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# THE OCTOFOIL

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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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## 41st Annual Memorial Mass and Service

November 10, 1985

It is that time of the year when the members will make their annual pilgrimage to Worcester to remember our Beloved Dead. The 41st annual Memorial Mass and Service will take place this year on Sunday November 10, 1985 - at the Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester, Mass.

On this Sunday, November 10, 1985, the troops will gather, as usual, at the Fire Station on Grove Street at 9:30 a.m. and march about a quarter mile to the Immaculate Church for the Mass at 10:00 a.m. After the Mass the men and their families will gather at the outdoor Memorial. After a brief ceremony a luncheon will be served at Sheraton-Lincoln Inn.

### "FATHERS HELPERS"

On Saturday night, as last year, a Buffet Supper will be held at the Sheraton-Lincoln Inn. Arrangements for this are being made by Father Connors Helpers.

### Room Reservations

Francis Maher will again handle room reservations for this weekend. Fran lives at 14 Davenport Street, Worcester, Mass. 01610 Tel (617) 756-1803.

Once again we want to remind you to make your room reservations as soon as possible.

Father Connors address is: 87-5 Park Avenue, Worcester, Mass. 01605 Tel (617) 752-1164.

### TIME TO REMEMBER

They now live in a land where time is measured by the vanished years. They live in a land where there is no sun, no memory, or seasons of the year to be felt and enjoyed. They are the 4581 men of the 9th who paid the supreme sacrifice while fighting on foreign soil. Sunday, Nov. 10th in Worcester, is their day to be remembered. They came from all the States of our great nation. They came out of schools, offices, factories and steel mills. They are fathers, sons and husbands. They were men of all faiths, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish. They worshipped in a universal church, fought for the same principals they believed in and while in combat, made the supreme sacrifice. Sunday, Nov. 10th in Worcester is their day to be remembered. They played taps for their fallen comrades in North Africa and shed tears for those who fell before them in Sicily. They made their homes in fox holes that stretched from North Africa to Germany. They landed in France and there so many were left behind to become part of the 4581. They walked on frozen feet as they fought their way through Belgium. They entered Germany and faced the horrible ordeals of the Huer Wolf Forest.

They met the best troops Germany had at the Bulge and came out victorious. They pushed on through Germany and crossed the Rhine at Remagen. They opened a corridor into the heart of Berlin. Sunday, Nov. 10th in Worcester, is their day to be remembered. They will see no more spring afternoons, or feel the cold, or a soft, gentle summer breeze. They know no prejudice and gether now in a place earned by sacrifice and paid for with their breath and their bodies. They want us all to know they were called to duty and were proud to answer their country's call. They know that on Sunday, Nov. 10th in Worcester they shall be remembered.

Ronald Murphy  
44 Strawberry Lane  
Scituate, Ma. 02066

### Taps Sounded

With deep regret we announce the passing of these "Old Reliabilities" and friends. May they rest in peace.

To their families and loved ones we offer our sympathy.

Harry Metta  
47th Inf. F Co.  
George Heris  
9th QM Bn  
Raymond F. Berthiaume  
15th Engrs., A Co.  
John Gargiulo  
9th Med. D Co. & L Co. 47th  
Peter Cicoro  
Div. Arty. Hq.  
John W. O'Donnell  
60th Inf. I Co.  
Charles Stochrer  
39th Inf. D Co.  
Stanley Mrozinski  
47th Inf. G Co.  
Mrs. Donald Clayman (Wife of General)  
Walter Pastel  
39th Inf. L Co.  
John F. Quigley  
47th Inf. L Co.  
Fr. Luke J. Ouska  
Chaplain 60th Inf.  
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.

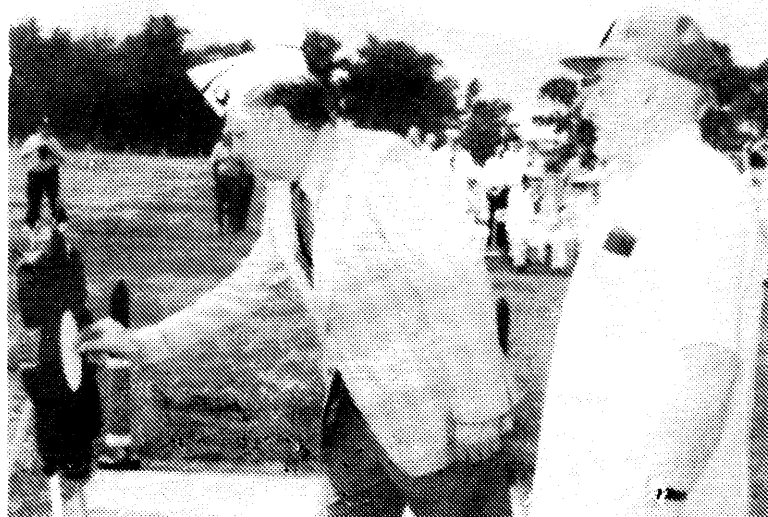
American Life, but they can't be done 'till the war is won, that's the reason for the strife.

So I must hurry now and go, for my time is drawing near, but within my heart and within my soul, there'll be a lurking fear that men with twisted minds and souls to me will not be true, and again the world will lose its mind, and youth will die anew.

So you America, preserve that trust and keep our banners high! and for you, America, and you alone, then gladly I will die. I must hurry now and go, for my time is drawing near, and when it comes, if all is true, I know I'll have no fear.

Sgt. Daniel J. O'Rourke

## Reunion #40 Now History



Joe Williams Chairman of the Reunion places marker on Memorial wreath as Max Umansky Chairman of the Memorial Services looks on. (Photo by W. Victor)

As one committeemember, I sincerely hope members in attendance had a great experience. As a novice it was much like a first invasion with no dry run.

The Thursday and Friday nights' program seemed to be quite ACCEPTABLE, i.e. plenty of "good" cold "SUDS", pretzels, chips etc. and music by a good band that was nostalgic. Friday nights "Dirty Gertie" and the roving Arab with his "Ala-Ala" was applauded and seemed to be enjoyed by most and received a good review. Who could forget the piano medleys in the background while digesting a tasty banquet played by Joe Williams Jr.?

Also to be considered is the fact that the hotel chosen was large enough to house 750 plus attendees on one property and rooms and all services for the most part seemed quite ACCEPTABLE and the attendees who availed themselves of the free transportation supplied by the hotel at no extra charge to some attractions and the Orlando airport really got a bargain.

Now for the trip tickets which were tentatively priced at \$55.00 and dropped to \$46.00 I'll leave for open comment. A few lucky members were quite pleased with a few complimentary passes to some attractions.

It was unfortunate that late plans of an offered option for a ladies' lunch, men invited which was to have a fashion show put on by three of our better department stores on Friday did not materialize due to a foul up in communications with a bit of crossfire from within but SHAKESPEARES RESTAURANT on Church St. in Orlando should receive serious consideration when in or near Orlando.

The chairman/chapter president, Joe Williams, (with a big assist from his bubbly wife Dot-tie) deserves a heap of credit for the splendid organizing and leadership plus the ability and know-how to obtain much of the costly items at low or no cost, making his receiving a battlefield commission understandable, it had to be well earned.

Hindsight instills a few constructive observations and suggestions which will be offered at a later date.

Last but not least, the staff of the Twin-Towers with whom we worked for over a year deserves a barrel of thanks and a gold star. Theresa Williams, Lynn West and the rest of the team.

Henry R. Santos  
Co. A 15th Engrs.



Norman Caswell newly elected President of the Association receives congratulations and the gavel from outgoing President Elmer Wagner. (Photo by W. Victor)

Poem sent by Ron Murphy that was written by Dan O'Rourke in 1943 when the Ninth was in North Africa.

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF DANIEL J. O'ROURKE

Died November 15, 1982  
I must hurry now and go, for my time is drawing near, and when it comes I wonder if my

life will seem so dear, for like a child I fear the dark, I love the lightsome day; I love to hear the joyous mirth of little ones at play.

I'd love to kiss my mother's face and smooth that worried brow; I'd love to shake my fathers hand; I'd love to be home now; I'd love to do all those things that are a part of



General Randle seated receives standing ovation as he arrives at general meeting. (Photo by W. Victor)

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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."

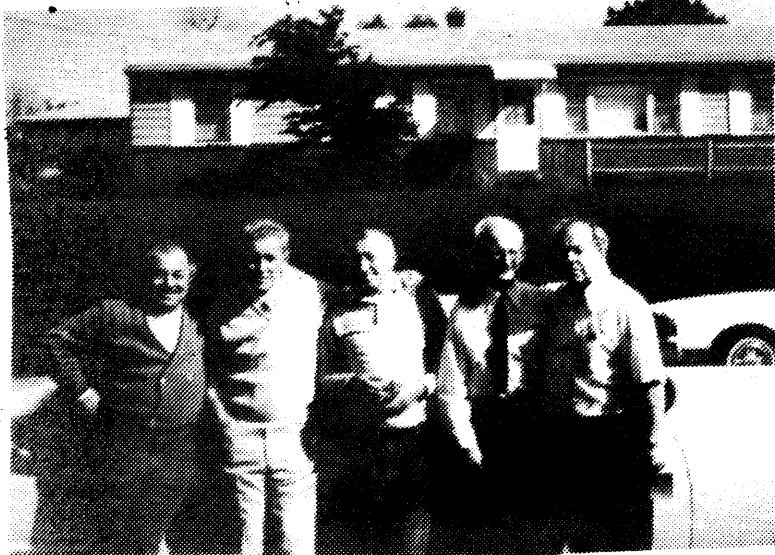
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Bill Kowalczyk sends this photo taken at mini reunion of Company M 47th in May at Bill's house. Left to right, Bill, Donald Case, Bill Koumanelis, Walter Jezowski and Jim Jamoulis. Story appears in Mail Call.

**60th Inf C Co**  
JAMES JOYCE  
1039 N. Oxford  
St. Paul, MN 55103

Figured I was about due again on dues. Happy to say that I finally saw Jack Hayes name in the paper. Dropped him a line and he remembered me. No travel plans for us this year. My youngest just finished last week from St. Teresa College, Winona, MN. and have 2 others at the U. of M. working on their Masters Degrees. Have been retired from the P.O. for 4 years and my health has been much better. My legs don't bother me as much.

**26th FA**  
JACK BENANTY  
1069 E. 24th St  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11210

Jack sends his dues and donation to Memorial Fund. Also sends regards to Joe McKenzie and the gang from the 26th FA.

**47th Inf. M Co.**  
BILL KOWALCZYK  
30 Marlborough St.  
Chicopee, MA 01020

Enclosed find a photo of a mini-reunion of M Co. 47th members at my home in May. Present were L to R yours truly, Donald Case, Bill Koumanelis, Walter Jezowski and E. James Jamoulis. Stanley Petlak arrived later. Since most of us haven't seen each other in 40 years we had a blast reminiscing. I had plenty of refreshments with chow later on. I am enclosing an article on medical coverage. Jerry Phillips and I are doing our best to increase the circulation of the Octofoil. Most of the guys must be retired by now and have time on their hands to think of their war time buddies. I'm sure that Jerry's book on the exploits of M Co. will bring more of us "sheep" in to the fold. Thanks for your help in locating the missing links.

### Tip of Hat

Ross Manley  
Robert B. McGoldrick  
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William C. Scott  
Sandy Burns  
William H. Fuson  
C.E. Blankenship  
Adam H. Yanulis  
John W. Armstrong  
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Frank V. Novello  
Frank X. Provost  
Charles V. Maraldo  
James T. Joyce  
Harry P. Chase  
Ervin M. Duve  
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Felton Jones  
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Olido Starro  
Jerome Shapiro  
Herbert U. Stern  
Philip J. O'Mara  
Pete Rice  
Mrs. George W. Smythe (In memory of Mrs. Imogene Stroh)

We wish to thank all those who contributed so generously to the Memorial Fund at the reunion and to the above members who remembered this fund.

### Grateful

Scholarship Committee  
Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter for two reasons: First to express my gratitude for the Ninth Infantry's Scholarship, which I received for four years, and second, to tell you what the money was used for and the result.

I attended the University of Illinois at Chicago where the money I received from the Ninth was used to pay for the skyrocketing cost of tuition and books. I received my B.S. in accounting in June of 1985 and I am very grateful to the Ninth for making the financial burden a little easier.

Then came the hard part, finding a job and studying for my C.P.A. examination in November. I am happy to say that both of these tasks were successfully accomplished. In October I found a position with Bally L.S., a manufacturer of amusement game cabinets, as an Assistant Controller. In November I successfully passed all four parts of the C.P.A. exam.

I would have liked to thank you personally but due to circumstances, I was unable to make the trip to Florida. I just want to say thank you and I hope you feel that you were a part of my accomplishments. I also hope that you continue the Scholarship program so that other students can have the same benefits as I received.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,  
Michael Belmonte  
1161 South Lombard  
Oak Park, Illinois 60304

My brother, Peter P. Cicoro, died on May 4th, 1985. Peter served with the 9th during WW2. He was a member of Div Arty Hqs. In Peter's memory, I wish to continue his membership in the Association and receive the Octofoil. Peter was proud of his service. A devoted member of the association and an avid reader of the Octofoil.

Sincerely,  
Christopher J. Cicoro  
3 Nottingham Rd  
Livingston, N.J. 07039

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Board of Governors, which met at our reunion in Orlando, Florida, elected me to the high office of President of the 9th Infantry Division Association for the year 1985-1986.

I consider it an honor indeed to be chosen and am sure that with the continued cooperation of the Board members, the other National officer and members of our great organization, we can have a successful year.

I wish at this time to thank the Florida chapter for the very successful reunion we just had June 6th, 7th, 8th, 1985. The committee members are to be commended for a job well done. There were plenty of activities in the area for the members and their families such as Epcot Center, Sea World, Disney World, etc.

Looking forward, the next activity on the agenda is the 1st Annual Memorial Mass to be held in Worcester, Massachusetts on Sunday, November 10th, 1985. Our Beloved Father Connors continues to say — "This is the last one" — however, I am sure he hopes, as we all do, that this Memorial Mass in honor of our fallen comrades can go on for many more years. Try and be there this year.

Then, of course, next year, 1986 our Annual Reunion will be in Nashville, Tennessee. I hope you will keep in mind the dates of June 26th-28th, 1986. Watch for development in coming issues of the Octofoil.

Quite a few of our members seem to be concerned over the final disposition of funds when we will cease to be an organization. Along these lines, a committee has been chosen to meet and discuss this problem. It will take time to reach any final decisions — the committee will accept recommendations from any member, discuss it and if it is warranted, will put it on their list of recommendations to the Board of Governors. The Committee will comprise of Emil Langer, Vincent Guglielmino, David Heller, and Len Gray — with Emil serving as Chairman.

Finally, I wish to thank Past President Elmer Wagner for his sincere efforts and dedication in making this past year another successful one in our organization history.

Regards to all — See you in Worcester,

Norman Caswell

### HELP

I am trying to locate anyone who served with or knew of a ROCCO CALVINO.

I have no serial number, no records — I don't even know what regiment he was with, however I do know he was with the Ninth Inf. Div.

He enlisted at Newburgh, N.Y. and was assigned to the Ninth — Served in North Africa, Sicily and was killed in action somewhere in Normandy.

His family has all passed on except two sisters who were quite young at that time. They are desperately trying to gain some knowledge of their only brother, as the only information they had at home was destroyed or lost.

If anyone can help me, please write. I would greatly appreciate it.

Ernest Hackenbrock  
39th Inf. Co A  
35 Grove St.  
Newburgh, N.Y. 12550

**60th Inf Hq Co 2nd Bn**  
MILTON CORDRAY  
6838 County Line Rd.  
Ravenel, S.C. 29470

The reunion was just wonderful and the Florida Chapter hosted it very well. Great getting together with old friends again, Sidney Cadden and I attended together, he was from D Co. Also good to see Col. Urban, a great leader. Also E. Edwards and Charles Libretto and all the others. We meet in Nashville next year and hope to see you all there.

**39th Inf G Co**  
OLIDO STARRO  
3 Spring Rd.  
Yonkers, N.Y. 10705

I often wondered what happened to George Seifert and thanks to your newspaper I now know. I'm just so mad I didn't know about the Octofoil sooner. Enclosed is a donation to the Memorial fund.



The Ladies Auxiliary display the Afgan rug that was raffled off at the Saturday night banquet. (Photo by W. Victor)

### HELP

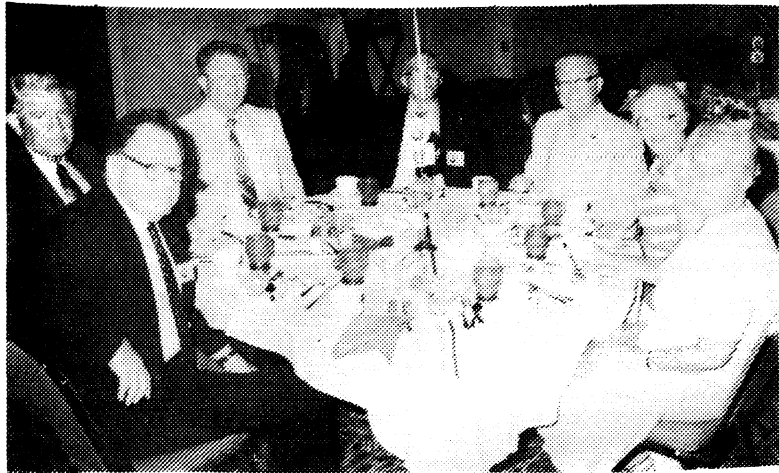
I was given your name and address by a VA representative who visits our county. I am trying to find 2 men who were listed as friends of my father at the time of his death. The only information I have about my father is that he was with F Co., 47th Inf. He was killed March 8, 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany, while apparently holding the Remagan bridgehead. The 2 men are listed as Michael P. Vaxmonsky, 32920114 and Carl M. Brent, 34738478 and were in the same outfit as my father. My name is Patricia Byers Cape, Box 341, Cooleemee, NC, 27014.

### Thankful

My grandfather and I would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to the 9th Infantry Division association. I wish to thank them for selecting me as one of the recipients of the scholarships that were awarded on June 8, in Orlando, Florida. I am honored not only for being chosen as a recipient but also for being the first grandchild ever chosen for this award. Once again, thank you.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca M. Wolfe  
Granddaughter of Ray Wolfe





Tom Billings, Slick Wilson, Pat Williamson, Fred Golup, Chick Hennen and his wife and Pat Bruchac are pictured at the Saturday night banquet. Al Bruchac was among the missing when picture was snapped. All members of the 60th Infantry. (Photo By W. Victor)



Members of Company B 47th and their Ladies as they gather for the Banquet Saturday night in Orlando. (Photo by W. Victor)



Memorial Services held at the Navy Recruit Training Center at Orlando Reunion. (Photo By W. O'Keeffe)



Some of the members of Company F 47th at the banquet, left to right, Mr. & Mrs. Felton Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Giarraputo, Mr. & Mrs. Curtis "Tex" Hofler, Vince Guglielmino and Ed "Hoppy" Hopkins. (Photo by W. Victor)



Paula Clark president of the Ladies Auxiliary presents check to Father Jerry Rowan, for the Home of the Aged. (Photo by W. Victor)

## Mini Reunion

Company C of the 9th Med Bn, 9th Infantry Division (60th Regt) held its second annual reunion at Ramada Inn in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, on April 26 and 27.

### Roll Call.

The following members attended the reunion: Stanley Busta, Cohoes, NY.; Chalmus Cochran, Cherry Log, GA.; Aldor Cook, Schenectady, NY.; Charles Denton, Clinton, TN.; Frederick Dick, St. Petersburg, FL.; Gus Fite, Fairview, NC.; Bruce Johnstone, Dunedin, FL.; Frank V. Kalich, Albuquerque, NM.; Joe Kash, Ard- sley, PA.; John Klooz, Sullivan OH.; Andrew Kopach, Easton, PA.; Frank Kowalik, Water- ford, NY.; John H. Lewis, Shelbyville, TN.; Carl Motley, Blairs, VA.; Angelo Rinchuso, Glenshaw, PA.; Wesley Roach, Danville, VA.; Walter Sam- mons, Mundelein, ILL.; and Ed- die Van Meter, Huntington, IN.

The wives of many of our members and other members of their families brought the total to thirty six.

The Ramada Inn gave reduced rates and provided excellent facilities including a large meeting room. A heated swim- ming pool was also at our disposal. A restaurant in the complex served excellent meals including a hot and cold salad bar. All arrangements for this reunion were made possi- ble by the efforts and hard work of John H. Lewis.

### Reminiscing.

Considerable time was spent reminiscing and re-telling our experiences through the three amphibious landings and eight campaigns, from Africa to Sici- ly, England, France, Belgium and Germany. Our final loca- tion on VE Day was Bitterfeld, Germany, near the Elbe River.

Since many of our members were excellent photographers, we were able, through their ef- forts, to review the various countries, people of these coun- tries, and hundreds of battle pictures all taken by our men. The largest collection of photographs was supplied by Walter Sammons and John H. Lewis.

Bruce Johnston held a meeting discussing a variety of topics, and of particular in- terest were hints of useful details for those who plan to at- tend the National Convention in Orlando, FL. in July. It has been agreed to purchase a full page ad in the national program honoring the deceased members of Company C. Also, it was decided to have the next reunion in combination with the National Convention in Nashville, in 1986.

### Side Trips

Several members made side trips to points of interest in and around Pigeon Forge. These in- clude Gatlinburg, the gateway to the Smoky Mountain Na- tional Park; Nashville, with its Opry Hotel in combination with a huge and indescribable Solarium filled with tropical plants; a replica of the Par- thenon; Sevierville, the home town of Dolly Parton, and other interesting areas in and around Shelbyville and Knoxville.

Charles Denton held a memorial service honoring all the deceased members of our company. After the names of these members were read, there followed a moment of silent prayer.

Frank V. Kalich  
1208 Valencia Dr. NE  
Albuquerque, N.M. 87110

## Association of the U.S. Army



The 60th Infantry Combat Team held a mini reunion at the Regional meeting of the Association of the United States Army, May 19th. Shown left to right, Buelow, Urban, Hull, Joyce, Ryan, Hennen, General Westmoreland, Vestecka, Coulter, Elliott, and Freudenberg. Ladies (l-to-r) Peggy Elliott, Nancy Joyce, Anne Hennen, Betty Freudenberg, and Betty Buelow.

The 60th Infantry Regimental Combat Team staff held a sum- mit conference at the Marriott Hotel in Bloomington, Minne- sota, on the weekend of 17 - 19 May 1985. The meeting was held in conjunction with a Regional meeting of the As- sociation of the United States Army, at which General William C. Westmoreland and Medal of Honor recipient Lieutenant Colonel Matt Urban were featured speakers. General Westmoreland commanded the 60th Regiment in 1945.

In addition to General Westmoreland and Colonel Ur- ban other Old Reliables on hand were Carl H. Hull, Tucson, Arizona; Richard A. Vestecka, Lincoln, Nebraska; Jack W. Coulter, Lakewood, Colorado; Donald D. Buelow, Jefferson, Wisconsin; Joseph J. Joyce, Bloomington, Minnesota; El- don G. Freudenberg, Estes Park, Colorado; Glenn F. Elliott, Indio, California; John P. Ryan, Northville, New York; Herbert E. Clark, Tipton, Iowa; and Norbert J. Hennen, Min- neapolis, Minnesota.

Ladies who joined in the re- union were Peggy Elliott, Betty Freudenberg, Nancy Joyce, Betty Buelow, and Anne Hen- nen.

Colonel Urban addressed the luncheon at the Fort Snelling Officer Club, following which a tour of Old Fort Snelling provid- ed an interesting glimpse of life in Minnesota during the 1820's.

General Westmoreland ad- dressed the role which the younger veterans are now play- ing in our national life and ex- pressed his pleasure at their participation. The dinner pro- gram included a presentation to General Westmoreland by Mas- ter Sergeant Anthony Nathe of the Minnesota National Guard of the Minuteman Award, a statue done in 14 carat gold. This is an award from the Na- tional Guard Enlisted Associa- tion and has been presented on- ly 4 times, the others being to Presidents Eisenhower and Truman and Bob Hope.

N.J. "Chick" Hennen  
60th Infantry Regiment  
from August 1940 to May 1945  
4140 Washburn Avenue North  
Minneapolis, MN 55412



The grand finale of the skit put on by members of the Florida Chapter on Friday night. Dressed in their A-rab outfits they are shown doing their closing song.



Waiting for transportation to the Memorial Service held on Saturday morning. (Photo By W. O'Keeffe)

## 1986 Reunion Nashville

# Business Transacted at Reunion

## Board of Governors Meeting

The 151st meeting of the National Board of Governors took place on June 6, 1985 in Orlando, Florida at the Sheraton-Twin Towers Hotel. The meeting was called to order at 4:15 P.M. by President Elmer Wagner. Attending the meeting were Henry Santos, Dave Heller, Larry Ghery, Norman Caswell, Robert DeSandy, Gil Pernokas, Richard Starr, Thomas Boyle and Al Perna. Also present were Fred D'Amore, Dick McGrath, Adolph Wadalavage, Pete Radichio, Emil Langer, Bill Bongiorno, Fran Maher, John Clouser and Vincent Guglielmino.

President Wagner asked the members to stand for a moment of silence for the departed men of the Ninth. Secretary Quinn then read the minutes of the 150th meeting that had taken place in Worcester in November 1984 and upon a motion made by Bob DeSandy and seconded by Henry Santos it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes and have the secretary place copy of same on file.

The Treasurer Tom Boyle was called upon for his report and Tom gave a detail account of the spendings and income of the last quarter and for the year. Upon a motion made by Dave Heller and seconded by Gil Pernokas it was voted to: accept the treasurers report.

John Clouser Chairman of the Scholarship Committee was called upon for his report. The committee had met in Florida, as they all live in Florida. (Clouser is a Winter resident) and this committee consists of Michael Dedresh and Joe Williams. This year six awards will be given, five renewals and one new applicant to share the sum of \$3450.00. Since this program started in 1961 the sum of \$42,055.00 has been awarded to applicants all of whom are related to the members of the Ninth. A discussion was held on awarding of scholarship to grandchildren. Upon a motion duly made by Bob DeSandy and seconded by Henry Santos it was voted to: Accept the report of this committee. There was one negative vote cast.

Pete Radichio a member of the Florida reunion committee briefed the members as to the events and registration. Radichio stated they expect over 700 people for this reunion the way the registrations are coming in besides the pre-registered members.

### June 26-28 1986 Reunion

Bob DeSandy Co-chairman of the 86 reunion told the members that the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Nashville Tennessee had been selected for the reunion site and the dates will be June 26, 27, 28, 1986. Room rates will be \$55.00 for a single or double. Details will appear in the Octofoil.

### Marker Fund

Dave Heller Chairman of the Marker Fund, for possible erection of another monument such as in the National Cemetery in Arlington, reported the committee had not met with encouraging action, the National Cemetery was not interested at all and any monument would have to be put on the outside of the cemetery on the road leading to the Main Gate. Heller said he looked forward to future action for the association on this matter and then made a motion that was seconded by Al Perna that this committee be discharged with a negative report. President Wagner thanked Heller and his committee for their efforts.

President Wagner then appointed the following members to serve as Chairman of the various committees for the general business meeting of the association: Newspaper-Dave Heller, Nomination -Bob DeSandy, By-laws Norm Caswell, Finance Henry Santos, and Miscellaneous Dick Starr.

Richard Starr submitted a bid for the 1987 reunion for the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter to be held in the Poconos Mountains. The selection for the 87 reunion will be held at the next Board meeting after the general meeting.

Dick Starr and Thomas Boyle addressed the members to consider the future of the association regarding the money and bonds held by the Association.

### November 10th Memorial

Fran Maher told the members that Father Connors will hold his annual Memorial Mass and Dinner on November 10, 1985. As usual Fran will handle the reservations for rooms for that weekend and he suggested that reservation be made as soon as possible.

Upon a motion duly made by Gil Pernokas and seconded by Larry Ghery it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 5:50 P.M.

## The Meeting of The Ninth Infantry Division Association

The 40th annual meeting of the Ninth Infantry Division Association took place on June 7, 1985 at the Sheraton Twin Towers Hotel, Orlando, Florida. President of the Association Elmer Wagner called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M. and asked the members to rise and observe a moment of silence for the departed men of the Ninth. Wagner then named the Chairmen of the various committees and asked them to stand so that the members serving on these committees could recognize them. The Newspaper Committee Chairman is David Heller, the Nominating Committee Chairmen is Robert DeSandy, the By-laws committee chairman is Norman Caswell, the Finance Committee Chairman is Henry Santos and the Miscellaneous Committee Chairman is Richard Starr. A recess was declared till 11:00 A.M. so that the committees can meet.

At 11:15 A.M. with 169 members present President Elmer Wagner called the meeting back to order and asked the members to stand for a moment of silence in memory of the departed men of the Ninth.

The secretary then read the minutes of the 39th meeting that took place in Lake Placid on June 22, 1984. Upon a motion made by Al Perna and seconded by Walter Victor it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes and instruct the secretary to place copy of same on file.

The treasurer, Tom Boyle, then was called upon for his report. Boyle gave a detailed report on the income and spendings for the past eleven months. As the association operates on a fiscal year ending in June 30, 1985 all bills and expenses for the month of June were included in Boyles report. Upon a motion made by Robert Pappas and seconded by Joe Medea it was voted to: Accept the report of the Treasurer. President Wagner thanked Boyle for his report.

### Finance Committee

President Wagner called upon Henry Santos, Chairman of the Finance Committee for his report. Santos named these members who served with him on this committee: Ed Shea, Gordon Anderson, Al Fullerton, Larry Ghery, William DeBruyne, Art MacDougall, William Engle, Walter O'Keefe, Vincent Guglielmino, and Tom Boyle as an advisor. The committee recommends the following budget for the coming year.

<b>Anticipated Income:</b>	
1. Dues	\$6400.00
2. Investments	2400.00
3. Reunion	1100.00
Total	\$9900.00
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Secretary Salary	\$ 1000.00
Utilities	1330.00
Supplies	500.00
Postage	2500.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
Secretary Expense	600.00
Treasurer Expense	300.00
Octofoil	5200.00
Editors Expense	400.00
Accountant	150.00
FICA	70.00
Printing	104.00
Wreath	55.00
Dues Reminder	100.00
Clerical Help	900.00
Total	\$13509.00

A deficit of \$3609.00 be made up by borrowing these needed funds from the Capital Fund or monies remaining in the General Fund. Upon a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by Ted Preston it was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations of the Finance Committee. President Wagner thanked Henry Santos and the members of his committee.

### By-Laws Committee

President Wagner called upon Norman Caswell Chairman of the By-Laws committee and Caswell named these men who served with him on this committee: Adolph Wadalavage, Pat DeColli, Floyd Hennessey, Russ Bassel, Larry McLaughlin and Mike Belmonte. Caswell reported that in as much as there were no proposals made in writing to the Secretaries office to amend the By-laws, no action was to be taken at the present time. Upon a motion made by Mike Deresh and seconded by Paul Clark it was voted to: Accept the report of the By-laws Committee. President Wagner thanked Norman Caswell and his committee for their report.

### Newspaper Committee

David Heller, Chairman of the Newspaper Committee, was called upon for his report and Heller named the following members who served on this committee: Andy Andriola, New York Chapter; Oliver Carter, Washington D.C. Chapter; Fred D'Amore, New England Chapter; Carlos Esteva, Florida Chapter; Billie Martin, Michigan Chapter; Al Perna, Philly Delaware Chapter and Don Wright, Florida Chapter. The committee reports the following:

1. Members agreed that they enjoy the Octofoil and look forward to receiving it. They wish to express their thanks to the Editor and Assistant Editors: Dan Quinn and Walter O'Keefe.

2. Make a special effort so that the convention and the Worcester Memorial Mass issues are received one month before the date of the event.

3. Since our organization now faces a number of important policy questions and since it is desirable that they be discussed as widely as possible, we should continue to encourage our members to express their view points in the Octofoil. As a

start, our committee will try to write some contributions.

4. If possible, more than one issue addressed in Red ink should be sent to delinquent members.

Upon a motion duly made by Jack Wilson and seconded by Emil Langer it was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations of the Newspaper Committee. President Wagner thanked Dave Heller and his committee members.

### Miscellaneous Committee

Richard Starr Chairman of the Miscellaneous Committee reported for his committee and he named these members who served on this Committee: Fran Maher, Frank Russo, Richard Wilson, Fred Dick, John Obermiller, Ford, Frank Lamorgene. This Miscellaneous Committee recommends the following: 1. That the transportation to and from the Hotels (from the Airports) be advertised especially if it is free and supplied by the Hotel for the convention. Many of our members used private transportation not knowing that free transportation was supplied. 2. The committee discussed the future policies of the association pertaining to the disbursement of the monies if and when the association reaches the end of the line and is to be disbanded. Fran Maher did recommend that a committee be formed to study this concern.

Upon a motion duly made by Henry Santos and seconded by Gordon Anderson it was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations of the Miscellaneous Committee. President Wagner thanked Richard Starr and his committee.

### Nominating Committee

Chairman Robert DeSandy of the Nominating committee was called upon for his report and DeSandy named these members who served with him: Ron Murphy, New England; Lou Netta, Philly Delaware Valley; Pete Cusack, Florida; Emil Langer, New York; Leonard DeBell, Michigan; Paul Clark, Illinois and Ted Preston, member at large.

The committee recommends the following members to replace the four outgoing members of the Board of Governors.

Fran Maher, New England Chapter; Pat DeColli, Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter; Louis Gray, Illinois Chapter; Carlos Esteva, Florida Chapter.

Boardman Lockwood made a motion that was seconded by Richard Trahey to accept the report of the Nominating Committee and to accept nominations from the floor. Upon a motion duly made by Henry Santos and seconded by Bill Bongiorno it was voted to: Close the nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot for a unanimous election.

Though this committee has no responsibility to act or make recommendations, we bring to your attention for information only, as brought to the attention of the committee that the New York Chapter feels they should be entitled to a third member on the Board of Governors (that they had for years) because of the size of the chapter.

### Scholarship Committee

John Clouser Chairman of the Scholarship Committee reported that this committee consisting of Michael Deresh and Joseph Williams had met in Florida and recommended that six applicants be granted awards amounting to \$3450.00. Clouser told the members that this committee is a permanent committee and the recipients

are all related to men of the Ninth and are selected according to the academic ability and financial need. The Board of Governors at their meeting held on June 6, 1985 had approved the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee. President Wagner thanked John Clouser and his committee for their efforts and the membership gave his committee a round of applause.

### 86 Reunion Nashville

Bob DeSandy Co-Chairman of the 1986 Nashville, Tennessee briefed the members on this reunion that will be held on June 26, 27, 28, 1986 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel. Details will appear in the Octofoil.

Adolph Wadalavage spoke to the membership and told of the New York Chapter placing the Division's history book "8 Stars to Victory" in the Library at Hofstra College in Long Island. A ceremony will take place at the time and Adolph expressed his desire that as many members as possible attend this Dedication. Naturally it would be easier for the New York area members to attend this function.

Fran Maher made a motion after a discussion to have the matter of new office equipment for the Secretary's office be looked into and this motion was seconded by Henry Santos and so passed by the membership.

### Worcester Memorial

Fran Maher announced that Father Connors will hold his annual Memorial Mass and Service on Sunday November 10, 1985, Worcester, Massachusetts. Fran will handle room reservations and has reserved rooms in the Sheraton-Lincoln Inn and nearby motels. He suggested to the members to make reservations as soon as possible.

There being no other business to come before this group and upon a motion duly made by Bob Pappas and seconded by John Clouser it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 12:47 P.M.

## National Board of Governors meeting

The 152nd meeting of the National Board of Governors took place on June 7, 1985 at the Sheraton-Twin Towers Hotel in Orlando, Florida. The meeting was called to order at 4:10 P.M. by President Wagner who asked the members to stand for a moment of silence in memory of the Men of the Ninth. Attending the meeting were Bob DeSandy, Fran Maher, Gil Pernokas, Richard Starr, Carlos Esteva, Pat DeColli, Norman Caswell, Harry Wax, Lou Connors. Also in attendance were Tom Boyle, Al Perna, David Heller, Fred D'Amore, Ron Murphy, John Clouser, Emil Langer, Anthony Chaconas, and Frank.

Upon a motion duly made by Robert DeSandy and seconded by Lou Connors it was voted to: Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 151st board meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by Norm Caswell and seconded by Harry Wax it was voted to dispense with the report of the treasurer.

A discussion was held on the Scholarship awards that were granted for this year at the 151st board meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Fran Maher and seconded by Pat DeColli it was voted to: Continue with the approval of these scholarship recommendations, for this year, and rectify any mistake if it indeed was made regarding the awards to grandchildren. One member abstained from voting and one member cast a negative vote.

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# National Board of Governors Meeting Election of Officers

Election of officers for the coming year was held with the following results:

President, Norman Caswell; 1st Vice Pres., Vincent Guglielmino; 2nd. Vice Pres., Dave Heller; 3rd Vice Pres., Ron Murphy; Judge Advocate, Harrison Daysh; Secretary, Daniel Quinn; Treasurer, Thomas Boyle.

Upon a motion duly made by Bob DeSandy and seconded by Lou Connors it was voted to have the secretary cast a single ballot for a unanimous vote, for the entire slate of officers.

Emil Wagner turned the gavel over to the newly elected President Norm Caswell and thanked the members for their cooperation during his term in office. Emil said it was an honor and pleasure and looked forward to years ahead in this great organization.

Norm Caswell in accepting the gavel from Emil Wagner thanked the members for electing him to the office of President, it was a great honor and will do his best to do a good job.

## Reunion Sites Committee

The president Norm Caswell then appointed members to the Future Reunion Sites committee to serve till the year 1988. Emil Langer and Herb Olsen. Fran Maher will chair the committee for this year. Walter O'Keefe and John Clouser are serving on this committee till 1986. Fran Maher and Pete Radichio will serve till 1977.

Vincent Guglielmino recommended a study be made of the financial structure of the association.

## 1987 Reunion

Al Perna submitted a bid for the 1987 reunion for the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter and there being no other bid and upon a motion made by Robert DeSandy and seconded by Emil Wagner it was voted to: Award the 1987 reunion site to the Philly Valley Chapter who will explore the possibility of holding the reunion in the Pocono mountains.

Upon a motion duly made by Rob DeSandy and Seconded by Harry Wax it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 5:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted  
Daniel Quinn  
National Secretary

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

Twenty-eight day's prior to Uncle Sam's 209th birthday on July 4th. 1985. Co. B-47th Infantry celebrated it's own memorable happening — the election of one of its long term members, Norm Caswell, to the leadership of our 9th Infantry Division Association for the year 1985-1986.

For those of you who "came later", Norm, like so many others of We Selective Servicemen, went through the trials and tribulations of the newly - formed 9th. Inf Division enduring along with the heat, sand, scrub oak and pine hinterlands, the punishing, pointless orders of an illiterate cadre fresh out of Texas famous Ft. Sam. -to this and the "hit or miss" leadership of "green as grass" commissioned officers — in spite of this, and with the saving grace of time, we all survived!!

We congratulate those responsible for President Caswell's Election and to Norm, our buddy and friend for some 44 years, go our best wishes for a most successful reign.

There is much to be said for this man beyond his sincerity, capability and soft-sell amiable manner. We have a man, one could take pride in as a brother,

boss, partner or co-worker — he truly exemplifies the term — "friend".

## Morning Report

Well, ol'Bece continued it's tradition with a respectable attendance at our "40th. Reunion."

Our "morning report" showed the following attendees. — John & Catherine Compagnone. — Bob & Anna Edie. — Joe & Eleanor Taubner. — Ernie & Nina Crowder. — Steve & Wanda Lelak. — Joe & Stella Cichocki and friends. — Joe & Rose Harvilla. Norm & Alice Caswell. — Art & Grace Stenzel. — Olga Palega, who joined us with her son, Joe, and grand-daughter, Nicole. — and, of course, Ed & Helen Sarnocinski, our perennial C.P. hosts who provided the after hour haven for food, drink and challenging conversation — at this point we wish to acknowledge, with thanks, the generous contribution to the C.P. expenditures by the "Shockleys!! — Orion and Eleanor could not make it this year.

Many other last year attendees weren't with us — needless to say we missed all of you — jes' don't make it a practice and start thinking Nashville! — No! ya don't have to play a banjo — an' ya kin wear shoes!!

## Future Reunion Committees

WE address the following to all future Reunion committees, national or - regional chapters.

— If this yearly Reunion ritual is to be supported in the years ahead, a far greater effort must be made toward overcoming past failures and a greater concentration toward making these events more memorable for our loyal, generous, attending membership — Lets approach these "site selections" as if its success will bring you the rare Nobel prize, and treat that banquet with concern and ceremony, with the zest of your only daughters' marriage to the finest young man in ol' Green Pasture Valley. — Remember, our ultimate goal is unforgettable enjoyment with unforgettable friends —not profit!!

Sorry, Pat and Jack, spending money, it seems is not an area shared in high places, thus your merited progressive suggestions (Jan.-Feb. 1985) probably found solace in the "change" round file!

Now, you all have a good summer out there, y'hear? and how's about exchanging your thoughts on the above "thoughts"???

Art J. Stenzel  
8705 - Village Mill Row.  
Bayonet Point, Florida. 33567.

Pat J. Morano  
2208 - Lincoln Way. East.  
Chambersburg, PA. 17201.

## Company F 17th Infan-

### Herculear

Now that our fortieth reunion is behind us I must say that Joe Williams and his cohorts of the Florida Chapter did a Herculear job. Sure there were the lost buses at the training station and the long wait for many of our men at the luncheon, but both these incidents were beyond the control of the committee members.

Indeed part of the inconvenience could have been avoided if everyone had registered in advance. That way another dining room could have been reserved. But the Florida Chapter needs no apology from me. They did one helluva job and are to be commended for making this reunion such a memorable one. My personal thanks go to Joe Williams and

Henry Santos for arranging for special rates for our C.P. I hope future committee members will arrange for a special rate for suites at their reunions, as a number of groups require rooms where they can meet between the planned festivities.

## Great Turnout

As usual F Company, 47th Infantry had a great turnout. Joe Williams said that we had by far the greatest number of men of any of the companies or batteries. once again four of our former company commanders were present: Frank Smith, Otto Geyer, Ray Schmader and Chuck Jones. also, General Maness, our guest speaker, started his military career as second lieutenant with F Company Back in 1941, immediately after graduating from Clemson where he starred in Football. Federal Judge Ed Johnston made it in from Faducak, Kentucky. Though he arrived late, it was good to see him. We hope he enjoyed himself enough to make it a point not to miss too many more of our reunions.

Also present was our old 1st Sergeant Felton Jones. Felton and Wilma both looked hale and hearty. Wilma will be Retiring from her Post mistress job at the end of the year. Pop Zucker, the Finnegans and I flew down on the same flight. Earl and Miriam Willey came down with Smig and Marie in the latters motor home. Marie recovered from her illness on the way home Sunday. I spoke with them last week and they are safely home in Pennus Creek, Pa., planning summer trips with their big land cruiser. I'll probably see them this summer when they visit the Jersey Shore. The George Kings reported that they arrived home safely as did the Frank Gonzols. Frank dropped the remains of the liquid refreshment off at my house the Tuesday after the reunions' finale.

## Good To See

It was good to see George Gaynor again. I hadn't seen George in years, but in seven months I've seen him three times, at the dinner at Repetti's in November, at the N.Y. Chapter Christmas Party back at the Elks Club in Weehawken the following month, and then at Orlando in June. Keep coming, George, you're looking great.

The Tex Hoflers made it from Virginia where Tex is prospering as a C.P.A. I'm thinking seriously of bringing my account to him, then he'll really have it made. Unfortunately his old buddy Lee Grimwood couldn't get to Florida from Sedgwick, Kansas, but he did send a generous donation to the C.P. Fund.

While in Orlando we called Eugene "Shorty" Nann and Stout, two residents of Florida. Stout was tied up with business, running his three jewelry stores and Shorty was still impaired with a stroke he suffered some years ago.

Of course the DeSandys were present. At the banquet they fashioned a red, white and blue tie for me out of the bunting that decorate the banquet room.

It was great to see the Larry Gheres, Bill Otto, Paul Giaraputos, the Ken Yennies, Vinny Guglielmino, as well as Walter O'Keefe and Wood Lockwood, two honorary members of F Company.

## Unable To Attend

Many people sent along contributions to the C.P. fund, even though they are unable to attend. This year these include Ed Netta, Al Yanushesky, Josh Fyncavage, Bill MacDonald, Tony Repetti, Rodger Alsgaard, Paul Pryjmack, Al Munatore, Lou Slatnick and

## COMPANY "F" - 39TH INFANTRY 6TH ANNUAL REUNION

Dear Friends:

It's that time of the year -time to announce the particulars for the sixth annual reunion of Fox Company. Please mark your calendar for this very special occasion and remember to make your reservations early.

DATE: SEPTEMBER 12-13-14, 1985  
PLACE: HONEYTREE INN  
3211 E. Race Street  
Searcy, Arkansas 72143  
(501) 268-9900  
COST: Single Room - Queen Size Bed  
2 Persons - \$31.00  
1 Person - \$25.00  
Double Room - 2 Queen Size Beds  
2 Persons - \$36.00  
1 person - \$31.00  
AIRPORT: Little Rock, Arkansas  
(If flying notify Hanks for pick up at Airport) Phone - 1-501-726-3388  
New Motel - Lounge - No Pool  
GENERAL: Courtesy room free with guarantee of 10 rooms or more.  
Free map of Arkansas obtained by writing Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Dept. P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Remember to request your room be part of Fox Company -39th Infantry reunion party.

As you will note, an extra day (Thursday) has been added to our stay. Since many of us will be traveling a great distance, it was felt an extra day was in order. The reunion will officially begin on Friday as usual.

To help avoid the confusion we had last year regarding motel reservations, Red and I ask that you drop us a line as to your intentions for attending the reunion, and if you are coming, have you made your reservations. This will be a great help to us as the reunion date nears.

If you have any questions please contact us at 412-823-0486.  
Until September ..... Love to All,  
(Exit 46 off Freeway at Searcy) Red & Eleanor Crail  
Ray & Laverne Hanks

George Brown. Irma Koskie also sent me a check so the gang could have a drink on Chuck. She'll try to make reunion next year.

I talked with Tony Repetti last week and I'm happy to report that he sounded great. He had been up to Waterloo, New York for a pleasant visit with Rud Hoffman and George King. The day before I called him he had been to the track with his brother, Jack Finnegan, Slats, and I will have lunch with him some day within the next couple of weeks. We'll probably get Pop Zucker to join us too.

Many people asked me about having a repeat of the dinner we had last November. I think we'll make this an annual affair, but I'll schedule it in late September or early October. Let me have your thoughts on this, those of you who would like to attend.

I am looking forward to next year at Nashville. Lucy will accompany me to Nashville next year.

I noticed that since Quinn quit drinking, I get a lot more rest at these reunions. I also seem to have amounts of Scotch left over. We hope to see Dan and Marie in Nashville next year but then I know they will make the F Company affair in the fall.

Hoppie

Ed Hopkins  
110 Hollywood Avenue  
Metuchen, N.J. 08840

## Seeking Information

I am working on a book on the 9th Division's Medal of Honor recipient, Matt Urban, and on the 60th Combat Team. Matt is trying to include as much background on the great 9th Division as possible. If anyone has information that should be included in the book, please send it to:

Rich Young  
125 Westbourne Terrace  
Brookline, MA. 02146  
Any factual details, stories, and anecdotes would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Rich Young

Hq. & Hq. Btry, Div. Arty  
WILLIAM WRENN  
305 McKinley  
Bartonville, IL 61607

As you can see by the check date, I've missed the reunion. Hope all the gang have a good time. Several of the gang got together in 1983 in Washington, DC. This was Captain Wallers group. Arthur Crowe Jr. made the arrangements. We all had a nice visit.

39th Inf. Hq. Co.  
BENNIE NARDONE  
1845 Bluff Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43212

I would like to hear from anyone that was associated with what Colonel Flint called his "Black Market Band". It was unauthorized and made up of guys from the 39th. Enclosed find my late dues and regards to all.

Med. Det. 60th & 9th Med. Bn  
DR. R.M. HUMMEL  
2411 Lommel Lane  
Marion, Ind. 46952

It was nice of you to be so kind in your letter to suggest that my payment of dues was an oversight. To be honest I think it was a matter of neglect, no excuse. I trust the enclosed check will get me back on the proper list. Best wishes to everyone. I remain in good health and continue to practice medicine in spite of all governmental interference and regulations. Last September Mrs. Hummel and I enjoyed a wonderful 2 week Mediterranean cruise on the Royal Viking Line Sea and we were able to include a visit to Sicily, brought back some memories. I enjoy all the news in the Octofoil, keep it coming.

34th FA A Btry  
CARL BUNYAK  
2752 Mapleridge Rd.  
Twining, MI 48766

I keep in touch with Capt. Leon Birum, Stanley Szerwint, Jim Swotchak and Gen. Westmoreland. I'm 67 yrs. old but my health is good yet. I live in the part of the country that I was born, went to school and raised. Anybody that reads this letter please write to me at my new address.

## MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS

Michigan Chapter is alive and well. We have been busy.

The Chapter met for our 12th Annual Memorial Service on May 19th. Thirty seven members and friends gathered, at Christ Episcopal Church to honor the 4851 who lost their lives in battle and three of our chapter who passed away in the past year. The three are Charles Fox, Erwin Etzler and Robert Pichette. This brings the number on our Golden Roll to fifty two. May their souls rest in peace and the peace that passes all understanding fill the hearts of their loved ones.

We do not look back as there is much ahead of us. We must plan and do. To do other wise would be morbid and make life miserable.

In looking ahead we plan our annual picnic. This year it is being held on August 18th at Kensington Park, Detroit, Mi. Don and Helen Lewis will have the fires going for early breakfast. Bring your favorite food for the day and come join with us.

### OUTSTATE MEETING

Next is the annual Michigan/Illinois Out State Meeting. This year the Illinois Chapter is hosting this popular event. The date is October 18th and 19th and the place is The Holiday Inn, Angola, Indiana. If you are interested, and you should be if you are in driving range, make reservations direct with Holiday Inn. Ask for the Ninth Infantry Division Reservations. From reading THE OCTOFOIL it appears that Mike and Ann Belmonte may have answers to any questions you may have. They can be reached by writing them at 1161 South Lombard Ave. Oak Park, Ill. 60304.

I mentioned driving range above. How far is driving range today? We have had members, wives and families from Pa. Ohio, Ind., Ill., Cal., Iowa, Wis., and Minn. They all attest to having a good time. We look forward to seeing you there.

Until next time our best wishes to all.

Rodger E. Alsgaard  
2834 Wynes St.  
Saginaw, Mi. 48602

39th Inf  
WILLIAM KREYE  
2 Marymount Court  
Jackson, N.J. 08527

The "Pawns of War" more than a history of the 9th during WW2 plus other interesting stories about "yours truly" has had its publication terminated by Vantage Press. The remaining copies of the book have been taken over by the author. Anyone wanting a copy, send \$12 to the above address.

47th Inf Hq Co 2nd Bn  
AL LEHMANN  
2009 SE 44th St  
Cape Coral, Fl. 33904

I missed another convention and I'm only 20 minutes away by plane from Orlando. I don't drive as I have retina trouble with my eyes, diabetes & operated twice. Anyone hear from Lepre, Strolla, Simeone, Williams, Al Habor or Clyde Williams of Baltimore. Would like to have seen Gen Maness. Clyde and I were his radio men when he was commander in Germany. Was saddened when I hear from Feinberg on the passing of Fr. DeLaura. Irving broke me in when I joined the 9th at Cherbourg.

June 26-28  
Reunion in Nashville  
1986

Co A 47th Inf  
MRS. ANTHONY GIACOBBE  
21 Biltom Rd  
White Plains, N.Y. 10607

Mrs. Giacobbe and family sends thanks to all for the Mass cards and for thinking of them at the time of the demise of Tony

9th QM  
TREVOR JONES  
34 Geraldine Circle  
Trumbull, CT 06611

Well another reunion has come and gone. It's always a great experience to see faces from out of the past, renew old friendships and hash over the lighter moments of our time together over 40 years ago. The 9th QM was represented by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Palady, Mr. & Mrs. Dean Privett, Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Hennessey and Mr. & Mrs. Tom Pitzer along with yours truly and Mae. Our Florida chapter can be congratulated for their excellent organization and planning. The hot weather was a bit much for me, but it sure couldn't dampen our enthusiasm or interfere with our good time. The 9QM had an excellent turnout last year at the Worcester Memorial Service. Let's hope that we can repeat this year.

9th Med's  
ANDY ANDRIOLA  
33 Clover St.  
Nutley, NJ 07110

I was glad to read the article about Dr. Copleman. Doc was a good friend of mine. I remember the first day he came to the 47th Medics at Ft. Bragg. At that time, I was Company Supply Sergeant, and when I issued him his medical equipment which consisted of two medical pouches, which he hooked to his rifle belt, he began to laugh and said "It's not like my black satchel" and I said "Wait!", you also have to hook on a water canteen and an alcohol canteen and a first aid sulphur patch kit and an ax! He looked at me and said "Where do I carry my pipe tobacco?" I answered "In your helmet" and we began to laugh and we immediately became good friends.

In Africa I was transferred to the 9th Medical Battalion where I became Division Medical Supply Sergeant and I rarely saw Dr. Copleman unless he came in for supplies. I also remember when he was captured, how badly I felt. As luck would have it, a few days later I was dispatched to go to the front lines where a German train with American prisoners had just been strafed by planes and they needed medical supplies. I took a lucky guess and figured that ole Doc Copleman would be there so I borrowed some pipe tobacco from Sgt. Goldstein and took it with me.

After traveling all night, we finally arrived at the train and there was old Doc going from one wounded GI to another with his professional coolness. When he saw me (I hope he remembers this), his whole face lit up like he had a halo over his head (which he deserved at the time) and I handed him some fresh pipe tobacco. He smiled and said "How did you know I needed it?" I jokingly replied "I got a letter from your sister." It sure was a relief for me to see him still alive and working his head off over wounded GI's.

I believe I last saw him at his home in 1947 and I also spoke with him on the phone a few years ago, but I hope to see him after the convention. He sure was a great man in the service and may God bless him and may he have many more happy years ahead of him.

47th Inf K Co  
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Middle Island, N.Y. 11953

It's been a long time since I last paid dues and the last time we were together was at a K Co meeting in New Jersey. When it comes to paying dues I am a procrastinator, but I stopped in to see George Klinger and he gave me a copy of the Octofoil. I found out I could pay for a lifetime membership, so I shall and I won't have to worry again about paying. I am interested in books concerning the 9th, the likes of "Safi" and others. I would like a copy of "8 Stars to Victory" and "The Battle of the Hurtgen Forest." Now that I'm retired I hope to get more active in the affairs of the division. Let me know what happen to Harry Whalen, O'Donnell and the jocks from the division boxing team. I threw a pretty good left hook with the team.

9th Med Bn  
HERB STERN  
12427 Old Oaks Dr  
Houston, TX 77024

Sorry could not make it to Orlando. A couple of 9th Med Bn guys and I had our own reunion at a pub in Brooklyn in early June.

39th Inf G Co  
BOB SMITH  
134 Roger Ave  
Bellevue, Ohio 44813

Although we did not get to Orlando we did have a G Co 39th mini-reunion in Winchester, Va. with 5 men present which was not a bad turnout at that. Most of us are planning on Nashville next year so we may see you then if we are still paying taxes.

60th Inf. Can. Co.  
OSCAR RICHARDS  
467 Sharon Dr.  
Wayne, PA 19087

Sorry cannot make the reunion this year. I'm taking treatments at VA hospital in Philadelphia. At our last reunion in Philly there were approximately 8 fellows from my company. Hope a lot of them are there this year. I know some of them will never make it again. We have some good meetings at the Philly Chapter. I also attended one of the meetings in Florida, spring 1984 and Ft. Bragg reunion. Saying hello to all my friends in the 9th.

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

Will not attend this years reunion as we just got back from Holland, Mich., and the tulip festival. Had a great time! It was early and a warm spring brought the tulips out a lot sooner than expected. Next month we are going to California so hope to see you all next year.

60th FA Hdqs. Btry.  
MICHAEL LASALANDRA  
188 Intervale Rd.  
Stamford, CT 06905

Enclosed is a check for 3 years dues. I like to be an optimist! Sorry we won't make the reunion this year as it conflicts with a 50 year high school reunion which I am already committed too. Hope to see you at Worcester.

47th Inf. Co. B  
JOHN LAUBACH  
155 W 12th St.  
Bloomburg, PA 17815

Enjoy the Octofoil, enclosed find dues. Sorry we would not make the reunion this year but are planning on next years. We are both fine.

60th Inf F Co  
JERRY TEACHOUT  
1600 N. Struck #165  
Grange, Ca. 92667

On behalf of the men of F Co I lay claim to the largest attendance of any unit at the 40th reunion of the 9th at Orlando. We actually had 26 Fox Co men, but only 25 were registered so we will base our claim on the 25 registered. Also with us but not part of the count was the former Lt. McClain who with his platoon of tanks supported the 2nd bn through Europe. Among those attending were regular army cadre Elton Harrell, Ted Preston and Joe Sker-tich. Company commanders with us were Matt Urban, CMH, John Allen, Alan Johnson and Clifford Painter. For the first time our first and last combat 1st Sgts were with us; John Miller and Parker Welch. Joining us after a long absence were Fred & Mary Herrin. First timers of last year Earl & Ruth Lees were again with us. Returning after missing last year were Adam Drust & Flake Ford.

A few who planned on being there lost out. Andy Anderson was in an auto accident, Tom Savoy got fouled up by United, Ed Pavlich did not know the reunion date in time. Lindner & Schriffin who promised to attend were no shows. At my first reunion, 10 years ago, I found one other man from F Co and with a lot of help from National and Chapters I finally developed a list of more than 50 names and addresses. From 2 F Co men to 25 is an increase of 1250%. F Co expects to have more in Nashville in 1986. To all other units beat us if you can! A word to the Board of Governors and reunion committees: attendance at reunions is increasing each year. Plans should be based on 700-800 and if the reunions are held at the time of year with best climate conditions for the area, attendance will be larger. Had a pleasant surprise when Mike Patti drove to Orlando from where he was visiting in Florida to have a drink with me. We live 20 minutes apart in Cal., and have to go 2500 miles to get together.

47th Inf G Co  
LOUIS RULLAN  
Borinuen Towers Bldg #1 Apt 514

Capra, Hts. Sta., P.R. 00922  
This years reunion was special to me as I finally got to see Grady Perry! Hermon Rahn drove all the way to Hampton, Fl to take me to Grady's farm. All the way from Sicily to Cherbourg it was George Jenkins, Grady and me. We were never more than 3 feet apart, that was in 1944 we last met! It was great to see the boys from G Co and some that I had met in previous reunions. Enclosed is a snapshot of Sgt Agogino and Sgt McGovern. G Co fellows will enjoy seeing Agogino. He had a real sweet disposition. Gold bless you all.

9th Med Bn  
SEWELL CARSON  
1632 West Shores Rd  
Melbourne, FL 32935

Had a great time at the reunion and renewed some old acquaintances. Hope to be on hand again next year in Nashville. I'm moving to the Sunshine state Aug. 1st, hence my new address as noted above.

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of The Octofoil  
October 20th

## 60th Infantry Newsletter

The fortieth annual reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association in Orlando, Florida was quite an affair to remember. The Florida Chapter members efforts of the past few months were in evidence all the way. Their hospitality with their "ask me" tags left nothing to be desired.

Approximately 800 of the "Old Reliables" including spouses, children and grandchildren spent a HOT and HAPPY time reminiscing and getting up-to-date on friends and issues. The many attractions in the area (Disney World, Epcot Center, et al) plus the special rate extended courtesy of the hotel made this a family affair that many enjoyed to the fullest. The accommodations of the Sheraton Twin towers were excellent and there was always adequate room for all of the activities. The Saturday morning program at the Orlando Navy Base was impressive and beautifully executed as old infantrymen were truly impressed by the exhibition drill team and the dramatic Flag Parade of States. The heat was a bit much even for a Texan and the logistics for lunch was unfortunate but as always, "all well that ends well". Everyone arrived back at their rooms in time for a relaxing bath and rest before the banquet Saturday night. There was also more time for visiting and elbow bending amid the continuing stories.

### "SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE"

General Lewis Maness joined the Ninth as a 2nd Lt. in 1941. He served in all ranks as he advanced to Regimental Exec. of the 47th Infantry. He participated in eight major campaigns beginning with the invasion of North Africa and ending with the historic meeting with the Russians in Germany. The much decorated officer retired from the Regular Army in 1972. This very qualified speaker gave an inspiring resume of the actions of the Ninth Infantry Division. Many present in the room re-lived those days as they followed his remarks. Others of us listened in awe and pride as we realized that just perhaps we had been a bit cheated by being wounded so early. But then, we realize that that is the way wars go and after all anyone was lucky to get out alive. The General's tribute to some of those great soldiers that made many of the battles turn to victory was a fitting and inspiring culmination of the evening. Thank you, General Maness.

### VISIT PORT LYAUTEY WITH RUCKER

I am enclosing a brochure on a trip that is exciting and beautiful. I am to be with a group studying Moorish, French and Spanish Gardens with a visit to Tangiers, Morocco. The 9th day, several of us plan a side trip to Kenitra (Port Lyautey) to have a joint memorial service at the KASBA.

Robert Rucker  
PO Box MM  
College Sta., TX. 77840

746 Tnk Bn-B Co  
K.E. McLEAN  
PO Box 207  
Summerland Key, FL 33042

Thanks to the association and the Florida chapter for the considerable time and hard work preparing for an enjoyable reunion. It was good to see old comrades again, especially the gang at the F Co 60th CP.



**60th Inf G Co & Div Hqs**  
**WILLIAM SHANNON**  
 Box 814  
 Marfa, Tx 79843

Enclosing check for dues. Enjoyed the Lake Placid reunion and looking forward to Nashville in 1986.

**47th Inf B Co**  
**JOSEPH TAUBNER**  
 85 Smith Ave.  
 Bergenfield, N.J. 07621

Just a note on behalf of Joe along with his annual dues. He is looking forward to the reunion and we already have our reservations and strip tickets. He has sent postcards to some buddies, hoping that they will be there in Florida, Les Campen, Lou Pettorini, Joe Podany and Bill Lovejoy. Joe is retired but works part time and I work full time in a bank.

**47th Inf 1st Med Bn**  
**WILLIAM SCOTT**  
 1517 Shields  
 Sherman, Tx.

Looking forward to attending my first reunion. My Octofoil came addressed in red so enclosed are dues and something for the Memorial fund. Thanks to you and others for keeping the association alive and well for all these years.

**39th Inf C Co**  
**LEROY WIRES**  
 Box 51  
 Stewart, Ohio 45778

Thanks for the quick reply, enclosed is my dues. The year 1984 was not very good for me. Went to the hospital and had 8 malignant tumors removed with over 24' of colon and have to go for treatments 5 days a month. I am sending you a copy of our local paper to show you how long it takes to get medals.

**39th Inf K Co**  
**C.E. BLANKENSHIP SR.**  
 2715 Dorset Rd.  
 Richmond, Va. 23234

I was so glad to finally see something regarding my old outfit when I received my American Legion Magazine and noticed the 9th reunion. I have heard nothing since the end of the war. My son and I just returned from an 18 day trip to Europe. We landed in Paris, rented a car for 2 weeks, and drove on to Frankfurt, sort of retraced the route of the 9th when I joined them. I was put in to the 9th at Eupen and saw my first action at Lammendorf. My son and I visited the Hurtgen, Schmidt and all the Hurtgen Forest area. The towns have changed but the woods are still the same. It was quite an experience. I would like to hear from anyone in my old outfit.

**9th Signal**  
**KEN GUILFORD**  
 Box 8164 JFK Sta.  
 Boston, MA. 02114

Having passed my 80th birthday April 4th and 3 serious operations, am unable to make any long trips but enjoy and appreciate hearing from old 9th Signal comrades together with the Octofoil.

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

It's time to send in my dues before I get in the red. Wish I could come to the reunion but health does not permit it. Wishing everyone a good time.

**60th Inf A Co**  
**HARLAN SCOTT**  
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 Zullinger, PA 17272

I'm sorry my dues are late. Enclosed is a check for 3 years. I am hoping to hear from some one in A Co that I might have served with.

**39th Inf Med Det**  
**WILLIAM W. KELLER**  
 Mechanicsburg, Ohio 43044

Congratulations on your fine paper. I always enjoy reading the news of the great 9th. I was with the 9th in WW2 from Africa in June 1943 near Bizerte. Was assigned to the 39th Med Det and served as a company aid man through the Sicilian campaign. At the end of the campaign in Sicily I was among those transferred to the 3rd division enroute to Italy. I missed going to England and the Normandy invasion. The 9th was a great division in those days and I am sure has continued its fine standards through the years. I am now with the Sorbol Company in Mechanicsburg. Anyone wanting a free bottle of T-4-L for athletes foot, just send me your name and we will send a bottle at no cost. My best to everyone who serves or served in the great 9th.

**47th Inf F Co**  
**JACK W. SAFFORD**  
 1922 Ashmore Ave.  
 Red Bank, Tn. 37415

I don't write very often but I have to get a letter in due to my change of address. Read Jerome Shapiro's letter and noted he had talked to Hans Schwarzkopf and wonder if he had any info on the rest of the radiomen who were captured at El Guetter. The men were Smalley, Messich, Kimmons and Gallagher. In a list of departed men I note a C.J. Smalley stating he was 47th Hqs. I & R. For info I will try my best to be at the Angola, Ind., October meeting. Was in Wisconsin twice this past winter but didn't get a chance to visit Austin Koppel of Seymour, Wis. Do get letters from Laurence Melanson, in fact I owe him a letter. My wife's company closed down the Indianapolis operation and transferred her to Chattanooga so we moved down here in June and that knocked out going to Orlando. The best to all of you.

**9th Recon**  
**LESLIE ELDEN**  
 142 2nd Ave.  
 Troy, N.Y. 12180

Very sorry I cannot make the reunion being held in Orlando. I have 10 children, five still at home and have 13 grandchildren. I had a heart attack 10 years ago and had to retire. Can't do much of anything. I keep in touch with some of the gang. Send Christmas cards and write once in a while. Maybe some day I'll get to one of the reunions. Hope all is well with you and the family. Say "hello" to all the gang.

**47th Inf. I Co.**  
**RICHARD SLATE**  
 Rt. 4 Box 300  
 Hillsville, VA. 24343

Enclosed find dues for 3 years. I look forward to the Octofoil paper and look to see if anyone from I Co., 3rd. Plt., 47th Inf. write in. Am always interested in what my friend Elmer Wagner is doing.

**39th Inf. Co. C**  
**CHARLES YENSER**  
 RD 1, Box 88  
 Lehighton, PA 18235

Enclosed is a check for dues, sorry to be late. I want to report the death of Henry Geisel (AT 39th), he was a super person. Would enjoy hearing from anyone from C Co. 39th Inf. Will not make Orlando, but hope to get to the one in 1986. Really had an outstanding time in Lake Placid. Editor's note: A few issues ago we reported on Henry Geisel's death.

**60th Inf**  
**MRS. JANE JOSEY**  
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 Grand Blanc, Mi 48439

Hope all is well with you. I miss seeing all of you. One of these days I'll make a reunion. I think all of you know what the 9th meant to Fred and came to mean a whole lot to me. I miss the "Old Reliabilities" more than words can say. I enjoy getting the Octofoil and I want to give you my new address. I sold our house as it was too much alone and I have an apartment. Take care and all the best.

**47th Inf G Co**  
**MRS. MARY JAESEKELA**  
 550 Sugar Rd.  
 Bolton, Ma. 01740

Hope you are all well and had a good time at the Orlando reunion. Been side tracked with a few health problems but first rate now. Good Lord willing, see you at the Worcester Memorial Mass.

**9th Div Arty**  
**RA DONNELLY**  
 PO Box 834  
 Logansport, Ind. 46947

I have so many memories of the 9th. Entered Hq Btry in Sept. 1940 and left June 1945. See you and all of Hitlers Nemesis at the reunion in 1986. Hoping to hear from all the gang that met at Ft. Bragg. Sure hope the next time we meet, old E.C. the B.C. can call the Btry. to attention and Westy can inspect said Btry. Say hello to Fr. Connors for me.

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

Enclosed are dues for 3 years. Enjoy reading the Octofoil. Won't make the reunion in Orlando.

**60th Inf 3rd Bn**  
**OWEN SALLEE**  
 4730 Beacon Dr.  
 Decatur, Il. 62521

I often wonder about some of the fellows that I served with. I enlisted 9-28-40 and was assigned to I Co which I was with a long time, then went in to 3rd Bn Hq Co in which I stayed until I came home on the point system arriving May 8, 1945. I'll look forward to reading my paper.

**34th FA**  
**ROBERT A. GRAY**  
 3600 Wooten Dr.  
 Fort Worth, Tx. 76133

Would appreciate hearing from any members of Hq & Hq Btry 34th FA Bn who served during the period 1942 to 1945. I have appreciated and read with a great deal of interest the stories carried in the Octofoil. Want to express my appreciation to you Dan for the good work you have done and are doing on behalf of the 9th Division.

**47th Inf. Co. E**  
**CHARLES MARALDO**  
 171 Bryson Ave.  
 Staten Island, N.Y. 10302

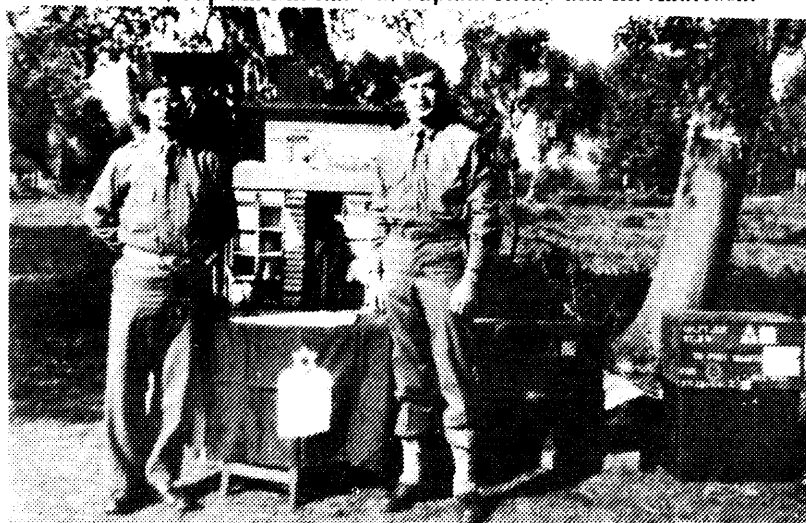
I will not be able to make the reunion as I just got out of the hospital and it will be a few weeks before I can travel. Regards to all.

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

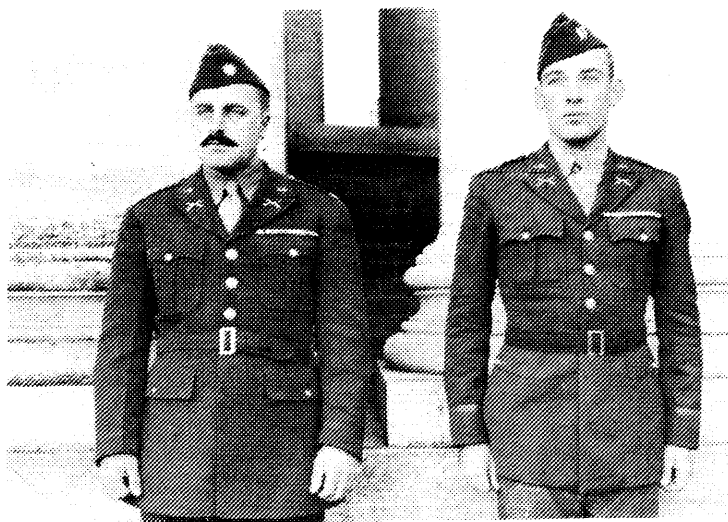
I would like to become a life member but with my poor pension I have to keep on the yearly dues file. Give my regards to any of the old E Co. fellows that you may come in contact with at the reunion. When are you going to hold a convention in Puerto Rico so that I can attend. I am of the original Co. E 47th from 1941.



Bill Tanner supplied us with photo taken in Sicily in 1943. Members of the 47th Infantry with the Regimental Commander George Smythe (top left) and Battalion (2nd) Commander Jim Johnston on his left. Front row, left to right, Lt. Graff, Captain Tanner, Captain Bill Larson, Captain Reilly and Lt. Anderson.



John Ryan sends this photo of Chaplain Tepper and Morris Olender of the 60th Infantry taken in North Africa in 1943. Chaplain Tepper was killed in Normandy in 1944. Story in Mail Call.



John Ryan supplied this picture of Lt. Col. Mike Kaufman (Bn Co. of the 60th Inf.) and Captain Willard Barnwell. Mike was wounded in July 1944 and Captain Barnwell was killed in July 1944. Story is in Mail Call.

**47th Inf F Co**  
**JACK ARMSTRONG**  
 8360 Greensboro Dr #723  
 McLean, VA 22102

Enclosed are my dues and enhancement of the Memorial Fund. I had lost contact with all 9th Div associates over the years except for having bumped in to Chippy Maness in the halls of the Pentagon about 15 years ago. The other night the phone rang and it was Chuck Jones who had been trying to locate me for a long time. Since we live only a couple of miles from each other, we immediately arranged a three hour minireunion and he lent me his latest copy of the Octofoil where I read Felton Jones, Ray Schmader, Bill Larson, Rud Hoffman and Earl Wilky's letters. It's too late this year to arrange to attend the 40th reunion, but already I plan for next year. Best wishes to all.

**Hq. 34th FA**  
**CA PORCH**  
 Rt. 3  
 Brownsville, TN 38012

Enclosed are my dues for the next 2 years. I am retired and enjoy reading the Octofoil and enjoy golfing and fishing.

**60th Inf**  
**JOHN RYAN**  
 Northville, N.Y. 12134

The Octofoil recently ran a story by the noted war correspondent, Tom Henry, about the "Quiet Men", which concerned the 60th taking the approaches to Messina in Sicily in 1943. The Task Force, as the article pointed out, was lead by a Captain Barnwell. I have a picture of Captain Barnwell and Major Kauffman taken in the Winchester Barracks in Winchester, England. Captain Barnwell was later killed in France. I would appreciate your sending this picture on to General Kauffman after you have used it. Also enclosed is a picture of Morris Olender of the 60th with Chaplain Tepper of that Regiment in North Africa. Chaplain Tepper, like Captain Barnwell, was killed in July in Normandy.

**47th Inf. F Co.**  
**HUGH DUNLOP**  
 570 Shoreview Dr.  
 Pontiac, MI 48054

Best of everything to all. Will not be able to attend reunion in Florida due to running my Dairy Queen in Pontiac. I am located a mile from Pontiac Silverdome and invite any of the members to look me up as they are in Michigan.



## MAIL CALL

MRS. GEORGE W. SMYTHE  
6200 Oregon Ave. N.W. No. 278  
Washington, D.C. 20015

I wanted to send this check for the Memorial fund for a long time even after Imogene Stroh's death. Read with interest article about the Strohs in Nev.-Dec. issue. Imogene was a neighbor of mine at A.D.H. I continue to enjoy the Octofoil if it says anything about the 47th and I pass each issue on to Ed Hill, son of another neighbor at A.D.H.

60th Inf.

RAY BECK  
330 Best Dr.  
Athen, GA 30606

Sorry to be late in sending in dues. I had a lot of responsibility. Joseph Rappazini sent me a picture of he and his wife and also Floyd Ecker. I wish all the boys of the 9th would send me a picture, that's the only way I can see them. Can't travel on account of my health. It sure is hot in Georgia.

60th Inf. Hq. Co.  
MARVIN E. TREAKLE  
RR #1 Box 93  
Clinton, IA 52732

This is the way I start my letter to my second of 5 sons. He is a pilot, bush type in Alaska, a hanger in there like you. We need you to jolt our memory once in a while. I knew the red ink was on my last Octofoil, but forgot to send the dues. I don't miss much of anything that's in it even the letters from the guys I never knew. We have so much in common even after all these years. I still manage a long hard days work but slowing down fast even tho I am only 67 next Dec. Home repair business is good around here, plenty of it but highly competitive. Then we have over an acre of garden for hobby as we don't eat it all nor sell much of any. A lot of friends help consume the goodies! Sometimes my mind wonders about fellows I served with, whatever became of them and often get the blues because I never kept in contact with more of the men in the company. All those I did, have died. Al Seeley wrote me once after you had placed my letter in the mail call. It took me a while to place him, but I did! Does anyone know the address of Donald Rommeling from Minn., he was with us in Hq. 60th or Les Hoffman of Holland, Mi. Capt. Ames was another. I won't be going to Florida but will be thinking of you.

Hq. & Hq. Btry Div. Arty  
JAMES DULONG  
336 9th St.  
Nokomis, FL 33555

Thanks for the dues reminder, enclosed is my check. We are well on our way to our 10th year of retirement in Florida, coming from Salem, N.H. and have taken up square and round dancing, which has kept us in good health. We missed the annual reunion in Worcester, but are hoping to make it again before the final. Regards to all.

47th Inf A Co  
LAWRENCE NEUDECK  
6811 Boston St. Rd  
Hamburg, N.Y. 14075

Larry sends along his dues and best wishes to all of the 9th.

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.

Sure-fire money-making scheme: get a job and go to work.

47th Inf H Co 2nd Btn  
JOHN A. HILL  
2140 E 20th St  
Tulsa, Okla. 74104

Sorry that I showed up in RED on the OCTOFOIL, but enclosed is my check in the amount of \$50.00 for a life membership, so this will not happen again.

Sorry that I will not be able to make the next reunion in Orlando but maybe the next one. The one and only reunion that I have been able to attend was the one in 1982 and the wife and I really enjoyed it. It was great, but not very many from the Companies of G & H were there from the 2nd Bn 47 Inf.

It would be nice if I could get the addresses of a couple of friends who I served with during the war, I will list their names and the states they were from, but GOD only knows where they are today.

Lt. Frank Hall from G Co. 2nd Bn 47 Inf - from Florida state

Lt. Kenneth Olds from H Co. 2nd Bn 47 Inf - from Mass. state

Give my best regards to your wife as the two of you are doing great service to the former members of the division.

The best to you.

47th Inf. I Co.  
GORDON MORK  
1407 N. Oakhill Ave.  
Janesville, WI 53545

It is about time I answer your request to pay my dues (which are enclosed) to the association which I am glad to do. Should have done before as my last address was in red. Sorry about that, as I enjoy the OCTOFOIL very much. Three years have gone by very fast since I wrote last.

Everything is going well in this part of the country. Have had an early spring here and the weather has been nice. To shorten the winter my wife and I spent five or six weeks in the great state of TEXAS, along the Rio Grand Valley, Mission, McAllen area. Enjoy it very much.

MEMORIAL DAY has passed and when the parade passes my home here in Honor of those who did not return I thought of the names of TERRY, KENNAR, PHANCUCH, SCHENDEL, NEIMIER, FOLCIK, and all those that did not return. They are the ones that gave me a chance to return. May the Lord take a liking to them.

It is rather early in the morning as I am writing this and my mind is not as sharp as it should be yet after only one or two cups of coffee.

Have not heard from my friend Lyle Kitchen for quite some time. When I call I get no answer. Probably Gone Fishing. I just had to bring up his name. Hi. Lyle. He will know I am thinking of him anyway when he reads this in the OCTOFOIL.

One thing I have to say about holding a reunion in Orlando, Florida. I can see going down there in the cold dead of winter, but this time of the year - No way - That is my way of thinking from a guy from the North Country.

Still looking for a copy of "THE RAIDERS". Keep up the good work and Thank You.

60th Inf HQ 1st Bn  
CHARLES ALCORN  
9264 Harvard  
Detroit, MI 48224

Our regular practice is to pay our bills as we get them but - since you don't send renewal notices (with which I have no quarrel) I found my last copy of the Octofoil with the tell-tale red ink. Dues for 3 years enclosed plus a little for the Memorial Fund. (In passing, might be of some general interest to hear how some of the Fund beneficiaries have made out.)

I joined the Ninth at the end of the Sicilian Campaign and joined 1st Bn 60th about 2 months before D Day. Served continuously until 'bout a week before VE Day except for a few months in hospital. Have for a long time been intending to write my recollections as a series of vignettes, not necessarily sequential or directly related. If I can overcome my inherent inertia and complete it, I will send you a copy.

In the interim before joining 1st Bn 60th I had the (I realize now) great privilege of serving as a Division Training Inspector under Gen. Stroh and, at one time or another, visited nearly every Company in the Division. There was also the (controversial) Platoon Proficiency Test and the Devil's Bowl demonstration of The Rifle Squad In The Attack. The combat part, of course, belongs only to 1st Bn 60th, some Artillery people and the attached Tanks and TD's. My memory at age 71 is still surprisingly good for names, places and events of 40-42 years ago although I couldn't tell you for sure what I did yesterday. My thought is that such a thing might fill in a few blank spots for some, like, for instance, why did the Nurse at the Field Hospital in Winchester so peremptorily order John Ryan to get into bed as soon as he arrived?

I am a now and then participating member of the Michigan Chapter of the Association (the most dedicated group that I have ever seen). I would be mighty pleased to hear from or receive a visit from any other Old Reliablys with whom I might have rubbed shoulders.

60th Inf I Co  
R.L. ROBERTSON  
PO Box 104  
Albertville, Al.

Enclosed you will find my dues for the next year. We attended the reunion this year for the first time and enjoyed it very much. Don't know what's wrong with "L" Company as they were not in attendance. Am looking forward to the one in 1986 in Nashville, Tenn. Come on "L" Company, let's attend.

60th FA  
GLENN ELLIOTT  
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Indio, Ca. 92201

In May I attended a small reunion of the 60th combat team at the Marriott Hotel in Bloomington, Mn. This was held in conjunction with the Fifth Army of U.S. reunions. Among our group was Gen. Westmoreland, Gen. Hennen, Lt. Col. Matt Urban, John Ryan and several more. John Ryan encouraged me to renew my membership as I was a member when the association first started. I was ex of the 60th FA and after the combat was over in Europe, was transferred to div staff as ass't G-4. Best regards to all and please send the Octofoil to the above address.

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60th Inf F Co  
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Just a note to express my appreciation for a job well done by the Florida chapter at our reunion. The location and facilities were excellent. I would especially like to point to the preparation and organization of Hal and Charlotte Millins of the Florida chapter who worked so diligently to make the registration, Memorial ceremony and banquet such a success. Again F Co 60th had the largest number of veterans attending, 26 in all and several came for the first time. The attendance at the reunions has steadily increased. This is due to individual members contacting old buddies and encouraging them to attend. I suggest notices be placed in the reunion sections of magazines such as American Legion, VFW, Retired Officers etc.

Editors note: We have placed such notices in magazines and newspapers as listed above, for many years but the best contact is an individual writing to his buddy.

47th Inf G Co & 2nd Bn  
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The convention in Orlando was one of the best. Epcot & Disneyland was fine. Great to see the boys from G Co & Hq Co 2nd Bn including Gen. Maness who was a 2nd Lt in G Co. Mess Sgt. George Bako was his usual cheery self and missed the boys from the N.Y. chapter since he retired to San Diego. Sgt. Louis Rullan in charge of G Co. machine gunners flew in from San Juan. Herman Rann, a rifleman and the youngest man in G Co. was his usual patriotic self. Ed Maher from G Co. enjoyed talking about old army days as did "yours truly". It was great sitting on the reviewing stand with my wife, Anne, courtesy of Dan Quinn. 2nd Bn runners were well represented, Ed Combs of E Co., George Gaynor of F Co., Bill Billingsley of H Co. and yours truly. God Bless and on to Nashville!

15th Engrs Bn  
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Just recently I had lunch with Jack 'Cowling and Robert Hurst, former members of the 15th engrs. At one time I was a member of the 9th and am desirous of once again becoming a member. Enclosed is my check for 3 year membership.

39th Inf.  
HUGH LEE  
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Ronnie, Hughie and Terry Lee send regards from Ireland. They have traveled over 900 miles and haven't missed many cities on the way down from Dublin. Will see all in Worcester.

MP's  
LOUIS VIVOLO  
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Tell the boys that my "left hook" is still working good, especially to John Maloney and John Weber.

39th Inf. E Co.  
FRANK NOVELLO  
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I have been receiving the Octofoil for a year now and finally saw a line from another member from E Co. I thought maybe we were all resting in our foxholes in the sky. According to your paper there are at least 3 of us waiting for roll call: Brayton Willis of Sun City, AZ. and Ray White of Texas and me of Delaware. We enjoy your paper and always like to read about the other units of the 9th. I would like for someone to write about some of our "Heroes", especially Co. Flint who they say was the first commander of the 39th and it was he, so they say, came up with the AAA.O slogan, who we lost bravely in the Hedgerows of Normandy. Keep up the good work of bringing us the news of our buddies.

84th FA  
RICHARD O'CONNOR  
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Sorry to be late in signing up, must be getting old. Can't make Florida, I'll be in Palm Springs that weekend playing in a golf tournament. It will be just as hot as Florida. The family is well as is yours truly. Regards to all

47th Inf B Co  
JOSEPH PODANY  
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Thanks for the reminder note. Enclosed is a check for 1985 dues. This was entirely an oversight. Won't be able to make the Orlando reunion. Just received a letter from Sam Moscatelli of Chisholm, MN, telling of a possible reunion in the Minneapolis area of 9th men from Wisconsin and the Dakotas, etc. Best wishes to you and all my buddies.

39th Inf. AT Co.  
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We had a wonderful time going through Ft. Bragg and noticing all the changes since 1941. We visited the museum and saw most of the memorabilia from WW 2 but were disappointed in not being able to find a monument which was supposed to have been dedicated to the 39th Inf. However, the statue of big Mike was quite impressive.

Div. Hqs.  
WILLIAM STEER  
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Enclosed is my life membership dues. John McLain of Muskegon, Mich., would not retain our friendship unless I got married! Arriving home Sept. 1945, I found Mother having difficulties walking, consequently Mother's needs were attended to until her death in 1976. Since then I have been having difficulties. Should John McLain consider getting in touch I would appreciate hearing from him.

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If you want to be in a business that deals in big figures, buy an exercise studio.

Nashville in 1986