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# THE OCTOFOIL

412 Gregory Ave. Weehawken, N. J. 07087

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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## 36th ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS AND SERVICE

Dear Friend,

Last year on the occasion of the 35th Annual Memorial Mass and Service I told the gang that in 1980 there would be no Memorial Service in Worcester, because I would reach the compulsory retirement age of 75 in June, 1980, and I would have no parish. However, at the summer annual Convention many spoke to me about continuing the Memorial Service — they in fact implored me. So-o-o, at the banquet on Saturday night I made the announcement that in some way I would arrange to continue the Memorial Service this November. My successor at the Immaculate Conception Parish, Father McKiernan, graciously insisted that I have the Mass and Service in the parish church — where we have prayed together for many, many years for our Beloved Deceased — and prayed for a just and lasting peace. The Mass will be on Sunday, November 9, 1980, at 10:00 a.m. — the usual Memorial Service after the Mass — and dinner at 12:30 p.m. at the Sheraton-Lincoln Inn. I have sent this information to our dedicated secretary, Dan Quinn. May I say this for the record — I DID NOT WISH THIS IMPRESSIVE MEMORIAL SERVICE TO END — BUT I DID NOT KNOW HOW IT COULD BE DONE.

For like many of you, I look on this gathering each November as a "pilgrimage". And I was so thrilled that so many of you men — of all Faiths — are so anxious to keep this pilgrimage alive.

### All are invited

Since I had announced last year that I would be unable to have this Memorial Service in 1980, many of the gang would not expect this to continue, so Please get the word around. Perhaps, the presidents of the various chapters will spread the word and also members of the Board. — Again, all are invited — all the men of the Ninth Infantry Division and their families — men of all Faiths — infantry, artillery, medics, engineers, special troops — generals and privates, men of all rank, and no rank. Usually more than 500 9th Division people attend. Last year at the banquet we had over 550 9th Division people.

### Great crowd at Washington

A great crowd at the Washington Convention — and congratulations to the Washington Chapter committees. We were honored to be present when Matt Urban received his high award from President Carter. Matt made us all proud that we served in the same Division with this truly courageous soldier. What a joy to have General Craig with us — this great and humble man — and, of course, to have our friend, General Westmoreland, address us and inspire us. Next year, 1981, the New England Chapter will be the host. The leaders of the New England Chapter are already making preparations for an outstanding Convention, which will be held, I believe, in Hyannis at Cape Cod.

### Place in Memorial

At the Memorial Service in Worcester I intend to place in our Memorial a microfilm of the names of those 9th Division men who died in Vietnam. In this way we of the old 9th will give evidence of our high regard for the men of the new 9th — not only those who fought and died, but those who came home. I suppose REAL army men will not approve of my terminology — the "old" 9th and the "new" 9th. But I use these words respectfully — and with gratitude. By this ceremony — your generation — World War II men — will show your regard and gratitude for this younger generation — the Vietnam veteran. Different generations, but under the same banner, wearing the same patch — and, I believe, with the same spirit — to work and suffer for a just and lasting peace.

### God bless them

As usual, Franny Maher will take care of your room reservations. Very few know how many hours Franny has worked for you so that you might have proper room reservations. Franny and some of the other 9th Division men are addressing these letters for me. Some of the men in this area — in the Boston area — meet with me frequently and are a tremendous help to me, in order that we may make proper preparations — God bless them.

### Father Connors Center

For many years we have had a happy get together at Connors Coffee Shop, at the Immaculate Conception Center on Saturday night. However, I don't think that I can arrange anything special for Saturday night. By the way — do you know what they now call the Immaculate Conception Center? "THE FATHER CONNORS CENTER." How about that? But you know what they say — buildings are named after you only when you are all done!! If I can do anything for Saturday, I shall send another notice. But at the Sheraton Inn I shall have a large suite — very large suite — and in the suite there will be an open bar — so we shall have a good place to gather Saturday afternoon and evening.

### Pray together

Please return the enclosed card — with your address — corrected if necessary. Get the word around. Already Franny has received many requests for room reservations — long before I got out the official word that we are continuing the Memorial Service. You are a great gang — most respectful. Our 4581 comrades went off to meet God 35 years ago and more — and you still remember. God bless you. Come along, Gang, pray together — for our Deceased, for our Country, for a just and lasting Peace — please God, no more wars — and pray for one another. Every day — every day — I remember in my prayers the men of the 9th — and their families — the Deceased and the Living. And pray for Old Man Connors — officially retired — retarded and discarded. Actually, I am very happy and grateful. And may all of you have the joy and peace that God alone can give.



Aerial view of Hyannis Inner Harbor-site for the 1981 reunion.

## Dates for 81 Reunion June 25-27

Kicks Off Fund Drive for Fort Bragg Memorial Marker

Boardman (Woody) Lockwood a member of the Fort Bragg Memorial Marker Committee sends a generous donation to this fund. Shortly after the Washington reunion he wrote "Returned here without incident and have just now gotten to the 'minutes' of our activities as a committee which are enclosed for your information, submission to the Board of Governors and notice in the Octofoil. I have sent copies to Past President Bob - DeSandy as he appointed us. I also enclose my contribution so you can establish a "Marker Fund".

I enjoyed the reunion tremendously and look forward to "81" and "82" (where we will dedicate the marker, I hope) and I hope to see you in Worcester. I thought everything at the reunion was great.

Sincerely,  
Boardman F. Lockwood  
72 Glenwood Road  
West Hartford,  
Conn. 06107

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT, BILL BONGIORNO

Sincerely yours,  
Rev. Edward T. Connors

September, 1980  
P.S. Even though I am officially retired, I am living in a rectory — and still doing parish work — they can't get rid of me!!

St. Joseph's Rectory  
Barre, Mass. 01005

Editors note:

We realize that many of our members will not receive this issue of the Octofoil until long after the 36th Memorial Mass and Service but nevertheless we wanted to print Father Connors letter that he has sent to the "troops" these past 36 years. Our last issue of the Octofoil (July-Aug) covered this story and hopefully reached our membership in time for them to make plans to attend.

### Reunion in Resort Area

"Why Hyannis" — We often talked about how wonderful it would be to hold our reunion in a resort area. When the New England Chapter was given the privilege of being host to the '81 reunion this was no longer an idea but has become a reality.

### Hub of the Cape

After much deliberation Hyannis was chosen, for it is known as the "Hub of the Cape". With its own airport, it has direct flights from New York, or one can fly into Logan Airport in East Boston and take the shuttle to Hyannis. If you fly into Logan, remember you then want a direct flight to Hyannis. For those who land at Logan and don't want to use the shuttle, there is, for a reasonable fee, limousine service from the airport directly to the hotel. The people who are traveling by bus or car will find the roads are excellent. Bonanza Bus Lines in cooperation with the Greyhound Lines run ten daily trips from New York City to Hyannis. From the Danbury, Hartford area in Connecticut there are four daily trips. From Boston a bus runs every hour.

### Complete Resort

Your hotel, Dunfey Hyannis, is a complete resort with modern and colorful rooms. There is an indoor and outdoor pool. For those who like the ocean, beautiful Craigville beach is five minutes away.

Golfers, be sure to bring your clubs for on the premises is an excellent par three course with a pro shop and putting green. Tennis lovers will find outdoor courts. For those on a health kick there are separate spas for men and women with saunas, exercise rooms, sun rooms and whirlpool baths.

Anyone not wishing to leave the hotel will find a delicious hot or cold buffet lunch served from noon to two thirty P.M., or you can order a sandwich at fantastic Tingleys. The Silver Shell with its famous Cape Cod recipes is well worth a visit.

### Seacoast Town

Hyannis is a lovely seacoast town. Within walking distance of the hotel, you will find all types of shops and stores. As you walk along, one of the pretty sights is to watch the artists with their easels and brushes painting portraits of people.

All types of restaurants are near by — whether one wishes a hamburger, hot dog or wants to feast on lobster or steak. Directly across the street from the hotel is the "Paddock", one of the finest restaurants on the cape.

### Waters of Nantucket Sound

There is so much one can do. Those who like to fish can go deep sea fishing on the protected waters of Nantucket Sound. The vessels are Coast Guard inspected and are equipped with modern navigational aids and fish locating sonar. A very exhilarating experience is to take a cruise on the calm sparkling waters of Lewis Bay and Hyannis Harbor. There are many points of interest along the way, such as Hyannis Yacht, the Kennedy Compound, a seaside view of Hyannisport, Dunbar's Point, Squaw Island, Egg Island and Point Gammons Lighthouse.

### Martha's Vineyard

One might want to explore the two delightful islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. Nantucket is an island of colonial charm with its cobbled streets, long white beaches and rolling inland moors. Martha's Vineyard known as the Storybook Island is a shoppers paradise, a blend of past and present. Beautiful beaches and dunes, lovely old homes, the gingerbread cottages, and the colored cliffs of Gay Head rising 130 feet above the sea makes your visit an unforgettable experience.

These are just a few of the many things that can be done during your stay in Hyannis.

The committee is still working hard on the format of our reunion. When completed all the details will be published in the Octofoil.

So remember the dates, June 25, 26, and 27th. The place Dunfey Hyannis in Hyannis on beautiful Cape Cod.

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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 by means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to former members of the 9th Infantry Division."

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## 1981 Reunion in Hyannis

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

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

#### ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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

1. Send a letter of application, written in expository form, to the chairman of the scholarship committee stating the following: name, address, age, and sex of the applicant; name, address, and occupation of the applicant's parents or guardians; the name and address of the secondary school the applicant is attending or has attended and graduated; the name and address of the college the applicant expects to attend; the vocational goal of the applicant; and the name of and degree of relationship to a former member of the division. The unit and dates of service in the division of the former member must be included.
2. A transcript of the applicant's high school record must be included with the letter of application. The transcript must include at least the first seven semesters of the applicant's record.
3. The applicant must have a counselor or principal of the high school, he or she is attending write a letter of recommendation to the chairman of the scholarship committee.
4. The applicant must take the PSAT which is given every October. The applicant must see that the results of the PSAT are sent to the chairman of the scholarship committee. These results may be included with the high school transcript or sent to the chairman from the College Entrance Examination Board. The SAT of the CEEB may be submitted in lieu of the PSAT.
5. THE APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BY MARCH 15. Applications received after March 15 will not be considered.
6. All applicants must accept the decision of the Scholarship Committee as final.
7. Information to determine financial need will be requested by the Scholarship Committee after the applications have been considered.
8. Recipients of the scholarships may apply for renewal of the scholarship each year. A copy of the student's college grades, a financial statement, and a letter requesting renewal of the scholarship should be sent to the chairman by March 15.
9. All applications must be sent to: John J. Clouser, Scholarship Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division Association, P.O. Box 807 Crystal River, Fl. 32629.

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#### Taps Sounded

"Somewhere afar,  
Some white, tremendous  
daybreak and the light,  
Returning, shall give back  
the golden hours."

With sadden heart it is our  
duty to announce the passing of  
these Old Reliables.

Francis Duffy  
Co E 47th Inf

Frank C. Proper  
47th Inf

Pete Harris  
26th F.A.

Norman Dean  
Div. Hqs

May they rest in peace.

To their loved ones we extend  
our deepest sympathy.

The many friends of Frank  
Duffy were shocked to learn of  
his death.

Frank attended the  
Washington, D.C. reunion even  
though he was not feeling well.  
He was an active member of the  
association and he attended the  
reunions and the Memorial in  
Worcester year after year. He  
was always at the New York  
Chapter meetings and traveled  
a good distance every month —  
good weather and bad, to be  
with his pals.

Msgr. Anthony DeLaura  
former Chaplain of the 47th  
Infantry conducted the funeral  
services for Frank. Vince  
Guglielmino, George Apar,  
Edward Egan, Dave Gelman,  
Irv Greenberg, Jim Hays, Bill  
Klauz, Matt McCormack, John  
Morris, Jim Mullens, Nick  
Palega, John Shriffen, Art Sch-  
midt and Adolph Wadalavage  
paid their last respects.

We shall miss him.

#### My Heart is Comforted

Life is a road that winds  
among the hills of time. With  
every trun in the road and old  
view vanishes, a new one ap-  
pears. Life is a pilgrimage, a  
passage thru eternity, a journey  
into the unknown. People are as  
travelers on a journey.

Some pass quickly beyond the  
bend in the road that hides them  
from our view. Some walk  
beside us all the way. Some  
seem to creep along and some  
pass swiftly as a runner. But life  
cannot be measured in terms of  
time, only in terms of living.

There is a unity beyond the  
unities of time and place — a  
unity that links us as one, just as  
all the waves are one sea and all  
the Islands one earth. Does not  
love link us with our friends  
though they be on the other side  
of the earth. So those we love  
may pass beyond the reach of  
hands, but not outside the  
heart.

From the  
Daily Word  
(Submitted by  
George Bako)

#### Tip Of The Hat

Remembering the Memorial  
Fund and their departed bud-  
dies we thank the following  
members and friends:

Frank Gonzol  
Marjorie Wisniewski  
Mrs. George Smythe  
Fred Dick

Marjorie Wisniewski was a  
recipient of a scholarship award  
and wanted to show her  
gratitude now that she is in the  
field of business. Mrs. Smythe  
was thrilled at the Washington,  
D.C. reunion to be with the "old  
gang" and expressed her  
feelings by writing to "Mail  
Call". We thank her for her  
extra generous contribution.

The association salutes you.

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Written one other thank you  
note (with check) but I feel I  
must tell you of my ap-  
preciation for last weekend  
especially Saturday (morning,  
noon and night).

Major and Mrs. Alley took  
good care of me. It was very  
thrilling — We had good write  
ups in the Washington Star. It is  
always good to review a little —  
husband with the Ninth in  
Europe — son "Vietnam". I'm  
just an also ran

47th Inf. 2nd Bn.  
JEROME SHAPIRO  
739 W. 186th Street  
New York, New York 10033

On August 28th, Mr. & Mrs.  
Jerome Shapiro (the Mr. was  
formerly a member of the 47th  
Infantry for 4½ years) became  
the proud grandparents of a  
pretty little girl, JACLYNN  
AMY, 8 lbs. and 20 inches long.  
Hope you and yours are well  
and happy.

#### NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Enclosed please find '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:

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# Reunion Hi-lites

## SERVICE BATTERY 26 FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION In Memoriam Pete N. Harris

Thirty-Sixth Annual Memorial Mass

Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove Street, Worcester, Mass. Sunday, November 9, 1980 at 10:00 a.m.

### It Is A Fact

It is a fact. What we have been anticipating has unfortunately happened. Father Connors has been relieved of his duties at Immaculate because of advanced age. He was 75 years young this past June. The laws of the Diocese clearly state that a priest reaching the age of 75 must retire.

There are many people who, upon retirement, retreat to the rocking chair. Some pick up stakes and retire to warmer climate. Some, who have strong ties to relatives or friends in foreign lands, say good-bye to this country.

### Volunteered

Father Connors did none of these. A very good, long time friend of his and who is the pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, Barre, Mass. has asked Father Connors for assistance. About 10 miles from Barre, out in the farm country, is the town of Hubbardston. The Church is a mission of St. Joseph's. Father Connors has volunteered to be the spiritual advisor and confessor to the 600 parishioners in Hubbardston. Father's new address is: Rev. Edward T. Connors, St. Joseph's Rectory, Common Street, Barre, Mass.

The new Pastor at Immaculate has graciously offered Father Connors the Immaculate Conception Church so that he can celebrate our thirty-sixth Annual Memorial Mass. Due to unusual circumstances, the Center will not be available for Saturday night.

### Here-N-There

Last New Year's Eve I received a phone call from Chicago from Alexander Henry Wilcopski. I saw him in Washington this summer. There is no change in his life style. Manny Effron was hospitalized last January for a triple by-pass operation. He is not well enough to travel a great distance. Mrs. Leeta Huber, widow of our Harold, died of cancer in April. Harold Wallace saw Bill Andrews in Michigan and I saw Bill in Washington, both this summer. Bill has had medical problems and is not quite so well as he would like to be but is very active.

Paul Fribush is now part owner of the store that has been his livelihood since school days. Pergi and retirement did not agree so he went back to work. Jim Boyle is retiring from the steel mill at age 62. Harry Fry quit the mill 5 years ago. Keson Nosek, 14522 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, Texas, received a phone call from Dick Hill. Dick was to visit Keson then send a note to me of their meeting, but Dick never showed. Elbert Turner is now living at 2607 Cheyenne Drive, Big Spring, Texas. Paul Griffin's family is now down to one boy. He graduated from Kent State this past June. His daughter married last year and is living in Kansas City.

### Waiting For You

Yes — in 1981 Hyannis on Cape Cod is waiting for you. It is not too early for you to see your travel agent.

Joe McKenzie  
Service Battery  
26FA Bn

Editors note: Realizing that this issue of the Octofoil will reach most our members after the Memorial Mass and Service is over we never the less wanted to print Joe's letter.



Table 9 - Company F 47th Inf. -l-r.: Mr. & Mrs. Felton Jones, Frank Gonzales, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Anderson (9th Recn.), Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hennemuth (60th Inf.), Frank Gonzol and Mr. & Mrs. Larry Ghre.



Table 30-l-r.: Mr. & Mrs. John Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Woody Canter, Rev. & Mrs. Ralton Speers and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Clark. All from the 60th Inf.

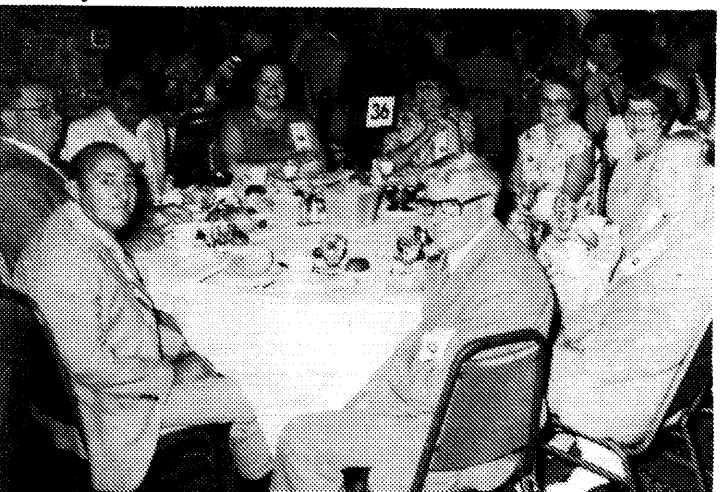


Table 36-Company K 47th Inf. -l-r.: Herman Seibel, John Mrugala, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Canales, Mrs. Seibel, Mrs. Glenn Hess, Mr. & Mrs. Evan Thompson and Glenn Hess.



Table 38-l-r.: Linda Palega, Francine Guglielmino, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Guglielmino, Mr. & Mrs. Nick Palega, Mr. & Mrs. Orion Schockley, Bob Talbot and Bill Klauz. (all from the 47th)



Table 39-l-r.: Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Crowder, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Podany, Mr. & Mrs. John Compagnone, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Disanto and Mr. & Mrs. Ed Sarnocinski - all members of Company B 47th Inf.

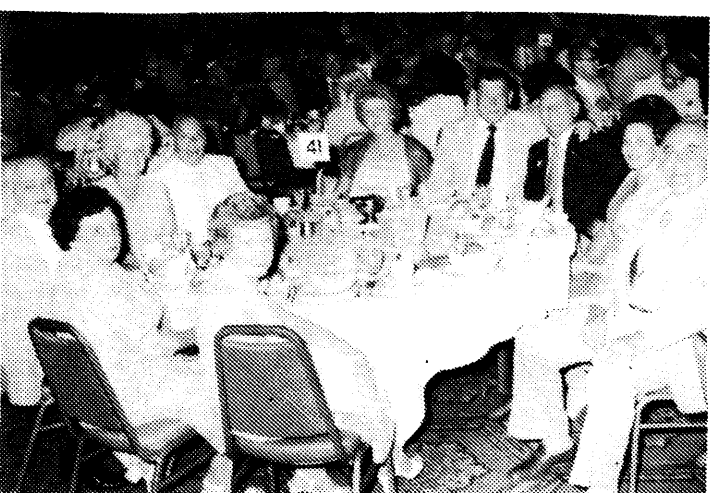


Table 41 - Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Adowski, Mr. & Mrs. Pat Morano, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Harvilla, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Cichocki and Mr. & Mrs. Art Stenzel - all former members of Company B 47th Inf.



Table 44 - (A group from Michigan) l-r.: Mr. & Mrs. Don Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Linke, Mr. & Mrs. George Sciller and Mr. & Mrs. John Obermiller and their grandson, Denny.



Table 45-l-r.: Mr. & Mrs. Al Hodges, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Coppolino, Dennis Canedy and Mr. & Mrs. Sammie Goodwin. (all from the 60th Inf. except Canedy-from B Co 47th)



Hail-Hail the gangs all here: The Thursday Welcoming Party.



Part of the group at the French Embassy where Matt Urban was presented with the French Croix de Guerre.

These reunion pictures were supplied by Walter Victor.

**Dates for 81 Reunion June 25-27**



# Traveling down road of history

part four  
The Final Thrust  
The story of the  
Ninth Infantry Division  
Continued

Meanwhile, the much-travelled 60th Combat Team was ordered to join the 2nd Armored Division. In the cold December weather, travel was difficult. Snarling of traffic halted the Go-Devs, and instead, Col. Van Houten's men rejoined the Ninth on 23 December.

With the return of the 60th, the division was regrouped. The Go-Devs assumed control of an area at the road center north of Monschau.

## THIRD CHRISTMAS OVERSEAS

There was little activity in the division sector on Christmas Day, but patrols were active and positions improved. Thoughts winged their way homeward — of warm fires, the folks, the little woman, the kids. In miserable holes, chopped out of the frozen ground, the Ninth was spending its THIRD CHRISTMAS OVERSEAS.

For the remainder of 1944, the enemy sent over harassing and interdictory fire. He dropped bombs on the 60th, but his strength was waning from battering against the Ninth's stone wall.

January blew in, with the Ninth Infantry Division holding a line from the road center north of Konzen to the high ground east of Elsenborn. New Year's Eve had been spent under scattered enemy artillery and mortar fire.

During the month of January the outstanding problems of supply and evacuation were due to deep snow and freezing temperature. The non-availability of winterizing equipment made improvisation necessary. Snow plows, toboggans, felt innersoles and camouflage snow suits were made by service elements of the division. Charcoal was obtained for front-line troops to burn in improvised stoves. Raw wool found in local felt manufacturing plants was used to line foxholes.

## —Ninth Division Report of Operations AMERICAN INGENUITY

Yes, American ingenuity was at work! The 709th Ordnance rushed to fabricate snow plows and tractor grousers and issued Prestone. In addition to their other duties, the 15th Engineers opened and operated a carpentry shop and a dressmaking shop, turning out toboggans for litters, cargo and machine-guns; and snow suits for the infantry. And, in the midst of all that snow, 603,700 gallons of water were distributed to the men of the Ninth!

A diversionary attack against the town of Konzen was made by the 60th Infantry on 3 January 1945, and 60th attachments laid 1000 mines in front of the 38th Cavalry Squadron. At the same time, while-clad patrols of the 39th and 47th Regiments kept the Germans notified that the Ninth was still very much there.

As the patrolling continued, Kalterherberg, Monschau, Konzen, Imgenbroich, Hofen, Heisterhaus, Hohe Mark, and Menzerath shivered in the deep snow. In the foxholes and improvised shelters, the Ninth held out against blizzards, trench foot, frostbite, and burst of Jerry artillery.

In the terrific blizzard that persisted on January 19th, reports came of the enemy's retreating to the east. Next day, patrolling vigorously increased

to the front and tanks to ascertain enemy dispositions and strength. Preparations were instituted for future operations.

## REGROUP FOR AN ATTACK

The Ninth had found defense a new sensation, as it was generally considered an assault division. Finally, on 29 January, from the Division C.P., vicinity of Kalterherberg, Germany, came orders to regroup the Ninth ... for an ATTACK! The Allies were going to give von Rundstedt a lesson on how to really breakthrough!

## ROER-TO-RHINE

Three more First Army divisions — the Ninth, 99TH and Second — jumped into the assault on the Siegfried line today and made advances up to four miles in bitter cold and deep drifted snow. By nightfall the fixed Siegfried fortifications were only about three miles.

— Stars and Stripes

The Ninth Division pushed on inside Germany to Widdau, on the Roer east of Monschau.

— Austin Bealmear — AP

Elements of the U.S. Ninth Division were converging from the northwest on the road junction of Wahlerscheid, five miles southeast of Monschau, which the Americans won in a bitter fight last December, just before the opening of the German Drive.

— Boyd D. Lewis — UP

The time had come. With the defeat of the German counter-offensive, American might fixed its sights upon the Rhine. Tremendous obstacles, such as the Roer Dams, stood in the way. Snow was upon the ground, and when it melted, the discovery of debris and shrapnel rising out of the roads, caused a serious tire problem. It wasn't going to be easy ... but what infantryman has it easy?

When 30 January rolled around, the Ninth attacked, advancing towards Rohren, with the 60th Combat Team leading. The Wehrmacht counter-attacked, but tanks and TDs broke-up the enemy assault, and the first town of the new drive was taken.

January ended as E Company of the 60th captured Widdau and the Raiders cleaned out fixed fortifications — a specialty of theirs.

## RELENTLESSLY PUSHING

It was the beginning of February, but the doughs up front weren't bothering about the date! Relentlessly pushing to the east, Ninth infantrymen captured the key road junction at Wahlerscheid and the high ground to the north. Despite deep snow, enemy minefields, and severe hand-to-hand fighting, the 39th reduced 12 pillboxes and 20 log bunkers; while the 60th Infantry cleared out a wooded area on the Division left flank. Then the 47th breezed onto the high ground east of the main Hofen-Wahlerscheid road.

The Wahlerscheid road junction being cleared, the 2nd Infantry Division was able to move north and attack eastward, abreast of the Ninth, on 2 February.

Drifted snow added weariness to the limbs of the Ninth as it navigated dark Monschau Forest and engulfed Dreibern. Excellent coordination of the Division's combat teams led to the swift capture of Dreibern, Einruhr, and the important crossroads at Herhahn.

Troops of our Ninth Infantry Division waded the icy waters of medieval moats today and into a fourteenth-century castle to trap a German garrison trying to block their progress through the Siegfried Line ...

This turreted old pile stands on a bluff 700 feet high just east of Dreibern, seven and a half miles east of Monschau, and it dominates a highway running northeast from Dreibern.

— Harold Denny — (N.Y. Times)



Charles Dusky, Company B 60th Infantry sends this picture of his squad "somewhere in Germany". He writes "The photo was taken and given to me by my buddy 'Doc' Combat medic of B Co."

## LONG COATED PRISONERS

Grenade-wearing GI's escorted caravans of long-coated Jerry prisoners over the Weasel-tracked roads leading out of Dreibern. In the opposite direction, the Ninth pushed eastward over the slushy road.

An armored threat against the 39th Infantry, south of Herhahn, was broken up by 9th and 2nd Divartys within range. The AAA-O repulsed a counter-attack a bit later, using bazookas, anti-tank guns, and again calling for artillery. Following up their success, they chased the Heinies out of Morsbach, at the base of the Urft River, turning the German counter into a German rout!

As the Nazis tried to escape the 39th Combat Team's L Company, riflemen took up positions on high ground and fired everything in the book at the retreating Germans. Scenes reminiscent of shooting gallery days occurred as the enemy tried to withdraw over the river.



Mortar fires on German Positions East of Hofen, Germany L.R. Lyman, F. Brunk and Roger H. Freimark both of the 39th Infantry. (Dated Feb. 4, 1945)



Tom Egan sends this photo taken at Camp Elsenborn, November 1944. L to R: Capt. J.D. O'Rourke C.O. Hqs Co 9th Div., Capt Tom Egan ADJ Special Trps., Sgt Frank Vives, 1st Sgt. Hq Co Div. Hq.

## RED LETTER DAY

To the north, the 47th Infantry added towards making February 4th a red letter day in Ninth History. Much sought Urftlesperre Dam, objective of two Corps during four bloody months of fighting, fell to the

Raiders. Swinging southward after the capture of Wollseifen, the 47th seized this massive reservoir, first of the Roer dams to fall. The stage was set for final assault upon the River itself.

The bus ride from Bay City-Saginar to Washington D.C. as seen through the eyes of a passenger.

"Reliable" as always thirteen members of the Michigan Chapter loaded aboard an Indian Trails Bus at Bay City, Michigan on July 16, 1980 at 1745 hours. With the careful driving of Ken Frolick we arrived at the Detroit, Michigan stop off to pick up twenty-five stalwarts from the Detroit vicinity. After loading the "Red Pop" and other goodies the troops got aboard and still under the trained hands and alert eyes of Ken, our driver, we arrived in Toledo, Ohio where our Chaplain and his wife boarded.

Now with a full crew of 40, Ken, knowing he couldn't stand the usual quietness and staid decorum that is the mark of those members of the Michigan Chapter, turned the driving over to Clarence Baber.

## Heading East

With Clarence at the wheel and John "Al" Young and Ed Wisniewski in the navigator's seat we finally found ourselves heading East. With things going well and Clarence ignoring us, (had his back to us the whole trip), things started to liven up. Don Lewis blew the pitch pipe and the singing started. Stories flew and John Bonkowski had his tapes of Polish music.

## Hit By Storm

A pit stop then back on the highway, Clarence, calm, collected and in control of the wheel, then the storm hit. A storm even the movies couldn't reproduce. Lightning flashing, thunder rolling and hail pelting the bus had us all awake and on the edge of our seats. I noticed Clarence calm and collected at the wheel and found, when I looked, he was fast asleep. Which is probably the ideal in a storm while going down a curving seven mile decent. We arrived safe at Breesewood, Pa. for gasoline and breakfast. After stretching our legs it was back on the bus for the final sprint to Washington, D.C. Somehow Don Lewis lost control and many of us fell asleep so that we'd be alert at check in time. Washington, D.C. the Michigan Chapter travelling by bus had arrived.

I am sure there are others more capable than I who will be writing about the events of the reunion.

## Now for the trip home

A 0700 hour departure got all of us out of bed at an early hour, Clarence had the bus cleaned and ready for our departure. On boarding we found he had iced all the "Red Pop" ready for us to sample. 0700 hours was to close to the end of some of Saturday nights parties so the "Red Pop" continued to get cold.

## Picture Taking

A stop at Breesewood, Pa. for breakfast got us all together in the bright dining room of Holiday Inn. After a bus side picture taking session it was all aboard once more.

I don't know if it was the prayers said by Floyd Hennessey, our Chaplain, or not but the trip back seemed not to include the same people that went to Washington. They all preferred to sleep, read or talk in soft voices.

## Whoop it up

When we reached Toledo, Ohio our Chaplain and his wife got off. I thought then, with the Chaplain gone we'd whoop it up. Then Floyd pulled a dirty trick on us. He appointed Don Lewis Assistant Chaplain and put him in charge.

RODGER E. ALSGAARD.

President

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

Alright, all you "no show" BECO members who didn't attend the Washington, D.C. Reunion — you're forgiven — after all, not being with us was punishment enough!

The official count of BECO 47th members who did attend — totaled 17 among the highest unit representations at the 9th Division Reunion. They were, Nick and Olga Palega — Queens Village, N.J., Stan and Florence Adowski — Buffalo, N.J. Jack and Kay DiSanto — Burlington, Vermont, Ernie and Nina Crowder — Raleigh, No. Car., McAdoo White — State Road, No. Car., Pat and Ann Morano — Chambersburg, Pa., Dennis E. Canedy — New Britain, Ct., Joe and Edith Podany — Minneapolis, Minn., Bill Klauz — New York City, N.Y., Joe and Stella Cichocki — Philadelphia, Pa., Orion and Eleanor Shockley — Bellevue, Wash., Ed and Helen Sarnocinski — Chester, Pa., John and Kathy Compagnone — Netcong, N.J., Joe and Rose Harvilla — Cardale, Pa., Art and Grace Stenzel — Westbury, N.Y.

"BRAVE MEN"

Now, do the names of the "BECO" Men "ring a bell"? — they should as they appear in Ernie Pyle's famed book, "Brave Men".

Lawrence McLaughlin, Boston, Mass. — Orion Shockley, then of Jefferson City, Mo. — Joe Palajsa, Pittsburgh, Pa. — Arthur Green, Auburn, Mass. — Dick Medici, Detroit, Mich. — James Giles, Athens, Tenn. — Art Slageter, Cincinnati, Ohio — Bob Edie, New Philadelphia, Pa. — Ben Rienzi, New York City — Bob Hamilton, Philadelphia, Pa. and Joe Metcavage, Shenandoah, Pa. — After catching the replaying of "G.I. Diary" which depicted life of the infantrymen, personally experienced by Correspondent Ernie Pyle, I secured the famous book from my library — the men mentioned named in the chapter on "Street Fighting" (pg. 399-403) Later Lt. Giles was killed and Bob Hamilton "passed on" stateside.

HUH? HUH?

How's about an update on the rest of you men — Huh? — Huh? — Huh?

Mail Call

Mail call brought a note from George and Jane Bentley regretting they couldn't attend the Reunion, and, oddly enough, telling of their recent pursuit in locating Slageter and Edie.

— Another letter arrived from Harry "Red" Browne, down in Mechanisburg, Pa. "Red" retired some 5 years ago and is a strong advocate of his new way of life.

— A recent letter from Pete and Nettie Mastrangelo brought about a long overdue visit to our good buddy on Oct. 8th — Big Nick and Olga Palega and Grace and I spent a most enjoyable day with our hosts — We men reminisced happenings from Ft. Bragg till our return home so if your ears were ringing it's because we mentioned your names in our talk-fest.

— Pete never allowed our glasses to empty and Nettie spoiled us with a most delicious Italian dinner, a culinary masterpiece and a caloric disaster — 'er, calories? — what's a calorie? Bella! Bella! Nettie.

—Pete was a Sergeant in our fourth platoon mortar squad — now retired some 8 years after 31 years with the Post Office. The "Mastrangelo's" reside at 2465 Tratman Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10461.

— Again, Pat did a superb job with his coverage of the "BECO" family at the Washington, D.C. Reunion. I know Pat and Ann will be making the annual Worcester Memorial Mass and, hopefully, many other "BECO" couples will be able to attend. Unfortunately, Grace and I will not be able to be with you as we've sold our house — again! And should be in the process of our move to Florida at that time.

Holiday Season

— I find it hard to believe we're entering the holiday season of 1980 already.

— So to all our "BECO" men and their wives and families and to all the "Octofoil" readers we wish all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Art Stenzel  
179 Salem Rd.  
Westbury, N.Y. 11590

Michigan Happenings

The Michigan Chapter held their regular meeting on August 23, 1980 at the home of Ed and Margaret Wisniewski at Richmond, Michigan. There were 36 members, wives and guests in attendance. The past issue of the Octofoil covered all aspects of the Reunion in Wash. D.C. and the members of the Michigan Chapter were well pleased with the overall results of this Reunion and are looking forward to Father Connors Memorial Service on Sunday Nov. 10, 1980 and also the upcoming gathering of the Illinois and Michigan Chapter's at Angola, Indiana hosted by the Illinois Chapter. Chuck Koskie has made all the arrangements for this gala affair and a very large turn-out is being expected from both Chapters and also surrounding members of the 9th Div. from Ohio and Indiana.

Nominate Officers

At this August meeting the nominating committee presented the following list of names for the officers for the coming year 1981 of the Michigan Chapter — President Charles Williams, 1st V.P. Billie Martin, 2nd V.P. Tom Saunders, Leonard DeBell, Erwin Schmidt, Secretary Rodger Alsgaard, Treasurer Elmer Wagner, Chaplain Floyd Hennessey, Rodger Alsgaard, Historian Floyd Hennessey, and Adjutant Don Lewis. The nominations are still open and will be until voted upon at the December meeting.

Charlie Fox reported that the Christmas Party would be Saturday Dec. 13th, 1980 at the Alger-Hoffman V.F.W. Post No. 393, 11350 E. McNichols (6 Mile Road) Detroit, Mich. Any 9th Inf. Div. Members who may be in our Area at that time are welcome to come and party with us.

The Bottle Raffle was won by Audrey Bruner and she donated it right back to the chapter.

Pot Luck Dinner

The wives all pitched in and brought a pot luck dinner which was enjoyed by all. A nice social time together followed.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY — It is never the wrong time to do the right thing.

Sincerely,  
Fred M. Josey Secy.  
8162 Green Valley Dr.  
Grand Blanc, Mich.  
48439  
313-694-6108

709 Ord.

RAY KENNEDY  
413 Stratton Lane,  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15206

Just a note to say Hello. I must say that I have never seen an affair to compare to the Memorial Mass. John Kowalski and I attended for the first time. Where were all the guys from the 709th Ordnance? There was always a gang from the Boston area. I hope to make the next one which I hear they are going to have.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER NEWS  
Fourth Outing

As we prepare this newsletter, the Illinois and Michigan Chapters are looking forward to our outstate gathering in Angola on October 17-18. It should be a successful reunion as we already have forty room reservations and there may be more which were made direct to the Holiday Inn. This will be our fourth annual outing. We will give a full report in the next issue.

We will be minus one of our members this weekend. Bill and Peggy Hennemuth will be giving their daughter, Martha, away in marriage on that Saturday only three months after their first daughter tied the knot. We wish the happy couple all the luck in the world. Sorry we can't be with them to celebrate.

We also heard from Doris and Roger Elmer who will be going to Texas to visit one of their sons and his family. They send their good wishes for a happy and successful get together. We heard from Cecil Lacic, the widow of Joe Lacic, and she sends her best to the gang but regrets that she cannot join us.

Sad News

We received some sad news from Mrs. Proper. She informed us that her husband, Corp. Frank Proper, 47th - Infantry, passed away at a VA hospital in August. He was 65 years young and was a victim of cancer. Our deepest sympathy to the Proper family.

Best Wishes

Our best wishes to John Clouser for a speedy recovery after surgery a short time ago. We hear he is doing fine and plans to be in Angola.

Beautiful Tradition

We are happy Father Connors will have his Memorial Mass again this year but at this writing do not know who will be going to Worcester from the Illinois Chapter. We have heard that the Lew Gray's plan to go. God Bless you Father Connors for continuing this beautiful tradition. You are always in our prayers.

Happy Thanksgiving to all and as soon as our outstate gathering is over, we will begin plans for our Christmas Party.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael and Ann Belmonte  
1161 South Lombard Avenue  
Oak Park, Illinois 60304

mail call

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Anti-Tank 47th Inf.

ROGER J. GARTLAND  
255 Charles Street  
Watertown, New York

Enclosed is the amount for my 1981 dues. It is good to know that several retirees are joining the association for first time.

The Washington reunions was an enjoyable event for both of us. To meet several of those fellows from the Anti-Tank section of the 47th was a joy. I was their Medic from December 44' to May 45'.

Dan, please send Octofoil after November 1st to 706 Lake Marianna Road, Auburndale, Florida 33823.

26th F.A.

BEN A. ATKINSON  
5401 Pineland Rd  
Richmond, Va. 23234

Enclosed is my membership dues. I was in Washington, D.C. in July on Saturday. I saw a couple of men from the 26th F.A. I've lost contact with some of them, would like to hear from them! Would like to get in contact with Chester Fairchild, do you have his address?

I enjoy the paper very much. Editors note: The secretary's office does not have Chester's address perhaps a member can help Ben.

Co. L, 47th Inf.  
CARLTON T. HALEY  
Rt. 9, Box 134R,  
Reidsville, N.C. 27320

Just a word or two to say I could not attend the reunion in Washington. I am almost house bound from service connected conditions. To all the disabled veterans of the Vietnam war I am glad they have Mr. Stan Pealer to help them get some overdue benefits that are due them. I just cried when I saw the President give Matt Urban the medal of honor he so much deserved. If you put this in the Octofoil, to all the remaining vets that were in the 47th Inf. tent city at Ft. Bragg 1940-1941 I would like a letter or card from them. I only live about 85 miles from Ft. Bragg and I had a couple of good buddies from Danville, Va. my home town, who never made it back. But I did talk to one of the wives in Danville. Her husband is buried in France. Here in Reidsville there is a chapter of the 5th Inf. who helped out the 9th in Europe. I have talked to Col. Randall Bryant, Ret., in Miami, Fla. by phone two or three times plus a couple of letters from him. When I came back from Europe in Dec. 1944 on the Queen Mary and saw the Statue of Liberty I cried with joy to be back on the soil of the United States. I have been in the V.A. Hospital over 8 yrs. since then. I have been treated real nice, good, fair and very poorly over the stays. I am 100 per cent service connected and the V.A. has been real good to me. My wife and with what help I could give have raised 4 children, 3 boys and 1 girl. My oldest son is a chief Petty Officer in the Navy. He has 12 years of service. One of my sons is in the Marines and is about to complete 3 yrs. He says he has had enough. The girl and other boy are doing real well in life. Enclosed is check for dues and other items, also something for the Memorial Scholarship Fund. In closing, to all veterans, please vote for the person that will help all veterans for benefits they deserve, and say a prayer for a lonesome person - me. I pray for all the nations everyday to have and make peace so we will not be maimed again.

Co. B 60th Inf.  
THOMAS J. LORELLO  
753 Rockaway Ave.  
Valley Stream, N.Y. 11581

I am sorry for the delay in forwarding my membership dues. I was hospitalized with back trouble which also canceled my visit to Washington, D.C. and the reunion with my buddy George Cyphers from Cleveland, Ohio who was one of my men in the 1st Squad. I hope to be able to make other reunions — If not, at least I can read about them in the Octofoil.

Co. F, 47th Inf.  
STANLEY PUTT,  
199 Quincy Ave.,  
Kearnt, N.J. 07032

Everything is fine with our family - all enjoying good health. Thank God. I finally decided to retire the first of the year. Worked for 35 years for the Sherwin - Williams Co. so I thought that was long enough. Plan on taking life "easy", do some fishing and gardening. Say hello to all for me and give my best to Marie.P.S. Hello from Gloria.

60th Inf.  
MERTON BEEBE,  
176 East Robbins Ave.,  
Newington, Conn. 06111

Dear Dan  
I'm late again in sending in my dues for the coming year so I am enclosing my check. I have been ailing a bit with my health and am recovering from a cataract operation to one of my eyes. However I am feeling a bit better as of late.

Co. K, 47th Inf.  
GEORGE NICKLIN, M.D.  
6 Butler Place  
Garden City, L.I., N.Y. (11530)

It was a great pleasure to see the award of the Congressional Medal of Honor to Matt Urban in the most recent issue. I am sure he more than earned it.

As a medic with the Forty-seventh Infantry Regiment from October, 1944 through February, 1945, during all the fighting around Schevenhutte, Langerwehe, the Battle of the Bulge, and, after that, on the Roer Dams and at Hurtgen Forest, I was always impressed by the routine way in which Ninth Infantry Division men did brave and courageous fighting in combat for which no medals were ever awarded. It seemed to be standard operating procedure and was order of the day. During that time, one man in my company received the Congressional Medal of Honor (Carl V. Sheridan), but he was killed doing it at Frenzenberg Castle, so I was especially pleased to see Matt Urban receive his well deserved medal.

Co. G 47th & Finance  
MARTIN J. GILL  
2401 Pennington Road  
Trenton, New Jersey 08628

On behalf of Leonard Skaalen of Harmony, Minnesota, I am pleased to forward the enclosed check for a three year membership dues payment in the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Len, like myself, was with G Company, 47th Infantry, and then later transferred to the Finance Section, Division Headquarters.

Peg and I had the pleasure of spending the past weekend with Rachel and Len Skaalen and Margaret and Kenneth Carroll in Minneapolis. The weather wasn't the best but we still had a wonderful time in an impressively beautiful revitalized city. Carroll is also a former member of the Finance Section, Division Headquarters and now lives in Annandale, Virginia. The Skaalens are the owners of the Harmony State Bank in Harmony.

Kindest regards to Marie and yourself.

Co. F, 60th Inf.  
ALAN M. JOHNSON  
Vista Del Mar  
2333 Costa Verde Blvd., Unit 202  
Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250

I became a member a year ago, but have moved twice in the ensuing 15 months. The address above is my current one.

I was Company Commander of company F, 60th infantry from about August 8, 1944 to February 16, 1945.

The last Octofoil I received was May-June '80. If I have missed any, and you have any, please send me what I have missed in all this moving!

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

Am sending along some newspaper clippings of Matt Urban's Medal of Honor awards. Thought you may want them or if Matt wants them, send them along to him.

Sorry I didn't get to Washington, D.C. for the last reunion. My car broke down five miles outside of town, and my vacation came to a skidding halt. Perhaps next year, at the next convention. Maybe the Florida delegation will hire a bus which seems to be the sensible way to go.

Till we meet again — regards to all.

Reunion  
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## MAIL CALL

Co G 47th Inf.  
**GEORGE BAKO**  
 5275 Monroe Ave., Apt. 7  
 San Diego, Ca 92115  
 Morning coffee, thoughts of home and of good friends. I hope these few lines finds you and your family in good health. May it be ever so with God's blessing. Paula and I are in good health at the moment. We keep talking of the nice time we had in Washington, D.C., and of meeting old friends and making new ones. With the help of the good Lord and a few bucks we will be at the Cape with all of you, next year.  
 I was shocked to hear of our buddy, Frank Duffy's death. Paula and I had breakfast with him on Sunday morning after the convention. He was not up to par but I never expected him to go so soon. He was a good "Joe," may he rest in peace with the others who have gone to their reward in heaven.  
 When you go to the New York Chapter meeting please give my best regards to all the boys. Sure miss all of you (since we moved from New York to California). God's blessing on you all.  
 P.S. Walter Kraft sends his best wishes to you all from Alaska.

26th F.A. & Div. Arty  
**ARTHUR CROWE**  
 201 Cherokee St.  
 Marietta, Ga. 30060  
 I came into the Ninth Infantry Division as a replacement in the fall of 1943. I was briefly in the 26th Field Artillery and then in Division Artillery Headquarters. We were, of course, stationed at Camp Barton Stacey until the invasion.  
 I have just returned from a motor trip through the British Isles and visited Camp Barton Stacey. It is still there and still used as an Army post for the Royal Engineers with about two hundred troops stationed there. The Nisson huts that we were quartered in are gone, but to the best of my recollection, the rest of the camp looks pretty much like it did then and the pub in Long Parish is still open for business every night just as it was then. That's where Clyde Bertram spent most of his time.  
 I took several pictures around the camp and would be happy to furnish copies to any of the guys that may want them. I would also like to hear from anybody who may have pictures of the camp as it was when we were there or later. Would also like to hear from anybody from Division Artillery Headquarters.

A - T- 47th Inf.  
**GEORGE REMALEY**  
 Box 437-A Rd. 1  
 Nathona Hgts., Pa. 15065  
 I read your letter in the Octofoil about the Drama Critic and she just doesn't know her job. They should replace her. The First Division is really a part of the 9th Division also. We had a man who was a Captain in the 16th Infantry I believe from Anti-Tank Co. 47th Frank J. O'Donnell Jr. We met him in Philadelphia and it was nice to hear from him and we got to see him again after so long.  
 We hope to see him and the other up in Massachusetts next year.

Co. I, 60th Inf.  
**ALBERT M. HODGE**  
 5818 White Bluff Rd.  
 Savannah, Ga. 31405  
 Dear Dan:  
 Just received the latest issue of the Octofoil yesterday. My reason for writing is to state that I made a colossal blunder in my letter wherein I failed to mention the names of Mike & Nina Deresh as very close associates.  
 The fact that they sat with another group when I wrote the names was largely attributable to the oversight.  
 In conclusion let me make it abundantly clear that we would have to rate Mike, and his lovely Wife - Nina as Tops as well as cherish the fond memories of our past association and certainly look forward to perpetuation of the same cordial relations in the future.  
 Mike has demonstrably shown his unswerving loyalty, and dedication to the 9th Infantry Division Association at the local Chapter as well as in his present status on the Board of Governors. He along with many others including You Mr. Dan Quinn for having performed in such an outstanding manner. PS Sat hello to Your Lovely Wife.

**FRED G. DICK**  
 3600 3rd Avenue N.  
 St. Petersburg, Fla 33713  
 Washington was my first reunion and from start to finish it was a beautiful and exciting one. Five members of my Company attended which was a good representation and needless to say we had a wonderful time together.  
 Matt Urban helped all of us recapture the spirit of the "Old Reliabilities". Gosh he even made me feel a bit like a hero just being a part of that great division.  
 Enclosed are my dues for the next three years and a small donation for the Memorial Scholarship Fund.  
 It was wonderful to finally meet you Dan. My only suggestion for Hyannis Port is that there should be four or five Dan Quinns at this reunion so that everyone can spend more time chatting with "one of them".

THE CAPE COD VACATIONER — A Directory of activities and attractions for the years 1980 - 1981 has been published by the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

For those of us intending to be in Hyannis next summer, it would be beneficial to know something about Hyannis and CAPE COD before you arrive.  
 For those who will be unable to be on the CAPE next summer why not write for a DIRECTORY. You will be amazed to find so much about a small place. You might even change your mind.

To obtain this DIRECTORY write to:

THE CAPE COD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Routes 6 and 132  
 Hyannis, Mass., 02601  
 and ask for a copy of the CAPE COD VACATIONER for 1980-1981.

Write now while this is fresh in your mind.

A Co. 15th Engrs.  
**HENRY SANTOS**  
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Hope this finds you and yours in the best of health. My wife and I are just getting to the point where we can start catching up on correspondence etc. The addresses you gave me bore fruit in three cases, one of which was at the convention. Bob "DOC" Hughes moved from the address you had 21 yrs. ago, but a brother letter carrier in Louisville went beyond the call of duty to bring us together. Bob is very proud of Kentucky, he and Lois gave us a grand tour of the area, a lovely weekend. Ray "KOKOMO" Ulerich was another story. I found him after several phone calls. He is city engineer in Kokomo, Ind., came across town and we were able to chat quite a while. I gave him all the info on the convention and thought sure he'd be there. I'll have to follow up on Ray.

We traveled thru 19 states before the convention and 14 on the 2nd phase with a great big OCTOFOIL pointed on the spare tire cover on my trailer. Only 1 fellow from N.Y. noticed it outside of D.C.

The convention was great till Sunday morning when I discovered a raid had been made on my wagon in the hotel garage. I was under the impression there was a 24 hr. security. Oh well c'est le guerre.

The enclosed photo might be of interest and bring back memories of McFadden's pond at Bragg. The Lord cableway taken in early 1942.

## Part Two

Quite a few feathers were ruffled at the general meeting concerning 9th Div. men who served after 1945 who for some reason want to join our association. As you know it got to be quite a "HOT POTATO" and is sure to raise it's ugly head again. Had Franny Maher's motion to amend the name carried it might have saved a lot of hassle. I'm all in favor of the post WW2 9th having an association as we do but to join with us old fogies let's ask a few questions.

What do we have in common? Most of us are at least 10 years older than the men who served in the Korean War.

The Vietnam Vets? Few were even born when we had our four or more years in the service.

Were our enemies or strategies or terrains the same? Etc., Etc.

Would these fellows really have enjoyed the Saturday night music of Glenn Miller, Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman etc.?

I doubt we could get a truly affirmative answer to these questions, there must be an ulterior motive most of us are too dense to see.

I'm sure I'm not alone in having the greatest respect and admiration for General Westmoreland who did not hide his feelings in the matter. I feel that if he wants to champion their cause he should take pen in hand before the next convention and perhaps show us who oppose why we should change our minds.

I have no objection to having anyone who fought under the OCTOFOIL or for it, whatever, to join us as associate members, swap tails etc. if they want to but no voting rights.

Let's face it, we're older and set in our ways.

I've said my piece, now let's hear from others.

Hopefully we'll see you in Worcester in November.

The Lord's peace be with you and yours.

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The Washington Chapter has no claim to fame for the big turnout of the 9th Division Convention. Let's give credit where it is due.

Matt Urban was the big drawing card and the one and only reason for the largest convention ever. It could have been anywhere and it would have been big because of Matt Urban.

I thought the banquet was an atrocious affair. Never in my life have I witnessed such petty jealousy as the Washington Chapter showed by their shabby snobbishness to the greatest Hero in the United States. President Carter awarded Matt this greatest honor and he was proud of him. But not the men of the Washington Chapter. Matt should have been the main attraction at the speakers' platform. For He was the one everyone came to see and admire. If we the people of the six front row tables had known the outcome of this farce we would have gotten up en-masse and marched out of there.

Their treatment of Matt was inexcusable and never to be forgotten or forgiven.

We love and honor Matt and are proud to be his friends.

Why? Anyone would want to stop Walter Victor from taking pictures at the banquet is beyond belief. Everyone will be sadly disappointed not to receive the beautiful pictures he so graciously took the time and effort to send to people. We really enjoyed getting those pictures so we could have fond memories of good times past. Hope our good ole picture snapper will be able to operate in Mass. in 1981.

Let's hear it for Walter.

A Battery 84th F.A.  
**ANTHONY G. KREMKA**  
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 Portage, Wi. 53901

When the 9th Division Association was organized, I became a member through the New York Chapter. After a few years I dropped out, and lost contact with some of my fellow "Adams Apples". I do see Ray (Snaggle) Knerr when I go East to see my children, and it was through Cal Polivy sending me a copy of the Octofoil, that I decided to renew my membership, and to have one sent to Ray Knerr too. As I now live in Wisconsin and Ray lives in Pennsylvania, I don't think that we can credit any of the local chapters. We would both be very satisfied with getting on the Octofoil mailing list and maybe getting some decals and license discs. Here are the addresses to send the paper to: Anthony G. Kremka (Curly), 407 W. Marion St., Portage, Wisconsin 53901 and Raymond Knerr (Snaggle), 1227 West Rosemont Drive, Bethlehem, Pa. 18018. Both of us are former members of A. Battery, 84th F.A.

L Co., 39th Inf.  
**C. E. (BUCK) MILLER**  
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 Oil City, Pa. 16301

Recently I re-enrolled in the Association and mightily glad I did. I am sorry I missed the 1980 convention in D.C. but other business prevented this trip. I keep reading and re-reading issues of the Octofoil hoping I will see a familiar name but to date No Luck. Served with Company L, 39th AAA-O, as a platoon sergeant. Joined the Falcons in Africa near Algiers at a time when "Bedtime Charley" was our only reminder that a war was being waged. Saw action in Sicily, then back to England and training at Andorf, and then through Europe to the bitter end. Married and the father of three children, grandfather of two beautiful girls, I am Assistant Advertising Manager for Quaker State Oil Refining Corp. at its home office in Oil City, Pa. I am active in the American Legion, having served in all local, county and district offices, Past Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus; usher, commentator, treasurer, member of executive committee, member of parish council, fund raising director, president of Holy Name Society for St. Joseph's church in Oil City; daubed slightly in politics and member of the City of Oil City Building Appeals Committee; and belong to a number of other organizations. Would like to hear from all former buddies in Company L. I promise to write and if possible arrange for a reunion.

C.O. 2nd Bn 47th Inf.  
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Thanks so much for helping to make our reunion so pleasureable as well as memorable. It certainly was for me. I shall never forget; for it was the first time since I was captured — 37 years ago — since I saw our men and to meet their lovely wives, to exchange stories, to mingle with them and to enjoy the camaraderie — and last but not least to be adopted by "F" company 47th Infantry!

Enclosed is my application and contribution to the scholarship fund.

Marie thanks so much for your help.

Till we meet again — P.S. About whether the association expands or not — I enclosed a copy of AUSA News in which reunions are noted. You will note that there is a 23rd Infantry Korean War Branch of the 2nd Div. Assn. — this is what the group can do if they don't like what we have now — start their own.

Co. L, 60th Inf.  
**JOHN E. KNIGHTLY**  
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Sending my check for my 1981 membership dues. — I am heading for Florida the last of October for the winter. My wife died July 18th. She had cancer. Sorry I won't see you at the Memorial Mass in Worcester. God bless you all.

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The deadline for copy of the next issue of the Octofoil will be December 20th.

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