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THE OCTOFOIL

412 Gregory Ave. Weehawken, N. J. 07087

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Association Dues: \$5.00 per year — \$1.50 will be earmarked to pay for the Octofoil

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Taps Sounded

Four more "Old Reliables" have answered their last roll call and with saddened heart we announce the passing of:

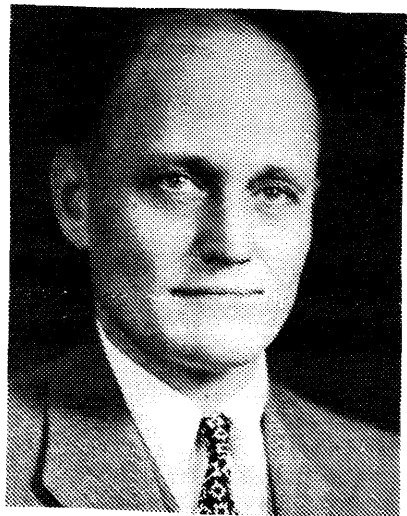
Richard C. Storey
60th Inf

Jonas Ernie Siegel
9th Q. M.

George F. Blockley
9th M.P. and 60th Inf.

William D. Beer
Co C 60th Inf

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



Richard C. Storey

Richard C. Storey past President of the Association passed away on October 27, 1980 in Boston after a short illness. A retired business executive he became treasurer of the Minute Maid Company and then assistant to the president of the American Machine and Foundry Co.

He leaves his wife, Mabel (Bayard): a daughter, Ruth Stuart, a son Dr. Bayard T.

If our memory serves us correctly, Richard was part of General Patton's staff for the invasion of North Africa and went overseas with the 60th Infantry. After the invasion he chose to stay with the 60th instead of rejoining Patton's staff. He was largely responsible, during his term as president of the association, 1954, of having the funds of the association invested in Mutual Funds. This move has kept the association steadfast through these years.

★★★★★★

Ernie Siegel passed away this past Spring. His wife Adele writes "He felt a closeness to all of you but his business did not leave him much time to be an active member. His retirement was planned for July 1st 1980 and he hoped to join you and partake in all your activities, but now that shall never be. Send my best regards and hope God blesses you all with good health and long life".

Sincerely,
Adele Siegel
600 Locust Street
Mount Vernon, N.Y. 10522

Ninth Remembers Its Comrades



Into the vault, joining those names preserved on microfilm, went the names of 250 Ninth Infantry men killed in Vietnam. Right to left are Herb Olsen (whose brother Jerry was killed in France - both were members of Company G 47th Inf), Father Connors, General and Mrs. Westmoreland and president of the association Bill Bongiorno, about to place the names in the Monument in Worcester.

NOW HISTORY

Our 36th Annual Memorial Mass is now history. For many years our members, families and friends have sometimes made a long trip to Worcester. Our presence at this Mass is an expression of our thoughtfulness, pride, and spiritual remembrance before the Altar of God for those 4581 men who made the supreme sacrifice. The words by Father Connors are the same as those he used many years ago. The music and color guard seemed about the same. The new pastor and his assistants were on the Altar. Also present were two former G.I.'s who after the War had joined the Priesthood. Rev. Ed Jocham of the 39th Infantry and Rev. Gerald Rowan of the M.P.'s. I think that our ranks were a little thinner than in other years.

Open house at the Coffee Shop is a thing of the past. Many of those present who arrived in Worcester on Saturday found hospitality at the Sheraton, warm and relaxing.

As usual our parade was a thing of beauty. The distance was about one mile. Old soldiers, 99 percent of whom are over 60, showed that their many hours of drill were well remembered.



The "troops" on their way to the 36th Memorial Services in Worcester.

INSPIRING CEREMONY

The good weather stayed with us during the ceremony at our Memorial. Many of our own including George Apar, General Westmoreland, Father Rowan and Father Connors as well as the Mayor and other officials of the City of Worcester had a part in an inspiring ceremony. This year a microfilm containing the names of the 250 men of Vietnam who gave their lives while with the NINTH was sealed in our Memorial with the 4581 names of men of the NINTH who gave their lives during World War II.

IMPORTANT ACTIVITY

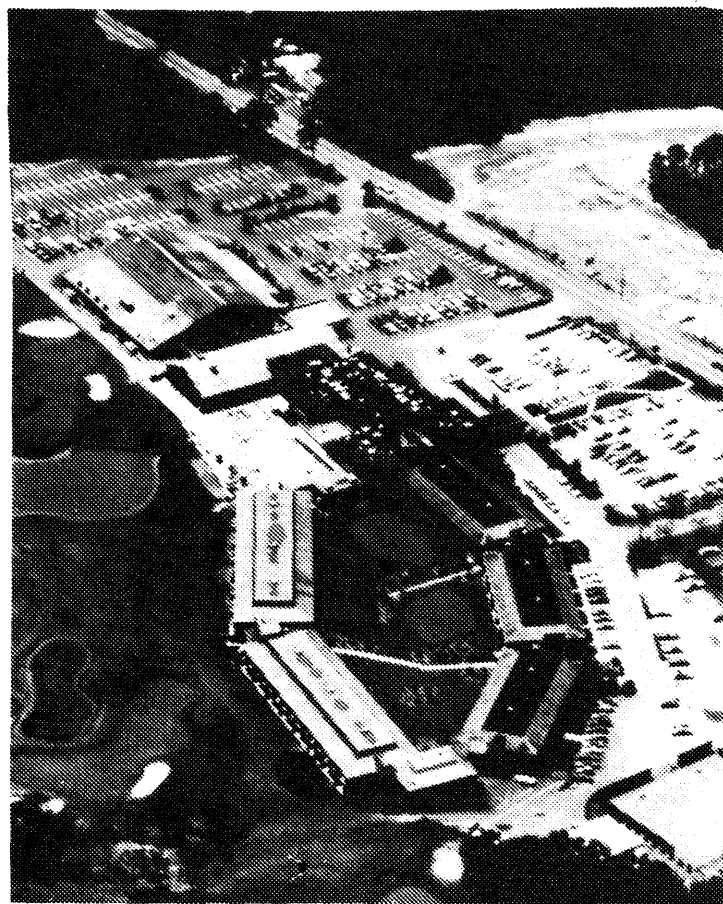
Our most important activity is over. Our spiritual remembrance of those who are gone is a great way to climax the year. Our most important social event of the year was the awarding by President Jimmy Carter, THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR to Lt. Col. Matt Urban, 60th Inf.

Take care of yourself. Get as much fresh air and sunshine as you can.

Remember----Hyannis----1981

Remember----Our Memorial Mass----1981

Joseph A. McKenzie
95 Washington Ave.
Waltham Ma 02154



An aerial view of Dunfee's Hyannis Hotel our C.P. for Reunion.

IT'S FULL SPEED AHEAD FOR 81 REUNION

The compass has been read. The course has been set. The engine has been warmed up and the order has been given - Full Speed Ahead.

The committee responded and is proceeding under a full head of steam, preparing and making certain everything is shipshape in Hyannis for the arrival of the men of the Ninth and their families. Their objective is three days of seeing old buddies, to laugh, reminisce, remember their honored dead, and enjoy each others company. Plan now to be in Hyannis June 25th, 26th and 27th, so you can be part of this objective.

Old Fashion Clam Bake

We are happy to report, that once again we will have an old fashioned clam bake. This bake will be held on Friday, June 26th around 3:00 P.M. The bake will be prepared in the old New England tradition. Lobsters and clams are brought direct from the ocean. Here, with corn on the cob and German frankfurters, they are steamed in a bed of fresh seaweed. While you wait, the most delicious clam chowder will be served for at least one hour before the bake. The meal also includes fresh rolls, coffee, and is topped off with a huge serving of ice cold watermelon.

Because the clam bake has been planned for those who wish to partake of a unique feast while at the reunion, it is not included in the strip ticket. The committee must charge fifteen dollars per person. This includes transportation. Please use the clam bake form, which will be included in each issue of the Octofoil when making reservations.

Will Be Different

As yet our whole program has not been finalized. I can tell you our welcoming party Thursday will be different from those held in the past. Friday will be your day to enjoy and there will be more on this in the next issue.

Ocean Site

Saturday, Father Connors will celebrate Mass in the morning and again in late afternoon. Arrangements are being made to hold our Memorial Service in a beautiful spot by the ocean. Saturday afternoon will be taken up by meetings.

Working Hard

The committee is working hard and is determined that this shall be an enjoyable reunion. Plan to be in Hyannis on June 25, 26 and 27th. Make your reservations early.

In closing, I would like to remind you not to forget our Souvenir Program book.

RON MURPHY
44 Strawberry Lane
Scituate, Ma. 02066



The Editors of the Octofoil wish to thank all those who sent the beautiful Christmas Cards and best wishes for the New Year. We would like to wish all the members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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

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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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DEADLINE NEARS FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

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 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.

BRAGG MONUMENT

At the 1979 reunion in Florida the membership asked that a Committee be formed to consider the feasibility and cost of an informative and decorative marker that would be placed at Fort Bragg. At the 1980 reunion held in Washington, D.C., President Robert DeSandy appointed a committee consisting of: George Brown, B.F. (Woody) Lockwood, Bill Martin and Frank Smith.

The committee reported to the Board of Governors at their annual meeting in Worcester held on November 8, 1980. It is hoped that a final report can be given at the annual general meeting at the 1981 reunion as to the costs, type of monument and site at Fort Bragg to erect this "Marker".

It was suggested, and unanimously approved, that donations be solicited even at this early stage in the proceedings with the assurance that any unexpended funds will be turned over to the Scholarship Committee for their general purposes.

Suggestions and contributions are earnestly solicited. A "Marker Fund" has been established and Woody Lockwood has made the first donation. Suggestions may be sent to Boardman F. Lockwood, 240 Trumbull Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06103. Donations will be accepted by the secretary Dan Quinn and placed in this fund.



Rev. Edward T. Connors
ST. JOSEPH'S RECTORY
Barre, Mass 01005

Dear Dan:

I am very happy that the gang insisted that I keep alive the annual pilgrimage to Worcester-and, God willing, I hope that we shall be able to continue this annual Memorial Service. If I do continue, the date will be on the anniversary of the landing of the Ninth Infantry Division in North Africa-November 8. It pleased me that we could enclose in our Memorial the names of the men who died with the reactivated Ninth in Vietnam. This move gave evidence to all of our respect and gratitude to the men of the reactivated Ninth-the living and the Deceased.

At the dinner, as usual, you were the hit at this happy occasion. My relatives are speaking of you-and with admiration and pleasure. I think that in spite of the late word in regard to the continuing of the Memorial Service, we had about the usual number attending our get together-perhaps, a few less. Again, I was thrilled to have so many with us as we prayed for our Deceased and prayed for our Country. God bless all. As usual Franny Maher was my right hand Franny has been most devoted to me through the years-and devoted to the men of the Ninth. The people of Worcester, of all Faiths, were delighted that we had this Memorial Service again. The reverence of the gang is a source of respect-that our people of the Ninth still remember.

Every blessing to you and Marie-and your family. Say a prayer for old man Connors-Hope to see you in Hyannis
God bless-

Father Connors

Tip Of The Hat

We wish to acknowledge and thank the following members and friends who remembered the Memorial Fund by donating to this most worthwhile Fund.

Lawrence Mc Laughlin
Carlton Haley
Carson Baker
Mrs. Evelyn Bertram

We also want to thank these members who have made donations to the Marker Fund for the erection of a monument at Fort Bragg.

Boardman F. Lockwood
Robert DeSandy
George Dugan
Members of the Michigan Chapter
We salute you all.

REQUEST FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS

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NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
36TH ANNUAL REUNION
JUNE 24-27, 1981

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39 Hall Avenue
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Clam Bake

Friday June 26, 1981

I will attend the Clam Bake

Name

Address

Amount \$15.00 per person

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NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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Michigan Happenings

The Michigan Chapter met on Oct. 18, 1980 jointly with the Illinois Chapter at the Holiday Inn, Angola, Indiana. This gala affair was the 4th annual such meeting of these two Chapters together since the first meeting in Sturgis, Michigan in 1977. There were over 80 in attendance and came from New York, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Illinois and Michigan. We could also include the State of Florida as John and Helen Clouser were there as they came from their summer residence in Northern Michigan. The arrangements for this meeting were made by Chuck Koskie and the Illinois Chapter. Some checked in the Motel on Friday afternoon and partied from then till the wee hours Sunday morning when the gathering broke up but I won't mention any names. Chuck had made plans to have a Hospitality Room and this was where the social activity took place during the afternoon. A Buffet Dinner was served in the evening and enjoyed by all.

Elect Officers

The Michigan Chapter held a short meeting Saturday afternoon and elected their Officers for the coming year who will be installed at the Chapter's Xmas Party in December. They are as follows - President Charlie Williams, 1st Vice President Billie Martin, 2nd Vice President Tom Saunders, Treasurer Elmer Wagner, Secretary Rodger Alsgaard, Chaplain Tom Hatton, Historian Floyd Hennessey and Adjutant Don Lewis.

The miles traveled to arrive at Angola, did not seem to lengthy as the weatherman co-operated and it turned out to be a beautiful fall weekend for this event. We are all looking forward to having it again in October of 1981.

Annual Party

Our annual Xmas Party was held on Saturday December 13, 1980 at the Alger-Hoffman V.F.W. Post No.393, Detroit, Michigan. In attendance were fifty five members and guests. A cocktail hour was held from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. followed by a Buffet Dinner. A short business meeting was held after dinner and the Officers for the coming year were installed by our Past National President, Robert DeSandy. Following this was an evening of dancing to "Bill Hayes Merry Makers" and a good social time was had by all.

We want to thank Charlotte and Chuck Fox for all the time and effort they put in to make this Chapter Xmas Party a huge success.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all the families and friends of the Ninth Division Infantry Association.

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

RODGER E. ALSGAARD
Past President - Michigan Chapter

Here is an open letter to all members of the Michigan Chapter - 9th Infantry Division Association.

Dear Friends & Members of the Michigan Chapter:

My term as President of the Michigan Chapter has ended. A year that passed much too fast. I was very humble when I assumed the leadership of the Chapter in December, 1980. Humble and afraid as I knew that I had a big pair of shoes to fill. Shoes that had been worn by some very capable men since the inception of the Michigan Chapter. My only hope is that you all feel that I also filled those shoes honorably and faithfully.

Icing on Cake

The milestones that were icing on my cake were serving as President during the period when Bob DeSandy was National President and being present in Washington, D.C. when our own Matt Urban was given the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Carter.

Good Hours Spent

There were many good hours spent at Chapter meetings. I thank all who volunteered to chair these meetings and to thank all of you who offered your support by attending these gala gatherings. My only regret is I did not get to meet all of those on the membership roster. However, I am fully aware of the fine support you all gave in maintaining your membership and by your contributions to the various fund raising efforts put on by the Chapter.

I also realize that your daily work, health and miles were factors that made getting to the outings impossible. I want to thank the officers, who served with me, for their devotion to assignments and for their support by being present at the scheduled meetings. Your assistance was invaluable.

Offer the Best

I offer my best to Chuck Williams as he starts his year as President of the Michigan Chapter. May God be with him to guide and direct him and the Chapter through the year 1981.

BETTY RUMENAPP
4228 Shore Lane
Mt. Clemens, Mich 48043

Hello to all the gang - Sure miss seeing everyone. Really appreciate the Octofoil - it keeps me in touch.

Happy Holidays to all.

Editors note: Betty's husband Bob passed away several years ago and it is a great feeling to hear from Betty. Bob served with the 60th Inf.

Reunion
June 25-27

FOURTH MINI-REUNION

The fourth annual mini-reunion of the Michigan-Illinois Chapter in Angola Indiana was a tremendous success. We had 86 members and families in attendance and a good time was had by all. Our rooms were perfect. We had a hospitality room which was more than adequate to accommodate all present. The Illinois Chapter wants to thank everyone who provided the refreshments. We certainly didn't run short of food. Our special thanks to Chuck Williams who presented us with a platter of smoked fish which was superb.

We were pleased to have so many members show up. Among those present from the fruthest distances were Doc and Only Rishel from Mifflinburg, Pa., Dom and Lonnie Greco from Tiltonsville, Ohio and the Jack Colliers from St. Louis, Mo.

BETTER EVERY YEAR

The Saturday Night dinner was delicious and our thanks go to Chuck Koskie who made all the arrangements for the outstate gatherings which are getting bigger and better every year. Our thanks also to Bob DeSandy who was our Master of Ceremony at the dinner. Also, special thanks to Paul and Lorraine Clark who made the Octofoil Hook Rug for the raffle and donated various other prizes. The rug was won by Maxine Cole of Wyoming, Michigan.

The November meeting was held on the third Friday and plans were made for our Christmas Party to be held on December 6th. On the night of our meeting, the Hennemuths were celebrating their Anniversary. Congratulations, Bill and Peggy and may you have many more years of happiness together. They also gave us a detailed report on their daughter Martha's wedding which was in October. Best Wishes to Martha and Brian for a long and happy marriage.

Paul and Lorraine Clark informed us their daughter, Dora, is now a member of the Women's Reserve. Good luck, Dora.

GRACIOUS HOSTS

The Koskie's were the gracious hosts for our Christmas Party on December 6th. We had a tremendous turnout but our thoughts were with the memory of Frank Ozart and Bud Remer. This was our first party without them. We were pleased to have Emil and Wilma Radick and her sister, Ann, show up. This was a first for them. Bob Pappas drove all the way in from Florida to be with us. John and Helen Clouser were also here after a trip to Hawaii. Roger and Doris Elmer came but had to leave early due to other commitments. The rest of the gang present were the Anderson's, Clark's, Henemuth's, Koskie's, Ghere's, (It was good to see Kay up and about, she wasn't feeling too well in Angola). The Pauli's, the Fajors and the Belmontes. The Winkelman's and two of their guests arrived later in the evening.

The next meeting will be held on January 16th. Election of officers will be held and plans made for 1981.

The Illinois Chapter would like to wish all the members of the 9th and their families a Happy and prosperous New Year. May 1981 be a good year for all.

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

TO "B" (47th)

OR NOT TO "B"

Another Fabulous Year

Well here we are at the end of another fabulous year for all our "BECO" buddies! As Art said in his Octofoil Column (Sept.-Oct '80 issue), we had the highest unit representation at the 9th Division's 35th Annual Reunion in Wash. D.C. this past July when 17 of our buddies were in attendance enjoying and reliving many of our happy (for the most part) stories and never to be forgotten tales of Army life while at Ft. Bragg and later the experiences in Africa and Europe in WW II.

Florida Bound

As we write this column, our "BECO" buddy Art Stenzel and his lovely wife are finally ensconced in Florida - we hope! News about Art's new home (together with his address) is eagerly awaited. By the way wasn't that a great review by Art in Octofoil Column of our "BECO" 'Brave Men' as described in Ernie Pyle's famed book! Well done Art!

Ann and I together with some of our 'BECO' buddies attended Father Connors 36th Annual Memorial Mass and Service in Worcester on Sunday Nov. 9th. Although Fr. Connors is now retired, the Mass and Service at the Immaculate Conception Church was most impressive and well attended, we are happy to say. With the retirement of Father Connors, the Immaculate Conception Parish has named the Connors Coffee Shop "The Father Connors Center". To those of us who for many years shared many happy-get-togethers at 'Connors Coffee Shop' with Fr. Connors on Saturday Nights, we owe a debt of gratitude to all the Parishioners for this high honor to Father Connors.

The Saturday Night - Get-Together this time was held in a very large suite at the Sheraton Inn. We had a most pleasant time and there was no lack of fine "spirits" and good natured fun. - After the Mass on Sunday, a Microfilm (secured by Gen. Westmoreland) of the names of those 9th Div. Men who died in Vietnam was placed in the Memorial Crypt which is located outside and alongside the Immaculate Conception Church. It was a most impressive ceremony, indeed.

Inspiring Talk

The Sunday Banquet at the Sheraton was attended by over 500 people of our 9th Inf. Div. Assoc. with their families and friends. The principal address was given by our own Gen. Westmoreland and we thank him for a most inspiring talk. While in Worcester, we stayed at the Days Inn Lodge a short distance from the Sheraton. As usual our lodgings were excellent. We were joined by "BECO" buddies Joe Cichocki and his wife Stella and Dennis Canedy and his wife Thora who also lodged there. Our "BECO" Buddy Nick Palega and his wife Olga were also part of the 'Pilgrimage' who came up from New York City by bus with a large contingent of 9th Div. Assoc. Members from the New York Chapter. - From all indications, we are most certain that the Memorial Services in Worcester will continue each November, thus preserving and honoring all those who fought and died with the 9th Division.

Pleasantly Surprised

We were pleasantly surprised to be visited by another "BECO" buddy, Harry F. Browne, a short time with the Wash. Reunion. Harry was driving thru Chambersburg on his way to Mechanicsburg,

where he lives, which is 35 miles from our place. Over lunch, we reminisced on happenings of our G.I. days with "B" Co. 47th. A most remarkable bit of information learned from our talk was the fact that Harry worked for over 25 years with the Naval (Gov't) Depot at Mechanicsburg, while I was stationed for 10 yrs. at the same location working for the G.S.A., a Government Agency - and we never met each other while at the depot! Harry was unable to make the reunion this year. We hope to be able to see each other more often from now on. Harry has been retired for 5 years or so however he keeps himself busy with a little part time work. (A copy of Harry's letter to ART is being sent with this Column for the 'Mail Call' Column).

Sorry To Learn

Mail call brought a letter from 'BECO' Buddy Ed Sarnoscinski and his wife Helen. We are truly sorry to learn that Ed was injured in a fall while at work. Ed tells us that "on the 19th of Nov. he tore all the ligaments on his right ankle". On the 21st he was operated on "and his foot is in a cast to below his knee". Ed hopes "to have the cast off around the 1st of the year - then 4 more weeks of Therapy". Ed hopes "to return to work about the 1st of Feb. 81". All of us from "BECO" hope and pray that everything turns out all right for Ed. - A good friend of all of us! We know that Ed will have a wonderful nurse in Helen, to take care of him.

Make Plans Early

The 1981 Reunion (36th) will be in Hyannis on beautiful Cape Cod. The Place: Dunfey Hyannis. The Dates: June 25, 26 and 27th. This has all the earmarks for an outstanding reunion. The New England Chapter which is the Host Chapter is already making preparations for a great reunion similar to their last one that was held in Boston. So Buddies make your plans early!

Best Wishes

Since this Octofoil Column will be published and received by our members after the Christmas Holidays, we hope that all our "BECO" buddies and their families had a truly wonderful Christmas. Ann and I wish to thank all those folks who sent us Christmas Cards and Notes. Our Sincerest best wishes go to all of you for Good Health, Happiness, and Prosperity for the coming New Year 1981!!

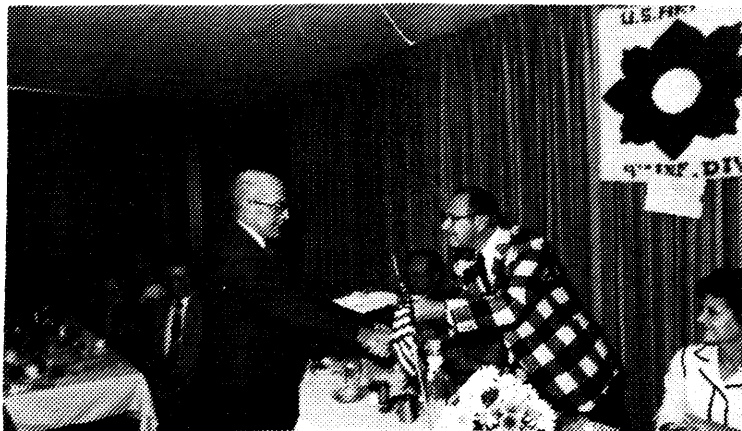
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B Co., 15th Engrs.
TONY SAN GIACOMO
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It's nice to send you the enclosed check for 81-82-83 dues. Everything is fine here and I am retired for a few years now and enjoying it very much. I have just returned from a trip to Palm Springs, Cal. and really enjoyed it. Good Health and Happy Holidays to you and your family and the same to all the gang from B Co., 15th Engrs.

Co. M, 47th Inf.
IRVING GREENBERG,
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Woodside, N.Y. 11377

Have been a little tied up with my V.F.W. outfit and unable to attend the New York meetings. Regards to all and Happy Holiday to you.



John "Al" Young received Appreciation and thanks from, Robert DeSandy past president of the association, at the Michigan-Illinois gathering held in Angola, Indiana on October 18, 1980.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING

The 138th meeting of the National Board of Governors was held on November 8, 1980 at the Sheraton-Lincoln Lodge, Worcester, Massachusetts. The meeting was called to order at 5:10 P.M. by President William Bongiorno. Attending the meeting were Robert DeSandy, Martin Krasovetz, Edwin Wisniewski, Elias Hopkins, Fred D'Amore and Charles Tingley. Also attending were Past Presidents Leonard Tomassone, Ron Murphy, Francis Maher, Herb Olsen and Frank Wade. 1st Vice-President Vincent Guglielmino, 2nd Vice-President Elmer Wagner, Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh, Treasurer Thomas Boyle. Members Boardman Lockwood, George Brown, and Adolph Wadalavage.

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

The secretary read the minutes of the 137th meeting that was held in Washington, D.C. on July 18, 1980 and upon a motion duly made by Robert DeSandy and seconded by Martin Krasovetz it was voted to: Accept the secretaries reading of the minutes of the 137th meeting.

Thomas Boyle the Treasurer was called upon for his report and he gave a detailed report on the spending and income of the association for the past quarter. Upon a motion duly made by Fred D'Amore and seconded by Elias Hopkins it was voted to: Accept the report of the Treasurer.

WELL DONE

Charles Tingley Co-Chairman of the 1980 Washington Reunion was called upon for his report. Tingley reported to the members that there were some outstanding matters that would have to be taken care of before the final report would be made, but in the meantime he turned over the sum of \$2500.00 as profit realized from the reunion.

The President thanked Tingley and his committee for a "job well done".

While he had the floor Tingley expressed his feeling as to the reporting of the minutes of the regular meeting by the secretary. He felt there was a censorship by the secretary in as much as he did not report all that took place at the general meeting last summer. The secretary offered the reason that he does not record the meeting verbatim but reports on matters that are acted upon at the meetings and so voted upon by the membership.

HYANNIS REUNION

Ronald Murphy reported on the progress of the 1981 reunion to be held in June on the 25th, 26th, and 27th in Hyannis on Cape Cod. In addition to the regular three days activities another New England Clam Bake is planned for Friday June 26, 1981. Arrangements are being made to conduct the Memorial Services on Saturday at a beautiful spot by the Ocean. Plans will be published in the Octofoil as they are developed and finalized.

Elmer Wagner reported on the cost and type of "golf hats", that he had recommended at the last reunion, to be sold to the membership. After a discussion it was recommended that the board members bring this idea back to their chapters for orders and to study the matter.

Monument at Bragg

A report on the Fort Bragg Memorial Monument or Marker was submitted by George Brown and Boardman "Woody" Lockwood members of this committee. A discussion on the costs and design of monuments was held and the committee will report again at the 81 reunion's general meeting. Bob DeSandy thanked the committee members for their efforts on behalf of this project.

Upon a motion duly made by Robert DeSandy and seconded by Elias Hopkins it was voted to: Aggressively and reasonable solicit funds for the Memorial Marker or monument to be erected at Fort Bragg at a suitable site. That this drive be printed in the Octofoil and keep a constant reminder till goal is reached.

By-Laws

Bob DeSandy presented an amendment to the By-laws pertaining to change of qualification for membership in the association. President Bongiorno appointed a committee to study this proposal relating to membership status. The committee consists of: Robert DeSandy, Emil Langer, Francis Maher, Charles Tingley and Michael Deresh. They will make their recommendations in time for publication in the Octofoil for the necessary 30 days notice to the membership for change of the By-laws. This will be the March-April issue with the deadline for April 20th for publication.

SITE FOR 82

President Bill Bongiorno reported that he had travelled to North Carolina and met with William Martin to firm up a site for the 1982 reunion that will be held in Fayetteville-Fort Bragg. Bill reports the Bordeaux Motor Inn-Convention Center in Fayetteville is the only facility in the area which can accommodate our group. This Motor Inn was built in recent years and was not there in 1962 when we had our last reunion in that area. Bill was extremely impressed with the facility, found the staff to be helpful and prices reasonable, and all the elements we need for an excellent reunion.

Sad News

Thomas Boyle announced the demise of Richard C. Storey former President of the association. When he was president of the association 1953 he was responsible for the investing of the association funds in Mutual Funds. Through the years it proved to be a prudent move.

As the reunion will be held the last week in June instead of the last week of July it was the opinion of the Board members present to eliminate the Spring meeting usually held in May. A suggestion was made to hold the first Board meeting of the reunion at an early hour.

Upon a motion duly made by Emil Langer and seconded by Martin Krasovetz it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Quinn
National Secretary

47th Inf
COL. F.C. FEIL
101 Valley Rd. Apt. 6A
Ardmore, Pa. 19003

Do you have any record of Clarence T. Huffer (Lt. Col., Cmdr. 746 Tank Bn.)? If you do please advise if living and current address.

SERVICE BATTERY
26 FIELD ARTILLERY
BATTALION

ROVING REPORTER

It is rather difficult for the roving reporter of 26 Field Artillery Battalion to observe all who attend our Memorial Mass as well as those who are present at our special dinner. Some men use the last pew in church because they feel there may not be any room in a front pew. The same is true at dinner. Some men look for a table inside the door instead of looking for one man from his own unit who may be saving a table down front so that all of the gang will be together. If it is true of the 26th it must also be true of men from other units.

ABSENCE OF MANY YEARS

Headquarters Battery 26FA had former WO Gerry Leone of Arlington, Mass. Charles Gramness of Franklin Park Heights, N. J. was in Worcester after an absence of many years. Fifteen years have gone by since Theodore Schmidt of Abington, Penn made his last trip to Worcester. Ted retired after 39 years with the Public Service Co. of Pennsylvania.

BEST INFORMATION

The best man in our organization to get you the most and best information about Hyannis is Milton Parrott, Centerville, Mass. and "A" Btry 26FA. Milton lives about 5 miles from our convention center. Ed. Nelson "A" 26 can reach Hyannis in one hour from his home in Weymouth, Mass. John Babbitt, "A" 26 who has had more than his share of sickness over the past years seemed to be enjoying another meeting with a few of his old gang. After Bob Warner retired 3 years ago he got the golf bug. First stop was to see a golf pro who sold him a set of clubs. Next was a series of lessons quite necessary if one is to learn the game. After each lesson Bob would head for the driving range to practice, practice and practice. After 3 years of concentration on the practice range, fairways and greens the senior citizen of Westfield, Mass. is in the low 80's.

WHAT HE LIKES BEST

"C" 26FA had Mike Sciarappa from Jersey, Connie Matulis who lives within walking distance of Immaculate Conception Church, Jim Hennesley, Carl Amadio, Jim Oliver and Tom Boyle. Early this year Tom retired from the Boston Postal System. After a few months Tom decided that full retirement was not for him so he got a part time job doing what he likes best. He is a part time book-keeper for a small industrial concern.

STIR UP THE GANG

Someone, somewhere will have to stir up the gang from "B" 26FA. Henry Cappella, Dan Mazeika and Gil Pernokos are the only men to carry the "B" 26 guidon for a number of years. Henry Cappella looks like the most healthy man on earth but he keeps the hospital, in his native Plymouth, Mass. very busy. Twenty seven times this year he needed their expert attention. Dan has taken up golf upon retirement. He did not approach the game with the same zeal as Bob Warner, but Dan claims he is pretty good. Gill transferred to Air O P somewhere along the line and is still carrying shrapnel in his legs which necessitates the use of a cane.

If I missed you it was because you were not sitting with or near the other members of your Battery. Maybe it was my fault at not being more observant.

WELL REPRESENTED

Service Battery was well represented at our Memorial Mass. Pergi, for the first time in his life, is not connected with the construction business. Harry Fry has retired from the steel mills. Elmer Roscoe has a profitable insurance business in Storrs, Connecticut. Joe Albanese is still talking retirement. Bill Bongiorno is the new president of our Association. John P. Quinn is feeling much better after suffering a mild heart attack last September.

I received a card from Ross Kepple. He is still at the Soldiers and Sailors Home, Quincy, Illinois. A letter from Bernal Lareau brought the bad news that he had a cerebral attack last March. At the same time he found out that he had diabetes. Up to the present time he has not been able to return to work. Earl Landon has an address in Florida and also a new address in Royal Oak. Glen Cline has retired after more than 25 years with Chrysler.

During the coming year pause once in a while when you are attending a church service to remember in a special way those who are gone. If you have never been to a Memorial Mass or have not been for a number of years why not promise yourself to be in Worcester in '81.

See you in Hyannis on beautiful Cape Cod during June 1981.

Joe McKenzie
Service Battery
26FA Bn

39th Inf. 3rd Bn. Hq.

MAXWELL KATZ
288 Cedarhurst Ave.
Cedarhurst, N.Y. 11516

Enclosed please find check for the next 3 years. Although I can't find enough time to attend the meetings, I really look forward to receiving the paper. I was with the 3rd Bn. 39th Inf. from Jan. 23, 1941 to Aug. 5, 1945 and much of the news is reminiscent of the old days.

Dear Mr. Wadalavage:

I have been asked to respond to your letter of October 7th to President Carter regarding the flags at the Medal of Honor presentation on July 26th.

The flags behind the speakers platform represented each of the fifty states and the six territories. The territorial flags represented the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, America Samoa, the Trust Territories and the Virgin Islands.

We are pleased that you were able to attend the ceremonies for Colonel Matt Urban and hope this information is helpful.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,
MARVIN L. BEAMAN, JR.
Director
White House
Military Office.

Letter from the President

In October my wife Ellie, and I had an opportunity to go down to North Carolina for a few weeks vacation. While we were in North Carolina, we went down to Fayetteville for three days. My purpose was to review the facility proposed for our 1982 reunion.

The Bordeaux Motor Inn-Convention Center in Fayetteville, is the only facility in the area which can accommodate our group. The Inn is ideally located, only five to seven miles from Fort Bragg. Offering the very finest in hotel accommodations. Gourmet Restaurant, Night club, Cafeteria, Cinemas I, II, III, Skating, Bowling, Miniature Golf, Beauty and Gift Shops for the Ladies, Limousine service from the airport, are all available on the premises.

There are two shopping centers in the area, one directly across the street from the Inn and the second which is a large in-door shopping mall just two miles away.

Prior to going down to North Carolina I contacted Bill Martin, one of our comrades in arms, who lives right outside of Fayetteville and he helped plan our visit. Bill and his wife met us for dinner our first night in Fayetteville and we sampled the food at one of the Inn's three restaurants.

The food and service were excellent, and the prices very reasonable. Our second night we took in a dinner show (My Fair Lady) and again had a most enjoyable time, the show was very good and the food and service excellent.

On our second day, the four of us went over to Fort Bragg and visited the old area. The condition of the area is in pretty rough shape, but it still brings back some good memories.

Our real purpose was to review a couple of potential sights for the erection of a memorial from the 9th Infantry Division Association. We will have additional discussions in our upcoming meeting on both the memorial and location of the memorial.

I have set aside 250 rooms for our 1982 reunion. I will keep everyone updated as time goes on, but from my visit I was extremely impressed with the facility, found the staff to be helpful and prices reasonable, all the elements we need for an excellent reunion.

Wishing one and all a healthy, happy Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ellie & Billy Bongiorno

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

Due to lack of space the Story "Final Thrust" was omitted from this issue. It will be Continued next issue



Carson Baker sends this photo of the 1st Bn 47th Infantry Medics "somewhere in Germany" - Kneeling left to right: Baker, Trickett, Cipolla and Clark Co B 9th Medics. Standing are Trahan, Gage, Pauley, O'Quinn and Ponthiers of the 1st Bn 47th Inf.

mail call

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1st. Bn. Med. Det. 47th Inf.
C.B. BAKER, Jr.
2001 Oakland Avenue
Johnson City, Tennessee 37601

After receiving the October Octofoil, I decided to write for the first time. I was a member of the 9th Division Association years ago, and have a copy of Eight Stars to Victory and the history of the 47th Infantry Regiment. For some reason or another I got busy with other things and dropped out a few years.

I was a member of the 1st Ben. Med. Det. 47th Inf. from December, 1943 to Occupational duty in Germany at Furstentfeldbruck where we were guarding German prisoners at the air base. I was then sent home on points. I served as aid man to Company C 47th most of the time and was promoted to S-Sgt. with 1st Bn. Aid Station.

If you have the addresses of Captain Burton Anderson, C Co. Commander, and Captain Craig Larimer who was the md. at the aid station, I would like very much to have them. After thirty-six years, it is hard to remember everyone. But some of the names in the Octofoil are ringing a bell with me from time to time. In fact, Dr. Hagood, here in Johnson City and a former dentist with the 47th, was by to see me recently and told me of the correspondence with you. He was very pleased to hear from you. I had given him a copy of an Octofoil, and he had read my history of the 47th Inf.

I am in the funeral business here in Johnson City, and have been a licensed mortician since 1947. Some of the C Company men and some of the 1st Bn. medics might remember.

After I noticed the letter from Major Roberts which you published in the last issue, I took a chance that he would remember me. To my surprise, he had information that I didn't dream he would have after all these years. It was a real pleasure to hear from him.

Company B of the 9th Medical Battalion supplied us with ambulances; therefore I knew several men from there. In fact, I still have a list of some of my friends along with their ambulance numbers. One of them was John Laubach, whose letter you published in the present issue. I wrote to him last night, and hope to hear about some others in his outfit.

After looking through what few pictures I have of the 1st Bn. Medics just found one that I think you might be able to put in the next Octofoil. It is enclosed with this letter. Kneeling, left to right, are Baker, Trickett, Cipolla, and Clark Co. B 9th Medics. Standing are Trahan, Gage, Pauley, O'Quinn, and Ponthier of the 1st Bn. 47th Inf.

In looking for my old roster of the 1st Bn. Medics just before I was sent home in '45, I found one copy of the Octofoil dated November, 1954. It had Col. Smythe's picture on the cover. A letter from 1st-Sgt. Howard Brooks of C Company was also published in the issue. If you have his address, I would also like it. I corresponded with him years ago, but have lost his address in the shuffle.

I hope this letter hasn't been too lengthy, but I have had the men of the 47th on my mind lately. I guess the older we get, the more sentimental we get.

60th Inf.
HAROLD W. SMITH
9515 Bluegrass Place
Colorado Springs, Co. 80911

Dear Dan,
Before the ink has a chance to turn red, I had better be sending in some dues, therefore, please sigh sign me up for yet another three years.

As you know, I have been fairly vocal over the past years concerning a merger of our association with those of later 9th Division troops, thus opening our membership to them. I have stated that I do not like the thought of being a member of a "last man's club," and that I would like to feel that our association will be perpetuated by the addition of new blood - more recent wearers of the Octofoil than ourselves. Readers of this publication must admit that they are not getting any younger, and that although they may still feel they can do another 20-mile hike with full-field pack, let's face it -- we're not up to it! I have urged the idea of a merger along with Chick Hennen at earlier reunions, and one of the most vociferous to oppose it was Doc. Seslowe, God rest his soul! - and now he has passed on leaving our ranks thinner by one. How many more of us must die before something is done to keep our association infused with our spirit, alive? There is no bottle of rare old cognac for the lone survivor to roast the departed company.

I agree with the recent letter from Les Ronay that the entire membership of the association should be given an opportunity to vote on this matter by PROXY. I suggest that the Washington, D.C. chapter, since they are the most recent to address the issue, be given the task of drawing up a proxy vote form for publication in an upcoming issue of the Octofoil. All dues-paying members should be instructed to vote their preference as to whether the association should be perpetuated by opening our membership to newer wearers of the Octofoil, or whether it should die with the passing of the last member not everyone who is a member in good standing can manage to attend the annual reunions. Be it a matter of health, finances, personal problems or other commitments, only a fraction of our membership manages to attend any given reunion. When each small body of reunion attendees votes to delay action on the issue, whether to evade facing up to the decision or because of some vague reason such as an interpretation of the constitution and by-laws of the association, they are denying the great silent majority of absentee members whose dues payments make the continuation of this association possible, the right to be heard. I think the Board of Governors should take note of this fact. Just as they did not, of themselves, win WW II, they do not have the right to consider themselves the sole spokesmen for this association. I am sure they will agree with that statement, and I ask them to use their good office to help restore this matter - once and for all. Give the entire membership association the right to decide the ultimate fate of the association.

Please accept my best wishes for a most pleasant Christmas and a New Year filled with health, happiness, and prosperity.

39th Inf.
JOE MONTALCHI
121 Farragut Drive
P.O. Box 590
Palm Coast, Fl. 32037

How are you and Marie and the kids. I hope all is well and everything is going good in Weehawken for you.

You are wondering why I am writing to you well I, Joe Montalchi, you know your buddy from the P.A. that lived in North Bergen and now moved to Florida to retire. Fran and I are both in good health and feeling fine, down here the sunshine is great and the air smells fresh too.

I thought I would have seen you and the rest of the fellows in Florida but that week Fran had her gallbladder and stones out and that is why we didn't go to the Ft. Lauderdale reunion.

But I thought that you might have stopped on your way back, but didn't, maybe next time.

What I want to say to you is that after several tries to find one of my buddies after 38 years I finally found him, he is only about seven hundred miles away from me. I'll tell you how I found him. My uncle went to New Orleans on a trip there and I told him my buddy's name and who he worked for, that was the fire department and asked if they knew a person by that name. Well they told him about an address that I could write to and they will let me know if he was still around. Well after about one month and a half to my surprise I got a letter from him and his phone number. Well I called right away, he was so glad to hear from me and I from him. We write to each other and it really feels good that he is alive and I am writing to him and as soon as I get myself together I am driving down to New Orleans to see him.

Dan, you can write about it in the paper so if some of the other fellows that know him will know that he is OK. You see I'll tell you what happened in 1943 when I was in Cannon Co. We were hooked up with a lineup outfit and we were in the Fait Pass the Company Commander wanted G.I. food because he was tired of living on rations, so he told me and other fellows to go back to Kasserine Pass and get hot food. So I left and after that I didn't see anyone any more, they were all captured, until later in years at the reunion, but now Nick. So if you send him an application of our association I think he'd like that. His address is D. Martello, 4952 Folse Drive, Meb., La. 70002. Dan, I would like you to send me a new window decal for my car, write and let me know if you're ever coming down this way. So stop here, my phone number is 904-445-3159.

P.S. Well, we found another lost buddy in the Division.

Div Hq's
BILL & SALLY CARDOZA, SR.

17 Jones Terrace No. 3
Stoughton, Mass. 02072

My wife Sally and I had a very nice time at the Worcester Memorial Mass. I was somewhat tired from the parade but it was worth the effort.

The gathering on Saturday night at the hotel was real nice. The Mass was super. The dinner outstanding. Happy to see the guys.

Will try to make the convention come June. God willing.

Hope to see you then. Nice seeing the boys.

Say hello to Mrs. Quinn. Nice seeing her.

Bty. D 376 AAA
GEORGE WALDRON
3801 Soquel Drive
Soquel, Cal. 95073

I can't believe it, last week after 35 years I finally met someone from the 9th Div., Vogie Lonn came down from around San Francisco and visited me. We had breakfast together and talked over old times. Vogie still hasn't joined so enclosed find his and mine subscriptions for the year. Vogie is from Co. I 60th Inf. and is looking for some buddies, and could you advertise for someone from the 376 AAA for me. I was over to Salinas at the V.F.W Post and saw 2 Octofoil patches on their service patch board and am on the trail of a couple more 9th Div. guys. No one knew who put the patches on the board so I left a note on the bulletin board. I'm going to check their roster the next time I go over there to find their addresses. Please try to get Bogie and mine addresses in the December issue. Vogie Lonn, Co. I, 60th Inf., Gen. Del., Ripon, Cal. 95366.

P.S. Also, something for the whatchamacallit fund.

Co K 60th Inf
ROBERT H. RUCKER
PO Box MM
College Station, Tex 77840

Thanks for your letter about the Association and I am pleased to send my check for a life membership. Many of the men of Company K were from New York State. I attended the 20th Reunion with Abe Strom during the World's Fair.

I might add the men of Company K were a tough bunch who never failed to do what they were asked to do. They paid one hell of price, too!

The Octofoil is good reading and I look forward to keeping up with things more in the future. Sure would like to hear from any one who was in Company K in Port Lyautey.

1st Bn 39th Inf
STANLEY CABAN
310 Fairfield Avenue
Tallahassee, Fla. 32301

I got a letter about the Vietnam people wanting to enter the 9th Inf. Association. I don't, (do not, hell no), believe in it.

I and anyone else in between December 7, 1941 and May, 1945 made a good combat record. I was drafted Friday, June 13th, 1941 (my lucky day) and later wounded in Sicily and later in Germany. I made good friends from the Ft. Bragg days to the end of WWII. I left the 1st Bn. 39th Inf. Co. on May 28, 1945 to go to U.S. and get discharged. By Dec. 1945 all the veterans were gone and "9" became a number to me.

Let those men into the 9th Inf. Association and I will quit and not pay you dues or go to the reunions. Let them form their own association. Not numbers like "9" made a good division but men in it did.

D Co., 60th Inf.
JAMES T. CANADA,
P.O. Box 434,
Shannon, Ga.

Here are my dues for 1981. I receive the Octofoil regularly and I enjoy reading it very much. I don't see anyones name from the 60th D Co., that I recognize. I don't know what happened to all the old guys. There are a couple of them that live pretty close by here, but they don't belong to the ass'n. I don't know why, because they joined the same day that I did but I haven't seen them for a while. Keep up the good work.

Hq. Co. 47th Inf
EMIL J. DE DONATO
Rt. A-2 Box 429
Rainbow Lakes Estates
Dunnellon Fl. 32630

Enclosed is my membership dues for the next three years . . . I don't like to see my name in red.

Sorry we were not able to make the 1980 reunion but plan to attend the coming one in Hyannis.

When Audrey and I bought our Florida home, we thought that we would take life easy but as it turned out we are up to our eyeballs in work. I am still trying to sell Real Estate in the Ocala-Dunnellon area while Audrey is busy helping our oldest son run a Restaurant in the Ocala National Forest. If the old saying "HARD WORK WILL NEVER KILL YOU" hold true, my wife and I are in for a long life.

We enjoy reading the Octofoil from cover to cover. Keep up the good work. God Bless All.

60th Inf. Co. C
ALDO GIOVANNINI
78 Italy Street
Mocanaqua, Pa. 18655

I would like to get in contact with anyone serving in the 60th Regiment Company C. It would be nice to have a reunion. Could you please put it in the V.F.W. Magazine, Octofoil and American Legion Magazine.

Enclosed is my application for the 9th Infantry Division Association membership application. Thank you.

P.S. I joined the 9th Division in 1942.

Co B, 60th Inf
COLBY SINCLAIR
1881 Lee Road
Winter Park, Fl. 32789

I regret I did not make it to the convention, Hopeful, next time.

My name and rank at that time was Sidney A. Colby, 1st Sgt Co. B 60th Infantry. After the war I legally changed my name to Colby Sinclair (I became active as a radio and stage actor). Consequently, probably nobody would know me in the regiment today. No matter, age creeps up and I have a need to touch base again with long-ago memories.

I later became a newspaperman and columnist. If ever I can be of help from Florida for news, let me know.

A Bty 84th F.A.
GEORGE F. LEVESQUE
39 Mass Blvd
Portsmouth, R.I.
PORTSMOUTH R.I. (THE HOME OF THE PELLIS, VANDERBILTS & LEVESQUE'S We are the poor ones but all were Senators from Portsmouth.)

Dear Dan:

If I could make a suggestion I would set up a desk at Fr. Connor's Memorial time for I was one that paid dues there and this is the first time I've sent them in to you.

By the way one of our gang from this area died during the year and this was the first time he missed Fr. Connor's Memorial. His name was Roger Courneyer of Woonsocket and Blackstone-He was "A" Batry 84th F.A. also from the same outfit First Sarg. Robinson died during the year in Conn.

I went to Ft. Bragg the last 9th reunion there but did not see one of my buddies from the South. I did see the 82nd jumping and my wife's nephew was jumping at the time. I'll get to the Cape for its only an hour drive from here. My wife worked as an RN in that town so I know the area well.

Very best to you, your family and all the gang.

Dates for 81 Reunion June 25-27

MAIL CALL

15th Engr. Bn.
A.T. FORREST
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Now living in Salt Lake City overlooking the Mormon Temple and City and Valley. A beautiful sight at night with gorgeous sunsets over Great Salt Lake.

Am Sr. V.P. Mining Operations for Shoron Steel Co. overseeing coal, gold, copper mining operations with lead refining, railroading and all gas operations on the side. Enjoying life tremendously.

A - T Co 60th Inf
LOUIS J. NETTA
2629 Belaire Drive
Wilmington, DE. 19808

Louie and Julia Netta wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We would like to thank everyone for their Christmas cards.

Due to the untimely death of our daughter-in-law, Linda Netta, who passed away on October 21, 1980, we didn't send cards this year.

Hope to see you all in Hyannis Port.

"B" Co. 60th Inf.
CHARLES J. DUSKY
4004 Normal Street
San Diego, Calif. 92103

Just a short note to let you know that I am moving. I don't want to miss any issues of the "Octofoil". I look forward to receiving it very eagerly. When it arrives, I drop everything and read every page. My membership card no. is 399, my new address is above.

P.S. I got in touch with George Bako of San Diego. Co. G. 47th Inf.

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

Enjoyed your presentation of the Fort Bragg Memorial and also your other comments at the banquet in Worcester. The days of our Memorial Mass are numbered like our own days which bring me to the letter of Henry Santos (Sept.-Oct. 80) I love Henry and his lovely wife Eva even if I don't quite agree with his philosophy. Henry expresses his sentiments on admitting the Post 1945 Veterans of the 9th into full membership.

Yes, Henry we are old fogies. As you and I pass on who is going to be around 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". Who is going to be around to keep our scholarship fund going. If I send a donation in your memory and-or in mine, there it ends, there is no future generation to carry on our work.

I think we should look at it like we look forward to our Memorial Mass. We don't have to be Engineers, Infantry, Artillery, Protestants, Catholics, or Jewish to get tears in our eyes when taps are played. Let's give these - Veterans of the 9th Division a chance to honor theirs and ours. Let's keep the Association alive and active.

Reunion June 25-27

Co M 60th Inf
COLE GRONSETH
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Please note my change of address in the Mail Bag or Mail Call section. I sold my home on the bay last summer and moved across the county to a resort subdivision which has golf and skiing. It is Sugar Loaf Mountain. I miss the water but the Indians caught all the fish. A real problem not understood by many.

We have a new but smaller home. No yard, as we are in a heavy grove of hardwood. I'll not miss mowing 2 1/2 acres. In fact, I found one blade of grass and pulled it up.

Last summer we (Eileen) went West to visit a son in Seattle. Included in our trip was a delightful visit with Orville Stangl of "K" and "M" Co. 60th in Java, South Dakota.

We leave December 20th for a few weeks in Florida to visit a daughter and hope to make a 2 day pitstop with Carl K. Brady and Dorothea in Mobile. Carl claims to have all the oysters in Mobile Bay herded into one corner and I'll soon attack. If plans go on schedule, we will try to see "Buck" Buchanan in Florence, Alabama.

I've had cards so far from Enidio Papa and Wilfred Thornton and Bob Daran. After retiring from business I was fortunate to get back into high school teaching. I'm now part-time counselor and social studies teacher in a small rural school, Leland, Mich. The kids and staff are superb but so unaware of our realities. I'm much the oldest on the staff but the whole lot of them have to run to keep up with my walk, mentally or physically, yeah!

At this writing, we are both in good health. At 60, I plan on retiring at 62. Two to go Joe! We hope to catch the Hyannis reunion, so you golfers better bring money.

The Michigan economy is a mess. The fault is to be shared equally by democrats and republicans. I've got the answers, but twice the voters turned me down. Ah, such is life. Eileen says that I'm not one of a few prejudices, she wishes they were limited to a few, but they are not. Since this will reach you after Christmas 1980, I send you love and kisses, best wishes for 1981, et al.

Bty D 376 AAA
GEORGE WALDRON
3801 Soquel Drive
Soquel, Cal 95073

Received a letter with no return address on it. I tried to check the handwriting with some of my old letters but this must be a guy I haven't heard of before. The front of the letter has a postmark Indianapolis and the back has a postmark of Marysville, Cal. I checked the handwriting against Vogie Lonn, the new guy that's just joined and it's not the same. I don't know how the hell or for what reason there are two postmarks 2300 miles apart. Excuse me I just noticed that the zip code is not my 95073 but 95973. There must be a lot of guys out there looking for us their old buddies. Evidently this guy reads the 9th paper so put a column in asking for the member in Indianapolis who wrote to George Waldron and forgot to enclose his name and address and alas we have another member.

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Co E 47th Inf
MARTIN BERGMAN
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Enclosed are 2 photos-taken at Fort Bragg- N.C. on a N.C.X POW State Convention- thought you would enjoy putting them in the "Octofoil".

If we have a convention reunion at Fort Bragg and the Lt. General does for us what he did for the N.C. State POW's. It was a time and deal-get this- transportation to and from Airport-eat at any mess \$1.10 for breakfast-\$1.60 for lunch- Dinner at Officers Club- \$8.50 Prime Rib- N.C. Officers Club \$5.00 for best) Best transportation at all times for Demos of Paratrooper-commanders, etc. - full time fun A.M. & P.M.

Banquet nite "Super" - and for 3 nites and banquet dinner and Music (Hotel on grounds) Moon Hall -\$65.00 - Dan, it was the greatest for me - Love to all.
Co. K 47th Inf.
JOHN MRUGALA
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Barnesboro, Pa. 15714

I believe I have one more year on my three year membership bill. I am not sure so check your records. I am enclosing my check for five dollars for one year to play it safe and not to allow my membership to expire.

My wife and I had an enjoyable time at the reunion in Wash. We did have an inconvenience because we had to go to the Sheraton Washington to get rooms. It was a puzzle to me as I put in for my room in January of this year. It was good to see and talk to my old buddies.

We plan to go to Hyannis this coming summer if all is well. I will be putting in for my reservations early. I plan to split my trip to and from to a couple of days on the road. Also I was not impressed by President Carter. One can judge by seeing him in person that he is a man of weak character. It is no surprise why our country is in deep trouble today especially in the way of military readiness. I just pray to God that these weaknesses can be corrected in time. If there is a way this great country of ours will not go through it this time without being attacked as it has in the past. We know what the score really is but a majority here in this country do not. They just live in a fantasy world. It seems that the outsiders know more at what is really going on and that is a shame.

I want to wish you and yours and to all of the men in the 9th especially to my buddies, God's blessings and may your coming Holidays be filled with happiness.

Co B-47th Inf
GEORGE W. BENTLEY, JR.
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Conyers, Ga. 30207

Do you know I had quite a big surprise today when I had a phone call from Grace and Art Stenzel saying they were in Conyers, Ga. on their way to Florida. We had an all to short visit, but what little time we had we took advantage of.

Art had two books I am very much interested in and he said you may be able to get them for me. They are, Raiders and 8 Stars to Victory. Also, maybe you can locate a 47th Inf. lapel Pin, mine got lost overseas.

I wish all my 9th Division buddies a Great and Happy Holiday.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE WILL BE Feb. 20th.

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9th Recon.
BOB LYNCH
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When was the last time I wrote a letter to our Mail Call Column? Well, I must admit that it has been a number of years. Took early retirement the end of May and the wife and myself are enjoying it to the fullest.

On a recent trip to California we stopped in Iowa to see an old Recon. buddy, Arnold Ronnfeldt, and then on the way home to see another, Victor Zotta in St. Louis. Many of our 9th men will remember him for his accordion playing in Africa, Sicily, England and the boat rides in between. Both are well.

We attended the Washington reunion and as always, had a very good time. Hotel accommodations, poor notice of changes to scheduled meetings, the warm beer and table set-up at the beer party plus a poor banquet meal were all on the minus side but am sure future reunions will see a lot of improvement.

We will be in attendance at Hyannis and I have added notes to all of my Christmas cards encouraging other Recon. people to begin making plans now to attend the 81 reunion. To those I've missed, may I make that same appeal now.

My sister and brother-in-law have attended the last two reunions with us and he feels he is now a part of the 9th. They enjoy them so much and appreciate the warm welcome extended by all our good buddies.

Happy Holidays to all and take good care of yourself Dan. We need you, and Marie.

Co. L 60th Inf.
ENOCH W. HUNT II
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I recently attended my 50th reunion for the class of 1930 at Portland High School. I spent much of the evening chatting with Thomas R. Robertson who I found out served with the 60th Inf. also, in the European campaigns.

As a Christmas gift I sent him my copy of the Sept.-Oct. issue of the Octofoil and am enclosing a \$5.00 check to cover this year's dues. He's never been a member. Please send me another copy.

Hdq. Btry. 26th FA BN
W.DONALD ROLAR
105 Oak Lane
Shippensburg, Pa. 17257

Enclosed is a check for my 9th Infantry Division dues for three years, 1981, 1982 and 1983.

I am hoping to be at the annual reunion in Hyannis in June having attended a previous 9th Division Convention in Boston and having toured the Cape Cod area after the convention was over.

39th Inf., 1st Bn. Hqs.
FRANCIS J. RUSSO
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Cliffside Park, N.J.

Will see you at the reunion in June. Regards to all.

G Co. 47th
GEORGE BAKO
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Hello Buddies and Friends
From across the miles, Greetings. It's that time of the year for Best Wishes for your continued good health and for the Blessing of all good provided by the Man Upstairs. Also for paying your dues to the association.

I often sit and think of you all back there. I trust you had a nice reunion in Worcester. We missed it and the good fellowship given by the people of the church. God Bless them. We are in good health at present and dream about next years convention in Cape Cod. The weather here is something else. Sunny and 70 degrees today. Also sunny some 300 days a year. I sure am going to miss your Christmas party.

May the Good Lord bless all of you and keep you in his right hand.

39th Inf. Hq. Co.
NICK ANDROVICH
68 Greenwood Dr.
North Babylon, N.Y. 11703

I finally became a retired man a week ago. It is strange not having to keep an account of my time and movements. My wife says she will keep me out of mischief. I am enclosing my contribution to our New York Xmas party. Will try to see you then.

Serv. Co. 47th Inf.
GEORGE BERDAY
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Sending my dues for next year. We really had a wonderful time at the reunion. Meeting friends I haven't seen since Ft. Bragg. It sure was a good feeling. Dan, I don't know if anyone sent you the piece from the Miami Herald but Matt Urban is still reaping honors. Wishing you and yours a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Co A 60th Inf
William R. Paddock
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Bill is hail and hearty and about to retire in Sept. Although he has not been an active member, he reads the Octofoil each issue from cover to cover. He often wonders how many of his old buddies who trained and hit the beach with him in North Africa are still around. He was in the 60th Inf. Co. A. Would love to hear from them. His duties keep him from doing much writing personally as he spends the whole day and half the night writing on his job!

MRS. HELEN WALOWSKI
812 Hobbs Drive
Joliet, Ill 60435

Thanks for sending me the Octofoil. My husband Matt has been gone nine years this month. I still miss that guy. I am doing O.K. Life must go on. I am getting older with the rest of you. I am still working part time and trying to keep up the home Mall loved so much.

Editors note: Helen sent a beautiful Christmas card to the secretary with best wishes to all. Her late husband Matt was a member of Company E 47th Infantry.

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