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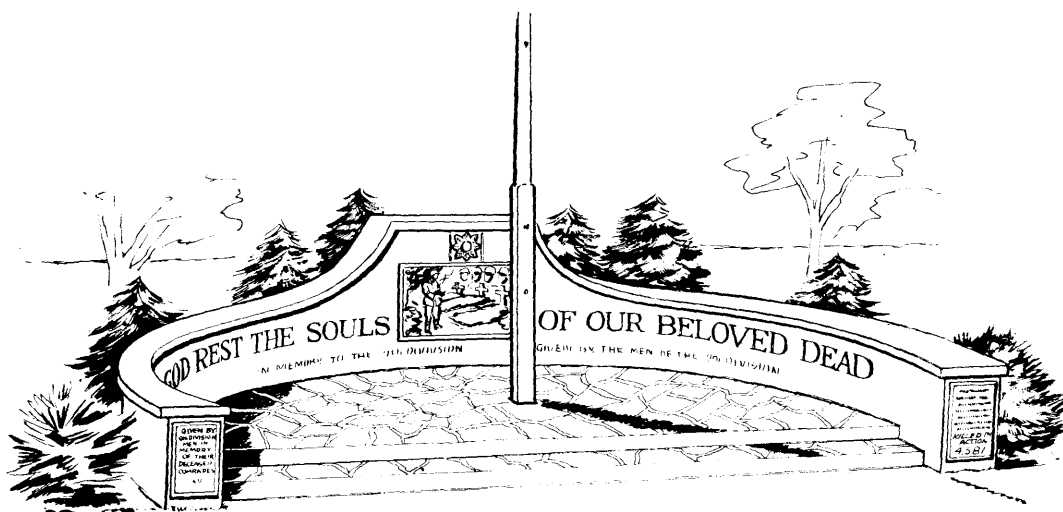
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WORCESTER MEMORIAL



Annual Memorial Mass and Service to Continue

The pilgrimage to Worcester began in 1945 when we first answered the call of our beloved chaplain, Father Edward T. Connors: come pray with me for our deceased comrades. Men from different faiths and different backgrounds came from as far west as California and as far south as Florida and Puerto Rico to pay homage to their honored dead. Our beloved Chaplain is no longer with us. He was called to his God on Jan. 28th, 1986. How we loved him and how he loved us! What finer title could we have than being called "his family." Now we are told that this act of remembrance, that has become such a special part of our lives must end. But does the New England Chapter have a right to call an end to this beautiful and meaningful service? This never was and never will be a New England Chapter affair. This is and always will be a gathering of Father's family for the purpose of remembering all of our comrades who are no longer with us. Many of us in the New England area feel that the Memorial Mass and service should continue as long as there is a handful of us left who are able and willing to make the pilgrimage to Worcester. As Ray Tujague wrote in his letter in the Nov. - Dec. issue of the Octofoil, our Memorial pilgrimage not only allows us to pay homage to our heroes but also to keep the living of the 9th together. We find these same sentiments have been voiced by many others.

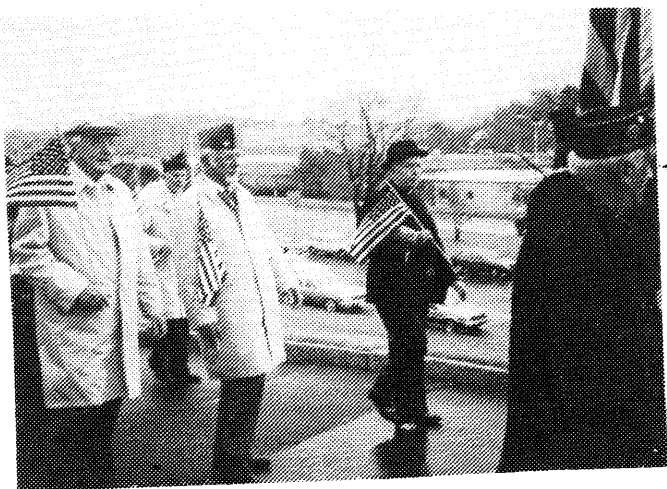
Nov. 8, 1987

So once again on Sunday Nov. 8th, 1987, a small segment of the old 9th will meet at the Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester to honor their dead and pay tribute to their Chaplain who ministered to men of all faiths in North Africa, Sicily, Normandy, the Ardennes, the Bulge, across the Rhine and in to Germany. For history is a living thing that never dies and a life given in the service for one's God and country is a life that should always be remembered. The format for this year's Memorial Mass and service will be much the same as last year's. Dates are Sat. Nov. 7th and Sunday Nov. 8th. On Saturday the C.P. room at the Sheraton will be open and we will hold a function in the evening. Sunday's mass at the Immaculate Conception Church will be at 10:30 a.m. followed by a service at our beautiful outdoor memorial, then to the Sheraton-Lincoln for dinner.

Rooms Available

The Sheraton has set aside a block of 100 rooms for us and there will be rooms available at the Days Inn. More information will follow in a later edition of the Octofoil, as well as the usual letter in the fall with all the details. We wish to update our list, so please send a card with your name and address to Ron Murphy, 44 Strawberry Lane, Scituate, Mass. 02066.

Gil Pernokas,
Pres. New England Chapter
Tom Boyle, Treasurer
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Marching to the 42nd Annual Worcester Memorial Services last November (left to right) Dan Quinn, President of the Association Carlos Esteve, and Father Robert Curtis who traveled from California for the Memorial.

FATHER CONNORS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Dear Members:

This fund will be in the name of Fr. Ed Connors Scholarship Fund. Father graduated from Holy Cross in 1927 and from there he studied for the priesthood. In selecting scholarship recipients, the College will grant preference to students at Holy Cross who:
#1. Plan to serve in the Priesthood or a similar religious vocation.
#2. Plan a career of public service, to include military service.
#3. Veterans of military service or the survivor of deceased veterans.

Anyone interested in making this a lasting tribute to Fr. Connors can send their contributions directly to Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass. 01610 and your contribution should be marked Fr. Ed Connors Scholarship Fund. Members of the committee are: Gen. William Westmoreland, 107 Trodd St., Charleston, S.C. 23220, Fr. Paul O'Connell, Christ the King Church, 1052 Pleasant St., Worcester, Ma. 01612, Francis K. Maher, 14 Davenport St., Worcester, Ma. 01610. (Tel. 617-756-1803), Dr. Paul Connors, 6142 Chesterbrook Rd., McLean, Va. 22101 (Tel. 703-893-9866). I will keep the Octofoil informed about the progress of the fund.

Yours in Comradeship
Francis K. Maher

Correction - An apology is offered for a mistake made in the last issue of the Octofoil when Father Curtis' name should have appeared with Father Rowan's who concelebrated the Memorial Mass in Worcester. Rev. Robert Curtis a former Chaplain with the 39th Infantry has been traveling for many years from California to be with the Troops at the Worcester Memorial Service. Father Kines who has gone to his eternal reward was mentioned in place of Father Curtis.

Grateful

60th Inf
MRS. LOUISE DRUMMOND
122 Pier D
Naples, Fl. 33962

I appreciate the many phone calls, letters and cards honoring the memory of my husband, Paul. He was very proud of his 9th division association. I shall be at Camp Hill to tell you all personally.

Greetings from the Penn Harris Inn

Dear Members of the Ninth Infantry Division:

It is with great pleasure that I am writing with regard to your upcoming reunion to be held at the Penn Harris Inn and Convention Center in July of 1987. Seldom do I have the opportunity to address all the members of a group prior to their stay with us.

We feel that Southcentral Pennsylvania has a great deal to offer as far as area attractions and local events. The Penn Harris is conveniently located in the center of this hub of activity. Some of the attractions that you may want to visit are:

Hershey Chocolate World, Gettysburg Battlefield, Eisenhower Farm, Lancaster — home of the Amish, The U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, State Capitol Complex and the William Penn Museum.

The Penn Harris will strive to deliver to you the finest service and accommodations possible. We look forward to your arrival and stay with us here at the Penn Harris Inn and Convention Center.

Sincerely,
Joseph P. Pfadt
Director of Sales

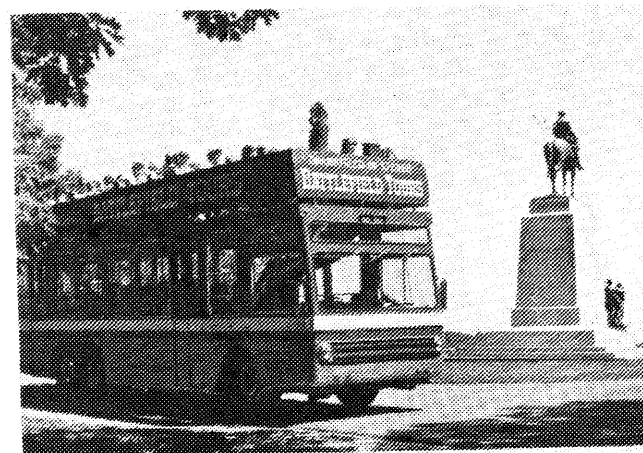
Reunion July 23, 24, 25th

Visit Gettysburg while at reunion

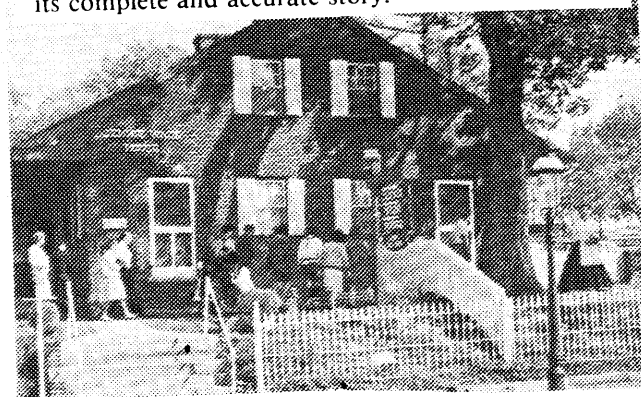
One of the Great National Parks

While attending the annual reunion at the Penn Harris Convention Center take time out to visit the Gettysburg National Military Park which is about an hours drive from the Penn Harris. Here our Nation was born and visit Gettysburg where our nation was saved. At Gettysburg, occurred one of the most decisive battles of American and of world history. Here two mighty armies locked themselves in mortal combat over the fate of a nation — a nation we call our own.

The guns of Gettysburg are now stilled. Silently they stand with men of marble and bronze at the world's greatest battlefield. This park today stands supreme as the largest battlefield Shrine in America with over 1,000 monuments and cannon along 35 miles of scenic avenues. Stand silently where Lincoln stood pondering the soft cadences of his Gettysburg Address. You will also discover over 20 museums and resort attractions — some unlike any in the world. Gettysburg is nestled in scenic Adams County with its thousands of acres of colorful fruit orchards, covered bridges and mountain scenery. Here also is the residence of the late President Dwight D. Eisenhower our former Commanding General in Europe.



BATTLEFIELD BUS TOURS - Raymond Massey and a Hollywood Cast of actors, technicians, and special music, re-create "The Battle of Gettysburg" as you tour the 23 miles in comfort. An unforgettable experience which has been lauded by thousands for its complete and accurate story.



JENNIE WADE HOUSE & OLDE TOWN — The poignant story of Jennie Wade, (Gettysburg's Heroine); dramatically unfolds as you walk through this carefully restored "House with the talking walls" and then visit the Merchants & Craftsmen in the Town Square as they attempt returning to their normal trades in the "Aftermath of War". . .

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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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QUARTER PAGE - \$20.00 EIGHTH PAGE - \$10.00
BOOSTER ADS \$2.00 -
NAME AND UNIT

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PHILADELPHIA-DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER - 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION.

SEND TO NICK D'OGOSTINO
153 GRANT AVENUE
CHERRY HILL, NJ 08002

BOOSTER AND AD DEADLINE IS JUNE 1ST, 1987

The 15th Engrs will have a full page reserved in the 1987 reunion journal in memory of our deceased members with all extra monies to be donated to the Memorial Fund. Letters have been sent to all ex-engrs. whose names I have or have received from members.

If interested contact Henry Santos 9811 N Connechusett Rd., Tampa, FL. 33617. We already have enough for the page, any added names now add to the Memorial Fund. Donations range from \$3.00 to \$15.00.

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:

Name Serial No.
Street Address
City Zone State

I was a member of:

Battery, Company, Regiment, 9th Div

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year \$5.00 ☐
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NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 1987 REUNION CAMP HILL, PENNSYLVANIA

(July 23-26) 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)

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) 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: _____

CITY/PROV: _____ ZIP _____

BUSINESS PHONE: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____

PACKAGE CHOICE: PLAN I _____ PLAN II _____

I WILL REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING ACCOMMODATIONS:

_____ Room(s) Single Occupancy \$ _____ Enclosed
_____ Room(s) Double Occupancy \$ _____ Enclosed
_____ Room(s) Triple Occupancy \$ _____ Enclosed
_____ Room(s) Quad. Occupancy \$ _____ Enclosed

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

Tip of the Hat

The Association is grateful to these members and friends for remembering the Memorial Fund.

Mrs. Isabell Mitnowsky
(In memory of husband Saul)
Carlton Haley
John Boisky
Irv H. Terchak
Leo Fatlan
Hugh Slusher
W.K. Niece, M.D.
Thomas "Buck" Harris
Mrs. Stephanie Dolak
(In memory of husband John)
James Horvatis
Stanley Pollinger
Eugene Reedy
(In memory of John Obermiller)
Mrs. Hubert Lawrence
(In memory of her husband Hubert)
Mrs. John T. Weber
(In memory of her husband John)

We salute you.

Ladies Corner

Mrs. Phyllis Perna of the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter is making plans for our meeting-luncheon at the reunion in Camp Hill, Pa. on July 24, 1987 at 10:00 A.M. Please send your luncheon deposit of \$5.00 to her at 2642 South Juniper Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19148. Do Not include your deposit with your husband's order for strip tickets. The Ladies' Auxiliary is in charge of the luncheon and we must handle the funds separately from the strip tickets and hotel reservations.

Wanda M. Preston
President, Ladies' Aux.

Strip Tickets for Reunion will be Available

Those attending the affairs and will not be staying at the Convention Center the prices will be:

\$60.00 a person for 2 party nights and Banquet.

\$15.00 a person for each party night.

\$30.00 a person for the Banquet.

There are people asking what the price will be if they do not stay at the Penn Harris and are bringing their own mobile homes which there is plenty of room to park them at the Penn Harris.

The prices are for 2 persons - \$241.00; 1 person - \$126.00. This would be for all meals and affairs.

Please send checks for the above prices if anybody is just attending the party nights you can get your tickets at the door. If just attending the Banquet please send check in the amount of \$30.00 this we have to have for our Banquet Count.

Send checks to: John Sabato, 2743 Snyder Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19145.

These tickets will be picked up at the 9th Division Registration Table at the Penn Harris.

We will be using 2 places for the Reunion, the Penn Harris and the Holiday Inn, which is about 4 miles from the Penn Harris. There will be a shuttle service provided for the guests attending the reunion. All that are lodged at the Holiday Inn will be able to get their breakfast there. All dinners and party nights will be at the Penn Harris. The Banquet Room holds over 1,200 people which we feel is adequate.

Children's Prices

Children under 18 will be admitted to room free with parents.

12 yrs. to 18 yrs old

3 Breakfasts \$17.25; 3 Dinners \$54.63; Total \$71.88.

12 yrs old and under

3 Breakfasts \$10.35; 3 Dinners \$20.70; Total \$31.05.

Shuttle service provided from the Airport to the Penn Harris Convention Center. Telephone number for the Penn Harris is 1-800-772-PENN. From the Bus and Train Depot it is short distance and taxi service is available.

Q. M. Co

If you are moving please let the secretary's office know about it and you will be kept on the mailing list for the Octofoil. For those members who travel to the warmer climate for the winter do like wise.

MARVIN BALTHASER
800 Whitner Rd
Reading, Pa. 19605

Enclosed are dues for the next 3 years. Hope to be at the reunion in Camp Hill to see some QM buddies.

Taps Sounded

We mourn the passing of these comrades and friends.
May they rest in peace. To their loved ones we offer our sympathy.

There are no dead, those gone
before —
Have just stepped thru an open
door —
Just passed into a land un-seen-
Still near — With just a wall
between
The door may close-the wall
conceal —
But nothing's lost that's truly
real —
They still are ours-these loved
ones all —
They wait for us beyond the
wall —

James O'Shea	Stephen Bruno, M.D.
9th Med Bn C Co	47th Inf Med 3rd Bn
Claude Kelly	Joseph Kaska
9th signal	Co H 47th Inf
Robert E. Mautte	James Wingate
3rd Bn 39th Inf	47th Inf M Co
Arnold Leach	John F. Young
26th FA Serv Btry	47th Inf M Co
Hugh G. Cappella	Samuel Westbrook
60th Inf K Co	47th Inf M Co
Arthur Pierce	Frederick Johnson
60th M Co	60th Inf D Co
Dante Ciatti	John T. Weber
47th Inf C Co	9th MP
Albert Beckerman	Thelma Magidson (wife of Gene)
60th Inf	of C Co 39th Inf)
Johnnie Clemmey	Euta Lewis (wife of Charles
34th FA	of 15th Engrs)
Eugene Carney	
60th Inf D Co	

The Big Parade

Where have all the Soldiers gone, I know some just passed here yesterday.
Have they all gone off to die? Because some King, Dictator, or President could not have his way.
Some may limp away to fight another day. But many of them will not hear their first baby cry or their Mother's sob or their friend ask why? Why, did they have to die? May God's infinite mercy let them have their Big Parade in The Sky. And you and I who met the deadly foe and survived will cheer as they pass by.

Gene Reedy
12805 Nashville
Detroit, Mich. 48205
34th FA A Btry.

60th Inf D Co.
EUGENE F. CARNEY
110 Alice Ave.
Wheeling, W. Va. 26003

This is my first letter to the Octofoil. We enjoy reading all the letters. My wife and I were surprised and happy to see the picture in the Mar-Apr 1985 issue of the G.I.'s with the 30 caliber water cooled machine gun. Of course, any soldier can see that gun wasn't ready for firing that was just a set up picture for a photographer. The reason I know is because I'm the G.I. kneeling right behind the gun, but I'm sorry to say I don't know the other guys name. I was hoping someone might know him. This was taken near St. Lo. Some photographer asked us to set the gun for a picture and we did. My brother James was in the Pacific and saw this in the Magazine, Yank, and sent it to my brother Tom in the Infantry in Italy and they knew it was me. I didn't see it again until my nephew was doing a school project on Infantry when he seen it and my wife made a xerox copy of the library one. It is in an orange set of Colliers encyclopedia and it matched the original one from Yank magazine. I took basic at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and joined the 9th at Barmouth, England. It would

be nice to hear from anyone if they remember me. I was 18 at that time, and am 60 now. I got hit at St. Lo on July 12, 1944 and the second time on Dec. 12, 1944 at Duren. The company I was with sent in D day + 4 at Utah beach (I think). I spent time in the hospital in England after losing left legAK, then quite a while in Walter Reed. I was discharged Aug. 1946. I was never able to get a copy of the "8 Stars to Victory". Maybe someone will have an extra copy. Keep up the good work with the paper. If they ever have a reunion at Wheeling, W. Va. "Oglebay Park" is a beautiful place in the summer, maybe I will be able to attend. Best regards to all.

It is with a sad note that I finish and mail this letter. I lost my beloved Eugene Dec. 3, 1986. He had complications from a previous illness but things got worse in July. He was always going to tell me other things to write but he never felt up to it. If anyone happens to remember him, I would appreciate a note or phone call. At the time of his death he was 61. We had a military graveside service which he would have appreciated as he was proud of his country. We had the bugler and firing squad and my nephews were pallbearers, and they were proud of their uncle. Thank you and God bless to all.

Mrs. Eugene (Doris) Carney
(304) 242-0228

47th Med. 2nd Bn.
MRS. HUBERT LAWRENCE
1215 E. Turley St.
Sherman, Tx. 75090

I was so glad to hear from Lou Sieben as he was a very special friend to Hubert. We have kept in touch with Poe T.L. Goldsmith of Catasqua, Pa., who has been very sick for over a year. Hubert was about 10 years older than most of the young men at that time, so he felt very protective of each of them. From the "compliments" in the Octofoil Dan Quinn must be a pretty nice person.

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations

Just got through reading a most interesting book called "Silent Missions" by Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters, Ret'd. At present he is the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. It is difficult to put in to words by feelings when I started to read the second chapter called "To Morocco." Gen. Walters tells of the long 30 day voyage on the U.S.S. Lyons with the 3rd Bn of the 47th, then about the landing at Safi, which took place Nov. 8, 1942. He also writes of the continuous meals served on board ship. I know about this as I was in charge of feeding the men. We were only able to serve 2 meals a day. As soon as we were finished with one meal we had to start the next one. There were a lot of men on board to feed. The hardest job of all was finding the K.P.'s! Being able to speak many languages fluently, Gen. Walters was sent along with a detachment of men under his command to be interpreters and to do intelligent work. After reading the book, I wrote to Gen. Walters never thinking he had the time or would be interested in what I had to say. I got the surprise of my life when I received a nice letter in return. In my letter I told him of a book written by Gen. Randle called "Safi Adventure." Gen. Walters asked for Randles's address. He also wanted to know if he could buy or borrow the book. Knowing that there were none around, I sent him mine. Gen. Walters' accomplishments are too numerous to mention. I got his book at the library. I'm sure you all will enjoy reading it. His letter ended with the following words, "To you and all the other 9th Inf. Div. members, every good wish and good luck. Thanks for writing. Faithfully, Vernon A. Walters, Lt. Gen. U.A.A. Ret., U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations."

47th Inf I Co
MRS. JOHN DOLAK
305 St. Louis Ave
Pleasant Beach, N.J. 08742

Thank you members of the 9th for your very thoughtful gift of the Octofoil. John and I made many friends over the years. It will be nice to keep in contact. Since my last letter to you, I have received many cards from members of the association. To all who wrote the family and I are deeply appreciative of your kind expressions of sympathy. The enclosed check is for the Memorial Fund in memory of John.

47th Inf C Co
MRS. DANTE CIATTI
5925 Kenilworth
Dearborn, Mi. 48126

It is with sadness that I inform you of the death of my husband, Dante, on Jan. 26, 1987 after a long bout with cancer.

47th Inf H Co
MRS. THEODOSIA KASKA
1210 Gruber Ave
Union, N.J. 07093

I'm writing to inform you of the death of my husband, Joseph, on May 10, 1986. He was receiving the Octofoil.

47th Inf K Co
MRS. ISABELLA
MITNOWSKY
21 Norwood Pl
Bloomfield, N.J. 07003

Dear members of the 9th Infantry Division, I want to thank those of you who attended my beloved Saul's funeral Oct. 29, 1986. Saul always spoke proudly and was very fond of the 9th. I had the pleasure throughout the years of meeting and becoming very good friends with some of his many buddies. Would like Dan Quinn and you to know my appreciation and deep feelings of gratitude seeing members of the 9th join with the 27th Infantry Div (the division he fought with in the Pacific theatre) and the D.A.V. (Bloomfield Chapter) in your special prayer and last honorary salute to my dear devoted husband and your war buddy, Saul Mitnowsky. Enclosed is a donation (in memory of Saul) to the Memorial Fund. Remember him in your prayers. Thank you for the Octofoil.

39th Inf. C Co.
GENE MAGIDSON
2847 Lindenmere Dr.
Merrick, N.Y. 11566

Gene informs us of the death of his wife of 43 years, Thelma, on Feb. 15, 1987. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Gene and his family.

47th Inf. Hq Co
AL BRAVIN
420 Fairview Ave.
Fort Lee, N.J. 07024.

9th MP
MRS. AUDREY WEBER
46 Bromfield St.
Quincy, Ma 02170

I regret having to report the death of my husband, John T. Weber, M.P.'s Ninth Division. He passed away from a massive stroke on February 15, 1987. He had a ten year battle with artery problems.

John or "Ted" as we called him, which was his middle name, was a wonderful father and husband. He will be very deeply missed. He had a delightful sense of humor which helped save many a situation.

I don't know but what I may be the only woman to have married two ninth division men. Many years ago, thirty one to be exact, my first husband John D. Day passed away. Jack served with E Co. 60th infantry division and was wounded in Normandy on the 30th of June 1944, resulting in the loss of his right arm. He was an inspiration to many in the way he handled his disability. He died twelve years later from cancer and was buried on June 30th, 1956 as fate would have it. Six years later I married Ted Weber and he helped me raise my children. I would like to continue receiving the newsletter. I certainly feel a deep attachment to the 9th Division. I see them in my minds' eye when I went to G.C. St. in New York City to say goodbye and they were going to leave just before Christmas to go overseas.

Say Hello to an old friend from the New York Chapter, Adolph Wadalavage and other old friends from MP days - John Maloney from Vermont, Howard Fox from New Hampshire and the late Joe Brady from New York. The men of the Ninth are very special to me and I often think of the 4,581 who gave their lives for our country, as well as all of those who were lucky enough to survive.

60th Inf K Co
MRS. EVELYN BECKERMAN
6911 S.W. 147 Ave. Apt. 1G
Miami, Fl. 33193

I am sorry to inform you of the death of my husband, Albert, on Sept. 1, 1986. He was a member of the Florida Chapter, and went to the reunion in Orlando. Mr. Santos often sent us notices. It was very nice to get together with everyone. Hope your association continues for a long time.

60th Inf
HAROLD W. SMITH
9515 Bluegrass Pl
Colorado Springs, Co. 80911

Just a quick note to you to let you know of the death of another former 9th man, Oscar Richards. I believe he died last fall.

Oscar during WWII drove the 60th Inf. Cannon Company C.O., John Cochran. Oscar was a double amputee - both legs. In spite of his handicap, he managed to attend most of the 9th Reunions over the years. The last time I saw him, several years ago, he had worked down to one cane, and could dance much better than some of us who have both limbs.

I believe he was once the Commander of the Pennsylvania State Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans.

You will have to check your records for his widow's address, since I believe they had moved recently to Florida. It was formerly 467 Sharon Drive, Wayne, PA, 19087. His Florida address was 111 Seabreeze Mobile Manor, Hobe Sound, FL, 33455. His wife's name was Connie.

Sorry to have to be the bearer of bad news.

60th Inf D Co
MRS. KATHERYN JOHNSON
819 Ridge Rd
Ashland, Ohio 44805

My husband Frederick passed away this past January. He enlisted in the army May 1943, served in England, France, Belgium and Germany where he was taken prisoner in Sept. 1943 for a period of 8 months at Camp Stalag 7-A near Mansburg, Germany. Several members of the Ex POW Chapter attended the services which was conducted by the VFW. Thank you.

47th Inf
BOARDMAN LOCKWOOD
242 Trumbull St
Hartford, Ct. 06183

Inevitable the passage of time exacts its toll and our ranks can only become smaller. Now it is Randy Bryant and Mrs. Randle, not to speak of others less well known or not known at all. I talked to Frank Smith a while back and he reported on seeing General Randle after his attendance at a POW reunion in Orlando and that he seemed alert and interested in various things. We were privileged to have served under a leader of such stamina and indomitable courage.

60th Inf K Co
MRS. HUGH CAPELLA
51 Curie Rd G5

Cornwall on Hudson, N.Y. 12520
I'm sorry to inform you of the death of my husband Hugh on Jan. 16, 1987. He served in WW2, K Co 60th Inf and was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Good Conduct Medal. Date of entry into service, Jan. 15, 1941, honorably discharged June 24, 1945 separation center Fort Dix, N.J. He served his country well.

Div Hqs
MRS. ROBERT MAUTTE
235 Cecelia Dr W
New Port Richey, Fl. 33552

My husband Robert passed away Jan. 9th, 1987. He suffered from a brain tumor which was cancerous. He looked forward to the Octofoil. Served 4½ years with the 9th and was in the invasion of Sicily, the 2nd day invasion of France at Cherbourg, crossing the Rhine at the Remagen bridge to the end. Took me thru that trip in 1959. Sorry to give you such sad news. We were friends since we were 1 year old. I am heartbroken.

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

To all our "Beco" buddies and friends, greetings again from our snow covered Cumberland Valley in Chambersburg, Pa.! We sincerely hope that this New Year of 1987 will be kind and good to all of us.

Whoever it was that said "Tempus Fugit" (Time goes by) knew what he was talking about, didn't he? Never in our wildest dreams did we envision the passing of 45 years so fast, since we were called to the military service in Dec. 1940, and also to get our first few weeks off from actually taking the "oath" so that we could enjoy the Christmas holiday with our folks at home, which at that time for me was in West New York, N.J.

In most instances the years have been good ones, although there were times we felt that perhaps we were destined to survive in order to help each other in friendship and in remembering the spirit of wonderful memories we enjoyed together. This is what is meant when we greet our "Beco" buddies, their loved ones and their friends each year that we meet to attend a reunion, whether it be for the first time and/or meeting again for the tenth or twentieth time! The opportunity of meeting our buddies and friends will be ours again at our 42nd reunion which will be held at Camp Hill, Pa. We anticipate this affair to be a great one. The Penn Harris Inn & Convention Center at Camp Hill is truly a great location. We checked out this place and are proud to say the site and location as well as the dining facilities are top notch. You will be surprised at the many areas you have to choose from to complement a great week. Make your reservations now! As past president of the N.Y. Chapter I can say the B Co. will be well represented. They were always the forefront in attendance for many years at the reunions.

We shall never forget the "B" Co. CP's of past reunions so well organized by Art Stenzel! Our "Master of B Co. CP's". Congratulations and best of luck to Tony Varone, the new president of the N.Y. Chapter.

Mail received: Thanks to all our "B" Co. buddies and friends who sent Christmas cards and Ed & Helen Sarnocinski advise us that they have moved to 245 Estate Dr., Camelot, Rehoboth, Del. 19971. Cards were received from Joe & Kathy Compagnone, Dennis & Thora Canedy, Norm & Alice Caswell, "Shock" & Eleanor Shockley, Ed & Helen Sarnocinski, Bill & Ann Klauz, Joe & Stella Cichocki, Stan & Flo Adowski, George & Jane Bentley, Art & Grace Stenzel, Tony & Jo Manzohilla, George Grieve, Joe & Rose Harvilla, Joe Metscavage, Peter & Nettie Mastrangelo.

Pleasant Surprise

Received a nice letter from Bill Klauz, our former B Co. commander, he plans on attending Camp Hill. He is feeling much better, and if all goes well, he and his wife Ann would like to visit her sister for a few weeks in Brea, Cal. A most pleasant surprise for Bill, was receiving a letter from Roland Whitehorse who lives in Oklahoma. Bill and Whitehorse keep in touch thru correspondence and Bill tells us Whitehorse is still in the Service and has several grandchildren. This has to be a record of sorts to have a "B" Co. member in the Service for such a long time. We must hear from him. Our column extends to Whitehorse

an invitation to tell us more about himself and his long military career. His is a record that all of us "B" Co. 47th buddies are proud that he was and is still one of "our Group"!

Where are they now?

Where are they now? Joe & Edith Podany, Larry & Geer Krogbin, Harry (Red) Brown and Joe & Kay Palajsa. "B" Co. buddies would like to hear from you and share with us your memories and tales of the exploits of our beloved 9th division in WW 2. Ann & I had hoped to again spend our usual winter vacation at Madeira Beach, Florida this month (Feb.) However, we were unable to get a reservation this time since the place we go to was booked solid. So to our buddy, Art Stenzel and his lovely wife, Grace, we say, "With the Good Lord Willing we will see you in Florida in 1988"! To all our "Beco" buddies and their families and friends, keep well and enjoy yourselves to the fullest each and every day.

Pat J. Morano
2208 Lincoln Way East
Chambersburg, Pa. 17201
and
Art Stenzel
8705 Village Mill Rd.
Bayonet Point, Fl. 33567

60th F.A. Bn. Btry "A" News

Again I wish to thank many of the wives of former "A" Btry. men who each Christmas exchange cards with me and thus keep me informed of what is happening out there. It's heartening to receive notes and cards from widows of some of my former buddies.

For many years, I've had to report on one or two former "A" Btry. men missing from the ranks. I am happy to say — as of the present moment, all of my contacts are accounted for.

Down in Nashville, the following "A" Btry. personnel gave a good account for themselves — Walt and Dolly Quigley from California, Dom and Lonnie Greco from Florida, Mike and Ann Belmonte from Illinois, Buck Elliott from Tennessee, and L.T. Goin from Louisiana.

Wilbur Sanders who lives close by in Memphis, Tennessee was sick and in a V.A. Hospital. He is unable to move much and is confined to his home. He was sorry to miss such a close opportunity to attend a reunion. Also close by, Lou Prince was forced to cancel out at the last minute due to his required attendance at the Statue of Liberty, 4th of July celebration in New York City.

Fred Auth sends me his new address. He is retired now and has moved to Montrose, Pennsylvania. Since it's close to Camp Hill, Pa., he is looking forward to attending his first 9th Division Reunion. We're looking forward to seeing him.

I have just acquired in the last month the address of another lost "A" Btry. man, Sylvester R. Jones. He was last seen by me in July, 1945, Paris, France. He was originally from Hayward, Wisconsin. His new address is Eagle River, Alaska. I'm now in the process of informing him of the 9th Division Association. We have a lot of catching up to do.

Again, to Auth, DeNaro, DeRenzo, Davis, Elliott, Freund, Friedmier, Goin, Gray, Jaggi, Liggiro, Lovell, Patrick, Posey, Prince, Quigley, Sanders, Stebbins, and Wardzala, and to the many other 60th F.A. Bn. — keep in touch. Let's make it a big one in 1987 — Camp Hill, Pa. See you there.

Bell (Mike Belmonte)
1161 S. Lombard Ave.
Oak Park, Il. 60304

60th INF. "M" CO. FIFTH REUNION

Let it be known to all 60th Inf. Co. M mem your comrades are headed for Mobile, Alabama for our Fifth Annual Reunion. Troups will bivouac May 21, 22, 23 at the Radisson Admiral Semmes Hotel, one of the South's finest. Your "M" Co. flag will be flying over our historic ante-bellum Williams-Brady House where Generals Slaughter and Withers were domiciled and Admiral Buchanan plotted the Battle of Mobile Bay. Here, on May 22, my wife has planned a real "whim-doozie" of a party. The hotel chef has a fine steak menu for the Saturday night banquet, and Wintzell's Famous Oyster House has been booked for a seafood feast as part of our reunion package.

Mobile has always been a festive city: "The Mother of Mystics" where Mardi Gras was born to the "new world." It is reaped in history. At Fort Gaines, or Fort Morgan, or on Dauphin Island, above the roar of the Gulf one can still hear "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead." Within walking distance of the Radisson there are many historical museums, homes and churches. Continental Teledyne (home of the 'round-the-world VOYAGER engines), the State Docks, the Harbor and the seafood plants can be toured. USS Battleship ALABAMA Memorial Park, Bellingrath Gardens, the Dog track, and many other attractions await your visit. Cole Gronseth and Roy Smith are helping to master-mind this program and a number of our buddies have already booked in for 3 or more days. Our hospitality suites, adjoining our reservations area, will stay well-stocked with complimentary beverages. If you know or are an "M" Co. man, please see that this name gets on our company roster. Contact Carl K. Brady, P.O. Box 84, Mobile, Alabama 36601, or 205-433-7031.

Michigan News Notes

Once again the grim reaper has entered the ranks of the Michigan Chapter.

A note from his widow has informed me that Danti Ciatti had lost his long bout with cancer and died on January 26th.

Danti served with C Co. 47th Infantry. He took his Basic Training with me at Camp Wolters, Texas early in 1942.

So once more we play Taps and fire a volley to honor one who served his country well.

So I ask that each in his own words and in his own way offer up a prayer that his soul may rest in peace. We offer our condolences to his widow and family.

The dead line for The Octofoil has been set and our February meeting follows at a later date. The result that all activities at that meeting will be reported in a future letter. I do know that our host and hostess are Bob and Flo DeSandy and that assures me that a good time will be had by all in attendance. The sun is shining but the cold air still blows out of Canada. All we can do is think of the heat of July and the good times to be had at Camp Hill, Pa.

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

15th Engrs.
RON MURPHY
44 Strawberry Lane
Scituate, Ma.

Ron writes that the wife of Chick Lewis passed away on Dec. 21, 1986 and the New England Chapter extends their deepest sympathy to Chick and his family.

39th Inf. "B" Co.
ALVIN P. BECKER (MRS.)
410 Berkshire Road
Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450

Both Al and I enjoy every issue of the Octofoil especially Mail Call. We're always on the lookout for letters from the 39th B Co. I've pressed on him to send in a letter but he stalls around so I'm sending in one.

Al is so proud of having been a part of the 39th Regiment of the 9th Infantry Division, Company "B", First Platoon. How's that! However, he considers himself to be a "Johnny come lately" coming into the outfit in Eupen, Belgium. He saw action in the Hurtgen Forest and The Battle of the Bulge. One of his war stories is about being among the first infantrymen to run across the Remagen Bridge.

He had great buddies, especially his "Fox Hole" buddy, "Bull" Echardt, but sad to say, Al lost touch over the years.

Here are a few pictures. Maybe some of your readers will recognize themselves.

I've inveigled Al into taking me to the 1987 Reunion at Camp Hill and am looking forward to this "first" for us.

GOD BLESS ALL YOU GREAT GUYS. . .

60th Inf H Co
DALE DEARDORFF
216 E. Lincoln Ave
Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

Enclosed dues for the next 3 years. I was with H Co 60th Inf having been assigned to them as a replacement in England in Jan. 1944. Enclosed are 2 photos taken when we were quartered at Camp Bushfield, Winchester, England for training prior to the invasion. I enjoy the Octofoil hoping to see news from or about the men I was with. Maybe these pictures would bring some results. I was with this group only a short time, having been wounded shortly after the invasion. It would be a pleasure to hear from them. Will try and meet someone at the Camp Hill reunion.

39th Inf. Hq. Co.
CHARLES DOBLE
58 Marta Dr.
Wilmington, De. 19808

Thank you for your on going efforts to keep the 9th division association and the Octofoil alive and well and I know it's appreciated by your buddies. Well done! I am enclosing a snapshot of Mike Baldi and Harry Olzewski playing "Big Noise from Winnetka" on the bass at Barton Stacey, England 1944. Mike passed away Mar. 1985. Olzewski is somewhere in Detroit area so I hope he sees this.

39th Inf E & F Co
DONALD MACKERER
5317 Riverbriar Rd
Knoxville, Tn. 37919

As noted on the enclosed application, I've moved my CP from Marietta, Ga. to Knoxville, Tn. Please change your records so I may continue to receive the Octofoil. Thoroughly enjoyed the 1986 reunion especially seeing my old company commander, Ken Hill. Lindsey Nelson's talk was wonderful, it even compensated for those ghastly sport jackets of which he is so proud! Probably won't make it to Camp Hill but sure plan to be on hand for some of the future ones. You do a grand job for us all and I for one, deeply appreciate your efforts.

47th Inf K Co
ARMAND DESCHENES
2701 34th St. N. Lot 114
St. Petersburg, Fl. 33713

Henry Santos of the Florida Chapter informs us of the above member that he has had a bad time of it and his wife has eye problems. Maybe some members in the area can give Armand a call or write to him.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Greetings from all the Illinois Chapter Members. It's hard to believe we're into 1987 already. We looked forward to the holidays so long and they came and went before we knew it. Our Christmas Party was held this year at Roger and Doris Elmer's home. We had a good turnout. The weather was beautiful which allowed the members from Indiana and Wisconsin to attend. As usual we had more than enough food and liquid refreshments. Our white elephant game was a huge success — what an opportunity to get rid of our valuables (junk to some). A good time was had by all and the Elmer's were perfect hosts.

OUTSTATE REUNION

We held our January Meeting at the Andersons after going out to dinner. We discussed plans for our first mini reunion with the Illinois - Wisconsin - Indiana Members. It will be held on the weekend of May 1st and 2nd at the Ramada Inn of Madison, Wisconsin. We will basically have the same set up as we do in Angola for our Michigan-Illinois Outstate Reunions. We will bring snacks and liquid refreshments and will have a group sitting for dinner Saturday night. Reservations are to be made 30 days in advance. Rates will be \$50.00 for two double beds. Please send in \$50.00 deposit when making your reservations. Mail directly to Ramada Inn of Madison, 3841 East Washington Avenue, Madison Wisconsin 53791-9990. Any questions or for more information, contact Myron (Mike) Carpenter, 129 E. Taylor, Cottage Grove, Wisconsin 53527. We are hoping that our friends from Michigan will be able to come. Everyone is welcome. The more the merrier. We hope to make this an annual event.

TRAVEL BUG

Some of our members are getting the travel bug. The Grays are in California and enjoying an extended trip. The Hennemuths are in Myrtle Beach soaking up the sunshine. The Clarks are travelling all over the United States. It's hard to keep track of them. After a long winter, everyone wants to get out and do things. We were fortunate to have a fairly mild winter this year in the Midwest.

We are all looking forward to our reunion in Camp Hill.

Respectfully,
Mike & Ann Belmonte
1161 South Lombard
Oak Park, Il. 60304

Medic. K Company 47th Inf
GEORGE NICKLIN
6 Butler Place
Garden City, N.Y. 11530

It was great to attend the Memorial Mass at Worcester for Father Connors. I really enjoyed seeing Max Umansky and other old friends of the Ninth Division. One of the things I find amazing about the reunions is the feeling for friendship and fellowship which occurs with other members of the Division whom I did not actually know while I was fighting with the Division. I hope that we'll be able to continue to have a Memorial Meeting of some kind around Veterans Day in November. It is my understanding that Father Connors requested that we not have another one at Worcester but I would appreciate if we could have it perhaps in other locations around the country.

I'm certainly looking forward to our Convention July 23-25 at Harrisburg Pennsylvania.

Camp Pine Hill Reunion
July 1987

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

The disposition of funds of the 9th Infantry Division Association Committee will meet at Camp Hill, Pa., in July during the convention. Please contact Emil P. Langer, permanent chairman, so that we can arrange a time among us. If any member of the association has any suggestions, please forward to Emil P. Langer, 5 Brentwood Dr., Morris Plains, N.J. 07950.

Reunion ILLINOIS CHAPTER

There will be a Spring Reunion for the Illinois Chapter and anyone else from the 9th that wishes to attend. The reunion will be held at Madison, Wisconsin, May 1-2, 1987. Myron (Mike) Carpenter will be the host for this event. For more information call or write, Gordon Anderson, 1302 Jeannette St., Des Plaines, IL or Myron L. Carpenter, 129 E. Taylor St., Cottage Grove, WI. 53527 (608) 839-4794. Gordon's number is (312) 824-7917.

FLORIDA CHAPTER NOTICE

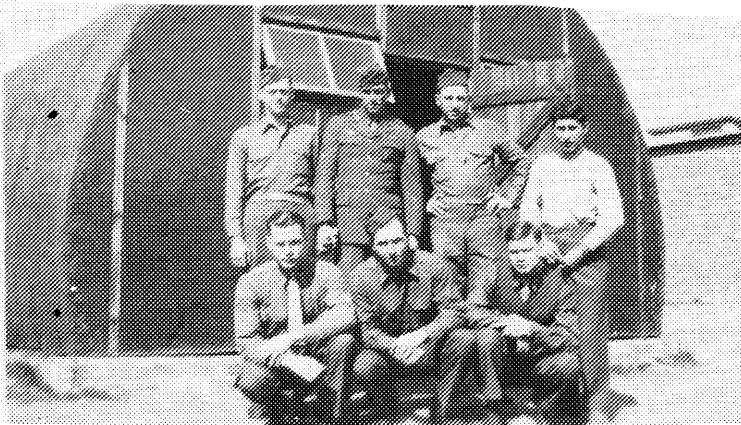
Spring meeting to be held April 23 - 24 at Ft. Lauderdale or West Palm Beach, awaiting for final offer of "goodies" from one of three hotels.

Notice to be mailed by first week of April. Anyone interested who is not on our mailing list contact Henry Santos, 9811 N. Connechuset Rd., Tampa, FL 33617 (813) 985-5444.

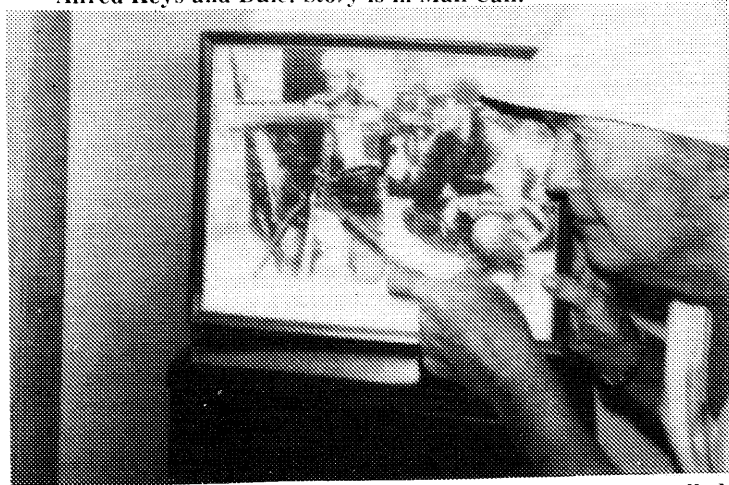
Some things have a familiar ring to them — others have a familiar thud. Be thankful February has only 28 days.



Larry McLaughlin is shown at the Cherbourg Liberation Museum. With him is his wife Doris and Curator of the Museum Monsieur C. Brechoire. The late Harry Herman donated a Division Flag to this Museum a few years ago. Larry presented a "liberated" German Flag to the museum when he visited France this past Spring. Story appears in Mail Call.



Dale Deardoff, Company H 60th Inf., sends photo taken in England in 1944. Shown left to right back row-Harvey Skipper, Otto Davis, John Krahel, Mike Laurito, Front row-Steve Kurta, Alfred Keys and Dale. Story is in Mail Call.



Eugene Carney started to write to the Octofoil, but was called to his eternal reward, about these photos. Gene was a member of Company D 60th Inf and tells how this photo was taken near St. Lo in July 1944. His wife Doris finished the letter and the story appears in Mail Call.

Career woman: one who thinks bringing home the bacon is a lot more interesting than learning to play golf: when you learn to play golf, you don't hit anything.

39th Infantry Regiment

Department of the Army
Headquarters
5th Training Brigade
United States Army
Training Center and Fort Dix
Fort Dix,
New Jersey. 08640-7500

On April 3, 1987, Battalions within the 5th Training Brigade will be redesignated the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Battalions on the 39th Infantry Regiment. We are now in the process of compiling a list of former Commanders and Sergeants-Major of these battalions and the Regiment. Any help you can give us with addresses would be appreciated. Any information you can give us should be sent to:

Commander, 5th Training Brigade, ATTN: S-3, Fort Dix, NJ 08640.

Thomas J. Ortenzio
MAJ, FA
Bde S-3

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

I hope this finds you all well and the best of everything. Some years ago, I answered a French author, Albert Pipet, who put a request in the Octofoil (you're still doing an excellent job on this) for information on WW2 in France, etc. I answered the gentleman and much conversation exchanged about the battle in Normandy. This was just before the "Pawns of War" was published. I was asked "39th Infantry? Where were they? I heard a lot of the 47th & the 60th but the 39th has never been mentioned in my researches for information". This made my blood boil! I laid out the entire Normandy campaign to this gentleman with 39th events. To make matters short, I believe this had to do with erecting Paddy Flint's plaque at El Dessert 40 years after the liberation. There was, up to that time, a German anti-tank gun as the symbol of that battle against the Panzer Lear. Also after 40 years, the monument dedicated to the 4th division for liberating Briquebec has been rightfully changed to the 9th Infantry Division. I believe a former Major Herman, 2nd Bn 39th was instrumental in this change. Last, but not least, I still have a few copies of my book "The Pawns of War". Anyone wishing a copy can only get it from me at the \$12 price. Make sure you include your correct address. Mine is above. Thanks.

39th Inf K Co
J.S. (BUCK) MAGILL
Rt 2 Box 290
Lenoir City, In. 37771

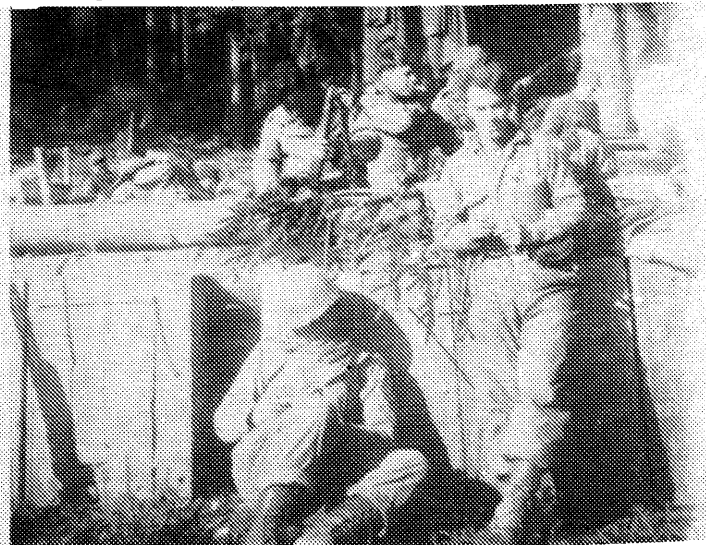
Am sending a picture of the mortar & machine gun section of the 4th platoon taken in Sicily in the summer of 1943. Would like to hear from anyone in this picture. Am planning on attending the reunion at Camp Hill and hope to see more of you there.

47th Inf. F Co.
LEE GRIMWOOD
Box 34
Sedgwick, Ks. 67135

Enclosed is my check and also for Clayton Huckaby of Valdosta, Ga. He joined my platoon in Fox Co. 47th in October 1944. We were in a holding position in the Huertgen Forest at Schevenhutte. Huck and Tex Joffler are the only 2 men that I have kept track of. We will try to get him to Harrisburg. See you there.



J. Buck Magill sends this picture taken in Sicily 1943 of some of the men from the Mortar and Machine Gun Squads of the 4th Platoon Company K 39th Inf. He would like to hear from anyone in this picture. Story in Mail Call.



Al Becker supplies this photo taken in January 1945 at Hurtgen Forest when members of Company B 39th were sweating out crossing the Roer River. In the foreground at (L-R) "Push" Collins, Bob Kalvity. Background Flichinger, Waters Aires. Story in Mail Call.



Charles Doble sends this photo taken in England 1944 (39th Inf) of Mike Baldi (left) and Harry Olzewski hanging out a tune that was popular at the time "Big noise from Winnetka". Story appears in Mail Call.



Walter Ricker, Hq's Bty 84th FA supplied us with picture taken in Germany but he cannot identify the members shown with him, with the exception of Walt back row second from left and Robert Managrum on the extreme right. Story is in Mail Call.

Deadline of copy for the next issue will be April 20th

Remember the reunion dates
July 23, 24, 25th

Increase in Membership

TO: Members of the 9th Infantry Division Association
FROM: Carlos B. Esteva, President
SUBJECT: Increase in membership

- 1- It is well known that many men served during World War II in the 9th Infantry Division and in its attached units.
- 2- Many of these men are not aware that our Association exists and I do believe that if contacted they will join our ranks.
- 3- I challenge every member and every chapter of our Association to recruit these men. You may place spots in your local Radio and TV Stations, as they will be glad to do this as a public service, also you may get in touch with your local newspapers and they will be only too glad to help you out.
- 4- Starting as of 30 July 1986, I am putting up a cash prize of two hundred and fifty dollars for the chapter that recruits the most new members.
- 5- Transfers from other chapter will not count but members who dropped out and are brought back are in order.
- 6- In case of a tie the prize will be divided equally among the winning chapters.
- 7- The contest will end on the 1st of July 1987 and our National Secretary Dan Quinn will notify as to who is the winner, his report will be final.
- 8- Now its up to you out there to bring in new members to our Association and the same time help out your chapter.
- 9- Good luck.

1987 REUNION PROGRAM

THURSDAY - JULY 23, 1987

REGISTRATION - 10:00 AM ALL DAY
GOLF OUTING
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING - 4:00 PM
OPENING NITE RECEPTION - 9:00 PM to 12:00

FRIDAY - JULY 24, 1987

REGISTRATION - 10:00 AM ALL DAY
BUSINESS MEETINGS - 10:00 AM
GENERAL MEETING - 11:00 AM
LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING & SOCIAL - 10:00 AM
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING - 3:00 PM
PARTY NITE - 9:00 PM to 12:00

SATURDAY - JULY 25, 1986

REGISTRATION - 10:00 AM ALL DAY
MEMORIAL MASS - 8:30 AM
MEMORIAL CEREMONY - 10:00 AM
EVENING MASS - 4:30 PM
BANQUET - 7:00 PM

47th Inf L Co
ROBERT HULSLANDER
6000 San Jose Blvd. 7C
Jacksonville, Fla. 32217

Just mailed my deposit to Penn Harris Convention Center for our July reunion, and decided to write to you, et. al.

General Clayman has been sick for the last year or so with lung cancer, but seems to be responding to treatment though he is still weak and must take it easy for awhile. Bill Tanner and I visited the General last November in Virginia Beach, and were happy to see him as usual, optimistic and pleased to see us. He is staying with his daughter Judy in Richmond, VA. during his recovery period. For those who wish to call him the number is 1-804-745-8194.

I look forward to the reunion Dan, though we will all miss our beloved Father Connors.

I want to ask if Hank Franklin and Bill DeGrasse are members of the Association, if so, I hope to see them at the reunion. Both were Sgts in "L" Co. 47th. when I commanded the Company. DeGrasse received a battlefield commission, and commanded the company after I was wounded. I spoke to Franklin by phone some years ago and he mentioned DeGrasse and some others who lived in the New York, New Jersey area. I'd sure like to see any of the "I & L" 47th. guys.

Hope you are well Dan and look forward to seeing you and your wife in July.

July 23-25
Reunion in Pennsy

Disability Claim

47th Inf L Co
CARLTON HALEY
Rt 9 Box 134R
Reidsville, N.C. 27320

Enclosed is check for 3 year dues before I receive the red ink. Making plans now for the Camp Hill reunion. I felt honored to be at Nashville last year, although never have seen anyone I knew personally, just felt good to be in the presence of so many faithful people. Ruth and I met so many nice people and want to say "Hello" to Tom & Nancy Morgan, Frank Hodek and his friend, Alton Arnold & Mildred, Calvin Daniels & wife, Lewis & Thelma Yehle, William Estabrook & wife, Carl Taylor and all the rest. I want to ask for help for one of our comrades who is deaf. He is John Bass Jr., Rt 2 Box 93C, Nashville, N.C. 27856 (Hq Co 3rd Bn 60th Inf) who needs help in trying to establish service connected disabilities with the V.A. here in N.C. He was with the Pioneers as an ammunition carrier all the way from May 1942 to Sept. 1945 from Algeria to the end, Ardennes. If you knew John, please send a statement about his hearing as he complained a lot thru Africa, Sicily and France to Germany about the artillery firing. He deserves it all, he never asked for anything from the government over the years he suffered with all of us. Please send any letters to me, Carlton Haley. Thank you.

Never hire a lawyer who has the courage of your convictions.

Co L 47th Inf
JOHN CAUGHEY
2016 Stonelea St.
Pittsburgh, Pa 15212

Enclosed find my check for three years dues and a little for the Memorial Fund. I am also sending you a story I found at the Carnegie library here in Pittsburgh. It was written by Lt. Charles Silliman who had the weapons platoon of Company L 47th Inf until Sept. of 1944 when he was seriously wounded in that second counter attack at Schevenhuetten. Even though the story is half fiction and half fact I think anyone who was there will recognize several of the names he mentioned. He didn't mention Colonel Clayman but the description of the Colonel (now General) with the big red moustache had to be him. Sgt. Weston had to be Sgt. Wesley and Sgt. Fairchild (Ed Hothschild) also Cannulli, Al Kreech and Finney. How is it I can remember those names from forty years ago and can not remember to pay my dues on time?

REPLACEMENT

While recovering from his wounds at Valley Forge General Hospital near Philadelphia Lt. Charles Silliman (formerly with Company L 47th Inf) was a member of the writing classes given at the hospital as part of the hospitals reconditioning service. Silliman's original idea was to write a story of frustration. He had planned to have his main Character killed by a stray shell before he could reach the front to take over his command. But his teacher thought that an even better story could be built around a man who is plunged into that toughest of spots - the one a green officer is in when he is commanding seasoned veterans who know nothing about his capabilities and courage. At the time of the writing (this story appeared in the July 1945 issue of the Saturday Evening Post) Silliman's sight was coming back, one eye was gone, but the extensive hemorrhage in the other eye was absorbing itself. As Editor of the Octofoil I was impressed with the writing especially since I had been a member of the 3rd Bn 47th Inf at the time the story takes place. Thank you John Caughey for sending a copy of the story to us for use in the Octofoil. John had found the story at the Carnegie library in Pittsburgh. The Saturday Evening Post magazine no longer exists and I often wonder (many times) what ever became of men like Charles Silliman that were wounded and left the Ninth never to be heard from again. The original rosters kept in file in the secretary's office have 99% per cent of the names of the men that went through a company with their home address and next of kin. Somehow the officers on these rosters have the home address as "unknown."

Replacement

By Lt. Charles A. Silliman

Would he make good? Rushed into action as a leader of battle-seasoned men, the green young officer faced the toughest test of his life.

DARKNESS ... light ... sky ... hard ground ... arm dangling — my left arm — pain ... then numbness ... hard to breathe ... got to breathe ... everything going round ... going through space ... blood dripping. So this is how it is to die. O God, I hope it comes quickly. Way back

home they'll be getting a telegram, "Killed in action." They won't know — they may never know ... Oh, pain! My shoulder ... Maybe if I move my arm — drag it up alongside my body — put it under my head like this — my left cheek on my wrist — Ah, that's better.

Just a replacement — just a guy with a bar and a number and a destination unknown. I wanted to get to know the boys, to gain their confidence, to get their respect. Old men, I knew, resented replacement officers coming out and telling them what to do, when they'd already been through it and knew. They'd respect a leader. By an act of Congress I had become a leader. How simple that had seemed.

Ah, this damn shoulder! Put my arm back down again along my side — little more comfortable there. Put my head on the ground ... That's a pebble, sticking into my ear.

There was a pebble sticking into my ear another night — yes, I remember that, all right. That was the night we joined the division. I was sleeping on the ground, waiting until the next day, when they'd call out a group of names and say, "All right. You go in that truck. You go to the — Infantry."

Then, early the next morning, they gave us a hot chow and we got on the trucks and moved up. The road was crowded.

The officer took our names. Then he read off the first five, and my name was on it.

"You go to the third battalion," he said, "you men. There'll be a vehicle here soon to take you up. We lost contact with them a couple of hours, but we think we've been able to get them now. Just sit down and take it easy."

Then he turned to the other officers and assigned them to a battalion.

Lost contact — ye gods, what did that mean? Probably in a fight. We will get thrown in at the last minute, after all.

We lay and sat there quietly for about an hour. Some of us closed our eyes, but I don't think anybody slept. We were nervous — very nervous. It was late afternoon by that time; chow was just being got ready to be served. Suddenly from nowhere men appeared — men with dirty clothing and bearded faces, wisecracking and clanking their mess gear — some of them eyeing us indifferently as they passed.

My men will look like that, I thought. They will look at me and wonder, just as these men are doing. I felt suddenly afraid of myself, a little as you do when you set your foot on new ice and wonder if it will bear.

Finally, after chow, our vehicle arrived. We piled our stuff in and started up to the forward battalion. The road was deeply rutted and wound for miles through an arcade of trees. When we arrived at last we were covered from head to foot with thick layers of dust and dirt.

The battalion adjutant met us, took our names again, and told us that the colonel would be out presently. A group of company commanders squatted near a hedgerow and talked quietly.

A big heavy-set man with a great shaggy mustache was walking toward us. I thought for a minute that he might be a sergeant or an enlisted man. Then, as he got closer, I could see the silver leaf of a lieutenant colonel pinned to his collar. He didn't waste any time.

He asked each one of us what our job had been in the Army, and then said, "All right. I'm

going to put you two in K Company, and you, captain" — there was one captain with us — "I'll put you in K Company too. You stick close to Captain Neely until you get used to combat. Maybe then I'll have a company for you." He looked at me and said, "You go to L Company," and he assigned the other officer to L Company too.

"We've just come out of a fight," he said, "and we're waiting for further orders. We may go into another tonight, and we may not go into one until tomorrow. We've been hoping to get a little rest, but don't count too much on it. I want to welcome you to this battalion. We think it's the best battalion in the regiment, and even in the division. We're known as a fighting battalion. We've never failed to get an objective, once we've started out for it, and we've never had to ask for help. Sometimes we didn't know how long it would take us, but we always got it.

"I expect my officers to be aggressive, to know their men, to make decisions quickly and stick by them. I keep close watch on them. And I'll court-martial the first officer I see lying down on the job or taking cover before his men take cover! There's one thing I want you to remember, and that is, under shellfire, keep moving. The men want to hug the ground, but you've got to keep them moving. If it gets too heavy and concentrated, then take cover, but move forward as soon as you can. I hope I get a chance to speak to each one of you more personally later. You'll find your company commanders over there by that hedgerow."

He made a sign to signify that he was through with us, and we saluted, rather halfheartedly, for we weren't sure whether we should have saluted or not. Most of us had heard, from one source or another, that you didn't salute when you were at the front, but we didn't know: We felt awkward and foolish and very conspicuous.

The company commanders got up from where they were squatting and introduced themselves. Then we all dispersed, going toward our respective company locations.

The company commander of Company L led the way across the field to a narrow dirt road and started along it to a group of shell-torn houses. Funny to think that this was a French road. It might have been a road in any state back in America; might have been the one that wound down to my home in the Connecticut hills. We reached the first house. It had at one time been a farmhouse, made of stone, two stories high; the roof was all smashed in and all the windows were gone. There were loose piles of brick all around it.

Inside, there was a long wooden table in the center of the room. An officer sat at the table, a pile of letters by his side which he was censoring. A soldier was heating a canteen cup of coffee on a portable gasoline burner. Another man sat on the bottom step of the stairs with his head in his hands, very quiet. He looked as though he might be asleep.

The captain said with enthusiasm, but his face showing no emotion, "Lester, old buddy, we got some new officers."

Lester looked up from the pile of letters, smiled slowly and said, "That's the best news we've had in a week!"

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mail call

Hqts. 84th FA
WALTER RICKER
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Recently, I wrote a letter to THE OCTOFOIL after I had received my first copy. My previous letter stated that I would love to hear from my old Army buddies with whom I had served in the Ninth Infantry Division, Headquarters Battery 84th F.A.

I am pleased to report that I have heard from three of them. I am enclosing two photographs which were taken in Germany. I'm sorry that I can't identify any of them except Robert Mangrum and George Rauch. If anyone recognizes others in the photograph, I'd love to hear from them.

It means so much to me to renew acquaintances with my old buddies and others who share their stories through THE OCTOFOIL. I commend those who are responsible for this fine paper. You do an excellent job in addition to providing an invaluable service to people like me.

84th FA B Btry
W.G. "BOUNCE" HUYSMAN
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Time to send in my membership. Enjoy reading the Octofoil very much but I can't get used to reading the names of our departed buddies. The Lord took out another good row of them this past year. The only good thing about WW2 was that we got to meet and know these special men that we will never forget. Had another good pheasant hunt at my son's in Iowa last fall. Sure can tell I'm getting old because those Iowa hills all seem to go up and never down and the fences seem to have an extra barbed wire on top.

47th Inf
PETE RICE
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Is it possible to get a fresh copy of the 47th Regiment. My old copy is so worn and I prize it so highly that I would dearly love to have another. Sorry I missed the reunion in Tennessee but hope to make the next one. Best regards.

9th Signal
NEWELL ANDERSON
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I have been a member of the association for about a year now. I love getting the Octofoil as it helps me keep in touch. We are having a mini reunion of the 9th Signal Co. at Camp Hill in July 1987, and hope to see all former members who can come. My phone is 704-857-1562.

9th Med Bn C Co
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Please publish the following obits:
James O'Shea
9th Med. Bn. Co. C
Bruce Johnstone
9th Med. Bn. Co. C

Johnstone's obit was published previously but erroneously. I would appreciate it if you could re-publish it.

Thanks again. A Happy New Year to you and the Mrs. I hope to see you at the next reunion.

60th Inf Co A
KEN FINCH
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I have been seriously ill for the past few months but am home now and able to take care of myself and thank the good Lord for getting me thru the hard times.

Div Hqs.
JOHN M. ALLEY
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Must start the New Year right by emulating the Japanese and get all bills and other obligations taken care of so her is my check for 1987 dues. Don't know if you knew John MacIndoe or not, think he was in the 39th. He and I are ushers at th Fort Myer Chapel and I have been trying to get him back into the association. Think perhaps I have succeeded, but I am not sure. We were in England, France, Switzerland and Italy last September and October. Good trip with no incidents. Traveled by train on the continent. Wishing you all the best in the New Year.

39th Inf Hqs & B Cos
GEORGE QUERY
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I received my first Octofoil and enjoyed it very much. I'm looking for anyone in the 39th Hdqrs, B Co, AT platoon. We were in the thick of it from St. Lo thru the Ardennes and Hurtgen Forest where I stepped on a mine which ended my soldiering. Most of them were from places like Brooklyn with names like Celuso, Bunjamino, Goldberg, Captain Bernhardt, Lt. Wright, James Fisher and other locations. I'm writing a book and would appreciate any help I can get. Thank you.

60th FA B Btry
VICTOR GONZALEZ
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Thanks for the Octofoil. I was with the 9th in Africa and left from Tunisia for Sicily "Licata" ended up in Cefalu, from there to England, landed on Utah Beach, reached St. Mere Eglise where the 101st and 82nd Airborne parachutes were all over the place, some still had the men in them killed on the way down, I was hit just before we reached Cherbourg, returned after I was patched up to the Battle of the Bulge, Hurtgen Forest, crossed the Ziegfried line, on to the Remagen Bridge and it fell 2 days after we crossed it and ended up in Munich and Ingolstadt. I've been to see Gerald Blackwell in Rocky Mount, N.C. This past summer Jackson A. Blackwell from Florida came to pay me a visit. There are others I hear from, Tony Cheney, Simeon Johnson. How about Big Joe Terry and Frank Malcuit, love to hear from all the old gang from C Btry. Joe Lacic died, an old Reliable guy. Can anyone tell me where I can get some 9th division patches as I'm active with the VFW and my original patch has faded. I'm proud to have been with the 9th. Also a lapel pin and I'll pay for all items. Hope to hear from you soon.

39th Inf B Co
IRV TERCHAK
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It's the time of the year to renew my membership and also my annual donation to the Memorial fund. I'm writing from sunny San Diego, away from my Wisconsin winter. It's really great here! Read how much snow you had in New Jersey, etc. I also want to extend my best wishes to all the great guys from B Co 39th Inf. I had a great time last June at our mini reunion. Regards to Hawk, Gravino, Austen and the rest of the guys. I won't be able to attend the next one as I will be in Vienna, Austria visiting my relatives. God's blessings to the 9th Division.

60th Inf C Co
JOSEPH FOYE
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I'm hoping you will channel my letter to the proper person in the Octofoil.

What I will try and convey is something that has been on my mind for a number of years, and that is regarding our Reunions. They always are in the eastern part of our great country.

Why not have one in the west. This past summer on our way home from a trip from the midwest, we heard of a small town in Nevada called Laughlin. It's in the southern lower tip of Nevada. Three states meet there. Nevada, Arizona and Calif.

In my thinking, this would be a great place for a 9th division reunion. I will not go into detail of how my wife and I enjoyed our visit there, of course it is a gambling town on the Colorado River and as I heard, boats are available for a one day trip to Lake Havasue, that is where the London Bridge is.

Of course an advance man from our association would have to go there and set this up. Maybe we should poll our men. This is just an idea of mine and a shot in the dark but I pray this will happen before 1990, as I will be 70 by then.

Come west old buddies. You really do not need transportation in Laughlin, everything is so close and there is lots of space for R.V.s. Last Saturday night we enjoyed our first Purple Heart Presentations and dinner at the Hacienda in Fresno. Didn't even know there was a Fresno chapter.

Best regards!

60th Inf K Co
JAMES F. HART, JR
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Here is my check for 1987 dues, don't want to see the red ink. All our tribe had a good 1986. Our immediate family now numbers 24! Not bad for a guy that was an only child. I can't locate my 8 Stars to Victory or 60th History. I put my name in the books when I receive them. I would be willing to pay any price for either or both books. If anyone can help, please drop a line. I was platoon leader in 60th.
34th FA Bn
LEON BIRUM
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Had a bad year due to health problems with my wife and myself. Lost our youngest daughter in December, so had to cancel reservations for Nashville and Worcester. Always enjoy the Octofoil. Keep up the good work! Read "Reckless Disregard" by Renata Adler, this book completely vindicates Gen. Westmoreland in the 1983 documentary by CBS. Hope some of the fellows from the 34th continue to meet in Worcester or some other convenient location. Was a real treat.

9th Signal
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Recently received a letter from Mrs. Claude Kelly of Columbia, S.C., informing me of the passing of her husband Claude Kelly of the 9th Signal Co WW-2. of brain cancer September 16th, 1986 in the Charleston V.A. hospital. At first they thought he had a mini stroke but the scan showed a tumor that had turned cancerous, At age 71.

Claude left his widow and a 19 year old son a student at Prebyterian College.

60th Med
LES RONAY
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With great interest I noted the article in our last "Octofoil" submitted by Mike Kaufman.

I'm in agreement with Mike and believe his suggestion has great merit and that our association should take his suggestion under consideration.

I'm sure this may have come up many times but feel the time has arrived that we should give this suggestion deep consideration.

The timing as suggested would be of great benefit to many of our comrades, both for financial consideration and travel problems, it would eliminate harrassment in travel and we would benefit on accommodations where we would be together without having to be spread around.

Our prime object for these conventions is to see each other, bring back old memories and enjoy our association, local interest is secondary.

60th Inf F Co
GERALD TEACHOUT
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The word we get here in California is that Camp Hill will be a great reunion and that the Penn Harris is filling up fast. At least we hear that they will soon have to start with reservations at the Holiday Inn. It does seem unfortunate that we appear to be unable to find one hotel large enough to house all the 9th people. Some things of interest to some of the 9th have been in process on the west coast. The 60th was reactivated at Ft. Lewis, Wa. on Dec. 19, 1986. Had an invitation from dept. of the Army to be at the ceremony. Pulmonary problems now have me on oxygen and at that time I was just beginning a pulmonary rehab program 2 days a week at the local hospital. Understand Mike Kauffman was invited to place the ribbons on the 60th flag. Had a phone call from Bert Waller of Poway, Cal. He called regarding the function at Ft. Lewis and was surprised to learn I was still around. He had heard I did not survive the latest heart attack of 1985. Heard that Ted Preston flew out for the event from Wis. Had a phone call from Rodger Alsgaard that he and Jennie were visiting their daughter in San Diego but we never did get together. Hope to see them in Camp Hill. F Co 60th Inf is really holding up. Drust and Filetti who were ill last year have improved. Parker Welch had one of his bypasses plug up. Wqs in the hospital but out now and on medication. Anderson still laid up with back problems. Elton Harrell having problems with his pacemaker. Betty MacDougall has been in and out of the hospital. We think Allens, Bermans, Dennis, Drust, Etee, Filetti, Herrins, Johnson, Lindners, Malone, D. Miller, J. Miller, Mac Douglass, Nichols, Painters, Prestons, Saunders, Skinns, Skertich, Urbans, Welchs, Arnolds, Harrells, Lees, Beaumonts and Teachouts, Waldvogel and Wagner are strong possibilities and hope we can dig out Bryson, Castner, Ingle, Lombardo, Maher, Nehr, Pavlich, Ruzga, Schriffen, Savakinas, Salzman, Salisbury, Savay, Worth, Wilhelm, Young, Anderson, Caron, Ancell, Fusner, Pegg, Pedrick, Jones, Wallen and W. Miller. We have our confirmations from the Penn Harris and they were helpful in locating a local medic supply company for oxygen. Am keeping my fingers crossed on my health problem. See you all.

47th Inf.
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I have been receiving the Octofoil for several years, and was able to attend the Reunion at Nashville this year, which was my first personal contact with anyone from the Division since I left for First Army Hq. in early 1945.

My time with the Division (47th Infantry with most of the time as Personnel Officer) after I completed OCS in September 1941, was some of my best memories of the Service. I enlisted in the 17th Infantry at Fort Crook (Offutt AFB, Omaha) in 1936, and retired in 1957 at Fourth Army Hq, San Antonio. I do have some painful memories of those War years, too, — the loss of too many of our friends, the devastation and trials of the indigenous persons, the time away from home, and all of the other things all of our men were daily aware of.

The 1986 Reunion was a good experience for me. I enjoyed very much the opportunity to renew acquaintances with a number of my friends, and especially the opportunity to talk with Emil Langer who assisted me in seeing the members of the Personnel Section who were there, and also information regarding those who were not present.

The Reunion also brought memories of War time esprit, and patriotism; and the awesome and mixed feelings about the loss of so many of our Division comrades with all of the feelings regarding life's meaning and purpose. Sometimes I feel that those who failed to come back are the fortunate ones; and then I am reminded of the wonderful times and experiences which have ensued. Life is not always good, sometimes cruel; but still worthwhile in the overall scheme of things from my point of view. I wish each of you the best.

47th Inf 2nd Bn Hqs
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This letter in two parts.

Part one: I have done some travelling since the days of 1942 - 1945 with the 9th. You see, I stayed on for a while with the Army, then transferred into the U S Air Force when it organized in 1948. For a total of just over 20 years of military service, retiring in August of 1962.

Just before Christmas (1986) I was travelling in Texas, still do some travelling, came across the tiny village of CONCEPCION Tx (that's correct spelling). I recalled that one of my buddies from second battalion 47th was from that place. So I looked him up and I hunted him down. Agustin Salas by name. I found him living in a nearby town (30 miles). Well, we had a reunion. A few tears (Sentimental old soldiers) and a lot of laughs. My wife was with me. Salas has quite a family. His wife and three of his daughters were there. There was a lot of hugging and talking. We hadn't seen or heard of each other since the war ended.

Now between this reunion with Salas and the fact that in May - June - July 1986 issue of Octofoil I saw a letter from Robert "STUD" Mathis our old mess sergeant I decided it was time for me to end my procrastination and write a letter. Hello and Hail to all those who made the 9th.

1987 REUNION
CAMP HILL, PENN

MAIL CALL

47th Inf. A & B Co.'s
LAWRENCE McLAUGHLIN
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My Irish mother used to say "The road to hell is paved with good intentions". That saying applies to me for I've been meaning to write this letter for months. I'm enclosing some pictures for your review and publication if you think they would be of interest to our members. Most of these were taken during the spring when my wife Doris and I took a trip to France. We also went to England, Ireland and Scotland. The trip to France and related pictures may be of interest since my principal purpose was to present to the Cherbourg Liberation Museum, a German flag. I obtained this flag when B Co. 47th Inf. captured the last group of Germans in the innermost section of the French Naval Arsenal. The curator, Mrs. C. Brechoire assured me that the flag would be displayed in the museum and would indicate that it was captured by B Co. 47th Inf. during the battle for Cherbourg. In addition to the photos involving the flag presentation, I am enclosing a photo which we took of the memorial tablet erected by the French people of Cherbourg in memory of Sgt. Finley, 39th Inf. who was the first American soldier to reach the City Hall during the assault on the city. This tablet is prominently mounted beside the night entrance of City Hall. (Ref. Octofoil issues Mar.-April and May-June 1984.) After a day in the city we went first to Barnesville where we took the pictures of the memorial commemorating the cutting of the peninsula by the 9th division. We next went to the town of St. Mere Eglise where we toured the Airborne Museum (82nd & 101st divisions). The American Legion magazine issue of May 1986 had a story about Ernie Pyle. One part seemed familiar to me, so sure enough I checked my copy of "Brave Men" by Pyle and word for word it was the same item he wrote about B Co. 47th the day before I "liberated" the German flag in Cherbourg. It was sad to learn from the last Octofoil of the deaths of Dr. Copleman, Col. Bryant and Lt. Lovejoy. Dr. Copleman attended to me on a number of occasions and always seemed to cheer you up under some depressing times. Keep up the good work and best regards.

39th Inf. Hdqs. 2nd Bn.
A.B. CASEY
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Enclosed is check for 3 more years dues. Hope I'll still be around when they expire! To my knowledge there are no association members in this area and I know of only one former 9th man living in this county. I seldom see any mail call from any of the fellows I knew in the 39th. I did contact Bill Douthit in Texas and had a nice long letter from him which I did enjoy and appreciate very much. Like myself he is still working every day and has a nice family. I am only about 120 miles from Nashville but had to miss the reunion because of business commitments. Had another birthday recently which puts me many years past retirement age but haven't found time to retire yet. I enjoy the Octofoil and look forward to each issue.

60th Inf. F Co.
THEODORE L. PRESTON
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Enclosed are my dues and something for mail call. Got an invitation to attend the 60th Regimental reactivation ceremony at Ft. Lewis, Wa. The weather turned out beautiful for the event. The ceremony made goose pimples come out on the back of the neck. Met Mike Kauffman, Robert Herzog and Charles LiBretto there. I was a little disappointed we didn't have a larger group of old timers. The army really rolled out the red carpet for us. Quartered us in visiting Officers quarters with a bedroom and hospitality room each. After all these years I finally found out how our poor officers live! Must be rough to take. Seven dollars and twenty five cents a day doesn't hardly pay for the maid service. After a champagne banquet we gathered in a large room and Mike Kauffman addressed the group. Then the troops were broken down into smaller groups with a veteran to each group. We were asked to relate our experiences to them. Being regular army the troops listened to us and applauded each of us when done. The army of today is proud and cocky, as we were when we were younger. I'm sure if they were in a conflict they would be Old Reliabilities in short order. A fine caliber of men almost tempted to reenlist again. To you former F Co. men, let's get together to Camp Hill. If you haven't made a reunion as yet, now is the time. See you at the reunion.

47th Inf E Co
MARTIN BERGMAN
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Philadelphia, Pa. 19115

Enclosed are my dues. Lord willing I'll be at the reunion this year. We, at Del. Valley, are working very hard to make it one of the best, better than 1978 in Philadelphia. My health stopped me from going to the last few reunions but I'm holding my own now. I'm on my 20th year with the implanted pacemaker, #8. I had pneumonia a few years back and my breathing gets "ruff" some time. Looking forward to seeing everyone. I'll most likely be helping out at the registration area.

47th Inf. E Co.
FERMIN MARTINEZ
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I completely forgot about my dues, I guess it's the old age creeping up! Hoping to get my Octofoil real soon and regards to the boys of E Co. 47th.

47th Inf Co K
JOHN MRUGALA
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My wife and I had a wonderful trip to Nashville and enjoyed ourselves at the reunion. We always enjoy being together with our friends at these get-togethers. It was good to see Frank Corvino whom I hadn't seen since we were in Normandy and it was also good to see Killacky who I haven't seen since Feb. 1945 in Germany. We have our confirmation from the Penn Harris Convention Center for our reservations, so with God's will, we will be seeing all of you in July. Our arrival date will be July 22. All of you K Co buddies, we are looking forward to this reunion and seeing you again.

47th Inf. G Co.
HERMON RAHN
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Last year at our Nashville reunion, George Bako, a G Co. buddy wound up at the VA hospital with health problems. I think they called it an embolism on one of his arms. Eddie Maher and Adolph Wadalavage rounded me up and we rode out to the hospital to check on George. He came back to the hotel with us and planned on going in to the hospital when he got back to San Diego. I got a card from him and Paula at Christmas and happy to say both of them are getting along just fine and plan on being at Camp Hill. I also heard from Eddie Maher and Jerry Shapiro and an old 60th buddy from Jesse James country in Mo., Edwin Brewer. It was great to see these old buddies in Nashville and hope to see them in Camp Hill this year. James and Beatrice Johnson informed me they may not go to the reunion. It is their loss if they don't see me and our friend, Frank Crapanzano. We will miss them, but, life must go on. We've been in touch with Robert Mathis in Clewiston, Fla., a G Co. buddy I couldn't locate. I had him as living in Texas instead. My best wishes to all of my 9th division buddies. See you at Camp Hill. My wife says she is going this year but I don't believe it!

39th Inf. M Co.
WILLIAM C. TERMINI
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Enclosed my dues for 1987. My address has changed from Alaska back to Louisiana. In 1984 I had a bout with colon cancer and in Aug. 1986 I had a battle with kidney stones and they found out that the cancer had returned. The doctors gave me 2 months to live so I moved back to Baton Rouge. I would like to hear from any of my old friends of the 9th. I hear from Charles Stover, one of my machine gunners. Sorry I haven't been able to make the reunions but I will try and make one more before I cash in! Sorry to read about Fr. Connors, he was one of the greatest men I have ever known. Best wishes to all.

47th Inf. K Co.
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I read 2 good books, "Ernie's War" the story of Ernie Pyle and "The Men of Co. K" written by Harold Leinbaugh and John Campbell who were the CO and Exec. Officers of K Co. in the Railsplitter Div., and an excellent account of their combat in the ETO. One of our K Co. men, Evan "Red" Thompson will be inducted 3-24-87 into the Indiana H.S. Hall of Fame. Three cheers for Red. Best regards.

47th Inf M Co
LEO FATLAN
380 S. Center St.
Braidwood, Ill. 60408

Enclosed find my check for dues and donation to the Memorial fund. I'm not sure when membership runs out so I figured I better get off a check to you so I wouldn't miss any Octofoils. Always look forward to receiving them. Hope to make the next reunion.

47th AT
OLIVER CARTER
3107 Walters Lane
Forestville, Md. 20747

Enclosed find check for the next 3 years dues. Wishing you and everyone of the 9th a very healthy New Year. God willing, we will be at the reunion at Camp Hill.

JOHN CLOUSER
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Once again it is that time of the year when we remind you to check your membership card for "it is now dues time." If you have not already done so, please remit your dues at once in order to save your association time and expense of mailing out dues notices and reminders.

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

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Co F 47th Inf
BILL BUEMI
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It's been a long time between drinks... Couple days ago I sent Penn Harris the deposit for the reunion.. Do you think you can take three days of me??? I have been wanting to write you for a hell of a long time... But since I retired.. My son has been going on a lot of vacations??? We opened up a couple more businesses.. It got to a point where I was running one.. So I reminded my son that I bought the business for him... Not me.. So we dumped all of them but the Wine Barrel... We still play around with importing Mercedes.. Porche etc. Also we are still leasing cars... I traveled all of West Germany... I don't think I missed a beer joint.. I love that German beer.

It was sad to hear about Fr. O'Connors.. Repetti.. Mysyk (The Mad Russian) Frank Chatto.. Putka.. Pop Zucker.. and many more that I forgot about.. Just like "Hoppe" sez... It won't be long now... I'm keeping my horse saddled.. I just hope to see you guys again... I was ready... to go on the long, long trip on the invasion of No. Africa... If it wasn't for Frank Landati... stopping and helping me.. I would only be a memory (Thanks to Frank). I hope to see Capt. Smith... Capt. Geyer Sgt. Felton.. Garraputto.. Gonzol.. Munatore.. Smig.. P.O. W. Kid Wilkey.. Did you hear the story of how I save Wilkey's life??? I was watching the Germans grab Wilkey and capture him.. I save his life by not opening up on the two Germans.. Wilkey would of been full of holes if I did!! I love him.. Can't wait to bend elbows with him and Hoppe again... Everyone in my family is just getting along great... I feel that I can get into the army right now and out run.. out fight.. out swear.. out drink anybody.. (Providing that they are over 90). Well Danny... I bent your ear long enough.

Good health to you and yours... Hope to see you in July???

Not only that.. But my one finger is getting tired.

Love and Best Wishes.
9th Med Bn. C Co.
WESLEY ROACH
Rt. 8 Box 556
Danville, Va. 24540
Enclosed check for 1987 dues. Enjoy the Octofoil very much, thanks for the good work. Please note change of address.

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 Hqs
THOMAS "BUCK" HARRIS
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Elm City, N.C. 27822

I am enclosing a donation to the Memorial Fund. I look forward to receiving the Octofoil very much. However, in the few years I joined, I cannot recall ever having read a letter from anyone who wrote to the Octofoil that was in my company. To be sure, those guys must have some interesting stories to tell about as well as the line company fellows. I remember once in the Hurtgen forest I held a blanket over a buddy and the medic who was working on him. It was at night and we just received some heavy artillery shelling, may it was mortars, anyhow the medic couldn't save the boy, and I'll never forget what he said. Shrapnel had taken off part of boy's shoulder and part of his face and the medic said, "He wouldn't have wanted to live anyhow". Keep up the good work, Dan.

9th Div. Arty. Hqs. & Hqs. Btry.
R.A. DONNELLY
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I enjoy the Octofoil and every issue brings back memories, and I'm sure every member feels that way. Best of everything to you men of Hqs. & Hqs. Btry. of the 9th Div. Arty. and this includes all officers, too!

84th FA Hq. Btry.
JOHN BOISKY
5003 Kendrick St.
Panama City, Fl. 32404

Would like to hear from members of Hq. Btry. 84th FA Bn. who served during 1941 to 1945, Lt. Ambrose, J. Milhans at the top of the list! You and your staff do a fine job with the Octofoil and other clerical work, the steaks on me at the next reunion! All here in Panama City, Fl., wish everybody a good healthy, happy New Year and continued success.

60th Inf. M Co.
DAVID ALBERTS
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Just read my Octofoil and enjoyed it very much. It reminded me it was dues time so I am enclosing check for 3 years. Would like to hear from my old buddies from M Co. 60th Inf. God bless you all.

60th Inf. C Co.
SULLIVAN LEE
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Beech Grove, Ind. 46107

Enclosed is my check for dues as I want so much to see about our trip to Nashville.

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