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# THE OCTOFOIL

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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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Rev. Gerald Rowan

## Silver Jubilee

Rev. Gerald Francis Rowan celebrated his 25th year in the Priesthood on April 6, 1982. Father Jerry was an M.P. in the Ninth back in 1945 and has attended many "Reunions" since he was ordained in 1957.

Congratulations Jerry and may you celebrate your Golden Anniversary.

Father Rowan tends his flock at St. Ignatious Church, 816 Grant, PO Box 186, Neodesha, Kansas 66757.

## After 36 years Frank Dowling hears from another Raider.

(Editor's note: Suzanne Wiser of 2613 Emmet shares with News readers a World War II story about her father, Frank Dowling, and a surprise ending.)

Frank C. Dowling of Alpena, Penn. was drafted into the service like a lot of others on January 15, 1942 and ended up in the 4th (heavy weapons) Platoon of Company C, 47th Infantry Regiment, of the US Army's 9th Infantry Division.

Dowling, a mortar man, had attained the rank of Staff Sergeant by late 1944 and his Company was engaged in heavy combat, moving through the Belgium Ardennes toward Cologne, Germany. During this time, the lieutenant in charge of the platoon had been killed in action and my dad took over as acting-commander of the platoon (for which he later received the Bronze Star w-"V") until a replacement lieutenant arrived (a period of approximately 6 weeks).

A tall, young, red-headed lieutenant named Langley finally arrived and assumed command and dad did not have much time to get to know the man very well, only that he had been a school teacher prior to coming into the service. They were together only about three weeks when my dad suffered a severe shrapnel wound to the upper leg which severed the bone. Dad was pulled behind a large rock by Lt. Langley until medical help arrived and he never heard from or saw Langley again to thank him because dad was med-evacuated out of the area by truck to LeAge Belgium and from there to troop train back to Paris.

During the trip back to Paris, dad's condition worsened and he was treated by an Army medical officer by the name of Capt. William Nesbitt, who by coincidence happened to be my dad's own family doctor from Alpena prior to his entering the service. Dad was transported to England and then to the states and recovered as the war ended. He returned to civilian life, thinking often of Lt. Langley and wondering whatever became of him.

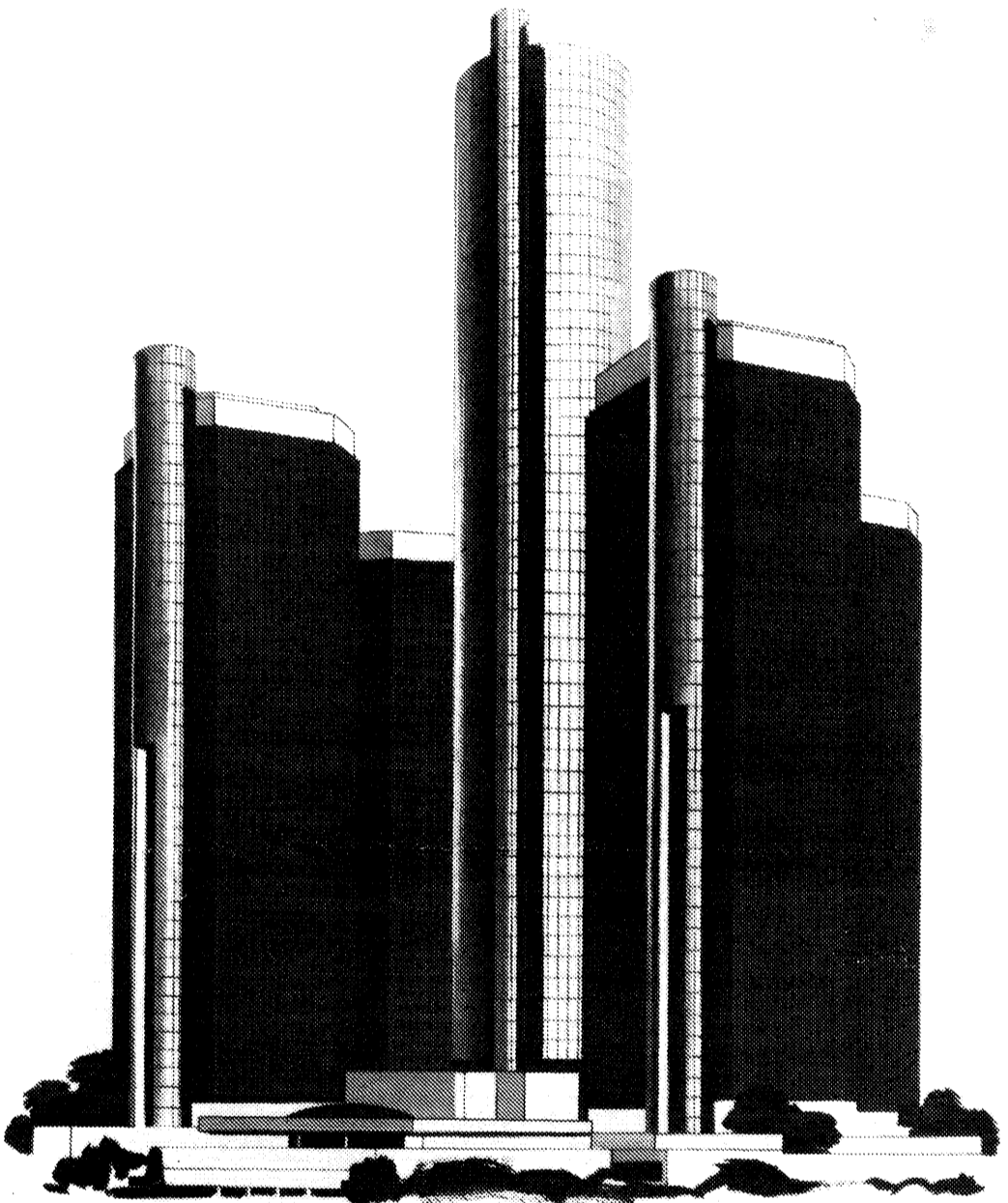
The real surprise came June 1st. Dad received a telephone call from Essex, Missouri and the caller started asking a lot of questions about dad's part in WWII. The caller then identified himself as Wilson Langley, dad's former lieutenant. After nearly 36 years of wondering, both men exchanged information and visited. According to Langley, only a few men from the entire company survived that battle — which expanded into the "Battle of the Bulge." Langley had apparently remembered that dad was from Alpena, and was successful in locating him. Dad is enjoying retirement from the Huron Portland Cement Company with my mother Gertrude Dowling.

## Tip Of The Hat

The association is ever grateful to these members and friends who remembered the Memorial Fund:

Albert Stidman  
Charles Girard  
James W. Brown  
W. E. "Bill" Lovejoy (In memory of Nick Palega)  
Ladies Auxiliary  
We salute you.

## The 1983 Reunion C.P. July 21, 22, 23 Detroit, Michigan



This is it Fellas! The Westin Hotel, Renaissance Center in Detroit will be our 1983 Reunion CP on July 21, 22 and 23. The Renaissance Center which is located in downtown Detroit on the riverfront, consists of a spectacular office, hotel, shopping and entertainment complex housed in ultra modern glass and steel towers. Four 39 story office towers surround the 73 story Westin Hotel, a 700 foot high wonder topped by the worlds largest revolving rooftop restaurant. Master its maze of interior walkways, atriums and gardens. Shop Halston, Cartier, and Levi. Dine casually or elegantly. Four theaters provide live and film entertainment. Tours throughout Detroit and the Metropolitan area are available from this center.

## Express Gratitude

I wish to thank the members of the 9th Division for being so kind and generous to my brother, Msgr. DeLaura. The floral piece was beautiful and it was most comforting to see and hear from his dear friends. A special thanks to each and everyone for their graciousness. I regret the delay in expressing my appreciation but the correspondence has been tremendous. To be exact I received 3086 remembrance cards. All of which have to be acknowledged. I pray that the boys of the 9th division will continue to remember him in their prayers as I will for each and everyone of you and your families. With great Love...

Angela Nancy Taranto and family

MRS. A. LOUIS TARANTO  
P.O. Box 67  
Garden City, N.J. 11530

## "MEMORIES"

DEDICATED TO THE MEN OF THE 9th INFANTRY DIVISION, AND ESPECIALLY TO MY BROTHER, TOM DELMORE 34th Field Artillery

Thirty six years have come and gone  
Since they lived their wartime story.  
Thirty six years of memories,  
Since they blazed their trail of glory.

Memories of comrades they left behind,  
In Africa and France.  
Memories of beach-heads and bursting shells,  
In that terrible game of chance.

Memories of a pass called Kasserine,  
In that winter of forty-three,  
When as rookies they fought and died,  
That their country might be free.

Memories of "Gertie" from old Bizerte,  
As they drove the "hun" to the sea;  
Then off again, with barely a pause,  
To a place called Sicily.

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An extract from the certificate of incorporation of the 9th Infantry Division Association reads: "This Association is formed by the officers and men of the 9th Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the spirit 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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Co. C, Med Bn 60th Inf.  
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I was a member of the association at the time it was organized but failed to continue

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

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

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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

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

Taps Sounded

There is no Death!  
What seems so is transition  
This life of Mortal breath  
Is but a suburb of the life  
elysian  
Whose portal we call  
death.

Manny Effron

26th FA

Ed Garvey

39th Inf.

James Rushlow

Co. L, 60th Inf.

George Vince

39th Inf.

Paul Duhamel

Hqs. Co. 60th Inf.

Anthony Sumuro

34th FA

Joseph DeOrio

Co. E 39th Inf.

Rev. Clarence Klein Ale

Chaplain

Anthony Kuczewski

Hqs. Co. 47th Inf.

Edward Musial

Hqs. Co. 47th Inf.

May they rest in peace. To  
their loves ones we extend  
our deepest sympathy.

MRS. MANNY EFFRON

924 Magee Ave.

Philadelphia, Pa. 1

It saddens my heart to have to write and tell you my beloved husband, Manny Effron, passed away Aug. 9th. Such a wonderful person. I know he loved coming to Mass every year for 30 years. He traveled from Atlantic City himself, then we got married and I joined him. Such nice people especially Fr. Connors, he is a wonderful person. We moved to Florida and the 9th started a chapter here so we started going. We went a few times but then Manny got very sick and we could not attend anymore. It hurt him so much that he couldn't attend this year as he got very sick and couldn't travel much. He so enjoyed reading the Octofoil. Manny is buried in Pleasantville, N.J. I am moving back to Pennsylvania with my family. It was very nice knowing and meeting all the people. Thank you.

39th Inf.

MRS. IRENE VINCE,

14 Emmett Place,

Yonkers, N.Y. 10703

Sorry not to have answered your mail earlier. But with heartfelt sadness I have to inform you that my husband George passed away on Sept. 25, 1981, being terminally ill. We had, with the doctor's great help, attended the reunion at Dunfey's in Hyannis. Cape Cod has always been our favorite vacation spot. We had an unforgettable time and most of all met some lovely people, among them Helen and Mary Roach of Millbury, Mass., Judy and Bob Barbagallo of Long Island, Martha and her husband of Pennsylvania, George and his brother (taxi drivers) of New York and many others. After my husband passed away, with some of my family I attended the Memorial Mass at Worcester. We had hoped to make the reunion at Bragg, but God had other plans. My husband belonged to the 39th and I do remember his talking of the Battle of the Bulge and the Remagen Bridge among other places. I enjoy reading the Octofoil and I hope they can be sent to me this year. Thank you and may God Bless You.

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DANIEL QUINN, Editor and Publisher, The Octofoil.

9th Signal

JAMES W. BROWN

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Roseboro, N.C. 28382

I didn't realize until I received your letter that there was an Octofoil magazine. I found it to

be interesting and I'm mailing you a check hoping to start receiving it. Wishing you the best of luck in the years ahead.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, National Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Assn.  
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Name ..... Serial No. ....

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City ..... Zone ..... State .....

I was a member of:

Battery .....; Company .....; Regiment .....; 9th Div

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year .....\$5.00 ☐

Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund ..... ☐

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## TWENTY SIX FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

### GREATEST DISPLAY

The greatest display of reverence, respect and loyalty of any military unit, either past or present, towards their members will again take place in Worcester. Fr. Connors hints that this may be the last but he has been saying that for the last five years. We are all getting old. If you have never been to a Memorial Mass try to make this one your first. It may be the last.

A change had to be made. The College of The Holy Cross has a big week end coming up on November 6-7. The Sheraton Lincoln is going to be their CP for many of their activities, so Fr. Connors had to find facilities elsewhere.

The Marriott Hotel, which opened for the first time this past summer, will be ours for Saturday night and Sunday dinner. The Marriott is in down town Worcester. Contact Francis Maher, 15th Eng., 14 Davenport S. Worcester, now, if you need help in finding a bivouac for the week end.

### HERE-N-THERE

Harry and Dorothy Fry are grandparents for the 6th time. John and Dorothy Murray for the 4th. During 1981 John and Dorothy sailed to Europe and cruised the Rhine. This past July they toured the Northwest and Alaska. Dick and Phyllis Hill enjoyed their trip to Worcester last year. Dick lives about 20 miles from Nosek. Mac Hurn lives about 50 miles from Brazil. John retired as a cattle rancher but still keeps his hand in the beef productions. LaDez and Mosier say that they are healthy and getting along just fine. John Quinn has greatly improved since his set back two years ago. Red Truscello owns a cab company and a mini bus operation. Harold and Jo An Wallace traveled to Michigan for a vacation.

By the time you read this Pergi and his wife Louise will be in Hong Kong visiting their daughter and her husband. They expect to be gone two months. This will be the first Memorial Mass that they will have missed. Before they return home they expect to see some of the important places in Japan, the Philippines and Hawaii.

I saw Bill Sacco about 6 times this summer. He keeps the machinery running on the Leo Martin Golf Course, Weston, Mass. Louie England is slowly recovering from the severe burns he received two years ago.

Paul Fribush is in semi retirement. He has a few aches and pains but still keeps active in his business. I talk to Paul last July while in Baltimore. Joe Mosier has a 5 day a week job and helps his son on the other two. Joe has five children, 3 girls, 2 boys. Agnes Bongiorno, sister of Billy died last June. Joe Albanese finally signed retirement papers as of July 2, 1982.

DETROIT is calling 1983 Editors note: We realize that the Worcester Memorial will be over before our members get this issue of the Octofoil but never the less we wanted to print Joe's story. The November-December issue will carry the details of the Memorial.

**1983 Reunion  
Detroit July 21, 22, 23**

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### Memories

*Memories of Cherbourg, and "Paddy" Flint,  
Now there was a grand old guy,  
Memories dimmed with the passage of time,  
But memories that never will die.*

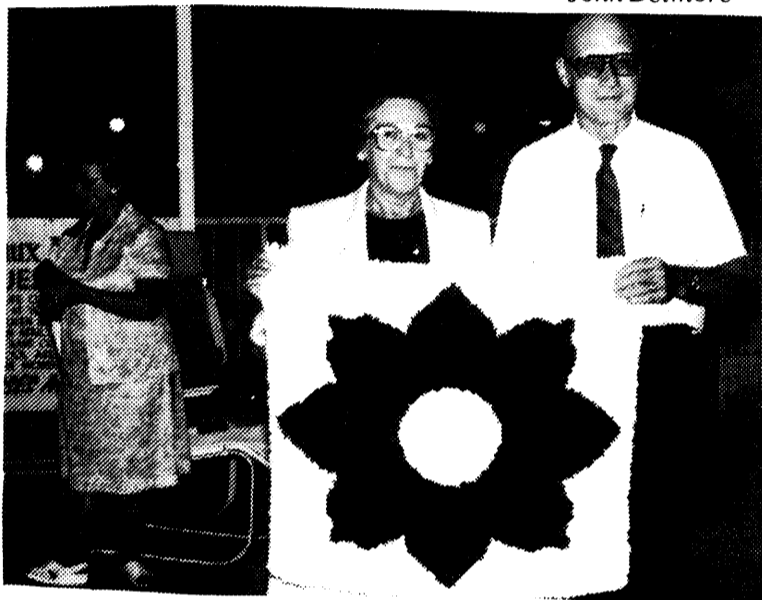
*Memories of Belgium, and the Siegfried line,  
As they chased old "Jerry" home,  
Hot on his heels with rounds of steel,  
They made "Der Fuehrer" moan.*

*Memories of Aachen and Hurtgen Wood,  
Of heroes emblazoned with honors;  
Memories there of a chaplain brave,  
The intrepid Father Connors.*

*Memories of the "bulge" and Remagen Bridge,  
Who could ever forget that one,  
First over the Rhine and just in time,  
To beat out a guy named Patton.*

*Memories of the "Ruskie" on the River Elbe,  
In April of forty-five; "shake hands Ivan,  
We've done our job,  
And thank God we're still alive."*

John Delmore



Ruth and Wilfred Thornton, winners of the Afghan Octofoil rug.

### MRS. IRIS CANALES

502 Hudson St.  
Hoboken, N.J. 07030

Bill and I are both well and hope you both are also. We enjoyed the Fort Bragg reunion very much. We renewed old freindships, made some new ones and very much missed the ones we will never see again. I wish to thank you and the others of the 9th division for your cooperation with the Ladies Auxiliary. Not only with the raffle but with getting us new members. We also thank all those who bought tickets, it was our most successful raffle ever. As you know most of this money goes to the Scholarship Fund. The auxiliary and I also thank Lorraine Clark who made and donated the Octofoil rug and the ladies who sold the tickets. I especially want to thank Lindsey Nelson for the gracious way he called the winning number again and again when the winner did not come forward. He even helped me pin the rug to the dais before the raffle. "Thank you, sir." The winners were finally found by the pool, Ruth and Wilfred Thornton, 515 E. Dubail, South Bend, Ind.

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I'd pass temptation by  
without a second glance  
If I thought I could rely  
On getting another chance.

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### REUNION JOURNAL

The Michigan Chapter is making a limited program booklet for the 1983 Reunion of 20 pages plus the front and back, due to the high printing costs. We would like to make it up of full page chapter ads, and then on the next page we would place the Chapter Boosters. The full page ads will be \$50.00 and the Booster ads will be \$2.00 each, so we will need all the Booster help we can get.

The donations should be sent to Rodger Alsgaard, Secretary, Michigan Chapter 9th Infantry Division Association, 2834 Wynes St. Saginaw, MI 48602.

### New Supply of Hats and License Plates

After selling out the 9th Div., Association golf caps at the Fayetteville reunion, I have acquired a new supply. Previously I had access to free mailing boxes, but now I have to buy them. Hats are now available by mail for a total cost of \$6.25 which includes shipping. These caps with the adjustment back tape (one size fits all) have the 9th Div. Assn. wmbrodered emblem. Three styles are available: A summer cap which has a white polyester front panel with a royal blue visor and nylon back mesh panel. A winter cap in all navy blue polyester. An all white summer dress cap with polyester front and nylon mesh rear. In addition I still have a few all white ladies sun visors for a total cost of \$5.25.

Also, I've recorded 9th Div. Ass., license plates and have mailers for them. These can be ordered for a total of \$5.25 which includes shipping. These plates are white with blue lettering and border. A large red, white and blue Octofoil is at the center. The lettering is: 9th Inf. Div. Assn. Across the bottom are the 8 Stars and Invasion arrowhead as our newspaper mast head.

Elmer Wagner  
2833 Hotchkiss Road  
Bay City, Michigan 48706  
Co. I, 47th Inf.

### DETROIT IN 1983

When you come to the reunion next July you will find many things to do. Drop in for calendars, schedules and more on Metropolitan Detroit, at the Visitors Information Center, 2 Jefferson Avenue at Ford Auditorium just a block from the Westin Hotel. Investigate what seems most interesting to you. Here are some suggestions; tour the Civic Center, Hart Plaza, Eastern Market, eat in a Greektown restaurant, visit Old Mariners Church, Fort Wayne, Windsor, Canada and its Hiram Walker Distillery, National Bank of Detroit Money Museum and Stroh Brewery. Ride the trolleys from the Renaissance Center to Grand Circus Park. Major sights in the Metropolitan Detroit area are: Greenfield Village, Henry Ford Museum and Fairlane Mansion in Dearborn; Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester and Detroit Zoological Park in Royal Oak.

### ADVANCE REGISTRATION BY MAIL

In 1981 National, in planning the 1982 reunion, conceived the plan of PRE-REGISTRATION of members going to Fayetteville, N.C. The plan proved to be very successful. This year, in planning the 38th Annual Reunion to be held in Detroit, Mi. on July 21-22-23, the Michigan Chapter is going to use the Pre-Registration concept to make your registering less of a last minute hassle on your arrival at the Westin Hotel.

We ask that you send your request for registration early. In so doing you will find your Name Tags, Strip Tickets and all other materials waiting for you at the Pre-Registration Desk upon your arrival.

You may order your strip tickets now by sending a check or money order to: Rodger E. Alsgaard 2834 Wynes St. Saginaw, Mi. 48602. Make the check payable to: 9th Infantry Division Association Reunion. Banquet tickets must be purchased before 4:00 P.M. July 21, 1983.

The strip tickets of \$42.00 per person include: Registration, Thursday Night Welcoming Party, the Friday Night Dance and the Banquet on Saturday Night.

Refunds will be given to those who through some unforeseen circumstance are unable to attend the reunion. Deadline for cut off date will be July 13, 1983.

You will handle your room reservations direct to the hotel.

9th Infantry Division Association  
1983 Reunion  
July 20, 21, 23, 1983

### Please Reserve Westin Hotel Accommodations

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Check in 2 p.m. Check out 1 p.m.  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

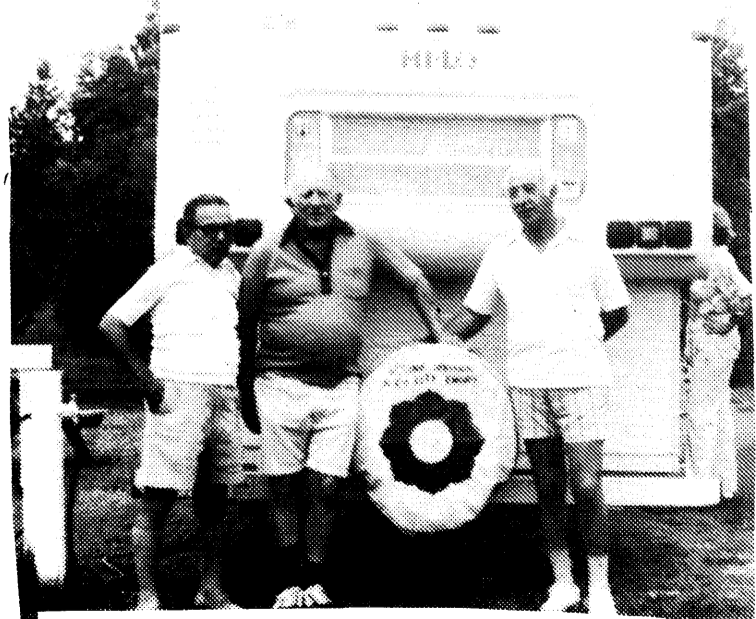
Make check or money order payable to the Westin Hotel, send to Reservations Department, The Westin Hotel, Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243.

Single (one person) \$59.00  
Twin (two persons) \$59.00  
Double (two persons) \$59.00

Reservations must be received by July 6, 1983 to guarantee convention rates.

Include first nights deposit to confirm reservation or use American Express or Diners Club credit card to guarantee your reservation.

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Refundable if reservation is cancelled 48 hours prior to arrival with cancellation number from Hotel).



Henry Santos (15th Engs.) sends this photo taken after the reunion in Fayetteville. The story appears in another section of the Octofoil. Left to right Henry Santos, Ted Preston (Hqs. 60th Inf.) and Pete Radichio (9th Medics).

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

## Reverent Occasion

By the time our "BECO" buddies will be reading this column, we will have attended the 38th Annual Memorial Mass and Memorial Service which was held at the Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester, Mass. on Sunday Nov. 7th 1982. We have been attending this Worcester pilgrimage for lo these many years that we would feel that something was missing in our devotional prayers and thought for our 4581 departed comrades and buddies, if we were not able to attend this reverent occasion. — This year of 1982 is almost over and we are soon to look forward to 1983. There are still "BECO" buddies out there who have yet to come forward and sound off "PRESENT!!" Our BECO buddy Art Stenzel has listed the following names in the hope of developing new interests and also membership in our Association, although these "BECO" records of addresses go back to the end of WWII.

## Drop A Line

Ed Naber, Bob McConnell, Les Campen, Charlie Kolb, Harold Love, Charlie Munger, Bob Tayler, Pat Frailly, Tom Kostelac, Bernie Callahan, Luke Savage, Woodford Massey. Some of these, or probably many of them, could be farmers in Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and Illinois, so they usually "stay put". If any of these "BECO" buddies receive the "Octofoil" and read our column, how about dropping a line, so that all our other Buddies can learn what's been going on down through the years. How about that? Just a line or two will do, just to get started!! In case some of you fellows haven't heard, the 1983 Reunion will be held in Detroit, Michigan with the Westin Hotel, Renaissance Center chosen for the Association's activities. Further details will be upcoming in the next issue of the Octofoil. From information I have received from friends who have visited the Renaissance Center, they speak very highly of this place and from all counts, it should be a good reunion site. Our "BECO" columnist ART STENZEL received a nice letter from BECO Buddy Orion Shockley who lives in Seattle, Wash. We have enclosed Shockley's letter for insertion in the Octofoil's "Mail Call" Column. We also heard from BECO buddy Neal Conger who lives in Sharon, Pa. Neal and his wife Betty could not attend the reunion in Fayette, N.C. due to Betty's illness. We are happy to hear that Betty is "coming along real good", now. Neal says he hopes to see us next year. Neal called another BECO buddy George Grieve who lives in New Castle, Pa. George hasn't been able to travel much, but he is hanging in there. Keep well, George!

## Happy To Report

This correspondent is happy to report that he placed second (Silver Medal) in the 1½ Mile Walking Competition for Senior Citizens in the Pennsylvania (State) Senior Games at Shippensburg State College, Shippensburg, Pa. on Aug. 14, 1982! Last year he won the Gold Medal (1st Place) but he has a good excuse this year — the fellow who beat me (by some 50 yds.) was a fellow four years younger than I am! I said it before and I will say it again: those 47th "marches" down at Ft. Bragg with the 9th Inf. Div. back in 1941 taught me how to put my "two feet" forward!!

This correspondent also had a grand time playing the role of "Big Jule" the Chicago mobster in our Chambersburg's Community Theatre's Production of "Guys and Dolls" in September. When I auditioned for this show, the Director, after hearing me read some of the lines of "Big Jule's," said "don't change that accent". (I'm from Bklyn, N.Y., so I guessed that helped!) By the way as they say in the theatre: The show was a Smash!!

So "BECO" Buddies it's a grand feeling to be active and participating when you can, in any endeavor. I hope to do this as long as the spirit is willing!

## Meet And Reminisce

Well folks, although this year of 1982 did not look too promising for us, we are thankful that we are still able to do the things that we like to do; meet again and reminisce with all our "BECO" Buddies and friends, and also a big "Thanks" to all those who shared our concerns, in addition to their prayers and well wishes. God Bless all of you and Keep Well.

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## "A" Co. 15th Engrs.

Henry Santos  
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## Two Unit Convoy

It's getting close to dead-line so I'd better get on the ball. I am normally a procrastinator but not in this case. Eva and I left Tampa 21 June, to travel to Fayetteville in a two unit convoy with Pete Radichio and his wife Liz, each hauling our travel trailers, and our C.B. radios to converse along the way. What is it someone said about "the difference between a man and a boy is the price of his toy"?

## Probably Were Pioneers

Pete and I only met a short while ago but the four of us get along great; he should have been an Engineer. We probably were pioneers as far as attending a convention with reservations at an R.V. park instead of a motel, and being believers in "it pays to advertise", we each did what I think was a good job as can be seen in the enclosed pictures. Pete touts the convention while my tire cover flashes the Octofoil, both in color no less. We were camped closer to the Bordeaux than the guys who had to stay at outlying motels. Maybe something to think about in the future so that fellow R. Vers can tie in our future conventions with a trip such as I took after the convention. I'll be glad to help on that score.

## Happy Feeling

What a happy feeling it was to see Bob and Norma Gibson who had been waiting to see a familiar face. It's things like this that will keep the Ninth Infantry Division together for many years to come. With people like DAN and MARIE QUINN at the helm, how can we miss? God give you both a long and healthy life to continue the work you've been doing for so many years, it's got to be a joy for you both.

Seeing all the old gang again, especially Betty Roberts who it seems, never misses our annual reunion, or Fr. Connors' Mass even though her husband, our "Happy Charlie" passed away several years ago. I could go and on raving about convention

but it's all been said in the Octofoil that was waiting for me when we returned home on 6 September.

## After The Convention

On Sunday after the convention, Pete and Liz, Eva and I hosted a hot dog roast with appropriate beverage for a few of the gang, who could or had to stick around an extra day or so, as seen also in the enclosed pictures. Our festivities came to an abrupt halt by high winds and sudden heavy rains.

I went on to R.I. for three weeks, then on to Vt. where we visited with Carol and Helen Devoid, then on to Quebec, Toronto, Ottawa etc. on my quest to visit and photograph all our and Canada's state, province and country capitol buildings and any and all points of interest along the way, stopping to visit whatever family and friends we could along the way.

## Rock Garden

I have a 3 ft. border around our house of crushed white Georgia marble which is a bed for my "rock garden" comprised of at least one rock from every state we've visited. Let's go you guys, come on down and identify your state rock. Forty three down with five more on the west coast to go plus Alaska and Hawaii to go; like the Red Sox, "maybe next year". The map on my trailer shows the 33 states covered two years ago, not a very good picture but hope you can use it. A separate sheet will explain the pictures best I can.

Hopefully see you in November.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER  
NEWS

## GREAT NUMBER

Greetings at long last from the Illinois Chapter. We're finally getting back to normal after a great reunion in Fayetteville. We were surprised at the great number of "Old Reliabilities" that showed up. The total of this year's group was over 850. We saw some of our old friends for the first time in many years. There were a lot of first timers who showed up and old stories were relived many times over. Some of my buddies who were there for the first time were John Liggero of New York, Oscar Moser of Rural Halls, N.C., and Lt. Hopkinson of Virginia. It was great seeing them along with Mike Patrick of New York, Tommy Davis of West Mifflin, Pa., Dom Greco of Ohio, Wayne Barheight of Warren, Pa. and of course Capt. Prince of Cincinnati. It was wonderful seeing everyone again.

Among the members of the Illinois Chapter who attended this year's reunion were The Clarks, the Koskies, Andersons, Gheres, Dave Heller, The Lipkas, Grays, Al Seabock, and the Belmontes. Of course John and Helen Clouser were there as well as Beryl and Bob Pappas. Even though they're Floridians, we still consider them part of our Chapter. By the way, we would like to thank John Clouser for the tremendous job he did along with his committee in organizing this year's reunion. It was beautiful and well run and our sincere congratulations go to you for a job well done.

## EXTREMELY IMPRESSED

We were extremely impressed with the Memorial Services at Fort Bragg. Our thanks to the Army for allowing us the use of their facilities for lunch and the excellent air show by the Airborne Unit. The actual memorial services in the afternoon were very heartwarming

and well organized. The Memorial Plaque was also dedicated that afternoon.

## GRATEFUL

The Belmontes are very grateful to the 9th Division Scholarship Committee for granting their three children scholarships for the coming year. We have a Senior at Illinois State studying Business Administration, a Junior at University of Illinois, Chicago majoring in Accounting and our youngest daughter will be attending Illinois State University and plans to major in Psychology. Needless to say, their scholarships will be financially helpful and our sincerest thanks to the Committee.

Congratulations to Dave Heller of the Illinois Chapter who was elected as a member of the Board this year. Our best wishes to you.

## DEEP SORROW

It is with deep sorrow that we write of the death of one of our members. Emil Radic passed away on May 17th of a massive heart attack. Emil, his wife and sister-in-law had their reservations all made for the reunion and were planning to attend. Our deepest sympathy to his wife and family. A contribution was made to the Scholarship fund in his memory.

At our Memorial Services in May, we went to Resurrection Cemetery and honored the memory of Frank Ozart. Frank's brother, three sisters and many nieces and nephews came to the services which were conducted by Dave Heller, Chuck Koskie and Mike Belmonte. Just about every member of the Illinois Chapter was present and it was a comfort to the family to know that we still all remembered and honored Frank. Jean and Cas Pawlick were there and although Cas is confined to a wheel chair, he is able to get around. After the Memorial Services, we adjourned to the home of Paul & Lorraine Clark for a picnic. The weather was beautiful and we ate and drank to our hearts content. We even celebrated Chuck Koskie's birthday.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Another one of our members has joined the "Grandparents Club." Bill and Peggy Henemuth have a beautiful granddaughter and are as proud as can be. Congratulations.

In June, Bob Winkelman was installed as Post Commander of the Arlington Heights VFW Post. Congratulations Bob, we know you will do a terrific job.

A reminder that the Michigan-Illinois Mini Outstate Reunion will be held again in Angola, Indiana on October 23rd. Anyone interested in attending contact the Michigan or Illinois Chapter members for details.

## ONE OF THESE YEARS

In July, The Belmonte's attended a wedding in Verona, Wisconsin. Melvin Jaggi's son was married and it was a perfect time for Mike to fill him in with all the details of the reunion. It is next to impossible for Jaggi to attend the reunions with the chores of running a farm. His load will be lightened a little as he is semi-retired and his son will be taking over the farm upon his return from his honeymoon. Each year we try to talk Jaggi into coming to the reunions and maybe one of these years, he may attend. Meanwhile, he sends his best regards to all his old buddies.

## Respectfully submitted,

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Belmonte  
1161 South Lombard Avenue  
Oak Park, Illinois 60304

## MICHIGAN

## HAPPENINGS

A look back and a look ahead. Back to Fayetteville and a reunion that will not be forgotten ever. Hard work and fun went hand in hand. Old friends, new friends, a toast or two or three mixed with a few happy tears when ever a long lost but not forgotten face appeared on the scene. Memories that never fade. A voice asking do you know? When a yes answer if given then the reply "I was next to him the day he was hit." Yes, the memory bank of the brain is remarkable when one can vividly recall events that happened some 30 plus years ago.

In any event, thanks committee it was great and we will do everything to do better in Detroit, Michigan in 1983.

Our August Picnic/Meeting was a success. Beautiful weather and with fifty-four members and guests in attendance the happy time passed much too fast. Our thanks to our Don Lewis and his committee for a well planned day.

## First Meeting

Harry Bushey, Bill Phelps and Doug Ackerman had a time bringing the other up to date. This was the first the three had gotten together since the war. We had a visitor stop in to say hello. Angus McMaster from the 9th Air in Viet Nam. He couldn't stay but did leave some Viet Nam Editions of the Octofoil. I asked if he knew General Westmorland. He allowed as how he was billeted right by his quarters.

Our Michigan Out of State is slated to get into full swing on October 22/23. I know this will not be with you until after that date, but we do it every year so any of you from Ohio, Illinois, Indiana or any other point near Angola, Indiana drop me a line, if interested, and I will get a notice to you next year.

Not much else to say except THINK MICHIGAN IN 1983.

Rodger E. Alsgaard sec'y.  
2834 Wynes St. Saginaw, Mi. 48602

Philadelphia-Delaware  
Chapter News

The Philadelphia chapter held its annual picnic on Sunday, August 21st. Nick Dagostino and his daughters and sons-in-law were the hosts at their home in West Berlin.

In presence were: Toni and Verna Soprano, John and Shirley Sabato, Art (Reds) and Betty MacDougall, Hoppy (Eliha) and Jean Hopkins, Lenny and Edith Tomassone and their daughter and son-in-law and family, Louis and Julia Netta and their son John, and his wife and children, Dick and Mary Jane Starr (Dick is chapter president) Paul and Lydia, Lisa, Bill Soliday, Pat DiColli, Ann DiCesare, Stella Butswinkus, Theresa Cuprys, — a Navy veteran and his wife — friends of our Host, Nick, and Martin and Lily Krasovetz.

It was a beautiful day, the variety of zucchini cakes, and bread, and quiche. And the "silver Queen" corn on the cob cooked by our great "chef" Tony Soprano was superb.

Pat DiColli brought some pictures of the Phila group on a bus trip to Worcester about 15 or 20 years ago — Wow how we have changed — and it brought back so many pleasant memories for all on that trip.

The day ended with the men playing Bocce Ball and John Sabato was his usual self — quietly playing and referreeing.

Best wishes to every member who made the reunion a total success. It was tremendous.

Sincerely

Martin and Lilly Krasovetz

## Monsignor DeLaura Bell Fund

Rev. Monsignor Edmond J. Trench-Pastor of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament at 201 North Central Avenue, Valley Stream, New York acknowledges with heartfelt gratitude the contributions made by the association members to the late Monsignor DeLaura's Fund towards bells for the church. This was Father DeLaura's last favorite endeavor and with his demise the church members fulfilled his dream by completing the project.

Myrtle and Vincent Guglielmino  
Francine Guglielmino  
Edward Egan  
Martin & Margaret Gill  
Pete Rice  
Boardman Lockwood  
Louis Colombo  
Donald C. Clayman

Joseph J. Horvatis  
Emil Langer  
Edward Maher  
Walter O'Keeffe  
Dan Quinn  
New York Chapter  
Nick Russick

47th Inf Co 3rd Bn  
D.C. CLAYMAN,  
(Brig. Gen. Retd.)  
805 Bay Colony Drive  
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The latest Octofoil which announced the passing of Chaplain DeLaura has arrived. This will be a personal loss to every member of the 47th who had the privilege of serving with Fr. DeLaura. If ever there was a man of God who served all people, regardless of race, creed or color, that man was Fr. DeLaura. May he rest in peace. Sorry I wasn't able to attend the reunion. It was especially attractive for me since I served 2 tours with the 82nd after the end of WW2. Unfortunately Julie cannot be left alone for more than a few hours. Hopefully things will be better next year.

Co. G, 47th. Inf.  
GEORGE BAKO  
5275 Monroe Ave. Apt. 7  
San Diego, Ca. 92115

I wish to congratulate the folks who ran the Fort Bragg convention. It was a beautiful and memorable one. I was happy to see and meet some men whom I have not seen in years. Rullan, McCarthy, Griffith and Rahn. I also missed a few of the boys from the New York Chapter. Fellows, we are in the autumn of our years and it would be nice to meet and say "Hi" at the coming convention in Detroit. With best wishes for the Holiday Season and good health in the coming New Year. God Bless You All!

60th. Inf. Serv. Co.  
FRED GOLUB  
21 Lenore Ave  
Monsey, N.Y. 10952

Now that I have recovered from my last heart attack of Aug. 14th I take pen in hand and write. The reunion in Fort Bragg was a delight. Seeing all those old buddies was great! Having heard at the annual meeting that there wasn't enough pages in the Octofoil, I dedicate the following limerick: "There once was a fellow named Quinn, who was told the Octofoil was too thin. Said he, to make it better, just write in a letter. It would be the best way to begin."



Ed Webber Company L 47th Infantry as he appeared shortly after the end of the War. His son sent the photo and a letter that appears in another section of the Octofoil.

Co. B-39th Inf  
MRS. EARNIE EDWARDS  
(NELLIE)  
Rt 3 Box 40C  
Weston, W. Va. 26452

Although Earnie is gone, the kids and I enjoy reading the Octofoil. I saw in the paper where the Hawk wrote about him. I've got a lot of letters and cards from his buddies, and I'd like to take this time to thank them all. Earnie was a good man. The best husband and father that God ever put on this earth. He received the Purple Heart and a lot of other medals. He would never talk about the bad things, always the funny things that he and some of his buddies did. He was looking forward to the reunion and seeing a man named Wilson and one called Ridgeway. Thank you men of Co. B, 39th Infantry.

Seeks Uniforms and Equipment  
for French Museum

Chief Historian  
United States Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D.C.  
Dear Sir:

The enclosed letter is from the Conservateur of the Museum of Liberation, Fort du Roule, City of Cherbourg.

We have listed the extraordinary Museum twice and have been most impressed with its collection of American and Allied Arms, uniforms, maps and other faithful reminders of World War II and in particular, the Normandy Campaign.

As a member of the 9th Division I was privileged to be among those who actually captured the Museum which was then a Fort overlooking the city and harbor of Cherbourg. In the museum are displayed the Flags of the 1st and 9th U.S. Division's as well as many others.

Now, due to the passage of time, these uniforms are showing deterioration which is most unfortunate.

We would appreciate your help and advice as to how we could get American World War II uniforms and equipment to donate to the Museum which is such a splendid reminder to the people of France and the many visitors passing through Normandy of America's contribution.

Harry C. Herman  
39th Inf  
745 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.  
10151

### Parking.

During the reunion our designated parking area is the outdoor parking lot "B" just east of the Hotel. The parking fee is one dollar (\$1.00) per day with in and out privileges. When arriving at the hotel entrance, identify yourself as with the 9th Inf. Div. convention, unload the car and then park it in Lot "B."

47th Inf. M Co.  
WILTON TAYLOR  
Stop 6  
McKittrick, Ca. 93251

We are surely glad you had such a nice turn out at the Ft. Bragg reunion. I have a nephew who received his Parachute Infantry Training and was stationed at Bragg and has returned there after a tour of duty in Germany. He is a scoutmaster and took his troop to England for Boy Scouts of Europe deal. Was close to our Quarters in South England. Just want to say hello to all the 9th men and to the 47th Co. M and Co. L fellows. The ones who lie in cemeteries in North Africa and Europe, we humbly say a prayer in their honor; they gave all that we may carry on the great Esprit de Corps of the men of the ETO WW2 and to the families of our comrades who have crossed the last hill in the last few years. So very sorry we could not get to Bragg because of sickness. We love you one and all wherever you are. May all that's good pass your way.

376AAA  
GEORGE WALDRON  
3801 Soquel Dr.  
Soquel, Ca. 95073

Enclosed find dues. I still haven't found any 376AAA members except Jack McKee and Jim Jackson in Washington state, and I am looking for more men. My VFW officer told me that a lot of bastard outfits, like the 376AAA that were attached to various divisions did not receive the ribbons that the division personnel received. So could you please let me know what ribbons the 9th received from England to Germany. Any outfits attached to a division or a corps should receive the same ribbons. In Jan-Feb. 1944 our 376AAA was stationed at a British airbase 45 miles north of London, called Bishop Stafford, and participated with the British ack-ack in firing on German bombers and fighters on several night raids that the Krauts made over the base. But we didn't receive any commendations for it.

47th Inf. MED  
C.B. BAKER  
2001 Oakland Ave.  
Johnson City, Tn. 37601

Just a note to let you know that I appreciated seeing you at the meeting in Fayetteville last week. Wish we had more time to talk, but with all the people there along with the responsibility you had, there was just not enough time.

I wanted you to meet my wife, and also meet your wife, but it just did not happen. Maybe we can get together some time in the distant future. My wife was born in Brooklyn, but came to East Tennessee as a child. Her father was with the Charles Sheiren Company in New York. They were in the Tanning Business, and made belts for ships and the like. The company has since gone out of business.

Sure would like to like to see your photos of the 1st battalion and also the medics. Figured Major Roberts might be there. He still has office hours. It was good to see Captain McLaughlin again. Enjoyed talking to him also.

The Worlds Fair is only an hour and a half from me, so if you plan to come, let me know. We have a cabin that sleeps six that you could use.

Again, it was good to see you, and please accept my best wishes.

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

I was shocked to read of the passing of my good friend, Msgr. De Laura. I know the 9th will miss him very much. He was such a happy guy, always with a joke to make everyone laugh. I have been keeping in touch with him and was pretty close to him all through Africa and England. I received a letter from Philip Berman about a meeting of the Florida chapter in Daytona Beach which I will try to make in October. You look good in the picture with Fr. Connors and the Octofoil keeps me in touch with some of the men from the 47th. Keep up the good work you are doing and I wish I could see you in person and talk over old times.

47th Inf  
BOARDMAN LOCKWOOD  
72 Glenwood Rd.  
W. Hartford, Conn. 06107

Just a quick note of congratulations and commendation on the Octofoil. I'm so glad you printed the talk Lindsey Nelson gave in his entirety as he did a great job. I also thank you for the way you handled the itinerary for our possible trip. Needless to say, I will be interested in what you get for response. I will see you in Worcester.

47th Inf. M Co  
LYLE KITCHEN  
735 Thomas  
Janesville, Wis. 53545

Enclosed find check for application for membership in the association. I was a member of M Co. from Oct. 1940 until June 1945. I recently contacted Gordon Mark in response to his request for a copy of the the "Raiders History of the 47th". He was real pleased to read the book that I am proud to own. We live in the same town but didn't know each other until recently. He gave me a copy of the Octofoil and in it was a picture of Lt. Col. James Johnson. He was our CO for some time and was I happy to get a picture of him. With his record it is fitting and proper that he be the ranking soldier in that cemetery. I also would like to make a donation to the Scholarship fund. Looking forward to receiving my membership.

Hq. Co.  
JOHN DOOLEY  
750 11th Ave. S.  
Naples, Fl. 33940

Not much news. Wife, Pat, is slowly improving from auto accident in 1980. Getting ready to go to Florida for the winter. Would love to have been at Fort Bragg. Maybe next year.

39th Inf. Hqs. Co. 2nd Bn  
JEROME TISHLER  
3808 Maybelle Ave.  
Oakland, Ca. 94619

Not working anymore is exhausting. There isn't enough time to do everything. Illness at home prevented me from attending the reunion. I envy all those who made it.

9th Signal  
KEN GUILFORD  
Bo 8164 J.F.K. Station  
Boston, Ma. 02114

Due to failing health at age 77 just unable to make reunion. Enjoy and look forward to the Octofoil reliving those memorable years from Fort Bragg to Ingolstadt, Germany.

39th Co. B  
OSCAR THOMPSON  
3500 Phipps Plaza  
Atlanta, Ga. 30326

Please tell Co. B 39th that I am sorry I could not make the reunion but I will be thinking about them.

60th Inf. Co A  
RAY WOLFE  
RD #1  
Collins, Ohio 44826

My wife and I attended our first reunion at Ft. Bragg and had a great time. Not one person from my old outfit showed up. Am wondering if any are still around and if so will be pleased to have you contact me. I want to thank the 39th for taking us in to their group, a fine bunch of guys and gals. Appreciated the dedication ceremony and Gen. Westmoreland. And that Lindsey-a great guy and a great speech! Would be interested in going on your trip to North Africa and Sicily. Hope you can work something out. Thanks to everyone who had a helping hand in making this years reunion a success.

60th Cannon Co.  
MIKE DERESH  
9212 40th Way, N.  
Pinellas Park, Fl. 33565

Just a few lines to say the reunion at Bragg was great and those involved should be commended. I enjoyed seeing my old friends of the 9th. I am enclosing the questionnaire and my wish to attend the forthcoming tour in 1983. I understand this will be shortened and I hope so as 20 days is a bit too long. May I suggest that hotels that are chosen be rated at least 5 stars. This will stop complaints upon arrival at various locations. Say hello to the gang in New York and keep well.

9th Medics  
JAY P. POLLER, M.D.  
14 Green Wing Teal Rd.  
Hilton Head Island, S.C. 29928

For a good many years I have resolved to write you and your wife of my appreciation of the service you have rendered to us drones and to the entire 9th Infantry Division Association. Over the years the same men have done all of the organizational chores that have motivated the men of the 9th and have given it the stature it has attained. The least I can do is thank you and the others and when you relinquish your efforts your successors will exhibit the same zeal and effort. The last reunion was one of the most successful and memorable that I have ever attended.

Hq. 39th Inf.  
JOHN T. HUTCHISON  
Rt. #3, Box F-248  
Charlotte, N.C. 28210

I received a copy of the Octofoil you sent and am sending the membership application back to you with a check for 3 years dues. I didn't know there was such an association or a paper until I ran into Pete Radichio (who was coming from the reunion at Bragg) when he pulled into the campgrounds on June 28th. I noticed the rear of his trailer with the sign, 9th Div. 39th Inf convention Fort Bragg so I made up my mind that I was going to find out who this fellow was. I followed him to where he parked his trailer and started a conversation and found out he was in the Medics of the 9th so you can figure out what we talked about the rest of the night. We really bent his wife's ear as she was in the middle and probably didn't even know what we were talking about. She really is a great gal and took it all in stride. I had a great time talking about 40 years back.

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.

## mail call

**9th Med.**  
ANTHONY ANDRIOLA  
33 Clover St.  
Nutley, N.J. 07110

I missed the reunion this year at Bragg because I had a job that had to be finished by July 5. Being that I had reservations at Hilton Head, S.C. for the 9th of July I figured I would stop at the Fort and see the Memorial. On the way I stopped at Fayetteville for the night and the next day I showed my family the town before heading for Fort Bragg. My first stop was at the information booth at the entrance to the camp. After spending about half an hour trying to get information about the 9th Memorial and making a few calls around the fort, they finally gave me a map and sent me to the 82nd airborne museum and said to look around there and I would find something. After spending ¾ of an hour looking around and asking 100 questions I decided to go to Hq. 82nd ad. There I rang a bell at the entrance and tried to convince a couple of young soldiers who were watching cartoons on TV to make another call to the Forts Hqs. and see if they could give any information about the Marker that took place a couple of weeks ago. After 5 calls some one told me to go to the old parade ground and look around there because he thought he saw some activity there a week ago. So I headed back to the parade field and as I was about to leave my daughter saw something with a 9th Division on it. I stopped my car and walked over to the monument for that was what I was looking for. We took a couple of pictures, said a few prayers and left for our vacation which I must say was very nice. The Memorial Marker looks great and I hope in the future all our buddies will have a chance to stop and see it.

**Co C, 9th Med**  
CHARLES DENTON  
Rt. 4, W. Wolfe Valley Rd.  
Clinton, Tenn. 33716

Enclosed find a check for my dues. It sure was good seeing some of the old gang. It was my first visit with them at Bragg. I helped activate it in 1940 and deported from it in Sicily 1943.

**Co B, 47th Inf.**  
SAMUEL MOSCATELLI  
401 2nd St. N.W.  
Chisholm, Mn. 55719

Enclosed is my check for dues plus something for Marker and Memorial Fund. I had everything ready to take in the doings this year at Bragg, sorry can't do. A by-pass in my left leg that I had done some time back went hay wire and I will have to have it done in the next 3 weeks. Was planning to come with Joe Podany of Minneapolis and the last I heard from him was that we could go to Michigan next year. That story about the battle at El Guettar is true because we were there also (1st platoon or 3rd platoon, can't remember) I hope that someone would remember me and drop a line. Thank you.

**47th Inf. Co. A.**  
EDWARD DRABIK  
1275 Rosecrest St.  
Monessen, Pa. 15062

I was prepared to come to the reunion at Bragg this year to see the place where I trained with the division before leaving for North Africa. Unfortunately, my wife had a heart attack and this was the third time she had been in the hospital. Maybe next year we will have better luck.

**34th FA**  
NORRIS KAUTZ  
412 Page St.  
Kewanee, Ill. 61443

Just received my membership card. Thank you. Like every other place of business, our plant has slowed down to 4 days a week. In fact it is up for sale. I still have 1 more year to go before retiring (62). At our full session we have over 200 employees and now we are down to 69 in the plant and about 10 in the office. We make building supplies such as basement windows, steel doors and fire doors, etc. Will buzz off and let you get back to work.

**47th Inf. K Co**  
PAUL SEGAL  
6537 N. Kilpatrick Ave.  
Lincolnwood, Ill. 60646

I'm sorry that I am so late with my dues. In response to your request I am writing this letter to commemorate the 40 year period since I joined K Co weapons platoon on Chicken Road. Singlestad, Sweeney and Segal all came out of basic training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia. What great characters we met! Duke and Phelps who could find liquor anywhere, even in the Sahara Desert! Guarneri who could eat for a whole platoon. Maher who was drafted twice. Once to become a brewmaster in Milwaukee, while he was a German citizen and the second time in to the U.S. Army. I don't know how good the beer was that he made but he turned out to be a terrific mortar section sergeant. There were so many great guys, like Joe Lagattuta, who sat and comforted me when I was wounded after crossing the Meuse River in France. And after 30 plus years I was united with Bill (Little Poncho) Canales and Max Umansky at the reunion in Chicago. That's when I joined our organization. Keep up the good work, Dan.

**39th Inf. F Co.**  
ED BRIODY  
118-16 Atlantic Ave.  
Richmond Hill, N.Y. 11419

I attended a company reunion at John Brandells summer home near Big Rapids, Mich. Among those present were Joe Barnett, John Hunt, Dick Neely, Lyal Hendren, Ray Hanks, Smitty, Ford, Crail, all accompanied by their wives. We were all saddened to learn that our dear friend and 1st Sgt. Ed Garvey, who was to meet us there, had passed away 2 weeks before.

**Cannon Co & I Co 39th Inf**  
JAMES BENANE  
14 Mockingbird Ct.  
Novto, Ca. 94947  
Sorry about my procrastination. I'm still in good shape and work every day trying to sell Real Estate. I gave my daughter a kidney last year. She says "It's an oldie but a goodie". I wish there were enough members in the bay area to form a chapter but the only one I know is Phil Lones. Have a great reunion.

**LEONARD E. REYNOLDS**  
(MAJ. RET.)  
4223 W. Carol  
Phoenix, Ariz. 85021

Kindly accept my application renewal for membership in the 9th Inf. Div. Assn. Thirty-seven years away from such a grand and fine association is just too long! I've been associated with 4 of the finest U.S. Divisions — 9th, 1st, 2nd Arm'd. and 24th in Korea, but none leave me more proud than that period of time with the 9th and the great leadership shown by Officers and enlisted personnel of the 9th. My regards to all.

**9th Med Co C**  
A.G. FLOYD, M.D.  
302 N. Thompson St.  
Whiteville, N.C. 28472

Please reinstate me in the association. I have been a member from the beginning but dropped out a few years ago. Why? I don't know. Went to the reunion at Bragg and saw some old friends. Due to illness I have been out of practice since 1972.

**47th Inf. AT**  
JOSEPH M. SUAREZ  
2900 W. 8th St.  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224

I cannot put in to words the great joy a fellow member of my outfit brought me when he called and we met. I was 25 again! He rounded up 3 others and the excitement of seeing each other after 40 years. Wow! His name is Howard "Red" Waldman, and the former Raiders, Chick Wallrich, Frank Venezia, John Caper.

**Hq Co, 15th Engrs.**  
BILL DALLAS (Swamproot)  
67 Pine Valley  
Pinehurst, N.C. 28374

The big reunion at Fort Bragg was quite an event. It was the first one my wife, Bettye, and I have had the privilege of attending. It was so convenient for us as we are now retired and living in Pinehurst. One of the real highlights for us, was my commanding officer Col. Alex Forrest made it from Salt Lake City, Utah. He looked just as he did 38 years ago. We had the pleasure of having him visit us for dinner and an evening in Pinehurst. Am very interested in the trip to North Africa and are already making plans, even this early. Thanks again to all who made the Ft. Bragg reunion a super weekend!

**60th Inf. Co A**  
KENNETH FINCH  
4308 Mesa Dr.  
Bakersfield, Cal. 93306

Just a few lines to let you know I did try to make it to the reunion. We made it as far as Topeka, Kansas when my wife took ill with internal bleeding. After 10 days in the hospital we came back to Bakersfield. I hope to see you at the next reunion.

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

We enjoyed our trip and were so glad to meet so many from the 9th division. Paul Brown from the 39th F Co, Steve Shadler from Maryland and Frances and Richard Ness from Cape May, N.J. and so many others. Looking forward to the next reunion. Thank you for your good work.

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

Thought the reunion was the best. Why can't we go back real soon. I would like to have seen more of Bragg, the old Era. Lindsey Nelson was great! Still looking for information on Bud Lehman.

**M.P.**  
JOHN WEBER  
46 Bloomfield St.  
Quincy, Ma. 02170

Enclosed find dues for 1 year. I doubt very much if I can make the reunion, I barely made it to Hyannis. One of these days I'll catch up to you guys. I hope. Best wishes to Jake Nailor, Wadalavage, Brandi, Maloney and all.

**Co M, 47th Inf.**  
JOE KEARNS  
Riviera Colony Lot 174  
2000 N. Congress  
W. Palm Beach, Fl. 33409

Had a great time at the reunion at Bragg and was very happy to see many of the N.Y. chapter buddies. Still enjoying Florida but do miss New York a bit. Helen and I made a trip up to see our grandchildren but was glad to get back to Florida. Hope to see everyone at the convention in Detroit next year. All of my best to the great bunch in New York. My best to Dan and Walter for a job well done.

**Co B, 47th Inf.**  
WALTER LOVEJOY, JR.  
2003 E 5th St.  
Tucson, Ariz. 85719

I have just recently finished reading the pre-convention and post-convention issues of the Octofoil. The pre-convention issue gave me my first knowledge of the passing of my good friend, Nick Palega. It was indeed my privilege to have been able to serve with him in "B" company of the 47th and to have had the enjoyment of his friendship over the past 25-odd years. On several occasions we had occasion to have various "B" Company get-togethers when I was in New York City. I know his passing is a great loss to the association, as I know of his tremendous interest in the group. I am enclosing a contribution in his memory which I would like you to use for the Scholarship fund. I enjoy very much receiving my issues of the Octofoil, and even though sometimes I am late in reading them, I enjoy their contents. I am indeed glad that the association is going to continue this publication.

**Hq. Co. 1st Bn, 47th AT Pl.**  
EDWARD SLOSSON, Jr.  
63 Sherwood Pl.  
Greenwich, Conn.

Sorry I couldn't make the big reunion at Fort Bragg due to my bad leg. It's hard to walk. I ran into R. DeForest, the builder, where he is putting a new home in for a friend. He looks great and grayer and older but we are all that way now. Trying to make him a member of the association, but no way. Enclosed is a check for another 3 years. Best regards to everyone.

**G Co 47th Inf**  
Hermon Rahn  
Rt 1 Box 310  
Pisgah Forest, N.C. 28768

I received my second Octofoil so I put the first one away so I can concentrate on this one. After four days I let my wife have it long enough to read it but I have back now. As we say down south "You all sure do a wonderful job on the Octofoil" and I appreciate it so much. In fact, I love it! I enjoy reading all the letters from the men and I feel that I know them all personally because the Octofoil makes it appear that way. Already with just 2 issues I have found 3 men from G company and know that one from E company is still around. This is the E company before El Guettar. I was with E company that day at El Guettar when we got shot up so badly. There was no E company after that day. Although many of us from E & G company were wounded and taken prisoner I did not see one American act like a coward. My heart goes out to every American soldier and especially the soldiers of the Ninth who fought on so valiantly to liberate us.

**9th Med Bn. Co D**  
ALBERT STANAT  
RD 5 Box 188  
Moscow, Pa. 18444

Enclosed find my check for dues for 3 years. I planned on making the reunion, but am on the disabled list and won't be up to it to make the trip. Hopefully to make the next one.

**60th Inf**  
ROBERT J. LA TURNER  
5688 Wilson Mills Rd.  
Highland Hgts., Ohio 44143

Enclosed find dues. I'm not doing much writing about these days, just odd jobs, gardening, making wooden toys, etc. Our son got married in July so we are alone now and enjoyed Feb & March at Green Acres C. Ground, Dawes, Fla. We are lucky to have a small motor home so we can get away once in a while when my wife can get off from work. Would like to hear from anyone in our area. Good luck to all.

**60th Inf. A Co & Serv Co.**  
CHARLES B. SANDERS  
6333 Anita  
Dallas, Tex. 75214

I had a couple of letters from my "old" 60th Inf. buddies trying to get the wife and myself to make the reunion this year. Along with the hotel reservation blank was a membership application one of the "old" buddies sent. The more to entice the wife and myself to make the reunion this year. Although we are unable to make it I will at least get my membership in and start making plans for next year. I am assuming with the membership I will start receiving the Octofoil. Hope to see you all in 1983.

**39th Inf. Co G**  
LEO W. CHARLAND  
12 Coe Ave. Ext.  
Portland, Conn. 06480

I had made reservations and my wife and I planned to attend last year. But my dear wife of more than 25 years passed away on June 23. This year I can't make connections to get there as I'm going to her 1st anniversary Mass in New Hampshire (where she is buried) on June 23. I hope I can go in the future as I want to see all my old buddies and I would like to meet you and your wife who I talked to on the phone. God bless you all and hope I can make it next year.

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

I received correspondence regarding the letting of Vietnam veterans and other men who served with the 9th become members of the association. I am all for letting these men join because they went through a lot of Hell on earth. As you know the 9th is something to be proud of. I saw 5 campaigns and once again I think these men should become members of the 9th. My service was from Dec. 1943 to Aug. 1945 with the division.

**9th QM**  
PETER COMPTON  
39 Fenway Drive  
Hamden, Conn. 06517

I deeply regret I will be unable to attend the reunion this year in Fort Bragg. Due to an operation for a blocked artery in my leg 4 yrs. ago and they still bother me, I can't get around like I should. Enclosed is a check for dues and map.

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Drive safely — avoid the mourning after.

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

## mail call

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47th Inf. Co. B  
GEORGE W. BENTLEY, JR.  
P. O. Box 206  
Conyers, Ga. 30207

We attended the reunion in Fayetteville and surely enjoyed it. I know now the banquet was a little different from what we dreamed it would be, but at least it did take place. It was the fault of the Bordeaux and not enough people to help. But it was still nice and Friday and Saturday really filled our memory book. It was close enough for us to attend and meet so many wonderful people. There sure was a huge crowd! We bought a group of pictures from the photographer from East Point, Ga. and liked them so much. We have one also of you and Fr. Connors. We met Marie on that hectic Friday morning upstairs getting the Strip tickets and was in hopes of finding you all later to get you to sign my autograph book, but with so many things to do and so many people, I didn't get a chance. We already were corresponding with Art & Grace Stenzel, Robert & Anna Edie and also Roy Beck from Ga. who didn't get to the reunion. We met a couple there with their son and his new bride and now we are corresponding with them. If you ever find out about the book "8 Stars to Victory", if it can be renewed or copyrighted again we wish to purchase one. Art Stenzel let George read his copy and it sure is a keepsake! Take care and we enjoyed the reunion very much. Michigan is too far away but hope someday there will be another fairly close.

60th Inf. K Co. 2nd Bn.  
MERTON H. BEEBE  
176 East Robbins Ave.  
Newington, Conn. 06111

I am enclosing my check for dues. It seems that when we get older, time flies by so quick! I enjoy reading the Octofoil and the many interesting news notes by our comrades. I am still handicapped by the ailments of my age and as a result have not been able to attend any of the reunions. Perhaps I may find energy and time to participate. Keep up the good work and to those who serve with you. It takes energy and dedication to a noble organization that makes us say "I was a member".

Hqs. Special Troops  
THOMAS EGAN  
38 Stratford Avenue  
Garden City, N.Y. 11530

Very sorry that the proposed change in the By-Laws that would allow Vietnam Veterans to join the Association was defeated. Looks like one of these years we will have no Association.

Was very proud when I served as the District Governor of District 20-K1 Lions International (1965-66). It consisted of the 46 clubs in Brooklyn and Queens, two of the Boroughs of the City of New York.

We had what we called "Counter Punch" in which we sent over 300 letters and 300 gifts to the men serving in Vietnam. It must have been my 9th Division indoctrination. Maybe a little from the 7th Division, served with the 17th Inf. in Korea (1951-52).

Always enjoy the Octofoil.

1983 Reunion  
July 21, 22, 23

47th Inf. Co. F.  
ROY C SCHUMACHER  
1529 Main St.  
Crete, Ill. 60417

I have delayed writing this letter all in the fond hope that I could announce that I was heading for Ft. Bragg. I enjoyed to the fullest the receipt of a Christmas card from "Hoppy" last Christmas. It made me realize that time is taking its toll and that men of the Ninth that served in Europe may be thinning out. Some men of F Co. may be hard to locate. Still and all it is comforting to be made aware that there is a group that is standing together. More strength and power to them. It reminds me of the days we stood together on the far side of the Rhine wondering whether the group wouldn't make too much better a target.

As for myself I have been reasonably well. After making something of a living publishing suburban newspapers following WW 2, I sold them out after the children were grown up. Thought I would try to keep active but still take it a bit more easy. That lasted less than a year when I was induced to run for the County Board here in Will County, Illinois. With law study in my background that made it all the more interesting. I was elected for 4 years and then for another 2 and I am up for another term this fall. I spend 3 or 4 days a week traveling some 30 miles to the County seat of Joliet. I look at it this way, you spent almost 4 yrs. in the military, put 4 years in on the other end, so I did and I'm still at it. I do believe more citizens should participate in government at some level, not to make a living but rather to try to make it work better.

My 3 daughters and families live within a mile or two of Crete so that gives me a minimum of 6 votes come election time. The rest I have to work for.

My wife, Florence, gave up teaching to raise the family and then spent some later years substituting while the kids were in school. Now we travel to Arkansas to rest in a lakefront cabin and enjoy the grandchildren, that seem to be coming out of the woodwork!

Enclosed is a check for dues and also a bit of surplus that you can put to your Fellowship Fund for convention time. Maybe I'll make the next one. At least I'll be there in spirit(s) this time.

15th Engrs.  
A.T. FORREST  
The Summit 702 W  
241 N. Vine St.  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84103

I enjoyed the reunion very much. It is always a delight and "pick-me-up" to see many of my 9th Inf. Div. comrades again and in particular, those whom I haven't seen for many years. Since returning from Ft. Bragg we've spent 8 days in Pittsburgh, Pa., will leave for a week in Reno/Lake Tahoe and are scheduled for a cruise Thanksgiving week from Los Angeles down the Baja Coast to Mexican Cihes. We are enjoying retirement.

39th Inf. G Co.  
BOB SMITH  
134 Roger Ave.  
Bellevue, Ohio 44811

We had a ball at the Fayetteville reunion with 6 G Co. 39th men and went through the old G Co. barracks at Bragg. Am enclosing a photo taken in Fayetteville in 1942 which brings back old memories. I am also planning on making Worcester in November, so may see you then. Best regards.

I Co., 39th Inf  
LEO BANK  
8 Linda Lane  
Spring Valley, N.Y. 10977

I spoke to your wife on the phone for the first time and she floored me with her enthusiasm for the 9th Div. Association and its purpose.

She was good enough to send me a copy of the Octofoil, which I enjoyed reading. I had no idea that the organization existed or of the Octofoil.

I was a member of I Company 39th Reg. from Normandy 1944 to the other side of the Remagen Bridge March 15th 1945 when I was sent to the 113th General Hospital in Cinay, Belgium with Combat Fatigue. Needless to say you must know what a rifleman went through day after day.

I entered the Army on Jan. 7th 1941. Landed at Fort Dix and entered the 44th Div. there. When I went overseas to England it was as a replacement. Though I was a veteran by then when I met the 9th Div. combat was a whole new ball game.

The experience of combat was what can I say but an experience that I think shaped the rest of my life. One who was not right there can never know.

When I got home I became an introvert. I felt no one can understand.

Now I am 63 years old and for the last 4 years I go to the V.A. hospital for out patient therapy once a month. I think I am just about getting over it.

It's had a profound influence on my life, but the experience of it with the 9th Inf. Div. leaves me proud that I had the stuff to endure and to have served with a first class outfit and men.

MRS. EDNA PORTER  
19 Cottingham Rd.  
Middlesex, TW13. 6YH  
United Kingdom  
Dear Friends:

I'm writing on behalf of 2 elderly friends who have been trying for several years without success to trace a certain Joseph B. Smyckowski. The only information I have is his resident home at the time of the 2nd world war was Erie, Pennsylvania, there being quite a large family. The friendship started, when many men attached to the 47th Infantry came from North Africa to a place called Basingstoke, Hampshire in the years 1943-1944. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson affectionately remember Joseph Smyckowski and have tried several times to find out how he is getting along in life. We do understand if this person does not wish to correspond, as I say, the past is the past. We would be so grateful if any friend or relative may still be living in the area could give us a little knowledge of him. The U.S. Embassy in England helped us with this information and address to send. It would be nice to know of his well being. For the present CHEERIO!

Editors note: As the 3rd Bn 47th was stationed in Basingstoke while the Ninth was in England (Nov. 1943 to June 1944) the secretary looked over the files and came up with a Joseph Smykowski of Company K. Joe left the outfit in August 1944 more than likely he was wounded. His name is not listed with those KIA. At the time his home address was 654 E. 24th Street Erie, Pa. He's not a member of the association. We have a few members living in Erie, Pa., maybe they can look him up.

ALBERT F. STIDMAN  
2790 Prince Harold Ct.  
Herndon, Va. 22071

My mom talked to me the other night about a phone call she received from one of the fellows in the Ninth. Our discussion provoked a pinge of conscience since I have not stayed in touch. I was the first recipient of your scholarship award. While my writing habits may be somewhat lazy; please don't feel that my on going gratitude and my thoughts are not with the men that made my education and productive life possible.

My inclinations are normally modest; but I want all those who contributed to the scholarship fund to know that their funding was put to good use. Throughout college I felt obligated to give my best — and not let anyone down. The result of these efforts was a degree in accounting, cum laude. In our family there is a fine tradition of public service which I decided to follow. Upon graduation I joined the Federal Government and served with the General Accounting Office; the Dept. of Agriculture; and most recently the Dept. of Commerce. With the two latter Depts. I have risen to the position of a Division Director. As a Finance Chief I have hopefully repaid the cost of my education several times over by creating major economies in U.S. operations as well as resisting abusive and wasteful practices. I am presently engaged in a major project to cut red tape in U.S. payments to small businesses for services rendered as well as being the Dept. Of Commerce's travel manager. As you can see the world should be eminently grateful that I did not attempt to make my mark by becoming a tylist. However, one of my ideas saved the U.S. over one million per year in tax dollars.

On the personal side, I am married for 15 years to a lovely southern belle and we have five children ranging in age from 14 years to 3 years. Grandma is very proud of her progeny — so are we. Whenever I relate my life's story as we are all prone to do from time to time never is the contribution of the Ninth forgotten — seriously. I value my memories the time I spent with the gang in New York so many years ago. Their anecdotes about my father were deeply appreciated. They help me gain a sense of my father and to appreciate him as you did.

I honestly hope that the Ninth will continue as a viable club of generous individuals. My pang of conscience also includes a recognition that I should continue that tradition in my father's name. Enclosed is a donation to help the scholarship fund to continue.

Please stay in touch. I would be delighted to hear from you or any of the others in the ninth. Personal — Father Rowan where have you disappeared to. I have not heard since St. Pat's 1965.

Anti-Tank 39th Inf.  
PAUL E. DAVIS  
988 Fourth Street  
Beaver, Pa. 15009

Enclosed find check for three memberships. Would like very much to hear from more of the fellows from the Anti-Tank Company of the 39th Infantry. Have kept in touch with some but don't have address of others.

Best wishes to all.

Co. "K" 47th Inf. Reg.  
HELEN LAGATTUTA  
HOLMES  
352 "D" Hackensack Street  
Wood-Ridge, N.J. 07075  
Dear Marie & Dan:

It was a pleasure to see you at Fayetteville, North Carolina. You two did a wonderful job helping with the planning of the 9th Division reunion and deserve a compliment.

All of the chairpersons and their committees together with all of the Officers of the 9th Division Association are also to be complimented. The entire reunion was well planned and organized.

The Officers and men of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, were excellent hosts and extremely courteous to all of us. They put on a wonderful demonstration of their various talents and skills which we both enjoyed.

The memorial services were most impressive. The 9th Division marker is a fitting memorial to the members of the 9th who gave their lives in World War II and Viet Nam.

It was good to see and hear Father Connors and General Westmoreland. They both delivered some inspiring words. We left Fort Bragg with a renewed feeling of Patriotism.

I met many of Joe's buddies from Co. K, 47th Infantry that I knew and it was great to renew old acquaintances. We also met and gained some new friends. I even met a 9th Div. member who was a patient at the Army Station Hospital in Salisbury, England at the same time that I was assigned there in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps.

My husband Al was extremely impressed on how well the entire reunion was arranged. As you know he is a Navy veteran from W.W. II and initially felt somewhat of an outsider. This didn't last long however, as all of the 9th Division people welcomed him and made him feel right at home. So we both had a great weekend. Al also met a retired N.Y. Telephone Co. friend of his, Mike Patrick who was in the 60th Infantry.

Once again thanks to you both for all of your efforts on behalf of the 9th Division Association.

Helen Lagattuta Holmes

60th Inf. Pers. Sec.  
WILLIAM DOHRN  
2214 Empire Ave.  
Loveland, Colo. 80537

Members of the 9th Infantry Division may be interested in hearing about a reunion of the Personnel Section of the 60th Infantry Regiment recently held in Cincinnati, Ohio. About 8 couples met on Sept. 24, 25, 26th. at the Ramada Inn on Beechmont Avenue — the first time this group had met since 1946 when all were discharged from service in Ingolstadt, Germany.

Attending the reunion were Vince Bamber, Larry Brokamp, William Dohrn, John Fridlund, Frank Garofalo, Robert Higgins, Harvey Warner, Carl Fedder, and John Goad.

Information on any addresses of the above may be obtained by writing Larry Brokamp, 1388 Columbus, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45230, telephone 231-8515.

60th Inf.  
CHARLES LIBRETTO  
E60 Spring Valley Ave.  
Paramus, N.J. 07652

Hi! In case you haven't heard the news, here's the new address we use.

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Xerox never comes up with anything original.

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# MAIL CALL

B Co., 47th Inf.  
ORION SHOCKLEY  
P.O. Box 71100  
Seattle, Wa. 98107  
(Letter sent to this office from Art Stenzel)  
Dear Art:

Since I recently got a card from Fayetteville saying that "Uncle Sam wants you", thought I had better notify you that I am still around.

Many thanks for the card from the reunion, signed by persons from BECO, attending the convention. As you know, I had planned on attending, but other involvements interfered.

I just recently got my copy of the OCTOFOIL and was very sorry to read of Nick Palega's passing. I enjoyed seeing him two years ago, after many years. I admired him as a soldier and as a man. I am sure that those of you who were closer to him will miss him very much.

Tried to call you when I was in Florida in February, but missed you, as there was no answer.

We have just finished the last boat in the series we were building, and I have retired again, for the sixth time. Will take our private boat, the ICE FOLLY, to Alaska next week, where it will remain in Glacier Bay for the summer. While I have made the trip many times, it is always filled with something new and different. This time, I will take a slightly different route to see some more of the many different vistas that the Inside Passage presents. Hope I don't get lost. Actually, navigation in that area isn't really difficult, but if you take a wrong turn, you might go a long ways before you realize that you aren't on course, since many of the islands along the way don't have distinguishing features that can be seen from waterline. The boat is well equipped with navigational aids such as Radar, Loran C, VHF and SSB radios, depth finders, etc.

Now that I have more time, I hope to be able to keep in closer contact with you, and other BECO members. Don't be surprised if I show up on your doorstep one of these days.

Because we plan to travel a lot, we have had our mailing address changed to P.O. Box 71100, Seattle, WA 98107. Someone picks up the mail and gets it to us.

Thanks again for remembering us with the card. I am hoping that nothing will interfere with my attending the reunion next year.

Co's G and Hq Co. 39th Inf.  
LAWRENCE KAUFMAN  
134 Spiers Rd.  
Newton, Mass 02159

Couldn't make it to Bragg because I just started a new job after being laid off Thanksgiving. Of course Bragg naturally has a little less significance to me having been a replacement. (That's one of the reason I pointed out last year for the vote on letting most WW2 into the organization. Some of the mutual ties have to be a little looser.)

I hope I can make next years and that it is still at this end of the world. That means 1000 miles (1600 km).

The best to Hitler's Nemesis. P.S. I would really would have liked to see what Bragg looked like and I'm sorry I'm late with the membership.

Co B 39th Inf.  
ALBERT BACCILE  
915 1/2 Davis Street  
Elmira, N.Y. 14901

The Fort Bragg reunion was just great. Much credit must be given to the association officers and to all the others who performed so well to make this affair wonderful and memorable. From beginning to end it was a most enjoyable experience. Of equal importance was the remarkable turnout of Company B "Lads" who for the most part received their training at Bragg prior to overseas service. It is gratifying to be part of such a fine organization.

My brother-in-law Joseph DeOrio, also a former B Co. member passed away in California August 19th. Joe was a Fort Bragg inductee and remained with the Company until he was seriously wounded at Sedjennane Valley and returned stateside. Joseph was the victim of a tragic auto accident and expired from injuries after being in a comatose state for 2 months. "Suki" his wife of 36 years was also killed in the same accident after their vehicle was broadsided by a drunken driver travelling at a very high rate of speed and running the red light. Joe was a residence of Torrance, California and is survived by daughters Elaine and Bonney.

He will be missed by his B Co. Buddies.

Hq Bty 84th FA  
BILL SATRYB  
27 Nye Street  
Rockville, Conn 06066

Enclosed is a check for my dues. Thanks for the reminder — sorry I slipped up.

I am still recuperating from a recent stroke and was unable to attend the Bragg reunion.

I have only been receiving the Octofoil for a couple of years but enjoy it very much. I only wish I could see more from men who were in the 84th FAB so I could see how they are and where they are. I think the format you used on the return envelope is excellent and will probably get more people to drop a line.

Hope this finds you and your wife healthy and happy — best to all.

Co D & 1st Bn Hq Co 39th Inf  
ROGER L. VULLEMIER  
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I go along with these fellows 100%. I was with the 9th Div., from April 1942 till middle of September 1944. I believe too that all the soldiers who started in Fort Bragg and went through WW2 should have our own Association which we do. Let the 9th Division soldiers of Vietnam and others, organize their own association. After all, they are younger, fought in Vietnam have more in common, with their fellow comrades then we fellows, who fought in WW2. I won't get to the reunion at Fayetteville this year, as my wife and I had a long vacation in Florida this winter, visiting relatives and friends. Not only that, summer is my busiest time of the year, for painting.

I hope to be driving down to Florida again next winter and I surely will stop by at Fort Bragg, and have a look at the Memorial Marker. It will be fine to see.

My regards to all.

Co. L, 47th Inf.  
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Thank you so much for the copy of the Octofoil. I am requesting information from anyone who served in Co. L, 47th Inf. who may have remembered my father, Ed Webber. Dad was assigned to Co. L a few days before they crossed the Rhine at Remagen, Mar. 9, 1945. He kept somewhat of a journal and had access to the company records. While after the war he was stationed at Augsburg, Germany, he wrote a story of the exploits of Co. L called "The Raiders." He recorded many dates and names of towns they went through. I thought some of you fellows might be interested in the journal. If so I would be glad to send a copy to you. Dad mentions many fellows he knew and maybe some of you can recall them; Thomas "Shorty" Mescado, SSgt. Sydore, Jim Murphy (killed at Ahlsdorf) Sgt. Hoffmeyer, Sgts. Linker, Cole, Harden, Driscow, a B.A.R. man named Kauanaha (killed), a fellow they called Alabam and another called Indian.

Dad also wrote of what the company calls "Friday the 13th", April 13, when Co. L riding on the back of tanks hit the town of Ahlsdorf and were machine gunned on the road. Many men were hit. One of Dad's best friends Jim Murphy was killed setting between Dad's knees. I quote a bit from the story: "Three men were hit, all at the same time and I can't see to this day how many of us escaped alive. The pack on my back had 4 holes through it." Later that day they hit the town of Nelben and he said "Before the day was finished the first and second platoons which formerly had consisted of about 25 men each, had been combined and made 2 seven men squads. Thus ended Friday the 13th and was an unlucky day for Co. L."

Dad's account "The Raiders" is a good story and I feel should be preserved in the Regimental history. So please contact me. I am very interested in the general history of the 9th. I enclose a picture of my father. Ed Webber passed away July 13, 1976 at San Bernardino, Cal. He was very proud to have served in the 9th and always spoke so highly of the men he served with. So if any of you fellows remember him, it would be a thrill to hear from you. Best Wishes. Phone (214) 370-1579.

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I did not get to attend the 37th annual reunion but next year I plan to be there.

Enclosed find check for membership and decals. I retired after twenty two years in the Army (and seventeen months in Korea with the last Infantry) Vietnam Veterans — I say no to them joining the Association.

They fought a different war altogether. I say form their own association.

I would like to hear from any one in my Company C 9th Med Bn. or any one in the 9th. My job was to get the wounded from the Aid stations to our company, then on to the Hospital. So if they were wounded in the 60th Infantry I more than likely had something to do with getting them the treatment they needed. My company was named the "fighting medics".

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I want to thank you for printing my letter in the Octofoil concerning my brother Bill O'Linn. He has received several letters and finally realized that someone still has time to care. Thanks again.

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Sorry to be late with dues due to a sick spell. I'm on the mend and feeling better each day. Finally I read some of the old gangs names, in the Mar-April issue. Haskel Simpson and I were at the Chicago reunion. I hope to be in Bragg with the gang.

Co C, 9th Med.  
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Enclosed is my check for membership dues for 1982. I was looking forward to attending this years reunion at Bragg, our home base. I had an unexpected heart attack on April 17, 1982 and I was advised by my doctor not to make this long trip. I have surgery planned in the near future, a double bypass. I hope and pray all goes well and I will be able to get together with all my buddies at our next reunion. My thoughts will be with you. I know quite a few of my buddies are planning to be there and I want to take this opportunity to say hello. My great buddy Angelo Rinchuso will represent me. I'll miss Sgt. Al Cook, Bruce Johnstone, Pete Radichio, John Lewis, Gus Agostinelli, Vito Splendorio, Joe Medea, Jack Wilson, Frank Kalich, Herbert Stern and many others. Joe Todarello will be missed. I visited with Fred Dick who was in Bay Pines Hosp., St. Petersburg, Fl., while I was on vacation this past summer. I understand from Bruce Johnstone that he is feeling much better. My regards to all.

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I was disappointed in not meeting anyone from my old company when I attended the reunion in Fayetteville, N.C. Not even one, from my Platoon!!

However, I'm very happy I was able to make this reunion. Met some fellows from our regiment. I made some new acquaintances. Everything was handled beautifully and well organized.

See you in Detroit — The Good Lord Willing.

Co. A 47th Inf  
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Enclosed find check for three dues. Sorry to be late. Hope to get the Octofoil again soon.

Regards to all.

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We were all ready and packed for the trip to Ft. Bragg for the reunion and on June 21st at about 3 P.M. I was rushed to the hospital with a heart attack. I am home again and recuperating slowly.

We were really looking forward to a great occasion but the good Lord works in funny ways.

My wife called the Bordeaux Motor Inn and cancelled our room and left word at the desk for Father Connors and General Westmoreland. But I guess the message was never passed on because I know darn well Father Connors or Westy would write me or my wife.

We regret that we'll never see another dedication like that especially when I called a couple of buddies. K.C. Moore from East Tallasse, Alabama and Henry Gordon from North Carolina to be there after 40 some odd years.

Thanks Dan for the refund of my ticket money and if Father Connors or Westy could get this message, I'd appreciate it very much.

Hope to make the next reunion.

47th Inf. C Co.  
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I was deeply saddened to read in the last issue of the "OCTOFOIL" that Msgr. DeLaura died.

Although I met Chaplain DeLaura several times during my service with the Ninth Division, it was my last meeting that I will never forget. On January 3, 1945 after being seriously wounded in the town of Monshau, Germany, Chaplain DeLaura gave me the last rites of the Catholic Church. I have always felt that his prayers carried me through this ordeal.

While recuperating at Halloran General Army Hospital on Staten Island, New York, I saved the enclosed picture of Chaplain DeLaura administering the last rites to an accident victim that appeared in the Daily News dated April 30, 1946. I thought perhaps that this picture would be of interest to you.

I would appreciate it very much if you would see that the Blessed Sacrament Church receives the enclosed check for Chaplain DeLaura's project to raise funds for the church bells.

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I received no letters or data informing me of the activities of the 9th Infantry Division Association, since in Germany. I am enclosing a check for three years dues, and looking forward to seeing you all next year in Michigan.

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