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# THE OCTOFOIL

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

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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

VOLUME XXXIII NUMBER 3

MAY-JUNE 1978

## MARKS 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

### Everything in Readiness in Philly

This will be the last issue of the Octofoil before the 1978 reunion in Philadelphia and a last reminder to send in your reservation to the Philadelphia Sheraton Hotel. A blank for this can be found on page 2. "Everything now is in readiness for the men of the 9th and their families" reports Al Perna President and Co-Chairman of the reunion. The Committees through their untiring efforts and sincere support facilitated and expedited the successful completion of reunion plans, he said. Perna asked that every 9th Divisioner coming to the reunion "bring a buddy".

The 33rd Reunion will begin on Thursday July 27th at the Philadelphia Sheraton Hotel and the Registration room will be opened all day for the three days of the Reunion beginning at 9:00 A.M.

### Strip Tickets

The strip tickets will sell for \$30.00 each and will include the Thursday night welcoming party with free beer and soda pop, the Friday night dance and the Saturday night Banquet and dance. The orchestra will be with us for the three nights.

### Business Meetings

On Friday the General Business meetings and the Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be held. While the men are busy with the business of the association the Ladies Auxiliary will enjoy a social meeting.

### Friday Evening Dance

On Friday evening the "old timers" will enjoy a top notch dance band. There will be an "open cash bar" for those who would like to quench their thirst.

### Memorial Services

Saturday morning all members, wives and guest will assemble outside the hotel and march to the Memorial site. Everyone, especially Old Soldiers, love a parade. If you doubt the veracity of this statement, come to the Reunion and you will change your mind when you see the Old Reliabilities stepping off on their march to the Services. We may grow more portly each year and our aches and pains become more pronounced, but when that military band sounds off we forget everything but the cadence.

### Banquet and Dance

On Saturday evening the banquet will be held at 6:30 P.M., with short speeches, so that we will have more time to trip the lights fantastic. We'll see the old gang with the "Saturday Night Fever".

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### Cherbourg Octville Museum to be Presented 9th Infantry Division Standard

Once again an "Old Reliable" stood up to be counted, when Harry C. Herman observed the lack of a Plaque or Division Colors at the Museum in Cherbourg, France, he took it upon himself to make sure this oversight would be corrected. After a few letters back and forth to our secretary, and at his own expense, Harry ordered a 9th Division Flag that will be placed alongside of the other great Divisions that fought at Cherbourg - the 1st, 4th, etc. Harry and his family plan to sail on the QE II on August 20th and arrive in Cherbourg on the 25th, and, hopefully, present the Standard on that same day. This presentation will be to the Mayor of Cherbourg for the Octville Museum.

Harry Herman started out with the 47th Infantry (Company H) back in our days at Fort Bragg but shortly after War was declared he was commissioned and joined the 39th Infantry - 2nd Bn. Leaving the service as a Major he resumed his business career and operates a firm known as Harry C. Herman Associates, Inc. of New York City.

### We salute

We thank you Harry for carrying the ball, it would have been years before we ever got around to presenting the Standard.



Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anthony DeLaura, former Chaplain of the 47th Infantry, celebrated his 45th year in the priesthood. Shown with him on this happy occasion are members of the New York Chapter.

### Celebrates Anniversary

If the Catholic Church Gave out hashmarks for years of service, Msgr. DeLaura would have them running up and down each sleeve from wrist to shoulder. Sunday, June 11, 1978, marked the 45th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The beloved Chaplain of the 47th Infantry celebrated the occasion by saying a Mass of Thanksgiving at Blessed Sacrament Church in Valley Stream, N.Y. During his years of priestly service, Msgr. DeLaura has amassed a legion

of friends and admirers among people from all walks of life and from all parts of the country. This fact was more than proven by the large number of people who joined the Chaplain in celebrating his 45th anniversary. A good number of the pews at the Blessed Sacrament Church were occupied by former members of the Ninth Infantry Division, men who had been Msgr. Delaura's comrades-in-arms during World War II. Many of them had journeyed from out of state to be with their former chaplain on this happy occasion.

### "Boy From Brooklyn"

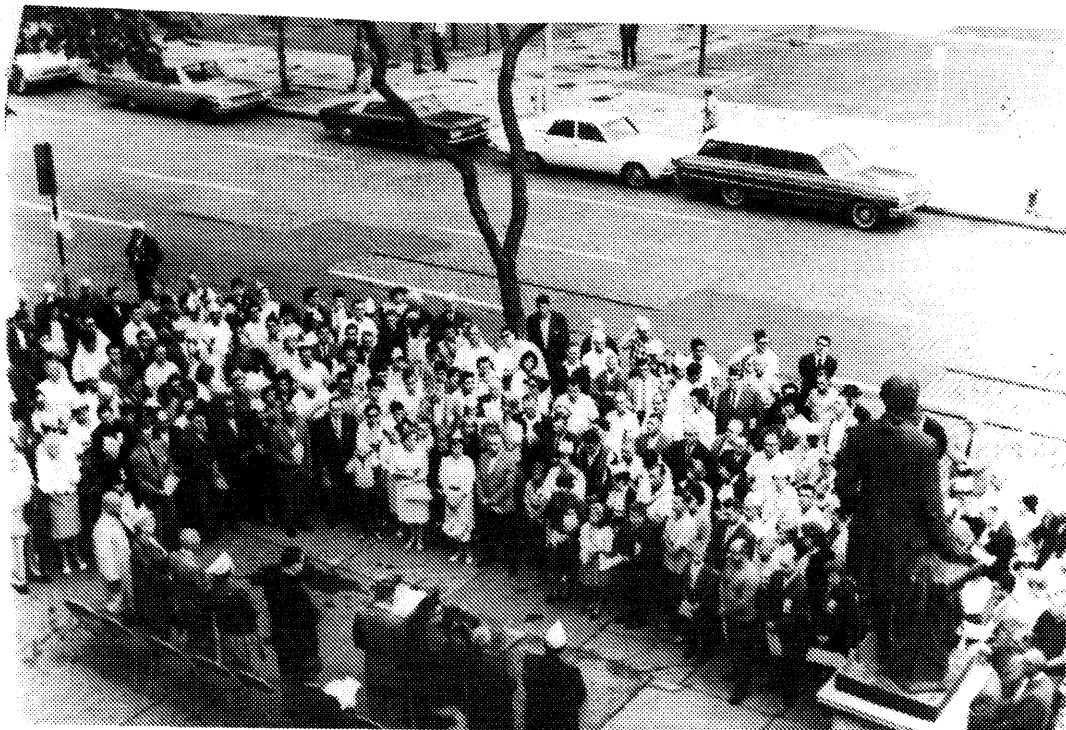
A reception in the church auditorium followed the Mass and the gang from the Ninth had a chance to shoot the breeze with their old Padre. He is still the "Boy From Brooklyn" sharp, quick on the trigger and full of vim and vigor. Like an old firehorse he can't stay away from the action. Some years ago when his heart started to act up, he decided to retire and take it easy in Florida. But Florida proved to be too boring for someone who had grown up in Brooklyn and who had served in action with the Ninth Infantry Division. So he returned to the "Big Apple", got back into harness and started to minister to the needs of the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament. Hard work seems to agree with the Padre, he looks fit and ready to go ten rounds with anyone who gives him a hard time. Like MacArthur his is one of those "Old Soldiers Who Will Never Die".

### Tip Of The Hat

The association is grateful to these members who remembered the Memorial or Scholarship Fund:

Anthony Forte  
Paul Giarraputo  
Merville Zinn  
Roger Elmer  
Henry Santos  
William J. Brady  
Clarence Holman

We salute you men and a special thanks to Mrs. Stephanie Ingelli who made a donation in memory of her husband Frank who served with Company B-39th Infantry.



This was the scene at the 1964 reunion Memorial Service in Philadelphia. President of the association for that year, John Clouser is shown addressing the members. (bottom-center) Many a familiar face shown here will be missing from this years reunion having answered their "last roll call". We'll always remember them.

PHILLY REUNION  
JULY 27-29

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Albert Perna, Philadelphia, Pa.

1979  
Charles Koskie, Schiller Park, Ill.  
George Baka, Bronx, N.Y.  
Francis Maher, Worcester, Mass.  
Pat DeColli, Philadelphia, Pa.

1979  
John Bonkowski, Detroit, Mich.  
Dave Gelman, Forest Hills, N.Y.  
Salvatore Trapani, Rockville, Md.  
Paul Keller, Columbus, Ohio  
Frank Ozart, Frankfort, Illinois

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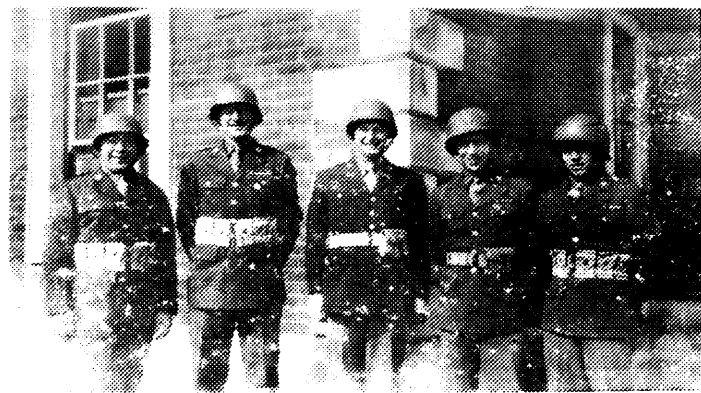
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An extract from the certificate of incorporation of the 9th Infantry Division Association reads: "This Association is formed by the officers and men of the 9th Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of their fallen comrades, to preserve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

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Jerry Meyers sends us a photo taken back in 1944 when the 60th Infantry Regiment was stationed at Winchester "King Arthur Royal Barracks". Left to right Max Slobdow, Jerry, Fred S. Gold, Robert L. Weekley, and Kenny Woomer. - 1st Bn Hq's.

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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Ladies' Auxiliary Member ..... \$ 2.00 ☐

Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund ..... ☐

Octofoil Automobile License Disc ..... \$ .50 ☐

Combat Route Map ..... \$ .50 ☐

60th Infantry History ..... \$ .50 ☐

Please give credit to the following Chapter:

Philly-Delaware Valley ☐ Greater New York ☐

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New England ☐ Michigan ☐

Ohio ☐ Fayetteville-Fort Bragg, N.C. ☐

★★★★★★  
Taps  
Sounded

There is not death!  
The stars go down

To rise upon some other shore,  
and bright in Heaven's jeweled  
crown  
They shine forevermore.

And ever near us, though un-  
seen

The dear immortal spirits  
tread;

For all the boundless universe  
Is Life-there are no dead!

Clarence H. England 709th Ord.

Paul Lozinsky 34th F.A.

John S. Carrier 60th Inf.

Gordon Taylor Co C, D.

Walter P. Swenson 26th F.A.

Mrs. James Waldron Gold Star

Parent

May we offer our condolences  
on behalf of the membership  
and may they rest in peace.

Charlie Tingley writes "It saddens me very much to report the death of one of our old time members-Colonel John S. Carrier who passed away on Sunday May 21, at the Brookville Hospital in Pennsylvania.

John was wounded on the Remagen Bridge at which time he was serving as the Military Government Officer attached to the 60th Infantry. Previously he was C.O. of Hq. Co. 60th Infantry. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Romaine Carrier, of Summerville, a son William of Las Vegas, Nevada and five grandchildren. After retiring from the Army he served as Postmaster in Summerville, Pa. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

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Walter P. Swenson's brother Arved writes "We are sorry to tell you my brother Walter passed away on October 10, 1977.

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Mrs. Ellen England widow of Clarence H. England informed us of the demise of Clarence. "He died May 5th from cancer. He was always proud of having been attached to the Ninth Infantry and looked forward to the Octofoil. I often encouraged him to go to the reunions, but he never would go. He was not socially minded and did not like to travel. When you have your next Memorial Service, sound taps for him, if you will."

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Estelle Lozinsky wife of Paul Lozinsky tells us that Paul died April 17, 1978. "He had become ill a year ago with congestive heart failure and was in and out of the hospital since. He was proud and happy to have been a member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association".

NATIONAL CEMETERIES  
NO CHARGE FOR GRAVE

When an honorably discharged veteran is buried in a National Cemetery, there is no fee charged for opening and closing a grave, as there is in a private cemetery. Services incident to interments in a National Cemetery are performed by cemetery labor free of cost to survivors of the deceased. Neither is there a charge for the grave site.

No gravesites may be assigned to living veterans for burial in any National cemetery in advance of immediate requirements.

Applications may only be made at time of death of the veteran or that of his eligible dependent.

Board  
Meets

The 127th meeting of the National Board of Governors was held in Pittsburgh, Pa., at the Marriott Motel on April 29, 1978, there being a quorum present the meeting was called to order at 4:10 P.M. by President Al Perna. Attending were Francis Maher, Pat DeColli, Charles Koskie, Frank Ozart, John Bonkowski, Paul Keller, Elmer Wagner, Sal Trapani, 2nd Vice-President Bill Bongiorno, Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh, Scholarship Committee Chairman John Clouser, past Board member Anthony Chaconas and member from Pittsburgh Tom McKinley.

The secretary Daniel Quinn read the minutes of the 126th and upon a motion duly made by Pat DeColli and seconded by Frank Ozart it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes and to instruct the secretary to place same on file.

The treasurer Thomas Boyle submitted his report on the spending and income of the past quarter and upon a motion duly made by Charles Koskie and seconded by Elmer Wagner it was voted to: Accept the treasurers report.

## THREE GREAT DAYS

Al Perna reported on the 1978 reunion to be held in Philadelphia. He told the members that the Philly Chapter were ready with all committees hard at work to insure three great days. The strip tickets for the three days would be about \$30.00 with dancing for the three night's get together, free parking for guests at the hotel and with Atlantic City only 45 minutes away many of the members will travel there to try their luck with the gambling casinos that will be opened for the first time in New Jersey.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

John Clouser Chairman of the Scholarship Committee was called upon for his report. He named Frank Ozart and Dr. David Heller as members of this permanent committee. The recipients are selected according to their financial need and academic ability. All being related to members of the Division of WW2.

The committee grants to five new applicants and four renewals, for the sum of \$1200.00. These students will be notified by the Scholarship Committee and their names will be announced at the reunion. Since the scholarship program was started in 1961 the association has awarded the sum of \$23,425.00.

Upon a motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by John Bonkowski it was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations of the Scholarship Committee.

## 1979 REUNION

The secretary reported on his trip to Florida to secure a site for the 1979 reunion. He informed the members of meeting with Max Umansky a resident of Florida. Max had done all the "leg work" looking over possible hotel sites and together they had selected the Galt Ocean Mile Hotel in Fort Lauderdale. A beautiful hotel located on the Ocean in a great area with all the facilities for needs at a reunion. Upon a motion duly made by Charles Koskie and seconded by Pat DeColli it was voted to: Accept the secretary's report and recommendation for the 1979 site.

Upon a motion duly made by Sal Trapani and seconded by Paul Keller it was voted to: Reimburse the secretary the sum of \$150.00 for expenses incurred.

President Al Perna opened a discussion on the Viet Nam membership question that the general membership had voted against at the 1978 Chicago reunion.

Sal Trapani speaking for the Washington, D.C. chapter asked that the D.C. Chapter be considered for the 1980 reunion site.

Fran Maher asked that the Boston or New England chapter be considered.

John Bonkowski requested that his Chapter the Michigan group will submit a bid.

The site for the 1980 reunion will be decided at the last Board of Governors meeting at the 1978 reunion in Philly.

The President asked for reports from the Chapters and all reported of their activities.

There being no further business and upon a motion duly made by Pat DeColli and seconded by Sal Trapani it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 5:45 P.M.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION  
ASSOCIATION

July 27-30, 1978

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# Philadelphia – The Great American Experience

Thirty Third Annual Reunion  
Ninth Infantry Division Association  
July 27, 28, and 29, 1978  
Philadelphia Sheraton Hotel  
Program of Events

**Thursday July 27, 1978**  
9:00 A.M. Registration  
Bivouac-All day long  
4:00 P.M. Board of Governors Meeting  
8:30 P.M. Welcoming Party-Old Philadelphia Night  
**Friday July 28, 1978**  
9:00 A.M. Registration  
10:00 A.M. General Meeting and Committee Meetings  
10:00 A.M. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting  
8:30 P.M. Dance  
**Saturday July 29, 1978**  
9:00 A.M. Registration  
10:30 A.M. Form for Parade  
11:00 A.M. Parade and Memorial Service  
6:30 P.M. Banquet and Dance  
**Sunday July 30, 1978**  
Strike tents -- Au Revoir, Cheerio, Adios, Auf Wedersehen, Arrividerci, Shalom, ... Good bye ... till next year!

## Historic Philadelphia

**Cradle of History** - The National Park Service administers few urban parks, but it has one in Philadelphia (Independence National Historical Park) because Center City was a cradle of American history. From the visitors center the following are but a few of the historic shrines within easy walking distance: Independence Hall (Fifth and Chestnut), where the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence and wrote the Constitution; the Liberty Bell, now on display across Chestnut from the Hall; the Jacob Graff house (Seventh and Market), where Jefferson wrote the Declaration, and Congress Hall (Sixth and Chestnut), where Congress adopted the Bill of Rights while Philadelphia was capital of the infant country from 1790 to 1800.

Also in the area: the Old City Hall (Fifth and Chestnut), first home of the United States Supreme Court; the site of Benjamin Franklin's home (Fourth and Market) and the simple slab that marks his grave (Fifth and Arch); Christ Church (near Second and Market), where Franklin, Washington and others worshipped; the house at 239 Arch Street, where Betsy Ross is said to have made the first American flag during the Revolution; the First Bank of the United States (Third and Chestnut), built in the 18th century when banking was the province of the government; the stately Second Bank of the United States (Fourth and Chestnut), which now houses the Park Service's portrait gallery of the founding fathers paintings by Charles Willson Peale and other leading artists of the time.

All the buildings are open to the public free from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. daily and look much as they did in the days when Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Franklin, Madison and the others frequented them while shaping a democracy. On Sundays Christ Church conducts morning worship and is open to sightseers from 1 to 5 P.M. Most of the Park Service buildings stay open till 6 or 8 P.M. during the summer. The Betsy Ross house, privately administered, is open free from 9 to 6 P.M. daily.

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

## Places of Interest

Over on South St. between 2nd and 6th streets is a unique shopping and dining district called the South Street Renaissance. A once decaying neighborhood has been revitalized with some of the city's most exciting and off-beat art galleries, crafts shops and boutiques as well as excellent restaurants and nightspots.

Most shops here are open late on weekend evenings so you can combine shopping with a good dinner. Close by on 4th St. a clutch of fabric stores offers shoppers good bargains on designer fabrics, upholstery materials and all sewing needs, while Pine St. between 9th and 12th streets, is known around the country as an important center for fine American and European antiques.

Marketplaces, also, abound in Philadelphia offering visitors the chance to sample the flavor of the city's characteristic ethnic neighborhoods. Down in South Philadelphia, the Italian Market features crowded outdoor stalls filled to overflowing with fresh produce, fish and meat as well as regional Italian specialties.

It's not unusual to find sari-clad women or German hausfrau shopping at the Reading Terminal Market for exotic foods from around the globe. This market also features fresh produce and baked goods from the Pennsylvania Dutch country and Philadelphia's own Bassetts' ice cream, undoubtedly the best in the world.

Other neighborhood shopping districts offer Greek, Chinese, Spanish, Jewish or Polish specialties, reminders of the tremendous diversity that gives Philadelphia its cosmopolitan flavor.

### 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

## Dining

**DINING** - Restaurant fare has come a long way in Philadelphia since the only name known to tourists was Bookbinder's. Bookbinder's, of course, is still here. In fact, there are two Bookbinder's, the 112-year-old original seafood house at 125 Walnut (215-WA5-7027) and Bookbinder's Seafood House at 215 South 15th (215-KI 5-1137). Over the years, the original Bookbinder's became so acclaimed for its seafood that it grew to a vast establishment with seating capacity for 1,000 diners. There is parking space across the street for 500 cars. Seafood prices range from \$9.95 for scrod to \$23.95 for three-pound live lobsters you select from a tank. The restaurant is open from 11:30 each week day, 12 Saturdays and 1 Sundays. The other Bookbinder's does as well with meat as with fish. Entrees from \$6.95, open from noon Sundays, from 11:30 other days.

The best French restaurant is Le Bec-Fin, a small room with nine tables in an old row house at 1312 Spruce (215-732-3000). Dinner only, seatings at 6 and 9 P.M. Monday-Saturday, reservations essential. Prix fixe is \$35 each for a five-course repast that is a work of culinary art, particularly when rack of lamb and lobster mousse are on the menu. Liquor, wine, tax and tip are extra, putting the usual bill for two over \$100.

Les Amis, 1920 Chestnut (215-LO 7-0855) is an excellent substitute for less than half the price. Open Monday to Saturday from 6 to 10 P.M. and Sunday from 5 to 8 P.M. for dinner, Monday to Friday 12-2 P.M. for lunch. The best Italian restaurant is Ristorante da Gaetano, a cellar of brick and arches at 727 Walnut (215-WA 2-3771). Try the homemade pastas, such as trenette col pesto, and any of the 10 mouth-watering veal dishes. Lunch 11:30 to 2 P.M. Tuesday-Friday, dinner (entrees \$8 to \$11) from 5:30 P.M. Tuesday-Saturday.

The Frog (215-PE 5-8882) is a slender hideaway at 264 South 16th Street, with an imaginative, eclectic menu and the best wine list in town. Entree prices \$5.75 to \$9.75. Lunch 12-2 P.M. Monday-Friday; dinner from 6 P.M. Monday-Saturday; Sunday brunch 11:30-2:30 P.M., dinner 5:30-9:30 P.M.

**MANY VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS** are of the opinion that once a claim for compensation or pension has been denied by a Regional VA Office, the case is closed. This is a false impression. A denial of a claim may be contested as high as the Board of Veterans Appeal in Washington, D.C. If a claim for compensation or pension has been denied, a letter of disagreement based on a point of law may be submitted to the VA Regional Office where the claim was rejected. New evidence may be offered to substantiate the original claim. These steps can be taken before appealing directly to Washington.

**PHILLY REUNION  
JULY 27-29**

### TRAVEL TIPS

#### FROM NORTHERN & WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA VIA PA TURNPIKE

exit at No. 24, Valley Forge. Follow Rt. 76, Schuylkill Expressway, to Rt. 676, Vine Street (a left hand exit from the expressway). Stay to the right on Vine Street and make a right at 15th Street. Go 3 blocks and make another right onto Kennedy Blvd. Go 2 blocks to 17th Street and the Hotel is on your right, the garage on the left.

#### FROM NORTH JERSEY AND NEW YORK AREA VIA NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE

exit at No. 4, Moorestown. Pick up Rt. 73 North to Rt. 38. Take Rt. 38 West into Camden where it joins Rt. 30 West. Follow signs for the Benjamin Franklin Bridge to Philadelphia. In Philadelphia, the Bridge will leave you at the foot of Vine Street, a six lane, one way street with a concrete barrier. Stay to the right of the barrier and proceed to 17th Street. Make a left, go three blocks to Kennedy Blvd. and make a right. The Hotel is on your right and the garage on the left.

#### FROM DELAWARE AND THE SOUTH VIA RT 95

Follow Rt. 95 (follow signs through construction areas) to International Airport and Penrose Avenue. Follow Penrose Avenue over Schuylkill River and make a left at the first light to Rt. 76 (Schuylkill Expressway). Follow Rt. 76 to Rt. 676, Vine Street (a right hand exit from the expressway). Stay to the right on Vine Street and make a right at 15th Street. Go 3 blocks and make another right onto Kennedy Blvd. Go 2 blocks to 17th Street and the Hotel is on your right, the garage on the left.

#### BY AIR

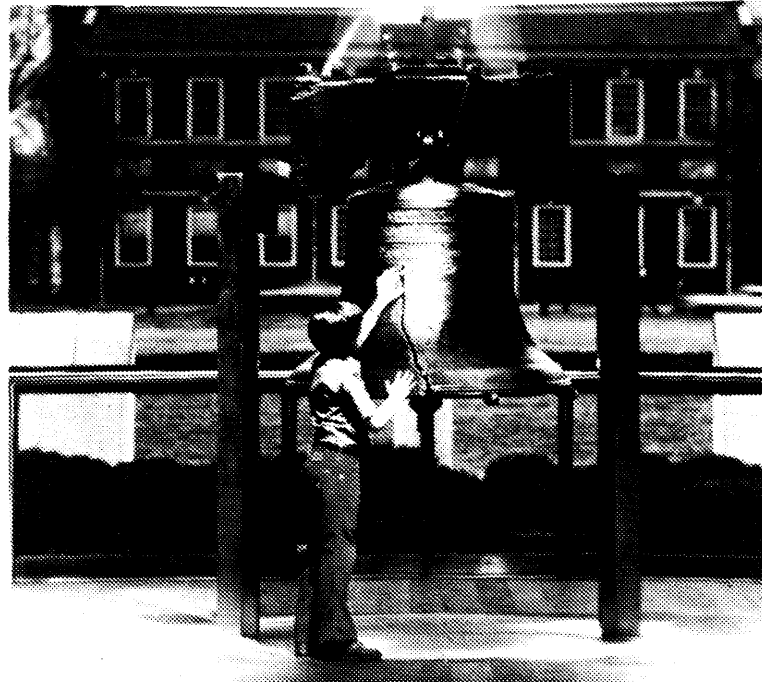
All major airlines use the Philadelphia International Airport and bus companies will take you from the airport into Philly as easy as 20 minutes.

#### BY TRAIN

The hotel is less than five minutes from the AMTRAK terminal.

#### PARKING

Free self parking for registered guests.



The Liberty Bell, symbol of freedom to people all over the world is now housed across from Independence Hall in the Liberty Bell Pavilion. Millions of visitors every year come to see and touch our Nation's most historic shrine.

## SPRUCING UP FOR REUNION ?



Howard Brooks sends this photo of Charley Company 47th Infantry taken at Rocky Mt. North Carolina while on maneuvers back in 1941. Left to right: (Their rank when the photo was taken!) Pvt. Claudino Pavia, Pvt. George Moffatt, Pvt. John Worthington, Pvt. Anthony Fiore, PFC. Stanley Pollinger, Pvt. Frank Santoro, Pvt. Anthony Prestofilippo, Pvt. John McAteer, Cpl. Dominic DiGennaro, Pvt. Robert Cuttinelle. It was hair cut time.

## Michigan Doings

It was an ideal day on the road so 43 in all attended the April Meeting at Fred & Jane Josey's home in Grand Blanc Mich. Our Hosts went all out to make that occasion so pleasant for all of us.

This certainly was no place for dieting with all the snacks and delicious food on hand. The bar was a popular spot with Don Lewis and the "gang" doing some fine old renditions. Even Elmer Wagner and Charlotte Fox "cut the rug" to the old "Elmer's Tune". Frank Morbitzer, Charlie Fox and Billie Martin had some stories to tell that brought tears to our eyes - with laughter.

While all this was going on, Bill Phelps, Tom Hatton, Rodger Alsgaard and a few other sharp shooters showed their skill at the pool table. It was an enjoyable night for everyone.

On the way over there, Tom & Carol Saunders stopped by in Fenton, and came together with Ernie & Elsie Young. It was good to see these long time friends again.

Gene Reedy and son, Rick delivered some "Red Pop" which was appreciated. They've got a big order coming up for the Picnic.

This time, John Zulkiewski was able to come with Everett & Irene Tapp and he looked fine. It was a busy week-end for The Tapps who were heading for Columbus, Ohio in the morning.

Always nice talking with Chuck & Doris Williams who have been making most of the Meetings since they became active members. The same with Billie & Marilyn Martin. Billie is a master with the camera and has many fine shots to show for it.

Among the guests were Fred Josey's sisters, Amy & Marion along with their husbands, Cal & Ray. Very friendly people.

This was the first time out with the Chapter for Bill & Lydia Phelps since they were married. We wish them a long and happy life together. (It would be nice to have them with us on that Convention Bus.)

All it took was a short drive to get Jim & Audrey Bruner to this Meeting. We've enjoyed their company but sorry to hear that the Reunion is not in their plans. Chuck & Charlotte Fox will also miss this Convention. Worse yet, they will not be on that fun Bus.

Another couple, Tom & Carol Saunders have removed their name off the List. They are going by car on an extended trip but we'll get together in Philly.

Back at Fred & Jane Josey's home, we've missed Pres. John & Jane Young. John was undergoing some tests at the Ann Arbor V.A. Hospital. Vice Pres. Bill & Lucile Andrews were taking turns fighting the flu bug and couldn't attend. Bob & Flo DeSandy were still on their Florida vacation. John Obermiller was working, so he and Thelma couldn't make it.

Second Vice Pres., Rodger Alsgaard did a terrific job as Acting Chairman of the Business Session. We have increased our "Guys & Gals" Booster Ads to 60. We hope to double the amount by the deadline at the Picnic.

A note from Evan & Ethel Thompson. They will be leaving for Europe on June 21 and will return in time for the Convention. We wish them a Bon Voyage.

Another note from Vince Temple contained a deposit check for the Bus. He's really anxious because that is the only way that he will be able to make the Reunion. (We're hoping too, Vince and it does look promising.)

Tippie Plunkett sent us more pictures and expressed some kind words about The Chapter. Our appreciation and sincere thanks, always.

We've waited a long time to hear from Jim & Louise Rushlow and we were rewarded recently with a nice note and Jim's dues for 3 years. Our thanks also to the following Members who paid their dues through the Chapter: Ernest Young, Billie Martin, Frank Morbitzer and Bill Phelps.

On Saturday, April 29, Elmer Wagner and I shared a pleasant drive to the National Board Meeting in Pittsburgh. Everyone will be pleased to hear about the fine program that is planned not only for this Reunion but also the following one in Florida. - Pres. Al Perna promised to arrange a CP Room for the Chapter in Philadelphia. - A good Scholarship Committee Report was presented by Chairman, John Clouser. They do deserve our upmost support. - Our Michigan Chapter Report covered all the activities for the entire year. It was a well spent week-end.

### FIFTH ANNUAL MEMORIAL

There were 37 present at our Fifth Annual Memorial Service on Sunday, May 21. The Program began with a 12 Noon Brunch at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge on Washington Blvd., downtown Detroit.

The Ceremony began with a few timely words by Pres. John Al Young and an opening prayer by Chaplain Floyd Hennessey. Everett Tapp introduced the Main Speaker, Rev. L.C. Tucker, who delivered a fine sermon. Elmer Wagner and the President followed with some Scripture reading. We were thinking of the 4,581 Comrades who made the Supreme Sacrifice on the Battlefields of the African and European Continents and all those in the Association who have passed on, through the years. Then as I read each name on the Chapter's Golden Honor Roll, Chaplain, Floyd Hennessey answered the call with an "Absent" reply.

Thomas Harris, Gerald Kramer, Jack Lansway, Arthur Mull, Tony Berdinski, William Meadows, Donald Crosskill, Bernard Kadykowski, Toivo Kyto, John Pehote, Louis Madurski, John Herman, Urban Cox, Ken Whelton, John Korobko, Elmer Krentzfeldt, Robert Rumenapp, John McCauley, Al Haidys, Casimer Zabik, William Savage.

There was a pause for a Minute of Silent Prayer as Jane Young sang The Taps and it was done beautifully. Chairman, Bob DeSandy made his closing remarks and expressed our gratitude to Rev. L.C. Tucker and The Rev. Samuel S. Johnston, Rector of Christ Church for making it possible for us to hold our Memorial Service thanking everyone who came to this Memorial. Six more names have been added to the Golden Honor Roll, since last year and we wish that more would come to Honor our Departed.

John Bonkowski  
19941 Hickory  
Detroit, Michigan 48206

### ILLINOIS CHAPTER

As we took "Old Glory" down at the end of Flag Day, we were somehow reminded of the Ninth Division and realized that it's time to get off some quick quotes to Quinn to quell his quest for quips.

The May meeting was held at Tedtman's. Frank Ozart gave his report of the Spring Board of Governors meeting, which he, along with Chuck Koskie and John Clouser, attended. President Bill Hennemuth discussed plans for the annual Memorial Service. Admittedly, there was more pleasure than business at this meeting, which was a great change from one year ago when we were hosting the reunion.

### Memorialize

On Sunday, June fourth, we assembled at the gravesite of former member and friend, James Sullivan, to pay our respects to him and to memorialize all of the deceased members of the Ninth Infantry Division. Paul Clark was the Flag bearer and the prayers of the service were led by John Clouser. Chaplain Bud Remer's speech included a remembrance to his friend, Martha Watts, who passed away this past year. Bud also made reference to the advantages of being retired and reminded us that we are all approaching our sunset years. They can be full, pleasurable times when we can do what we wish, when we wish. Bud's philosophy of retirement is one we would all find very practical.

### Sense of Sadness

A beautiful floral piece with the Octofoil design was placed on the grave by Mike Belmonte. During the service, a wall hanging of the Octofoil which was hand crafted by Lorraine Clark was at the gravesite. The men, women and young people reflected a sense of sadness for those who have passed on and a sincere appreciation for those who served so well.

### All Day Picnic

Following the service, a caravan led by Mike Belmonte, proceeded to Cantigny for an all day picnic. The spread of food and beverages was something to behold. Colonel Sanders could never compete with the ladies for fried chicken. Activities ranged from visiting the Museum, strolling through the formal gardens to attending the program presented by the V.F.W. For the stout-hearted, there was baseball, frisbee, darts and volleyball. Much to the distress of the artillery, the guys from the infantry were decidedly victorious in the annual volleyball contest. Captain Hennemuth recruited some young blood for his team. Daughter Martha, her friend, Scot and Jerry Fajnor's two sons were good support for the old-timers. We must admit that Bud Remer, Chuck Koskie and Bob Winkelman were no slackers in the heat of the battle. Gordon Anderson was the star player for the artillery but they couldn't get the advantage from the infantry this year.

With so many at the picnic, Ann Belmonte took advantage and gathered names for the well-wishers page of the Philadelphia Reunion Booklet. The weatherman fully cooperated to make this one of the most beautiful days for a picnic that we've had in a while.

## Reunion Dates July 27-29

### June Meeting

Tedtman's was the place to be for the June meeting. They were celebrating their Twenty-fifth Anniversary of being in business, so the joint was jumping. After a time of celebrating, we retired to our private meeting area. Georgia Winkelman and Lorraine Clark passed around pictures taken at the picnic. In the absence of the president and treasurer, there was not much business to transact. Souvenir desk thermometers were given to each of us by the management of Tedtmans. The July meeting will serve to coordinate plans for the jaunt to Philadelphia.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Clouser  
901 Graceland  
Des Plaines, Ill. 60016

## Remagen Bridge Sold in Chips

Remagen, West Germany (AP) - Encased in plastic, stone chips from the Remagen Bridge went on sale March 7, 33 years after the U.S. Army captured it as a springboard for the final assault on Nazi Germany.

The 6-inch-square souvenirs are selling for \$28 apiece. Mayor Hans Peter Kuerten plans to use the proceeds to build a memorial to soldiers of both sides who were killed in the war.

About 300 persons, including former U.S. and German soldiers who were here when the 9th Armored Division captured the bridge on March 7, 1945, attended a ceremony marking the sale.



**MAJOR GENERAL  
HOWARD A. LOUDERBACK  
RETIRES**

Edison, NJ -- Major General Howard A. Louderback, of Lawrence Township, New Jersey, Commander of the 78th Division, retired from the U.S. Army Reserve. Ceremonies was held on Sunday, February 26, 1978, at the Sports Arena, Fort Dix, New Jersey.

The 78th Division consists of nearly all U.S. Army Reserve forces in the State. It is known as the "Jersey Lightning" Division.

General Louderback, a World War II combat veteran, volunteered for the Army in 1941. His first major assignment was as a training Non Commissioned Officer. In the

### NEW YORK

#### Visit Pinelawn

Saturday May 20th found the New Yorkers at the National Cemetery in Pinelawn, Long Island. After a brief ceremony and placing of the wreath the members visited the grave sites of many of the men who died in WW2. Each year a different section of the cemetery is visited as the cemetery contains several hundred men from the Ninth who were killed in the War. Many members have since joined their comrades and the gang made sure they visited the gravesite of Dom Miele and John Rizzo.

#### Respite

After the graves were decorated the members traveled to Bethpage State Park where a family style picnic was enjoyed by all.

#### Help Celebrate

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anthony DeLaura celebrated his 45th year as a priest and the members of the chapter were on hand to honor this great "little guy". We always remember the time he joined the 47th Infantry, shortly before we took off for Sicily. What a "shot in the arm" he was for the troops of the 47th and a great spiritual leader. We all hope to be at his 50th Anniversary.

#### Here 'n there

At the Past Presidents night held on May 5th many past Presidents of the Chapter were on hand and they included: Irving Feinberg, Albert Bruchac, Daniel Quinn, Vincent Guglielmino, George Bako, Emil Langer, Michael Deresh, Arthur Schmidt, and Harry Meltzer.

Hermينو Suarez celebrated his 30th Wedding Anniversary on June 4th and we wish he and his lovely wife thirty more years of happiness.

spring of 1943, he entered Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and was commissioned a second lieutenant the following July. As a captain he commanded Company I, 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division in Germany.

He left active duty in 1947 and soon thereafter joined the 78th Infantry Division at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. He has served in various capacities within the Division -- as battalion commander, brigade commander and most recently as Assistant Division Commander before becoming Division Commander in May 1974. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

# mail call

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## Co. G - 47th Inf.

Robert Griffith  
311 W. Lance Drive  
Des Plaines, IL 60016

I am enclosing my check for a Life Membership. This should stop my name appearing in red every three years.

Both Eleanor and I enjoyed so much seeing and talking with you and the others while in Chicago last summer. You can imagine the enjoyment I got out of talking with George Bako after not seeing him in over thirty years.

Sorry we will not make the "Philly Reunion" as we are planning to visit Ireland, Scotland and England during the month of July and see some of the places we missed while there three years ago.

Be sure to give our regards to all, and thanks for being so gracious while the Convention was in Chicago.

We hope the Philly Reunion is a smashing success! Our thoughts will be with the "9th".

## Co. M 60th Inf

Curtis "Buck" Buchanan  
2914 Alexander St.  
Florence, Ala. 35630

Enclosed find my check in the amount of \$13.00 for a three year membership in the association.

Carl Brady from Mobile Alabama called me a couple of weeks ago to just talk and suggested that he and his wife, and my wife and I just drive through to Philadelphia for the reunion in 1978, so will definitely be there to enjoy the couple or three days. We have not seen each other since the Detroit get together but have seen each other two or three times since our discharge in 1945. He slept on top and I on the bottom bunk on the Susan B. Anthony going over and the same thing on the USS West Point, a hospital ship coming back.

We both failed to make the Chicago reunion but will see you July 27-29.

Best of all to all.

## Div. Hqs. APO

Harold Perry 3430 Galt Ocean Drive, Apt. 202  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308

It's "Tell-tale red ink" time again and I am enclosing my dues for another three years. It's difficult to realize three years have sped by, but then it's also hard to realize that 33 years this June have gone by since I first signed up for membership in that little Bavarian fortress town on the Danube -- Ingolstadt.

My brother Ward who was in the 26th F. A. Bn. and later in the A.G. Section at Div. Hqs. is still in the home town of Wyandotte, Michigan, and is quite well for an old Fort Bragg 1941 veteran.

I hear from old buddies in the A-P-O Section every year at Christmas time: Capt. Lew Yehle, Bill McGee, Barney Long, Jim (Red) Posten, Bill Tinkham, Don Myers, Dave McQuiston, Paul (Peepsite) Aceto, Bill Shannon, and the widow of Clarence Fuhrman. My best to you and Marie.

## Div Hq

CHARLIE TINGLEY  
PO Box 279

Saint Leonard, Md. 20685

Enclosed is my check for dues. As far as I know I hope to make the Philly reunion.

## 1st Bn., 60th

John K. Moore  
4057 Lake Bayshore Dr.  
C-213

Bradenton, Fla. 33505

Never thought I would live to see the day that RED LABEL on the OCTOFOIL would embarrass me, - but that day has finally arrived.

Don't know just how the lapse occurred, but being charitable to myself, I'll lay the blame to advancing age with it's accompanying forgetfulness.

Will try hard not to let it happen again.

All goes well down in these southern climes, health is good, and I am confidently looking forward to at least a few more years.

Best regards to all former comrades, and keep that Octofoil coming.

## 26th F.A. Bn.

GORDON J. RYDER  
83 Glenmont Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio

Enclosed are my dues for three years. I enjoy the Octofoil and news from those men in the 26th F.A. in particular.

For the past seven years my wife and I have made our annual trip to Denver, Colo. for a visit with our daughter and her family.

Each year I had a short visit with Dr. Burton L. Forbes. Capt. Forbes was the Bn. Medical officer in the 26th F.A. until late in the war when he was transferred to Divarty or Div. Med. Unit. Last Christmas vacation his wife Ester informed me that he died on September 24, 1977 after a brief illness.

You might like to report this in the Octofoil as well as contact Mrs. Forbes.

## Co. L 47th

CLARENCE F. RAY  
Rt. No. 1, Box 77  
Penn Run, Pa. 15765

Enclosed find check for three years dues.

I am fifty-six years old to-day and still working in pipeline construction. Was fortunate to be able to work most of 1976 on the Trans Alaska Pipeline project.

Spent the past holiday season with my daughter and her husband in Australia.

It's difficult for me to attend a reunion, as the summer months are the busiest for my line of work. Am off frequently during the winter.

I read in the Octofoil frequently, letters of John Mrugala, K. Co. 47th. His address is Bainsboro, Pa. which is only a short distance from where I live. I'm going to look him up some of these times.

Best regards.

## Serv Co 60th Inf

ERNEST G. NISSEN  
616-13th Ave. No.  
Clinton, Iowa 52732

Thanks for sending the Octofoil.

I am also sending in our reservations to the hotel for the reunion so hope to see some of the fellows the regulars and some of the not so frequent ones.

## 709 Ord.

ROBERT SPENCER  
37 Water Street  
Wellsboro, Pa. 16901

Late as usual, but sure do enjoy the Octofoil. Have made quite a few of the reunions in the past and hope to get back in the swing of things.

Keep up the good work.

## HDQ - 3Bn - 47th

Al Bravin  
420 Fairview Avenue  
Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024

I hope this story I have to tell will be of some interest to the men of the 9th Division. It is a little on the unusual side and happened at Fort Bragg, N.C. in 1941.

It was a beautiful day and a group of us G.I.'s from D Company, (The company I was assigned to when arriving at Fort Bragg, N.C.) were headed along the road to the rifle range. We were led by Lt. G, whose last name wouldn't be fair to mention considering what happened. Although city bred I had spent a great deal of my life on my aunt's farm. There I had the chance to fire a rifle many times and enjoyed it. After walking along the road for awhile, Lt. G. told us that we were going to take a short cut through the woods. When the men entered the woods I was at the end of the column. Looking over to the right about 100 feet away was a sign which said, "Do Not Enter, Firing Today". After all, I was still green about the ways of the Army and thought nothing about this warning. After what happened later, I realized that no one else had seen this sign. We had walked for a short while when all of a sudden all hell broke loose. Bullets were slamming into trees and the ground all around us. We all instinctively fell to the ground as the bullets were missing us by inches. We crawled to a low spot so that the bullets would go over our heads. The Lt. had made a mistake and had taken us in back of the targets of the rifle range. Considering what was happening all men remained quite calm under a situation that could have been a real tragedy.

As soon as the firing stopped we all ran out of the woods onto the road. Lt. G. told us it would be nice if we would all forget what happened. For this remark he received a long and loud boo.

I guess we were missed at the rifle range for coming down the road at break neck speed with the good old Carolina dust flying in back of his vehicle, was the company commander, Percy D. Witt McCarley, Jr. To say he was angry at the Lt. would be a great understatement. Right after this incident the Lt. was transferred to another company. Before we moved out from Fort Bragg the Lt. disappeared from the 47th Inf. I wonder if there are any men around from D Company who were in on this happening. At one of our conventions I told part of this story to General Randle.

Guess one could say that we former men of D Company were the first ones to be under friendly enemy fire.

Hope this finds you all in the best of health.

## Co. F 47th

PAUL GIARRAPUTO  
89-02 133rd Street  
Richmond Hill, N.Y. 11418

Enclosed you will find my dues and donation.

I am making plans to attend the reunion in Philly. God bless you.

## Div. Arty.

JULIUS L. IANNOTTI  
46 Ridge Road  
Hamden, Conn. 06517

Enclosed is my check for the dues of the coming years, 1978, 79 and 80. I am sorry for the delay because I was sick and forgot the dues, so I am paying for three years.

## 709 Ord.

RAYMOND J. KENNEDY  
413-Stratton Lane  
Pittsburgh, Pa 15206

Thanks for the Red reminder. What is new among the gang from the 709th Ord. L.M. Co., there is never any news from any of the members. They were a grand bunch of fellows. Let's hear from some of them. P.S. You're doing a fine job reminding all the lazy guys to pay up.

## Co. B. 47th

PAT MORANO  
2208 Lincoln Way East  
Chambersburg, Pa. 17201

Enclosed is a clipping that I saw in the Pa. VFW Newspaper. Perhaps you can check your records and/or also place this request in a coming issue of the Octofoil.

"To the Editor:

I would like to locate a Daniel A. Manspeaker who was in the 298th Engineers Combat Battalion, U.S. Army, 9th Infantry Division and received a Bronze Star medal in Germany in October, 1944. He would be about 50-60 years of age.

Thank you very much.

Helen I. Manspeaker  
1314 Green Street  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17102"

How are you and the family? We hope fine and well. Ann and I are taking it easy for the present. We had several months of being with Ann's mother who was seriously ill so that we were able to tend to her needs as best as we could. Even though she had been released from the hospital she spent her remaining days in the local Nursing Home of Ann's hometown of Altona, Pa. - we were terribly saddened with the passing of Ann's mother on March 4th, 1978. It was a gallant fight but she just couldn't overcome pneumonia. She would have been 86 in June. She was a fine woman, Dan. I used to get a kick out of her some years back when she kidded me about the old Dodgers and what her Pirates would do to them! In those days she could go down the Pirates' batting order and give you the batting average for each player!!

We will miss her terribly. We were very sorry to hear of Don Miele's death. He was a dedicated member of our Association and he too will be missed.

That's it for now Dan. Keep well - regards and sincerest best wishes to you, Marie and the rest of the family.

## 9th Med. & 1st Bn.

### 60th Inf.

RUSSEL M. HUMMEL, M.D.  
2411 Lommel Lane  
Marion, Ind. 46952

Enclosed is my check for \$7.00 for our dues for another year. I am sure you must get tired of hearing excuses about late payment of dues so this year, I'm not going to make one.

I'm still working hard to prove I'm not as old as some think - have no plans for retirement, but hope I can get to one of the reunions before too long.

Last year Mrs. Hummel and I were in Switzerland, Italy and Nice, France in July. After winning 10 francs at Monte Carlo, I ventured down on the beach and studied anatomy of the topless bathers - after that experience plus jet lag - I was in no condition to go to the reunion. Best wishes to you and everyone.

## Div. Hq. Co.

JOHN BRANDI  
400 Buckeye Street  
Tiltonsville, Oh. 43963

We received a letter from Dorothy Starcher, the wife of E.S. "Larry" Starcher, a former member of 9th Div. Medics. That Larry passed away January 27th with a heart attack.

Larry had been living in Trenton, Fla. for many years. We were good friends while we were in the service, and exchanged Xmas cards every year. We hope to see all at the next reunion.

## A. Bty. 60th F.A.

WALTER T. QUIGLEY  
P.O. Box 1094  
Lake Elsinore, Ca. 92330

Enclosed is my 9th Infantry Division Association membership application. Received a copy of the Octofoil from the Association and enjoyed reading through it. I hoped to see the names of some buddies, possibly from "A" and "B" batteries, 60th F.A. Bn., but was disappointed. I still keep in touch with a few of them (Pat Passarello, of Staten Island, Bob Bolton of S.C., Jim Myers of East Brookfield, Mass. and Larry Rochford, of Pawtucket, R.I.) My wife Dolly and I are heading back to the East Coast and stopping to visit some of these friends on the way.

I was with the 9th all through WWII and entered from Mass. Have been living out in Calif. now since 1963. We hope our vacation plans can include attending the Philly reunion in July.

If I remember correctly, I attended the "Memorial" Mass in Worcester in Nov. 1945, with dinner and reunion at the nearby Sheraton Hotel there, also. I believe that was the very first memorial mass and reunion. Memories!

Please find enclosed check for dues, etc.

## 9th Reconn Tr.

CHARLES E. NEAL  
Route 2 Rocky Fork Rd.  
Snyder, Tenn. 37167

This is to let you know of my new address change.

It's always nice to read the Octofoil and especially the letters. I enjoy it very much. My wife and I will not be able to attend the reunion this year, I'm sorry to say. Any time any of the boys from the Ninth are in this area they are more than welcome to stop in and say hello and chew the fat.

## Co. A. 9th Med.

EDGAR N. COBBLER  
P.O. Box 463  
Redgeway, Va. 24148

I have received the Octofoil for many years and do enjoy it very much, but I have never seen any of the mens names that was in my Co. Co. A 9 Med. Bn.

I am sending you a list of names and their addresses. I am sure some of them would like to join the organization and maybe attend the reunion.

W.L. BOBBITT  
RFD1 Box 221  
Ben Wheeler, Texas

WILLIAM F. SPENCE  
Rt. 2 Box 169  
Strasburg, Va. 22657

JOSEPH E. BOURDREAU  
29 Old Kaw Kawn Rd.  
Bay City, Mi. 48706

CLYDE CRIPI  
331 W. 10  
Anderson, In. 46016

J. COSENZA  
222 Clinton Street  
Linden, N.J. 07036

PHILLY REUNION  
JULY 27-29



## MAIL CALL

A Co. 15 Engs.  
HENRY R. SANTOS  
9701 N. 46th Street  
Tampa, Fla. 33617

Enclosed is my check for the scholarship or memorial fund. Much as I'd like to attend the reunion-convention my chances are at best very remote. I expect I'll just have to read it in the Octofoil which I always look forward to.

Best wishes to all.

376th AAA  
GEORGE WALDRON  
3801 Soquel Drive  
Soquel, Cal. 95073

Enclosed find letter from Jack Fernandez. I saw his plea in the 9th Assoc. paper and dropped him a line three months ago. He just answered me a couple of days ago. The poor guy is pretty bad off. I just wrote him a four page letter giving him some advice on how to get help and told him I would drop you a line in his behalf. I also wrote a letter to our Cal. State VFW Chaplain to have a local VFW Chaplain in his area get in touch with him. I will also write a letter of testament for him. Jack was looking for guys but I feel that we were all (the 9th) in the same area and suffered the same problems. What caused the T.B. in the milk was the fact due to bombing and shellings of the area maybe a week or two before we captured it. And with all the rotten bodies of humans and animals lying around seeping into the creeks and streams and the cows and pigs and chickens drinking the polluted water became infected. I never drank milk because there was too much free booze to be liberated. During the depression our family of seven kids were on relief and never had milk so I never missed it. Getting back to Jack Fernandez, could you put an article in the paper requesting anyone who has his condition to get in touch with him. If there is any reply to his ad maybe they are also looking for someone also so they can all testify for each other.

Gave Jack, Fathers Robert Curtis' address in Monterey, Cal. Ed's note: We feel certain other members will try to help - Jack Fernandez lives at 39 Green Street, Pittsburg, Calif. 94565.

Co. C. 9th Med.  
FREDERICK G. DICK  
7901 - 40th Ave. N.  
66 Outer Circle Drive  
St. Petersburg, Fl. 33709

Please don't ask me why I put off sending in a check for my dues especially since I am so proud to be a member of such a great organization.

Dan, four years ago I was in Casablanca and, of course, I took a trip to Port Lyauvey to see the beach at Mehdi and the Kasba again. I tried to visit the cemetery at the Kasba and when I couldn't locate it (see p. 75 in our history Eight Stars to Victory) I asked questions as to its exact location. I was told that the Americans had removed the bodies of our men. My question is were their bodies removed or did I miss finding the cemetery? This has bothered me these past years so I thought a note to you may supply me with an answer.

I do enjoy the Octofoil and hope I will be able to make personal contacts this summer in Philadelphia.

**Deadline for copy of the next issue of the Octofoil will be Aug 20th**

I Co. & Can. Co. 39th  
JAMES J. BENANE  
468 Estado Way  
Novato, Cal. 94947

Since my name is in red, I'll take this opportunity to drop you a line along with my dues payment. In 1976 I went to Europe and took the opportunity to visit Germeter, Vossavach, Elsenborn, etc. You would never know a shot had been fired in the area. I met one German survivor in Germeter and we got "bombed" recalling the Battle of the Huertgen Forest. Somehow you have to respect the other side for having endured and survived under the same conditions that we did.

There aren't very many ex 9th Div. men on the West Coast but I do see our former company commander - Phil Lones occasionally. In fact we had dinner together a couple of weeks ago.

I see Bill Andrews' name in the Michigan column quite frequently and I would greatly appreciate receiving his address.

Keep up the good work.

Co. I 39th  
J.C. DAWSON  
Box 622  
Decatur, Tex. 76234

I appreciate you sending me the Jan.-Feb. 78 issue of the Octofoil. Enclosed find my personal check for \$5.50 and a membership application plus a combat Route Map.

I will be unable to attend the reunion in July. But would like to renew friendships with anyone who served in Co. I 39 Reg. 9th Inf. Div. in 44 and the early part of 45.

I was wounded on January 30, 1945. Most of the men in my company were from the northern states.

Myself, Abrion H. Mayes, Bogato, Texas and a man from Beaumont, Texas were about the only Texans.

I will be looking forward to receiving the Octofoil. And have no preference for a chapter to receive my membership since all chapters are in the North.

Co. C. 47th  
CHARLES AYERS  
4116 S.E. 19 Ave.  
Cape Coral, Fla. 33904

Thanks so much for a fast reply to my letter. Check enclosed to join the 9th. I have sent reservations for the reunion in Philadelphia. Hope to see old friends there. If anyone in Co. "C" 47th remembers me please drop me a line. I was the fellow they gave the bazooka to and got the half track while on patrol and also the one who fell out of the window on VJ day. After we left Dackan Germany.

Looking forward to hearing from someone.

Co. C. 15th Engs.  
PHILIP DOBINA  
77 Ingleside Ave.  
Winthrop, Ma. 02152

I was talking with an old friend Nick Garosz of B Co. 15th Engs. who had some articles of the 9th. I had a photostat made of the articles in case you wanted to print it in the Octofoil.

It's an old copy, but we can still be proud of our accomplishments. We were quite an outfit - and in fact, still are.

Enclosed are my dues for three years. Thanks and good health to all.

Med Det  
Co I 47th Inf  
GEORGE DOHMANN  
2420 Sedgwick Ave  
Bronx, N.Y. 10468

I delayed getting this in the mail as I hoped to find 50 - I could spare so I could finally get the Life Membership and not have to worry about dues in the future.

Hope all is well with you. Look forward to the newspaper and always look for news of old friends - and I do see them from time to time. P.S. I'll be in touch but hope to move to Danbury, Conn. area by year's end - we shall see how it turns out.

Co. L. 60th Inf.  
EDWIN E. BREWER  
714 N. Walnut Street  
Maryville, Mo. 64468

My face is as red as the ink used in addressing my Octofoil. First time ever that I've had to be reminded about my dues. But I like the idea - it should get results. Am feeling good and enjoying my retirement.

Best regards to you and your wife.

M.P.  
BILL BATEMAN  
306 N.W. 3rd Avenue  
Aledo, Ill. 61231

Enclosed is check for three more years. Enjoyed the convention in Chicago last summer but will have to miss this next one. We are going to Ariz. this summer to look for a place to retire to. We will be retiring in about three more years and then no more cold and snow for us.

Nothing new to report here in this part of Illinois. I am still a rural mail carrier and my wife is still teaching school. Always glad to get news of the old 60th Inf. and the M.P. Plat.

Div. Band  
R.R. MC KIBBIN  
9659 W. Parkway  
Detroit, Mich. 48230

Sorry about my delay. I was transferred out here 1 1/2 years ago and am still in the process of getting settled. Things are going quite well and hope to be able to make more get-togethers with the Mich. Chapter. Please note my change of address as I have now bought a home.

Hq. 2nd Bn. 47th Inf.  
PERRY F. PAYNE  
509 Sutherland Drive  
Chickasaw, Ala 36611

Sorry about the delay in dues. Just enjoying this beautiful S. Ala. weather I guess. I have retired so I'm a free man for what may come along. Hunting, fishing, golfing, you name it. We plan to make the Philly convention. Take care but have fun.

47th Inf.  
Med. Det. 3rd Bn.  
JOHN JACOBS  
23381 Aurora 103  
Cleveland, Ohio 44146

Enclosed is a check for \$13.00, my dues for three years. I received a couple of letters from Rueben Hunt and he told me to say hello to you from him.

I had an offer to go to work since my heart attack but I am enjoying my retirement.

Can't wait for the weather to get warmer so I can go golfing.

Div. Hq. & 1st Bn. 47th  
DEAN VANDERHOEF  
Texas Creek, Colo. 81250  
Got the red message! Enclosed my dues. (Printed in red).

Really enjoyed seeing the letter from Allgood in the issue of the Octofoil. Wish I could make the reunion but no go

JOHN J. CLOUSER  
901 GRACELAND STREET  
DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS  
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CLARENCE ELLENBERGER  
R.D. No. 2  
Parker, Pa. 16049

Sorry my wife and I will not be able to be with the fellows in Phila. this year as we have made other plans. Maybe next year. Here are my dues for three years.

I certainly did enjoy the fine testimonial dinner, for Gen. Craig. I was his jeep driver and I was very highly honored to be invited and be with him on such a wonderful occasion. That is one day I will never forget. He is certainly a great and fine man, one of my favorites. We were very close, and I knew him very well.

Helen and I always stop and see Gen. and Mrs. Craig, when we are in or near Washington.

Dan, will you please send me another copy of the Octofoil with the write up of the General. My copy was quite soiled and dirty when it arrived in the mail.

Our Legion Post Penna 218 goes to nearby Deshon V.A. Hospital for parties, bingo, etc. I ran into a 9th Div. man and he did not know of our 9th Div. Association. He said he would like to see some of our newspaper, thought maybe you might send him an Octofoil and an application. He will be in the Deshon Hospital permanently. His address: William L. Wilson, N.C.H.U. No. 3, V.A. Hospital, Butler, Penna. 16001. Formerly from Youngstown, Ohio was with the 47th.

47th Inf. 2nd Bn.  
EVERETT W. CLARK  
9346 W. 57 Avenue  
Apt. No. 6  
Arvada, Colo. 80002

I see I am in the red. I am sorry I am late.

I would like to hear from anyone from 2 Bn. Hq. Co. 47th. I have lost contact with all but one, that I knew.

Div. Band  
VICTOR DAUMIT  
3400 Janet Road  
Silver Spring, Md. 20906

Guess it's about that time again-dues enclosed-will try to make Philly this summer. Still dancing "Saturday Nite Fever" turned the whole dancing scene around. Send a couple of Div. decals for the license plate-I'll pay later if you tell me how much.

I Co. 39th Reg.  
Robert F. Gordon  
1423 State Route 885  
Clairton, Pa. 15025

Enclosed is \$15 for three years dues. Sorry to be late, I hope to get them there on time from now on. Seems that I cannot make any of the reunions but I enjoy reading the Octofoil and don't want to miss it.

I want to mention the passing away of Bill Young who was a member of the Div. Art. I am not sure which Battery. Although he was not a member of the Association he attended a few reunions with me and I am sure that some of his buddies in the Art. will remember him.

So long for now, I am trying to make the reunion in Philly this year, don't know for sure yet.

34th F.A. Bty. B

HARRY V. ELLIS, JR.  
208 Homestead Lane  
Franklin, Va. 23851

Sorry to be late with dues. I've noticed several requests for help in the American Legion Monthly lately which from unit and date and place indicate they are former 9th Div. members. I've sent in your name as a possible source of contact for assistance-at least by you locating people in the unit might get to someone who could pinpoint a buddy-if you're not a Legionnaire and don't get the monthly perhaps you could contact someone in Weehawken who'd let you look and check for former comrades who need help-this is usually to substantiate a claim for disability-etc.

Only takes a few minutes a month and you could contact a local service officer of some post who'd probably get the info to individual service officers concerned. The State officer can get you in touch with either N.J. Adjutant or N.J. Service Officer.

9th Recon.

BOB LYNCH  
2103 - 11th St.  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

Just a word to say we (the wife and myself) will be attending the reunion in Philly and certainly hope to see a few of the old "Recon. Troop" in attendance.

Have seen no mention regarding a golf tournament in the Octofoil, and hope one is in the plans, but if no, please so advise so I won't have to lug the clubs through the hotel for naught.

Take care and see you soon. You're still doing a fine job.

Ed's note: We understand there will be no golf tournament but we feel sure there will be enough duffers on hand that will want to play a round or two.

E Co. 39th

KENNETH RAY  
Box 182 P.O.  
Oneco, Fla. 33558

Enclosed find membership for three years.

It's a pleasure to read your paper. By the way, if any guys of "E" Co. 39th Inf. will write, we'll write them. I'm retired now. I put 31 years at Thatchen Glass Co. Hey, Dan, just be good and take care.

Co. C 47th Inf. Reg.

DONALD B. BOBB  
519 N. Iowa Street  
Muscodia, Wis. 53573

Enclosed find check for three years membership.

We enjoy getting the Octofoil and keeping in touch with the old 9th.

Sorry that we are late with the dues.

Don't think we will be able to make the annual reunion this year.

9th M.D. Co. 1

ED MACHOWSKI  
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Chicago, Ill. 60631

The usual - take care and God bless. Always thinking about you and the rest of the 9th.

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