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OLD RELIABLES
It’s now thirty-four years since the association was formed and we feel that the “Old Reliables” have tried their upmost to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades and keep alive the spirit of corps of the old outfit. Many young people have been assisted to further their education through the scholarship program. We sincerely hope the approaching reunion will be the start of another thirty-four years of notable achievements.

RANK WITH THE BEST
As things look right now the 34th reunion will rank with the “best” of reunions. Reservations have been pouring in at the Galt Ocean Mile Hotel in Fort Lauderdale. After checking into the hotel the members can shake off their cares and fatigue by diving into the Ocean or the huge outdoor pool. A “dip” will prepare them for an exciting, fun filled weekend or as many members will be staying for a week or more of relaxation.

Tip Of The Hat
Once again the association is grateful to these members who remember a Memorial Day. William Greco, Harry Chase, Soady Barnes, Glenn Smink, Robert Gibson, Fred Vens, Charles Marzolfo, Milton Harker, A.E. Lyree.

We salute these men and those Marzolfo for the past years has been extra generous, a special thanks.

The army discovered the medals, and proceeded to investigate Evans’ praise because the law permits military honors to be conferred late if the nomination were made within two years of the event.

Commander 2nd Bn 60th Infantry

EVANS WROTE in 1945 that Urban inspired his men to repel German attacks and performed heroically in Tunisia, France and Belgium while commander of the Second Battalion of the Ninth Division’s 46th Infantry Regiment.

Now that the nomination has been found, Evans claims have to be documented. Then the case for Matt Urban’s medal would have to travel through the Senior Army Decorations Board, the Army Chief of Staff, and the Secretary of the Army to President Carter before the medal could be pinned on Urban.

Evans hopes that good word will come in time for the war veterans’ annual reunion in July in Fort Lauderdale this year.

MEMORIAL SERVICES
Saturday morning all members, wives and guest will assemble outside the hotel where a Memorial Service will be conducted for the department men of the Ninth. This being the most solemn part of the three gatherings—“never to forget our dead”.

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Saturday evening the banquet will be held at 6:30 P.M., with short speeches, so that we will have more time to shake the art logs and the dance floor.

FISHERY
The usual welcoming reception will be held on Thursday night but added to the package this year will be an old fashioned “Fish Fry” on Friday night held around the pool. There will be dancing later in the evening.

GET OUT YOUR DUFFLE BAG
Take time out and make your reservation right now, get out your old Duffle bag and pack your bags and swan suit and join your buddies for three days that you will long remember.

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Army Honors Kaufman
F/With Outstanding Award

The 60th Infantry boxing team in England (1944) led by Matty Urban (then a Captain) shown on the left. We wish him all the best on his recommendation for the Medal of Honor.

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NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSN. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinio, 2nd Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Assn.,
412 Gregors Ave., Weehawken, N.J. 07087

Enrolled Please fill out here:

Name

Street Address

City Zone State

I was a member of:

Battalions: Company Regiment 9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year

$7.00

Three-Year Member

$11.00

Life Membership

$50.00

Ladies’ Auxiliary Member

$2.00

Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund

$50.00

Occidental Automobile License Dish

$50.00

Combat Route Map

$50.00

Philanthropic History

$50.00

Please give credit to the following Chapters:

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Illinois

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Pennsylvania

Washington, D.C.

New England

Michigan

Fort Dix, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Ministers 21st Meeting Board of

The 21st meeting of the National Board of Governors was held in Pittsburgh, Pa., on May 19th, 1979 at the Marriott Inn. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by President Francis Maber. Attending were John Bonkowski, Robert Deland, Pat DeColli, Elias Hopkins, Charles Koskie, Michael Durej, Dave Gelman, Paul Keller and Sal Trapani. Also in attendance were John Clouster Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Judge Advocare Harrison Dasye and member from Pittsburgh, Thomas McGinley.

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

The secretary read the minutes of the 20th meeting that was held in Worcester on November 4th, 1977. The motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Pat DeColli was voted to accept the reading of the minutes and to instruct the secretary to place copy of same on file.

The treasurer Thomas Boyle supplied the members with copies of the income and spending of the last quarter January to March. Upon a motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Pat DeColli it was voted to accept the treasurer’s report.

John Clouster Chairman of the Scholarship Committee briefed the members on the work of the committee and the recipients are judged according to their academic and financial needs. The committee recommends that awards be granted this year. Upon a motion duly made by Charles Koskie and seconded by Michael Durej it was voted to accept the report and recommendations of the Scholarship Committee.

A member from New York had submitted a plan for the Scholarship Committee and upon a motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Sal Trapani it was voted to reject this plan as it doesn’t conform to the present setup of the Scholarship Committee. As Father Connors is retiring soon, he thought that the gang would be the last but the gang has persuaded him to conduct another reunion to be held in Hartford, Conn. on November 4th, 1979. The details will appear in the Octofoil.

A member had requested a letter of his year ago be published on the subscription and upon a motion duly made by Charles Koskie and seconded by Michael Durej it was voted to instruct the Editors of the Octofoil to publish the letter.

Fran Maher reported that the association has given a number of Memorial Masses and services on November 4th, 1979. As Father Connors was going to be the last but the gang has persuaded him to conduct another reunion to be held in Hartford, Conn. on November 4th, 1979. The details will appear in the Octofoil.

A discussion was held on the purchase of decals (Division insignia) and upon a motion duly made by Robert Deland and seconded by Pat DeColli it was voted to supply the members with copies of same.

As regards the matter of possible a Fish Fry is planned for the next day night. The cost for the three days will be $30.00. Upon a motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Robert Deland it was voted to accept the report on the reunion.

A motion duly made by Pat DeColli and seconded by John Bonkowski was voted to accept the treasurer’s report.

At the conclusion of the meeting the secretary Daniel Quinn submitted his resignation and recorded the minutes of the last meeting.

Secretary Daniel Quinn reported on the trip to the 79 Florida reunion. He reported that the Seventy-Nine members are reaching the 100 mark and that members are to send in their reservations in as early as possible. A Fish Fry is planned for Thursday evening and a Banquet and dance for Saturday evening. The cost of the three days will be $30.00. Upon a motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Robert Deland it was voted to accept the report on the reunion.

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Florida Keys

Not too far from our headquarters is the Florida Keys and for those who are staying in Florida for extra days a trip to this area is a must. Key Largo rings a bell for island-hopping auto cruisers. They call it the "land that's mostly sky." That's the Florida Keys, perfect for an auto cruise, gas permitting. And cruising the Overseas Highway by car will give visitors an eyeful for the 113-mile ocean cruising highway links 29 islands that span 43 bodies of water. The Keys unlock a variety of vacation pleasures, from camping and state parks provide more than 1,200 campsites equipped with full water and electrical hookups. To Key Largo, land base for the first underwater park in the continental U.S. If the name Key Largo rings a bell, chances are you are a movie buff because Humphrey Bogart starred in a movie of that name. The name of the underwater park is John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, where glass-bottom boats provide a close-up view of the reef, which is part of the only living coral reef formation along the coast of North America.

If you prefer to get your own feet wet, skin and scuba diving facilities cover the area. "I'm not sure about the deep, dark, but I've had an hour and a half and I think you should have a great time," said police chief Bob Quirk. And don't forget to buy extra to snack on in the car because it makes the miles keep you awake.

Looking South of the Galt Ocean Mile Hotel-the Fort Lauderdale fabulous beaches.
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mail call

Commended

9th Sig. Co.

Mando A. Gochi
30 Maitland Rd.
Springfield, Ma. 01104

You don't have to know, but we may have something special I went to a 9th Sig. Co. meeting and mentioned to John Pappas about a school chant that just came into my head and I've never written it down. I'm not sure if it was 1st or 2nd in the 9th in Sig. Co. He said tell me your story and I'll tell you the rest. If you want to share it with me, I'll write it down and maybe send it to the OCTOFOIL. If I do, then I'll forward it to you. If you want to pass it along, I'll do that too. I hope you enjoy this.

A. E. Smith

July 8-28-26

When was the last time you wrote a letter to our Call Column?
MILTON HACKER
890 South Broward Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 33301

Well, I'm here in Florida residing at the age of 83, just North of Ft. Lauderdale. My wife Doris passed away August, 1977. Since I've remarried, my lady's name is June, in January, 1980. I'm only married 6 months and June and I, I guess, as we were both alone. We expect to be at the convention in Ft. Lauderdale as Randle as I sang in his glee club under his leadership. That's all for now, glad to get the results.

Anti-Tank Co. 29th

DAVID KIDD
1707 Elph Ave.
Winter Park, Fla. 32806

I enclosed your check for $10.00 to cover my membership fee for 1983.

Gene Dillman
Niles, Ill. 60648

Each time the Dialysis machine, O.K. I can still drive the PS Sorry I won't be able to attend the convention.

William Darden

Mt. Pleasant, S.C. 29464

I'm sure all of us appreciate the work I was doing so I WILL do this year is ask you to send me Phone No. of your Florida address, Bob. That's all regards to all.

Henry Santos

9011 N. 46th St.

I cannot make the reunion this year. I hope that this is not too late. I want to express my thanks for all your good work.

Eloise J. Doyle

Humboldt, Ill. 61939

Dear Dan; I trust this finds you well. I cannot make the reunion but I can now walk pretty good and I hope you will be able to hold it.

P.S. I cannot make the reunion but I hope there will be at least 60 of their former members from the 1st Bn. 60th Inf. with at least 60 of their former members you may have in the association and look forward to seeing you again. We expect to be a member of the 9th Signal Co. and any of our friends you meet. My full membership for the three years membership renewal, this should take care of many of the M.P's if they have time to meet and maybe we will make one of our visits to you for the work I was doing so I WILL do this year is ask you to send me Phone No. of your Florida address, Bob. That's all regards to all.

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CARL HUBSCHMIDT
102 S. El Dr.
Tucson, Ariz. 85701

Dear Dan, I was thinking I wanted to do some more things when I received the red flag letter, so I promptly wrote a check but put all secretarial-press release and I was told I could put a press release with it if I wanted to. I just turned 62 so figured a good one as way to put in for retirement and I would not have to do the things I've put for too long. I have been out of country for this Florida for one month. I will be attending our reunion group as I will be doing this year is ask you to join the 34th Division reunion for me.

Dear Dan; I trust this finds you well. I cannot make the reunion this year. I hope that this is not too late. I want to express my thanks for all your good work. I'm sure all of us appreciate the work I was doing so I WILL do this year is ask you to send me Phone No. of your Florida address, Bob. That's all regards to all.

John F. Kennedy Sta.

ROGER WALDO
262 S. Chapman St.

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Kendall W. Gildor
Box 516

I took the honor of serving as a Riflemen with "B" Co. 29th Inf. Regt. 9th Infantry Division during World War II. I have full membership in the PFC Charles J. Duszynski, 5109368.

U.S. Military Intelligence documents contained in my M.O. claim and Escape from the German POW Camp at Dommitz, near Almenonce, France, have been recorded in their properMilitary Records.

Confidential. The documents marked Secret, Top Secret and Confidential. The documents have finally been located at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. The date was July 5, 1978. It is after the Escape and Evade Report for the 3rd Bn. 60th Inf. For the past several years I have been examining the documents, I will be happy to send you a copy of any others who remember him.

I'm happy to hear from you. I took great pride in serving in the 9th Infantry Division and we were very honored if they would be included in the Association for the Records.

Gino Dusznisky legally changed his name to Dusznisky in 1965. I was captured on Memorial Day, June 14, 1944. My full membership in the Association.

P.S. I would appreciate it if you would send me any information as to where books are available in the car keep give to Dan.

Anti-Tank Co. 29th

JOHN SIMMONS

Athlette, Texas 77301

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In conjunction with its regular meeting on May 4th, 1979 at the 69th Regiment Armory, 6th and Lexington Avenue, New York City, the New York Chapter held our Past Presidents' Night. The following Past Presidents were present: Irving Feinberg, President; Al Orletti, President 1948-49; Emil P. Langer, President 1968-70; George Bako, President 1970-72; and Frank Zoiz, President 1972-73.

Jerry Horowitz was not a member of our association as of late. Due to the dehydration of his health he became lax in being a dues paying member. Jerry long a member of F Co. 39th Inf. He was replaced during our long voyage in Europe.

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One of the stands at which we were present was: Frank Zoiz, President 1972-73. He arrived from Argentina and brought with him a generous gift for the Association from the people of Argentina.

There were many good friends and registration attendees as of late. Among these were: Bill Henning, President 1959-61;

Two "old timers" from the 3rd meeting in Puerto Rico, Carlos Ruiz Esteva welcoming Hermano Suarez to the Land of the free. The writer has invited the Association to hold a reunion in Puerto Rico.

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Bill & Dolores Zimmerman

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Traveling down road of history

A MEMOIR FROM THE PAST BATTLE OF THE BUGE

Those of you who were present in the Ninth and specifically the 47th Infantry, more specifically Company I of the 47th, now remember the situation in mid-December 1944.

MISSIONS - TO DISMOUNT PARACHUTISTS

On the 21st, a small group of German parachutists were rounded up by Company I of the 47th, which was searching the town of Monschau. In all, 80 prisoners were captured. These parachutists were trying to return to the German lines after having landed in the Eupen area. It was the remainder of Task Force Von DER HEYDTE. Their mission was to disrupt traffic over the Eupen-Malmedy road. It was commanded by Colonel Baron Von der Heydte whose command consisted of 3 companies of 150 men each. The mission was a failure and only 100 men reached the rendezvous after jumping. The situation was obscure to Heydte and he told his men to abandon their equipment and head for the German lines in groups of three men each.

PRIZE BOOMERANGS

The reason that so many of these parachutists were captured was that most of the 47th and interrogated by Heydte was treated so magnificently when considering the intense anti-German feeling we had during December 1944.

October 6th, 1951

Fred Schoultz (Baron von der Heydte) Professor of History, University of Wurzburg

Dear Mr. Silberberg,

I just received your kind letter of September 15th, when I came back from Spain where I had to lecture in summer schools.

May I thank you very much for your letter and for what you said.

The Colonel von der Heydte you heard of when you were in the vicinity of Monschau was indeed me, and I was taken prisoner by the U.S. 47th Infantry Regiment. I was treated by your comrades in a very human, chivalric way and all help was given to me.

So, I am glad to hear at least of one American who served with this gallant regiment, and to express my gratitude I feel toward your country.

Your letter is proof that the spirit I could experience when I was taken prisoner, was inspiring the whole regiment, and your kind and sympathetic words gave me the great satisfaction at the moment I was attacked in such an insolent way by some old Nazis.

I hope to hear from you again, and am with best regards,

Silberberg

Baker Company

Two great commanders

Looking back on my 33 years of military service, I am most proud of my five years in the 47th Regiment. A great deal of credit to this fine regiment should go to its two great commanders; General Randle and General Slageter, in Cincinnati) and General George Mix. I was at the deathbed with Roger Gartland and I sent my best wishes to Terry.""
for October issue of the Octofoil will be Aug 20th.