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# THE OCTOFOIL

412 Gregory Ave. Weehawken, N. J. 07087

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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## Forty Third Annual Reunion Ninth Infantry Division Association June 23rd, 24th, 25th in 1988 Hyannis, Massachusetts

### Program of Events

Thursday, June 23rd, 1988

10:00 a.m. Registration - all day  
1:30 p.m. Golf Tournament  
3:00 p.m. Board of Governors Meeting  
8:00 p.m. Welcoming Party

Friday, June 24th, 1988

10:00 a.m. Registration til 5:00 p.m.  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Melody Tent- Concert  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Clam Bake - Reservations only  
8:00 p.m. Dance

Saturday, June 25th, 1988

8:00 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. Registration  
10:00 a.m. Memorial Service  
12:30 p.m. Ladies Fashion Show and Luncheon - Reservations Only  
12 noon Committee Meetings  
1:00 p.m. General Meeting  
Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting  
4:00 p.m. Board of Governors' Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Mass at hotel  
7:00 p.m. Banquet and Dance

### Cape in '88

As you know the Ninth Infantry Divisions 43rd Annual Reunion is being held in Hyannis, Ma. on beautiful Cape Cod, the land of sunshine and sea breezes on June 23, 24 and 25 of 1988.

Some of you may have noticed the use of the names Tara Dunfey's Hotel and Tara Hyannis Hotel. They are one and the same. A change in ownership has brought a change in name from Tara Dunfey's Hotel to Tara Hyannis Hotel. The change in ownership has also brought some good news. The hotel will be completely renovated and ready for our arrival in June.

The '88 Reunion Committee has completed the program fore our 43rd Annual Reunion and feel that it is one that can be enjoyed by all who attend.

Registration will start at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 23rd, and continue all day. As there is a par three golf course on the hotel grounds, we are planning a golf tournament on Thursday afternoon around 1:00 p.m. so be sure to bring your golf clubs. Anyone who wishes to be included should let Herb Olson know when they arrive. Herb is the youngest and best looking member of the committee. Our Welcoming Party will be held on Thursday from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. in the Tivoli Room which has just been completely redecorated. We assure you the music will be the type that most everyone enjoys.

Registration will continue on Friday, June 24th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On Friday, June 24th, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. we will attend a gala pre-season concert by the Tommy Dorsey orchestra directed by Buddy Morrow at the Melody Tent which is directly across the street from the Tara Hyannis Hotel. The Melody Tent is one of the oldest

and finest known summer theatres in the country. All of the great entertainers, such as Bob Hope, Sammy Davis Jr., Jim Nabors and Dinah Shore have preformed here as well as all of the big name bands such as Tommy Dorsey's.

Tom Boyle, Herb Olson and I worked hard with Mr. William Carmen, the owner, to establish a price that would allow us to include the concert in our strip ticket. We are happy to say our efforts were rewarded. All seats will be in the V.I.P. section and every one who buys a strip ticket will receive a ticket to the concert.

From 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 24th, we will hold our clambake, at the Tara Hyannis Hotel. Weather permitting the bake will be held outdoors. If the weather does not cooperate there are excellent indoor facilities.

This certainly should give us an enjoyable day, listening to excellent music and attending a clambake that consists of New England clam chowder, native steamed clams, a pound and a quarter of native lobster, a quarter pound of chicken, along with corn-on-the-cob, roasted potatoes, assorted melons, clam broth, dessert and tea or coffee. Although the concert is included in your strip ticket the clambake is not. This being an added attraction, there is a charge of \$26.00 per person for the bake. Those who wish to attend should fill out the form, found in the Octofoil, and mail to Tom Boyle. The festivities continue with dancing in the Tivoli Room from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. There you will enjoy listening and dancing to the music of Lew Columbo's orchestra, the finest band on the cape.

Our committees meeting will take place on Saturday, June 25th, from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. The general meeting will run from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or as long as it takes to complete our business.

### One of Our Own

The New England Chapter is delighted and honored that one of our own, Retired Major General Michael B. Kauffman former commander of the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry, will be the main speaker at the banquet.

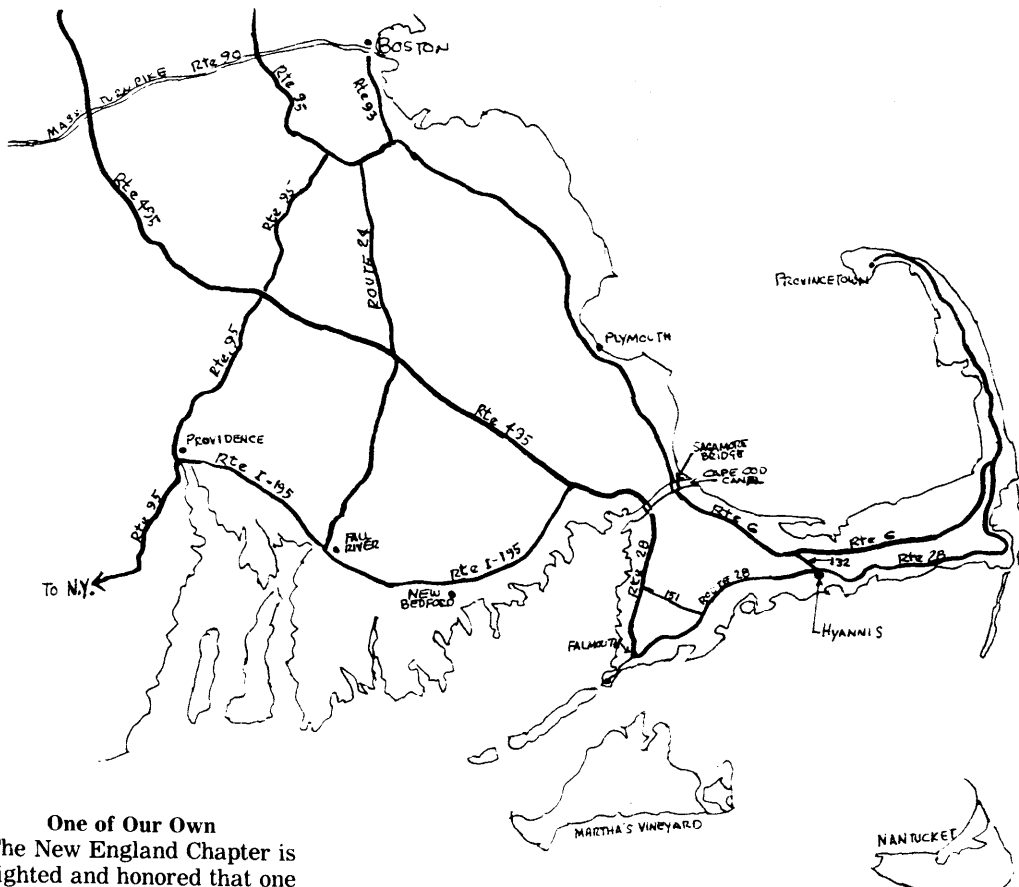
The banquet will be followed by dancing from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

### Room Reservations

At the present time all rooms at Tara Hyannis Hotel have been taken. However, we do have two excellent back up hotels. One is the Best Western Heritage House located at 259 Main Street, Hyannis and is one mile away from Tara Hyannis. There are 143 guest rooms in that complex and they have set aside one hundred rooms for our use. They have a large indoor and outdoor pool, Jacuzzi, Whirlpool and men and women Saunas. There is an excellent restaurant where you will be served a complete breakfast. The rooms are \$50.00 per night plus tax. We were able to secure these room rates with the agreement that each person registered must pay for breakfast. Breakfast is \$6.00 per person and again let me state that it is a full breakfast. Reservations have to be in by April 2, 1988 and a deposit of \$30.00 per person must accompany your reservation. This form is posted in the Octofoil.

Our other hotel is the Hyannis Regency Inn and is a beautiful is a full service restaurant and lounge, a large indoor pool and whirlpool. Rates are \$70.00 per night plus tax, single or double occupancy. There are also lofts with kitchen for \$115. per night. The hotel is located on route 132 and Bearse Way right after the Sheraton Hyannis. It is three miles or five minutes from Tara Hyannis. A reservation form is printed in the Octofoil and the reservation deadline is May 23, 1988. All hotels have free and ample parking.

## Roads leading to Hyannis



## MAKE THE CAPE IN 88

### Most Important Part

Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. Father Rowan will say Mass at the hotel. Then at 10:00 a.m. comes the most important part of our Reunion, the remembering of our honored dead. The Memorial Service will take place on the grounds of the Tara Hyannis Hotel and is in the capable hands of Tom Boyle, Larry McLaughlin, Herb Olson and Fred D'Amore. By having these four men in charge, you know it will be an impressive and fitting tribute to all the deceased "Men of the Ninth."

### Fashion Show & Luncheon

This year we have arranged to have something for the ladies while the men are attending meetings. For a charge of ten dollars (\$10.00) there will be a fashion show and luncheon at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 25th, at Tara Hyannis. The ladies who wish to attend will find a form in the Octofoil to fill out and mail with their check to our treasurer, Tom Boyle, 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, Ma. 02144.

A room has been set aside for the ladies auxiliary so they can conduct their meeting whenever it is convenient for them.

### What's It All About.

Just stop and think for a moment what our reunion is all about. Our first and most important commitment is the remembering of our honored dead. Our other objective is to see old buddies, to laugh reminisce and enjoy each other's company. Time has taken its toll on all of us. Are you being fair to yourself when you say, "Maybe I can make it another year." I believe you owe it to yourself to renew the wonderful friendships that were born as we shared mutual hardships. So, come to the cape and leave the rest of the world behind.

### Board Meet

The Board of Governors will meet after the general meeting, about 4:00 p.m. Father Rowan will again say Mass at 5:00 p.m. in the hotel.

Our banquet will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Tivoli Room. This room can comfortably seat a thousand persons for dinner. Fred D'Amore, Gil Pernokus and Ed McGrath are in charge of the banquet.

Sincerely,  
Ron Murphy  
44 Strawberry Lane  
Scituate, Ma. 02066

Ladies Fashion Show and Luncheon  
Saturday, June 25th, 1988 at 12:30 p.m.  
\$10.00 per person

I will attend ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:  
9th Infantry Division Assoc. Reunion

Mail to Tom Boyle  
39 Hall Avenue  
Somerville, Ma. 02144

June 23rd, 24th and 25th, 1988  
Hyannis, Ma.

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39 Hall Avenue  
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Weekawken, N.J. 07087

Board of Governors  
1988  
Fran Maher  
Worcester, Ma  
Pat DeColli  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
Carlos Esteve  
Arecibo, P.R.  
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Fontana, Wisc.  
1989  
Floyd Hennessy  
Lambertville, Mich.  
Oliver Carter  
Forestville, Md.  
Dave Heller  
Highland Park, IL  
Emil Langer  
Morris Plains, NJ  
Lewis Maness  
Cocoa, Fl.  
1990  
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Brunswick, Md.  
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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 ever-lasting 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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Hyannis Regency

Rte. 132/ Hyannis, Ma. 02601 (617) 775-1622

The Ninth Division Association

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Address

Arriving \_\_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_ Nights

Departing \_\_\_\_\_ Rate \_\_\_\_\_ Per \_\_\_\_\_

Number In Party \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Rooms \_\_\_\_\_

Rates are per room per night, single or double occupancy. Please add 5.00 for each person in excess of two per room.

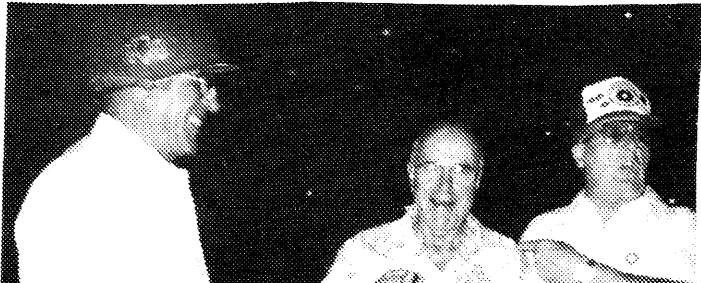
Two Double Beds	70.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
King Size Bed	95.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loft	115.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loft With Kitchen	115.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Deposit Requested \_\_\_\_\_ ETA \_\_\_\_\_

A first night's lodging total must be received along with reservation form to confirm your reservation. Deposit must be in check or money order only. Hotel does not accept credit cards in lieu of deposit. RESERVATION DEADLINE MAY 23, 1988.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Balance of lodging & tax due upon arrival and incidentals upon departure. Balance may be paid with credit card upon departure. Individual cancellation must be 7 or more days prior to arrival to receive deposit refund. Credit or refunds for no shows or individual cancellations received less than 7 days prior to arrival will be based on hotels ability to resell the rooms.



Lester Cook, 60th Inf., is shown at 86 Nashville reunion wearing his old helmet with the 60th Inf. Go Devil enblem that caught everyone's eye.

Tara Dunfey Hyannis Hotel  
West End Circle • Hyannis Massachusetts 02601 • 617-775-7775

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
43RD ANNUAL REUNION  
JUNE 23 - 26, 1988

PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING ACCOMMODATIONS:

PLEASE CHECK ONE: X

EUROPEAN PLAN RATES (NO MEALS).

\_\_\_\_ \$70.00 PER ROOM, PER NIGHT, SINGLE OCCUPANCY, PLUS ROOM TAX.

\_\_\_\_ \$70.00 PER ROOM, PER NIGHT, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY, PLUS ROOM TAX.

PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING ACCOMMODATIONS: PLEASE CONFIRM \_\_\_\_\_

(I) (WE) WILL ARRIVE \_\_\_\_\_

AND DEPART \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ TODAY'S DATE \_\_\_\_\_

REFUND OF DEPOSIT GIVEN IF CANCELLATION IS MADE 72 HOURS OR MORE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.

### Taps Sounded

Call out our names-  
As the years go by-  
Remeber us-  
and we-will never die-

Edgar "Red" Wilson  
Division Band  
Martin Bergman  
Co. E. 47th Inf.  
Hyman Grossman  
Hq. Co. 60th Inf.  
Dr. Mitchell Kaminski  
Co. D. 9th Med.  
Theodore Youngquist  
C Co. 47th Inf.  
Tom Guides  
B Btry. 84th F.A.  
William S. Hawkins  
Co. I 47th Inf.  
Joseph Mc Adams  
Co. A. 47th Inf. & M.P.'s

The association mourns  
the passing of these "Old  
Reliables" and friends.  
May they rest in peace.  
To their loved ones we of-  
fer our deepest sympathy.

### Tip of Hat

The Memorial Fund was enriched by the generosity of these members who remembered this fund and their departed comrades.

Fred Golub  
(Memory of Mama Schultz)  
Steve Salvi  
(Memory of Red Wilson)  
Eugene Terry  
Benjamin Kovacs  
N. Curtis Hoffber  
Harry Kish  
Joseph McEldowney  
Hermon Rahn  
(Memory of Gen. Collins and  
Grady Perry)  
Thomas Harris

We salute you.

Btry C, 34th Field Artillery  
WILLIAM L. DOTZERT  
311 West Tenth Street  
Beardstown, Ill. 62618

We're snowed in so I thought I would write a few lines. I am enclosing a picture of flags that are put up several times a year around the park on both sides of the sidewalk and diagonol. There are 380 flags with names of veterans and origanizations, it takes ten or twelve men, twenty or twenty five minutes to put them up or take them down. We keep them on a wagon from one time to the next. They have to be dry to roll up and put away. It was ten below zero this morning. I don't like such cold weather. This kind of weather gives a man time to catch up on reading a book or other things.

Best Western Heritage House

RESERVATION FORM FOR  
9th DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
JUNE 23 - 26, 1988

The following would be included for the weekend:  
3 nights lodging accommodations at \$50.00 per night, plus tax  
3 breakfasts at \$6.00 per person inclusive, per meal

Reservations must be received by April 2, 1988  
No reservations will be taken over the telephone  
A deposit of \$30.00 PER PERSON, must accompany reservation form  
No credit cards are accepted for initial deposits  
Balance is due upon arrival  
Credit Cards are accepted for the balance  
Check-in time is 2:00 PM Check out time is 11:00 AM

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the fact that this is over a week-end we can not accept reservations for Friday or Saturday night only.

### RESERVATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PEOPLE: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF ROOMS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF ARRIVAL: June 1988

DATE OF DEPARTURE: June 1988

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

GROUP: 9th DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Confirmations will be sent out. Your reservation will be considered confirmed once a deposit is received. Please mail to:

B/W Heritage House Hotel  
Attn.: Katie Margotta  
259 Main Street  
Hyannis, MA 02601

Old Fashion Clam Bake

Clam Bake Friday, June 24, 1988  
I will attend the Clam Bake

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$26.00 per person  
Make checks payable to:  
9th Infantry Division Assn. Reunion  
and send to  
Reunion Treasurer

Thomas Boyle  
39 Hall Avenue  
Somerville, Ma. 02144



Marty Bergman shown with General Tackaberry, Commanding Officer of Fort Bragg when POW's held their reunion there in 1980.

Michigan News Notes

Why does February give me the blahs? You think the month will go fast with only 29 days to pass but I do believe each day is twice the twenty four hours allotted.

Time does pass and it is again dead line time with not much to report. February 27th will be a bright spot in the month as we will be meting at the home of Tom and Gerrie Hatton on that date. We look for a good turn out of those from the northern part of the state especially those who find driving a great distance after dark a problem. All those from Flint to West Branch should find the trip to Saginaw, Mi. an easy one.

If the weather holds and a February thaw comes about we should see some new faces in the gathering. I will report on this in my next letter. The National Reunion is just about ready to get under way. I know it is in the future but time flies and by now you should have your room reserved and advance registration secured.

For all those who remember the good times in the past and those who would like to join with us our Out State this year, in Angola, Ind., is on October 14th and 15th, 1988. More to follow.

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



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

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

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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

1. Send a letter of application, written in expository form, to the chairman of the scholarship committee stating the following: name, address, age, and sex of the applicant; name, address, and occupation of the applicant's parents or guardians; the name and address of the secondary school the applicant is attending or has attended and graduated; the name and address of the college the applicant expects to attend; the vocational goal of the applicant; and the name of and degree of relationship to a former member of the division. The unit and dates of service in the division of the former member must be included.

High School Students:

2. A transcript of the applicant's high school record must be included with the letter of application. The transcript must include at least the first seven semesters of the applicant's record.
3. The applicant must have a counselor or principal of the high school, he or she is attending write a letter of recommendation to the chairman of the scholarship committee.

4. The applicant must submit the scores of the SAT of the CEEB. The scores may be included on the high school transcript or sent to the Scholarship Chairman from the College Entrance Examination Board. Scores of the ACT may be submitted in lieu of the SAT.

College Students:

5. College students must send a copy of their college record transcript. The record must include the grades of the first semester of the current school year if the student is currently enrolled in college.

6. THE APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BY MARCH 15. Applications received after March 15 will not be considered.

7. All applicants must accept the decision of the Scholarship Committee as final.

8. Information to determine financial need will be requested by the Scholarship Committee, after the applications have been considered.

9. Recipients of the scholarships may apply for renewal of the scholarship each year. A copy of the student's college grades, and a letter requesting renewal of the scholarship should be sent to the chairman by March 15.

10. All applications must be sent to: John J. Clouser, Scholarship Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division Association, 1088 North Circle Drive, Crystal River, FL. 32629.

Co E 47th Inf  
ESTER BERGMAN  
9805 Haldeman Ave.  
Philadelphia, Pa 19115  
Dear Mr. Quinn:

I received the Octofoil this month. I don't know if you heard that my husband Martin Bergman died June 30th, 87.

The mail still comes in his name. Could you please put a little something in the paper to let his friends find out.

Editors note: We were saddened to learn of the demise of Marty whom we knew since our days in Bragg. Many a laugh we had together at the reunions with Marty. He was taken prisoner at El Guettar March 28, 1943 along with most of Company E 47th Infantry. We missed him at last year's reunion in Harrisburg but thought Marty might be attending the POW group that holds reunions around the same time as the Ninth.

Co. D 9th MED-47th  
EDWARD MACHOWSKI  
5931 N.W. Circle Ave.  
Chicago, Ill. 60631

I am writing to you with some bad news to report. My dear friend Doctor Mitchell Kamin-ski DDS died January 5, 1988. He practiced Dentistry and Oral Surgery for about forty years, twenty years of Loyola University Dental School as assistant Clinical Professor. A member of many dental organizations and societies. He has left his family and friends and remember when Doctor Mich was getting ready for the invasion of France? He loved the 9th Medics very much as we exchanged many ideas and thoughts while we were on duty. I will miss a dear friend and so will the 9th.

Take care and many God Blessing's have a good year Dan and best to your family.

FUN FOR ALL AT  
FLORIDA CHAPTER  
SPRING MEETING

The Florida Chapter will hold its Spring Meeting on April 15, 16 and 17 at the Clearwater/St. Petersburg Days Inn.

Henry Santos, Chairman of the Florida Chapter Reunion Committee, informed me that this brand new Days Inn Motel offers us a choice of Queen-sized beds with sleeper couch or recliner in addition to the standard double bed rooms. Every room has a remote controlled TV plus AM/FM radio. There is an outside heated pool for all those who wish to go for a swim. The Motel will serve our membership a complimentary continental breakfast. Local phone calls are free.

Adjacent to the Motel is a 24 hour WAFFLE HOUSE where one might go for an American style breakfast or lunch. For those who plan to travel by air, the Motel will provide free transportation from the Tampa International Airport. However, you must phone 24 hours in advance (813) 577-3334.

Henry Santos and his capable committee are negotiating with SHOW BOAT DINNER THEATER for a good deal to go on Friday night April 15th. He is planning another social activity for Saturday night April 16th, but at the time of this writing, plans have not been finalized. Saturday morning at 10 A.M. the membership meets for its business meeting. The Ladies Auxiliary meet separately at the same hour.

In addition to meeting, making new friends and paying tribute to our deceased comrades, these mini-reunions are a lot of fun. All Florida Chapter members who read this article should make a special effort to attend. The Chapter extends an open invitation to any other Chapter 9th Infantry Division Association member together with their family to join us in these enjoyable semi-annual meetings. For more information as to cost, directions, etc. please phone: (813) 985-5444.

Emil J. DeDonato, Secretary  
3650 S W Mosswood St.  
Dunnellon, Fl. 32630  
Phone: (904) 489-4070  
SOUTH EAST

CHAPTER PROPOSED

A proposal was suggested that perhaps members living in surrounding states would enjoy the comradeship and the company of fellow ninth division fellows and wives plus the inexpensive entertainment we have experienced would welcome the opportunity to share with us these good times. A number of our members expressed a desire to broaden the boundary of the chapter to include as far north as the Carolinas and west as far as Arkansas though realizing that at times a meeting out of state would be too much for a number of our members to handle and at least one meeting a year would have to be in Florida. Who knows, maybe we can activate a new chapter somewhere northwest of Florida and south of Illinois or Pennsylvania. Anyone interested and wanting more info should contact our newly elected secretary Emil DeDonato 3650 S.W. Mosswood St., Dunnellon, FL 32630 (904) 489-4070.

15th Engs.  
Henry Santos  
9811 Connechusett  
Tampa, FL 33617

88 Reunion  
June 23,24,25th

Pre-registration for Strip Tickets

Ninth Infantry Division Advanced Registration  
June 23rd, 24th and 25th, 1988  
Hyannis, Ma.

Pre-registration will be used for our 43rd annual reunion and it is requested that everyone use this procedure as it will make it much easier for you and the registration committee. Your check or money order should be send as early as possible to Treasurer Thomas Boyle, 39 Hall Avenue, Somerville, Ma. 02144. Make check payable to 9th Infantry Division Reunion.

Strip tickets will be \$50.00 per person and will include Thursday nights welcoming party, Friday nights dance and Saturday nights Banquet and dance.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

UNIT..... GUESTS.....

Deadline for advanced registration will be June 9th, 1988. Refunds will be made to those unable to attend. Cut off date for refunds will be June 11th, 1988.

Souvenir Program

We are now in the process of putting together our Souvenir Program Book. In order for us to be successful, we need your help. All remembrances, boosters and ads should be in by May 1st, 1988, so that the program book can be printed in time for the reunion.

FULL PAGE \$50.00 HALF PAGE \$30.00  
QUARTER PAGE \$20.00 EIGHTH PAGE \$10.00  
Booster Ads \$2.00.....Name and Unit

Make checks payable to 9th Infantry Division Reunion and mail all checks, money orders and ad copy to:  
Reunion Treasurer"Thomas Boyle,  
39 Hall Avenue  
Somerville, Ma. 02144

Ladies' Corner

Ninth Division ladies are lovely we know,  
Snapely and stylish from head to their toe.

Hair that is coiffured, no matter the hue,  
Nails highly polished, always manicured new.

Make up applied to hide every line,  
Nature and time are not always kind.

Some Ninth Division ladies our pleasingly plump,  
Others we've seen are delightfully lean,  
But whether they're plump,  
Or whether they're lean,  
To the men in their lives,  
They are all beauty queens.

So just to be sure that they'll always look sleek,  
And know the styles that will make them look chic,

A fashion show and luncheon we will hold,  
Women like this, we have been told.

While the men meet on another floor,  
The ladies will see clothes that they adore.

While they dine, they'll see and hear,  
What's in style for the coming year.

So gentlemen, get up the cash;  
Ten dollars will make your wife a happy lass.

Ladies, if forty to sixty (plus) is your age,  
Come and find out how to be the rage.

Anon.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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Leonard Barber, Company C 60th Inf., is pictured in 1944 in the town of Aywaille, Belgium which had just been liberated. Picture was taken by the Father of the two youngsters shown with Len who sent him the picture. Story appears in Mail Call.

#### CULMINATION OF CAREER

Guess it is about time for another letter since the last one was written concerning my trip to England in October - November of 1986.

In reference to heading annotated "MP's & 47th Inf.", its not really confusing.

During WWII I was a 9th Division Mp and in Vietnam I was the Command Sergeant Major of the 4th Bn, 47th Infantry of the 9th Infantry Division.

The culmination of my career (even though I retired in 1973) occurred in January 1988.

I flew out to Lort Lewis, Washington and on 15 January 1988 was installed as the HONORARY REGIMENTAL COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE 47TH INFANTRY REGIMENT.

The "Raiders" of both the 2nd and 3rd Bns. of the 47th Infantry at Fort Lewis impressed me with their professionalism, carrying on the tradition of former members of the "Raider" regiment from WWI, WWII, and Vietnam.

In fact, the 3rd Bn. is shipping out enmasse for an O'Seas assignment this coming summer and I am sure they will perform with the same vigor and discipline as have all former "Raiders".

I would have probably written sooner but on the 17th of July 1987 we lost two (2) daughters in a tragic vehicle accident. Dolores, myself and our remaining three children are just beginning to put our lives back together.

Hopefully, I will be a better correspondent in the future.

M.P.s & 47th Inf.  
KENNETH MEYER  
1200 Magnolia Road  
Belton, Texas 76513

60th Inf  
LESTER COOK  
Box 273  
Oakfield, Wi 53065

I am writing in regard to the "Octofoil." I rejoined the group in 1986 just before the reunion in Nashville. We attended that reunion, but missed this year's. I do enjoy reading the Octofoil and have gotten in contact with some "buddies" through the letters included.

Hq. BTY. - 34th F.A.  
MICKEY BRUNO  
2359 Otis Ave.  
Deltona, FL 32738

Hope this note finds you in good health and hope you have a better New Year. I thank you for inserting the article I contributed to the last publication and hope to contribute more in the future. but I'm now in good shape and will start playing golf and bowling again. So with this bit of news I'll say so long till next time.

709th ORD Co.  
JOHN J. KOWALSKI  
451 44th St. Apt. 902  
Pittsburgh, PA 15201

This letter should really start with 9 July 1987. That was the day my wife and I left for our vacation to the Pocono's and New Jersey and then to Harrisburg for the 9th Reunion. As fate would have it, it did not happen that way.

We made it to the Pocono's and New Jersey and thats where it ended. On the 20th of July while visiting my son and his family in Somerville I met with an accident that today I am still not out of the woods. On that day I stepped off a curb and not seeing it I stepped into a pot hole fell and split my knee cap in two. I spent 16 days in the hospital and came home and immediately after 3 knee operations I still cannot walk properly and can only bend my left leg 46 degrees. I have to get to 90 or again to surgery.

I write this letter because I told some of my friends I'd be at the reunion with my wife and we did not show up. The hotel was kind enough to refund our deposit. As of now we are planning on going to Hyannis. We received our hotel confirmation last month.

Enclosed also are my dues before I get the red ink.

9th SIGNAL  
EV SPINK  
Box 15 Stonebrook  
Cosby, TN 37722

Before you use your red ink 2 I am enclosing check for \$13.00 3 year membership. I still think it would be a shame for the Old Reliables to surrender to the new 9th as long as we can crawl or use walkers or wheelchair to attend conventions. I would also like to see the convention committee change date to Spring or fall, also to consider Niagara Falls, NY and Gatlinburg, TN.

Hopefully you and your wife will have a happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

60th INF Co. K  
JIM HART  
7 Nenagh Dr.  
Wilm. Del. 19803

I have been sending these little notes for many, many years. It is amazing how many have passed by, like all the rest of the my wife and I are still hanging in there. Thanks again for your love and devotion to the 9th Inf. Assoc. Hope 1988 will be a very good one for you and all the old reliables.

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.

ROY GORDON  
Royal T II Slip 34  
Plantation Yacht Harbor  
87000 Overseas Highway  
Islamorda, Fla, 33036

Now that I have to write to you about a change of address it gives me the chance to say - with a broad base of experience with organizations of all kinds, you stand head and shoulders above them all as an able Administrator, with a kind and knowing heart. So we really have to cherish you - because there just aren't enough of those around. But I'm sure you understand there's a great deal of Good Feeling for DANIEL QUINN out here. . .

My Chief of Staff (code name: Wife) and I will conduct our winter campaign in the Florida Keys, 1 November, 1987 to end March 1988. (We live on a boat) which might make me the southern MOST OLD RELIABLE. . .

At any rate take care - keep marching as you have been - at the right of the column and the head of the line!!!

Thank you for your consideration.

60th Inf. Co K & Hq  
JOE RAPPAZINI  
24001 Sherman  
Oak Park, Mich. 48237  
Dear Marie & Dan:

That you be warmly rewarded with happiness and peace throughout the coming year is my wish for you. Deserving of them you are, for your energy and devotion to the members of the Ninth is truly undying. Your love has generated so much genuine emotional and spiritual response in all of us who are in some respect associated with the "Old Reliables."

Div. Hq-Blue Band  
ANTHONY JAKUBINA  
Thayer Rd. Rd. 2  
Amsterdam, NY 12010

I sure am glad that I rejoined the association in 1985. In one of the issues there was a note from Dave Landman a former member of the Blue Band. Sure was great to see there are some of us left who are members.

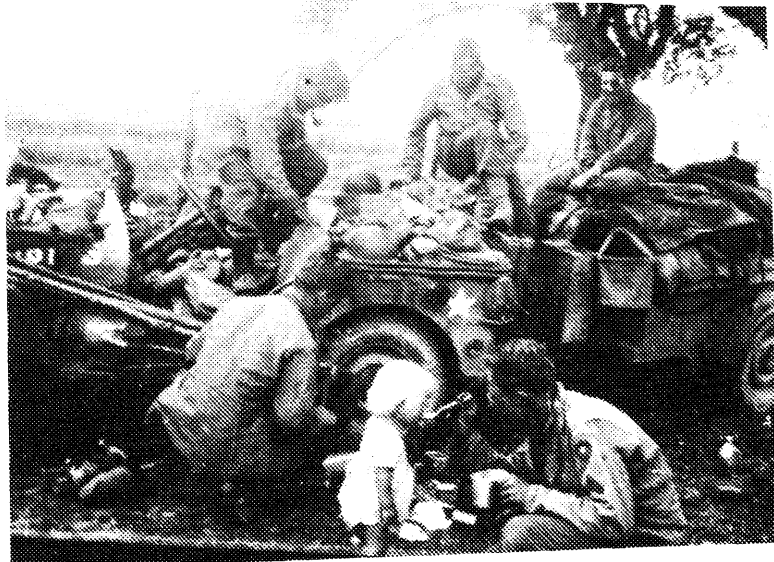
I was glad to see a note from Vic Daumit who was also a member of the band. Would like to hear from any former members of the Blue Band.

I was surprised quite a few years ago as I came home from work when in my house was a member of the band Walt Zulinski. We had quite a chat and talked about old times. Also was very fortunate to meet Bob Warsh after the War.

Am enclosing my new address and phone #, would like to hear from any former members of the Band. (518-842-4678)

60th F.A. C BTY.  
GEORGE J. FURBER  
11825 SW 107th Ave.  
Miami, FL 33176

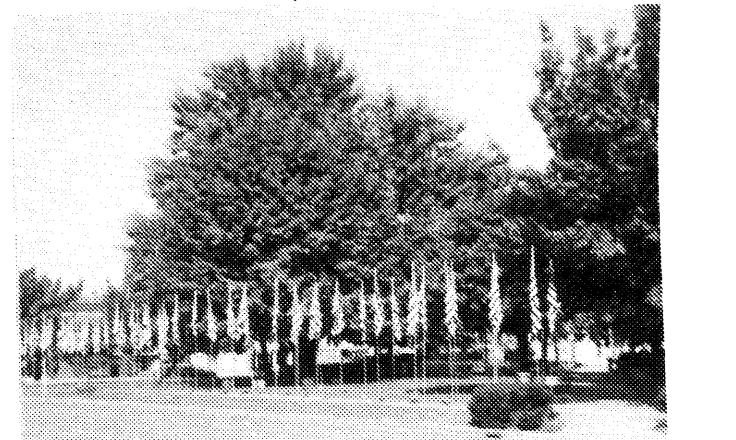
This has been a busy year with several operations behind me. I am doing nicely and trying to catch up on correspondence with old buddies and acquaintances. I recently read a copy of "60th Follow Thru" would it be possible to obtain a copy also the book on 60th F.A. The latter was published by Army-Navy publishing dated 3-10-41 I joined the Ninth later in the year. I hope this finds you and your family doing well. Seasons greetings to all of you.



Dave Sanner, Co H 60th Inf., is shown sharing his rations with a little Tot outside of Paris, August 1944, story appears in Mail Call. The others in the photo, (like all of us time has dimmed Dave's memory) he can't recall their names other than the Squad Leader-Wally O'Neal who is shown alongside of jeep.



Roscoe Shields sends this photo of Bty C 60th F.A. taken in England 1944/ left to right: Paul Lombardo, Len Eland, Len Haflinger, unidentified, Vallire, August Pegnalitti, Al Chase, Fred Duckett, McKenly Fisher, Loviet, Ed Grimkowski.



William Dotzert, Bty C, 34th F.A., sends this picture of flags that are displayed several times a year in Bill's home town, Beardstown, Illinois. Story appears in Mail Call.

3rd Bn Meds 60th Inf  
WALLACE B. HAWKENS  
318 S. 13th Street  
Hattiesburg, Ms 39401

Hope you and yours had a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Things are going O.K., for myself and family. Enclosed find membership for 3 years. I enjoy the Octofoil very much. I will be glad when we have the reunions near home town. I hope I can make the 1988 reunion and see some of the old members of the 3rd Bn Med Det 60th Inf. Best regards to all.

Co. H 47th Inf  
WILLIAM SEYFRIED  
2729 Whispering Way  
New Port Richey, FL 34655

I am sending in my 1988 membership dues, also my new address. As you can see I am no longer part of the North. We came down the end of October and stayed with our daughter and son-in-law till our house was ready.

To everyone in the 9th Happy Holidays and a Good New Year 1988. Regards to all.



John Tucci on the left, 60th Inf and Ernie Hackenbrock, 39th Co A, are shown in 1943 while on leave from Tilton General Hospital at Fort Dix, N.J. Story appears in Mail Call.

Hq Co 3rd Bn 47th Inf  
HARRY KISH  
82 Duncan Ave  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15205

Enclosed find dues for three more years plus a little for the Memorial Fund.

Best wishes for all the members of the Ninth.

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## Co. F 47th Inf

Lucy and I are looking forward to Cape Cod and seeing the old F Company, 47th Infantry gang. I recently heard from Gen. Chip Maness, and Lucy just received a letter from Mary. They are both looking forward to renewing old acquaintances at the Hyannis Tara. I'm also looking forward to seeing an old F Company man who has been retired in East Falmouth these past few years. I am referring to Johnny Goldpaugh, who joined F Company with Googy and that gang that came from Camp Upton on Long Island. Do you remember when they arrived at Fort Bragg in their old WWI uniforms complete with short overcoats, wrap-around puttees, and breeches? I thought the cast of "What Price Glory?" had arrived. John went to OCS in 1942 and ended up a captain with the 24th or the 25th Division in the Pacific. I've kept in touch with him and his lovely wife, Kay, these many years. I know that he'll be at Hyannis to renew acquaintances. John was an accountant with Lerner Shops before and after the war, but he recognized the possibilities in the real estate field in the early sixties. He started as a salesman but soon opened his own office where he prospered until it was time for a well earned retirement.

Speaking of retirement, I've kind of come out of retirement by doing a bit of substituting in the high schools of Edison Township. I started doing this about three weeks ago, and I've been enjoying it. There is an occasional bad day, but generally I am enjoying the kids. I went back to the mines mainly to accumulate some traveling money. Next month Lucy and I will be spending a week in Southern California visiting Lucy's sister and niece and nephew. We spent some time with them last year, and they gave us the royal treatment. We are looking for property out that way so we can live there in our old age.

I had a call from Bob DeSandy last Saturday. He has been having some trouble with a trick knee, but it doesn't seem to be interfering with his golf game. He and Flo spent some time in Florida where they played a bit of golf with Gerry and Otto Geyer. He never did say who won. Aside from the trick knee, they are both in good health.

I spoke with George King a couple weeks ago. He was sitting by his toasty-warm, wood burning stove, enjoying his northern New York winter with about a foot of snow outside.

I had lunch with Jack Finnigan one day last month, and I talk with both him and Lou Slatnick quite frequently. They are both in reasonably good health, though Lou's Marion is having a bit of a bout with a mysterious intestinal malaise. I hope she beats this thing as it has been hanging in there too long.

Mark and Lucy gave me a computer for my birthday, and the damn thing is taking up all my spare time. I avoided buying one for years, as I knew it was a time consumer, but after much thought, I finally succumbed. It will take me fifty years before I master it. Just think, I'll be 119 years of age then!

Lucy and I send our best to one and all. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at Cape Cod.

ED HOPKINS  
110 Hollywood Avenue  
Metuchen, NJ 08840

Hq's Sp. Trps.  
RALPH P. BALDINI  
220 Esty Street  
Ithaca, N.Y. 14850

A little bit of me died when I read of the death of Dick Keegan in a recent Octofoil. I last spoke with Dick this past Spring and he assured me that he would come to visit us. I wondered why I hadn't seen him. Now I know. We had asked him to visit us when we met at Worcester each year. Both my wife and I enjoyed being with him. I guess it just was not to be.

He is with Father Connors and all the rest of the Ninth-looking down on us and praying for us.

May he rest in peace.

Co H 47th Inf  
GEORGE ROPER  
89 Elm Ave.  
Smithtown, N.Y. 11787

Enclosed find dues for 1988. Although I am not able to attend the meeting in N.Y. City I'm still an interested member. Give my best regards to any member of Company H 47th Inf. and to all the gang.

Hq Co 2nd Bn 39th Inf  
A.B. CASEY  
715 Walnut St.  
Paris, Tenn. 38242

Enclosed find check for three more years dues. Hope I can stay around that much longer. I can't remember what condition my dues are in but it is probably approaching time for the address in red.

I have had letters and cards from several 39th men during the past year and it was really good to hear from them.

I still haven't the time to retire, although, I should have done so over twenty years go; Maybe I'll get around to it before too long. You have done a good job through the years. I know the entire membership is grateful to you. Editors note: Thanks Casey-letters like yours helps us to keep in there pitching for the old gang of the Ninth.

A-T Co 39th Hqs  
GEORGE L. QUERY  
PO Box 13095  
Portland, Ore 97213

Started getting NO paper so wondered why and now I know- I had Red ink on my last copy. So here's a check for my dues for another year. Enjoy it very much. Thanks again for your wonderful paper.

A word or two to anyone who knows Good Buddies from the 39th Inf., Headquarters Anti-Tank squad or for others who were with us as far as the Huertgen Forest (Germany) where I stepped on a mine. You may write to the above address and I'll answer you. I know there's a few of us left here and there, but hard to locate.

3rd Bn Hq's 47th Inf  
BEN KOVACS  
197 Silvermine Ave.  
Norwalk, Ct. 06850

Cheers for the great work you and Marie are doing for our Association. Enclosed is check for 3 years dues and a few bucks for the Memorial Fund.

Enjoyed the reunion at Penn Harris in Harrisburgh, Pa. I missed the Worcester Memorial this year, was out to Las Vegas for a week. Al Bravin, Rocco Veta and I enjoyed the New York Chapter Christmas party at the Elks Lodge in Weehawken.

The I.R.S. is working hard to make those new tax forms painless ... painless compared to prehistoric dentistry, that is.

39th Inf. Co. A  
ERNIE HACKENBROCK  
35 Grove Street  
Newburgh, NY 12550

It's not too often I get a chance to write to the "Octofoil" but am thankful I am healthy, well enough and honored to do so!

Enclosed is a snapshot taken in 1943 at Camden, N.J. John Tucci of the 60th is on the left and I am on the right. We were on a pass from the Tilton General Hospital at Ft. Dix, N.J. John, if you hear of or see this, please get in touch with me. I'll be glad to see you again.

I attended my first 9th Div. reunion at Camp Hill, Pa. last year and enjoyed it very much. My compliments to the Phila Chapter for a job well done. I was thrilled to meet with a lot of "old reliables" again and was especially glad to meet with the medic who first treated Col. Flint when he got hit. Paddy was one of the greatest. Missing from the roster at Camp Hill was my buddy, Tommy Bower of A Co. 39th who was felled by a stroke last year. Hopefully, he is on the road to recovery. Charlotte, (Mrs. Bower), please write me and let me know your address as I have lost it.

Hope to see some of the Falcons of the 39th at Hyannis in June. Hopefully I will be there, if the Good Lord is willing.

Good luck and God Bless you all.

EDITOR'S NOTE: TOM BOWERS, lives at 23 Roslyn Rd., Sound Beach, N.Y. 11789. The secretary's office sent Ernie Tom's address.

H Co., 60th Inf.  
DAVID M. SANNER  
9218 Sunnywood Drive  
Houston, Texas 77088

Have been enjoying "The Octofoil" and "Mail Call" for about a year now and have dug up some old moldy photos that might be of interest.

The chow line was snapped in our bivouac near Cefalu, Sicily and features that yellow pill, Atabrine, at this end of the line. At the time I was suffering from "Jaundice" and was half convinced that this was the cause of my yellow skin and other miseries.

The group picture was taken about the same time, late summer 1943, and is of a group from the first or second platoon all ready for a pass to Cefalu or Palermo. The fellow standing at extreme left is Pearlle B. Dozier. Pearlle was gunner on a 30 calibre machine gun but I think the other boys were jeep drivers. Can't recall their names. The Corporal was in charge of some jeep drivers.

The group around the jeep and trailer shows part of the sixth squad of 81mm Mortar Platoon somewhere on the road between Falice and Paris in August of 1944. That's me feeding the "Jeune fille" — a mush of C ration crackers, lemonade powder, and sugar. As I recall she pretty well finished off my rations. Not shown in the picture was a grandmotherly type who looked capable of stopping a Tiger tank. Squad leader, Wally O'Neal, gets ready to do his thing with our gasoline stove while two fellows on the jeep rearrange gear. Can't remember their names and the fellow on the trailer I only remember as "Marbles". Wally and Marbles were old timers from Ft. Bragg days. I joined the 2nd battalion at the trail end of Djebel Dardys. Picture was taken by Lorrall Haddix of Chapmen, Nebraska who passed away in 1979.

Keep up the good work.

## Mini Reunion

60th Inf. Co. M  
WILFRED THORNTON  
515 E. Dubail  
South Bend, IN 46613

To all my M Co. Buddies, let's make a special effort to attend our 6th Annual Mini Reunion in Niagara Falls, on May 26, 27th and 28th. Don't put it off until next year, next year might be too late!!! After all we are now Senior Citizens, I was sorry to miss '86 & '87, but my health kept me away. Some of our Buddies will be unable to attend our reunion in Niagara Falls, Harold Sell of Petersburg, Virginia, has a very bad heart condition, David Alberts of Aroma Park, Illinois, has had a triple bypass, a metal valve and a pace maker. He says he is almost a Mechanical Man. Peter Limbo, suffered a stroke 2 years ago, his right side is paralyzed, he can not use his right hand, has a brace on his right leg, and gets around with a cane. We have lost the following M. Co. Men is the last six years, Earl Hyde, Doug Ackerman, Arthur Pierce, Del Pimbridge, Harold Rhoades, Joe Tomko, Joe Jablonsky, Alua Denham, Charles Fox, and Rosemary Frasure, (Walter's wife). Is that a message, or is that message, let's get together, while we are still able. If you need information about our reunion, contact Bob Bovanizer 14 Sabre Park, Niagara Falls, New York, or call him at 1-716-297-6205. Hope to see you all in Niagara Falls in May.

60th Inf. Co. E.  
JERRY TAYLOR  
3907 Wilshire  
Memphis, TN 38111

Recently my family and I visited my grandfather and we began to talk about the years that he was involved in World War II. We had talked about it many times before and he has been to several of the Octofoil reunions. As we talked I asked him if he still had the medals that he received in the war. He sadly replied that he didn't. While he was in a rehabilitation hospital someone stole the medals that he has received which included a Presidential Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster, a Purple Heart, and several other medals. My grandfather was in the 9th division, 2nd Bn, E Company, 60th Inf. and fought through North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Invasion of France and on into Cutting off the Cherbourg Peninsula and on into Germany where his feet froze. The reason I am writing this letter is to ask if there is any possible way that I could get a list of the medals that he received as a member of this unit, and if possible, I would like to purchase these medals and give them to my grandfather as a gift of appreciation and love for what he did for this country. If you could help me in this matter in anyway, it will be greatly appreciated.

My grandfather's name is John W. Baswell, Sturgis, Mississippi. If you have a copy of the Ninth History book, I would appreciate if you could help get one for my grandfather.

39th Inf. Co. L  
JAMES DEATON  
RR 1 Box 180  
Amity, Ark. 71921

Would like to say hello to all the men who served with 39th Inf. Co. L. 1st Platoon. I was sent there as a replacement at Algiers and lasted 'till the Segfreid line near Achen. I did enjoy England. Here's my dues for two years.

## Grateul

47th Inf  
EDWIN H. RANDLE  
Belle Air East Health Ctr.  
1150 Ponce De Leon  
Clearwater, Fla 33516  
Dear Friends:

This is to let you know that I am in a Nursing Home called Belleair East, in Clearwater. I am here because my Lawyer thought it would be best.

I have been at Belleair East since last June. I am in good health, except I don't see or hear quite as well as I used to and my legs don't work. I walk with the aid of a walker. Otherwise I'm fine, expecially when you consider I am 93 years old.

This is a very nice place and the food is better then average. There is a large Patio and we get outside everyday, to get fresh air and sunshine and the day passes very rapidly.

I have a superior Nurse working for me who has been on the job for over five years. She took me to Orlando last October to the Florida Chapter of the 9th Infantry Division Reunion. While in Orlando, I received a Certificate signed by the Secretary of the Army. They are making an effort to associate past commanding officers with good records with present units for moral purposes. We had a wonderful time there and met many old friends. We were there two days, arriving on Friday and leaving Sunday morning.

I have received a number of cards from men in the 47th Infantry and I can't tell you how I appreciate them.

Mrs. Malone, is my Nurse's name. She took me out for Thanksgiving Dinner at the Garden Seat and we are going to go back there Christmas Day.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"M" Co. 39th Inf.  
WILLIAM C. Termini  
2716 Turnagin Pkwy.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99517

Hope all is fine with you and your family. I need a favor, one of my platoon members, Charles Stover, was wounded in the European Campaign. He has a plate in his head, and needs some information on his wounds. He is disabled and needs to find someone who knows where, what and when. I think it was on the Cherborg Pennsular but am not sure. If any member from our old unit can come up with any information we can use. Thanks for the help. I've had cancer for 4 years now and it has finally entered the last phase. They had me on Chemo therapy until 2 days ago and all I get now is morphine for the pain. The doctors say it can end any day or may linger for a short while. I'm enclosing my dues for 1988.

Hope I can see it out.

Thanks for your cooperation. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to your family and all the 9th Division.

Co. M 47th Inf.  
BILL KOWALCYZK  
30 Marlborough St.  
Chicopee, Ma 01020

According to Jim Jamoulis of Brockton, MA there will be an M Co. 47 Inf. "C.P." at the Tara Dunphey Hyannis Hotel proving that the Massachusetts Connection pitches in for "incidents" No Problem. Perhaps this will give an extra incentive to all former M Comrades to attend this reunion.

Jim owns the Cape Cod Cafe in Brockton specializing in mouth watering pizzas and I have a suspicion that he will be bringing his specialities to Hyannis. Right Jim?



## President's Speech at 87 Reunion

Men of the 9th Infantry Division Assn., Ladies and Guests:

Please do not blame me for the heat. I did not bring it from Puerto Rico. As a matter of fact, I called home last evening and was advised that it was around eighty, they were having a cold wave.

I have been privileged to serve as your president for the year 1986-1987. It has been a great year, as we have been able to reach more ex-9th Division men and have them join our association making it a larger one.

Now I would like for the president of the Florida Chapter to come up here and join me, as I would like to present him with a check in the amount of \$250.00, as his chapter was the one who brought more new members in. May this set an example and a challenge for all of us.

Tonight we are gathered here not only as the 9th Infantry Division Assn. but also as the fraternity of the fox hole. We are meeting to recall past moments and recall experiences, some fond and some sad, we always will remember the war years ...

We are those who when called to service of our country, we packed up, said good bye to our loved ones and just went. We did our job and we did a good one, we came back home. Many did not, in our division we left behind 4581, men we honor every year with a memorial mass in Worcester, Mass ...

We were the citizen soldiers of a great nation and we must never let the new generations forget that. We must use all of our means to generate publicity for the WW II veterans, you must wear your Purple Heart, Silver Star, Bronze Star, etc. Lapel pins on you every time you go out, you must remind the public, the new generation of our experiences as this is the only way to keep us active and alive.

As I look upon you this evening I see old faces turning young, young with memories. As a matter of fact, I do believe that if the situation arrives we could hold off the enemy for about a week.

As your outgoing president, I have many prerogatives this evening, I will exercise this privilege. I would like for the men of the 39th Infantry Regiment to stand up and be recognized. To me it was a great honor to serve with these men, and to be associated with the men of the 47th and 60th Regiments and also with the men of the attached units to the 9th Infantry Division, thank you all.

Tonight we have a new president. I believe we have made a fine election as he comes with great ideas for our association.

Dave Heller for me it is a great pleasure to pass this gavel to you. We in Puerto Rico call the gavel *mallette*. As you listen to this word it rhymes with *machete* therefore some times you may have to use this (gavel) as a *machete*.

Teresa and I wish that you and your charming lady have the best year yet of any of our past presidents and to you and all present I say "Vayan Con Dios".

Carlos Esteva  
P.O. Box 436  
Arello, P.R. 00613  
39th Inf

What if they had a convention for direct mail advertisers, and everybody's name tag read, "Occupant"?

## Down the Road of History

47th Inf Hq Co  
DUANE D. OLSON  
131 North Bay Lane #5  
Port Ludlow, Wa. 98365

I wrote the following recently as a result of a query from Roy Peterson of E. Northport, N.Y. He wondered if I remembered our experience relative to the amphibious landing at Safi, Morocco, Nov. 8, 1942. Did I ever!

### Landing In N. Africa

The fog was heavy; the mist from the ocean added to it; the shoreline was eclipsed by the impenetrable haze. We couldn't see the cliffs, rising high over the narrow beach surrounding the harbour at Safi in Morocco. Our arial photos had indicated a deep beach and low cliffs.

Even with this hiatus, there was a doom-like atmosphere pervading our regiment, induced, not by the fog and mist, but by an awareness of the experience to come, of which we had absolutely no prior knowledge — the experience of knowingly facing death.

The time came, and like ants swarming towards their hill, we crawled down the nets covering the shore-ward side of our ship.

The landing craft into which we dropped looked like a miniature toy boat bobbing in a tub of bath water, what with the 40,000 ton steamer looming over us. This tiny boat was to be our protection — our cocoon — our would-be haven for the next few hours.

As the craft pulled away from the mother ship, I felt as though I were being launched, literally, on a new phase and stage of my life. The overwhelming question inevitably pervading my thoughts — "Is this the last phase — the last experience?"

Our course was concentric. Each circle expanded and took us closer to the beach. Time, not distance, prevailed as to destination, for we were on the second wave of an attack on this memorable November 8, 1942.

Out of the mist and fog, as the daylight began to penetrate, the high cliffs behind the beach loomed frightening and menacing. The beach was scarcely a mile wide and a hundred yards deep. The cliffs were awesome!

### Final Run

As we began our final run onto the beach, noise overwhelmed us — the noise of the motors revving high; the encompassing machine gun fire from hundreds of guns from dozens of craft just like our own.

Fear was in the air, palpable, permeating, pervasive — forty men — all with the same apprehensions. "Will this be our final experience in life?"

I was standing in the front of the four-inch armor plate — the front of the LCI — the ramp which we knew would soon be lowered so we could rush thru the water and on to the beach, rifles held high, fully equipped to do war.

I could hear the bullets zinging over our heads and smacking incisively into the armor plate, just four scant inches from my head. I turned and looked at thirty-nine people, all sharing the same thought: "This is war; this is what it's like; this is what is meant by fear."

Then something strange happened. An alertness, an awareness, an exotic feeling of aliveness overcame me. Suddenly I felt as though anything I said would be wisdom laced with humour. My friend Pete Peterson picked up on the mood, and we became a comic team —

with witticisms and jokes and banter, until the mood spread to all the guys. The mood took the edge off these awful apprehensions. The desire of the platoon was to get off this damn scow and get on with the experience, whatever it was.

### Hit The Beach

So we hit the beach and down came the ramp and Pete and I were the first ones out. We struggled thru the thick sand; could see the soldiers from the first wave huddling near the bottom of the cliffs; could sense that that should be our destination. As I ran, my thought was that I was the lucky one; that unquestionably all the rest of our platoon had been hit; that by some miracle I was still alive and uninjured.

The destination was reached; I looked back; all thirty-nine men were struggling, unharmed, towards our cliff. Not one casualty had occurred!

This story takes a psychological turn. The facts were that only two enemy machine gun placements had fortified the top of the cliffs, and they had been knocked out by the first wave. My apprehensions had primed my imagination. The fire-power was all ours. The bullets impinging on the armor plate was the surf, hitting us as we sped towards the beach.

This first experience showed me the apprehensions, the imaginings and the fear that accompanied them was much more severe than the action. When the action came later, we were as ready as any human could be, for we had been tested.

### FRENZENBERG CASTLE

#### PART TWO Continued from the Nov-Dec Issue

by  
John Hill  
Co H 47th Inf.

John had traced his WW2 combat route while visiting Germany a few years ago and made his way back to the Frenzenberg Castle outside of Duren where the 47th Infantry had gone through some bitter combat in November 1944. Hill's Machine Gun section of Company H had been attached to Company G with the objective of the 2nd Bn being the Frenzenberg Castle. Before it was over the entire 47th Regiment had suffered tremendous casualties. There were over 800 casualties evacuated from the Regiment by the Medics, Nov. 21st to 27th.

The last issue had Hill's machine gun section pinned down by enemy fire as they tried to reach their objective, the Castle. As they started to crawl back and reorganize they reached a building where the battalion staff had set up headquarters and a forward aid station with the entire building loaded with wounded waiting medical attention and evacuation. They were told to bed down and be ready to move out the same moment that Company G was to move again. Behind the Castle was the highway that led into the interior of Germany. John's story continues ....

### Provided Shelter

A ruin of an old house provided us with a shelter, the basement was intact and as we scrambled into it, the enemy

began a new barrage of of artillery that started to crackle around us like a string of firecrackers. The casualties from this type of bombing are always heavy, but we got by safe this time. I told the men to get some sleep while they had a chance. The concrete floor was not a feather bed but most of the men fell asleep immediately from exhaustion.

Too soon, a runner arrived with orders to move out, our mission was the same, join "G" Company in anyway possible. Grumbling, my men listened to my briefing, and with a new platoon sergeant from the ranks, we began to crawl out of the basement.

Outside a full moon was shining, and the field was a bright as day. The castle lay approximately 1800-2000 yards away. I reasoned that to go back by way of the railroad would be suicide, as the shelling was continuing, and I decided to try a different approach.

The decision was to move across the flat open sugar-beet field. A most unorthodox military approach, but one I thought the Germans would least expect. The field was pock-marked with artillery and mortar craters and was heavily mined, to keep tanks from advancing. I told the men, "start crossing the field in a staggered formation and take cover, if necessary, in the craters."

It was past midnight before we reached the outer walls of the castle. We had crawled the open field without a shot being fired at us. We even had a chance to taste some of the sugar-beets, as we slowly moved forward. Finally through the shrubbery, we made contact with the hard hit "G" Company.

Hugging the wall, we started to look for a possible entry in the wall, we found one, a huge hole, caused by our own artillery fire. We started to crawl into some odd buildings. A pungent smell reached my nose, and after our eyes became accustomed to the dark, we realized the buildings were stables. There we found the remnants of "K" Company, which had advanced to castle from another direction, "K" Company had suffered heavy casualties and they were happy to see us arrive.

We hurriedly set up the machine guns outside and adjacent to the stables. I had them manned by minimum personnel and by rotating the men, all of us tried to get a few minutes of rest. We could not see much and all of us were completely exhausted from anxiety and tension.

With a little reconnaissance, it didn't take us long to realize where we were and what lie ahead.

### The Castle

The Castle proper was separated from us by a wide moat and an open court yard. On the left of us around the court-yard stood the servants quarters and the moat. To the right, the stables formed an "L" and beyond was a small road in enemy territory.

When daylight arrived we found ourselves in a position that we could neither attack nor retreat. German snipers were at every available position within the castle. The enemy also had one tank in the small road facing the stables. The tank had been knocked out but there were men in it firing machine guns into the court yard to prevent us from attacking. We took cover within the stables and in the foxholes outside. We were awaiting reinforcements for an attack on the castle or the enemy counterattack.

Artillery and mortar from both sides shelled our surroundings as machine gun and rifle fire was exchanged between the two enemies. Men were being killed and wounded, and the casualties had to remain where they were hit, as no medical aid could get to them.

The second day, prior to the crack of dawn a Captain from our Regimental Headquarters came forward. How he had arrived at our position I will never know, but suddenly, as if from nowhere he appeared. His orders were to negotiate a truce with the German Commander, who still held the castle. He was also ordered to evacuate the wounded.

He asked the Germans to surrender, they refused, stating that we were the ones who should surrender. We also refused.

The Germans boasted that they had written the military books for the world and nobody but fools or Americans would cross flat terrain to attack an object such as the castle.

The truce was short lived and once more the guns from both sides opened up leaving death and destruction.

By radio we directed artillery and mortar fire to the castle. Some of the shells came so close to our position that we were being shelled by our own fire. Through this, the castle stood.

### Medal of Honor

One of the men from another company, Carl Sheridan, disregarding all danger crossed the open court yard and fired point-blank, two bazooka shells, at the huge oak door of the castle. He had blasted an entrance into the castle for a future attack. This man paid with his life for this action, and was later awarded posthumously America's highest medal for gallantry and valor, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In the evening our artillery was still pounding the castle, the plan was to attack the following morning at dawn. Our artillery continued during the entire night and in between the shelling we could hear movements of German vehicles and tanks coming and going to the east side of the castle. We did not know whether they were re-enforcing and planning an attack, or whether they were getting out and retreating. I hoped for the latter, knowing that with the coming of dawn our attack for the castle would be a do-or-die proposition.

Finally the night was gone. With the arrival of dawn the remaining few of us were consolidated under the command of the "G" Company Commander. Our artillery ceased. Half of the castle walls had crumbled under our fire. The attack was on!

The Germans, in the methodical and systematic way in which they seem to be masters, had evacuated their stronghold, leaving behind only a delaying rear guard and most of them retreated as we advanced. There was no opportunity to take prisoners. With the first rays of sun, Frenzenberg Castle had fallen, our mission had been accomplished.

In the minds of those of us who lived to fight another day, the castle will remain in our memories forever.



To "B" (47th) or Not to "B"

Well, you will have to put up with Ellie Taubner's writing for one more column. Before Pat Morano and lovely wife, Anne, left for Florida last week, he asked me to write one more column for him and Art Stenzel. So here goes with the rest of my account of our cross-country trip last July and August. Now, I know how a writer feels when he writes what he thinks is his masterpiece, only to see it in print, minus some of its best parts! My mistake, in my column of the Aug-Sept-Oct. Octofoil, was in submitting 3 columns when only 1½ could be attotted to us. My Mother always told me I talked too much! Anyway, now I should like to put in this column one of those missing parts. We are now in Dayton, Ohio, at Bob Moore's: "After dinner, on the first night, Joe and Bob, with the help of some fine old wine, went over the War and the 9th Division's part in it - one more time! In fact, I would say several times! Not until Joe came, had Bob a chance to talk much about his part in the war with someone who had been there. Since Joe had been his Sgt. and the man he remembers as never wearing his helmet (only the knit cap), never digging a fox hole, but as the bravest soldier he had seen, there was a lot to talk about. We had brought along a copy of the book: "History of the 47th Regiment", from which he made 2 copies in his shop the next day, and he picked Joe's brains and his memory on places, dates and names of towns in Belgium and Germany. It was a very good evening. The next day, Bob took us to the Air Force Museum in Dayton, a beautiful, enormous place, and we did some more visiting with Bob and Moira in the evening, without the fine old wine! We left the next morning, bound for Roakoke, Illinois and Les and Clara Campen."

Today, in the middle of a lovely February day, with snow still on the ground, it is hard to write about a trip last Summer, when we hit temperatures in the high 90s. But we did it, and as we left Illinois, for Wisconsin, the scenery changed from the flat farm lands to rolling, wooded hills, Pine Trees and lakes there and in Minnesota. South Dakota was more like the flat plains we had come through already. We then crossed the Missouri River at Chamberlain, Minn. — so beautiful and so wide! At 3 PM, we arrived at the Badlands National Park, not quite prepared for such magnificence! Incredible and eerie! I had a feeling of absolute quiet and extreme devastation. All the western movies we ever saw as kids, came to mind - like the "Hole in the Wall Gang", etc. The next morning, we tackled Mt. Rushmore Memorial Park. Again, all the pictures in the world do not do justice to this awesome display of those 4 Presidents' faces in granite. Miles away, as you travel through the park, away from the sculptures, you can still see their faces! We encountered mules, big horn sheep (one), and some buffalo as we drove. In the town of Deadwood, we took a tour through a beautiful old Cemetery:

Mt. Moriah, where Wild Bill Hickock and Calamity Jane are buried side by side. Also visited the Crazy Horse Monument, still not finished, not by at least 30 years I figure!

We had rain, for the first time next morning, of course it would, we were on our way home!! But before we reached there, we would go through 2,000 miles of more plains and farmland in So. Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. We would also stop at the lovely Red Cloud Indian Mission School in Pine Ridge, So. Dakota (to which I have sent donations for years), for a beautiful art show; drive through the desolate Oglala Sioux Indian Reservation, and for endless hours in a torrential rain storm on Rt. #80, until we hit Sioux City, Iowa, after Midnight, soaking wet! After that night, I can say, without prejudice, that my husband, Joe is the best driver in the world! Crossed the Mississippi River the next afternoon, then on to Cincinnati for a lovely 3-day visit with my nephew, Fred, his family and the city of Cincinnati itself.

We reached home 3 weeks after we left, tired, yes, but oh-so pleased and happy with our trip. We saw land, 4,595 miles of it; at least 12 States, old buddies and friends, some new and dear friends, beloved relatives, but most of all - our beloved country, America!

Thank you again, Pat and Art, for the space.

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Co G 60th Inf & Regt Band  
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I am sorry to report the death of one of our members, Edgar W. "Red" Wilson, December 13, 1987. Red was a fine musician and member of the Division band starting back in 1941-42, through N. Africa and the campaigns. He was also the Drum Major. As I understand it, he was a member of the association right at the beginning but then, for some reason, dropped out and lost contact.

About two years ago I joined a local musicians social club here in the San Francisco area. That is when I met Red. After several months we had occasion to talk of the war years, and surprised to learn we both had served with the Ninth, Red in the band and I with the 60th Regiment 2nd Battalion, wounded in the Huertgen Forest, four months in hospital in Belgium, France and England, then rejoined the same unit at Remagen. A few months later, after the Armistice, I was assigned to the 60th Regimental band, first at Gisenfeldt then Ingolstadt. I played the accordion. Now back to Red. It did not take long for me to encourage him to rejoin the Association, which he did. He always spoke in a way which let you know that his years with the Ninth were special. So in his memory our social club the O'EEE Club, authorized me (the Treasurer) to send you the enclosed check for the Memorial Fund for Scholarships. If you could, I'd appreciate an acknowledgment being sent to me so I can forward it on to Red's sons.

Thanks for all your time and energy spent on behalf of the Ninth.

60th INF.  
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Your question, Dan, "When was the last time you wrote a letter to the Octofoil?" Answer: 4 September 1987 and 30 November 1987!

Then why this letter, Dan! Well, number one, I never knew if you received my 4 September letter and, number two, the 30 November letter gave you my change of address!!!! Thank God for friends. A military guy called me and said, Mr. Hirst, you've got a newspaper here from the Ninth Division, do you want it?" You can imagine my response and so today I had the pleasure of reading your Nov. - Dec. 1987 edition of the Octofoil. So, Dan, PLEASE note my present and current mailing address. Thank you.

Then too, as to the comment from Mike Kauffman and his visit to Fort Lewis. I had not the money for a visit from this distance but did correspond with my "old" regiment, but never had acknowledgement from the present CO. I sent him a second inquiry and received a most sensitive and appealing response from a staff sergeant, Mark Klein, the regimental administrative noncommissioned officer! It was interesting to note that our Association was not involved in the selection of Honorary Colonel of the Regiment nor First Distinguished Member. We still have not come a long way, we've still a distance to travel ere we show our value before they place us in a box - all of us. We're Ninth Division veterans - are not providing these young soldiers with a system of values and beliefs by sticking our heads in the proverbial stand of "non body is a veteran who was not a veteran who served with the Ninth in WWII!" I'm with you, Mike, a guy is a veteran whose served one day with the Ninth - 1940 or 1945 or 1988! We'd best recognize this - soon!

And my last item, Dan. In the July 1987 edition of Octofoil, there was a plea from Turner Publishing seeking experiences from Ninth guys. I wrote them, after Carlos Esteve sent me their address. I did not offer war stories, I sought to purchase copy of their work on the Ninth. I never had courtesy of acknowledgement of my inquiry. Have you? Do you know the status of their work?

Thanks for listening, Dan. Do update your address bank. Kiss your bride for me and God bless.

Co D 39th Inf  
DAN SZUHAY  
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To all Ninth Division members! I wish you all a Safe, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. Last year was my first year to attend a reunion with the Ninth Association and was happy to meet the men who were trying to take credit for winning WW2. I know — A and C Companies and I won the war so get that in your heads—we won the War on 1937 Horsemeat from Argentina from Omaha Beach to the Elbe River. C Rations, yellow cans, not the new stuff in the Green Cans!!

I hope this was taken in the way it was meant (we all won the war) The best of health to one and all - May God bless us all. I hope to see you all at the next reunion, if my health holds up. Love to all.

60th Inf.  
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General Kauffman's article in the Nov.-Dec. issue of the "Octofoil" merits consideration. I'm not in accord with the "Last Man Concept," I believe for our Association to stay strong, healthy and active we should offer past and present members of the 9th Division that choice of joining.

At "Bragg" in 1940-41 we were the "New Kids" on the block, we entered training and many of our "recruits" became our NCO's, and our junior Officers received commands. The results of the "Carolina" maneuver's highlighted our training.

We learned from our first combat phase, Africa and both in Africa and Sicily we gained experience.

If my memory is correct, in the Normandy invasion we never had a staging area, right into the lines and we accomplished the objectives assigned. Being one of the three experienced Infantry Divisions, 1st, 3rd and 9th, we were labled "Hitler's Nemesis." We added many streamers to our colors and we were proud of our accomplishments, we still are.

I'm sure that the personnel that served in the 50's and 60's were proud of the division and displayed our colors with pride and that the present active duty personnel are just as proud and many some day have to perform and add additional streamers to the 9th Division Colors. Therefore I believe those that served or are serving at present and wearing the "Octofoil" insignia have the choice of joining the Association.

Div. Hqs.  
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I have the sad task of informing the Octofoil of the death of Edgar Wilson who was the Drum Major of the 9th Division Infantry Band and also one of the drummers of the division dance orchestra. Ed was with the division from early 1941 till the end of the war. He was one of the few members from the State of Nevada and recently lived in San Francisco, California. During combat, Ed could be seen assisting the Medics at the forward aid stations, letter bearing, etc. I spoke to him the day before he died and as usual, the 9th Division was the topic of our conversation. May he rest in peace.

60th Inf. "C" Co.  
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My wife and I have enjoyed reading the Octofoil through the years. Last May 1987, we toured Europe, things have really changed since the Ninth went through. I was injured in Germany and sent home in 1945. I have noticed you have quite a few letters from 60th Inf. but have not seen any from "C" Company.

I am enclosing two photos made in Aywaille, Belgium 1944, a town we liberated. The photo of myself and two children was made by their father who owned a drug store, sent me the photos. The fellow in the back ground on the right of the photo was named Cameron, the other fellow I don't recall. You may keep the photos as I have the original copies. Best wishes to all the Ninth.

60th Inf.  
John P. Ryan  
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Northville, N.Y.

I have pictures of the following, which I would like to find the addresses of these subjects. Sergeant Emanuel N. Henderson of Thomasville, GA who was in the 2nd Bn of the 60th at Oberkirchen Germany taken 4 April 1945. Pvt. William R. Jump, Owenton, Kentucky and Tec 5 Louis Gergye, Youngstown, Ohio of the I & R Platoon 60th taken 12 January 1945. One of Tec 3 Herbert J. Joys of Dectur, Illinois receiving the D.S.C. from Major General Craig on 2 May, 1945 at Bitterfeld, Germany. Captain John K. Moore of D Co. is also in this photograph as is the writer who at that time was S-1 of the 60th.

My son is now the top Amateur Steeplechase Jockey In America, recently losing a \$100,000.00 race by a photo finish on our horse "Colonels Request." Both Matty Urbin and Slick Wilson, and others from the 60th have been with me at some of our race meets. We plan on being at Saratoga again next August and would welcome having any 9th men come in the paddock with us when we saddle up.

47th Inf. C Co.  
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A short note to tell you that I have heard from Ted Youngquist's daughter telling me that her father, and a buddy of mine and other members of "C" Co. 47th Inf. passed away on November 22nd, '87.

When his usual card at Christmas, and an answer to my letter, did not arrive I thought there might have been some problem. Ted had been having health problems for several years, due to an asthma condition, and his travelling was severely limited because of oxygen dependancy therapy. He attended the 9th's reunions for years.

Ted was a great booster and supporter of the 9th, especially 'Charley' Company, and those old timers of the company will miss his enthusiasm. I thought others of his buddies would like to know of his passing.

Ted's daughter's address: Ms. Beth Acuna, 102 West Diamond Lake Road, Minneapolis, MN 55419.

47th Inf. I Co.  
MRS. WM. HAWKINS  
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I am very sorry to have to tell you of the death of my husband, Bill. He and I always enjoyed the reunions and the Worcester Memorial Services.

60th Inf. Co. E  
CHARLIE SNYDER  
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Here are dues for 1988. Still watching Octofoil for mail call letters by anyone who served with me in E 60 from Sept. 1944 'till August 1945, the proudest part of my military career. There could be a couple of fellows in New York Chapter, Norman Tucker (A Company) replacement.

60th Inf. A. Co.  
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Thought I should write a few lines. Enclosed is a check for 3 years dues. God willing my wife and I are planning for the reunion at Hyannis. Last year in Camp Hill, Harrisburg we were planning to go but sickness stopped us. Hope to hear from someone in the 60th A. Co. I hope to see some buddies at the reunion.

*Deadline for next issue of the Octofoil  
will be April 20th*



Co K 39th Inf.  
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Just wanted to thank you for all the help and support for the past couple years. Thanks for printing just about every letter that I sent in to you. Through your printing my letters in the Octofoils of this date I am getting letters, cards and calls from 26 of fellows from the Ninth. Of that 6 of them are actually from my old Company K 39th Inf., I really do appreciate all the letters from each and every one of them and they have helped me over many rough days in the past few months. I really do look forward to getting their letters. Feel like I owe most of it to you Dan for putting all my stuff in the Octofoil everytime I write. Thanks again and you do one whale of a job. One day God willing I would like to meet you at one of the reunions. Will keep sending stuff to the Octofoil when I can. I sent all 26 of the fellows a nice card for Christmas with a short note to let them know I haven't forgotten. Now when they answer I will sit down and get them off a nice long letter. Thanks again Dan. God bless you and yours!

Editors Note: Hang in there Shorty. Makes us feel good that you appreciate our efforts. We are sure you would do the same for us if things were reversed. Thanks for the nice Christmas Card.

Co B 15th Engs  
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I'm sorry to be so late with my dues but here they are finally for 3 years. I'm late because of personal and medical problems over the last six months but things are looking up again. I hear from morale boosters Ronnie and Mary Murphy, Allie and Margie Farrante, and Gip and Pat Shea regularly. They're just great friends.

I had to cancel out of the reunion in Penn. last summer and The Memorial Mass in Worcester but from now on everything is Gung Ho. My best to all the guys.

60th F.A. Bty. C  
ROSCOE W. SHIELDS  
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We have made plans to attend the 1988 Reunion in Hyannis. Although we know things will never be the same since we lost Pegnalitti, he died October 1987, may he rest in peace. We made our 1st reunion together in 1980 at Fort Bragg and have been going every year. He was a dear friend and buddy.

We hope to see more of C Bty. this year. I wish we could all stay at the same hotel but that's impossible. Bob Tate and I have reservations at the Hyannis Regency, Al House is in Dunpeys and Lore Hunt is at the Best Western. George Furber plans to come also and I think Lorino Gaeta will be there, also Paul Hahan said he would be by. I think there will be some more but I haven't heard.

Enclosed is a list of names (25) from Bty. C that I have been in touch with most of them and I will mail a list to anyone interested, just drop me a line.  
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Please let me know if I owe you for this year and how much. Hope all your family is well, and that you have a good year. Tell all the 9th men "hello" for me from (N Co. 47th Inf.). We are 42 miles north west of Bakersfield in South Belridge, Calif. Mobil Oil. Co. Dept. 10 miles North of McKittrick.

# MAIL CALL

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Enclosed find check for another years dues.

On membership application where it says please credit the following Chapter, Fort Bragg was not on it. So I left that part blank.

I still enjoy the Octofoil very much. One more good act from Father Connors..We did not have a Protestant Chaplain for several weeks. He found out about it just before he was to hold service. He said "come on over and get down on your knees and wear them out, after all we are praying to the same God." What a great man. Regards to all.

47th Inf G Co  
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Harrisburg reunion was a good one! But no better than the rest. The shuttle service from Mechanicsburg to the Penn Harris was terrible and the traffic getting there was worse. I paid for meals that I did not get to eat but that was not the important thing to me. I got to see some of the G Company buddies, Eddie Maher, George Bako and Jerry Shapiro. That was worth every extra dollar it cost me! I am not complaining, just stating facts. We lost another buddy in Florida. Grady Perry of G Company passed away Feb. 6 in a Gainesville Hospital. He was a good soldier. I will not be at the funeral, but my wife who is Grady's 1st cousin will be there. Grady was with the 9th from Tent City to the Roer River. I am enclosing dues and something for the Memorial Fund in memory of Grady Perry and General Collins. Best wishes to all in the 9th.

47th Inf E Co  
FRANK PETTY  
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Here I am back again. This time for a pitch for more E Co guys to attend the 1988 reunion at Hyannis this year. Lt. Joy Gurner, Sgt. Bill Mooty and myself got together and all made our first reunioin. It was great. I didn't have any idea how much it would mean to me to get together with people from the 9th and E Co. Bob Colflesh was there, looking like he lived in a beer barrel, Ed Coombs and his wife and one of the other cooks and also his lovely wife. Bob DeSandy put us in touch with Lt. Kenney of E & G Co who promises to be there. You all come!

47th A.T. Co  
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Enclosed are my dues for another 3 years. I was unable to make the reunion in Harrisburg even tho it was in my backyard, about 1 hour from my home. I haven't heard from any of my buddies from AT. Would like to have seen Capt. Clark, Lt. Einbinder, Romaley, Meade, Carter and all the others. I'd be glad to hear from you. I am retired from my job at Pottsville City Hall and my wife, Isabel, retired from Nursing. Our 4 children are married and we have four grandchildren (3 boys and 1 girl). We babysit the grand-daughter and love it! Can't think of anything else at present. The best of everything for the New Year to you and the gang of the 9th.

47th Inf Special Services  
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It was a pleasant surprise hearing from you last week. I'm glad, also, that you are doing so well after your operation a few years ago.

You have been a real asset to the 9th Division Association. Without your dedication over the years the group could not have continued.

My last personal contact with you with the Fayetteville reunion a few years ago, when you and Father Connors kept us in stitches and Lindsey Nelson gave the principal address.

Thanks again for your telephone call, and enclosed is a copy of my community newspaper.

Wishing you the very best, P.S. Would appreciate it if you would insert this "wanted" item in the next issue.

WANTED TO BUY one copy of the 47th Infantry History published in Germany shortly after the end of the war in 1945.

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I received my Nov. Dec. issue of the Octofoil Courtesy of Ronald Frank and wife who made a trip to the West Coast, making our summer complete by their visit with us here in Northern California.

We have been very fortunate to have had 6 of my old buddies visit us since my separation from the Army. Everett Kankonin, Astoria, Oregon (deceased) Walt Pyles, Shoreham, Vt., Ronald Franks, Leechburg, Pa., Howard Hodgsons, Calumet, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Golden, daughter and granddaughter spent a few days with us. Goldy had just retired from the Postal Service in Detroit, Michigan and made a trip out here with the pretense of possibly locating out here. Since leaving us we have not heard from him again. This was approximately 17 years ago. If anyone knows of his whereabouts kindly let me hear from you! We have also heard from several of our old friends Frank Brusic, Passaic, NJ, Mrs. Edwards Garafano and Sam Ferguson. We read in the Octofoil that the 88 reunion is to be in Hyannis, Mass. June 23, 24, 25th. I would like to hear from anyone from the Platoon. Co. D. 47th Inf. if you should be attending. Maybe we can make it 88 Company Reunion.

In case anyone would like to know I was from Upham, North Dakota, inducted at St. Snelling, Minn. took my basic training at Camp Wheeler, GA and was assigned to Co. D 47th Inf. while on Chicken Road, Ft. Bragg, N.C. and served with Co. D through out the African Europe Campaign till my discharge at Camp McCoy. Our address now is P.O. Box 463. Tulelake, California 63134.

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I am just dropping you a letter to tell you that we had a wonderful time at Camp Hill. We have our reservation made for Hyannis. We plan to arrive their on June 21st and we will be staying until the 26th. I am sending you a copy of a letter from the writer of an article in World War II magazine. It was about the Hurtgen Forest. God willing we hope to see all of you again.

I hope you and your wife had a nice holiday, and may God bless you throughout the New Year.

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I lost another good friend this month. Tom Guides from B-BTY. 84th died January 6th. I met Tom for the first time since we parted in Germany at the Nashville reunion. He had just found out about our reunions. He became very active. His address: Tom Guides, 1895 Davis St. Elmira, New York, 14901.

Grace and I are making plans to be at Cape Cod and later on we will take a cruise though the Panama Canal. We are having good weather at the moment. We are all well here and looking forward to Cape Cod.

**88 Reunion  
June 23,24,25th**

## DUES REMINDER

This issue of the Octofoil has been used for years to remind our members that "dues are due." The caption "Is your Octofoil addressed with tell-tale red ink?" was used for years but now with our new computer mailing arrangements this is not possible. Instead we ask the members to check their Octofoil especially where their name is printed and above their first name you will find numbers and they will indicate what year your dues are paid up until. The letter L will indicate Life member - H will indicate Honorary member and 087 will let you know that your dues are payable now, 088, 089, 090, etc. are good till the year indicated.

If for some reason you find it difficult in paying the dues drop us a line and we will keep you on our membership roll, send you the paper and keep the matter confidential.

We remind our members that a limited budget keeps us from mailing the Octofoil to those who fall in the delinquent class. Send your dues to the secretary's office, 412 Gregory Avenue, Weehawken, N.J. 07087.

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Thought it was about time that I wrote a letter to the Octofoil and expressed my tanks to Marie & Dan Quinn and Walter O'Keefe for the wonderful job that they have been doing putting out the Octofoil to keep everyone informed on what is going on in the 9th Inf. Div.

I would also like to tank the Phil-Delaware Chapter for the great job that they did at the 1987 convention in Camp Hill, PA. The food, rooms and the idea of the shuttle bus ride were excellent.

The convention in Camp Hill, PA was the first one that I was able to meet more men from "M" CO-47th Inf. then all of the others that I have attended before. In fact one of the pictures that was taken there by Conda Knee was published in the Nov.-Dec. issue 1987 of the Octofoil. Two of the men in that picture Johnny DeSeipo who was my tent buddy was captured on patrol one night in EL Guettar and thank God is still alive. My other buddy Mike Lavenia passed away since the convention in Dec. Mike and I were pals from the first day we hit FT Bragg, NC in Jan. 1941. I had an eye operation Feb. 3 and should be okay after the bandages are removed. Looking forward to the convention in Hyannis, Mass. in June 1988. All the best to the NY Chapter one of the greatest bunch, miss all the parties but I don't miss the snow.

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Attention "B" Co. Men, once again it is time to be planning our Co. "B" reunion this year it will be held in Buffalo, NY at the Hyatt Regency located downtown. Dates June 16-18th look for more information soon.

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It was good to see Archie Rohrer's letter in the last Octofoil. He mentioned the names of some G Co. men that I haven't heard of since before the wars end. Van E. Williams was one of the first fellows in G Co. that I met. The two of us stayed with some company equipment, till the company jeep came and picked us up. This was in Northern Tunisia. A couple days after this we started to enter Bizerte but they held us back and let the French go in. George Minarek was able to get me a P 38 pistol, while we were near Cherbourg. I carried the Company Radio and didn't get a chance to get any guns from the prisoners. The picture, in our 47th history book, that is on the page after the map with Paris, was taken near Perriers en Beaufice. George is dropping the round into the mortar. I can't recall the other fellows' names. I used to know about every name in G. Co. when we lived in England. Time has dimmed my memory. On page 262, in our Division History, where the mired T.D. is, it looks like part of the 4th Platoon of G Co. I think Plummer is one of the front men. I was there when Goggy found his brother, and another time when Herb Olsen's twin brother, Gerry, was killed. Also when several others were hit. I can still hear the cry "Medic, I'm hit." Those were sad times.

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Saw this article in our local newspaper yesterday and thought you might like to read about this veteran who was in the 9th Division and had this honor bestowed on him this week. Had a wonderful time at the reunion at Camp Hill, Pa. this summer. Best wishes to all.