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THE OCTOFOIL

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

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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★★★★★★ Taps Sounded

They shall not grow old,
As we who are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them;
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun,
And in the morning,
We will remember them.
With sadden heart it is our
duty to announce the passing of
these "Old Reliabilities".

Frank Ozart
Company D 47th Infantry

John C. Friel
3rd Bn Med. Det.

Joseph Ward
Company L 47th Infantry

Mando A. Cocchi
9th Signal Co.

Gordon Woodcox
Service Co 60th Inf

Patrick Culleton
34th F.A.

May they rest in peace.
On behalf of the members we
extend our heartfelt sympathy
to their loved ones.



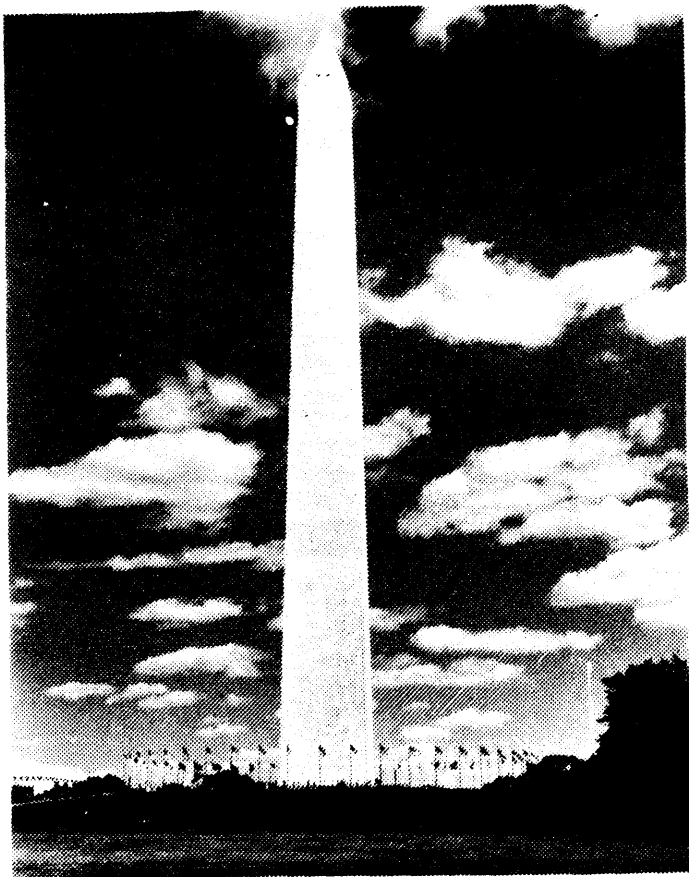
Frank Ozart

Another beloved comrade and devoted "Old Reliable" has passed on to his eternal reward. Past National President Frank Ozart died on April 12, 1980 at his home. He had been ill for some time but was getting along pretty good. Matter of fact he attended the Illinois Chapter meeting held in March and after the meeting enjoyed a few dances. Frank had been an active member of the association and was one of those members that kept the organization alive and what it is today. He will dearly be missed by all of us.

★★★

John passed away March 11, 1980 after being hospitalized since January 8th. Surgery revealed advanced cancer of the pancreas. This was the year we planned to be at the Reunion in Washington.

Mrs. John Freil
1473 S. Franklin Street
Covington, Va. 2446



Washington Monument

The nation's monument to George Washington is, by law, the tallest building in Washington, D.C. At 555 feet, it's also the tallest masonry structure in the world.

REQUEST FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS FOR 9th Infantry Division Association Washington, D.C. Reunion

Shoreham Americana Hotel & Motor Inn
Connecticut Avenue at Calvert Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008 Tel 202-234-0700

July 17-20th

Reservation Cut-Off
Date — July 1

Room Rates

\$35.00 for single

\$40.00 for double

Suites available

Arrival Date Departure Date

Arrival Date Departure Date

Name of other Persons in your Reservation

Make reservations directly with the Hotel.

Parking rates are \$3.00 per day.

PLEASE INCLUDE ONE NIGHT'S DEPOSIT

Make Reservations

Don't put it off for another day. Make your reservations right now. Invite your buddies to meet you in Washington. Get them to send their reservation at once. The reunion dates July 17, 18, 19th are just around the

corner. Send reservations directly to the Hotel Shoreham Americana. For what could be more enjoyable to reminisce and enjoy each others company. That's what a reunion is all about.

When the reunion ends this summer it is always a great feeling of having attended the affair but some of us just can't make it to the Nation's Capital. A great way to be remembered to your "old buddies" is to make sure your name appears in the Reunion Journal. Rates start at \$2.00 for a booster (includes name and unit) up to a full page for \$50.00. Try to be in the Journal.

REQUEST FOR SPACE IN SOUVENIR PROGRAM

Page \$50.00

Half Page \$30.00

Quarter Page \$20.00

Eighth Page \$10.00

Boosters \$2.00 (includes name and unit)

Make checks payable to the Washington, D.C. Reunion and send all checks, money orders and copy to:

Salvatore Trapani
4733 Wyaconda Road
Rockville, Md. 20835

Deadline for Reunion Journal — July 1st

Thirty Fifth Annual Reunion Ninth Infantry Division Association

July 17, 18, 19, 1980

WASHINGTON, D.C.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Thursday July 17, 1980

9:00 A.M. Registration

Pitch Tents — Bivouac

1:00 P.M. Board of Governors Meeting

9:00 P.M. Welcoming Party

Teen Party same

Friday July 18, 1980

9:00 A.M. Registration

10:00 A.M. General Meeting

10:00 A.M. Women's Auxiliary Meeting

9:00 P.M. Dance and Floor Show

Saturday July 19, 1980

9:00 A.M. Registration

10:00 A.M. Memorial Service

1:00 P.M. Rest and Recuperation

7:00 P.M. Banquet and Dance (Informal Dress)

Sunday July 20, 1980

Strike tents-Au Revoir, Cheerio, Adios, Auf Wiedersehen, Arrivderci, Good bye till next year!

Washington, D.C.-City of History for the Whole Family to Enjoy

The nation's capital has never been more inviting. The best is free and caters to many interests, such as bicycling and bird-watching along the Potomac, viewing world art treasures at major galleries and, of course, learning how laws are passed and put to work. There are also new and easier ways of getting around and of making the most of your visit. For instance, during the summer, instead of waiting in line for the White House tour, you can pick up a ticket, take a seat on the Ellipse and listen to music until the designated time.

STARTING RIGHT Your first round of sightseeing should be on the Tourmobile, the shuttle bus with narrator aboard run by the National Park Service. Your ticket is good all day. Buses run every thirty minutes and stop at the basic points of interest—The Capitol, White House, Smithsonian buildings, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, National Gallery of Art and Arlington Cemetery. The fare, paid when you board, is \$5; children two to eleven, \$3.

A separate Arlington Cemetery bus is \$1.75 for adults, \$1.25 for children twelve and under. Tourmobiles also run to Mount Vernon (\$10; children two to eleven, \$5.)

The Tourmobile will help you decide where you want to spend more time. There are also information kiosks in front of major memorials and along the Mall. Washington is difficult for driving, so if you go by car, leave it at your hotel or motel, except for possible trips to outlying areas such as Annapolis, Maryland, or Fredericksburg, Virginia. Rely on Metro, the nation's newest subway, and buses and taxis, but try to avoid morning and evening rush hours.

YOU CAN'T SEE EVERYTHING Plan your time with care. One way is to divide the city into sections. After the Tourmobile overview, for instance, allow one full day for the Smithsonian and other buildings bordering the Mall. Get your bearings at the reception center in the red stone castle (the original Smithsonian.) Besides "The Nation's Attic" at the Museum of History and Technology, another major show, "Living Coral Reef," with sea plants and animals, opens in June at the Museum of Natural History. The Air and Space Museum is showing a great new film, Living Planet, on its huge screen and is opening a new gallery called Early Flight, which will re-create an aeronautical exhibition of 1913, with early aircraft and clothing worn during flights. Other important buildings in this area are the National Gallery of Art, including the new East Building, the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, and the National Archives (displaying the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights.)

Benjamin Franklin's perpetual-motion machine, the world's largest ocarina and smallest piano, a wind-powered plow and an actual silk purse made from a sow's ear are all part of the big show being staged by Washington's Smithsonian Institution from April 1 to mid-September. The show, call "The Nation's Attic" (which the Smithsonian has been dubbed for years, anyway), displays oddities, curios and zany inventions in a specially constructed, authentic-looking attic. It should be good fun as well as educational—which is exactly what a visit to Washington is all about.

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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 our 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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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 1980 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

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, National Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Assn.
412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, New Jersey 07087

Enclosed please find 1980 dues for:

Name Serial No.

Street Address

City Zone State

I was a member of:

Battery; Company; Regiment; 9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year \$5.00 ☐

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THREE-YEAR MEMBER \$13.00 ☐

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Octofoil Automobile License Disc. \$.50 ☐

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Ladies' Auxiliary Member \$ 2.00 ☐

Combat Route Map \$.50 ☐

60th Infantry History (plus postage 60¢) \$.50 ☐

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Philly-Delaware Valley ☐ Greater New York ☐

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Fort Bragg, N.C. ☐

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

Well, well, "BECO" Buddies we have good news to report at this time! Several weeks ago while taking it easy and resting up after our trip home from Florida, I received a phone call from a fellow by the name of Dennis Canedy who served with "B" Co. from the Belgian border and with other units of the 9th Div., up to his discharge in Oct. 1945. We had a very pleasant chat and although we never met before (my last duty ended before the Sicilian Campaign). Dennis had seen a notice in his hometown newspaper 'The New Britain Herald' pertaining to our 9th Inf. Div. Assoc. and the coming Reunion in Wash. D.C.

I received a very nice letter from Dennis a few days later which I have sent into our Octofoil's Mail Call. In addition to this good news, I am happy to report that our co-correspondent Art Stenzel received a letter from Orion C. Shockley, who now resides in Bellevue, Washington, and was formerly a C.O. of 'B' Company. (See Mail Call for contents of Shockley's letter.) — We hope that this will be the beginning of many more letters from our 'BECO' buddies out there!

FOILED AGAIN

Ann and I are sorry that our buddy Art and his lovely wife Grace were once again 'foiled' in their attempts to move into their Florida 'Condo' overlooking beautiful Tampa Bay. We truly hope and pray that their 'Tomorrow' is only a day away!

Our trip to Florida was a pleasant one, once we got out of the 'snowbelt' in the Carolinas' no less! We got caught in a bad storm leaving Rocky Mt., and finally had to stop (luckily for us) and stay overnight in Fayetteville, N.C. with fond memories? of Ft. Bragg. On leaving very early the next morning Ann had a nasty fall on the ice-covered walk to our car. Fortunately for her she was able to cushion the fall somewhat with her winter coat. However, she did feel her injury for the next week or so while we were in Florida. Although the weather was cool most of the time we still enjoyed ourselves visiting friends and several of Ann's relatives, in the Madeira Beach and St. Pete's Beach area. We are now back home in our beautiful Cumberland Valley of Pennsylvania. We had a pleasant Easter Holiday and although we've had a lot of intermittent rain lately, it finally looks like "Spring Has Sprung". Ann and I are settling down to daily chores and getting our affairs in order so that we can once again do a little travelling although this time we will of necessity and economics remain closer to home. Which leads us to our coming 9th Div Assoc. Reunion in Wash., D.C. To all of you folks reading this column we are sure that quite a few of you remember the last reunion we had at the Shoreham (1966). Well this reunion, the 35th for 1980 has all the earmarks of surpassing that one and should be a great one. For one thing getting to WASH. DC should be less of a hassle for most of us despite the gas situation. We know of few places that would be more interesting than visiting our Nation's Capitol for our Association's Members, their families and friends. So 'BECO' Buddies this is a grand opportunity for us to meet once again after perhaps of not seeing each other for many, many years. A good example of this will be our recent addition to our Association and another welcome 'BECO' Buddy Dennis Canedy!

Wonderful Memories

Our good 'ole buddy correspondent Art brought back many wonderful memories to all of us in his last column. Art and I have already listed the names of many 'BECO' buddies in previous issues of the 'Octofoil'. There isn't much to dropping us a line, a post-card or whatever to either of us. We will be glad to 'ghost-write' any correspondence we receive. This should make it easy for all concerned and as Steve Allen says "This might be the Start of Something New!" — Art received a phone call several weeks ago from Buddy Joe Podany up in Minneapolis. He called to say that he visited another buddy Mike Hesch in the hospital where he had undergone surgery. Joe says that Mike was in bad shape. Art wrote to Mike to extend his best wishes, however Art says that he hasn't received any reply from Mike or Joe. On behalf of all our 'BECO' buddies we sincerely hope that Mike will have a speedy recovery. — We understand that one of our 'BECO' buddies Nick Palega was hospitalized some time ago and that he is now back home and feeling much better. Our best to you Nick and Keep Well! We are quite sure that your lovely wife Olga is taking good care of you Nick old boy! — Well Buddies of 'BECO' mark your calendars for an early reservation for our 35th Annual reunion at the Shoreham--Americana Hotel-Motel, Wash., DC. for July 17, 18, and 19th.

In closing, Keep Well and Best Regards to all.

PAT J. MORANO
2208 ALINCOLN WAY EAST
CHAMBERSBURG, PA. 17201

and
ART STENZEL
179 SALEM ROAD
WESTBURY, N.Y. 11590

Co. D 47th Inf.
EMERSON H. GROSS
4516 Miller Drive
East Allen Township
Bath, Pa. 18014

A few lines to tell you I and my wife will attend the reunion in July. I am in hopes that I will see some of the old buddies. This last Octofoil has a 39th vet in it from Bethlehem, Pa., - Daniel Douvanis. I am going to visit him. I have written to the Shoreham Americana Hotel for reservation for the reunion about a month ago. I still have not heard from them. I guess I must write again. This letter is only to let you know I am. Thanks very much.

Editor's note: Emerson is one of the more than 100 former members who have written to the Secretary asking for details on the reunion.

Art. Band
PETER CAPITANO
Lake Drive, Lake Lackawanna
R.D. 2
Stanhope, New Jersey 07874

Enclosed find check for dues and etc., I am one of the original members of the Ninth, the division Artillery Band was the first complete unit that was transferred from Fort Hoyle (Orig. 6th F.A. Band) to tent city Fort Bragg in late 1940.

We got to meet quite a few of the guys in the Infantry Regiments as we acted as first-aid men in combat.

Will try to make the Washington Reunion.

P.S. I am Commander of V.F.W. Post No. 6540 Byram, N.J.

Because of limited space the story "The Final Thrust" was omitted from this issue but will be continued in the May-June issue.

ATTENTION: B CO. MEN

28th Reunion of B Company
39th Infantry

TO BE HELD ON: FRIDAY,
SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY
JUNE 13, 14 & 15, 1980

125 Main Street, North
Newark, New York 14513
(Exit 42 or Exit 43)

Your buddies, Al "Hawk" DiRisio, Joe Gravino and Tony Brescia are planning "Co. B" 28th Army Reunion. We are trying to make this a most memorable reunion as well as economical as possible. If you haven't been to a "B Co." reunion, you have never experienced the emotional joy of meeting and seeing your long lost war buddies. We are all getting up there in age, and NOW is the time to set aside this weekend in June; PLAN the time of your life, and make it the happiest vacation of all your years.

GOOD NEWS "CAPTAIN" EDWIN A. PERRY WILL ATTEND TO SEE THE HAWK FEED HIS KILLERS. "CAPTAIN" JACK DUNLAP IS COMING IN FROM SOUTH CAROLINA, AND "LT." MCLAUGHLIN IS COMING FROM FLORIDA.

THE ROWNTOWNER MOTOR INN IS BRAND NEW, BEAUTIFUL, CONVENIENT AND ACCOMMODATING. We have our own hospitality suite, friends and relatives are welcome. There will be music for dancing after the Saturday Evening Banquet. HAWK will be Master of Ceremonies.

LET'S GO MEN! YOUR "B COMPANY KILLERS" ARE ON THE MARCH!

From the motel, it is a short distance to shopping center, Finger Lakes Race Track, (for horse lovers), Canandaigua Lake and its scenic beauty, amusement park, bowling, or you can just lounge-around the pool, your room, or in the hospitality room.

To help us in setting up the number of rooms needed, please return your card to

AL "HAWK" DIRISIO
13 N. Main Street
Fairport, N.Y. 14450

as soon as possible so that we can make your reservations and for the number of nights you are staying.

You can bring your own booze or buy it locally.

HAWK'S telephone no (716) 223-0270.

GRAVINO'S no. (315) 986-7872.

SEE YOU IN JUNE!

Div. Hq.
JOHN D. O'ROURKE
914 Canton St.
Orlando, Fla. 32803

Please continue my membership in the Division Association for another three years and send, if still available, a combat route map for which I enclose a check.

Recently had a very welcome surprise visit by Roy J. Smith and his wife who were vacationing in this area. Roy and I made the landing in French Morocco with the 3rd Battalion, 60th Inf. and are two of the few originals from Bragg who were still with the 9th Division when the war ended. I had not seen him since 1945; so we had lots of reminiscing to catch up on.

Have had letters recently from Tom Egan, Dr. Marion Klinger, and Charlie Willsher--all of whom were with the Division overseas.

Best regards to you and to all the membership.

P.S. You have rendered a truly outstanding service to the Association for many years, and we are most appreciative. Many thanks!

CHAPTER NEWS

Michigan Happenings

Off To Great Start

The Michigan Chapter got off to a great start for 1980 with their first meeting of the year held at the Michigan Haus Restaurant, Bay City, Michigan. Elmer Wagner assisted by John and Thelma Obermiller and Bill and Delores Zimmerman greeted the members and guests as they arrived for the cocktail hour prior to the dinner that followed. Forty-six members wives and guests attended. Guests of Don and Helen Lewis were Stan and Shirley Gutek and Jim and Rosemary McLeod. President Rodger Alsgaard and Jennie had as guests their daughter Buffie and son-in-law Bruce Leeson and Rodger also thru several telephone calls located some former 9th Division men who came to the meeting with their wives and by the end of the evening they were signed up and now are members of the National and the Michigan Chapter. Their names and addresses and Units are as follows: Frank and Eleanor Bromberg, 2005 S. Farragut St., Bay City, Mi. 48706 A Co. 60th Inf.; Arnold and Kathryn Branch, 126 Goetz St., Saginaw, Mi. 48602 A Co. 60th Inf.; Leon and Mary Ann Sheskey, 700 Wilson St., Bay City, Mi. 48706 Hq. 9th Div. Arty.; and Bill and Lenora Otto, 700 Shepard St., Saginaw, Mi. 48604 F Co. 47th Inf. Following the dinner a short meeting was held by the men to discuss the upcoming events of the Chapter namely the April meeting followed by the May Memorial Service and June Picnic and also plans for the coming National Reunion in Washington, D.C.

Bus To D.C.

As of now it appears that we will have a Chartered Bus to this with Al Young in charge as Chairman and Rodger Alsgaard Co-Chairman. More details on this to follow. After the meeting the men joined their wives and viewed slides of the 34th National Reunion at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33rd at Philadelphia and joint meeting of the Michigan and Illinois held in Grand Rapids, Michigan last October taken by Elmer Wagner. The Bottle Raffle was won by Frank Bromberg.

Releases To Newspapers

The second meeting of the year was held at the home of Len and Sally Kowalski, Mount Clemens, Mich. and attended by thirty-eight members, wives and guests. Guests were the sister and brother-in-law of Jane and Al Young, Forest Whitkopf and his wife Helen. Again we had in attendance a new member and his wife, Erwin and Betty Schmidt. Erwin was with F Co., 47th Inf. and contacted the Chapter after seeing the article in the Livingston County Press which was one of the many newspapers across the State that Elmer Wagner sent releases to the Editors in regards to the National Reunion to be held in Washington, D.C. this July. Erwin's address is 537 Roseland Drive, Howell, Mich. 48843. Also Al Young picked up another member and turned in his dues to the Chapter. His name is James Wheeler, 3361-8th Street, Muskegon Hts., Mi. 49444 who was with Hq. Co. Med. Det. 47th Inf. We welcome both of these new members to the National and Michigan Chapters.

May-June Plans

Plans were made for the Memorial Service to be held in May and the date for the June Picnic has been set for the 22nd at Kensington Metropolitan Park and as per usual Don Lewis will reserve our favorite spot in the park. Signs will be there and we welcome any 9th Division member who may be in the area at that time.

Bus Is Definite

The Michigan Chapter is definitely going to have a Chartered Bus for the Reunion as there are already thirty-seven who have committed to go. Many more are planning to drive. We hope that we will find the gas on the way. Elmer Wagner won the Bottle Raffle at this meeting.

Thought for the day---We may choose to ignore God, but we cannot choose the consequences.

Fred M. Josey, Secy.
8161 Green Valley Dr.
Grand Blanc, Mich. 48439
313-694-6108



New York Chapter

The Greater New York Chapter held its regular meeting on April 11, 1980 at the 69th Regiment Armory, East 26th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City. President Herminio Suarez opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and then Chaplain George Apar said the opening prayer. Secretary Arthur R. Schmidt read the minutes of the previous meeting. Then Treasurer Irving Feinberg gave the financial report. He reported that we were in good financial shape, but he hoped that more members would send in their dues. Secretary Schmidt then read the correspondence. Adolph Wadalavage reported that Jacob Laskau had injured himself in a fall and was having difficulty in getting around. Adolph asked that the members contact Jake to see if there was anything he needed done. Irving Feinberg donated a flight bag, which was used for a Dark Horse Prize. It was good to see Edward Egan and Henry Dietrich attending the meeting.

Chartered Bus

President Suarez is interested in arranging for a chartered bus tour to Washington, D. C. Letters have gone out to the membership asking members interested in going to the reunion by bus to contact Secretary Schmidt. Despite the New York City transit strike we had 20 members present. Charles Libretto won the Flight Bag.

Past Presidents Night

Our next meeting is May 2nd, 1980 at the 69th Regiment Armory. At the meeting we will be honoring our Past Presidents. Free refreshments will be served as usual. The Chapter hopes for a large turnout in honor of our Past Presidents.

Services At Pinelawn

On May 17th, 1980, we will hold our Memorial Services at Long Island National Cemetery, Pinelawn, New York. We are asking members to meet at the Main Parking Lot at 10:30 a.m., and we are hoping for a large turnout. As per usual we will go for a picnic at Bethpage State Park after the Memorial Services.

On June 6th, 1980, we hold our last meeting before the Reunion. It is urgent that the membership attend this meeting because we will be selecting members to serve on the various reunion committees. Also, we must nominate a member for the National Board of Governors.

Following the summer vacation our next meeting will be held on September 5th, 1980 at the 69th Regiment Armory. President Suarez hopes that all members will have an enjoyable summer.

Elected Commander

As a personal note, Secretary Schmidt is happy to report that he has been elected Commander of V. F. W. Lt. Frank J. McConnell Post No. 229 in Richmond Hill, New York. Installation of officers is to be held at the Post, 107-25 Atlantic Avenue, Richmond Hill, New York on May 17, 1980 at 8:00 p.m. Secretary Schmidt extends an invitation to all 9th Infantry Division Men to attend as his guests. Refreshments will be served.

As a final note, Secretary Schmidt asks all New York Chapter members who are delinquent in their dues to send him your 1980 dues as soon as possible.

Arthur R. Schmidt, Sec'y.
69-20-69th Street
Glendale, New York 11385
HY7-3993 - Area Code 212

P.S. Let's all meet at the Reunion in Washington, D. C. on July 17, 18, and 19, 1980.



ILLINOIS CHAPTER

Sad Heart

It is with a sad heart that we begin our Illinois Chapter newsletter. We are not over the shock we received about the death of Frank Ozart. We were called by Emil Radic who received the news from Frank's brother, Walter. Frank had been ill and in the hospital after the 1st of the year, but seemed to be recovering and in fine spirits and health when he came to the March meeting. He was talking about making arrangements to retire, and enjoy the leisure life. Unfortunately, he never had a chance to fulfill this goal as he passed away Saturday, April 12, in his sleep. Frank was very active in the Illinois Chapter and in the Association as past President, board member and on the Scholarship Committee. Some of the Illinois members who attended the wake were the Hennemuths, Winkelmans, Clarks, Emil Radic, Elmers, Cecil Lacie, Larry Ghare, Belmontes, Andersons and Dave Heller. Emil Radic was instrumental in securing a flag for the funeral which was presented to Frank's family. Frank had ordered an Octofoil hook rug from the Clarks at the March meeting and we also presented that to his family as a remembrance. Emil Radic, Paul and Lorraine Clark and Mike Belmonte attended the funeral services and acted as honorary pallbearers representing the 9th. Frank will be missed by all of us since he has contributed so much to our lives as a friend and fellow member. A collection was taken up for the Scholarship Fund in Frank's memory.

We also received a note from Ted and Wanda Preston who reside in Walworth, Wisconsin. They informed us of the death of their son, Donald, who passed away March 28th. He had been suffering with Hodgkin's disease for two years. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family in these troubled times.

We also received word that Bill Hennemuth lost his father-in-law the end of March. Our deepest sympathy to Bill and Peggy in their loss.

Pleasant News

Now to the more pleasant news from our chapter. Jerry and Dorothy Faynor inform us that their son, Jeff, is engaged and plans to be married in August of next year. Congratulations to Jeff and his lucky bride to be.

The Hennemuths are busy preparing for the wedding of their daughter, Martha, this summer. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Gordon and Marion Anderson are taking an early vacation this year and will be spending some time at Myrtle Beach. so Gordon can recapture some old memories. He can give us a full report on what if anything has changed since he first was there many years ago.

The Koskie's gave us a full report on their trip to New Orleans, Orlando and other locations in Florida, including their visit to John and Helen Clouser in Crystal River, Florida. They report that John and Helen have settled in like native Floridians. They had a very pleasant trip and are ready to go again.

Mary and George King of Phelps, New York, friends of the Koskies, passed through Chicago on the way back from Las Vegas. The Koskies and Kings passed away hours at the airport talking over old times.

Host Outstate Meeting

The Illinois Chapter will host the outstate meeting with the Michigan Chapter in October. Chuck Koskie is Chairman of the committee which will include some Illinois and Michigan members. No site or date has been selected as yet but we will have definite plans in time for the reunion in Washington.

We discussed the Board Meeting to be held in Pittsburgh in May. We will have to send another member since Frank Ozzart was on the board.

Services May 25th

Memorial Day plans were finalized at our April Meeting. We will go to the Woodlawn Cemetery in Forest Park, Illinois and conduct services for Ted (Shirts) Matusik who passed away in 1976. Services will be held on May 25th at 11:00 a.m. A picnic will follow in a nearby forest preserve. We hope Bud Remer will be well enough to officiate as Chaplain of the services. We have no new word on Bud's condition but hope all is well with him. Many of you will remember Ted with his loud and colorful shirts.

We are looking forward to the National Reunion and hope to attend en masse.

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



Tip Of The Hat

The Memorial Fund was enriched by the generosity of these members.

Howard Heilman
James Leopold
Peter Capitano
Michael Ford
Joseph Donovan
Henry Santos
Sam Robinson
James Hennelly
Calvin Daniels
Kenneth Hill
Tony Salton
John Caughey
Glenn Smith
John Maloney
William Muldoon
Walter Pochis

We salute these men and to Howard Heilman a special thanks for his generosity every year.

mail call

Co. L, 47th Inf.
BILL MULDOON
507 Treasure Point Dr.
Port Richey, Fla. 33568

Hello old buddy from way down here in Florida. Miss you guys but must enjoy the Florida sunshine. Danny, enclosed is a donation for the memorial fund. Just got a letter from Mrs. Helen Ward informing me an old timer from Co. L, 47th Reg. Joe Ward has passed away on March 9, 1980. She informed me he died of lung cancer. She got in touch with Hank Franklin, Jim Curran and Bill DeGrasse and they attended his funeral. They also were Co. L, 47th Reg. oldtimers. Hope all is okay up New Jersey way and try and keep Artie Schmidt happy, will you. Take care.

Co. I, 47th Inf. & Hq. Co. I & R
LAWRENCE D. MARTIN
1418 Blair Loop Rd.
Danville, Va. 24541

Enclosed is check for three year membership.

I plan on making reunion if at all possible.

I wish Carles Kull, David Brower, Gene Collins, Joe Bennett, Ernie Templeton, Spencer Norwood or Bob Kinkopf would drop me a line sometime. I've lost contact with most of these people.

I believe our 47th I & R platoon was the first to reach the Remagen Bridge. I do know it was a hot spot for 7 days.

Could you put me straight on this. Did the Division get any kind of citation for the Remagen crossing. I wish anyone remembering Pete Smalley would write to him. He has lost his eyesight and can't work. His wife Dottie says he really enjoys hearing from anyone from the Ninth.

Thanks Dan and give my regards to all who served in the Best Fighting outfit in the U.S. Army.

K Co. 47th Inf.
JOHN T. WEATHERALL
1124 14th Str., No.,
Texas City, Texas, 77590

I see my name is in the Bad Red Ink.

The last two years I've been on the run as President of the Texas Dental Association, so I haven't been able to make any of the conventions. Now that I'm retiring from that job and go back to making a living, maybe I can make one.

I hear from Joe Mazzaresse every year at Christmas, but haven't heard from any of the old "K" Company group since April '46. I often wonder what happened to everyone.

I am enclosing my dues for the next three years. Hope everything turns out the best ever for all of you.

Btry.C, 84th F.A.
HARMON RAYBON
Rt. 4, Box 246
Headland, Al. 36345

Enclosed is my dues for three years. I sure do enjoy the Octofoil.

You are doing a fine job keeping things together. It is good to be reminded about the activities of the best division in World War II and hear from the fellows I was with so long.

Some of the 9th Medic men might like to know the whereabouts of Comer Benton. He drove an ambulance. His address is Rt. 1, Columbia, Al. 36319. I see him (Pappy) real often. We live about 5 miles apart.

I am looking forward to the next Octofoil. My best regards to all and may the Lord add his richest blessings to all my old buddies of the 9th and to all the other guys.

Thanks again Dan, for what you're doing.

mail call

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F Co. 47th Inf.
RODGER E. ALSGAARD
2834 Wynes St.
Saginaw, Mi. 48602

Well the January-February Octofoil is before me and once more a fine article (The Great British Ruin Lives. On) sent in by Frank (Red) Smiles knocked a few cobwebs off my brain.

The Grange I remember well. It was about this time of the year close to or it was on the Easter Sunday weekend when a guard detail from F Co. was sent over to keep an eye on the place. If I remember it was empty. Headquarters had moved out. We were advised that only the owner lived there. We did not see or meet him.

Anyway, we ended up billeted in the stable. Stables that you wouldn't believe. All tile walls and floors in each stall, with the names of the former occupant in gold letters on the back wall.

We were granted permission to go into the Grange to take a bath. We had to go two at a time though the tub was built for one only. We were cautioned not to fill the tub higher than the black line painted around the tub. (Yes, I said painted). When we arrived, I can't recall who my buddy was, the tub was occupied so we decided to tour the building. I can still see the view of the lake with, at that time well kept land surrounding it. I recall the ballroom and fireplace. My buddy and I agreed to leave all doors open as we passed through so we could find our way back. This worked well until I decided to go back to the bath and he wanted to go on with his tour. Well, needless to say while on the way back a kitten ran up to me and started to follow as I walked on. I wanted no part in tending a kitten so as I walked through a door I shut it behind me. The result was that I had a nice long bath. My buddy started back to the bath and couldn't find his way because of the door I had shut. He finally found his way outside and had to walk completely around the building to find the proper entrance. Needless to say he was not very happy about the long walk. I don't know if that "Buddy" will read this or not, if he does maybe he'll drop a line.

Incidentally, I would like to advise that at our February meeting we had three new faces and one who had been a former association member. I am sure Fred Josey will have the names in his next letter but in the event he doesn't here they are:

New: Frank Bomberg (Eleanor) A Co. 60th Inf. — 2005 S. Farragut St., Bay City, Mich. 48706.
Arnold Branch (Kathryn) A Co. 60th Inf. — 126 Goetz St., Saginaw, Mich. 48602
Leon Sheskey (Mary Ann) Hdq. 9th Div. Arty. — 700 Wilson St., Bay City, Mich. 48706

Former: Bill Otto (Lenora) F Co. 47th Inf. — 700 Shepard St., Saginaw, Mich. 48604

These are as Fred puts it "now members of the National and the Michigan Chapter."

Glad to read that Earl Wilkey "hopes to see you all in D.C." Jennie and I are planning for that also. So many fine men in one place is truly a witness to the character that was instilled in us in our youth.

Better close now with best wishes to you, and to the finest bunch of men to pull on a pair of G.I. shoes.

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

It is April as I write this although it will not be read in the Octofoil until June, the last issue before the reunion in Washington, D.C.

Have read John Bonkowski's letter of concern about fuel prices and the effect on reunions and other Ninth activities. Certainly gasoline prices are never going to be lower and also each year is the last one for most of us. It seems most appropriate that all Ninth men make every effort to make Washington, D.C. this year.

A special appeal to all those who served with F. Co., 60th to make this reunion. Early indications are for a large turnout. One man is closing his business for a few days in order to make this year's reunion. So if you have complained of not seeing your F. Co. buddies at previous reunions get out to see them this year. A large turnout would be especially appropriate with F. Co.'s own Matt Urban apparently to receive his long overdue Medal of Honor. Also, have word from General Michael B. Kauffman that he will be at this reunion.

GET YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN EARLY!

There will be a F. Co. 60th C.P. and hospitality room at the Shoreham. It is hoped that Ernie Young will bring his slides and viewer again. We hope Parker Welch will bring his note book from which the morning reports were made. Anyone else having mementos of WWII, bring them along.

Rates for suites in Washington are several times those paid in Fort Lauderdale last year. That plus other increases force us to request donations from those of F. Co. 60th to help offset the cost of hosting the C.P.

To Allen, Berman, Etue, Filetti, Herrin, Hogan, Ingle, Johnson, Painter, Lindner, Miller, Maker, Moon, Maline, Pope, Ruggs, Saunders, Saulters, Schriffen, Savakinar, Salzman, Salisbury, Stroud, Urban, Welch, Waldwogel, Worth, Wilhelm, Young and all the other F. Co. people — be there. You will all get several reminders before July.

Looking at pictures of the Shoreham I wonder if they furnish guides or maps.

To all our many, many other friends from all units of the Ninth, will look forward to seeing you in July.

Our best regards to you Dan and to you Marie.

9th Signal Co.
EVERETT H. SPINK
Box 15-Stonebrook
Cosby, Tenn. 37722

Just finished reading Octofoil and I see where the Fayetteville Chapter was thinking about having the convention in Ft. Bragg in 1982 on its 40th Anniversary.

I think this is a fine idea and it would be a good time to dedicate a memorial showing the 9th Division was once based there. The memorial wouldn't have to be too large but could be colorful with the Octofoil and the dates the Division was stationed there.

I am enjoying my retirement and outside of cataract operation, am in pretty good shape.

Sid Schnieber, Ex 9th Signal Message Center was over from Greensboro for a weekend visit.

Hoping all is well with you and I sure had a great time the last time the convention was held at Ft. Bragg.

Co. K. 47th Inf.
JOSEPH D'ALEO,
311 A Carver Drive,
Bethlehem, Pa. 18017

I've decided it's about time I attended one of the 9th Infantry Division's reunions. For many years I kept myself away from all reminders of the war. I didn't join the division association until the late 60s. The Octofoil sparked my interest as did my 1978 vacation in the South of England so I plan now to be with my former comrades at Service Co., RSO, 47th Infantry Regiment, at the mid July reunion.

Is there anything I need do before registering at the convention desk in the Shoreham Americana? I will be staying with family in Arlington, Va. during the period of the reunion and so will not need hotel reservation.

I am anxious to see and spend some time with the gang at RSO-Major Murphy, Sgt. Witzkin, Don Zeno, Murray Landy, Sol Peskin and the others, as well as Sgt. Harold Miller of K Co. where I made my headquarters as 3rd Battalion Supply Sgt. up to the time my leg was injured (as the 9th assaulted the Remagen Bridge) and I was sent to the states.

If I hear nothing from you, I will know that all I need to do to attend the reunion is to sign up at the start.

Here is my check for three years dues. Keep the Octofoil copies coming—they're great!

Co. F, 47th Inf.
R.S. HOFFMAN
R.D. No. 2, Box 47
Waterloo, N.Y. 13165

I wrote a check for my dues and then forgot to mail it. This has to be the first sign of not only old age, but old brains.

I always look through the letters to see whether there is anyone that I know.

It must be the same with all of us. So many people that we knew have got out of touch with, not only their friends, but with those of us who worked and lived with them during those years of the 1940's.

A funny little personal happening. This year our High School put on the play "Lil Abner." There was a part that required an Army Officer. Where they got the uniform, I will never know, but the shoulder patch was the Octofoil.

9th M.P.'s
JACOB NAILOR III
312 Brandy Lane
Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17055

Enclosed, please find my check for three years dues in the 9th. Inf. Div. Assn. My name wasn't in red on the last Octofoil and I don't want it in red on the next one.

For the last three years I had to depend on the Octofoil for news on my old Division buddies as I was not able to make any of the reunions due to the surgery on my legs. With Gods help, I will be at the Shoreham in Washington this year.

I have had quite a few letters since I last wrote to you and have answered them all. It was good to hear from the old Gang.

You are doing a terrific job. Keep up the good work. I hope to see you and your wife Marie and all the rest of the gang in Washington in July.

Co. D, 47th Inf.
FRANK S. JACKSHA
1872 Reaney Avenue
St. Paul, Minn. 55119

It's about time to send dues again. Won't be able to make reunion again, too far to travel. When is next one in Chicago, missed last one there too, was in hospital.

I hope I can make at least one.

Co. B, 60th
GEORGE CYPHERS
18011 Windward Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Received my latest issue of the Octofoil and as I feared I was "red inked" so am hastening to pay another three years dues.

The article "Traveling down the road of History" was most interesting to me as it is about the time when I, a replacement, joined the outfit in the Hurtgen Forest. I think the fighting at the crossroads there will stand out in the memory of all who were there.

In October of 1978, my wife and I took a two week trip to Britain. We were in London for some days and had a marvelous time wandering around and seeing things. Saw the changing of the guard and the millions of pigeons at Trafalgar Square. Have pictures of my wife with her arms loaded with them and one perched on my head.

We took an excursion to Edinburgh and had a great scotch time there.

Then to Southampton to see an English friend and his family. I got acquainted with him while I was in the hospital at Taunton and kept in touch with him over the years. I had always wanted to get back and see him and we had a wonderful time. They showed us around Southampton. All I had seen of it before was as we stumbled through the railroad yard in a blackout about 2 A.M.

They took us to Stonehenge, which was a real high point for my wife. Unfortunately they don't allow you to go in among the stones now. You have to walk around it at a distance of 50 to 75 feet. Too many people had been chipping pieces off the stones, I guess.

We went to Salisbury and Winchester. I thought there was a memorial to the 9th Division in Winchester but the people in the information place didn't know about it. Since we were being taken around by our friends I wasn't able to check further, due to time. If there is one there, I missed it.

I would have liked to have gone by Barton-Stacey where the division was before D Day. I spent some time there while it was being used as a convalescent center, after I received my souvenir at Haven.

I retired about a year and a half ago after almost forty years with the company. So far I'm happy, reasonably healthy and enjoying life. And keeping busy. My wife has an extended list of "Honey Do" jobs.

My best to all the association members and I'll try to make it to D.C. in July.

47th Cannon Co.
DANIEL COLEMAN
56 Byron Ave.
Yonkers, New York 10704

Hope you are in good health and the members of your family as well. Dan, I joined the New York Chapter this year and sent my dues to Artie Schmidt. I noticed in the last copy of the Octofoil that a combat route map is available. I wrote Art a letter a few weeks ago about purchasing one from him and he wrote back that he didn't have any but suggested that I write you for one. I plan on going to Europe either this year or next and would like to have one with me. Enclosed find one dollar for the map and also the Octofoil auto license disc, as indicated on the enclosed membership application. I was with the 47th Reg. and I hope the map shows some of the places so I can revisit some of them.

60th Inf., Med. Det.
VINCE MITCHELL
P.O. Box 218, Jericho Rd.,
Sherman, Conn. 06784

I was saddened to read of the passing of Jim Brennan-60th Inf. Med. Det. in the February issue of the "The Octofoil."

I first met Jim when as a medical aid man replacement I reported in to the Med. Det. 60th Inf. headquarters. I think it was in or near St. Catherine on the other side of the Remagen Bridge.

He asked where I was from and when he learned I was from his home town-New York City, his face lit up and he smiled. He then looked grim for a second and said, "Don't you know there's been a war going on for three years? Where the hell have you been? How come its taken you three years to get here?"

In his way with good humor he tried to calm this replacement down as I thought of going into the line. Jim had been through it all from Bragg to Geisenfeld. After the war ended in Europe I was brought back to the Detachment's headquarters. I really got to know Jim well before he as a high pointer, was to go home.

I guess all of us who came into contact with Jim, remember his good humor, understanding and his decency.

I would like to know the names and addresses of his widow and his brother so I can write to them and offer my condolences on his passing. Perhaps you can print it in "The Octofoil" so his many friends might want to do likewise. I know his brother the priest was a Navy Chaplain in the Pacific during the war.

If I am fortunate enough to ever get near the gates of heaven-I know Jim will be standing there and again he will sing out to me: "Where the hell have you been."

E. Co. 47th Inf.
JOSEPH HASENFUS
7435 Irving Avenue
Pennsauken, N.J. 08109

Received Octofoil yesterday and noted "Red Ink" so I am coughing up the enclosed dues. Had to sell snowballs and hot chestnuts with my monkey on the corner over the weekend to come up with the bread. I am color blind so I had to look 3-4 times at Octofoil to make sure it was red.

I was telling Art McDougal about it at Northern Shipping Co., Phila. at work. He is Security Inspector there. You know him-very active, with Phila. Chapter. Say hello to the boys from Easy Co. The "Raiders" of avenging Ghost Division. "The Spear Head."

Co. B, 60th Inf.
CHARLES J. DUSKY
1410 Robinson St. No. 7
San Diego, Calif. 92103

I am enclosing my check for three year renewal. I eagerly look forward to receiving the Octofoil, I only wish it was published monthly.

My best wishes to my former buddies in "B" Co., 60th Inf., especially Capt. Ketterer and "Doc", combat medic, from Michigan.

I will send some photos from WWII of 9th Inf. GI's from the 60th next time I write.

Btry. B, 26th F.A. Bn.
JAMES HENNELLY
25 Maple Avenue
Newton, Ma. 02158

Enclosed are dues for the next three years plus something for the scholarship fund.

I hope plans are being made for the 1980 Memorial Mass in Worcester and that I'll see you there.

mail call

Continued

Co. F 60th Inf.
JOHN W. MILLER
1511 Cochise
Arlington, Tex. 76012
Dear Dan,

It was nice talking with you today, and I am sorry that I have not kept up my membership in the 9th Infantry Division Association. As I told you, I have been in contact monthly with Matt Urban. I walked with him yesterday and asked when the convention was and he told me it was in the latter part of July.

A lot of water has crossed under the bridge since I last saw you and the old 9th Division crowd at Fayetteville, North Carolina in 1962. Since that time, I completed another overseas tour in Paris, France where I was assigned to the U.S. Embassy, and Logistical Officer for Paris Post, U.S. Army, Paris, France. After returning from Paris, I was assigned to DSC-LOG, Department of the Army. I spent about 6 months there and was about to be promoted again, but this promotion called for another tour in Vietnam, so I decided to retire in the Spring of 1967.

Since that time, I have been living in Arlington, Texas where I am employed as an executive for Champion International Corporation. This company is one of the major paper companies in the United States, and I am the Operations Manager for Nationwide Papers in Arlington.

I am very much interested in getting in contact with my old friends, so if you would kindly put a note in the Old Reliable I would appreciate it.

Enclosed you will find \$5.00 for the membership to the 9th Division Association. I would appreciate it if you would send me any previous newspapers that you might have. I have also enclosed the address of the AUSA News per your request.

Hope to see you at the Convention.

PS: I was also formerly assigned as 1st Sgt., Co. F, 60th Inf.

26th F.A.
WILLIAM A. LEWIS, JR.
54 Hopewell Drive
Struthers, Ohio 44471

Please keep the Octofoil coming, I retired and enjoy it very much. Go to the Spa three times a week and bowl two nights. There's not enough hours in the day for me to do the things I want to do. Life is really worth while for most of us.

Regards to all.

Serv. & Can. Co. 47th Inf.
FRANK JENKINS
1711 W. Wilson St.
Tarboro, N.C. 27886

Sorry I am late with my dues again. Guess I am getting old and forgetful. I had lung surgery last August but am back at work now.

Melvin Stroupe had a bad heart attack last April but he is back at work also.

I would like to hear from some of the "boys". I enjoy the Octofoil very much. Best wishes to all.

Co. A. 47th Inf.
GLENN E. SMITH
Box 44 A, R.D. 3
Cogan Station, Pa. 17728

Enclosed are dues, etc. Enjoyed the reunion at Fort Lauderdale, last July, my first. I'm planning to attend the next in July and hope to see more of the fellows from Co. A. 47th especially those that were in the unit during the period of Oct. 40 and July 43.

Best wishes.

60th Inf.
ABRAHAM STROM
13 Schoolhouse Rd.
Levittown, N.Y. 11756

Enclosed please find dues for 1980.

Captain Robert H. Rucker from Company K, 60th Infantry, would like to join the 9th Infantry Division Association but he needs a little push. How about getting in touch with him?

Mr. Robert H. Rucker
205 Greenway Drive
Bryant, Texas 77840

I'm sure he will be pleased to hear from you.

For myself — would appreciate any information on the whereabouts of Dr. Norman H. Weinberg who was attached to the 60th Medical Detachment. I still remember the incredible appendectomy he performed in the field on Pvt. Bender from the 39th or 47th Infantry Regiment on November 20, 1942, under the dim light from a flashlight in Safi, North Africa.

As I get older memories return and the Octofoil becomes more interesting.

60th F.A.Bn, Battery "A"
WALTER QUIGLEY
P.O. Box No. 1094
Lake Elsinore
Calif. 92330

Noticed the tell-tale signal on my recent copy of the "Octofoil". Very good idea, for sure.

Our timing for the '80 Reunion cannot be planned around our Boston vacation trip this year. Had to make it in early May, in order to be home in time to get the garden in. Got to beat this inflation somehow, and keep the cost of living down in this household.

Sure do hope the REUNION will be in Boston one year soon, so we can kill two birds with one stone. Right? Maybe we'd see more Battery "A" buddies. Sure would like to hear from some of them. Have kept in touch with some all these years, and others I met again when we took in the Philly Reunion in 1979.

Regards to all the (9th) men.

Enclosed is my check for three years dues. Wishing everyone a real nice summer ahead, and a real great 1980 Reunion in Washington, D.C.

Co. G. 39th Inf.
BOB SMITH
134 134 Roger Avenue
Bellevue, Ohio 44811

I was interested in Francis Maher's article concerning a reunion in 1982 in the Ft. Bragg-Fayetteville area. I am sure a lot of former 9th Div. men would be interested in same.

I visited the Ft. Bragg area in 1968 along with former 1st Sgt. Walter Slover of G Co., 39th. who resides in Fayetteville and it would be a perfect setting for our 40th reunion.

The 82nd AB Div. has an outstanding museum there with everything from burp guns to 150 MM field pieces and also C-47's.

I will be in Wash. D.C. July 17-19 with several other G Co., 39th men and hope to see you there.

Co. A. 15th Engr. Bn.
JAMES G. DeLEO
27 Hollis Street
Cambridge, Mass. 02140

It is time to pay my dues. Enclosed please find dues for my three year membership.

I would like to hear from some of the old buddies; I see Danny O'Rourke now and then — we always talk about the 15th Engr.

My wife and I are looking forward to the reunion. Hoping to see everyone there.

By the way Dan, do you know where I can pick up a 9th Division Patch for my V.F.W. uniform?

Cannon Co. 39th
CALVIN DANIELS
4735 A. Burton Drive
Utica, Mich. 48087

Thought I'd better drop a few lines to let you know I'm still alive and working everyday. Received the Octofoil yesterday and it really perks me up to read of all the old 9th Inf. Div. men.

I'm enclosing an old picture of myself and three other Cannon Co. 39th men. I have our names and addresses at that time on them. I don't know when they were taken, but not in combat from the way we were dressed.

Enclosed you'll find \$25.00 for the Memorial Fund or whatever you want to put it into.

Will be looking to see you and all the old fellows in D.C. I'm waiting to see if the Michigan Chapter takes a Charter Bus or if we drive. I'm in for my vacation now.

I see you heard from the 39th man by name of Deaton. He had an ad in D.A.V. Magazine and I always read the magazine from a fellow from 1st Div. 16th Inf. Regt. That's how I saw Deaton's name and address.

I hope you can get the picture in the next Octofoil, don't worry about sending it back for I have the original in a folder.

P.S. If the Lord willing, I hope to see all of you in D.C. He was a real good officer. I know he doesn't remember me but I drove his jeep some in Huertgen Forest.

M. Co. 47th Inf.
WILTON M. TAYLOR
Stop 6
Lost Hills, Calif. 93249

Thanks for the nice note about the tape recording of the 9th Division Band at Ft. Carson, Colo. by Major Martin, Public Affairs Officer back in the 60's. I sent to Ft. Lewis Washington, 9th Div. Military History Museum but they have no records there so it's happy memories to me and thanks for the trouble, I know you are very busy.

There is a problem I'd like cleared, L. T. Carmen of Missouri who was in the 47th Co. G heard a rumor or two it seems that the John Ericson Troop Ship carrying the 47th M.P.'s nurses and General Eddy too of which I was a passenger Palermo Sicily to Liverpool also the 9th Div. Band. He said, according to his story, we had a torpedo go through the bottom of the ship and a destroyer towed us to Liverpool to keep the John Ericson from sinking. But I was on guard the day before we docked at Liverpool in the Inob Sea and it seemed to me the ship felt as if it was sitting on the bottom in shallow water, then the next day when we docked we had to shift troops from one side to another to keep the ship upright as she was leaning or listing from side to side, was that low tide, so low she would not float or what was the problem. I hope you can answer these riddles or problems.

Best wishes to all.

Co. B. 15th Engr. Bn.
TONY MADONNA
40 Orient Way
Worcester, Ma. 01604

Received the January-February issue of the Octofoil today. The red letters in the address aroused me that it is time to pay 1980 dues. Enclosed the check for \$5.00

I am planning to meet the gang in Washington this coming July. Hope to see some engineers from that Chapter.

A Co., 15th Engr. Bn.
CARROLL F. DE VOID
62 White Birch Ln.
Williston, Vt. 05495

Took time to move to a new area the end of December and just remembered I haven't sent you a change of address. I don't want to miss the next issue of the Octofoil.

Going to Florida this month and will see Henry Santos and Russell Basel, wonder if anyone knows the whereabouts of William R. "Bill" Confer who was with A Co. 15th Engrs.?

Hope to make the Washington Reunion, gas permitting.

2nd Bn. Hq., 60th Inf.
FRANK E. CLARK
201 Kreitzer Ave.
Bloomington, Ill.

Well you got me in the red, Dan. Here's check for three years dues.

Had my foot operated on last July so couldn't go anywhere. Maybe I'll see you and all in D.C.

Had a nice mild winter here in Central Illinois. Now the grass is turning green and tulips are coming up. Will be in the garden before long. God bless all and hope to see you soon.

9th Q. M. Bn
JOSEPH D'ANTUONO
104 Waverly St.
Arlington, Mass. 02174

Enclosed find membership renewal for three years.

I was injured in March, 1943 and since that time lost contact with many friends. My travel has been restricted, therefore missing the reunions, however, I was able to attend a fine reunion in Boston many years ago and I have been to the Worcester Memorial Mass and able to renew old acquaintances. Now I enjoy reading about them in the Octofoil.

Co. C. 39th Inf.
ARTHUR C. COULON
410 South Naranja Avenue
Port St. Lucie, Florida 33452

It was such a great time at the reunion in Lauderdale last year that Sally and I are planning on this year in Washington and have already made reservations.

Last year was my first reunion and so I didn't quite know what to expect. Had I known I would have brought my U.S. Rifle Cal. 30 M1 and been a color guard or fired a salute at the memorial service or whatever. Since we will be driving up I will bring it this year if you would like me to — maybe one or two others might have an M1 and could bring them along. Please let me know if you think it appropriate.

Speaking of being appropriate, would an ad be appropriate for the souvenir program? I am in real estate and also build V.A. homes of all types here in Port St. Lucie also on Stuart and Ft. Pierce.

Enclosed are my dues for the year. See you in July.

Div. Hq. G-3
JOHN DOOLEY
904 Gary Drive
Plainfield, Indiana 46168

I see that it's dues time again so here's my check for three years, also 1 decal.

I'm retired now after 34 years with Eli Lilly & Co. My wife Pat and I made 2 trips to Naples, Fla. this past winter where we have a home. If Pat's health improves we hope to go back there to live. Would love to be in D.C. for reunion, but can't make any plans yet. Had a nice letter from Howard "Red" Waldman. Take care and keep up the good work.

G & Serv. Co., 60th Inf.
LEO R. GULLY
37 E. Quincy St.
Westmont, Ill. 60559

Here are my dues for three years. I'm sorry that I am late on it but it just slipped my mind. I guess I'm getting old — am getting all ready to retire the latter part of December.

34 F.A. Bn.
LEON R. BIRUM
911 W. Division St.
Union City, Ind. 47390

It was very embarrassing to get an edition of the Octofoil with my name and address in red. I just joined the Division Association last year and messed up already. So am sending dues for three years.

Maher's mentioning about Ft. Bragg as a possible site for 1982 reunion is a good idea. Would be very convenient for visiting friends left in 1942 when we moved out.

Every edition of the Octofoil is most welcome.

Co. A. 39th Inf.
AGNES STEELE
G.D.
Mullens, W. Va. 25882

My brother S-Sgt. Herman T. Riffe 15011553 Co. A, 39th Inf., 9th Div. was killed 9-10-44 Battle of invasion of France. He had brought two friends home at times with him. A young man called "Timber" and another one "Bill Riffehe" (I think that was the name). Thought this might interest you. Saw your reunion notice in the Raleigh Register.

Co. K. 39th Inf.
LEE LOWERY
11622 Princian Way
Santa Ana, Ca. 92705

Hope you have a prosperous and healthy 1980. I hope to make 1980 convention in D.C. Hope I can meet you there.

Co. E. 39th Inf.
JOSEPH DONOVAN
913 N. Broad Street
Elizabeth, N.J. 07208

I want to thank you for answering my inquiry regarding the Association. I appreciate the application blank and copy of the Octofoil

I was a member of C.O. "E" of the 39th Infantry from January 1941 until March 29th, 1943, when I became a prisoner of war at El Guetar, North Africa. I spent the remainder of the war in Germany.

The reunion sounds like a great time, I am not sure that I can make it this year, but as a first time member, I wonder if you could advise as to further expenses for the reunion. I see prices for hotel accommodations etc. but nothing regarding cost of meetings, parties, banquet, etc.

I am enclosing a check for the dues for one year plus donation to the memorial fund. On the application there is mention of 60th Infantry history. I was wondering if anything similar is available regarding the 39th Infantry and Ninth Division.

My very best wishes to you and the association and perhaps we may meet in the near future.

Co. B. 47th Inf.
MARIO (JACK) DiSANTO
154 Dodds Ct.
Burlington, Vt. 05401

Sorry I'm late with my dues. Hope to make the 1980 convention. It will be of special interest to us since my daughter and her husband now live there, just a block or so from the hotel. So, barring complications, Kay and I plan to be in Washington to attend. Hope to see "Big Tank" Stenzel of Co. "B" who was at my daughter's wedding last July. It was a delight seeing him and his lovely wife Grace once again.

Regards for now.

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

MAIL CALL

THE OCTOFOIL

JOHN J. CLOUSER
PO BOX 807
CRYSTAL RIVER, FL. 32629

Co. B 47th Inf.
DENNIS E. CANEDY
117 Rocky Hill Ave.
New Britain, Ct. 16051
Dear Pat (Marano)

I am the fellow who probably disturbed your peaceful evening with a phone call a few days ago. Let me explain.

Seeing a notice in the New Britain Herald about the Ninth Division brought my thoughts back 35 years ago and my service with B Co. I immediately wrote to Dan Quinn about joining the Association and he sent me the particulars along with the Nov.-Dec. 1979 copy of the Octofoil.

Seeing the names of Bill Klauz and Art Stenzel in the paper whetted my interest and that's when I called you. Your name didn't ring a bell but at my age the memory sometimes plays tricks.

After calling you I called Bill Klauz in New York and we had a nice chat, with Bill inviting me to the meetings of the New York Chapter. I told Bill that I will be at the reunion in Washington and I look forward to seeing him and meeting you.

The guys I knew that you probably knew were Red Hamilton, who I mentioned on the phone, Steve Lelak, Nick Palega, Benny Rienzi, Luoma, and Joe Taubner. There are probably others that you knew but these guys I knew quite well.

I served with B Co. from the Belgian border till about two weeks before the end of hostilities at which time I volunteered to sweep mines in the A & P platoon of H2-Co 1st Bn. When the 9th moved to Bavaria I went into the Motor Pool as a mechanic till I came home in Oct. 1945.

I look forward to meeting you in Washington and hope to join your Buddy Club if possible.

Co. B 47th Inf.
ORION C. SHOCKLEY
10858-2 N.E. 37th Place
Bellevue, Wash. 98004

Enclosed please find \$50.00 for a life membership in the 9th Infantry Division association.

For the past twenty-five years I have been out of touch with anyone in the Division. Living in the Seattle area, I happened to see a couple of soldiers the other day with "Octofoils" on their shoulders and found out that Ft. Lewis, Wash., is where they are located. This reminded me that I had completely lost contact with my old army buddies.

Would you please send me any information you might have about this year's reunion, and any of the newspapers on hand?

It appears that I will be in the Eastern part of the country for most of the next several months, so probably would have a chance to attend the reunion. P.S. I was mostly with "B" Company, 47th, and served as Company Commander in France, Belgium and Germany.

Co. L 39th Inf.
JAMES RAY DEATON
Rt. 1 Box 180
Amity, Ark. 71221

Received the Octofoil for Nov-Dec issue. I enjoyed the map of the Divisions march in the E.T.O. Sure was a joy to me it sure brought back memories.

I hope to make the reunion some way. Would be nice to hear from old friends and buddies.

Regards to all.

26th F.A.
JOHN BABBITT
738 Berkley St. RFD No. 1
Berkley, Ma. 02780

My husband John Babbitt has spent all but 23 days in 1980 in the Brockton Veterans Hospital, Brockton, Mass.

He has suffered with a respiratory problem ever since he came home from the service. Seems it started at Fort Bragg.

I hope he is home soon as he is greatly missed by his family and friends.

So glad we could make the reunion in Worcester, Mass. He enjoyed it so much.

Co.'s E and G, 47th
JAMES E. LEOPOLD
45 Barnard Lane
Highland Park, Ill. 60035

What the heck — it's about time I sent you a check for life-time dues and something for the scholarship fund.

To tell the truth, I'd do more for the fund if I knew more about it. Why not tell us more? Is there any advisory or committee help needed?

We were in England for the fifth time last Fall and still find it the greatest vacation spot on earth. Not too many folks around Arelsford still remember us but they're so nice.

Hope all is well with you. Please give my best to all our old 47th Friends!

39th Inf.
A. B. CASEY
715 E. Walnut St.
Paris, Tenn. 38242

Thanks for the reminder — as the years go by each hour seems to be a little shorter.

Co. I, 39th Inf.
J. C. DAWSON
P.O. Box 622
Decatur, Texas 76234

Enclosed find check for my dues. I've enjoyed reading the Octofoil and look forward to the issues containing (Traveling Down Road of History).

I look at each issue hoping to hear of someone that I remember. I joined the 9th in August 1944 and was wounded January 30, 1945 and never got to go back to my unit.

"F" Co., 60 Inf.
PHILIP BERMAN
1620 Anniston Ave.
Holly Hill, Fla. 32017

Saw the red ink on the last magazine and said to myself — time to send dues in again. Had some correspondence from the fellow in Jacksonville that was going to arrange a meeting for the people interested in organizing a Chapter in Florida, but as yet, no meeting has been set. Am going to try to be in Washington for the next Reunion, but may only stay one or two days as I want to get back to Pennsylvania to see my grandchildren, who some of them I have never seen.

Co. D, 39th Inf.
SABLE APPEGATE
4217 Myrtle Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45236

I am enclosing my dues for three years for the Octofoil and for the combat route map.

Knew some of the boys in picture in Huetgen Forest in Germany was old thoughts but sad ones also.

C.O. 47th Inf.
EDWIN H. RANDLE
503 Althea Road, Belleair
Clearwater, Fla. 35516

Two things struck my eye as I opened the recent Octofoil. (1) Red Ink. The enclosed check should take care of that. (2) The letter from James Leopold of the 47th Infantry. I distinctly remember sending him on a patrol at El Guettar to find out if the Germans had pulled out. He came back with the report they had. Even talked to an Arab. Leopold was a mighty good soldier-always cheerful, courageous, and the sort you liked to have around. The 47th was full of such men. They are the kind who win wars.

I fully intend to be at the Washington reunion. Haven't sent in my request for reservations yet, but will do so in the next few days.

That was the best roast beef at Ft. Lauderdale I about ever tasted. Bet Washington can't do as well.

I'm thinking the conventions get better and better and you deserve great credit and your committees.

As one old soldier to another—At Ease and carry on. And best regards to your lovely wife who has a great deal to do with making things click, I am sure.

15th Engrs. Co. B
FRED D'AMORE
95 Webster St.
East Boston, Mass. 02128

I saw the red. Enclosed my dues.

All is well. I am partly retired.

Regards to all.

Co. B 47th Inf.
JOSEPH F. HARVILLA
Box 116
Cardale, Pa. 15420

Missed the reunion in Florida. Hopefully will make the one in D.C. as my daughter lives in Bel Air, Md. I can visit her also. Am a grandfather of a 4 yr. old granddaughter which is my pride and joy. Expect to retire this summer, so will have more time to travel. Would like to hear from some of my old buddies.

Co. D 39th
JOHN W. ROGNER, JR.
2323 Van Dorn St.
Petersburg, Va. 23803

Enclosed is my dues for next three years. Didn't realize it was that time again. Would like very much to hear from buddies from Company D 39th and others.

Have already made reservations at the Shoreham for July for my wife and myself. Hope to see you there.

39th
BENNIE NARDONE
1845 Bluff Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43212

Enclosed you will find a check for dues for one year. I would like to hear from my friends. (Just in case they have forgotten, I was known as "The Deacon", black market band leader from the 39th — so called by Col. Paddy Flint.

I talked by phone last week to Hermine Suarez — President of the New York Chapter. Give my regards to all.

26th F.A. Ser. Btry.
MANNY EFFRON
1809 Brickell Ave. No. 204
Miami, Fla. 33129

Sorry I am late with my 1980 dues. Have been in hospital since January 8th, was operated for triple bypass.

I am home now recovering slowly. If all goes well will attend the D.C. reunion in July. Best regards to all.

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Btry. C 60th F.A.
ROSCOE W. SHIELDS
2917 Sunset Circle
Vernon, Texas 76384

Leola and I are expecting our first grandchild in July. I sure hope it doesn't interfere with us attending the D.C. reunion. We plan to see August Pagnalitti and Alfred Hause and hope some more friends from the 60th F.A.

I talked on the phone recently to Grady "Red Eye" Harvard He is a retired steel worker from Houston and lives near Waco, Texas. I wish he could go to the reunion but he said he would be building a house for his daughter.

I sure would like to find out where my good friend Gayles O'Gadsby is if anyone knows his address, please let me know.

60th Inf. Pers. Sect.
BEI NARD H. SMITH
910 Thirteenth Avenue
Huntington, W. Va. 25701

Thanks for the November-December 1979 Octofoil and letter regarding rejoining the 9th Infantry Organization and info on the reunion in Washington in July.

I'm enclosing dues for the next three years and plan to make a reservation for the Reunion July 17th.

Would you have information about the Personnel Section, 60th Inf.? I was a clerk in the Officers' section — Anleigh Thornburg was in charge. Sgt. John Sheehy was head of the entire group. I remember Paul Drummond as a Sgt. who assisted Sheehy. Paul included a note in "Mail Call" in the Octofoil. I remember J. William Engle well — in fact, he sent me a wedding gift 30 years ago but haven't kept in touch. Would like his address if available.

My wife, Josie, and I do plan to be on hand in July for the big "35th". It doesn't seem possible so many years have gone by.

Thanks again for answering my letter and for sending the Octofoil.

Co. L 39th Inf.
GUIDO INTROINI
11 Hamilton Ave.
Clifton, New Jersey 07011

Enclosed is my membership application and a check for 1980 dues and decals and Octofoil Automobile License disc.

I was one of the first draftees assigned to the 9th Division in 1941. I was part of the first cadre that left the 9th Division in 1942 for Camp Claiborne, La. where the 82nd All American was activated, from there to Camp Breckenridge, Ky. where the 98th Div. was activated, and finally to Camp Blanding, Fla. where the 63rd Div. was activated, and went overseas with the 63rd Div. I am a member of the 63rd Division Association.

After an absence of 38 years from the 9th Division, I am looking forward to joining the 9th Division Association.

Best wishes to you and all of the 9th Division.

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Deadline for the next issue of the Octofoil will be June 20th. All copy or material should be sent to the Editors before this date.

Be a part of the reunion and remember your buddies through the Reunion Journal.

84th F.A.
DICK O'CONNOR
9567 Bluford Ave.
Whittier, Ca. 90605

I expect to be in Washington in July. I'll go early and stay with Tony Chaconas. I'll fly in and out of Newark, that way I'll have two visits with my brothers and old friends in Kearny.

Everyone here is fine, my last son gets out of Whittier College in May, then Grace and I will be back like we started in 1946.

I'm still playing lots of golf. As of Feb. 1st being 65 I'm able to play on eighteen county courses for 1.25 a round (18 holes) one of the few senior citizen benefits. It's a crazy world, I can play golf for the same price as a loaf of bread. Stay well, Dan.

P.S. Thought you might like a recent picture of me. I'm enjoying working in this Hospital Program for the terminally ill.

Co. C, 39th Inf.
WALTER S. WILLIS
24 Florence Ave.
Westville, New Jersey 07093

Enclosed find payment for three years dues and money for 2 decals. Sorry I haven't written more often, seems like I never could get around to it.

Regarding article I read in Octofoil pertaining to holding the 40th Anniversary convention at Fort Bragg, I am very much in favor of it. I think it would be a grand idea and an honor to hold it where we all started from.

Dan, wasn't there any History of the 39th Inf. ever written. I sure would love to have one. Please let me know.

Well, Dan, I think I'll say so long for now. Best of luck to you and all former members of the 9th Division.

Co. G, 47th
PAUL JAASKELA
Sugar Road
Bolton, Mass. 01740

Received your letter and the Octofoil plus the membership application.

Lots of excitement in this household about it. Your Octofoil publication is super.

My husband was a former member of the famous 9th. He is also a 3 times wounded veteran.

We are hoping to attend the reunion. Will be a first for us. I've written to the Shoreham Hotel today, so I haven't heard with just getting the letter out. What I'd like to know, Saturday night banquet and dance, formal. Long dresses for the women?

Did you by any chance go to the reunion that was held in Belgium, "Battle of the Bulge Friendship Reunion". Was held in Dec. 1978, Dec. 11 to Dec. 17, home the 18th?

General Westmoreland, American General Baron Hosso von Manteriffel, German plus John Tolan, Belgium. Then the groups' division etc. on both sides.

Never heard how that turned out. Do you know anything about it? Would like to hear if you do.

Hoping to hear from you real soon. Best from both of us.

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