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THE OCTOFOIL

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

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION.

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We realize the paper will reach our members after the 35th Memorial but nevertheless we would like the membership to read the letter Father Connors sends to all the "gang"

**Immaculate Conception
Rectory
353 Grove Street
Worcester, Mass. 01605**

Dear Friend,

75 Years Young

Here we go again. Last year I was not sure that I would be having our Memorial Mass in 1979 — And if we did have the Memorial Mass, where it would be. But I am still at the Immaculate Conception Parish — God help the parishioners — so, thank God, our 35th Annual Memorial Mass and get together will be at the Immaculate Conception Parish. And, definitely, this will be my last year in this parish, for next spring Old Man Connors will be 75 years young — and that is the compulsory retirement age from parish administration. But I shall continue to be active in my ministry — I hope!! Who knows, I may become a "Free Agent" — and I may end up with the Red Sox. But anyway, the Memorial Mass for our beloved deceased will be here on Sunday, November 4th. As usual, the Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. — Dinner after the Mass at the Sheraton Lincoln Inn. We will have the usual dinner and get-together on Saturday evening at Connors Coffee Shop, where you will be the guests of our parishioners. Already my parishioners are looking forward to this. My Man Friday, Franny Maher, will be your contact man for room reservations. This year we are able to reserve only a few rooms at the Sheraton. But Franny has reserved 100 rooms at the Holiday Inn, (this Inn has been recently renovated) and 25 rooms at the Days Lodge, which is nearby the Sheraton Inn. Many events are taking place in Worcester the weekend of November 3-4. Franny needs word from you as soon as possible, to assure you of a room.

Most Successful

I attended the Convention at Fort Lauderdale. It was most successful. Dan Quinn, Franny Maher and the Committee did a bang-up job. Congratulations! This year the Memorial Service was especially impressive. A vote of thanks to our retiring president, Franny Maher — and our congratulations to our new president, Bob DeSandy. May I encourage the troops to make a special effort to attend the 1980 Convention in Washington. Time marches on!!

I sent out about 900 letters, — but if you know others who wish to be with us the weekend of November 3-4, let me know and I shall send them the notice. All are welcome — men of all faiths — of all ranks, or no rank — from every Company and Battery of the Ninth Infantry Division. At this 35th Annual Memorial Mass and Service, since it will be my last, (at least at the Immaculate Conception Parish) I hope that we shall have a great crowd, as we celebrate Connors' Last Hurrah.

"Court Martial"

This year I want a little more respect. Last year at the dinner, General Westmoreland had me up for "Court Martial". He had seven charges against me — and a packed jury declared me guilty on every charge. Thanks, fellows!! I don't get no respect!!

Pray Together

If this 35th Annual Memorial Service is my Swan Song, it is fitting that on this occasion I should thank you men for being faithful for these many years in attending these Services — to pray together for our beloved deceased, and to pray for a just and lasting peace. I wish to thank you for your respect for me — the worst soldier in the Ninth Division. I am grateful for my years with you men of the Ninth — with whom I had the privilege of serving from October 1942 until the war ended in 1945. And I repeat what I have said many, many times — these were the best years of my life, as a priest and as a man. I look upon the men of the Ninth as my special family — and through the years since the war, I look upon the members of your families as members of my family. God bless all! Every day as I celebrate Mass, I pray for the men of the Ninth and their families — of all Faiths — and I pray for our beloved deceased. And as long as I am able to mount the steps of the altar, I shall continue to do so.

Please come to our 35th Memorial Service with your wives and other members of your families, so that we may pray together, and thank God for our wonderful friendships, pray for our deceased, and to thank God for the privilege that was ours as we served our country during World War II.

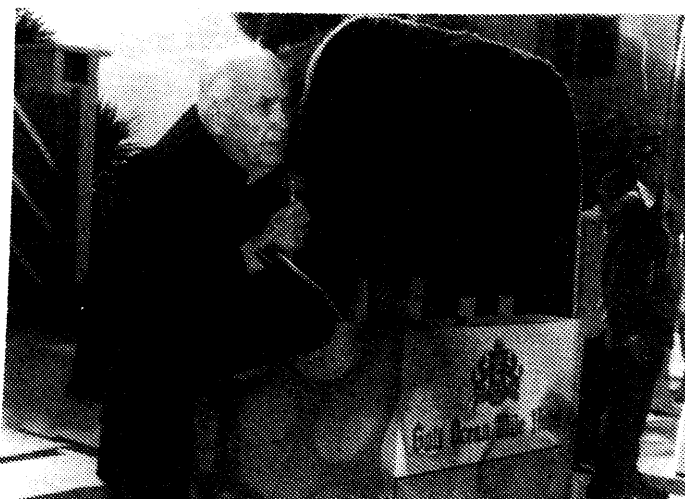
**PRAY FOR ONE
ANOTHER! GOD BLESS!
Father Connors**

TIP OF THE HAT

The association is grateful and the Memorial Fund is enriched with the generosity of these members:

**Paul Giarraputo
John Lewis
Dominic DeSimone
Carroll Devold
Howard Granger
Russel Bassel
Lewis Simons**

We salute you.



Rev. Edward T. Connors at Memorial Service.

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..."

Joining their comrades who have gone before them we announce the passing of these members:

Walter Doohan F. CO. 60th

General Jacob L. Devers

May they rest in Peace. To their loved ones we offer our heartfelt sympathy.

General Jacob L. Devers took command of the Ninth Infantry Division in early November of 1940 after the untimely death of its first Commander Brigadier General Francis W. Honeycutt. Seven days after he had taken command of the Division General Honeycutt was killed in a plane crash. General Honeycutt had arrived from the Philippine Islands to become the Division's first commanding general. For a few months General Rene E. DeRussey Hoyle, who had arrived to command the Division Artillery was placed in command till the arrival of General Devers in November of 1940.



General Jacob L. Devers as he spoke at the first reunion held by the association in 1946 at the Hotel New Yorker, New York City.

General Devers commanded the Division till August of 1941. At 53 he was the youngest major general in the U.S. Army. Then the Army announced that General Devers was to command its entire Armored Force.

In 1943 Devers became European theater commander for U.S. forces under General Eisenhower; he later helped direct the Allies North African and Italian campaigns and plan the Normandy invasion. In 1945 General Devers succeeded General Joseph Stilwell as commander of U.S. Army ground forces. He retired four years later.

A Life member of the association he passed away in October at the age of 92.

There's always something new in Washington

Next summer the Association will meet for its 35th reunion in the Nations Capital. Make plans now to be with your buddies when they meet on July 17, 18, 19, 1980.

What's great about Washington, even for repeat visitors, is that there is always something new to see, as well as something old to discover.

Making the biggest splash in the something new department this season is the vast Smithsonian Institution complex.

The most popular of the Smithsonian's dozen museums is the Air and Space Museum. More than 12 million visitors thronged through it last year to view such permanent exhibits as the Spirit of St. Louis and the Apollo II Command Module.

Over at the Smithsonian's National Museum of History and Technology, three new exhibits will greet summer visitors.

Albert Einstein and Thomas Edison also are having special anniversary exhibits at the History and Technology Museum this year. The Einstein exhibit, which has already opened and runs to next March, marks the 100th anniversary of his birth. The Edison exhibit, opening in August, observes the 100th anniversary of his research into light.

Another new attraction at the Smithsonian is the first-time ever exhibit of Cycladic sculpture at the National Gallery of Art. This rare private collection, second largest to that owned by the Greek government, is the first major exhibition of Cycladic art — which dates back to the second millennium before Christ — to be shown in the U.S. The Cyclades islands are in the south Aegean Sea.

Along with the Smithsonian, White House, Capitol, Lincoln Memorial and other major attractions in the nation's capital, there are also many lesser known places to visit and things to do that are often overlooked by visitors.

For information on Washington attractions, brochures, maps, etc., write to the Washington Area Convention and Visitors Assn., Board of Trade Building, 1129 20 St., NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20036. For a list of hotels and rates, write to the Chamber of Commerce, District of Columbia, 1319 F St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20004.

DC in 1980

mail call

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Louis A. Raynes
230 A Stonecroft Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21229
Phone: (301) 644-9085
27 June 1979

Mr. Daniel Quinn
412 Gregory Avenue
Weehawken, New Jersey 07087
RE: Robert Gordon Raynes
CPL s-n 33558676
746th Tank Battalion
9th Infantry Division
1st United States Army

Dear Sir:
I would appreciate your kind help in the following matter: I lost my brother, CPL Robert G. Raynes, on 10-09-44, he was with the 746th Tank Battalion Company B which was attached to your 9th Infantry Division. He was killed near Germeter in North West Germany at a road block in the Huertgen Forrest area. I am attempting to validate what awards, ribbons, and medals he may have been awarded prior to his death, is it possible you may know any of his buddies of the 746th Tank Battalion?

I have, through the help of the Adj. General, U.S. Army Pentagon, received several of his medals, but am curious as to what his buddies may have received. The records center at St. Louis, Mo. advised that my brothers records were destroyed in a fire and awards due him are uncertain.

I would sincerely appreciate any information you could supply me with. I would like to know also if you gentlemen have meetings or a book available on the various battles you were engaged in during the period my brother served with your division.

Once again I extend my appreciation to you for your kind help in this matter.

I remain,
Respectfully yours,
Louis A. Raynes

Editors note: The secretary's office supplied several names of members of the 746th Tank Bn to Louis Raynes. We believe at the time in question that the 746th was attached to the 60th Infantry. Do hope some of our readers can come to the rescue and assist Louis Raynes.

Co. A. 15 Engrs
GEORGE Q. DUGAN
1294 Ferry Street
Marshfield, Mass 02050

Enclosed please find a completed application for membership. I was a member years ago. My last active part was attending a Memorial Service at Worcester. That's water under the dam. This summer I talked to Bill Haverty who sent me over his July-Aug. Octofoil (Bill lives in the same town). So here I am knocking at the door again. Sorry to hear that Pete Strach passed away and pleased to see Howard Granger joined up. Hope to see a lot of friends and buddies at Worcester, November 4, 1979.

60th Inf.
MANUEL F. GARCIA
302 E. Gore Street
Pharr, Texas 78577

I am Manuel Garcia looking and trying to get information about my outfit and my company commander. Jerry Teachout from Anaheim, Cal. gave me your address.

I don't know much English and I am not sure what my outfit was. I am not sure if I was with G. Co. 9th Inf. Div. Rgt. 60th, 2nd Bn. in Winchester, England.

I had a captain named Mallory or Ballory. He was captain of F. Co. when he got transferred.

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

I understand you have a list of all the names from the 9th Inf. Div., please help me.
Editors note: Manuel has since joined the Association and we do hope a member will be able to help him. We have no records of the Captain in question.

D.C. REUNION
JULY 17, 18, 19,
1980

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, National Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Assn.
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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, P.O. Box 807 Crystal River, Fl. 32629.

REUNION HI-LITES



At table No. 10 starting clock wise (l-r) Mr. & Mrs. Philip Cancellate, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buzanoski, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Sal Trapani and our Judge Advocate, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Daysh.



The 60th F.A. group are shown at the banquet night-left to right - Mr. and Mrs. Savino DeRosa, Mrs. Michael Belmonte, Dr. David Heller, Mr. and Mrs. John Brandi. Standing are Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Greco and Mike Belmonte.



Members of Anti-Tank Company 47th Infantry are shown at the Pool site shortly after the Memorial Service.



Pictured at the Friday night Fish Fry are (L-R): DeadEye Prosser, Ed Zeno, Louis Rullan, Doc Seslowe, Harry Wax, James Burke, Irv Caban, and Art Schneider.



Members of the 47th Infantry are shown (L-R) Val DeMaria, Joseph DeFini, Carl Taylor, Richard Manfredi, Ken Kalin and Emil DeDonato. All from Headquarters Company except Taylor who was with Service Company.



Ole Company B 47th Infantry members are snapped - left to right - Mr. and Mrs. Art Stenzel, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Palega, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Lelak and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Podany standing.



Hal Perry was right at home in Fort Lauderdale (he lives a few doors from the Galt Ocean Mile Hotel) is shown here on the left, with Preston Taylor, Steve Grey, John Merrick, Mr. and Mrs. John Obermiller and Louis Davis. The youngsters in the back are Obermiller's grandchildren and Mrs. Taylor.



Left to right at table 21: (sitting) John Victor, Idola and Paul Keller, Pete Radichio, Steve Wagner, Ann-Margaret Victor, Susan Wagner. (Standing) Ruth Victor and Hazel (Walton) Atkins. Susan and Steve Wagner are the grandchildren of the late Doc Walton and Hazel.



Here's Frank Fazio's group - (extreme left -) Mr. and Mrs. Tony Failla, Mr. and Mrs. John Margogliese, Mr. and Mrs. Babe Ciafalo, Mr. and Mrs. Al Orletti (sorry Al - we didn't get you in the picture) and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ricci.



Mr. and Mrs. Bovanizer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gargie and Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Waddell posed for this photo holding the reunion sign.

SERVICE BATTERY
Twenty Six Field
Artillery Battalion
In Memoriam
Charles Zablow
Died Sept. 11, 1979

Thirty Fifth Annual Memorial
Mass
Immaculate Conception Church
353 Grove St., Worcester, Mass.
Sunday, November 4, 1979 at
10:00 a.m.

Again, at the invitation of Fr. Connors, men of the old NINTH will return to Worcester to pay honor to the comrades no longer with us. We shall attend a Memorial Mass, a custom started back in 1945. Men of all faiths will be present to pray in their own way for those who made the supreme sacrifice and for those men no longer with us.

The Memorial Mass has been a must for so many men for so long a time. It has been a great experience for those who attended, and will be remembered for as long as we live. All of us are getting older and the old rocking chair will look very inviting as the days get shorter and the nights get colder.

Saturday night at the Coffee Shop is something to remember. The parishioners at Immaculate will again try to meet the needs of hungry ex GI's.

HERENTHERE

I owe a special thanks to Harold and Jo An Wallace. My niece was married about one year ago and took up residence in Houston. Try as she did she could not get accustomed to Texas climate. It was her first time away from New England. I wrote to Harold and Jo An to contact her, tell her of the wonderful things in Texas. My niece and her husband, Harold and Jo An had a wonderful visit but they could not sell Texas to them. On September, they left Texas for Pittsburgh which is much nearer to New England. Thanks, Harold and Jo An.

The mother of Joe Albanese died the latter part of August after a lengthy illness. Charlie Zablow retired last July. He died in the Worcester Hospital after being stricken at home the last week of August. Any of you men in the Charlotte area who are looking for a new wardrobe, visit Johnny Earnhart at the J.O. Jones Co. John and Dot Murray will again be cruising in January. They will leave from Boston and 14 days later will fly home from Frisco. Bonjo saw Manny in Ft. Lauderdale. Manny spent many months in Canada with a sick brother before he died on April 4. Last summer, Willie Leonard traveled from the Gulf to Canada and did not stop along the way to say "Hello" to any of us Yankees. After hunting every year for the past 50 years, Paul Griffin finally hit his target. He finally shot a BUCK. Ross Kepple should now be back in the Soldiers and Sailors Home in Quincy, Illinois. Saw Albanese, Roscoe and Bonjo during the summer. Joe is thinking of retiring. Their son Larry is a Capt. with SAC. Peter Murray, son of our John, was married this past summer. Some time ago I saw the name of Charles Snyder, Battle Creek, Mich. in the OCTOFOIL. He was not a member of 26FA but I wrote to him about locating Bob LaDez. He found Bob who seemed to be in excellent spirits and really enjoyed the visit from Charlie and my letters. Pargie talked retirement but he is too young to do that.

The Shoreham in the nation's Capital awaits you.

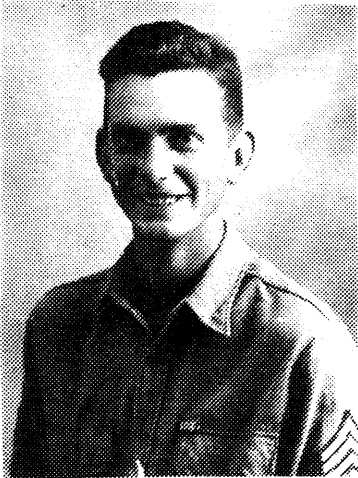
Joseph A. McKenzie
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MEN OF THE 39th

Did any of you attend a wedding in Villafrati, Sicily on July 24th 1943, during the invasion? The men pictured did. Are you one of them or do you know them? If so please write to Mr. & Mrs. John Lo Monte, 2448 Matthews Avenue, Bronx, NY. or Frank Fazio, 820 Mace Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467.

Just to refresh your memory, these men whose first names were George, Albert and Billie stayed with the Marino's. They called Mary Marino, "Mom" and Rose "Sis". Rose married John LoMonte and they were invited to the wedding. Rose and John often think of you "boys" and would like very much to get in touch with you.

Won't you write and let them hear from you?



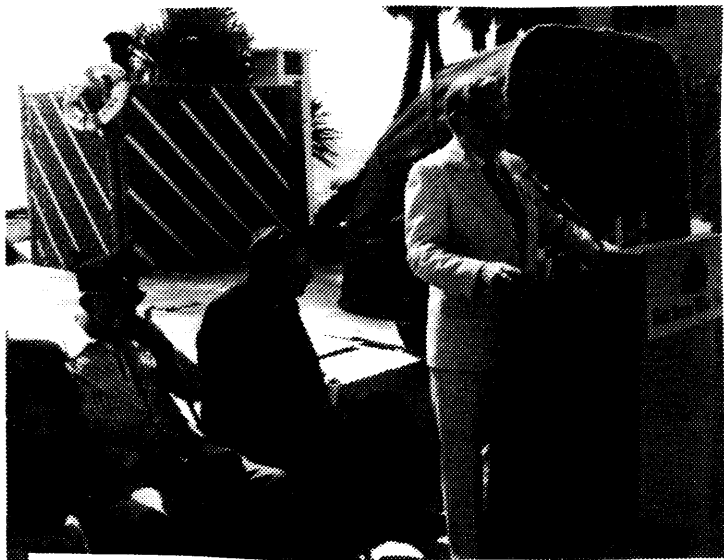
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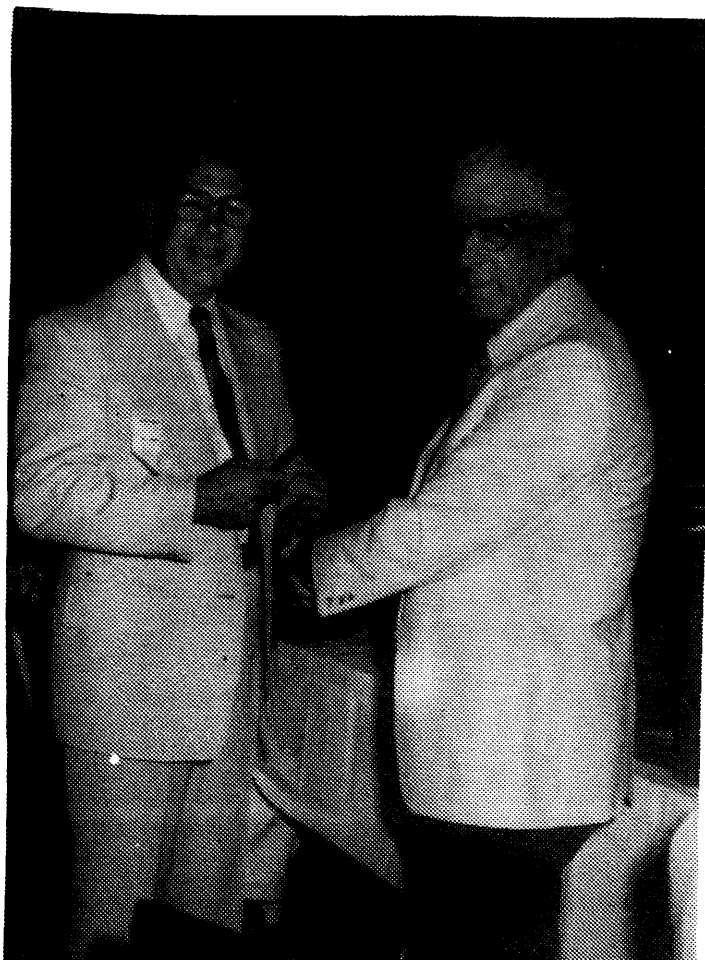
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George



General Randle speaking at the Memorial Service. Fran Maher and Rev. Jerry Rowan on his left.



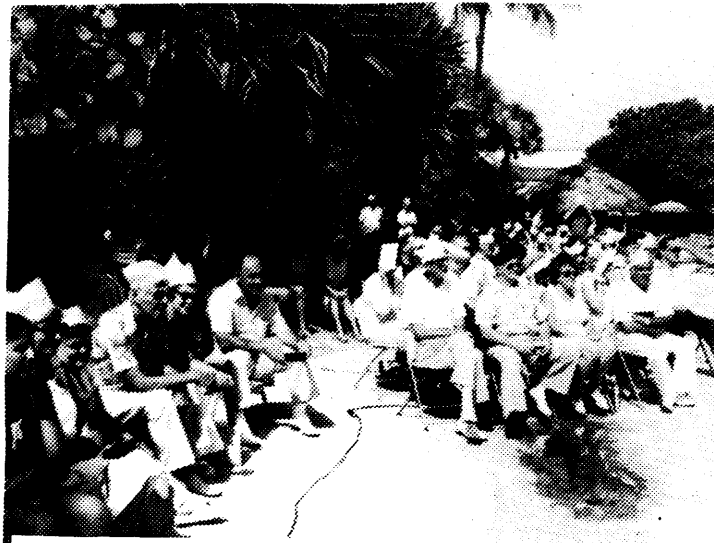
CHANGE OF COMMAND

Bob DeSandy receives the gavel of the Presidency from Fran Maher as he turns over command.

REUNION HI-LITES



Mr. and Mrs. Al Sebeck are pictured with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Libretto in the center of the photo taken in front of the display of photos of the all time great band leaders.



Members and families gather for the Memorial Service.



Tony Chaconas places wreath at Memorial, Tom Boyle and Fran Maher are shown on the left with George Brown holding Colors on the right.



Gerald Teachout sent this photo of men of Company F 60th Infantry taken near Bitterfield, Germany. (L to R front row) Tiny Thomas, Junior Worth, Butts Butswinkus holding mascot, - "Brooklyn" and "Rebel" (names unknown) Rear row - Unknown, Sgt. Little, unknown, "Whitey", Sgt. Sherman, Sgt. Ball, Slatnick, Sgt. Sawyer, unknown, Carter, unknown, unknown. Perhaps someone can fill in the missing names.

Walter Victor supplied us with all the photo's from the reunion. Walt lives at 2745 Dodson Lee Drive East Point, Ga. 30344.

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47th Inf.
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Miami, Fla.
33157

Enclosed is a bit of poetry I thought you might want to put in the Octofoil. There is a story behind it. We got our amphibious jeeps in VA. too late to try out in the water. Our first opportunity was in the Sebou River at Port Lyautery after we moved up from Safi. I was the Regt S-2 and as such was responsible for the I & R Platoon. We tried them out in the river, it started raining very badly, the pumps failed to work, they filled with water, and SUNK in the river. I was sure I'd have to pay for them all. Luckily we got all of them up. (I'm the Admiral referred to.)

The Recons

Reconnoiter the River
Down to the river
the recons rode
Each jeep burdened
with a heavy load.

The banks of the river
went down in a slope
We hit the water
with a prayer and a hope.

We leaned o'er the side
all ready to hop'
But to our surprise
they stayed on the top.

With a cry from the Admiral
"Cast off and heave ho!"
Down the river in line
we started to go.

Sailing was smooth
and speed we did gain
But our troubles began
when it started to rain.

It poured down in torrents
not a person was dry
When out of the distance
we heard a sad cry.

"Oh Captain, Oh Captain,
What shall I do?
My bilge pump has stopped
my motor is through."

The flagship pulled up
for quick investigation
To make an estimate
of the sad situation.

It drifted to shore
we heard a loud thud
We all knew by the sound
it was stuck in the mud.

With hard work and maneuvering
from the remaining three
Success was attained
and we got two free.

From a rip in the seam
the water did pour
and the boys got ready
for a swim to shore.

The Admiral, who stood
in water knee deep
Shouted the order,
"Don't abandon your jeep!"

The trip back to port
was both long and slow
As each running jeep
had a cripple to tow.

To our surprise,
we arrived safe and sound
And our joys were untold
when we touched solid ground.

Back to camp we drove
quite on the fly
In need of hot grub
and clothes that were dry.

We will never forget
our trip on the river
In a sea-going cousin
of Henry Ford's flivver.

Written by an unknown poet
(?) of the 47th Infantry Regiment after an unsuccessful trial run of amphibious jeeps on the Sebou River, Port Lyautey, French Morocco.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

Hope we are not too late to get this in the next edition but it's hard to come down from the clouds after such a beautiful reunion in Ft. Lauderdale. Instead of driving, we flew this year and it was a wonderful experience and much less tiring than a two and a half day road trip.

Unfortunate Circumstances

We were sorry that some of our Illinois Chapter members were unable to attend this year due to some unfortunate circumstances. Our chaplain, Bud Remer, was in the hospital a week before the reunion and was unable to make the trip. Uncle Bud is due for surgery but the condition of his heart is such that it had to be postponed. The next scheduled date is September 20th.

Bob Winkleman underwent surgery for a pinched nerve and was out of commission. Happy to report he is doing much better and will be back in circulation very soon.

Larry Ghere's wife who was to accompany him to the reunion, fell shortly before the time they were to leave and ended up home with a broken limb in a cast.

Wish Speedy Recovery

We missed the presence of Rev. Ralton Spears who had a stroke just the week before the reunion. We all wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him next year.

The Clark's were the only brave Illinois members who drove to Florida. They had no gas problems along the way but were duly elected to carry excess baggage of the Illinois members who flew down, excess baggage meaning holy water and ice chests. They arrived home safe and sound after side trips to North Carolina and other spots along the way.

The Koskies are now grandparents again, No. 4, and are as proud as can be with their growing family.

Aside from the few problems of air conditioning and no towels at the hotel, we of the Illinois Chapter wish to commend the Association for a beautiful reunion. The weather cooperated and the scenery was beautiful. Our Thursday get together was in a nice setting poolside — a little crowded — but nice. It was nice to go in swimming after an exhaustive evening of dancing and talking. The Friday night Fish Fry was delicious and well organized.

Most Impressive

The Saturday morning Memorial Service was one of the most impressive ones we have had. Our compliments to the Committee for an excellent performance. It was considered not having to march in the hot Florida sun and the poolside setting was very inspiring. Comments received from other guests of the hotel made us proud to be members of the 9th and citizens of our great country.

It was great seeing so many show up for this year's reunion. The 60th F.A.C.P. was held at Savino DeRosa's room on the ground floor overlooking the ocean. Besides DeRosa from Service Battery, there was in attendance each evening, Dom Greco and wife, Lonnie, Mike Belmonte and wife, Ann, both from "A" Battery; Captain Lou Gray and wife, Muriel, Mike Bish and wife, Ann, both from Hdqs. Btry, and also Sandy Burns and wife also from Hdqs. Btry. The widow of Briggs was also in attendance. As usual, DeRosa, a cook from the Service Battery, and still a fine chef, knew the right spots for our late snacks where we were joined by other members of the 9th.

Grateful

The Belmonte's are grateful to the Scholarship Committee for awarding a scholarship to their daughter, Luann, who is attending Illinois State University. She is pursuing an education in the field of business.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Dave Heller in the loss of his Dad recently.

Congratulations to John Clouser on being elected to the Board of Governors this year. Good luck.

We are all looking forward to our Outstate Mini-Reunion in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on October 20th. If all goes well, all the Illinois Chapter members plan to attend and make it as much of a success as the previous ones. More details later as to hotel and other particulars.

Making Plans

The Illinois Chapter is busy making plans to join the Michigan Chapter in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on October 20th. So far the Winkleman's, Koskie's, Clark's, Clauser's, Belmonte's, Frank Ozart, Bud Remer and possibly the Henne-muth's and Pappas' will be attending. We are all hoping for good weather and looking forward to an enjoyable weekend. We have been fortunate in having good dry weather in the middle west and our drive to Michigan should be very colorful.

At our last Chapter meeting, we were happy to see Cecil Lacic show up. Cecil's husband, Joe Lacic, passed away last year and it was nice seeing her come to the meeting. Good to see you again.

At this time, we also touched on the subject of our Christmas party. No definite plans were made but many good suggestions were offered.

We haven't seen too much of the Koskies since the reunion in Florida. Chuck has retired and is enjoying his fishing trips and anxiously awaiting the snow so he can go snowmobiling.

Condolences

During the past month, two of our members have lost someone in the family. Paul Clark lost his daughter-in-law at a very young age. She had been suffering for about a month and passed away the middle of September. Our condolences to Paul and his family.

Mike lost his mother on September 29th at the age of 85. We want to thank all the members who attended the wake.

Bud Remer's surgery has been postponed again until the middle of November. He is going to go to Grand Rapids with the Clarks. Good luck, Bud, whenever the surgery takes place.

Thoughts and Prayers

A few of the members will be attending the Memorial Mass in Worcester with Fr. Connors. Many more would like to attend but it is impossible for more to make what is said to be the last memorial services to be held by Fr. Connors in Worcester. Even though many of us will not be there in person, our thoughts and prayers will be with all who are there this year. God Bless you Fr. Connors for all you have done for the men of the Ninth.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Belmonte
1161 South Lombard Ave.
Oak Park, Illinois 60304

I joined a bunch of neighbors in a crime prevention program. Now I've got a sign in my window that says "Neighborhood Watch" — and people keep knocking on my door wanting to know what time it is.

Michigan Doings

PLEASANT DAY

August 25th was a bit cloudy and cool and certainly not the best day for swimming. However, when The Michigan Chapter got together at Bill & Dolores Zimmerman's large back yard in Linwood, Mi. the sun did break through. It was a pleasant day for everyone that attended.

All the Gals brought their favorite dishes and there was a great variety to go along with the ham dinner served by our hosts. We had plenty of refreshments on hand and it was a grand way to bid farewell to another Summer. Billie & Marilyn were there and more pictures were taken to capture some of the pleasant moments of another Chapter event.

Among some of those that shared the ride to Linwood were National Pres. Bob & Flo DeSandy and Chuck & Charlotte Fox. They made a nice long week-end out of it and had a great time together. Don & Helen Lewis brought Stan & Shirley Gutek with them. We haven't seen them since our Christmas Party, it was so nice having them back.

Ed & Marge Wisniewski had her Uncle from Fayetteville, N.C. with them. He did remember The Ninth at Fort Bragg, back then. Rose & I were in fine company on the road with Pres. Leonard & Sally Kowalski. We all had places to attend the following day, so it was a very busy week-end for all of us.

Not only did we hear from Frank Morbitzer but we also had the good fortune of seeing him at the Outing. Its been quite a year wondering what became of him.

FIRST HAND REPORT

Those in the crowd that didn't go to the Convention were given a first hand report. They also had the opportunity to see many pictures of a Reunion they wished they could have made. The time went so quickly that Elmer Wagner never did get to show his slides. We may get a chance to see them in Grand Rapids.

Chuck & Doris Williams were still talking about that Sunday after the Reunion in Florida. We spent the day together exploring the area while waiting for our late evening flight. Had Gene Reedy been at the Outing he may have added his version about all the fish that paid their way to see the other fish at the Ocean World.

THE TRAVELER

John & Thelma Obermiller mentioned that Art Schmidt was still on the road since the Convention, and they wouldn't be surprised if he happened to drop in on us. Well, that didn't happen but I did hear from Art about a week later. Among one of his adventures was visiting The Obermiller's. John took him to one of his favorite "watering holes". There they met a fellow from the Vietnam era. He addressed them only as "Old Buzzers" since they appeared like some WWII relics to this young sniper snapper. He nor John would allow Art to pay for any of the drinks because they were afraid of all the moths that were coming out of his wallet. (Good thing that they weren't wood-peckers or Art would be in real trouble.)

Elsie Young was there with Ernie and she's feeling much better now. Sorry that she had to miss that Reunion. It was also nice chatting with Kleb & Vi Stockford. We're hoping that his coming check-up proves everything "Ok".

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

Cards, Best wishes and many prayers are going to John Al Young who underwent surgery at the Ann Arbor V.A. Hospital. He's responding well to treatments at The Allen Park Facilities. John & Jane are looking forward to the Bi-Chapter Meeting in Grand Rapids, on October 20th. (Incidentally, the date, Oct. 25 mentioned in the Octofoil's "As We Saw It" report was incorrect. Sorry about that.)

SLATE OF OFFICERS

Nominations were opened at the Business Session of our Outing with the following: Pres. - Rodger Alsgaard, 1st V.P. - Charlie Williams, 2nd V.P. - Billie Martin - John Obermiller, Treasurer - Elmer Wagner, Adjutant - Don Lewis, Secretary - Fred Josey, Chaplain - Floyd Hennessey, Historian - Floyd Hennessey

The Bottle Raffle was another fine job by Don Lewis with wonderful support from everyone. This time Lucile Andrews took home the prize that Harry Bushey won at the previous Drawing and donated it back to the Chapter. Our Congratulations to Bill's Better Half.

We were happy for Don & Helen Lewis who were making arrangements for another vacation in Germany. They planned on visiting relatives, friends and places where The Ninth left its mark in history.

It's always nice to receive letters and some of the latest ones came from: Jerry & Erma Teachout, Val & Jakie Greulich, Vince Temple and Tom & Gerrie Hatton. Jakie had a check for Life Membership enclosed and that's quite a compliment to our Chapter coming all the way from the State of Missouri.

SUPPORT YOUR CHAPTER

Mentioning dues, Jakie's was only the 4th paid through the Chapter since the beginning of the year. For some reason some Members prefer to send their dues directly to The National. This practice deprives the Chapters from receiving a commission which helps pay the bills. We are fortunate to have such great support in our Semi-annual Raffles because without it, this Chapter could not accomplish what it does.

John Bonkowski, Sec.
19941 Hickory St.
Detroit, Mi. 48205

NATIONAL CEMETERIES

"The Veterans of Foreign Wars has called for an open national cemetery in each state," said Eric Sandstrom, National Commander-in-Chief.

"Following a mandate from the membership, Congress has been told that every veteran who desires a burial near his survivors should have the opportunity."

"Not only do we believe that providing an open national cemetery in every state is the responsibility of the Federal government, but also that the maintenance would best be served by Federal funds and employees," Sandstrom said.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars also asked that Arlington Cemetery be transferred to the Veterans Administration and that the restricted burial policies which limit burials be lifted.

"These policies have made Arlington a cemetery for the elite and not for the rank and file veteran who fought for this Nation," he said.

TO "B" (47th) OR NOT TO "B"

Among my Army memorabilia I found this copy of a letter sent out to a great many of you prior to a New York Re-union back in 1954.

Some of us still smack our lips as we recall the tangy flavor of Sgt. Crowders' "brown gravy" — others smile upon recollecting the kindly council expressed by the "queenly" old lady who picked "lemons" on that Sicilian hillside and many of us still recall the receptiveness of that questionable Parisienne chant "Voulez vous coucher avec moi?" as it vibrated through the haunts along the Place-Pigalle — but all of us miss the companionship of good fellows — guys who fought by and for each other — who laughed with, drank with and helped each other, making the ugly tasks of war more bearable. — then it gave particulars on our Buddy Club C.P. and how it is operated — concluding with —

Don't Fade Away

It is said that "old soldiers never die — they just fade away" but please don't fade away from your duties and obligations to preserve the "esprit de Corp" of ol' Co. "B" — which is one of the finest!

This appeal evidently struck a nerve for it brought out the following "buddies" Joe Taubner, George Apar, Bob Herman, Jack DiSanto, Seve Lelak, "Limey" Faulconbridge, Pat Morano, Larry Krogbin, "Ripples" Reilly, Nick Palega, The Merschoff twins, Charley Knaub, Art Stenzel, Lenny Radochia, Jay O'Donnell, Ben Rienzi, Charley Cassidy, Orion Shockley, and Bill Klauz.

— Considering that only 5 good buddies were present at the 34th Re-union at Fort Lauderdale it appears that the "esprit" is "Kaput" and the "corp" is ailing badly!!!

Re-unions are a fun thing — so why not join us — even if you're now fat or bald, or a bloody tycoon — or not a bloody tycoon, whether you were a buck private — or just "bucking" we welcome you all as "five star" civilians.

Successful Beyond Anticipation

The Ft. Lauderdale Re-union was successful beyond anticipation leaving food for thought that we've outgrown the lure along with the repetition of "big city" conventions, the desire for change has been whetted. Lauderdale joins the "long shot" list with Ft. Bragg, Atlantic City, and Atlanta. Perhaps greater thought will be given "dark horses" like St. Petersburg, Miami Beach, San Juan, P.R., Charlotte, N.C., Hilton Head, S.C. and Charleston, S.C.

Pat Morano did a fine job covering the Florida scene and he will be your "Beco" man next edition.

Pat J. Morano
2208 Lincoln Way, East
Chambersburg, Pa. 17201
Art Stenzel
179 Salem Road,
Westbury, N.Y. 11590

The cook in an elementary school cafeteria served deer meat one day and asked the kids to guess what it was, saying, "I'll give you a hint. It's what your mother sometimes calls your father." At that, one little boy screamed to the rest of the class, "Don't anybody eat. Its jackass!"

I think I'm in trouble. The IRS has just demanded a recount of my blessings.

MAIL CALL

Co. M. 39th
ANTHONY J. CARMECI
Old Minisink Fd. Rd.
Barryville, N.Y. 12719

Just a note to insert in the mailbag that might interest one or two people. We of Co. M. 39th had a small reunion at Art Clarks house in Bergenfield. A beautiful home with a sunken pool and elegant surroundings. And, of course, I must mention the perfect hosts Art and Helen who made our two day gabfest a memorial one. The eats were great also.

Present for this affair were myself and my wife Rose, Nick Asperger from Indiana, Jim Shaw from Detroit, Tony Campo and Mary from Monmouth, N.J. and Harold Cohen from Keyport. We had a surprise as Jim Shaw brought along a company photo taken at Bragg in early 1942 and I tell you we had a time just trying to remember all those faces from such a long time ago.

We also had a call from Vincent (Meatball) Zagana who would have made it if he had received the notice in time. He now resides and has since 1945 in Tucson, Arizona. He was the proprietor of the Villa Nova Restaurant until his sons took over, now he is semi-retired in real estate. Had a long talk with him and it was great to hear he is doing so well. He also said, Ed Verstrete and he talk to each other frequently. He also mentioned Tom Orban who he thinks of often. He also said he was to Las Vegas with Pat Solmaine a few times but Pat has since passed away.

Art and I have reserved rooms at the Memorial Mass and barring any unforeseen happening we should be there. Incidentally, we are all retired. I keep myself busy around the place and hopping to and fro to the kids and other relatives and friends and surprisingly the time just whizzes by. Of course, it is always a treat to hear from some of the "old reliables" and that is in the true sense of the word because friendships such as we enjoyed then can in my opinion never be duplicated. Friends like that don't come to the fore in this day and age.

I also keep busy with local politics and as a member of the Planning Board and my membership in the Lions. All this to keep an active mind and to keep my mind off the sad-denning state of affairs our dear country is in.

My best to you and yours.

Co. B. 9th Med. Bn.
VITO D. SPLENDORIO
240 Conn. Ave.
Bayshore, N.Y. 11706

Am writing this letter to let the gang from Co. "B" 9th Med. Bn. know that Pete Radichio's wife, Sue, passed away, after a long and lingering illness. I know that you remember Pete, as do most of the New York men and women do, and although he is far away in California he never misses a reunion. All of us from Co. "B" and a lot of men from the other companies who knew Sue and Pete wish to extend our condolences to Pete and his family, and our deepest sympathies.

If I know Pete, he'll show up at Father Connors Coffee Shop in November. I'll be there, and hope to see you and Marie and all the old gang then. Regards to Frank Fazio and the New York bunch, and hope to meet you all in Worcester.

47th Inf
RANDY BRYANT
15640 SW 85th Ave.,
Miami, Fla. 33157
Dear Dan:

This is rather a late thank you but wanted to tell you how much my wife and I enjoyed the Convention in Fort Lauderdale. Also wanted to explain why we left so suddenly without attending the Saturday night dinner. Guess many of our friends have been wondering why. In any case, the Convention was fine until an overly exuberant vet overturned my wife's chair quite suddenly which broke some ribs, losing her cataract lens and giving her some black bruises. It was all in fun I suppose but not for her. In any case both of us are looking forward to attending the next one in Washington.

Apparently my listing addresses of former 9 Div. members in a previous letter was received popularly so here are some more:

Col. Peter O. Ward, Ret. 47th Inf., 227 Gun Club Road, Richmond, Va. 23221

Harold N. Webb, 1 Bn. 47th., 1325 Starling Court, Va. Beach, VA. 23451

Col. Jacob L. Riley, Ret., Gen. Eddy's Aide, 6049 Round Hill Court Rd., Columbus, GA. 31902

Don R. Roberts, Surgeon, 47th, P.O. Box 192, Elkins, W. VA. 26241

Arthur Jackson, 311 St. Davids Lane, Richmond, VA 23221

Col. John MacIndoe, Ret. Div. Hqs., 1806 N. Hancock St., Arlington, VA 22201

One pleasant surprise at the Convention was running into David "Tommie" Thompson, who was with me in the 1st. Bn and Regt. Hqs, 47th. Can't imagine him grown and married for I last saw him in Belgium, 1944.

Does anyone have Bert Murphy's address. (S-4, 47th.) Last I had was Pittsburgh and he was moving away at that time and promised to send me his new address.

Editors note: Bert Murphy moved to Florida a few years ago and the secretary's office did not receive the new address.

Co. G. 60th Inf.
DOMINIC F. DE SIMONE
15 Cross Street
Worcester, Mass. 01604

I am sending in my dues for three years membership, and a photo that I had taken out of the book, History of the 60th. This picture is on page 32 of the book and I want you to know that a few years ago I wrote to the Octofoil inquiring of these men that I was with, but I never saw anything printed.

I do not know their names, only their titles and I am sorry about that. The only name I do remember was Bob Fleagle, who was my fox-hole buddy, but he is not in the picture. I do remember somebody taking this photo after we had crossed the Rhine and going to the Rhur Valley. To tell the truth, all I know about where I've been, and all the names of the towns we went through is to refer to the History of the 60th. It was in the Rhur that I was hurt, and I had to leave the outfit. I do hope that you can put this letter in the Octofoil, maybe I can reach someone.

Well, I do hope to see you at the next get-together here in Worcester, and until then, the best to you and your family.

Co. D 47th Inf.
CLAUDE N. NORTH, SR.
Rt. 3 Box 262
Richlands, N.C. 28574

I would like to know if any of you remember me? If so, I need your help?

I have just been refused by the Veterans Administration for lack of evidence. I was assigned to a replacement depot in France being treated for frost bitten feet. I have no record indicating this nor does the Veterans Administration. My only hope is that one of you remembers me and remembers my case.

I look forward to hearing from you in this matter and also look forward to hearing from any of you at any time.

MRS. HARRY MELTZER
34-35-76th Street
Jackson Heights, N.Y. 11372

Just a note to thank you for the Reunion Program I received. It was nice of you to remember me. Again many thanks.

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

On Page 3 at the bottom you show a bunch of guys drinking from a keg of kraut beer. The caption says they are the 39th Inf. but the sign to the right of the keg says the 47th Inf. I don't see any AAA on the guys hats so maybe the 47th liberated the beer and invited the 39th to the party. November '44 would have put the place around Aachen or Eschwiller or Wisswiller, C & D Bty. 376th AAA were with the 39th and 47th through the whole war.

Co. F 60th Inf
JERRY TEACHOUT
Anaheim Vacation Park
311 N. Beach Blvd.
Anaheim, Cal. 92801

I am enclosing a picture furnished by Daniel E. Worth who, I believe, recently rejoined the Association. It is of 17 members and dog "Hitler" of the weapons platoon of F. Co., 60th taken near Bitterfeld, Germany. The names are from left to right, front row "Tiny" Thomas, "Junior" Worth, "Butts" Butswinkus, Dog, "Brooklyn" and "Rebel". Rear row, Unknown, Sgt. Little, Unknown, "Whitey", Sgt. Sherman, Sgt. Ball, Slotnick, Sgt. Sawyer, Unknown, Carter, Unknown, Unknown. Perhaps someone can fill in the missing names.

Art Schmidt recently spent a few days in Anaheim. Was able to attend a Mills Bros. concert and a ballgame. Also went to Knotts Berry Farm. Let the guys in the New York Chapter keep an eye on Art. Crazy about the parachute ride at Knotts. Think he may be trying to practice for the Airborne.

Do you have an address on a man named Pointer? He was a Lt. in F. Co., 60th until 16 Feb. 1945. When Capt. Johnson left, he became C.O. of F. Co., 60th and finished up the war with the outfit. With Urban, Allen and Johnson I have found three of the four C.O.'s of F. Co., 60th, in Europe. If I can find Pointer, perhaps I can get them all out together at Washington next year. I have some faint leads on Pointer but they are going to take a lot of time and lot of effort to develop.

Incidentally, in addition to the roster of F. Co., 60th enlisted men, I could use a list of Officers. Hope to see you in Worcester in November. P.S. Let me know about the list of members of the Ninth Inf. Division Association in California.

JOHN J. CLOUSER
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Hq Co 2nd Bn 39th Inf
JAMES R. BURKE
2775 Mesa Verde E.
Costa Mesa, Calif. 92626

Thoroughly enjoyed myself at the reunion - you and your associates did an outstanding job. It was just great meeting and swapping "war stories" with people I hadn't seen since 1945.

Incidentally, are there any copies of the Division History available? I would like to get one if possible.

Hope to make next years reunion in Washington, D.C., look forward to seeing you again there.

Regards to all.

15th Eng.
CARROLL F. DEVOID
P.O. B. 25
Hinesburg, Vt. 05461

I am enclosing a donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Peter Strach Company A 15th Engineers of Lincoln, R.I. who passed away on July 30th. We were fortunate in having Pete and Jean visit us in Florida this past Winter. Pete's spontaneous wit will be sadly missed at the Worcester reunion another link gone from the chain of friendship.

3rd Bn 60th Inf.
MERTON H. BEEBE
176 East Robbins Avenue
Newington, Conn. 06111

Enclosing dues for 1979-80. I'm sorry that I was unable to attend this years reunion, perhaps the next one will be little nearer to home. I am doing very well in my retirement years playing a little golf and an occasional trip. However I am booked for an eye operation soon. Best wishes to all.

Co. D 9th Med. Bn.
JOHN A. SEVERINO
PO Box 1271
Albuquerque, N.M. 87103

I received a picture post card from one of my buddies in my outfit. The card was from a hotel located in the Caribbean. He didn't write his address and I can't get in touch with him unless you put this incident in the Mail Call section of the Octofoil. I couldn't make out his name either. The card reads: I haven't heard from you in more than 30 years. Co D misses you. Make it your business to meet your old buddies of Company D, 9th Med. Bn. (The card is signed Captain So-???)
Editors note: We think the man in question may be Captain Seslowe and will contact the Doctor.

39th Inf.
BILL SPRING
130 Ninth St.
Wyoming, Pa. 18644

I am sorry I missed the convention this year but the weather and gas situation made me "chicken out". Right now I'm planning 1980.

Enclosed find a check for my dues plus a donation to the fund that needs it most. Thank you.

Company G 47th Inf.
WALTER KRAFT
Box 1606
Palm Springs, Cal., 92262

My secretary in Palm Springs forwarded my mail to Alaska and I received your 34th reunion book. You did a good job Danny boy.

We arrived in Areeborough, Alaska on July 4th on British Airways a good flight from London. The two weeks in Romania was something my wife and I do not wish to repeat! What a beat up country - we each had two weeks treatment and we both lost weight and not by choice - it was the lousy food! Everyone there works for the State - terrible. We did get two years supply of medicine for each of us.

I own the corporation and in 1976, I built another shopping center - it is named Waldo's Center and I lease a large space to my boys. My boys are doing very well. A record year for them. I am also in real estate in Denver.

We are leaving the middle of September - then to Portland, Oregon probably back to California in late September.

Best regards to all.

Co. M. 47th
WILTON M. TAYLOR
Stop Star Rte.
Lost Hills, Ca. 93249

I had a nice surprise this week. J.T. Carmen ex Co. I 47th Inf. WW II of Fairfax, Missouri was visiting his sister Mrs. Foster (who teaches school in Taft, Cal.) near here and on their way home from a visit to the Pacific Ocean they stopped by a few minutes. All 9th men are welcome in our home. Although I had never seen him before, the 9th spirit flows in all the old Infantrymen as well as all the 9th units that kept us ticking in the long hours of WW II. Best wishes J.T., it was nice to have you visit even if it was short as you were leaving shortly for your Missouri home.

Best wishes to all the 9th wherever you are.

Co. M. 60th
ALLEN H. LUCE
226 N. 4th St. Box 145
Winneconne, Wis. 54986

Do you have any copies of the large navy blue, hard cover book of the 9th Div. yet? Is so, I would like to purchase one. I did not know of the Association all these years until a buddy, Harold Rissue, contacted me. I regret that we had only a short time to reminisce before his sudden death. Would like to her from other old buddies in the "M" Co. and others. Hope to get to a convention soon.
P.S. Enclosed is my life membership dues.

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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.

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