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THE OCTOFOIL

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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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MEMORIAL MARKER FUND

It is our pleasure to announce that the goal for the Marker Fund has been reached and as we go to press for the Sept-October issue of the Octofoil the amount of contributions has reached \$5144.00.

On behalf of the committee for the Memorial Marker we thank all those who contributed to this fund. Any funds not used will be placed in the Scholarship Fund.

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

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Nolan Thompson
William J. Berry
Jordan Bierman (In memory of Chaplain Irving Tepper)

SERVICE BATTERY 26 Field Artillery Battalion

A spiritual remembrance and a social activity inaugurated by Father Connors in 1945 was renewed for the thirty-seventh time on Nov. 8. It was time for reflection and a time for a joyful gathering. The Mass is the cornerstone of our continued existence.

HUGH SUCCESS

Our convention in Hyannis on Cape Cod during the past summer was a huge success. All who attended had to be well satisfied with the program arranged by the committee. Thanks for a job well done.

Change your records to read:
Jim Boyle, 1883 Player Circle S, Melbourne, Florida, 32935
Warren Estep, Route 1, Elizabethton, Tenn., 37643
Earl Landon, 710 Catalpa, Royal Oak, Mich., 48067
Truly G. Hammock, 4630 Portland Drive, Chesterfield, Vir. 23832

HERE 'N THERE

Bill Sacco could not take retired life so he obtained a summer job repairing trucks, tractors and lawn mowers at the Leo Martin Golf Course, Weston, Mass. He looks as he did in 1945. Glen Cline retired from Chrysler. Landon is thinking of moving to Florida. Hammock is enjoying good health. Lareau sends his best wishes to all. Bernal had a cerebral stroke and has a severe diabetic condition. John Quinn was hospitalized during Sept. 1980. We saw him in Worcester last year. He felt better.

Ross Kepple is still at the Soldiers and Sailors Home, Quincy, Ill. Bill Bongiorno is feeling fine. Last March, while visiting in North Carolina, Bill took a side trip to Fayetteville. He said that the location for the 1982 convention is "Beautiful." Joe and Jeannette Albanese, White River Junction, Vt. and Elmer and Joyce Roscoe, Storrs, Conn. celebrated wedding anniversaries in August. Mr. Paul Griffin had major surgery last winter. Paul is fine, relaxing with rod and reel when not working. Alice and I are proud grandparents. Sarah was born Oct. 1 to Nancy and our son Joe. Notes or cards may be sent to John Quinn at 260 Burncoat St. Worcester, Mass. 01606; to Bernal Lareau at Star Route, Box 72, AC Bay City, Texas 77414.

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Eugene Carney
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Wilton Taylor
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TO "B" (47th) OR NOT TO "B"

"This is Station W.F.N.C. in Fayetteville, N.C. — We are broadcasting "live" from beneath the marquee of the "Broadway Theatre "in "downtown" Fayetteville. — announcing for your forthcoming pleasure the return of the Association representing the men of the distinguished and accomplished 9th Infantry Division. at their 37th Annual Reunion to be held June 24, 25, 26, 1982."

Well, you heard the man — remember the date and place, so start planning your "maneuver" to your ol' stompin' grounds where we will "bivouac" at the impressive Bordeaux Motor Inn and Convention Center. Speaking of Fayetteville, I had a day of tender reminiscence as we stopped there on our return trip from the Hyannis Reunion.

For starters — the "complexion" of ol' Hay Street, that re-known "main drag" running from the hills of Haymont to the historical Slave Market, has changed — what were the majority back in 1941-42 have become the minority — militarily and otherwise!

REMEMBER LANDMARKS
Those of you who frequented "downtown" Fayetteville may remember some of these landmarks.

Saunders' Drug Store and luncheonette, where their trust policy was often abused by the G.I. — as checks were payable on leaving — objective was to get two different checks and present the smaller! There is still a drug store on this corner — but not Saunders'. H'm, we're sorry about that, Mr. "S" — Remember restaurant row — the "Rainbo," "Central Cafe," "New China" "Seafood Grill" and "Highland Cafeteria" — Gone!, either "levelled" for parking, empty or new occupants.

The "new" Colony Theatre marquee reads "T.V. preacher — Dr. Young. "The "Carolina" marquee reads "available" while standing empty — however, that "sixteen-seat wide - Broadway" — home of the "horse-opera's" is still in operation — complete with it's pop stand and pop corn!

The Post Office has given way to becoming the Library, while the huge "5 and 10" opposite hungers for a tenant.

Up the famed street approaching the Fayetteville railroad station stands the town's oldest and Largest hotel — Yes, empty! — harboring the ghosts of over 60 years of activities.

Can't forget the famed "Town Pump" — but others can't even remember it. — "Town Pump"? — what's a town pump"? — is the reply of many of the postwar residents.

HAS CHANGED
Yes! downtown Fayetteville has changed — time has a way of changing everything and everyone — while I know this to be true I, somehow, envisioned the Hay Street of '41 and '42 — it's busiest streets, active week-

Old Reliables to Invade Fort Bragg

In 1942 the Ninth "shipped out" of Fort Bragg on its road to eight, long, hard campaigns, leaving behind 4581 men in graves throughout North Africa, Sicily, France, Belgium, and Germany. In 1962 the association returned to Fort Bragg for its 17th annual reunion and now in 1982 the Ninth will be back for its 37th reunion.

FORTY YEARS LATER

Forty years later and peace time casualties totaling what we left behind overseas the "Old Reliables" will gather for three days. A little fun, a lot of reminiscing, but most important taking time to remember "our dead." At a Memorial Service on the Post at Fort Bragg, a Memorial Marker will be unveiled, next summer, to honor the memory of those who have gone beyond.

START MAKING PLANS

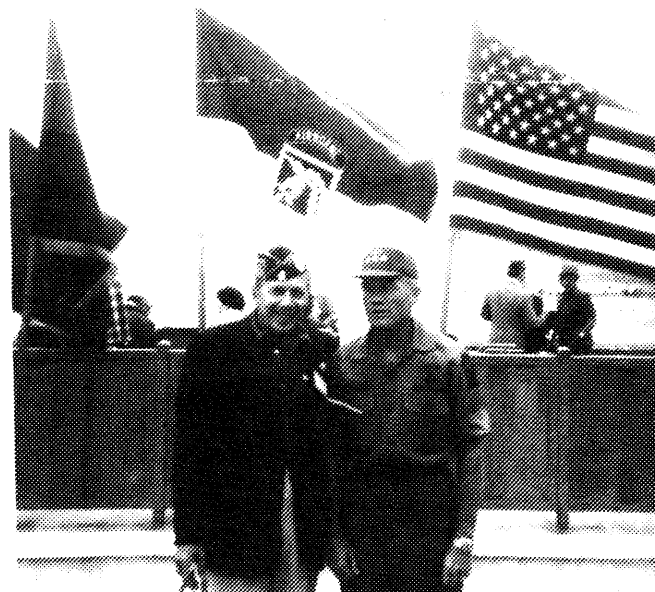
Start making your plans now and don't be one of those "maybe next year" members. Send in your reservations at once to make certain that you will be staying at the main Headquarters. All indications are for the largest turnout in years with many members, who have not attended a reunion in some time, writing, "I'll be at Bragg." It has been our experience that it is much easier to cancel a hotel reservation than to get a room at the last minute. Room accommodations are listed in another section of the Octofoil. The Motor-Inn-Convention Center is practically brand new.

WHEN PLANS FINALIZE

More details of the reunion will appear in the next issue of the Octofoil with all events being finalized at the Board of Governors meeting being held in Worcester, Massachusetts on November 7, 1981.

REMEMBER THE DATES June 24, 25, 26, 1982

c.p. —Bordeaux Motor Inn
Fayetteville, North Carolina



Marty Bergman is shown in 1980 when he attended former P.O.W.'s convention at Fort Bragg. With Marty is Lt. General Tackaberry Commander of Fort Bragg. Marty had written "hope we can get the same grand treatment that was shown to the P.O.W.'s at our convention".

ends, shops richly stocked with enticing military paraphernalia, — it's place to eat, to drink, — line-ups to see "war" movies, juke boxes blaring the "hits" of the times, the understanding and generosity of it's townspeople during the growing emergency, — the Ray Street U.S.O. — tattoo parlors, — ladies of the evening and the nightly "queue" at the bus terminal to catch the last buses back to the Post — Lastly and most precious, the camaraderie we shared with our buddies, — many no long having the privilege of — walking down Hay Street.

THANK YOU

Alas! — Thank you, dear Fayetteville, you helped fill our empty hours and our needs —you became our "home away from home" —you shall always live in the memories of all who enjoyed your "southern hospitality". Note: We are alluding to the change on a particular street over a period of forty years!

At this point in time Fayetteville happens to be among the fastest growing cities in the South, — however, like throughout scores of cities in America growth in the new sectors have created an abandonment of the old. — Growth has it's demands in every conceivable area, based on need and convenience — thus the innovation of the shopping malls of today.

You're in for a pleasant surprise when seeing the Bordeaux complex — just three miles — from Hay Street!

WANT TO HEAR MORE

Pat and I, once again, want to hear more from "you'se guy's" — remember, you are our source for news, topics and ideas — we merely compile them. — heard from a buddy — learned an address — got a thought, a gripe — pass it on for all of us to read — Compende?

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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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Ninth Infantry Division Association

37th Annual Reunion

June 24-26, 1982

Bordeaux Motor Inn-Convention Center
1707 Owen Drive, Fayetteville, N.C. 28304

Please Reserve the following Accomodations:

| | |
|---|---------|
| Single Room - 1 person, 1 bed | \$38.00 |
| Single Room - 2 persons, 1 bed | \$38.00 |
| Double Room - 2 persons, 2 beds | \$40.00 |
| \$5.00 Charged each additional person per room. | |
| The above rates include tax | |

Please print or type and indicate Day and Date: Please Confirm....

(I) (We) will arrive and depart

Name

Address

City

State

Zip.....

Telephone

Today's date

One Night's Room Deposit (Please include check, made Payable to Bordeaux Motor Inn) required to guarantee Reservation.

The reunion rates will be offered to any early arrivals beginning June 20, 1982. Reservations must be made by June 10th or regular and higher room rates may be charged.

Suites available --- Telephone 919-323-0111

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Taps Sounded

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

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

Ernest Streppa
Co. A, 39th Inf.

Frank E. Clark
60th Inf.

William Anderson
60th FA

Joseph Todarello
B Co. 9th Medics

Walter Kraft

G Co. 47th Inf.

Thomas A. O'Haire



Walter Otto Kraft, former C.O. of Company G, 47th Infantry, was born in Kodiak, Alaska on July 19, 1920, the third generation of the Kraft family to be born in Alaska. Walter was married in England on May 5, 1945 and his pal George Bako was the "best man" at the wedding. Four sons and four daughters were from this union to Audrey E. Tope. In 1942 he was called to active duty and was released from active duty as a Captain in February 1946. He went through the eight Campaigns with the Ninth.

Following his release from the service, he returned to the firm of O. Kraft and Sons and following the death of his father, Ben Kraft in 1955 was elected President of the firm, which then had 18 employees. Under Walter's direction the firm expanded until in 1963 there were 36 employees.

For many years Walter was active in community affairs in Kodiak. In recent years he maintained a residence at Palm Springs, California, for health reasons although he still made periodic visits to his old home and business in Kodiak. Last month he was returning from Switzerland when he was stricken with a heart attack and passed away.

"Ole" Waldo had intentions to attend a reunion one of these years but never did get around to it. On several occasions, these past few years, we would get together with him when visited New York on business. We pray that God will be good to him for he surely suffered enough on this earth with crippling arthritis.

60th Inf.
MRS. FRANK CLARK
201 Kreitzer
Bloomington, Ill. 61701

My husband passed away Sept. 19, 1981. He was injured in service but he never was bitter, I, of course, have mixed emotions about wars. We did make a few reunions and enjoyed them. I am sure he would have made the 1982 reunion as he wanted to show me places he had been, but God had other plans.

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47th Inf.

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I hope I'm not too late with the donation for the Memorial Marker fund. It almost slipped

my mind. Know we are going to place a nice remembrance there. Am looking forward to the reunion next year. Keep up the good work.

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 ☐

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26 Field Artillery Battalion

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

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

ILLINOIS CHAPTER NEWS

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NORTH CAROLINA calling -
Where were you 40 years ago on November 7, 1941? If you were at Fort Bragg you may want to return 41 years later for another look. If you weren't there you may want to visit and decide for yourself whether or not all the stories you've heard about Fort Bragg are true or false.

Joe McKenzie
95 Washington Ave.
Waltham, MA 02154

We've reached that time of year again thus Pat and Ann and Grace and I want to wish our "Beco" family and all the membership of our 9th. Div. Organization the most pleasant holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year.

Pat J. Morano
2208-LincolnWay, East.
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Art J. Stenzel
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Tarpon Springs, Florida. 33589

FLORIDA CHAPTER NEWS
HENRY SANTOS, TREAS.
9811 N. Connechusett Rd.
Tampa, Fl. 33617

The Florida Chapter held its September reunion at the elegant Hyatt Sarasota Hotel on Sept. 17, 18 & 19, 1981.

Though we didn't have the turnout we would have liked the old troopers that we are seemed to have a good time as did our wives. For the spring meeting we should have a better showing, as many of those who are still scattered throughout the country will be here in the sunshine.

Before I forget, the New England Chapter is to be heartily congratulated for a great job in putting together a most memorable reunion. It had to take an awful lot of work and dedication by the committee to whom we all owe many thanks.

I invite any member of the 9th who is contemplating a visit or move to Florida to contact me for 1st hand information before they come. If I don't have the answer one of our group scattered throughout the state should.

Veterans whose service-connected disabilities are rated at 30 percent or more are entitled to additional allowances for dependents.

The additional financial assistance is based on the number of dependents and the degree of the veteran's disability.

In lieu of the additional compensation payable on account of a spouse, a disabled veteran evaluated 30 percent or more is entitled to receive an allowance for a spouse who is in need of the aid and attendance of another person. The maximum amount of \$112 is payable to a 100 percent disabled veteran with proportionately reduced amounts payable to veterans evaluated from 30 to 90 percent disabled.

This option is of particular benefit to an elderly disabled veteran with a bedridden spouse.

82 Reunion

June 24, 25, 26th

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

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

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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

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

Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, California. Football teams? No. They are just a few of the states represented at the seventh annual out state, hosted this year by the Michigan Chapter, at Holiday Inn Angola, Ind. on October 16th and 17th.

GREET OLD & NEW FRIENDS

Eighty two members and guest gather to greet old and new friends at what is becoming an event eagerly looked forward to.

Gerry Teachout and Erma of Anaheim, Cal. included a stop at Angola as part of an extended vacation. Lando Valadez came from Des Moines, Iowa. His being there was a special event for Elmer Wagner. They were army buddies and this was their first meeting in 36 years.

We were honored with the presence of our National President John Clouser and his wife. John was the principle speaker at our Saturday Night Banquette. He was warmly welcomed with a standing round of applause.

GOOD NUMBER

Mike and Ann Belmonte, President and First Lady of the Illinois Chapter, led a good number of their membership to join with us. We were also happy to have Chuck Koskie show up. He and Erma came with the Clousers. Chuck appeared to be in good spirits and under the watchful eyes of Erma was able to participate in much of the days events.

ELECTION HELD

At the Michigan Chapter October meeting, held in conjunction with the Out State, the following were elected to office for the year 1982. President: Billie Martin, 1st V.P. Bill Andrews, 2nd V.P. Percy Hough, Secretary: Rodger E. Alsgaard, Treasurer: Elmer Wagner, Adjutant: Don Lewis, Chaplin: Floyd Hennessey. Historian: Floyd Hennessey. All the above will be installed at the December Christmas Party Meeting.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This years Christmas Party Meeting will be held on December 5th 1981.

The place is the VFW 7575 Hall in Garden City, Michigan. The Chairpersons are Don and Helen Lewis. The price of the dinner dance is \$15.00 per person. Twenty seven people signed up for this party during the social hour at Angola. There is room for many more and we ask you to plan your events to keep the night of December 5th reserved for this party. Don Lewis has appointed Floyd Hennessey treasurer of the Christmas Dinner so it would help is you would send or call your reservations in To Floyd at 7925 Summerville Rd., Lambertville, Mi. 48144. Phone 1-313-852-2143.

For those desiring to make it a week end, accomodations can be made at Knights Inn 41216 Ford Road, Canton Township. The phone at the inn is 1-313-981-5000. Rates are \$26.50 double plus tax and \$21.00 plus tax for a single room. \$3.00 is assessed for an extra bed in the room.

GOOD WISHES

I would like to extend the Michigan Chapters good Wishes for a Merry Christmas and may you all have a prosperous and healthy New Year 1982.

Rodger E. Alsgaard Sec'y
Michigan Chapter

2834 WYNES STREET
SAGINAW, MICHIGAN 48602

HAPPY TO REPORT

Greetings from the midwest. We are happy to report that Chuck Koskie is up and around again and doing quite well. We are also happy to report that Emil Radic is doing fine after spending some time in the hospital earlier this summer. Emil suffered a slight stroke but is back to normal and is planning to join the Illinois and Michigan Chapter members at our mini outstate reunion in Angola on October 16 and 17th. We are all looking forward to our fifth annual gathering. They get better each year although we lose a few here and there. A full report will be given on this in our next issue.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Roger and Doris Elmer who have become members of the "Grandparents Club". Their son, Rocky and his wife, Barbara, presented them with an 8 lb. boy on September 8th. Needless to say the Elmers are as proud as can be since it is their 1st grandchild.

Lew Gray and wife Murial also became grandparents again this past month. Their daughter presented them with a grandchild and they will be leaving for England shortly to be with their son who recently presented them with another grandchild. We'll miss you in Angola.

Joe Lipka has retired and he and his wife Claudia intend to relax and enjoy life and spend the summers in Michigan.

Larry Ghere's wife, Kay, spent some time in the hospital last month. Hope you're feeling much better and are looking forward to seeing you in Angola.

HOST FOR PICNIC

The Winkelman's were hosts to the Illinois Chapter for a backyard picnic at their home. Bob did a wonderful job of cooking steaks on the grill. Georgina broke out a bottle of Calvados in honor of Dave Heller's birthday and needless to say the famous drink brought out many old stories and meories. Everyone contributed the side dishes for the meal and as per usual no one went home hungry. Among those present were the Koskies, Hellers, Radics, Ghere's, Elmer's, Andersons, and Belmontes and we were also happy that Gene Dillman and his wife were able to join us. It's not possible for Gene to be with us as much as he would like so we were glad to have them along.

A Happy Thanksgiving to all the members of the 9th and their families.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike and Ann Belmonte
1161 South Lombard
Oak Park, Ill. 60304



Bill Canales supplied us with these photos of the Hyannis reunion and caught Walter Victor, who has supplied us for years with pictures of reunions etc., taking a photo at the Memorial Service in Hyannis.



Bill Canales also sends this photo of the Hyannis clam bake and this time he catches Charlie LiBretto taking his picture at the other end of the table.



Shown at the "Clam bake" in Hyannis are a group that were seated outside of the dining hall.

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

Traveling down road of history

Ten years ago Charlie Hoffmann sent us the following story which we used at the time in the Octofoil. Recently Charlie contacted the secretary's office for a copy of the story he had sent as he wants to have the story on Schevenhutte as part of a book he is writing. With Charlie's permission we liked to run the article one more time.

"SCHEVENHUTTE"

The time was mid Sept. 1944 and we were going through part of the "Siegfried" line. We were the 3rd platoon of Co. B. 15th Engrs. attached to the 3rd Bn. of the 47th Inf. Reg. A few of the platoon were in front of a couple of tanks, sweeping the dirt road for mines. The rest of us were walking and riding with the guys of Co. K through this very wooded section known as the "Hurtgen Forest. It was very hot and as we stopped for a break, Gen. Craig came riding up in a jeep and asked about the Bn's. progress. I remember how concerned he was about checking the cleared trails to our left and right, which were called fire breaks. He told his driver to ride up each one for a long way, just to be sure we weren't getting ambushed. I knew right then that we were left in good hands by Gen. Eddy who had just left the Div. to take a higher command.

TANK OF FIRE

By late afternoon we had not contacted the enemy and thought they must be long gone; when a few shells hit to our right flank. A short while later we heard a few rounds to our front and saw black smoke rising around a bend in the road. When we advanced to where the smoke was, we saw a German tank on fire. It had been hit by one of our tanks. The driver and front gunner were burned to death but the others had escaped.

It was early evening when we entered the town of Schevenhutte. One squad of Engrs. took over a house and connecting barn. The rest of us took over a house and connecting bakery down the road. There was an open area about the size of a football field between both houses. Our trucks parked off the dirt road, spaced apart for protection.

Just as it became dark, we set up our guard posts. I picked the shift starting at 3 A.M. I remember being awakened and brought to a rise of ground along side the road where the trucks were parked. It was very dark and every so often a flash from our artillery (I hoped it was ours) would light up the sky.

It was near the end of my shift when I heard a noise. Falling flat on my stomach, with my rifle, I lay there for a few minutes before realizing it was a cow grazing on the hill.

ORGANIZED OUR DEFENSES

When morning came we organized our defenses, setting up 3 machine guns. The 47th Cannon Co. set up a listening post along with their cannons. We helped erect a road block going out of Schevenhutte toward an open flank. Meanwhile the 3rd Bn. of the 47th had dug into the front of us.

PATROL

The second night as we were sleeping in the bakery, Corp. Darrigo woke five of us up to go on a patrol. It was raining as we started down the road past the road block out into the open flank. We were told to see if a small bridge, located on our map, was still intact. After walking about 2 miles, we stopped and Corp. Darrigo told me to walk to my right about a

hundred feet and check for the bridge. I looked it over and seeing it was OK, started back to where the other guys were. I started to tell Darrigo about the bridge, when he clamped his hand over my mouth. I didn't realize it right away but as I stood there I heard voices in the woods to our right. At first it sounded like a record player with guttural sounds coming out but as we listened closer we soon realized it was the enemy. We all stood frozen for a few seconds and then one of us suggested taking our shoes off so we wouldn't kick the small pebbles on the road. Holding our shoes in one hand and our rifles in the other, we followed each other down the road. Oh! our poor feet but no one made a sound.

Halfway back we ran into some of our men with a jeep, filled with mines, coming to meet us. When we told them what had happened, they waited until we heard a tracked vehicle coming up the road toward us. Almost certain it was a German tank, we continued back to Schevenhutte, "changing our plans for the time being."



Schevenhutte which was shelled by the Germans — dated 9-22-44

BIRTHDAY PRESENT

On Sept. 18th Lieut. Gaspari asked for volunteers to go back to the bridge and plant mines along with booby traps. I remember the date well as it was my birthday. I didn't have to volunteer as Pappy Grauer and Mousey Waldron did it for me. I guess they figured they were giving me a birthday present!

We started out around early afternoon, loaded down with mines, grenades, stakes and wire. This time we went through the woods a little ways in, off the road. When we arrived at the bridge area, we started to dig in the mines and hook up the booby traps. Corp. Ilves known as the Finn went around a bend in the road to act as a lookout for us.

LOOKED LIKE

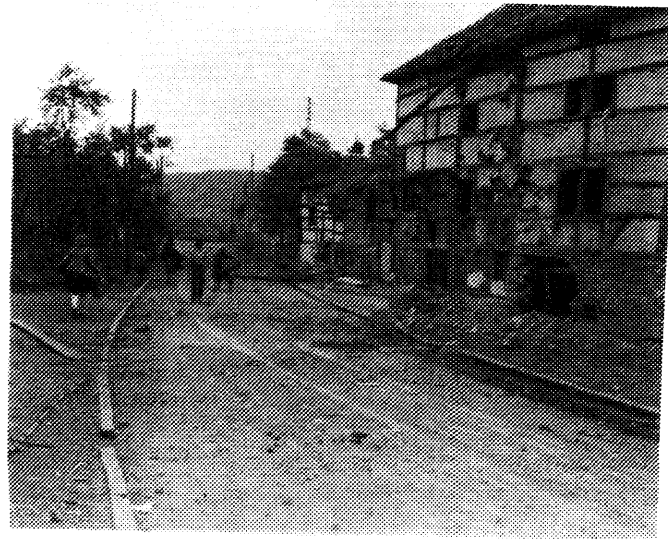
Before long he was back, saying he had seen what looked like an Anti-tank gun and crew down the road. Trying to hurry now as we figured they may have seen him and would check the area. Pappy and I were hooking up a grenade, when I happened to look down the road and saw some men coming toward us. They didn't see us since we were on part of the road that turned to go over the bridge. We were hidden by bushes that were growing on the side of both roads. As they came closer we could see it was a German patrol of eight men. I threw some pebbles at Mousey across the road because he was busy hooking up some wire and didn't see the patrol. Mousey waited and as they came to about thirty feet from us he jumped out on the road and kneeling low with his rifle, he ordered them to surrender.

"HOOT GIBSON"

The first two seemed to throw their hands up but the ones behind shouted something and they all took to the woods. We all opened up then and in a few seconds, I heard a lot of firing and then silence. I looked around and found I was the only one there. I took off like a rabbit over the bridge up the road shooting over my shoulder like "Hoot Gibson." When I got into the woods, I overtook the rest of the guys like they were standstill! We ran until we dropped and I'm sure the Germans did the same. Lieut. Gaspari had ordered us to pull back but I never heard him.

ART SCHMIDT WAS HIT

The next morning, just before dawn, the Germans opened up with heavy artillery fire on us. We stayed in the house until the shelling stopped and then the men up at the listening post were attacked. Art. Schmidt was up there with some of the 47th along with Mousey Waldron. Art was hit in the leg by a burp-gun and fell in the yard near the house there.



The townspeople of Schevenhutte, Germany are shown leaving their homes which were shelled by the Germans in attempt to dislodge the strong foothold there by the 47th Infantry. dated 9-22-44

barn, shooting at the enemy, and was killed after firing his rifle, protecting the guys on the machine guns.

FINALLY RETREATED

The Germans finally retreated, leaving their dead and wounded. "Sgt. Hayes" also died, bleeding to death from his leg wound. This was a diversionary attack. The main attack came to our front where the 47th was dug in. The Germans took a beating that day; but we lost men, too.

We were relieved by the first platoon that afternoon. All of us were saddened by the loss of our brave men who were a credit to the 9th Inf. Div.

Charlie Hoffmann
Co. B, 15th Engrs.

Note: This is a condensed version of a book I am writing.

DEATH BENEFIT INFORMATION

According to a recent VA news release, a new Veterans Administration benefit has helped pay for headstones or grave markers for almost 40,000 veterans buried in private cemeteries since it first became available in 1979.

The legislation permits VA to reimburse part of the cost of an individual headstone or marker placed on the grave of a veteran buried in a private cemetery. The reimbursement cannot exceed the average cost of headstones purchased by VA for this purpose. The current amount is \$53.00. The claim is filed on a 21-8834.

Families of veterans who select a burial site for a deceased veteran in a private cemetery now have two options for VA assistance in marking the grave. VA will provide a headstone or grave marker free of charge and ship it to the consignee designated on the application. Cost of placing the marker in a private cemetery must be borne by the applicant, however. If a marker other than the VA standard is chosen, VA will reimburse up to \$53 toward its cost.

Application for reimbursement can be filed at any VA regional office. Applications, VA Form 40-1330, for the VA headstone or marker should be addressed to Director, Monuments Service, Department of Memorial Affairs, Veterans Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420.

The VA assistance on headstones is in addition to the \$300.00 VA burial allowance and a \$150.00 plot allowance. The plot and burial allowance should be filed for on a 21-530 along with an itemized bill of the funeral service expenses.

Veterans holding National Service Life Insurance policies may borrow up to 94 percent of the cash surrender value to meet financial emergencies. This action, while reducing the amount of protection, still leaves the policy in force. On the other hand, if the policy is surrendered for cash all protection under the insurance ceases and cannot be renewed or reinstated.

Interest on policy loans on National Service Life Insurance permanent plans is 11 percent a year — still slightly lower than private money market rates.

A policy loan is the sensible alternative to paying higher interest rates or jeopardizing the future financial well-being of the veteran's family by surrendering the policy for its cash value.

Co. B, 9th Medics
PETE RADICHO
1128 Ocen Park Blvd.
Santa Monica, Cal. 90405

Just getting around and letting you and the gang know that Liz and I are doing fine in California. I do hope to hear the same from you and the gang. I received a call from Vito Splendorio telling me that our buddy Joe Todarello from B Co. had passed away Sept. 1, 1981. Joe was well known throughout the Fort Bragg 9th Division area. I can say he was one man I was glad to have on my team in the motor pool. I hope everyone will say a prayer for him and remember his lovely wife, Lucy. My wife and I enjoyed the reunion in Cape Cod. I also met 2 guys after 36 years from 9th medics, Joe Media and Ralph Palermo. I hope we'll meet again in Ft. Bragg. The best news of all is I am going to retire Feb. 1, 1982 and I am really looking forward to it. St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, is going to look good! It will give me time to see the country with my 26' travel trailer. Hope to look up some of my long lost friends of the 9th. I probably won't write again before reunion time, so let me say Liz and I wish you all in the New York Chapter, etc. the best of health for Christmas and New Year. God bless you all.

Tip Of The Hat

The Scholarship fund was increased by the donations of the following members.

Peter Janus
John F. Shenney
Fred Golub
A.T. Forrest

The association salutes you

mail call

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AT Co. 47th Inf.
ROGER GARTLAND
255 Charles St.,
Watertown, N.Y.

We enjoyed our trip to Hyannis this past summer. Once again it was good to see the Old Reliabilities. As we are leaving for the southland soon, our thoughts will be with you fellows at Worcester. Please send the Octofoil to 706 Lake Marianna Rd., Auburndale, Fla. 33823. Our departure date is tentatively set for Nov. 2. Best wishes to all.

47th Hq. Co. 1st Bn.
HENRY DIETRICH
33 Lincoln Ave.
Ogdensburg, N.J. 07439

We have sold our home in Nop. Cape May and will be living up in Ogdensburg at the address above with our daughter, Doris, and her family for a few months. We plan to relocate in Toms River and will hopefully be able to make the meetings every month. Unfortunately, I will not be able to make Worcester, but if all goes well, Gerry, Eddy and I will be at the Christmas party. Regards to all.

Co. E, 60th Inf.
WILLIAM T. ARCHIBALD
39 Olcott Ave.,
Middlebush, N.J. 08873

Please add the enclosed donation to the Memorial Marker fund. It is appropriate this memorial will finally become a reality to perpetuate the great heritage of the 9th Infantry Division. As one who served with the division at Ft. Bragg in 1941-42, I am looking forward to returning there for the reunion next year. It will be my first visit since we moved out in the fall of 1942.

84th F.A.
WALDON K. LEWIS
440 E. Vandalia St.
Edwardsville, Ill. 62025
Enclosed is my contribution to the Memorial marker fund. I was sorry to learn the 9th Infantry Division Association will now become a "Last Man's Club" - depressing.

Co. B, 39th Inf.
IRVING L. KING
Rt. 2, Box 297
Monticello, Fl. 32344
I am sending my dues for 3 more years and also a donation for the Marker Fund. Will be at Fort Bragg in June for my first division reunion. Regards to all.

I and L Co. 47th Inf.
ROBERT E. HULSLANDER
6000 San Jose Blvd. No. 7C
Jacksonville, Fl. 32217
Just received The Octofoil and was shocked that my name was not listed as a contributor to the Fort Bragg Memorial Marker! But I'm sure your records are a lot better than mine so find enclosed my check for the marker.

Dan, we will be moving to our new condo. in a couple of weeks so I would appreciate it if you would change my mailing address as follows;
Robert E. Hulslander
6000 San Jose Blvd. No. 7C
Jacksonville, Fl. 32217
Delighted that John Clouser was elected President for the coming year, and I agree with him that we have no problems that can't be solved even if we do fight a little. I don't think I remember a Ninth man running from a fight!

Div. Hqs. APO Sect.
HAL PERRY
3430 Galt Ocean Dr. 202
Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. 33308
Enclosed is a contribution to the Memorial Marker fund in memory of my brother, Ward F. Perry, 26th FA Bn. & Div. Hqs. AGO. Ward served from Ft. Bragg in 1941 to Ingolstadt 1945 and he passed away Jan. 15, 1979. Do keep up the good work, Dan, and my best wishes to the Secretary's Secretary, Marie.

2nd. Bn. Hqs. Co. 60th Inf.
JOHN COMPEL
2020 Barnesdale Ave.
McKeesport, Pa. 15132
Enclosed is my contribution to the Memorial Marker fund. I will retire at the end of Jan. 1982 after 32 years of service with U.S. Steel. Hope to see you at Ft. Bragg.

60th Inf. Serv. Co.
GEORGE GROSSMAN
8 Butternut Dr.
New City, N.Y. 10956
Enclosed find check for the Memorial Marker fund. I would like to donate it in memory of Chaplain Tepper, 60th Inf. He was killed somewhere in Normandy. I enjoy reading the Octofoil and hope that my wife and I may attend the next reunion.

9th Div. MP
JAKE NAILOR
312 Brandy Lane
Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17055
Just a few lines to let you know that my wife and I had a good time at the reunion on the Cape last summer and plan to be with you at Bragg next year. I hope a lot of the M.P.'s can get there. I have finally located an M.P. that I have not heard of since I left the outfit to go to the 14th Armored Div. and eventually to come home. A lot of the fellows have asked about him and I am including his address so you can put it in the Octofoil.
Roger Alsgaard was able to locate him for me. I sure thank him for his help. Also enclosed is a donation for the marker fund.
(Editors note: Sorry, Jake, there was no address for the above mentioned M.P.)

Co. K 39th Inf.
PETER JANUS
1112 Gladys Ave.
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15216
Dear Dan:
Enclosed a check for a life membership and a donation for the Memorial Marker at Fort Bragg.

I remember the early days of the division at Fort Bragg and hope to see everybody there in 1982.
Please add balance of check to the scholarship fund.
God Bless my friends of the 9th Division.

47th Inf. Medics
John T. Henley
216 Lakeshore Dr.
Hope Mills, N.C.
I was delighted to learn that the Association will return to Fort Bragg next summer for its 37th Reunion. My home is in Hope Mills, North Carolina, only 14 miles away. I remember the 1962 Reunion with very fond memories.

I am enclosing my contribution for the Fort Bragg Memorial Marker. This is an excellent gesture of the Association.
I'll see you at Fort Bragg in 1982.

Remember the Dates
June 24, 25, 26th
82 Reunion

60th Inf Service Co.
FRED GOLUB
21 Lenore Ave.
Monsey, N.Y. 10952
Enclosed find a check to be divided equally for the Marker and Scholarship fund. At this writing I am semi-retired and working part time. Seems like I just can't take it easy in big doses, so I'm doing it in small doses. God willing I'll be going to Bragg for the reunion, it would be a crying shame to miss that one! I would be inclined to think that those such as myself, who have missed many of the reunions, will be showing up for this one in big numbers. I've been very fortunate as I had a heart attack three and a half years ago, but lucky for me it wasn't the big one and I fully recovered. While I was hospitalized, friends came visiting and I wound up with 6 bottles of after shave lotion. This prompted me to write the following poem: The whole world seems to have the notion, to cure a patient give after shave lotion. Some subscribe in manner real cute, that the answer is called Brut. The French they say "Ah Oui Oui", the way to go is Zizane. Others say, well not hardly, the solution to it all is called Yardley. Still others say to have a ball, you wear English Leather or nothing at all! Morally I'm no prude, I can be cured, all in the nude. Thanks for listening and I'll see you in Bragg.

Co. G. 47th Inf.
IRVING POSNER
9440 Sunrise Lakes Blvd.
Sunrise, Fl. 33322
Enclosed is my check for the Memorial Marker fund. I enjoy reading the Octofoil, it stirs old memories

E. Co. 39th Inf.
JOHN F. SHENNEY
747 Newark Ave.
Jersey City, N.J.
After too many years I have finally gotten myself to write you. After being discharged I went to work in the post office and got myself involved in postal unions that left me no free time. When I retired I came up with a bad heart and emphysema. I did intend to write during the years but life membership made it easy to procrastinate. To atone I'm enclosing a check for the marker and scholarship fund. I hope to be in better health next June and perhaps make it to Bragg. Personal congratulations on the fine job you have done through the years.

Hq. Co. 3rd Bn. 60th Inf.
ROY BECK
330 Best Dr.
Athens, Ga. 30606
I'm sorry I haven't sent dues in before this, please accept my apology. Will try to send something for the marker fund next time. I will not be able to attend the reunion because of my health, but I do like to read the Octofoil. Keep up the good work you are doing.

Co. D. 9th Med.
JOHN SEVERINO
P.O. Box 1343
Albuquerque, N.M. 87103
Enclosed is my check for 1982 dues and also please note new address as above. We have moved from Florida.

84th FA Bn.
FRED TALARICO
503 Elm St.
Pittsfield, Ma. 01201
Enclosed find check for Memorial Marker fund. Hope to see you in Worcester Nov. 7th:

60th Inf.
LES RONAY
P.O. Box 387
Tarzana, Ca. 91356
Received the May-June Octofoil and noted small insertion that the Amendment Change was Defeated, I take this to be the opening of our membership to the Association.
As I mentioned that I was for the opening of our membership, I would like background information as to the prime reasoning for the defeat by so small a margin.
It was my understanding that some type of committee was to prepare recommendation to the membership for the past convention to present the advantages, or disadvantages for the proposal, and that the membership in general even by mail ballot should have had an opportunity to voice their opinion.
I again state that members of this organization be allowed to vote upon this issue by mail, I feel that this is our individual right to voice our opinion as to the perpetuation of the 9th DIVISION ASSOCIATION.
Being the 40th anniversary of our origination of the 9th Infantry Division at our next convention at "Bragg" I'm making plans to attend, hope to see you and those of the original New York Chapter at that time.
If you at this time know who will be making the "Bragg" arrangements let me know and I'll make contact for reservations.

60th Inf.
OTTO R. KOCH, JR (COL RET.)
4091 Countryside Dr.
Columbus, Ga. 31907
Enclosed is a check for the Memorial Fund. We (Jane & I) were assigned to the 9th Div. in Dec. 1940, 1st Lt. Co C Co. 60th, further duties with the 60th were Adjutant & S-3 of the regiment. Then XO & CO of the 1st Bn. 60th. In 1944 I was posted to V Corps as Asst. G-3 prior to the invasion of Europe. We enjoyed our assignment with the 60th and for awhile managed to keep in touch with many of our old comrades. Now it's down to Duke Ludwig, Cary Cox, General Teece, General Wilbur (the generals are now dead). Jane keeps in touch, through Christmas greetings with others and we enjoy learning of their activities. We retired in 1968, as CO Ft. Ritchie, Md. after 34 years service. Incidentally, General Westmoreland signed my retirement documents. In 1941 he was CO of C Btry 60th FA. I was CO 60th C Co. We have the greatest respect and love for Westy and his family, and the efforts of the association in behalf of all of us. Lest ye forget.

AT 47th Inf.
GEORGE REMALEY
Box 437 - A, RD No.1,
Natrona Hts., Pa. 15065
Hi Buddies! I enjoyed the reunion and was happy to see all my friends from the 9th and my greatest surprise was seeing Bowman from the 15th Engrs. again. I hadn't seen him since 1942. I have quite a few friends in the line companies as I was in charge of the stockade before we went overseas. I want to thank the people who found my travelers checks. I hope to see you all in Ft. Bragg. Please find a donation for the marker fund enclosed.

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

C Co. 9th Med Bn.
BRUCE B. JOHNSTONE
100 Glennslane Apt. 109
Dunedin, Fl. 33528
Now that you sent my new membership card, the first one from the Florida chapter, it's good to learn that the new Treas. Henry Santos has things in good order. The Florida chapter held a meeting in Sept. at the Hyatt Hotel in Sarasota and a good number showed up for a very interesting session along with a nice social program that has been arranged for by the chapter President. I am sure Joe Williams is pleased to learn that his "baby" is starting to grow. I would like to point out to the readers of the Octofoil that in the last issue there were names of 5 new Florida residents that should become members of the Florida chapter. If you have been in another chapter, it's easy to transfer. In my travels I found many members never were able to join up in a chapter, and believe me, it makes for a much more interesting association when you are able to be part of it, also why not include your phone number. My number is 813-736-3414. In the meantime I am trying to round up all the Medics in C company so that we can have a reunion within a reunion at Fayetteville next June.

AT Co. 47th Inf.
JAMES J. CORCORAN
2111 W. Market St.
Pottsville, Pa. 17901
Enclosed is a check for 3 years dues and a donation for the Marker fund. I am looking forward to joining all my A.T. buddies at Fort Bragg next June. It should be a dandy! I was a member of A.T. from Oct. 8, 1940 until June 25, 1945, the day of my discharge, which is quite a while ago. Best regards and let's get as many AT boys as possible at Fort Bragg. Keep up the good work, Dan. I enjoy the Octofoil very much as it keeps me informed of the guys I served with.

2nd Bn. 47th Inf.
LOUIS GERSHENOW (COL. RET.)
3400 Morlock Lane
Bowie, Md. 20715
Enclosed check for dues and Marker fund. Sorry for the delay and hope to see you at Fort Bragg. Best wishes to you and yours.

G. Co. 47th Inf.
GEORGE BAKO
5275 Monroe Ave. Apt. 7
San Diego, Cal. 92115
Just a few lines from the West coast. We are in good health, the weather is super, but most of all we miss all of you. It's that time of the year when folks get together and have fun. We sure miss the Christmas party and Fr. Connors. Old folks live in the days gone by and their grandchildren. May the Good Lord bless and keep you all in good health and happiness. You are always in our thoughts.

26th FA, Hq & Hq Btry
BRUNO ADAMIK
5411 S. Natrona
Chicago, Ill. 60638
Just a word or two to say hello to all and good luck on the Memorial Marker. As one old timer from the good old Fort Bragg days, how does one try to forget the days we've put in to it. I started there and ended else where, but the memory lingers on. Where the heck did those 40½ years go to? I'm sending my contribution to help in erecting the monument. It's not much, but every little bit helps.

MAIL CALL

47th Inf. 1st. Bn. Hqs.
RANDY BRYANT
15640 SW 85th Ave.
Miami, FL 33157

I'm sorry to have missed the last convention back in July and am anxiously awaiting the next Octofoil to read about the events. We'll be at Bragg next July though.

As I wrote you earlier the reason we did not make the Convention in July is due to our trip to Europe this month and next. In addition to visiting old friends in the Alresford, England area where my battalion, the First of the 47th, was billeted, we will go to Normandy and trace the route of the 47th from Utah to the St. Lo-Perrier Road where we made the breakthrough in July. My wife and I have already followed the route of the 47th from Paris to the Soviet Zone Border. I don't plan on following the route from St. Lo to Paris—rather fast going and not much to see. While in Normandy we will certainly visit the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach and try to locate the graves of some of our old friends. I don't know whose remains have been transferred back to the US but will find out. We must pay our respects to them in any case.

We have visited Alresford many times, particularly when we lived in London. We are not forgotten there and the house on Broad St. where the 1st. Bn officers were billeted has a brass plaque on the wall in our honor. We'll have a pint or two at the White Swan and down the hill at the Bell where I hope the Bayliss's still hang out. Tichborne House, 1st. Bn. Hqs. is on our list but the Baronet who was there at the time died recently and his son, who was just a few years old in 1944 is now the new Sir Anthony. I hear that Northington Grange, the regimental Hqs. has been torn down, I hope not. I'm not too familiar with the locations of the 2nd and 3rd Bn. locations for we were too busy to do much socializing at the time.

In Normandy we will visit St. Mere Eglise-Barneville, Cherbourg, Cape la Hague, Valognes and St. Sauveur-le-Vicomte, that about covers the larger towns, plus, of course St. Lo. Then we will drive on east to see an old French Army friend near Amiens, Col. Comte de Forceville at his Chateau Frucourt. We spent many nice weekends with him while living in London.

Will have some news for you when we return and also some photos.

I was very disappointed to learn that we are not ready to let in 9 Div. Vets from Vietnam—no wonder we are saying that each Convention is smaller. Maybe I won't see it but the 9 Div. Ass'n will be out of business in a few years—think of it.

All the Best,

AT 47th Inf & D Co. 39th Inf.
ROBERT CATUS
720 Southwest 18th St.
Boynton Beach, FL 33435

Please note change of address from Indiana to above in Florida, also I have retired after many years of selling Farm Machinery for Sperry-New Holland, and Frances has taken early retirement from teaching school. All alumni of AT 47th and D Co 39th are welcome at our new retirement cottage.

Co. M. 39th Inf.
MAURICE E. LAMBERT
2503 Diamond Hill Rd.
Woonsocket, R.I. 02895

Enclosed you will find a check for the Marker fund. I do hope I am on time to have my name inscribed. I was hoping to be at the convention this year but health reasons prevented it. Let's hope I will have better luck next year. I received a letter from an old buddy, Charles Stover, with a bit of information about others. I answered, but never got a response. I'm hoping that I'll hear sooner or later. Best wishes and the best of health to the new president and also to all the old Reliables, also to you and your wife. Keep up the good work. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

A Co. 60th Inf.
ROBERT E. PAPPAS
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New Port Richey, FL 33552

Thank you for sending me the latest issue of the Octofoil along with my life membership card. I, too, will voice my own opinion that membership should be to anyone who served with the 9th Div. I just attended our 2nd meeting of the Florida chapter. We had 13 members plus their wives. General Randle and his wife were present and I must say that even though he is 87 years young he looks to be in good shape. At the present time the Florida chapter will have only 2 meetings per year until we find many more members living in Florida. If there are and you are not members of the chapter, please contact me for more information. John Clouser and Joe Williams are to be congratulated for helping in the start of this new chapter. John lives only 50 miles north of my place. To all my friends in the Illinois chapter, I wish to say hello and think of you often. Hope to visit you in December as I have to return to Illinois for a few days for a doctors consultation. Keep up the good work, Dan, for you sure deserve lots of credit in the job you do. God bless you and your wife.

Co F & E 39th Inf.
WARD PAYNE
395 D Avenida Castilla
Laguna Hills, Ca. 92653

Please find enclosed my contribution for the Division Memorial Marker.

I retired the end of July, and have just returned from a trip to western Europe which included visits to Belgium, Holland, up the Rhine, and Lucerne, Switzerland.

My heart pounded a bit as we passed by the towers that once supported the bridge at Remagen where we crossed over the Rhine immediately after the 9th Armored had seized the bridge, (and caught beaucoup "incoming mail.") Nowadays, the towers fly the flags of the United States and the Republic of West Germany in tribute to the men of both sides who fell in the Remagen bridgehead commander, and certainly the 9th Inf. Division was most instrumental in the success of that operation.

Many thanks for the excellent job you are doing and hope to see you and the gang at the 1982 reunion at Ft. Bragg.

QM
HAROLD HOKANSON
99 Dustin St.
Brighton, Ma.

Looked at my membership card and saw only good until 1981, so decided to send in my dues for 3 more years before the red ink shows up. I had all intentions of attending the reunion at Hyannis but at the last minute had to change plans. Will try to make Ft. Bragg next year. Thank you for the great job you do for the association.

Co. M, 60th Inf.
ALLEN H. LUCE
Box 145
Winneconne, Wi. 54986

Hi everyone! Couldn't afford to come to the reunion this year as I want to go to Ft. Bragg in 1982. Enclosed is a bit for the Marker fund.

15th Engrs
F.J. ELMO
68 E. Beverly Parkway, PO Box 511
Valley Stream, N.Y. 11580

I have been very lax in keeping up with the 9th due to personal and business reasons. I felt good to read an item about Paul Bolduc of the 15th, if it wasn't for his item I would not have read anything about the 15th engr., but we do have some good workers in our chapter, especially Art Schmidt. I am enclosing a check for the marker fund and if all goes well, I'll be in Bragg next year.

Co E, 39th Inf.
KENNETH RAY
Box 56
Pine City, N.Y. 14871

Best regards to everyone especially guys from E Co. of the 39th. Like to hear from all the guys. By the way I was the first cook.

MP's
BILL BATEMAN
919 Leisure World
Mesa, Ariz. 85206

Just a note to let you know that on May 29, 1981, Louise and I retired and on June 1, we arrived here at Leisure World and we think this is where we will stay. They have a large rec. center, golf courses and swimming pool. There are people here from every state and everyone seems to be enjoying their retirement and they are all very friendly. We have hopes of getting to Ft. Bragg for the reunion next summer, we haven't been there since 1965. My old address was in Illinois, we hope this new address is permanent.

B Co. 39th Inf.
IRV H. TERCHAK
2559 S. 90th St.
West Allis, Wis. 53227

I just wouldn't feel right if I couldn't get on the bandwagon for the Ft. Bragg Memorial Marker fund so please apply the enclosed check to the fund. Also may I convey my best wishes to all the great guys from B Co. 39th.

9th Div Art'y
R.A. DONNELLY
314 11th St.
Logansport, Ind. 46947

Enclosed please find a small donation for the Fort Bragg Memorial Marker fund. I hope to be there in 1982. Have got to write Fr. Connors a letter so will sign off for now.

E Co. 47th Inf.
BOB COLFLESH
481 Barker Rd.
Springfield, Pa. 19064

Sorry to be late with my donation for the marker fund, but better late than never. Hope to make the reunion in Bragg as I have a daughter in 5th SFG. My best to all.

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Hqs. 9th Med. Bn.
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Enclosed is my contribution to the Memorial Marker fund. We all had a great time at Hyannis. It was a great pleasure to see and be with my old army buddies and their lovely wives. Two of my buddies I hadn't seen in 36 years and this was their first reunion. I am making reservations for Fr. Connors at Worcester and plan to attend the reunion in Fayetteville. Please advise if you have the address of Henry Hunt, a former medic buddy. Best wishes and God bless all. (P.S. This office has no record of Henry Hunt and has so advised the writer.)

9th Med.
DR. JAY P. ROLLER
Hilton Head Island, S.C. 29928
Enclosed is a check for the Memorial Marker fund. I had previously sent a like donation to the fund. These donations are to especially honor all the men who served with me under my command in the medical units. Without their integrity and fidelity, we never could have accomplished our mission.

15th Eng. Bn.
ANTHONY MADONNA
40 Orient St.
Worcester, Ma. 01604
Received the Octofoil yesterday and it seems as if I have been missing something, so enclosed find my check to the Memorial Marker fund. See you in Worcester.

Co. C, 9th Med.
JOHN H. LEWIS
211 Midland St.
Shelbyville, Tenn. 37160
Enclosed you will find my contribution to the Memorial Marker fund. Please enter this to the memory of Lt. Darwin Caudill. Will see you at Bragg.

A. T. Co. 47th Inf.
CHARLES BODNAR
187 New York Ave.
Bergenfield, N.J. 07621
Just a few lines to all the Anti-tankers of the 47th, to let them know I'm still around and enjoying life. Will one of you guys send me a picture of the last reunion at Hyannis! I have others and I would like to add that to my collection and souvenirs behind the bar in the recreation room. I couldn't be at Cape Cod but you can be sure of meeting me at Ft. Bragg. I haven't heard from any of the fellows except "Romeo" Remaley and that was a short note only to say they missed my wife and I at the last get together. Also please accept my donation for the Marker at Ft. Bragg.

Co. E, 39th Inf.
EMIL MEROLLA
2307 Oak Park
Cleveland, Ohio, 44109

Enclosed find my check for the Marker fund. As many as your readers write, many of them got started at Ft. Bragg. I was one of the lucky ones who joined the 9th in Germany as a replacement. You remember us? We carried on what you all started. I wish I knew more of the men I served with. As an infantryman in combat you don't socialize, you just keep digging fox holes, get your orders and chase the enemy. If you were lucky, you celebrated in victory. I thank the Lord I am here writing this letter to my many buddies who got their training at Camp Fanin, Texas. I wish we could all meet again.

Co. C, 47th Inf.
STANLEY POLLINGER
2317 W. Washington
Allentown, Pa. 18104
Enclosed find my donation for the Marker fund. As a former member it will be an honor to give. At the present time I will be making plans to attend the next reunion. In the last issue I read a letter from C.B. Baker. He named men I was with from Ft. Bragg. Baker may have been a Medic taking care of me when I was hit in the landing at Safi. Two former members living nearby are Joe Farkas and Ron Tesno. I will try to get in touch with them. Making plans for the next reunion.

Co. G, 47th Inf.
ROBERT GRIFFITH
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Des Plaines, Ill. 60016
Enclosed is my check for the Memorial Marker. Hope to see you and the rest at the reunion in Fayetteville next summer. Regards to all.

Hq. 15th Engrs. Bn.
A. T. FORREST
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Salt Lake City, Utah. 84103
Here with a contribution to the marker and scholarship funds. I enjoy reading the letters in the Octofoil and appreciated them more recently when one resulted in Bill Dallas contacting me after we lost touch at the end of the war. Stranger still, just recently I found that one of my most admired business associates and friend from Nashville, Tenn. was a long time friend of Bill. I have resigned as Senior Vice President of Mining Operations of Sharon Steel Corp. and am now enjoying a life of ease. We plan to use Salt Lake City as our base for retirement travel. With best regards.

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