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THE OCTOFOIL

412 Gregory Ave. Weehawken, N. J. 07087

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Association Dues: \$5.00 per year - \$1.50
will be earmarked to pay for the Octofoil

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42nd Memorial Mass and Service

Worcester

Forty-two years ago Father Connors began what has been called "the annual Pilgrimage" to Worcester for the annual Mass for the 4581 men of the Ninth who gave their lives during World War 2.

With the demise of Father Connors this past January we thought the Pilgrimage would end but the members of the New England Chapter picked up the Colors and will go forth and continue the Annual Mass that will be dedicated to the loving memory of their Chapter's Number 1 member, Father Edward T. Connors.

It will be held on Sunday, November 9, 1986, at the Immaculate Conception Church, Worcester, Massachusetts, at 10:00 A.M.

Once again Fran Maher has volunteered to arrange for billets for the troops and Fran

has reserved room in the Sheraton-Lincoln Motor Inn and at nearby Motels.

Fran lives at 14 Davenport Street, Worcester, Mass. 01610-Tel (617) 756 1803. Again we remind you make your room reservations as soon as possible.

Following the Mass and Services at the Monument the troops will head for the Sheraton-Lincoln Inn for brunch as in yesteryears. With the exception of Saturday night, which for the last few years a buffet style supper had been served, the weekend will be the same except on Saturday night a reception will take place at the Sheraton. How can we say "will be the same" when "himself" will be missing — Father Connors. But knowing Father we know he would want it this way.

Pay Special Tribute

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION WWII MEMORIAL ADDRESS by Norbert J. Hennen, 60th Infantry Regiment Nashville, Tennessee 27 June 1986

This is the day we honor all those who have given their lives in the Nation's defense, and we pay special tribute to those members of the Ninth Infantry Division who made the supreme sacrifice in the cause of World War II.

Let us pause to reflect on their courage and to consider their challenge to us, the living.

A memorial is by definition quite personal. No other person can share our memories, exactly, and as I recall those days from 1942 to 1945, which we all shared, I ask your indulgence for my personal reactions to those memories which are still etched in high relief.

Our landings on the coast of Africa were certainly dramatic and for most of us it was a first taste of combat. I went in with the 2nd Battalion of the 60th Infantry Combat Team at the mouth of the Oued Sebou to capture the airport at Port Lyautey. Company E., which has been my command for about two years, was no longer mine but still very much in my heart. I recall that Company E lost 5 of its 6 officers in that first assault. Wicker's body, shattered by artillery, lay on the beach. Dushane's lay just inside the lighthouse, and another Lieutenant whose wedding we had attended just a few weeks before at Fort Bragg, lay atop a concrete reservoir, his right hand outstretched, killed in the act of throwing a hand grenade.

Corporal Jerde, and the bodies of most of his squad, were lying in a shallow trench,

scattered around the 60 mm mortar which they had been firing. Machine gun fire had terminated their attempt to drop another round into the tube.

As I remember, the French Foreign Legion and their Berber troops, the Goums, lost about 600 dead in that encounter and we buried over 200.

We then trooped out of Morocco into Algeria through the Taza Pass toward Tunisia and the tropical plains and djebels around Station de Sened and Gafsa. It was there that Karl Warner, whom we called Molotov met his fate. That well publicized one-man army was killed in the Sedjenane Valley.

All of you have similar memories and a reunion such as this sharpens them and takes us back through the years.

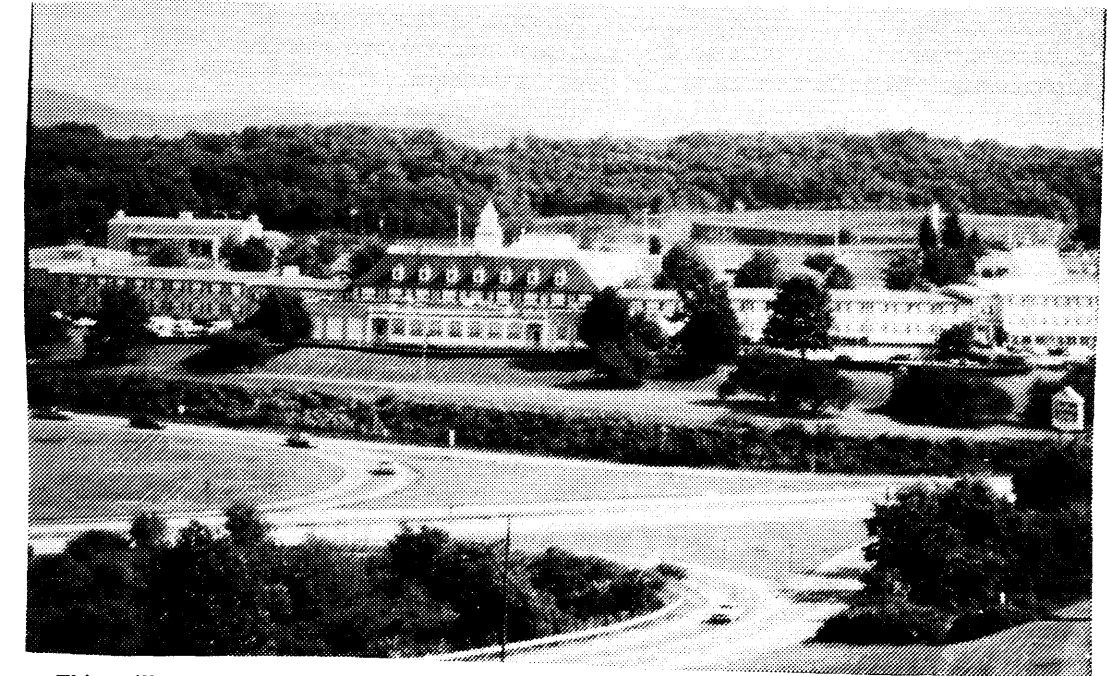
NEXT OBJECTIVE

The mountains of Sicily were our next objective and the names Troina and Randazzo evoke thoughts of dear friends who lost their lives. Palermo and Capizzi were focal points for the 60th, as we eventually converged on the straits of Messina and chased the Wehrmacht onto the mainland of Italy.

Then we became the phantom army of General George Patton and our experts at misinformation conjectured aloud and in print where the Ninth Division would next strike.

It took a while before we learned about our next objective, but soon we were in Normandy on Utah beach finding in the ditches and trees the bodies of those airborne men who had paved the way for our entrance.

The way was bloody and difficult as we stormed Cherbourg and the Beaumont Hague peninsula, then turned back to break the German defenses along the Saint Lo - Perier road and with the help of a satura-



This will be the Command Post for the 1987 Reunion in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. Don't let the name fool you, this site is far from a camp as it nestles in the hills of Pennsylvania. Not far from Lancaster and the Amish Country it will offer the members a real relaxing vacation away from the hum of city life.

tion bombing opened a gap for the armor to stream through. Many a friend died in that epic assault. Among the casualties was Captain W.H. Barnwell, the ghost of Contrasto.

A A A — O

One name stands out - Colonel Paddy Flint who was killed by a sniper as he led the Fighting Falcons of Anything, Anywhere, Anytime — Bar Nothing.

Then came the dash across France and Belgium into the dragons teeth of the Siegfried Line and the hell of the Huertgen Forest. Bill Heinz in the Saturday Evening Post of December 12, 1964, wrote "The Huertgen Forest was the worst of it all. The fir trees were 60 feet tall and planted 10 feet apart in absolutely straight rows, and there were 200 square miles of it. We had to get through the Huertgen to get to the two big dams that controlled the level of the Roer River. The 9th Division made 3,000 yards here and lost 4,500 killed, wounded and missing, and one regiment lost 2,600 out of 3,200 men, including, within 36 hours, four battalion commanders."

All of us who were there can remember how replacements would be trucked in at night and hundreds of frozen bodies would be trucked out each morning.

Ernest Hemingway suggested that it would save everybody a lot of trouble if they just shot them as soon as they got out of the trucks.

RHINE CROSSING

Finally we found a bridge across the Rhine from Remagen to Erpel and the Ninth under General Louis Craig was a major element in sustaining the hotly contested bridgehead.

Then came the push toward Berlin, with a pocket of SS troops in the Harz mountains producing a temporary halt.

ATTENTION LADIES' AUXILIARY MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

Our Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting will be held on Friday, July 24, 1987 at 10:00 A.M. The meeting, which promises to be an interesting and pleasurable one, will be followed by a luncheon.

To insure your place, we are asking anyone who is interested in the luncheon to send a \$5.00 deposit to the chairperson. Cut off date for the deposit will be July 13, 1987.

Mrs. Phyllis Perna
2642 South Juniper Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19148

The Ladies Auxiliary's members were kept busy at the reunion and as they hold election of officers every other year their time was spend with other matters. They raise their own funds each year by holding a raffle and this year Henrietta Lynch won the afghan blanket donated by Lyl Gonzel and Phyllis Perna won the drawing by Mary Maness. They were two happy women.



Vince Guglielmino accepts plaque for Norman Caswell outgoing President of the Association presented by Carlos Esteva newly elected president.

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

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

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

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

A person who wishes to apply for a scholarship must be descended from a man who served with The Ninth Infantry Division. Children of former members of the division will be given first consideration, but children of men killed in combat given first preference.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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

1. Send a letter of application, written in expository form, to the chairman of the scholarship committee stating the following: name, address, age, and sex of the applicant; name, address, and occupation of the applicant's parents or guardians; the name and address of the secondary school the applicant is attending or has attended and graduated; the name and address of the college the applicant expects to attend; the vocational goal of the applicant; and the name of and degree of relationship to a former member of the division. The unit and dates of service in the division of the former member must be included.
- High School Students:
 2. A transcript of the applicant's high school record must be included with the letter of application. The transcript must include at least the first seven semesters of the applicant's record.
 3. The applicant must have a counselor or principal of the high school, he or she is attending write a letter of recommendation to the chairman of the scholarship committee.
 4. The applicant must submit the scores of the SAT of the CEEB. The scores may be included on the high school transcript or sent to the Scholarship Chairman from the College Entrance Examination Board. Scores of the ACT may be submitted in lieu of the SAT.
 - College Students:
 5. College students must send a copy of their college record transcript. The record must include the grades of the first semester of the current school year if the student is currently enrolled in college.
 6. THE APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BY MARCH 15. Applications received after March 15 will not be considered.
 7. All applicants must accept the decision of the Scholarship Committee as final.
 8. Information to determine financial need will be requested by the Scholarship Committee, after the applications have been considered.
 9. Recipients of the scholarships may apply for renewal of the scholarship each year. A copy of the student's college grades, and a letter requesting renewal of the scholarship should be sent to the chairman by March 15.
 10. All applications must be sent to: John J. Clouser, Scholarship Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division Association, 1088 North Circle Drive, Crystal River, FL. 32629.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 1987 REUNION
CAMP HILL, PENNSYLVANIA
JULY 23-28, 1987

All Reservations must be made on this form and mailed to the Penn Harris Inn and Convention Center, P.O. Box 2653, Harrisburg, PA 17105, and must be accompanied by a check in The amount of \$50 per room reserved.

The above-mentioned check must be made payable to the Penn Harris Inn and Convention Center.

All reservations must be received prior to June 29, 1987. Those reservations received after June 29, 1987, are subject to availability.

All changes must be made in writing, when practical and must be received by the Penn Harris Inn and Convention Center no later than July 10, 1987.

Refunds will be given only to those cancellations received in writing prior to 5 p.m. on July 10, 1987.

You will receive confirmation of your reservation from the Penn Harris Inn and Convention Center.

Check in time is 3 p.m. Check out time is 1 p.m.

All final payments must be either in cash or major credit card.

*Payment in full is required at check in (all major credit cards accepted).

*Special full American prices are available for early arrivals and late stayers.

PLAN I (July 23-26)	PLAN II (July 24-26)
Single Occupancy: \$275 per person	Single Occupancy: \$202 per person
Double Occupancy: \$200 per person	Double Occupancy: \$149 per person
Triple Occupancy: \$170 per person	Triple Occupancy: \$129 per person
Quad. Occupancy: \$165 per person	Quad. Occupancy: \$118 per person
Package includes three (3) nights lodging, 3 full breakfasts, 2 full dinners, 1 prime rib banquet, 2 beer parties and all tax and gratuity on a per person basis.	Package includes two (2) nights lodging, 2 full breakfasts, 1 full dinner, 1 prime rib banquet, 1 beer party and all tax and gratuity on a per person basis.

NAME: _____ STREET: _____

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I WILL REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING ACCOMMODATIONS:

_____ Room(s) Single Occupancy	\$ _____	Enclosed
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PLEASE LIST BELOW THE NAMES OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL OCCUPY THE ABOVE ROOMS:

Members can arrive before meals for \$53.00 per day per Thursday and stay without room (two people).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CALL:
717-763-7117
INSIDE PENN: 1-800-772-PENN and OUTSIDE PENN: 1-800-345 PENN

MEMORIAL FUND

The Memorial Fund was enriched by the generosity of those attending the reunion and the following members and friends who remembered this fund and their departed loved ones. We salute you.

Ralph Palermo (in memory of Fr. Connors)
Roger Gartland (in memory of Fr. Connors)
Bill Zweil (in memory of wife, Betty)
Vernon Bell (in memory of Fr. Connors)
George Dugan (in memory of Fr. Connors, and 15th engrs. Co A)
Lucien Lucas (in memory of Fr. Connors)
Zane Grey (in memory of Sgt. Kenny Franzen Co. E 60th Inf. and Ken Finch A Co. 60th Inf.)
John Caghey
Jack Collier (in memory of Frank Chatto)
Dario Gagliasso
George Hulka
Paul Reel
Raymond Peque
Preston Stilling
Ernest Hackenbrock (in memory of Fr. Connors)
Al Shires
Aaron Lubin (in memory of wife of Ed Winsch, C Btry. 84th FA)
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Van Arn-am (in memory of Wallace Burr)
Anthony Carmeci (in memory of wife, Rose)
Robert Henderson (in memory of Tom Orband and other 39th Inf. Can. Co.)
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Folmsbee (in memory of Wallace Burr)
Mrs. Josephine Hornback (in memory of Wallace Burr)

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zilka (in memory of Wallace Burr)
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Northville Teachers Assn. (in memory of Wallace Burr)
Leonard and Barbara Roginski (in memory of Wallace Burr)
Mrs. Erwin (Helen) Etzler (in memory of Wallace Burr)
William Horan
Robert Hurst
Phillip Emmons
F.M. Smith
Trevor Jones
Gerald Teachout (in memory of Flake Ford)
Robert L. Mathis
J. Edel Clark (in memory of Dan Adams)
N. Curtis Hoffer

60th Inf D Co
J WILLIAM ENGLE
400 Hill Ave
Reading, Pa 19606

The writer had a long distance telephone call from Mrs. Wallace Burr, Gloversville, New York 12078. Her husband Wally Burr of E Company, 60th Infantry, took a walk in their garden and passed away at the age of 58.

She stated that they had their bags all packed ready to leave for our reunion in Nashville, Tenn. June 25, 26, 27 and 28.

The writer extended his sympathy and condolence to the family.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Enclosed please find dues for:

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I was a member of:

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I wish to sign up for the following:

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Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund		<input type="checkbox"/>
THREE-YEAR MEMBER	\$13.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Ladies' Auxiliary Member	\$ 2.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please credit the following chapter:

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Illinois	<input type="checkbox"/>	Washington, D.C.	<input type="checkbox"/>
New England	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michigan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ohio	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fayetteville	<input type="checkbox"/>
Florida	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fort Bragg, N.C.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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PAY SPECIAL TRIBUTE

As we sat in Bitterfeld on the outskirts of Magdeburg awaiting VE day we learned of the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. I recall that word of his death created not much of a stir. We were innured to death by then.

As you all know the French call an organization such as our's a tontine, in other words a last man's club. The first tontine was started in 1653 by a Neopolitan, Lorenzo Tonti. It as a scheme in which subscribers to a common fund share an annuity with the benefit of survivorship, the shares of the survivors being increased as the subscriber die, until the whole goes to the last survivor. We are the subscribers whose memories increase as the years fade away.

TIME TO REMEMBER

Many, many more of our friends have died since those 4,581 were killed in combat during WWII.

I am sure that not a day goes by when one of our membership does not answer the call of Taps.

For instance in 1974 Major General John G. Van Houten, erstwhile commander of the 60th Regiment, and my mentor, died of a heart attack in Brazil. All of you can add other names. In each publication our newspaper, The Octofoil, prints dozens of names in the "Taps" column and the list grows longer with each passing week.

One of the latest was our beloved chaplain, Father Edward Connors, who presided at many a memorial ceremony such as this, particularly at the Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester, Massachusetts. He epitomizes the best in all our departed brethren.

Henry Ward Beecher said it well: "When the sun goes below the horizon it is not set; the heavens glow for a full hour after its departure. And when a great and good man passes, the sky of the this world is luminous long after he is out of sight. Such a good man cannot die out of this world. When he goes he leaves behind much of himself."

Each of us, here, cherishes the memory of departed comrades.

Keeping that memory green is the finest memorial of all.

84th FA
OTTO GANSKA
412 Meek St
Sharon, Pa. 16146

Been a while since I dropped you a line. Am sad about the passing of Fr. Connors and shocked about the passing of Tony Chaconas. My God rest both of their souls. Enjoy the Octofoil and read every letter. Been feeling fairly well. Keep busy repairing around the house and a bit of gardening. Keep up the good work. Best to all.

39th Inf
ANTHONY CARMECI
Star Rt 87
Barryville, N.Y. 12719

Just a note to inform you that my wife, Rose, passed away June 18, 1986. She enjoyed so much attending our reunions but now for 2 years death has prevented us. We were married 44 years with 4 children. She was buried June 21, 1986 at St. Anthony's Montoya Cemetery at Eldred, NY. May all be well with you and yours. Enclosed find donation to Memorial Fund in her name.

Annual Memorial Service
Reunion in Nashville



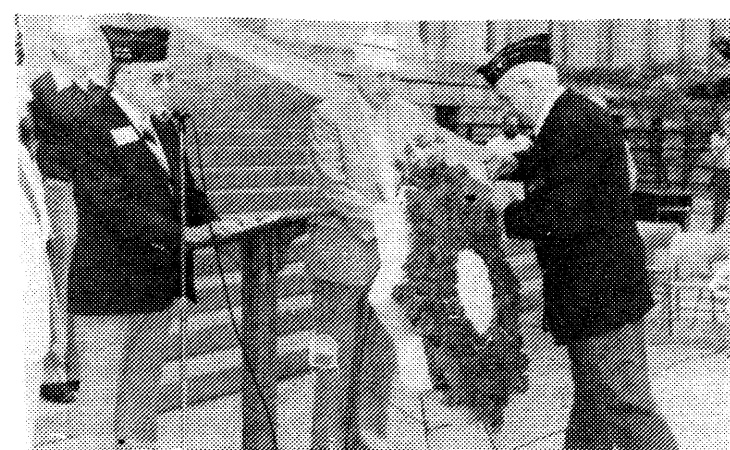
A prayer in memory of the 4581 men left behind and to those who have since joined their ranks is offered at the Memorial Services.



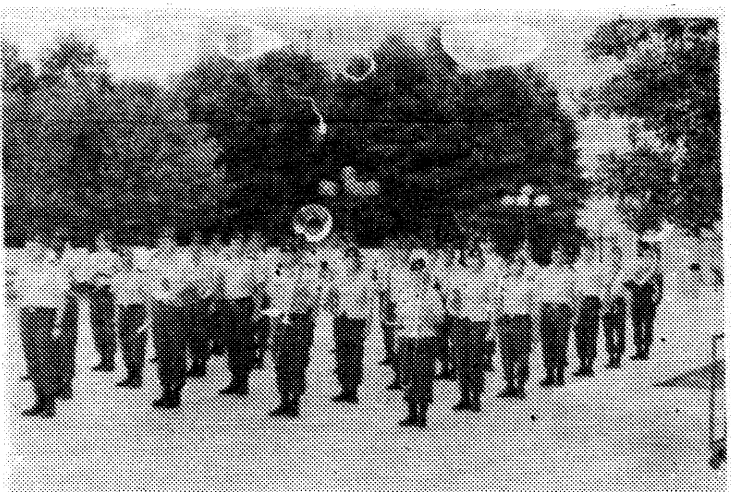
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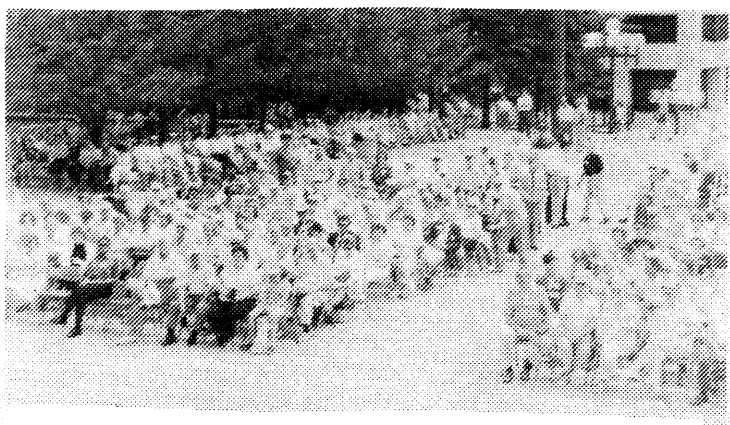
The Color Guard carrying the Flags for the Memorial Service held on Saturday morning. Left to right: Max Umansky, Frank Machek, Oliver Carter, and Lou Connor.



Lou Connor, John Clouser at the microphone and Dan Quinn are shown as Adolph Wadalavage of the New York Chapter presents token floral piece on the Wreath at the Memorial Service. Each chapter of the association in turn had a representative place a rose on the wreath.



The 101st Airborne Army Band that provided music at the Memorial Services in Nashville.



Members of the Association and their families are shown as they gathered for a most impressive Memorial Service for the departed men of the Ninth.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mr. Master of Ceremonies, men of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, lovely ladies, friends of the Ninth, distinguished guests.

I have been honored many times by being chosen or elected to preside many civic and business organizations such as District Governor of Lions International District 51-A, Chairman Board of Governors Lions International Multiple District 51, National Director of the Navy League of the United States, National Chief of Staff Military Order of the Purple Heart (P.R.) and the Chairmanship of the many fund raising organizations. . . But truly believe me the honor bestowed on me yesterday electing me President of our Association is the topping on the cake, I am grateful and honored and I will do my best to continue in the foot steps of our Past Presidents.

America is privileged to spend her blood and her might for the principles that gave her birth and happiness and peace which she has treasured.

The Ninth Division has played an important role in preserving these principles, 4581 of our comrades made the supreme sacrifice and this must not be forgotten by no one . . . therefore it is the duty of all of us to keep the name of our Association in the public eye, this we must do by giving our group the needed publicity thru the different medias, such as newspapers, radio, television, etc., we must participate in civic activities and also in the activities sponsored by the community in which we live, always wearing our division insignia on our lapel or shirt. .

Our organization must grow, out there are many ex-comrades, ex-Ninth men who served with us in World War II. . . Tonight I challenge each and everyone of you to go out this year and sign up at least one new member. The more you sign up the better for our Association as it will maintain itself strong and self supporting.

Once more many thanks for having me as your President, I will not let you down. . . Muchas Gracias, Buenas Noches Y Hasta La Vista.

Carlos B. Esteva
Box 968
Arecibo, PR 00613

47th Inf K Co
HELEN (LAGATTUTA)
HOLMES
352 "C" Hackensack St.
Wood Ridge, N.J. 07075

We (Al and I) enjoyed the reunion and it was good to see Joe's old friends from K Co. We also enjoyed Lindsey Nelson's speech and the banquet was also very good. We enjoyed Dan's talk at the banquet also.

47th Inf C Co
PAUL REEL
2701 N. Lamer St
Burbank, Ca. 91504

Recently joined the association and would like to hear from anyone in the 47th C Co 4th platoon. Would like to especially hear from Mess Sgt of C Co. Last saw him in Paris about Feb 1945.



Daniel Quinn presents Vince Guglielmino with a watch as appreciation of the Association for forty years of faithful service to the Association.

Taps Sounded

No man is an island, entire of itself: every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main: if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friends or of thine own were: any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

by John Donne

Ernest Nissen
Serv Co. 60th Inf.
Bill Zweil
Cannon Co. 47th Inf.
Robert Nedwell
K Co. 47th Inf.
Reginald Riley
A Co. & C Co. 47th Inf.
Noel Cascio
B Co. 39th Inf.
Wallace Burr
E Co. 60th Inf.
Robert Trauschke
Robert Litton
B Co. 9th Med. Bn
Frank Wade
39th Inf.
Mario "Jack" Di Santo
B Co. 47th Inf.
Flake Ford
F Co. 60th Inf.
Paul Drummond
60th Inf.
Dan Adams
AT 47th Inf.
John J. Sammon
60th Inf.
May they rest in peace. To their loved ones we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

The members were deeply saddened and shocked to learn of the death of Frank Wade while they were at the reunion in Nashville. Frank had been ill for some time but never let it be known to his friends of the Ninth.

He was one of the backbones of the Association since its formation back in 1945. Having served as President and member of the Board of Governors for a number of years Frank was there when needed and his advice was more than welcomed. He had a deep love for the Ninth and although involved with many business ventures and fraternal organizations he found time to attend the reunions throughout the years. To his wife Libby and children we extend our heartfelt sympathy and we are proud to say "he was a friend and comrade".

When we met him in Worcester last November, at Father Connors Memorial Service and Mass, he never mentioned that he was not feeling up to par but seemed happy and pleased that he was at Father Connors "last hurrah" for we all knew that we were saying goodbye to Father Connors.

Dear members of the 9th Inf. Div.

It is with sadness that I inform you of the death of my father, Frank B. Wade, Sr. on June 19, 1986. He died of cancer. The pride he felt and the respect he had for his fellow comrades was evidenced by his many years of service to the Association. I have such fond memories of the 9th Division reunions we attended and the families we came to know. I am so glad my Dad could be in Worcester in November 1985. God bless each of you.

Elizabeth Wade Lamberger
4878 Candlewood Lane
Stone Mountain, Ga.
30088

39th Inf B Co
MRS. DOROTHY CASCIO
2738 A Sherbrooke Ln
Palm Harbor, Fl. 33563

This letter is to inform you of the death of my husband, Noel J. Cascio on June 6, 1986. He will ill with lung cancer for 3 months. We attended many reunions with all his buddies from B Co and he always looked forward to seeing the boys he spent so many years with during the war. The last reunion we attended was in Orlando and we had a wonderful time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our friends from the 39th who sent cards and offered prayers during my recent illness and then my husbands illness. Also a heartfelt thank you for their many cards and expressions of sympathy during my bereavement. A sincere thank you to Bob Pappas and his lovely wife who attended the services for my husband.

60th Inf
MRS. ERWIN (Helen Etzler)
Rt 2 Box 249
Convoy, Ohio 45832

I was saddened to learn of the death of our dear friend, Wallace Burr. I know he and Erwin are having a big reunion in their heavenly home. Enclosed is a donation to the Memorial Fund in the memory of Wally.

47th Inf K Co
GEORGE NICKLIN
6 Butler Place
Garden City, NY 11530-4603

I called Kathleen Nedwell, wife of Robert Nedwell who was company clerk of K Company 47th Infantry and who went from Ft. Bragg to Germany until the end of the war. She tells me that Robert Nedwell died of cancer at the end of March 1986.

47th Inf C Co
Howard Brooks
PO Box 141
S. Harpswell, Me. 04079

Some sad news to report. A recent note from Julie Riley, on May 21, told me her father, Reginald L. Riley, formerly of Co. "A", and later during the North African Campaign, for a time, Company Commander of Co. "C" 47th Infantry, died on May 16th. Reg and I had corresponded for sometime, and I knew that last year he had had a stroke that left him aphasic, and from which he never fully recovered.

I thought those members of the 9th Division, especially in the 1st Battalion of the 47th infantry, would like to know of Reg's passing, and might not otherwise know.

47th Inf Med's 1st Bn
CB BAKER
2001 Oakland Ave
Johnson City, Tn. 37601
Just received a note that Ernest "Pee Wee" Litton B Co., 9th Medics died a few days ago (in June). His wife may be contacted at the following address: Mrs. R.E. Litton, Box 246, Jonesville, Va. 24263.

60th Inf A Co
ROBERT PAPPAS
738C 518, Box 175
New Port Richey, Fl. 33552

On June 9th my wife, Beryl and I attended memorial services for one of our 9th division member in Palm Harbor, Fl., Noel Cascio of B Co 39th. Many of Joe's friends and relatives paid their respects to him and his family. Besides his wife, Dorothy, Joe leaves a son and a daughter. We enjoyed meeting them. Joe was a faithful member of the division

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.

60th Inf
J. GRAFF BOMBERGER
37 Spanish Villa Dr
Jeannette, Pa. 15644

It is with extreme sorrow that we report to the membership the sudden passing, on Monday, July 21, 1986, of one of our fellow/associates, Paul Drummond, assistant leader of the 60th Infantry Personnel Section. His widow, Louise, requested that we pass along this sad news to his friends and associates.

Living in Naples, Florida, of recent years, Paul and Louise attended numerous 9th Infantry Division Association reunions in years past, often combining such attendances with annual sojourns north to visit their children and grandchildren during the summer months. And were it not for Paul's deteriorating health they would have been at the Nashville get-together with the several of the rest of us 60th Infantry Personnel Section and other "guys" and our wives there.

They did nevertheless decide to come north, as my wife, Patty, and I learned via a letter awaiting us upon our return from Nashville a couple weeks ago, suggesting therein that we might want to meet them between planes at the nearby Pittsburgh International Airport, enroute to their daughter's home at East Islip in Long Island. And that we did, just two weeks to the day before his death, so fortunately as it turned out, to be able to spend about a half hour between planes, reviewing Nashville happenings and otherwise. Paul was in excellent spirits, as always he seemed, in spite of his troubled health.

Paul in May had again overcome another rather serious heart trouble combined with his emphysema of several years standing, but was looking forward to visiting their children and grandchildren at East Islip and later in Connecticut where he passed away at their son's home.

Louise writes, "Paul was able to go fishing with Mitch, Dale and I . . . caught a lot of fluke and was delighted but exhausted! He did drive the trip up to Ct., also exhausted, but he wanted to."

While the Drummonds' Florida address is 122 Pier D, 2801 Palm Street, Naples, Florida, 33962, we imagine Louise may remain North at their daughter's for the remainder of the summer, Mrs. Dale Blasberg, 44 Dixie Lane, West Islip, L.I., New York, 11730, Telephone 516-277-4084, for those who wish to be in touch.

SICK CALL

I have just received a note from Mrs. Dorothy Fry, 231 Mary Street, Munhall, Penn., 15120, informing me that her husband HARRY is at St. Margaret Hospital, Aspinwall, Penn.

Harry was a member of Service Battery 26FA Bn. from Ft. Bragg until the end.

A stroke sent Harry to the hospital. He is paralyzed on his right side. He tries to talk but can't. Therapy which he receives every day is too taxing for him in his present condition.

Dorothy also writes "Please pray for him as he is in God's hands".

26th FA
JOSEPH McKENZIE
95 Washington Ave.
Waltham, Ma. 02154

47th Inf AT Co
J. EDEL CLARK
PO Box 146
Camden, SC 29020

Carolene and I enjoyed the reunion. It was well planned and executed. We "do nothing" members sincerely appreciate the hard work done by you, Marie and the many others who contributed so much time and effort to this gala affair. Lindsey Nelson, as expected, was an excellent choice as banquet speaker. We were Second Lieutenants together and he took the time to reminisce with me some of our experiences, which in retrospect were hilarious.

Now the sad news: On July 6th Dan Adams died. His wife, Alice, called me and asked that I be one of the pallbearers. Even though I was ill with a terrible summer cold, I accepted this honor without hesitation as we were close friends through some very tough times. He was my company commander at Fort Bragg and until he was seriously wounded and evacuated during the Tunisian campaign. Dan was an Officer and a Gentleman, not only by act of congress. He was a super fellow in every respect. Many of the unit called his widow expressing their condolences and regretting that they were unable to attend his funeral. One couple came from Maryland to pay their last respects. Unit members with whom I talked by telephone poured out heartfelt comments regarding his moral integrity, his sense of fairness and his genuine concern for his men's welfare. One described him as a "gentle man much respected by everyone who had served in his command".

His funeral service was conducted in Southern Pines, N.C. by his Priest, who gave the eulogy, which included many of his contributions to the Southern Pines community and to his church. We shall miss Dan — his smile and his cordial handshake.

For those who care to send a note to Dan's widow, Alice, the address is:

Mrs. Daniel B. Adams
2060 Midland Road
Southern Pines, N.C. 28387
Telephone: 919-692-2451

I am enclosing a donation to our 9th Division scholarship fund in memory of Dan.

60th Inf.
MARVIN TREACLE
RR 1 Box 93
Clinton, Ia. 52732

Another of our comrades has passed away, Ernest Nissen, Serv. Co. 60th Inf. from Ft. Bragg to Remagen Bridge, where he was wounded. He had attended several of our reunions. To my knowledge he was the only member of the 9th WW 2 veteran around here besides my brother Orie. I am not able to work having had 2 severe heart attacks since Feb. However, I feel stronger and have hopes of getting around. Brother Orie has been in poor health the past 2 years and pretty well confined to home and hospitals. Many of the old reliables have similar problems. We aren't getting any younger. Hopefully there will be many around for a lot of years. I would like to be one. Many times talking to young people, I am surprised at how little they know of WW 2, if anything. Evidently it isn't taught in school as part of history. We anticipate having a new address before another winter, but not out of Clinton. Can't take care of the acreage right now.

Mini Reunion Company M 60th Inf.

60th Inf. Co. M
ROBERT BOVANIZER, SECT.
14 Sabre Park
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

We had a tremendous 4th Mini Reunion in the Muscle Shoals area of Alabama, June 23, 24, and 25. The committee (Curtis and Carolyn Buchanan, W C and Nell Hornady and H F and Lila Stansell) did an outstanding job. The Holiday Inn in Sheffield did everything they could, including a comfortable hospitality room, which the committee kept stocked with goodies, to make us comfortable. They set up a special breakfast buffet at a special price. Included us in their two for one special buffet in the Hotel dining room and served a spectacular dinner our last evening, which was MCD by Roy Smith followed by music and dancing and of course our ever popular gift exchange. Our stay included a tour of the TVA project by bus. But the really great event of this reunion was the fact we had 36 Co. men and 26 of their ladies. We were joined on Wednesday by the twin brothers of W E Baker from our Company who was killed at St. Lo July 13, 1944. Merrill Baker now lives in Laurel, Miss and Mason Baker lives in Oxford, Miss. Some of the men were able to answer questions about their brother. They requested that we include W E Baker on our Golden Roster. We had several new men attend this year. George and Lorraine Gilmore from California, Bert and Mae Osterhout from Illinois, Earnest and Alice Chandler from Illinois, A J Moore from Tenn., Dewitt and Bradys Munn from Mississippi, Floyd and Melba Hutcherson from Tenn. and Walter and Eloise McElduff from Alabama and Carleton and Helen Chew. We were sorry to hear of so many of our members who are on sick call. The membership decided on Mobile, Ala. for the site of our 5th Mini Reunion. The committee for that reunion will be Carl and Dorothea Brady, Roy and Karen Smith and Cole and Eileen Gronseth. Dates will be announced later.

39th Inf. B Co. Mini Reunion
JOSEPH GRAVINO
10 Center St.
Macedon, NY 14502

On June 12, 13, 14, the men of Co. B. 39th Inf. held their Mini Reunion at the Sheraton Hotel in Newark, N.Y. A great time was had by all who attended.

At that time, Emmett Austen and Austin Fritsch paid me \$5.00 each to enroll them in the Association. Enclosed is a check for their dues.

Co. B men were greatly saddened by the deaths of their comrades, Luther Wilson, James (Red) McMahon, & Noel J. Cascio, and extend our sympathy to their families.

Regret that my wife and I are unable to attend the National get together this year but look forward to next year, God willing.

P.S. If there are any Co. B men who have never been in touch with us, wish they would contact me or:

Al "Hawk" DiRisio
13 N. Main St.
Fairport, N.Y. 14450



Business transacted at Reunion

The 154th meeting of the National Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held on June 26, 1986 at the Hotel Radisson, Nashville, Tennessee. The meeting was called to order at 4:04 P.M. by 1st Vice-President Vincent Guglielmino acting as Chairman in the absence of President Norman Caswell. Attending the meeting were Elmer Wagner, Carlos Esteva, Fran Maher, Pat DiColli, Lew Gray, Lou Connor, Bob DeSandy, Ralph Carci as Board Members. Also in attendance were the Treasurer Tom Boyle, Past Presidents Al Perna, Emil Langer, Paul Keller, Ron Murphy, John Bonkowski and Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh, Adolph Wadalavage, Fred D'Amore, Dick McGrath and Ed Wisniewski.

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

Secretary Quinn read the minutes of the 153rd meeting held in Worcester, Massachusetts on November 9, 1985. Upon a motion duly made by Bob DeSandy and seconded by Lew Gray it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes and instruct the secretary to place copy of same on file.

Treasurer Tom Boyle was called upon for his report and Tom distributed statements to the members as to the spendings and income for the past quarter and year. Upon motion duly made by Paddy DiColli and seconded by Fran Maher it was voted to accept the report of the Treasurer.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

John Clouser Chairman of the Scholarship Committee was called upon for his annual report and Clouser named Mike Deresh and Joe Williams as members of this permanent committee. There were 11 applicants for this year, six renewals and five new ones and the committee recommended six awards be given. Recommended were Joni DeBell, daughter of Leonard DeBell Co A 39th Inf., a new applicant. Renewals are Deborah Bacchieri daughter of Joseph Bacchieri 47th Inf., Linda Belmonte daughter of Michael Belmonte 60th F.A., Martin Goldstein son of Edward Goldstein (deceased) 60th Inf., Sharon Rappazini daughter of Joseph Rappazini 60th Inf., and Therese Rappazini daughter of Joseph Rappazini 60th Inf. Upon a motion made by Lew Gray and seconded by Lou Connor it was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations of the Scholarships committee for their report.

Bob DeSandy Co-chairman of the Nashville reunion briefed the members as to the events of the reunion. A much larger turnout than anticipated was on hand causing many members to use other hotels. A bus was chartered to transport members staying in a hotel several miles from the Radisson. A third hotel used for the overflow is within walking distance (about two blocks) but only 50 rooms were available to our members. Again it was stressed by the members present the importance of booking a hotel for the reunion that could accommodate our membership under one roof and the need for banquet facilities. Many hotels have the rooms but do not have the banquet halls large enough for our association, then too the price range is a big factor. Chairman Guglielmino thanked DeSandy for his report.

John Clouser Chairman of the Memorial Service to be held on Saturday briefed the members especially those participating in the ceremonies. Music will be furnished by the 101st Airborne Army Band but the members are not expected to march to the Memorial which is two blocks from the hotel but instead will gather at 10:00 AM at the Plaza.

Chairman Guglielmino thanked John Clouser for his report.

1987 REUNION

Pat DiColli of the Philly Delaware-Valley Chapter whose members will host the 1987 reunion at Camp Pine Hill, Pennsylvania (located near Harrisburg) told the members what to expect for the three days reunion to be held on July 23 - 26th 1987. A package deal similar to the reunion held in Lake Placid whereby the members will have two meals a day has been arranged.

Plan 1 (July 23-26) Single Occupancy: \$275. per person
Double Occupancy: \$200 per person
Triple Occupancy: \$170 per person
Quad. Occupancy: \$165 per person

Package includes three (3) nights lodging, 3 full breakfasts, 2 full dinners, 1 prime rib banquet, 2 beer parties and all tax and gratuity on a per person basis.

Plan II (July 24-26) Single Occupancy \$202 per person, Double Occupancy \$149 per person. Triple Occupancy \$129 per person Quad Occupancy \$118 per person

Package includes two (2) full nights lodging, 2 full breakfasts, 1 full dinner, 1 prime rib banquet, 1 beer party and all tax and gratuity on a per person basis.

DiColli asked that the members get their reservations in as early as possible. The forms for same will appear in the Octofoil. Chairman Guglielmino thanked DiColli for his report.

Fran Maher opened a discussion on the possibility of a Memorial to Father Connors and General Craig. The matter was tabled till the November Meeting of the Board in Worcester.

The members were saddened to learn of the demise of Frank Wade, a Past President of the Association, shortly before the reunion here in Nashville. Harrison Daysh eulogized Frank for his many years on behalf of the Association.

Chairman Guglielmino asked the following members to serve as Chairman for the various committees at the General Business meeting to be held on Friday June 27, 1986. Finance Committee Lou Connor, Newspaper Committee Elmer Wagner, Nominating Committee Fran Maher, Miscellaneous Committee Lew Gray and the By-laws to be headed by Carlos Esteva.

There being no other business to come before the board a motion made to Fran Maher to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 P.M. was seconded by Pat DiColli and so moved.

The 41st Annual Meeting of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held in Nashville, Tennessee on June 27, 1986 at the Hotel Radisson. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 A.M. by Chairman Vin-

cent Guglielmino 1st Vice-President of the Association in the absence of President Norman Caswell. Chairman Guglielmino named the Chairmen of the various committees and asked that the delegates meet with them and report back at 11:00 A.M. for the general business meeting. Guglielmino had opened the meeting with a standing moment of silence in memory of the departed men of the Ninth. He then called upon Dr. Charles Johnson of the University of Tennessee an Historian of World War 2 who spoke of the project he was undertaking, collecting material and stories of WW2 from the average men who fought the War. Mr. Johnson's appeal will be printed in the Octofoil.

At 11:15 A.M. Chairman Guglielmino called the meeting back to order with 196 members in attendance. He asked the members to rise to salute the Flag, and to remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of the departed men of the ninth.

Secretary Dan Quinn read the minutes of the 40th Annual Meeting held in Orlando, Florida in 1985 and upon a motion made by Al Perna and seconded by Bill Bongiorno it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes and have the secretary place copy of same on file.

The treasurer Tom Blye reported the spendings and income of the association for the past year. Boyle concluded by stating "All funds operate on a cash basis. There are no accruals. All expenses are recorded when paid and receipts credited when deposits are made. All balances are proven by me through copies of bank statements and Pass Books.

To the best of my knowledge all demands made upon the Ninth Infantry Division Association have been paid or settlement made thereof. I have no knowledge of outstanding receipts or expenses.

It is my considered opinion that our fine organization is in good financial condition. In all the years that I have been the treasurer have I found our Association to have been in better financial condition. Credit must be given to the Officers of this Association and to the Board of Governors. Upon a motion duly made by Bob DeSandy and seconded by Ed Wisniewski it was voted to: Accept the treasurers report.

Chairman Guglielmino thanked Boyle for his report. (It should be noted that all transactions of financial matters are also checked by 1st Vice-President Vincent Guglielmino and all checks of the association are signed by Boyle and Guglielmino.)

BUDGET & FINANCE

Chairman Guglielmino called Lou Connor of the Finance Committee and he named the following members who served with him on this committee: Gordon Anderson, William Solilid, Bruce Johnstone, Lenny DeBell and Tom Boyle as an adviser.

The committee submits this budget for approval:
Anticipated Income:

1. Dues	\$ 7,114.00
2. Investments	4,750.00
Total	\$11,864.00
Disbursements	
Secretary Salary	\$ 1,000.00
Clerical Help	1,000.00
Utilities	1,330.00
Supplies	685.00
Misc. Expenses	350.00
Postage	3,000.00
Editors Expense	400.00
Secretary's Expense	800.00
Treasurer's Expense	300.00

Octofoil	6,000.00
Accountant	175.00
F.I.C.A.	75.00
Dues Reminder	100.00
Printing	203.00
Total	\$15,418.00

A deficit of \$3,500.00 can be used from the existing funds in the General Fund.

Upon a motion duly made by Bob Pappas and seconded by Frank Rankin it was voted to: Accept the report of the finance committee. Chairman Guglielmino thanked Lou Connor and his committee for their report.

NEWSPAPER

Elmer Wagner Chairman of the Newspaper Committee when called upon for his committee report named these members who served with him on this committee: Nick Dogostino, Fred D'Amore, Henry Santos, J. Graff Bomber Robert Winkleman, Carlos Ward, Charles Yenser, Arthur Schmidt, Floyd Hennessey and Billie J. Martin. The newspaper 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 Editors Dan Quinn and Walter O'Keeffe.

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

3. It is recommended that the present number of issues of five per year be continued.

4. Check into dating of the Octofoil to speed up and improve consistency of delivery.

5. Check into feasibility of upgrading the addressograph machine to speed up mailing of Octofoil.

6. Because of increased interest in golf at the reunions, include a golf registration form for reunion information.

7. For the reunion registration form all names of those attending from a family or group should be included in the unit designation.

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

Upon a motion made by Lew Gray and seconded by Ted Preston it was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations of the newspaper committee. Chairman Vincent Guglielmino thanked Elmer Wagner and the committee.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Miscellaneous Committee Chairman was Lew Gray and serving with him on this committee were: Ted Preston, Jack Collier, John Obermiller, Roger Alsgaard, Robert Pappas, Lewis Maness, Albert Perna, Ron Murphy, Frank Torino, George Caprilaneo, Eustee Legualehi, Bill Nelson, Pat Iuspa, John Santucci, and Nolon Thampe.

This committee recommends the following:

1. That the National Sponsorship of Reunion be discontinued. There is an obvious communication problem with committee members because of distance between members. Permanent committee 2 to 3 year assignment.

2. That the Chapters sponsor reunions regardless of locations.

3. Consideration of changing month of reunion-September vs. June etc.

4. Thursday evening party have Regimental Placards to help members locate friends.

5. Stay with the advertised room rates even if it means reimbursement.

Listing of Association Members be available.

Chairman Guglielmino thanked Lew Gray and his committee for their report and upon a motion duly made by Pat DiColli and seconded by Cliff Painter it was voted to: Accept the report of this committee.

NOMINATING

Fran Maher was called upon for his Nominating Committee report and he named these members who served on this committee: Max Umansky, Ralph Carci, Emil Langer, Edward Wisniewski, Mike Belmonte, and Louis Saprano. The committee recommends the following five members replace the outgoing board members: Dave Heller, Illinois Chapter, Emil Langer, New York, Lewis Maness, Florida, James Bruner, Michigan and Oliver Carter, Washington, DC Chapter. A motion made by John Bonkowski and seconded by Mike Belmonte to close the nominations was voted upon and passed. A motion to accept this slate of Officers was made by John Clouser and seconded by Bob DeSandy and so voted upon to have the secretary cast one ballot for a unanimous slate of officers.

Chairman Guglielmino thanked Fran Maher and his committee for their report.

BY-LAWS

Carlos Esteva Chairperson of the By-Laws Committee names these men who served on this committee with him: Dave Heller, John Clouser, Mike Deresh, Jim Bruner, Pat DiColli, Adolph Wadalavage, George Brown and Paul Clark. A discussion of the proposed changes of the By-Laws as submitted by John Clouser regarding Paragraph 33C (A) "by deleting the words, "related to," and adding the words, "descended from (e.g. children, step-children, grandchildren, step-grandchildren, step-great grandchildren, etc.)" Paragraph 33C (A) will then read: (A) to provide scholarships for under-graduate studies by any individual descended from (e.g. children, etc., etc.,) a person who served with the 9th Infantry Division during World War 2. Chairman of the By-Laws Committee Carlos Esteva reported that the committee (majority) recommends no change in the By-Laws was proposed at this time.

Upon a motion made by Mike Deresh and seconded by Mike Kaufman it was voted to: Accept the report of the By-Laws Committee.

SCHOLARSHIPS

John Clouser Chairman of the Scholarship Committee reported that this committee is a permanent one consisting of Joe Williams and Mike Deresh. The committee had met in Florida this past Spring. This year they had received 11 applications. Clouser continued and explained how the awards are determined, according to their financial need and academic ability. They recommended that six awards be given this year for the total amount of \$4,000.00.

Upon a motion made by Richard Trahey and seconded by Elmer Wagner it was voted to: Accept the report of the Scholarship Committee. The Board of Governors at their meeting held June 26, 1986 had approved the committees actions.

Chairman Guglielmino thanked Clouser and his committee.

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Bob DeSandy Co-Chairman of the reunion briefed the members as to events of the reunion. Many members complained about their room reservations not being honored or mix-up in rooms. The unexpected large turnout of members caused the overflow of people to be sent to other hotels, some nearby, others a few miles away with the association hiring a bus to shuttle the members back and forth to the Radisson Hotel the Headquarters for the three days.

Chairman Guglielmino thanked DeSandy for his report.

PROPOSED CHANGES & BY-LAWS

John Clouser read the proposed changes of the By-Laws that he had recommended and notified the membership in the Jan.-Feb. issue of the Octofoil. Bob Rucker seconded the motion and after much discussion it was voted to: Accept the proposals to amend Paragraph 33C (A) by adding the words, "Descended from (e.g. Children, step-children etc.) - Amend paragraph 33C (B) by deleting the words, "related to," and adding the words "descended from (e.g. children, step-children, etc.)"

Bob Pappas opened a discussion that the National Association's officers no longer conduct reunions for the association but that the Chapters be responsible for reunions. Pappas then made a motion that a committee to study this matter, be appointed, and this was seconded by Bob Hughes and so voted.

Ron Murphy made a motion that was seconded by Bill Bongiorno to have the reunion committee reimburse the difference in the amount of the bills for the price of rooms when the members had to use other hotels because the Hotel Radisson could not accommodate their bookings. The motion was withdrawn and a motion by Cliff Painter and seconded by Pat DiColli was made to have: "The motion tabled".

Adolph Wadalavage spoke to the members about the history book of the Ninth being placed in Library of the University of Hofstra in Long Island, New York. Chairman Guglielmino thanked Wadalavage for his efforts.

There being no other business to come before the membership and upon a motion duly made by John Clouser and seconded by Mike Belmonte it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 1:40 P.M.

The 155th Meeting of the National Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held on June 27, 1985 at the Hotel Radisson, Nashville, Tennessee at 3:15 P.M. 1st Vice-President Chairman Guglielmino of the meeting called the group to order and asked the members to stand for a moment of silence in memory of the departed men of the Ninth.

Attending the meeting were Jim Bruner, Carlos Esteva, Fran Maher, Emil Langer, Oliver Carter, Lou Connor, Pat DiColli, Dave Heller, Bob DeSandy, Lew Gray as Board members. Also in attendance were the Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh, the Treasurer Tom Boyle, past presidents John Clouser, Ron Murphy, Bill Bongiorno and Fred D'Amore, Max Umansky, Dick O'Connor and Richard McGrath.

Upon a motion made by Lew Gray and seconded by Bob DeSandy it was voted to: Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the prior meeting held on Thursday, June 26th.

Upon a motion made by Pat DeColli and seconded by Lou Connor it was voted to: Dispense with the treasurer's report.

Election of Officers

Election of Officers for the coming year was held and the following members elected to these Offices:

President Carlos Esteva
1st Vice-President Vincent Guglielmino
2nd Vice-President Ron Murphy

3rd Vice-President William Bongiorno
Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh

Treasurer Thomas Boyle
Secretary Daniel Quinn
1st Vice-President Guglielmino acting as Chairman of the meetings (in place of the absent President Norman Caswell) turned the gavel over to Carlos Esteva who thanked the members for the honor bestowed upon him and further stated that he will try to visit each Chapter and start new chapters where there are none.

Emil Langer spoke of the illness of Norman Caswell causing him to be absent from the reunion. Langer had visited Norman the week prior to the reunion and he appeared to be in good spirits and progressing in health.

Bob DeSandy recommended that the Board change the salary structure of the Secretary to read \$1,000.00 for salary and increase the secretaries expenses by \$200.00. So moved.

Future Reunion Sites

Fran Maher of the future reunion site committee recommended that the Cape Cod area be chosen for the 1988 reunion. Upon a motion made by Dave Heller and seconded by Robert DeSandy it was voted to: Hold the 1988 reunion in the Cape Cod Area, Massachusetts.

Upon a motion made by Emil Langer and seconded by Robert DeSandy it was voted to: As the 1988 reunion is a non-chapter selection to be conducted by the National Board of Governors have the New England Chapter designated to conduct the reunion.

The 1987 reunion will be held by the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter on July 23-26th at Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. Pat DeColli and Al Perna of the Philly Chapter stressed the importance of pre-registration as this reunion will be a package deal with two meals per day included as part of the plan. Details will appear in the Octofoil.

There being no other business and upon a motion duly made by Bob DeSandy and seconded by Lew Gray it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 4:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Quinn
National Secretary

60th Inf Serv Co
CARL HILL
1416 W. 1st St.
Abilene, Ks. 67410

Will not be able to attend this years reunion due to 4 major operations, heart attack and leg amputation so I am confined pretty close to home. I do enjoy the Octofoil. Enclosed is a picture taken of service Co 60th Inf in the field 1941 at Ft. Bragg. I am enclosing dues for 3 years.

Michigan Notes

It's all over and now we resort to happy memories. What's over? The 41st Annual Reunion held at Nashville, Tn. June 26-27-28.

Was a good time had by all? If you had as much fun as Jennie and I had then you had a good time. Yeah Thursday night might be best described as SNAFU but that was a minor irritant that was soon forgotten. For us the companionship of dear ones off set any irritation that may have developed.

F Company C. P. under the direction of Ed "Hoppy" Hopkins was an oasis well supplied and well attended. On our arrival we found many of the troops in attendance. Before the three days ended five company Commanders were in attendance. We did miss some of the boys like George King and Stanley Putt but their absence just gave us some one to talk about.

We were mentioned at Grand Ole Opry when the announcer made known that some 800 of us were in attendance.

Saturday's Banquet was a success. Lindsey Nelson was enjoyed as the principal speaker. Dan Quinn might have stolen the show as he spoke off the cuff.

When it was asked how many first timers were present about, by my fast count, 45 persons stood up. Now if you who read this have never attended a reunion please give it some thought as the years are marching on.

OUT-STATE MEETING

We in Michigan are preparing for our annual Out State Meeting. The dates this year will be October 10 through 12. The place is Holiday Inn, Angola, Ind. The Inn is located at the Jct of I-69 and Pokagon State Park Exit. We do get a fine turn out from Ind. Ill. Ohio, Wis. Mich. and other points within driving distance. Room rates are \$40.00 single and \$48.00 double. We do have fun with the ladies bringing goodies for the snack table. Often it is more than a snack it's our Friday Night dinner.

Well the heat has spread into the north country. Today July 17th has the thermometer in the high 90 degree range. And the humidity is 100%. A combination that is hard to live with. We shouldn't complain because come December 17th we will be looking for relief from the Michigan Cold.

In closing I would like, on behalf of the Michigan Chapter, to thank those who formed the 1986 Reunion Committee: Dan Quinn and Bob DeSandy Co-Chairmen, Tom Boyle Registration and Finance, John Clouser Memorial Service, Emil Langer Banquet, Fran Maher Grand Ole Opry, Elmer Wagner Publicity, James Bruner Program Book, and Carlos Esteva Golf. The combined results, of their efforts, was a smoooooth reunion.

Rodger E. Alsgaard, Sec'y.
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Enclosed find check for 3 years. Was unable to attend services for Fr. Connors because I was in the hospital. Had 3 operations but well on the road to recovery.

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

It is with deep sorrow that we have to report the sudden passing of our "BECO" Buddy Jack DiSanto. He was truly one of us, coming to "B" Co. in the early days of our entering the military service, enduring also the difficult beginnings of our training together and subsequently becoming a great unit dedicated to each other.

In asking Jack if he would help in writing our "B" Co. Column, we were very happy that he agreed to do so. His column was in our last Octofoil issue of Mar.-April 1986. To those of us who knew Jack, he relished his reminiscences going back some 40 odd years describing the exploits of our "B" Co. buddies past and present. Although it was Jack's first and only "B" Co. Column, he nevertheless left behind wonderful memories for all of us.

Our reunion in Nashville was most successful. We believe the attendance was about the 3rd or 4th largest of all previous reunions. We were sorry that many of our Association members were not able to get lodgings in the Main Reunion Headquarters (Radisson Hotel) and had to be sent elsewhere which made things quite "sticky" and also caused many units to split-up due to the inadequacy and lack of hotel rooms. We realize that our reunions are becoming quite an undertaking due to increased attendance and on Banquet nights. In this instance tables had to be set-up outside the Banquet Room in order to accommodate the overflow crowd. We hope that our Association's Reunion Committee will in the future take this into account when choosing a particular site.

GOOD ATTENDANCE

Well "BECO" continued its tradition with a very good attendance at this our 41st Reunion. Our 'morning report' showed the following attendees: Pat & Ann Morano, Stan & Florence Adowski, Ernie & Nina Crowder, Joe & Stella Cichocki, John & Catherine Compagnone, Joe & Rose Harvilla, Bob & Anna Edie, Olga Palega, Ed & Helen Sarnocinski, Orion & Eleanor Shockley, Joe & Eleanor Taubner, George & Jane Bentley, and newcomers 'Tony' & Josephine Manzollilla (originally in "B" Co. - later transferred to Cannon Co. 47th Inf) and Guy & Doris Lawrence. This was "Tony's" first reunion and he was so happy to see the old gang that he's still talking about it! Welcome also is in order for Guy & Doris; we hope to see you at future "get-togethers." — A big "Thank You" once again to Ed & Helen Sarnocinski our perennial CP Hosts, who provided the after hours haven for food, snacks, drinks, and the customary "BECO" stories, anecdotes, and engaging conversation. We also wish to acknowledge a big "THANK YOU" to Orion Shockley for giving to us who were at the CP; the opportunity of talking via phone, to Art Stenzel who was unable to attend the reunion this year. Art was in good spirits and told us he really missed not being with us in Nashville.

MISSED NORM

We were sorry to learn that our "BECO" buddy and National Association President Norman Caswell was unable to be with us due to illness. We missed you Norm. All of us sent along our very best wishes to you and for a return to good

health before long. We also learned from Ernie Crowder that McAdoo White another "BECO" buddy, was quite ill and could not make the trip to Nashville. We hope that McAdoo is feeling better at this time.

A tip of the hat to Bob & Edie for making the reunion. Theirs is a spirit not to be denied despite the obstacles they had to overcome. "B" Co. 47th is indeed proud of Bob & Anna Edie!!

To all of our other "BECO" buddies who were not able to attend this latest reunion due to illness, prior commitments etc., we hope to see you November '86 in Worcester Mass, or at our 42nd Annual Reunion in Camp Hill, Pa. in July, 1987.

MEMORABLE OCCASION

The New England Chapter of our 9th Inf. Div. Assoc. will sponsor Father Connors' Annual Memorial Mass for the 4581 men of our Division who gave their lives in World War II. This mass also will be dedicated to the loving memory of our No. 1 Member, Father Edward T. Connors. It will be held on Sunday November 9, 1986 at the Immaculate Conception Church, Worcester, Mass. at 10: AM. We are looking for a great turnout from our "BECO" buddies for this, the 42nd Memorial Mass and Service. Please make every effort to get to Worcester to honor our departed Father Connors together with our departed comrades. This will be a memorable occasion that will be remembered for a long, long time.

We sincerely wish that all our buddies and friends had a wonderful summer. If we missed reporting additional buddies' names etc., please forgive the oversight. We hope to see you in Worcester on November 9th, 1986. A word of advice: make your reservations early! Until next time, our sincerest regards, best wishes and good health to all our "BECO" buddies and their families.

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60th Inf K Co
MERTON BEEBE
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I was embarrassed to find that I had not paid my dues and I have no excuse but that it was an oversight on my part. In order to square myself with this noble and great organization, I am sending a check for 2 years. I am somewhat restricted due to the infirmities of old age, having reached the octogenarian age of 80! I am always interested in the proceedings of the organization and miss my attending them. I enjoy reading the Octofoil and the letters of our members.

9th Med Bn
JAY P. ROLLER, MD
14 Green Wing Teal
Hilton Head Is., SC 29928

Thank you for your quick response. I know you are busy and very generous with your time. When do you have time to rest? We appreciate your giving so much of yourself and your wife for we drones! M.G. Van Bond took over the 39th when Col. Flint was wounded. He lives at 313 Irene Dr. Clarksburg, Tn. I had commanded Co's A & C, 9th Med Bn. regimental surgeon 39th Inf Bn Co 9th Men Bn.

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

Many Thanks

I hope you receive this before your annual reunion in Nashville. Since my letter was printed in the Jan-Feb. edition of the Octofoil, I have had several responses. Most were from the 39th and 47th regiments. Al Bravin, 47th of Fort Lee, N.J. sent me his copy of the Octofoil and the 9th's shoulder patch. Julius E. Clark (Lt Col) wrote me from Camden, S.C. James R. Keller of H Co 39th from Winchester, Va. (I was born in Winchester, England). Jack D. Whiteley L Co. 47th was stationed near Basingstoke, where I now live. Mrs. Anthony Carmeci sent me a letter and a 9th Inf. Div. visiting card. I have the impression her husband was in M Co 39th. She also enclosed an annual reunion cap and a small USA flag. William Kreye sent me a copy of his book "The Pawns of War" courtesy of Mrs. Stumpf who is the daughter to General Stroh, Comm. US 8th Inf Div. (formerly of the 9th) William Kreye was with the 39th. S/Sgt T.L. Preston F Co & Hq 2nd Bn 60th sent me his copy of "Follow Thru", a history of the 60th during the war. Ted also enclosed a copy of a letter from Gen. Bradley congratulating the 9th for their many battle honors and achievements. It was a wonderful and generous gesture for these soldiers of the "varsity" to take the trouble to write to me. I thank them and will be replying to them as soon as I can.

Unfortunately William Kreye did not give an address. One letter stands out. It was the second I received and was sent by a John Lammie B Co 60th. He served with the 9th from Sicily to the end of hostilities and he remembered my father. They were in the same company and John was with my father when he was killed. You can imagine the mixed emotions both my mother and I had when we read John's letter. We are sending him some old photos and a map of the Reigerville area west of St. Mere Enlise in the Cherbourg Peninsula where the fateful action took place. My research has been greatly enhanced stateside by a George J. Allen from Rockville, Md., a wonderful man who we met while awaiting the arrival of President Reagan at the USA Military Cemetery for the 40th Commemoration Ceremony at Sy. Laurent-Sur-Mer. May I end this rather longer than intended letter by thanking the Octofoil for giving my letter the space which led to these magnificent replies. Finally, may I wish the 9th Infantry Division a very happy and memorable reunion in Nashville. God bless you all.

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84th FA Hq. Btry.
AARON LUBIN
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Enclosed is my overdue dues payment for 3 years plus a Scholarship Fund donation in the name of Mary Winsch beloved and so very missed wife of Ed Winsch 1st. Sgt. of C Btry 84th FA. I've had some contact with old buddies and glad to hear from any of them. Orville Wakeman had mention in the last issue, but no address. I have some photos of him and could send copies, let me hear from you Orville or anyone else in Hqs.

60th Inf. F Co.
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Another year and another reunion has passed in to history. Was sorry to learn that we lost several F Co. 60th men this past year. The Paquin brothers, Ray and Lester, of Northern Michigan passed on this year. An old buddy, Flake Ford, died June 20. He had been seriously ill with heart problems for several years but had managed several reunions. We will all miss him at these events. Our group, Fox Co. 60th, had a reasonable turn out. Allens, Bermans, Dennis, Etues, Herrins, Painters, Prestons, Saunders, Harrells, Johnson, Lindners, Lees, D. Millers, Skinns, Teachouts, Urbans, Wagners, Welchs. Nick and Emma Wagner from Minneapolis made their first reunion. We had four former Co. Commanders out again, Urban, Allen, Johnson and Painter. Our group had the usual problems shared by many.

Most of our group were given reservations in other hotels. Our C.P. was in doubt up to the last minute. I had confirmed reservations but after a wait of several hours was put up in another hotel for 2 nights. The Radisson's apparently let our group down. I was sorry to see a few leave and return home in disgust. All in all, it worked out. My better half and I combined our attendance at the reunion with other travel. Flew in to Nashville on June 19 and spent a week with a daughter and family in nearby Fairview. Following the reunion, spent a couple of days with friends in Nashville. On July 1 flew on to Michigan. My better half's Port Huron High School class of 1936 had a reunion on July 5 which we managed to attend. A couple of weeks with my mother-in-law and flew back to California July 15. Now to begin plans for 1987 in Harrisburg. The best to you Dan and your better half. Enclosed is a little something for the Memorial Fund in memory of Flake D. Ford.

Co G 39th Inf
BOB SMITH
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We had a good time at the Nashville reunion even with all the confusion and had 14 G Co., 39th. men on hand, the best turnout yet for us. Six of them were Bragg men too, all WIA along the way.

And now for a little constructive criticism:

Once again some of our men never got their names on the board after registering in for which they were pretty well teed off for which I don't blame them as people were trying to locate them there.

Some improvement has got to be made in this dept. or we will lose some members for sure. I have sent this same gripe to Carlos Esteva too, who by the way is also a former G Co., 39th. man WIA at the Remagen bridgehead.

So keep in step and may see you in Worcester in Nov.

60th Inf A Co
ZANE GREY
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Just going to put my Octofoil away and noted the red ink. Enclosed find dues for 3 years and the rest in memory of Sgt. Kenny Franzen (E Co., 60th Inf) who I enlisted with, and also my good friends wife, Marge Finch. Have not been able to make a reunion yet due to illness. You are doing a great job, thanks a lot.

Co M-47th INF.
JERRY PHILLIPS
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M company, 47th Infantry was represented at Nashville by no less than 17 members* and we stake a claim for the ribbon that the 9th Infantry Division Association ought to be awarding to the company-size unit most represented at our conventions. Our success was stimulated by efforts to reconstitute the old "M" of WWII. We now have 92 survivors brought to light in this endeavor, and have identified 39 or more who have marched on to join the 43 who fell from our ranks while campaigning in the ETO. We know that 441 men served with M/47 from the time we left the States until VE Day, and are determined to account for as many of these as can be located. In the course of this effort many are learning of the Division Association and its activities for the first time. Others are re-joining. Bill Horan, who commanded M/47 in the early postwar days in Germany when the Association was founded, recalls that the unit was cited (he still has the official correspondence) for having turned out the most members from any company-size unit in the division. I am certain we could do as well today.

Dan, you asked about my impressions of the convention. As you know, I publish and edit the paper for our community of about 5,000 here in California's "Mother Lode Country." We are governed locally by a property owners association and, currently, one of our major problems is the tug-of-war between the younger and older segments of the population which are nearly matched numerically. I saw and heard things in Nashville that seemed germane to my reporting on this conflict. My note thereon may be of interest to Octofoil readers and is attached.

It was a great convention, Dan. I was deeply moved by the Memorial Service. While I struggled against it, I found my toes tapping at "Opryland" and I thought Lindsay Nelson's address highly entertaining. I've been to a lot of hotel banquets in my time but that meal was outstanding. Mess Sergeant Charley Rehyberger and his gang from M/47 couldn't have done any better and they were miracle men!

All in all my kudos go to all concerned for a big job well done at Nashville.

*At Nashville from M/47 were: Ken CREIGHTON, John DE SEPIO, Leo FATLAN, Sam DRAPER, Ray HAIRE, Bill HORAN, Lysle KITCHEN, John KNIGHT, Don KOTHE, Ed LITTLE, Tom MORGAN, Bill MORKILL, Red PHILLIPS, Jack ROWE, Erwin WALTERS, Bob WINKELMAN and Jim WINGATE.

9th Med. Bn C Co.
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Members of Company C of the 9th Med. Bn. attended the 9th Division Reunion in Nashville, TN, on April 26 and 28 at Nashville, TN.

The following members and wives of Company C attended the reunion: Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Busta, Cohoes, NY; Mr. and Mrs. C. Cochran, Cherry Log, GA; Mr. and Mrs. Aldor Cook, Schenectady, NY; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Denton, Clinton, TN; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duncan, Memphis, TN; Mr. and Mrs. James Fite, Fairview, NC; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnstone, Dunedin, FL;

DON'T LOSE WORLD WAR TWO!

Every day we are losing part of the history of World War II. The letters, diaries, photographs, newspaper clippings, unit histories, and other personal accounts of the war are falling to age, mildew, and worse — the trash. The history of the individual struggles of war — the loneliness, the triumphs, the boredom, the fear — disappear as the veterans who served pass away and their papers and records are destroyed.

Two University of Tennessee professors are attempting to reverse this tragic loss by collecting these materials for the UT Knoxville library.

And you can help — if you or a member of your family or someone you know was in the military between 1939-1945.

The People's History

The complete story of World War II has yet to be told. A "people's history" of the conflict has never been written. Of the hundreds of books written about the European and Pacific Battles, most are "from the top" — from the perspective of the military and civilian leadership, since those are the records that have been preserved.

Dr. Charles W. Johnson, a military historian at UT's Knoxville campus, and Professor John H. Dobson, the University's special collections librarian, want to make UTK a national center for the military records of the people who actually fought the battles and supported the war from behind the front lines.

Johnson also will start the long, complex task of writing the soldier's history.

Write Dr. Charles W. Johnson at 1101 McClung Tower, UT, Knoxville, 37996-0411, or call him at 615-974-5421. Professor John H. Dobson can be reached at the Main Library, UT, Knoxville, 37996-1000. His phone number is 615-974-4480.

Let's stop losing World War II!



Charles Bodnar, 47th AT, did it up grand for the 100 year centennial of the "Lady in the Harbor." He is pictured outside his home in Bergenfield, N.J.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank V. Kalich, Albuquerque, NM; Mr. and Mrs. J. Kash, Ardsley, PA; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kopach, Easton, PA; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kowalik, Waterford, NY; Mr. and Mrs. John H. Lewis, Shelbyville, TN; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Palermo, McKees Rocks, PA; Mr. and Mrs. A. Rinchiuso, Glenshaw, PA; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sammons, Mundelein, IL.

Altogether including relatives of our members a total of 34 attended the reunion.

Visits to the replica of the Parthenon, The Hermitage (home and burial site of Andrew Jackson and his wife), and various museums were interesting, educational and of historical importance. Some members also took tours to see the homes of various Opry Stars, and made river boat excursions as well as a visit to the solarium in connection with the Opry Hotel was a real treat. Attendance at the Grand Ole Opry Theatre performance was enjoyable as something new and different to many. The Memorial Service on Saturday was very impressive.

15th Engrs.
ERNEST NEWHART
77 W. Ferry St.
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Enclosed is my check for 3 years dues. You should be awarded the Legion of Merit for your long service both as secretary and editor of our division newspaper! For if it weren't for your hard work and devotion far beyond the call of duty, I'm sure the association would have fallen apart by this time. Best wishes to you and the rest of the gang.

Seeking Information

60th Inf 1st Bn
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Not being a letter writer, I don't know how I can be corresponding with the Octofoil. I'm in such a hectic mess with my job, I don't know if I'll make it to retirement, I might even get fired! I work for the P.O. and I am a disabled Vet, carrying mail from house to house is not appealing. I fell down a flight of stairs several years ago landing on my back and now I can't carry mail. I'm a truck driver and it seems the more you don't want something the more they push it at you. Being 64 years old I can't run up and down the stairs like the youngsters so that I'm working right thru my lunch most of the time. Going on pension in about 10 months. I was wondering if being foreign born will be a hindrance. I never did get citizen papers from the Army although they sent me to school. The instructor said I knew more than he did about government status. I found I couldn't represent a cousin of mine applying for citizenship because I didn't have my own papers. My father took out citizenship in 1923 and I come in under the 1935 act where all children are automatically citizens when parents are naturalized before 1925. Now will this affect my social security or do I need help somewhere else?

MAIL CALL

47th Inf. F Co.
CURTIS HOFFLER
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I sincerely appreciate your inquiry as to our non-attendance at the Nashville Convention. Shifting us from the Radisson to the Maxwell House, however, was not the reason for cancelling out. I had been under the weather for several months during the late winter and spring because of a bad tooth. My root-canal operation was scheduled the week of the convention.

Any refund that you are able to negotiate on our behalf may be credited to the Association's Memorial or Scholarship Funds.

Barring a catastrophe, we will see you in 1987.

47th Inf. G Co.
P.J. TAMPORELLO
1017 Roselawn St.
Metairie, La. 70001

I attended the Reunion in Nashville June 26-28 and really enjoyed meeting other members of the 9th Infantry. I lost track of many of my buddies after I was wounded and would like to write to Mail Call to see if any of them are still out there. Here is my recollection as to how I became a member of the 9th Infantry.

I joined the 9th Infantry as a replacement (from the disbanded 300th Infantry out of Fort Benning, Georgia) in October 1943 in England. I was assigned to G Company which left the marshalling area in Southhampton, England in May 1944 for the invasion in France.

I was wounded in Barnesville, France on June 20, 1944 and transported to the hospital in England. Eventually, I was sent to Mitchell Hospital in New York and finally La Guarde General Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana in late 1944.

I would be interested in hearing from any of my buddies who may have also been in the 300th Infantry before it disbanded. My duffel bag with all of my personal belongings (such as my address book) never caught up with me from the marshalling area in Southhampton, England — I haven't seen it since.

I enjoy reading The Octofoil and hope to run across some of my old buddies again.

47th Inf G Co & Hq Co
ROBERT L. MATHIS
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I served with Co G & Hq 2nd Bn from 1940 to 1945. Should have become a dues paying member a long time ago. I came out of the old 2nd Inf Div as a cadre man to help form the great 47th Inf in 1940. Served with the 47th throughout their involvement in WW2. Truly the "greatest regiment" of the "greatest division" to have served our country during war time.

47th Inf B Co
MR. & MRS. HOWARD
PENNISTON
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We wish to send greetings to all the brave men of the 9th Division and especially to B Co 47th, as our son Howard was with them until he made the supreme sacrifice in Tunisia. We would be glad to hear from anyone who remembers Howard. We hope you had a happy reunion. Best wishes to all.

84th FA
RAYMOND PEQUE
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Enclosed amount to cover dues and some to the Memorial Fund in memory of Charles B. DeWitt who passed away Sept. 1985. "Ben" was Master Sgt. 84th FA Bn 1942-1945 as many of you may remember. Very interesting indeed to see many 84th troops listed in the Octofoil. Herbert Stern, Orville Wakemen, Leo Smith, Pete Rice, a most interesting letter. He claims to have a poor memory — yet his description of events during our stay at Camp Elsenborn brings back many memories. He made it read as if it happened yesterday! Everyone there (rest camp?) will recall it was "buzz bomb alley". The missiles were directed towards Antwerp and other coastal targets and the allied command set up battalions of 90mm anti-aircraft guns to try and intercept them and knock them down. Many fell in our area and I remember very well the one that fell as described by Pete Rice. To clarify names, hopefully, Wm. Rybka, Capt., Cmdg. Hq. Btry, Fredericks is the name. Milhans S/Sgt. Radio Sect. then 2nd Lt. around Eupen Nov.-Dec. 1944-1945. Sam Robinson, Chester Mikus, Frederick Talarico, and to AD Lubin, wherever you are "you helped me in to a 6x6, June 1942 at replacement center and were with me all the way in to VE Day including Paris, Belgium, Liberty Ship, Miles Standish, Penn. Sta., Fort Dix and the last train to New York. Who can forget Wakefield, laying wire in no mans land, 10 miles out of Zweifall, southeast Aachen, Schevenhutte area? This we heard at Hq. Btn Btry. which was rear in this action. During Sept. 1944 advance many wire crews were out of touch with battalion and in this neck of the hostile woods many wire teams found themselves not knowing where the enemy was. Seeing 84th's own nonchalantly "Wakefield" laying wire against trees and other German landmarks, thought they were in a safe area, wrong! It seems that Pfc. Wakefield was laying wire within ear shot of a German company who probably thought Wakefield represented American troops in strength. His cool manner probably gave the enemy second thoughts and they retired. A true story as we got it later. Best wishes to all.

47th Inf F Co
FRANK M. SMITH
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It was a great reunion even though Marie didn't make it. She still deserves much credit as I know she did a lot of work before anyone even arrived in Nashville. And Danny, you were great, particularly the night of the banquet. Wish I had a VCR of your remarks with the interruptions by a member. It looked as if it were staged, now I know the full story from Bob DeSandy. But it was still hilarious! I am waiting to go to the funeral of Daniel Adams (commanded AT 47th). He and Edel Clark were close friends and I am sure you will be hearing from Edel. Thanks again for a great reunion. You and Bob did a great job.

Discretion: shutting your mouth before someone else does.

Co K 60th Inf
ROBERT H. RUCKER
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Dear Dan and Bob:

Thanks again for another memorable reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association which will rank as one of the best in recent years. The planning was excellent and I certainly appreciate the many hours of work that was required to carry it to a good conclusion. For those who were somewhat critical, they must remember that, "a person who has never made a mistake has not been born yet, or is not doing anything!" In spite of all the planning possible, "Murphy's Law" will surface sometimes.

I do feel that the Radisson Plaza was an excellent facility but also realize that few hotels are ready or realize the impact of an "invasion" by the OLD RELIABLES. The committee cannot be faulted by outdated systems of check-in procedures and late check outs on the part of the hotel. I do admit that I was beginning to hurt all over because of the unexpected wait to get into my room but then I have had better and I certainly have had worse. Once in my room everything went fine for the remainder of the reunion. It is hard to have something for everyone but then everyone had some choice.

The Memorial Service was most impressive and I dare say that there were not many dry eyes when it was over. I thought that the band was especially good and I would like to send them a letter of thanks. Please send me an address so that I can do so. I would suggest one thing be added. There are so many from all parts of the country that are not identified with a chapter, etc. that should be remembered, but I suppose that is done by the at-large person.

Give my best to all and I hope to be in Pennsylvania next July as I have already sent in for reservations.

P.S.

In an effort to encourage more attendance at the reunions, I want to make a suggestion. Could we introduce a special program for the ladies in the way of a Flower Arrangement demonstration? As I have done many of these in my better years, I think that I might have one more in my system, especially for the many great women that backed all of us so well during all the years. If you think this could be done, I would be happy to begin planning for it. There are many other areas of programs in gardening, Landscape Design, etc. that might attract some of the ladies in other years. Please let me know if I can assist in this way and I will be happy to give it another whirl.

Thanks again for all that you and Marie do for all of us for the Association. No other group can remotely approach our organization. I just regret that I was so far removed from the area down here in Texas that I did not know about the group for many years. Then, too, I was trying to make a living and raise three kids! I am truly thankful that I was able to work 40 years before the "wheels came off!"

39th Inf E Co
WILBERT GOLDSMITH
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I now have all my family out here. My son moved out in May 1986. On Dec. 7 I will be 65 and will work part time, then I can make the reunions.

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39th Inf. A Co.
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First, let me say how proud I am to belong to the New York Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. I am truly sorry I didn't join sooner but up to last year, I did not know that such an organization even existed.

This year I got down to Pine-lawn for the Chapter Memorial Service on May 17th. Never having been to one, I felt quite small being among those Heroes who have preceded us into God's care. I especially like the small talk Dan gave and the prayer that George Apar had prepared. I also want to thank Arthur Schmidt for reminding me about where and when the service was to be.

The comradery and joking at the picnic later in the afternoon was good for me because I met some terrific guys. Namely Arthur Schmidt and George Brown, who I had been writing to for some time. I had also hoped that Buddy Bower of A Co. 39th would be there but it was not to be. By the way, Arthur, Harry Wax, Mr. Strauss, Charlie and I took a slight detour from the cemetery to the park! Adolph had a quip about the 15th Engineers when we finally got there.

Unfortunately, I had to leave early due to a job commitment but I wish I could have met everyone there. I will try to make it to a chapter meeting, or at least the Christmas party in December. The good Lord willing, I will surely be at the reunion in '87.

I'd like to hear from anyone who was with A Co. 39th in North Africa and Sicily '42-'43.

Enclosed please find a small contribution for the Memorial Fund in Father Connors name.

39th Inf K Co
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My wife is writing this letter for me and we will have copies made to send to all you guys because she has so little time with all the household duties and caring for me. I suffered a heart attack on Wed. June 4 and have been in the hospital. I have just come home but have to have complete bed rest and can not have any visitors. My doctor says I cannot go to the reunion. Needless to say I am greatly disappointed. I had planned on this trip for months and had made hotel reservations, had my plane reservations and all set to go. I was looking forward to seeing all of you that I have been corresponding with but somehow it seems it was not meant to be. My wife thinks it best this happened now rather than when I got to Nashville away from my doctors and away from home, but God knows, I am disappointed! I wanted to write all of you so you would get my letter before the reunion and you would know why I am not there. Please keep your letters coming and I will write as soon as I am able. Have a good time at the reunion and I will be thinking of all of you.

9th QM
CHARLES "CHUCK" O'CONNOR
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Guilty, guilty, mea culpa, mea culpa - for not long ago having become closer to old friends of "The Ninth."

Now I want to get back on track - enclosed my dues for the next two years and look forward to my own copy of the Octofoil - John Ryan loaned me his last issue. From it I became reacquainted with Glenn Elliott now living in Indio, Ca. through an exchange of correspondence. What memories come to mind - Col. Paddy Flint, Gen. Westmoreland, Gen. Louis Craig and the imitable Lt. Col. Jefferson Davis Childs who, in the last days of my service I served with in Div. G-4.

Maybe I had something of a record in the number of units in the Division with which I served - 9th, Q.M., 709th. Ord. (L.M.) Bn. attached at various times with the 39th., 47th. and 60th. Inf. Regs. Also, while in England at the Winchester Barracks with Lt. Col. Parker Parker (yes that's right - it was Parker Parker). He was the Inspector General.

I joined the Division on maneuvers in the fall of 1941, landed at Casablanca, then on to Port Lytautey, Oran, Algiers, Kasserine Pass and many places along the way.

From time to time I've been in touch with Gen. Westmoreland; had hoped to be at the reunion at Lake Placid with him but events beyond my control prevented that and the General was recuperating from surgery at the same time.

In June I will reach the young age of sixty seven and I enjoy good health and hope that it will be possible for me to be in Nashville this year.

For many years I have used the name O'Connor (my Mother's); when in service it was S/Sgt. Charles J. Drybulski.

Through the years I have maintained my great pride that I was a member of "The Old Reliables."

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Enclosed are my dues for 3 years and the balance to the Memorial Fund in memory of Frank Chatto. I was very sad to learn of the passing of Fr. Connors. He was one of the many wonderful 9th division people that I have looked forward to seeing and being with these past 15 years at the different reunions. Thank you for all of your hard work for the Association.

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Well, the reunion is over for another year and unfortunately we missed it! Hopefully, we will attend all future get-togethers. I am enclosing dues for 3 years and something for the Memorial Fund. Hope these few lines find you in good health.