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THE OCTOFOIL

412 Gregory Ave. Weehawken, N. J. 07087

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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Flying to Orlando

The association offers the following information to you in a helpful spirit so as to possible minimize your expenses relating to our 1985 Reunion in Orlando, Florida. From June 1 to June 17th, 1985 this offer will be good.

UNITED AIRLINES

UNITED AIRLINES AND THE 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION HAVE JOINED TOGETHER TO OFFER A SPECIAL DISCOUNTED FARE TO ATTENDEES OF OUR ORLANDO MEETING. SIMPLY BY CALLING UNITED AIRLINES AT THE TOLL FREE NUMBER LISTED BELOW, AND IDENTIFYING OUR MEETING WITH ACCOUNT NUMBER 518A, YOU WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SPECIAL DISCOUNTED FARE THAT CAN MEAN AS MUCH AS A 40% TO 50% DISCOUNT OFF THE REGULAR "Y." COACH FARE. CALL TODAY!

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Sincere Gratitude

M. RAYMOND LETERRIER
Mairie Barneville — Carteret
F-50270 Barneville — Carteret
France

Dear M. Leterrier:

The members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association wish to thank you and all the people of Barneville for rededicating the monument in you town on the 40th anniversary of the liberation of Barneville by the U.S. 9th Infantry Division in June 1944. It was a very generous act for the citizens of Barneville to rededicate the monument after the discovery of the error on it by one of our members, Mr. R.M.A. Hirst. Enclosed is a copy of a photograph of the monument that appeared in our association's newsletter, The Octofoil. Again please accept our sincere thanks for your gracious act and extend our best wishes to all the citizens of Barneville.

With kindest regards

President Elmer R. Wagner
Ninth Infantry Division
Association
2833 Hotchkiss road
Bay City, Michigan 48706

LADIES CORNER

I want to extend a special welcome to all the ladies who will be attending the 40th reunion of the 9th division at Orlando and to ask all of you to attend our Ladies Auxiliary meeting on Friday, June 7th at 11 a.m. I have known Beryl Pappas a number of years and I am sure she has a well planned meeting and social ready for us. As I will be stepping down this year as auxiliary President and the vice President, Wanda Preston, will move up to President for the next 2 years, all members will vote on a new Vice President. Be sure to attend and bring a friend.

Lorraine Clerk
Auxiliary President

Tip of Hat

The Memorial Fund was enriched by the generosity of these members and friends.

James F. Hart, Jr.
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Raymond Peque
Luther D. Wilson
Sewell Carson
Stephen E. Shadder
Wilbur A. Dodd
Ralph Delmonico
Herbert U. Stern
Mrs. Marion (Anthony) Brianyk

(In memory of her husband)

Paul L. Valente
Woodland Sulham
Howard C. Granger
Charles A. Gerard
John W. Rogher

We salute you.

Seeking information

I am searching for information that may give me a lead to anyone who knew or was with my brother, Staff Sgt. David S. Brown of the 47th Inf. He was killed in France Aug. 8, 1944. I realize it has been a very long time and will not be easy. David enlisted in the army from Pine Bluff, Ark., having lived all his life in Kentucky. He served 3 1/2 years in San Antonio, Tx and was transferred to Ft. Bragg, N.C. early 1940 and remained there until his division was shipped overseas. If you have any idea how I might pursue this please let me know. I have a copy of 8 Stars to Victory. Anything you can suggest will be appreciated.

Lucille Hoover
Rt 2 Box 2448
Porter, Tx. 77365

Florida Promises a Great Reunion



SPECTACULAR BEHAVIORS — Killer whales Shamu and Namu perform with their trainers several times daily in "Shamu Celebration," sponsored by Eastman Kodak. The 30-minute show traces the evolution of man's relationship with the huge marine mammals, now at home in the new \$15 million Shamu Stadium. The 3.5-acre-complex is the world's largest marine mammal research, breeding and display facility. Open year-round, Sea World is between Orlando and Walt Disney World at I-4 and the Bee Line Expressway.

Sea World Photo/Julie Fletcher

Disneyworld is a must

As Ninth Division folks head toward Florida for their reunion with many of them planning to call in at Walt Disney World and Epcot Center near Orlando, it seems an ideal time to look backward 30 years to the late Walt Disney's dream.

Disneyland opened at Anaheim, Calif., on July 17, 1955, and now the "Magic Kingdom" is preparing to celebrate its 30th year and welcome its 250 millionth visitor.

The year-long jubilee began in January and will showcase a variety of special events.

For residents of the eastern half of the country, however, Walt Disney World near Orlando, Fla., provides a closer and more varied outdoor theme-park experience than its older — and much smaller — sibling on the West Coast. There are obvious similarities, of course. But besides the familiar theme lands (like Fantasyland and Adventureland) and rides, Disney World at Lake Buena Vista offers unique pleasures, including boating and swimming.

Now marketing its 14th year and already set to greet its 200 millionth guest this summer, Disney World has announced new attractions, an expansion hotel and restaurant facilities, and increased capacity for visitors at Future World and World Showcase in the two-year-old Epcot Center. Developments include:

- Mickey's Street Party, a musical procession with Disney characters, will be parading down Main Street U.S.A. throughout spring and summer.

• World Showcase, housing the international pavilions centered around a 40-acre lagoon in Epcot Center, presents a daily series of folk festivals.

On the opening day of Disneyland, July 17, 1955, out in Anaheim, Cal., the creator told a newspaper reporter, "Disneyland will never be completed. It will continue to grow, to add new things, as long as there is imagination left in the world."

And that has been proven so. The world-famous park, which began with just 18 attractions in five themed areas, now boasts a total of 55 adventures in seven magical lands — and more important to those of us here in the East, our own extension Disneyworld and its companion Epcot Center — have stretched far beyond the late founder's original concept — but always within the framework of Walt's own approach and ideas.

One treasured recollection is of "touring" the Orlando facility several months before its opening 11 years ago. Main Street was nothing but a mass of cables, pipes, lumber and mud as on all sides workmen laid foundations and installed wiring.

Anyone planning to go to Sea World let us know if you must plan a special day or if you are flexible and what days before or after the reunion you can attend, remember, all we need is 100 people and we can have a great time at a great savings on the admission and at this writing we have not heard from Disney World, Epcot etc. so the next issue of the OCTOFOIL should have more good news.

**June 6, 7, 8 1985
Reunion in Florida**

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An extract from the certificate of incorporation of the 9th Infantry Division Association reads: "This Association is formed by the officers and men of the 9th Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively of means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to former members of the 9th Infantry Division."

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

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

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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

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

John J. Clouser,
Scholarship Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division
1088 N. Circle Drive, Crystal River, Florida 32629

TAPS SOUNDED

The Association records with deepest sorrow the passing of these "Old Reliables."

Charles L. Fox
M Co 60th Inf
Charles Nicholas
Co C 9th Med Bn
Chris Patterer
47th Inf Hq. I & R Platoon
C.J. Pete Smalley
47th Inf Hq I & R Platoon
William Sander
G Co 47th Inf
Robert Mason
26th Fa
Ralph Renna
Co A 15th Engrs
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Co B 15th Engrs
Martin Connelly
Co B & Hq 15th Engrs
James P. Bates
F Co 39th Inf
Henry Geisel
39th Inf AT Co
Robert Klumpp
47th Inf
Dennis C. Kelley
Co A 47th Inf
Charles E. Ruppe
Hq Btry 26th FA
Billie O. Butler
Hq Co 15th Engrs

May they rest in peace. On behalf of the membership of this association we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

47th Inf Hq Bn
MRS. MARIAN (ANTHONY)
BRIANYK
704C E. Minnesota Ave.
DeLand, Fl. 32720

Enclosed you will find a check for the Memorial fund and also the Ladies Auxiliary as a donation in the memory of my husband, Anthony. He was very proud of being a soldier in the 9th Division. We are members but not very active but we did contribute when we could. We enjoyed reading the Octofoil and towards the last I had to read to him. He became blind. I hope to go to Arizona as soon as I get caught up with the things that were left undone since Tony passed away. My brother passed away and was buried on Election day so I am going to visit with his wife. They live in Tucson, Az. I need a change of scenery (I think). Kindest regards to all the members.

47th Inf D Co
EMERSON H GROSS
7515 Miller Dr.
Bath, Pa. 18014

I have not seen anything about Dennis C. Kelley passing away on July 11, 1984 due to cancer. Dennis was a veteran of the 9th. He also was a Purple Heart recipient. Some of his buddies may want to hear of his passing on. I haven't written much lately as I am very busy with the M.O. Ph.H. Chapter 190. I do a lot of work for our vets. Keep up the good work. Yours in patriotism.

47 Inf Serv Co.
EDWIN WISNIEWSKI
7576 Gratiot
Richmond, Mi. 48062

A former member of the 60th M Co passed away Jan. 23, 1985, Charles Fox. Quite a few members turned out for Memorial services on the 25th including Bob and Flo DeSandy, Gene Reedy, Len Kowalski and wife, John Bonkowski and wife and myself and my wife. The funeral the next day also was well represented with Don Lewis, Len Debel and wife, Billie Martin and wife and myself and my wife. I hope I have not forgotten anyone. Charlie was a member in 1941 and in 1942 was sent to Officers training.

Advance Registration

Pre-Registration will be used for the 40th Annual Reunion and it is requested that everyone use this procedure which should make it much easier for you and the registration committee.

Your check or money order should be sent as early as possible to Robert Pappas, 738-C518 Colony Cove, Box 175, New Port Richey, Fl. 33552. Checks should be made payable to: 9th Infantry Division Association Reunion. Banquet tickets must be purchased not later than 1:00 PM, June 8th.

Strip tickets of \$46.00 per person includes: Registration, Thursday Night Welcoming Party, Friday Night Dance, The Memorial Service Saturday morning-luncheon and transportation and Saturday evening Banquet and Dance.

Pre-Registration Form

Your name*_____

Unit*****_____

Chapter_____

Name of Spouse_____

Widow of:_____

Please submit with your request for strip tickets to:

Robert Pappas
738-C518 Colony Cove, Box 175
New Port Richey, Florida 33552

Refunds will be made to those who are faced with extenuating circumstances and unable to attend the reunion. Deadline for cut off date for refunds will be May 25, 1985.

Cut off date for advance (Pre) Registration will be May 10, 1985

Room Reservations should be made
directly to the Hotel

9th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
1985 REUNION
Orlando, Florida
June 6, 7, 8, 1985

Please Reserve Sheraton-Twin Towers Hotel Accommodations

Name_____ Arrival Date_____ Time_____

Unit_____ Departure Date_____

Address_____ Check in 3:00 p.m., Check out 12 noon.

City_____ State_____ Zip Code_____

Telephone Number ()_____

Make check or money order payable to the Sheraton-Twin Towers Hotel, send to Reservations Department. The Sheraton-Twin Towers Hotel, 5780 Major Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32819

Single (One person) \$58.00
Twin (Two persons) \$58.00 Room rates are subject to 5%
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Reservations must be received by May 6, 1985.

include first night's deposit to confirm reservation or use American Express, Visa or Mastercard.

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Quarter Page 20.00 Eighth Page 10.00

Booster Ads \$2.00 name and unit
Please make checks payable to 9th Infantry Division Association Reunion (9th Inf. Div. Asso. Reunion is acceptable) and send together with Ad copy to:

Henry Santos, Treas.
9811 N Connechusett
Tampa, FL 33617

Booster and ad deadline is APRIL 27, 1985

Trip to Europe

Ed Combs formerly with E Company 47th Infantry has plans for a 16 day trip to Europe in September of 1985. Starting with 3 nights in London, 1 night in Southampton, 2 nights in Caan, 2 nights in Paris, 1 night in Liege, 1 night in Bonn, 1 night in Erfurt, 1 night in East Berlin and 2 nights in West Berlin.

For information contact:
Combs Travel Service
316 City Centre Mart
Middletown, Ohio 45042
513-424-1014

If you are planning on moving or heading to the warmer climate for the winter months, please notify the secretary of your new address. It will save postage and keep you on the Octofoil mailing list.

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

Everything you've always wanted to know about Florida — but were afraid to ask.

Florida, is our southern-most State of the Union — bounded on the north by the "south" on the east by a lot of water — on the west by another lot of water — on the west by another lot of water and to the south you can see Forever, And Ever and Evermore, natures islands of communist paradise, where endless hordes stand poised, ready for imminent attack with yard-long hypodermics full of "no-no's" — well, that's what ol' Ronnie sez!!!

Florida welcomes you from the north and the other parts with the state motto "Keep Florida green — bring money!" tho it isn't necessary to cash in your matured "old-age" bonds or mortgage that snow-covered homestead "up wonder," upgrade your "celluloids" etc. to fully enjoy your stay — it will help!

and now for some Florida "don'ts."

Don't drink and drive unless you're "into" see - thru holes through the palms of your hands.

Don't arrive late at Lounges serving hot hors d'oeuvres during their "happy hour" — "super-plus happy hour" or "down-right hilarious happy hours" — where do you think the "Locals eat their 'din-din'???"

Don't, under any condition, allow a Florida-licensed driver under 45 to drive behind you — if it's female — pull off the road!

Don't be taken in on those "free-bee" time-sharing scams operating out of hotels and gathering points. you have a camera, luggage and radio and if you really need a meal, how about that "lounge"? — remember, F A R I L Y!

Now if you are planning to attend the many closeby and most worthwhile attractions allow yourselves at least 23 extra day's before or after the Reunion to fully enjoy them you can't crowd these events into our 9th. Div. 3-day stint.

If using your own car get an early start to Epcot and Disney-World attractions — arrive before 10:30 a.m. — the problem is parking.

Sea World is the third worthwhile attraction — forget Kennedy Space Center, it isn't worth your time, — besides you've seen it scores of times on T.V.

Where possible (hotel-motel) get admission tickets in advance, usually no additional charge.

Follow guide literature and remember walking is your prime mover so wear comfortable shoes and clothing.

Restaurants and food facilities are plentiful from cafeteria style to posh service.

This pertinent information about Florida comes to you gratis — however, we are not above accepting your gratitude of cocktail hour invites, open bars, etc.

— and now, pray tell, what have our hosts dreamt up for us above and beyond the "bread basket" ritual?—

—Soothsayer Jack DiSanto relates he had a "dream," a dream wherein music designed for dancing, listening and, above all, enjoying replaced "electronic noise" and it's adversities.

—and he had a second "dream" — the proceeds collected by the "bread basket brigade" would now benefit our men, lad's suffering "reverses" but too proud to make issue of them!

Pat Morano's "stargazing" focused on Reunion profits to be distributed as door prizes to guests in form of \$100.00 credits toward the following years. Reunion — from this year forward — providing new interest and attendance incentives for our present and possibly new guests!

We feel the DiSanto - Morano Bill deserves very serious consideration!

In closing — If the Reunion committee entertains the idea that the hotel and strip-ticket increases have gone un-noticed, be advised, they haven't. Actually, the 1984 package deal arrangements were more acceptable. — all we can say at this moment is we trust the increase will be reflected positively!

Just time enough for a small plate of Swedish meat balls — grab those .87c Bloody Mary's Pat, while I grab a table.

— looking forward to seeing all you "guys and gals" comes June.

Art J. Stenzel
8705-Village Mill Row,
Bayonet Point,
Florida, 335678.
Pat J. Morano
2208-Lincoln Way,
East,
Chambersburg, Pa.
71.

Florida Gators

The Florida Chapter will hold it's Spring meeting April 12-13th at the Twin Towers for the purpose of finalizing their plans. They will have the same banquet dinner that will be served at the reunion and this will give them the opportunity to evaluate and make changes in the menu etc., if necessary prior to June 6-8th. The March-April issue of the Octofoil will contain more information about tours and other pertinent facts.

SURPRISES GALORE!!!

That's what's in store for our 40th reunion from the time our members enter the lobby at the TWIN-TOWERS:

Those who can should come early Friday to have everything in order and be downstairs for entertainment that promises to be the talk of the century. A word of caution, please, PLEASE, don't be in the audience if laughter is detrimental to your health or well being.

Room Reservations

Special request, information about suites, etc should be made to:

M's Theresa Williams, Convention Coordinator, Sheraton-Twin Towers 5880 Major Blvd, Orlando, Fla 32819, Tel. 304-351-1000.

Suites and CP room reservation should be handled directly between the individual and the hotel management. Again we like to remind our members that hotel reservations should be sent to the hotel and not to Bob Pappas

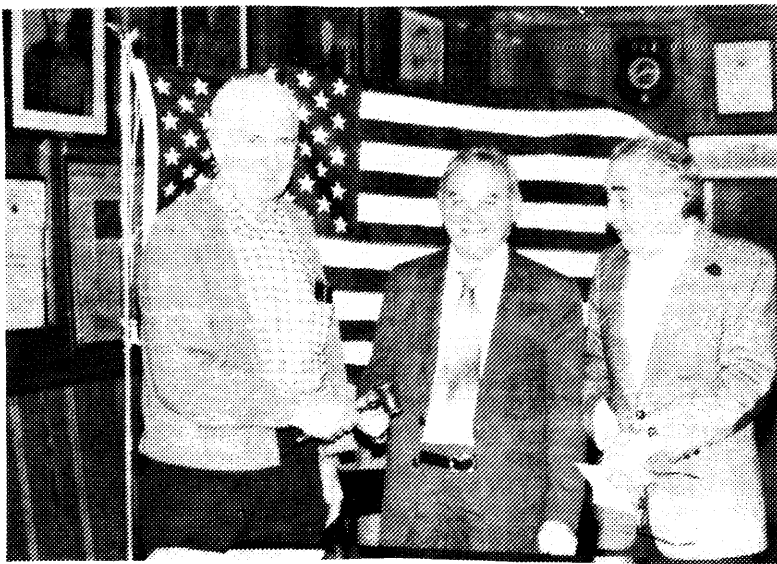
GOLF OUTING

For our golfing buddies the course selected in 1200 of the best in the state., At 1:00 noon on June 6th the hackers will Tee off.

The better halves have a pleasurable time in store also and may need a bit of extra folding green, check book or credit card.

Should you need additional information please call or write to: Reunion Chairman, Joseph Williams (Florida Chapter President), 1900 Holly Oaks Lake Road East, Jacksonville, FL 32211 (Tel 904 641-9751)

New Yorkers hold installation



Adolph Wadalavege turns over the gavel to newly installed president of the New York chapter Harry Wax as George Apar installing officer looks on. Installation of officers took place at the January 1985 meeting.

I am writing as the newly elected N.Y. Chapter President. First, I would like to wish the entire membership a healthy and happy new year. Second, I wish to express my appreciation to the membership for again electing me as President. I know that with the capable and devoted staff of officers and with support of the membership we will have a successful year. I do hope that any members who have any ideas for the good of the Chapter, and, or any complaints will come to the meetings and express them.

We had a very successful 50-50 Club Raffle and a Christmas Party. My thanks to the membership for their support and to the workers who helped make each a success. We need this kind of support for all of our affairs and events.

We meet at the 69th Regiment Armory, East 26th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City on the first Friday of each

month except during July and August. Meetings start at 8:30 P.M. Free refreshments are always available. Please come to the meetings.

The following outlines our agenda for the year: Past Presidents' Night, May 3, 1985; Memorial Services at Long Island National Cemetery, May 18, 1985; with a picnic to follow at Bethpage State Park (free refreshments); Get to the cemetery before 11:00 A.M.; National Reunion at Orlando, Florida, June 6, 7, and 8, 1985; Father Connors Memorial Mass at Worcester, Massachusetts in November 10, 1985; Christmas Party in December, 1985; and Installation of Officers for 1986, January 3, 1986. Get your reservations in early for the Reunion in Orlando.

Yours in Comradeship
Harry Wax, President
New York Chapter
2451 East 2nd Street
Brooklyn, New York 11223
718-NI 5-9187



Jerry Philips sends this photo taken in England in 1944 at Winchester Barracks. Father DeLaura Chaplin of the 47th Infantry is shown (third from left) with the men of Company K 47th Inf.



Paul Callahan submitted this photo taken in Derchsweiller, Germany during a lull in the fighting. Shown left to right George Perry, Tenn., Art Gotcher, Ala., Thomas Stobe, Pa., bottom row: Paul, Charles Holsapple, Ind., and Marshall Waller, N.C., all of Company I 39th Infantry. Story is in Mail Call.

The deadline for the next issue will be April 20th.

Request for Assistance

The Ninth Infantry Division Association

Dear Mr. Quinn,

Your name and address have been given as a possible source of information regarding the attached letter from the Syndicat D'Initiative de la Thierache dated 12 August 1984.

Any and all information you may offer regarding the names of those requested will be sincerely appreciated.

FOR THE USNMR:

PAUL M. GUKEISEN
CMSgt. U.S. Air Force
Chief of Administration

On Sept. 2d, 1944 at 9:30 a.m., the Reconnaissance Element of the 9th Infantry Division, VIIIth Corps, First U.S. Army, penetrated the hamlet of Candron (Forge-Philippe) as the first liberators of Belgium.

They had passed through La Capelle, France and on Sept. 1st, in the evening, they arrived in Hirson.

Hardly entered into Belgium, covered with flowers and frenziedly hailed by the crowds, (after 7 KM of triumphal progress) they arrived at the small village of Monceau-Imbrachies (Momignies); it is here that the bloody drama unfolded.

The German artillery, installed at Macon, opened fire with their 88, killing one Captain and 11 soldiers of the 9th Infantry Division at 11 h. 30 a.m.; they had taken shelter in the castle orchard, behind a wall.

Forty years have gone by. Yet no cross, no monument has thusfar been erected to mark the spot of the death of these young heroes — fighting for freedom — whose idealistic vision was extinguished on this historic hill.

The American nation may rightfully be proud of the gallantry of its 1944 young soldiers; they performed the most generous act of selflessness ever witnessed in our times; never will such bravery be equalled nor forgotten.

This is why the Initiative Syndicate of the Thierache at Momignies, esteems it its duty and privilege to possibly find the names of these 12 heroes with the intent of at last erecting a small monument to their memory recognizing their sacrifice.

We therefore take the liberty of contacting your Services in the hope that you could possibly provide us with the names and addresses of the families involved — of these first 12 victims of their sacrifice for the liberation of our country, Belgium.

With our heartfelt thanks for your interest and reply,

Editors note: We are hoping that some of our members can be of some assistance with this request. A check of our history — "8 Stars to Victory" shows the 9th Recon penetrated the city of Cendron, Belgium on September 2, 1944. A further check will be made by the secretay's office into our many files with hopes that we may come up with the names of those killed in this action.

1985 Worcester Memorial

The Worcester Memorial Mass will be held on Nov. 10, 1985 at 10 AM. Anyone wishing additional information, please contact Francis Maher, 14 Davenport St. Worcester, Ma. 01610, regarding room reservations.

The Avenging Ghosts of the Ninth

Several members have sent copies of the following story written by one of the great War Correspondents of our time, Thomas R. Henry. It appeared in the 1946 July issue of the Saturday Evening Post. Charlie Hoffman writes "after reading a few of the letters in Mail Call complaining how the Ninth never was given credit for the great job they did it would be a good idea to reprint this story."

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By THOMAS R. HENRY

"We would have succeeded. Colonel Rossberger told me, when I interviewed him in a prison camp, 'if it had not been for an American colonel named Smythe. He is the one American officer I would like to meet.'"

The whole move, he said, had been planned in the minutest detail, but Von Rundstedt had realized from the first that it was a gamble with a slim margin of success. Everything depended on the American 1st Army moving according to classical military tactics.

The German commander was fully aware of the weakness of the green American troops. He also was aware that on the northern flank, based around the picturesque little town of Monschau, was the 9th Division. Von Rundstedt knew the record of the ghost division. A frontal attack against these troops, even with a greatly superior force, Rossberger admitted, was unthinkable. But once the center of the 1st Army was cut to pieces, the textbooks called for a tactical withdrawal of this division to straighten the line. Such a withdrawal would have given the Germans control of the vital Monschau-Roetgen-Eupen highway as a supply road. With plenty of gasoline, Von Rundstedt probably would have been able to push his tanks into Liege, where 1st Army headquarters were established.

But the storm troopers never reached that road. In their path stood the 47th Infantry, the conquerors of Cherbourg. The commanding officer, Col. George W. Smythe, who had been one of West Point's outstanding football players two decades before, was ordered to coordinate all American troops in the sector for a last-ditch stand. He had no information of the depth or strength of enemy penetration.

Through the winter forest, Smythe set out in a jeep with only a driver and radio operator. Stopped at the outskirts of Eupen, he was warned that he could not get a mile east of the town before he would be killed or captured.

"At least I will know where the krauts are," he said.

He found that his radio was tuned to the wrong channel, so that he was completely out of touch with Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig, who had succeeded General Eddy in command of the division. Soon he ran into roads clogged with American troops retreating toward Eupen. The night was dark and filled with swirling snow — typical 9th Division background.

Smythe quickly organized

Smythe quickly organized these retreating troops, mostly leaderless and terrorized, around the nucleus of his own regiment. He simply took over command of all American soldiers in the area. That night



Colonel George Smythe second from left shown with General Eddy and Lt. Colonel Donald Clayman in Beauvain, France in August of 1944.

he organized the equivalent of a full division from stragglers. It became known popularly as the "47th Division." The American stragglers wanted to fight; instinctively they sought a leader.

Smythe learned from prisoners that German paratroopers had been dropped behind him. This demanded extreme measures. He ordered all suspicious persons encountered on the roads seized and all cars stopped. Scouts were ordered out in the darkness to pick up all American stragglers. Sergeants and corporals organized companies. Wiremen, followed closely behind them, set up a communications system. All this was accomplished in pitch darkness, in densely wooded terrain.

Still there was no contact with the enemy in force. A German paratrooper lurking in the woods was shot. Before dying, he revealed that a force of 300 had been dropped nearby. Strong combat patrols were sent out to find them. At dawn, Smythe had a fairly clear picture of the situation. The main German force had penetrated within 1000 yards of the foremost new American position set up during the night. The enemy was advancing through a dense pine forest. There was no longer any question but that the vital supply road was one of his main objectives. Smythe organized defensive positions which made the attainment of this objective impossible. Heavy artillery batteries poured shells on German concentration points. The batteries were supplied for the first time with the new proximity fuse shells from the United States just released for use of ground forces. The slaughter in the swirling snow was such as never before had been known in battle. The enemy paratroopers were mopped up in groups in the forests where they wandered in confusion.

In three days it was all over. By that time American newspapers were printing their first distorted stories of The Bulge. Actually, Colonel Rossberger says, Von Rundstedt never dreamed of success after that. His only object was to save what he could from the debacle.

Remagen

After The Bulge, the 9th moved over the rain-soaked Cologne plain to another rendezvous with destiny. In a foggy late afternoon a task force of the 9th Armored Division, swooping down the valley of the Ahr, came to the little pilgrimage city of Remagen. There, in front of the armored cars, lay an intact railroad bridge across a broad river. It apparently was unguarded. Within the next half hour, an infantry company,

charging across with fixed bayonets while delayed dynamite charges exploded around them, had seized the Ludendorff Bridge. For the first time since Napoleon, soldiers of an invading army had crossed the Rhine in combat.

Then came one of the blackest nights imaginable. Cold rain fell in sheets. Mud was hub deep. Communication back to 1st Army's 5th Corps at Bad Neuenahr was almost entirely by jeep-riding couriers. Capture of the bridge was unexpected. But as soon as the news was received, it was appreciated that this was potentially the greatest stroke of fortune of the entire war. If a bridgehead could be held on the east bank of the Rhine, thousands of American lives, which would be sacrificed in a forced crossing over ponton bridges, might be saved. However, the 3rd Corps commander Gen. John Milliken, realized also that the enemy would make extraordinary efforts to retrieve an incomprehensible tactical blunder.

Deployed southward from Bad Godesberg — taken by the 39th Infantry — at an average distance of about fifteen miles from the west bank of the river, were the three regiments of the 9th Division. Closest to Remagen was Colonel Smythe's 47th Infantry. It was ordered to cross the bridge, hold the little town of Erpel, which lay under a towering mountainside, and proceed immediately to enlarge the beachhead north and south. Meanwhile the 39th and 60th infantry regiments were started in the direction of Remagen.

Rhine crossing

This night rises in memory now as perhaps the weirdest of the war, with the 9th Division in its customary role of an avenging spirit materializing out of solid darkness. In ghostly silence, rain-soaked troops marched through ankle-deep mud. The 47th Infantry, with its supply train and cannon companies, poured across the Rhine into Erpel. They moved along strange trails. Maps were few and inaccurate. Flashlights were prohibited. Orders were given in whispers.

By noon next day the regiment was over the Rhine, clinging tenaciously to the east bank under perhaps the fiercest artillery bombardment and jet-plane strafing experienced in the war. The Germans tried desperately to redeem their fatal blunder. Before the day was over, Nazi engineer officers who had failed to blow the bridge died before a firing squad. Every enemy resource in the area was mobilized to drive the 47th back across the Rhine.



General Louis Craig, Division Commander, center, greets General's Eisenhower and Bradley on their visit to the 9th Division area near Butgenbach, Germany. Dated November 8, 1944.

But Colonel Smythe's men held, despite heavy losses. Within twenty-four hours, the 39th and 60th regiments had joined them, after crossing the tottering bridge under heavy artillery fire. Then General Craig moved his headquarters to Erpel and became temporary commander of all American troops across the Rhine. The infantry regiments started driving immediately north and south to enlarge the bridgehead for other 1st Army divisions.

The 9th sustained some of the heaviest losses of the war during those black nights when they were under a constant rain of death. The men still call wound decorations "Erpel hearts."

It was during the next few days, pushing mile by hard-fought mile eastward into the Rhineland hills, that the 39th Infantry, in which the already semilegendary Paddy Flint had been succeeded in command by youthful Col. Van H. Bond, introduced a new kind of night fighting. They started capturing towns by artificial moonlight. Beams of giant searchlights were projected through the solid blackness of the forests. The effect was like that of a full moon behind low clouds. The whole battle area was covered with a weird white light in which the soldiers could see dimly 100 feet ahead.

Beyond Erpel, the role of the 9th as the American Army's mystery division ended. It moved northward and occupied the headwaters of the Ruhr River until the Ruhr Valley pocket was closed.

Russians at the Elbe

Then, driving eastward and clearing enemy resistance pockets out of the Harz Mountains, it effected a junction with the Russians at the Elbe.

Following V-E Day, the 9th settled down on the Danube as one of the American occupation divisions. The ranks were filled largely with recruits recently arrived from home. Veterans were transferred to other units for return to the United States — but there were a few still around who recalled the landing at Port Lyautey.

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Enclosed you will find dues for 2 years. You and your staff do an excellent job with the Octofoil, keep up the good work! Look forward with interest to the news paper, keeping in touch with old friends of the 9th. Our plans are to make Orlando in 1985 and hope to see each of you there. Continued good health and a safe holiday.

A day in March 1945

WITH THE NINTH INF. DIV., GERMANY. — March 8, 1945, was a red-letter day in the already brilliant history of the U.S. Ninth Infantry Division, and it was one which neither the doughs nor the Germans will soon forget.

Shortly after midnight, the Second Battalion of the 47th Infantry, commanded by Lt. Col. Lewis Maness, of Hartsville, S.C., in a surprise move advanced across the pedestrian and railway bridge over the Rhine at Remagen — the first infantry across the historic Teutonic barrier. During the remainder of the day, the First Battalion, Commanded by Lt. Col. James D. Allgood, of Dallas, Ore., and the Third, commanded by Lt. Col. William W. Tanner, of Union City, Tenn., streamed across to strengthen the bridgehead. By nightfall, Col. George W. Smythe had his entire combat team across the Rhine.

In the meantime, the AAA-O 39th Infantry Regiment was advancing on the Rhineland resort center of Bad Godesberg, where Hitler once proposed the occupation of Czechoslovakia to Chamberlain, where Bonn-born Beethoven once played in the concert halls, where the nationalistic German poet, Arndt, wrote the now outdated line, "The Rhine, Germany's river, not Germany's border." Throughout the day, the Second Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Frank L. Gunn, of Crawfordville, Ga., cleaned out the city, and in their bag of prisoners was Lieutenant General Richard Schimpf, popular German commander of the Third Para Division.

The 60th Infantry, meanwhile, was advancing on "Stalag 6" which the enemy was bitterly defending. By dusk, however, the stalag was taken, but all internees had long since been evacuated.

39th Inf D Co
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Enclosed find dues and something extra for the Scholarship fund. We have been to 6 reunions and have enjoyed all of them so much. Especially Lake Placid as my wife, Florence, was able to spend time on the way up in her hometown. I will retire for good May 31, after spending 21 years with Uncle Sam and 22 years with an optical firm. We hope to see as many Co D men from the 39th in Florida as possible and tell them they really are missing a great time. Hope to see you all soon.

Time to dispel a few myths

It is time to dispell a few myths pertaining to the merger of the Octofoil Association with ours. The last two proposals for change in by-laws do just that. I must assume that the original dates to qualify for membership in the Octofoil Association was 19 December 1966 to 25 September 1969. 19 December 1966 being the official entry of the 9th into Vietnam and 25 September 1969 being the date of the formal inactivation in Hawaii. The 15th Engineer Combat Battalion arrived on 19 October 1966 to build basecamp "Bearcat". The 3d Brigade (comprised of the 2d Bn. 47th Infantry; 2d Bn 60th Infantry; and 5th Bn (Mechanized), 60th Infantry) reorganized into a separate brigade and remained in Vietnam and continued to fight for more than a year, and redeployed and deactivated upon arrival at Fort Lewis on 13 October 1970. Shafted? Who? The 3d Brigade and the 15th Combat Engineers. By? The Octofoil Association.

In Fayetteville, 1982, Jack Collier, myself and our wives had the pleasure of having General Randle to dinner as our guest. During the course of the evening General Randle mentioned that he had served in the 18th Infantry at Fort Wadsworth in the 1930's and that the 16th Infantry was stationed at Governors Island. In the next lull in the conversation I asked the General if he was a member of the Society of the First Division. He replied he was not as he had not served with them in Combat. Sooo don't tell me that the Big Red One lets everybody in who ever served. After Hyannis, 1981, I ran across a member of the Americal Division Association in Salem, Mass. You all remember the Americal Division in Vietnam — Lt Calley — Mai Li, that group. I asked what they were doing about their Vietnam Veterans. He stated that they wanted them to come in; he was returning from a reunion in New Hampshire; no Vietnam Veterans attended and they wanted their dues money. A great reason to want the Vietnam Veterans?

After Hyannis and the supposedly 52 to 51 vote, it was threatened by the DC Chapter that they would keep submitting the proposed change until it passed. I decided to find out what I could about the Octofoil Association and that maybe all the good things that they had promised us (General Hunt on down thru the ranks) would materialize and the Active Army was not going to shove it to us and that they really wanted us and not just our name. I wrote an ambiguous letter to the Octofoil Association stating that I was interested in joining and please send me a membership application. They did. I joined. Life Member, Te-Bucks. They also sent a fact sheet. Fact Sheet #1-82, January 1982 which I widely distributed. It must be a great organization, but don't ask me, the only thing I have received from them to date is my Life Membership Card, dated 1 March 1982. Which brings us to the Command Sergeant Major who dangled the carrot for us in Detroit, July 1975. Among other things he felt that we were being unfair since he had to pay dues to two associations since he belonged to the 60th Infantry in WW II. I'd give him a life membership in the Octofoil Association but I note that an

E-9 retired with 30 years service makes more than an O-4 with 21. And besides life membership increased 1 March 1982 to Fifteen Bucks.

So prejudiced have we become that we no longer even listen to the other side. I wrote a Con Letter, reluctantly, at the request of Association President that was published in the Octofoil Jan — Feb 1982 Edition. the last sentence reads "For all others I am sure they are active members of the Octofoil Association". Would you believe I spoke to two members at Lake Placid and neither one even knew what I was talking about when I mentioned the Octofoil Association. Both of these gentlemen are avid supporters of the merger. Obviously they did not even bother to read the Con Letters.

I first became embroiled in this fight in 1977, Chicago, when an astute member of our Association got up and said he would like to have these young men in our Association and we could go to Fort Lewis and have them wait on us. Since then some of the current membership who so avidly support expanding our membership feel we need the Vietnam Veteran to sustain us and do the work and we can sit back and enjoy the laurels and service. No Way in My Book.

Information filtering out of Fort Lewis (Detroit 1983) indicates that the Vietnam Veterans are not in abundance in the Octofoil Association. The philosophy of some of our members is to change the membership qualifications and get it over with as they won't come in anyway. Somewhere along the line the Vietnam Veterans lost control of their Association to the Active Army at Fort Lewis and gradually dropped out; it was no longer their Association. If we expand membership as proposed in the last two proposals we will lose control of our Association and it can be done in one year.

Shafted? I can think of a few better adjectives. But you can substitute any six letter word of your choice. By Who? All those who favor expanding membership.

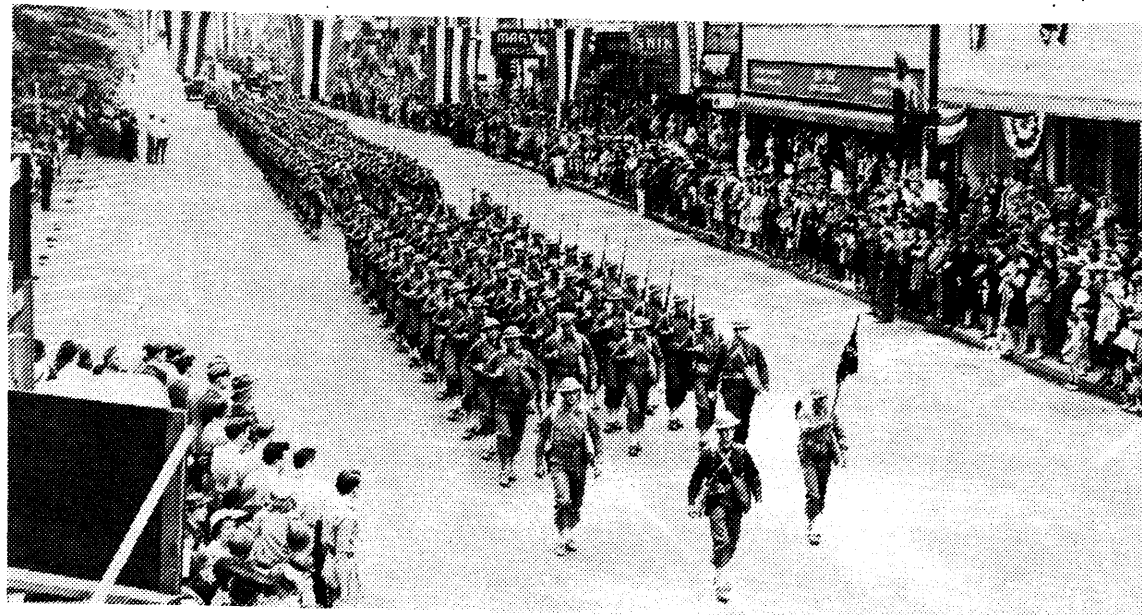
My Credentials? Twenty-one years and Twenty-six days, United States Army (My first love). E-1 to E-5, seven and a half years; O-1 to O-4, thirteen and a half years; AUS Retired 30 September 1965.

I could go on and on and on but I think I have made my point. I have a tendency to have diarrhea of the mouth on the subject and in the event the above is unclear I will be more than glad to elucidate on the subject in Florida in 1985 at the REUNION and lets keep it a REUNION

Co. A. 47th Inf.
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Matt Urban and Morrie Olender are shown at dedication of the Vietnam-era veterans memorial monument on August 25, Gloversville, New York. Story appears in Mail Call.



Company A 47th Infantry marching in Raleigh, North Carolina at the city's Tri-Centennial parade in 1942 (May), leading the company was Captain Rhett Taber. Larry McLaughlin supplied the photo in a fitting tribute to the late Rhett Taber.

HELP: Attention 9th Signal Men

Since I've written to you, my husband, Charles Hodges had a heart attack in Feb. 1984 and with the leg being amputated it didn't help any. You had sent me 2 pages of names which I appreciate very much. However, I sent out about 35 letters and 25 were returned, address unknown. I never received a reply from the rest. We had a written statement from one of his comrades and 2 others but they said they weren't specific enough. I don't know what they want. The sworn statement from Al Rago was not accepted because he did not witness the injury. I also had 3 letters, 1 hand written from a doctor they were not accepted, because when they sent a field man out, the doctor couldn't remember the treatment. Can you tell me the proper way to go about this.

Editors note: Between Feb. & Apr. 1943 while stationed in Tunis, N. Africa and while making repairs on communication lines between regimental and division headquarters, S/Sgt. Hodges was up on a pole which was hit by incoming mortar fire. One of the rounds hit the pole on which Hodges was on knocking it to the ground with Sgt. Hodges on it. Both the pole and Hodges hit the ground injuring his back. Charlie Hodges is looking for assistance for a claim. Please try to help him.

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MINI REUNION Co C 9th Med

There will be a mini-reunion of Company C, 9th Medical Bn. April 25 and 26 at the Ramada Inn in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

Hope you are both well and we will see you in Orlando in June.

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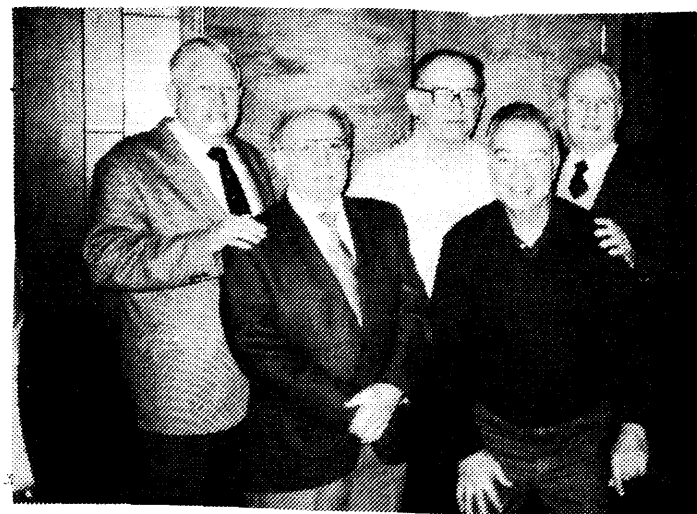
It's wonderful to belong to a family with a teen-ager in it. How else would you get to know your faults?



C.B. Baker sends this picture taken in June 1945 showing the Staff Officers of the 1st Bn., 47th Infantry. Back row left to right: Lt. Mahon, Lt. Sherer, Lt. Nunn, Capt. Larimer MD, Lt. McNeveill. Front row - left to right: Lt. Colonel Allgood and Captain Walker. Jim Allgood passed away in 1982 and was an active member of the Association. We remember him from his days as the commanding officer of Company K 47th Infantry, before he took over the 1st Bn 47th Inf.



William Canary sends this picture taken in April 1945 of the 1st Platoon Company G 39th Infantry. Bill did not identify any of the men in the photo. Story appears in Mail Call.



Andy Andriola 9th Medic's sends this picture taken at a gathering in Nutley, N.J. where he showed slides of pictures he took on his visit to Europe. Shown with Andy are left to right: Harry Chenoweth 8th Armored Div., who made the trip with Anriola, Andy, Bill Carson, Tom SanGiamco 15th Engs., and Joe Midina 9th Meds. Story appears in Mail Call.

When was the last time you wrote a letter to our Mail Call Column? Just a postal card would denote your interest and let some buddy know where you are. You like to read what other members send in . . . why not do your own part and write a few lines now and then for their enjoyment.

THE SEARCH FOR IRA ROSENFELD

What began as an ordinary nostalgic yen to see a fellow platoon leader from World War II days has prompted a California man to write and publish an oral history of M Company, 47th Infantry. Henry "Red" Phillips, who led one of the machine gun platoons of M Company, explains, "Ira Rosenfeld, took the mortar men from Fort Bragg through Africa, Sicily, France and then gained command of the company in Germany in early '45. He was then wounded and evacuated. Contact lapsed but has recently been restored."

Phillips' effort to locate Rosenfeld put him back in touch with a number of fellow M Company soldiers and led to the idea of publishing a unit history. "The story is the same for everyone I find," he says. "All agree that an account would be useful and the stories I'm turning up along the way are wonderful and will make it alive."

Phillips publishes and edits a community newspaper from his home in the Sierra Nevada foothills. "The 'Search for Ira Rosenfeld' will not be a commercial enterprise," he states. "It will be a private publication intended for the amusement of M Company's survivors. It's going to be very much their story. It is time to set it down. I have in mind our grandchildren as much as anything else. They should know of granddad's part in that historically important event."

The job will take Phillips at least another year. It is his parttime avocation.

Former members of M Company (including attachments) are urged to write to Henry G. Phillips, 14002 Hemlock Dr., Penn Valley CA 95946, or call (916) 432-1409.

60th Inf E Co
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Enclosed is my dues and I pledge not to let my Octofoil be addressed in red ink again! I served in E Co 60th from D-Day to the Elbe River, minus the time I spent in the hospitals.

39th Inf B Co
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This is the first time I wrote for the Octofoil and was glad I got it. I am one of the first men that helped to set up the tents at Fort Bragg. Last year I finally got to go to the reunion at Lake Placid and was glad because I got to see lots of my old buddies who thought I was dead! They went back to Europe to see my headstone or what cemetery I was buried in. They got a surprise when I walked in, it was a shock to them to see me after all these years, especially Col. Thompson. We had a good time in Lake Placid and talked about the old times. I went in the army Aug. 26, 1940 and was discharged July 9, 1945. I never once forgot any of the men and the division either.

K Co 60th Inf
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I joined the 9th in North Africa, went to Sicily, England and in to France when they joined the invasion. Got hit and sent home and lost contact with everyone except Rappazini in Michigan who sent me this application.

60th Inf 2nd Bn
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Here is my check for a three year membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association. It was my old C.O. Mike Kauffman, commander of the 2nd battalion 60th Infantry whom I served as S-2, who informed me a couple of months ago of the existence of the Association and sent me a copy of your fine newspaper.

I was particularly happy to read in the Octofoil that among the purposes for which the Association was formed was the desire "...to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively by means of educational activities. ..."

Recently Marine Corps veterans of Iwo Jima met with the Japanese veterans they fought against to remind the world of the heavy price they paid for peace. It was good that that demonstration reinforced the bond between us.

All of us remember when Soviet soldiers were our friends. On April 20 1945 German units in the Harz Mountains ended resistance against the 60th Infantry and the regiment was ordered to await "our Russian allies." A week later a patrol of the 3rd battalion of the 60th contacted elements of the Russian forces and realized with indescribable joy that "the Eastern and Western Fronts were one." And on May 2nd a Russian Major rode up to the last of the 60th outposts on the bridge over the Elbe, "accompanied by a truckload of happy, shouting, singing Russian soldiers, to relieve the last Go-Devil outpost of World War II."

I have just been informed by a travel agency, "Salen-Lindblad cruising Russia's Volga River," that it has much interest in designing a program to attract World War II veterans in the interest of fostering understanding and peace.

I wonder how many veterans of the Ninth Division out there would join me in meeting with Soviet veterans whom we were once so happy to have on our side, on the chance that it may encourage our two governments to make a more determined effort to achieve peace?

60th Inf., Co. G

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I find it hard to write this letter because I am trying to get out of the rut I am in. You see my wife, Bridget, died suddenly on May 26, 1984 of cerebral hemorrhage, massive heart attack and stroke in 25 minutes. She had Parkinsons disease for 11 years, and died one week before her 62nd birthday and we would have been married 37 years on June 27th. She was bedridden for the last 3 years.

9th Med Bn Co D
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The Nov-Dec Octofoil just arrived and it reminded me I had not sent in my 1985 dues. Please find enclosed check for same and a little for the Scholarship fund. Particularly enjoyed reading Andy Andriola's "Forty Years Later". My best wishes to him and regards to you as always, you are doing a great job.

A good way to make your car run better is to have a salesman quote you a price on a new model.

60th Inf A Co
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I recently joined the 9th association. In fact, I just received my first Octofoil. Great! It was while attending my first POW convention in Ft. Bragg in 1984 that I met some new friends. E.B. "Tom" Abbott and wife, Marion. He was in the 39th and also an ex POW. They informed me about the association and were kind enough to mail me a membership form. Until then I was unaware of it. I joined up with the 60th A Co as a replacement the last week in June 1944. I participated in the liberation of Cherbourg through the hedgerows to St Lo then on through Paris in to Belgium and finally in to Germany. Although I was trained as a rifleman, I was given a 30 cal. machine gun. 2 minutes of instructions on how to load it and sent on my way. On Sept 25, 1944 just east of Aachen we encountered heavy resistance including pill boxes. After an all day shoot-out, the Germans evacuated at about dusk. We overran the pill boxes and set up defense positions only to be caught in a counter attack which caused the capture of 40 men from the 60th. I spent 7½ months in POW camps. After capture, we marched to a paper mill and held there for 7 days in 2 rooms. Then on to Limburg, Germany. Stalag 12A. Next we marched to Bonn where we were loaded in to box cars and railroaded to Moosburg, Germany. 4 nights and 3 days ride. I remained there for 7½ months until I was liberated on April 29, 1945. As of this moment, I have not met anyone or contacted anyone who was involved in this action. If any of you readers were involved or know of someone who was, please let me know. I will reply.

60th Inf K Co
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Thanks again for taking care of us for another year. Hope you and your family had a very Merry Xmas and that 1985 will be the best ever. We had a good 1984, please put something in the Scholarship fund.

60th Inf E Co
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Just a note along with my overdue dues. Received a letter from the Michigan Chapter stating I was in arrears. Can't have that. I look forward every time an Octofoil is due and drop everything to read it upon receiving it. It pains me however, to contemplate that I maybe the last survivor of my company. At least that's what it looks like considering that no other former member drops you a line very often. I certainly would like to hear from anybody that served with me in E. Company from September 1944 to August 1945. Some of my friends have probably passed on but surely not all. If there are any who would like to correspond, please do so.

Hoping this letter finds you well, enjoyed our conversation in Detroit Convention. Was surprised to find Father Connors was the Priest I received my faith that carried me through after Elsenborn. In fact, it has lasted since that time.

Thanks again for the tremendous job you are doing.

47th Inf AT Co
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This is the first time I've written to Mail Call and must confess I'm ashamed. I do so enjoy the letters written by others for they reinforce the bond we made during our service. I joined AT Co 47th in Sept. 1942 and finished out the war with them as radio op. and comm. chf. Being from the West (and the division made up of Easterners) I've had little contact with most of our group. I must say that through the efforts of Howard (Red) Waldman, I've had at least letter contact with quite a few of the AT gang. Howard has been the driving force in getting our group together and is to be congratulated! For the first time it appears I can make the reunion in Orlando and I'm looking forward to it (with my luck I'll be the only one to show). I'll see you in Orlando.

39th Inf G Co
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Enclosed find check for dues and Memorial fund. I have attended Fr. Connors Memorial Mass for the last 40 years and finally met some former members of G Co., Anton Dietrich, John Fasel, Bob Smith and "old faithful" Charlie Cheevers. After retirement, I left my home in Worcester and moved to the beautiful state of Maine with the Indians. Keep up the good work.

26th FA Serv Co
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For the benefit of those from Hq Btry 26th FA I would like to report the death of Charles Eugene Ruppe. He died Jan. 15 in the VA Hospital in Johnson City, Tn. Before we left Ft. Bragg he was Col. Mangin's driver for a while. We had been boyhood friends since I was 7 yrs old and had enlisted together and came to Ft. Bragg. Good luck on the Florida reunion.

F Co 60th Inf
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Enclosed is a check for our dues. Looking forward to going to Orlando.

Div Hqs. Spec Trps
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I do not know if I can make it to Orlando, but will try. The last time I wrote I asked about Fr. Rowan and received a call from him. It was nice to hear from him and he is much younger than I. Since my last letter, my wife Ethel passed away and am lost without her. Now I know how lonely she must have been for 3 yrs that I was in the army. I did manage to get home on our 8th year of marriage. We had 2 daughters and now 6 grandchildren, 4 boys and 2 girls. I am glad to have 2 daughters as I am living with one now. According to the Octofoil, everyone seems to be enjoying themselves.

Co C 39th Inf
THOMAS FUNKHOUSER
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Hi.

That time of year again for a little note. The years really go fast, don't they? Well 1984 has not been a good year for me!

Early in May I was getting ready to go out and as I was putting my shoes on, my feet started to go numb and then my legs. The next day I went to the emergency room of the Medical Center of Beaver County (our hospital) in an ambulance with my youngest daughter and husband. That was Friday, May 11th. On Saturday May 12th at 8:00 P.M. (2000 hours) I was operated on for a small tumor between my shoulder blades.

As of now, November 19th, I have spent a total of 193 days in the hospital. Forty five in the Medical Center of Beaver County, eleven in the D.T. Watson Hospital, and 137 days in the V.A. Hospital.

I hope with the new braces and a walker, it will do some good. I hope to get out of this hospital some day. Outside all that, the rest of me is fine.

Plastic braces working fine. But it will take a lot of work before I get out of here.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

An old buddy,
Tom

P.S. I have a new address:
328 12th Avenue, c/o Carr's
New Brighton, Pa. 15066
or
V.A. Medical Center
4 West
Butler, Pa. 16001

Middle-aged man staring at beautiful girl: the generation gape.

June 6, 7, 8 1985 Reunion in Florida

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, National Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Assn.
412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, New Jersey 07087

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9th Medics, Co B

PETER A. RADICHIO
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Our general meeting at Lake Placid as it pertained to the proposed change to the bylaws, and otherwise, was harmonious and serene. There was no chomping at the bit or gnashing of teeth, just men being decent and honorable. I would like to congratulate every member who attended this meeting and voted the way he saw fit. Thanks very much to those who supported the change and thanks, too, to those of you who voted against it, for this was your right and one of the things you fought a war for, the right to express your opinion through voting. I must say, though, that the yes votes are closing in. It is rewarding to realize that we have matured enough so that we can conduct an open vote without animosity or friction. After all is said and done, this is not a personal vendetta but a matter of conscience and heart. It was rewarding to see those of you who changed your vote from what it was when this issue was first presented. I, too, changed my vote several years ago, so I am aware of what prompts the other guy. God Bless us all! I read the bylaws committee report and the suggestion that there be a 5 year moratorium on the matter of admitting Vietnam Vets in to the organization. The big question here is, how many of us will be attending the reunions 5 years from now? Health is certainly an issue here and the taps are not ours to command. Come on guys, let's do it at Orlando. We could "make Father Connors day". As he said, he doesn't know how much longer he can do his thing for the 9th. Let's do our thing for him at Orlando. Kindest regards to one and all. (P.S. Many of you know Jack Wilson of Co. B 9th Med. Jack has been attending the reunions as far back as I can remember. He recently had an operation and will be undergoing either chemotherapy or radiation treatments. His address is Star Route, Box 118, Canal Point, Fl. 33438).

15th Engrs

FRED D'AMORE
95 Webster St
E. Boston, Ma. 02128

Please be informed that Ralph Renna of Co A 15 Engrs died of a heart attack on Jan. 31, 1985. A few of the boys showed including the good Father Connors. To the Engineers, let's go to Orlando and make a good showing and see some of your long lost Buddies. It's later than you think. Let's hear from the engineers, even if only your name and say Hello in the Octofoil.

60th Inf D Co

THOMAS McKENNA
PO Box 327 Apt 200
Fedhaven, Fl. 33854

Hoping to beat the deadline on the dues. Will attend the reunion in Orlando. While writing this letter, I get a lump in my throat thinking of all the fine men I knew in my old outfit. Will hit the 70 mark this year, never expected it! If only I could celebrate it again with those fine men of D Co. Hoping to meet old friends at reunion with a few new faces.

Before credit cards, we always knew exactly how much we were broke.

84th FA Btry A

KERMIT KELADURANTEY
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Please accept dues for the next 3 years. Hay out there in the lower 48! Are there some of you who were in the campaigns who were in Btry A? Have not read any letters in the Octofoil from Capt. Adams' motley crew? I'll arrange a lengthy answer to those who care to contact me. Happy New Year.

60th Inf D Co

JOHN E. THORNTON
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Do hope this holiday cards finds you and yours in good health and that things are going real good for you. I am doing fairly good for an Ole Goat of 76, kind of wearing out here and there, but I guess that's to be expected at my age. May have to get a hearing aid real soon. I help out on the elevators at the Mart and Opera House when needed, it gives me something to do and the extra \$ comes in handy. Sure hope the New Year will improve in all departments, employment and business especially. Hope all our members had a nice holiday season. Nothing much more to say now, so keep well and take good care of yourself. Enclosed dues and something for the Scholarship fund.

39th Inf Co B

LUTHER D. WILSON
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Enclosed find dues and a little extra for the Scholarship fund. I enjoy reading the Octofoil. You all do a wonderful job. I am proud to be a member of the 9th division association. God willing, I will see you all in Orlando in June.

Q.M.

STEPHEN SHADDER
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Odenton, Md. 21113

Enclosed find dues and a little something for the Scholarship fund. Sorry I did not make the reunion at Lake Placid. I did have reservations but due to medical reasons I had to make my hospital appointment at Walter Reed Medical Center, Wash., D.C., and cancel my reservations. But I sure will be in Orlando and hope to see a lot of my buddies. Sorry about Charles Tingley, I know he will be missed as an active member of the association. I knew him in the late forties. He was a member of our unit, a platoon leader and a C.O. Say hello to Andy Sinare of Cleveland, and the rest of my friends in the QM and the division.

47th Med Det

RALPH DELMONICO
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Westminster, Ma. 01473

I hope this letter finds you and yours in good health. I was very glad to see you in Worcester. I couldn't make the reunion last year but hope to make it this year. Enclosed are my dues and something for the Scholarship fund. I have been trying to locate Dollard McCann, he lived in Mass. and was in the 1st Bn medics. If anyone knows of his whereabouts, please notify me.

39th Inf G Co

GEORGE SEIFERT
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Would be glad to hear from former buddies of G Co 39th Inf 1/41 to 7/43.

84th FA

PAUL VALENTE
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Waterbury, Ct. 06705

Though I haven't been active in the association, I do relish and enjoy the Octofoil. I have difficulty getting around, although I am not bedridden my activities are limited. Enclosed are my dues. I started with the outfit in 1941 till 1945. Have a lot of memories, good and bad, but I am proud and pleased to belong. I took particular interest in the article in the last issue's full description of the 9th Divarty run across Africa and it brought back many memories. Thank you.

84th FA B Btry

WACO D. COMPTON
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Lithia Springs, Ga. 30057

I enlisted in the Army Sept. 4, 1940 and was sent to Ft. Bragg. I was assigned to the 84th FA and was with them for 21 months. Left the 9th with the cadre for the 88th Div. I would like to attend the reunion in Fla.

39th Serv Co

FRED SCHACOR
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Please note new address. We are updated to house numbers. I am a member of the Florida chapter, but did belong to N.Y. chapter when I lived in Long Island for some 30 years. Marty Bree, Patty Higgins and I attended many a meeting. I suffered a stroke meanwhile but recovering nicely. Hope I can make the Orlando reunion. It's only a 2 hour drive, if my driving foot can do the job for that length of time. Hope to see you and the old gang again.

39th Inf G Co

EDGAR E. ZENO
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Enclosed is a check for 3 years dues. Since moving here to Kingman, I've been quite busy. Will try and make the Orlando reunion. Say "Hi" to all my friends.

60th Inf H Co

MORRY OLENDER
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I am enclosing some data and pictures taken during August at a dedication service here near my home town. I do not know if Matt Urban or John Ryan sent you anything on it. I spent a few days with Matt and took him to the races at Saratoga, N.Y. It was an enjoyable visit. During the Memorial dedication, Matt had his birthday and he was surprised with a cake.

39th Inf Co A

ERNEST HACKENBROCK
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I am very proud to be as member of the association. Please find dues and a bit for the Memorial fund enclosed.

60th Inf I Co

GEORGE H. URQUHART, JR.
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Harrisburg, Pa. 17104

I would like to hear from anyone who was in I Co 60th Inf in 1944 to 1946 when we were in Germany. They called us the Go Devils, that was painted on our helmets. I was wounded in Germany and was out of action for 2 months. I went back to my outfit as a first gunner on a 60mm mortar. We took over a German barracks in Ingolstadt and I was there until my mother died and I was sent back to the States for discharge. Thank you for your help.

84th FA, C & Hq Bn

ROBERT J. PICHETTE
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Had a fire at home but someone resurrected these 2 photos from their attic. Everything in souvenirs and photos that I had were destroyed. If anyone has any pictures they would be willing to sell, I would be grateful to them if they would permit me to buy them. I was in C Btry 84th FA in Africa, Sicily, England "Barton Stacey" in France just before the Falais Gap then went to Hq Bn and stayed with them until rotation. I am getting around much more and hope to make the next reunion. Proud to have been given the privilege of wearing the Octofoil.

Co A 15th Engineers

EDW. BOYLE
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Please send Octofoil to above address. If any members are in the vicinity, drop in. Was up to the Worcester Mass get together and Fr. Connors looked great. I'm an old Lowell, Mass. native. See you in Orlando.

60th Inf Serv Co

KARL INGEBRETSEN
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El Macero, Ca. 95618

I would like to become a first time member of the association. Enclosed is my check for 3 years. I have enjoyed reading and re-reading the 1983 copy of the Octofoil which I did not know existed until visiting with Mike Kauffman. I joined the 9th in Sept. 1940 on the same orders with Mike, Bob Herzog, Gail Brown and many others. I was assigned to Service Company, 60th where I soon acquired the moniker "Barney" after being stopped by the MP's for speeding in a 4x4 with a load of recruit drivers. I was with the 60th until ordered home by Doc Weinberg a few days before "D" day while the outfit was in the Bournemouth Southampton Area. To my regret, except for a once in a decade visit with Bob Herzog in Portland, Ore. and Mike Kauffman. I have completely lost track of the division and the wonderful men I served with. Lucille, my bride of 40 years, and I visited Fort Bragg in the fall of 1983. I saw the Memorial and the old 9th division area and was flooded with memories. The entire area was getting a face lift. All the buildings were given new siding and looked sharp. The Memorial is quite impressive. I would like to attend at least one reunion before the last roll call! Will retire from the Univ. of California in 1985 and we intend to travel. Would feel my life complete to visit with Pittman, Houston, Oswald, Dorris, Schultz, Cook, etc. God bless them all.

15th Engrs B. Co

RICHARD McGRATH
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Enclosed find dues for the next 3 years. Best wishes to you and your partner. Marie. Thanks to you and all the good workers that makes the association function. Look forward to seeing you and all the others in Orlando.

We should pity our boss. The poor guy has to get up early to see who comes in late.

39th Inf

CHARLES F. WARNER
507 E. Main St.
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Just want to let you know why I have missed the last 2 New York chapter meetings. Bad weather and been having trouble with my eyes. Will be going for laser beam treatments on Mar. 1st but will be at the April meeting for sure. Helen Rusick will be going for an eye operation also. Give my regards to all.

15th Engr. Bn.

Co. "C"
BILL LYONS
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My dues for another year. Best Wishes for the New Year to all the members of the Ninth.

60th Inf Hq Co

MILTON CORDRAY
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Greetings from Milton Cordray. We're fine. Weather is cold, almost as cold as the battle of the bulge. Enclosed is a list of Xmas cards I received. Sidney Caddin, Albert Hodge, Charles Libretto, Carl Hull, Eugene Edwards, Lee Yoder, W.J. Heidloff, F. Russo, Nick Hilbert, Earl J. Sullivan. Trust all are well. Come to see me.

47th Inf G Co & Hq

SPENCER NORWOOD
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I have learned of 2 deaths of former members of the 47th Hq I & R platoon, C.J. Pete Smalley died in the early part of 1983 and Chris Patterer died in the early part of 1984. I wonder if any former members of G Co know what has happened to Van Williams, Lt. Compton, Minark, Swinehart, Jenner, Plummer, Capt. Jenkins, Snowden, Lewis, W.D. Clark, D. McGuigan and Haggerty. Does anyone from Hq Co know what has happened to Bo Brown, Tutaj, Cobb, Pappy Bradshaw, Devonshire, Eanes, Collins, Brower and Templeton.

47th Inf E Co

ORVILLE PHELPS
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Somerset, Ky. 42501

Have been reading the current issue of the Octofoil and it sure brings back memories. I was with the 9th from hill 609 or old baldy as us dog faces called it in North Africa. Saw action in Sicily around Randazzo and saw my first action just outside Ste Mere Eglise. Was wounded on the hill overlooking Cherbourg. Would like to hear from anyone who remembers those days.

47th Inf H Co

CLARENCE HOLMAN
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Hamburg, Iowa 51640

Sorry to be late with the dues for The Octofoil. So enclosed is check for Thirteen Dollars to pay for three years.

I am much in hopes we haven't missed out on the November and December issue for 1984.

Wouldn't have caught this over sight if I hadn't been going thru some things and came across the paper Clarence signed when the group started the group after the was was over.

Best wishes to all. Perhaps again sometime we will make it to another reunion.

**Remember the dates
June 6, 7, 8, 1985
Florida Reunion**

MAIL CALL

60th Inf

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Taking a break in my writing. Now finishing manuscript of "One Hundred Years at Lindsey" and thus next month I shall begin the manuscript of "Letter of Stalingrad," which will encompass more than 25 years of research.

This letter is caused by an article which appeared in yesterday's edition of The Stars and Stripes, which I have enclosed. Also copy of a letter I wrote to the editor. Do with as you wish.

At the moment I am awaiting a few words of explanation from the mayor of Sebeville near Sainte Maire du Mont in Normandy about a monument erected on the village's property last June. It memorializes the 6000 men buried in Normandy cemeteries between June 1944 and 1948, who were assigned to 4th, 9th, 79th, 82d, 90th and 101st Divisions along with the 1st Engineers, 70th and 746th Tank Battalions. I have photographs but do not wish to send them to the Association until I have the story behind the monument. They will come with the story as soon as I hear from the mayor of Sebeville, which I expect any day.

At the moment the carnival season is reaching its zenith of madness which culminates into the silence of a graveyard comes Ash Wednesday! With the warmest regards to all and another word of thanks to those many who wrote me such warm notes of gratitude as regards the 9th Division monument at Barneville.

39th Inf I Co
PAUL J. CALLAHAN

23 Race St
Wilkes Barre, Pa. 18702

I enjoy reading the Octofoil and catching up on news and also hoping I will see something about my Co. I was in I Co. 39th. Enclosed is a picture of my buddies and myself. It was taken in the lull of battle at Derichsweiler, Germany. Reading left to right are: George Perry, Tenn; Arthur Gotcher, Ala; Thomas Stobe, Pa; Bottom now is Paul Callahan; Charles Holsapple, Ind; and Marshall Waller, N.C. Perhaps this will bring about news from some of the other men. We recently had a reunion of the Battle of the Bulge Veterans. Hoping to stir some interest in a chapter in our area, it would prove interesting. Will keep you informed.

47th Inf K Co
JOHN MRUGALA

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Just a note to let you know we have made our reservations at the Sheraton in Orlando from June 4 until June 10. We plan to fly from Pittsburgh and will finalize our travel plans later on through a travel agency. I hope we have a large turnout and that some more members of K Co make themselves present. Let us make it a greater number than at Lake Placid. Received a letter of thanks from Gen. Westmoreland for a donation. I only pray to God he wins his case over CBS. To all you K Co men come to Orlando for there is no thrill greater than being with your old combat buddies! God bless you, Dan and Marie for your wonderful work and sacrifice. See you all in June in sunny Florida!

47th Inf G Co

GEORGE BAKO

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A happy and healthy New Year to you all. We are well at the moment. One plans for the holidays and they are gone in a flash. Right now we are dreaming and planning for the reunion. I hope the Good Lord keeps all of us in good health, so we can once more meet and say Howdy. Enclosed is an item from our Daily Blurb. If you have space in the Octofoil find a corner and print it. It may give some old timers a laugh. Please send my best wishes to all in New York. God bless you all.

60th Inf E Co

EZRA CLARK

301 W College St.

Narrows, Va. 24124

I'm glad to be a part of the association. I would like to hear from some of my buddies that were with me. I was a platoon sgt and was with the division in the invasion in North Africa in 1942 until Sept. 1944 when I was captured in Belgium. I will try and answer.

60th Inf E Co

GEORGE MYERS

G-20 Montgomery St.

Graniteville, S.C. 29829

Enclosed are my dues and I pledge not to let my Octofoil be addressed in red ink again. I would like to know where I can purchase the "8 Stars to Victory." I served in E Co 60th Inf D-Day to the Elbe river minus the time spent in the hospital.

60th Inf, Med

WALLACE B. HAWKINS

318 S. 13th Ave.

Hattiesburg, Ms. 39401

Wallace send in his dues and will be going to Orlando and hope to see everyone there.

39th Inf

JOHN H. ROWELL

Rt. 1, Box 295

Brunswick, Ga. 31520

It will be a pleasure to become a member of this association. After being out of the service almost 40 years I've just learned about it. I joined the 39th, Oct. 1940 in tent city, Fort Bragg and left them May 1945 in Germany and discharged June 14, 1945, since then I lost all contact with the 9th. I will be looking forward to receiving the Octofoil.

47th Med & 9th Med Bn

ANDY ANDRIOLA

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We had a Christmas Breakfast at Dales Pancake House in Bloomfield, N.J. on Sat. Dec. 20, 1984. Harry and I spoke about our trip and showed slides to some 30 friends of ours. I am enclosing a picture we took at the breakfast. From left to right, Harry Chenoweth, 8th Armond Div., Andy Andriola 9th Medics, Bill Carson who traveled some 40 miles to be with us whom I haven't seen in 40 years, also from the 9th medics, Tony San Giamco, 15th Engrs and Joe Medina 9th medics. I must say it was a pleasure to be with these men of the 9th and talk about our experiences which brought back many memories of the battles. The 4 of us hope to make the reunion in Florida.

**Orlando, Florida
Reunion in '85**

June 6, 7, 8th

39th Inf

THOMAS ORBAND

11 Arthur St.

Binghamton, N.Y. 13905

I just received my Octofoil here at Myrtle Beach, S.C. and I will be here until Mar. 15. I can't stand the snow and cold weather and I do like it here very much. With all the troubles I am having I am doing very well. The lupus is the one hurting me the most, it hurts your blood. I had a good time at the reunion being with my B Co buddies. I also had a fine visit with Mike Ford. The guy I really missed was Eddie Kilmer and wife, Velma. On the way down, I stopped in Fayetteville to see my old first Sgt. Walter Slover and his wife, Kate. We had lunch together. His wife gave me a picture of Walt's combat boots. He saw a lot of miles in them. I hope this short note finds you and yours in good health.

47th Inf Co E

JOHN P. HYNES

Sarasota Mobile Home Park

Lot 46 on 15th St.

Sarasota, FL. 34278

Please note my new zip. I am sorry I'm late with my dues. Keep quite busy here as I help out for 1 hour at lunch for seven citizens at my church, St. Martha and 2 hours at dinner time at Sarasota High School for seniors. I also get my meals at each place. Being a POW for 26 months, captured at El Guettar pass in Tunisia and a guest of Herr Hitler from Mar. 28, 1943 to the end of April 1945. Hospitalized when I got back to the American lines walking for days with a flag I made of crayons to show the Germans and the Russians as I walked along that I was American. I had a sled I made out of wood to drag my meager belongings with me. I have 2 service records. My honorable discharge from the American army and just before the Russians liberated me at Luckenwald when I was at Stalag 3B Fursten Berg Oder someone ran in to the office and grabbed my service record with the German army. I told the VA doctor in the Bronx I had 2 service records and he looked at me like I was nuts. I showed him both records and he said my German record is priceless.

Co C 9th Med

STEPHEN KLCHARICH

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I'm enclosing dues for 1985. After the Lake Placid Convention, my first, I can't afford to drop my membership. Looking forward to more reunions.

39th Inf G Co

WILLIAM CANARY

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I'm enclosing some pictures which may be of interest to 9th members. The pictures were taken on the Elbe River April '45 just after we linked up with the Russians. I had found a German camera (which I still have) and took these pictures. Picture #1 are members of G Co 1st platoon 2nd bn 39th but sorry I cannot remember the names of anyone after 40 years. If anyone recognizes himself and would like a picture just drop me a line and I will gladly send you one. I plan on attending the reunion in Orlando with my wife of 37 years, at that time maybe I can meet some of my old buddies.

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

The deadline for the next issue will be April 20th.

JOHN CLOUSER
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Once again it is that time of the year when we remind you to check your membership card for "it is now dues time". If you have not already done so, please remit your dues at once in order to save your association time and expense of mailing out dues notices and reminders. Like every thing else the cost of mail is "going up" but if we all pitch in we can help defray this expense.

A limited budget keeps us from mailing the Octofoil to those who fall in the delinquent class. Send in your dues to the Secretary's office, 412 Gregory Avenue, Weehawken, N.J. 07087.

DUES ARE DUE

60th Inf F Co

JOHN MILLER

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For the second time this year the Great Southwest Rotary Club, Arlington, Texas, honored Lt. Col. John W. Miller. Earlier this year the Club presented a plaque to John for distinguished service to his country reading: "We acknowledge your leadership in both military and civilian life as truly a leader among men." At the noon Rotary Meeting on July 11, 1984 John was presented the Paul Harris award for his outstanding service to the Great Southwest Rotary Club and Rotary International. Hope the reunion went off in great style. Sorry I couldn't make it.

47th Inf Co G & Hdq

Jerome Shapiro

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Here is my annual letter to Mail Call. SOS ... I am looking for 2 books: Randle "Safi Adventure" and Mittleman "8 Stars to Victory". Also looking for 2 raiders, Isidore Lehman E. Co 47th excellent runner, and Arthur (Goldberger) Gardiner Co G. 47th and Hq Co. Anyone know the whereabouts of these 2 superior soldiers, contact above address. All well here in Washington Hts. Grandchild, Jackie 4½, learning to ice skate. God Bless her. Got a letter from Hermon Rahn of North Carolina one of the G Co originals and he is well and happy. On to Orlando! Also got a call from Hans Schwarzkopf the radioman of Hq Co 2nd Bn who was captured in El Guettar. He is well and happy at 71 years of age!

60th Inf Hq Co. 3rd Bn

MICHAEL FAZIO

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Marie Tomko stated in her Christmas card to me that her husband, Joe, died last Feb. 29 after complications set in after gall bladder surgery. Joe was our beloved Battalion bugler. He may not have been the best bugler in the army but when he blew his bugle he did so with all his heart. May the good Lord rest his soul.

60th Inf K & Hq Co

JOSEPH RAPPAZINI

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The arrival of the Octofoil was most welcome as is always the case. The search for names and places and events goes on each time it is delivered. Memories are revived, and so much is recalled and relieved! Many thanks to you and all those who gave birth to and have sustained the Octofoil.

A TRIBUTE

As the days and months go by, Beneath the sod more comrades lie

They have gone to join the loyal host

Of which the enemy once did boast

Men with hearts that often beat Because of a well done feat.

Because they served with genuine pride

With tried and true buddies at their side.

The cause was noble

The cause was just

To fight the foe

They knew they must.

The suffering and pain were an awesome price

But the genuine comradeship did suffice.

To enable all to look back with pride

For, from beginning to end all stand side by side.

15th Engrs

HOWARD GRANGER

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Enclosed is a check for my dues for the next three years and a little for the Memorial Fund.

I enjoy reading the Octofoil very much and do not want to miss out on future copies. All the letters are so interesting, especially those of the 15th Engrs - a terrific group of soldiers.

Oh! enjoyed reading William M. Kreye's, "The Pawns of War".

Wish the best to all and keep up the good work.

60th Inf E Co

GLEN GATES

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Sorry I am late with my dues as I don't want to miss any issues of the Octofoil, enclosed find check.

Middle age is when your friends get so stout and bald they can't recognize you.