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THE OCTOFOIL

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

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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SALUTE 'OLD RELIABLE'

AS WE SAW IT THE VERY FIRST BI-CHAPTER OUTSTATE MEETING

A GREAT SUCCESS

On October the 15th, sixty-seven Members and Guests from the Illinois and Michigan Chapters got together for an unprecedented weekend. The highly successful event took place at the Sturgis Holiday Inn, mid-way between Chicago and Detroit.

A few began arriving on Friday but Saturday was the big day. The adjoining rooms of Fred & Jane Josey and Bill & Lucile Andrews made an ideal CP gathering place. It was service with a smile as name tags were presented with friendly greetings and refreshments & treats were enjoyed by all.

SHOW ON THE ROAD

At 6:30 PM everyone headed for the Sturgis Room off the Main-Lobby where the Cocktail Hour was only the beginning of a wonderful Program. All the details were arranged by Co-Chairmen Fred Josey and Bill Andrews and a fine job was done by Elmer Wagner as Master of Ceremony. Both Chapter Presidents, Bill Hennemuth from Illinois and Ed Wisniewski, Michigan "got the show on the road" with their fine opening comments.

After enjoying the Buffet-Dinner, a round of prize drawings followed. The beautiful floral Octofoil centerpiece was won by the Sec. of the Illinois Chapter, Bob Winkelman. One of our Michigan Chapter Gals, Jane Young took home a cute ceramic GI Joe with the Octofoil on his helmet. Both of these fine gifts were donated by Fred & Jane Josey.

The lucky winners of the regular Bottle Raffle were: Frank Ozart, Elmer Wagner and First Lady of the Illinois Chapter, Peggy Hennemuth. At least another dozen trinkets found their way to some lucky "Guys & Gals" as the drawing continued.

BRINGING BACK

By now, the stage was set for one of the main features of the night. John Maule and Elmer Wagner combined their talents in bringing back a few great moments of our 1970 25th Anniversary ETO Trip. The time went by so quickly, as it always does when you're having a nice time. On this occasion we didn't get a chance to see any of Elmer Wagner's candid slides. Nor did we see any of Jackie Grgurich's act. We can't help wondering why he and Val never made it to Sturgis.

The Program may have come to an end but the night was not over, yet. We all were invited back to the CP where the friendly atmosphere prevailed till the small hours of morning. What a wonderful time.

SHARE FINAL WORDS

After a few winks, no one was in a hurry to leave for home in the morning. Many found their way to attend Mass or Services in this quiet little town. Back at the Holiday Inn, breakfast or brunch went well with so many Association friends to share a few final words.

It was a great week-end and we're looking forward to more of them in the future. Anyone who missed this one, may get another chance.

We hear from Tippie Plunkett occasionally and we're grateful for all the photos that she sent us through the years. Although she can't make all the events, her interest in the Association is very keen. She's always happy to hear from any of us. If you happen to have a few moments, drop her a line, she'd be delighted. (286 Zimpfer St. Columbus, Ohio 43206.)

John Bonkowski
19941 Hickory
Detroit, Michigan 48206

PHILLY IS AWAITING WITH "OPEN ARMS"

Al Perna, president of the Association and Co-Chairman of the Philadelphia reunion for 1978 assures us that this reunion will be tops just like all the reunions held by the association. He sends an open invitation to all the "old reliables" to come and enjoy a 'wonderful Reunion in Philly on July 27, 28, 29th 1978.

Being part of the reunion will enrich your life with contentment and satisfaction that doesn't come with money or worldly possession. We are a great association that has held a reunion every year since we organized in 1945 after the war.

The Philli-Delaware Valley Chapter are proud to be host for the 33rd Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association on July 27-28, 1978. To those members and it is our fond wish that there will be many - who are making plans to bring their families to the 33rd reunion.

If, happily, you have decided that you will be among those who will stand up and be counted at this annual session of our great Association - one of the best - if not the greatest - then act now, without further hesitation - reserve what size space you'll need for your entire bivouac at Philly's finest accommodation - The Philadelphia-Sheraton Hotel. Rates etc., appear in another section of the Octofoil.



Irv Feinberg being presented with Plaque by New York Postmaster John R. Strachan.

PRESENTED AWARD

Irv Feinberg, Treasurer of the Greater New York Chapter 9th Infantry Division Association, and a veteran of forty years in the United States Postal Service was recently presented with a Meritorious Service Plaque and a cash award of \$500.00. Irv was instrumental in the successful development and national implementation of the MM Corrugated Letter Tray and Sleeve. Through his personal efforts these items were designed and put into service for processing and dispatch of billions of letters throughout the entire U.S. Postal Service.

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NO SURPRISE

The success of his invention can come as no surprise to all who served with Irv Feinberg in the 9th Infantry Division. Irv was always interested in improving communications. Just prior to the Division leaving the States for combat, Irv attended radio school. Upon completion of the course, he was assigned to Message Center Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion 47th Infantry.

GENERAL PATTON

He made the invasion of Safi in North Africa with a bicycle to deliver messages. Because of the hilly terrain, a jeep was assigned to him shortly after the invasion. One day, while sitting alone at the Message - Center CP, General Patton, wearing his two pearl handled guns, walked in and directed him to personally deliver a message to Colonel Gershenour, Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry. The next day, Irv was part of a bicycle brigade moving across North Africa. He lost the bicycle during the battle of the Kasserine Pass.

HIS LONGEST DAY

Later, when almost the entire 2nd Battalion attack force was missing in action after an attack at El Guettar, Irv who had remained at the rear CP Message Center, was promised the Congressional Medal of Honor by General Eddy if he would take a radio and find or somehow make

contact with Colonel Gershenour. Irv made an attempt to find Colonel Gershenour. It was an impossible mission as the Colonel had already been captured by the Germans. Irv can never forget the murderous artillery fire he went through on this the "Longest Day of the War" for him. As all of the Battalion radio operators were lost during this attack, Irv was placed in charge of the radio section. With the arrival of replacement radio operators, he helped to mold the radio section so that it always operated with utmost efficiency.

PLAN HATCHED

With the battles of North Africa and Sicily behind him, Irv became part of the forces getting ready in England to invade the Continent. As the 9th Division was not due to land until D Plus 4, a plan was hatched to try to make the Germans believe that the 9th Division was part of the "D" Day force. Irv volunteered to land on "D" Day with the two other radio operators in order to fill the air with radio messages which would give the impression that the 9th Division was really there. He was waiting on the beach to greet and rejoin the 47th when it landed on D plus 5. Irv had gone through a most hectic five days.

WE SALUTE

The 9th Division Association wants to take this opportunity to salute Irv Feinberg for his noteworthy accomplishments both in the Army and the U.S. Postal Service.

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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 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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policy. Don't be careless and deprive your family of benefits you want them to receive.

My wife is always doing little sentimental things, like this past Easter she gave me a rabbit punch.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASS'N.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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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 Reliabies:

Thomas O'Connor Hq Co 47th Inf.

Roger M.: Hughes 84th FA
Harold Slaybaugh-Bty C 26th FA

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

47th HISTORY CONT.

COORDINATED ATTACK

It was planned to bring Company "F" abreast and on the left flank of Company "E"'s advanced positions, then launch a coordinated attack on the road junction. In the attempt to come abreast, Company "F" received murderous small arms and machine gun fire and were unable to establish contact. Company "E", meanwhile, received heavy mortar and artillery fire in their exposed positions. The enemy had deeply-emplaced, well-camouflaged and numerous machine guns at his disposal, and the slightest movement on our part brought a withering hail of bullets.

STUBBORN RESISTANCE

At 1400 hours, Company "F" was withdrawn and moved around to the right of Company "E" in an effort to out-flank the opposition, but here again they met stubborn resistance, and, being unable to make any appreciable advance before dark were forced to establish positions for the night about two hundred yards short of Company "E"'s position. On the 12th of October, the attack was resumed at 1000. Company "F" attacked with the same purpose of out-flanking the resistance in front of "E" Company, but the same stiff resistance was encountered from the well dug-in enemy positions with cleared lanes of fire and direct observation, and they were kept from advancing their position.

MOTORIZED RESERVE

In mid-afternoon, orders were received for "E" and "F" Companies to disengage and assemble preparatory to movement to an assembly area. The two companies were specified Division Motorized Reserve and were instructed to be prepared to assist the 39th Infantry, who had been counter-attacked. The 1st Battalion of the 36th Armored infantry occupied an area just to the rear of "E" and "F" Companies' former defensive positions so as to be available for use as a reserve battalion for the 47th Infantry in the event of an enemy attack.

2d Bn (less A Co. and elements of Hq. & H Co.) (Companies' activities with 39th Infantry)

RELIEVED

On the 25th of October, the 9th Infantry Division, less the 47th Infantry Combat Team, was relieved from assignment to VII Corps and were attached to V Corps. Because of the necessity of having a full division

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I certify that the statements made by me above are correct.
DANIEL QUINN, Editor and Publisher, The Octofoil.

available for employment in the sector which was being vacated by the 39th and 60th Infantry Regiments; the 47th Infantry was not included in the relief; but were instructed to maintain their same defensive positions, and were correspondingly at-

tached to the 3rd Armored Division for operation administration. The balance of the 9th Division was moved by motor to a rest camp in ELSENBORN, in the V Corps sector.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION
ASSOCIATION
July 27-30, 1978

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ILLINOIS CHAPTER NEWS

Chapter members are urged to attend the November meeting at Tedtman's. Plans for the Christmas party on Saturday, December 10th will be completed at this time. Persons unable to attend will receive detailed information in the mail.

Leftovers for September Meeting

Providing refreshments for the September meeting at the Clousers took a minimum of planning. All of the left-overs from the C.P. room at the reunion were set out and it became a create your own concoction affair. Numerous partially filled bottles were soon emptied. The overflowing contents of the Clousers garbage containers could have provided a reason for the entire neighborhood to raise its eyebrows.

Bill Hennemuth gave the financial report of the reunion and declared it a profitable venture. Close budgeting on the part of the committee allowed a profit of a little over one hundred dollars. The profit on the program book came to over eight hundred dollars. Special recognition was accorded Frank Ozart and Emil Radic for their tireless efforts in providing a fine book and the additional revenue for the National Organization. Frank will present the complete report at the Board of Governors meeting in Worcester.

We were glad to see Jerry Fajnor had recovered from recent surgery and was able to attend. Gordon and Marion Anderson are now attending meetings regularly after becoming reacquainted at the reunion. We wish more would do the same.

Pictures of the reunion were passed around by Irma Koskie and Ann Belmonte.

Mid-west Mini-reunion

A contingent of twenty Illinoisans drove the one hundred fifty miles to the Sturgis Holiday Inn where the Michigan Chapter were holding their annual "Out-State" meeting. Paul Clark chauffeured his Winnebago with nine people aboard. Card playing and munching made the trip especially enjoyable. Upon arrival we were ushered to the Fred Josey's room for a lot of meeting and greeting of old and new friends. The Michigan chapter hosted a cocktail hour prior to being seated for a bountiful buffet. Place cards served to mix the group and we all made new friends from our neighboring state.

The enterprising Michaganders sold raffle tickets and were gracious enough to let Peg Hennemuth and Frank Ozart win two of the three prizes. Bob Winkelman won the floral Octofoil centerpiece, which he immediately presented to Georgine, just in time for "Sweetest Day".

Five Past Presidents

Time out was taken for five Past-Presidents in attendance to have their picture taken. "Cheesing" for the camera were John Bonkowski & Fred Josey of Michigan and Frank Ozart, Chuck Koskie and John Clouser of Illinois.

Bill Hennemuth was spokesman for us all when he thanked the Michigan chapter for including us in this fine, fun affair.

On Sunday morning good-byes were bid and all agreed that this had all the qualities for becoming an annual event. THANKS AGAIN, MICHIGAN!!

Mr. and Mrs. J. Clouser
901 Graceland
Des Plaines, Ill.

New Yorkers hold dinner-dance

On October 15th the "old reliables" of the New York Chapter held their annual dinner-dance at the Armory at 25th and Lexington in the Big Apple.

Bill Klaus and Frank Fazio handled the arrangements like two old mess sergeants and Vince Gugglielmino with an assist from Francis Smiles dispensed the suds. The President of the association Harry Meltzer was on hand to greet the members and their guests. As he promised Pete Radichio made the trip from California. He had some vacation time and working for an airline certainly has its benefits. Pete will be back again with us in a few weeks for the Worcester Memorial.

Bus to Worcester

Walter O'Keeffe the travel agent for the chapter (we call him that) has once again booked solid a bus for 45 members to leave New York on November 5th for the 33rd Memorial Mass to be held by Father Connors.

This year Walter has made arrangements for the Jerseyites to board the bus at the Lincoln Tunnel before the bus goes to New York to pick up the New York members. The bus lines has its garage in Jersey in Frank Sinatra's home town of Hoboken (we might add the secretary Dan Quinn was born there many many moons ago).

Christmas Party

The next event for the chapter will be the annual Christmas Party being held on December 11th, Sunday afternoon, at the Armory on 25th Lexington. This is another great day - live music for dancing-food for the chow hounds and beverages for those who imbibe in a few. But the part Art Schmidt likes the best - its all for free.

Scully Scholarship

The winners of the Jack Scully Scholarship awards will be announced at the Christmas party. These awards have been granted to the New York members children for the last several years in memory of Jack Scully.

Annual Raffle

The yearly raffle held by the New Yorkers will also be drawn at the Party. This being the main source of income for the Chapter it has met with success for many years.

Don't forget the date for the Christmas party-December 11th and being that it starts at 1 PM we'll have you on your way home early enough to go to work on Monday. All wearers of the Octofoil are invited.

Ann & Pat Morano visited Notre Dame University en route to the Chicago Reunion. Coming out of the South Dining Hall after having lunch, Ann, unfortunately fell down and sustained a badly bruised right kneecap. The doctor in Chicago X-rayed her knee and said no chips were found. However, Ann had to stay off her feet, which made her terribly disappointed to miss her dancing, etc. Ann is taking it good-naturedly, saying that she "Got down on her knees at Notre Dame". We sincerely hope that her recovery will be swift.

Philly in 78

There are two ways to handle women, and nobody knows either one of them.



Bill Cannales sends us this photo taken at the Chicago Reunion he couldn't get over meeting Paul Segal for the first time since 1944 when they both were hit at St. Lo. Shown with this mini reunion of Company K 47th Infantry is the secretary Dan Quinn and starting on the left is Max Umansky, Quinn, Bill Cannales, Evan Thompson, and Paul Segal. This was Paul's first reunion.



Mrs. Frank Clark (Frank was in Hq 2nd Bn 60th Inf) sent us this photo of their grandchildren taken at the Illinois reunion. She adds "As sure as George Washington crossed the Delaware the Ninth Division lives on".

THE MEMORIAL FUND OF THE 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION Scholarship Information

The Memorial Fund of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was established by the members of the association to commemorate the memory of their comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice in battle. As a part of this fund the association established a scholarship program. Scholarships are awarded each year to relatives of men who served in The Ninth Infantry Division. Each scholarship is for one year.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

A person who wishes to apply for a scholarship must be related to a man who served with The Ninth Infantry Division. Children of former members of the division will be given first consideration, but children of men killed in combat given first preference. Applicants who are not children of former members of the division will not be considered unless no child of a former member qualifies.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following procedures must be followed by those wishing to apply for the scholarships:

1. Send a letter of application, written in expository form, to the chairman of the scholarship committee stating the following: name, address, age, and sex of the applicant; name, address, and occupation of the applicant's parents or guardians; the name and address of the secondary school the applicant is attending or has attended and graduated; the name and address of the college the applicant expects to attend; the vocational goal of the applicant; and the name of and degree of relationship to a former member of the division. The unit and dates of service in the division of the former member must be included.
2. A transcript of the applicant's high school record must be included with the letter of application. The transcript must include at least the first seven semesters of the applicant's record.
3. The applicant must have a counselor or principal of the high school he or she is attending write a letter of recommendation to the chairman of the scholarship committee.
4. The applicant must take the PSAT which is given every October. The applicant must see that the results of the PSAT are sent to the chairman of the scholarship committee. These results may be included with the high school transcript or sent to the chairman from the College Entrance Examination Board. The SAT of the CEEB may be submitted in lieu of the PSAT.
5. THE APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BY MARCH 15. Applications received after March 15 will not be considered.
6. All applicants must accept the decision of the Scholarship Committee as final.
7. Information to determine financial need will be requested by the Scholarship Committee after the applications have been considered.
8. Recipients of the scholarships may apply for renewal of the scholarship each year. A copy of the student's college grades, a financial statement, and a letter requesting renewal of the scholarship should be sent to the chairman by March 15.
9. All applications must be sent to: John J. Clouser, Scholarship Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division Association, 901 Graceland St., Des Plaines, Illinois 60018.

SERVICE BATTERY
26 Field Artillery Battalion

Frank Grutzius
Died Sept. 25, 1976
THIRTY THIRD ANNUAL
MEMORIAL MASS
Immaculate Conception Church
353 Grove Street
Worcester, Mass.
Sunday, November 6, 1977
10:00 a.m.

It is again our pleasure to attend a Memorial Mass. It is a good way, if only for a few minutes, to remember those good men with whom we served and who are no longer with us. The celebration of this Mass by Fr. Connors and with your presence in his church, we witness a devotion found nowhere else in our Country. If you cannot be in Worcester on November 6th then go to your own church and say a prayer for those no longer with us.

The parishioners at Immaculate have their plans, ammunition and equipment is ready and they are sure that you will remember your 1977 trip to Worcester.

Change your records to read:
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Lareau, Burnall, Star Route, Box 71 A L, Bay City, Texas.

HERE N THERE

Arnold and Margaret Leach celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary this year. They have also been presented with a new grandchild. Last November Joe Albanese fell from a step ladder - result - one arm in a cast for three months. Elmer Roscoe broke a hip last January. Three months later he developed a respiratory condition, then an infection in his damaged hip. He was under the care of a doctor for six months. Pergi tried to see Jimmy this spring but Jimmy was in Washington during the ten days Pergi was in Atlanta. Bill Sacco had a back operation which is still giving him trouble. Bill joined the ranks of the retired this summer. John and Dot Murray enjoyed a twelve day cruise on the Q E 2. Bill Bongiorno had a coronary attack last January. Under the watchful eye of his doctor, Bill felt that he was improving but tests showed something wrong. On August 24 Bill had a heart by-pass operation. Saw Punchy in Chicago - No change. Bill Andrews was in Chicago. Looks the same, maybe a little heavier. John Pohorilak joined Service 26FA in England and assigned to Cannon Co shortly before D Day. After discharge John entered the Seminary and became a Catholic Priest. He is now Pastor at St. Michael's Church, Newton Falls, Ohio. I have also joined the ranks of the retired.

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will be the
1978 Convention City 1978

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Traveling down road of history

HISTORY OF THE 47TH INFANTRY- OCTOBER 1944

On July 25th, the Allies were still confined in their Normandy bridgehead of some 1200 square miles. On September 16th, only fifty-four days later, they had cleared the enemy from the major part of France and Belgium, had penetrated deeply into Holland, had at several points penetrated the main defenses of the famed Siegfried Line and had formed a 650 mile front extending generally along the western borders of Germany. The fifty-four days' operations had been all but miraculous from the standpoint of supply; all logistics theory was opposed to the possibilities of continuing a mobile offensive in such strength and over such an expanse of territory with only one major seaport available to the attacker. The ingenious use of the beaches for landing men and materiel, hitherto considered impracticable for large-scale operations, was perhaps the most important deciding factor in the struggle to keep the front-line troops supplied with the innumerable necessities of warfare.

DRAWBACKS

It was inevitable, however, that sooner or later the great offensive would have to stop. In several instances, we in the 47th Infantry had seen indications of the acute supply problem. Several times in our march through Eastern France and Belgium, our forward progress had been retarded by nothing more than lack of gasoline. Despite these drawbacks, by September 16th, the regiment had effected a complete penetration of the supposedly invulnerable defenses of the Siegfried line. MAUSBACH, KREWINKLE AND SCHEVENHUTTE were the furthest points of advance, and attack orders designated GRESSENICH and subsequently Duren as the objectives of our next effort.

SPENT IN RE-ORGANIZING

On the 17th of September, the Germans had launched a local counter-attack. It was evident from this that they had finally rallied their forces and had established a line of defense which, because of our apparent inadequacy of necessary supplies, would be sufficiently strong to deny us further success in offensive operations. September 18th and 19th were spent in re-organizing, and to all outward appearances, it looked as though plans for further offensive operations would not be immediately forthcoming.

The problem now facing the 47th Infantry was one of static defense of a front-line sector which, because of a more successful penetration than that of units on our right and left, formed a triangular salient into the German lines. The 3rd Armored Division, operating on our left flank, had effected a partial capture of the city of STOLBERG and had extended their line to the east as far as WEISENBERG, and thence south to MAUSBACH. An exposed valley ran between MAUSBACH and GRESSENICH, untenable for both the enemy and us; consequently the positions of the 1st Battalion, who was responsible for the left sector facing north ran on a line from FLEUTH to KREWINKLE to northwest of SCHEVENHUTTE, on the edge of the Wenau State Forest and overlooking this exposed valley.

The 3rd Battalion held positions around the town of SCHEVENHUTTE to the north and east, and the 2nd Battalion, responsible for the right part of the regimental sector, held positions in the dense Wenau State Forest. They were faced generally to the east. Combat Engineers maintained a number of road-blocks in the gap which existed between our 2nd Battalion and the 39th Infantry, and physical contact was established with these Engineers. Most of the regimental sector was covered by these large and close-growing fir trees, which, although providing excellent concealment, made the enemy's artillery fire devastatingly effective, for a large share of the shells exploded in the trees. To counteract this, the troops utilized the timber to provide adequate over-head cover for their fox-holes, and installations in the forward areas were well dug-in. A regimental observation post, manned by members of the regimental intelligence and reconnaissance platoon, was established in KREWINKLE, which afforded excellent observation to the north and northeast.

FLANK PROTECTION

It was imperative that adequate flank protection be taken, and to accomplish this, extreme care was exercised in tying in defenses with those of adjacent units. Road-blocks, mine-fields and barbed wire were used extensively in the elaborate system of defenses which was installed. Although it was felt that the enemy was incapable of attacking in any great strength in our sector, a recurrence of attacks of company and battalion strength such as was experienced by the 3rd Battalion during the latter part of September, was an ever-present probability, and constant alert was maintained by all units during the entire period.

CHRONOLOGICAL METHOD

Heretofore, the authors have used the chronological method in narrating the activities of the regiment, inasmuch as such a day-by-day account is more conducive to the preservation of continuity in a history of this nature. The events of the month of October, however, do not lend themselves to this method of presentation. It is felt that a clearer picture will result by describing enemy and friendly activities separately. The reader must bear in mind that very little change in positions was made all through the month of October.

As has been stated previously, it was believed that the enemy finally had been enabled to establish a line of defense sufficiently strong to deter our sparsely-supplied troops. The enemy infantry opposing the First Army were, in the main, make-shift units which had been organized from the remnants of regular divisions which had suffered heavy casualties in previous engagements, from naval and air corps personnel who had received only scant, if any of infantry training, and from the new draftees, "scraped from the bottom of the man-power barrel". The enemy chose to use these second rate troops, supported with plenty of first-rate artillery, to defend his front, and kept his crack divisions in reserve. The troops

who faced the 47th Infantry were an exception to this rule, however. We were opposed by elements of the 12th Infantry Division, a regular German division with an excellent reputation. It was established that the 48th Infantry Regiment of the 12th Division was generally disposed along our regimental front. Thus, quality in the troops opposing the 47th Infantry during the month of October was not lacking.

ARTILLERY POWER

The enemy manifested a wealth of artillery power, and this was indeed the most disturbing feature of his defense. Now that we were nearing the Rhineland, the focal point of the enemy's industrial might, the problems of supply which had heretofore limited his expenditure of ammunition were now no longer extent. Sporadic fire from every type of German Artillery weapon continually harassed our positions throughout the period, and in several instances, the Germans exhibited artillery power which was unparalleled in our experience. Fortunately, the major part of the fire was unobserved map firing on suspected locations, which detracted from its effectiveness. The elaborate precautions taken by all troops to insure adequate protection from the artillery proved well worth the efforts expended; casualties for the period were surprisingly low. The Regimental Command Post in VICHT was shelled intermittently during the period, and several casualties were sustained.

COUNTER BATTERY

Retaliatory measures proved extremely effective through the use of "sound and flash", "shell reps" and artillery observation planes in locating enemy gun positions. Each member of the command was impressed with the necessity of prompt and accurate reporting of information concerning enemy shelling so as to provide our own artillery with counter-battery data. Although artillery units were limited somewhat from the standpoint of ammunition expenditure, all observed and known targets were hit unmercifully by guns ranging in size from 75mm to 240mm.

PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS

On three occasions, the enemy tried to influence us by use of something other than high explosives. Artillery shells stuffed with propaganda leaflets were dropped on our forward troops on the 22nd and the 26th of October, and on the 23rd of October, the enemy set up an amplifier and broadcast a program of American swing music. Choice bits of information concerning the disunity of the domestic war effort were dove-tailed in between the selections in an effort to lower our morale. The program had quite the opposite effect. The doughboys enjoyed the program immensely, and their morale suffered only because it had to come to such an abrupt end due to a salvo of a more effective type of persuasive influence from our Artillery.

CONSTANT ALERT

Patrol activity on the part of the Germans was vigorous throughout the month of October, but was made relatively ineffective by the constant alert which was maintained by all our units. At about 1630 on the 2nd of October, an 8-man patrol tried to penetrate Company "A"'s position, but were driven off by



Captain Meyer Boyarsky, Battalion Surgeon and Lt. Col. Donald Clayman of the 3rd Bn., 47th Infantry are pictured in photo taken by Al Bravin, mess sergeant Hq. Co. 3rd Bn, in the German town of Schevenhutte in October of 1944. Captain Boyarsky was killed on Easter Sunday April 1, 1945. He had been transferred as assistant Regimental Surgeon and was on his way up to visit his old battalion when his jeep was hit by planes strafing in the area. These planes were believed to be our own.

our small arms fire. On the 18th of October, a road block which was maintained by the 29th Engineers was attacked by a strong enemy patrol of undetermined strength. A motorized patrol from the 2nd Battalion was dispatched to counter the threat and the enemy withdrew immediately. On the 21st of October, a pill-box being used by Company "I" as an outpost was retaken by the enemy. During the night, investigation by our patrol showed that the pill-box had been vacated, and so re-occupied it. Other enemy patrolling was noticeably active on the 3rd, 6th, 17th, 25th and 26th of October.

VIGOROUS PATROLS

In operations in Tunisia, the regiment had learned well the necessity of carrying out extensive combat patrolling in defensive situations, and now we benefitted immeasurably from the lessons we had learned at that time. Contact patrols to flank units operated on a regular schedule throughout the period. Combat patrols of squad and platoon strength were initiated frequently, and much information concerning enemy dispositions and strength was thus gained. Typical of this type of activity was the experience of a patrol from Company "C". The patrol advanced to the southern edge of Gressenich in the early hours of the morning of the 9th of October and heard tanks moving from the southern edge of town to the northern end. In the evening, another patrol was dispatched into the town, and more tank movement was heard. From this we could infer that in all probability, enemy tanks occupied the town

during the night and withdrew during the day 31. Then, on the 23rd of October, in the middle of the day, with patrol from Company "C" entered the town of BUSCHAUSEN, just south of GRESSENICH, where they found prepared defensive positions which showed no signs of recent occupation. In advancing toward GRESSENICH, the patrol was fired on by small arms, which established the fact that the town was occupied by troops other than tanks at night. These isolated incidents are cited to show how valuable and vital is the information which can be secured by vigorous patrol activity.

DIVERSION

Offensive operations during the period were limited, in the main, to this vigorous patrol activity. On October 10th, however, Company "E" of the 2nd Battalion was ordered to attack to the southeast in order to create a diversion for the 39th and 60th Infantry who were attacking to the east on our south flank. "E" Company's assigned objective was a road junction about 1000 yards to the southeast of their defensive positions. The attack was launched at 1300, and Company "G" staged a diversionary demonstration with machine guns and mortars from their positions. Immediately upon crossing the line of departure, the company was subjected to intense machine gun, and artillery fire, and they were able to advance only about 300 yards. Positions were consolidated before nightfall and preparations made to resume the attack on the following day.



General George C. Marshall, US Chief of Staff, at the Ninth Inf. Div. C.P. in Zweifall, Germany - October 1944.

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Co F 47th

Edward (Hoppy) Hopkins
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Dear Danny,

I'm sure sorry I missed the Chicago convention. I hear that half of F Company 47th were there: Googy, Otto Geyer and a host of others whose names Howard "Red" Waldman couldn't remember. I understand that there were so many of them there that they are even talking of having a Company reunion in between the division conventions. Well, if they do, I have some candidates who would be most anxious to make such a reunion. Three of them I had the good fortune to visit this summer during a trip to the South. On the way down I stopped off to see our former CO, Frank M. Smith and his gracious wife Ann. They are living in Southern Pines where he is in the real estate and land development business. He has been retired from the army since 1959. You would have thought that royalty had walked in when my son, his friend, and I walked in. He took us on a tour of Fort Bragg where we watched some jumps by the 82nd Airborne troopers, then over to the old Ninth division area, and on to the Officer's Club on the main post for lunch. The old theater is gone, having burned down a number of years ago, but the service club is still there. We returned to the Smith home, located on a lake a few miles from Southern Pines, where we had refreshments and I had the pleasure of meeting Daniel Boone Adams, former CO of Anti-Tank Co and his lovely wife who is a retired major. Dan, too, is retired. Frank invited him when I mentioned that I had promised Mike Yednik and Howard Waldman that I would look up their old Company Commander.

When I left the Smiths he handed me a package that I was not to open until Felton Jones, Earl Wilkey, and I were together. My supersnooper mind and my keen tactile sense told me that it was a bottle with a cork on one end. We were on our way to Rome, Georgia to visit my old tentmate of the Safi days, Earl Wilkey. The following day we dropped the boys off in Atlanta, and Earl and I drove to Alapaha, Georgia, the home of Felton Jones, 1st Sergeant of Company F, 47th Inf. Felton's wife, Wilma, proved to be a superb hostess while we told stories thirty-four to thirty-six years old. That night about ten-thirty in answer to a soft knock, Wilma opened the door and who walked in but Frank Smith! That morning he had been talking to another retired colonel in Southern Pines and he said, "I'd sure like to be with those boys when they open that champagne."

His friend replied, "Well why don't you just get in your car and drive on down there?"

When Mrs. Smith nodded in agreement, that was all the encouragement he needed. He jumped into his Volare' and drove the five hundred sixty miles to that south Georgia town to spend a few hours with his former first sergeant and a couple of mortar men. Whatta guy! It certainly was a memorable trip for me.

When Earl and I returned to Rome to pick up the boys, we learned what an excellent hostess his wife Miriam had been. In addition to making everyone feel so at home and serving delicious meals, she had even done what laundry we had left at the house.

Danny, let me tell you that the Smiths, the Jones's and the Wilkeys certainly made southern hospitality have some meaning to me and the boys. Mark's friend, Jeff, couldn't believe the treatment we received on our trip. He kept saying, "But what was your father in the army? Why do they treat him so well? They treat him with so much respect and they are so considerate of us kids!" (I finally was forced to confess that I was a general).

I believe Jeff came up with the word when he mentioned RESPECT. We were a great outfit because we had respect for one another. The men respected the officers ----- not because the army so ordered, but because our officers earned the respect ----- and the officers respected the men and recognized their worth.

I am enclosing some pictures I hope you can use. When you finish with them please return them if it is possible. If it isn't possible, that's okay too, as I have the negatives.

The best of everything to you and Marie. Next time I visit my aunt in Weehawken I'll drop by and have a milk shake with you.

Ed Hoppie Hopkins

60th Inf. K Co.

MERTON G. BEEBE
176 E. Robbins Ave.
Newington, Conn.

It seems every year I seem to delay forwarding my annual dues. I am therefore forwarding my dues and marking my calendar for next year to insure my not forgetting.

I am sorry I was unable to attend this year's convention but will try for next year. I am in fairly good health for a man of my years enjoying golf and baseball games and travel. The best to you and yours for the coming years.

Co. L. 47th

WILLIAM H. MC NEIL
4900 Battery Lane
Bethesda, Md. 20014

Enclosed check for three year's dues.

I have retired from the Federal Government.

Am still active in American Legion and 40-8.

Have met several Ninth Division men in American Legion here in Maryland.

Still proud to have served in the 9th Division.

Co. B 39th

IRV TERCHAK
2559 So. 90 St.
West Allis, Wis. 53227

Just to say "hello" to you, and all my dear buddies from Co. B-39th Inf.

Sorry to have missed the reunion, but I was 12 hours late in returning from Europe. Really wanted to make the parade, and, of course, the banquet.

Please accept the enclosed check for the Scholarship fund, and hope to see all of you in Philly in 78.

Kindest and personal regards to all.

P.S. Does anyone have an extra copy of the reunion souvenir book? Sure would like to get a copy. (Willing to pay the postage.)

Co A 39th

WILLIAM MORRISON
104 Grapefruit Drive
Jasmine Lakes
Port Richey, Fla. 33568

The time has come - at age 68 - I am retiring to Florida - effective 12-15-77 I move into my new house at above address.

Will you please change your mailing records accordingly. Thanks and good luck.

Can. Co 60th Inf.

OSCAR RICHARDS
467 Sharon Drive
Wayne, PA 19087
Dear Dan:

Enclosed please find a picture of Wally Burr, former member of 60th Infantry E, and myself taken in Spain in early October of this year by the Mediterranean Sea at Malago, Spain.

We met at the airport in Newark, NJ just before the flight. His brother-in-law recognized me at the airport after seeing me in Chicago this past July at the Army 9 Reunion. Naturally it was a real treat and gratifying to meet one of the 9th men and his wife Madeline on the Motorcraft tour to Spain and to Morocco, North Africa.

I never thought I would return back to Africa. The Arabs have complete charge of the Government there now, no more free French in the towns. As one student in Political Science remarked to me that the culture, customs and norms remain even after the people leave. Since I've been there in 42-43, I noticed that you would never recognize it as such.

We had a meal and show in the Sultans Tent, and a tour of the Casbah Museum and Sultans Palace. Tangiers' Hills curve around the lovely bay and its beach rivals that of the Riviera. Behind this glittering facade is a wonderful conglomerate city populated by robed rifs, famous authors and expatriate American socialities who appreciate Tangiers' ever-perfect climate and way of life. That was our excursion to Tangiers, Morocco, North Africa.

On our trip to the Kingdom of Morocco we saw California, the residential district: Side Amar; the Sparte Gate and Hercules' Grottoes the Val Fleuri; actually the entire trip to Spain - Costa Del Sol - Morocco. We stayed at the Las Palmeras Hotel located in the fishing village of Fuengirola, directly on the sea front, overlooking the beach and harbor. The inside design of the hotel matches its surroundings...offering warmth and individuality. The hotel features four restaurants, night club, discotheque, five bars, two swimming pools (one of which is heated), gymnasium, saunas, hair dresser, shopping center and two tennis courts.

Co B 47th

JOSEPH HARVILLAS
Cardale, Pa. 15420 - Box 116
Sorry late this year in sending dues. As we've had a big event this summer. My youngest daughter (who's a chemist) Patricia was married and had a beautiful turnout.

Now, Mrs. James Durbin, both work and live in Switland, Md. Also, my oldest daughter Valerie, who is a teacher, presented us with our 1st granddaughter, of which we are very proud, Jennifer Kovack. Do hope to get to the reunion.

Barbara Meadows
Box 5325
National City, Mich. 48748

Barbara Meadows widow of Bill writes "Thanks a million for your nice letter and concern. Bill was really not sick. All he had was a backache. He was being treated by the doctor, but when it didn't get better he started taking tests then we found out it was cancer and there was no hope for this particular kind. I would love to receive the Octofoil. Glad we made the trip to Europe and all our others since."

39th Inf

HARRY C. HERMAN
745 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10022
Dear Dan:

Many thanks for your letter. Sorry I was out when you called.

I am more than happy to pick up the tab on the 9th Division flag for the Cherbourg Museum.

If you send me the official "Spec" sent from the Army, I will put it in the works.

Later we can discuss how to get it to the Mayor at Cherbourg who also heads up the Museum - which, by the way, is in the Old Fort at Octville.

All the best and warm regards.

P.S.: Sure, Dan, I remember you in the 47th, too.

John K. Moore
Apt. C213
4037 Lake Bayshore Dr.
Bradenton, Fla. 33505

60th Inf.

Gotta keep those Octofails coming! They are the only contact I have with the Assoc., living way down here; so as soon as my address changes, I surely will let you know.

Please change my address to read as at the top of this note, effective immediately. I don't want to miss any issues of that good paper you put out.

Best of luck to you, and regards to all fellow members.



Ed (Hoppy) Hopkins was busy taking this photo of Felton Jones, 1st Sgt., Earl Wilkey and Frank M. Smith CO of Company F 47th Infantry when they got together last summer in Georgia.



Oscar Richards and Wally Burr (E Co 60th) who met by chance on a Tour are shown at Malago, Spain. Story appears in Mail Call.

NOW HEAR THIS ALL GRANDFATHERS

Marty Bergman is Special Events Chairman for the 1978 Philly reunion AND he is planning a pleasant surprise for all Grandfathers who attend the reunion.

Please send your name and address to Marty at 9815 "A" Haldeman Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. 19115

Tip Of The Hat

We are proud of the guys who year after year never forget the Memorial Fund and we salute these members:

William Muldoon Co L 47th Inf.
Irv Terchak Co B 39th Inf.

Chaplain
Ladies Auxiliary

RUTH VICTOR
2745 Dodson Lee Drive
East Point, Georgia 30344

As Chaplain or Spiritual guide for our ladies auxiliary, I want to encourage more of our ladies to become active. We need each lady. Please, if you have room, print this thought of encouragement.

Thank you.

Ruth Victor-Spiritual Guide

I have no voice for singing, I cannot make a speech, I have no gift for music, I know I cannot teach. I am no good at leading, I cannot organize, and anything I write would never win a prize. But at roll call in meetings I always answer "Here"... When others are performing, I lend a listening ear. After the program's over, I praise its every part. My words are not to flatter, I mean them from my heart. It seems my only talent is neither big nor rare, Just to listen and encourage and to fill a vacant chair. But all the gifted people, could not so brightly shine, Were it not for those who use... "A talent such as mine!!"

Hope you have had a great summer. We have and all's well with us at the present time. Keep up the good work.

MAIL CALL

Mrs. George W. Smythe
5200 Oregon Ave. N.W.
Apt. 278
Washington, D.C. 20015
Enclosed is check for \$25.00 - I am not sure just which fund is appropriate.

I appreciate the regular issues of the Octofoil - in fact, have every issue - since George's death (in my personal file). Living in a small apartment as I do, there will come a time I'll have to sort, so let me know if you desire any such copies.

I appreciate very much this attention and consideration.

Can. Co 39th

Joe Montalchi
1408 - 90th Street
North Bergen, N.J. 07087

Joe is among the ever growing list of "Old Reliables" who are planning the move to the warmer clime of Florida. His wife writes "Enclosing dues for three years. Joe is looking forward to retiring early in January. That is, if we get a clearing or a closing with this house the 1st week in January. When we're sure of the closing, Joe will send you our new address."

"Hope all is fine and regards to all."

60th Inf

Norman L. Martin
320 Lake Fair Lane
Winter Park, Florida 32789

Want to let you know we moved to Florida (from Illinois). Don't want to miss the Octofoil, want to hear all that is going on. Sorry to have missed the convention, being it was so close. I had just gotten out of the hospital and was in the middle of packing.

Wish to say hello to all my friends and will write in the near future.

Editor's note: Thanks a million Norm, we wish all our members who move would be as prompt in notifying the secretary of their change of address. --- Hang in there Norm.

Co A 15th Eng.

HENRY SANTOS
9701 N. 46th Street
Tampa, Fla. 33617

Sorry to put you to the trouble of changing my address again. My wife and I now find it was a sad mistake moving back to R.I. from Florida to be near our friends and relatives. We'll miss them all and the chance to attend Fr. Connors' Memorial Mass, (a highlight of our year) but my limited income just will not allow living here so we are moving back to our old Florida address. We invite any of our old friends of the 15th Engineers to stop in any time they visit Florida. We're just a few minutes away from Bush Gardens.

Thanks again.

Co B. 60th Inf

FRANCIS MC DERMOTT
315 Hazel St.
Clifton, N.J. 07011

I'm awful sorry that my dues are so late. It's one of those things that there is not enough hours in the day to take care of these obligations. Being in charge of the D.A.V. and the adjutant sure takes up all my time. I'm sure sorry that I can't be active with a swell bunch of fellows that are in the association. Working midnight shifts sure deletes many pleasures that you would like to participate in.

Regards to all.

Co. L. 47th

BILL MULDOON
507 Treasure Point Dr.
Regency Park
Port Richey, Florida 33568

Hello from Sunny Florida and hope all is well up North. As we are trying to get along down here in the South. Artie Schmidt stopped in on the way home from the Reunion and filled me in on all the details. So, I showed him around this part of the woods. All the widows down here were eyeing him up. Enclosed is a donation to the Scholarship fund in Memory of Capt. Gail M. Frazier. He was my Company Commander in Europe. Could you please send me his home address as I would like to send a note to his next of kin.

Again, Danny I would like to say you guys are doing a wonderful job to keep the Association going. Good luck to all of you.

9th. QM.

LE ROY F. DREIFUS
1021 San Remo Circle
Largo, Florida 33540

Today I received my Octofoil, and it has a green circle with a 3 in the center and it made me think that maybe I hadn't paid my dues. Yet, my wife said, "if I hadn't, the name would have appeared in red". I looked up my card and I don't have a new card with this year's and the following years on it. I still have my old card. Would you be kind enough to send me another?

I wrote to you some time ago stating that my vision was failing. Well, it is now much worse, so much that the doctor has forbid me to drive and I must get rid of my car.

I used to be kept informed of the happenings of the outfit, but since little Harry passed on, I am in the dark. I always look for an article concerning QM news.

Will be looking for a new card. The check was sent 1-25-77.

Thanks in advance.

Co B 50th Inf

VIC OGEEN

17 Bacon Street
Le Roy, N.Y. 14482

I really enjoyed the May-June Octofoil and finding that Congressman Frank Horton is a 9th Division veteran. Rochester is 25 miles from my town. I've written to the congressman.

If anybody in this big world could help I believe it is the members of the Association.

My daughter, Veronica graduated from college after 6 years with a masters degree in College Administration. She has mailed resumes and of course no employment. Do you have any members who is in College administration? If so she will mail the resumes immediately!

God bless you and all the men of our great outfit.

Co K 47th

WILLIAM CANALES

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Iris Canales writes for her husband-

"Bill was going to bring check with him to the New York meeting but it was raining so hard and he had a bad cold, so I made him stay home. He meant to bring it to the next meeting, but he has had to work every Friday night.

I always forget when the next dues are due, so I am enclosing a check for a life membership. Now, I won't have to try to remember anymore.

Hope all is well- best wishes to all.

3rd Bn Med- 47th
Co L

Jack D. Whiteley
1403 Austin
LaMarque, Tex. 77568

I joined the Ninth Division at Ft. Bragg, N.C. about the 20th of August, 1942. Signed to the Medical but lived with Co. L Third Battalion of the 47th Inf. Reg. until July, 1944. It was quite hot around St. Lo France and I was sent back to the Aid Station for a break. On July 11, 1944 the Germans succeeded in overrunning the Third Battalion. CP and the entire Medical detachment was captured. That was the end of that break. I spent about 10 months a prisoner of war, met some of the boys that were captured, in Africa at El Guettar, back with U.S. Forces about May 15, 1945.

I am with Amoco Oil Company. Been with them since 1946 at Texas City, Texas. While off work after having had a stomach operation this past June, I made contact with Capt. Bob Hulslander from L Company. I was with Bob when he was wounded and about one week later, July 11, 1944, I was captured.

I am happy to join the Association and hope to make the next Reunion. I wish to say "hello" especially to Company L Third Battalion, 47th Infantry and to my old pup tent buddy, William Bauer.

Dan, I have a copy of History of the 47th Infantry Regiment which I received in 1946. The Staff of this book is:

Editor, Lt. David E. Gillespie
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This book is based on the work of CWO Harold T. O'Hara, member of the 47th. I wish to thank this Staff for putting this book together, also to all the men who have kept the Octofoil going.

Hq Co 47th

Emil J. DeDonato
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Richard Manfredi, who joined the Regimental Message Center in Africa, wrote me a long letter and in it he included his retirement announcement. I made several copies and am including one for publication in The Octofoil. It is an interesting story and I believe will make good reading.

Earlier in this year, I received news that Tom O'Connor, another member of the Message Center, passed away. His wife wrote saying Tom suffered quite extensively for about six months before the end came. Tom lived in Minneapolis, Minn.

My wife and I are getting ready for our yearly Florida trip. This year we plan to leave about November 15th and will remain there for 4 or 5 months depending how the money holds out. This means I will have to miss the Christmas Party and other functions.

I am feeling fine ... looking forward to the Florida sunshine, perhaps a bit of golf coupled with some sight seeing. Our oldest son lives in Florida with his wife, so we plan to spend some time with them.

Enclosed are my dues for three years. Regards to the boys attending the Memorial Mass ... we have to miss it this year as we have a previous engagement.

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The deadline for copy of the next issue of the Octofoil will be December 20th.

60th Inf

R.M.A. HIRST

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Gustav-Freytag-Str. 6

Received the Octofoil and I must thank you for the courtesy of publishing all of my lines as regards the proposed Remagen memorial!

BUT? I OVERLOOKED THE MOST IMPORTANT LINE and my dear wife made me cognizant of it when she read my letter as published in The Octofoil! Seems, I was not too bright when I typed the lines and forgot to mention that - well, let me clarify -

There are two towers remaining on the Remagen (west bank) side of the former bridge. In one is to be constructed (funds permitting) a cafe but in the OTHER, a museum! This to hold a history of the bridge - from construction to demolition! This I believe is most important to the membership, Dan!

The effort to raise funds is NOT primarily to build a cafe but to BUILD a memorial, in the form of a museum, in one of the remaining towers of the bridge. This should be made known to the membership. Thank you, Dan!

As perusal, I see the convention came off with glittering remarks. It would seem we do have a dedicated membership and a bunch of guys who do wish to see the memory of the Octofoil perpetuated! This will be extenuated by the construction by the Germans, made possible by the unflinching effort of the Mayor of Remagen, Herrn Hans-Peter Kuerten! I trust the membership will make their desires known. To know if they would like to have an authentic piece of the bridge and what they would consider likeness should be - either as I suggested in my last letter or let us hear from their ideas. It will take such to get this project off the ground and to make it something perpetual for all of the WW II members!

As to the present 9th, I am sorry to say that they fell flat on their faces (please do not publish) as regards the acquisition of stones. I had it all arranged. The Mayor was in agreement. The media was to be present. Then, the 9th representative telephoned to say - it could not be done, there might be problems in clearing the stones through customs!!!! PROBLEMS IN CLEARING A STONE THROUGH CUSTOMS!!!!

Enough of that, Dan, but do favour me and the association with an extract of what I said about the museum - this is (AGAIN) most important for the membership to know. This is not an effort to collect funds - but is made to collect funds for the museum.

Warmest regards

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Dear Editors of the Octofoil:

At the bottom (I always was at the bottom) of the final page of The Octofoil, you run a bit of my letter to you. But the bit is quite a hunk. You say I spent - "200,000" on the lawyer.

Most honorable sirs ... it was \$200 that caused all the commotion. Had it been \$200,000, I should now be settled down with an Iranian princess on a beach by the Persian (not Arabian) Gulf.

Editors note: We apologize Bob - we caught our mistake or should we say the printers after the paper was printed.

9th Med.

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Received Chapter mail and I was very happy to read and receive two tickets for the annual dance at the Armory. I have a week vacation and it's my birthday and I promise I'll be there to celebrate my birthday as the last one I attended was many years ago, like the very first one and it wasn't at the Armory. I will check with you when I get there, I promise.

I was in Colorado visiting my son and also visited one of our own boys from Co. B 9th Medics after 30 years. It was sure great to see him, I mean George Stein, a great man and a helluva good Ambulance driver. I hope to see him again one day.

I talked to Jack Wilson down Florida way and all is well and the corn is still poppin. He's having a good year. I am glad for him and Eva.

I was going to Fort Lewis, Washington for the 59th Anniversary event, had my pass, don't you think I took sick. I wanted so bad to go as I read in the Octofoil that Father Connors was going to be there. I wanted to surprise him. As it turned out, it wasn't meant to be. Maybe next year. I hope.

When I come to the dance I hope I meet my friends from Long Island-Vito Splendorio - Joe Todarello - Ed Syvreski and their beautiful wives and the guys and gals from the New York area.

Don't know what else to add other than, won't be long I'll be in New York and November at Father Connors' Memorial Mass. God bless you all!

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