335-4th Place
Highland, Indiana 46322

I am one of the long last
members of the 9th Inf.
Association. Originally, I
belonged to the Chicago
Chapter way back in the late
40's and early 50's. Somehow
along the line business took over
pleasure and old friends and I
became a lost soul. However, I
still communicate with many of
my ole buddies. This is one
reason why I write you. A
former 60th Inf. F. Co. man sent
his annual Xmas card and a
little letter. His request for me
was about any 9th Div. Assoc.
people in the Northern
California area. That was Xmas
time. Finally, I dug up your
address and relayed the in-
formation to him.

Also, I hear a faint rumor that
the yearly convention will be in
nearby Chicago. It was
generally held the last week in
July if my memory serves
correctly.

Remember a convention in
Phila., Penn. back in 46 or 47?
Drove all the way from Chicago
in 22 hours. What a wonderful
time we had.

I would enjoy re-enlisting.
How does that sound? It would
give me great pleasure to read
the Octofoil, if it is still printed,
and hear what events are now
happening after all these years.

B Co. 39th Inf.

John Schopper
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Sorry, we cannot attend the
reunion this year. Our grand-
children are coming to spend
the summer.

Our best wishes to everyone.
John and Betty.

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