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THE OCTOFOIL

412 Gregory Ave. Weehawken, N. J. 07087

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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

Volume XLIII Number 2

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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

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.

NOTICE - NOTICE - NOTICE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

PREAMBLE: On July 24, 1987, during the Association's 42nd Annual Reunion in Camp Hill, PA., the By-Laws Committee, duly convened in accord with established customs and procedures. Among other matters, the Committee, under the Chairmanship of Francis Maher, New England Chapter, considered an amendment to then article 33 of said By-Laws, namely, 33, sub-paragraph c., titled, **Memorial Fund**. Subsequently, during the general meeting on the same date, Chairman Maher delivered the By-Law's Committee Report to the assembled members which included the Committee's recommendation that the following Amendment to the said Article 33 be duly enacted at the 1988 Annual meeting at Hyannis Mass., after due notice of the recommended Amendment be provided the membership pursuant to requirements of Article 42. Issues presented by this Proposed Amendment may be fully debated at the general meeting in Hyannis.

PROPOSAL: To amend present Article 42 C. **Memorial Fund**, as follows - "The said Article 42 C. is hereby amended by deleting subparagraphs (1) and (2), pertaining to undergraduate and graduate scholarships for individuals related to persons who served in the 9th Division during World War II, and also providing that no applications for any such scholarships, or renewals thereof, will be accepted after 1988."

Editor's Note: The By-Law's Committee Report, which was accepted by the General Meeting, took note of the association's general financial situation and the plight of many of our older members in V.A. Hospitals who are in need of help. President Dave Heller was a member of the By-Laws Committee.

THE 160th MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The 160th meeting of the National Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association took place on April 23, 1988 at the Days Inn Motel in Pittsburgh, Pa. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by President of the Association Dave Heller who asked the members to stand in a moment of silence in memory of the departed men of the Ninth.

Those attending the meeting were: Emil Langer, Pat DeColli, Lew Gray, Ed Wisniewski, Adolph Wadalavage, Oliver Carter, and Ralph Carci. Also in attendance were 1st Vice President Vincent Guglielmino, Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh, Past President Walter O'Keefe and Art MacDougall chairman of the 1987 Reunion.

Secretary Dan Quinn then read the minutes of the last Board meeting, that was held in Worcester on November 7, 1987 and upon a motion made by Adolph Wadalavage and seconded by Pat DeColli it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes with the correction made regarding the presentation made by a Mr. Turner to publish a new history book of the Ninth.

President of the Association Dave Heller presented an up dated edited version of the Associations By-laws and upon a motion made by Emil Langer and seconded by Lew Gray it was voted to: Accept and adopt the Editorialized version of the By-laws.

President Heller stated that he will present at the next Board meeting an edited version of the Manual of Reunion operations to bring that up to date.

MORATORIUM

Lew Gray opened a discussion on the question of getting together with the Ninth Infantry Division now stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, for a possible merger of our association and the Octofoil Association (new Ninth Division) and upon a motion made by Emil Langer and seconded by Ed Wisniewski it was to: That the Board of Governors takes notice of the recent unofficial discussion of a proposal to unite the two associations and would remind all members of the association that we are under a five year moratorium adopted in 1984 at the Lake Placid reunion against any merger and that such discussion at this time is not in order.

SERVICE COMMITTEE

A round table discussion was held to encourage the Chapters to be more active in Veterans hospitals etc., and that each Chapter appoint a Service officer and a committee of same to investigate their local hospitals (Vets) to see if anything can be done to assist in any way, perhaps donate a television set etc., and return to their chapters and propose to the National Association that so much monies be allocated from the Memorial Fund to support this worth while cause.

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Roads leading to Cape Cod will be loaded with "Old Reliables"

The roads leading to Cape Cod will be loaded with "Old Reliables" this June for the 43rd year that the troops have gotten together, to talk over old times, meet old friends and new, but more important taking time out to remember our dead.

The reunion committee consisting of members of the New England Chapter have been working hard to ensure those attending will have three great days that they will long remember.

FORMAT CHANGED

Thursday is registration day and in the evening a social and dance will be held as the traditional "Welcoming." Friday is usually the business part of the reunion but this year the format is changed somewhat and instead in the afternoon we will enjoy the music of the Tommy Dorsey band followed by a New England Clam Bake.

MEMORIAL

Saturday morning is the most solemn occasion when the Memorial Service is held to honor and remember those who have answered their last roll call.

MEETINGS

The business part of the reunion will be conducted on Saturday afternoon with committee meetings and the meeting of the General membership. The Ladies will be offered a Fashion Show and Luncheon while the men are at the meetings.

BANQUET

Saturday night or closing of the three days is the Banquet and the speaker for the evening will be Major General Michael B. Kauffman, who commanded the 2nd Bn., 60th Infantry in four major campaigns, Tunisia, Sicily, Invasion of France and Northern France.

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.

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

MAKE THE CAPE IN 88

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

THE OCTOFOIL
Form 2579 should be send to
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National Officers
President
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618 Sumac
Highland Park, Il 60035

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E. Boston, Ma. 02128

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Deltona, FL 32725

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Board of Governors
1988
Fran Maher
Worcester, Ma
Pat DeColli
Philadelphia, Pa.
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Arecibo, P.R.
Lewis Gray
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
Ralph Carci
Brunswick, Md.
Richard Martin
Springfield, Mass.
Len Tomassone
Pennsauken, N.J.
Edward Wisniewski
Richard, Mich.
Adolph Wadalavage
Elmhurst, N.Y.

The official publication of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Single copy price is 25 cents per issue by mail \$1.50 per year payable in advance when dues are paid. Dues are \$5 per year with \$1.50 of the \$5.00 earmarked for the issues of The Octofoil. Members should notify the National Secretary, Daniel Quinn, 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N.J. of any change in address.

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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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Mini Reunion

9th Med Bn C Co
COY MARTIN
HCR 64 Box 256
Flippin, Ar. 72634

Enclosed find check for dues.
My wife, Mary and I enjoy the
Octofoil each time it arrives.

It's interesting to read of experiences other WW2 soldiers had. We attended the C Co reunion at Pigeon Forge, Tn. last year and are planning to attend again this year in May.

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, 1068 North Circle Drive, Crystal River, FL. 32629.

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 MODATIONS:
PLEASE CHECK ONE: X

____ \$70.00 PER ROOM, PER SINGLE OCCUPANCY, PLUS ROOM TAX.

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

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.

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.

Tip of the Hat

The Memorial Fund was enriched by the generosity of these "Old Reliables" who remembered. Many thanks.

Lou Sieben
Joseph Gravino
(B Co 39th Inf. memory of Adolph Scheisser)
Irv Terchak
Herbert U. Stern
George Seifert
James S. Moore
Harold Hokanson
John Lewis
(memory of Gaspare Bullotta)
Alvin Becker
Thomas D. Smith
Stephen Urbanyi
Robert Mathis
Carl Eggebrecht
(memory of Paul Drummond, G Co 60th)
Dr. Jay P. Roller
C.E. Blankenship, Sr.
Fred Moniz
Tom "Buck" Harris
(memory of Hyman Grossman)
Ralph Palermo
Ray Schmader
Robert L. Spencer
Earl Sullivan
Herman Short
A.T. Forrest
(memory of Jack Cowling, Mrs. Joy Emmons, Mrs. Helene Kuklewicz and O.F. Howell)
Thomas J. Billings
Lysle Kitchen
Michael Lombardi, Sr.
Bob DeSandy
(memory of Doc Rishel)

We salute you.

People who don't do their job should be fired . . . because it's a sure thing they won't do yours for you, either.

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.

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

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 weekend 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

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.

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Board Meets

A motion was made by Ed Wisniewski and seconded by Emil Langer to: Request each chapter appoint a Service Officer and a Veterans Service Committee with the first task of making contact with local Veterans Facilities and determine what needs exist.

The secretary reported on the progress of the 1988 Hyannis reunion and that all was going well with the committee and they expect about 700 people to attend. All signs are "go". All details have been taken care of.

A brief discussion was held on converting the secretaries mailing list into a computer which is now being done for the Octofoil mailing and President Heller is compiling a list or a print out with name, address, unit and telephone as a directory of our membership and upon a motion made by Lew Gray and seconded by Pat DeColli it was voted to: Approve the request by President Heller to use the computer (or a copy of the disc) for his project.

Ed Wisniewski reported that he was in possession of a film made by the British Army when the Americans met the British at El Guettar in North Africa, several Ninth Division men are in the film.

AMENDMENT BY-LAWS

Judge Advocate Harrison Daysh reported on the draft of the proposal to Amend the By-laws regarding the Memorial Fund. This Amendment to the By-laws will be published in the Octofoil prior to the reunion business meeting to be held in Hyannis.

After discussing the Board of Governors expenses allowances and upon a motion made by Emil Langer and seconded by Lew Gray it was voted to: Approve the payment of this meetings expenses of the Board members pertaining to their rooms and dinner that will follow in lieu of the usual stipend that had been allowed and seldom used.

There being no other business to come before this body and upon a motion duly made by Oliver Carter and seconded by Pat DeColli it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Daniel Quinn
National Secretary

Seeks Help

Co. K 47th Inf.
EDDIE W. WEBBER
4929 Strickland
Box 80106
The Colony, TX 75056

I contacted you some time ago about an article I submitted into the Octofoil concerning the 47th Infantry at the Remagen Bridge. I haven't received much information back from the members. If you could spare the time I sure would appreciate some information for my book. My late father served with K. Co. What I need are the names of the different company commanders at the crossing. Also any information about the fight on the East side of the river, the taking of Ohlenberg etc. If you could put me in contact with anyone that might be interested or helpful.

I would have liked for the fellows to have sent me some first hand personal experiences which would have enhanced this story. But I know its been a long time ago and memories fade. I don't mean to bother you but I need to fill in some gaps that just can't be found in history books about the Remagen Rhine Crossing. Any information or advice would surely be appreciated.

Thank you sir for your time.

Taps Sounded

And laurels of light, and
tears of truth,
And the mantel of immor-
tality;
And the flowers of love and
of immortal youth,
And the tender heart-tokens
of all true ruth—
And the everlasting victory!
And the breath and bliss of
Liberty;
And the loving kiss of
Liberty;
And the welcoming light of
heavenly eyes,
And the over-calm of God's
canopy;
And the infinite love-span of
the skies
That cover the valleys of
Paradise—
For all of the brave who rest
with thee;
And for one and all who died
with thee,
Forcey the Willson
"BOY BRITTAN"

With saddened heart we an-
nounce the passing of these
"Old Reliabilities". May they rest
in peace. To their loved ones we
offer our deepest sympathy.

John Farson
60th Inf
Adolph Schmeisser
B Co. 39th Inf.
Ervin Duve
L Co. 47th Inf.
Randolph Prosser
39th Inf.
Gaspere Bullotta
C Co. 9th Med. Bn.
Thomas Shaw
Hqs. & E. Co. 47th Inf.
Eugene K. Albright
39th Inf.
E. James Jamoulis
M Co. 47th Inf.
Rev. Edward Joachim
39th Inf.
Doc Rishel
47th Inf.
Harley Utter
39th Inf.
Ed Finn
Hq. 15th Engrs.
Robert Rucker
K Co. 60th Inf.
Martin Boher
C Co. 39th Inf.
Gloria Hill
Wife of Henry Hill B Co. 15th
Engrs.
Al (Lefty) Kalinowski
.....

47th Inf. F Co.
ROBERT DE SANDY
23430 Colonial S. Ct.
St. Clair Shores, Mi. 48080

It is never pleasant to make
the type of call I made to you
last week. This has happened
all too often lately, especially
for the 47th 2nd Batalion and F
Co. in particular.

Doc Rishel was a good friend
and a loyal member of the
Association. He had been in
failing health recently.

Chuck and Phyllis Jones,
Marie Tokarchek, and Florence
and I attended his funeral last
Friday, April 29th. He had a
military funeral. Another
fellow from the Association
took part in it.

Enclosed is a contribution to
the Memorial Fund in his
memory.

39th Inf B Co
JOSEPH GRAVINO
10 Center St. Box 224
Macedon, N.Y. 14502

It is with deep regret that I in-
form you of the death on
February 3, 1988 of our dear
friend Adolph Schmeisser, a
member of our Co. B - 39th Inf.

Enclosed is a check for \$25.00
for the memorial fund from the
men of Co B 39th Inf.

Adolph Schmeisser was the
one who always made sure that
our Co B reunions always had
our signs, hats, and other
mementos. He will be sadly
missed by us all.

**3 BIG WINNERS AT THE
FLORIDA CHAPTER
SPRING MEETING**

Fred Schacor and Norris
Gray were the winners of a
night's free lodging while Al
Rago won the big 50/50 money
prize at the Florida Chapter
Spring Meeting held on April 14,
15 and 16th at the DAYS
MOTEL located in Clearwater,
Florida.

Henry Santos, chairman of
the Program Committee,
together with the help of
Richard Trahey, did an ex-
cellent job in organizing, plan-
ning and directing the
festivities for Friday and Sat-
urday nights. On Friday night
the members enjoyed a
delicious buffet dinner followed
by a stage show "THE BEST
OF BURLESQUE" at the Coun-
try Dinner Playhouse. On Sat-
urday night the group convoyed
to Clearwater Beach where
they boarded Captain Ander-
son's II "Clearwater's Love-
boat" for a 3 hour Dinner &
Dance Cruise in Tampa Bay.

The Hospitality Room at the
Motel was well stocked with a
wide selection of spirits and all
kinds of goodies. There were 57
members who attended the
Saturday 10:00 A.M. meeting.
Among them was the dis-
tinguished and much loved
retired General Randle who
commanded the 47th Infantry
during the entire African cam-
paign. President Phil Berman
called the meeting to order and
asked for a minute of silence to
be observed in honor of our
4,581 war dead and all those
gallant men of the 9th who pass-
ed away since the end of
hostilities. Some of the topics
that were discussed at the
meeting were the area selection
for the Chapter's October meet-
ing; the appointment of Henry
Santos to attend the Board
meeting at the coming National
Convention. Retired Gen. Lewis
"Chip" Maness described his
visit to the state of Washington
where he spoke to a group of
present 9th Infantry Division
soldiers. Bill Bongiorno gave
his presentation of the different
hotel sites he viewed as a possi-
ble headquarters for a Florida
National Reunion.

There were 9 new members
added to the Florida Chapter
roster during this brief week-
end meeting. In addition, two
out-of-state 9th men attended
this mini-reunion. Joe Medea
and his wife Marion read about
the Florida meeting in their vaca-
tion and came as welcome
guests. They enjoyed every mo-
ment of their visit and prom-
ised to attend future meetings.
John Crimi and his wife
Marlene were spending a
month's vacation from Hart-
ford, Conn. joined the group for
the entire time. John and
Marlene are contemplating a
move to Florida and promised
to join the Chapter.

The wives and women friends
were unanimous in expressing
their appreciation for a wonder-
ful organized and fun-filled
weekend. The Florida Chapter
extends a welcome mat to those
Florida 9th Infantry veterans
who have not as yet joined our
Chapter to do so. Also an invita-
tion to any out-of-state Chapter
members to feel free to attend
any future Florida Chapter
Meetings which are usually
held in April and October.
Notices will appear in the
OCTOFOIL giving dates and
locations.

Emil J. De Donato, Secretary
Florida Chapter
3650 S.W. Mosswood St.
Dunnellon, Fl., 32630
Phone: (904) 489-4070

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

Greetings one again from the
Keystone State — Penn-
sylvania! On behalf of Art
Stenzel and myself, we want to
take this opportunity to thank
Ellie Taubner for writing those
most interesting Octofoil col-
umns for our beloved "B" Co.
(47th), Ellie's wonderful
description of her trip with her
husband "B" Co. (47th) Buddy
Joe Taubner, across America
brought back many memories
for Ann and I of our western
trips in 1975 and 1979. When our
schedule permits (and our
health also!) we hope to com-
plete seeing all of our beautiful
U.S.A. We have yet to see and
visit 7 states: Alaska, Hawaii,
Washington, Arizona, Min-
nesota, North Dakota, and
Oklahoma. We, too, agree with
Ellie and Joe; there is no coun-
try in the whole wide world that
compares with our beloved
America!

Ann and I spent a month
(Feb. - Mar.) in Florida. We
were at our favorite place -
"Sandy Shores" in Madeira
Beach on the west coast be-
tween St. Pete, and Clearwater,
Florida. We visited and went
out with "B" Co. Buddy Art
Stenzel and his lovely wife
Grace, for a Sunday dinner. Art
looked very well and was in his
usual jovial mood and good
spirits. We really had an en-
joyable visit, however, due to
our other appointments we
were not able to be together for
a longer visit. Art and Grace
send their best regards to all our
"B" Co. (47th) buddies and
friends.

We have just received a
postcard from "B" Co. buddy
Orion Shockley. He is in New
Zealand and Australia.
"Shock" says that "there are
about 70 million sheep there"
and he thinks he has seen half of
them! Shock expects to spend
this summer in Alaska. We
miss you "Shock." - Hope you
can make it to our next reunion
which is due to be held in 1989 in
the Catskills of upstate New
York. Oh yes, "Shock" says
"hello" to all the gang of "B"
Co. (47th).

We received a Christmas
card from "B" Co. (47th) buddy
George Grieve. George tells us
that he "just got out of the
hospital - was in for 1½ years."
He writes that he is doing "real
well" - and will be staying in
Florida for the winter.

We will attend the 43rd An-
nual Reunion of beloved 9th Inf.
Div. Association; to be held in
Hyannis, Massachusetts on
beautiful Cape Cod on June 23,
24, and 25.

Our next column (May-June-
July 1988 issue) will contain
news of our "B" Co. (47th) bud-
dies and their wives and friends
who were in attendance at the
reunion.

To all our "B" Co. buddies
and their families and friends,
keep well and have a great
summer and enjoy yourselves
to the fullest each and every
day!!

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and
Arthur J. Stenzel
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60th Inf
CARL D EGGEBRECHT
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Enclosed find check for
membership dues, also money I
would like to go towards a
memorial for Sgt. Paul Drum-
mond Company "G". We were
Sgt's in 60th Personal Hq's
since inception, through all
companies.

Regards to you and the Mrs.
Have a healthy New Year.

**ILLINOIS CHAPTER
NEWSLETTER**

At this time, the Illinois
Chapter is preparing to go to
Madison Wisconsin for our mini
reunion with the Wisconsin, In-
diana and Illinois members. We
will meet on Friday April 29th
at the Ramada Inn. Mike
Carpenter is graciously making
all the arrangements. This will
be our second annual meeting
and we hope to have more
members attend.

We have all survived the Ill-
inois winter but are still
awaiting the coming of Spring.
We get one or two warm days
and then it's back to a deep
freeze. Everyone has cabin
fever and can't wait to get out.

Nothing too much has been
happening with the Illinois
members. We have not had any
meetings since our Christmas
Party in December but we did
get together with the Ander-
sons, Hennemuths and Irma
Koskie last month just to visit
and finalize plans for Madison.
At Madison when more
members are present, we will
make plans for our Memorial
Day services which will prob-
ably be held on Sunday, May
29th. Illinois members will be
notified of time and place.
Anyone else interested, contact
our secretary, Gordon Ander-
son or the Belmontes.

This past month we heard
from the Winkelmans who
were in town from Florida
visiting their family and cele-
brating their grandchild's 1st
birthday.

We heard from the Grays who
had just returned from a trip to
Florida. They had a good time
and their bags are packed
again to leave for Pittsburgh
for the Board Meeting the end
of April.

We also had a call from the
Greco's in Florida. Dom hasn't
been feeling too well lately and
doubts if they will make Hyannis
this summer. They'll be
heading back to Ohio within the
next month.

We also talked to the
Clousers in Florida. If all goes
well, they plan to come to Ill-
inois for our Memorial Day
services. They are both fine and
enjoying the fruits of their labor
from their garden. They also
are planning to go to Hyannis.
We are looking forward to see-
ing them on both occasions.

At this time, there won't be
too many attending the Reunion
from the Illinois Chapter. So
far, we do know the Prestons,
Grays, Clousers, Hellers, and
Belmontes will be there. There
may be more but we haven't
heard who will be making the
trip. Here's looking forward to
a most successful reunion.

Respectfully,
Mike and Ann Belmonte
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Oak Park, IL 60304

15th Engrs

KATHLEEN FINN
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I'm very sorry to inform you
that Fredrick J. Finn passed
away after a long bout with
cancer. He had suffered long
and I hope he is now at peace.

He was so pleased when you
contacted him last year to let
him know that there was a
Chapter of the Ninth Infantry
Division Assn. in Tampa.

If you are ever in contact with
any member that might
remember him please inform
them of his passing.

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

History of "Old Reliables" Available

Last year a number of members asked me to print some copies of "Eight Stars To Victory" and since that time I have been busy reprinting 200 copies. Some of these have been requested by members of the 2nd and 3rd Battalions 47th Inf. at Ft. Lewis, Washington. I will have about 150 hard back copies, with dust cover, at the reunion. These are reprinted copies — not xerox copies. Cost will be \$35.00 if mailed \$36.50. Should anyone wish to reserve a copy send check or money order payable to Joe Williams, 1900 Hollyoaks Lake Rd. E., Jacksonville, Fla. 32225. Phone No. 904-641-9751.

Joe Williams
1900 Hollyoaks Lake Rd. E.
Jacksonville, Fla. 32225

FLORIDA CHAPTER MEETING A SUPER ONE

I am happy to report the FLORIDA CHAPTER MEETING HELD APRIL 15-17 was very gratifying and suddenly all the headaches, worries and apprehension were wiped out by the many accolades leaving only a happy and relaxed feeling only found with success and knowing that one has in a small way helped part of our great NINTH DIVISION FAMILY enjoy being & gathering together. I want to thank everyone for coming out, offers to help etc.. Our secretary, Emil DeDonato I'm sure will give you a detailed synopsis, he was jotting notes everywhere we went.

More new members have been added (Yep, they're still coming out of the woodwork) and more 1st timers attended the meeting with remarks like "this is great, I didn't know these meetings were so much fun" etc.. Guys and gals meeting others for the first time were in a few minutes like long lost cousins.

A report came in on one of our chapter members who is confined to a nursing home bed with expenses exceeding income that resulted in a collection by the members, a check will be presented shortly to his wife.

A professional auctioneer, our own Wally Richardson flexed his skills late Saturday night which resulted in a nice sum from the sale of excess supplies "happy juice" etc.. I think the late Fr. Connors referred as "Holy water."

To our absent FLORIDA MEMBERS and any visiting NINTH people I advise to come out to our semi-annual meetings, it's getting late, do it while you can.

It seemed everyone assumed I alone was responsible for the arrangements, the running around etc. but standing in the background taking it all in was Richard Trahey who deserves much of the credit, thank you Dick, from the gang.

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47th Inf. A Co.

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Enclosed are my dues for '88. Thanks for all your efforts in keeping the Association alive and well and thanks for our "Octofoil" what fantastic memories we all share and cherish. Hope the reunion turns out as great as you all make it.

Meeting Site Relocated in Big Apple

The New York Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Masonic Lodge Building at 71 West 23rd Street in New York City on Friday, March 18, 1988. Meetings at the Masonic Lodge will be every third Friday of the month instead of the first.

The members were very pleased with the new meeting place which offered clean facilities, restroom and a kitchen. Although a March snow was threatening, a good number of regular members attended that evening. Among them were our newly elected president Vincent D'Addona and always re-elected secretary Art Schmidt. Also participating were Dan Quinn, Charlie Libretto, Anton Dietrich, Herman Suarez, Harry Wax, Al Seely, Emil Lauger, George Apar, John Morris, Adolf Wadalovage, Charles Warner, Low Almassy, Jim Muller, Bill Casales, Marv Levy, John Parrisi, Vincent Guglielmino. Letters were read from members not able to attend: Helen and Joseph Kearns, Pete Corroza and Mike Deresh. On a sad note, his wife Harriet wrote of the death of Hyman Grossman of Hdq. Co. 60th Inf. After business affairs which included an update report on the New England Hyannis reunion in June and reminder of the Past Presidents Night on May 21, meeting was adjourned for the epicurean delights ably provided by the hospitality chairmen.

Marvin Levy
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60th Inf

Human Interest Story

I would like to pass along a human interest story. This past Dec. I had a call from my step-grandson. He informed me that his 7th grade class was now studying the 2nd World War in History Class. He wanted to know if I would address the class and tell them about my W.W. II days. Since I never did this before I was reluctant to do so. But I said I would and I did.

The first class was Wed. morning (40 min). I took them on a journey from the day of induction, through basic training, maneuvers, and then to England. Class period ended when in England. 40 min. went fast. I was asked to come again the following day. It took me 40 min. to tell them about the battles of Europe and then I passed over a lot. Since my P.O.W. days were coming up they had me return again. So that week I had 7th grade history class for 3 days and I couldn't give the experience any justice. The children were extremely interested. Stop and think! Anyone 55 and younger does not know about the war.

I finished my address to the class and they gave me a fine ovation and were grateful to me for letting them know about W.W.II. I might add that a few days later I received a Christmas card from the 7th grade History Class. Signed by all the students and even quotes letting me know how much they appreciated the talk. That was the best payment I could have had. It makes me feel good that 32 students know a little bit about the "GO DEVILS." At the end of the 3rd day class I presented each student with an American flag and told them to be proud to live under the flag. A lot of young men died defending it.

60th Inf Co A
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Mini Reunion

47th Infantry, Company E
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In April of 1987 I noticed in my VFW magazine that the 9th Division was having their annual reunion at Camp Hill, Pennsylvania — I had never made a reunion. I called Dan Quinn and asked him to send me reservation information. He sent me the Octofoil and what a coincidence, there was a letter in the Octofoil from my Company Commander Frank Petty saying that he would be at Camp Hill for his first reunion. What a thrill to locate him just 250 miles south of Birmingham at Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. I called him immediately. He knew how to locate one of our Platoon Leaders, Jay Garner in Blackfoot, Idaho. The three of us attended our first reunion.

Other members of Company E were Bob Colflesh, C.E. Combs, Walter O'Keefe and Bill DeBruyne.

I have never enjoyed an event more. We will have more members at Hyannis. We also expect to have a CP to try to repay the gracious hospitality shown us by Company F 47th Infantry. We encourage all 9th Division men to attend, especially those of Company E 47th Infantry.

26th FA C Btry & Div. Arty
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Enclosed find my check for renewal dues. I'm glad that I joined the Ninth after all this incredible number of years since leaving it at Töging, Germany.

I was pleased to receive a letter from Bert Waller, C.O. of Hq Btry of Div. Arty. I was assigned to it after V.E. Day as Divisional PX Officer. I find he is a neighbor at Poway, CA (near San Diego). We had a long phone call and I must see him when next in San Diego.

I also heard from Jack Slater, who served in "A" Btry 34th F.A. Bn. and joined the Division the same day I did in Hurtgen Forest. I was assigned to the 26th F.A. BN. "C" Btry. He next saw me at Pfaffenhofen and bought some chocolate bars at the PX I was running.

Jack is an engineer and in the technical publishing business with McGraw-Hill and still active as senior vice-president.

Bert (E.C. Waller) had a lengthy and important Army service career until 1961. He then held corporate management president positions in large corporations until retirement in 1987.

It is a pleasure to receive copies of OCTOFOIL. Keep up the good work, Dan.

Serv. Btry, 84th FA Bn
FREDERICK TALARICO
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I am planning to go to Hyannis this June, if everything plans out alright. Attended the Memorial Mass in Worcester last year and hope to continue to go there as long as they have them. I was saddened when in 1986 that was the last one. I know that every good thing must come to an end sometime, but was glad that they had decided to continue.

Hoping to see many of the 84th men, especially from Service Battery. Heard that Alphonse Guarino, 1st Sgt. from "C" Btry, 84th has retired as Police Chief in White River Junction, VT.

I keep in touch with some of the men in Service Battery. Retired now and taking things easy. Regards to all the 84th men.

D.C. Dance Teacher Lives Out Dream

Div. Hqs.

For Vic Daumit, on the brink of senior citizenship at age 64, these should be quiet, restful times. But the dance teacher is busier than ever.

Dancing "together" is back. "You get kids along with college professors, because everyone is dancing together again," Daumit said with a smile. "A lot of today's kids never danced together. Now, it's big again. I'm thinking about expanding."

He has been in business for himself here since 1948, but his business has fluctuated with the times. Once he had three studios in town, then scaled back to his present one when dancing apart became the rage. With big bands and ballroom dancing back in vogue, Vic Daumit in once again in demand.

So he is packing them in at his second-story studio on upper Connecticut Avenue NW, above a dry cleaner and between a tailor shop and a bookstore.

One recent weeknight, 50 men and women, mostly in their twenties and thirties, crowded onto the hardwood floor of his main ballroom, surrounded by mirrors and photographs, to learn the waltz, fox trot, tango and rhumba.

During the Depression, he competed in local theater amateur nights, "a cute little bow-legged boy in a sailor suit," winning boxes of candy, trophies, cash. He saw "all the movies" of Fred Astaire. "I had the aspiration of being a theatrical famous tap dancer," he said.

39th Inf B Co
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I would like to say hello to all the members of the Ninth Div. Association and say that I am sorry that I haven't mailed my dues in before now. But here it is.

I sure would like to go to one of the reunions but, I can't go for they are so far away.

I was with the Ninth Div. for just over five years and I loved the old Ninth. And if there is any one that would like to write me about the Ninth I would be happy to hear from them.

B Btry 60th FA Bn
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Just a quick line from Monroe Baker operator. All's fine at this end of the line. I want to say thanks to all the guys I knew. If it wasn't for their many acts I could not have made it. The bond was a beautiful piece of work for one and all. Thanks Buddies.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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"My brothers had drifted to D.C. I came here to see what I could do," he said. He graduated from Washington's Eastern High School in 1939 and started dancing for money. Then, his incipient career was interrupted by World War II. "I danced my way across Europe with a rifle," he said.

After the war, he studied ballroom dancing here and in New York under the GI Bill, working also for the Arthur Murray Dance Studios.

He liked ballroom so much, he gave up tap dancing. And ballroom was where the money was. He opened his first studio here in 1948 at 17th Street and Columbia Road NW. After a while, he added another at 14th and I Streets NW.

He also has worked the Cat-skills, cruise ships and country clubs. He worked the nightclubs that once thrived all over Washington.

Downtown, he worked at the Lotus, where his cousin Jack Corry was orchestra leader. "Everywhere you went, people expected entertainment," he said. "Every dancer, singer and entertainer could work before and after the war."

Things changed in the 1950s when the nightclub era largely ended, he said.

Daumit recalls the twist, the dance popularized in the early 1960s by Chubby Checker, as "the beginning of people dancing apart. It murdered the ballroom." So it went through the 1960s and most of the '70s.

Down the Road of History

Bovenberg Farm

Co M-47th INF.
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The story by John Hill, Company H 47th Infantry, opened the memory bank and Jerry "Red" Phillips, Company M 47th Infantry, had sent another version of the same battle but "Red" calls his story Bovenberg Farm that was on the way to the Frenzenberg Castle. Like John Hill, Red Phillips retraced his steps of WW2 and returned to the Farm in the Spring of 1950.

Red's story begins in November 1944 with the 47th Infantry Division attached to the 1st Infantry Division as the move began out of the town of Schevenhutte, where elements of the 3rd Bn., 47th Infantry had been since September 1944.

ATTACK AGAIN

After days of overcast the weather began to break up on the morning of November 16th. By this time little old Schevenhutte had become like Grand Central Station. The 1st Infantry Division's command post was set up in the old inn where M Company lodged when it first got to town. "Their clientele is definitely improving," observed Bill Horan.

Elements of the 4th Infantry Division were back down the road to the rear which made the way nearly impassable. Artillery batteries were in position at any wide place in the road. The engineers were cutting trees so they could shoot out of their positions in the forest. Something BIG was coming!

As H-Hour approached on November 16th the skies darkened again and the air was filled with the sound of a great armada of four-engined bombers passing for our review. Shades of St. Lo!

This time, however, the carpet bombing of these aircraft was laid well back from the front lines. Too far back, some thought, for it to do much good for the guys who would lead the assault. There was no dust as there had been in Normandy. Just the thick sticky mud whenever you stepped off pavement. The tanks would not be much help in this one either.

Parts of the 1st Infantry Division assaulted out of Schevenhutte to the north against the village of Hamich and, directly behind it, Hill 232. "The Big Red One" would get a bit bloodier in the next few days and they would see to it that we got our share. The 47th Infantry Regiment was attached to the 1st Division for this operation and attacked on its left. At first in regimental reserve, the 3rd Battalion later relieved elements of the 16th Infantry on Hill 232 and, on November 20th, it attacked from here to the northeast through a heavily wooded area toward a place on the map marked "Bovenberg Farm."

In the beginning the battalion's riflemen slipped easily through the dripping woods. It had clouded over again and rained intermittently. To the north the GI's could hear the friendly attention being given Hill 167, the objective of the 47th 1st Battalion. To the east there came the flat two-part reports of high velocity anti-tank fire. It grew in volume along with the long bursts of machine guns firing defensively. Those 1st Division guys had run into something!

There were some sharp skirmishing in the woods that day but, by the time it was dark, the battalion was within 700 yards of the structures at Bovenberg but one could not see a hand in

front of his face in the woods. Colonel Clayman, (Brig. Gen. (then Lt. Col.) Donald C. Clayman, USA (Ret.), deceased) was ordered to halt and continue his attack in the morning. Now the objective was the village of Hucheln which lay beyond the Farm and would be a better jumping off place of continuing the assault into the city of Weisweiler.

When Clayman made his plans for resuming the attack the next day, he was aware that the high ground on his left, Hill 167, was still in enemy hands. The 1st Battalion, which had been attacking there all day, would also continue on November 21st at the same hour as the 3rd. He counted on them to keep the Germans on Hill 167 down in their holes. On the right flank, however, there had been only silence that afternoon. On inquiry, Clayman was assured that 16th Infantry units were abreast of the 3rd Battalion and they too would continue the attack at first light, the time set for a coordinated attack. Their objective was the high ground east of Hucheln.

During the night patrols got near Bovenberg Farm but could not get in the structure. Stiff resistance turned back every probe.

Ernest Musser, (now living in Mullins, WV.) of the 2nd Platoon recalls: "The night before the attack at Bovenberg Farm I paired off deep in the woods with Mike Rand to dig a hole. It was easy going in the sandy soil. Before long we had a good one about five foot square and five foot deep, big enough for a garbage pit. About dawn we zipped up in those "mummy bags" and fell asleep. The next thing I know, someone is saying 'Komerade' over and over very quietly. I opened my eyes and here's these two Krauts, one an old timer about 50 carrying a machine rifle and the other, a kid, was toting a Mauser. It was uncanny looking up into the muzzles of those weapons but it so happened they wanted to give up. About that time, their friends began shelling so they jumped into the hole with us. When the shelling stopped we wrapped their weapons around a pine tree and sent them back."

"I fell and hurt by back later that day and was evacuated."

Bovenberg turned out to be a large and elaborate complex of buildings. The main two-story house and large barn, also of stone, were completely walled in. We were approaching from the back side where there was only a single small entrance to the farm yard. At first glance, with the high smokestacks of smelters in Hucheln rising behind it, the farm might have looked like a small plant. This is why, perhaps, it has been referred to by some as "The Factory." Beyond the complex was a high railroad embankment, which carried a pair of tracks. It was pierced in two places by underpasses. We knew from the map that beyond the tracks, except for the built-up portions, the countryside was more open and one would find the main highway that connected Aachen and Duren and ran on to Cologne on the Rhine. The patrols did determine that the enemy in Bovenberg Farm were German paratroopers. It was the first time we had met any of these since Normandy.

LEADING ELEMENTS

The leading elements of L Company emerged from the woods the next morning into a broad open meadow. The GI's were nearing the rear wall of the farmyard when they were taken under fire from the open-

ings made in surrounding wall and the second story of the house. The woods behind them erupted. Enemy artillery and mortar fire soon blanketed the entire front and interdicted the paths that had been followed through the woods. The Germans on Hill 167, seen clearly to the left, directed small arms and cannon fire towards Bovenberg Farm. Other defenders on the wooded high ground to the right flank poured in tank and automatic fire. The 3rd Battalion was soon completely boxed in by fires and it kept up in a way rarely experienced by the veteran unit. Back in the woods, most of the high explosive rounds burst overhead. Trees were falling, powder smoke obscured everything and the noise was horrendous.

The thick woods and a steady downpour of rain which started washed out radio communications. Because of casualties in the communications section, it was impossible to maintain a link by wire with higher headquarters.

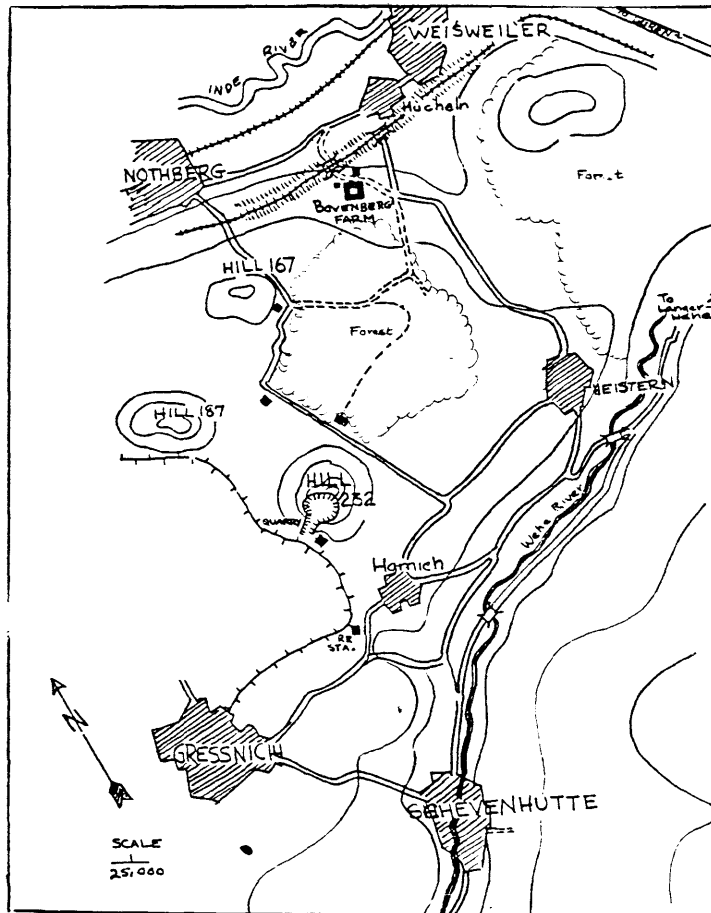
Clayman ordered his platoon of attached tanks into action against the farm buildings. The four Sherman tanks had followed the battalion in its approach through the woods and the single graveled road that existed. The road had been mined hastily by the Germans but the German minelaying party had been interrupted by K Company's advance the day before so the mines were not covered and easily avoided. When ordered forward the tanks had to leave the concealment of the woods. They were immediately taken under fire from tanks or anti-tank guns firing from the right in the vicinity of Heistern. The two lead tanks were hit and set on fire. The next in line plunged off the road and belled up at once in the soft ground of the meadow. The remaining tank backed up fast into the woods where the gunner could not see to hit the farm buildings.

Clayman sent me to learn from the 1st Division unit on the right why it obviously was not moving. We were getting the undivided attention of the Germans they should be attacking. I found the command post of the 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry, and a staff officer stated that the battalion had received new orders later the night before which changed the direction of its effort away from us. We would get no help from them.

To add to the GI's misery back at Bovenberg Farm, a huge German railroad gun (It had a 170-mm weapon and was knocked out later by our P-47's.) was backed down the track from the wooded hill to the northeast and fired several rounds point blank in their direction. A self-propelled gun came through the underpass of the railroad embankment and began to lob in shells. L Company was soon decimated. Next in line, I Company was nearly as shattered. Its commander had rushed forward and made it to the rear of the farm buildings only to disappear. Clayman realized that there was no possibility of maneuvering K Company through the curtain of fire that extended all along battalion front.

"You've got to get us out of here. A bird can't live down here," reported Technical Sergeant Lee Davis, (Lee Davis now lives in Newtown Square PA.) of the 1st Platoon which had been attached to L Company.

Continued next issue



Map of the Bovenberg Farm area

Co A & B 15th Engs
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I met a 9th Division soldier and friend at our reunion in Nashville, Tenn. in 1986. By chance we introduced ourselves and found that we two were from Shreveport, La. We lived only 3 blocks from each other, my new friends were Kirby G. Scroggs and his wife Dot. The sad news is that Kirby G. Scroggs formerly 26 Field Artillery Medic passed away March 9th, 1988 here in the V.A. hospital. He wanted so to attend last year's reunion, however, his health condition would not allow him to make the trip.

Orders in 1945 sending me to Reception Station No. 5 Camp Shelby, Miss. for separation also had the name of Quentin R. Hardage on the order. Recently made a call (phone) to his home town Madden, Miss., just seeking his whereabouts and hoping to get him to attend a 9th Div. reunion. Ended up talking to his sister Mrs. Cecil H. Sanford in Madden, she informed me of his death 3-31-87. She stated that I could pass this on to you. He was known as "Hardtack" Hardage. I'm not sure what infantry regiment he served in, believe it was the 60th?

All I have talked to are planning for good times and fellowship in Hyannis.

Co. A 15th ENGS
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Enclosed dues for 1988. Barbara and I wish to express our congratulations to the Pennsylvania Chapter for the wonderful job they did at Camp Hill. We enjoyed every aspect of the convention, especially the introduction of a big band. It brought back pleasant memories of former conventions. For that Night we were young again. We trust a big band will be a part of all future conventions.

Our sincere hope is that all the men of the 9th and their lovely wives will be in Hyannis in '88".

Life is like the movies, you're constantly in the dark, making projections.

The three rules for healthy teeth: brush after every meal, see your dentist often, and mind your own business.

Co. A 15th ENGS
EDWARD RICKERT
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It seems as tho, it was just a few months ago that I sent in my dues for 1987, but I guess it was a year already.

I keep in touch with a few of the old Buddies from the 15th Lt. Dwight Merrill and Tony Valerie mentioned that they enjoyed the last convention. Ed Conkovich is in Daytona Beach Florida enjoying the sunshine. Marty Dalton is still in Providence RI, Jerry Fasano is still in Pennauken, NJ, Harry James in Palmdale, California, David Pinkney, Rochester, NY, Augie Rintala, Butte, Montana, Louis Walters, Council Bluff, Iowa.

It also seems that I think more of the days that I served in the Ninth Infantry Division. It was a great Outfit and we had a good bunch of Officers and men.

Best Regards to all.

Co. M 47th INF.
TOM MORGAN
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I just noticed my Membership Card and realized my Dues are in the. I am enclosing a check for 3 years dues. After being able to attend the Nashville reunion (my first) and enjoying it so much I promised myself I would make more of the reunions. However, I could not make the "87" one in Penn. Due to Health and other reasons. I am looking forward to seeing all buddies and making new friends at future reunion's.

I really enjoy the mail call. I would like to hear from some of the old gang of "M" Co. If any one is passing thru Chattanooga look me up.

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Moorestowne Woods
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Just because I did not attend the Memorial Mass in Worcester is no reason why I should not receive my Octofoil. (Just Kidding!) I did not attend because I was abiding by our beloved Father Connor's last wish, that the Memorial Service should end after his death. I understand that there were about 200 there, or about one third of the usual attendance. I wish it has stopped instead of having it fade away.

"9th Signal Company"

Raymond M. Connally Jr.
11 Dunstable
Vincentown, NJ 08088

Just a line or two of information, and an apology: First I would like to thank Bill Miller of Wilmington, Delaware, for his first hand report of the Harrisburg 87 Reunion. We have been in close contact via mail and together would like to contact any Signal Company members, especially those in the Association. (If possible Dan???) Now the apology. Although plans and reservations had been made to attend the 87 Reunion, the death of my lovely Mother cancelled them. I'm sure my buddies in the Phila. Delaware Valley Chapter will more than understand.

I sent my usual Christmas greetings to Well's in Charlestown, N.H. and Pat McGoldnick in Paramus, NJ and of course their cards were most greatly received.

I know that I am imposing somewhat on your Good Nature and Dan, (lets include your movie as well) but I would like, if they are still members, the addresses of the following Signal Company Personnel.

William H. Brodie III
John J. Yeager
J. Wango
Charles Moore
Anthony Dalton
William J. Ellis Jr.

Till next time. All the Very Best, and God's Blessings on all the "Old Buddies."

B & D Co's 39th Inf
HERMAN "PORKY" SHORT
197 Jersey Ave.
Clayton, N.J. 08312

Thought it was about time that I wrote a letter to Octofoil and express my thanks for a job well done. I joined the 9th in 1940 Tent City. Would like to hear from any former members.

Best wishes to all members of the 9th.

60th Inf 1st Bn

JOHN K. MOORE
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Apt. R 14-326
Bradenton, FL. 34205

My last issue of The Octofoil was not addressed in Red, but decided that I should write you regardless.

Last summer my zip code was changed:
Old Number 33505
NEW NUMBER 34205

Will appreciate your using new number in future mailings, so that I will not miss any future issues.

We enjoy every issue you have sent out, and eagerly look forward to the next one and its letters from members. Once in a Blue Moon I do find a name that I recall, but I am always interested in each one.

Keep up the good work; and my best wishes and appreciation to both you and your loving wife.

I passed the 83rd milestone this March, but am still planning a trip to Germany this year. My son is a LTC. in the Air Force there. We hope to both visit him, and also to revisit a few of the areas through which we fought.

Regards to all the members.

26th FA

WILLIAM LEWIS
54 Hopewell Dr.
Struthers, Ohio 44471

Bill's wife, Dorothy, writes, "Bill is still in Ron Joy Nursing Home. I am alone and have no help. I have to have friends take me back and forth to see him. It was 3 yrs Apr. 11 since Bill had his stroke. He is doing good. I read the Octofoil to him and he hears from George Fleet, Jerry Lake and John Price and O. Gansea. Would enjoy hearing from anyone else.

9th Recon Trps

EDWARD KNAPP
504 Canter Rd.
Wilmington, Del. 19810

I am trying to get in touch with some old buddies. Have heard from some of Division People but would like to hear from one of the second platoon. Like Chubby Silverstone the medic, was a lot of fun. Also a fellow by the name of Theilberg and Hall and Kaye. I would also like to hear from Merle Roth and Lt. Pricer, Doc Bowen platoon Sgt. I haven't heard from anyone of them but would like to. Have a lot of time now to think about old buddies. My health is not the best but can still get around and drive. Would appreciate a letter from all of them I've mentioned. My jeep was named "Reckless Amos" maybe that name will shake some one's memory. Thanking all of you and best regards to all.

60th Inf B Co

STEVE URBANYI
1085 Easterbrook Dr.
Perrysburg, Ohio 43551

I'm enclosing a check for dues and something for the Memorial fund. The Jan-Feb issue of the Octofoil contained a photo and letter from Lenny Barber. I met Leonard and his charming wife Odelle during a tour revisiting parts of North Africa. It was good to hear from him again. I believe that C Co and B Co men of the 60th are having a private party somewhere and have no time to write. This is in reference to Leonard's complaint of the lack of letters from C Co 60th.

G Co 39th Inf

GEORGE SEIFERT
Rt 1 Box 755
Cochise, Az. 85606

Am enclosing a check to cover my subscription which I believe is about due, plus a little extra for the Scholarship Fund.

Look forward to receiving the Octofoil and read every word, then I save them to re-read again and again. Doesn't seem as though there are many G. Company buddies still around, but I keep in touch with the ones I have contacted through the Octofoil.

Haven't made any plans to attend the reunion again this year as I am waiting for an appointment with the V.A. neurologist to see what can be done about the nerve damage in my feet and ankles — very difficult to walk any distance.

Best wishes to everyone and keep up the good work with the Octofoil.

Co K - 47th Inf.

HELEN M. HOLMES
352D Hackensack St.
Wood Ridge, NJ 07075

We spent almost a month in Florida (Englewood and St. Petersburg) while we were in Englewood noticed a NY car with the "Octofoil," we left a note with our phone number, shortly after we met Rosalie and Joseph DeFine of the Bronx, NY. He was in HD, Qtrs Co. of the 47th Inf. Beg. So we spent quite a time reminiscing about old times. They plan to be in Cape Cod this June. We made our reservations last July and look forward to seeing you both and all the gang from the 9th Div. See and I met Marie while shopping about two months ago. Best Regards.

They say you should dress for success. For a cat burglar that means gym shoes and a black hood.

Writer's block: that object attached a writer's shoulders.

Co. F 39th Inf.

ED MC NAMARA
Box 219
Brookfield, NY 11314

Is my face red. Been wondering what happened to the Octofoil all summer. Went back through old papers and found the RED address on the Jan. issue. Enclosed find three years dues. If you have any back copies, I missed, I'll gladly pay what ever you charge to get them.

I couldn't make the Fox Company reunion in Louisville, KY in Sept., but am happy to report that we've made contact with 41 vets. Our next get together is to be in Texas next Sept. Any Fox Company men wanting to join us should write to John Crail, 321 Frazer Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15235. No Dues are charged. Best regards to all.

39th Inf A Co

AARON (ART) WEINBERG
2415 E 64th St.
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11234

Have been a member of the 9th division since the first day of its inception. I am trying to get in touch with any buddy who remembers me. Went through North Africa, Sicily and part of France and was captured by the Germans crossing the Muese River in flatboats. Was hit by a grenade and spent 4 mos. in a POW hospital and 4 mos. in a POW camp and was listed as KIA. Just want my buddies to know I'm alive and kicking. We crossed the river in 3 flatboats and I was in the lead boat. If any of the guys were in the other boats and made it, can they get in touch with me. Wishing all the men of the 9th health and happiness to you and yours. God Bless You All.

39th Inf Hdqs Co

SAL MORANO

26 Doral Dr.

Toms River, N.J. 08757 H.C.B.

Just a few lines to say hello to the boys of the 39th Hdqs. I spent several weeks in Florida this winter and while there I spent time with my buddy Jack Piemonte and his wife. They live in Vero Beach. We had a great time reminiscing all our escapades on duty and off and believe me, there were many. We talked about all the boys. I was sorry to learn from Gene Primerano that Paul Incao passed away and Jack told me about Little Mikey Giordano from E Co passing on. He was a good friend of Jack's from Yonkers, N.Y.

15th Engrs Hdq & B Co

RICHARD McGRATH
2856 W. 8th St.
Chicago, Il. 60652

The older I get the more I appreciate all the work you guys and gals do for the rest of us. Our association is only as good as you "workaholics" make it. Thanks so much for all your efforts.

47th Inf

EDWARD SLOSSAN JR.

63 Sherwood Place
Greenwich, Ct. 06830

I was in At Pl 1st Bn 747 Inf. all but 3 months. But started out at Fort Bragg with Co. D 47th, INF. Trying for another 3 years my check enclosed. Still walk with a cane the next hundred will be the best.

Say hello to everybody. 73 now.

What's the big deal about big game hunting? Who wants to shoot a Monopoly board anyway?

Most of us can't afford to be driven crazy, so we have to drive ourselves.

60th Inf. Co. E
JAMES POPIESKI
1228 Shenk Ave.
Erie, PA 16505

I am very anxious to become a member of the 9th Division Association, and that is why I am sending this letter to you.

I joined the Army on Sept. of 1940 and discharged with the rank of S/Sgt. on Sept. of 1945. During this time and for a short time after my discharge my records showed my name to be Casimir J. Popieski, serial number 13010998.

After a short period of time since my discharge my records and all other personal records have been changed and show my name to be James C. Popieski.

My reason for explaining all of this to you is so that there will be no confusion or doubt as to whether or not I was a member of the 9th Infantry Division. I hope you understand.

I was a S/Sgt. and Squad Leader "Easy Co." 60th Inf. Regt. 9th Division, and on Dec. 14, 1944 near the village of Eschweiler in Germany I was wounded by rifle and shrapnel fragments.

After being hospitalized for quite some time I was finally discharged on Sept. of 1945.

I was talking to a friend of mine by the name of Frank Buzanowski who is a member of the Association and after talking to him I wished I had done this sooner.

I am sending you a check to cover my dues and hope that you will accept me as a member, and let me know if you need more information.

May this letter find you and your family in the very best of health and keep all of you in Gods care.

CO I & Serve Co 47th Inf

CALVIN H. HARMS
231 E. Madison Ave.
Dumont, NJ 07628

Enclosed dues for 3 years once again. Enjoyed seeing all my friends at Camp Hill again and the wonderful time we had. Also the Christmas Party in Weehawken was just great.

Sorry to hear of my good friend Bill Hawkins Co I 47th Inf who passed away in December 1987. I shall always remember his big smile and the many ways he would help people.

We all should pray for Bob Dunn Serv Co 47th, Norm Caswell Co B 47th Inf., Cy Galvan Anti-Tank 47th Inf that their health may be restored and once again will enjoy seeing them.

Good news to hear Bill Seyfried Co H 47th is enjoying New Port Richey, Fla, Duane Olson Hq Co 47th loves Port Ludlow, Wash, and to hear Emil DeDonato, Hq. Co 47th is enjoying the Fla sunshine at Dunnellon, Fla.

Regards to all Service Co and I Company 47th men who I miss a great deal these past 43 years.

Co. F 60th Inf.

GERALD S. TEACHOUT
1600 W Struck #165
Orange, CA 92667

Just a few lines to let you know that we will be unable to be at Hyannis in June. In fact, have no doubt made my last reunion. On February 13, had my sixth, a massive heart attack. It was touch and go and several times the family, the doctors and I thought it was all over. But the Good Lord was watching over me again and made the struggle back. Was walking a few hundred feet a day when first home from hospital. Set backs now have me back in a wheelchair. Will get out of that somehow.

If money talks, most of us must be awfully lonely for conversation.

39th Inf K Co
ALBERT NAPADANO
PO Box 7102
New Castle, Pa. 16107

Looks like I'm in arrears on dues for the Octofoil. Sorry. Most of March I was in St. Francis Hospital and 1 week at the St. Elizabeth Medical in Youngstown, Ohio. I was having blood pressure problems and thanks to the Grace of God I came through everything OK. The years of smoking took their toll on me for the past 40 years. I prayed harder in 3 days than all the fighting of WW2. I had a major 70% blockage of the main artery over the heart. There were 2 options, either surgery or the balloon bubble to re-open the artery. I chose the balloon over surgery, and it worked. What was supposed to take 2 hrs. took 20 mins. I've got a second lease on life. My best regards to all. Enclosed is my check for dues and donation to the Memorial Fund.

39th Inf K Co

BILL NELSON
712 McDowell Ave
Steubenville, Ohio 43952

I had a card from Nolan Thompson and a phone call informing me of the death of Randolph Prosser in South Carolina. He and his sister were returning from the doctors when he ran under a large truck, and was killed instantly and his sister died enroute to the hospital. He had been a faithful attendant at all the reunions and was a member of Hdq 39th from Tent City days. I hope we have a great turnout in Hyannis from K Co. I read Shorty Blankenship's letter and would like for him to attend. I am sure he would have a great time. I am enclosing a picture taken in 1940 in Tent City when I was on KP. All of our cooking was done on wood stoves. The fellow on the left I believe is Sabo. I know he left Ft. Hayes with 19 of us going to the new 9th division in Ft. Bragg by private pullman car.

Hdq. Co. 39th Inf.

BENNIE NARDONE
1845 Bluff Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43212

Here is my dues for 1988, I would like to hear from Harold Radatz, who was a Trombone Player, in my "Black Market" Band. I have been corresponding with Charlie Doble (Guitar) of my Company, a good friend he is.

If anyone else who was in my "Band" sees this, please write.

Hdq. & G Co. 47th Inf.

ROBERT L. MATHIS
Box 127

Tropical M. H. Village
Clerviston, Fla 33440

Enclosed find check for renewal of Membership Dues for 3 years. We really enjoy getting the Octofoil we read every bit of it. My husband enjoys seeing his old friends names show up.

Keep the good news up.

Co. "B" 9th Med Bn.

GEORGE STERN
8747 E. Girard Ave.
Denver, Co. 80231

My dues are up sometime this month, so I may as well get in for the next three years.

The 9th Med. Mn. is going to have a mini reunion in Pigeon Forge Tenn. in early May, and I hope all Medical Personnel who are able, will attend. It will be held at the Ramada Inn, May 6/7, a discount for Medics is in order.

Hoping to see as many as possible there for Pete Radichid, Jack Wilsar, Jack Lauhach are expected from Co. B. along with the wife and I.

Deadline for next issue July 20th

Co. K 47th Inf.
JOHN A. MRUGALA
Box 12 Rd. 1
Barnesboro, PA 15714

Enclosed you will find a check for \$13.00 (Three Year Dues Renewal). Red Label on the Jan./Feb. 1987 copy of "The Octofoil". Sorry about the delay in responding.

We are all set for Hyannis and looking forward to seeing our friends once more.

May God Bless You All and keep you safe. I pray you had a nice Easter.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from the Author of a book. He writes about the 9th Div. in it. Take notice, he is coming out with a book this fall about the 9th and 47th Regt. I thought you might be interested to pass the information along to alert the members of the coming book.

C. WHITING
11 St. Olave's Rd.
York, England
Dear Mr. Mrugala,
Just got your long letter.

I'm always pleased to hear from the men who did the job. It looks from your letter that you saw your share of action.

I have always been interested in the Ninth Div. I don't think it ever got its fair share of the 'publicity' of war, not like the 'Big Red One'.

It might interest you to know that I deal quite a lot in my new book with the Ninth and your Regiment - the 47th Inf. It's called 'The Death Factory - the Battle of the Hurtgen Forest' due out in the States in the early fall. It's published by Crown Publishers, Inc. N.Y.

Again my thanks for your time and trouble in writing. Look after yourself and keep well.

Co. F 60th Inf.
DONALD E. CRASS
2295 Strong Road
Phelps, Wis. 54554

I am writing to this to inform the readers of Octofoil that I had a very pleasant surprise on March 23, 1988. Dick Nevens called me on the phone asking me if I was with Co. F 60th Inf. and I said yes, he said I read your article in the Nov./Dec. 1987 issue of the Octofoil. It gave me a funny feeling as I was the guy who went out of that window ahead of you. Sure was a surprise for me as names never stuck with me, so after 43 years, I find out who the guy was. We had quite a long chat, but in all of the excitement, I didn't get his address. Dick Nevens said he will be going to Hyannis Reunion this year. I won't be going this year, but would like Cliff Painter to get in touch with him at the reunion, also any of F. Co.'s 60th Inf. Would like to thank the Philly Chapter for the wonderful job they did at Camp Hill at last year's reunion. We really enjoyed it very much.

Hq. Co. 15th Eng.
PAUL J. BOLDUC
573 Woonasquatucket Avenue
North Providence, RI. 02911

Is Henry M. Grane 1st Lt., still a member of the 9th Division Assoc.? I would like his address if you still have it. He lived in New Jersey and I lost his address. He was a member of HQS Company 15th Engineer.

Thank you and Good Luck to you, the 9th Division Assoc. and its members.

3rd. Bn. Hq. 39th Inf.
FRANCIS TIERNEY
98 Medford Farm
Goffstown, NH. 03045

Enclosed are my dues for another 3 years. While I have not attended a reunion since 1954 (NYC) I may break the drought and get over to the Cape this June.

Regards to All!

60th Inf. Hq. Co.
TOM "BUCK" HARRIS
PO Box 69
Elm City, N.C. 27822

In the last issue of the Octofoil a young man wrote wanting to know how to obtain the medals his grandfather earned for his service in the ETO in WW II. If he will send a copy of his discharge papers to U.S. Army Support Center Philadelphia, 2800 S. 20th St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19101, they will send the medals that were stolen from his grandfather while he was in a rehabilitation center. If anyone out there remembers Art Schaffer from 60th Hqs. and knows how I can get in touch with him please let me hear from you. Would like to hear from other Hqs. 60th buddies including Saldanna, Kelly, Lafferty, Johnnie Christina, Wagner, Robert Brown, 1st. Sgt. Webb and Master Sgt. Apfell. Enclosed is a little something in memory of Hyman Grossman. He was a good man.

47th Inf. Cannon Co.
WILLIAM ARNOLD
Rt. 12 Box 753F
Fayetteville, N.C. 28306

Just a few lines from the sunny south. We had about 7" of snow last month. We are planning on going to the reunion this year and would like to see some of the boys that haven't been to any. If anyone has information on an Osborne, K Co. from Ky and Henry C. Harden who was in 3rd. Bn. Hq. at El Guettar and was wounded the evening we got bombed. Lewis Marenn and Elmer Dotson passed away some time back. See you at the reunion.

60th Inf. 2nd Bn.
WYETT COLCLASURE
RR 1, 307 S. Washington
Kinmundy, IL 62854

Sorry I must miss the '88 reunion, but our grandson, Chris, is graduating too close to reunion date. He will be going to the Air Force Academy at Colorado. Chris' dad is our son, the Colonel, stationed at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. With sadness I read of the passing of Gen. Van Bond. He was my first company CO, 1st. Lt. Bond, Co. D, 60th Inf. A good officer and my friend. I visited with Van on way home from Nashville reunion. Speaking of helmets and Lester Cook, wearing his at Nashville, I still have the one issued to me on the regimental parade ground back at Bragg before we went overseas. The camouflage net has been rotted off! If someone is video taping or recording at the reunion, I will be happy to pay for the Saturday evening banquet address. Contact me and I will even pay before you ship the tape. Thanks! Mike was my B. CO at the time of my injuries which ended in retirement. He was a part of our wedding party and arranged our wedding reception and dinner. 47 years, we are still married, Mike and Peggy were married a few weeks later. Happy to report they are also still together. When we promised "till death do us part", we are keepers of promises. I recommend that someday we find an accommodation with the new 9th. Please accept this as my proxy vote. Enclosed are dues for another 3 years. No connection, but it was an 88 that got me.

39th Inf. D Co.
ED LEWIS
75 E. Quincy St.
Riverside, IL 60546

Sorry I'm a little late with my dues, so I'll have to send a belated wish for Happy Holidays and good health to all of you and the members of the 9th division. Wishing everyone good health.

9th QM
HAROLD HOKANSON
40 Foxtail Dr
Kingston, Ma. 02364

Thank you first of all for your terrific job with the Octofoil and keeping the division together. Moved about 2 yrs. ago to a senior citizen mobile home park in Kingston. For the last few years, been bothered with sciatic nerve in back and legs. The Chiropractor kept me up and about. Over the years have seen or heard from Ray Mielie, Joe Russo, Charlie Cheevers, John Jagling, Bill Estabrook Trevor Jones, Dick Robbins, Al Roberts and Bill Palady. Enclosed find dues and for the Memorial Fund.

Co. "C" 9th Med. Bn.
RALPH PALERMO
223 Barbera Dr.
McKees Rocks, Pa. 15136

Enclosed find check for another year's dues plus something extra for the Memorial Fund.

I enjoy receiving the Octofoil very much and I look forward to reading the articles and especially reading some from my buddies. It's good to hear from them through the Octofoil.

John Lewis is planning a mini convention for the 9th Medics at Pidgeon Forge, Tenn. on May 6 & 7. I'm sorry I can't attend, due to some previous commitment.

I'm also sorry that I will not be able to attend the Forty Third Annual Reunion, at Hyannis, Mass. I wish you all a successful reunion and have a great time.

In May 1987, my wife and I were able to make a trip to Italy. We spent 20 days. We went from Rome, north of Milan, south the Riggio Calabria and across the straights of Sicily to Messina and to the city of Palermo. We travelled the autoban and it was quite an experience. We saw Mt. Etna, and some pill boxes are still visible. This brought back some memories. We visited Palermo, the beach and harbour where we landed. Also took a trip up to Monreale to visit the Cathedral. It hasn't changed much but, it is still beautiful. The city of Palermo is much improved. Apartment buildings galore. Did not get a chance to visit Cifalu due to plane connections. God willing, I hope to make this trip once again.

Keep up the good work. You have done a good job through the years, and I know the entire membership is grateful to you.

God Bless you and all the members of the Division.

60 Inf I Co
JOHN FRIDLUND
414 N. Elm St.
Itasca, IL 60143

Now that I have re-enlisted in the association, after a long period of AWOL, I attended my first and only reunion in Chicago in the early 1950's. I am enjoying my membership and especially the Octofoil. You folks at the national leadership level are doing an outstanding job! Hopefully I will be able to attend a national reunion in the future. Being no different than my fellow comrades who write you, I would like to know the whereabouts of a Capt. Glenn Braswell, a Protestant Chaplain with the 60th at the close of hostilities, Capt. Roy Serbu who was from the Mansfield, Cleveland, Ohio area, my platoon leader a staff called Robie, short for Robinson from New York and wounded in April 1945. Great guy who should have been in line for a battlefield commission. Anyway thanks for the effort. Hope that the association has a best ever reunion in Hyannis.

15 Engrs. Bn.
A.T. FORREST
Apt. 702 W
241 North Vine St.
Salt Lake City, Utah 84103

Herewith my check for dues. Please use the balance for the memorial fund.

We are ready for the reunion and look forward to seeing our 9th Div. friends again: hotel reservations and plane tickets are at hand, pre-registration and clam bake. Checks are in the mail. With those details taken care of we are now headed for a week in Vegas.

Co. M. 47th Inf.
EDWARD S. LITTLE
233 Schuylkill Ave.
Tamaqua, PA 18252

Fellows, this is not a April fool letter, although it has been a long long time since I wrote a letter to the Octofoil. I wish and hope that the good health Bug is still with all of you. Looking forward to getting to Hyannis in June and taking to you all. Johnny Knight, his wife, and myself and my better half, are driving up from here in the Poconos. So come on all you "Old Reliabilities." Let's make this the biggest one of all.

Now fellows and Comrades I have a request for someone out there. There was a young fellow called me the other night and wanted to find out some info about his uncle. His uncle was in F. Co. 60th Reg. and was one of the unfortunate in Normandy. He was killed in July 14, 1944. His name P.F.C. Frank Pitera. He was with the Ninth through Africa Sicily and Normandy so he must have been in Fort Bragg with some of you. If any of you knew him or anything surrounding him or when he got hit please, either write to me and I will get the news to him. His uncle was from Summit Hill, PA. The boy has one of the books, "Eight Stars to Victory." I told him he was lucky, because a lot of us sure would appreciate having one.

Maybe some one knows something, come fellows lets hear from you. So all of you, BE GOOD, KIND, AND CAREFUL AND MAY THE GOOD LORD MAKE ALL YOUR PLEASURES TURN INTO HABITS.

P.S. Frank Borghi sure hope to see you at Hyannis, Slim too.

Co M 47th INF.
ORIN SHELL
Star Rt. Bx 237
Bemidji, Mn. 56601

My last Octofoil showed "The Red Mark" so must renew my Subscription. I am sending \$10.00 so put me down for couple more years. I sure wish I could attend the meet at Hyannis, but, at 84, I just can't take the long trip and the energy and excitement anymore. Sure do wish I were 20 years younger! but am up here in Northern Minnesota. The "Land of Gods Frozen People". 46 below zero was the coldest this past winter, so I will be happy when green grass comes again - now, at April 22, we still could get snow tho it wouldn't stay.

I do hope my Old Buddies are still going, if not strong.

60th Inf 3rd Bn
EDWIN LUSK
Rt 1 Auburn Rd Box 457F
Helena, AL 35080

I am enclosing my check for renewal of membership. It is doubtful if I can attend the reunion this year due to illness in the family. If things change, maybe I can attend 1 night. Best regards to all.

39th Inf F Co
WILLIAM MALONEY, JR.
217 Broadway, #404
New York, N.Y. 10007

This rainy March weather brings me back to March 1943 when the 2nd Bn 39th Inf was drenched near Tebessa (Tunisia). We slept in pup tents. The rain coursed through the tents like raging rivers. — Does anyone else have such feelings triggered by ordinary occurrences in life? Once the memories are awakened, I see so many faces. — This time I thought particularly of two great soldiers Ross Manley (Co. F) and Jack Maher (Co. E). I had some contact with them after the war. Jack Maher sponsored me for membership in the Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. Post of the American Legion (N.Y.C.). Ross Manley retained me when he bought a house in the 50s. I lost all contact until I saw Ross' name in the "Tip of the Hat" column. I wrote to you and got his address. I sent him a letter and he replied with news of Jack Maher. Somehow in moving I misplaced their addresses. I meant to write to you again but kept putting it off. Now the cold rain of March brings me thoughts of the two of them and the other fine people of the 39th.

15th Engrs B Co
BYRON ANGELL
572 Smithfield Rd.
N. Providence, RI 02904

Before I see red, please find dues and something for the Memorial fund. Recently a friend of mine in the Merchant Marine made a call at Safi. This brought back a few memories. The 1st platoon of B Co 15th Engrs was attached to the 1st Bn of the 47th. Our transportation from Norfolk to Safi was the good ship William Harris. It was a good passage for me, except for the 2 meals a day. As we neared the coast of Africa, I managed to get a look at the sand table model of Safi and the beach area that was set up in the ward room. As with attached units nobody tells you anything. It was near midnight on Nov. 7 that Lt. Holt Rast, our platoon commander told me to take 4 men from my squad and report to station #5 on the port side. We were to go in with a unit of the anti tank, of course, they didn't know who we were or why we were there. I can remember 3 of the men who were with me. My old friend, Fred D'Amore, Clem Abbott and Connie Holmes, the 4th man I cannot recall. We moved to the rail where the rope net was and looked down, pitch black! I could hear water, but could see no Higgins boat. Someone said "Let's go." So down we went and the net took us in the Higgins boat. The water seemed quite rough as we pulled away from the ship. We milled around in the darkness for quite a long time. The sailors said they were to form up with other boats and go in, in a wave.

38th Inf AT
PAUL E. DAVIS
938 4th St
Beaver, Pa. 15009

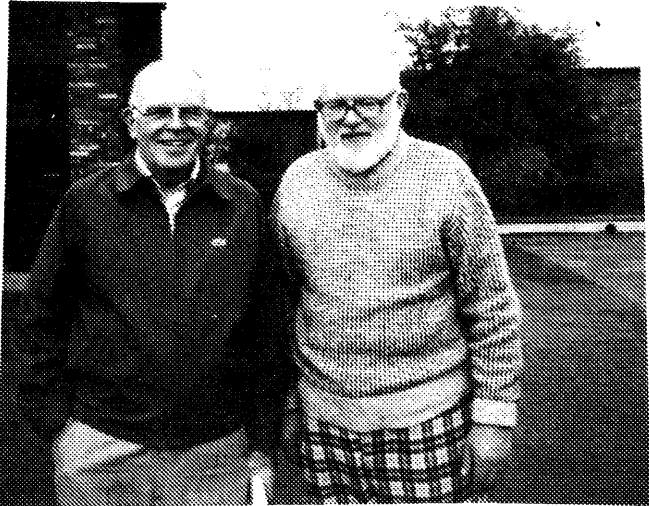
Enclosed are my dues. Enjoyed the reunion at Camp Hill and seeing familiar faces once again. The boys from the 39th Inf AT are dwindling. Will miss corresponding and visiting with John W. Dellinger, Walter Register and Carl Elgestad who have passed away.

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.

MAIL CALL



Lucien Saumier shown on the left with Sweeney and LaBonte of the 3rd Bn I & R Platoon, 39th Inf-the time not mentioned along with the location but appears to be while the 39th was on the "road" with the field kitchen in use in the background. Lucien claims he doesn't see anything about the Hqs 3rd Bn 39th Inf in the Octofoil so come on you guys write a few lines what you are doing.



Ernie Newhart sends this photo taken in Spartanburg, S. Carolina when he met Edgar Huff shown on the left. Ernie was on his way to Florida like all the snow birds heading South for the Winter. The two company B, 15th Engs buddies hashed over several campaigns while their wives enjoyed a reunion after 30 years. Ernie lives at 77 West Ferry St., New Hope, Pa. 18938. We expect to meet the Newharts in Hyannis this summer.



Sal Morano, 39th Inf met Jack Piemonte this past Winter while in Florida and spent some time talking "old times." Here they are shown in Vero Beach. Story appears in Mail Call.



Bill Nelson, K Co 39th Inf shown on right with (Memory is failing) Bill believes name was Sabo. Story appears in Mail Call. Taken in Sept. 1940 Tent City-

60th Inf. B Co.
GEROGE CYPHERS
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I think it's about time for someone from a seemingly rarely heard from unit, Co. B 60th Inf. to send in a few lines. Since I last wrote, I have been on 2 cruises, one to Tahiti and the other to the Eastern Caribbean. I never thought I'd get to the South Seas. It was a great trip! I can understand why the "Bounty" sailors and others didn't want to leave. We want to take the western Caribbean cruise next time. My back went out on me last June and I spent a week in the hospital in traction. They were trying to make a 7 foot basketball player out of me. It didn't work, but helped a great deal. The legs kind of give out fast now, no 25 mile marches anymore. Enclosed find my check for the next 3 years. I won't make the reunion this year, but my best wishes to those that attend.

34 FA Hq. Btry.
ALBERT WILLINGHAM
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Enclosed find dues for another 3 years. Will not be able to make the '88 reunion. Best wishes to all and have a good time.

15th Engr. Bn.
THOMAS BEERS
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In the Octofoil of Jan./Feb., as part of "Down the Road of History", Frenzenberg Castle, I saw the name of Carl V. Sheridan, Medal of Honor 47th Inf., for his outstanding feat of heroism. This young man was from my neighborhood in Baltimore, our VFW Post is named for him. When his body was returned home, there was a Military funeral and I was honored to be one of the pall bearers. Please keep the Octofoil coming. You guys do such a great job. I am not up to much travel so this is my link with the "Rinky Dinks". So long and see you all real soon.

A Co. 47th Inf.
BEN F. BLETHEN
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This letter is from Ben F. Blethen. I don't know if you recall seeing me at one of the past reunions, but to refresh your memory if I can, I will tell you, I was in Co. A-9th Inf. Division during World War Two from Fort Bragg, NC. From there I helped to make the landings in North Africa. After the African fighting was over we went to Sicily, then to England and from England into France. Then about two or three months I was wounded very bad, after this I was put on a hospital ship and ended up in Woodrow Wilson Hospital in Staunton, VA., this is where I spent about two and a half years. Received a medical discharge and have been in and out of VA hospitals ever since. Well enough of this, Mr. Quinn, I would like to know if you have heard from any one from Co. A - like Sgt. Quale or First Sgt. Ballard, Pfc. Agnetta, Anthony Giacobbe, my wife, and I were looking at a big photo of Co. A and I can recall the names of some of the men marching in Fayetteville, NC.

I will close for now. I have the address where the next reunion will be held and am hoping I will be well enough to go.

60th Inf. B Co.
TOMAS L. BELK
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I enjoy the Octofoil very much. I am sending 3 yrs. dues. Keep up the good work.

Co. K 39th Inf.
C.E. (SHORTY) BLANKENSHIP
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Richmond, Va 23234

Enclosed is my 3-year application renewal. Also a little something for the Memorial Fund. I have no choice of the chapter to receive the credit as there is none here in Virginia, so I will leave that up to you, any of your choice.

Thanks Dan for your note in the Octofoil. I do look forward to getting that paper. The day after it came, I received another letter from another of the 9th Div. guys, and even better he says he was in the 39th Co. 'K'. His name is Joseph E. Sheehan, and says he was hit just outside St. Lo. So his war was coming to an end just as mine was getting started, as I went into the 9th, 39th at Lamersdorf.

Anyhow I'm glad that he took the time to write to me and I am going to write to him as soon as I finish this one to you. That makes about 20 or 25 of the fellows from the 9th that are writing or calling me now. I am really very proud of that. All of you keep writing. Sometimes I am a little slow in answering, but you can bet that I WILL ANSWER ALL OF YOUR LETTERS! Just all of you keep them coming.

Don't know about the reunion as yet. Am not going to plan anything definite, but if I can and all goes well I would like to make it there for at least one night or day. Maybe at least for the banquet or the welcome night. Sure would like to make at least one of the reunions. I do want to meet all of you that have been so nice in writing and calling me all this time. Am keeping my fingers crossed.

That's about it for this time. Hello to all of you and keep the letters coming. Stay healthy and keep plugging. I know most of us have problems, bad health, etc. but what the Hell, "We licked the Huertgen Forest didn't we?"

So long for now, hope by some miracle I will see some of you at the reunion.

By the way if anyone out there knows anything about or has any information about a Sgt. Lee Lowery, in Santa Ana, Calif. I would sure like to hear from them. He wrote me a letter a couple years ago and said he was sure he knew me and to write to him for more information. I have written him several letters, but as yet no answer at all. If any of you have any information about him at all please let me know.

WILL BE WATCHING
MY MAILBOX!!!!

Co. A 60th Inf.
LELAND McCLEARY
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Phoenix, Az 85029

Keep up the good work. I really enjoyed the Octofoil. I am a life member from A. Co. 60th Inf. Was sent to Fort Bragg when I joined the Army on Oct. 3, 1940. Tent City will never be forgotten. Went overseas to North Africa had troubles with one of my legs. Was put in Hospital at Rabat. Then was reassigned.

Thanks.

709 Ord
ROBERT L. SPENCER
37 Water St.
Wellsboro, Pa 16901

Somewhere along the way, I missed the boat, like the rest of us, am getting old! Enclosed find dues and something for the Memorial Fund. Enjoyed Camp Hill very much and will be at Cape Cod. Hope to see more of the guys from the 709 Ord there. All the best.

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47th Inf. Med Det.
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I hope this letter finds you in the best of health. I'm glad I saw the sticker on the Octofoil or I would not have known my dues are due. I hope to see you again sometime in the near future.

60th Inf. K Co.
EDWARD M. STOKAN
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It's about time I wrote to the best paper in the U.S.A. I feel just like the rest of the guys, it makes my day. You, Dan, put out the best! I would like to hear from the boys from K Co. 60th. I guess we're all getting older, because I would like to go to Hyannis, but my health isn't up to par. I want to apologize to Bob Rucker for not writing to him. I had 2 operations and got in a rut. Sorry, Bob! Tell the old timers from K Co. to get on the ball. Let's hear from you.

39th Inf. 3rd Bn.
LUCIEN SAUMIER
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I never see anything about Hdqs. Co. 3rd Bn I & R platoon 39th Inf. Enclosed find dues. Bill Sweeney said he would get back in also.

39th Inf. Co. B
IRV TERCHAK
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It's that time of the year again. The enclosed checks are for dues and annual Memorial Fund. Joe Gravins informed me of the passing of a dear friend Adolph Schmeisser. He will be greatly missed by the guys in B Co. 39th, since he was so active in our mini reunions. I was hospitalized at the V.A. hospital for 4 weeks. My war injury has been causing me a lot of problems, I'm still weak from loss of weight. I certainly hope that I'll be able to attend our B Co. reunion in Buffalo this June. My personal regards to all the great guys in B Co. 39th. Emmett Austen please contact me or send me your phone number.

60th Inf. D Co.
EARL SULLIVAN
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I'm a little late with my dues but here they are for another 3 years. After taking out the dues, put the rest in to the Memorial Fund. I would like to make the reunion this year, but don't think that I will, because I am not getting around too well. See you sometime.

If you are planning on moving please notify the secretary of your new address. It will save postage and keep you on the Octofoil mailing list.