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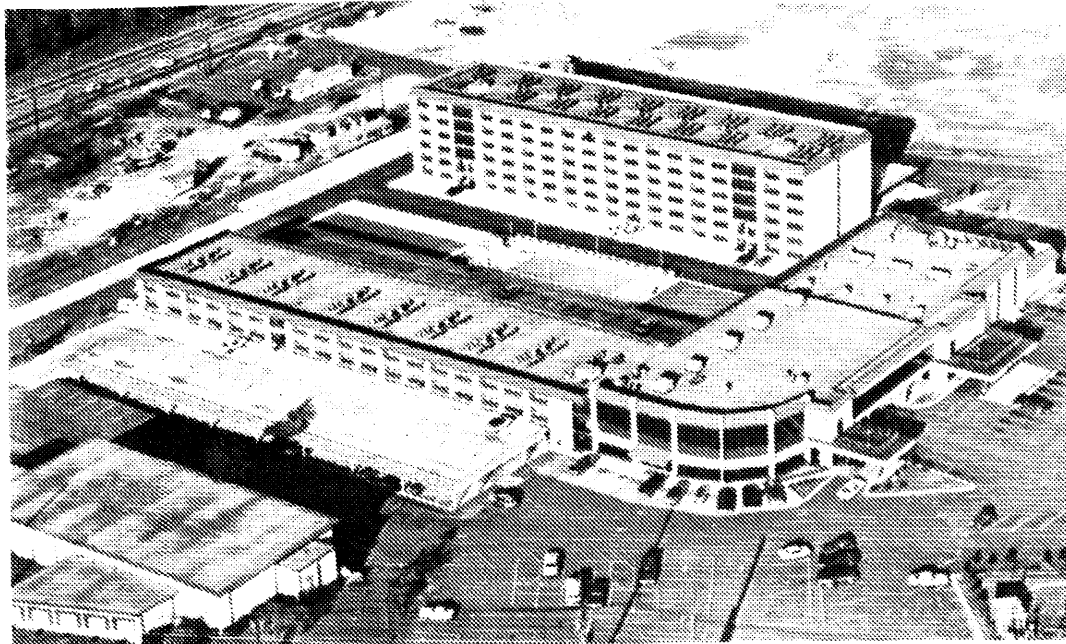
412 Gregory Ave. Weehawken, N. J. 07087

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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Headquarters for the 1982 reunion in Fayetteville, North Carolina. The Bordeaux Motor Inn-Convention Center will be the C.P. for June 24, 25, 26th. The Inn is located at 1707 Owen Drive, Fayetteville, N.C. 28304 and a far cry from the barracks we left behind in 1942. Ideally located, offering the very finest in ultra modern accommodations. Gourmet Restaurant, Nightclub, Cafeteria, Cinemas I, II, and III. Skating, bowling, Miniature Golf, Beauty and Gift Shops, all available on the premises. Shopping complex minutes away.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Having been elected by the Board of Governors to the office of President for the 1981-1982 term, it will be my pleasure to serve you for the third time in that capacity. I, as those who occupied the office previously, hope that this year will see continued improvement in our association. Problems confront us, but we can solve them.

With our 1982 Reunion in Fayetteville, North Carolina at the Bordeaux Motor Inn on June 24-26, we will return to the area so familiar to many in our Association. This time, however, we will not need to drive from town to Fort Bragg as we did twenty years ago for the Reunion activities.

In 1942 the Ninth Infantry Division left Fort Bragg for combat duty overseas, that was forty years ago. This reunion will be a good time to return to the site of the beginning of our Division and reflect on both the past and the future. Many who were at Fort Bragg forty years ago will return, many who were at the reunion twenty years ago will return, how many will go to a reunion in 2000 which could be held in Fayetteville and Fort Bragg?

This reunion will be an opportunity for us to evaluate the future of our Association. We have many problems facing us as more and more names appear in the "Taps" column of the OCTOFOIL. Can we depend on having adequate and continuous financial support for the Association? Will we have the continued interest and participation of those who are willing and able to carry the necessary work load, so as to have the Association function and fulfill its purposes? One of the facts of life is that when people grow older they, in general, are less willing to give the time and energy to take care of all the little details and chores that must be done to keep an organization functioning. Will we continue to have members willing to provide the leadership and creative ideas to keep the interest of the members in the Association? Maybe we are willing and able, but will we be in twenty years when we will be in our late seventies, eighties, and nineties. We need to consider all these problems as we look to the future.

A question which we have had to face at a number of reunions, including 1981 in Hyannis, is the issue of extending our membership to those who have served in the Division since World War II. This issue has created hard feelings among our members who are on both sides of the questions. It has resulted in some men terminating their participation and/or membership in the Association.

The question will be presented to us again at the 1982 Reunion, and I am concerned about the results of our action. As your President I intend to organize the procedure for consideration at the business meeting so as to avoid the confusion we have had at times in the past.

Whatever the results of the voting on the membership eligibility issue we must continue to devote ourselves to the Association and its purposes. I am sure every member who is truly dedicated to the purposes of our Association will rise above any personal feelings and emotions and continue as an active member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

We need the devotion, the dedication, and the labor of all members to continue the spirit and the memory of the Ninth Infantry Division.

John J. Clouser,
President

81 Reunion

Pleasant Memory

Our 36th Annual Reunion has now become a memory. A pleasant one we hope for those who were with us in Hyannis. One certainly has the right to feel proud when you receive a letter from the management (Dunphy's Motel) commenting on the behavior of our group, always courteous, always friendly, and yet enjoying themselves.

Wish The Best

We wish John Clouser, our new president, the best of everything. He certainly has his work cut out for him, the running of our reunion at Fort Bragg. Knowing John, I'm sure he will put together a reunion that will be enjoyed by all who attend. So start planning now to be with John and the rest of the gang for our 37th Annual Reunion.

Fulfilled Promise

Our next meeting will take place in Worcester on November 8th. Here for the 37th year, Father Connors will celebrate Mass for the deceased men of the Ninth. Father has certainly fulfilled his promise that they shall never be forgotten. So let all of us make an extra effort to be with Father on this day, so we too can continue to keep this promise.

Change of Plans

It was printed in the May-June issue of the Octofoil that we would have a dinner on Saturday evening at the Sheraton-Lincoln. I'm sorry to write that plans have been changed and we will not have dinner on that evening.

However, Father Connors will have his C.P. open and a dance will be held at the hotel on that night. This dance will be free of charge for those who wish to attend.

Sunday Memorial

Arrangements for Sunday Memorial Mass and Service will be as usual. Our march to the church, the Memorial Mass and a short service at our Memorial, followed by dinner at the Sheraton-Lincoln Inn.

Looking forward to seeing in Worcester on November 8th.

Sincerely,
Ron Murphy
44 Strawberry Lane
Scituate, Mass. 02066

37th Annual Memorial Mass and Service Sunday, November 8, 1981

It was good to see the gang in Hyannis-as usual a great couple of days with great people. The hotel people expressed to me how much they enjoyed having our people, guests of the hotel. I told them that we give this good impression every place we gather.

Ecumenical Service

I have arranged to have our 37th Annual Memorial Mass and Service on Sunday, November 8, 1981 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester, Mass. The time of the Mass will be at the usual time-namely at 10 am. And after the Mass we shall gather at our outdoor Memorial for our usual ecumenical service. I often wonder how many divisions have a Memorial such as ours in Worcester. After the Services we shall gather at the Sheraton Lincoln Inn for our noon luncheon.

Connors C. P.

On Saturday evening we have hired a large room at the Inn for a fun evening-we shall have an orchestra to play for entertainment and for dancing. Of course, there is no charge for this. So whether the gang have a room at the Sheraton Lincoln or in some other motel, we hope that all will gather at the Inn Saturday evening. And of course, Connors C.P. will be open all Saturday afternoon and evening until we adjourn to our entertainment room. And as always, at Connors all are welcome- and as in other years, there will be an open bar. The C.P. is the large suite in the Inn.

Officially Retired

Since I am officially retired, I do not have the clerical help I had for so many years- but some of the 9th Division men and their spouses will help me get out the mail in the fall. At one time we thought that we would arrange to have the gang for their Saturday evening dinner-but we have thought better of this- so Saturday evening the gang will arrange for their own meals. And after their meal all will gather at our entertainment room at the Inn.

Lack Addresses

In Hyannis I met some of our people who have never come to Worcester but expressed their hope of coming this fall- but I do not have their addresses. If I had these addresses- of those who attended our convention, I would send them our letter in the fall. But I hope that the Octofoil will get the word to these people.

Time Marches on

Time marches on- old Connors is 76- but still going strong- and I hope that I can keep alive this PILGRIMAGE to Worcester for a few more years.- God Bless-Say a prayer for the Ninth's worst soldier

Father Connors

Rev. Edward T. Connors
St. Joseph's Rectory
Barre, Mass. 01005
Tel. 1-617-355-6201

Room Reservations

Fran Maher writes that he has reserved 125 rooms at the Sheraton-Lincoln Motel and all rooms are \$50.00, whether you have a single or a double.

The Days Inn prices run \$34.88 for one person and for two the price is \$41.88-he reserved 25 rooms at Days Inn.

At the Holiday Inn a single is \$41.22 and a double is \$48.62.

There will be a ten day cut off date for reservations at the Sheraton-Lincoln and Days Inn. October 28th will be the deadline and Fran asks to try to send your reservation in as soon as possible. Also list your first and second choice.

The Sheraton-Lincoln Motel does not require a deposit but the Days Inn does ask for a \$15.00 deposit. After the deposit is received you will receive a confirmation.

Remember to circle the date, November 8th, on your calendar. Don't delay-send your reservation to Fran Maher, 14 Davenport Street, Worcester, Mass. 01610 Telephone 617 756 1803

CHANGE OF COMMAND



John Clouser new president accepts gavel and congratulations from out-going president Bill Bongiorno.

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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 spirit 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."

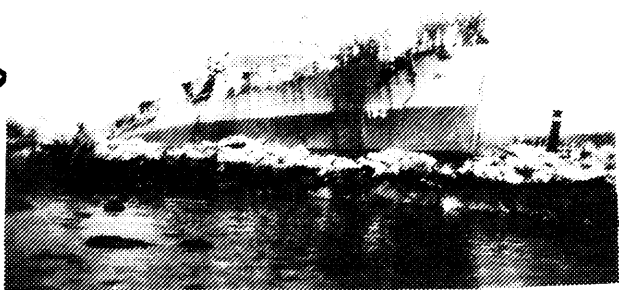
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The landing in Safi, North Africa as seen through the eyes of a "Liberated" Arab camera. The destroyer shown atop of the sea wall was purposely beached-an old "four stacker" from WW I. Company K 47th Infantry was on board this ship and had boarded the ship in Bermuda. The pictures were supplied by Emil J. DeDonato. His letter is in another section of the Octofoil.

Tip Of The Hat

The Scholarship fund was increased by the donations of the following members. A big boost was given by the donations of members attending the reunion in Hyannis. Richard McGrath Charles Troccoli (In memory of Frank Duffy)

The association salutes you



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Taps Sounded

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

With sadden heart we announce the passing of these "Old Reliabilities".

Philip J. Grogan
Co. C 9th Med Bn

Robert Campbell
Co H 60th Inf

William H. McNeil

George R. Hunsche
Ord. Co.

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

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary members presented a check of \$500.00 towards the Memorial Marker fund at the Hyannis Reunion. Election of Officers was held and Phyllis Perna will lead the Auxiliary for the coming year. Also elected to serve with her are the following Officers:

Iris Canales, Vice Pres. (New York Chapter), Irene Tapp, Chaplain (Michigan Chapter), Lily Krasovetz, Secy.-Treas. (Delaware Valley Chapter). Membership dues are \$2.00 per year. The monies donated to the Memorial Marker fund this year was raised by memberships, Pollyanna donations and donation of an Afghan. Pollyannas were contributed by Iris Canales, Roni Lee and Lily Krasovetz. Afghan was donated by Roni Lee.

Financial Statement of Ladies Auxiliary June 30, 1981

Bank balance June 2, 1981	\$628.55
June 29, 1981 Receipts:	
Membership dues	\$ 70.00
Pollyanna donations	53.50
Afghan donations	226.00
	\$349.50
	\$978.05

June 30 Expenditures:

Ft. Bragg	
Marker Fund	\$500.00
Thank you flowers	20.00
Aux. dues	
to National	35.00
35 stamps	
at 18 cents	6.30
	\$561.30
	\$561.30

June 31, 1981 balance in account \$416.75

Respectfully submitted
Lily Krasovetz, Treas.

"If you do not receive one of Father Connors' notices about the Annual Memorial Service in Worcester, and would like to receive a notice, please drop a line to Father Connors. His address-

St. Joseph's Rectory
Barre, Mass. 01005
Tel-617-355-6201

Co. L 39th Inf.
FRED ALTSCHULER
252 N. Maple Street
No. Massapequa, N.Y. 11758
Thank you for answering my letter.

I have just seen a movie about the Big Red One-the 1st Infantry Division. I was amazed to hear that they were in the invasion of Algiers, N. Africa because we of the 3rd Battalion of the 39th Inf. made that invasion on November 8, 1942. Also I had heard that the 36th Infantry Division one of its Regiment had been captured and all in the movie it was shown that it was the First Infantry that was wiped out in the Kasserine Pass. L company the 39th and our first Platoon of Com M which I was in. We were guarding the 97th Bomber Squad in the Desert. A British Captain and about 12 British Trucks took us from the Desert and into the Kasserine Pass where we were wiped out by two Panzer Divisions I was hit and captured on the 20th Feb., 1943.

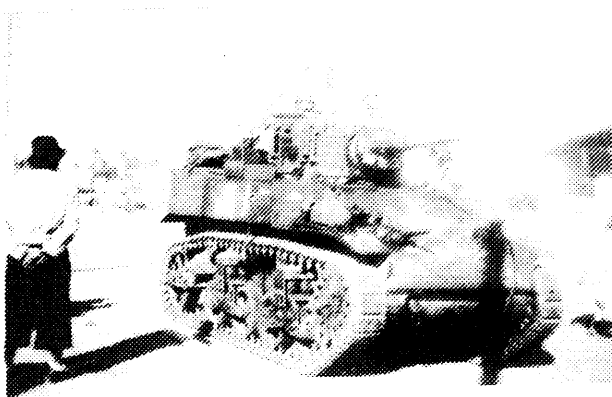
ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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

1. Send a letter of application, written in expository form, to the chairman of the scholarship committee stating the following: name, address, age, and sex of the applicant; name, address, and occupation of the applicant's parents or guardians; the name and address of the secondary school the applicant is attending or has attended and graduated; the name and address of the college the applicant expects to attend; the vocational goal of the applicant; and the name of and degree of relationship to a former member of the division. The unit and dates of service in the division of the former member must be included.
2. A transcript of the applicant's high school record must be included with the letter of application. The transcript must include at least the first seven semesters of the applicant's record.
3. The applicant must have a counselor or principal of the high school, he or she is attending write a letter of recommendation to the chairman of the scholarship committee.
4. The applicant must take the PSAT which is given every October. The applicant must see that the results of the PSAT are sent to the chairman of the scholarship committee. These results may be included with the high school transcript or sent to the chairman from the College Entrance Examination Board. The SAT of the CEEB may be submitted in lieu of the PSAT.
5. THE APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BY MARCH 15. Applications received after March 15 will not be considered.
6. All applicants must accept the decision of the Scholarship Committee as final.
7. Information to determine financial need will be requested by the Scholarship Committee after the applications have been considered.
8. Recipients of the scholarships may apply for renewal of the scholarship each year. A copy of the student's college grades, a financial statement, and a letter requesting renewal of the scholarship should be sent to the chairman by March 15.
9. All applications must be sent to: John J. Clouser, Scholarship Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division Association, Rt. 4 Box 50A Crystal River, Fl. 32629.

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

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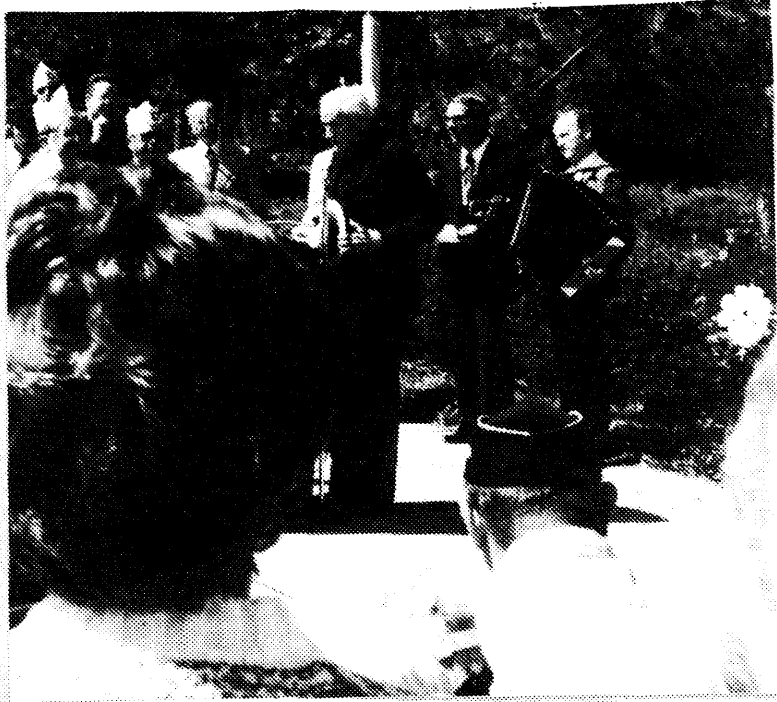
State Zip

9th Division unit

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



Photos of Reunion



Father Connors at Hyannis Memorial Service recalling events of yesteryears and those men who died in battle.



Memorial Services at Hyannis.



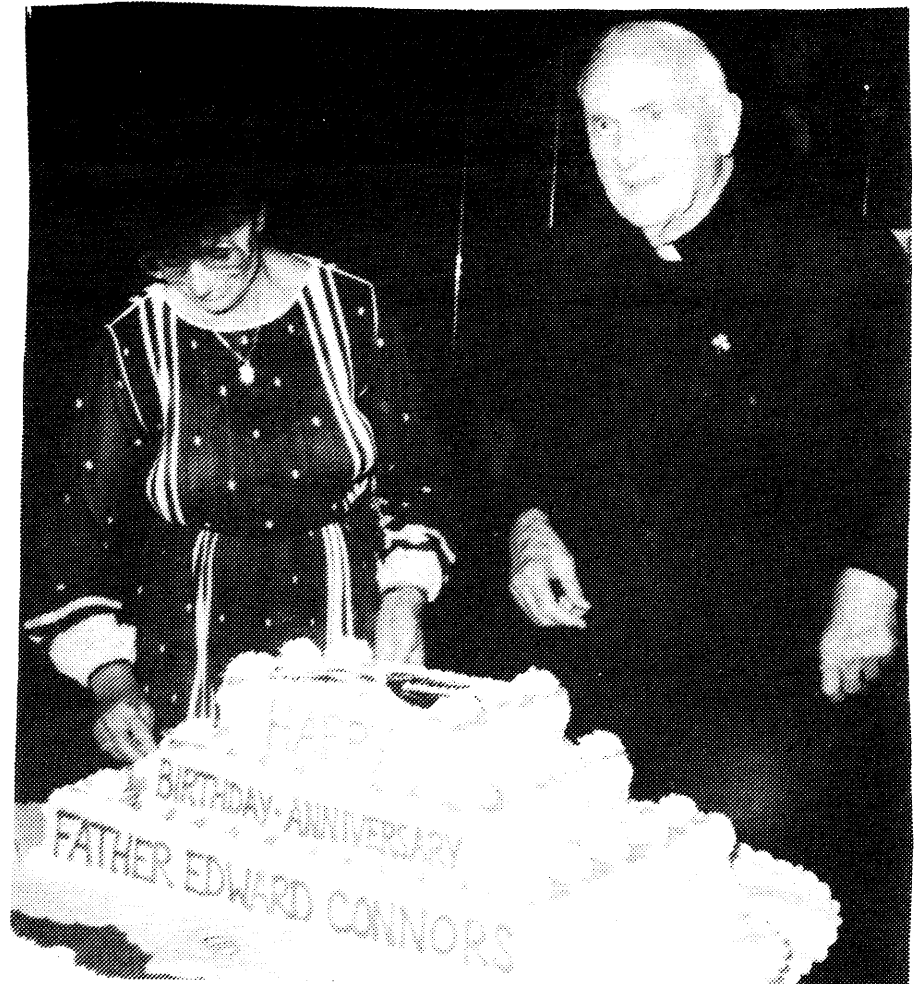
Memorial Services at Hyannis.



Memorial Services at Hyannis with beach in the background.



President of the Association Bill Bongiorno and Matt Urban, CMH, placing wreath at Memorial Services.



It was a most pleasant surprise for Father Connors when the Hostess of Dunphey's Inn wheeled in a birthday-anniversary cake for the "Major".



Shown at the Saturday night banquet: 1-4: The Hugh Lee's, George Bako's, Marty Gill's, Vince Gugglielmino's and daughter Francine.



Pictured at the reunion in Hyannis are members from Company D, 47th Infantry. Left to right (kneeling) Bob Quinn, Ronald Frank, Dan Iacobucci, Francis Picard. Standing; Emerson Gross, Francis Brusie and Dick Stanko. The background for the photo is the golf course at Dunphey's Hotel-Headquarters for the 81 reunion.

Ft. Bragg Marker Fund

The Marker Fund drive is nearing its goal and the committee is waiting for approval from the Army as to the medallion that will be placed on the Monument. The site at Fort Bragg and Monument has been approved and all signals are "go" for dedication at next years reunion.

The Fund has been greatly increased by the generosity of the following:

Boardman Lockwood
Evangelus Pernakas
Carl Bunyak
Paul Giarraputo
Edward Maher
Clarence Combs
Joe Albanese
Al Perna
Percy Hough
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Herbert Meseroll
John Dolak
Orlando J. Bruno
Patrick E. Fehily
Lonnie Maffucci
Walter Stover
Charles P. Fowler
Margaret Shine (in memory of husband Thomas)
Barbara Villanova (in memory of husband Fred)
Sidney Ginsberg (in memory of Brother Harold K.I.A. 11-26-44)
Evelyn Bertram (in memory of husband Henry C.)
Patricia Baker (in memory of husband Andy)
Bob Smith (in memory of Thomas Shine)
Ernest Kovach
Janet Dabrowski (in memory of husband Henry A.)
Donald Rogers
Thomas D. Smith
Richard O'Connor

Carolyn Childs (in memory of Col. Childs)
Anthony Andriola
Harold W. Smith
Richard McGrath
Earl C. Hyde
George McCarthy
George E. Pickett
Richard O'Connor
Thomas D. Smith
George Bako
Herbert Stern (in memory of Dr. Seslowe)
Charles Troccoli (in memory of Frank Duffy)
Estelle McInerney (Gold Star Parent)
Edith Jaffe (in memory of her husband Harold)

Acknowledgment is given to Elmer Wagner who took it upon himself to have hats (golf type) with the Ninth Division emblem, made up for the members attending the reunion. He had completely sold out his stock in Hyannis at the 81 reunion and realized a profit of \$150.00 which he donated to the Memorial Marker Fund.

This will be the last issue of the Octofoil that will appeal to the membership for contributions for the Memorial Marker to be erected at Fort Bragg in 1982.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

At this writing, we are getting ready to go to Hyannis for the annual reunion. We were going to drive with the Koskie's but at the last minute, they had to backout since Chuck is back in the hospital. It seems he developed a staff infection and may be in the hospital for about six weeks. Best wishes for a quick recovery. This is his first set-back since his surgery over two months ago. As of this date the only ones going to the reunion are the Clarks, Belmonte's Gray's, Larry Ghre and possibly the Hellers. Gordan Anderson had a change in plans and can't make it. John and Helen Clouser stopped in Illinois a few weeks ago on their way to Michigan from Florida. They will leave from Michigan for Hyannis. We're looking forward to a great reunion.

Impressiveness of Ceremony

The showers moved out on Memorial Day just in time for our services. We met at Mount Carmel Cemetery and as all the members arrived, so did the sun. Dave Heller officiated for the first time as Chaplain of the Illinois Chapter. He was assisted by Chuck and Mike with Paul and Larry as flag bearers. The Clarks made a hook rug Octofoil Flag and it certainly added to the impressiveness of the ceremony. Afterwards a picnic was held in the back yard of the Clark Home. There was plenty of food and liquid refreshments and even a downpour of rain didn't hamper our good time. A lot of discussion was carried on about who was going to the reunion this year. We had a good crowd consisting of The Clarks, naturally, Andersons, Gheres, Koskies, Hellers, Radiks, Pawelaks, Paulis and Belmontes. It was good seeing Cas and Jean Pawelak after a long absence. Cas is looking pretty good and they're both as proud as can be since their son Jerome and his wife Diane presented them with triplets on Mother's Day. Their names are Jill, Sara and Gary. They have an older sister Lisa 2½. The Pawelaks will have their work cut out for them. Good luck to all.

Attend Ceremonies

Most of the Illinois Chapter members attended installation ceremonies at the VFW Post No. 981 in Arlington Heights where Bob Winkelman was installed as Sr. Vice Commander and his wife Georgina was installed as President of the Ladies Auxiliary. The ceremonies were quite impressive. Dinner and dancing followed afterwards and a good time was had by all. Congratulations to Bob and Georgina. Georgina had a lady friend visiting her from England with another friend and all the boys enjoyed talking with them about their experiences in England.

The Clarks will have wedding bells ringing in their family this month. Their son James is getting married June 20th to Pamela Lee Pounders. Best wishes for a happy life together.

Peggy and Bill Hennemuth just returned from a three week trip to England. They had a grand time and are ready to go back again anytime for another visit.

Out State Meeting

Plays are being worked out for our Michigan-Illinois out-state meeting in October. It will be held in Angola again this year on Saturday, October 17th at the Holiday Inn. More details later but all interested in attending should mark their calendar to keep that date open.

In April we welcomed a new member, Roger Costanza who was in the 39th Inf. He lives on the South Side of Chicago and will try to make as many meetings as possible. Welcome abroad, Roger.

By the time this letter hits the press, the reunion will be over and we hope it will be a great success.

Editor's Note:

We apologize for the mix-up on this report. It should have been included in the May-June issue but was not sent to the printer with the rest of the copy. It wasn't discovered till the paper was put together for printing.

It was quite a disappointment to pick up the last issue of the Octofoil and discover our last article was not included. Maybe we were too late in getting our news in and hopefully the next issue will include both.

Unforeseen Incidents

We were planning to attend the reunion but a number of unforeseen incidents arose and at the last minute, we were forced to cancel our plans. Our thoughts were with you during the reunion and the wonderful reports we received from the Clarks, Clousers, Hellers, Grays and Larry Ghre made us very unhappy that we had to miss this year. We understand there was a great turnout and that a good time was had by all. Our mouths were watering when we heard about the clambake. The good Lord willing, we will make Fayetteville next year.

Express Gratitude

The Belmontes would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Scholarship Committee for granting a scholarship to our children. With the rising costs of education and living, the money allowed them will help considerably towards their education. Luann is attending Illinois State University in Normal and majoring in Business Administration. Mike is attending University of Illinois Chicago Circle majoring in Accounting. Again, our sincere thanks to the Committee.

We are pleased to report that Chuck Koskie is now out of the hospital. After two months, he was given two weekend passes and then released. The infection has been cleared and he's doing very good.

There is not much news from the Illinois Chapter this time as we have not had a meeting since May. We have one scheduled for August 21st but the deadline for the next issue is prior to that date. With the summer months, we don't seem to get together to gather much news. Hopefully, we will have more to report next time.

Looking Forward

The Michigan-Illinois Chapter is looking forward to the Outstate Meeting in Angola, Indiana on October 16th and 17th. All Midwest members are invited to attend. Roger Alsgaard of the Michigan Chapter is in charge and reservations should be sent to him. It will be held at the Holiday Inn. Roger's address is 2834 Wynes Street, Saginaw, Mich. 48602.

Congratulations

Our congratulations to John Clouser on being elected President of the National at the Reunion in Hyannis. Even though he lives in Florida and Michigan, we still consider him as one of ours. Good luck.

Mike & Ann Belmonte
1161 South Lombard
Oak Park, Illinois
60304

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

Big Thank You

A great big "Thank You!" to Art Stenzel, our BECO Buddy and Octofoil reporter for furnishing us details on the 36th Annual 9th Inf. Div. Assoc. Reunion; which was held at Dunfey's Hyannis on beautiful Cape Cod, Mass., on June 25, 26, 27. Art tells us that the Reunion was most enjoyable and happily he continues, that ol' "BECO" 47th made a very respectful showing with 10 of its faithful and their wives attending (we understand this was about 20 percent of the 47th attendance-fantastic! "BECO" attendance was:

Stan and Florence Adowski -- Buffalo, N.Y.
Dennis and Thora Canedy -- New Britain, Conn.
Joe and Stella Cichocki -- Phila., Pa.
John and Catherine Compagnone -- Netcong, N.J.
Jack and Kay DiSanto -- Burlington, Vt.
Joe and Rose Harvilla -- Cardale, Pa.
Nick and Olga Palega -- Bellerose, L.I., N.Y.
Joe and Edith Podany -- Minneapolis, Minn.
Joe and Eleanor Taubner -- Bergenfield, N.J.
Art and Grace Stenzel -- Largo, Florida

Appreciation

The "BECO" gang extends their thanks and appreciation to "Big Nick" Palega for the use of his room as the "B" Co. CP and also to Bill Klauz (who could not attend the reunion) for donating the 'Spirits' and beer (Bill was our Company Commander through Germany and war's end). - The Hyannis Hotel was in a beautiful setting for the Reunion; a massive 2-story Chalet-Type structure offering every need from Golf Course, indoor and outdoor pools, fine restaurant and cocktail lounge, meeting rooms and lastly its huge Convention Center where all the major activities were held. Overall the Boston Chapter did a very fine job. The proof was that the people remained at the convention center until closing for all three events. To the Boston Chapter we say well done! -- We were unable to attend the reunion this year due to Ann's illness. Anne's condition has improved somewhat-but she is not out of the woods - yet. She is under the care of our local medical doctor, together with our local Eye Surgeon Specialist. - However, we are as active as we can be - our appointment calendar is overflowing every month! Ann and I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those "BECO" buddies and friends who sent Ann Get-Well-Cards and letters. A special "thank you" is also in order to Dennis Canedy for calling us long distance from his home in Conn. to find out how Ann was feeling after her return from Johns Hopkins Hospital, in Baltimore, Md. Also the long distance call for "BECO" buddy Eddie Sarnocinski together with his news that he would not attend the reunion because his wife Helen was in the hospital and was to undergo surgery. We are happy to say that Ed's most recent letter tells us that Helen's operation, which was quite serious, was a successful one. All of us, of course wish only the best for Helen and that she will have a speedy recovery.

Wins Gold Medal

Recently I entered the State of Pennsylvania's First Annual Senior Citizens Olympics, competing in the 2,400 meters walk (approx. 1½ miles) which was held at Shippensburg State

College, Shippensburg, Pa. I felt that after doing all that walking as a G.I. with our 9th Inf. Div., I should be able to compete with other senior citizens in my age group. To prepare myself I trained for 2 months by walking daily for 1-2 hrs. on the indoor track at our local "Y"! Well I am happy to report that I won the Gold Medal, finishing in 1st place in this 2,400 meters walk! I am, of course, proud of the fact that I was the 1st Sr. Citizen to win this event in the State of Pennsylvania!!

Annual Pilgrimage

Ann and I will be attending Father Connor's 37th Annual Memorial Mass and Service in Worcester, Mass. on Sunday Nov. 8th, 1981. We are extremely pleased that Father Connors decided to keep alive this annual Pilgrimage to Worcester to honor our 4,581 - 9th Div. men who were killed in action in World War II - and for the 9th Div. men who were killed in action in Vietnam.

In closing I want to say once again on behalf of Ann: Thanks to all you good buddies and friends who wrote and-or called to find out how Ann was feeling and for their concerns and well-wishes.

We shall always remember you in our thoughts and prayers. To all our buddies and their families "Keep Well" and have a great summer!

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Art J. Stenzel
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1st Bn Med Det 47th Inf.
C.B. BAKER
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Johnson City, TN 37601

Sure am sorry that I missed the Hyannis reunion, but have been very busy here at work. We have been covered up for the last two months, so I have had no time off.

Please find enclosed our check for a life membership and also a donation to the Ft. Bragg Memorial Marker.

I have been able to locate Arthur Pauley, now living at Nitro, West Virginia. He has promised to come to Tennessee to see us on his vacation in September.

If you would like a photo for a future Octofoil, I have been able to locate one of Hague O'Quinn, Arthur Pauley and C.B. Baker all of the 1st Bn. Med. Det. 47th Inf. Regt. (left to right). All three are holders of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. This photo was made at Dessau, Germany on the Elbe River the last of April 1945. This is where we met the Russians.

Since I last wrote to you I have heard from: Howard Brooks, John Mizia, Sam Confalone, Captain Burton Anderson and Lt. Wilson Langley. All C Company men from the 47th. Also received a nice photo from Howard of the Ft. Bragg men that made it to the end of the War in Germany. He is sending you one for publication in the Octofoil.

I don't remember if I told you that I have also heard from Major Roberts, C.O. of the 47th. Regt. Medics. He is still practicing in Elkins, W. Va. Hope to drop by to see him some time.

Hope this finds you and yours well. Please accept my best.

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.

Business Transacted at Reunion

139th Meeting Board of Governors

The 139th meeting of the National Board of Governors was held in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, on June 25, 1981. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M. by President William Bongiorno. Attending the meeting were Emil Langer, John Clouser, Edwin Wisniewski, Martin Krasovetz and Bob DeSandy. Also present were 1st Vice-President, Vincent Guglielmino, Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh, Past President Fran Maher and Elmer Wagner.

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

The secretary read the minutes of the 138th meeting that was held in Worcester on November 8, 1980 and upon a motion duly made by Bob DeSandy and seconded by Marty Krasovetz it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes as read and instruct the secretary to place copy of same on file.

John Clouser Chairman of the Scholarship Committee was called for his report. The committee consists of Michael Deresh and Joseph Williams. Clouser stated the recipients are all related to men of the Ninth and are selected according to their academic ability and financial needs. This year 12 students will receive awards with ten renewals and 2 new applicants being selected. Since the program was started in 1961 the association has granted the sum of \$30,605.00.

Upon a motion duly made by Marty Krasovetz and seconded by Emil Langer it was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations of the Scholarship Committee. President Bongiorno thanked John Clouser and his committee for their report.

President William Bongiorno appointed Fran Maher and Marty Krasovetz to serve until 1984 on the committee for Non-Chapter Convention sites.

Boardman "Woody" Lockwood a member of the Fort Bragg Memorial "Marker" committee briefed the members on the progress of this committee. A site for the Marker had been selected at the Main Post at Fort Bragg as the area of the Ninth (1940-1942) was deteriorating and in time will be phased out. The Main Post location is used for parades etc., and will be maintained by the Army. Lockman concluded his remarks - stating this committee will meet before the general meeting have their final report and recommendations.

President Bongiorno appointed the following members to be Chairman of these committees:

Finance Committee Robert DeSandy

Newspaper Committee Emil Langer

By-Laws Committee John Clouser

Nominating Committee Ed Wisniewski

Miscellaneous Committee Marty Krasovetz

Fran Maher briefed the members as to events to take place. He will meet with the various chapter members who will participate in the Memorial Service to be held on Saturday. A good turnout is expected with over 350 members making reservations for the Clam Bake to be held on Friday afternoon.

82 Reunion

June 24, 25, 26th

President Bongiorno briefed the members on the 1982 reunion to be held at Fort Bragg-Fayetteville, N.C. Hotel Bordeaux has been selected as Headquarters for the reunion, a new Motel with all the facilities needed for our group.

Bob DeSandy submitted a bid for the 1983 reunion for the Michigan Chapter. Final action will be taken by the Board of Governors at their meeting held after the general meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by Robert DeSandy and seconded by John Clouser it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 5:35 P.M.

The 36th Meeting of the Ninth Infantry Division Association

The 36th meeting of the Ninth Infantry Division Association took place 1:05 PM on June 27, 1981 at Dunphey's Hotel, Hyannis, Massachusetts. There being a quorum of 105 members present the President Bill Bongiorno called the meeting to order and asked the members to stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of our departed comrades.

The secretary, Daniel Quinn, then read the minutes of the 35th meeting that took place in Washington, D.C., on July 18, 1980. Upon a motion duly made by Bob DeSandy and seconded by Harrison Daysh it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes and to instruct the secretary to place copy of same on file.

Thomas Boyle, the treasurer was called upon for his report and the treasurer gave a detail account of the spendings and income for the past year. Boyle concluded his report by stating "To the best of my knowledge, all demands upon this association have been paid or a settlement agreed upon. I have no knowledge of outstanding income or expenses. It is my considered opinion that the Ninth Infantry Division Association is in good financial condition. The National Officers along with the Board of Governors are to be complimented for their outstanding devotion to the finances of our fine organization."

President Bongiorno thanked Tom for his report and upon a motion duly made by Martin Krasovetz and seconded by Bob Hughes it was voted to: Addept the Treasurers report.

Scholarship Committee

John Clouser Chairman of the Scholarship Committee was called upon for his report. He explained to the membership that this committee is a permanent one now consisting of Michael Deresh and Joseph Williams both residing in Florida and himself a Winter resident. John told the members that the recipients are all related to men of the Ninth, and are selected according to their academic ability and financial need. This year 12 students will benefit from this fund with ten renewals and two new applicants sharing the awards. Since the program was started in 1961 the association has granted the sum of \$30,000.00.

New applicants:

Denise R. Medea, daughter of Joseph Medea-9th Med. Bn. William M. Wisniewski, son of Edwin Wisniewski - Serv. Co. 47th Inf.

Renewals:

Luann Belmonte, daughter of Michael Belmonte - Bty A 60th FA

Michael Belmonte, son of Michael Belmonte - Bty A 60th FA

Kathleen Ciluffo, daughter of James V. Ciluffo - Co. C 47th Inf

Martin Feinberg, son of Irving Feinberg - 2nd Bn 47th Inf Terri D. Hertz, daughter of Stanley Hertz - Co G 60th Inf. Susan A. Laurito, daughter of Michael Laurito -Co H 60th Inf Martha J. Trainor, daughter of Edward Trainor (deceased) Co H 47th Inf.

Richard E. Wisniewski, son of Edwin Wisniewski - Serv Co 47th Inf

Jame M. Mednak, daughter of Michael Yednak -At-T Co 47th Inf

Nancy M. Stanick, daughter of Michael Stanik Co D 47th Inf.

Upon a motion duly made by Walter Victor and seconded by Mark Sciarappa it was voted to: accept the report of the Scholarship Committee. President Bongiorno thanked Clouser and his committee.

Briefed on Reunion

Ron Murphy Co-Chairmann of the reunion briefed the membership on the events of the reunion. There were over 500 people registered and requested the members to make reservations for seating at the banquet as soon as possible.

Finance & Budget

Bob DeSandy Chairman of the Finance Committee was called upon for his report and he named these members who served on this committee: Walter O'Keefe, Art MacDougall, Fran Maher, Larry Ghare, Charles Williams, Elmer Wagner, and Vincent Guglielmino.

The committee submitted this budget for approval:

Anticipated Income	
1. Dues	\$5000.00
2. Investments	3150.00
3. Reunion	800.00

	\$8950.00
Expenses	
1. Octofoil	4200.00
2. Secretary Sal.	650.00
3. Clerical Help	750.00
4. Utilities	800.00
5. Postage	1500.00
6. Supplies	310.00
7. Misc. Expense	200.00
8. Secretary Expen	350.00
9. Treasurers Expen	200.00
10. Editors Expense	400.00
11. Accountant Fees	150.00
12. Dues Reminder	100.00
13. Board Meetings	400.00
Scholarship Committee	
Expenses	100.00
15. Wreath	50.00
16. Reunion Gratuities	100.00
17. FICA	50.00

Total	\$10,210.00

The income and expenses have increased approximately 7 percent, and create a \$1260.00 deficit. The Finance Committee recommends that this estimated deficit be made up by borrowing these needed funds from the Capital Account or monies remaining in the General Fund.

Upon a motion duly made by Bill Zimmerman and seconded by Max Umansky it was voted to: Accept the report of the Finance Committee. President Bongiorno thanked Bob DeSandy and his committee.

Newspaper Committee

Emil Langer Chairman of the Newspaper Committee named the following members who served on this committee: John Obermiller, Paul Clark, Billie Martin, Ed McGrath, and Art Schmidt.

The committee reports the following:

1. Thank the Editors Walter O'Keefe and Dan Quinn for an excellent job.
2. The committee had discussed the possibility of publishing four (4) copies a year instead of six.

3. Recommends that the six (6) copies a year be continued for the Octofoil.

4. As the women of the association show so much interest in the Octofoil have them contribute more in the way of writing stories and articles for the paper.

5. Continue with individual letters for "Mail Call" and have the Chapters contribute with news events etc., of the chapters.

Upon a motion duly made by Elmer Wagner and seconded by Fran Maher it was voted to: Accept the report of the Newspaper Committee. President Bongiorno thanked Emil Langer and his committee.

Miscellaneous Committee

Marty Krasovetz Chairman of the Miscellaneous Committee named these members who served with him on this committee: Al Perna, Paul Pryjmak, Herb Olsen, George Bako, William Zimmerman.

The Miscellaneous Committee recommends the following:

1. Make arrangements with the Hotel (for the reunion) on cut off dates in the event all rooms are reserved and that the hotel make arrangements with the near by hotels for additional accomodations.
2. Increase the price of the 60th Infantry History book to \$2.00 to cover the price of postage and handling.
3. Move the registration at the reunion up to 9:00 A.M. on Thursday to alleviate the load and also have a member of the host chapter on hand the day before the reunion to answer any questions that may arise.
4. The convention committee may consider using resort areas for future conventions instead of cities.
5. A permanent name tag be made up for the members that attend conventions regularly. Costs to be established, the pin should have a clip on.

The above suggestions are presented for your approval or disapproval.

Upon a motion duly made by Bill Coen and seconded by Lenny Tomassone it was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations of the Miscellaneous Committee.

Nominating Committee

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Ed Wisniewski, named the following members who served on this committee: John Edmonds, Emil Langer, Sal Trapani, and Kelb Stockford. The committee recommends that the vacancies of five members leaving the Board of Governors be filled by the following members:

Walter O'Keefe
Herbert Olsen
Frank Wade
Roger Alsgaard
Art MacDougal

The President asked for nominations from the floor and upon a motion duly made by Sal Trapani and seconded by Coleman Gronseth it was voted to: Close the nominations.

Upon a motion duly made by Carlos Esteva and seconded by Boardman Lockwood it was voted to: Instruct the secretary to cast one ballot for unanimous vote.

Ed Wisniewski and his committee were thanked by President Bongiorno.

Marker Committee

The Memorial Marker Committee for the erecting of a monument at Fort Bragg in 1982 was called upon for their report. The committee consists of William Martin, George Brown,

Frank Smith and Boardman Lockwood. The committee briefed the members as to the location where the Marker shall be placed. The original site was the old Ninth Division Area but as the place has been slowly deteriorating the main post area was selected. This area is used for many events, parades, retiring ceremonies etc., and is kept in good condition and will be maintained by the Army. A marble stone, six feet long, four feet high and eight inches in thickness mounted on a platform of concrete to commemorate the men of the Ninth will be erected in tiem for the 1982 reunion to be held at Fort Bragg-Fayetteville, N.C. A contractor had been contacted and a price of \$3500.00 was quoted.

Upon a motion duly made by Bob DeSandy and seconded by Carlos Esteva it was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations of Marker Committee and to give the committee a warranty for this project not to exceed the sum of \$5000.00.

President Bongiorno thanked the committee for their efforts.

By Laws Committee

John Clouser Chairman of the By-laws committee was called for his report and he named these members who served on this committee: Pat DeColli, Gene Reedy, Percy Hough and Harrison Daysh.

The Committee first discussed the Ad Hoc Committee report published in the May-June issue of Octofoil (1981). The committee discussed each part of the proposal and made recommendations as follows:

1. That instead of the wording proposed that the wording on membership qualifications as contained in the original Constitution of the Ninth Infantry Division Association be adopted. The recommendation is that Section 4 of the current By-laws have the first sentence deleted and be replaced with, "Any person now, before or hereafter assigned to the Ninth Infantry Division shall be eligible for membership. Any member or former member of the 746th Tank Battalion, 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion and 376th Anti-Aircraft Artillery automatic Weapons Battalion, who served overseas with the Ninth Infantry Division shall be eligible for membership."

Note: Provision for membership re-the Ladies Auxiliary will remain the same and the provision for not permitting and forfeiting of membership because of a dishonorable discharge from the Army shall stand.

2. That section 11 on dues have the term "Associate member" deleted. There is no definition of an associate member in the By-laws.
3. That the wording proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee be changed and that the following be added to the present section: That any person who served in the Ninth Infantry Division after May 7, 1945 and is eligible for membership will pay an initial membership fee of \$15.00, said amount to be credited for current annual dues with the balance to be allocated to the Capital Fund.
4. That Article 16-Board of Governors be amended as proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee which is following the words "is chosen and qualified" add the words: In

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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.

The committee then discussed the proposal by John Clouser to re-organize the association and decided not to take a position on the proposal.

The committee then discussed the situation of non-compliance with Section 35 pertaining to blanket position bond and recommend that the Board of Governors investigate the propriety and desirability of having such a bond.

A motion duly made by Boardman Lockwood and seconded by Emil Langer it was voted to: Accept the By-Laws committee report, and then to discuss each paragraph as submitted by the committee.

Defeat Amendment

After a much heated discussion and both sides heard from on the proposals and upon a motion duly made by Sal Trapani and seconded by Henry Capella it was voted to: Vote on the question whether to change the By laws or remain as is with the membership limited to World War 2 members - the final vote was: 51 in favor and 52 against the change.

Upon a motion duly made by George Brown and seconded by Fred D'Amore it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 3:30 P.M.

**140th Meeting
Board of Governors**

The 140th meeting of the National Board of Governors was held in Hyannis, Massachusetts, on June 27, 1981 at 4:05 P.M. The meeting was called to order by President William Bongiorno. Attending the meeting were: Martin Krasovetz, Emil Langer, John Clouser, Fred D'Amore, Charles Tingley, Frank Wade, Ed Wisniewski, Walter O'Keefe, Art MacDougall, and Herb Olsen. Also present were Bill Martin, Fran Maher, Treasurer Tom Boyle and Rev. Jerry Rowan.

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

Upon a motion duly made by Martin Krasovetz and seconded by Fred D'Amore it was voted to: Omit the reading of the minutes of the 139th meeting and to omit the Treasurers report.

Election of Officers was held with the following elected to serve:

President - John Clouser
1st Vice President Vincent Guglielmino
2nd Vice President Elmer Wagner
3rd Vice-President Ronald Murphy
Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh

Treasurer Thomas Boyle
Secretary Daniel Quinn
Outgoing President Bill Bongiorno turned over the Chair and gavel to the newly elect President John Clouser. Bongiorno thanked the members for their cooperation while he was in office and wished the best for the new President. John Clouser thanked Bill Bongiorno for a job well done and thanked the members for the honor bestowed upon him by electing him for his third term of President of the Association and concluded "I will do the best job I can".

President Clouser called for bids for the 1983 reunion. Edwin Wisniewski submitted a bid for the Michigan Chapter to hold the 1983 reunion. There being no other chapter bids for the 83 reunion it was voted to: Give the 1983 reunion to the Michigan Chapter with an exact location not chosen at this time.

Bill Bongiorno briefed the members on the 1982 reunion to be held in Fayetteville, North Carolina. John Clouser then appointed a committee as this will be a reunion other than a Chapter group. He appointed the secretary, Dan Quinn and William Martin, along with himself, to serve on this committee. The Board of Governors and Officers will be responsible for this reunion and Clouser will appoint other members to serve as Chairman of the various activities.

Upon a motion duly made by Marty Krasovetz and seconded by Ed Wisniewski it was voted to: Authorize the Memorial Marker Committee to finalize their plans for this monument and to seek other prices not too exceed the present price of \$3500.00 but allowing them the sum of \$5000.00 if so needed. Have the committee draw up a contract and have the secretary sign it and then sent to the President for his signature.

William Martin a member of the Marker Committee requested a letter of Authorization to represent the Ninth Infantry Division Association with this project.

Charles Tingley made a final report on the 1980 reunion held in Washington, D.C. and turned over the sum of \$1,246.80 as additional funds received from the reunion. He had turned over the sum of \$2,500.00 at the Board meeting held in November 1980.

Upon a motion duly made by Emil Langer and seconded by Marty Krasovetz it was voted to: Grant the Washington, D.C. the sum of \$100.00 for a job well done.

A discussion was held on the subject of a Blanket Bond for the associations members who handle the money of the organization. Several members volunteered to check into the matter such as costs etc.

Upon a motion duly made by Fred D'Amore and seconded by Ed Wisniewski, it was voted to: Hold the Fall meeting in Worcester on November 7, 1981 the weekend of Father Connors Memorial Mass and Dinner. (The time of meeting 3:00 p.m.)

Upon a motion duly made by Fred D'Amore and seconded by Frank Wade it was voted to: Reimburse the Ad Hoc Committee that met in Pittsburgh, Pa., on March 14, 1981, expenses not to exceed the sum of \$150.00. This committee consisted of Emil Langer, Charles Tingley, Fran Maher, Bob DeSandy and Harrison Daysh.

Charles Tingley submitted for the record that the amendment of the By-laws as submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee will again be placed before the membership for the 1982 reunion.

Upon a motion duly made by Emil Langer and seconded by Charles Tingley it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 5:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Daniel Quinn
National Secretary

**MEMO: from 26th FIELD
ARTILLERY BATTALION**

SUBJECT: 36th Annual Reunion, 9th Infantry Division Association

It was a great reunion and a grand vacation for over 500 Ninth men and their families.

We make many things in Massachusetts but we could not make the beautiful weather that greeted us upon arrival on Cape Cod. Rain arrived shortly after 3 pm on Friday but by that time all of the golfers were through for the day. The sightseers were tired by this time and returned to Dunphy's.

FAVORABLE CONDITIONS

Our Memorial Service was held under the most favorable conditions. The sun, the location, the clouds, the atmosphere and the Memorial Service could not have been better.

HAVE YOU SEEN?

Bill Martin, "A" 26FA and Detroit saw this writer on Thursday and asked, "Have you seen Ed. Nelson?" Ed was registered but was no where to be found. Bill Martin was not to be seen again until Friday night. At that time I needed the help of Bob DeSandy of the Detroit Chapter to locate Bill among the huge crowd attending the Friday night part of the program. I had to confess to Bill that I could not find Ed. Nelson.

During the Memorial Service I saw Bill Martin making good use of his camera. A few minutes later I met Ed. Nelson. I had Ed remove his hat and showed him the way to Bill Martin. I had Bill remove his hat, for possible better identification, and said to him, "Do you know this man?" Then I said to Ed. "Do you know this man?" Both men said no. Then I said to Bill Martin meet Ed. Nelson. Both men reminisced about A Btry 26FA and some of the men with whom they served but both men parted company in the same way as they met, complete strangers.

RETIREMENT LIFE

John Picciano was in from Lancaster, Penn. Ed Nelson is the only one from A Btry with whom he corresponds. John Babbitt was feeling pretty good considering the many trips he has made to hospitals over the years. If anyone wants to know what retirement life is like on the Cape he should get in touch with Milt Parrott. As the expression goes, "He has it made."

Matulius, Sciarappa, Boyle, and Hennelly from C Btry all possibly a little over weight looked healthy enough for another tour of duty.

MANY BOUTS

Donald Rollar, who drove for Col. Johnson, has had many bouts with sickness during the past year. By the time you read this he will have made another trip to the hospital for an operation. I forgot to ask John Clouser whether he flew in from Wisconsin or up from Florida. He uses both addresses many times throughout the year. Chesley Mischler drove all the way from Whitaker, Pa.

MAKE UP MIND

Joe Albanese is toying with retirement. Can't seem to make up his mind. Three years ago Elmer Roscoe broke a hip during a fall and it is now giving him some trouble. Bill Bongiorno visited Fayetteville which will be the site of our 1982 convention.

REMEMBER . . . WOR-
CESTER . . . NOVEMBER 8,
1981

Mr. Joseph A. McKenzie
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**60th F.A. Newsletter
by**

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Own Reporting

After these many years of letting my wife do the writing, I decided that maybe this one time, I would do my own reporting.

Saturday, August 1st, I had a visit from a former "A" Bty. Wayne "Andy" Barhight and his wife Nellie. They were on their way home to Warren, Pa. and had a five hour lay over in Chicago. I haven't seen Andy since the reunion in Pittsburgh in '68. He's still as trim as ever and is planning to retire at the end of this year.

While reading the local paper, I came across a wedding picture - the name of the bride Schossau struck me. Reading further, I discovered she is the daughter of Paul E. Schossau, former A Btry. man who married a local Oak Park man. Schossau is now retired from the Army and resides in Colorado Springs.

Take Opportunity

I also wanted to take this opportunity to mention that last year, I came across Capt. Louis Prince and his wife in Washington, D. C. Lou looks fit enough to slip into his old army uniform.

Mood For Writing

While I'm still in the mood for writing, I want all "A" Btry. men to know that I still keep in touch with the following men: Bodan Banit, Fred Auth, Andy Barhight, Thomas Davis, Al DeNaro, Sam DiRenzio, Al Friedlmeir, Buck Goff, Dom Greco, Melvin Jaggi, Stan Krystosiak, John Liggero, Frank Lovell, Michael Patrick, Jessie Posey, Walter Quigley, Wilbur Sanders, James Stebins, Harry Torhan, Ed Wardzala, George Wenshutonis, Mike Bish and Mike Lasalandra from Hqs. Btry, Savino DeRosa from Ser. Btry. and Lou Pandolfi from "C" Btry.

I will answer all letters and be happy to exchange names and address of all former "A" Btry. men.

I was in Bragg in '42, '62 and will be there in '82. Let's hear from the 60th.

Fellow Members of the 9th Infantry Division Association (now to become a last-man club)

After an undignified and somewhat acrimonious tally of votes at the Annual Meeting in Hyannis those opposed to expanding our membership to allow others who have worn the Octofoil to become members of our Association prevailed by one vote, 52 to 51, with the result that some fifteen years from now there will be only a few men in the seventies, or older, to gather in memory of those who have gone before. There will have to be a decision as to how our substantial funds shall be distributed and then we shall have simply faded away leaving only a stone marker by the flagpole at Ft. Bragg to record our place in the military annals of our country.

Perhaps that is as it should be and where we should let the question rest but I personally am saddened at the prospect.

Respectfully,

Boardman F. Lockwood
Ex-47th Infantry
Fort Bragg to
Schrobenhausen

82 Reunion

June 24, 25, 26th

SORRY ABOUT THAT

Pete Uhl, former member of the 39th Infantry, sends this memo he received from the Veterans Administration regarding the payment of a special dividend based on prior military service.

We are returning your request for payment of a special dividend based on your prior military service. The information you received regarding such a dividend is a hoax. Congress did not pass any new legislation authorizing the payment of a special dividend. The information you received refers to a dividend which was declared in 1950. As a result of this misinformation the following provision of the law (38 United States Code 707b) was passed:

"No claim by an insured for payment in cash of a special dividend declared prior to January 1, 1952, shall be processed by the Veterans Administration unless such claim was received within six years after such dividend was declared. Whenever any claim for payment of a special dividend, the processing of which is barred by this subsection, is received in the Veterans Administration, it shall be returned to the claimant, with a copy of this subsection, and such action shall be a complete response without further communication."

We are aware that this rumor has been spreading throughout the country. Although we have attempted to dispel the rumor through every means available to us, the hoax continues to crop up in new areas of the country.

The only dividends we are currently paying are on certain Government policies that are still in force. No application is needed for these dividends.

You can help us to eliminate this rumor by passing this information along to any friends of yours or to any veterans group to which you may belong.

Sincerely Yours,
R.L.BRENNAN
Chief, Insurance
Division

15th Eng. Bn. Co. C.
CHARLES P. FOWLER
928 Middlesex Street
Gloucester City, N.J. 08030

Enclosed find check for Marker Fund. I would appreciate you adding my name in the list to be put on the Memorial Marker at Fort Bragg. I hope to be able to attend the Reunion next year.

39th Inf. Co. B.
A.J. SEASOCK
2795 Crestwood Rd.
Smyrna, Ga. 30080

Enclosed is check for Marker Fund and my address change. Will see you at Bragg next year. "B" Co. gang of the 39th will all meet at Bragg with the division reunion. God willing, I'll be seeing you. Love to you and yours.

AT Co., 47th Inf.
JULIUS ANDRASI
11 Bedford Ave. Apt. D-1
Norwalk, Ct. 06850

Just noticed that my membership has run out so I am enclosing a check for the next 3 years. Sorry I missed the reunion at the Cape because I sure missed seeing the old gang and all the boys of the 9th. Will see you all at Fort Bragg. Regards to all AT boys. Keep up the good work, Dan. By the way, Howard Waldman, did you get hoarse at the reunion? It was nice talking to you, your wife and the boys.

mail call

Continued

15th Engrs. Co. B.
ARTHUR R. SCHMIDT
69-20 69th St.,
Glendale, N.Y. 11385

Enclosed is my contribution to the Memorial Marker Fund. I think the erection of this marker at Fort Bragg is the least we can do to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades and to preserve the esprit de corps of the 9th Infantry Division.

47th Inf. A Co.
JOHN POLHEMUS
1093 Indian Hill Rd.
Toms River, N.J. 08753

Enclosed is a check for dues and Marker Fund. Enjoy reading the Octofoil and mail call letters. The only disappointment so far is not seeing any messages from anyone I used to know. I was with the 47th Inf. A Co., but left the outfit in Normandy. If any of the fellows are still around, they could write me at this address. I would be glad to hear from them. Keep up the good work.

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

Enclosed is a check for dues. I am sorry that I have not been able to attend recent reunions due in most part by physical problems. Added to these was a heart attack last November. I now have to limit some of my activities. I enjoy the issues of the Octofoil and the doings of many who have retired. I noted a letter in the last issue from Keene Wilson, formerly my company commander. From all the letters, it would seem that you are the one that keeps our organization alive. The best to you and yours and all who contribute to the welfare of our comrades.

39th Inf. AT Co.
BARBARA VILLANOVA
262 Van Buren St.
Lyndhurst, N.J. 07071

In memory of my late husband, Fred, I am enclosing a contribution for the Memorial Marker to be erected at Fort Bragg. Thank your for sending me the Octofoil. I read a letter sent by Henry Geisel from the 39th. A good friend and buddy of Fred's. Best wishes for a successful reunion.

47th Inf.
HOUSTON MEADE
Rt. 1, Box 600
Christiansburg, Va. 24073

I have just returned from the reunion at Hyannis, where I met some of my old comrades. I was with the 47th through it all and thank God I made it. Enclosed is a check for dues and Marker fund.

47th Inf. Co. G
MILTON J. McDANIEL
336 Jackson Ave.
Daytona Beach, Fl. 32014

Good buddy - when you head south, stop by. Daytona Beach has 33 miles of beautiful beach. Would enjoy seeing and talking over old times.

60th Inf.
MRS. HENRY DABROWSKI
482 Madeline Ave.
Garfield, N.J. 07026

In memory of my late husband Henry, I enclose a contribution for the Memorial Marker fund. Thank you for sending me the Octofoil. I enjoy reading it all the time.

47th
J. P. MACMANUS
Billings, Mont. 59101

Here's my check for another three years. I have been looking at the Octofoil to see if my name was in red but it seemed to me it was still in black.

47th Inf. AT Co.
GEORGE POOLE
8858 Hawbottom Rd.
Middletown, Md. 21769

I am sure you are aware of the efforts being made by members of AT Co. 47th to locate former members. To enhance those efforts I would like to make the following suggestion: A lost and found column or some other appropriate title be set aside in the Octofoil to record those names and their units of those being sought and those who have been located. Under the current system the names and addresses which I have sent you have been, I assume added to the association roster and as a result, the membership does not receive this information unless through inquiries. If the names and units were published in the found column, the membership and appropriate chapters could conceivably contact the person and possibly increase membership. Hopefully, this suggestion if adopted would reduce some of the time required to search files.

47th Inf. 1st Bn. Hq. Co
HENRY DIETRICH
8 Croydon Dr.
No. Cape May, N.J. 08204

Would you kindly convey our joy and happiness to all the men and their wives, friends and strangers of the 9th who took time to send so many beautiful cards and phone calls. Gerry is improving slowly but surely. Hope to see you all at the reunion and thanks again to all you fine people.

47th Inf. Serv. Co.
DICK TOOLE
P. O. Box 276
Anthony, Fl. 32617

Just to let you know I'll be moving Sept. 1st to retire on a small 10 acre thoroughbred farm near Ocala, Fl. My temporary address will be in Anthony, Fl. I got rid of some apartments, have a few rentals. Have been in horse business for 10 or 12 years as breeder and owner. Have raised some pretty good ones. Hope you and the rest have a nice convention and will see you at Ft. Bragg. Hello to all.

60th Inf. C Co.-9th Med Bn
JOHN SANTORO
62 King St.
Reading, Ma. 01867

Quite a few years have gone by and I didn't know about the association until a few months ago I happened to see a 9th Division Octofoil on a car. I asked about it from a Mr. Gil Pernokis. He gave me the Octofoil paper and now I'm sending in my application. He also let me read the book "Stars to Victory" which I sure wish I could get one at any cost! I became a member of the 9th when it came to England in 1943. I was sent to the 9th Med Bn C Co. 60th Reg. and was with them till we got to Aachen, Germany. I had to leave due to sickness and leg pains. I never got back to them as I was put in the rear with another outfit till the war ended. I sure missed the 9th and now I would like to become a member.

B Co. 39th Inf.
BILL KREYE
337 - 20th St.
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215

It has been a long time since I wrote to you and have been very busy one way or another. How are you and the rest of the family? We. Veronica, mother 89, Carolyn, Robert and myself seem to be okay at present. Some 7 years ago I almost passed out on the street. Went in to the VA hospital, Fort Hamilton and was there for over 6 months. Found to have diabetes, a bum heart and a growth on my leg which was removed okay. However it upset my boss because I was out so long so I hustled back to work instead of recuperating fully. But I seem to be getting stronger year after year which has been fortunate. It was about 2 years later that the firm let me go and I was told they closed up altogether a year later. I tried to get work but I was told I was too old and no degree to carry on my profession. I filed for social security at 62 and reread "The Pawns of War". I found too many mistakes and omissions. Therefore, I rewrote the book with a slightly different slant, using many of your snapshots from the Octofoil. We are now publishing the "Pawns of War" by Vantage Press, but they cannot reproduce these pictures. They need the negatives to reproduce the snapshots. Can you help us? The wife and I run back and forth between Brooklyn and Jackson, N.J. as we have to look after mother. We haven't made a reunion in many years as something always comes up. But I told the family that next year the Fort Bragg reunion is a must. I haven't been to Ft. Bragg reunion in a few years, but I did get to see those swell guys from B Co. 39th and we had a lovely time. I have been building up the prestige of the 9th Division for a long time. I conversed with that French author, Albert Pipet, and hope I straightened him out.

Btry. B, 60th FA
John F. Marston
57 Summer St.,
Plymouth, Ma. 02360

I was very pleased to have had the opportunity to finally meet you at the convention. It was a great joy also to see and have a conversation with Fr. Connors. I did meet up with 2 of my old B Btry. buddies, Hollis of Newton, Ma. and Ray (Parachute) Frazz of Plymouth and their lovely wives. We had quite a chat about the "old days" and that, in itself, was the high point of my visits. I was, however, disappointed in the scarcity of B Btry. members as well as the poor representation of the 60th FA Bn. I wish, somehow, we could contact them so that we could have a really representative reunion. Want to get this off in order for my new address to be posted.

47 Inf. I Co.
JOHN DOLAK
305 St. Louis Ave.
Pt. Pleasant Beach, N.J. 08742

Received the latest edition of the Octofoil, which reminded me to send my donation. Enclosed is check for the Memorial Marker Fund. We had a great time at the Hyannis reunion and are looking forward to the "Big One" next year. In fact we plan to stop and look over next year's headquarters on our way to Florida in November, after the Worcester Memorial, of course. Best regards to you and Marie.

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

This letter will be a mixed bag of pleasures and disappointment. First the bad part: I was most disappointed to read that the By-Laws proposal change, which would have made it possible to open up our membership to some new Ninth Division blood, was defeated - and so narrowly! If Chick Hennen and I had been able to be at Hyannis, we could have swung the vote the right way!! I still think the vote should be afforded the whole membership, via the Octofoil. After all, absentee voting is provided for in our national elections. Many of our most loyal members are simply unable to attend the reunions - for a variety of reasons - yet are denied the right to decide whether our Association should be perpetuated or allowed to die a premature death. Even if it were a straw vote only, it would most certainly tell our Board of Governors how our membership stands on the issue.

Now for the good part: Will wonders never cease! Imagine seeing in one issue, the names of four of my old friends! A letter from Slick Wilson, my old roommate at Bushfield Barracks, and later Bn. Co. Wyatt Colclasure, my tourist cabin neighbor at Ft. Benning in 1942 (congratulations to Wyatt II, on making LTC); Paul Sakai, an old CIC friend from post WW II days at Ft. Holabird; and a mention of Harold Willoughby, a "charter member" with me of Cannon Co., 60th Inf. Things like that make the Octofoil my kind of paper!!

How's chances for an alphabetical roster to show current address and former unit assignment being printed up and sold to the membership. Personally, I'd pay \$5 or more, if necessary, for one. Or else, can it be run in installments in the Octofoil?

I'm definitely planning on attending the reunion in 1982 at Ft. Bragg - with my wife! Chick Hennen, Herb Clark, et al, please note!

Finally, please accept enclosed check for the Memorial Marker Fund.

Co. G. & Hq. Bn. 47th Inf.
JEROME SHAPIRO
739 W. 186th St.
New York, N.Y. 10033

The Hyannis reunion was the best - the very best. Everything was smooth and it had class. It was George Bako's idea years ago. On Friday afternoon, of the convention, I was resting in my room when I heard a knock on the door. It was Ed Coombs of Middleton, Ohio, a runner at 2nd Bn. Hqs. for company E. I shouted "My God, it's Coombs!" as I opened the door. I had not seen him for 35 years, what a pleasant surprise. He looked almost the same as he did then. What a reunion, it was fantastic! After talking for quite a while about the old days in combat, we spoke about Ed's buddy, runner Isadore Lehman (also fo E Co.) and his whereabouts. Does anyone know? He lived on 1st Ave. in New York on 101st St., years ago, but his present whereabouts is unknown. Please contact me at the above address. Hyannis was the best and we are looking forward to Fort Bragg next year. God bless you all.

47th Inf.
JOE WILLIAMS
1900 Hollyoaks Lake Rd. E
Jacksonville, Fl. 32211

The organizational meeting of the Florida Chapter was most successful and a great time was had by all who attended. The officers elected are as follows:

President - E. Richard Trahey
V. President - Robert L. Pappas

Secretary - Phillip Berman
Treasurer - Henry Santos

All of the officers reside in Central Florida and this is where the most members in Florida are residing.

Two new members joined the National Association at the meeting W.C. (Buck) Ray - Co. "A" 47th Inf. and James Coleman - Co. "I" 47th Inf. Also Jorday Zwicker - Co. "C" 47th Inf. became a life member.

John Clouser, Mike Deresh and I met Saturday May 2nd at Crystal River and selected the students we wish to recommend for scholarships. John will forward this information to the Board of Governors soon.

I am delighted to have been given the opportunity to get the Florida Chapter approved and organized and believe that we will have a very active Chapter that will be supported by those living in the Sunshine State.

Quite a number of our people will see you in Hyannis Port, Mass. in June. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this year, but God willing, I will see you at Bragg in '82.

Co. I, 60th Inf.
ALBERT M. HODGE
5818 White Bluff Rd.
Savannah, Ga. 31405

Mabel and I thoroughly enjoyed the 36th Annual 9th Inf. Div. Reunion at Hyannis, Mass. All of the gentlemen, and ladies who contributed so much of their time in preparation and finalization certainly are to be commended for a job well done. We are indeed very grateful to all who contributed so very much in making the reunion such a success.

We were a bit disappointed in not getting to see some of the group however; oftentimes, circumstances are such that we just can't make it. Mike & Nina Deresh, Bob & Freddie Carpenter, Francis Ferrise, Sammie, and Betty Goodwin could not be there. It was indeed a real pleasure to see some of my Old Army Buddies for the first time in 36 years along with their lovely wives viz., Carl Eggebrecht & Liz, Alfred Seeley & Helen, Bernard Smith & Josie.

While the business meeting had some acrimonious tendencies, it nevertheless sort of solidified the group. As was clearly shown we can have differences of opinions on certain matters, but after all we are able to resolve them.

On this particular trip Mabel and I were able to see quite a bit of an area here in the U.S. that we hadn't traveled before. We thought the weather was much milder than we have at this time of the year here in the South.

We look forward to next year's reunion which is scheduled to be at Fayetteville, N.C. Again let me say many thanks to everyone in the New England area for being such fine hosts.

May I conclude by expressing our appreciation to you Dan, your lovely wife, as well as the other officers, and members of the Board for your dedication to duty. We wish all of you God's richest blessings accompanied by good health.

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

MAIL CALL

Co D 47th Inf
FRANK BRUSIC
53 Tuttle Street
Wallington, N.J. 07057

This year I finally got down to write to a few of the boys in Company D. As a result, when we got together in Hyannis there were seven of us from the same company. To me it seemed like a large group I think it was the largest gathering since Philly in 48. If you see fit to try to publish the picture it may serve as an incentive for other people to try to get together if possible. We all got along well. It was an enjoyable gathering. We all had our wives with us which made it real nice. So to all the boys from Company D-47th Infantry let's - see if we can keep in touch and try to get together some day.

How about looking at Hershey, Pennsylvania as a reunion site? Regards to all.

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

I was a member of Hq Co 47th Inf from February 1, 1941 through June 24, 1945 when I was discharged. My job was in the Message Center. As such, I was always close to our Commander Col. Randle at the time of the invasion of N. Africa. It was my responsibility to get word to the ships at sea to bring in the main body of troops etc., etc. As the War progressed, I became Message Center Chief. That particular morning (Nov. 8, 1942) we hit the shore practically the same time as the two assault Companies of which K Company was one. If memory doesn't fail me, I recall a member of my Company spotting a civilian (Arab) taking pictures and we "liberated" his camera and took the roll of film. Later on he made (developed) the negative and gave me a set of prints.

Enclosed are 8 photographs of the actual landing in Safi. I believe they are priceless. I don't know that there are any other photographs of the event. During the 1979 Reunion in Fort Lauderdale, I gave Col. Randle a set.

A.C. of S.G.-4, 9th Inf. Div.
COL. GEORGE E. PICKETT
(Ret.)
3309 Felton Place,
Raleigh, N.C. 27612

I was very pleased to read in your latest issue of the Octofoil that you are getting close to your target on contributions for the Memorial Marker Fund. I sent you a donation some time ago and am enclosing another check for the Marker Fund. I was at Ft. Bragg recently. The Airborne Command have erected a memorial to the Airborne soldiers. It is located in the traffic circle at the main entrance to Ft. Bragg. The flag pole is about 2 blocks in the rear of this memorial. There have been many changes here since we left. The old permanent part of the post is essentially the same. Looking forward to seeing you and many others at the reunion in 1981.

Remember the Dates

June 24, 25, 26th

82 Reunion

Deadline for next issue of the Octofoil will be Oct. 20th

60 th Inf.
R.M.A. HIRST
6200 Wiesbaden
Gustav-Freytag-Ste. 4

Just a note to let you and the membership know there is now a Freedom Museum Bridge of Remagen Association headquartered in Remagen. It has a charter membership of twenty five — and one of the twenty five is a U.S. citizen — your correspondent! Yes, Dan, the old Reliabilities stay to the fore.

I'm enclosing a charter of the association and wish to point out to each 9th Division man, that membership is open to all. Full membership costs (about) twelve dollars per annum, for corporations (or other as we would call sustaining member) it is fifty dollars per annum (like if the 9th Division Association joined). Associate membership fee is whatever the person wishes to contribute. And, honorary members are those to whom the association extends membership (gratis).

You might wish to excerpt from the charter, in the Division paper, and let the (9th Division) membership know about the association, what it stands for and what it hopes to accomplish. I have great faith in its principle and its goal.

Also, I've enclosed a small brochure. 'The Bridge at Remagen', which will give our guys an insight as to what the museum is all about. Anyone wishing further information — write me. Be delighted to expound on the subject.

Best regards.

47th Inf.
DAVID D. SILBERBERG
5453 Spainwood Ave.
Memphis, Tn. 38119

Since I had to undergo coronary bypass surgery the latter part of April, I am only now and slowly catching up with my mail, and today reached one of my favorites — the OCTOFOIL.

In response to Boardman Lockwood's eloquent message re Memorial Marker, I am enclosing herewith my check and would ask that, if possible, this contribution be dedicated to the Memory of Chaplain Irving Tepper and in Honor of Col. R.E. (Randy) Bryant, under whose tutelage I learned to serve my adopted country in the best 9th tradition.

My very best wishes for a successful Hyannis reunion and regards to all the membership.

Div. Art'y.
ARTHUR L. CROWE, JR.
201 Cherokee St. N.E.
Marietta, Ga. 30060

I have recently been in touch with Ralph Fulbright, Richard Donnelly and Bill Moran in trying to get up a division artillery reunion. Bill has been in touch with Tom Pearson and I have, not too long ago, been in touch with Bill Lyerly, who lives in Montgomery, Alabama. Anybody who can help me locate any of the old guys would be greatly appreciated.

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.

B Co. & H.Q. Co. 15th Engrs.
RICHARD MCGRATH
2856 W. 85th St.
Chicago, Ill. 60652

My first reunion this summer at Hyannis was a beautiful experience. Before the pleasant memories fade, I want to thank the committees who worked so hard to make it a first class bash. Hard working people like Ron Murphy, Tom Boyle, Herb Olsen, Fred D'Amore, John Edmunds and all the others are to be credited with organizing a terrific schedule of events. I also want to thank the women and wives of the men on the various committees who did a lot for a successful reunion. The warmth and friendliness of all the people made it worth the long trip. I was happy to finally get to meet Fr. Connors. What a beautiful man, and if he isn't a legend in his own time then that description doesn't apply to anyone. It's a great team all these people that make the association work but it looks to me that Fr. Connors and you, Dan, with the Octofoil are the glue that keeps it intact. It was heart warming to see again old comrades like Captain Rankin, Lt. Bowman, Tony Maddona, Fred D'Amore, Allie Ferrante (3 of the finest noncoms in any army) Art Schmidt, Bill Davidson, Jerry Shea, Tony Dalgiacona and Paul Lisa. B Co. 15th Engrs. was well represented but I was sorry that Charlie Hoffman, Connie Holmes, Tommy Caulfield, Marty Connolly, Barney Angell, Jim Mullen, Jim Mc Quigian and others could not make it. It was sad to learn that many had answered the last roll call. I will keep them in my prayers. Glad we have the Octofoil to send messages to. Otherwise how would we ever stay in touch if it wasn't for you Dan, and your paper. Enclosed is a donation for the Marker and Scholarship Fund.

E Co. 47th Inf.
CHARLES P. TROCOLLI
1106 Chestnut Ave.
Woodbury Hts., N.J. 08097

Received a letter from Fermin Martinez, thanks to you, we will help to get him on the right track. Martinez was in E Co. 47th from the first draft with the fellows from New York back in 1940. I knew him well and it makes me very happy to help a comrade. Martinez needs the help of former E Co. 47th men who were taken prisoner at El Guitar. His address is Fermin Martinez, Box 90, Aguirre, P.R. 00608. To help refresh your memory, his photo is in the blue book 1941. Charlie Maraldo stopped over. He was at the V.F.W. convention in Phila. Enclosed is a donation for the Marker fund and also the Scholarship, in memory of Frank Duffy. May he Rest in Peace.

Co. D. 9th Med. Bn.
HERBERT U. STERN
12427 Old Oaks Dr.
Houston, Tex. 77024

Enclosed find my contribution to the Memorial Marker Fund in memory of my good friend, Dr. Seslowe. I am looking forward to the 37th reunion, one I don't want to miss. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the last 2 reunions due to previous commitments. My compliments on your continued fine editing job of the Octofoil.

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G Co. 47th Inf.
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A few lines to let you know that we are well in this little corner of the world. At times nostalgia comes over me and I sit and think of the years since the forties. The many friends and acquaintances made during the war. The meetings in New York. The reunions and the beautiful Memorial Masses in Worcester. My, how the time has flown! Lord willing, we will be with you all at Ft. Bragg. My best wishes to all Buddies and Friends. God Bless You All.

G. Co. 39th Inf.
RICHARD SCHAFER
5117 Barley Dr.
Stephen City, Va. 22655

I saw Bob Smith's letter in the Octofoil which was about the reunion. It was a very nice affair and it was so good to see the guys after all these years. At the present time I live about 6 miles south of Winchester, Va. so I see Jim Keller as he has a store in Winchester. Not a whole lot of news in this part of the country, but here's hoping to hear from any of the old G Co. guys.

84th FA. B Btry.
RICHARD O'CONNOR
9567 Bluford Ave.
Whittier, Ca. 90605

Long time no write. Since retiring I seem to be busier. I can't find any record of my paying dues this year, so I enclose my check for three years plus a donation for the Memorial Marker Fund. I hope to go to Washington next summer and go to Ft. Bragg with Tony Chaconas. I keep in touch with Tony by phone every couple of months. Grace and I are alone, all of the kids are away from home but not too far away. Grace will retire next month but will work part time at her old job. I took a job cleaning a new bank five nights a week, just 2½ hrs. a night. At the moment my face is a mess. I'm taking treatments for a non-malignant face cancer. Take care and see you soon.

3rd Bn. Med. Det. 60th Inf.
THOMAS D. SMITH
2061 Mohican Trail
Maitland, Fl. 32751

Enclosed is my check for a 3 year membership in the association plus a donation for the Marker fund to be erected at Ft. Bragg. Am planning to attend the 37th reunion next year. I look forward to each issue of the Octofoil.

Co. A 15th Eng.
WALTER MILLSTONE
9205 36th Way North
Pinellas Park, Fla. 33565

Enclosed is a check for my dues. We have moved into our new home at Mainlands of Tamarac on the Gulf, at 9205 36th Way North, Pinellas Park, Florida 33565. Please change your file to our new mailing address.

Hope to see you soon.

Div. Hqs.-APO Sect.

HAL PERRY
3430 Galt Ocean Drive-202
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33308

This refers to the last issue of THE OCTOFOIL in which an article, immediately under the masthead, claims that the Division Association was organized in Elsenborn.

My unit was in Camp Elsenborn, just outside the town of the same name, from 26 October 1944 until 9 December and, believe me, there was no proposed action to form an association of 9th Division members there to my knowledge.

The buildings in Camp Elsenborn were bombed out for the most part with roof tiles missing and holes in the walls where windows existed earlier. And when the snows came in November we were more concerned with keeping warm than forming an association.

It wasn't until June, early in the month, that formation of a group took place in Ingolstadt, many miles from Elsenborn -- and seven months later.

This is just to let you know that we do read The Octofoil!

With all good wishes to you and Marie.

I & L Co. 47th Inf.
ROBERT E. HULSLANDER
7061 Old Kings Rd. S.W.
Jacksonville, Fl. 32217

Congratulations to the Mass. chapter for a well planned and interesting reunion. I can't tell you how wonderful it was to visit with a few of the guys I had served with in combat and to meet their wives and hear about their families and what they have been doing all these years!!

I must admit however, that I was disappointed over the vote not to accept the Viet Nam 9th. vets. I recall a conversation with a British officer over in England in 44. He was a member of a regiment that served with Wellington at Waterloo. I commented that it was great to hear about famous military units such as his, and that we Americans had had the same thing except we were much younger as a nation and naturally didn't have units 200 years old etc. He told me that his unit had an organization that had members from well before the first war, regular duty then and hoped to include any person who served in the unit at any time.

He mentioned that he thought most of the great unit organizations had this type thinking. Units like the "Coldstream Guard" and "Royal Black Watch", better known as "The Ladies from Hell" reg'ts. This is before our organization was formed of course but it seems to fit at the moment. That British officer's name was Capt. Tony Tutten and he was attached to my company in our little exchange program while we were stationed in Basingstoke England 1944.

Best regards to all.

Continued

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