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# THE OCTOFOIL

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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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## Taps Sounded



MSGR. DELAURA

Former members of the 47th will be saddened to learn that Msgr. Anthony F. DeLaura has passed on to his eternal reward. For many years Msgr. DeLaura has suffered from serious heart problems, but he never gave in to his illness and continued to serve his flock until the very end. He served them the way he served the men of the 47th. When things got tough he was there to console and to comfort and when a laugh was needed to break the tension he provided it.

**Infantryman's Chaplain**  
"Flip" as he was affectionally called by his friends knew what it was to be a dog-face soldier, he marched with the troops and during combat he often accompanied the leading formations. He was the Infantryman's Chaplain. He pulled many of us through some tough times. While with the 47th he was awarded the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, six Battle Stars and two Presidential Citations.

## Ordained in 1933

Msgr. DeLaura was born in 1906 in New York City, and educated at Cathedral College Preparatory, St. John's College, St. Francis College, and our Lady of the Angles Seminary, Niagara, N.Y. He was ordained in 1933. After his return from the service Msgr. DeLaura served at St. Brigid's Church in Westbury, N.Y. and in 1952 he was appointed pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption in Copiague. In 1958 Pope John XXIII named him a domestic prelate. Msgr. DeLaura was also active in many secular activities on Long Island. Governor Rockefeller appointed him to the Central Islip Board of Visitors, and he also served as Chaplain for both the Nassau County Sheriff's Office Benevolent Association and the Columbia Association of the Nassau County Civil Employees.

## Favorite Project

Until his retirement last October, Msgr. DeLaura served as associate Pastor at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Valley Stream, N.Y. During the last years of his life Msgr. DeLaura had a favorite project, he was striving to raise funds for a set of bells for the Blessed Sacrament Church. Unfortunately he was unable to complete this project before he passed on; however, many of his friends are continuing the campaign and they hope to honor "Flip" by successfully completing the project that he started.

## 38th Annual Memorial Mass and Service Nov. 7th

The 38th Annual Memorial Mass and Memorial Service will be on Sunday, Nov. 7, 1982 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester, Mass. Franny Maher has reserved 140 rooms at the brand new Marriott Hotel which is located at Lincoln Square about a mile from the church. As usual we shall have our Saturday night fun time at the Marriott-music, dancing, story telling and Holy Water will be available. The Mass and Memorial Service will begin at 10 A.M. After the Services, dinner at 12:30 at the Marriott Hotel. It would please me, if besides the regulars, others would come and see our Memorial which has been dedicated to our 4581 comrades who paid the supreme price in the prayerful hope of winning a just and lasting peace.

In my 78th year, I do not know how much longer I dare to continue this Worcester pilgrimage. Please God we shall have another great crowd to enjoy one another, and to gather reverently on Sunday to honor and pray for our comrades who have gone off to God. I don't think that there is another unit who have so faithfully remembered.

To all who arranged our convention-Ft. Bragg-Fayetteville, congratulations. A great time, a happy time and as always with all the fun, a spirit of reverence and a very large crowd. Fort Bragg day was top flight-well organized and well timed and a very interesting demonstration by the Special Forces. It was a privilege for me to be with my family-the men of the 9th Infantry Division. Many of the membership must have made significant contributions to this very successful reunion. As always you were busy-in your important position-our secretary-and happy warrior. And so many of us noted the tremendous contribution and it should not go unnoticed-of your lovely wife, Marie-God bless her.

Every Grace to you Dan and Marie and thanks to both for all you do for the rest of us. Again congratulations to all who contributed to the success of our exceptionally fine reunion. God bless and say a prayer for old man Connors. Didn't Lindsey do a fine job.

REV. EDWARD T. CONNORS  
87-5 Park Ave.  
Worcester, Ma. 01605



Secretary Dan Quinn introduces Father Connors at the Reunion Banquet.

## Make Reservations Early

### Rates

The room rates at the Marriott will be \$53.00 for a double or single, it has indoor and outdoor pools, Whirlpool, Sauna and exercise room, free parking and easy on and off ramps of the Worcester Expressway and Route 290.

Franny Maher has reserved 160 rooms in his name and would be very happy to make reservations for those who want to stay at the Marriott. Fran requests that members make their reservations as soon as possible as they have a cut-off date of October 15th and after that date we may lose what rooms that are not reserved because of the Holy Cross College weekend. Remember the cut off date October 15th.

When ordering your room you must state your arrival and departure date, if you want a double or single room and how many persons in a room if it's a

double say if you want a double bed or twin beds, and the Hotel stresses the point that no room can be occupied before 3 P.M. and the checkout time is 1:00 P.M.

Plan to send Fran Maher your reservations early, indicate your choice of No.1, No.2, No.3.  
No.1 Marriott Hotel, 10 Lincoln Square, near Grove Street and the Fire Headquarters. Room rates \$53.00 single or double check in 3:00 P.M.  
No.2 Days Inn near the Sheraton and 3 miles from the Marriott. Rates single \$39.88 and Four Dollars for each additional person in the room.—Double room \$43.88 for one person and Four Dollars for each additional person.  
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Francis Maher  
14 Davenport Street  
Worcester, Mass. 01610  
Tel. 617-756-1803

## Lindsey Nelson's speech captured mood of reunion

Lindsey Nelson's speech at the banquet provided a fitting climax for a wonderful reunion. Lindsey captured perfectly the mood of the reunion. It was a time for nostalgia. The "Old Reliabilities" were in the mood for one last hurrah at Bragg. They turned out in large numbers. For three days they had a great time renewing old friendships and reminiscing about those halcyon days when the Army busted its gut trying to make soldiers out of civilians who had a thing against being regimented. It all worked out eventually. The Army finally realized that the citizen soldier could cut the mustard when the chips were down, and the civilians reluctantly admitted that the Army knew a little something about fighting a war. That's what Lindsey's speech is all about. At first glance it might seem to be just a humorous talk about the good old days, but in reality it is a statement which says World War II was won by a lot of ordinary guys who day after day kept plugging until they got the job done. Like the offensive line of a pro football team they ate the dirt, got the bruises and the flashy quarterback got the glory. Apparently the "Old Reliabilities" got the message because when Lindsey finished speaking, dozens of them requested a copy of the speech. So, here it is in its entirety.

## Field Training

Je suis Le Capitain Nelson de la Neuvieme Division — I am Captain Nelson of the Ninth Division — I speak Fractured French, New Yorkese, Tennessee, and fluid Fayetteville. I have had field training in Light Scotch, Bourbon, Sour Mash, and Short Beer. I have really been impressed by the demonstrations of the new Army that I have witnessed this weekend.

We have so many great soldiers in our midst tonight — men who really excelled and to whom we owe so much. I am here as a representative of the rest of the U.S.A. soldiers like me. We make your life easier — you know you don't owe us a damned thing.

But look at it this way — if it weren't for soldiers like me, the rest of you wouldn't know what you're so much better than.

## Forty Years Ago . . .

I could not be happier than to have this privilege to be in the company here tonight of the men, and families of the men, who have served in the great 9th Infantry Division of the United States Army.

It was forty years ago . . . the fall of 1942 . . . that many of us left Fort Bragg for North Africa and the years that lay ahead. For those who have since passed away, we keep them in loving memory always. But here at this banquet tonight we will recount other days in other years when we all were younger . . . especially me. And we will recall some of the happy times . . . some of our acts of camaraderie . . . and for this brief moment, we will put aside our recollections of the awful misery of some dreadful times in combat.

## First Taste of Combat

I was a member of the 9th Infantry Division from the peacetime days of August 1941 until July of 1945 when the war had ended in Europe. I got my first taste of combat at the Town Pump here in downtown Fayetteville, North Carolina. By then, I was already a veteran, however. I had been through minor skirmishes at the Brooklyn Spaghetti House and the Rainbow Restaurant. And I had spent dangerous and adventuresome nights in the Lafayette Hotel.

The Town Pump was an elaborate bar that had been constructed to take advantage of the soldier business. There were leather banquettes . . . or at worst imitation leather, it didn't matter . . . there were curved bars . . . and a lot of frosted plate glass windows.

The 9th Division was getting ready to go overseas, and had moved out into the field. Their barracks had been occupied by the 82nd Airborne. As a part of their indoctrination and training, the airborne soldiers were taught that they were the toughest people on the face of the earth. The 82nd Airborne had been well trained and they believed it. There were other things that annoyed the soldiers of the 9th Division . . . the airborne fellows usually wore uniforms that were clean and sharply pressed. They wore highly-polished jump boots and lacquered helmet-liners. Not only that . . . they got extra "jump" pay, which put them in a financial bracket above the dog-face soldier. And let me hasten here to say that the term dogface soldier is one of endearment. To me, there is no higher accolade that one can bestow than to refer to an individual as a dogface soldier. That means a GI of the foot-walking, dirt-behind-the-ears . . . combat infantry, you can't do without us . . . soldier.

Well, if you are living in a pup tent out there on Chicken Road, and you come into town for a short beer at the Town Pump and you run into a paratrooper who is better dressed and richer . . . you may not take kindly to it. Especially if you've had two . . . maybe three . . . short beers.

## Pitched Battle

So, on this particular night . . . a pitched battle broke out between the soldiers of the 9th and the 82nd. I saw it plainly. I was in one of those imitation leather banquettes up close. I didn't have any trouble leaving. There were rather quickly doors where doors had never been before . . . and there was a lot less of that frosted plate glass. I remember a lady who left just ahead of me. She wasn't touching the ground anywhere. She landed, relatively uninjured, out there in the rubble.

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## Board Member Emeritus

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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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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The new Board of Governors for the ensuing year 1982-83 bestowed upon me the honor of being the President of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. This honor I also received in 1966 during our convention in Washington, D.C. As time moves on our Association is becoming a very important part of our lives. It was most gratifying to me to see so many new faces after 37 years. The Ninth was and still is a great outfit so we must keep together this fine friendship we have among us.

Our next reunion will be held in Detroit on July 14-15-16, 1983. The Michigan Chapter Reunion Committee under the direction of Bob DeSandy, is going all out to give us a good time. The selection site is brand new, plenty of room for everyone where we can fight the battle of the "Town Pump". We must also not forget Father Connors Memorial Mass in Worcester on November 7, 1982.

I will do all I can to steer the ship, strengthen our ties for a stronger and lasting friendship. I need your help to accomplish this.

Emil Langer  
47th Infantry

Inside every man there is a poet  
who died young.

--Stefan Kanfer

Feelings are everywhere-be  
gentle.

- J. Masai



Outgoing President of the Association John Clouser (left) received plaque from newly elected President Emil Langer.

## Taps Sounded

What we call death is  
but surcease from strife  
They do not die  
whom we call dead  
They go from life  
to life.

Salvatore R. Barbagallo  
Div Hq's

Walter Millstine  
Co A 15th Eng

Hale Johnson  
Cannon Co 39th Inf

Edward J. Baker  
9th Signal Co

Charles Scherer  
Div Hqs

Robert R. MacGregor  
Co C 9th Med Bn

Robert Roddy  
Div Hqs

Al "Wings" Groger  
Div Hqs

Hubert Lawrence  
2nd Bn Med 47th Inf

John Knightly  
60th FA

May they rest in peace.  
To their loved ones we ex-  
tend our deepest sympathy.

Could we see when and  
where we are to meet again,  
we would be more tender  
when we bid our friends  
good-by. — Ouida

Sal "Bobby" Bargagallo attended the New York Chapter Memorial Service held at Pinelawn National Cemetery on May 23rd. Bobby and Judith his wife attended many reunions and were looking forward to the Bragg reunion. Two weeks after the New York services Bob was stricken with a kidney infection and immediate operation was too much for him. He passed away just before the 37th reunion.

To all you wonderful "gals"  
and "guys" of the Ninth I want  
to say thanks from the bottom of  
my heart. The outpouring of  
love you have shown is beyond  
belief. God bless you each and  
everyone.

Love,  
Olga Palega  
88-14 Sabre St.  
Queens Village, N.Y. 11427

Henry Santos wrote the sad  
news of the death of Walt  
Millstine. "Walter who had  
been doing so well after a long  
hard battle and had planned  
with much vigor to be at the  
Fort Bragg Reunion, passed  
away on Friday May 29th".  
We'll miss him, may he rest in  
peace.

Francis Millstine, Walt's wife  
asked the secretary office to  
donate the refund tickets for the  
reunion, to the Memorial  
Marker Fund.

There is no easy way to send  
this message to the many  
friends of my husband Hubert  
Lawrence. He was very proud  
to be a member of the Ninth In-  
fantry Division.

Hubert had a massive heart  
attack May 18, 1982 and with all  
of the Medical Technology it  
proved to be too much.

A military marker will be  
soon placed at his grave. I am  
so proud of it I have had the  
Christian Marker that matches  
to be installed beside his.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Hubert Lawrence  
1215 E. Turley Street  
Sherman, Texas 75090

## Reunion Impressions

Would you believe that I  
never got downtown to see Hay  
Street and the Prince Charles  
Hotel? — or the Slave Market?  
But then we had learned that  
the Town Pump was no more,  
so what was there in Fayette-  
ville to attract us? I rather  
doubt that the 82nd would want  
to fight us anywhere else.  
Speaking of the 82nd, weren't  
they terrific? And talk about  
hospitality! Those young men  
were hospitality personified! I  
certainly was impressed with  
their knowledge, their training,  
skills, appearance, courtesy,  
and their dedication. I, for one,  
am happy they are on our side.

## Four Company Commanders

We at the F Company 47th In-  
fantry CP were fortunate  
enough to have no less than four  
of our former company com-  
manders in attendance. It was  
the first time some of them had  
met any of the others. Frank  
Smith, Otto Geyer, Charles  
Jones, and Ray Schmader en-  
joyed the company of one  
another as well as that of their  
former men. It was great to see  
them together as it was to  
rehash some old times with one  
whom many claim to be the  
greatest first sergeant of WW  
II, our own Felton Jones. Felton  
retired this year, and Wilma  
tells me that he spends a great  
deal of time in his garden rais-  
ing vegetables that Wilma  
transforms into gastronomic  
delights. Earl Wilkey and I can  
attest to that, as we enjoyed the  
Jones' hospitality on a visit to  
Alapaha, Georgia just five  
years ago.

## Roll Call

The following men answered  
most of the roll calls at the F  
Company CP during the reu-  
nion: George King, Vinnie  
Guglielmino, Frank Gonzol,  
Stan Putt, Otto Geyer, Bob  
DeSandy, Bill MacDonald, Paul  
Giarraputo, Larry Ghery,  
Frank Smith, John "Smig"  
Tokarchek, Earl Wilkey, Chuck  
Koskie, Joe Ayles, Rodger  
Alsgaard, Ken Yennie, Elwood  
Schmidt, Chuck Jones, and Ray  
Schmader. And of course,  
Felton Jones was there making  
out the morning report. Smig  
and Marie Tokarchek did an ad-  
mirable job of charge of  
quarters and O.D. respectively.

## Impossible To Attend

Though many men found it  
impossible to attend the reu-  
nion this year, many wrote me  
and sent checks. Among those  
who wrote and made a very  
generous contribution was one  
of the greatest, Tony Repetti.  
Lucy and I will be having din-  
ner with Ted and Tony in the  
very near future, and I will be  
showing them the slides I took  
of the festivities at Bragg as  
well as those at the CP. We  
placed a long distance call to  
Tony from the Bordeaux on the  
night of the banquet, and we all  
had a chat with him. Tony was  
one of the best liked men in the  
company and one of the most  
respected in the regiment. He  
was moved by our phone call.

## With Us In Spirit

Also with us in spirit were  
Paul Pryjmak, N. Curtis Hof-  
fler, Rut Hoffman, and Joe  
Bergin — and how could I  
forget Al Munatore. He and  
Marie were unable to arrange  
for their vacations in June. I  
was pleasantly surprised to  
receive a nice donation from  
Jerry Shapiro, former G Com-  
pany runner, who asked to be  
remembered to Esformes,  
Gaynor, Tokarchek, Munatore,  
and Repetti.

Seeing Doc McLaughlin was  
a pleasant surprise. Can you  
imagine how many of us he ban-  
daged up? He looked good, and  
he is still practicing in North  
Carolina.

It is too bad that Lou Gersh-  
enow couldn't have been in  
Fayetteville as he had intend-  
ed. A serious illness in his fami-  
ly prevented him from attend-  
ing at the last minute. Maybe  
we'll see our old battalion com-  
mander again in Detroit next  
year.

## Cap Off The Activities

Didn't Lindsey Nelson cap off  
the activities delightfully? He  
was a riot! I wonder how many  
of the troops are aware of his  
natatorial exploits. Writing and  
speaking aren't the only skills  
that he sharpened at Fort  
Bragg. At McFayden pond he  
demonstrated skills that are  
legend in those parts. I  
remember them well.

I sincerely hope Saturday's  
vote on the membership issue  
has laid that one to rest. We all  
can appreciate that some  
differences of opinion can be  
healthy for a living organiza-  
tion such as ours, but once a  
motion has been defeated and  
by such a margin as has this  
one, bringing it up over and  
over again can cause dissension  
that will result in the erosion of  
the great support that our  
organization has been receiving  
from its members. Certainly  
we can respect those who saw  
the issue in a different light  
than we did, but now that the  
membership has spoken  
decisively, let us all accept this  
decision and get on with the  
business of running the associa-  
tion for the benefit of the rank-  
and-file.

## Respect and Appreciate

I don't believe there is a man  
in the Ninth Division Associa-  
tion who does not respect and  
appreciate what the combat  
veterans of the Viet Nam War  
endured. If we can not ap-  
preciate, nobody can. Our vote  
had nothing to do with this  
respect and/or appreciation. In  
fact it we were to vote on a mo-  
tion to send a message of  
appreciation of their courage  
and valor, I just know the  
results would be 100% in favor  
of sending the commendation.

## Well Done

In closing I should like to ex-  
press my appreciation for a job  
well done by the committee that  
organized the reunion. Also I  
am always amazed at the  
expenditure of time and energy  
by Dan Quinn and Marie, and  
the three Guglielminos. With-  
out the devotion of these  
people and a dozen or so like  
them there would not be a Ninth  
Infantry Division Association.  
They have earned our thanks a  
thousandfold.

F Co. 47th Inf  
Edward Hopkins  
110 Hollywood Ave.  
Metuchen, N.J. 08840

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.

Have had sad news that Bob  
Roddy, Division Hdqtrs.,  
A.P.O. 9, passed away  
February 10, 1982. Bob and  
Marge were with us in  
November 1981 at the  
Worcester Mass.

Also had a note from Marie  
Groger that Al "WINGS" pass-  
ed away in February.

We were all mail clerks in  
APO No. 9 together.

Hope the reunion in Fort  
Bragg is a big success.

Sincerely,

JAMES E. POSTEN  
11 Fourth Avenue  
Atlantic Highlands, N.J. 07716  
A.P.O. Section.



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And as she lay there stunned . . . one of our good old GI's — an opportunist to the end — asked her for her phone number.

We didn't give battle stars for the Town Pump campaign . . . but we should have. We were remembered in dispatches. When the 9th Division cut the Cherbourg Peninsula to seal off the port-city in the first great allied victory after the invasion of Normandy . . . a sign went up in the window of a storefront here in Fayetteville. It said, "Here's to the 9th Division . . . they fought all the way from the Town Pump to Cherbourg."

#### Public Relations

During Carolina Maneuvers in 1941, I got to be Public Relations Officer of the 47th Infantry. A little later on, we got a recruit from Camp Croft named E.J. Kahn, Jr. Jack Kahn was already somewhat famous as a staffer of New Yorker Magazine, where he is still employed. And as soon as Division Headquarters heard that we had Jack Kahn in the 47th Infantry, he was immediately transferred to Div. Hq. There, he joined forces with Danny Herr, who had worked for the New York Daily News. They were the Public Relations Section at Division. Actually, Herr was a corporal. There was no Table of Organization for the Public Relations Section, but somebody had discovered that in our Post/Camp/and Station Setup, the latrine orderly rated a corporal. He deserved it. But he didn't get it . . . because Danny Herr got the corporal's stripes instead.

#### Know The General

One day, Private Kahn called me and said, "Up here at Division, we got a public relations section, but we don't have an officer. Do you want to be our officer?"

I said I wouldn't mind, but then I asked who was going to get me transferred?

Kahn said, "We are. We know the General." Well, they did. They knew General Hoyle and General Harding.

So . . . I was transferred to Div. Hq. and became the Div. PRO at the instance of a Buck Private and the Latrine Orderly. You can make anything of that you want to.

Let me say of my Army career that I learned a great many things. The army is set up, of course, on a cause-and-effect basis. It has to be. You're dealing with a lot of men. And so . . . if you do this, then this will happen. And if you do that, then that will happen. But my creator made me a little inquisitive. And I always wondered. I'd say . . . "Okay, I know all about that . . . but just suppose you do this . . . then . . . what happens?"

Well . . . what happens is . . . if you succeed you get decorated . . . and if you fail, you get court-martialed . . . and I spent my whole career in the 9th Division right in there. I didn't get decorated or court-martialed, but I was right there in that void. Oh, maybe I got some minor decorations and some little court-martials, but not many.

#### Night Before El Guettar

When you're in the Army, you've got to be alert. And down there in North Africa the night before the battle of El Guettar began, we had some interesting developments. When the sun went down there in the desert, it got awfully cold. And I got the habit of going into the G-1 tent to type my news story of the day. There was a typewriter in there . . . and more importantly, there was a stove in there.



Matty Urban and Lindsey Nelson are shown at the Welcoming Party at the Bordeaux Motor Inn. Lindsey was the speaker at The Banquet held on Saturday night.

But on this night, the G-1 was suddenly evacuated to a hospital. And the same night, we got a new Chief of Staff. Colonel Gibson was replaced by Colonel Barth.

The G-1, of course, handles all the paper work . . . replacements, battle field promotions, decorations . . . all of that. The sergeant really ran that section . . . we all know that . . . the non-coms run the Army. So, the sergeant had all the night's paper work ready to go. "But," he said, "we ain't got no officer. These things have to be signed by an officer." Then he looked at me and said, "You're an officer, aincha"? He wasn't sure.

Well, I signed the papers and they were sent over to the Chief of Staff. Since he was brand new, he assumed I was the G-1, and he sent over the next batch of papers, directed to my attention.

We finished the African war that way . . . and General Eddy recommended me for the Legion of Merit.

And when it was all over . . . we explained to Colonel Barth, the new chief of Staff, that I really wasn't the G-1 . . . that I had just come in to warm my hands, and became the chief administrative officer of the campaign.

#### Goums

I guess my biggest problem during that campaign came with the Goums. They were native Berber tribesmen who were mercenaries and fought mostly with knives.

Our next higher headquarters was II Corps . . . General Bradley's hq. And I got a call from Corps one day . . . they also thought I was the G-1 . . . I knew I wasn't the G-1 and General Eddy knew I wasn't the G-1 . . . but since it seemed to be working, neither of us said anything. II Corps said they wanted a strength report on the Goums.

"A what?" I said.

"A strength report," said Corps, "how many Goums are there."

"Hell," I said, "I don't know how many Goums. I don't think they know."

"Well," said Corps, "you get up there and get us a count. We can't issue rations and ammunition without a strength report." I wondered what kind of ammunition you issued to knife-fighters. But I said, "Yes, Sir." Since I did not outrank anybody I knew of in the whole army, I said "Yes, sir" a lot.

Well, back in the United States, some bleeding heart had decided that all of our allies should be equally as well equipped as ourselves. And so, the Goums had been issued Thompson sub-machine guns. When I arrived just after dark, I was greeted with the most frightening scene I have ever encountered, in war or peace. (Joe Willis will remember) There were the Goums . . . their families were with them, wandering around out there in the brush. They were wearing the burnoses . . . looked like a batch of folks in their bathrobes. And they had the tommy-guns. And they had ammunition. And they had no knowledge whatsoever of what the hell they were doing . . .

They had clips of fifty rounds, and every fifth round was a tracer. As you may know, if you pull that trigger and don't hold the muzzle down, it will rise, out of control. And that was what was happening. And they loved it. They went laughing . . . those white teeth flashing . . . firing tracers and killing each other.

About that time a British lorry came down the road. And a hail of bullets knocked out his windshield. The Tommy who was driving got out . . . I don't blame him. But when he saw what was happening, he said, "I'm gonna get the hell out of here." I went with him.

Back at division headquarters, II Corps was calling every few minutes. "We must have that strength report on the 'Goums,' they said, 'How many Goums have you got?'" "I don't know," I said, "but I do know we've got a hell of a lot less than we had before we gave 'em those Thompson sub-machine guns."

I didn't spend my whole career out there in the brush with the Goums, however. I came bouncing into our headquarters at Bou Chebka late one afternoon. Bouncing around that road from Tebessa had done things to my kidneys and I made hurriedly for the latrine fly. When I parted the canvas and started to take a step inside, I found myself face to face with a fellow wearing a helmet that had three big stars on it. He was just sitting there . . . and I was standing there . . . and our faces were not six inches apart. I really didn't know what to do. I was pretty well schooled in military etiquette. I knew whom to salute

. . . in my case, that was easy, I saluted everybody. But . . . etiquette in the latrine had not been covered in my course. I didn't know whether to salute . . . to tie my tie . . . zip my fly . . . retreat . . . or advance. The three-stars never said a word. He didn't feel compelled to introduce himself. He didn't have to. I knew who he was. His name was George S. Patton, Jr. I don't think that Congress had yet approved his promotion to Lt. Gen. . . . but he was wearing the three stars . . . and that was certainly all right with me.

I eased on over to the far corner of the fly where the facility had been dug. He was still just sitting there. There's not much a fellow in that position can do.

When I had finished, I eased ever so carefully by him and when I was at the exit, I quietly tipped my helmet and ran like hell. In the years since the war . . . at social gatherings . . . people have said to me, "Did you ever see General Patton during the war." I say, "Oh yes. We met."

#### Soldiers Never Forget

Then there was Sicily. I got a letter just last week from former Captain Jack Eddy who was in the 9th Division. Jack and I were sort of running mates. It seems that soldiers never forget those who are obligated to them. Now, it's been almost 40 years and Jack said in the letter, "You never did properly thank me for saving you from drowning in a bowl of chicken soup in Palermo." Well, he just doesn't understand. I was terribly tired, and the first law of soldier survival is . . . one sleeps where he can. If it happens to be in a bowl of chicken soup . . . he may need and certainly expect the help of a comrade.

Then — there was the time in England . . . a respite. And there was Normandy. For the P.R.O., it meant war correspondents like Ernie Pyle, Bob Capa, Charley Wertenbaker, Bill Walton, Clark Lee, Tom Henry, Jack Thompson, Don Whitehead, and a lot more. At long last, fame for the great 9th Div.

And then . . . we got to the Elbe River and we knew that the end of the war was near. I went up one afternoon to the 60th Infantry . . . they had elements in Pratau on the Elbe.

I said to the battalion exec . . . "Where are the Russians?" "Right there," he said, pointing.

"What's between us and the Russians?" I asked.

"The Elbe River" he said.

"Nothing else?" I said.

"Nothing else."

And so I went to a bombed out bridge on the river where I met two Russian soldiers who escorted me to their commanding officer . . . they took me to their leader.

#### In Touch With The Russians

When I came back next day, I had a call from the first Army press camp from two correspondents named Bill Heinz of the New York Sun and Chris Cunningham of United Press.

They had heard that I had been in touch with the Russians. I admitted that I had, and they said they'd be right up to the 9th Division because they had to do a story on the Russians.

Well, we got into a jeep and returned to my Russians across the Elbe. The Russians by now were toasting everything that moved. And the toasts were drunk in clear vodka. And this procedure lasted well into the night. We were all gathered around a fire . . . somebody had a balalaika . . . they were sing-

ing and playing and dancing. And finally, they stopped, bowed from the waist, and pointed to us. It was our time to entertain.

Bill Heinz said, "I know the words to Paper Doll." Paper Doll was a popular song that had been recorded by the Mills Brothers.

I said to Cunningham, "Do you know any lyrics?" He said, "No, but I can hum a lot."

#### Rendition of Paper Doll

And so . . . we three slowly began our rendition of Paper Doll. We were standing rather stiffly . . . for a couple of reasons. All that vodka had made us stiff as a billy goat . . . and then, too, we were a little apprehensive about our performance and its reception. You see . . . if you give a performance on Broadway and bomb out . . . you just get bad reviews and go home. But we figured if we bombed out here, it's all over. It's on the line, and we went about our business in a determined manner.

Our solemn performance seemed to impress the Russians. One by one they got to their feet and also stood stiffly at attention. You see, the Russians were in the same shape we were . . . they didn't know what we were singing and they figured that it might be the National Anthem.

It's one of those little tableaux that history will never tell you about . . . soldiers of the Russian and American armies standing at attention while three stiff Americans sang, "I'm gonna buy a paper doll . . . I can call my own."

Like all of you . . . I have so many memories of so many things. And I hope that my recitation has prompted you to remember some of the things you like to remember.

I thought that the late James Jones did about as good a job as anybody in writing about World War II. At the close of his book, WWII, he wrote an epilogue, called "Pass In Review."

Pass in review. How many times they had heard the old, long drawn-out, faint field command pass down the long length of the vast parade ground, fading, as the guidons moved out front. So slowly it faded (meaning World War II), leaving behind it a whole generation of men who would walk into history looking backwards, with their backs to the sun, peering forever over their shoulders behind them, at their own lengthening shadows trailing across the earth. None of them would ever really get over it."

#### Finest Army Memoirs

Our own General Randle has written some of the finest army memoirs I ever read. In the introduction to *Safi Adventure* he quotes Joseph Conrad whose epitaph for soldiers buried overseas is poignant . . .

"Here dead we lie, because we did not choose to live and shame the land from whence we sprung. Life to be sure is nothing much to lose, but young men think it is, and we were young."

Men and families of the 9th Infantry Division . . . my respect, admiration, and love. I salute you, now and always.



## Photos of Reunion

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

'Tho there was no "Boogie-Woogie bugler from Co.B" to sound reveille- came half-past breakfast time our ladies, organized and monetarily-prepared for action "invaded" Fayettevilles' attractive mall country with co-ordinated attack's on three fronts-Sears, Belks, and J.C.Penney-- objectives were accomplished and they returned with the natives' offerings, but showed sizeable monetary losses! --- Meanwhile back at "Fort Bordeaux" Beco's battle plans were discussed, from the merits of Millers' Light vs. Budweiser to the unknown qualities of Stroh's and the question of "whatever happened to Red Top beer?"

"Replacements" soon arrived from our outposts at "7-11" and "L'il General" and as the critique continued plans were made to re-take Cooley Conch and then onward to Bonnie Doone. By the time we saw the bottom of Ed Sarno's ice cooler Sgt.'s Metscavage and Lelak agreed on a frontal attack of the notorious "Chicken Ranch" which, as we know, is just down on Chicken Road, a piece.

#### Morning Report

Beco's morning report showed the following present -- Ed and Helen Sarnocinski, John and Catherine Compagnone, Ernie and Nina Crowder, Pat and Ann Morano, George and Jane Bentley, Bob and Ann Edie, Joe and Rose Harvilla, Olga Palega, Joe Metscavage, Steve and Wanda Lelak, Norm and Alice Caswell, Art and Grace Stenzel. The following can consider themselves on report -- The DiSanto's, Adowski's, Cichocki's, Podany's, Shockley's, Taubner's, Conger's and Klauz's. -- Oh, Boy. are you's gonna git it!!

Note: DiSanto, your laundry is still laying in front of the supply room. er' careful about that, -ex-Sergeant, beside isn't it time to change those socks??

#### Three "1st Timers"

It was a real pleasure to welcome our three "1st. timers" the George Bentley's, Bob Edie's and Norm Casell's. - Norm represented B-47th. over at Personnel Hdqt's. --- Also re-newed the acquaintance of Earl Ailor, a former platoon leader in the early combat day's of Beco-47th. history. Earl, now a counselor-at-law in Tennessee, related a visit by Bob McConnell, an able squad leader, whose married daughter lives closeby Earl and his family. If you read this, Robert, - let's hear from you!

Our day out on the Post was most enlightening and enjoyable, we witnessed what a difference 14,600 day's can make (40 year's) -- we all liked the part about the \$1300. per month for single buck sergeants!

After lunching at the huge and attractive N.C.O. club our afternoon was high-lighted by the very impressive dedication ceremony.

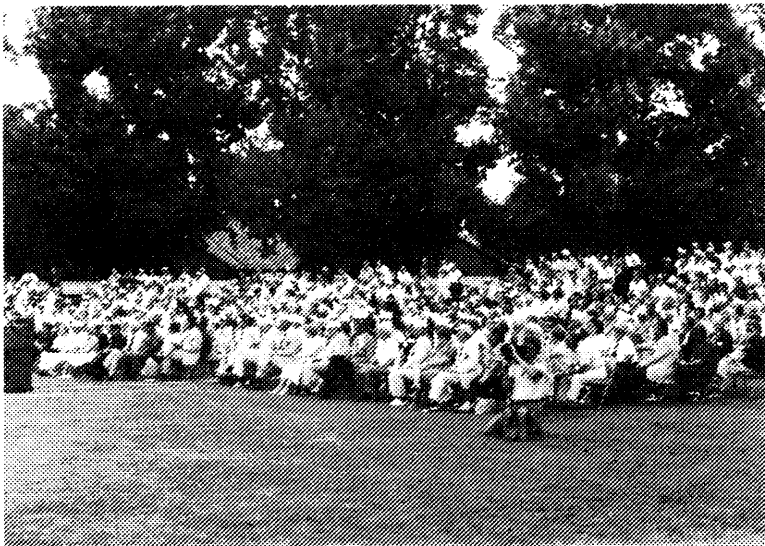
#### Smooth Operation

To all involved in the smooth operation from the time we boarded the buses at the Bordeaux 'til we returned we extend our thanks for a positive memorable day.

---Unfortunately, there was much to be desired when it came to the ability of the alleged Bordeaux management to conduct itself far more professionally -- from the minute services to a disappointing presentation of a "banquet?" it was evident they lacked the "know-how" of their chosen field.



William Martin, Chairman of the Marker Committee and Daniel Quinn secretary of the association, unveil Memorial Marker.



Walter Victor supplied the Octofoil with pictures of the reunion. The members and their families are shown above at the Memorial Service and Dedication of the Marker on Friday at Fort Bragg. The Monument is located on the Main Post's Parade Ground and not in the old Ninth Division area.



The 82nd Airborne Division's band that supplied the music for the Dedication ceremony.

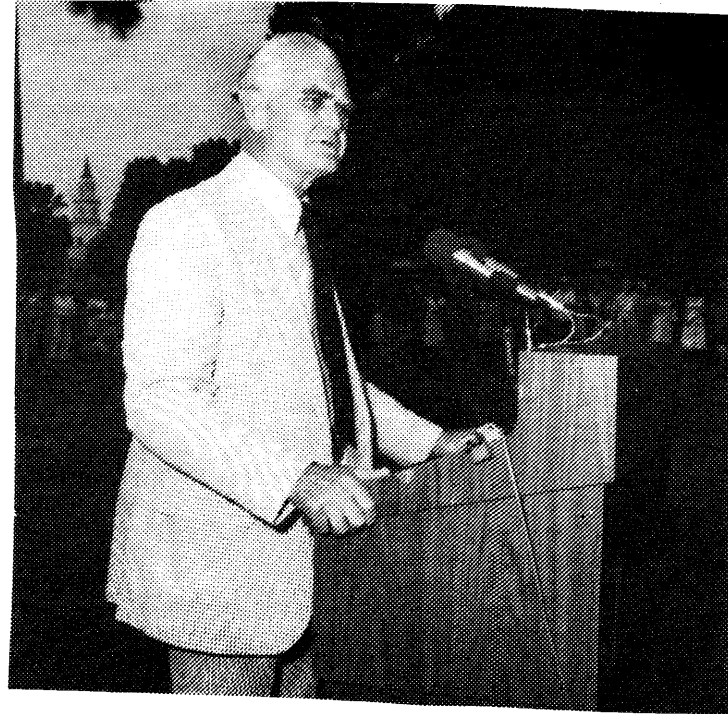
#### Snafu

---Ironically, our letter to the banquet chairman prior to this event, suggesting the upgrading of our Re-union banquets was not acknowledged. -- Obviously, our closing words that "this could be the banquet we speak of, glowingly, in 1983" will have to be another time and another place!

Trust one and all have had a wonderful Summer season and let's hear from you!!

---and you thought we forgot, Ed? -- a great big "Thank You" to Ed and Helen Sarnocinski, our gracious C.P. hosts who do the job so superbly!

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General William C. Westmoreland as he spoke at dedication of the Memorial Marker.



Members of the Glee Club of the 82nd Airborne Division as they entertained the members before the Dedication of the Memorial Marker.



Members of the Anti-Tank Company of the 47th Infantry are shown as they gathered at the 37th reunion.



# Business Transacted at Reunion

## The 142nd Meeting National Board of Governors

The 142nd meeting of the National Board of Governors took place in Fayetteville, North Carolina, June 24, 1982 at the Bordeaux Motor Inn/Convention Center. The meeting was called to order at 3:15 P.M. by President John Clouser. Attending the meeting were Frank Wade, Fred D'Amore, Martin Krasovetz, Gordon Anderson, Emil Langer, Walter O'Keeffe, Art MacDougall, Charles Tingley, Roger Alsgaard and Edwin Wisniewski. Also attending were 1st Vice-President Vincent Guglielmino, 2nd Vice-President Elmer Wagner, Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh, Past Presidents Fred Josey, Paul Keller, Francis Maher, Robert DeSandy and John Bonkowski. The Memorial Marker Committee were in attendance namely George Brown, William Martin, Frank Smith and Boardman Lockwood.

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

The Secretary read the minutes of the 141st meeting that was held in Worcester, Massachusetts on November 7, 1981 and upon a motion duly made by Marty Krasovetz and seconded by Charles Tingley it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes and have the secretary place copy of same on file.

The treasurers report was delayed until the arrival of Thomas Boyle whose flight from Boston had been delayed.

### Scholarship Awards

John Clouser Chairman of the Scholarship Committee gave his report on the Committee's recommendation for the 1982-3 awards. The Committee consists of Michael Deresh and Joseph Williams and Chairman John Clouser, all living in Florida. Clouser lives there in the Winter months. John explained how the candidates are selected according to their academic ability and financial need. This year 13 grants will be given to applicants all being related to members of the Association. They will share \$2000.00. Ten are renewals and three are new applicants.

### New Applicants

Jane M. Bacchieri daughter of Joseph Bacchieri, Co D 47th Inf.; Linda M. Belmonte daughter of Michael Belmonte, A Bty 60 FA; Mary (Molly) McGinley daughter of Thomas McGinley Can Co 47th Inf.

### Renewals

Luann Belmonte daughter of Michael Belmonte, A Bty 60th FA; Michael Belmonte, son of Michael Belmonte, A Bty 60th FA; Terri D. Hertz daughter of Stanley Hertz, Co B 60th Inf.; Susan A. Laurito daughter of Michael J. Laurito, Co H, 60th Inf.; Patricia McGinley, daughter of Thomas McGinley, Can Co 47th Inf; Denise R. Medea, daughter of Joseph Medea, Hq Det 9th Med Bn; Ann M. Pepper, daughter of Richard J. Pepper, Co L, 39th Inf; Nancy M. Stanick, daughter of Michael Stanick, Co D 47th Inf; Martha J. Trainor, daughter of Edward Trainor (deceased) Co H 47th Inf; William Wisniewski, son of Edwin Wisniewski, Service Co 47th Inf.

Upon a motion duly made by Fred D'More and seconded by Charles Tingley it was voted to accept the report and recommendations of the Scholarship Committee.

Frank Wade of the Investment Committee gave the members a brief report of his committee and recommended

C.D.I.S. be looked into for the associations investments. Wade announced another meeting be held by this committee before the reunion ends.

### Non Chapter Reunion Sites

The committee of Non-Chapter Reunion Sites consisting of John Clouser, Walter O'Keeffe, Francis Maher, Boardman Lockwood, Bob DeSandy and Charles Koskie reported and recommended that Lake Placid, New York be considered for the 1984 reunion site. A final decision will be made at the final Board of Governors meeting to be held on Saturday June 26, 1982 by the new Board members.

### Marker At Fort Bragg

William Martin of the Memorial Marker Committee reported that the Memorial Marker at Fort Bragg had been erected and all set for the Dedication to be held on Friday June 25, 1982. The cost of the Marker was \$1664.00.

John Clouser opened a discussion on the remaining funds of the Marker Funds and suggested another Memorial be erected in Arlington National Cemetery or other sites that were recommended.

Upon a motion duly made by Frank Wade and seconded by Fred D'Amore it was voted to: Delay the use of the Marker Fund and to leave this Fund as is till a time when the Memorial Committee or membership may decide the disbursements.

Upon a motion duly made by Marty Krasovetz and seconded by Roger Alsgaard it was voted to: Show a Promotional film of Detroit at the general business meeting to be held on Saturday June 26, 1982.

Thomas Boyle was called upon for the treasurer's report and Boyle gave a detailed account of the income and spendings for the year ending June 30, 1982.

Upon a motion duly made by Art MacDougall and seconded by Emil Langer it was voted to: Accept the treasurers report.

### Copyrights

The secretary read a letter received from the Headquarters of the Ninth Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington, regarding the reprinting of the Division history "Eight Stars to Victory". The book was copyrighted by the association in 1948 and the Army was interested in finding out whether or not the copyright on the book was renewed when it expired in 1976.

Upon a motion duly made by Frank Wade and seconded by Walter O'Keeffe it was voted to: Investigate and pursue the re-establishment, if needed, the associations copyright or re-registration of copyrights.

### Tentative Trip

Woody Lockwood reported on a tentative trip to North Africa, Sicily and Italy. Fifteen members responded to the inquiry that was printed in the Octofoil for a trip this year so it was decided to try to hold the trip in 1983 when more members might be interested. Lockwood will brief the members at the General Meeting to be held on Saturday June 26, 1982.

A discussion on the possibility of holding the reunions in Midweek rather than on Weekends was held and tabled for study. Also tabled was a discussion on the survey by John Clouser for planning of future reunions.

### Voting Procedures

John Clouser discussed the voting procedures on the By-laws change proposals as to the use of Paper Ballots and Tabulations at the general membership meeting to be held

on Saturday June 26, 1982. The membership will be asked the type of vote.

The members were briefed on the reunions schedule, location of activities, Memorial Services, and duties of the Board Members and Officers and a duty roster. Thomas Boyle of the Memorial Services committee requested that all members participating in the Memorial ceremony wear coats, shirts and ties.

Emil Langer reminded the members the urgency for table reservations for the Saturday night banquet.

President Clouser appointed Robert DeSandy and Boardman Lockwood to serve on the Non-Chapter Site Reunion Committee.

### Chairmen of Committees

Clouser also appointed the following Board Members to serve as Chairman of the Committees for the general meeting: Budget and Finance Committee, Emil Langer; By-laws Committee, Robert DeSandy; Miscellaneous Committee, Al Perna; Newspaper Committee, Francis Maher; Nominating Committee, Frank Wade.

Upon a motion duly made by Charles Tingley and seconded by Ed Wisniewski it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 5:45 P.M.

## The 37th Meeting of The Ninth Infantry Division Association

The 37th meeting of the Ninth Infantry Division Association took place at the Bordeaux Motor Inn, Fayetteville, North Carolina on June 26, 1982. At 9:30 A.M., President Clouser opened the meeting and asked the members to stand for a moment of silent prayer for the departed men of the Ninth. Clouser then introduced the Acting Mayor J.R. Dawkins of Fayetteville who gave a "welcoming address" to the membership.

President Clouser thanked Mr. Dawkins and announced the following committee chairmen for the following: By-laws Comm.

Robert DeSandy Budget Comm. Emil Langer Newspaper Comm.

Francis Maher Miscellaneous Comm.

Al Perna Nominating Comm.

Frank Wade

Clouser asked those members representing Chapters for the various committees along with members at large and those who would like to serve on a committee to report to the designated rooms and to rejoin at 10:30 for the general meeting.

At 10:45 A.M. with 253 members present President Clouser called to order the 37th meeting of the association. The credential committee had checked the membership cards as they entered the meeting.

Clouser opened the meeting with "The Pledge of Allegiance" and a moment of silent prayer for the departed men of the Ninth.

The secretary, Daniel Quinn, read the minutes of the 36th meeting that took place in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts on June 27, 1981 and upon a motion duly made by John Kimmerly and seconded by Al Perna it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes and to instruct the secretary to place copy of same on file.

Thomas Boyle, the treasurer was called upon for his report and he gave detail account of the spendings and income for the past year and concluded by

stating "To the best of my knowledge, all demands on this association have been paid or payment agreed upon. I have no knowledge of outstanding receipts or expenses. It is my considered opinion that this fine organization is in good financial condition. The National officers and the Board of Governors are to be complimented for their good management of the funds of this association."

Upon a motion duly made by Robert Pappas and seconded by Michael Deresh it was voted to: Accept the treasurers report.

President Clouser thanked Boyle for his report.

Charles Tingley, chairman of the credential Committee reported that all members in attendance at the meeting are dues paying members.

President Clouser thanked Tingley and his committee.

### Scholarship Committee

John Clouser Chairman of the Scholarship Committee reported that this committee consisting of Joseph Williams and Michael Deresh had met in Florida and recommended 13 applicants be granted awards amounting to \$2000.00. Clouser explained to the membership that this committee is a permanent committee and that the recipients are all related to men of the Ninth and are selected according to their academic ability and financial need.

The National Board of Governors at their meeting held on June 24, 1982 had approved the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee. Since the program was started in 1961 the association has awarded the sum of \$32,605.00.

The membership gave Clouser and his committee a round of applause.

### Marker

William Martin of the Memorial Marker committee reported to the membership that other than the Ninth Division emblem on Marker which they hoped to have re-done, all bills have been paid and hope the membership was pleased with the Memorial. Robert DeSandy addressed the floor and noted the Committee should be given a debt of gratitude for their efforts in raising the funds for this project and having the Marker erected at Fort Bragg.

Robert Pappas questioned as to the wording that was placed on the Marker. President Clouser explained that the Board of Governors at their meeting held in November of 1981 had approved the wording that was placed on the Marker.

Boardman Lockwood reported on a proposed trip, to take place in October of 1983, to North Africa, Sicily and Rome, Italy. The Octofoil will print the suggested trip and a questionnaire inserted for those interested to reply to the secretary's office.

### Worcester Memorial

Francis Maher reported that Father Connors will conduct his annual Memorial Mass and Services in Worcester on November 7, 1982. This year the new Marriott Hotel will be used as the Sheraton Lincoln Inn was booked for another engagement. The Marriott is located in the City of Worcester not too far from Immaculate Conception Church where the services have been held. Maher encourages all those interested in attending to make their reservation as early as possible. Room rates will appear in the Octofoil.

Robert DeSandy, Chairman of the 1983 reunion briefed the members. The City will be Detroit, Michigan, the dates July 21, 22, 23, 1983. The Westin

Hotel located in the Renaissance Center will be headquarters for the reunion. A special rate of \$59.00 for both singles and doubles will be given the membership. Reservations must be made by July 6, 1983. Details will appear in the Octofoil.

### Budget And Financing

Emil Langer, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee was called upon for his report and he named these members who served on this committee: Bruce Johnstone, David Heller, William Andrews, Fred D'Amore, Vincent Guglielmino, Art Mac Dougall, Paul Lisa, Jerry Teachout, Frank Rankin, Wilfred Thornton and Percy Hough.

The committee submits this budget for approval:

Anticipated Income	
1. Dues	\$5000.00
2. Investments	3150.00
3. Reunion	1500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9650.00</b>

Expenses	
Octofoil	\$ 5000.00
Secretary Salary	1000.00
Clerical Help	900.00
Utilities	850.00
Postage	1900.00
Supplies	400.00
Misc. Expense	250.00
Sec. Expense	400.00
Treas. Expense	200.00
Editors Expense	400.00
Accountant	150.00
Dues Reminder	100.00
Bd. of Gov. mtgs.	400.00
Scholar. Comm. Exp.	100.00
Wreath	50.00
Reunion Gratuities	
F.I.C.A.	70.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12170.00</b>

A deficit of \$2520.00 be made up by borrowing these needed funds from the Capital Fund or monies remaining in the General Fund.

Upon a motion duly made by Miahcel Mysyk and seconded by Frank Chatto it was voted to: Accept the report of the Finance Committee. President Clouser thanked Langer and his committee.

### Miscellaneous Committee

Al Perna, Chairman of the Miscellaneous Committee named these members who served with him on this committee: Pete Radichio, Paul Clark, Sal Trapani, Jake Nailor, Ed McGrath, Harry Wax, Michael Bish, and Scotty Hirst.

The committee recommends the following:

1. The reunion committee place on a Bulletin Board if transportation is available to destinations as in the case where other hotels had to be used for accommodations.
2. Have each member fill out his own name tag.
3. Any future convention sites should include transportation to and from airports and also safety for our members.
4. That future reunions have a Journal with paid ads.
5. Have C.P. rooms available for Chapters requesting same.

Upon a motion duly made by Oscar Richards and seconded by Marty Krasovetz it was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations of the Miscellaneous Committee.

President Clouser thanked Al Perna and his committee.

### Newspaper Committee

Francis Maher of the Newspaper Committee named the following members who served on this committee: Henry Santos, Mike Belmonte, Oscar Richards, Billy Martin, Norbert "Chick" Hennen, Art Schmidt and Percy Rischel.

The committee reports the following:

1. Continue with six (6) issues.
2. Continue to print the cutoff date, for copy to be received by the Editors.
3. Encourage the Ladies Auxiliary to send information

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4. Continue with Mail Call.
5. Special Fort Bragg Edition.
6. 30 day notice is to be printed in the Octofoil for Change of By-laws.
7. Recommend to the members that Black & White pictures only be used for the Octofoil.

Upon a motion duly made by Carlos Esteva and seconded by Henry Santos it was voted to: Accept the report of the Newspaper Committee.

President Clouser thanked Fran Maher and his committee for their report.

#### Nominating Committee

Frank Wade, Chairman of the Nominating Committee named these members who served with him: Robert Pappas, Charles Koskie, Ron Murphy, Irvin Feinberg, Everett Tapp, Bill Martin, Carl Hull, Marty Krasovetz, Gilbert Tinberg, and Warren Boulden.

The committee recommends that the four vacancies of members leaving the Board of Governors be filled by the following:

Thomas Boyle  
Henry Santos  
David Heller  
Al Perna

Upon a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by Mike Belmonte it was voted to: Accept the report of the Nominating Committee.

The President asked for nominations from the floor: Dick O'Connor nominated Bill Mauser. Emil Langer nominated Adolph Wadalavage.

Upon a motion duly made by Harry Wax and seconded by Ed Hopkins it was voted to: Close the nominations.

A paper ballot was used for the election of the Board of Governors and the following were elected to serve for three years: Thoms Boyle, David Heller, Al Perna and Henry Santos.

#### By-Laws Committee

Bob DeSandy, Chairman of the By-laws committee was called upon for his report and he named the following members who served with him: Phil Berman, Larry Ghery, Tom Boyle, Adolph Wadalavage, Anthony Soprano, Pat DeColi, Harold Smith, John Miller, Roger Schaeffer, Elmer Wagner, and Harrison Daysh.

The committee recommends the following:

1. Act on the Proposed By-law changes as published in the Octofoil.
2. Limit debate to 30 minutes. 15 minutes for each side.
3. Paper ballot be used for vote.
4. Recommend to the editors of the Octofoil to publish Paragraph 42 of the By-laws so the general membership of the association will understand how they can make By-law changes.

On the question — limit the debate to 30 minutes it was finally voted to dispense with the debates on the proposed changes of the By-laws.

President Clouser read the Proposed By-law Changes:

1. Amend Paragraph 4 to read:

4. To permit any individual who wore the Octofoil from December 7, 1941 to May 7, 1945 (World War II). December 19, 1966 to September 25, 1969 (Vietnam), and after May 26, 1972 (Regular Army Combat Division) and served honorably in the Ninth Infantry Division be eligible for membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Any member or former member of the 70th and 746th Tank Battalions, 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion, or the 376th Anti-aircraft (A.W.) Battalion who served with these units while attached to the Ninth Infantry Division during World War II shall be eligible

for membership in the Association. The wife of any member or any individual who was eligible for membership prior to his decease shall be eligible for membership in the Ladies Auxiliary of the Association.

2. Add paragraph 12 F to read: 12 f. Any individual who served in the Ninth Infantry Division from December 19, 1966 to September 26, 1969 (Vietnam) and after May 26, 1972 (Regular Army Combat Division) shall pay an enrollment fee of \$20.00 in addition to one year's dues upon initial enrollment in the association. Such enrollment fee shall be placed in the Capital Fund of the association.
3. Amend Paragraph 16 by adding:

Upon change of the By-laws to admit to membership those who served in the Ninth Infantry Division December 19, 1966 to September 25, 1969 (Vietnam) and after May 26, 1972 (Regular Army Combat Division) the Board of Governors of the Association shall be increased to fifteen members. The Additional member shall be elected from those who served in the Ninth Infantry Division December 19, 1966 to September 25, 1969 (Vietnam) and after May 26, 1972 (Regular Army Combat Division). This provision shall be reconsidered five years after the admission of those who served in the Ninth Infantry Division December 19, 1966 to September 25, 1969 (Vietnam) and after May 26, 1972 (Regular Army Combat Division).

#### Defeat Change of By-Laws

The final tabulation of the vote for the change of the By-laws was 151 against and 92 in favor of the change.

#### Adopt Resolution

Thomas Boyle read a resolution addressed to CBS Broadcasting expressing the associations disappointment of the mistreatment of General Westmoreland by CBS and Mike Wallace on the 23rd day of January 1982, which reads as follows:

Whereas: A member of the Ninth Infantry Division association and a past president of this association has been charged, tried and convicted on television and his reputation destroyed without an opportunity for a proper response, and

Whereas: On January 23, 1982 in the CBS documentary "The Uncounted Enemy, A Vietnam Deception" General William C. Westmoreland was questioned by Mike Wallace on statistics for the Fall of 1967 and the Spring of 1968, and because Mike Wallace presented a case to the public that this great man deceived the President, the Congress of the United States and you and I as citizens of this great land, and

Whereas: Mike Wallace used out of context, testimony given to him that in fact demeaned the character of General Westmoreland. His main witness being Mr. Sam Adams, a former CIA Agent whose testimony had been discredited by a committee of the Congress of the United States in 1975, and

Whereas: There are still people in this land who feel as Shakespeare put it, "My honor is my life, both grow in one, Take honor from me, and my life is done". Mike Wallace tried to destroy this great man's honor without allowing him to properly respond, so be it

RESOLVED: That we, the members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association meeting at our Annual Reunion in the city of Fayetteville, North Carolina express our disappointment at the mistreatment of General Westmoreland by CBS and

Mike Wallace on the 23rd day of January 1982, and be it further

RESOLVED: That we petition the CBS Officers, Mr. Paley, Chairman of the Board, Mr. Wyman, President of CBS, and Mr. Jankowski, President of the broadcast division of CBS for an apology for the improper presentation made by Mike Wallace and George Crile and, be it further,

RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon our records for all to view, and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Paley, Mr. Wyman and Mr. Jankowski.

Upon a motion duly made by Robert DeSandy and seconded by Fran Maher it was voted to: Adopt the resolution offered by Thomas Boyle.

Upon a motion duly made by Phil Berman and seconded by Fred D'Amore it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 1:40 P.M.

The 143rd meeting of the National Board of Governors took place in Fayetteville, North Carolina at the Bordeaux Motor Inn Convention Center on June 26, 1982. The meeting was called to order at 2:15 P.M., by the President John Clouser. Attending the meeting were Joseph Williams, Henry Santos, Frank Wade, Art MacDougall, Al Perna, Ed Wisniewski, Gordon Anderson, Dave Heller, Roger Alsgaard, Emil Langer, Walter O'Keefe and Charles Tingley. Also in attendance were Past Presidents Robert DeSandy, Fran Maher, treasurer Thomas Boyle, Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh, and former Board members, Fred D'Amore, Elmer Wagner, Marty Krasovetz, Ron Murphy.

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

Upon a motion duly made by Emil Langer and seconded by Charles Tingley it was voted to: Dispense with the reading of 142nd meeting of the Board of Governors and to dispense with the Treasurers report.

John Clouser briefed the members as to the expenses he incurred as Chairman of the 1982 reunion. Upon a motion duly made by Charles Tingley and seconded by Al Perna it was voted to: Reimburse John Clouser the sum of \$420.00 for his expenses.

Clouser then introduced the new members of the Board of Governors and called for election of new officers for the coming year.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Emil Langer was elected President

Vince Guglielmino was elected 1st Vice President

Elmer Wagner was elected 2nd Vice-President

Ronald Murphy was elected 3rd Vice-President

Daniel Quinn was elected as Secretary

Thomas Boyle was elected as Treasurer

Harrison Daysh was elected as Judge Advocate

Clouser handed over the gavel of authority to Emil Langer and wished him well. He thanked the members for their cooperation while he was President. Emil Langer thanked John Clouser for a great job for his year as president and then thanked the members of the Board for electing him as President for the coming year.

#### SITE FOR 1984 REUNION

President Emil Langer called for bids of the 1984 reunion to be held at a non-chapter site. The committee for non chapter sites then reported and upon a mo-

tion duly made by Charles Tingley and seconded by Frank Wade it was voted to: Hold the 1984 at Lake Placid, New York.

The committee reported that there were dates opened in June for Lake Placid with much cheaper rates than the summer months of July-August. They will report to the Board at the November meeting in Worcester. Preferred dates would be June 21-23rd or June 27-30th.

#### 83 REUNION IN MICHIGAN

Bob DeSandy Chairman of the 1983 Michigan Reunion reported that the Westin Hotel, Renaissance Center is a city within itself with several floors of the Center containing shopping areas. Special room rates are offered our members but must be made by July 6, 1983 for this special rate to apply. Any reservation received after this date will be charged the normal rate. All rooms have a great view. A special parking rate of \$1.00 per day with in and out privileges.

#### PUBLISH OCTOFOIL

##### 5 TIMES A YEAR

Upon motion made by Frank Wade and seconded by Al Perna it was voted to: Publish the Octofoil 5 times a year instead of the 6 issues now being printed. The dates for the issues will be Jan-Feb, Mar-April, May-June-July, August-September-October, Nov.-Dec.

#### BOARD TO MEET

Upon a motion duly made by Frank Wade and seconded by Tom Boyle it was voted : Hold the next Board meeting in Worcester, Massachusetts on the weekend Father Connors conducts his annual Memorial Mass and Services. November 6th, at 3:00 P.M., at the Marriott Hotel.

Upon a motion duly made by Walter O'Keefe and seconded by Art MacDougall it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 3:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel Quinn  
National Secretary.

#### MEMORIAL MARKER FUND

Although the Memorial Marker has been erected at Fort Bragg the secretary's office continues to receive donations and we are ever thankful to these members and friends who want to be part of this Memorial.

Chester J. Hodlik  
Robert Gibson  
Margaret Shine (In memory of her husband Thomas)  
Nellie Edwards (In memory of her husband Earnie)  
Betty Raccoboli (In memory of her husband John Rizzo)  
Anton Dietrich  
Francis Millstine(In memory of her husband Walter)  
Samuel Moscatelli  
Michigan Chapter(In memory of Mrs. Frances DeSandy, Mother of Robert DeSandy)

#### SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Felton Jones  
George C. Heris  
Emil Langer (In memory of Antonio Jiminez)  
Charles T. Fort  
Julius E. Clark  
Samuel Moscatelli  
Gen. Edwin Randle  
Roy C. Schumacher  
Paul Segal  
Elmer Wagner  
Lyle Kitchen  
The association is grateful to those who contributed at the Reunion and to these members who remembered this fund.

We salute you.

## MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS

#### HONORING THOSE

The Annual Memorial Service was held on May 23rd. Thirty five members and guests were on hand for Brunch at the Meri Weather Inn, in Detroit. Tom and Carol Saunders were Co-Chair Persons for the event and all present agreed that the food and service was A-1.

After the Brunch we drove to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church for the Memorial Service. On arrival we found six other faithful waiting and they joined us in honoring those of our chapter who have passed away.

Dr. William Whittleage, Pastor of St. Paul's was the speaker of the day. After his remarks the Golden Roll Call was read by Rodger E. Alsgaard, Secretary. The Absent replies were made by Don Lewis, Adjutant. This year's Golden Roll Call listed Thirty Six names.

After the playing of Taps a few words were spoken by President Billie Martin and after the saying of the Lord's Prayer the service came to an end

#### SADNESS

How does one write of bad news? Though there is much sadness in the world it is especially sad when one must report the loss of dear ones. The first loss was felt by Bob DeSandy who lost his Mother. Then the next news is that the Mother of John Bonkowski passed away. Then news came from Bill Andrews that a Chapter Member Earl Hyde had died. We do offer those who have suffered the loss of dear ones our condolences and ask that we pray for the repose of their souls.

We look forward to National Reunion. From all indications it is going to be the biggest and best ever. We of the Michigan Chapter look forward to fall. All of you in Mich., Ill., Ohio, Ind. and those near by mark your calendars for October 22 and 23 and make every effort to be in Angola, Ind. for the Michigan Out State reunion.

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

#### Philly Delaware Valley Chapter

A new slate of officers was elected by the Philly Delaware Valley Chapter members at their Spring meeting:

President...Richard Starr  
Vice President...Al Perna  
Secretary...Richard Wilson  
Treasurer...John Sabato

#### Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary presented a \$200.00 towards the Scholarship fund at the banquet in Fayetteville.

They will send a \$200.00 to the Immaculate Conception Church of Worcester, Massachusetts in Honor of all the Clergy of the Ninth Infantry Division.

47th Inf. E Co.  
FERMIN MARTINEZ  
Box 90  
Aguirre, P.R. 00608

Enclosed is a check for dues for 1 year. If you can, say Hello to all former Co E men from the 47th like the originals from 1940 on. Also send my special regards to Charles Troccoli, and Exito in Fort Bragg. Stay away from the Town Pump.

## mail call

continued

## 9th Medics

PETER A. RADICHIO

9415 Blind Pass Rd. Apt. 703  
St. Petersburg Beach, Fl. 33706

It was so nice to see, keep up the good spirit. Santos and I, from the Florida Chapter, came with our trailers for the reunion. It was a great reunion! I want to congratulate the men who put together such a fine program. The show at Bragg was SUPER! The golf tournament was good fun for the day. Rankin, a job well done! The banquet was great considering the amount of people we had in the only space available. I was grateful the reunion was in Fayetteville as I met so many people from the Medics that I haven't seen since the war ended. Guys like Haas, Stein, Doc Miles, Doc Floyd, Milo Olson, Klien. Of course I hope these medics will join ranks with our yearly troops such as Splendorio, Cooks, Johnstone, the rest of the gang and their wives. Just great and hope to see all of you guys, last but not least my CO Doc Roller and his beautiful wife, in Detroit! After the reunion I pulled in to an area in Chimney Rock, N.C. A pick-up truck followed me to my campsite. He saw the 9th Division convention sign in back of my trailer. He is from the 39th (never knew we had an organization). We spent most of the next 2 days together and his name is John Hutchinson from H Co and lives in Charlotte, N.C. Believe me the sign behind my trailer brought a lot of attention. I traveled 2,000 miles with my camper and enjoyed it very much. The next trip I'll do better as I'll be a veteran. Cheerio fellows and see you all in Detroit.

60th Inf. B Co  
EDWARD GOLDSTEIN  
2000 Quentin Rd.  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11226

So much has happened since I received the last Octofoil and I'm sorry I cannot make the reunion. My wife Mary was hit by a car while crossing the street corner. She pulled through with a fractured pelvis, so my vacation was spent in the hospital and I took an extra 2 weeks for myself. I'm not driving anymore but am working in the office of my former boss. 18 months ago I had a rectal polyp and I have lost a lot of weight. I was looking forward to the trip but hope to get to the meetings. Give my best to the gang and best wishes to everyone and their families.

D Co., 47th Inf  
EMERSON GROSS7515 Miller Dr.  
Bath, Pa. 18014

I would like to say hello and that a nice time was had at the reunion. The services at Ft. Bragg were great and the demonstration by the Bragg personnel showing the old timers the modern combat training was an inspiration. The memorial is a stone that will live forever I hope. What I don't like on the memorial is the inscription honoring the Vietnam veterans. If they cannot become members of the association then they should not be mentioned on the memorial. I am sorry but this is the way I feel about it. Keep up the good work and I will see you again.

47th Inf. Hq 2nd Bn  
CHARLES JOHNSON437 28th St.  
Ogden, Utah. 84401

This is to let you know how very much Helen and I enjoyed the reunion and especially being with the old gang. The marker ceremony was really impressive. Will look forward to next year. Best to you and yours.

Norbert J. "Chick" Hennen  
60th Infantry  
August 1940 through June 1945  
4130 Washburn Avenue North  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55412

Dear Dan:

Yes, we finally got back to Minneapolis, via Florida, where we visited with our daughter, Sue, and family, and then brought back to Minnesota our granddaughter, Christina, for a summer vacation.

Now that we are back in the old routines, Anne and I want to tell you how much we enjoyed the 1982 reunion, especially the impressive dedication ceremony at Fort Bragg, highlighted by General Westmoreland.

Congratulations and a most sincere "thank you" to yourself and Mrs. Quinn, the General Chairman John J. Clouser, his co-chairman Bill Martin, the treasurer Thomas Boyle, Father Connors, and all the committee members who worked so hard and so successfully to make the 37th reunion an outstanding event.

We enjoyed renewing acquaintanceships with Lindsey Nelson and the many alumni of the 60th Infantry Regiment who were on hand, most of whom we had not seen for decades.

It was indeed "Wunderbar"! I do feel, though, in the light of the expressed wishes of the majority, that we should be more forthright in our name and change it to read: "The Ninth Infantry Division Association, WWII."

26th F.A.  
MR. JOSEPH A. MC KENZIE  
95 Washington Ave.  
Waltham, Ma. 02154

During the past few years many of our members have had some anxious moments trying to get out of Worcester after one of our special weekends. It was known that there was transportation to Logan but it seemed that no one knew where to find a schedule or help.

Through the courtesy of Catherine Matulis I am sending to you two schedules of bus service between Worcester and Logan.

I am sure that you can make a story from these schedules so that our members will know that there is a bus service between the two great cities in this Commonwealth. Last year Dick Hill used the VIP Service, a case of necessity, if he wanted to catch his plane for Dallas. It was a no stop bus ride.

Alfonzo Guarino listed in the news clipping was with the 84th in Ft. Bragg and onward.

Sorry I could not convention. From all of the stories I have heard, it was a good one.

See you in November I Hope.

JOSEPH SKERTICH  
415 E 7th St.

Staunton, Il. 62088

Sorry I didn't get to the reunion because it was held in June. Hope it was a successful one.

Co D 39th Inf.  
HAROLD KESSLER609 White Ave.  
Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29577

Sending you my 3 year dues. Sorry I'm late. I didn't attend any meetings or reunions for 37 years. Fort Bragg was the first. I had the best time of my life for 3 days. Ten of my company came and we all had a great time. You can bet I'll be in Detroit next year.

OUTLINE OF SUGGESTED TRIP FALL 1983  
FOR 9th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Sun. Day 1  
Lv. New York 8:30 p.m. Air Maroc

Mon. Day 2  
Ar. Casablanca 7:10 a.m. # 203  
Transfer to HOTEL CASABLANCA  
Welcome dinner.

Tue. Day 3  
Visits to Fedala, Port Lyantey and Rabat

Wed. Day 4  
Local sightseeing

Thur Day 5  
Depart for Meknes and Fez  
HOTEL PLM VOLUBILIS

Fri. Day 6  
Local sightseeing

Sat. Day 7  
Depart for Marrakech  
HOTEL MARRAKECH

Sun. Day 8  
Local sightseeing

Mon. Day 9  
Atlas excursion

Tue. Day 10  
Depart for Casablanca via Safi  
Lunch en route  
HOTEL CASABLANCA

Wed. Day 11  
Lv. Casablanca 10:55 a.m. Air Maroc  
Ar. Tunis 2:20 p.m. # 260 (B-727)  
Transfer on arrival to HOTEL TUNIS HILTON

Thur Day 12  
All day excursion to World War II battle sites.

Fri. Day 13  
At leisure in morning and afternoon  
Lv. Tunis 7:30 p.m. Night Ferry

Sat. Day 14  
Ar. Palermo 7:00 a.m.  
Transfer on arrival to HOTEL JOLLY  
Afternoon sightseeing

Sun. Day 15  
Excursion to Troina, north coast road Randazzo and Cefalu.

Mon. Day 16  
At leisure

Tue. Day 17  
Lv. Palermo ? To be determined  
Ar. Rome ?  
HOTEL MARINI STRAND

Wed. Day 18  
Scheduled sightseeing

Thur Day 19  
At leisure in Rome

Fri. Day 20  
Lv. Rome 10:50 a.m. Pan American  
Ar. New York 2:00 p.m. # 111 (B-747)

## CONDITIONS AND INCLUDED FEATURES

TRANSPORTATION: Scheduled airline  
Night Ferry with berths  
Railroad  
Private motorcoach

ACCOMMODATIONS: 1st class selected hotels,  
twin bedded rooms with private bath.

MEALS: Continental breakfast; lunches  
where indicated; all dinners except in Rome.

TRANSFERS: By private motorcoach.

SIGHTSEEING: Private motorcoach with local guide.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Receptions, memorial services  
battlefield visits, and other memorable activities will be arranged where practical.

TOUR ESCORT: It is expected that an experienced and competent tour escort will accompany the group from Casablanca.

SERVICE CHARGES: All tips and taxes except gratuity for driver and courier.

Tour to be offered by: DAVIS JACOBS TRAVEL SERVICE  
240 Trumbull Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06103  
Phone: (203) 278-7760

Mr. Boardman F. Lockwood, CTC  
Ex. - 47th Infantry

It is expected that the cost of this trip will be approximately \$2,750.00 per person subject to variations in airfare, routing, hotel charges, special features and possible change in duration.

Hotels indicated may change due to availability.

Yes, I/we are interested in participating in this tour.

Mr/Mrs \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

N.B. A shorter trip would be more attractive to me \_\_\_\_\_

REPLY TO: Mr. Daniel Quinn, Secretary  
9th Infantry Division Association  
412 Gregory Avenue  
Weehawken, New Jersey 07087ANNUAL REUNION LOCATION  
AND TIME QUESTIONNAIRE

At the last Board of Governors' meeting it was decided to make a survey of the membership to aid in the planning of future reunions. The survey is in the form of a questionnaire. Please indicate your opinion by responding, as directed, to the questions below.

A. Where, in general, would you like the reunions to be held?  
(Check one or more choices)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Large cities (Examples: New York City, Chicago, Boston)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Medium size cities (Examples: Columbus, Ohio; Louisville, Ky; Springfield, Ill; Harrisburg, Pa.)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Resorts (Examples: Hyannis, Mass; Mackinac Island, Mi.; Vail, Colo.; Lake Placid, N.Y.; Florida)

B. When, in general, would you like the reunions to be held?  
(Check one choice)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ June 2. \_\_\_\_\_ July 3. \_\_\_\_\_ August 4. \_\_\_\_\_ September

5. \_\_\_\_\_ October 6. \_\_\_\_\_ Any of the above 7. \_\_\_\_\_ Other - Specify

C. When, if held at a resort, would you like reunions to be held?  
(Check one choice)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ High Season (Rates are highest)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Near High Season (Rates usually are moderate)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Off Season (Rates lowest, if resort is open)

D. Would you like a reunion in: (Check YES or NO for all locations)

1. YES NO YES NO

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Las Vegas, Nev 6. \_\_\_\_\_ New Orleans, La.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Honolulu, Hawaii 7. \_\_\_\_\_ Puerto Rico

3. \_\_\_\_\_ San Francisco, Calif. 8. \_\_\_\_\_ Toronto, Canada

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Nashville, Tenn. (Operyland) 9. \_\_\_\_\_ Others (Please List)

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Tacoma and Fort Lewis, Wash. \_\_\_\_\_

(Home of the 9th Inf. Div.)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

The above questionnaire will be given to members at the reunion in Fayetteville. Members not attending the reunion may complete this copy and send to: J.J. Clouser, P.O. 268, Wetmore, Mi. 49895 by September 30, 1982.

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



# MAIL CALL

9th Med Bn  
BRUCE B. JOHNSON  
100 Glennelane, Apt. 109  
Dunedin, Fl. 33528

The 40th Reunion of the 9th Division was a howling success in more ways than one. Not everything went just as planned, that we are sure of, but there were so many surprises taking place everywhere you went.

This was the largest turnout that the 9th Medical Battalion has ever had. A Reunion. So all you medics that did not attend this year, here are the names of your comrades that you missed talking over old times. I sat through the business session with Major Jay P. Roller of B Company. Capt. A. G. Floyd of C Company commuted with Mrs. Floyd from Whiteville, N.C. to be with the group. The Headquarters leader was Sabby Agostonelli along with John Ormsby, James Richards and Joe Media. From B Company we had Jack Wilson, George Stein, Willard Haas, Jack Loubach, Pete Radischio, Jim Richardson, and Vito Splendoro. C Company had a good group led by Aldor Cook, Frank Kalish, John Lewis, Angello Rinchiuso, Bruce Johnstone, James Fite, Charles Denton, John Klooz, Chalmis Cochran, and Santoro. D Company was in with Herb Stein and Zimmerman. A Company did not show — let's hope they make it to Detroit.

On behalf of every one, let me express our heartfelt thanks to you both, and to all the committee that worked so hard to make our 40th Reunion such a great success.

Serv Co 60th Inf  
EVERETT LINSOTT  
Rt 3 Box 208  
Centre, Ala. 35960

Thanks for the acknowledgment of our reunion reservations and the copy of the Octofoil containing the schedule of events, also your note. Enclosed is a check for 3 years dues. To explain the change of address from Vero Beach, Fla., in 1971 I accepted a company transfer to Birmingham, Ala. Two years later we sold our home in Birmingham and built a nice place on Lake Weiss in Centre, Ala. I continued to work in Birmingham until I reached 62, then took early retirement and social security and went to work for the local Water Board. I am now fully retired and spend my time tending a big vegetable garden, 2 acres of lakefront property, golfing and fishing. Not a bad life! Leona and I are really excited about the trip to Fayetteville for the reunion and the renewal of old acquaintances.

Hq. 9th  
BILL CARDOZA  
17 Jones Terr.  
Soughton, Ma. 02072

This was my first reunion and I really enjoyed it and my wife did too. On account of the heat I did not let her go to Ft. Bragg but the show was good. We did take the whole month of June on this trip. Stopped in Beverly, N.J. to visit my son. He drives for Starr Tours Charter bus. Enjoyed seeing the boys, Franny Maher, Tom Boyle and of course you and Mrs. Quinn. The banquet was very good. God willing we might go to Detroit. Say hello to everybody. The dedication was very impressive.

Co's. I and L 47th Inf.  
ROBERT E. HULSLANDER  
6000 San Jose Blvd. 7C  
Jacksonville, Fla. 32217

Enclosed please find a letter I received from Eddie W. Webber which I believe is self-explanatory and very interesting. Briefly he is asking if I knew his father Ed Webber who joined "L" Co. 47th. in March 1945 about the time the Division crossed the Rhine River in Germany. I don't recall the dates as I was wounded before that in France. I wrote Eddie and told him about the 47th. etc. prior to the time his father joined "L" Co. I also mentioned that I would give you his letter with the hope that you would have it published in the next Octofoil. I'm sure that there are members who would like to contact his father, I'm sorry I didn't.

I called Col. Clayman (B. Gen. Ref.) (who commanded the 3rd. Bn. 47th) last night to see if he was planning to attend the Fort Bragg meet. His wife Julie is not well and he is questionable but may make the Sat. meeting and evening party and banquet. I also called Col. Bill Tanner about the same and he and Doris plan to be there, but not positive. Incidentally Dan, Tanner's wife Doris was a pilot during the war and is writing the history (I think) of the WASP Command. I believe Wasp is correct, if not the guys know who I mean. I might also add that Doris must have been the prettiest pilot in the world! Bill Tanner commanded "I" Co. 47th. and 3rd. Bn. after Clayman. We did have great leadership in that outfit!

Look forward to seeing you and the guys soon Dan.

47th Inf. I Co.  
CARLTON T. HALEY  
603 Williams St.  
Jacksonville, N.C. 28540

Just a few words for the mail call column. I guess by the time the next issue is printed the reunion will be over. I live about an hours drive to Ft. Bragg. My health at the present time is not so good. But if I possibly can, I am going to come to the reunion to register even if only for a short time. I have been to Ft. Bragg 2 times since 1940 but I have never been able to locate Tent City. I was with the 47th in 1940. A cadre from Texas came to Ft. Bragg and the old 39th, 60th and 47th trained there till all those twenty thousand carpenters could build some barracks. Ft. Bragg was a very busy place at that time. As I read the Octofoil I keep looking for Co. L 47th. Some one has got to be left! Maybe they are like I am, still having nightmares, bad dreams or suffering from wounds so bad they have given up. My heart goes out to every man that wore the emblem of the Ninth and my prayers for the ones that have suffered from WW 2. I have been 100% disabled since Dec. 20, 1944. My life has been pretty sad and sometimes I wish I were with my buddies under one of those white crosses in France. I do not know exactly how to express my feelings about why the good Lord has let me live to this date! Please pray for me. Love to you all.

## THE OCTOFOIL

Robert E. Pappas  
President Florida Chapter  
738C 518 Box 175  
New Port Richey, Fl. 33552

On April 23, 24 and 25 the Florida Chapter had its 3rd meeting in Ocala, Fla. at the Ramada Inn. There were approximately 38 people in attendance. Although the weather was on the rainy side I'm sure a great time was had by all.

There was a tour to the Bonnie Heath Horse Farm we made on our own and because of the inclement weather we really didn't get to see as much as we had hoped for to entertain the comrades and wives. Of course, we had our usual command post as a lot of our good time was at the C.P. John Clouser, the National President was in attendance as was Joe Williams from Jacksonville, Fla. Dick Trahey, the Florida Chapter President; Phil Berman, Secretary; Henry Santos, treasurer were also there. We discussed many items we hope will help us expand into a big chapter. Our secretary has compiled a list of 100 people who now live in Florida.

I was elected the new President for 1982-83. We plan on having our next meeting at Daytona Beach some time in Oct. 1982 and will send your further information to be put in the Octofoil so that we will be able to reach other 9th comrades who retire and may decide to move to Florida.

During one of our meetings we discussed the National reunion and there seems to be a consensus that there will be quite a few from the Florida chapter in attendance. I'd like the last part of this letter to say Many thanks to the wives that let us guys do our "thing" once again and also for their coming along. I want to apologize to the women for not having a better planned event to keep; them occupied.

A special thanks to Jack McDaniels for showing up and keeping us guys in laughs and good spirit. Jack is one comrade who can keep a party going when things get too boring or the discussions become too heated.

I'll try my best to be a good President and keep you guys informed by way of Octofoil of what is going on. So long for now, see you all at Fort Bragg.

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

I want to let you know how much I appreciated all your work and effort you both put forth for our most successful '82 reunion and for all the work you have both done in the past. I believe I can say everyone feels the same as I do. It was a great pleasure to see so many old friends and their wives after so long an absent and also to see so many original 9th men who somehow never knew about the association. It was a great thrill and I was and am most gratified for having the opportunity to attend this year. I do plan on attending next year and will make my pre-registration in advance to ease the confusion. The best of health and wishes for the coming years.

47th Inf. C Co.  
JOSEPH HORVATIS  
41 Coralwood Ct.  
Cheektowaga, N.Y. 14215

I was a member of the association here in Buffalo during the forties, but I let the organization get away from me. I would like to rejoin the association, and receive the Octofoil, so enclosed is a check for my dues.

JOHN J. CLOUSER  
P.O. BOX 268  
WETMORE, MI. 49895

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2nd Bn Hq 60th Inf  
EUGENE EDWARDS  
112 National Ave.  
Langhorne, Pa. 19047

We attended the reunion at Fort Bragg. Just wanted to say we had a wonderful time and will never forget the day we spent at Ft. Bragg. Sure was glad to see so many of my old buddies and am looking forward to next year.

K Co 47th Inf.  
E.B. THOMPSON  
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First thing, Ethel and I want to thank all the people who had anything in helping make this 37th Annual Reunion a great success. We really enjoyed being in Fayetteville, North Carolina and the food was good at the hotel. Fort Bragg did a fine job with their displays and were appreciated by all. The Memorial and Marker dedication was nice and touching.

As always the 47th was well represented. We spent many happy hours while there with our good friends. K Co. John Mrugala and his wife, William Canales and wife, also Bill McKinney and wife. Mrs. Herman Seibel and daughter. (Herman passed away, he was with K Co. 47th) Max from Florida. We meet Mr. and Mrs. Holmes. Helen is the former wife of 1st Sgt Joe Lagattuta of 47th K Co. Joe passed away around 1972 or 1973. Nice to talk to her, as we knew Joe overseas.

I met a nice guy while sitting around the hotel. We got along fine. His name was Henry Cassata, he was from the state of New York. Would you please send me his address. I would appreciate it very much. Thanks a lot and hope to see you all in Detroit, Mich next year 1983. Marie and you are doing a fine job, keep up the good work.

I told you I talked to William Tanner at the hotel, after 38 years, he was a great officer. Would like to hear from him. He knew Lt. McWaters and Lt Hubert Urban. 47th K Co.

Co. C 9th Medics  
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For the first time ever, I attended the reunion of the 9th Inf. Div at Ft. Bragg. Almost to the very day, it was 40 years ago that I first set foot at Ft. Bragg.

Also, it was the first time I had seen anyone from the 9th Med. Bn. in 37 years. It was a memorable meeting for all of us. Of the 25 known living of the Company C of the 9th Med. Bn., 13 from 13 states attended this reunion.

I enjoyed the impressive memorial services, banquet, get-together, etc. I am looking forward to the next meeting in Detroit.

39th Inf. G Co.  
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Enclosed is my dues for 3 years. I have enjoyed my first year of membership and enjoy the letters in the Octofoil. Thank you.

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

Co B 39th Inf.  
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I sure was glad to attend the 37th reunion at Ft. Bragg and it was a thrill for me to see 12 of Co B there. I left May 1945 and what a joy to talk about some of the battles we were in and other places we went. I enjoyed every day of the reunion but especially the ceremony at Ft. Bragg.

The 82nd Airborne put on a most wonderful display and also their part they put on at the post in the marker ceremony. The marker was beautiful and I know everyone and myself appreciate the ones who were responsible for having it put at Ft. Bragg. What an honor for the 9th! I am going to try and get a Kentucky chapter going. I know there were quite a few of us in the 9th. Another thing I enjoyed was Gen. Westmoreland's address at the ceremony and also Lindsey Nelson at the banquet.

My wife, son and his newlywed bride were with me at the reunion and they enjoyed it as much as I did. I haven't gotten any letters from Co. B since I've been back home and sure would like to hear from them. Sure do appreciate the men who make the Octofoil what it is because I enjoy it so very much. Thank you.

9th QM  
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One of the finest reunions ever and many thanks to everyone who made it possible. Those attending from the QM, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Dembitsky, Mr. & Mrs. Trevor Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Everett Tapp, Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Hennessey, Charles Tingley, Gene Berasi, Horace Abrams, Kenneth Dick, Mike Grace and Steve Shadder, his first reunion and we haven't seen him since 1945. Went to visit John Wengert and his family in Tar Heel and also seen Delton Dixon who lives in Fayetteville. We hope to see a good turnout in Detroit next year.

9th Recon  
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Enclosed find my check in payment for 4 strip tickets. Was sorry to see the golf tournament moved up to Thursday as we had hopes of playing in it again this year but prior arrangements will prevent our arrival in Fayetteville before Thursday afternoon. Was hoping to see so many letters in the last issue of the Octofoil opposed to changing the by-laws of our association and hope we can give this issue, which is so dividing our membership, a final burial!

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