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# THE OCTOFOIL

412 Gregory Ave. Weehawken, N. J. 07087

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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will be earmarked to pay for the Octofoil

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## REVISED TENTATIVE SCHEDULE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION — JUNE 24, 25, and 26, 1982 Bordeaux Motor Inn, Fayetteville, N.C.

### Thursday June 24

9:00 to 4:00 Registration — Marshall Ney Room — (Second Floor)

1:30 Non-Chapter Reunion Site Committee Meeting — Parlour Toulouse

1:30 Investment Committee Meeting — Parlour Orleans

3:00 Board of Governors Meeting — Board Room

7:30 to 9:00 Registration - Marshall Ney Room

8:00 Welcome Party — Louis XIV Ballroom

1:00 PM Golf Tournament — Fort Bragg Golf Course (Leave from the Bordeaux Motor Inn)

### Friday June 25

8:30 Catholic Mass — Blue Parlor

9:00 to 12:00 Registration — Marshall Ney Room

(Activities for Friday will be at Fort Bragg. The schedule will be at the Registration Desk. Lunch will be at the Main NCO Club and the Memorial and Marker Dedication. Service will be in the afternoon. Various demonstrations are being planned for us by the Fort Bragg staff for the morning and afternoon.)

8:30 Dance — Louis XIV Ballroom

### Saturday June 26

8:30 Catholic Mass — Blue Parlor

9:00 to 12:00 Registration — Marshall Ney Room

9:15 Opening General Session — Blue Parlour

9:30 Women's Auxiliary Meeting - Gold Parlour

9:30 Committee Meetings

Budget and Finance — Board Room

By-laws — Parlour Orleans

Miscellaneous - Blue Parlour

Newspaper — Blue Parlour

Nominating — Parlour Toulouse

10:30 General Business Meeting — Blue Parlour

1:00 to 3:00 Registration for Banquet Tables — Marshall New Room

2:00 Board of Governors Meeting - Board Room

5:00 Catholic Mass - Versailles Room (Basement)

7:00 Banquet — Louis XIV Ballroom

## To be speaker at Dedication



General Westmoreland and Father Connors will be at the reunion. Westy will be the speaker at the Dedication of the Memorial Marker and Father Connors will offer his prayers. This photo was taken at the Worcester Memorial Services in 1980.

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

On Thursday April 8th, — unaware to all but family we men of Beco- 47th, experienced a great loss in the "passing" of our buddy, Nick Palega, — affectionately known as "Big Nick."



Nick Palega

—'Tho at this time of writing I'm not familiar with the particulars resulting in his death all of us were aware of Nicks' heart ailment in these late years necessitating the implanting of a pace-maker — never the less Nick and Olga religiously traveled to attend our yearly Re-unions —Ft. Lauderdale, Washington and Hyannis. Their loving daughter, Linda, drove them to the last two.

## WONDERFUL FRIENDSHIPS

Many wonderful friendships have grown out of our days at Ft. Bragg as end results of casual acquaintances of a lot of guy's from a lot of different places. Nick and I shared just such a relationship — with time it grew into a strong, concerned friendship, tried and tested throughout the duration of the war — a high point followed this operation—

(From Company B - 47th. history El Guettar April 3 1943)

Final plans for the attack were made. At 1430 our artillery and mortars started shelling the enemy positions. At 1500 the 1st. and 3rd platoons started going down the southern slopes of our position. Just as soon as our men started over, intense enemy MG and artillery fire came down on the ridge. Two squads of each platoon were able to get over and work their way toward the initial objective. The rest of the company was ordered by higher authority to remain in position. All during the rest of the afternoon, the enemy laid mortar and artillery fire in the draws leading to their position. Company Commander was unable to contact Bn.Hq. so at dusk he returned to Bn.Cp. and was then ordered to withdraw all the company back to initial positions. Pfc's Briggie and Cantito, and Pvt Rochford failed to return and are missing in action Pfc. Penniston wounded, died two days later in hospital. 2nd. Lt. Loesch wounded by MG fire was evacuated, five other men were wounded in this action.

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## Mike Wallace's assault on the Integrity of Gen Westmoreland draws heavy counter fire.

Mike Wallace's assault on the integrity of General Westmoreland has drawn a heavy counter battery fire from many former governmental officials and former associates of the General. By now Wallace must know how Jerry felt when Divarty called for a "Serenade" on one of his positions; Mike is probably scrambling around trying to find a deeper hole. The articles and letters written in defense of the General are too numerous and lengthy to be printed in full in the Octofoil; however, the following excerpts from some of them will reveal many of the facts that Wallace conveniently overlooked when he made his report.

### Trial By Television

Reed Iwine, Editor of "AIM REPORT" published by Accuracy In Media, Inc, 1341 G St. N.W., Washington, D.C. in his column of February 11, 1982 has this to say about the Wallace Report. "The February 1, 1982, issue of The Aim Report is about a trial—not a regular legal trial, but a trial by television. We have called it the CBS courtmartial of General William C. Westmoreland. This is serious business. CBS cannot, of course, send anyone to prison or impose a fine upon them, but they can destroy a person's reputation and cause intense mental and emotional anguish. There are still people in this country who feel as Shakespeare put it, "My honor is my life. Both grow in one. Take honor from me, and my life is done." When you set out to destroy the honorable reputation of such a person you may be literally setting out to kill him.

### No Rules of Procedure

We have erected a fantastic array of safeguards to protect the defendants in legal trials. Indeed, we may have gone too far in that direction, but we have done so because we feel deeply that we must be very careful to avoid convicting people without very good evidence. Television trials are different. They have the power to destroy their target, but they have no rules of procedure or evidence that protect against convictions on the basis of hearsay, perjured testimony, faked testimony and misunderstandings. The CBS trial of General Westmoreland is a perfect illustration of all that is wrong with trial by television.

### Announced Before Trial Began

The verdict was announced before the trial began. The trial was to be aired on Saturday, January 23, but on Thursday Mike Wallace and George Crile appeared on the CBS morning news show to announce the verdict and present what they thought was some of the most effective prosecution evidence. The verdict was announced in full page ads run in The New York Times and The Washington Post on January 22, which proclaimed the discovery of a plot "at the highest levels of military intelligence" to deceive the public, the Congress and perhaps even the President. The program itself started off with Wallace discussing this shocking "conspiracy." All that remained was for them to present the evidence that Wallace

and Crile had assembled to make their case. There was no presentation of evidence for the defense and no cross-examination of the prosecution witness. Indeed, the jury, if we put the television audience in that role, had no way of knowing anything about the witnesses except what Wallace and Crile told them. They didn't know if Wallace and Crile had left out statements made by these witnesses that contradicted things that they or other witnesses had said. They didn't know if CBS had taken testimony from other witnesses and rejected it because it would have cast doubt on the prosecution's contentions. And perhaps most shocking of all, the defendant himself was subjected to an interrogation about events and statistics that were 14 years old without having been advised in advance of the specific subject of the grilling. Of course, the jury did not know that either....." Iwine went on to say that when, at a press conference on January 26, General Westmoreland assembled an impressive team to support his charges that the CBS program was a "preposterous hoax", CBS Evening News aired only a small portion of the General's statement and omitted entirely his concluding remark. In the interest of accuracy I call upon Mike Wallace to apologize to the American people for the cruel hoax he and his associates tried to perpetrate upon them.

### Refuted The Assertion

W.W. Rostow, a former special assistant to President Johnson, in a letter to the New York Times refuted the assertion that President Johnson had been misinformed about the situation in Viet-Nam. In his letter to the Times Rostow wrote; "Your January 24, editorial "War, Intelligence and Truth" draws from the CBS documentary of January 23 precisely the conclusion it clearly projected; that Lyndon Johnson himself was victimized by mendacious intelligence" before the Tet offensive of January 1968. The conclusion is false; and those who produced the documentary know it is false. President Johnson received directly and read voraciously the captured documents to which you refer - not summaries - as well as reports of C.I.A., State Department and A.I.D. officers in the provinces; prisoner-of-war interrogations; intercepts, and all manner of other basic information..

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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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Shades of 1941 - After a hard day on the Target Range, at night they pay to shoot some more! Marksmen of the 47th Infantry try their skill at Fort Bragg, post Exchange. George Waldron sent this picture along with the magazine The National Geographic.



Shades of 1942 - at the Service Club Dance - Ninth Division area. Scenes like this will be repeated on Thursday and Friday night at the reunion.

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.

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

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



Mr. and Mrs. Michael McInerney  
Gold Star Parents.

Nick Palega  
Co B 47th Inf.

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Div Hq's

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Co B 39th Inf.

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2nd Bn Hq Co  
60th Inf.

J. James Quinn  
B Bty 84th FA

Edward Baker  
9th Sig Co.

Mrs. Estelle McInerney  
Gold Star Parent

May they rest in peace.

To their loved ones we extend our deepest sympathy.

#### Gold Star Parent

Mrs. Estelle McInerney beloved Gold Star parent of Jim McInerney who was killed in North Africa has joined her son Jim and her husband Michael in the sleep of peace.

Throughout the years she and her husband were always on hand when the "troops" gathered at the reunions, especially when the members took time out to remember our fallen comrades. We can still picture them as they marched to the Memorial Services at the annual reunions and in later years, when they could no longer make the march, as they stood on the steps of Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester at Father Connors Annual Memorial Services.

Tom Orband informed us of her passing as he kept in contact with her all these years. Tom was a buddy of her son Jim when they both served in the 39th Infantry and he never forgot Jims parents.

May God be good to her and may she rest in Heaven with her beloved husband and son.

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## ADVANCE REGISTRATION BY MAIL

This year, for the first time, we will have advance registration by mail. Register early and avoid waiting in line at the Reunion. Name tags and strip tickets will be picked up at the Reunion Pre-Registration desk. The number of banquet tickets is limited. Order your strip ticket now by sending a check or money order to Daniel Quinn, 412 Gregory, Weehawken, N.J. 07087 for \$38.00. Make check payable to: The Ninth Infantry Division Association. Banquet tickets must be purchased before 4:00 P.M. Thursday June 24, 1982.

The strip tickets of \$38.00 per person includes the Thursday night Welcoming Party, the Noon Lunch at Fort Bragg on Friday, the Friday night Dance, and the Banquet on Saturday night. Bus transportation to Fort Bragg on Friday and complimentary drinks for two hours on Thursday and Friday evenings. Refunds will be given to those who through some unforeseen circumstances are unable to attend the reunion. Deadline for cut off date will be June 15th.

### ROOM RESERVATIONS 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:

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(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

Serv. Co, 47th Inf  
ROBERT BUCK  
5877 Herberton Cr.  
Verona, Pa. 15147

I wrote you a letter Feb 6th before I went to Florida for a month. Upon my return, there was a letter for me from Elizabeth Toole saying her husband Dick died suddenly of a heart attack.

I had visited Dick in Ohio a number of times. He is the last of the men of the 47th that I have maintained at least a yearly contact. Dick had no children and is survived by his wife Elizabeth of Rt. 1 Box 1533, Anthony, Fl. 32617. In his Christmas letter to me he had planned on going to the reunion this year. I have lost a very dear friend. Best regards.

### 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. ....

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### General Westmoreland

.... On December 21, talking to the Australian Cabinet on the occasion of the memorial service for Prime Minister Holt, President Johnson explained that a maximum effort, with "kamikaze" tactics, was about to be made and that there dark days ahead, after which a bombing halt and negotiations might be possible.

#### Permission to Cancel

Just before Tet, General Westmoreland asked the President for permission to cancel the Tet truce in I Corps, put U.S. forces on alert and made special dispositions for Saigon's protection. The only surprise at Tet was that the Communists attacked as many as 40 provincial capitals. Most of the attacks were on a small scale and were easily turned back.....

.....CBS is quite aware of all this, from its own research and from a three-hour taping session with me on January 24, 1981, in New York. The director of the documentary, George Crile, wrote to me on January 15, 1982, explaining that nothing from that session was to be used and that CBS was therefore relieved of the requirement for providing me a transcript of the taping (CBS had every right to make that decision.).....

#### General Maxwell Taylor

The February 5, 1982 issue of the Washington Post carried an article by General Maxwell Taylor entitled "The Hatchet Job On Westmoreland". In his article General Taylor expressed his surprise at the fact that a man like William F. Buckley Jr could accept the substance of the hatchet job on General Westmoreland by Mike Wallace, carried out on CBS on January 23 with his usual skill at that kind of thing. Taylor went on to say; "I was dismayed by Buckley's unqualified conclusion, 'the documentary absolutely established that Westmoreland, for political reasons, withheld from the president, probably from the Joint Chiefs, from Congress and from the American people information about the enemy that was vital to any sensible reordering of one's thoughts toward the war, whether one were dove-minded or otherwise.'"

... I personally resent this grossly unfair judgement of Westmoreland, a longtime respected friend of the utmost integrity and a companion of battlefields in World War II and Korea. I might also take umbrage from the fact that I was one of the advisers of President Johnson on Vietnam who should have detected this duplicity on the part of his field commander without waiting for Mike Wallace to make the discovery...

#### He's an "Old Reliable"

The defenders of General Westmoreland have presented a strong case in his favor. Perhaps if they keep sounding off, CBS will see the light and will afford General Westmoreland the opportunity to make his rebuttal to Wallace on CBS prime time. We wish "Westy" the best of luck and know that there is no need to tell him to keep battling because he is an "Old Reliable" and they always carry on.



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

#### VOLUNTEERED

Nick and I accompanied Capt. Minton during this disorientated offensive — Later I was given an order to return to and bring back the 10 - 12 men taking cover on the far side of these hills. At this point Nick "VOLUNTEERED" to go with me — reluctantly, the C.O. gave his approval, thus, together amid a maze of wadees we accomplished what I may not have been able to do alone.

— If I lived a 1000 years I could never forget this courageous act of selflessness of this fine man!!

Sgt. Nick Palega was very seriously wounded in France yet managed to return to us in Germany.

Twice proposed for the Legion of Merit — denied by the adversities of fate, Nick took solace in knowing that on all occasions his battle-field conduct was acknowledged as worthy of this fine commendation.

#### EXTEND HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

To Olga, Linda, Joe and Zachary we extend our heartfelt sympathy — take great pride in having shared his life — his love — his devotion to family for these many years.

We, of Beco-47th, count our blessings in knowing him as a fine soldier, man and personal friend.

God be with you, Nick, —thank you for being our friend!!

Pat Morano called me when he learned about Nick and, graciously, suggested that I write this final tribute to my friend for forty years.

Pat will be taking over the next issue — keep him posted of any new happenings and we hope to see you at the Fayetteville Re-union in June.

Pat J. Morano  
2208 Lincoln Way,  
East. Chambersburg,  
Pa. 17201.

Art J. Stenzel  
1815 Mariner Dr.  
Apt. 174.  
Tarpon Springs,  
Fla. 33589.



December 1940 - Company B 47th Infantry - left to right - Joe Pasqualone and Steve Lelak in their World War I uniforms.

Serv. Co. 39th Inf.  
DANIEL M. LAYMAN  
212 Almur Lane  
Wynnewood, Pa. 19096

In browsing through the Octofoil I read your note about a possible trip to Africa, etc. I would be interested in having more information about the proposed trip. Betts and I have an interest in doing this depending on the time and eventual expense. Many thanks, Dan, for all you do.

### Seeking Memorabilia for Museum

Of recent date a wave of thefts of U.S. Army memorabilia has taken place at this museum. As you so well know, the City of Cherbourg was liberated in June 1944 by members of your illustrious division, (the 9th U.S. Infantry division) then under the tactical control of the U.S. VIIth Army Corps Commanded by General J. LAWTON COLLINS.

We had a mannequin dressed as a Combat Infantryman of your division. It was completely stripped of its clothing and equipment about one month ago. We realize that, as time goes by, it becomes more and more difficult to replace vintage items as described above. This letter is addressed to all of your association members, through you, with the hope that a joint effort will be made to collect, assemble and ship three or four WW II uniforms (dresses or combats) to this museum. We will gladly pay for all surface shipping charges.

Our only mission is to remind our visitors of a great feat of arms accomplished by your men a generation or two ago for Liberty and Peace here at Cherbourg, in Normandy, in France and in Europe during WW II. Such is the reason or basis for this request which, I hope, will fall upon attentive ears.

May I extend my personal thanks for your anticipated cooperation and help in this matter along with the collective thanks of the elected officials of this community.

Sincerely,  
Curator,  
BRECHORE

Ville De Cherbourg  
Musee de la Liberation  
Fort du Roule  
Cherbourg, Le

M Co. 60th Inf.  
ROBERT BOVANIZER  
1097 85th St.  
Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14304

Two members from M Co of the 60th are very interested in N. Africa, Sicily, Rome trip. Please send itineraries and all information to us.

I would also like information how to submit Niagara Falls for consideration of the Non-Chapter reunion site committee.

See you in Ft. Bragg in June.

84th Hq. Btry.  
EVERETT THORN  
Rt. 2 Box 926  
Trinity, Ala. 35673

I would have been a member of the association years ago had I known about it. Enclosed find life membership dues. I was in the 84th from Safi to Sicily. We were pulled out of Sicily and brought back to England. I messed up and got busted and went to the wire section. I stayed with them till the war was over. I was at the Elbe River when the war ended. If I am able I will see you at the reunion.

39th Inf. Co A  
ROBERT SCHOENEKASE  
821 Cheshire Blvd.  
Quincy, Ill. 62301

Enclosed are my dues for another year and I sure enjoy reading the Octofoil. I seldom see anything about the fellows in the 39th but I keep hoping they will feel like writing a few lines. Many times I think about Capt. Edgar and Lt. Bob Anthony and 1st Sgt. Brown. I picked up a winner the next night after we crossed the Rohr River, so I lost track of everybody. I am retired now and spend most of my time gardening which I really enjoy.

### Michigan Doings

#### News from Michigan:

April 20th OCTOFOIL deadline. April 17th 1900 hours the Michigan Chapter meeting at the home of Fred & Jane Josey Grand Blanc, Mi. April 17th 0700 hours Jennie and I leave for Bloomington, Ind. where we will be for the next two weeks tending our daughter Martha after the birth of Brooke Elizabeth Morlan. Grand Child #4. Grand Daughter #2.

These news notes aren't going to be overwhelming. It takes a meeting and a little elbow bending to really find things to write about. I have asked Tom Hatton to fill in as secretary so his notes and minutes should give me fuel for my next news letter.

#### Drop A Line

My mail this past week brought a letter from Robert Pichette of 19020 W. Davison Detroit, Mi. 48223. Though he writes (I) "am disabled with arthritis" he is looking for some members of the 84th Field C Battery and Hqs 84th Field to drop him a line. Bob was with C Battery up until St. Lo. He writes well so I am sure he will answer any letters that he receives.

Also received a letter from Roy Hughes of 3801 Galaxy Midland, Mi. 48640. He joined the 9th in Sicily and was wounded on July 18th near St. Lo. Roy was in Anti-Tank Platoon 3rd Bn Hqs 60th Reg. Anyone remembering him may want to drop him a line.

#### Trek To Fayetteville

Things are shaping up for our trek to Fayetteville, N.C. The tentative schedule in THE OCTOFOIL makes me believe that there won't be any dull moments in the three day schedule.

Until next time best wishes to all you out there from all of us in Michigan.

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

#### On Sale at Reunion

Last summer I sold out the 9th Div. Assn. golf caps which I brought to Hyannis. I got a new supply which I'll take to Fayetteville for sale at the reunion. I have access to mailing boxes and I can sent them to members who will not be at the reunion. The hats are \$5.00 plus \$1.00 shipping charge for a total of \$6.00. These caps with the adjustable back tab (one size fits all) have the 9th Div. Assn. embroidered emblem. Two styles are available: the summer cap has a white polyester front panel with a royal blue visor and nylon mesh side and back panel, the winter cap is all navy blue polyester. Also, I'll bring car license plates. Some states now require only a rear license plate and so a custom design or personalized plate may be used at the front. These aluminum plates are priced at \$4.00. They are white with blue lettering and border. A large red, white and blue Octofoil is at the center. The white field has the lettering "9th Inf. Div. Assn." Across the bottom in blue are the 8 stars and invasion arrowhead, as on our newspaper mast head. Since I have not found a suitable mailer, I can only sell them at the reunion. As last summer, I intend to donate a large part of the cap and license plate profits to our association fund.

Co I 47th Inf.  
ELMER WAGNER  
2833 Hotchkiss Rd.  
Bay City, Mi. 48706

### Tip Of The Hat

Remembering the Scholarship Fund we thank the following members and friends for their donations.

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We salute you.

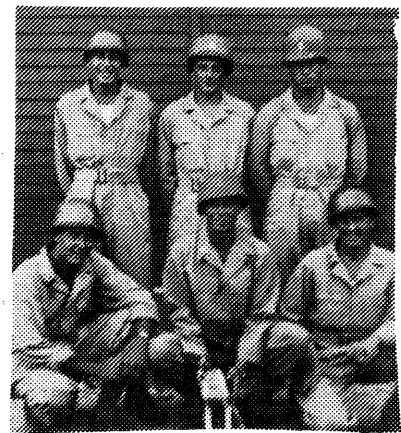
### MEMORIAL MARKER FUND

Although the drive to raise funds for the Memorial Marker has been over for some months the secretary's office continues to receive donations from the membership and friends.

The association thanks those who are listed.

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Richard McGrath  
Esket Baxter  
Francine Guglielmino (in memory of her uncle Felix Guglielmino)  
Norman Caswell  
Charles H. Johnson, Jr.  
John A. Hill  
Frank W. Haines, Jr.  
Dr. Robert I. Miles  
Mrs. Laura Grigsby (in memory of her son Leon)  
Louis M. Prince  
Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Trotta and Mr. and Mrs. George Cossidente (in memory of their brother Pasquale (Pat) Trotta)  
Sal Trapani  
Edgar E. Zeno (in memory of his buddy John S. Kinlock)  
Stanley Putt  
William Dotzert (in memory of his brother Paul)

We salute you.



Jim Leopold sends this picture of the Officers of Company E 47th Infantry in Sicily. Standing from left to right are: Roy Zessar, Bill Larson and Jim Leopold. Crouching from left to right: Ray Rainey, Elmer Graff and Glen Carl. Roy Zessar and Glen Carl were Killed in Europe.



John W. Miller presenting Matt Urban a real Texas "cowboy" hat when Matt spoke to the Rotary Club in Arlington, Texas. Matt was visiting John in Texas.

## mail call

Continued

Service Co. 47th Inf.

ROBERT W. BUCK

5877 Heberton Dr.

Verona (Penn Hills) Pa. 15147

My turn came to retire (65) 2 years ago after 34 years at General Electric. While trying to decide what to do with my time I decided I liked the outdoors, so I bought a canoe, joined several canoe clubs and now I am running the local creeks and rivers several days a week. Last year 1980 I paddled 400 miles, 1981 500 miles and looking forward to 600 miles for 1982. Most of my paddling is in Class 2 white water solo. Am planning on a canoe trip 150 miles in the wilderness of Ontario to Hudson Bay the last 2 weeks of June so I will be unable to attend the 1982 reunion. I will be driving to Florida next week so will stop at Fayetteville and hope to see Dick Toole and Gen. Randle on my way south. Thanks for the swell job you are doing as editor of the Octofoil. I really enjoy it and I have every issue published. An added note: I didn't get a questionnaire from Pres. Clouser but I would like to add my view on the organization. I am very much in favor of changing our By laws to open membership to all who served with the 9th Viet Nam and Korea and even to any who wore the Octofoil but primarily the Viet Nam War. I hate to see the association just die a natural death and we all know that it is headed in that direction. I would like to attend the annual meeting in Pittsburgh in April or March if the Octofoil will publish the date. Best Regards to all.

47th Inf. L & I Co.  
ROBERT HULSLANDER  
6000 San Jose Blvd.  
Jacksonville, FL 32217

Just a quick note to say I look forward to the Ft. Bragg reunion in June and hope we have a great gathering of the clan. I have enclosed my check for 3 years dues. See you at Fort Bragg. (Has it been 40 years!)

Hq. 9th Div.  
WILLIAM B. CARDOZA  
17 Jones Ter. Apt. 3  
Stoughton, Ma. 02072

High time I drop a line. My wife and I are planning on the trip to Ft. Bragg in June. I've never been there so there's always the first time. I went to Ft. McClellan, Ala. So God willing, hope to see you all at Ft. Bragg. Hello to everybody in the New England Chapter.

Co. L, 39th Inf.  
MANUEL MICHAEL  
744 Stover Ave.  
Indianapolis, Ind. 46227

I am planning to attend the reunion in Ft. Bragg. Would like to hear from the guys and hope to see some of you at the reunion.

F Co. 60th Inf.

JERRY TEACHOUT

7475 La Palma, Suite 223

Buena Park, Ca. 90620

I was not able to interest enough members to form a California Chapter but E.C. Waller of Poway, Ca. is now going to give it a try. I note that we lost Pete Radichio to Florida. Had a pleasant surprise this Xmas season to learn that Cliff and Rosalie Painter were visiting their daughter in Playa del Rey at the same time we were visiting our daughter in Culver City. We were only minutes apart and managed to get together for a few hours. Cliff gave me a first hand account of their recent trip to Germany and Belgium. They covered much of the same ground we fought and crawled over in 1944-45. Glad to report that my health problems appear to be stable and perhaps I can stay out of the hospital in 1982. We are going all out for the plans on the reunion. Early reports indicate an extremely large turnout of F Co., 60th people this year. I hear from Lef Filleti that he will close his business to make this one. I better not hear any of the usual lame excuse for not being at the reunion from any F Co. men this year. I expect that the hot potato of opening membership will come up again this year. Although I have no strong feeling on the subject I do favor opening the membership. I am sorry to hear that some feel so bitter that they threaten to quit the association if the vote goes against them. Best regards. PS: Note new address.

47th Inf. 2nd Bn Hq & Hq Co.  
CHARLES H. JOHNSON, JR.  
437-28th St.  
Ogden, Utah. 84401

My wife Helen and I will be going to the reunion, so enclosed are two checks, one for 2 strip tickets and one for the Marker or Scholarship fund. It will be so good to be with our old buddies again. It was real nice talking with you today. I think you are and have been doing a super job for the association.

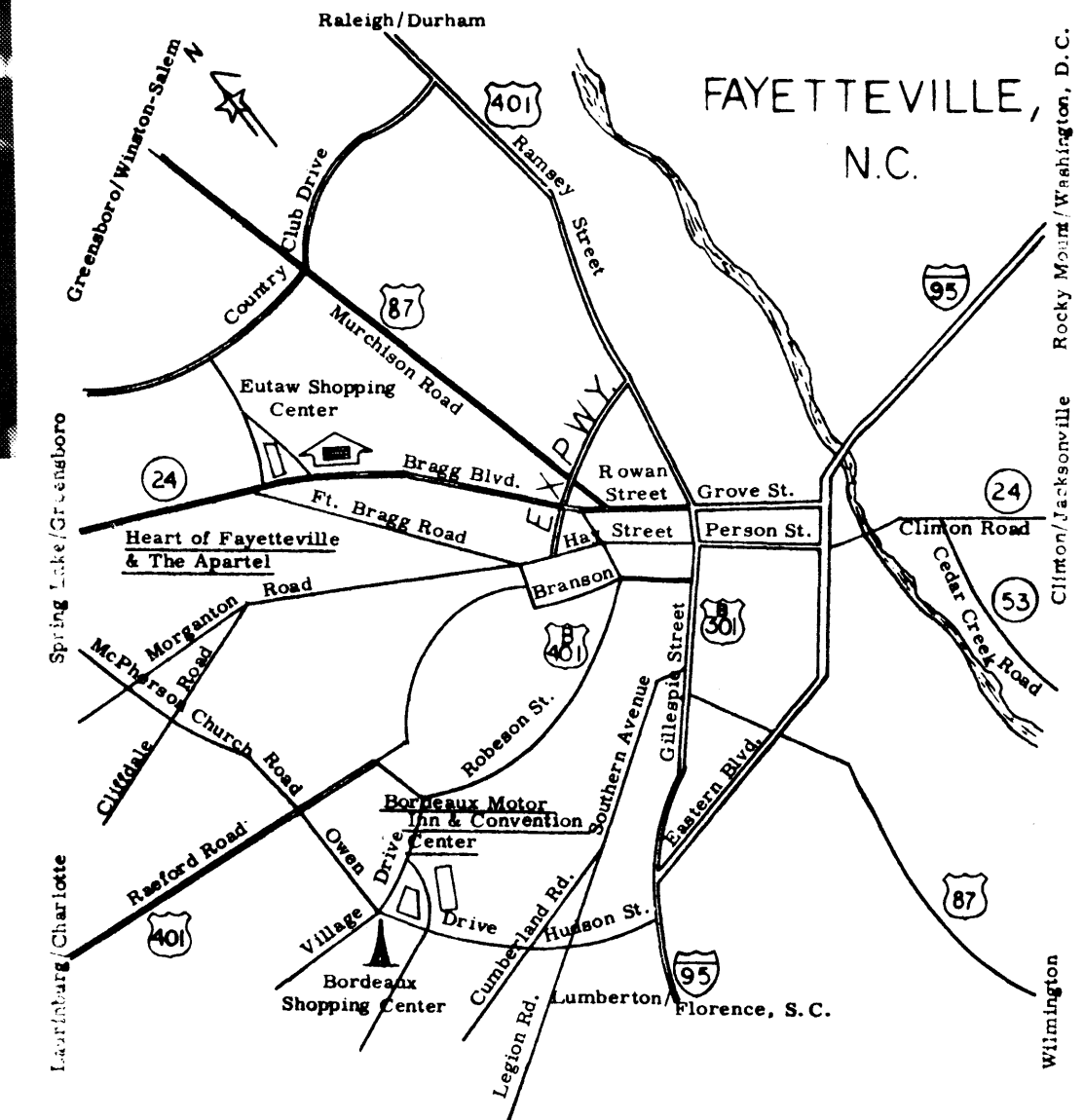
39th Inf. Co I  
E.B. "TOM" ABBOTT  
118 Conway Ct.  
Danville, Va. 24530

Thank you for sending me information on the reunion in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Also thanks for the copy of "The Octofoil."

I am sending in my reservation to the Bordeaux Motor Inn today.

47th Inf. F Co.  
WILLIAM H. MACDONALD  
113 Gordon Dr.  
Seminole, FL 33542

I will be able to attend this year's reunion because my health is better. I am mailed in a deposit for the room at the motel.



B Co. 39th Inf.  
LUTHER D. WILSON  
Richmond, Ky. 40475

I enlisted in the army on Aug 26, 1940 and was sent to Ft. Bragg from Ft. Thomas, Ky. and was put in B Co 39th and I am proud I was a member of such a famous division and the men who fought and died in the 9th. You can bet when other men from my home town talk of their divisions I talk with pride and honor of our famous 9th. I only regret I waited so long before I became a member of the association. I would like to hear from any B Co boys and hope to see them all at Ft. Bragg, for if God willing, I plan on being there. Sure do enjoy reading the Octofoil and plan on keeping every one of them, even if I live to be 100! Best regards.

60th Inf. 2nd Bn  
MICHAEL KAUFFMAN  
4466 Abinadi Rd.  
Salt Lake City, Utah. 84117

Enclosed is a check for a 3 year membership and one for registration for 3 people. We are looking forward to visiting Ft. Bragg and seeing many of the old timers we knew. I have visited the 9th division at Ft. Lewis many times and they are keeping our tradition alive in their units and their museum. To prevent their members from joining the association seems assinine.

7090rd.  
ROBERT L. SPENCER  
37 Water St.  
Wellsboro, Pa. 16901

Sending in my dues for 3 years and time sure does fly. The guys that didn't make the reunion in D.C. in 1980 sure missed a good one. I thought it was super. I will be at Ft. Bragg in June and hope some of the other guys will make it. The only bad thing about going back after 40 years, is the girls will all be 60 yrs. plus! All the best.

60th Inf. Hq Co. 2nd Bn  
ESKET BAXTER  
Box 74  
Creston, Ill. 60113

Enclosed find a check for the Marker fund. I am also interested in the trip to North Africa.

Co. G, 47th Inf.  
EDWARD J. MAHER  
183 West Ave.  
Patchogue, N.Y. 11772

I am re-reading the Octofoil for the third time to find out if I missed anything of importance and it looks like a good battle coming up at the reunion on the by-laws changes. In reading the pro and con letters, I feel that the Con letters are more to the heart of why the 9th association was really formed. As for Charles Tingley, Colonel USA Retired, I think he wallows in the gutter when he accused the membership of "cowardliness" and "lacking courage" because they don't think the way he wants them to. Of course, he didn't have the nerve to use the words like I did so everybody could understand him. He called it a "pusillanimous attitude." His letter proves what Frank B. Rankin says, the stress being on the "Octofoil" and not the comradeship of the men. Also as Charles Koskie of the Illinois Chapter says, the Army and a couple of Officers are the only ones bugging us. Four times voted down are not enough for them. Well, Dan, now for the real reason for this letter is the notice of the advance registration by mail. I think this is a wonderful idea and I am sure it is going to put a lot more work on you. I don't know how you can do all you do and still take care of your own private life. Your wife sure must be a very lovely and helpful woman and very understanding! Enclosed is my advance registration check. Looking forward to seeing you at Bragg in case I can't get to any of the chapter meetings.

Co. D, 60th Inf.  
PAUL PELISH  
4 Apple Tree Dr.  
Hyde Park, N.Y. 12538

If you want to mention me in the paper, I was in Co. D 60th. For a while I was Mess Sgt. I hope somebody remembers me. Jim Canada said he will write soon. Hope to hear from some members of Co. D.

Officials honor Ben Murell for 25 years of Service. Former 39th man active officiating sports.

KINGSTON — Ben Murell of Hudson has received one of the International Amateur Athletic Basketball Officials (IAABO) top honors.

Murell, a member of the Central Hudson Valley Board 114, was presented a silver bowl for 25 years of service as a basketball referee. The Presentation was made by IAABO Secretary-Treasurer Whitey Raymond.

Murell has a total of 30 years in basketball officiating. He began officiating Men's City Basketball League and high school junior varsity games for five years before becoming a member of the IAABO.

He officiated an average of 60 games a year during his 25 years. He covered high school varsity, junior varsity freshmen and eighth grade games.

MPs  
LOU VIVOLA  
283 Lexington St.  
E. Boston, Ma. 02128

I have just come back from Florida and enjoyed a good stay for 2 months. On my way back I met up with Joe Mowery, a former MP who served with me, after 40 years! Joe is from Forest City, N.C. I also met Lou Connors from the 60th. We had good talking, staying a few days and good health. That's all we need to do, is all stay together. I will see you all at the Memorial Mass in Nov. good luck to all.

F Co 47th Inf.  
PAUL GIARRAPUTO  
89-02 133rd St.  
Richmond Hill, N.Y. 11418

Paul writes that he and his wife, Ann, are all set to go the route to Fayetteville on the New York Chapter bus leaving June 23. Hopes to see all in Ft. Bragg.

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## mail call

**Div. Comm**  
**LOUIS A. CRAIG**  
 3700 Fordham Rd., N.W.  
 Washington, D.C. 20016  
 Enclosing my dues. Hope all goes well and regards to all.

**G Co. 39th Inf.**  
**CARLOS B. ESTEVA**  
 Box 968  
 Arecibo, P.R. 00613-0968

Enclosed is my check for life membership. Retired from Ronrico Co. as of last July 1981, but keep active as president of my Caribbean Broadcasting Corp. (wcmn-am/fm). Read with great interest in the Jan-Feb issue of the Octofoil the pros and cons in relation to our merger with persons who served in the 9th after 1945. To my view it seems like a draw, but I personally believe that this issue is as stale as last weeks bread and should be buried as of now. I have seen many organizations taken over by such mergers by the "Johnny come lately" and this will no doubt happen to us, not the first year but for sure the second or the third year of the merger. This will be done by amending the by-laws by the new admissions and it will be this way because they will outnumber us in the near future. Using Gen. Westmorelands word "shafted," mark my word we will be the ones who will be "shafted" in the future by the new comers and I donot have a crystal ball, but, I can visualize the HQ of the association in Washington, D.C. Well, enough said and will see you in Fayetteville in June and warmest regards to your charming wife.

**47th Inf.**  
**FRED SCOTT**  
 219 Lakeview Ave.  
 Ocean, N.J. 07712

I don't know if you have ever received a letter like this. Perhaps a member with a good memory can help me out. I have a record that tells me I was in the 47th but haven't any idea what company I was in. I was a replacement officer sent up to the front on 21 July 44. It was near St. Lo. On the 24th we fell back and there was a bombing but not what was expected due to the weather. I was hit in the leg and thus ended my war career. I was in the hospital in England for 7 mos. and about 5 in the U.S. At the time I was hit, another fellow was hit and he told me he was the company barber and had an Italian name. We went to the field hospital in a jeep and the driver produced a fifth and we drank half of it. Coming back to the states I met Matt Urban and we became friends. He suggested I join. I am very proud to be a member. My best wishes to all.

**Co G, 47th Inf.**  
**HERMON RAHN**  
 R#1, Box 310  
 Pisgah Forest, N.C. 28768

For 28 years after World War 2 I did not know where anyone who had been in the 9th Division was. In 1973 I received a call from an old G Company buddy from Phoenix, Arizona. He had spent 28 years trying to find me and another buddy if we still lived. the 3 of us are interested in everything about the 9th and sets our hearts on fire when we hear about it. I was happy to hear from you and to receive a copy of the Octofoil. I read it over and over and saw a letter from George Bako and I know him well. Also I noticed William Lutz and Harold Jaffe had passed away, I knew him well. I wonder how much I have missed by not knowing of the association all these years. I know I must have missed a lot.

**B Co. 15th Engrs.**  
**ANTHONY MADONNA**  
 40 Orient Way  
 Worcester, Ma. 01604

Enclosed check for dues. I was waiting for the Octofoil for more details on the reunion. I had to scratch my reservation on Art Schmidt's Greyhound charter because it involved a 7 day affair and I cannot leave my home for that length of time. That deal is a good cost trip. I am sorry that I cannot join Art and his New York group. I shall look into other ways, but if I do not attend, I offer my regrets to Frank Rankin and other B company engineers. I feel sure they will represent the gang well.

**47th Inf. Co. G**  
**PAUL JAASKELA**  
 550 Sugar Rd.  
 Bolton, Ma. 01740

Sorry about the red ink. Enclosed find check for dues. The best to you and your wife from us. We both look forward to the Octofoil. Keep up the good work.

**47th Inf. Hq. Co.**  
**ANDREW H. CRAWFORD**  
 Box 27  
 Burke, N.Y. 12917

Enclosed is my check for dues for 3 years. You know, time travels so fast I forgot they were past due. I sure do enjoy reading the Octofoil, in fact, I usually read it the 2nd time to catch the points I missed the first time. I wish I could attend the reunion this summer where I joined the 9th as a replacement from Camp Croft in 1942 but illness in the family prevents us from doing so. Perhaps the next one I can make. Hope everyone has a fine time. It makes me proud to have been a member of the 9th. Dan, you and Fr. Connors sure are making the 9th famous. Virgil Dingman and I continue to visit one another twice a year. Met some great buddies in this unit that I will never forget! Trip to Africa sounds excellent.

**47th Med Det.**  
**SAL LUZZO**  
 216 S.W. 19th St.  
 Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. 33315

I am sending my dues for the next 2 years. The Octofoil is very enjoyable to read and see what is going on. I keep reading my book Eight Stars to Victory to see if I could remember what the places we've been look like today. I also look at pictures I took while we were in the ETO and try to remember some of the names of the fellows. I don't think I can make the reunion this year. I wrote to Monsignor DeLaura to find out how he is doing. He was a lot of fun to be around. The last time I saw him was at the Philadelphia reunion and that was a long time ago. Time sure has gone by and I wish the best to everyone at the reunion. May God bless and watch over you and your family and keep you all in the best of health always.

**Co G, 47th Inf.**  
**IRVING POSNER**  
 9440 Sunrise Lakes Blvd.  
 Sunrise, Fl. 33322

Enclosed is my check for the next three years. Receiving the Octofoil is always great!

**B Btry, 34th FA**  
**JAMES C. WARD**  
 Rt. 1 Box 10  
 Reidsville, N.C. 27320

Sorry I let my dues slip by me. I'm sending in for three years. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Ft. Bragg.

**82 Reunion**  
**June 24, 25, 26th**

**Co. D, 9th Med.**  
**EDWARD MACHOWSKI**  
 5931 N.W. Circle Ave.  
 Chicago, Ill. 60631

Enclosed find dues. On behalf of Illinois Chapter, will definitely be in Fort Bragg for our convention. See you then and best of regards to you and yours.

**Hq. Co. 2nd. Bn. 60th Inf.**  
**AMBROSE C. WILKENS**  
 RR,  
 Nauvoo, Ill. 62354

Enclosed is check for dues and donation to the Marker fund. Hope it is not too late. My wife and I are planning to attend reunion at Fort Bragg. It has been a long time since I have attended and hope to see some of my former buddies.

**B Co. 15th Engrs.**  
**RICHARD C. McGRATH**  
 2856 W. 85th St.  
 Chicago, Ill. 60652

My first thought when I saw my name in red ink was — no way do I want to miss a single issue of the Octofoil. Enclosed find my dues for 3 years plus extra money to be divided between the Marker and the Scholarship fund. It was so good to see the picture of Fr. De Laura in the last Octofoil. He is such a fine fellow and I will never forget his faculty for keeping the troops close in time of peril. At last year's reunion they sold golf caps with the 9th Octofoil on them. When I went to buy one, they were all sold out. Someone mentioned that these keen looking caps were money makers for the association's treasury. I wonder if this year's reunion committee have thought of setting up a PX where caps, insignia, memorabilia etc. could be sold and profits going to the association. I look forward to the next edition of the Octofoil. First I look for news from the old gang of the 15th Engrs. and after that I absorb every bit of news from all members of the 9th. It's a warm feeling to have a connection with such a fine group of men. As Lindsey Nelson so aptly put it in this edition, "I take great pride in saying I was in the 9th Infantry Division." I was not a great soldier but I certainly knew a lot of guys who were. I would add that I was never a hero or very brave but it makes me feel good to know I served with men who were. My best to all and I look forward to the reunion and be together with some old buddies.

**84th FA**  
**JIM DELEHANTY**  
 64 East Main St.  
 Wappingers Falls, N.Y. 12590

Enclosed find 3 years dues. This should keep my friend Leo Smith of Alabama mighty happy! He checks on my delinquency now and then. Missed Fr. Connors in 1981. Hope to make it in the future. All best wishes.

**39th Inf. Co. M**  
**ARTHUR CLARK**  
 16 Zuegel Ct.  
 Bergenfield, N.J. 07621

Enclosed find check for 2 strip tickets. I with my wife, Helen, will be driving down to Fayetteville with Tony Carmeci and his wife, Rose. We both have our rooms confirmed, so we're all set for a grand reunion. Helen and I made the reunion in 1962 at Bragg. Have been in touch with Jimmy Shaw and Nick Aspergus and they promised to make every effort to be there. One sad note, Andy Wolchak died in Dec. 1981. He was with us in Bragg and went all the way to the end. Till we meet in June.

**2nd Bn. Hq. & Hq. Co. 60th Inf.**  
**CARL HULL**  
 1022 S. Eli Dr.  
 Tucson, Ariz. 85710

I regret having to inform you of the passing of another member of the 60th., Joseph Ottwork, died Nov. 24, 1981. Joe and May had planned on stopping here in 1980 on as trip to California but the trip was shortened when he found he had cancer. We visited with them in October 1980 on our return from a trip in La Marque, Tex. Joe was with the outfit from Ft. Bragg to the end, a Sgt. with the A T platoon. I recognized the fellow shaking hands with Gen. Hoyle before reading the article as another member of the company. Dolores and I had just visited Bozarth (Bozzo) in Las Vegas in December getting together one evening for dinner. I remember the incident very well. Bozzo is retired and is a world traveler.

Dolores and I had planned on the last reunion but she had to have an operation and unable to travel at the time. We did take a trip to Europe for over a month visiting Winchester and Camp Bushfield with Walter and Jean Hardy, an Englishman attached to my outfit while there. We found Bushfield in the process of being torn down. The quanset I used as a CP was rusted but still standing. We covered Europe from Denmark to Italy and didn't see any evidence of the war other than a few shells of buildings left as monuments and a few pill boxes along the roadside. We plan on the reunion at Ft. Bragg this year and hope to see a number of the gang at that time. I was one of 3 that organized two of the first dances at the Armory in Fayetteville, with the help of the hostess at the YMCA which opened the way for the Country Club and others to have a different feeling towards the G.I.s and have dances. It wasn't easy for them to be "invaded" with so many outsiders. WE enjoy the Octofoil, the histories and letters from the members and memories they bring. Dolores has met a number of the fellows and wives over the years and feels quite close. Hope to see you in June.

**60th Inf. F Co.**  
**JOHN W. MILLER, LT. COL.**  
 RET.  
 1511 Cochise Drive  
 Arlington, Tex. 76012  
 Dear Dan:

It was my pleasure to have the most recent recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Lt. Col. Matt Urban, as my house guest on January 19, 1982. My wife and I hosted a cocktail party in his honor on January 19. Several area business people and friends were invited to meet this great American hero. Walter Bryson, formerly with Company F, 60th Infantry, drove in from Brady, Texas to see Matt and the three of us reminisced of our days together in the 9th Infantry Division.

On January 20, Matt was my guest speaker at the Great Southwest Rotary Club meeting. He gave a very inspirational speech on "Americanism," which brought everyone to their feet with applause at its conclusion.

At present, Matt is trying to locate an author for his book. He was a great soldier and a great leader. The story of his military career will provide an author with the material for a best seller.

We look forward to seeing you at the 9th Infantry Division Associations' 37th Annual Reunion in June.

**M & Serv. Co's, 60th Inf.**  
**EUGENE CRONIN**  
 185 Bronx River Rd.  
 Yonkers, N.Y. 10704

I feel that something RED is in the air and I want to keep it on the west side of the Hudson River.

Enclosed find my dues for the current year. It was Feb. 5th, 1981 that I joined the "Old Reliabilities".

This past year has been rewarding, having met some old buddies at the convention in Hyannis and through your great publication, the OCTOFOIL. I look forward to receiving it.

It was refreshing hearing from Harold Sell, Wilfred Thornton of "M" Co. Fred Golub Serv. Co. Also met George Brum "M" Co. at Hyannis and some few others whose names I can't remember just now.

We, myself and my wife are looking forward to the BIG one at Ft. Bragg next June. Have sent in a reservation deposit to Bordeaux Motor Inn.

Looking over the 1941 picture album, I happened to come across a name in Mt. Vernon, N.Y., looked up the telephone book and to my great pleasure found Stanley W. Henry alive and well, he only lives across the Bronx River from me. Stanley was with Co. "M" 60th Inf., we both were students of Capt. Geo. E. Fletcher beginning in January 1941. Please send him a copy of the OCTOFOIL, I will work on him for membership.

My old buddy George Brum, hope the trotters at Yonkers raceway haven't scared you off in accepting my invitation to visit with us. I have heard from Harold Sell and Wilfred Thornton, why not George Brum. Anyhow, it was delightful meeting you at Hyannis and look forward one day at a time to our meeting in Ft. Bragg if not sooner.

Dan, you and your wife deserve a standing ovation for the wonderful service you render to the "OLD RELIABLES" God bless you both.

Ernie Nissen old buddy, it was great meeting you at Hyannis, keep well until we meet again in the memorable training ground Ft. Bragg. Guess we won't recognize Hay Street now.

Dan it has been a year since I made my debut in the OCTOFOIL. Hope this will make "Mail Call" for the upcoming issue.

Good luck, good health, God bless all.

Editors Note: Could not send Stanley Henry an Octofoil as we do not have an address on him.

**IRVING C. HUGHES (Col.**  
 Ret'd.)  
 508 Kingston Dr.  
 Va. Beach, Va. 23452

I was a member of the Division during the period Dec. '43 to April '45 and participated in the Normandy thru Central Europe campaigns. After the Remagen bridge, I attended the ground forces school at Fontainebleau, France and was commissioned in June 1945. I stayed with the Army from then on, with schooling, Korea, SVN and retired January 1973 after 30 years. Enclosed find my check for Life Membership in the association.

**Hq. Bn. 26th FA**  
**CLAUDE E. MURRAY**  
 4854 Case Ave.  
 Jacksonville, Ill. 62650

Here is my dues for 4 years and anything left over, please apply to the Memorial Marker Fund. Hope all is well with you and the association. Sorry I got behind with my dues.

## mail call

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C.O. 2nd Bn 47th Inf.  
COL. LOUIS GERSHENOW  
(Ret)

3400 Morlock Lane  
Bowie, Md. 20715

I am flabbergasted at the remark made by one of our eminent members in the Jan./Feb. issue of the Octofoil in which he used the word "shafted" to describe what he feels is being done to the Vietnam Veterans of our division in being denied membership in our association. Remarks such as this is uncalled for and devious. It is the type of emotional outburst that bodes no good for our distinguished association. I strongly recommend that referendum of all members be conducted prior to the vote on the proposed by-law changes. This would give us a true picture of the desires of the members; it should not be conducted by the Chapters. See you at the reunion!

Co. B. 47th Inf.  
STEVE LELAK  
802 E. Flag Place  
Kissimmee, Fla. 32741

Enclosed is a check for my 3 years dues. I was flattened with 3 major heart attacks which prevented me from making the last 2 reunions. I was sure headed for that last big platoon in the sky! I was given the last rites but now turn me loose at the Bordeaux in Fayetteville and watch my smoke! I attended the 1962 reunion in Bragg and had the opportunity to show my wife and daughter the bunk and barracks that were my home for many months. That reunion brought back many memories of my tent city days of autumn of the 1940's. I am enclosing a snapshot of Joe Pasqualone and me in our WWI uniforms which we wore for dress. The collars would squeeze the juice out of your adam's apple. I had a pleasant visit from Chief Roland Whitehorse and his family from Oklahoma. We did some reminiscing and had some laughs of the days that weren't so funny then, especially the time at El Guettar when the dud shell landed between his feet. The swift and gentle antics he went through to remove that dud from his slit trench! There are many more incidents (now funny) that we will be sharing at the reunion. I hope this letter finds you and Marie in good health. See you in Bragg!

39th Inf. C Co.  
MICHAEL RACIN  
2685 Comet Rd.  
Clinton, Ohio 44216

Enclosed is my membership application that I photocopied as I want to keep the first Octofoil that you mailed me for a keepsake. Thanks a lot, for it. This will be our first trip to a reunion so we might get some things wrong. I hope some F Co. 39th members will be there. I retire May 1, 1982 at age 63 so that gives me time for hobbies, trips, etc. We have a coal-wood stove so I will be cutting wood, gardening and my wife home canning as she is a diabetic and home canning is one sure way of no sugar! See you all in June.

60th Inf. Co M.  
ERNEST F. STOLTMAN  
618 Chestnut St.  
Grand Forks, N.D. 58201

Thank you for responding so quickly and sending me the information about the reunion. Enclosed is dues for 3 years. I won't be able to make Ft. Bragg.

9th Med.  
RUSSEL M. HUMMEL, M.D.  
500 Wabash Ave.  
Marion, Ind. 46952

Enclosed is a check for our membership dues. I have read General Westmoreland's letter and fully agree with him. Any soldier who fought for our freedom and country and was honored to wear the Octofoil should be a member of this association, if it is his wish. Best wishes.

Co. G 60th Inf.  
MERTON G. LAWRENCE  
22 Rossmore Pl.  
Binghamton, N.Y. 13904

Enclosed find dues for the coming year. Wish I could go to the reunion in June, but that is the week my wife and I get together with our sons at our camp in Canada. Best wishes for a great reunion and a good time for all.

Co. D, 47th Inf.  
FRANK JACKSHA  
1872 Reaney Ave.  
St. Paul, Minn. 55119

Enclosed find dues for 3 years. Hoping to make the reunion this time, if nothing unforeseen happens. Haven't seen a 9th man for years now. I know there are a few around but have lost contact with all. The few that I did know have died. I'm sort of a lone wolf around here! Saying "Hi" to everyone.

15th Engrs.  
LAWRENCE GANNONE  
Box 371, Olive St.  
Neshanic Sta., N.J. 08853

I am paying my dues for '82. Sorry to be caught in the red again. Keep up the good work with the Octofoil. I enjoy reading it very much. Hope to get to Ft. Bragg for the reunion.

Btry. A, 26th FA  
BEN ATKINSON  
5401 Pineland Rd.  
Richmond, Va. 23234

Enclosed is a check for dues for 2 years. I am enjoying the Octofoil and look forward to each issue. Also looking forward to the big day at Ft. Bragg in June.

Serv. Btry, 60th Combat  
CHARLES E. TURNER  
1215 S. 8th St.  
Terre Haute, Ind. 47802

Enclosed is a check for 3 years dues plus a donation for the Scholarship fund. (If anyone has any information on former Service Btry members, would they please contact Charles).

MP Platoon  
JAKE NAILOR  
312 Brandy Lane  
Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Enclosed find my check in the amount of \$76 for the pre-registration for my wife and myself. I presume this includes the banquet as I do not want to miss out on it. I am sending reminders to other MP's so they get their money in on time, since a few who plan to come have never been to a reunion before. Thank you and God willing I will see you in Bragg!

47th Inf. K co.  
E.B. THOMPSON  
2028 S. 11th St.  
Niles, Mi. 49120

Hoping you and Marie are well and we are looking forward to seeing you and all the other 9th division men. Enclosed you will find check for banquet tickets. I think the older you get the longer it is to another reunion. Good idea getting the banquet tickets ahead of time. Take care and will see you in June. (God willing) The reunion in 1982 is going to be hard to top the one in 1981.

E & G Co. 47th Inf.  
JAMES E. LEOPOLD  
45 Barnard Lane  
Highland Park, Ill. 60035

Although I haven't been a particularly good correspondent, nor have I attended any of the reunions since the early days, I consider myself a loyal member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association and would like to make some remarks about the oncoming discussion for the possible opening of the organization to veterans of other wars.

Without any further comment, I would like to state that I strongly feel that the Ninth Division Association, as I know it, is a living memorial to the wonderful men with whom I served during the Second World War. If it therefore must cease to exist when the last veteran of that conflict passes away, so be it!

In these remarks, I side very strongly with people like George Bako (he was a heck of a soldier, and I was pleased to serve with him) and I oppose the views of other fine soldiers like General Westmoreland and Boardman Lockwood, both of whom I knew and with whom I was proud to serve.

I would like to think that the association is a memorial to the wonderful men who died in combat in World War II. Men like "Patty" Comer and Davie Conroy who died at El Guettar, like Jim Johnston, Guy Wilkes, Jim McClatchy and the many others who were killed on the way to Cherbourg. Men like Steve Blychak, Will Speigelman, Tom Fowler and the many others who were taken on the way to St. Lo, and Glen Carl, Bill Cookman, George Jenkins, Woodrow Wilson Bailey - those are the men I think we should honor with this association, and I feel it very strongly!

I am sorry to say that I won't be able to make Ft. Bragg this year as the timing conflicts with a very important industry show being held in San Francisco the end of June, but I hope my comments may be read into the record or be a part of the next Octofoil for inclusion in the considerations at that convention.

On the lighter side, I am enclosing a couple of pictures that I think you may like to use. The big one is, of course, a picture taken at the wedding of John Travilese. I'm sorry to say that I can't identify all the others in the picture, but Joe Von Achen, with whom I remained very friendly right up to the time of his death 15 years ago, is the handsome guy at the right end. I think you probably know several of the others better than I do. I hope that it duplicates well so that it can be shown in the future addition of the Octofoil.

The second small picture may or may not reproduce well. It's a picture of the officers of E company of the 47th in Sicily, and I can identify them. Standing from left to right are: Roy Zessar, Bill Larson, and Jim Leopold. Crouching from left to right: Tay Rainey, Elmer Graff, and Glen Carl. Unfortunately Both Zessar and Carl were killed in Europe, but the others, as far as I know, are all on the scene.

Please give my best regards to the fellows at the reunion, I'll try like the devil to make it next year.

60th Inf. C Co.  
FRANK V. KALICH  
1208 Valencia Dr., NE,  
Albuquerque, N. M. 87110

Enclosed find check for banquet tickets, etc. This will be my first time for a reunion. See you all then.

84th FA  
FRANK W. HAINES  
16 Kinney Dr.  
Trenton, N.J. 08618

Thank you and Mrs. Quinn for your prompt response to my recent telephone call about membership in the Ninth Division Association. Enclosed is a check for a three-year membership and a contribution to the Memorial Marker of Scholarship fund, whichever is first priority.

I regret that this membership is over thirty years late. I was assigned to the 84th FA Battalion and subsequently Headquarters Battery in August of 1941. I was with the units that did not make the African landing, but waited at Fort Dix for the December convoy. The transport we were on broke down off the Carolina coast and we limped back to port to return to Dix and wait for the January 1942 convoy. I was with the 84th until I was reassigned after our return to England.

Although there seemed to be a number of New Jersey and Pennsylvania men in the 84th, I have never met any of them during the thirty years I have worked in Trenton. In fact, I have seen only three former 84th officers in the post-war period — Capt. Calvin Polivy, who back in 1960 was practicing law in New York City; Ed Markowich who joined the 84th in England and who recently retired as a municipal assessor in New Jersey; and in the 1960's, I saw former C Battery Commander MacGonagle, who was a general in the Reserve while I was on summer field training in Civil Affairs at Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

I recently corresponded with General Randall from whom I was able to obtain copies of his two highly interesting books "Safi Adventure" and "Ernie Pyle Comes Ashore and other Stories".

I would appreciate hearing from anyone who was in the 84th Battalion and would especially like to obtain information from anyone who can give me news of Capt. Ken Robinson and Bill Rybka who commanded Headquarters Battery during the time I was in it.

I shall look forward to getting the Octofoil regularly. Marty Gill gave me several of his issues a couple of years ago.

Best regards.

F Co 47th Inf.  
JACK SAFFORD  
120 Forum Dr.  
Whiteland, Ind. 46184

Want to get this letter off in time to make the next publication. Have been attending the Illinois-Michigan out of state meetings the past 2 years and always have a great time. Just got back from a vacation to Wisconsin and while up there visited an old buddy. He was at the National Convention in Springfield, his name is Austin Koeppel. I was perturbed by Westmoreland's idea of allowing Vietnam vets in the outfit, in fact at Springfield it was proposed and voted down. Also unless the by-laws have been changed, it states that this issue cannot come up 2 years in a row, and it came up last year. When Westy said we were "shafting" the Vietnam boys, I was surprised as I feel he was one of those who set up the original by-laws and I feel he is not against "shafting" the present members. I see that Guggie is 1st Vice and that he was also in the same spot 10 years ago. Perhaps see you at Fayetteville.

June 24, 25, 26th

82 Reunion

47th Inf.  
RUD HOFFMAN  
RD #2, Box 47  
Waterloo, N.Y. 13165

Just got the Octofoil and see that I am in the red again, so I will pay up for another year. The only reason I don't pay for 3 is that I would never think to write if it were not for my dues. My wife and I had an interesting trip last fall in September. One that I had always hoped to take, but thought I would never make it because of health and money. We spent 2 weeks in Europe, one of which was in Belgium and Germany. We were on a tour, which is about the only way that people of moderate means can travel these days. We went through a lot of the country in Belgium where the 9th was during the war. We even got to travel down the Rhine on a passenger steamer. We didn't get to Remagen because our steamer picked us up at Koblenz, which is about 20 miles south of Remagen. It was a wonderful experience. Good food, good beer and it seems funny to say, so simple a thing, but good bread which doesn't seem to be made in the U.S. anymore. And of course the wine is fabulous! With all the enjoyment of the trip there was always a haunting sadness of the friends who never had the chance to see the beauty of this country-only the horror! The friends we lost there.

47Inf. Co. K  
JOHN S. VERES  
6485 S. 20th St. Apt. 4  
Oak Creek, Wi. 53154

I'm sending a check for a renewal of my dues for another 3 years. I was looking forward to the reunion at Fort Bragg, however, health reasons preclude this. Sure do enjoy reading the Octofoil. It seems like only yesterday I was at Ft. Bragg and North Africa. I know a good time will be had by those attending the reunion.

47th Inf. Co A  
EDWARD W. BLECK  
6460 Elmdale Rd.  
Middleburg Hts. Ohio 44130

It sure was a thrill to see the Octofoil, sent to me by an "ole" buddy, Emil Langer, who was our personnel clerk. I want to commend you and everyone responsible for keeping "our gang" together. I have bumped into 2 of the original members of Co. A, Louis Boehm and John Gruss, who of all things lives only 2 blocks from me, I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the reunion and once again thanks.

60th Inf. 3rd Bn Hqs.  
WILLIAM E. FREDERICK  
6425 31st Ave. No.  
St. Petersburg, Fl. 33710

Thank you very much for your letter and also the copy of the Octofoil, I enjoyed them very much. On the back page of the octofoil was a letter from Glenn W. Gibbs, this was very heart warming to me because he was in my old company. Glenn also spoke of Ed Combs. I moved here shortly after the war and just lost track of people. Enclosed is a check for life membership and also the strip ticket. I certainly am looking forward to coming. My sister-in-law lives in Inverness, Florida and on the way home I stopped at Crystal River and called Mr. John Clouser. He was just as nice as he could be and gave me more information about a Florida chapter that is meeting in Ocala on April 24th. Thanks again and looking forward to meeting you at the reunion.

# mail call

Continued

E Co. 60th Inf.  
CHARLES V. SNYDER  
597 Riverside Ave.  
Battle Creek, Mi. 49015

I see by the red name on my Octofoil it's time to send my dues. I have been watching the mail call column regularly for quite some time and see, like me, E company people don't write too often. Maybe that's where all the people who couldn't write were put, I don't know. I'd sure like to hear from anybody who served in Easy company from Sept. '44 to Aug. '45. I think it would be quite unlikely that I'd be the last survivor! Maybe the only way I'll come across anybody is to attend the reunion. I hear it's going to be in Michigan in 1983. God willing I will make that one.

H Co 39th Inf. 2nd Bn 39th Med  
SAL TRAPANI  
4733 Wyaconda Rd.  
Rockville, Md. 20852

Please find enclosed payment for a 3 year membership and the balance to the Marker fund. I've sent my reservation to the Bordeaux and I hope to see a lot of old buddies we haven't seen in years, especially from the 2nd Bn Medics and H Co of the 39th Inf. My personal regards to all my old friends.

B Btry 60th F.A. Bn  
CLAIR R. MCKEE  
2474 C 139  
McComb, Ohio 45858

I am sending in my dues and planning on seeing you all in Fayetteville in June. There should be a pretty good turnout being that it is back at Fort Bragg. Thanking you for the Octofoil.

Co K 60th Inf.  
JULIAN W. MORGAN  
R #1  
Moselle, Ms. 39459

I am sending money for a life membership, also, I plan to attend the reunion which will be my first! I sure enjoy the paper and see letters from our company or neighbor companies I & M members. Would like to hear from some of the men of K company. I lost my wife in May of last year due to arthritis, which she had for 20 years. We have 3 daughters and 2 sons, all grown with college degrees. Those who were with us in Winchester, England, will remember me as the company "barber". Plan to see you in Bragg.

Btry C 34th F.A.  
WILLIAM L. DOTZERT  
311 W. 10th St.  
Beardstown, Il. 62618

We retired from farming 2 years ago and moved to Beardstown. I have been raising 2 acres of melons for quite a number of years. We have 4 daughters, 3 are married. Hope to hear from somebody from Illinois so we can come to reunion together. I wrote to Jack McCune of Glasford, Ill., which is about 50 miles north of here towards Peoria. I don't have Wm. Wilcox address, it used to be Marengo, Ill. I hope someone will write to me from this area.

1st Bn. 60th Inf.  
JOHN K. MOORE  
3801-30th Ave. W.  
Bradenton, Fl. 33505

I had made a New Year's resolution that I would not fall prey to RED INK this year. But that resolution has already been broken! In atonement I am enclosing a check for dues. Keep healthy and the best for the New Year.

Co D 60th Inf.  
JOE JURANICH  
Box 277  
Basehor, Ma. 66007

Received the Octofoil today and really enjoyed reading it. This is the first contact I've had with the 9th since March 1945. I hope to stay in contact in the future. I am planning to get to the reunion in June. Enclosed find check for dues, etc. Hope to see everyone at the reunion.

9th Med Bn  
ABRAHAM S. KAUFMAN,  
M.D.  
Cedarbrook Hill Apt. C-804,  
Bldg. 3  
Wyncote, Pa. 19095

Enclosed is my renewal of membership for the next 3 years. Please apply the difference to the Memorial Scholarship fund. I have been a close reader of the Octofoil since my receiving of the very first copy, but I have not seen many letters from my comrades in the 9th Med Bn. I would like to hear from all the members of the battalion, officers and enlisted men. I am still practicing medicine and am on a full schedule. Best regards to all.

60th Inf. A Co  
HARLAN E. SCOTT  
11953 Scott Rd. Bx 56  
Zullinger, Pa. 17272

Sorry I went in the red. Please accept my check for 3 years dues. I would like if possible to make the reunion this year. I have never attended one and would like to see some or hear from some of the old buddies from A Co. Best wishes.

15th Engr.  
HOWARD C. GRANGER  
1601 Castle Pinckney  
Columbia, S.C. 29206

I am enclosing a check to extend my membership for another 3 years. The remaining may be used for the Scholarship fund. It is so nice to receive and read the Octofoil. You all are doing a magnificent job! I may not be able to attend the reunion this year but I send my wishes to all and may you have a very superb reunion. Take care and may God bless you.

Serv. Co. 60th FA Bn  
LARRY ROSENBERG  
2553 N. 40th Ave.  
Hollywood, Fl. 33021

Long time not writing. Sorry about the dues, enclosed find check for 3 years, this way I won't forget again. I would like to get in touch with some of the men from Service company who served with me in Africa and Sicily before leaving to go to the 83rd Chemical Mortar Bn. Sorry I can't join you at the reunion. give my best to all and have a great time.

47th Inf. H Co.  
JOHN A. HILL  
2140 E 20th St.  
Tulsa, Okla. 74104

Received the octofoil yesterday and noticed my name and address in red ink with an explanation as to what this meant. I had completely overlooked the fact that my membership card had expired. I have already made my room reservation and received confirmation from the Bordeaux. My wife and I will be going to Pensacola, Florida on the 26th of April and return around the 10th of May as my son wants me to pin his golden wings on him upon graduating as a Flight Surgeon with the U.S. Navy at Pensacola. Enclosed is my check to cover 3 years dues and also a donation for the Memorial fund. Thank you very much.

47th Inf.  
RANDALL BRYANT  
15640 SW 85th Avenue  
Miami, Fla 33157

Enclosed is a clipping from the weekly Army Times which I think tells the story all of us should take to heart. There will always be a First Division Society but I'm not so sure about ours. The Octofoil carries a TAPS column in each issue.

I sincerely hope that more of our members see the light at the Convention in June.

FIRST INF DIV, WWI, WWII and Vietnam, will have a reunion in Lake Placid, N.Y., July 7-11. Contact Arthur L. Chaitt, Executive Director, Society of the First Div, 5 Montgomery Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19118.

Div Arty  
ARTHUR L. CROWE, JR.  
201 Cherokee St. N.E.  
Marietta, Ga. 30060

I'm trying to get in touch with as many of the guys in Division Artillery Battery as I can to try to have a little separate reunion at Ft. Bragg in June at the same time as the division reunion. I am in touch with the following: Bill Moran, Father Connors, Ralph Fulbright, Richard Donnelly, Captain Waller, Mr. Bill Braun, Johnny Ratajczyk, Fred Summers, Bill Lyerly, and Andrew Locke. I would particularly like to get in touch with or locate Bill Gary, Red Houser, Tom Pearson, Whitey Rhodes, Masper Nain, and Gus Myers.

If anybody knows where any of these or any other of the guys are, please write or call me at the above address and phone number or at my home A/C 404 428-1795.

60th Inf. Co M  
CURTIS "BUCK" BUCHANAN  
2914 Alexander St.  
Florence, Ala. 35630

Find my membership dues in the amount of \$13.00 for three years.

Nothing new to elaborate on, but am certainly looking forward to the re-union at Fort Bragg in June. Brum and others say I will have to stay on Chicken Road; this is where I joined the outfit and never saw Fayetteville but never-the-less this is fine with me, only a few days once a year. Have got to close and go to work for now, as I am so broke it is a pity. Tell none of the gang to send me a "care" package though as we will sweat it out, one way or another.

Hqs. Special Troops  
THOMAS M. EGAN

38 Stratford Ave  
Garden City, N.Y. 11530

With all the hostility the GI'S took when they came home from Vietnam, I can't see why a military organization like the 9th Inf. Div. Assoc. refuses them membership.

Enclosed a check for the marker at Fort Bragg.

47th Inf. E Co.  
CLARENCE E. COMBS  
109 Arcadia Dr.  
Middletown, Ohio 45042

Enclosed find check for strip tickets. Have made all reservations for the reunion. Received letters from Jerry Shapiro and John Hynes. Dan Rouse who was captured in Africa will also be there. Hope this finds everyone in the best of health. See you in Bragg.

Co. B, 47th Inf.  
JOSEPH METSCAVAGE  
1201 Coal St.  
Shenandoah, Pa. 17976

Enclosed find dues for 3 years and Marker fund. Sorry for the delay. Best wishes to you and all the gang.

Co. A. 15th Engr.  
WALT MILLSTINE  
9205 36th Way North  
Pinellas Park, Fl. 33565

No, Charlie, not tuna that has good taste, but tuna that tastes good! There is a difference. Back in 1949, I attended a meeting of the 15th Engineers from World War I, with Tom Gray, in the old Fort Pitt Hotel in Pittsburgh. I can truthfully say, we spent a very boring evening. We never went back.

The men of the 9th from the Vietnam era, will find us old Veterans from Chicken Road just as boring. Why subject them to the same situation and vice versa? The only thing we have in common is the name of the Division.

Sons like "Dead Skunk in the Middle of the Road," "Come on Baby Light my Fire, Come on Baby Light my Fire, Come on Baby Light my Fire", and the Jane Fonda controversial period illustrate the generation gap.

Most of us are retired — the family is raised, the membership of our association will increase.

Please do not change the By-laws. I cannot take another hitch with the younger generation. It is just too irritating. Let me live the few golden years I have left in peace and tranquility. I look forward to spending 3 days out of twelve months with old friends of years gone by.

Sorry, Charlie, I can't vote your way this time. The generation gap is too great. If the tuna that tastes good is not to your liking, let us try canning salmon in Seattle. You know, I will help anyway possible.

Happy Birthday! Give my love to Honey.

Enclosed is my check for two strip tickets and my 1982 dues. See you in Fayetteville.

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

Enclosed find my check for 3 years dues. I've enjoyed reading the Octofoil this past year. Also through my last letter to the Octofoil, I talked to my sergeant from New Jersey. Sorry to say I lost his phone number and can't return his call. Hope you have a large turnout at the reunion this year. I'll look forward to reading about it.

34th FA  
HARRY P. CHASE  
801 Lake Shore Drive No. 401  
Lake Harbour Towers East  
Lake Park, Fl. 33403

Enclosed is my check for 3 years dues plus a donation for the Scholarship fund. I hope to be at Ft. Bragg and meet some of my old buddies from the 34th FA. Good luck and keep up the good work.

Serv Co., 47th Inf.  
A.A. MICOLUCCI

Havertown, Pa. 19083

Enclosed find check for three years dues. Glad to read in the recent Octofoil about J. J. Neill and my wife and I hope to see all down at Bragg this coming June. But sorry to hear about Francis Duffy and my other pup tent buddy passing away, Richard Toole.

Am retired and busy with 4 grandchildren, splitting logs for fireplace and visiting my wine cellar occasionally. Still get 15 to 20 X-Mass cards from the personnel Hqts including good old E. P. Langer.

Hq. Co. D & M 39th Inf.  
HARLEY UTTER  
PO Box 222  
Glenham, N.Y. 12527

Enclosed is dues for 2 years. Gald to hear from others in the 9th.

709 Ord. L M Co.  
JOHN J. KOWALSKI  
St. Francis Plaza Apt. 902  
451 44th St.  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15201

Please note change of address as of March 1st. Also trying to beat the red letter day on my dues. If all goes well I will attend the reunion in Bragg. On Dec. 3rd I had a 5 way by-pass and had a heart attack during surgery. As a result I'm having slow recovery. Hoping to see you in June.

47th Inf. Co G  
MALCOLM FARRIS  
2020 Fairmont Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43223

It was a shame Kraft passed away as he was "our" Captain in G Co light weapons.

Co B, 9th Med.  
WILLARD HAAS  
914 Whittier Dr.  
Allentown, Pa. 18103

Now that I'm retired, I'd like to resume these long neglected ties to the 9th. I suppose it's automatic with my membership but please send me any material regarding the reunion at Bragg. I would like very much to attend, a first time experience for me. I sure hope to meet some of my buddies from B Co 9th Med. That would be great! Thanks again.

60th Rec 3rd Bn Hq Co.  
ROY "CURLY" HUGHES  
3801 Galaxy  
Midland, Mi. 48640

I would like to locate some of my old buddies. Would you put this in your mail call section. I joined the 9th in Sicily and left when I was wounded July 18, 1944 at St. Lo. Thank you.

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

You do a tremendous job! Enclosed are my dues and something for the Scholarship fund. I am going to try and make the reunion this year.

47th Inf. Co D  
RONALD FRANK  
RD No. 1, Box 82  
Leechburg, Pa. 15656

Enclosed find dues for 3 years. I am fine and hope you are the same. Enjoyed the Hyannis reunion and seeing several buddies I haven't seen since the war days. Will not be going to Fort Bragg, as I have other plans at that time. Take care and God Bless.

60th Inf. Div Hq.  
EUGENE DE ROSA, JR.  
West Sand Lake, N.Y. 12196

Enclosed find check for 3 years dues. Not interested in the last man's club. Let's perpetuate the spirit and history of a great infantry division, not bury it.

60th Inf.  
JOE POTTS  
20 Elmwood Dr. Hw. 236, RD 3,  
Newfield, N.J. 08344

Here are my dues for 1982 and a check for the Memorial fund. Best of luck.

60th Inf.  
LESLIE RONAY  
19709 Ventura Blvd.  
Woodland Hills, Ca. 91364

Greetings and salutations! Know at this time you are snowed under, especially with the forth-coming reunion. In respect to the enclosed insertion of the recent issue of the Octofoil, I am interested in the proposed trip and should appreciate further information. See you at the 82 reunion.



## MAIL CALL

84th FA Bn  
WILLIAM C. MAUSER  
2789 Florida Mango Rd. #318  
Lake Worth, Fl. 33461

We are planning to be with you all at the Bragg reunion June 24th and want to get the 84th FA Bn out in full force. Best regards to all 9th men and look forward to seeing you in June.

AT Co 47th Inf.  
ROGER GARTLAND  
706 Lake Marianna Rd.  
Auburndale, Fl. 33823

This past winter has had its ups and downs. We got through the holiday alright and enjoyed the cool days of January. During the first week of February we lost our mobile home by fire. Along with it went our clothing and some things which can never be replaced. Another mobile home was moved on to our lot and within 3 weeks we were living once again on our own lot. Shortly after the 1st of May we'll be back in Watertown for the summer and autumn months. Esther and I will not be able to attend the reunion as we expect to be visiting some friends in the New England area. Best regards to all.

F Co 60th Inf.  
GERALD TEACHOUT  
7475 La Palma, Suite 223  
Buena Park, Ca. 90620

Received my Jan-Feb issue of the Octofoil today and noted the advance registration. The Bordeaux was sold out more than 2 months ago, so expect that if I do not get my registration in we will not be able to get in to the dinner. From all indications this is going to be a very large reunion. Although not all of our F Co 60th people have their reservations we are already scattered among several motels. For several it is their first reunion and I hope they do not give up on it now. I enclose our check in the amount of 76 dollars for our advance registration for 2 strip tickets. Please note change of address as above. Best regards.

39th Inf. G Co  
CHARLIE CHEEVERS  
24 Beaufield St.  
Dorchester, Ma. 02124

Add me to the list for North Africa in October. Sorry I can't make Ft. Bragg in June. Have a nice summer. Good luck and best regards to the "gang"

47th Hq 2nd Bn  
PERCY RISHIEL  
106 Laney St.

Mifflinburg, Pa. 17844

Enclosed find 3 year membership for a new member-a co-worker of mine. Also checks for strip tickets for the Hause's and Rishels. Alfred is expecting to see his buddy Roscoe Shields whom you located for me a few years ago. We're looking forward to a great reunion and best regards to you and Marie.

B Btry 26th FA  
GIL PERNOKAS  
250 Washington St.  
Woburn, Ma. 01801

Enclosed you will find two checks in the amount of \$76.00 each for our strip tickets for us boys and our wives. See you in Ft. Bragg.

AT 60th Inf.  
GILBERT TINBERG  
5719 N 41st Ave.  
Phoenix, Ariz. 85019

We are interested in the African tour. See you all at Bragg.

39th Inf. Co. L  
Platoon Sgt.  
C.E. (Buck) Miller  
216 Bissell Ave.  
Oil City, Pa. 16301

Well, I almost did it ... let my dues become delinquent. Had hoped I would get to the reunion this year but it looks doubtful now. Planning to retire within a few months and then I will have the time to attend future gatherings. Still looking for a familiar name in the Octofoil which I receive but having very little success.

60th Inf. Co D.  
TOM McKENNA  
Box 327, Apt 200  
Fedhaven, Fl. 33856

I was with the 9th from Jan. 1941 until June 1944 when I lost my leg. I am extremely happy to apply for membership. Why I have not joined earlier, I have no excuse. After leaving New York for retirement to Florida all contact diminished. Again no logical excuse. I hope I am going to Fayetteville and hope to meet up with some of the greatest guys in the world! After reading the Octofoil, Dan, you are doing a bang up job! It will be a pleasure to meet you. Being of Irish extraction, the saying "Ireland forever", add the "Ninth forever"

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

How are you and your lovely wife? First let me preface my remarks by saying again I wish to commend you for great proficiency and outstanding performance in your capacity as Secretary over the years. Mabel and I contemplate attending the reunion and will make our reservations shortly. We hope that those who have been attentive in the past will be able to make their presence known. Likewise, many who have not been privileged to in the past will acquiesce. It may be necessary to make a few sacrifices or dispense with other plans in order to attend this reunion. There is a probability that many are not aware that this may be our last one. I am an optimist and look forward to others, but we should always be cognizant that our fate or destiny is determined by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. In the last issue I read a letter whom I assume is the spouse of Philip Krow inquiring about a specific event that took place in Germany. As we all know many have moved from their original addresses. This is true in Philip's case. The name Mahoney, William T. ASN 32733658, 37 N. Wadsworth St. Geneva, N.Y. and the only other was Lonn, Vogie Y. 39425123, 613 C. 17th St. Modesta, Ca. There is a William A. Palmousky (not Palmoski) 16018905, 505 N. Elm St., Pana, Ill. The addresses as indicated were the last known and are indicated just as when assigned to Co. I 60th Inf. The writer would strongly suggest that the 1st Sgt. James M. Muller ASN 15046430 Current address Roundhill, Ky. 42275 be contacted if they need information. We wish you and your entire family good health and Gods richest blessings. Also 1st Sgt. Miller along with the writer and Sammie Goodwin were instrumental in following thru and having the award of the Silver Star posthumously for one, Edward M. Withers.

F Co 47th Inf.  
EDWARD J. HOPKINS  
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Metuchen, N.J. 08840

All systems are go for F Co C.P! F Co men may start sending in their checks. I already received a check from George and Mary King. Frank Smith sent me a note informing me that he had reserved his room at the Bordeaux. Frank Gonzol called me last week to let me know that he would be in attendance. I also heard that Tony Repetti and his wife would be there. So that makes a good nucleus. I'm sure that I'll soon be hearing from the regulars and we'll have a good turnout. Smig Tokarchek will be there with his Marie. It looks like F Co 47th will have it's usual strong turnout! All the best.

60th Inf.  
NORBERT J. (CHICK) HENNEN  
4130 Washburn Ave. N.  
Minneapolis, Mn. 55412

I plan to be among the "pro's" who will be present at the General Business Meeting in the Bordeaux Motor Inn in June.

Enclosed is my check in renewal of my membership to insure my admittance.

Warm regards to all!

39th Inf. B Co.  
ALBERT "HAWK" DIRISIO  
13 N. Main St.  
Fairport, N.Y. 14450

After reading the letter in the Jan. Feb. Octofoil from Millie Edwards informing you that her husband Ernie was looking forward to his 1st reunion at Bragg, I'm sorry to inform all his buddies that Millie wrote and told me Ernie died of a massive heart attack on Mar. 6th. B Co 39th will hold their annual reunion with the division at Bragg this year and we expect quite a gang to attend. I'm sure Mrs. Edwards would like to hear from Ernie's buddies, her address is Rt. 3, Box 40C, Weston, Va. 26452. With due respect to all Vietnam Veterans who wear or wore the Octofoil, my vote will be negative and I hope my reasoning in one statement will swing enough votes to put this issue to rest! If your hometown High School Class of '35 and the class of '61 got together and scheduled a class reunion in June 1982, would you anxiously look forward to it?

47th Inf. D Co.  
FRANCIS PICARD  
37 Cottage Ave.  
Tiverton, R.I. 02878

Enclosed find dues for 3 years and the enjoyment it will bring. I consider it a real bargain. Keep punching and stay away from the cholesterol!

34th FA, B Btry  
ALFRED R. BENOIT  
156 Harris St.  
Pawtucket, R.I. 02861

On that contemplated trip to North Africa, Sicily, and Rome, Noella and yours truly are very much interested in going. Please place our names on the list - we sincerely hope you have sufficient members sign up for the tour. If and when, inform us of how much of a deposit you require.

We will not be able to attend the Association Reunion in Fayetteville, N.C., since we have already planned a trip to Calgary, Canada, to see their annual Stampede, and Rodeo, the first part of July. Please say Hello to everyone at the reunion for Noella & I, they are a good bunch of men. Our very best wishes to you and Marie. See you on the tour, or in Worcester, come November.

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39th Med Det  
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Enclosed is my check for dues plus something for the Marker fund. We are planning to attend the reunion in June. Looking forward to rekindling those old friendships.

15th Engrs.  
RONALD V. MURPHY  
44 Strawberry Ln.  
Scituate, MA. 02066

As yet the doctor hasn't given me his permission to attend the reunion. I have made great progress and feel certain by June he will give me his okay. Enclosed you will find my check covering the cost of attending the reunion. I have enjoyed reading the pro and con letters on the issue that once again will face us when we meet in Fayetteville. However I would like to set the record straight. George Brown stated in his letter that people were turned away at the banquet in Hyannis. There certainly isn't any truth in this statement. We served five hundred and twelve people. The banquet hall would seat five hundred and thirty comfortably with ample room for dancing. So regardless of whether I be pro or con on the issue, I felt obliged to correct this error. Looking forward to seeing you and the rest of the gang in June.

Hq Btry 84th FA  
NEWTON FIELDS  
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Enclosed is a check for dues. Sorry I waited for the red to appear. What a surprise to hear from John Boisky from Florida. We will have a lot to talk about at the reunion in Bragg. Hope to see numbers of old buddies there.

AT Co. 47th Inf.  
HOWARD G. WALDMAN  
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My hat is off to you and whoever else on this years reunion committee for initiating the advance registration by mail and publishing same in the Octofoil. Again I must say that was a great idea and my check for 2 strip tickets for Audrey and myself is enclosed. I am still in the process of sending out letters and reminder cards to those anti-tankers 47th that have not confirmed their attendance at Fort Bragg. In addition to those we are still searching for and others who are on the current address list, but not members they will receive a full page copy of items published in the Octofoil pertaining to the reunion. According to reports I've received as of this date, our attendance (AT 47th) will reach or exceed the number (37) we had at the Philly reunion in 1978. Hopefully and God willing that will remain true for us as well as for all of our other buddies and groups in the 9th association

AT 47th Inf.  
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I hasten to acquire paid up standing on my membership prior to the reunion at Ft. Bragg. I met a friend of a friend Saturday who turned out to be a former member. I enclose a check for 3 year membership for Col. William G. Thomas and myself. Best Wishes.

Med Det 60th Inf.  
AL RITACCO  
244 Mountain Ave.  
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Here are my dues for 3 years. Sal Guinta from service company just lost his wife. I see Harry Palmesano from D Co. every week end. I am doing fine and feeling good. Hope to make one of the reunions in the near future.

47th Inf. B Co & Pers. Hq.  
NORMAN CASWELL  
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I don't believe we have ever met but since I have belatedly joined the association I feel I have gotten to know you through the issues of the Octofoil I have received. As so many have stated, I also feel you are doing a fine job and pray that you may be able to continue to do so for many years to come. There's a story as to how I came to join the association. My wife Alice and I were away at our favorite vacation resort in Greenville, N.Y. and at dinner time the first night, I thought I recognized a fellow that had been in the service with me. I didn't approach him at that time. Our paths crossed again at the dance that night and we recognized each other right away. Needless to say, much reminiscing! His name is Harold Schramm of Hq Co. 1st Bn, 47th Inf. We had worked together in 47th personnel hq. He told me then of the association and mailed me his copy of the latest Octofoil. I'm sorry I didn't join the association when it first started. I guess I was busy or had some other such silly excuse. I do intend to get down to the reunion this year. I sent in 1 nights room deposit to the Bordeaux as requested and have received no official confirmation but have my cancelled check. Hope that will suffice. Thank you so much for your trouble and hope to see you at the reunion.

39th Inf.  
WILLIAM SPRING  
130 Ninth St.  
Wyoming, Pa. 18644

Enclosed is my check for 3 years plus a donation to the Marker or Scholarship fund. I'm leaving the choice to you. I enjoy reading the Octofoil but I am disappointed because I hardly see anyone from the 39th anymore. When I was in the 39th a number of the fellows were from New Mexico and California plus some Tennessee coaches. Would enjoy seeing them again. With best regards and wishes for your continued good work.

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