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# THE OCTOFOIL

412 Gregory Ave. Washawken, N. J. 07067

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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will be earmarked to pay for the Octofoil

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## AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO AMEND THE ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

**PREAMBLE:** Pursuant to duly constituted action taken during the Board of Governors' meeting at Worcester, Massachusetts, November, 1980, the following Ad Hoc Committee was appointed by the Board to examine and consider the feasibility of amending the By-Laws of this Association relative to the matter of liberalizing the qualifications for membership in our organization. The Committee is composed of: Robert DeSandy, Chairman, from the Michigan Chapter; Charles Tingley, Washington, D.C. Chapter; Francis Maher, New England Chapter; Emil Langer, Greater New York Chapter and Harrison Daysh, Washington, D.C. Chapter, ex officio as Judge Advocate. Thereupon at 4:15 p.m. on March 14, 1981, the above committee assembled at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of carrying out its mandate. In addition to the above- enumerated Committee, Salvatore P. Trapani also attended as a non-voting observer (President W. Bongiorno was absent) Robert DeSandy, the chairman, appointed Harrison J. Daysh to be the Recorder of the ensuing proceedings.

### UNANIMOUSLY AGREED

Initially, the Committee unanimously agreed that the purposes and effect of the recommended changes in the relevant By-laws should serve to (1) perpetuate the historical continuity of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, and (2) work to share our membership in the Association with other fellow, honorably discharged, Ninth Division Veterans.

Member Charles Tingley reported that on October 23, 1980, the D.C. Chapter held a meeting with approximately 25 members present where they considered this general issue. The group voted to amend Article 4, Membership Qualifications, so as to provide for admitting all honorably discharged Ninth Division veterans. Mr. Maher, New England Chapter, reported that during a recent meeting, this matter was on the agenda and the members were somewhat dubious as to the advisability of opening up the membership to so-called "new" 9th Division Veterans.

### MAIL SURVEY

Emil Langer, New York Chapter, stated that his group conducted a mail survey concerning this issue. The Chapter mailed about 400 questionnaires seeking to determine the desires of the membership, essentially using Chairman DeSandy's proposed amendments. Langer related that 125 responses were received of which over 90 percent generally favored a less-restrictive membership policy.

Chairman DeSandy detailed the proceedings of a Michigan Chapter meeting held in February, 1981, attended by some 35 members. After a protracted discussion, DeSandy

reported that 50 percent of his colleagues were in favor of loosening the membership requirements.

### LENGTHY DISCUSSION

During the Committee's lengthy discussion of this significant matter, it was developed that many years ago, the U.S. Army's Recreation and Division Association Fund contributed \$25,000.00 to our organization to assure its financial viability.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS CHANGES

Substantively, then, your Committee respectfully proffers the following pertinent amendments to existing By-laws in accordance with the Amendment Procedure set forth in Article 42, said proposals to be presented for affirmative action at the annual meeting, June, 1981.

#### I. Article 4, Membership Qualifications:

"To permit any individual who wears the Octofoil, or who served honorably in the Ninth Infantry Division and received an honorable discharge from the service, to be eligible for membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association....."

#### II. Article 11. Dues, specifically, Article 12 (a). add this provision to said 12 (a).

"Further, that any individual who is eligible for membership under the requirements of Article 4, as amended, will be bound to pay an initial fee of Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars, said amount to be credited for current annual dues with the balance to be allocated to the Capital Fund."

#### COMMENT:

This provision represents a compromise arrived at by your Committee. Under present dues levies, a World War II veteran who wishes to join the Association is only required to advance the "regular member's" dues of \$5.00 per annum. This departure will serve to buttress the integrity of the capital Fund.

#### III. Article 16. Board of Governors - amend this provision as follows.....'is chosen and qualified', (new) "In addition, as a consequence of amendments to these By-laws admitting new heretofore excluded members to the Association, there may be elected one member-at-large to represent democratically such new members."

#### COMMENTS:

This change will not disturb the existing composition of the Board of 14 members except that should a sufficient number of new members, i.e. non-WWII Ninth Division Veterans who join up, they will be entitled to representation on the Board.

Your Committee trusts that the Members will diligently and fairly consider these amendments to the end that our Association may go forward, freed from the burden of this issue. Signed: Robert DeSandy, Chairman

Francis Maher  
Emil Langer

Charles O. Tingley  
Harrison J. Daysh

### Mini Reunions Planned

Company B 39th Infantry members will hold their annual reunion on June 4th, 5th and 6th, at the Holiday Inn, Elmira, New York. Contact Al Bacille, Chairman, 915 1/2 Davis Street, Elmira, New York.

Company F 60th Infantry members to hold a mini-reunion in Arlington, Texas in mid-September. Contact Jerry Teachout Anaheim Vacation Park, Space 80, 311 N. Beach Blvd., Anaheim, Calif. 92801.

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.

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

### Bay Man Gets French Medal 36 Years late

Joseph Boudreau received one of France's most coveted wartime medals, The Croix De Guerre, 36 years late.

The 64 year old World War 2 veteran, a native of Bay City, Michigan heavily-French Banks area won the award in 1945 but French Gen. Charles de Gaulle pinned a ribbon instead of the medal on Boudreau's lapel during a ceremony in France. It wasn't until his wife, Donna, contacted the office of U.S. Rep. J. Robert Traxler, about a month ago that the French government finally sent him the medal.

Joe was a member of the 9th Medical Bn and his C.O. Abe Kaufman recommended him for the decoration in Normandy. He lives at 29 Old Kawkawlin, Road, Bay City, Michigan 48706.

## 36th Reunion Plans Completed Don't Say "Maybe next year".

As you read this copy of the Octofoil, our reunion will almost be a reality. I assure all of you that all plans for our 36th Reunion have been completed. Do hope you aren't one who will be saying, "Maybe next year."

The committee has worked hard putting together a program you can enjoy. Your attendance makes this a worthwhile endeavor, so plan to be with us in Hyannis on June 25th, 26th, and 27th.

### Banquet and Dance

Registration will start at 1 P.M. on Thursday. At 8:00 P.M. our welcoming party will begin. It will be different from those held at past reunions. The entertainment that we have arranged is singing-everyone can enjoy listening to.

### Clambake

On Friday afternoon at 2 P.M., the buses will leave Dunfey's for the Tradewinds, the site of our clambake. This is just a short distance away, and across the street from beautiful Craigville Beach.

In an area such as the Cape, noted for its excellent bake masters, we have indeed been fortunate in obtaining the very best. I'm certain that those who attend will be more than satisfied with this delicious meal.

Again I must stress the importance of sending in your reservations. The cut off date is Friday, June 12th, the price \$15.00 per person which includes transportation. Your check should be mailed to our treasurer, Tom Boyle, at 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, Ma. 02144.

### Important Part

Our Memorial service has always been an important part of the reunion. This year it will be held at the J.F.K. Memorial overlooking Hyannis Harbor. The arrangements are in the expert hands of Fran Maher and Tom Boyle. I'm sure this ceremony will be as impressive as those they have arranged in the past. Buses will transport you to and from the J.F.K. Memorial. For those who may wish to linger and sightsee, it is only a short and pleasant walk to the hotel.

### Meetings in Afternoon

Saturday afternoon will be taken up with meetings. We also have a room set aside so the ladies may conduct their business.

At 7:10 P.M. Saturday evening our banquet and dance will be held in the Bass River Room. If we have a main speaker, he will be one who will keep you entertained.

Our Toastmaster will be our own Herb Olsen. Herb and his twin brother Gerald served with the 47th Infantry. Gerald was killed in action on August 9th, 1944. Herb is a past president of our New England Chapter. He is presently employed as Chief Architect for the Howard Johnson chain of hotels and restaurants.

### Need Help

We are now in the process of putting together our Souvenir Program Book. In order for us to be successful, we need your help. All remembrances, boosters and ads should be in by June 1st, so that the program can be printed in time for the reunion. Make checks payable to 9th Infantry Division Association Reunion and mail to reunion treasurer Tom Boyle.

### Remember

Remember - May 28th is the cut off date for room reservations. Remember - The clambake is something you shouldn't miss. Remember - We need your help with our Souvenir Program Book.

Remember - Your golf clubs - the golf course is right on the premises.

Remember - Your bathing suit. There are indoor and outdoor pools.

Remember - Your walking shoes. There is much to see and do.

Remember - Your dancing shoes. The music will be to your liking.

Remember - Make it this year and not some other time.

Remember - We are looking forward to seeing you in Hyannis, and we know you will enjoy this reunion

Ron Murphy  
44 Strawberry Lane  
Scituate, Ma. 02066

**Thirty-Sixth Annual Reunion  
Ninth Infantry Division Association  
June 25th, 26th, 27th, 1981  
Hyannis, Massachusetts**

### Program of Events

Thursday, June 25, 1981

1:00 P.M. Registration  
2:00 P.M. Board of Governor's Meeting  
8:00 P.M. Welcoming Party

Friday, June 26, 1981

9:00 A.M. Registration  
10:00 A.M. Golf Tournament  
2:00 P.M. Clam Bake - Reservations only  
8:00 P.M. Dance

Saturday, June 27, 1981

8:00 A.M. Fr. Connors Mass - at hotel  
9:00 A.M. Registration  
10:00 A.M. Memorial service  
12:30 P.M. Business meeting  
1:00 P.M. General meeting  
1:00 P.M. Ladies Auxiliary meeting  
4:00 P.M. Board of Governors meeting  
5:00 P.M. Fr. Connors' Mass - at hotel  
7:00 P.M. Banquet and dance

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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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## Fort Bragg Memorial Marker

### Fellow Members of the 9th Infantry Division Association

As many of you recall, the 9th Division was activated at Fort Bragg, North Carolina on August 1, 1940 and trained there until it's departure for the invasion of North Africa on October 23, 1942. At present there is no indication on the Post that one of the most decorated and successful military units in our country's history received it's "basics" there, participated in the Carolina Maneuvers from there, cadred other units from there, became Motorized then Amphibious and then reverted to plain old Infantry there.

Now a Committee has been appointed to design, secure and emplace a suitable Memorial Marker in an appropriate location at this historic Post. Liaison has already been made with Post Headquarters, designs are being examined, anticipated costs, are being estimated and the project has been given a "green light" by the Board of Trustees. In view of the fact that granite is permanent, and impervious to the acids prevalent in our atmosphere, your Committee is inquiring of selected monument firms in the Fayetteville area for estimates. Lettering is the major factor, and a somewhat variable one, but an over-all figure of \$7,500.00 appears realistic. This works out to approximately \$5.00 for every member now on our rolls. To those who were at Fort Bragg this marker may perhaps have more significance and thus may feel that they can give a larger amount however any and every contribution is needed and welcome with the assurance that any sums not used will be transferred to our Scholarship Fund.

Dan Quinn has established a 9th Division Memorial Marker Fund with an initial contribution of \$100.00 from one of the Committee members and other donations are coming in. Send yours along now and we will dedicate our Memorial Marker during the 1982 Reunion at Fort Bragg.

For the Committee

Boardman F. Lockwood, Recorder  
Ex Headquarters, 47th Infantry  
242 Trumbull Street  
Hartford, Conn. 06103

### 9th Infantry Division Association Memorial Marker Fund

Enclosed is my contribution + of \$5.00 - 10.00 - 15.00 - 25.00 for the 9th Division Memorial Marker to be erected at Fort Bragg

Name:

Street

City

State

Zip

9th Division unit

+ Any funds not used will be placed in the Scholarship Fund.

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## Taps Sounded

Answering their last roll call it is our sad duty to announce the passing of these members:

Garland Hill

G Co 39th Inf

John Forsberg

A-T Co 60th Inf

John Brooks

Cannon Co 60th Inf

James Connelly

Hq Co 60th Inf

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

Some phone calls we receive are pleasant and some with sad news (along with) the letters that come into this office. Charlie LiBretto (60th Inf.) phoned just before the deadline of this issue of the Octofoil with the sad news of the passing of Jim Connelly of the 60th Infantry's Hq. Co. (216 W Park Street, Morganton, N.C.). Jim passed away on February 28, 1981 and his wife died on March 24th. Also got to "know" Jim through the association. A real nice guy. He had a bout with Cancer and seemed to be doing nicely but medications proved to be too much and his heart gave way.

MRS. JOHN FORSBERG

323 E. Allanson Rd.

Mundelin, Ill. 60060

Dear Dan:

This is to inform you of the passing of my husband, Johnny, on Christmas Eve, 1974. In the service his nickname was "Swede", and he was with the 60th A.T. Over the years he would tell me where his company was a certain number of years ago on this or that day. He loved all of his service buddies and kept in contact with many of them, especially close to the Bill (Willard T) Stone and Ervin (Pappy) Rueden families, seeing them at least once a year. Hear from Shirley but haven't seen her since Ervin's death. I had four brothers and all were in service, losing one in the battle of the Bulge - Don was in the 94th Inf. Div. When visiting his grave in Camp Butler National Cemetery near Springfield, Ill., Johnny found the grave of one of his 9th Div. buddies and talked with his family. Johnny had been ill for 20 years prior to his death, but was the most patient, uncomplaining, happy person I have ever known. Our 4 children range in age from 32 to 19 and since Johnny's death we have 3 grandsons. I enjoy the Octofoil almost as much as he did and am sorry we could not afford it for many years. Please use the enclosed check for the Ft. Bragg Marker Fund and the Memorial Fund in his memory, half going to each. May all of you have a most happy and rewarding time at your 1981 reunion.

Mrs. Garland Hill of Clarksburg, W. Va. has just informed me of the death of her husband, a Ft. Bragg man and former member of G Co., 39th. Reg't after having been stricken with cancer.

ROBERT SMITH

John Brooks, who was Captain of the Cannon Company, 60th, phoned me at the time of the reunion explaining that he was too ill to come to Washington although he would have liked to have seen Matt Urban receive his deserved award. John passed away sixty days after the reunion.

John P. Ryan,

## REQUEST FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS

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

DUNFEY

HYANNIS HOTEL  
WEST END CIRCLE

HYANNIS, CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS 02601  
(617) 775-7775

### PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING ACCOMMODATIONS:

PLEASE CHECK ONE: ☒ EUROPEAN PLAN RATES (NO MEALS)  
☐ \$59.00 PER ROOM PER NIGHT SINGLE OCCUPANCY PLUS 5.7% TAX  
☐ \$59.00 PER ROOM PER NIGHT DOUBLE OCCUPANCY PLUS 5.7% TAX  
☐ \$ 7.00 PER PERSON PER NIGHT FOR EXTRA PERSON IN BEDROOM FOR ANY CHILDREN AGES 4 AND ABOVE PLUS 5.7% ROOM TAX.

### PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE AND INDICATE DAY AND DATE: PLEASE CONFIRM:

(I) (WE) WILL ARRIVE

AND DEPART , 1981.

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

TELEPHONE ( )

TODAY'S DATE

ONE NIGHT'S ROOM DEPOSIT (PLEASE ENCLOSE CHECK, MADE PAYABLE TO DUNFEY HYANNIS HOTEL) REQUIRED TO GUARANTEE RESERVATION. RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL MAY 28, 1981. AFTER THIS DATE, RESERVATIONS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.

REFUND OF DEPOSIT GIVEN IF CANCELLATION IS MADE 72 HOURS OR MORE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL. NO REFUND GIVEN IF RESERVATION IS CANCELLED WITHIN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL, OR GUEST DOES NOT ARRIVE ON DATE SPECIFIED.

CHECK IN TIME AFTER 2:00PM - CHECK OUT TIME BY 11:00AM

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SEND WITH YOUR DEPOSIT TO OUR RESERVATIONS MANAGER.

THANK YOU, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT.

REMARKS:

## Hotel Reservations cut off date: May 28th

We know that a lot of our members will not be able to attend the reunion this summer but a great way to be remembered to your "old buddies" is to make sure your name appears in the Reunion Journal. Rates start at \$2.00 for a booster (includes your name and unit) up to a full page for \$50.00. Try to be in the Journal.

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### REQUEST FOR SPACE IN SOUVENIR PROGRAM

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Full Page — \$50.

Half Page — \$30.

Quarter Page — \$20.

Eighth Page — \$10.

Booster Ads — \$2. name and unit

Make checks payable to

9th Inf. Div. Assn. Reunion and send all checks, money orders, and Ad copy to:

Reunion Treasurer Thomas Boyle

39 Hall Avenue

Somerville, Ma. 02144

## Reunion Journal Deadline: June 1st

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## Clambake reservations deadline-June 12th

Clam Bake

Friday June 26, 1981

I will attend the Clam Bake

Name

Address

Amount \$15.00 per person

Make checks payable to:

9th Infantry Division Assn. Reunion  
and send to

Reunion Treasurer

Thomas Boyle

39 Hall Avenue

Somerville, Ma. 02144

Please fill out the form in the Octofoil and send it with your check to our treasurer.

Tom Boyle. The cut off date is two weeks prior to the bake. We must hear from you by Friday, June 12th.

### 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:

Regular Member, per year ..... \$ 5.00 ☐  
Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund ..... ☐  
Donation Fort Bragg Marker Fund ..... ☐  
THREE-YEAR MEMBER ..... 13.00 ☐  
Life Membership ..... \$50.00 ☐  
Decals ..... \$ .50 ☐  
Ladies' Auxiliary Member ..... \$ 2.00 ☐  
60th Infantry History (plus postage 60 cents) ..... \$ .50 ☐

Please credit the following chapter:

Philly-Delaware Valley ☐ Greater New York ☐  
Illinois ☐ Washington, D.C. ☐  
New England ☐ Michigan ☐  
Ohio ☐ Fayetteville-Fort Bragg, N.C. ☐

## Michigan Chapter

How do you spell headache? DEADLINE. A deadling of April 20th and a Chapter meeting April 25th is cause for this reporter to have headache number 102.

What to write? They say no news but "no news" is not what the rank and file expects to find in The Octofoil.

### Sick Call

Local happenings finds Bill Zimmerman checking into the V. A. Hospital at Saginaw, Michigan for surgery. I called on Bill and he is up and about and mending. He informed me that as he checked in Kleb Stockford checked out and was looking well. Bill also informed me that John Al Young was now at home at Lewiston, Mich.

Booster Page responses are coming in. I have 52 names as of this writing. In my last news letter I told of a June 1st deadline and that date is not far off. I know there are more than 52 members out there so keep the names coming. Remember the cost is \$2.00 per name with unit included. Send names and money to my attention. In 1979 we had 121 names on our booster page. Can we do as well or better this year?

### May Memorial

The April party will just be a memory when you read this. However, the May Memorial is on. Bob DeSandy has arranged to have the service at Christ Episcopal Church at 960 S. Jefferson in Detroit, Michigan. Tom Saunders has the speaker and I hope to advise in the News Notes where the Brunch is to be held.

The June Picnic is still on the front burner. I will have more on that affair at a later date. Of course the BIG One is still on for June 25th-27th. There are still empty seats on the bus.

### Others Out There?

Dante Ciatti sent his name in to be included in the booster page. I have found Anthony Czymbor here in Saginaw and he is now a member of the Association and The Michigan Chapter. Ciatti, Czymbor and I were in Basic Training in the 1st Platoon of Co. C 63rd Infantry Training Battalion at Camp Wolters Texas in 1942. There were 58 men in that platoon. Are there any others out there? If so Let me hear from you. Dante is planning on being at the Picnic. I will see that Tony is there and the three of us can talk over old times while drinking a few cans of "Red Pop".

### Receives Appointment

David J. Kyto, son of the late Toivo L. Kyto and Mrs. Celeste J. Kyto, has received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

David's father served in the Anti-tank Company of the 60th Infantry from early 1941 to June 22, 1945. He died in 1970.

David is an exceptional student at Marquette Senior High School, Marquette, Michigan. He has been in the Honors Academic program with an A-average and stands eleventh in a class of 435.

### Get To Meeting

Well that's it for this month. I would ask in closing that you make an effort to get to a meeting to share with us the friendly atmosphere we so all enjoy when we get together.

Rodger E. Alsgaard Sec'y  
Michigan Chapter  
2834 Wynes Street  
Saginaw, Michigan 48602

## Illinois Chapter

### Delicious Fish Fry

Our March meeting was held at the VFW Post of Arlington Heights with the Winkelmans as our osts. The Post served over 400 dinners that night. We all feasted on a delicious fish fry and had a large crowd including the Hennemuths, Anderson, Hellers, Elmers, Gheres, Koskies, Grays, Paulis, Fajnor, and Belmontes. The Clarks did not make it as their daughter who is in the service came in for the weekend and thy had to pick her up at the airport.

### "Hang In" Chuck

We have some good news and some bad news to report. First the bad news, Chuck Kioskie had by-pass surgery done on April 8th. The good news is that the surgery was a success and Chuck came home from the hospital on April 18th and is doing just great. Matter of fact, we went to see him one week after surgery and could not find him in the hospital. He was out of his room walking all over the hospital. Naturally, he will have to take it easy for a while but he is all ready to get back in the swing of things and was even talking about making the trip to Hyannis for the reunion in June.

### Plans Uncertain

Plans are still uncertain for the Illinois Chapter members attending the reunion this year. The Andedrsons and Gheres are going for sure and there is a great possibility for the Clarks, Koskies and Belmontes. The Hennemuths send their regrets for this time as they will soon be leaving on a trip to England for a vacation.

Plans will be made at our next meeting in April for Memorial Services to be held in May. When everything is finalized, letters will be sent to Chapter Members.

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

### Still Going Strong

Dr. Hyman Copleman, former Bn Surgeon 47th Infantry, is still going strong as team physician for Rutgers University in New Jersey. Dr. Copleman of New Brunswick, New Jersey had just completed his internship at Middlesex Hospital and set up his private practice in his native city, when he received an offer to serve as physician for the schools football team. Since that autumn day 45½ years ago the Doctor has continue to serve as the Rutgers football team physician and later as the basketball team, repairing countless injuries and treating various illnesses of those athletes during a span of nearly half a century.

Today, Copleman is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine.

### Served with 47th Infantry

Members of the 47th will remember the Doctor when he served in the 1st and 3rd Bn's as Medical Officer. Captured outside of Cherburg by the Germans, while with the 3rd Bn, the Doctor managed to escape from the train that was transporting him and others to a POW camp. He was re-captured by the Americans and later transferred to the 9th Medical Bn when he returned to the Ninth.

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

Greetings and salutations to all our "Good Buddies"! Since our last column (Nov-Dec 8) Ann and I went to Florida expecting to stay for at least a month at the beautiful Sandy Shores Apt's. in Madeira Beach. Also we had the pleasant opportunity in 'catching-up' with good buddy Art Stenzel and his lovely wife Grace, who at long last finally made it to Florida after many months of disappointments and frustations which to them seemed never to end.—

Before we go any further, we would like to clarify our address which was shown in Art's last column (Jan-Feb 81) as "temporary" the Sandy Shores Apt's, Madeira Beach, Florida. Although Ann and I love to spend some of the winter time in Florida, we still prefer the change in seasons. The Northland, especially our beautiful Cumberland Valley of Pennsylvania, in the fall when foliage is all aglitter in gold, truly a beautiful sight to behold anywhere. So our permanent address is still Chambersburg, Pa.!

—Our Florida weather was cool at times and also being on the Gulf Coast the winds this time were quite breezy. Art and Grace, although occupied with obtaining new home furnishings still managed to go out and they were most happy that we were able to go "on the town" together and show them several of the terrific eating places that we had the pleasure of trying out before Art and Grace's arrival in sunny Largo.

### LIMIT ACTIVITIES

—Unfortunately we had to limit some of our activities due to Ann's illness which had started the day before our departure from Pennsylvania and after our arrival in Florida several days later, she was under a doctor's care. However, when her condition showed no appreciable improvement, we decided to leave Florida earlier than planned, so we cancelled the last two weeks of our intended stay at the Sandy Shores Apt's. Although our stay was a short two weeks, the four of us managed to dine at several well known Gulf Resort Areas, and also to enjoy a leisurely get-together on the terrace of our beautiful Sandy Shores Apt's facing the shimmering Gulf waters of Madeira Beach. With the Good Lord willing we hope to return to the Sandy Shores Apt's next year now that Art and Grace will also be nearby.

### WINTER GET TOGETHER

—Perhaps we can start up a "winter get-together" with some of those "BECO" buddies who are now residents of Sunny Florida. We understand BECO Buddy Jack DiSanto and his wife Kay are now living in Margate, Fla. If there are other "BECO Buddies" who intend on moving to Florida for a life of happiness and leisure-living please make it known through this column by all means! So buddies keep those letters coming into the Octofoil. Mail to our "B" - 47th Column has been very sparse to say the least. Art and I would like to invite any of our "B" Co. Buddies to write to us to keep us informed as to what they are now doing. It's been many years since we've heard from many of our buddies. A few lines or so is all that you need to write. You'd be surprised how easy it is!

## Reunion June 25-27

### "REMIND YOU"

Once again we remind you that the next 9th Inf. Div. Assoc. Reunion will be our 36th Annual Reunion, which will be held in Hyannis on beautiful Cape Cod, Mass. The Dates: June 25, 26, 27th, 1981. The Place: Dunfey's Hyannis Hotel. Although we told you before we will repeat it again—this will be a fantastic Reunion! We hope that we will see a good representation of our "B" Co. 47th Buddies there. Complete information on the Reunion is in this and previous issues of the Octofoil. To all our buddies, "Keep Well" — Have a safe trip See you all in Hyannis!

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

ART STENZEL  
700 STARKEY ROAD UNIT 611  
LARGO, FLORIDIA 33541

## Tip of the Hat

The association is grateful to these members who remembered the Memorial Fund. This fund has been used mainly for scholarship awards and through the years many young students have been aided.

Glenn Smith  
Robert Fleckenstein  
James Dronay  
James Haroutanian  
Don Muhlenbuch  
William Spring  
Roland Pope  
Fred Veno  
James Donovan  
Walter Quigley  
Mrs. Loretta Forsberg (In memory of her husband John)

We Salute You.

## Tip of the Hat

The Fort Bragg Marker Fund has been increased by the generosity of these members.

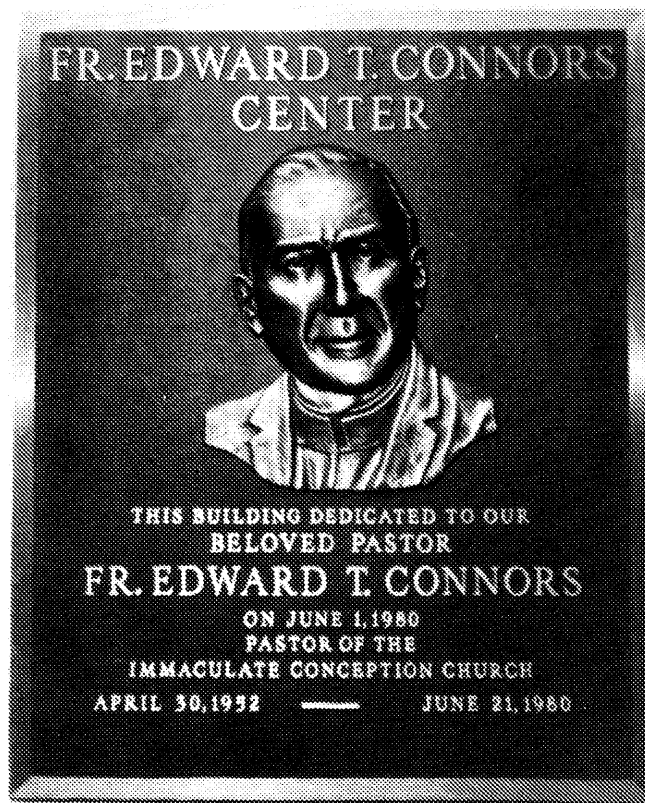
Father Ed Connors  
Doris Tepper  
Dale Deardorff  
Glenn Smith  
J.C. Dawson  
Edward Machowski  
Jim Scotta  
John Przybylski  
Domer Miller  
Sheldon Stoddard  
Peter Cicoro  
Frank M. Smith  
Theodore Wisniewski  
William F. Spring  
Robert L. Smith  
Robert Elmes  
Richard Wolf  
Frank Jenkins  
Oliver Carter  
Stanley Turowski  
Jerome Shapiro  
Roland Pope  
Rex Ford  
Eugene Cronin  
Guido Introini  
Walter Quigley  
R.F. Berthiaume  
Lyle Kelly  
William Zimmerman  
Mike Deresh  
John T. Henley  
Mrs. Loretta Forsberg (In Memory of her husband John)

We Salute You.

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

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

## Unveil Plaque at "Father Connors Center"



A wonderful event took place at the Immaculate Conception Church hall in Worcester, a very familiar place to us all and one that will have lasting memories to us all, throughout our lives.

The event was the dedication and the unveiling of a plaque to honor Fr. Connors for his 28 years as Pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church and officially naming the church hall as the "Father Connors Center", a well deserved and truly earned living memorial to a priest who never sought recognition for himself but was always first to recognize someone else.

Father Connors' dedication during his 28 years as Pastor of the Church both spiritual and on a personal basis gained him the love and respect from everyone that he could reach, and if you are looking for an All-American you will find it in Father Connors.

A representation from the New England Chapter were present including the National President, William Bongiamo, and members of the Women's Guild who served wine and cheese which closed out a wonderful day for all who attended.

Francis Maher  
14 Davenport Street  
Worcester, Mass. 01610



## mail call

Continued from page 6

Div. Hqs. & 47th Inf.  
RANDALL BRYANT  
15640 SW 85 Ave.  
Miami, Fla. 33157  
Dear Dan:

Enclosed are my dues, it's hard to believe that another year has gone by and that the war was over 36 years ago.

After reading the letters in the last Octofoil, it brings to my mind that all the old boys are dying more and more often. In a few more years how many of us will be left? How long will this Association as presently constituted last. Compared to the present membership what percentage passes away each year? This is something all of us should remember when we try to prevent the Ninth Division veterans from Vietnam, etc., from becoming members of our Association. The younger vets can contribute and can keep us up to date. I was in Vietnam for several years when the new Ninth was there and my heart gave a leap each time I saw the old familiar Octofoil. With opening membership to all those new Ninth vets we can have a tremendous organization and it will have more strength.

A few (?) years ago I commanded a unit in the "Big Red One" and was immediately accepted into the Society of the First Division. ALL vets of that famous division are eligible and it has tremendous power. You can imagine my pride also to have one of each of those famous patches on my shoulders. We fought side by side from Africa to Germany--also in World War I and Vietnam. I think we should give careful consideration before we turn down all those new vets.

My wife and I will not be able to attend the convention in New England this year but we plan on being in Bragg next year. This year we are going to retrace the route of the 47th Regt. from Utah to Paris. We have already traced it from there to Dessau a few years back. North Africa last

--all we have not done is to go back over Tunisia and Sicily--that we are saving for next year then I will have complete my mission of another more leisurely look at the old battlefields. We lived in England for several years and renewed wartime acquaintances, it was amazing how many English remember us with pleasure.

Here's to a grand convention.

Co. F, 47th Inf.  
R.S. HOFFMAN  
R.D. 2, Box 47  
Waterloo, N.Y. 13165  
Dear Dan:

Here are my dues for 1981. I usually manage to get my name in Red and I suppose the Octofoil has gone to press. If nothing happens to prevent it I expect to attend the reunion this year and hope we will have a good crowd to represent the 47th.

34th F.A.  
SHELDON B. STODDARD  
122 Meadow Rd.  
Portsmouth, N.H. 03801

My latest Octofoil shows I'm in the RED. Enclosed is a check for 3 years and a contribution for the Memorial Marker at Fort Bragg. I will be attending the reunion at Hyannis and hope we have a good turnout from the 34th F.A. See you in June..

Co. K, 60th  
JIM DRONEY  
1817 Banksville Rd.  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15216

I think you do an outstanding job. Please pay my membership dues for the year and apply the remainder to the Scholarship Fund.

47th Inf. B Co.  
MARIO "JACK" Di Santo  
154 Dodds Ct.  
Burlington, Vt. 05401

Enclosed is a check for 3 year membership. I retired from Government service in Dec. of 1980 and have enjoyed every minute of my retirement. My wife, Kay, and I had a very nice two month vacation in Margate, Fla. A highlight of our trip was a visit to see Art and Grace Stenzel in Largo, Fla. where they now live. We had a most enjoyable three days with good friends. We hope to make the reunion in Hyannis this year. Besides the opportunity to meet once again with my friends from Co. B, Cape Cod happens to be one of our favorite places to visit.

60th Inf  
JOHN P. RYAN  
Northville, N.Y. 12134

I was originally opposed to the idea of letting any non-World War II 9th Infantry member join our organization. After World War II the 9th Infantry Division was a training Division stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey. It was my opinion then and now that we had nothing in common with those individuals whose membership in the Division was transient. I do feel differently about the Viet Nam Veterans whose membership in the Division was permanent and who conducted themselves in the highest of our World War II traditions by their performance in Viet Nam.

I, therefore, strongly support allowing combat veterans of the Viet Nam War to join our organization. Failure to do so will, in my opinion, cause the disintegration of our present organization as very few of us are interested in attempting to become one of the survivors of a "last man's club".

Div. Hqs. - APO Sect.  
HAL PERRY  
3430 Galt Ocean Dr. 202  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL33308

Your red ink message has been received and am enclosing my check.

I heard from the usual APO members at Christmas: Yehle, Aceto, Long, McGee, Myers, McQuiston, Roddy, Tinkham, Posten, and Shannon. Members of other hqs. units may recognize and remember some of these names.

In March I drove up to Juno Beach to visit briefly with Jim and Vera Posten. Jim has retired as postmaster at Atlantic Highlands, N.J.

Long is retired from the Albany, NY, post office, Yehle from the Wichita Regional Office, and Aceto from the Manchester, CT, post office. Shannon is scheduled to end his postal career at the Marfa, TX, P.O. soon.

All good wishes to you, Dan, and the Secretary's Secretary, Marie.

Hq. 34th F.A.  
COL. GEORGE I. CONNOLLY, JR.  
4837 Sangamore Rd.  
Bethesda, Md. 20016

Dear Dan:

I am enclosing my dues for the next three years. I plan to be at Hyannis, but will stay at my place, about 20 miles away. I had the pleasure to meet General Craig while doing errands around town.

Cannon Co. 47th  
WILLIAM ZWEIL  
348 33 Aberdeen Rd.  
Matawan, N.J. 07747

My car was totaled in Sept. 1980. I am still getting P.T. for nerve blockage. Hope 1981 is better for all of us. Hope to see you soon.

Co. E & A 47th Inf.  
JOSEPH WILLIAMS  
1900 Holly Oaks Lake Rd., E.  
Jacksonville, Fl. 32211

The Florida Chapter Organizational meeting will be held April 17th and 18th, 1981 at the Holiday Inn, I-4 and State Rd. 436 Altamonte Springs, Florida.

Approximately thirty five of our people will be attending the meeting followed by a banquet to be held Saturday evening April 18th.

I am trying to get a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer elected from Central Florida where most of the members reside. John Clouser will be assisting me in conducting the meeting. I will inform you as to who the officers will be as soon as the meeting adjourns.

Since I have had the full responsibility for getting the Chapter approved and organized my desire is to turn the responsibility over to a new group and hope that the Chapter will grow. The response has been good from those who have answered my four or five letters -- however 40 percent have never replied to any of my inquiries.

Enclosed is a roster of 9th Division members who live in Florida. If you have additional names I don't have on the roster, send them to me. Also enclosed is a copy of our By-Laws we hope to adopt.

I am meeting with John Clouser and Michael Deresh May 2, 1981 at Crystal River for the Scholarship Committee report.

26th F.A. Bn. Serv. Bty.  
MANNY EFFRON  
18909 Brickell Ave., Apt. 204  
Miami, Fl. 33129

Enclosed is a check for 1981 Dues. Expect to be in Orlando on April 17 and 18 concerning our Florida chapter meeting. There should be about 35 to 50 members attending the first reunion of the Florida Chapter of the 9th Div.

60th Inf.  
PAUL DRUMMOND  
122 Pier D,  
Naples, Fla. 33942

Dear Dan:

I plan to attend the reunion and am sending reservations for the clam bake to Tom Boyle. Hope my 60th buddies Bernie Smith, Chuck Duling, J.G. Bomberger, J.W. Engel, R.W. Carpenter, Frank Fearese, Mike Deresh, John Kocay and others can make the reunion.

Co. M, 60th Inf.  
JOHN HALE  
1515 Penn. Ave.  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11239

Enclosed are my dues for the next few years. We had a wonderful time at the last reunion. I'm just sorry I missed all those other years. We just got back from St. Petersburg, Fla. We stopped on the way home to see Buch in Florence, Ala. He and his wife Carolyn are wonderful hosts. We had a gab session. Hope to hear from some other members of M Co. See you in Hyannis in June..

9th Q.M.  
ROBERT W. ELMES  
23 Williamstowne Cts. Apt. 6  
Cheektowaga, N.Y. 14227

Boy, is my face red--just about the color of my name on the Jan-Feb. issue of the Octofoil. Sorry about that so put me down for 3 more years. I also include a donation to the Ft. Bragg Marker Fund. Hope to see some of my 9th Q.M. buddies at Hyannis this June.

H. Co., 39th Inf.  
REX H. FORD  
204 Hanbury Ave.  
Portsmouth, Va. 23702

Enclosed find dues for the next 3 years. About a month ago I had the pleasure of meeting with Capt. Herbert E. Vaughan who served with the 39th. Herb has retired as the administrator from a college in Greensboro, N.C. He lives at 710 East Lake Dr. Greensboro, N.C. He says he is in contact with Major Wayne C. Carpening at times. He is in the banking business and also the Mayor of Winston Salem, N.C. See you in June.

Hq. 15th Engrs.  
FARNIS APOSTOLIDES  
41 Gardner St.  
Peabody, Ma. 01960

I see you're using the red ink again. Enclosed please find my check for three year dues and my contribution to help construct the Memorial at Fort Bragg. Hope to see many of my buddies at Hyannis.

AT Co. 47th  
HOWARD WALDMAN  
26 Newman St.  
Metuchen, N.J. 08840  
Dear Dan:

I trust this finds you both in the best of health and spirits. How much did you bet me on the election and how do you like the outcome? I'm elated to say the least, but I'm still recuperating from that long, long campaign and the victory parties that followed. My only hope is that we are not too far down the hill, so that a reversal still may be possible. I pray that may be so, for your grandchildren and mine, and in fact, all. Because of the fact of that campaign and the local Metuchen races, I found it impossible to get to Worcester this year and I'm sorry for that. Audrey can't wait for us to get up to Hyannis this June. As a young girl that was her stamping grounds. We expect to spend a week or two there. I told George Poole, the A.T. reunion chairman, to keep you and the Octofoil up to date with our plans and whatever progress is made, later this winter or early spring.

39th Inf. Co. E  
JOSEPH F. DONOVAN  
912 N. Broad St.  
Elizabeth, N.J. 07208

It has been a year since I joined the association, so I realized I had better send in my dues along with a contribution to the Memorial fund. I wasn't able to attend the reunion in Washington due to conflict in vacation plans but this year I really plan to be in Cape Cod.

A.T. Co., 47th Inf.  
OLIVER H. CARTER  
3107 Walters Lane  
Forestville, Md. 20028

Enclosed is my check for dues for the next 3 years and also a check for the Ft. Bragg Marker Fund. Looking forward to the Hyannis reunion. Regards to all.

Co. K, 60th Inf.  
STANLEY TUROWSKI  
25509 Warren Rd.  
Dearborn Hts., Mich. 48127

Just a note to let you know how much I look forward to the Octofoil. In the last issue there was a note from Joseph Rappazini and a few words about Col. Keene Wilson, our Batt. Commander. Glad to hear both are doing well. Thanks Dan and keep up the good work. Enclosed check for Marker Fund.

47th Inf. 1st Bn. Hq.  
VIRGIL DINGMAN  
6 Clark Ave.  
Fort Plain, N.Y. 13339  
In the red again. Those 3 years went fast. Enclosed is a check for another 3 years. I will not be able to attend the reunion, so I'll send my best wishes to all of the 9th.

## 'LIGHT' UNIT TRAINING FOR NEW ARMY ROLE

By Drew Middleton

FORT LEWIS, Wash.—As the landing craft crept toward the narrow beach the "guerrilla forces" strung out along the railroad line began shouting revolutionary slogans.

The craft reached the shore and a company of the Third Battalion, 39th Infantry, scrambled out. The guerrilla line opened fire. The attackers replied. Smoke bombs obscured the beach. Grenades and machine-gun and rifle fire drove the sea birds across the bay.

The landing — the firing was all blank ammunition — was a small part of the intensive training of the Ninth Infantry Division, which has been selected by the Army to be developed into a light division designed for the Rapid Deployment Force. The objective is to develop, through innovation and technology, a force combining the combat ability of an armored or mechanized division with the ability to be airlifted easily to an area of crisis.

This is a tall order. But men of all ranks in the division appear to have accepted the challenge, with little complaining and a lot of hard work.

Fort Lewis is one of the Army's largest posts. With its sub-installations it spreads over 353,000 acres providing a variety of terrain. The Yakima firing center is said by Israeli officers to be very like Sinai.

Because the division, in time of crisis, could expect to be thrown into a third world situation where transport would be scarce, there is great emphasis on marching. One battalion marched 115 miles back to the base after an exercise. Several, after three days of field training, expected marches of 15 to 20 miles before they would reach their barracks.

The chief weakness in personnel is the shortage of experienced middle-grade non-commissioned officers. The personnel of the division is changed completely every 14 or 15 months.

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47th Inf. 1st Bn.  
HENRY DIETRICH  
8 Croydon Dr.  
N. Cape May, N.J. 08204

Just a short note. Gerry had a heart attack on Fri. Mar. 20th and another on Sat. and one on Sunday. As of this a.m. Mar. 28th, the doctor said she is doing very well. She is in Burdette Tomlin Mem. Hosp., Lincoln Highway & U.S. Highway No.9, Cape May Court House, N.J. 08210 Room No.236. I was to go north for my 6 month check up, but I guess I'll have to cancel my appointment. I also won't be able to make the meeting so give my best to the men of the good old 9th.

A Btry. 26th FA  
ROBERT FLECKENSTEIN  
4906 Wyoming St.  
Duluth, Mn. 55804

I noticed by the red ink it's time for payment of dues. Enclosed is my check for three years with the balance to go to the Memorial fund. Being this far from the center of association activities, the Octofoil is my only source of news and memories. Keep up the good work.

60th Inf. Co. H.  
THEODORE KOLLER  
Stonegate Bldg. 7, Apt. 3D  
Peekskill, N.Y. 10566

Enclosed check for three year dues. Hope you have a nice Holiday. Regards to all.

(See page 5)

## mail call

Continued

60th A.T.  
LEON GRIGSBY  
923 Maple St.  
Harrison, Ark.

My brother, Leon J. Grigsby, 923 N. Maple St., Harrison, Arkansas is a member of your organization (ATCo, 60th Inf. 9th Inf. Div.) having served for a considerable amount of time during WWII.

He has, within the past few months, suffered several strokes, has been hospitalized for several weeks and is currently residing in a nursing home.

Inasmuch as he experienced both physical and brain damage, I am handling his financial affairs from my home in Florida. Unfortunately, his mother, age 86 is not up to this task.

Leon's feelings about "his division" are very strong and I am sure that he does not want anything to happen to his membership. My mother sent me the attached clipping and it is her opinion that his membership is, annually, \$5.00.

Inasmuch as I do not know the exact cost nor when it is due, please assist me in this regard. If the cost is more, please let me know and I will send you the money immediately.

One last request: My mother has stated that my brother would appreciate some of his old friends knowing of his present plight...he has suffered six strokes since last September, is paralyzed in his left side and is a resident of The Harrison Nursing Home, Tims Street, Harrison, Arkansas 72601.

During my visits to Arkansas, I have read your publication and I recall that you have a "letters" section. Leon would appreciate a short note and, of course, he would appreciate a card if his friends feel so inclined.

3rd Bn. 39th Infantry  
PETER A. PERRIN  
14-D Canton Drive  
Whiting, N.J. 08759  
Octofoil Editors:

In reply to Stanley Caban's letter, dated Nov.-Dec. 1980 Octofoil. Which he stated "Leave the Vietnam Vets out of our association."

The 9th Div. was born at Fort Bragg, it became matured when we went overseas. In 1942 we were tested at Ayn-Taha we lost our U.S.S. Leedstown, we, with the British 1st Army, took Maison Blanche Airport. This was only the beginning in Algeria. The Third Battalion 39th Inf. was rushed to the Front to stem the tide of Rommel's forces — at Kasserine Pass, we suffered heavy losses and retreated to Tabessa. What I'm trying to point out is, any veteran who served with the Ninth deserves to belong to our association whether World War 2 or Vietnam. Vietnam veterans of the 9th Inf. Div. I SALUTE YOU.

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

Enclosed please find dues for 3 years. Also enclosed is a donation for the Ft. Bragg Marker Fund and also Memorial Fund. I certainly enjoyed the reunions at Ft. Lauderdale and Washington and look forward to the ones at Hyannis and Ft. Bragg. Be seeing you.

60th Inf. F. Co  
CLIFFORD M. PAINTER  
210 Hawthorne Rd.  
Washington, Pa. 15301

Sorry about the 'red ink' on the last issue of the Octofoil. That isn't the kind of a 'red letter day' I need. To make sure it doesn't happen too soon again I am enclosing dues for three years.

Had every intention of writing following the reunion last summer, but like too many people kept putting it off. My wife and I had a great time at the reunion. I saw a number of the men who served with me and my wife had the opportunity to meet them as well. Thanks to you and all the others who have worked so hard over the years to keep the Association alive and healthy.

Although I hadn't known Matt before the reunion, felt we had some common ties as I had the privilege of commanding 'F' Company later on in the War.

I've sent in my reservation for the 36th Reunion and am looking forward to it. Hope to see those who attended last year and would encourage any 'F' Company men who see this to attend as well.

Co. F. 60th Inf.  
JOHN W. MILLER  
1511 Cochise Drive  
Arlington, Texas 76012

Enclosed please find a check for \$13.00 for renewal of my membership to the Association for three years. Since the convention in July, I have had the opportunity to visit with several of the friends of Company F of the 60th Infantry which was my previous assignment. I went deer hunting with Walter Bryson in Brady, Texas. We had a great time, renewing our friendship and rehashing ole times. He showed me a great time and also we were fortunate enough to bring back three deer to the metroplex area. In addition I had several telephone conversations with Billy Nichols, from Walton, New York. He recently passed thru Texas on his way to California but I was out of pocket at the time so we failed to make connections. Another F. Company member, Ted Preston stopped by recently. We just had a grand time going over the ole 60th Infantry Book, looking at the pictures of when we were young G.I.'s, oh what it would be to be young again!!!

I also received a card from Teachout, encouraging us all to go to the convention in Hyannis Port, which I will not be able to make this year. In addition to the above, I talked to Matt Urban on several occasions and looked like he is proceeding along getting someone to write his book.

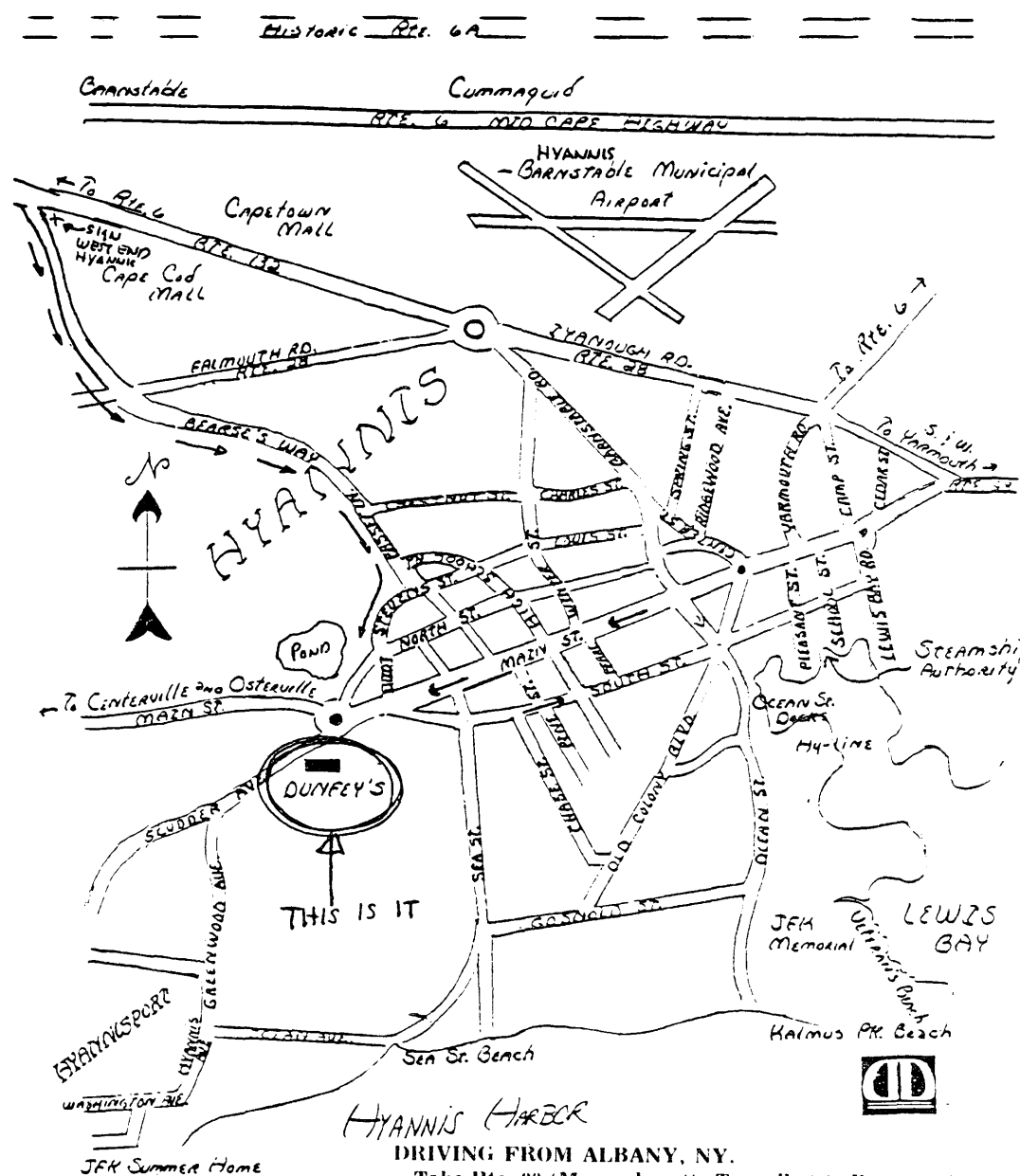
Everything is just fine in Texas, should any of my friends from the 9th Division be passing thru Texas don't forget to throw your hat this way; we always have room for you.

Co. I, 60th  
JIM M. SCOTTA  
2882 Vina Del Mar W.  
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706

Dear Dan:

Today is April 1st and I have received my Octofoil in red ink which says to me fool, pay your dues, so enclosed find check for 3 years, also a donation for the Ft. Bragg Marker Fund. Things here in Florida are okay being a retired vet, enjoying fresh air and sunshine and also the good friendship of Mike and Nina Deresh whom we've been taking to the cleaners in our Sat. night poker games. Hope you and yours stay well because I enjoy reading the Octofoil.

## Roads Leading to Hyannis



60th Inf.  
NORBERT J. HENNEN  
4130 Washburn Ave., N.  
Minneapolis, Minn. 55412

I note that my address plate is bleeding red once again.

Enclosed is my check in renewal of my subscription.

My wife and I enjoy your publication, very much. Keep up the good work.

We were indeed saddened to learn of the death of Richard C. Storey. I succeeded him as the S-3 of the 60th Infantry Regiment when a land mine incapacitated him in the hedgerow country of Normandy.

I also note with applause the persistent efforts of Harold W. Smith and others to open the ranks of our association to all wearers of Octofoil. Do you think they will ever succeed?

To date, I have not yet retired. I still work on Wednesdays. And militarily I still keep my hand in. Currently I head the Twin Cities Chapter of the Association of the United States Army.

39th Inf. Co. B  
ALVIN P. BECKER  
410 Berkshire Rd.  
Ridgewood, N.J. 07450

Enclosed find my dues for the next three years. When I renewed my membership in the Association, it was after a lapse of thirty-five years. I originally joined the Association in July or August of 1945. During the thirty-five year lapse, I periodically got out my "8 Stars to Victory" and always enjoyed looking through it.

My experiences with Company B started in the Hurtgen Forest and ended in and around Ingolstadt. I would like to know of the whereabouts of some of my old buddies, namely, Albert Palmer "Bull" Eckardt, John "Shorty" Halpin and Leonard "Porky" Pourchot. Also would like to hear from anyone from northern New Jersey area who might be going to June reunion.

Best Wishes

## DRIVING FROM ALBANY, NY.

Take Rte. 90 (Massachusetts Turnpike) to Rte. 128. Go south on Rte. 128, which will become Rte. 3. Take Rte. 3, which will join Rte. 6 at the Sagamore Bridge. Take Rte. 6 to Exit No. 6, which is Rte. 132. Take Rte. 132 to Hyannis Rotary. See enclosed map of Hyannis with location of hotel.

## DRIVING FROM NEW YORK CITY

Take Rte. 95 through Connecticut into Providence, R. I. Take Rte. 195 toward CAPE COD until you reach Rte. 25. Go south on Rte. 25 a short distance to Rte. 6. Take Rte. 6, pass the Bourne Bridge to the Sagamore Bridge. Take Rte. 6 to Exit No. 6, which is Rte. 132. Take Rte. 132 to Hyannis Rotary. See enclosed map of Hyannis with location of hotel.

## FLYING: BARNSTABLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AT HYANNIS

Both Air New England and PBA fly into Hyannis Airport from both Boston and New York. When making your reservations, book directly to Hyannis as this will save you money. Hyannis Airport is a very active airport with taxi service and car rentals. Taxi to Dunfey's Hyannis Hotel presently runs approximately \$2.00.

## BUSES:

Persons running charter buses should contact Mr. Cook at Dunfey's. 617-775-7775 or 1-800-228-2121, and give Mr. Cook a list of persons on each bus in order that Mr. Cook will have keys and rooms ready. Luggage will be taken to rooms by bell-hops. Charter buses should not arrive at hotel prior to 3 PM.

There is a bus from the GREYHOUND TERMINAL in BOSTON to Hyannis, which runs on the hour.

Co. D, 47th Inf.  
EMERSON H. GROSS,  
7515 Miller Dr.  
Bath, Pa. 18014

Well, it's that time of the year again. I pulled out my card and I see that my dues are due, so here is a check for 1981 dues. I am planning to attend the 36th reunion in Hyannis. There are a few Old Reliabilities living in my area, Allentown and Bethlehem, Pa. that I talked to who are planning to go to Hyannis in June. Daniel Douvanis, Joseph D. Aleo, Raymond Knerr and Robert Spence. Also Ronald Frank, D Co. 47th, from Leechburg, Pa. and Danny Iacobucci from Erie, Pa. If anyone knows a D Co. 47th man by the name of Goo Goo Roberts of Conn. I would like to hear from him. Also Harley Brown, an old soldier from the peace time army pre WW 2 and serving with the 47th who left Fort Bragg for Africa when I left Germany for the hospital. Anyone knowing D Co. 47th men please send me addresses. See you in Hyannis.

On Easter Sunday the secretary received a phone call from Tom Orband (30 Delmar Street, Binghamton, N.Y.) formerly with the 39th Cannon Company. What a delight to hear from Tom. He asked about the ole gang and talked about the upcoming reunion of the 39th Infantry Company B. Also learned that Tom has been in touch with our Gold Star Mother — Mrs. Estele McInerney, who now lives at 204 Pennsylvania Avenue, Matamoras, Pa. 18336. Her son Jim was killed in North Africa. She is now living with a daughter in Pa. The McInerney's were very active in the affairs of the Association since its beginning. Mr. Mac (as he was affectionately called) passed away a few years ago and Mrs. McInerney moved from the Bronx to Port Jervis, New York and now to Pennsylvania.

Tom never forgot these folks and I am sure their son Jim would be proud of him. We got to know Tom from and through the association — after all — we were in different regiments.

## MAIL CALL

REVEREND EDWARD T. CONNORS  
Saint Joseph Rectory  
Barre, Massachusetts 01005  
Dear Dan:

I am enclosing two checks—one from Miss Doris Tepper, sister of Chaplain Tepper - the Jewish Chaplain- Chaplain Tepper was with the 60th Inf. It was my privilege to be with this dedicated man- when he was dying-he lived only a few hours after he was hit. And I am sending a check from myself—these are contributions for the Fort Bragg Marker.

Hope to see you and Marie in Hyannis in June. Even though I am officially retired, I don't feel retired- business is still good. — As I have said so many times, we are grateful to you, Dan, for your devotion to the 9th Infantry Division Association. Every Grace of the Easter season to you and Marie and your loved ones. God bless.

60th Inf. Co. G.  
STANLEY HERTZ  
84-10 Main St.  
Kew Gardens, N.Y. 11435

Enclosed find check for three years dues plus a donation to the Memorial Fund. The Octofoil makes me feel close to the buddies I fought with, it's really doing a great job! Looking forward to getting the next one and thanks for being there.

60th Inf. I Co.  
SIDNEY KOBREN  
3610 Jerusalem Ave.  
Wantagh, N.Y. 11793

Just a few lines to let you and my buddies know I am now a retired person. I hope to find the time to make a few meetings. Best regards to all.

47th Inf. B Co.  
ROBERT J. EDIE  
303 Riverview Dr., S.E.,  
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

My membership card is not due until July, but since I see the reminder in the Octofoil, I thought I had better send it as I forget so easily.. My husband really enjoys reading it and I wish we had known about it before my husband had his stroke as a lot of things he can not remember.

39th Inf. Co. I  
J. C. DAWSON  
Box 622  
Decatur, Tex. 76234

Enclosed find dues for another year. I've enjoyed reading the Octofoil, altho I don't see anyone I recognize from my group. I knew my company suffered heavy casualties the day I was wounded, Jan. 30, 1945. I'm also enclosing a small donation for the Memorial at Ft. Bragg. I would appreciate hearing from anyone in Co. I during 1944-1945.

47th Med. Det. 3rd. Bn.  
ERNEST R. LONG  
517 Bayfair Dr.  
Bay Village, Ohio 44140

Dear Dan:

Enclosed find check for another three years dues. I have no excuse for being late. Martha and I have been considerably well, altho I have trouble with my legs. I do not do a great deal of long distance driving, apart from going to Florida every winter and Martha does most of the driving. I would love to be in Cape Cod with everyone, but we just cannot swing it this year. I will be thinking of all of you and hope you have a successful reunion. Good luck and good health to you and Marie.

Co G-60th Inf  
R. M. A. HIRST  
6200 WIESBADEN  
Gustav-Freytag-Str. 6

Dear Dan!

This morning I'm off at 0700 for Nuernberg - but before my departure, I'll mail this letter written the night before - subject - Remagen!

As we'll all recall, thirty six yrs ago last Saturday the assault on the Remagen bridge began - the rest is history, and to most of us memory- that is the 9th's crossing. Either way, as I've told you in several past letters the event has not lost its historical significance and, as a matter of fact, the remembrance seems to grow.

In January (1981) the Mayor of Remagen formed the Freedoms Museum - Bridge of Remagen Association, with a goal towards continued development of the museum (dedicated on 7 March last year) and a broadening of its basis. The association has established road goals and thus is in quest of membership, that includes thus to support the growth of the museum.

Of recent date a dredge working in the Rhine river in front of the village of Remagen came up with an aircraft engine - type??? - eitherway, it will be dressed up and placed in the museum as will a recently dredged German bomb!

The Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst (U.K.) will visit the site for the fourth consecutive year, on 29 July next.

Then too, the U.S. Army Historical Division has granted permission for the 'Association' to reprint excerpts from its work, 'The Last Offensive', in the English tongue, as a handout to those English-speaking visitors to the museum. Also the Japanese Embassy in Bonn is about the prepare a small work (brochure) in the Japanese tongue, for its visitors! Dan, this work at the Remagen site continues to grow in historical significance and I wish that if and when any 9th guys plan a trip here they will let me know! I wish to make the visit of our - 9th guys a publicized thing! I'll be grateful for their cooperation. We are so much a part of the history of this bridge, and I should not wish to let our participation go unnoticed. Thank them for me — if and when they come — let me know!

The museum hours - open daily -

Monday through Friday from 12500 to 1700

Saturdays from 1000 to 1200 and from 1400 to 1600

Sundays from 1000. to 1600

And, what a beautiful view you have of the towers on the east bank !!!!!!! Warmest regards, Dan  
Scotty

15th Engrs. Co. A  
RAYMOND BERTHIAUME  
355 Ferry St.  
New Haven, Conn. 06513  
Hello Dan:

I wanted to send in my dues sooner because I knew they were due, but somehow kept from day to day and having been tied up with one thing or another for the last 2 or 3 months. I do volunteer work, take care of elderly and other activity. Not bad for a 73 year old duffer. Enclosed find dues plus donation for the Marker Fund.

Co.F - 47th Inf.  
ED "HAPPY" HOPKINS  
110 Hollywood Avenue  
Metuchen, N.J. 08840

Dear Dan,

Enclosed find a clipping from The New Brunswick Home News about Doc Copleman that you might like to print in a forthcoming issue of The Octofoil.

I'm sorry that I didn't get this letter to you in time for the most recent edition of the paper, but I guess the next edition will be out before the reunion.

This is my annual call to F Company, 47th Infantry men for their contributions in support of the CP at Hyannis in June. To date those who have sent me checks have been very generous, but they have been few. I am sure that the others will come through on time, that they just need a reminder to move them. So far I have received checks from George King, Bob De Sandy, Vinnie Guglielmino, Ken Yennie, Frank Smith, and Larry Ghery. Earl Wilkey still has some money left over from last year which he insisted we carry over to this year's fund. Frank Gonzol called me over the weekend solid nucleus to build on. Also, I was talking to Tony Repetti a couple of weeks ago, and though he wasn't committed to the Cape Cod caper at the time, I had the feeling that he would be there if his health permitted. Tony had just come out of the hospital after a winning bout with emphysema. Frank Gonzol had been hospitalized too, with a circulation problem. He has recovered from this condition fairly well, and is now back riding his bike and engaging in other beneficial exercises.

Frank Smith's letter brought with it the good news that General Randle and his lovely Agnes will be making their way to Cape Cod via Fayetteville and Southern Pines. That was indeed news as we know they will honor F Company CP with their presence during the festivities.

Dan, it's been a good year for Lucy and me. Mark has just about completed his junior year at Rutgers where he has been very active in theater. He started his own group, The College Avenue Players, and he has been producer-director of Woody Allen's God and also You're a Good Man Charlie Brown. He is currently producing Hair which opens next week. Lucy and I see each of his productions twice. (He charges us each time too).

Our health has been pretty good lately except for a problem I am having with my arm and shoulder. This is the arm that had been broken four years ago. Every once in a while the shoulder muscles tighten up and my arm goes numb clear down to my fingers. The occurrence is a painful one, and last year it lasted, in varying degrees of pain, for about four months. I hope this clears up before the reunion. I'd certainly hate to go to Cape Cod with this impediment to my drinking arm. I'd be no match what-so-ever to you trying to drink my scotch lefty.

Dan, take care of yourself, give my love to Marie, and get to Cape Cod safely.

Co. F, 60th Inf.  
DOMERN, MILLER  
597 9th St.  
W. Hempstead, N.Y. 11552

Dear Dan:

Enclosed is a check for 3 years dues plus a donation for the Fort Bragg Marker Fund. Enjoyed the Washington reunion and looking forward to the Hyannis reunion.

## THE OCTOFOIL

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60th Inf. Co. F  
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Space 80, 311 N. Beach Blvd.  
Anaheim, Ca. 92801

Dear Dan:

I want to thank you again for all the lists and records you have supplied me. I am sure that I create more work for you than any 50 other members. We all know that the position of secretary should be a full time job and I do not understand why the membership does not so recognize it. At the moment we have 21 interested in forming a California chapter. Will get out another mailing soon and have some people call some of the prospects in their local areas. It obviously is going to take some time. At the moment, I do not know if I can make the reunion in Hyannis. If I can recover enough to drive, we will probably leave in mid May with visits in Texas, Miss., Tenn., Ky., Ohio, Ind., Ill., Minn. and Michigan. If I do not recover that much but feel up to the reunion, will probably fly in to Hyannis. I have about a month to make up my mind. Also want to make a mini reunion of F Co. 60th in mid Sept. at Arlington, Tex. Will keep you informed of the progress in California and hope to be able to see you in Hyannis.

47th Inf. 3rd Bn. Hq.  
LYLE KELLY  
Star Rt.  
Deerbrook, Wis. 54424

Dear Dan:

I noticed the last issue of the Octofoil was addressed in red ink, so I guess I had better send in my dues. First time I've been late with my dues since joining the association in Germany in 1945. Sorry about that. Enclosed is my check for another 3 years plus a donation to the Marker Fund. I was a member of Co. L, 47th in Tent City and later transferred to the 3rd Bn. I still correspond with Benny Kovas from Norwalk, Conn., Al Bravin from Fort Lee, N.J., Max Schwartz from Queens, N.Y. Real nice guys. Hope you all have a very nice reunion in Hyannis. Thank you and lots of luck.

M.P. Platoon, HQ. Co.  
JOHN T. WEBER  
46 Bromfield St.  
Quincy, Ma. 02170

Dear Dan:

Enclosed find dues for another year. In spite of the nearness of the reunion site to my home, I don't think I can make it. I can't walk very well these days, have to stop and rest the old legs every few yards. Probably on account of all the liberated booze I drank in the good old days. The doctor says it's my arteries and that I have to keep walking. How the hell I can keep walking when I can't walk, is beyond me! I have to visit him this week and we'll see what he has to say. Best regards to Dave Gelman, Adolph Wadalavage, Jake Nailor, Johnny Brandi and all the rest.

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

Received my "OCTOFOIL" today and realized it's been a while since I got a few lines off to "mail-call." Again a hearty hello to all my 9th comrades. I keep hoping to see some names of buddies who were in Battery "A", 60th. C'mon fellas, get behind that pen and say hello, and where you are. I do hear from some on the holidays, and throughout the year.

Time has a way of flashing by, and all too quickly, as I realized in the last couple of months. I say this because, in making plans to attend the Reunion this year, I got out my "old" book of souvenir signatures, and addresses of 9th buddies that I acquired during the war years, and upon mustering out in 1945. I again wanted to try to locate some whom I lost contact with through the years, and to notify them and others of the 1981 Reunion. My wife and I sat down and put short letters together, got on the phone and checked address changes, & etc., and sent off about a dozen letters. In the process of this checking I found that two buddies had passed away in the past two years. They were Al Mulholland, of Elmira, New York, and Larry Rochford, of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Don Deneau passed away about the time of the Korean War. It is always sad news to hear this.

I must say it is a very convenient location for the Reunion this year. Some years we can make it, and others we cannot. We usually try to visit our folks back in the Boston area each year, since they are in their mid-eighties now. So it is very nice that we can visit them, and take in the Reunion as well. Sort of kill two birds with one stone, so to speak. We plan to leave here in mid-May, and drive back there. It is a pleasant time of the year, and should be a most pretty drive.

I do hope there is a goodly number at the reunion from the 60th Bn. We hope to be able to ride around a bit while in Mass. and drop in to say a quick hello to any buddies.

I've been notified recently by G. Teachout, of trying to start a Calif. Chapter. Maybe one day the Reunion will be here.

Enclosed is a donation for the Fort Bragg Memorial Marker.

Good luck in all you do, and God Bless. See you all soon in Hyannis, in June.

P.S. In hearing from Mrs. Larry Rochford in late March, she requested that I relay the message that Larry be remembered to all his 9th buddies.

A.T. 60th  
GILBERT L. TINBERG  
5719 N. 41st Ave.  
Phoenix, Ariz. 85019

Please find enclosed my check for 1981 membership dues. Will see you at Hyannis in June.

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

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