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THE OCTOFOIL

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

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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JAN-FEB 1978

MOST HISTORIC MILE

SERVICE BATTERY 26 Field Artillery Battalion

Gentlemen:

Another successful year for the Ninth Infantry Division Association has been completed.

With help from all of our members we can hope for a happy, healthy and successful New Year.

DONE YOUR PART

If you write something for the pages of the OCTOFOIL, be in Philly in July, and Worcester in November you will have done your part to make another great year for our association.

I hope that the past holiday season was as happy and joyful for you and your family as it was for the McKenzie family. Santa was good to us and we did our part to help others to keep their faith in him.

RENEW FRIENDSHIPS

The Christmas season has become a time for friends to say "Hello" to one another. It is the only time of the year for many to renew friendships through the use of a printed card (made especially for the season) and delivered by the U S Mail.

During the past Holiday season 35 members of Service Battery, 26FA, Bn. and 9 men from other batteries in 26FA took time out from their busy schedules to say "Hello" to me. Thanks for your kindness.

MORE THAN JUST "HELLO"

Some men had more to say than just "Hello". Some of it was good and some was not so good. Harold Wallace lost his sister and brother during the past year. Mrs. Esther Forbes lost her husband (Dr. Burton L. Forbes) last August.

Anyone living in the Dallas area should drop in to "The Rafter's" club at North Park Inn to say "Hello" to Dick Hill (Service 26FA). Tell him I sent you. He will only charge you two bucks for a beer. Last October 9th was an important day for Dick, he was married.

HEREIN THERE

Lois Griffin (wife of our Paul) reports that their oldest son works in Akron, another son and daughter are at Kent State. Their baby now 16 years old is in high school. Paul and Lois may be in Worcester this fall. Harry and Dorothy Fry added a note that they are still talking about their first trip to Worcester. Mac Hurn found retirement not to his liking so he bought a ranch or farm, as it might be called, in Lakeport, Calif that has 7 acres of Bartlett pears and 5 acres of walnuts.

It is very gratifying to realize that after 35 years so many men care.

Keep it up.

Joe McKenzie
95 Washington Avenue
Waltham, Mass., 02154

26th FA

Philly

Back in 1964 the members of the Association gathered in Philly for the 19th reunion and for those who attended in "64" it became a long remembered experience. The Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter have since been our host and in 1972 the reunion was held in Atlantic City. If you were not at these reunions you missed an unforgettable three days. Now, six years later, the Philly Delaware Valley Chapter has again been given the honor of being host to the men of the Ninth and their families.

Welcome

Welcome to Philadelphia where the America's biggest birthday party is still going strong! Where else but in Philadelphia can you recapture the history and drama of America's first 200 years while enjoying all the pleasures and excitement of one of our country's foremost contemporary cities.

The reunion committee invites you to come experience for yourself how the Bicentennial spirit has transformed the city for years to come. Whether it be in Independence National Historical Park, the "most historic square mile in America," or the narrow cobblestoned streets of Society Hill or the 8,000 acres of Fairmount Park, you'll find an incredible number of new things to see and do while visiting in Philly.

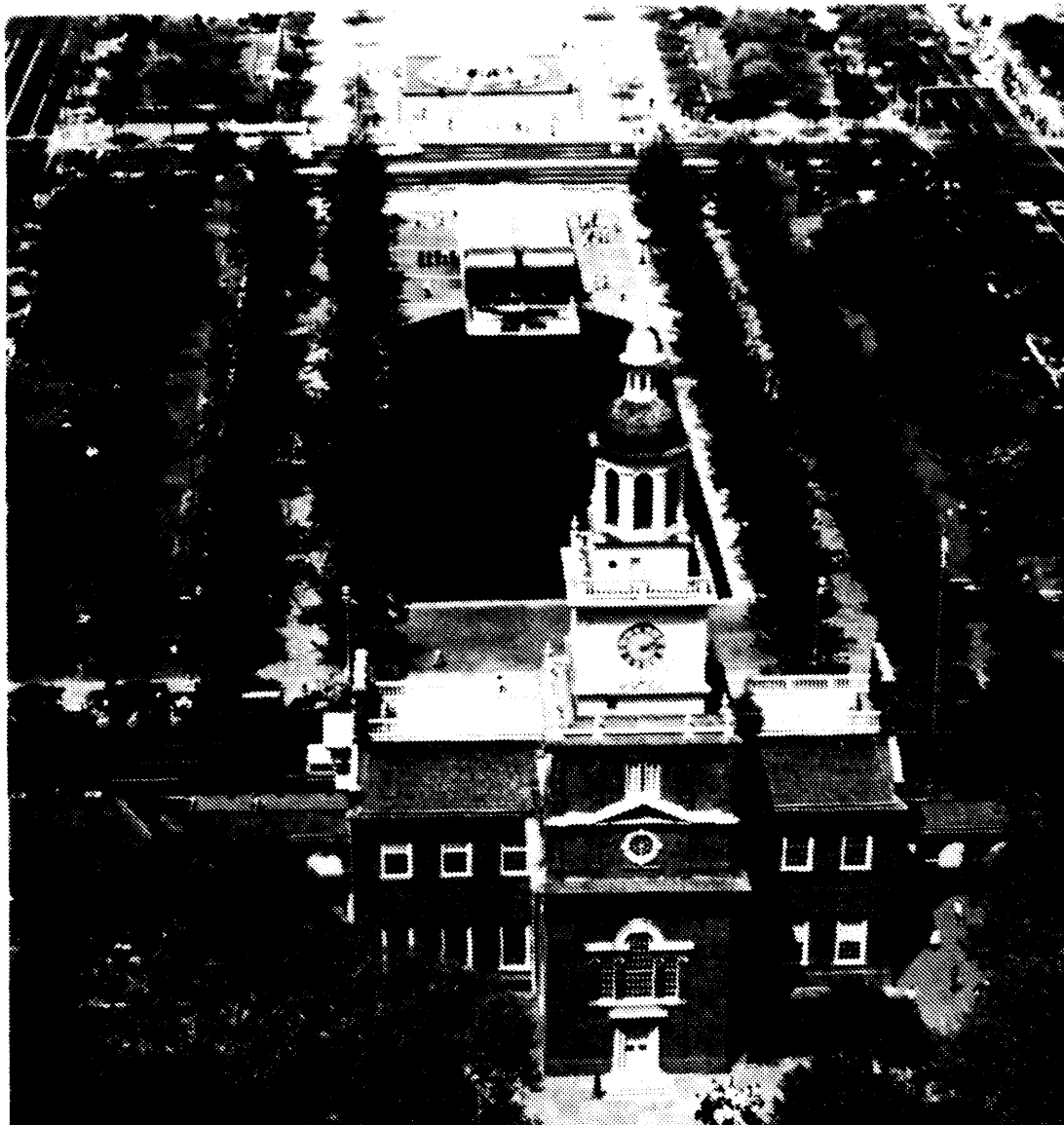
ACCOMMODATIONS

You'll be staying at one of the finest hotels in the country and in a city with a number of restaurants offering a taste of exotic, multi-national cuisines and entertainment. You'll find a public transportation system that is one of the most efficient and economical in the nation, allowing you to tour the city historic sights on low-cost loop buses.

Shopping

Whether wandering through the cobblestone streets of the "olde city" or rushing to an appointment in the sleek, modern skyscrapers of Philadelphia's business district, visitors will find it hard to resist spending a few minutes — and some dollars — in the wide variety of specialty shops and well-stocked department stores located throughout metropolitan Philadelphia.

Just a few minutes' walk from City Hall lie not just one but four major department stores offering merchandise to satisfy the most conscientious of consumers. At 8th and Market are Lit Brothers, Strawbridge and Clothier's and Gimbel's while at the corner of 13th and Market is that venerable Philadelphia landmark, John Wanamaker's, known not only for its quality merchandise but



Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell Pavilion and the landscaped greenery of Independence Hall are at the center of the "most historic square mile" in America. (Photo taken from the roof-top observation deck of Penn Mutual's Philadelphia.)

for its breathtaking Grand Court resounding with daily recitals on the world's largest pipe organ.

One block away, on Chestnut St., one of the center city's most well-traveled thoroughfares has been transformed into an attractive Transitway from 7th to 18th streets. Shoppers can stroll down widened sidewalks, decoratively paved with red brick, or rest at convenient sitting areas. Modern lighting fixtures and extensive landscaping are also features of the Transitway. Best of all, the Transitway is closed to all vehicular traffic except economical loop buses which whisk shoppers from one end of town to the other.

Numerous specialty stores, boutiques and exclusive shops are also located on Walnut St. from 8th to 21st streets and on the numerous side streets of center city. Normal opening hours for most stores are 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., with Wednesday hours until 9 p.m.

A sightseeing excursion to Society Hill would have to include a visit to Head House Square, an authentic reconstruction of the original colonial marketplace, where modern-day shoppers can browse through an outdoor arts and craft fair on summer weekends.

Next to Head House is New Market, a unique shopping-dining-entertainment complex that daringly combines original colonial structures with contemporary glass architecture. The multi-level complex houses specialty shops featuring gourmet food to gourmet garb and restaurants that offer shoppers a taste of far-away countries, right here in the heart of historic Philadelphia.

Other specialty areas are located within walking distance of both Society Hill and center city. One block west of Independence Hall is Jewelers Square on Sansom St. between 7th and 8th streets, where more than 325 businesses offer a dazzling array of fine jewelry and gems.

Penn Mutual's

It took a Bicentennial before people started realizing what a great city Philadelphia is. There's just too much to see even in eight hours. If your schedule's tight, you may want to stop at the one place you can enjoy the Philadelphia experience in just 60 fun-filled minutes.

Penn Mutual's Philadelphia overlooks Independence Hall in the heart of the city's famous historic district. You will ride to a 22nd floor observation deck and exhibit center in Philadelphia's first and only observation elevators. The view's both far-reaching and intimate. You can see more than 15 miles in every direction, or focus on the historic area in the foreground and plan a walking tour of America's birthplace.

But there's much more than the fabulous view. Two multiscreen theaters and seven major exhibit areas interpret and magnify the 360-degree panorama. You'll find a unique blend of history, people, foods, crafts, and culture that have made Philadelphia the fascinating and sometimes surprising city it is today. All under one roof.

Penn Mutual's Philadelphia is the ideal place to start your visit, especially if that eight-hour tour you'd love to take is seven hours longer than you've got.

**PHILLY REUNION
JULY 27-29**

mail call

Continued

Ed (Hoppie) Hopkins
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Co. F. 47th

Dear Danny,

It was a pleasure having lunch with you in November. I really enjoyed seeing you. I guess this is my year to see many Ninth Division people. Besides visiting Frank Smith, Felton Jones, and Earl Wilkey in August, I had some nice visits with Tony Repetti and John "Smig" Tokarchek last month. Tony has one of the best eating places at the Jersey shore (we don't expect anything less of Tony) as well as a fifty-five unit motor inn. He is located right at the Shark River Inlet in Belmar. He is doing very, very well indeed; in fact, some of the numbers he mentioned left me staggering. We sat and chatted for about three hours, then he took me on a tour of his operation where I met his son who is learning the business and his wife who is handling the motor inn end of it. We promised that we'd get together for dinner occasionally. He also agreed to get to Philadelphia this summer.

A few days after seeing Tony I was awakened by the phone's ring in the wee hours on a Sunday morning. It was John Smig Tokarchek and he had a case of nostalgia and needed somebody to talk to. I listened for the better part of an hour, and then promised to visit him soon. I arrived in Hecks-cersville, in the heart of the Pennsylvania coal mining country, the day after Christmas. It was like having a second Christmas celebration being with Smig and Marie and their family. The red carpet was out, and we had a great deal to talk about. It wasn't easy getting away from the Tokarcheks. When you go there, they don't want to let you go home. Smig is retired from the construction industry. He had spent the years since the war in Philadelphia working in and around Philly and South Jersey. A fall off a scaffold has placed him in the retirement ranks. You can bet your life that he will be in Philly for the convention this summer.

Tony had given me Pop Zucker's address so I sent him a card in which I enclosed a dollar to repay him for one I borrowed from him when we were in Rock Hill during Carolina maneuvers in 1941. I didn't try to figure the interest as the numbers go off my calculator after eight digits. Pop shot a card with a note right back to me, so I am looking forward to seeing him at the convention also.

I am looking forward to an excellent turnout from F Company, 47th. Right now I am hoping to see Frank Smith and Otto Geyer, both. I know Felton Jones and Earl Wilkey as well as John Tokarchek will be there. While at Smig's, we called Yosh Ryncavage, the other half of the Gold Dust Twins, and he said that he would try to make it. Yosh is living in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania, but he also maintains a town house in Philadelphia. Googy Gugliemino is always at the conventions with his lovely wife Myrtle. So then Pop Zucker will come, and I'll be there. That will make a nice nucleus that should attract at least fifty former F Company men. Tony and I talked about getting enough money together to rent a suite and establish an F Company CP, complete with

refreshments. That way we could meet during the day and enjoy one another's company in a small group. We could also meet at the end of the day after all the festivities have ended. If any of you F Company 47th men think this idea has merit, send me your check for ten dollars and when enough interest is generated, I will reserve the suite. Any excess monies will go towards the refreshments. I think such an arrangement will have dual benefits: it will provide us with a headquarters where we can sit and relax with those we know so well, and such an arrangement will be much more economical than meeting in the public rooms. Get your checks to me right away so I can get going on this. If there isn't enough interest to warrant me to act on it, I shall return your checks. I also will provide all concerned with a full, clear accounting of the money I take in and the money I spend.

I received the good news that my son was accepted to Rutgers for his freshman year starting this coming September. The die is cast: in four years I intend to retire and then you guys will have to put up with me for an occasional day or two as I make an effort to visit those with whom I spent some of the most eventful years of my life. I am also hoping that some of you will have the opportunity to visit me in Jersey when you are in the East.

Danny, take care of yourself. It is good to be in touch with you and to have this opportunity of getting in touch with the gang from F Company through you. All the best to you, Marie, and your family.

Hq. 1st
Bn. 47th

Virgil Dingman
6 Clark Ave.
Fort Plain, N.Y. 13339.

Dear Dan:

Received the Octofoil last week. Looked at my membership card and found that I am in the red, so enclosed find check. I was able to take a trip last fall and went to see Linas Dziemowski at South Grafton, Mass. From there we went to see Robert Coffey at Brewster, N.Y. He took us to see Ralph De Forest at Stamford, Conn. It was the first I had seen Bob or Ralph since Germany. I will be 68 this June and still going strong. Retired but still doing odd jobs. An old infantry man can't stand still, get up and go, then wait. The picture of General Craig brought back an old memory. Somewhere in Germany, I don't recall just where I was sent to the rear to help build a rest center. The jeep driver let me out in no mans land and pointed to a cellar, saying it was Headquarters. I went to the entrance and found that it was booby trapped. I was stranded in a rubble area. A jeep came flying in with M.P.'s and one said "Where's Headquarters?" I said "I'll be damned if I know". The fellow said "Is that the way to answer an Officer?" I took a second look and saw it was General Craig. I told my story while in their jeep and we went to find the rest center. I don't know if he ever found the jeep driver who left me, I hope not. He said he would throw the book at him. Well, here's to the 9th Division, Do or Die, Hell or Heaven.

B Btry., 34th
James Carl Ward F.A.

Rt. 1, Box 10
Reidsville, N.C. 27320

Dear Dan:

Sorry I didn't pay my dues while at the reunion, so enclosed find my check. Regards to all.

Steve Lelak
802 E. Flag Place
Kissimmee, Fla. 32741

Co. B, 47th

Hi Dan:
Sorry I'm late in sending Stev's dues. Here's a check for 3 years.

We moved to Florida July 1976. Steve has retired and this is the place he wants to spend his retirement. Believe me when I tell you we are really enjoying every day of it. We love it here especially with all the cold weather they are having up north. Steve has even taken up playing golf, now that he has the time. Who knows, he might turn out to be a pro. The golf course is practically in our back yard. Hope you and your family are in good health and take care. See you in Philly. Love, Wanda

Woodrow W. Norman
3971 Indian Creek Rd.
Elkview, W. Va. 25071 Div. Hqs.

I'm writing to have my address changed on my Octofoil. The P.O. has given me another address, although I've lived in the same house for 16 years. Please note new address as above. I have retired after spending 39 years and 4 months with du Pont in Belle, W. Va. This retirement is really great, especially with all this snow we are having.

On vacation in 1975 we visited Norton Pixton in Magna, Utah and called Dale Byrd in Percy, Illinois.

My wife is already making plans for the reunion in 1978 and the Memorial in Worcester. We have been to several reunions but never to the Memorial.

I was a member of Div. Hqs. in Transportation. I used to drive for Col. Pyle and Lt. Roger Schaeffer. I hear from Schaeffer every year at Christmas time. I also hear from Lou Conner in Md., Carl Cook in Kentucky, C.E. Combs in Middletown, Ohio.

Best wishes to all for 1978.

John Mrugala K Co., 47th
R.D. 1, Box 11
Barnesboro, Pa. 15714

Dear Dan:

Our holidays were wonderful. We had a white Christmas and at the present time we are having plenty of snow here.

I wrote a letter to Senator Byrd of West Virginia as I am against the give-away of the Panama Canal. Russia is just sitting in the wings ready for the take over. I have been doing a lot of letter writing and supporting organizations that are fighting it. It makes me sick in my gut that we have men in high office that are so damn yellow.

I received a few Christmas cards from former members of KCo.47th and I am just looking forward to the reunion and I am saving my money. My son in law to be gave me a T shirt last June for a Fathers Day gift. On it is written 9th INF. DIV. THE OCTOFOIL. I had it on one day when I was out shopping and I ran into a former member of the 39th. We had a little get together for about 15 minutes.

May God bless you all through out the coming year. See you in Philly in July - God willing.

Pat Higgins
144 E. Dean St.,
Freeport, L.I. 11520 39th Inf
Kathryn writes for Pat that they are both well and hope everyone is the same. Kindest regards from the both of us. We enjoyed the trip to Worcester in November.

Joseph Rappizini
24001 Sherman
Oak Park, Michigan
Hdqs., 3rd Bn. 60th & Co. K

It seems that every time "The Octofoil" arrives, a special feeling of pride and gratitude flows through me because... Many thoughts and memories still linger in my mind

Of brave and manly comrades who wore the number "9".

Remember Sgt. Tomilo? Sgt. Iler, who guided and guarded all his men as are infant chicks by a mother hen?

There were Corporal Fortnot and PFC Dave Clare

Where in this mans army could you find a finer pair?

The first became a casualty as we fought in Normandy.

Dave did battle through the fray and returned across the sea.

I remember the Sedjenane and Cefalu, St. Eglise, Remagen, too, as well as many other sites that I am certain so do you.

Remember Col. Wilson, Capt. Gatto, Lt. Jones? Who were always mentioning loved ones and recording thoughts of home?

Do you recall the River Elbe and the hoped-for message that is held?

The end was near! No more the worry nor the fret. The dreaded foe was conquered, Our duty we had met.

George Berday
100 N. E. 6th Ave. Lot 286
Homestead, Fla. 33030 47th Inf

Hi Dan:

The time is going by so fast I nearly forgot it was that time again for dues. Everytime I get the Octofoil I see where some more members have moved to Florida. The only trouble is that we are scattered all over the state.

Hope everyone has a Happy and Healthy New Year.

M Co. 47th Inf

Harry Kaplan
120-18 Debs Place
Bronx, N.Y. 10475

Harry sends his change of address with his dues. On Sept. 7, 1977 he had a heart attack and was in the Veterans Hospital until Sept. 23. He is feeling much better now and hopes to attend some future meeting. Best regards to all.

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 9805 "B" Haldeman Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. 19115

Arthur R. Schmidt,
Chapter Secretary

When was the last time you wrote a letter to our Mail Call Column?

33RD ANNUAL REUNION

REQUEST FOR SPACE IN SOUVENIR PROGRAM

Arthur J. MacDougall
5051 Homestead Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19135

Dear Arthur:

Please insert our greeting (or ad) in the Souvenir Journal to be issued at the 33rd Annual National Reunion at the Hotel Sheraton on July 27th, 28th, and 29th, 1978.

Name

Address

City

State.....

Unit

Full Page \$40.00

One eight Page \$7.50

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Quarter Page \$15.00

name and unit \$1.00

Note: Make all checks payable to Arthur MacDougall, Philly Reunion Committee.

NEW YORK INSTALLS OFFICERS

On January 6, 1978 the Greater New York Chapter of the 9th Infantry Division Association, held its Installation of Officers for 1978. Harry Meltzer, out-going President, called upon George Apar to act as the installing officer. George always does a fine job.

NEWLY ELECTED

The newly elected officers are as follows: Harry Wax, President; Albert Orletti, 1st Vice President; Herminio Suarez, 2nd Vice President; Treasurer, Irving Feinberg; Secretary, Arthur R. Schmidt; Judge Advocate, Daniel Quinn; Chaplain, Ralph Witzkin; Sergeant-At-Arms, George Bako; the following were re-elected to the Chapter Board of Governors: John Parisi; 39th Infantry Regiment; Frank Fazio, 47th Infantry Regiment; Edward Tobin, 60th Infantry Regiment. Also, remaining on the Board of Governors (Members of the Board are elected for two years), were Herminio Suarez, 39th Infantry Regiment; Al Munatore, 47th Infantry Regiment; John Morris, 60th Infantry Regiment; Special Troops, Arthur R. Schmidt; Division Artillery, Calvin Polivy. The following were also re-elected to the Board of Governors: Hyman Seslowe, Special Troops and James Haroutunian, Division Artillery.

STRESSED CAPABILITIES

On dismissing each of the out-going officers, George Apar praised them for a job well done. On installing the newly elected officers George stressed their capability for doing a good job. George again called for more use of the members of the Chapter Board of Governors. George regretted not having been elected Chaplain, but he said Ralph Witzkin was well qualified for the job. On presenting the gavel to Harry Wax, the incoming President, George said Harry was faithful in attending meetings and should do a good job for the Chapter.

NEW INNOVATIONS

On taking over the dais Harry thanked George for the fine job he did as installing officer. In his first letter to the membership, Harry thanked the membership for electing him President and said he would do his utmost to have a successful and happy year together. Harry said that with the cooperation and approval of the membership, he would seek and attempt new innovations for the coming year. Finally, he said our goal was to increase our membership and to provide entertainment and social functions for our membership.

MAIL CALL

James D. Allgood
387 S. W. Birch
Dallas, Ore. 97338
1st Bn. 47th Hq.

Dear Dan:

Living on the West Coast has been very difficult to arrange to go to any of the 9th Division reunions, however we intend to be in Philadelphia this year.

I left the service in September, 1945, studied to become a C.P.A. and am now a partner in Tooche Ross & Co., an international accounting firm. Before leaving the service, I married Myra Starback, whom I had known for years. We have 3 grown children: two daughters and one son, and also a grandson. Since our older daughter and grandson live in Hawaii, we have spent almost all of our vacations there. Our son is in the Air Force stationed at Kelly Feild, after four years in Hawaii. Our younger daughter is studying for her Masters degree in Business Administration at Willonette University.

Since Jess Nunn's death I haven't had a chance to visit with any of the division members. Chuck Wood, who had been in the 34th F. A. and I, had children in the University of Oregon at the same time and use to see each other in Eugene. The largest reunion we ever attended was at Fort Leavenworth in 1951. Don Clayman, Bill Westmoreland, Van Bond, Peter Ward and Justin Stoll all happened to be there while I was attending a 2 week school. We did manage to see George Smythe and spent an enjoyable evening with him and Mrs. Smythe in 1959. I am anxious to renew many of my old friendships in July.

The article in the Octofoil about the three young battalion commanders in the 47th was published in the Stars and Stripes in early 1945. In case Champlains Dick Day and Anthony De Laura read this letter, I want to assure them that their efforts to convert me after VE day were not in vain. For almost 3 years I have been a Diocesan Licesned Lay Reader in the Episcopal Church and serve the Chalice every Sunday. Hope to see all of my friends in Philidelphia.

George Long
714 Penny Drive
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15235
376th AAA B Btry.

George writes "I hope your health is good and that you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy and pleasant 1978."

Mrs. Betty Rumenapp
4226 Shari Lane,
Mt. Clemens, Mi. 48043

The widow of Bob Rumenapp sends her change of address as noted above and regards to all. Bob was with the 60th.

William Zweil
348-33 Aberdeen Rd.
Matawan, N.J. 07747
47th Cannon Co.

Bill writes that he is on the mend after 2 months in the hospital. Arrhythmias and embolisms and mostly in intensive care. He hopes to see everyone soon.

Roger Alsgaard Co. F, 47th
2834 Wynes St.
Saginaw, Mich. 48602

Wanted to thank you for the fine story and picture on Felton Jones. In my opinion, the No. 1 First Soldier in the E.T.O. I always said of Felton, "If the movies were ever going to cast a person as a First Sgt. they wouldn't pick Felton but they sure had better pick him to tell their choice what a First Sgt. should be." He was more than "tops" in my book.

Today the Nov.-Dec. issue of Octofoil and mail call reads like a family reunion.

The first letter I read was written by Bill "Sam" Buemi. That name rushed me to my desk to look at pictures taken at Camp Wolters, Texas on Feb. 12, 1942. Sure enough, there in the second row, 5th from the left was Buemi. If he has these pictures, I am in the third row, right of Frank Chato. I had the pleasure of seeing and talking with Frank at the Chicago reunion.

Also a letter from Mary King writing for George. I hope George is not under the weather. I did see George and Mary at Chicago also. Had a wonderful time with them and Chuck and Irma Koskie. Time hasn't dimmed our memories.

Then to top the cake, a note from Stanley Putt. I recall Stan vividly. He was our "radio man". It seemed the pack on his back was bigger than he was. If memory serves me right, Stanley was wounded in France and I can't recall his coming back to the outfit.

I do keep asking about Myer Hatten, a medic with our outfit. I must bore all medics I meet with questions about Myer. If anyone out there recalls him, I would like to hear if he is dead or alive. Anyway, thanks for a fine paper that is read from cover to cover as soon as I get home from the office.

Editors Note: Myer Hatten although badly wounded, survived and was married shortly after the war. We have since lost track of him.

Nick Androvich
68 Greenwood Drive
N. Babylon, N.Y. 11703
39th INF 1st Bn.,

Nick writes that he is just getting over a gall bladder operation and has to take things easy. Sorry he could not attend the Christmas party and hopes to see everyone soon.

Ben Murell
P.O. Box 90
Hudson, N.Y. 12534 39th INF.

Dear Dan:

Enclosed find check for dues. Hope all is well with you.

Ward O. Payne, Jr.
41 Forest Avenue
Glen Ridge, N.J. 07028
Co. F & E, 39th

Ward sends his dues and "congratulations on your fine work" and hopes to make the Philly reunion in 1978.

Gilbert Tinberg
5719 N. 41st Ave.
Phoenix, Ariz. 85019 A. T. 60th
Gilbert sends his dues for three years and hopes everyone is fine.

THE OCTOFOIL

Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig (Ret)
3700 Fordham Road, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20016
Div. Commander

I was greatly pleased when I received the Octofoil to observe the interest shown by you in the luncheon at Fort McNair last spring, - and of course wish that you could have been present to enjoy it.

Those present included representatives of the entire life of the Division - as it ends from World War I to its present representatives on the Pacific Coast - approximately sixty years of gallant service to our country.

I was the only representative of the World War I group, serving in a division that included two of our numbered regiments, two effective combat units that paid heavily in losses for their successes.

There were many of my old friends with whom I served in World War II, including General Westmoreland, who, as you well know, carried great combat and administrative weight in the operations of the "Old Reliables".

The Division, with which we served, also paid dearly in casualties, in achieving its objectives, - but always with a spirit to make the grade, - a willingness to keep on - to the end.

The Division that served in Asia was well represented, and proud of their contribution to the reputation of the 9th Infantry Division. It was interesting to note how closely their losses in combat approximated those of World War II.

And there were some attending from the present Division - who were aware of their inherited tradition, and are well prepared to carry on.

It is surely a privilege to belong to the long line of veterans, stretching so far back in our military history.

Kindest Regards,

Irv Terchak Co B 39th
2559 S. 90th Street
West Allis, Wisc. 53227

One of my firsts for the year '78 is to pay up my dues, and also, to enclose a check for the Memorial Fund.

It is with great regret to inform you that my dear buddy Frank W. Ingelli (also of Co B-39th) passed away recently.

Will be leaving for Mexico in January for 6 weeks. I really don't appreciate this cold and snow in Wisconsin.

My personal regards to you and of course all my friends from Co B 39th Inf.

Edward Lewis
1841 So. 51st Ct.
Cicero, Ill. 60650 Co D 39th

Enclosed is my dues for '78 and I sure appreciate receiving the Octofoil.

Want to let you know the reunion in Chicago was just great, it was the first one, I attended. My buddy Charlie Harrison from North Carolina and his wife were, my house guest and we all got to go to the reunion together.

The guys are doing a good job to keep the association together. Good luck to all.

Frank E. Clark
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Bloomington, Ill. 617-01
Hq 60th Inf 2nd Bn

Sure enjoyed seeing our grandchildren in the Sept-Oct issue of the Octofoil, and little girls did too. It was just like they hit a big city paper -- how young vanity can start.

Wishing all good health in the New Year.

JOHN J. CLOUSER
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DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS
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Once again it is that time of the year when we remind you to check your membership card for "it is now dues time". If you have not already done so, please remit your dues at once in order to save your association time and expense of mailing out dues notices and reminders. Like every thing else the cost of mail is "going up" but if we all pitch in we can help defray this expense.

A limited budget keeps us from mailing the Octofoil to those who fall in the delinquent class. Send in your dues to the Secretary's office, 412 Gregory Avenue, Weehawken, N.J. 07087.

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Earl Duncan 39th Inf
Route 1, Box 173
Humboldt, Tenn. 38343

Time for me to send in my '78 dues and it's been a while since I last wrote the Octofoil. I would like to say I always look forward in getting the Octofoil and still enjoy it very much. I would like to express my thanks to all of you in printing the Octofoil and such a great job all of you are doing and for the information that is passed on to all of us. If it had not been for the information that is printed, where we could write and receive the medals that we didn't have I would not have all of mine now. I have seven plus my combat badge, and my family plus myself are very proud of them. Could you find out where I could order some of the souvenir rock from the Bridge at Remagen? When I was crossing it, a German dive bomber came in and dropped his bomb but it fell short, about 100 yards. I have several souvenirs that I got while I was in Germany, among them that I prize most is a bottle. For you see, I am a bottle collector and I have a hair oil bottle I got out of a dead Germans pack. It is oval shaped and 4" tall.

I am still a part time farmer, but I am also working here in Humboldt for Eaton Axle.

Tennessee is now having the worst winter in history. We have ice and snow on the ground and our temperature got to zero.

It's been nice writing to you and thanks again and lots of luck.

Editors Note: The article on the souvenir rock appeared in Scotty Hirst's letter in the last issue of the Octofoil.

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Hans Peter Kuerten
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5480 REMAGEN
Fed. Republic of Germany.

John Jacobs
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Cleveland, Ohio 44146
MED. DET. 3rd Bn. 47th.
Dear Dan:

I had a mild heart attack last December 1976. I am now retired on total disability and enjoying it very much. Take care.

James J. Haroutunian Div. Art.
260 So. BBroadway
Yonkers, N.Y. 10705

Enclosed find dues for 78. I lost Art Schmidt's address so hope you will be kind enough to give it to him when you see him. I could not go to Worcester last November as my son came home for the weekend. He works in Maryland and I hadn't seen him for awhile. He comes home occassionally. I hope you have a good showing from the New York Chapter at Worcester.

Regards to all.

A Btry, 34th
Carl L. Bunyak F.A.

1095 Clark St.
Detroit, Mich. 48209

Dear Dan:

I'm sending you a note I received from Col. DeVere Armstrong, U.S.A. Ret. (Gen. Hoyle's son-in-law) This is my first time to write to you about news.

I'm still in good health and I'm now 60 years old. Doesn't seem long ago that I was in A Btry, 34th F.A.

We had a lot of snow here lately in Detroit. Didn't work Thursday or Friday. I work for a factory that makes drake drums for cars and trucks. I have worked at the same job for 27 years, Kelsey Hayes is the company. Would you please let the guys in the association know about Gen. Hoyle and the address of Gen. Westmoreland and also my name and address so some of the guys can write to me.

Editors note: Following is the note received by Carl Bunyak. Dear Mr. Bunyak: General Hoyle who is now in his 95th year is in a nursing home in West Haven, Conn. but his sister-in-law sent your note on to me. His address is DeRussy Hoyle, 80 Hepburn Rd., Hamden, Conn. 06517. Also Gen. Wm. C. Westmoreland, P.O. Box 1059, Charleston, S.C. 29402.

John Elichko
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John Encloses his dues for 1978 and says he will not be able to make the N.Y. Christmas party but hopes to make the reunion in Philly.

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