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# THE OCTOFOIL

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

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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## FORT LAUDERDALE NEXT YEAR

### Celebrate 34th Memorial Mass

Realizing that the Octofoil, because of our schedule, will reach our members after the 34th Annual Memorial and Service in Worcester we never the less wanted to print parts of the letters sent, each year, by Father Connors. Our November-December issue of the Octofoil will contain the happenings of this most solemn and beautiful weekend. The last issue (July-Aug) contained the story pertaining to this event and our members should have received this issue in September.

On Sunday, November 5, 1978, it will be my privilege to celebrate the 34th Annual Memorial Mass and Service for the deceased men of the 9th Infantry Division - five years at St. Peter's Church in Worcester, two years at St. Mary's Church in North Grafton, and 27 years in the Immaculate Conception Parish in Worcester - six years in the old church and this November it will be the 21st in the new church. Our largest crowd was in 1969, our 25th Annual Memorial Service, when about 850 attended. In recent years we have an average of approximately 500 attending. And God bless you for continuing to remember our beloved deceased - those who have preceded us into Eternity. Men of all Faiths attend - Protestant, Jewish, Orthodox, Catholic - united in charity and prayer. Not only do the men of the 9th attend, but members of their families - and we have pfc's and generals - good soldiers - and soldiers like myself - old man Connors.

### Approaching Retirement

As you know, I am approaching retirement, and whether I shall be on the job after this year is questionable. And if I am retired, even though I hope to be of service in some way, I shall not have a parish - and therefore, I shall have no place to bring the troops. But I am still going strong, and I hope that this year we shall have an especially large turnout - so that if it is necessarily my "LAST HURRAH", it will be a most memorable one.

### Grand Job

I enjoyed the very successful Convention in Philadelphia. Congratulations to the Philadelphia Chapter - you did a grand job. And in spite of my advancing years, I hope to attend the 1979 Convention in Fort Lauderdale.

### Best Years

As I have said so many times, my best years as a priest and a person were my years with you men of the 9th Infantry Division - and I wish to thank you for the privilege of serving you. Those years were the highlight of my life. You men were an inspiration to me - thank you and God bless you. Pray for one another.

Sincerely yours,  
Rev. Edward T. Connors



Shown here are the newly elected officers of the National Ladies Auxiliary of the association. (from l-r) are Lillian Krasovetz, Sec.-Treas., Phyllis Peña, Vice-President, Irene Tapp, President, Connie Richards, Publicity, Ruth Victor, Chaplain.

### Cherbourg Octville Museum Presented Division Standard

More than 34 years ago, or May 26, 1944, elements of the U.S. Army and British commandos attacked German-held Cherbourg, France.

The subsequent capture of the city gave the Allies one of the few deep water ports on France's north coast, and an important supply and staging site for their drive to liberate Paris.

Harry Herman of New York, a participant in that battle, visited the site where he fought and was wounded.

But Herman's visit is more than just a sentimental journey. It has added significance.

Besides memories, the ex-U.S. Army major will carry with him the colours of his unit - the 9th Infantry Division - which will be enshrined in Cherbourg's military museum.

The idea for such a presentation came to Herman two years ago while visiting Cherbourg. Upon touring the military museum, he discovered that every American division which had fought in Cherbourg was represented with a plaque or standard - except the 9th.

Herman took it upon himself to correct this oversight. After corresponding with Cherbourg city officials and obtaining approval for his idea, Herman ordered a 9th Division flag, at his own expense, to be placed in the museum.

The flag was presented to Cherbourg's deputy mayor in a ceremony.

Accompanying Herman at the presentation will be his wife, two sons, a daughter-in-law, and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kallis of Chicago.

The Auxiliary is appealing to those ladies who are eligible to join. Send your dues (two dollars) to LILLIAN KRASOVETZ, Sec.-Treasurer at 107 United States Ave., Gibbsboro, N.J. 08026. Up to now most of the money has been donated to the Nat'l. Scholarship Fund. We are striving for more funds, through your membership, that we may succeed in helping the widows of the "Ninth" to be present at the Reunions. The latter project has not yet been discussed or approved at the Annual National meetings, due to the lack of funds. These are not our projects - they are yours.

Only because of people like you - the ones who have not forgotten, can this auxiliary help to provide scholarships and in the near future, we hope to assist the widows of the "Ninth". We can only do as much as you permit. Your membership makes the difference. Your membership is the life blood of the auxiliary. It's very simple, we can only help in direct proportion to your membership.

Thanks for caring -- for making things happen.

Connie Richards, P.R.O.  
467 Sharon Drive  
Wayne, Pa. 19087

### Tip Of The Hat

Joseph Bergin and John Clouser remembered the Memorial Fund and the Michigan-Illinois members who recently held an Outstate meeting, made a most generous donation in memory of Joseph Laci.

Many thanks.

The 34th Annual Reunion of the Association will be held next summer in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The dates July 26-28, 1979. Our headquarters will be the Galt Ocean Mile Hotel located on the Ocean. Begin your plans now to be part of what promises to be one of the great reunions of all times.

### THE NAME IS THE GAME

Fort Lauderdale, the bustling resort 25 miles north of Miami on Florida's Gold Coast, has many claims to fame—and with typical Florida flair, it has affixed a title to just about every one of them. With 65 miles of navigable canals linking it to Lake Osechobee, 55 miles to the northwest, the resort has proclaimed itself the Venice of America, the Gateway to the Everglades and Yachting Capital of the World. And when local luminary Chris Every achieved global renown at Wimbledon, it promptly began calling itself the Tennis Capital of the World. This name-calling can become infectious: Fishermen who strike paydirt in its waterways have been known to refer to Fort Lauderdale as Fort Luckydale and then changing this to Fort Liquordale, after celebrating to excess in the resort's numerous watering holes. Actually, the city got its real name from one of Andy Jackson's fellow Tennesseans, a major who cut palmetto and palm to build a fort during the Seminole War in the 1830's. Fort Lauderdale has come a long way since.

**OVERVIEW** - Fragments of Florida's past, present and even its future can be found in Fort Lauderdale. There are Indians, alligators, high-rise hotels and condominiums, miles of sandy beaches and splashing surf, diving dolphins, fishing in all its forms, cruise ships and millions of dollars worth of yachts proclaiming the leisurely life of a monied set. Fort Lauderdale got off to real start as a city a half-century after the Seminole War when a merchant named Frank Stranahan established a trading post and post office on the New River. The site is marked by a plaque and Stranahan's 1893 Pioneer House, converted to family restaurant from January to April, provides downtown turn-of-the-century echoes.

More New River history is on view a few blocks away on Southwest Second Avenue, in the Himmarshee Village complex, with a one-room schoolhouse and the King-Cromartie House, a restored two-story frame dwelling dating from 1907 (open free on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 P.M.). It stands next to Lauderdale's first hotel, built in 1906, five years before the city was incorporated. This facility, the New River Inn, now serves as children's museum with a wealth of see, touch and hear exhibits. Admission is free and it's open to the public from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Saturday and Sunday and on other days from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. (305-462-4115)

Fort Lauderdale, which started so modestly in the mosquito-snake infested swampland, has mushroomed into a city of 160,000 and a county. Broward, with a population just under a million. Its beaches on the Atlantic and its balmy temperatures averaging 75.5 degrees the year round, attract millions of vacationers annually.

**SIGHTSEEING** - The Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, at 208 Southeast Third Avenue (305-462-6000), puts out a flyer on a self-guided driving tour of the city, and many of the motels have on hand Le Guide Touristique for the 250,000 French Canadians who flee to South Florida each year. At 600 South Seabreeze (305-463-0401), one can book trips on the Voyager Sightseeing Train, a canopied, trackless trolley that makes six different tours of greater Lauderdale, ranging from an 18-mile hour-and-a-half city jaunt (\$2.50 for adults; half price for children) to a three-and-a-half-hour trip (\$5.95 for adults and \$2.95 for children). The latter swings through a view with sword-throwing and a bevy of beauties falling out of sarongs. Shows at 7:30, 10:30 and midnight with \$2.95 cover and full Chinese-Polynesian menu.

### GETTING THERE

Approximately 80 percent of Fort Lauderdale's winter tourists, known to locals as "snow-birds," arrive by air, and two-thirds stay in hotels and motels. Amtrak has three trains that deliver passengers to Lauderdale's Spanish-style station but since the introduction of the airlines' bargain \$55 no-frills flights from New York, train traffic has suffered. All the major domestic carriers fly into the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, an ever-expanding facility that started as World War II naval air base and now handles 3.5 million passengers annually.

**GETTING AROUND** - A rental car provides the most convenient means of moving about. However, there is an effective public bus system (25-cent-fare) that crisscrosses the city from the western marches to the ocean, the transit authority recently initiated the Beach Buggy, which runs every 30 minutes from 9:30 A.M. to 10 P.M. and also costs a quarter. From Deerfield Beach to the north and Hallandale in the south the Beach Buggy swings past many of the resort's principal tourist destinations, including the dog track, two race tracks, jai-alai fronton, parks and fishing piers. Ocean World, sight-seeing trains and paddlewheel touring boats. For information and route maps call 305-765-5400 or check with the downtown bus center on Broward Boulevard at the north end of Stranahan Park.

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# Taps Sounded

"DAY IS done...  
"Gone the sun...  
"From the lake  
"From the hill  
"From the sky  
"Rest in peace  
"Sol jer brave  
"God is nigh..."

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

John Jacobs  
3rd Bn, Med - 47th  
Joseph Lacie  
Bty C 60th FA

Sam Ferranti  
Can Co 39th Inf  
Thomas W. Siler  
Co A 15th Eng.

Harry Kaplan  
Co M 47th Inf  
Sigmund Wysocki  
39th Inf

Ernest Templeton  
Co F & Hq's 47th Inf  
William B. Shalcross  
Co H 60th Inf.

May they rest in peace.  
To their loved ones we offer our condolences.

On Friday, September 1, 1978, Joseph Lacie died of a heart attack. Joe served with the C Battery, 60th Field Artillery. Joe was very active in the local chapter and we all had many good times when we met with Joe and Ceil in their home for picnics. Christmas parties and special meetings. Joe will always be remembered as a gracious host with a perpetual twinkle in his eyes.

The entire Illinois Chapter was on hand to pay their respects to their lost comrade and to offer comfort to Ceil and their daughter, Lola and son, Joe. Serving as pallbearers for the funeral Mass at St. Julians Church were Bill Hennemuth, Robert Winkleman, Roger Elmer, Bud Remer, Frank Ozart, Chuck Koskie and John Clouser.

Our hope is that all the happiness and love which Joe gave to his wife and family will serve to comfort them in their time of sorrow.

Ernest Templeton, 59, of Totowa, New Jersey died suddenly from an apparent heart attack on Sunday, September 3, 1978.

Born in Paterson, Ernest lived in Totowa for the past 30 years. He was a Sergeant with the 47th Infantry Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon and fought all through the African, Sicilian and European Campaigns. Ernie was originally with Company F - 47th and transferred to Regimental Hdqs.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, September 7, 1978 at the Festa Memorial Funeral Home in Totowa followed by interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mr. Templeton leaves his wife, the former Adele Meloni; two sons and a daughter.

Emil DeDonato, Bill O'Shea and Sal Longo, members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association and former comrades of the deceased, attended the funeral.

From time to time when we write Taps Sounded we come across a man's name that we knew real good from our days with Uncle Sam. John Jacobs was a real nice guy. A big man hailing from Ohio and if my memory serves me correctly he and Ernie Long came in as replacements around the bombing at St. Lo. He recently retired after a few setbacks with the old ticker. He passed away Aug. 24th.

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

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

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

### ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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

1. Send a letter of application, written in expository form, to the chairman of the scholarship committee stating the following: name, address, age, and sex of the applicant; name, address, and occupation of the applicant's parents or guardians; the name and address of the secondary school the applicant is attending or has attended and graduated; the name and address of the college the applicant expects to attend; the vocational goal of the applicant; and the name of and degree of relationship to a former member of the division. The unit and dates of service in the division of the former member must be included.
2. A transcript of the applicant's high school record must be included with the letter of application. The transcript must include at least the first seven semesters of the applicant's record.
3. The applicant must have a counselor or principal of the high school he or she is attending write a letter of recommendation to the chairman of the scholarship committee.
4. The applicant must take the PSAT which is given every October. The applicant must see that the results of the PSAT are sent to the chairman of the scholarship committee. These results may be included with the high school transcript or sent to the chairman from the College Entrance Examination Board. The SAT of the CEEB may be submitted in lieu of the PSAT.
5. THE APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BY MARCH 15. Applications received after March 15 will not be considered.
6. All applicants must accept the decision of the Scholarship Committee as final.
7. Information to determine financial need will be requested by the Scholarship Committee after the applications have been considered.
8. Recipients of the scholarships may apply for renewal of the scholarship each year. A copy of the student's college grades, a financial statement, and a letter requesting renewal of the scholarship should be sent to the chairman by March 15.
9. All applications must be sent to: John J. Clouser, Scholarship Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division Association, 901 Graceland St., Des Plaines, Illinois 60016.

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DANIEL QUINN, Editor and Publisher, The Octofoil

Sympathy: what we offer another person in exchange for the details.

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Formula for nostalgia: the good old days multiplied by a bad memory.

## NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASS'N. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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## IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Burton L. Forbes Died  
Sept. 22, 1977  
Walter Swenson Died Oct. 11,  
1977

## HEREN THERE

Ross Kepple is in the domiciliary section of the V A Facility in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He expects to be there until next April. After we left him in Germany he spent some time in Korea and another tour in Germany. Since his discharge in 1956 he has had many illnesses which prohibit physical activity and confines him to such care.

After April he hopes to return to his former address in Quincy, Illinois. John M McColgan retired after working 30 years for Sunkist. John and Dot Murray will be passengers on the QE2 during its December cruise. Dick Hill, married last year, is now working at THE RAFTERS CLUB, North Park Inn, Dallas. His son, Geoff, is with the First Division in Germany. Manny Effron and his wife were on the way north last year to attend the Memorial Mass but Mrs. Effron became ill and they had to return home. Now that their family is down to one son, Paul and Lois Griffin are giving some thought to be in Worcester this year.

Their daughter was married this past summer. Harry and Dorothy Fry had a wonderful time in Worcester last year. The old T-3 doesn't look a day older than when you last saw him back in 1945. Barbara Leach, daughter of our Arnold, was married this past summer. Mac Hurn bought a 20 acre farm about 20 miles from John Brazil. Mac has under cultivation 7 acres of Bartlett pears and 5 acres of walnuts. Had a nice note from Harold Wallace. Summer of '77 Harold and JoAn traveled parts of Texas, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, California to Yosemite, to Oakhurst, Calif to visit their son then to El Paso to visit his brother. Six weeks later his brother died. His sister died on Good Friday.

This year I have seen Joe Albanese, Bill Bongiorno, Elmer Roscoe and our old medic, Ike Blitzstein. All claim to be in tip top condition.

1979 1979  
Florida welcomes the Ninth  
Infantry Division Association

**reunion dates**  
**July 26-28**

FLORIDA In 79

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**LADIES' AUXILIARY**  
of the  
**NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION**

I would like to become a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Enclosed is check or money order for 2.00 for 1979 dues. Please mail my membership card to-

Name

Street

City

State

While attached to the 9th Infantry Division (state relationship, whether the Ninth Division man was a husband, father, brother, son, etc.)

was with  
give company, regiment, battery, attached unit, etc.)

Make checks or money orders payable to Ninth Infantry Division Association. Mail to  
Mrs. Lillian Krasovetz  
107 USA East  
Gibbsboro, N.J. 08026

## Traveling down road of history

The following letter from the Corps Commander was published to all troops of the Division by Division Headquarters on 6 July 1944:

"Dear General Eddy:

"At the close of the Cherbourg Peninsula campaign, I wish to express to you and the officers and men of your magnificent division my great admiration and heartfelt appreciation for the vital part played by your division in this campaign.

"Entering action on 14 June, the 9th Infantry Division in conjunction with the 82nd Airborne Division broke through the German defenses between the Merderet and Douve Rivers and established a bridgehead west of the Douve in the vicinity of Nehou. Thereafter, you cut off the Contentin Peninsula by driving to the sea in the vicinity of St. Lo-Dourville and Barneville June 16-17. This two-day drive to the West Coast was the critical period of the campaign, following the establishment of the initial bridgehead, and assured the capture of Cherbourg.

"Thereafter, the rapid advance of the 9th Infantry Division to the North in conjunction with the other divisions of the VII Corps so disorganized the German defenders that they were unable to establish any adequate defenses south of the prepared positions in the vicinity of Cherbourg. In the final assault on Cherbourg, the 9th Infantry Division played a major role in breaking through the final defenses west of Octeville and in seizing the western half of the city, including the strong position in the Arsenal. The Division is entitled to credit for the capture of Lieutenant General Von Schlieben and Rear Admiral Hennecke, the senior commanders of the Fortress of Cherbourg.

"The division can well be proud of its part in the Cherbourg campaign. It has added luster to the honors already gained in its Tunisian and Sicilian operations and is a happy augury for its future campaigns in Europe."

Faithfully yours,  
(signed) J. Lawton Collins  
Major General, U.S. Army,  
Commanding."

## DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR MEDALS?

For each ribbon you earned, there is a medal that goes along with it. That includes Good Conduct, Victory Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Unit Citation, etc. All those medals, badges and ribbons you earned by your service with the 9th are waiting to be sent to you if you have not already received them formally from the U.S. government. There is little effort on your part to have them delivered by mail to your home.

Simply send your name, address, Army Serial Number and the dates you entered service and were discharged from service. That's all! No other details are needed. Merely say that you are requesting the decorations you are entitled to. Keep it brief. The address to send your request is:

Commanding Officer  
Army Records  
9700 Page Blvd.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63132

If you served in the Army during WWII and received an award of the Combat Infantryman or Combat Medical Badge, you can now apply for the Bronze Star.

Award may be made upon letter application to HQDA (DAPC-PAP-B), 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22332 (enclosing documentary evidence, if possible, such as copy of DD-214).

Eligible are members of the Armed Forces of the U.S. who, after December 6, 1941, have been cited in orders or awarded a certificate for exemplary conduct in ground combat against an armed enemy between December 7, 1941, and September 2, 1945, inclusive, or whose meritorious achievements have been otherwise confirmed by documents executed prior to July 1, 1947. For this purpose, an award of the Combat Infantryman Badge or Medical Badge is considered a citation in orders.

Documents executed since August 4, 1944, in connection with recommendations for the award of decorations of higher degree than the Bronze Star Medal will NOT be used as the basis for an award under the provisions of this paragraph.

In writing for the award, cite "C-1, AR 672 5-1" in regards to Army Regulations published December 31, 1974.

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Bill Buemi sends a photo of the Ladies Auxiliary holding their banner at the Memorial Services in Philly.



Bill Buemi sends this photo taken at the 1978 reunion in Philly. Part of the guys from Company F-47th that were at the Memorial Service.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO 'HOPPY'

I just had to write and ask you to put a little article in the Octofoil. Everyone from F Company of the 47th that attended the Philly Reunion will never forget it. Through the efforts of Hoppy (Ed Hopkins) and his helper Frank Gonzol we had a C.P. of our own, and 21 of us from F Company were reunited for the first time since the big skirmish.

It sure was enjoyable and I know all the guys will join me in saying THANKS to Hoppy, and let's try to keep a good thing going.

Sincerely,  
Chuck Koskie  
Company F,  
47th Infantry

### REQUEST FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS

#### FOR 9th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION

JULY 25-29,

RESERVATION CUT-OFF  
DATE: JULY 15, 1979

( ) 1 PERSON	\$21.00	ARRIVAL DATE
( ) 2 PERSONS - 1 ROOM	\$26.00	DEPARTURE DATE

3RD & 4TH PERSONS AT \$3.00 per person additional. Children under 12 sharing with parents - no charge. Maximum 4 persons per room. PLEASE ADD 4 PERCENT SALES TAX. SPECIAL CONVENTION RATES APPLY 3 DAYS BEFORE & AFTER CONVENTION DATES.

NAMES OF OTHER PERSONS IN YOUR RESERVATION:

NO. OF PERSONS TELEPHONE: 305-564-8581

PLEASE INCLUDE ONE NIGHT'S DEPOSIT.

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Enoch Hunt revisited a site on the Meuse River and sends this photo of his wife Jean, himself and Georgette Dupieureux standing on the site where his company crossed back in September 1944. The story appears in Mail Call.



## Michigan Doings

## NICE TIME

A nice time was enjoyed by all who attended the August 26th Outing on the outskirts of Harrison, Mi. There were 47 Members and Guests at Frank Morbitzer's home on this final gathering of another Summer.

Although it rained in certain areas, the weather was ideal at our Outing. It was just what our Host ordered. There was plenty of food and cool refreshments enjoyed in the company of so many friends.

We were treated to a pleasant surprise when the Harrison Senior Citizens' Happy Timers Band dropped by for a couple of hours to entertain us with their music and songs.

Bill and Dolores Zimmerman brought their stereo along for our listening pleasure during the day. We've enjoyed many old favorites.

Once again, we had some New-comers among us, Joe and Donna Boudreau from Bay City and Harry Bushey of Cederville.

Joe Boudreau served with the 9th Medics and was a 149 Pointer which sent him on the way home before The Association was formed after the War. He never heard of us until Rodger Alsgaard contacted him before the Convention and signed him up.

The time and place was right, so nothing kept Harry Bushey from joining us on this fine occasion. Harry spends a lot of time on the road, between Florida and Canada visiting his family, since his wife passed away a few years ago.

Those that missed the Picnic last June had the opportunity to meet our New-comers who made their first appearance back then. It was good to see Al and Alice LeDuc and Paul, Geraldine and Marjorie Pryjmak, again.

Chuck and Charlotte Fox made it despite his sore leg. The cane came in handy but we're hoping that he'll be able to do without it, the next time we meet, in Angola. (Or else, we'll raise cane.)

## SICK CALL

Sounds like "Sick Call". Fred Josey's foot was badly swollen again but he and Jane were there with the aid of crutches. They expressed their deep appreciation for the kindness shown during their recent loss of Jane's Mother. She passed away, still in a coma just as our last Notes were sent.

Kleb Stockford was having problems with a bad wisdom tooth. The swelling went down sufficiently to enable him and Vi to keep that date with us. He underwent surgery since then which required cutting into his jaw-bone. We are grateful to Vi for the latest word that Kleb is recovering after a very hectic time.

Leonard Kowalski wasn't feeling up to par but dedicated as they are. Sally and he were determined to make that Outing and so they did. Some rest under a shady tree and in the presence of the ol' Gang proved to be the right ingredients for perking up and enjoying what turned out to be a good day.

Always good to see Ernie and Elsie Young although they didn't stay too long this time. Elsie is doing well after her surgery and she expressed her gratitude for the card and note that came from the Chapter.

## CHAMPIONSHIP

The friendly horse-shoe game that originated in Lewiston last year were carried over into Harrison. Despite his handicap, Kleb Stockford and Rodger Alsgaard nosed out Bill Zimmerman and Bob DeSandy to retain their "Championship".

Billy and Marilyn Martin, our steady regulars for over a year now, have been enjoying another get-together with all their new friends. They have many fine photos of these events, result of Billie's great skill with his good camera.

Chuck and Doris and The Williams' girls, Diane and Sue had an occasion for a special celebration. -- Diane's Birthday. Everyone joined in singing that song as the Band played on.

Missing out on the fun were Tom and Gerrie Hatton who had very ill members on both sides of their family. (A late note from Tucson, Arizona informed us that they are staying with her Mother until she recovers.)

Floyd and Lee Hennessey told us that Don Lewis was ailing again and that's what kept him and Helen from attending. Barb Meadows was supposed to come with them but she had company and plans have been changed.

Tom and Carol Saunders sadly missed the Outing because he was still on his special work assignment in California following the Reunion. Carol joined him later and they just returned recently. It was nice to get a call from Tom and they will be there in Angola.

Past Pres. Ed Wisniewski stopped by at our occasional meeting spot at The Tech Center to inform us that he and Marge made plans to drive their son, Rick to Michigan Northern. The long trip would make it impossible to make it to Harrison. Although they couldn't be there he did take a couple of chances on the Regular Bottle Drawing.

## GENEROSITY

With such generosity, 76 chances have been sold on this Drawing. This time, Paula Zimmerman picked Thelma Obermiller's name, who wasn't even there. She had a busy schedule at The Michigan House in Bay City. John came by himself and the extra ticket that he bought for her proved to be the lucky one.

We've added 5 extra prizes to the raffle - Silver Dollars, and the winners were: Jennie Alsgaard, Paul Pryjmak, Dolores Zimmerman and two for Lee Hennessey. A souvenir bucket went to Fred Josey. Congratulations to you, the Lucky Ones and a deep appreciation to All.

Another fine Chapter event came to an end with the showing of Elmer Wagner's slides of the last two Conventions. His collection of fine shots go back many years and we always look forward to seeing them.

## HOSPITALITY ROOM

We had the Motel hospitality room all to ourselves where we did a bit of reminiscing over some good coffee and perhaps a night cap or two. It didn't take long for morning to come and the steady rain came with it. We were thankful that it held off just long enough not to interfere with the Outing, a day before. On this Sunday morning, most of us found our way to some Church in town. Later we all met for breakfast at a friendly restaurant. Some of us returned to Frank's home to lend a helping hand and express our thanks for a grand time.

At this time, a correction and an apology is in order. The Chapter donation check for the Scholarship Fund mentioned in our last Notes should have read \$247 instead of \$242. The revised figure represents a donation from Pres. Young and I'm sorry about the omission.

## GREAT SHOCK

This will come as a great shock to all of you who made that Convention Bus Trip. Our driver,

Terry Tracy who did such a wonderful job and spent the entire Reunion with us was involved in a motorcycle accident and suffered severe head injuries. After three weeks in a coma, surgery was attempted to relieve the pressure but Terry died on the operating table. Pres. John Al Young attended the funeral in Midland, representing The Michigan Chapter. (After the Convention, a letter to the President of Indian Trails was sent commending Terry for his outstanding performance. We received a reply dated August 24 mentioning that he would be notified of our comments. We trust that this was done before the dreadful tragedy occurred.)

We also had some good news from the President. He's been busy signing up Veterans all over the Lewiston area and established a new V.F.W. Post with his 38 Recruits. Our congratulations on a great achievement.

About 16 from our Chapter are planning to go to Worcester, Mass. for that Memorial weekend on November 4 and 5. Among them will be Bill, Dolores and Paula Zimmerman, making that Pilgrimage for the first time. It would be nice to have many more like them.

## KEEP IN MIND

Don Lewis and his Committee are busy working on the details for The Chapter Christmas Party on December the 9th. Keep that date in mind. During a brief Meeting, elections will be held to choose the Officers for the coming year. Nominations are now open and the list will be included in our next Notes. (Let's make it a big night in Garden City.)

Our latest Chapter Member is Art Becker from Lafayette, Pennsylvania. Thanks to Kleb Stockford who signed up his Buddy of D Co. 60th.

Respectfully,  
John Bonkowski, Sec.

19941 Hickory  
Detroit, Michigan 48206

## NEW YORK CHAPTER

## Scully Awards

The Chapter awarded three scholarship grants to Michell Kobren daughter of Sidney Kobren, Terri Hertz daughter of Stanley Herts and Marie Dobzynski daughter of the late Anthony Joseph Dobzynski. This fund was started a few years ago in memory of the late Jack Scully.

## Here N There

The New Yorkers will hold their Christmas party on Sunday Dec. 10th at the 69th Regiment Armory, East 25th Street, and Lexington Ave., N.Y.C. Plan to arrive around 1:00 P.M. there will be a hot and cold buffet, dancing and of course refreshments galore. In conjunction with their Christmas party the Chapter will hold its annual 50-50 Club.

## Invite

Harry Wax, President of the N.Y. Chapter invites all members and their families to attend a weekend at the Ralieggh Hotel in South Fallsburgh, N.Y. The weekend of May 4, 1979 is the date. Harry heads the Mapleton Lodge Knights of Pythias and this will be in conjunction with the Lodge. For those interested contact Harry at 2451 E. 2nd Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11223. The deadline is December 31, 1978.

## Schmidt Installed

The Installation was held at our Post Meeting Place, the Steuben House, 100-22 90th Avenue, Richmond Hill, New York. The place was full of "Big Brass". Queens County Council Vice Commander John F. Kearns was the installing officer. In addition County Historian John Schaefer was present. Also present were Post Commander, Theodore Arnold, Past Post Commander John J. Donnelly, and Past Post Commander Nelson Havis. This is not to mention that he is a Past Post Commander of VFW Post No. 229, Frank J. McDonald Post, as was the out-going Commander, James Allen, of Post 212, American Legion. They had a large group present, including the wives of some of the members. Refreshments were served after the installation at the post bar. Art wants to make it clear that Commanders Arnold, Donnelly, and Havis, and Allen were all Past Post Commanders of VFW Post 229, Richmond Hill, New York. County Historian Schaefer and Past Post Commander Harold H. Kleinpeter presented out-going Commander Allen with Past Post Commander Pins.

## Art Continues

I was in full uniform. You will note from the photos enclosed that the 9th Infantry Division Shoulder Patch was quite noticeable. Also, I was wearing all of my medals. I was told that it was not "in uniform" to be wearing anything other than American Legion Insignia, but I put the 9th Infantry Division Patch on anyway. If they don't want me with the 9th Infantry Division Shoulder Patch, they can have their job as Post Commander. A former 9th Infantry Division man saw the Octofoil and came over and introduced himself. He lives in South Ozone Park, New York. He served with the 34th Field Artillery Battalion. His name is Ernest Petito, and he asked me to send him an application for membership in the 9th Infantry Division Association. We discussed the days in Africa and Sicily.

Arthur R. Schmidt,  
Chapter Secretary

It's time to hit the keyboard again and let all our friends in on what the Illinois Chapter has been up to over the past few months. Those who attended the reunion in Philadelphia returned with lots of stories of the good time they had and of the interesting places they visited in the Friendly City. Your correspondent was sorry to have missed it, but we must admit that being in London and Winchester for two weeks was a great experience. John had no trouble locating the pub where he celebrated his twenty-first birthday while stationed near Winchester during W.W.II. And we certainly didn't need a tour guide, as John had remembered how to get around to the historic and interesting places he had previously visited-courtesy "Uncle Sam".

## Indiana Trek

The October meeting was held one week early, to permit the planning for our trek over to Angola, Indiana to merge with the Michigan Chapter for our annual Autumn Mini-Reunion. The Michigan Chapter has been the generous host of these now famous Out-state meetings for the last several years. Fred Josey has kept us posted and at last report eighty-three persons were pre-registered. So on October 21st about two dozen Illionians will hit the Hoosier Trail for a Fun-Filled Weekend.

## Meeting at Tedtmans

President Bill Hennemuth has announced that there will be an election of officers at the November meeting. So if you want your favorite candidate elected, be sure to attend this important meeting. By popular request, the present officers have led us well. In addition to President Bill, we've had as Treasurer, Chuck Koskie; Secretary, Bob Winkleman; Chaplain, Bud Remer. Another important agenda item is the making of plans for our annual Christmas Party. It is expected that the people who attend the Memorial Services in Worcester will be on hand to report on their trip east.

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



Arthur Schmidt is congratulated by out going Commander of the American Legion, James. Allen.

Art was elected commander of Post 212, American Legion, Richmond Hill, N.Y.

MANY NEEDY AND AGING VETERANS are unfamiliar with the provisions determining entitlement to a government pension. Veterans are urged to seek expert advice on this vitally important subject. Pensions are payable to wartime veterans with limited income and resources, discharged under honorable conditions after ninety or more days service, if they are permanently or totally disabled

from reasons not traceable to service, or have reached age 65. Many veterans confuse pension with compensation; a benefit which is altogether contingent upon service-connected disability. A non-service-connected death pension is payable to eligible unmarried widows and minor children of deceased veterans who served during a period of hostilities. This benefit is based upon income, and in some instances, net worth.

## REMEMBERED

On the suggestion of Charles Hoffmann, Company B, 15th Engineers Battalion Art Schmidt contacted Mr. Frank C. Ware, Jr., brother of Lt. George C. Ware of Company B, 15th Engineers Battalion. Lt. Ware was killed in action by a shell fragment from a bombing in Sedjenane, Africa on April 19, 1943. He was subsequently buried in Bethel Cemetery in Hurffville, New Jersey. The Ware family lives nearby in Glassboro, New Jersey. Art believes that Lt. Ware was the first 15th Engineers officer to be killed overseas.

First, after making several "hit and miss" telephone calls to members of the Ware family in Glassboro, New Jersey, Art was able to contact Mrs. Frank C. Ware. She had her husband telephone him, and they assured him that he had the right Ware family.



Taking time out from the Reunion in Philly, Art Schmidt and Pete Cusick (rear of photo with overseas caps) are shown with the family of the late Lt. George Ware, at the grave site, where a ceremony was held.

## Arthur Writes

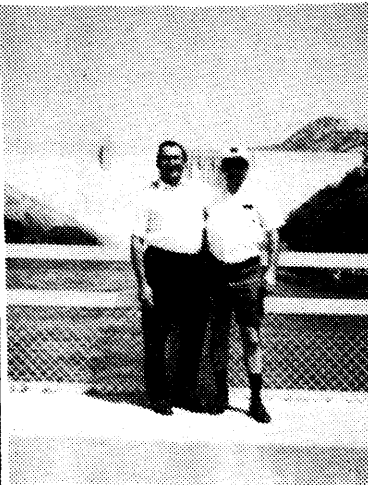
"During the Philadelphia Reunion I telephoned Mr. Ware, and arrangements were made for us to meet the Ware family at the cemetery on Saturday, July 30th at 1:30 P.M. I had previously contacted Pat DeColli, Company B, 15th Engineers Battalion to see whether he could garner some of the B Company Engineers in the Philadelphia area to attend the services. Unfortunately, the only other B Company man in Philadelphia, Paul Lisa, was not able to attend the Reunion due to illness. I purchased a wreath with The Octofoil design, and Pat DeColli, Peter Cusack and myself made the trip to the cemetery, where the Ware family was waiting for us. They took us to the grave-site. We had a small ceremony at the grave, and I recited a Prayer, and placed a wreath on the grave. While at the grave-site I presented them with four copies of the Reunion Journal as a memento of our visit. There were two brothers present, Emerson and Frank, two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Minerva Ware (wife of William Ware) and Mrs. Frank C. Ware and Mr. William Ware, Jr. (nephew of Lt. Ware). In the Reunion Journals I wrote the names of the 9th Infantry Division men who were present. Namely, Pat DeColli, Peter Cusack and myself. The family was very appreciative of our visit and found it a source of comfort to them.

The benefits available to widows and dependent children of veterans include Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, pensions, loans to purchase a home and educational assistance. None of these benefits are granted automatically, and the laws

## MEET IN CALIFORNIA

Emil and Audrey De Donato of Totowa, N.J. boarded a giant 747 on August 9th and flew to California where they were greeted by Richard and Lillian Manfredi.

The Manfredi's wasted little time in hosting their guests from New Jersey by taking them to see Kings River Dam, Lake Hume, the Big Redwood trees in Sequoia National Park, the tall rock formations and huge waterfalls located in Yosemite National Park ... plus many other places of interest.



Richard Manfredi (l) and Emil De Donato (r) enjoying cool breeze on bridge at Kings River Dam, Calif.

## Grand Tour

A two day tour of San Francisco followed by a stay in the Monterey Peninsula area and climaxed with a two day visit to the gambling casinos in Reno and Lake Tahoe, Nevada ... where Audrey De Donato hit the Jackpot for over 100 Silver Dollars then proceeded to put it all back plus 19 dollars of her own money.

The temperature ranged from a cool 62 degrees while motoring through the high Sierras with their snow covered peaks to a hot 98 degrees in the Fresno area.

Richard Manfredi was born and raised in Sanger California, which is located approximately 200 miles Southeast of San Francisco and about 14 miles south of Fresno. The Central Valley Region below Sacramento and extending south to Bakerfield is known as the San Joaquin (pronounced San Hoe-keen) Valley. There are approximately 10,000 sq. miles of land protected on both sides by the Sierra-Nevada Mountains on the East and the California Coastal Ranges on the western shore of the state. The San Joaquin Valley is known for its rich agricultural land. The De Donatos were shown acre after acre of grape ranches, orange and lemon groves, huge cotton fields, almond, walnut, date trees, melon fields and many other agricultural products ready to be harvested. On several occasions, they were permitted to pick samples of grape off the vines and almonds from the trees.

## Part of the 47th

Emil De Donato and Richard Manfredi were part of the 47th Inf. Regimental Message Center. De Donato joined the Ninth Infantry Division in January 1941 and served throughout the eight campaigns. He was discharged in June 1945. Richard Manfredi joined The Raiders in Sicily and served with the 47th until the end of the War.

rules and regulations determining eligibility require professional interpretation. Survivors of a veteran are eligible to receive a \$150 "plot allowance" in addition to up to \$250 in basic burial allowance. Payment up to \$800 may be made when death is service-connected.

## mail call

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Company "I" 60th  
Infantry

## ALBERT HODGE

5818 White Bluff Road  
Savannah, Georgia 31405

The writer wishes to express our grateful appreciation for those who were responsible for all of the input for a splendid reunion in the wonderful City of Philadelphia. I am sure many sacrifices were made by those actively employed as well as from their respective normal family activities. One can only rightly say that true dedication was exemplified.

Mabel, and I surely enjoyed every phase of the reunion even though toward the last I was not feeling too well. As I have stated before at least in part, I am retired on disability from the Savannah Dist. Corps of Engineers, U.A. Army as Assistant Dist. Chief Appraiser of the Real Estate Division.

We were able to enjoy fellowship with many of our friends. This was the first time many of us had an opportunity to see Francis J. Ferrise since WW II. Others in attendance were: J.

Graff & Patty Bomberger, Michael Deresh, Charles & Sue Duling, Paul & Louise Drummond, J. Wm. & Helen Engle, John and Helen Kocay, and lastly Wallace & Madeline Burr. John and Helen Kocay were late in arriving because of an illness that plagued both of them, but thank goodness they made it.

Mabel and Louise Drummond spent quite a bit of time sight-seeing wherein many points of historical interest were visited. We fellows of the masculine gender elected to attend the business meeting at the prescribed time.

I had the pleasure of personally meeting Lt. Gen J. Lawton Collins our former Corps Commander which I considered quite an honor.

The Memorial Service could not have been held in a more appropriate setting "Independence Hall" while it was a joyous occasion it never the less was fraught with sad implications accompanied by the ever present constant reminder of our many fallen comrades.

As stated above it was indeed a very fine reunion. Pres. Al. Perna (Out-going) in my humble judgement performed magnificently. He along with all of his capable assistants of the Phil., Del., Chapter did an outstanding job of planning and execution. The food could not be improved upon. We would like to also thank Dan Quinn, and his lovely wife for doing such a superb job in the capacity of Sec. This also applies to Walter J. Victor, assisted by Ruth, and their Daughter for a job well done.

Upon our departure from Philly, our friends J. William Engle & Helen escorted us out via., Valley Forge which we found most interesting. After which we made a brief stop at their home in Reading, and were served refreshments, and had the pleasure of meeting Helen's cousin.

Because of the fact that we were in the general area of Lancaster where the Amish Settlements exist, we were able to observe the beautiful farms, and view the life style of what some may in this modern time term the primitive era. Before departing from the Engle's they strongly recommended that we make a special effort to stop by a most famous restaurant "Plain and Fancy", we share their views. The food was most delicious.

May we conclude by stating God Bless all of you, and we hopefully will be at next years in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

F. CO. 60th  
GERALD TEACHOUT  
Space 65  
Anaheim Vacation Park  
311 N. Beach Blvd.  
Anaheim, Cal. 92801

Have had some time now to think about my first reunion in Philly, and am now certain that it was a worthwhile event for me. As you may recall, I was not too happy with not finding any of my old buddies there. The good part is that you meet new friends and perhaps one can convince the old friends to make the reunion next year.

I need two more 9th Inf. Div. Assoc. emblems, one for the rear bumper of the car and one for the rear bumper of the travel trailer. I am enclosing two dollars and if that doesn't cover it, let me know.

I am still interested in trying to get a big turnout at the 1979 Reunion of men who served in F. Co. 60th and would still like to have your old list of these men. The only one I have kept in contact with is Parker Welch, originally a radio man 2nd Platoon, later 1st Sgt. Does anyone know if Capt. Johnson, Lt. Middaugh, Sgt. Ford, Frampton, Perigren, Wagner are still around.

Best wishes.

## BTY. D. 376 AA.

GEORGE WALDRON  
3801 Soquel Drive  
Soquel, Cal. 95073

Enclosed find list of fellows from the 376 AA. I received it from Frank Long in Pittsburg. I wrote to about 40 of them but received no reply. I'm trying to find guys from Battery D of the 376 AA. I know there are a lot of them in New York State, Jersey and Mass. I tracked down a buddy Dom Bucci of Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. but he got hit two weeks after I did at the bulge and died 7 years ago, another dead end street. Before I forget my daughter had a baby and named it after you, Daniella Molly O'Brian. Anyhow, I wasn't sure I sent you a list of these guys, most or all of them are from A & B Bty. They have a loose knit organization and meet at a hotel or motel somewhere in N.C. every labor day for the past 30 years or so. Like the 9th Div. Assoc. I never knew they were in existence. I am desperate to find some of the guys from my old battery D. You sent me a list from 1947 and I checked every name out by mail and phone but got no answer. What would it cost me to have someone go through your file and extract all the names of the 376 AA. I realize I'm sounding brash and brazen but I am desperate and also behind in my dues. I've written 6 testimonials for guys in the past seven months because of the burning of all the army records in St. Louis in 1971, but I keep trying. Could I put an ad in the next issue asking for anyone from the 376 AA to write me.



Anthony Forte sent us this picture - from way back - April 1945 - a few of his pals from Company K-39th. Some of the men are

Co B 39th Inf  
DANIEL DOVANIS  
2025 Eaton Ave  
Bethlehem, Pa. 18018

So many thanks are due to the "Octofoil" and the entire staff that are responsible for the publication and what it does for the members. Ever since I've subscribed - it has brought me so much joy and reunited me with my fellow comrades from "Company B". My wife and I attended two company reunions of the company upstate New York and enjoyed both tremendously. God-willing our next reunion - the 27th will be held here in my home town next June '79 with my wife and I serving as hosts. In addition, two of my army buddies will aid us in hosting the first reunion outside of New York State for this company. We are looking forward to this event with great anticipation and much of the arrangements have been made. All of this would never have taken place if my name would not have been listed in the Octofoil two years ago and seen by my former Mess Sgt. Al DiRisio of Fairport, New York who contacted me immediately.

Again thank you Dan and gang for the fine work you all do and for bringing my army buddies and I together after thirty-two years. I am looking forward to next June.

## 34th F.A.

RICHARD J. KEEGAN  
85 Newton Drive  
Nashua, N.H. 03060

Just a short note to let you know of address change. I have moved as of August 28 from 13-B Lord Cavalier Est., Merrimack, N.H. to the above address. Hope to see you in Worcester in November.

## C.O. B. 39th Inf.

IRVING L. KING  
Rt. 2 Box 297  
Monticello, Fl. 32344

I just want to let you know my new address, so I won't miss any of the news.

I have moved to the north a little from W.P. Beach.

Regards to all.

## Like to Hear

John L. Rowe, Company M-47th who lives at Lindenwald, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515 phoned the secretary to tell him that Michael Iarocci was on Sick Call. Mike has had several heart attacks and sure would like to hear from some of his old buddies from Headquarters Company, 3rd Bn., 47th Infantry. Mike lives at 24 Larch Street, Westwood, Mass. 02090.

"Hang in" there Mike and come on fellas let's drop him a line.

identified others their names have been forgotten. Does anyone recall? Dittmar, Gangemi, Starks and Anthony.



## MAIL CALL

Co F 47th Inf  
CHUCK KOSKIE  
4334 Hirschberg  
Schiller Park, Ill. 60176

I am enclosing a letter that you might print in mail call. Hoppie sure deserves some recognition for last Reunion in Philly. I also bring some sad news if you have not already been informed.

Illinois lost one of its active members. On September 1st Joe Lacic passed away suddenly. The Illinois gang were pallbearers. Please continue to send his wife the Octofoil. He was a life member. He was from C. Battery of the 60th F.A.

Best to you and Marie and hello to all the New York gang.

CO. B. 39th  
FRANK RUSSO  
140 Valpeck Avenue  
Raritan, N.J. 08869

Now that I'm well enough to write, I want to thank you and the New York Chapter for the get well cards, I received when I was in the hospital.

I feel much better but still a little weak and shaky when I write this letter. Since I've been home I've gained some weight. I was to the doctor Monday, August 21, 1978 and I have one more visit in September and that's my last visit.

Yes, I'll be very happy to have a Reunion Journal. I'll pick it up at the October meeting. You know I only missed two Reunions all these years, and both of them to Philly, the 1948 Reunion and the 1978 Reunion.

9th QM

BILL PALADY  
403-29th Street  
McKeesport, Pa. 15132

From all of us QMERS to the Philadelphia Chapter, many thanks for a fine Reunion. Highlighting our get together was that Robert Elems made it, and it was his first Reunion ever, and he really enjoyed it. Also, a Mr. Donovan (can't recall his first name) and that's the first time this writer has seen him since '43. Others who were there, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Trevor Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Russo, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Dembitsky, Mr. & Mrs. John Tagling, Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Hennessey, Mr. & Mrs. Jake - Grgurich, Mr. & Mrs. Everett Tapp, Horace Abrams and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Palady. Some of our regulars could not make it: A. Simone, Gene Berasi, Tom Pitzer and Witt. Hope everyone has a good year and hope to see you in Florida next July.

CO. D 39th  
ERNEST KOVACH  
452 Baiair Lane  
Chambersburg, Pa. 17201

The above is my change of address.

Sorry we could not make the Reunion this year because we built a new home and we were on the go. God willing we will make the next Reunion.

9th QM  
ANDY A. SINARE  
716 E. 162nd Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44110

I'm sorry that I could not make the Philly Reunion. I sure miss the boys from the QM. Hoping that all goes well. Will see you in Florida in 79. Thank you.

39th Inf  
RICHARD J. McCOURT  
219 Walnut St.  
Wellesley, Mass.

I remember during going thru Germany the call sign I think for Div. was Notorious and call sign for 39th Inf. was Nudge. I was in the 3d bn of the 39th and for the life of me I don't remember the call sign for 3d Bn 39th. Can anyone remember the call signs???

Regards to All:

Co A 15 Eng.  
RAY BERTHIAUME  
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I ran across this article about Major General Hozle in the New Haven Register of the 28th of May. I thought maybe you would be interested in the article for a future Octofoil article. I did not remember him in the 9th until one time helping my brother-in-law do some painting at his home and seeing a lot of souvenirs of his military career. I saw the 9th souvenirs he had and had quite a chat with him at the time but forgot all about him after that, then not to long ago, within the last 1 or 2 months, had a little article of him in the Octofoil. Painting at his house was around 1945 or 46.

60th Inf.  
GERALD LINDNER  
9335-4th Place  
Highland, Ind. 46322

Sorry I could not make Philly this year. I can remember way back in 46 or 47 I drove 22 hours to Philly before the freeway and 21 hours back after Sunday's ceremonies.

Many of the members have passed on I visited with in that area .. Can you send information on the scholarship fund. Walter Gralski former Co. F 60th passed, perhaps this could help his son.

Co. D. 39th  
WESLEY SPOFFORD  
2049 Earl Drive  
No. Merrick, N.Y. 11566

I thought that you would get a "kick" out of the picture - it was taken at New River, N.C. in 42.

I'm just getting over a stroke and would like to hear from some of my "old friends". Best to you and all the fellows.  
P.S. Please excuse the handwriting, little hard to hold the pen.

60th Inf.  
HARLAN E. SCOTT  
11953 Scott Road  
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Zullinger, Pa. 17272

I had a pretty good bout with open heart surgery at the Hershey Medical Center. I had 4 bypasses made and am now at home recuperating. Sorry these dues are late, will do getter the next time.

I spent 8 weeks in hospital and am doing real well so far.

C & Service Co. 39th Inf.  
HENRY GERNER  
P.O. Box 46  
Masaryktown, Fla. 33512

Sorry my wife and I could not make the trip to Philly this year. I have been having trouble with my back.

Since I have moved to Florida, 4 years ago, I have lost contact with some of my buddies. So maybe this letter might help locate them.

We are selling our cute home here in Florida, anyone interested can write.

"L" CO. 60th Inf.  
ENOCH W. HUNT II  
River Road  
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Newcastle, Maine 04553

My wife and I recently revisited Hastiere, Belgium on the Meuse River, a village liberated in September, 1944 by the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry.

We were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Dupiereux, who had greeted me as I entered Hastiere with "L" Company. Mrs. Depieureux was waving an American flag she had made from bits of baby garments in anticipation of our arrival. I still have the flag, inscribed by Georgete Dupieureux with the date and occasion, as one of my most cherished momentos.

It was a thrilling experience to visit these old friends again after 35 years of corresponding. They were kind enough to gather together many local residents who remembered the arrival of the 60th Infantry. Believe me, it brought tears to my eyes to hear them express their heartfelt appreciation for what we did there.

Enclosed are two photos. One shows Jean and Georgette Dupiereux and me standing near the place where the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry crossed the Meuse River in September, 1944 to capture Balimont and eventually Hastiere.

The other photo shows my wife Jean in one of our tanks with Jean Dupieureux and me standing alongside.

With appreciation for the work you are doing.

H. CO. 47th  
ED TRAINOR  
182 William Street  
Stoneham, Mass. 02180

Not much at writing letters, but sure do look forward to reading the "Octofoil".

It looks like the years are catching up with us. Last December 19, 1977 I had a heart attack and a collapsed lung. Spent Christmas and New Year's in hospital. Then in June of 78 the lung went again and another stay in the hospital. Feeling pretty good now and "hope to God" to be in Worcester to meet the gang again.

P.S. My best to Frank and Al and all the fellows.

60TH MEDIC  
ALPHONSE RICOUD  
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Thibodaux, La. 70301

I know I have been out of the Association for a few years but a lot of things have happened since then. I lost everything in hurricane Camille in 1969 then in 1972 I lost my wife and was left with 6 week old baby boy and three years ago I was hospitalized with a heart attack. I've been in the hospital twice since then and am now on Social Security and a small veteran's pension, since I can't work anymore. I enjoy reading the Octofoil but I never see a name that I recognize in it. I was 60 Inf. Regimental Medics.

DIV. HQ. CO.  
WILLIAM CARDOZA  
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Just wrote Franny asking him to reserve a room for me at the Sheraton. God willing will see you in Worcester. Been looking forward to it.

Say hello to Mrs. Quinn.

If you are planning on moving please notify the secretary of your new address. It will save postage and keep you on the Octofoil mailing list.

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I CO. 60th  
VOGIE LONN  
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I wonder if it would be possible somehow to get in touch with my old bazooka buddy or anyone in my outfit in March, April and May 1945 in Germany?

My buddy's name is Linner and he was from the South, not much to go on. The outfit is: 60th Inf. Reg. I Co. Weapons Platoon (4th).

P.S. If I remember right, we were first to cross the Remagen Bridge, and first to link up with the Russians at Torgan on the Molde-Elbe Rivers.

Can Co 39th  
TOM ORBAND  
30 Delmar St.  
Binghamton, N.Y. 13903

Just a line to let you know B. Co. 39th Inf. had our 26th annual Reunion in Elmira, N.Y. We had all of our doings at the Italian & American Club. Al Baccile did a great job. We held it June 9-10. Next year we are going to Allentown, Pa. So if anybody wants information write Dan Douvanis, 2025 Eaton Avenue, Bethlehem, Pa. 18015. Those that were at the party: Albert Baccile, Tom Orband, Joe Gravino, Al "Hank" DeRisio, J.J. Moffee, Lank Battaglia, Andy Seacock, Joe DeOrio, Frank Benyo, Frank Russo, Steve Terres, Adolph Schmiesser, John Capozillo, Jim McMahon, Dan Douvanis, Tony Brescia and Austin Fritsch.

Dan, we received a letter at our Reunion telling Ralph King from Ithica passed away. I have been seeing Mrs. McInerny quite a bit. She will be 83 in July. She has been doing okay. Myself, Dan, I have been retired 3 years now. I have been doing very good health wise.

P.S. Dan, I hope you get some 8 star to victory books. I just want to drop you line to let you know another one of our boys passed away, Sam Ferranti, Cannon Co. 39th Inf. He lived at 40 Evan Street, Binghamton, N.Y.

34th FA Btry. C.  
NORRIS KAUTZ  
412 Page Street  
Kewanee, Ill. 61443

Received your letter some time back and as always just put it aside and said to myself I will take care of it tomorrow, but for other reasons, it just never got taken care of until now. Everyone is fine here, working everyday and enjoying life. As I read the Octofoil from time to time I see different names that I recognize, but hardly anyone from the 34th F.A. Btry. C. how come? I am sorry but I won't be with you again this year as my vacation always follows the week following the 4th of July. The whole plant closes down for 2 weeks. Move the Reunion back until around the first of July and I will be there. Ha, Ha!

Am sending you my dues along with this letter. Hope you all had a good time at the Reunion.

Co F 47th Inf  
S. BILL BUEMI  
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I hope that this letter finds you and yours all in good health ... I am writing you for a couple reasons ... First it was great to see you ... your wife ... and all the guys that I haven't seen in many years, I am sending you some photos that I took at the reunion ...

Meanwhile I will say that I had the time of my life ... with the - guys ... That were with me ... during the swearing ... sweating ... and crying days. I kissed so many of the guys ... I thought that I was getting gay ??? On Aug. 25 Mickey and I flew back up to N.Y. and went to the Bahamas on the Oceanic ... Boy what a trip that was ... fact remains Mickey and I plan to attend all the 9th Div. reunions and go on a cruise every year?? Unless I go on welfare ... then we plan to say home???

Meanwhile I had many duplicates of these photos made and have sent them to ... Hoppie ... Munatore ... Wilkey ... Jonsie ... Alsgaard ... etc. of course I took 3 rolls of film times 36 photos per roll ... they all came out beautiful ... I have had quite a few of the guys ask me about ... the Co. F photo ... I talked to two photographers that will duplicate the photo for the price of 16.00 per photo... I think its robbery ... but I think that ... if enough of them guys want Co F photos ... maybe they can be cheaper???

Those interested, can contact me ... or better yet ... if we have some one from the 9th that is a photographer ... maybe he will do them??? Before I close this letter ... I wish to thank all those that are involved in keeping the organization ... and the reunions going ... so I will close due to my one finger getting sort of sore???

I will close as a reminder to you that it is not "pittsboig" ... it's Pittsburgh.

Serv. Co 47th Inf  
CARLE W. TAYLOR  
110 Wildhurst Lane  
Danville, Va. 24541

This is just a few lines of information from the Virginia Rebel. Sorry I've missed a few reunions, but I had a heart attack about 3 years ago, and I had to slow down for a while. I'm doing just great now.

It seems I'm not the only one in my family that has been involved with the military. My daughter, Sharron joined the Army in November 1977. She is now stationed at Fort Belvoir, VA. In the short time she has been in the Army she has achieved several honors. After being stationed at Fort Belvoir for only 2 months, she competed and won the title "Post Soldier of the Month." She has also just been selected to attend OCS on October at Fort Benning, GA.

You can bet that I'm a proud Pop. Well, that's all for now. We will see you in 1979.

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