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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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Well Done

Thank You Illinois

You had a wonderful convention.

What makes a good convention? First, it is the dedication, enthusiasm, and devotion of the members of the host chapter.

Second - the scenic and historic places in the convention city. In this class are also department and specialty stores as well as the many and varied restaurants and other eating places.

All plans and promises are to no avail if our members do not attend the conventions. The more the merrier is an old saying. More at the social events in the evening are always a source of encouragement.

Glad We Did

The mention of Chicago was more than enough of a reason for my Alice and myself to be in the Windy City for four days. Early in our school days we learned something about Chicago and always carried a desire through life to someday visit Chicago. You provided the opportunity and we took the advantage to visit your famous City. We are glad we did.

First Flight

The trip to Chicago was the first flight ever for my Alice, like millions of others she had all kinds of thoughts running through her mind about flying. After a short briefing from Mrs. Tom Boyle, Alice without any emotion found her assigned seat. When our return plane landed at Logan she said "The plane ride was not bad."

Since 1947

An ex 26th man whom I have not seen since Philadelphia 1947 heard a radio broadcast Saturday morning that the 9th Infantry Division Association was having a convention in his home City. He made a quick trip to the hotel where he met two of his battery mates. All I can say is that there is no change in Alexander Henry Wilcopolski.

There are some men who attend every convention. They must have a good time. Circumstances permit others to attend conventions every five or ten years. Some never go.

Plans to Attend

The 1978 Convention will be in Philadelphia. The new president, Albert Perna, is from Philadelphia. Mr. Dan Quinn, 412 Gregory, Weehawken, N.J. will be able to answer association questions for you. For something impressive why not plan to attend our Thirty-Third Annual Memorial Mass, Sunday, November 6, 1977 at Immaculate Conception Church, Worcester, Mass. There you will meet those men who are planning the Philadelphia Convention.

Joseph A. McKenzie
95 W ashington Av
Waltham Ma 02154

***** Taps Sounded

"DAY IS done..."

"Gone the sun..."

"From the lake"

"From the hill"

"From the sky"

"Rest in peace"

"Sol jer brave"

"God is nigh..."

With the sad words of Taps we bid farewell to these Old Reliablys:

Ernest Spear- 26th F.A.

Hqs. Bty.

Walter Pasch- 60th Inf.

Co. L

Gael M. Frazier-47th

Inf.

Michael Lepore-

Bty A 26th FA

Victor Butswinkus-

Co. F 60th. Inf

May they rest in peace. On behalf of the members of the association we offer our belated sympathy.

Mrs. Anne Pasch writes: Just wanted to let you know Wally passed away, May 31st, at Memorial Hospital in Appleton, Wisconsin. He was in very much pain and it was a blessing the Good Lord took him. He was in Company L, 60th Infantry and went through N. Africa, Sicily, went to England-then France and Germany. He was a Rural Mail carrier and retired three years ago. He was planning to attend the Chicago Reunion. He always enjoyed reading the Octofoil.

Editors note: I am sure Mrs. Pach would like to hear from Wally's buddies she lives at 266 So. Main Street, Clinton, Wisconsin 54929.

Mrs. Louise Leopore writes: This to advise you that Michael passed away on July 30, 1977 in the Veterans Hospital, WestHaven, Connecticut.

Victor Butswinkus will be missed by all that knew him. We got to know Vic through the association and through the years he was always there when we needed help. As long as we can remember it was Victor who made arrangements for us to have the "overseas" caps that we wear at the reunion. Victor was one of the guys that made the association tick. He was recently honored by the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter for having served as Treasurer of the Chapter for over twenty years.

"Sol jer brave-"God is nigh..." Farewell, farewell.

WORCESTER MEMORIAL NOVEMBER 6



Al Perna, (left) president of the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter presented a plaque to Victor Butswinkus shortly before Vic passed away. It was in recognition of the outstanding job Victor had done as Treasurer of the Chapter for over twenty years. Vic passed on just before the reunion and the sad news reached most of the members at the reunion. He was called to his maker on July 13th and the Philly members were on hand for his wake and funeral.

Travel Tips to Worcester

For those coming from New York, Connecticut, Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania and the South. Leave the Mass. Pike at Exit No. 10 take the Worcester Expressway No. 290 leave Expressway at Exit No. 20. Overhead sign will read Burncoat-Lincoln St. This will bring you to a traffic light, proceed across the intersection to the next traffic light and turn left. You will now be in the 400 block on Lincoln St. A short drive on Lincoln St. will bring you to the Sheraton Lincoln Inn. The way will be marked with 9th Division road markers, keep an eye out,

If you are coming from the North on the Mass Pike exit at Millbury-Worcester Exit, after leaving ramp make a left turn into Grafton St. Two traffic lights which are spread about two miles apart will bring you to a small rotary, make a left turn and you will still be on Grafton St. From here you will have two more traffic lights, at the second light make a right hand turn onto the Worcester Expressway and leave it at Exit No. 20. Burncoat-Lincoln Streets. Go across the intersection to the next traffic light, make a left hand turn and you have only a short distance to go to the Sheraton

For those coming from the North and East if you use 495 Exit at the sign reading 290 West Proceed to the sign marked Exit No. 20, Burncoat & Lincoln. Make a sharp right turn and you are now facing a large building of the State Mutual Life Assurance Co. You are now on Lincoln St. and just a short drive from the Sheraton. Keep your eye out for the 9th Division Road markers

Inn to Church

Leaving the Sheraton for the Immaculate Conception Church make a right hand turn on Lincoln St. until you see the marker No. 290 West. Take this for a short distance until the overhead sign reads Holden-Fitchburg. Exit here continue on until you come to the traffic light at the bottom of the hill. Proceed across the intersection and make a left hand turn. You are now only a short distance from the Church

**PHILLY in
1978**

This year Father Edward Connors will say the Thirty-third Annual Memorial Mass on November 6, 1977, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester, Mass. He hopes that all former Ninth Division men, no matter where they may be on November 6th, will join him in his prayers for our departed comrades. If you wish to attend the services you can get further information by writing to Father Connors at The Immaculate Conception Church, Gold Star Blvd., Worcester, Mass.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Most of the out of towners will be staying at the Lincoln-Sheraton Inn located in Worcester. A large section of rooms have been reserved for members of the Ninth.

For reservations contact Francis K. Maher, 14 Davenport Street, Worcester, Mass. 01610-Tel. 617-756-1803. Franny Maher informs us that "The Sheraton-Lincoln Motel in Worcester is insisting that all reservations be submitted two weeks prior to November 5th and all those that cancel without notifying Maher or the Sheraton-Lincoln will receive a bill for same". When the Sheraton-Lincoln Motel is filled the Holiday Inn will be the next choice for rooms.

RECEPTION AT SCHOOL HALL

On Saturday evening, November 5, 1977 the parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church will host the members of the Ninth and their families at a buffet dinner that will delight all the old chow hounds. Plenty of "seconds" on everything with all the food prepared and donated by the good people of the parish. We might add that beverages will also be served with a little something extra to wet your appetite.

The "troops" gather on Sunday morning a short distance from the church and march to Services. After Church services on Sunday, a short ceremony will be held at the Memorial located on the Church grounds overlooking Gold Star Boulevard. From there the members go to dinner at the Lincoln Sheraton Inn and we must say it is one of the most reasonable priced dinners we have ever attended. Father Ed promises to have the gang on their way home before dark.

THE OCTOFOIL
Form 3579 should be sent to 412 Gregory Avenue,
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Octofoil Associated Editors Walter O'Keeffe and
Daniel Quinn.

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Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig (Ret)
Rev. Edward Connors, Worcester, Mass.

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Published six times a year, July-August, September-October, November-December, January-February, March-April, May-June by and for the members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. News items, feature stories, photographs and art material from members will be appreciated. Every effort will be made to return photographs and art work in good condition.

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 esprit de corps 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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All the pictures in this issue were taken by Walter J. Victor. Anyone interested in obtaining copies can get in touch with Walter by writing to him at 2745 Dodson Lee Dr., East Point Ga. 30344. Walter has many other Reunion pictures which we were unable to print because of lack of space.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASS'N. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Enclosed please find dues for:

Name _____ Serial No. _____
Street Address _____
City _____ Zone _____ State _____
I was a member of:
Battery _____; Company _____; Regiment _____ 9th Div.
I wish to sign up for the following:
Regular Member, per year \$ 5.00 ☐
Three-Year Member \$13.00 ☐
LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$50.00 ☐
Octofoil Automobile License Disc \$.50 ☐
Ladies' Auxiliary Member \$ 2.00 ☐
Combat Route Map \$.50 ☐
60th Infantry History \$.50 ☐

Please give credit to the following Chapter:

Philly-Delaware Valley ☐ Greater New York ☐
Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund ☐
Illinois ☐ Washington, D.C. ☐
New England ☐ Michigan ☐
Ohio ☐ Fayetteville-Fort Bragg, N.C. ☐

Traveling down road of history

While going through some of the Association's files or records of the old outfit which date back to 1940 we came upon a folder with the stories of the 47th Infantry that we have used in the last few Octofoils. Most of our records are written more or less like a Diary but this folder contained some well written, story form, history of the 47th. Perhaps some member will recognize the writings and recall who the author was at that time. General Clayman has asked for he is very interested, being the Commander of the 3rd Bn., of the 47th when these monthly reports were put together.

The following is another short press release we found in the same folder when the 47th had three of the youngest Battalion Commanders in the Army. The time-December of 1944.

WITH THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY - Lt. Col. Lewis E. Maness, 25, of 1300 High Market Street, Georgetown, S.C., whose promotion from Major was announced December 11, 1944, is one of the trio of famed youngster-veterans now commanding elements of the battle scarred 47th. Infantry "Raider" regiment of this division.

With Lt. Col. James D. Allgood, 27, of Dallas, Oregon, and Major William W. Tanner, 25, of Union City, Tenn., he forms a triumverate of battalion commanders who, for combined youthfulness and experience, is unmatched by any other combat-infantry regiment in the European Theatre of Operations.

All have been continuously engaged against the enemy since their arrival with the 47th, in Safi, French Morocco, on November 8, 1942, during the initial landings to launch the North African invasion. Since that time they have taken part in the Tunisian campaign, the campaign in Sicily, the invasion of Europe shortly after D-Day, and every campaign in France, Belgium and Germany. This includes seven campaigns and thirteen major engagements in seven foreign countries during their twenty-seven months service overseas.

TIP OF THE HAT

The Association is grateful to these members who remembered the Memorial Fund:

Robert Pappas
Robert Hulslander
Dr. Hy Copleman
Harry Greenberg
William Spring

and a special thanks to Mrs. Susie Smythe for her generous donation in memory of her husband Maj. Gen. George S. Smythe. The Scholarship Fund was enriched with the largest contribution at a reunion, when the sum of \$1000.00 was donated by the members in attendance at Chicago. The Michigan Chapter members also donated a check for \$210.00 that is earmarked for the Monument in Worcester (the Memorial was restored last year with monies borrowed from the Capital Fund. Also donating to this project was Charles Maraldo of New York.

Many thanks to all.

Mail Call CONT'D

60th Inf.

Harry C. Herman
745 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10022 39th Inf.
Dear Dan:

First let me recall my previous letter to you concerning the purchase of a 9th Division Flag to be donated to the War Museum at Cherbourg, which, unfortunately, has all the other Divisions represented except ours.

In this connection, I read in the May-June 1977 edition of the Octofoil that James A. Gaddess, Henry's Bend Star Route, Oil City, Pa. of G Company, 39th Inf., wrote endorsing the idea.

I then called the Valley Forge Flag Company at Rockefeller Plaza in New York City and priced out a nylon standard flag with the Octofoil in the center and "9th Inf. Div." printed below. They quoted about \$100 for the flag - without the staff.

I would be very happy to donate the flag to the Association, if the Association authorizes me to go ahead. I would assume then that the Association would correspond with the Major of Cherbourg (who is the Chairman of the War Museum) and request his permission to have the flag hung in the Museum along with the other Division Flags. It would then be a simple matter to send the flag over to him.

Please advise me and I will be guided accordingly. Any further suggestions you may have will be welcome.

Editors note: The secretary has written to Harry giving him the "go ahead" sign. With all the business about the merger at the last reunion the matter was not discussed at the business meeting. We know there are a lot of members who would like to be included in this endeavor.

Robert E. Hulslander
Co. L 47th
1916 Atlantic Blvd.
Jacksonville, Fla. 32207

Evidently I have neglected paying my dues but it was not intentional. Enclosed please find my check for \$50.00 to cover dues, with balance to the Scholarship Program. I have never attended a 9th Reunion but am trying to attend this one.

I'm a Realtor, Dan, and have operated my own office for over 20 years, as well as doing development projects, subdividing, etc. Seems that every time a reunion is held I'm in the middle of a deal of some kind and can't get away.

I joined I Co. 47th Regt. August 10, 1942 at Ft. Bragg, N.C. as a 2nd Lt. and platoon leader of the weapons platoon. When Capt. Wittner was killed in Tunisia Lt. Bill Tanner took over as CO. and I was his 2nd in command. After the campaign in Tunisia I was given command of "L" Co. 47th and commanded them until I was wounded in Normandy June 1944. I was hit in my left forearm by a shell fragment, resulting in a partial paralysis of my arm and hand. My arm was shortened approximately one inch because both bones were shattered and the doctors could get better results by doing so. I was retired as Major in the spring of 1947 for disability.

My wife, Helen, and I will celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary July 25th and we hope to do so by attending the 9th Reunion, however, if I just can't make it I have enclosed an additional check for \$30.00 for a full page ad. The ad can read any way you wish just so it says hello and best wishes for a "great reunion" from me. I've enclosed one of my business brochures if you think it would help the ad.

Best wishes to you and thanks for doing a fine job.

R.M.A. (Scotty) Hirst
62 Wiesbaden
Gustav-Freytag-Str. 6
Republic of Germany
Dear Dan!

Today I spent a most memorable two hours with the Mayor of Remagen in the company of my dear wife, Inge. It is something which you MUST paraphrase and make known to the membership. The availability of "certified" stones from the former Ludendorff railway bridge or what we all know as the Remagen bridge - made famous by WE and the 9th Armoured division!

After they are developed I'll send you copies of the photographs we took on this rainy day - but what I wish to relate, Dan, is (AGAIN) the availability of the stones from the bridge!

The town of Remagen has purchased from the Federal government the western approach to the former bridge. They now own all of it, the towers, the remnants of the approach and the land on which the railroad track ran! It is the mayor's 'dream' to construct a restaurant in the towers! Gad, what a wonderful idea. He took the two of us on a personal tour of those memorable towers and explained to us, in detail, just what his design was - it is not only practical but a real (we believe) money winner.

Either way, the point comes, to finance this project it is the town's intent to sell the stones from the bridge to the public. How - in what design - has not been determined. But, I for one would believe that a small fragment along with some design of the bridge and a certification from the Mayor set in plastic, would be a memento that ALL former 9th guys would wish to possess. What say, you and what say, they - Dan? I would wish, if I am to assist our guys in obtaining such a memento, to hear their thoughts on the subject. PLEASE paraphrase this note - set it in the Octofoil, and request that the membership make their desires known. Either to me or directly to the Mayor, Herrn Hans-Peter Kuerten, Alter Fuhrweg 39, 5480 REMAGEN, Federal Republic of Germany.

Roland E. Pope
PO Box 24622

Seattle, Wash. 98124 60th Inf.

I am very sorry that I could not attend the reunion in Chicago. However I had the honor of attending the Octofoil Association Banquet at Fort Lewis, Washington. It was very nice and the members treated me very well.

Father Connors speech at the banquet was wonderful; I don't think there was a person in the hall that wasn't interested and again may I say that the talk was just great.

MAKE GI INSURANCE PAYMENTS ON TIME - Many veterans allow their GI Insurance policies to lapse because of neglect rather than intent. A number of them develop the habit of riding the grace period for premium payments. Then, they forget to mail their payment before the deadline, unknowingly allowing their policies to lapse. This lapse often occurs just when a veteran's family needs adequate insurance protection. Veterans "hooked on this habit," may overcome it by bringing premium payments up to date and by making future payments before the grace period. Veterans are also reminded to include their mailing address and insurance policy number with all correspondence concerning their government insurance.

REUNION HI-LITES



A happy group from the Illinois Chapter at the sing-a-long- at the first night's reception.



General Westmoreland could only stay for one day at the reunion. Westy is shown as he made the rounds saying "hello" to all the gang. (Left-right) Ken Thompson, Westy, Bill and Helen Engle. Ken and Bill were in Co D 60th Inf. This was the first reunion Ken attended.



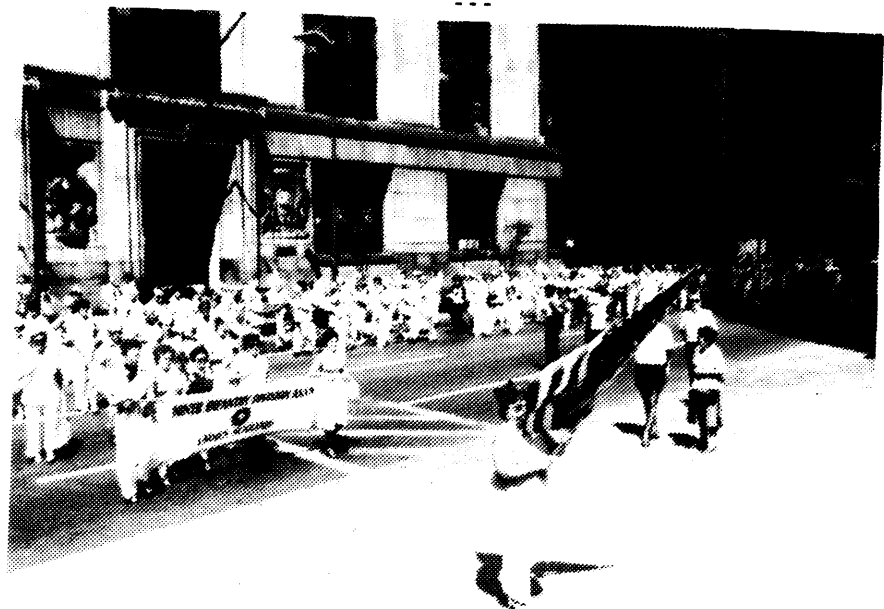
Here's some of the members getting ready for the business session at the reunion.



Paul Keller was Cruise Director (?) for the ladies on the sightseeing boat.



The members gathered for the placing of the wreath at the Memorial Service.



The Ladies Auxiliary turned out in full strength for the parade to the Memorial Services.



Rev. Edward Connors addressing the members and their families at the 32nd reunion's Memorial.



Dr. David Heller, Chairman of the Memorial Service about to introduce John Clouser Co-chairman of the reunion (shown at his right) for start of Memorial.

Business Transacted At Reunion

Meeting-Board of Governors

The 124th Meeting of the National Board of Governors was held in Chicago, Illinois, on July 28, 1977 at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel. The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by the President Charles Koskie who asked the members to stand for a silent prayer for the departed men of the Ninth. Attending the meeting were Messrs: Paul Clark, William Klauz, Pat DeColli, Al Perna, Everett Tapp, Elmer Wagner, Dom Greco, and Tony Chaconas. Also in attendance were Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh, Treasurer Thomas Boyle, 1st Vice-President Vincent Guglielmino, Past Presidents John Clouser, Frank Ozart, John Bonkowski, Fred Josie, Paul Keller and Emil Langer. Former Board members present were Mike Belmonte, Bill Bongiorno, and Nick Palega.

The secretary read the minutes of the 123th meeting that was held in Pittsburgh on April 30, 1977 and upon a motion duly made by Al Perna and seconded by Paul Clark it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes and to instruct the secretary to place same on file.

The Treasurer Thomas Boyle was called upon for his report and he gave the members copies of his report that included the spendings for the year. Upon a motion made by Francis Maher and seconded by Pat DeColli it was voted to: Accept the treasurer's report.

Chairman of the Reunion John Clouser briefed the Board members on how the reunion was progressing and of the events to take place. Clouser who is also Chairman of the Scholarship Committee then concluded his remarks by telling the members that those selected for the awards this year will have their names announced at the Banquet. President Koskie thanked John for his reports.

Appoint Chairmen

President Koskie appointed the following members to serve as chairman of the various committees for the business meeting: Walter O'Keeffe-Finance Committee; Francis Maher By-laws; Elmer Wagner Newspaper; William Klauz Nominating; Al Perna Miscellaneous.

Upon a motion duly made by Paul Clark and seconded by Dom Greco it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 5:25 P.M.

The 125th meeting of the National Board of Governors was held at 4:05 P.M. on July 29, 1977, at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. The meeting was attended by Messrs: Charles Koskie, Frank Ozart, George Bako, William Klauz, Elmer Wagner, Francis Maher, Pat DeColli, Al Perna, Paul Keller, and John Bonkowski. Also present were Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh, Treasurer Thomas Boyle, Reunion Chairman John Clouser and past Board members Max Umansky, William Bongiorno and Robert DeSandy.

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

Upon a motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Bill Klauz it was voted to: Omit the reading of the minutes of the 124th meeting of the Board of Governors.

Upon a motion duly made by Elmer Wagner and seconded by George Bako it was voted to: Omit the treasurer's report.

Election of Officers

Election of Officers for the coming year was held by the Board and the following members elected to serve for the next year.

President, Albert Perna
1st Vice-President, Vincent Guglielmino
2nd Vice-President, William Bongiorno
3rd Vice-President, Robert DeSandy
Judge Advocate, Harrison Daysh
Treasurer, Thomas Boyle
Secretary, Daniel Quinn

Our going President Charles Koskie then turned over the meeting to the newly elected President Albert Perna. Koskie thanked the members for their cooperation and support for the past year. Perna thanked the members for electing him to the office of President and asked the members for their continued support for the coming year.

Future Reunions

President Perna reappointed Bob DeSandy and Mike Deresh to the Permanent Committee for Future Reunions. They will serve for three years.

In keeping with this committee's purpose of holding reunions every other year in a resort place or other than Chapter Cities the Board voted to hold the 1979 reunion in Florida. The secretary was empowered to set up the reunion site with the assistance of Max Umansky who lives in Florida. Charles Koskie made a motion that was seconded by Bill Klauz to: Reimburse the secretary a reasonable amount of expenses that will be incurred.

Upon a motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Pat DeColli it was voted to: Close the meeting at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Daniel Quinn
National Secretary

MINUTES OF THE 32ND ANNUAL REUNION

The 32nd meeting of the Ninth Infantry Division Association took place on July 29, 1977 at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel, at 1:35 P.M., in the city of Chicago, Illinois. There being a quorum of 88 members present the President Charles Koskie called the meeting to order and asked the members to stand for a moment of silent prayer for the departed men of the Ninth.

Earlier in the morning, at 10:10 A.M., the president had appointed members to serve on various committees.

The secretary Daniel Quinn then read the minutes of the 31st meeting that took place in New York City in 1976. Upon a motion duly made by Al Geist and seconded by Mike Mysyk 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 called upon for his report and Boyle gave a detailed account on the income and spending of the association for the past year. He concluded by stating "In my opinion all bills of the association have been paid, and all obligations have been settled and paid, and once again the Officers and Board members are to be congratulated for their efforts in managing the affairs of the organization". Upon a motion duly made by Dave Heller and seconded by Bill Bongiorno it was voted to:

Accept the treasurer's report. President Koskie thanked Boyle for his report.

BUDGET

Walter O'Keeffe Chairman of the Finance Committee was asked for his report and he named these members who served with him: William Hennemuth, Robert DeSandy, Arthur MacDougal, Thomas Boyle and Vincent Guglielmino. The committee submitted the following budget for the year 1977-78.

Anticipated Income	
Dues	\$4300.00
Investments	1800.00
Reunion	500.00
	\$6600.00

Expenses	
Secretary Salary	600.00
Clerical Help	600.00
Utilities	500.00
Postage	1000.00
Supplies	200.00
Misc. Expense	185.00
Octofoil	3000.00
Secretary Expenses	350.00
Editors Expenses	400.00
Treasurers Expenses	200.00
Board of Gov.	300.00
Accountant	150.00
Printing	250.00
Dues reminder	100.00
F.I.C.A.	40.00
Reunion Gratuities	100.00
Memorial Wreath	30.00
Total	\$8005.00

The Finance Committee recommends that the estimated deficit of \$1405.00 be borrowed from the Capital Fund.

Upon a motion duly made by Oscar Richards and seconded by Elias Hoppkins it was voted to: Accept the budget as submitted by the Finance Committee.

President Koskie thanked Walter O'Keeffe and his committee.

Newspaper

Elmer Wagner Chairman of the Newspaper Committee was called upon for his report and he named these members who served with him on this committee: Paul Clark, Oscar Richards, Art Schmidt, John Young, Joe McKenzie and William Nelson.

The committee recommends the following for the publication of the Octofoil:

1. Continue with six (6) issues a year using the same format of of the red addresses for delinquents and to continue with the same number of pages.
2. The budget should be the same with the Editors having authority to absorb any increase in printing and postage.
3. Each issue to carry a notice to pay dues in order to try to reduce expenses of mailing dues notices.
4. Urge the members to send news items and photos.
 - A. Add to every Octofoil issue a conspicuous notice giving the actual deadline date for the following issues' news items.
 - B. Add to every Octofoil issue a filler note such as "When was the last time you wrote a letter to our Mail Call column?"
5. Impress upon the members to inform the Octofoil Editors of any change in address. This address change should be sent in promptly.
6. The committee wishes to thank the Editors of the Octofoil for a job well done and extends its wishes for continued success. The committee recommends that Editors Dan Quinn and Walter O'Keeffe continue on the job.

Upon a motion duly made by Robert DeSandy and seconded by Fred Josie it was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations of the Newspaper Committee. President Koskie thanked Wagner and his committee for their report.

Miscellaneous

Al Perna was Chairman of the Miscellaneous Committee and he named these members who served on this committee: Joe Lacic, Max Umansky, Lou Netta and Rodger Alsgaard.

The committee decided that all previous business was taken care of and that there was nothing new to discuss. Also that the miscellaneous business of the association was in good shape. Upon a motion duly made by John Boden and seconded by Harry Wax it was voted to: Accept the report of this committee.

Nominating

President Koskie then called upon the Chairman of the Nominating Committee William Klauz. Serving on this committee with Bili Klauz were Paul Keller, Emil Langer, Fred Josie, Mike Belmonte, Elias Hopkins and Frank Ranking.

The Committee recommends that the vacancies of five members leaving the Board be filled by the following members.

Michigan John Bonkowski
Ohio Paul Keller
Illinois Frank Ozart
New York Dave Gellman
D.C. Salvatore Trapini

The President then asked for nominations from the floor and upon a motion duly made by Frank Rankin and seconded by Richard O'Connor it was voted to: Close the nominations.

Upon a motion duly made by Frank Rankin and seconded by Richard O'Connor it was voted to: Instruct the secretary to cast one ballot for a unanimous vote.

The President thanked William Klauz and his committee.

By-Laws

Francis Maher Chairman of the By-laws Committee then named the following members who served with him on this committee: John Bonkowski, William Bongiorno, Frank Ozart, Harrison Daysh, Don Lewis, John Morris, and Pat DeColli.

Maher told the members that the main topic of discussion of the By-laws committee was the pending proposal of changing the By-laws to admit members other than those who served from December 7, 1941 to the end of WW 2.

A. The majority of this committee recommends that any action on this proposal be referred to the Standing Committee (chaired by Walter O'Keeffe for the study of admitting new members) for further study to establish ground rules to safeguard our present organization and to study any further changes in the By-laws which relate to any merger plan.

B. A proposal was made for a five year moratorium so that the merger question would not surface at every reunion.

Upon a motion duly made by John Boden and seconded by Dave Heller it was voted to: Accept the report of the By-laws Committee. President Koskie thanked Maher and his committee.

Scholarship

John Clouser Chairman of the Scholarship Committee was called upon for his report. Clouser explained to the membership that this is a permanent committee consisting of Dr. David Heller, President of Loop College of Chicago, (Clouser is a Principal of a High School) and Frank Ozart past president and board member. The recipients are selected, according to their academic ability and financial need, and that they are all related to members of the Division.

This year six young women and men will share a total of \$900.00, and since the program was started in 1961 the association has granted a total of \$22,225.00 to assist the students, most of whom have other means and grants.

There were four new applicants this year and two renewals.

New Applicants

Roberta L. Cappella daughter of Henry Cappella 26th F.A.

Mitchell S. Kobren son of Sidney Kobren 60th Inf.

Salvatore Trapani son of Salvatore Trapani 39th Inf.

Marjorie Wisniewski daughter of Edwin Wisniewski 47th Inf.

Renewals

Phyllis Dubina daughter of Philip Dubina 15th Eng.

Martin Feinberg son of Irving Feinberg 47th Inf.

The Board of Governors at their meeting held in Pittsburgh, Pa. on April 30, 1977 approved the Committees recommendations and awards. President Koskie thanked Clouser and his committee for made by Max Umansky and seconded by Art Schmidt it was voted to: Accept the report of the Scholarship Committee and to give the committee a standing vote of thanks for their efforts on behalf of the association since this committee was formed in 1961.

AMENDMENT BY-LAWS

Reject Proposal

Harrison Daysh opened a discussion on the proposal to Amend the By-laws the notice having been printed in the May-June issue of the Octofoil, which dealt with the admitting to membership in the Association "any person who wore the Octofoil and served honorably in the Division during its activation and combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam shall be eligible for membership".

Upon a motion duly made by Michael Mysyk and seconded by Dave Heller it was voted to: Reject the proposal to amend the By-laws.

Doc Seslowe opened a discussion on placing a moratorium of five to ten years on this question of merger or admitting of new members other than those eligible from December 7, 1941 to May 8, 1945. It was moved that the question be tabled till the next annual meeting and notice be given to the membership according to the By-laws.

There being no other business to come before the membership and upon a motion duly made by Mike Belmonte and seconded by Bill Bongiorno it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 3:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Daniel Quinn
National Secretary

"AS WE SAW IT" 32nd ANNUAL REUNION

Unlike a year ago, there was no Chapter Bus or Amtrak Coach to the Convention. It has been decided some time ago that everyone going to the Reunion would make it on their own. This was a comparatively short trip and it worked out very well. (Just a few cases.)

John & Jane Young stopped in Battle Creek to visit their son and daughter-in-law, hoping to announce that they have become grandparents for the first time.

Chuck & Charlotte Fox came along with Bob & Flo DeSandy and have enjoyed the ride together which included a number of stops. It was good to see Charlotte looking so fine after her recent surgery.

John Zulkiewski took one of those special \$10 flights out of the Detroit City Airport and arrived in Chicago in less time than most of us spent on one of our coffee breaks along the way.

Rose & I picked up Don & Helen Lewis and the enjoyable journey took in a winery tour in Paw Paw, Mich. home of Charlie Maxwell.

John & Thelma Chermiller and grand-son, Denny were packed to continue onto the Great Northwest and Alaska.

For Fred & Jane Josey, it was a great round-about trip to the Upper Peninsula for their High School Reunion.

IMPRESSED

Upon our arrival at the Hyatt Regency, in the early afternoon on Thursday, we were surprised at the number of Ninth Division people already there. We were also impressed with the efficiency in the Lobby. In no time at all, we were unpacking in our rooms and getting ready for a grand Reunion.

MAIN TOPIC

The first Board Meeting took place later that day and it was obvious that the Merger Issue would be the main topic of this Convention.

The Welcoming Party at 8:30 p.m. in the Regency A Room was well attended. We all were having a good old fashion time and it was here that we've decided to have a dual Michigan Chapter CP. Don & Helen's room across the hall from ours, worked out nicely.

BUSY DAY

Friday was a busy day with all the meetings on the agenda. At the early session, the Chairmen and their Committees were assigned with every Chapter well represented. Elmer Wagner chaired the "Newspaper Committee" and John Young replaced me so that I could join Don Lewis on the "By-Laws Committee". The important issue was too much for me to pass up. Bob DeSandy served on the "Finance", Rodger Alsgaard on "Miscellaneous" and Fred Josey on the "Nominating Committee." All five candidates recommended by this Body were accepted at the General Membership Meeting that followed. I was honored to be named from the Michigan Chapter.

MOVIES

A Captain and Sergeant from Fort Lewis, Washington took advantage of some free time between sessions and showed some interesting movies of the present day Army.

In the meantime, the Auxiliary Meeting took place in the Ogden Room and one of our Gals, Irene Tapp was elected Vice President. The Ladies enjoyed a very informative demonstration on home decorating. As usual, some tasty treats were served.

MERGER DEFEATED

It appeared that there was a larger than usual attendance at the General Membership Meeting. Pres. Chuck Koskie called on all Committee Chairmen for their reports and each did a fine job in their presentation. As for the Merger Issue, Pres. Koskie allowed both sides, fair and equal time. After hearing all the Pros & Cons, the Membership made up their mind and have defeated the Merger Proposal which was published officially in the Octofoil. The result was overwhelming.

HIGHLY EMOTIONAL

My proposal, which was first introduced at the By-Laws session and brought up again at this Meeting by Mike Kysyk, was also turned down. It would have stopped the highly emotional merger issue for the next ten years. At the end of that period, it would have been brought up to see how the Membership would feel about it at that time. This would spare us all the bitter feelings that come up, year after year at our Conventions. The intent was for the good of our Association.

ELECTED OFFICERS

The second and final Board Meeting took place at 4:00 p.m. in the Addams Room. The newly elected Board Members present were seated: Frank Czart, Illinois - Paul Keller, Ohio & John Bonkowski, Michigan. Elections for the Association Officers followed.

Those elected were: Pres. Albert Perna, Philadelphia; 1st VP Vincent Guglielmino; 2nd VP William Bongiorno; 3rd VP Bob DeSandy; Judge Adt. Harrison Daysh; Sec. Daniel Quinn; Treas. Thomas Boyle.

Outgoing Pres. Chuck Koskie was given a standing ovation for a job well done.

Bob DeSandy was reappointed on the Committee for Special Convention Sites.

PHILLY IN 78

Philadelphia has already been announced for 1978. Pres. Al Perna gave a good report on a great Convention that's taking shape for next July.

FLORIDA FOR 79

Florida was chosen for '79 and we are looking forward to that one with great anticipation. This is the beginning of holding a Reunion in a non Chapter state every third year. This really is a great step in promoting new Chapters in different sections across the country.

FINE COOPERATION

While at this important Session it was gratifying to know of the fine cooperation behind the scene. John Young took a crew to shop around for our CP supplies.

Pres. Ed Wisniewski helped a comrade in distress. He drove Bill Zimmerman to pick up his car in Hammond, Ind. It broke down on the way to the Convention. They made it just in time before the garage closed for the week-end.

Don, Helen and Rose were getting everything ready for the opening of our CP Rooms.

CONNORS ARRIVED

The Friday-night Party was in the big ball-room and by then there were 62 of us representing the Michigan Chapter. Father Connors made his appearance and we all waited our turn to chat with him. He didn't get to see his friend, General Westmoreland who left early that morning. Father Ed took the mike and led us in that old favorite, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

During an intermission, Jackie Grgurich amused the crowd with his now famous "Auctioneer Act". He dedicated it to the Michigan Chapter and we all had a lot of fun.

GREAT GANG

When the last dance was finished, everyone headed for No. 1817 & No. 1818. We had them "rolling" in the aisle from one CP to the other. At one time, the Security came to check on what's coming "off" and all they could see what was going "on." What a great Gang.

SIDE BY SIDE

In the morning, the crowd was gathering for the Annual Memorial Parade. There was plenty of time for breakfast and the Memorial Mass in the Toronto Room. Many attended the Offering by Father Connors but there was room for more.

Shortly before we were to fall into formation, my close buddy, Gordon Anderson from the Recon days in Europe came to join us as he said he would. Our march side by side brought back a few memories of days gone by. The 81st Army Band from Fort Sheridan led us to the Richard J. Daley Center Plaza. The Memorial Ceremony was impressive and many TV camera crews were on the scene. The weather was ideal.

CATCHING UP TIME

The afternoon was time for catching up on anything that you may have planned. Many have enjoyed the boat cruise down the Chicago River and into Lake Michigan. There was time for sight-seeing, shopping or plain relaxing. Don Lewis, John Young, Bob DeSandy and I drove down for another load of CP supplies, for that final night.

Again, Father Connors and Father Rowan celebrated Mass at 5:00 p.m. for the Sunday travelers and the attendance was good.

Much too soon, the final event of another grand Reunion was upon us. Gordon Anderson brought his charming wife, Marion to the Banquet. Bob & Herietta Lynch, the only other Recon couple at this Convention enjoyed the program together. There were no main speakers but everyone who had anything to say, said it well.

SCHOLARSHIPS

John Clouser, Chairman of the Reunion and Scholarship Committee announced the names of those that have been awarded the six grants this year. Among those honored was Marjorie Wisniewski, daughter of Pres. Ed & Marge, who is majoring in Engineering at the Oakland University.

DONATIONS

A check for \$230.00 from the Chapter and some of its Members, in Memory of Bill Meadows, along with generous donations from the Ladies Auxiliary and all present at the Banquet amounted to \$1000.00 for the Scholarship Memorial Fund. This was the largest, ever.

The Chapter and Members also presented a donation of \$210.00 to the National Memorial Shrine Fund.

CHERISHED PHOTO

Rodger Alsgaard also had a presentation to offer. He gave the Outgoing President, Chuck Koskie a gift wrapped cherished photo of long ago. This was Rodger's first Reunion and he met his buddy for the first time after all these years, at our Outstate Meeting in Frankenmuth, Wi., last October.

NOV. 6TH MEMORIAL

Father Connors was called on for a few words and during his brief comments, he mentioned that the Annual Memorial Mass in Worcester will be offered on Sunday, November 6th. During the course of the evening Franny Maher, once again was picking up the names for room reservations for that week-end.

Pres. Al Perna appealed for a large turn-out at the 33rd Annual Convention in Philadelphia, next July.

I was surprised to be called from Michigan for the Chapter Award. The honor really belongs to each and everyone who helped make our Chapter what it is.

DANCING PLEASURE

After the Program ended, the Tommy Fitzsimmons Band took over for an evening of dancing pleasure. At one point, the crowd was enjoying a few renditions by Jackie Grgurich. Some strange chants came from Mike Mysyk, the likes that have never been heard since the days in Africa.

ON TV

Up in our rooms we got a glimpse of our Parade and Memorial Ceremony on TV, that took place earlier that day. The CPs were again in full swing, till the early hours. Even then, it ended too soon.

"STAY CLOSE - ITS GETTING LATE"

In the morning there was one final stroll about town. We enjoyed a good breakfast with the Lewis' along the way. Back to the Hotel, we watched the departure of many friends, hoping that we'll all be together again next year for another Reunion. A little phrase came to mind that we've read someplace, "Stay close - its getting late."

OUTSTATE MEETING SITE

On the way home, we stopped at the Holiday Inn at Sturgis, Mich. This will be the site of our Outstate Meeting on October 15th. Everyone is invited. Will you be there?

John Bonkowski
19941 Hickory
Detroit, Michigan 48206

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

The Thirty-second Annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division is now history. The Illinois Chapter members are proud and pleased to have been your hosts for this memorable event. Judging from all the compliments, the smiling faces, and post-reunion notes from friends, we are taking the liberty of declaring the 1977 Reunion a great success.

APPRECIATIVE

General Chairman John Clouser and the co-chairmen, Bill Hennemuth, Chuck Koskie and Frank Ozart are appreciative to all the committees who worked on special activities. The Bob Winkelmans assisted by the Cas Paweleks and Jerry Fajnor's manned the registration desk. Bud Remer and Paul Clark were appropriately attired as they took charge of the "Old Chicago" Welcoming Party. On Friday evening Bill Hennemuth and Mike Belmonte were on tap for the reunion dance.

SOLEMN SERVICE

One of the most impressive and important events of all reunions is the Memorial Service. Led by the 81st Army Band, the troops got into formation on the Regency Plaza for the march to the Eternal Flame at the Richard J. Daley Civic Center. As all gathered about, Dr. David Heller, Master of Ceremonies, called the group to attention for the playing of the Star Spangled Banner. Participants in the service were Rev. Spears, Father Connors, Father Rowan, Bob Winkelman, Bud Remer and Chuck Koskie. As Taps were sounded, we can be certain that the private thoughts and prayers in the hearts of everyone brought to a solemn conclusion a most impressive Memorial Service.

RECEPTION

Prior to the banquet, a reception was hosted by the Illinois Chapter in honor of past and present officers and Board of Governors representatives. Beautiful and tasty hors d'oeuvres were made by Ann Belmonte, Peg Hennemuth, Georgene Winkelman and Irma Koskie. Joe Lacie and Mike Belmonte served up the bubbies.

LARGEST SUM

Following the Banquet on Saturday night, items of business included the presentation of Memorial Scholarships by John Clouser. Everyone was given the opportunity to replenish the depleted funds and very generously produced a total of one thousand dollars. This is the largest sum ever collected at a reunion. Over the years more than 22,000 dollars has been awarded to deserving young sons and daughters of the Ninth Infantry Division. National Secretary Dan Quinn awarded Certificates of Merit to selected members and to the out-going members of the Board of Governors. Paul Clark is being replaced as the Illinois Representative by Frank Ozart. Illinois members receiving Certificates of Merit were Emil Radic for his special service during the reunion and Joe Lacie for his service to the local chapter. President Chuck Koskie (who, incidentally, became a proud grandfather the week-end of the reunion), made some closing remarks and presented the gavel to newly elected President Al Perna of Philadelphia.

WATCH SERVICES

The President's Ball following the banquet concluded the scheduled activities of the reunion. Many scammed to their rooms at news time to watch the report of the Memorial March and Service on the evening news. On Sunday morning, most of the gang were seen taking off for their respective homes. Another Reunion has passed, but another is coming. We will see you all in Philadelphia!!

COMING EVENTS

The August meeting will be held at Tedtmans. At this time plans and details of a fall picnic will be arranged. Chapter President Bill Hennemuth and Secretary Bob Winkelman are hoping that many of the rarely seen folks who attended the reunion will now wish to become more involved in all of our many activities. We have some really good times.

MARK CALENDAR

Mark your calendar for the get together with the Michigan Chapter in Sturgis on October 15th.

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

LADIES AUXILIARY ELECT OFFICERS

The ladies are very active at the reunions and this year they elected Julia Netta to lead their group. Irene Tapp was chosen Vice-President of the Auxiliary with Lillian Krasovitz to keep the records as secretary Phyllis Perna will keep an eye on the loot as treasurer and Ruth Victor will be the Spiritual guide.

Congratulations Ladies.

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MAIL CALL

60th Inf.

Norbert J. Hennen
4130 Washburn Ave. North
Minneapolis, Minn. 55412

We have just returned home from the Hyatt Regency and want to express our gratitude to all those concerned with the staging of our convention.

It was a truly outstanding reunion and we were indeed happy to see so many old friends in attendance. A particular surprise to us was to meet Joe and Edith Podany of northeast Minneapolis.

Attached is the copy of a letter which we have sent to John J. Clouser and his committee in appreciation of a superb job.

Dear John:

My wife, Anne, and I want to thank you and your Thirty Second Annual Reunion Committee for the outstanding job you did for us at the Hyatt Regency on 28-30 July 1977.

The program was well conceived and executed and the arrangements were all strictly first class.

The high point, of course, was our march to the eternal flame to do honor to our fallen comrades. Incidentally, Channel 9 TV gave that march excellent coverage on the late night news.

Warm regards to everyone!
Sincerely,
Norbert Hennen

E Co. 60th

Arthur Lougher

108 Elm St.
Waverly, N.Y. 14892

Arthur has been trying to locate several men of the Ninth to aid him with a claim at the VA. We did have a few of the addresses that he requested but they were from a way back when. Fortunately some of them were current addresses and he did receive a few replies. His letter reads "Your information to me on locating, Lt. Parker, Lt. Schade, Dr. Selkirk have helped more than I can thank you for. I have a letter and also a statement from 1st Lt. Charles Schade and Sgt. William Pinto.

Would it be possible, or permissible to say "Hi" to the whole Company (Easy) through the Octofoil and mention the names of Dr. Selkirk, 1st Lt. Parker, 1st Lt. Schade. The immortal 1st Sgt. Frank Czar and Sgt. William Pinto. I would appreciate hearing from them and need statements according to the VA claims.

I sure would like to read it in the Octofoil. There are so many guys who could help me and as I said before your help I can't thank you enough.

By the way when I was with the C.P. of East Company I was a P.F.C. and did not make Staff-Sgt until I went to Service Company. I got caught smoking in the gasoline area by Col. Westmoreland, then Regimental C.O. He gave me the devil in a gentlemen's way but the next day I had about 20 "No Smoking" signs made up and struck around. I finally made supply Sgt. in Geisenfeldt - with the help of Capt. Jack Coulter (RSO) and a few other helping hands.

Its hard to write and reminisce because so many that I used to write to are dead. It makes you feel old - I'm 64 already and in hellish shape but still in there. -- Yours to the Ninth.

John A. Mrugala
RDD 1 Box 11
Barnesboro, Pa. 15714

Co K 47th

John sends his membership for 1978 and writes "I have been coming along fine since my heart attack of July 1975. I am working five days a week but I am limited to the duties I can perform at my job.

I received a letter from Evan Thompson a former Co K member, he was at the past reunion in Chicago. He sent me a couple of photos of some former Co K members. He also informed me that next year's reunion will take place in Philly. If all goes well and my health is good - God willing I will be there. It's over two hundred miles from here to Philadelphia and I can drive it all the way on the Pa. pike. I will bring my wife with me. This will be something for me to look forward to. I know there will be a lot of things to talk about.

The article in the Octofoil "Traveling down the road of History" I enjoy reading and it brings back a lot of memories. I was shocked to read some time ago about the passing of Joe Lagattuta. I remember him well for a period of time. I was in the fourth platoon and he was the section Sgt. of the machine gun section. The last time I remember seeing him was after St. Lo when we lost several men including Cap. Neely and S-Sgt. Henry Dziomba and I believe it was at the time Joe became First Sgt. As time goes by it is hard to exactly place the time of events. He was a great guy. I was in the machine gun second squad when we went to France. Even though I joined the outfit in N. Africa I did not really begin to know the other fellows until we came to England and was in garrison. I extend my sympathy belatedly to his widow.

I want to wish the best and God's blessing to all of my former comrades and I plan on seeing all of you next year in Philly at the reunion.

34th FA

Al Benoit
156 Harris St.
Pawtucket, R.I.

Sorry we could not make the convention this year in Chicago. Noilla and I had just returned from our vacation in Hawaii, where we had a real nice time. We visited three islands - Marie, was the best, a real paradise island, to be sure.

We are fine at this writing, hoping this letter finds you and yours, at your very best. Pete Lemieux recently underwent an operation for the removal of gall stones - he is recuperating very well. He and Sis join us in sending your folks our fondest best wishes.

We hope to see you in Worcester, come November, in Father Connors Coffee Shop. Until then, Aloha.

Div. Hqs. -G2

Robert W. Robb
450 California Road
Bronxville, N.Y. 10708

Sorry I've been delinquent - been in my Portugal bivouac. - Golly it's been 32 years since I retained a Washington lawyer and incorporated the Division Association (and was criticized) for spending \$200,000 on the lawyer. -- Regards to all.

D.C. Clayman
805 Bay Colony Drive
Virginia Beach, Va. 23451

3rd Bn CO-47th

Currently the "Octofoil" is running a series of articles on the WWII history of the 47th Infantry. Whoever is doing the writing is producing an outstanding piece of literary work. I am most anxious to obtain a copy of the completed work for my personal file. Could you tell where I could get a copy?

I had hoped to see you at the convention this summer but it will have to be next year. I'm recovering from kidney surgery and the Doctor won't let me travel. Hope you have a great convention and please say "hello" to the old gang for me.

Eds note: As we've written to General Clayman, we don't know who the writer was. We found in an old file stored away with the many records of the Ninth.

Waltel Pastel
60 Waldeck Rd.
Milton, Ma. 02186

Hqs 3Bn 39th

Walter requested four decals and writes "I put one decal on each of my travel bags-not only do I quickly identify my bags as they come down the chute at the airports, also if any interesting people see the "Octofoil" in transit, we meet nicely. Changed bags so I need 4 new ones. Best regards to all".

Ed Netta
608-Fourth Ave.
Elizabeth, N.J. 07202

Co F 47th

Received notice of my back dues and not being up to par these last few months (pinched nerve in neck) it slipped my mind but enclosed find dues and an ad for the reunion journal. Sorry I can't make the reunion this year and to see Chuck Koskie but give he and his wife Erma my regards.

Edward Trainor
182 William St.
Stoneham, Mass. 02180

Co H 47th

Hope you run out of red ink and everything and one will be in the black. Enclosed find membership and ad for reunion journal. My family is in good health, June and Martha and Dennis-by the way Dennis was part of the Scholarship Program and it helped. The best to you and Frank Fazio and the gang. Hope to see all at Father Connors this Fall.

1st Bn.
Hq.-47th

Irwin Simmons
1465 Illinois S.W.
Huron, S.D. 57350

Enclosed find three year membership. I had a wonderful mini-reunion with two swell guys, Pete Peterson and Harold Segal, in Philadelphia, during June. Best regards to all.

60th Inf.

Al Ritacco
244 Mountain Ave.
North Caldwell, N.J. 07006

A few lines to say hello. Give my best to all the old timers. Enclosed find dues for the year.

JOHN J. CLOUSER
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Co E 47th

Marty writes an appeal to all the members. For the Reunion of 1978 to be held in Philly-I have been appointed "Special Events Chairman" and we are planning a pleasant surprise for all our members for that reunion. Please try to include in all the Octofoils the following "ALL DIVISION GRAND-FATHERS" send you name and address to Martin Bergman.- Hope all is well and best wishes.

Chester Mikus
220 Fellowship Ra.
Moorestown, N.J.

B Btry. 84th FA

Enclosed find three membership, and must say I keep intending to go to the Philly meeting and give my dues to Dick Wilson.

I would like to have the copy of the Octofoil that covered the reunion as I wasn't able to make it.

Hailan E. Scott
Box 56
Zullinger, Pa.

Co A 60th Inf.

Enclosed find membership and money for the 60th History you sent. The book I would like to find, like the one I loaned someone, is "8 Stars to Victory". I would appreciate it if you could locate one of these if available any where.

Eds note: The book "8 Stars to Victory" has been sold out for some time-perhaps one of our members has an extra copy and could help Hailan.

Jack Safford
120 Forum Dr.
Whiteland, Ind. 46184

47th-Hqs & F Co.

Sorry about the delay in sending my dues. Will try to make it to Chicago. I have been active in the V.F.W. since moving here four years ago and am planning on going to the National Convention in Minneapolis in August and march with our Color Guard.

Best wishes to all the gang.

Farnis Apostolides
41 Gardner St.
Peabody, Mass. 01960

15th Eng.

Hope this note finds all in the Best of Health. Enclosed find membership for three years.

Sorry I could not attend the reunion in Chicago. As you know this is our busiest season. I will definitely see you all (God willing) at Father Connors, in November.

Charlie Bailey
Drawer C
Woodlawn, N.C. 27897

Co K 47th

Charlie writes "I forgot about the Red ink and neglect to send in my dues. Sorry I couldn't make the reunion this year. Best of luck to you, Langer, Witzken and the gang."

Wyeth Colclasure
RR 1
Kimmunity, Ill. 62854

60th Inf

Thanks for the reminder, not only getting old, but forgetful also. Glad to see action to include the new Ninth. They have every right to be Proud of the Octofoil as were we. I hope the new Ninth will be charitable and accept us since we have repented. The old men live through their sons. May we all: Patriots be. Liberty, Fraternity, Equality above all Liberty.

Rupert A. Pieratt
1717 S. Ethel Ave.
Alhambra, Cal. 91803

Hqs 3Bn 39th

I enjoy reading the Octofoil and hearing the news. I retired five years ago and am enjoying good health.

I will be unable to attend the reunion this year but know it will be a success.

Hello to any of my buddies.

Leo E. Smith
215 Geary Drive
Montgomery, Ala. 36108

84th F.A.

I appreciate the reminder, I'm ashamed I let it slip my mind these days. I stay busy and it was an oversight. Thanks again- Regards to all.

R.M. Hummel, M.D.
2411 Lommel Lane
Marion, Ind. 46952

1st Bn 60th Inf

Apologies for late payment-no good excuse. Still "practicing" Medicine here in Indiana. Last year was in Europe-Munich, Rhine River and Belgium. Nearly jammed my camera taking pictures at Remagen. Quite a thrill to relive some of the experiences without having to wear a helmet.

Best wishes to everyone.

Billy Davidson
176 Larch Road
Pambridge, Mass. 02138

CoB 15th Eng.

My last Octofoil had a "red address" on it but I paid little attention to it as I have been operating in the red for years. When I received a letter telling me I was in the delinquent class, hell, that was nothing new either. Every Company Commander I had and there were many had the pleasure of confining me to quarters usually until we shipped out again.

Sorry I could not make the reunion this year due to vacation scheduling here at Harvard's Fogg Art Museum, where I hang out with Rembrandt, Deges and the rest of the old masters.

Enclosed find three years dues. Please, say "hello" to all the gang from the 15th Engineers for me and warn Allie Ferrante, Tony Madonna and Jimmy Keohene that I'll be seeing them at Double O's. Father Connors Mass in November.

Philly in 78

When was the last time you wrote a letter to our Mail Call Column?
The deadline for the next issue will be October 20th.

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