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THE OCTOFOIL

412 Gregory Ave. Weehawken, N. J. 07087

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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44th Annual Memorial Mass and Service

On Sunday, November 6, 1988 at 10:00 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester, we will be observing the 44th Annual Memorial Mass and Service for the deceased members of the Ninth Infantry Division. This annual pilgrimage to Worcester to remember our dead has always been an important part of our lives. It not only allows us, as a group, to honor those who died for their country, and those who have since followed but binds us, the living closer together.

Because our mailing list is incomplete, we are asking the Octofoil to print this information.

The weekend will follow the usual format. A letter with all details will be mailed out in early September. To be sure we have your address, please drop a card to Ronald Murphy, 44 Strawberry Lane, Scituate, MA 02066.

Remember, it is for us, the living, to remember the dead.

Sincerely,
Ron Murphy
Secretary N.E. Chapter

Reservations

This year, you must make your own reservations. Seventy five rooms have been set aside at the Sheraton Lincoln Inn at a cost of \$68.00 plus tax. Twenty five rooms are available at the Day's Inn. Single rooms are \$54.88 plus tax - double rooms \$59.88 plus tax - suites - single \$62.88 plus tax - double \$67.88 plus tax.

Sheraton Lincoln Inn
500 Lincoln Street
Worcester, MA 01605
Tel # 1-617-852-4000

Day's Inn
50 Oriol Drive
Worcester, MA 01605
1-617-852-2800

Dinner reservations for Sunday, November 6, 1988 must be made by November 1, 1988. Dinner is \$15.00 per persons.

Make checks payable to N.E. Chapter 9th Division Association and mail to Thomas Bayle, 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, MA 02144.

Oops, We Goofed!

Anyone can make a mistake! In fact the person that has not made a mistake has not been born OR is not doing anything! Marie and Dan do not fit either of the above. They do a splendid job and I am delighted that they were recognized in Detroit as they completed 25 years as secretary/editor for the association.

Even Rucker made a mistake, once! Like when he challenged de Rohan for giving Tasso a pass out of the guard house in Bragg and destroying four months of hard work... what a bird!

Thanks for the notes, even flowers and calls of condolence to Freda, even though some of you were "skook up" when I answered the phone!

Sorry that I can't be in Hyannis but hope to get adapted to the new "spare parts" and see you all in New York in '89.

Correct the Morning Report

After lying on that hill at Maknassy for 27 hours with the right leg blown off, Col. Toffey wrote me off as "killed in action on 23 March 1943! ... one doc said, "There is just some classes of livestock they cannot kill!" So, correcting the morning report is not entirely new but I am happy that I can still see to it being done.

Have just returned from examinations by two Orthopedic Surgeons (VA & private). The implanted knee has failed again and after three surgeries there is not much left to work with. So, it is back to the crutches for the duration! I will also have a special brace to help reduce pressure as there is a possibility that the bone might "explode." That would mean wheels for sure and possible loss of the other leg! "C'est la guerre" or something, but what the Hell, I have already had 45 years that I did not count on!

Old Reliable,

Bob Rucker

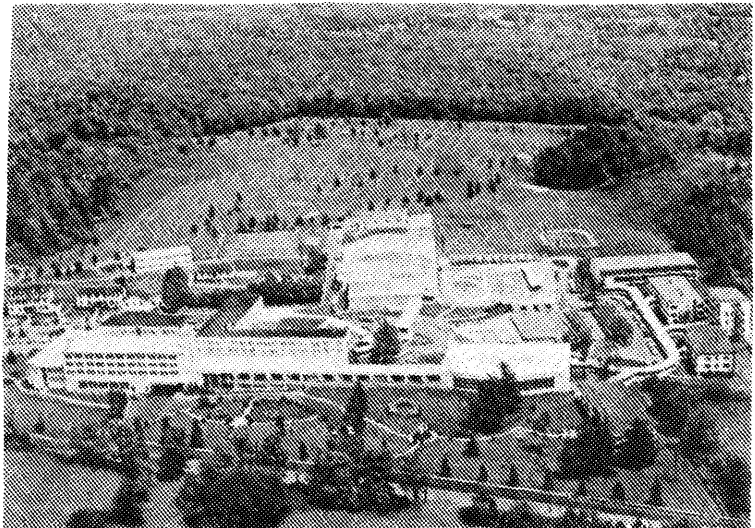
Editors P.S.

When Quinn makes a mistake he usually makes a "good one" and last Spring we announced the demise of Bob Rucker. We caught our error but not in time to stop the Octofoil that was in the mail and so we wrote to Bob before he received the paper announcing his demise. What a guy! We got to know him through the Association and what a friend he has been. Thanks Bob for being so understanding.

60th Inf.
HAROLD SMITH
9515 Bluegrass Place
Colorado Springs, Col. 80925

I have sent the following tribute to Bob Rucker, K Co. 60th Inf. whose demise was incorrectly reported in the Mar.-Apr. edition of the Octofoil. I hope that it reflects in some small way the affection and relief of his many friends in the 9th Division Association.

Headquarters 1989 Reunion



Pines Hotel, South Fallsburg, N Y

President's Message

I want to thank the Board of Governors electing me as your president for the coming year. We will do everything possible to continue the great spirit we have had among us all. The New England Chapter is to be congratulated for a fine job done at Hyannis. The Friday afternoon concert was most excellent and brought back many memories of yester year.

I sincerely hope you all had a safe trip home. I myself left in a down pour which lasted about three hours.

As you already know, the New York Chapter will be hosting the 1989 Reunion. "The Pines" in the Catskills has been selected as the site for this gathering. The dates June 19 thru June 23rd. A total of 5 days and 4 nights. The committee has put together a program you will enjoy for many years to come. All meals are included starting with dinner on June 19th and ending with lunch on June 23rd. Thursday we will have a cocktail party with all the goodies, followed by a champagne dinner banquet. You will receive a menu for all your meals including the banquet. The menu for the banquet will be a special one. The meals at "The Pines" are excellent and please, never hesitate if you would like another cup of soup or perhaps to taste another entree. The service is excellent.

The highlight of the reunion will be a trip to West Point which will take place on Wednesday June 25th. The memorial service will be held in the chapel which seats 1200 people. Following the service we will have lunch at the officers' club. (8 dining rooms). Following lunch a two hour tour of the Point. Each bus will have a guide. We will return to the Hotel by 4:30 p.m. in time to rest before dinner at 7 p.m. Each night there will be dancing after dinner followed by a show and dancing after the show. After that you can go to the disco if the feet are willing. The bugle will wake you up on Wednesday morning. "The Pines" will provide various activities during the day. The ladies will be able to go shopping at an outlet store. Buses will be provided. Bingo every night.

Accommodations: three types of rooms. Treat your lady to the super deluxe, you won't regret it. The deadline is May 8, 1989, but don't wait that long. Many, many reservations have already been made. With everything included the price is very reasonable. Remember 5 days and four nights including all your meals. Reserve to day. Good Health to all of you.

Sincerely,
Emil Langer, President

Thankful

It was a pleasure and an honor to have Major General Michael B. Kauffman as our guest speaker at our 43rd Annual Ninth Infantry Division Reunion in Hyannis, MA.

Sincerely,
Ron Murphy

We welcome you back to the land of the living, And offer you kudos for being forgiving.

Reports of your passing were happily wrong, we hasten to sing you a victory song.

So hail to you Bob, may you stay with us still, And remain in our ranks as we march o'er the hill!



Shown at the Camp Hill reunion, held last year are Bob Rucker and Dan Quinn. Bob is very much alive and not among the "departed" as announced in the Octofoil's last edition.



Frank Kowalik sends us this photo taken at Hyannis when Kaufman meets Kauffman. Tom Boyle shown on the right introduces Colonel Abe Kaufman of the 9th Med Bn to General Mike Kauffman Commanding Officer of the 2nd Bn 60th Infantry.

I enjoy reading the Octotoil. Haven't heard from anyone from 2nd Bn. yet, but still hoping. Thank you and good luck. Enclosed is my dues.

MEDICAL BATTALION Mini Reunion

The annual reunion was held at the Ramada Inn in Pigeon Forge, TN., the weekend of May 6/7. This annual reunion was the idea and was brought about by the kindness, research and hard work of John H. Lewis.

This started as a "C" Co., mini reunion and continued for several years when John and his "C" Co. decided to open the annual gatherings to all of the members of the 9th Med. Bn. A sincere thanks to the members of "C" Co. and to John and his lovely wife, Louise, who I am sure assists him.

John made all the arrangements with the Ramada Inn for our reduced rates, the CP room, the poolside cafe, etc. The CP room was well-stocked with refreshments, thanks to John and members. Some brought picture albums of the good old days for all to view and enjoy.

They all came from far and near with their loved ones — wives, families, relatives and friends to have a great time renewing friendships, acquaintances, and experiences. We were also entertained by Walt Sammon's humorous recollections and "Gus" Fite's one liners. The following members attended: From "C" Co.: Alex Balough, Pittsburg, PA.; Chalmus Cochran, Cherrylog, GA.; Aldor Cook, Schenectady, NY.; Charles Denton, Clinton, TN.; Frederick Dick, St. Petersburg, FL.; James Fite, Fairview, NC.; Joe Kash, Ard- sley, PA.; Andrew Kopach, Easton, PA.; Frank Kowalik, Waterford, NY.; John Lewis, Shelbyville, TN.; Coy Martin, Flippin, AR.; Carl Motley, Blairs, VA.; Angelo Rinchiuso, Malvern, PA.; & Walter Sammons, Mundelein, IL. From "A" Co.: Oliver Karns, Orangeville, PA.; Peter Radichio, St. Petersburg, FL.; & Jack Wilson, Canal Point, FL. From "B" Co.: Donald Hyde, Deland FL.; John Laubach, Bloomsburg, PA.; & George Stein, Denver, CO. From "Hqrs.": Sabatino "Gus" Agostinelli, Rochester, NY.; & Sewell Carson, Melbourne, FL. We also enjoyed the company of the Sue Johnstone and Elizabeth Suppuiewski.

Saturday morning at 10 AM all members, their wives, families, relatives and friends gathered in the CP room where all were introduced, especially the "first timers" who were cordially welcomed. The members then voted to hold the 1989 reunion in Pigeon Forge, the Resort City located in the foothills of the Great Smokey Mts., offering many attractions including Dolly Parton's "Dollywood." Charles Denton was then called upon to conduct the meeting and services. He reminded us of the real purpose of our get-togethers, that is, to pay our respects and homage to our beloved deceased and for the the 4581 9th Div. members left behind. Since our last gathering the following have gone to their eternal rest: John Dremuck and Gaspare Bullotta of "C" Co., Dr. Mitchell Kaminski, "D" Co., George Thorpe, "Hqrs.", and Eva Wilson the wife of "B" Co's, Jack Wilson. Our deepest sympathy to their families and loved ones. A minute of silent prayer was observed. May they rest in peace.

Our sincere thanks to John and Louise Lewis for a wonderful, enjoyable and gratifying weekend. A great time was had by all.

M Company Chronicler

It was a great Reunion at Hyannis. We who attended from M/47th extend our sincere congratulations to the New England Chapter for a job well done in the best tradition of the Old Reliables.

M Company had a grand turn out — 17 including myself plus Bernie Bennick, Frank Borghi, Joe Cebulski, John DeSepio, Fred Falgiano, Howard Gaertner, Bill Horan, Joe Kearns, Conda Kneee, John Knight, Don Kothe, Ben Kovacs, Bill Kowalczyk, Ed Little, Frank Tibbetts and Ed Wills.

This was mentioned before and here goes again, we think the Association ought to take note of that company-sized unit which produces the best turn out at a convention. We expect to be the big producer at The Pines in South Fallsburg, NY, and herewith issue a challenge to any and all others. Drop us a line if there's any interest in side bets.

I regret to announce the death of our former Sergeant Stanley "Pop" Raczowski of Tacoma, Washington. Stan died April 13, 1988 after a long lay-up following an auto accident two years before. He was a leader in creating a Catholic War Veterans Post in the Tacoma area and was its commander for a few years. According to a friend, Stan spoke often of his M Company. He was buried with military honors and wore the Bronze Star awarded him in Germany.

Dan, I am interested in knowing whether there are any association members of the division's Black "4th platoons" which were organized in March of 1945. Enclosed is a page from "Eight Stars to Victory" which mentioned what I'm talking about. You might look up in your files PFC Jack Thomas, Company E, 47th Infantry who apparently won the DSC in this capacity.

Co. M -47th Inf.
Jerry "Red" Phillips
14002 Hemlock St.
Penn Valley, CA 95946

*Soldiers of the Ninth
Old Soldiers, as the saying
goes fade and the lights
grow dim—*

*Memories of his old war
years return to really haunt
him.*

*Tho his eyes are weak and
his steps unsure*

*The respect of his com-
rades remain so pure.*

*He recalls the past tho'
Hell it may be*

*From El Guettar to Eter-
nity —*

*The ranks of the fallen file
by in pairs*

*As he calls them by name
tho' his eyes full of tears —*

*As time goes on and for all
to see*

*The men of the 9th have a
glowing page in History.*

By Mary Maness
764 Kingston Ct.
Apollo Beach, Fla. 33570.

I would like to close with something for us to think about, the words of our National Treasurer, Tom Boyle "Stay together it is getting late." To the members of the 9th Medical Battalion let us have a better showing in 1989. Let us continue to get together as it already is late. Write to John H. Lewis, 211 Midland St., Shelbyville, TN., 37160, to add your name to his mailing list.

Co. F 47th Inf

Bob and Florence DeSandy drove down to Long Beach Island to spend a few days with us after the Cape Cod bash. Though Lucy didn't join us (she remained in Metuchen so she could continue to support my bad habits), we managed to get in eighteen holes, shoot some craps and play some black jack at Atlantic City, — Bob hit the slots for \$175.00, while Flo and I were paying our dues. Flo and I made Bob pop for dinner that night at the Bayberry Inn. Next day we went to Cape May where the two of them were able to sate their appetites for Victorian architecture. Those old homes are really beautiful pieces of work. Dinner at the Tuckahoe Inn on Great Egg Harbor completed our day, though Flo was straining at the leash to get back to the tables of Atlantic City. However, I knew that I had to return home to my beagle, Cognac, before he had an accident (P.S. — I was too late!). The next day they were off to Virginia, where they were going to spend a few days with Chuck and Phyllis Jones.

I wonder what everyone thought of the reunion. We had a great time despite the fall-off of attendance of the F Company gang. There were George Brown (honorary member), Jack Armstrong, Joe Bergin, Joe Ayles, Vinney Guglielmino, Bob DeSandy, Walter O'Keefe (honorary member), Jack Finnegan, Ray Schmader, Chuck Jones, Paul Giarraputo, Milt Zucker, Woody Lockwood (honorary member), and Bill Larson. The following people, though unable to attend, made rather generous contributions to the CP fund: Gen. Chip Maness, Rodger Alsgaard, Earl Wilkey, N. Curtis (Tex) Hoffer, George King, Charley Williams, Lee Grimwood, Rud Hoffman, Paul Pryjmak, Larry Ghery, and Bob Landis. Next year we are going to run our CP jointly with E Company. It should prove to be a happy marriage. I've received some sixteen applications for reservations for next year's revelry in South Fallsburg. By the end of the week I hope to have a like amount, when Lou Slatnick and I will visit the good people at The Pines Resort Hotel to see first hand what our bivouac area will look like. Slats promised to dig any latrines and sump pits that need attending to. I'll report on the facilities in a letter in the very near future. Slats, Jack Finnigan, Frank Gonzol, and I enjoyed a three hour lunch at T.G.I. Friday's this afternoon. We plan much of our strategy at these lunches. I wonder if some accountant in our reading public will tell me how we can deduct the cost of these affairs on April 15. I know we can include our tip to that cute little waitress under "Charitable contributions". Didn't I hear that one of you guys did that when you contributed to the "Lemon Queen Fund" in the summer of '43? But to get back to Cape Cod, we want to thank the Boston gang for their usual efficiently run, hospitable reunion. They're a good bunch, despite their funny way of talking. Some of the Brooklyn people had difficulty understanding them.

We were particularly pleasantly surprised by the attitude of the Tara's staff. What a difference a change in management made! I'd recommend the Flatly people to anyone. Not once did I detect a discourteous word or action. Everybody was most helpful, and that express checkout system was indicative of their desire to be most accommodating. They deserve a vote of thanks. I think we can look forward to a good turnout at The Pines next year, and I urge all those F Company people who didn't get their checks to me on time, to send them in to The Pines as soon as possible.

F Co. 47th/NF
ED HOPPIE HOPKINS
110 Hollywood Ave.
Metuchen, NJ 08840

A Bty-60th FA

A happy and jovial group of ex-60th F.A. men and their wives gathered together Saturday night around the dinner table. Ralph Williams, Lou Gray, Lou Prince, Frank Lovell, Mike Patrick, Norris Gray, Clair McKee, Don Williams and your truly, Mike Belmonte.

The last time I saw Ralph Williams was in the early 50's in Washington, D.C., living then in Silver Springs, Maryland and still in uniform. Frank Lovell hadn't seen him since Father Connors 25th Anniversary mass in Worcester, although we have kept in touch yearly. Norris Gray, being absent for the first 40 reunions, has managed to make the last three. Don Williams from Plainsville, Conn. has made the last two — after an absence of 41 years. The rest of the group - I have been in contact over the years. Lou Prince has moved once again - still in the same area. I hope my wife didn't lose his newest address

I had hoped to see a few more of the 60th, guys like Mike Lasalandra, Johnny Liggero, Lou Pandolfi, and Ed Wardzala, all who live within a two hundred mile radius of Hyannis.

In closing, a bit of a sad note. When I got back, had a phone call from Lonnie Greco, Dom Greco's wife, the "Chief" as we affectionately called him, has taken a turn for the worse and is now at the V.A. Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Next year - the Pines Resort Hotel - Be There.

Yours,
Mike "Bell" Belonte
1161 S. Lombard
Oak Park, IL 60304

9th Signal Mini Reunion

As former members of the 9th Signal Company, we are earnestly requesting your cooperation in a REUNION of the 9th Signal Company to be held September 17th, 1988.

Using the only available names and addresses that we have, the possibility exists of missing many of our buddies. We hope to minimize this, but time has taken its relentless toll and some of our Comrades are already in God's care.

We have selected the GENETTI'S complex in HAZELTON, PENNSYLVANIA as our reunion Headquarters, because of the excellent accommodations and that it is easily reached by the interstate system and good highways.

Our get-togethr would center on an all day GABFEST, and in the evening, a Formal Dinner. A Sunday breakfast is optional. Finally, would the fellows from Construction, T & T, Radio, Message Center, Motor Pool, Mess Section, Orderly Room and Supply (Company & Division) refresh old times?? You can bet they would and your presence there would guarantee it. As well as adding to the pleasure of all. So, Bill Miller of Radio, Chuck Hodges of Construction and Ray Connolly of Supply extend a sincere invitation to a "HURRAH" of the FINEST of all the SPECIAL TROOPS, THE NINTH SIGNAL COMPANY.....

BILL CHUCK & RAY
P.S. Even if you are unable to attend, please use the "RETURN POSTCARD" that we sent you. This will help to keep the "Morning Report" up to date.

To You and Yours, GOD BLESS
For reservation request and information contact, W.A. Miller, Sr., 507 Eskridge Dr., Wilmington, DE 19809.

DIVISION HISTORY DISPLAYED AT THE 43rd REUNION

Some time before my wife Audrey and I decided to attend the Hyannis Reunion, I got an idea. Why not show the 9th Infantry's participation in World War II from the invasion of Africa to the end of the war in Europe in a fast, capsule visual way. Reason being was that many wives, children and family of those of us who fought during that period never really knew the complete story unless they read the "EIGHT STARS TO VICTORY" or similar publications. For most part, many of us who participated in that conflict hardly ever mentioned the war after discharge. We were too busy getting back into the main stream of society ... raising our families ... and had very little time going back into history.

So my wife and I set about doing this project and completed it in just two days. We used an old 17" by 22" flip-over binder that was left over from my advertising days which had only 13 inside sheets with a 3" linen hinge cross the top. Because these sheets had a printed message on them, it was necessary to paint over them to establish a neutral background. Using some left-over antique white paint we rolled on two coats of paint. The next step was to select key pages from the "EIGHT STARS TO VICTORY" book. Using a regular office copying machine, we made a number of prints. These were rubber cemented on to the 13 pages.

The presentation was set up across the Registration desk at the 43rd Cape Cod Hyannis Reunion. Within minutes later and all through the reunion, members of the 9th, their families, guests and yes even some outsiders, viewed the presentation turning page after page. Many interesting comments were made. Someone left a note asking whether this book (presentation) could be purchased ... which of course is not for sale.

The Florida Chapter was well represented at this last reunion. Over 24 members with their wives, family and guests made the trip and everyone seemed to have a good time. Our congratulations to the New England Chapter for a superb job in every respect.

Emil J. De Donato,
Sec. Fl. Chapt.
Dunnellon, FL., 32630
(904) 489-4070

History of Raiders Available

Joe Williams has now undertaken another project and is reprinting a hardback copy of the history of the 47th Infantry (Raiders). This book was printed after the War and many of the Raiders did not receive a copy. The book will be available around November or December of 1988. If interested write to Joe Williams 1900 Hollyoaks Lade Road E., Jacksonville, Florida 32225. The cost including tax and postage is \$23.50. If you would like to reserve a copy, write to Joe who tells us he has copies left over from his reprinting of "8 Stars to Victory", the history of the Ninth Infantry Division. This book is \$36.50 including tax and postage for mailing.

Hq Btry - 84TH F.A.
BILL SATRYB
27 Nye St.
Rockville, Ct. 06066

Enclosed is a check for my dues for another 3 years. I enjoy the letters that many members write telling their past experiences.

I'm in reasonably good health and hope everyone else is.

Taps Sounded

Do not stand at my grave
and weep;
I am not there.
I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that
blow:
I am the diamond glints on
snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened
grain;
I am the gentle autumn's
rain
When you awaken in the
morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled
flight.
I am the soft star that shines
at night.
Do not stand at my grave
and cry.
I am not there;
I did not die.

(Author Unknown)

We mourn the passing of
these "old Reliabilities" and
friends.

Jerome Shapiro
Co G & Hq 47th Inf

Kirby Scroggs
Bty B 26 FA

William Termini
39th Inf

Edward Knapp
9th Recon

Leon Weber
2nd Bn Hq 39th Inf

Philip Freund
47th Inf C Co

Morris Sandow
9th Signal

O. T. Smith
60th Inf K Co

Glenn Lampman
47th Inf M Co

Angelo De Amelia
9th Med C Co

Carle Winfield Taylor
47th Inf Serv Co

Albert N. Roberts
9th QM Bn

George Thorpe
9th Med Bn Hq Co

William C. Otto
47th Inf F Co

Nicholas De Marco
60th Inf G Co

Joseph Savage
39th Inf

Saul Schulman
15th Engrs.

Mrs. Charles Tingley

May they rest in peace.
On behalf of the members
we offer our condolences to
their loved ones.

47th Inf
CARLE TAYLOR
110 Wildhurst Lane
Danville, VA 24540
June 1, 1988

To all members:

My Father, Carle Winfield
Taylor, passed away May 5,
1988. He had been suffering
from cancer for about 10
months. He was a proud
member of the Ninth Infantry
Division Association.

I remember joining him on
several occasions at the annual
reunions. I so enjoyed, as much
as he, the old stories, the fellow-
ship, and the camaraderie found
among the Ninth members.
There is a certain pride that is

6th Mini Reunion of 60th Infantry Co M

The 6th Mini Reunion of 60th
Inf Co M was held May 26, 27
and 28th in Niagara Falls, NY.
Hosts for this event were Bob
and Marge Bovanizer, Joe and
Pat Gargie, Jim and Helen
Snyder and Regis and Magie
Sharbaugh. We were billeted at
the Summit Motor Inn. I am
sure you want the most impor-
tant news first. Joe and Cloie
Lipka from Chicago won the
60th Inf quilt. We think it turned
out beautifully. We had 27 men
in attendance and some of their
ladies. A total of 58 people.
Among the first timers were
Joe DeDuro of Geneva, NY,
Fred Brollini from LaMesa, CA
and John D. King from Pulaski,
VA. We also had two guests,
The Chapmans from Georgia,
brought by HF and Lila Stansell
from Florida. This was one of
the better reunions, we had a
ball. The hotel furnished a
hospitality room where we
served breakfast and partied
all day. The surrounding fast
food places gave us discount
books and coupons for lunches
and dinners.

On Thursday 5/26 we had a 4
PM to 10 PM bus tour of both US
and Canada with dinner in the
Minolta Tower in Canada. Fri-
day 5/27 AM some played golf,
some shopped and some took
the VIP tour of the New York
State Power Authority. After
lunch we toured Olde Fort
Niagara. Then Friday evening
we all went to the Elks for din-
ner (where I belong) for an ex-
cellent inexpensive fish dinner
and danced to World War II
music on the Juke Box. Satur-
day was a free day to shop, till 4
PM when we had a photog-
rapher, take group pictures at
the hotel. At 6:30 PM we had
cocktails and 7 PM dinner,
where we raffled off the quilt
and an 8x10 needlepoint of the
Octofoil made by Lorraine
Gilmore from California and
won by Kermit and Thelma
Waddell from South Carolina.
Our dinner speaker was John
Connolly, Administrative Aide
to State Senator John Daly.
Guess what? He talked on
Water and Power. There was a
short business meeting on Sat-
urday morning. Walter Frasure
and Tipp Gilbert will host the
'89 Mini Reunion in Kentucky.
The "Lady Go Devils Recipe
Book" was ready for the re-
union. If you would like a copy,
send \$4.50 to me and one will be
mailed to you. As Marge and I
always say, there is always one
outstanding thing that stays in
your memory, long after the
reunion is over. This reunion
was no exception. Cole
Gronseth brought the pages he
is writing for his children, on
family history and his war ex-
periences, and most of us sat
till 2 or 3 AM to hear what he
has completed. It was fasci-
nating. We are into summer
now and already planning with
Frasure and Gilbert for Ken-
tucky in Sept. of '89. Another
quilt already in the works. Let
us hear from you.

Bob Bovanizer, Sect.
14 Sabre Park
Niagara Falls, NY 14304
found at each of the reunions
that makes others thankful for
the freedom we share.

I was in the U.S. Army for
four years, because I wanted to
follow in my Father's foot steps
and know first hand the close-
ness that veterans develop.

My Father was constantly
receiving phone calls and let-
ters from various "buddies"
across the nation. I loved to
hear him laugh about old times
they had shared and planning
for the next get together.

I will miss the reunions and
hope to keep in touch with all
my Father's old friends in the
Ninth.

Illinois Chapter News

Memorial Services were held
this year at St. Adelbert
Cemetery in honor of all of the
deceased members of the 9th
who lost their lives in the war
and in special remembrance of
all the Illinois members who
have since left us.

After the services we ad-
journed to the home of Bill and
Peggy Hennemuth for a picnic.
For the first time in several
years, we had beautiful
weather and enjoyed the day
thoroughly. We were joined by
the Hennemuth's daughters
and their families. Both girls
are in the area again much to
the delight of their parents.

We missed the Clarks at
Memorial Day this year. Paul
had to go to Florida to visit his
brother who was quite ill. We
are sorry to report that his
brother has passed away since
then. Our deepest sympathy to
Paul and his family.

Our first trip to Cape Code
was beautiful but long. There
was so much to see in Cape Cod
and we are sorry we didn't plan
to stay longer. We were happy
with the turn out but again dis-
appointed that everyone was at
so many different hotels with no
means of transportation be-
tween hotel other than private
autos. We missed many of the
regulars from Illinois and some
from the other areas around
here who were not there this
year. We were glad to spend
time with John and Helen
Clouser since we were at the
same hotel.

Our appreciation to David
Heller who served as National
President this past year and to
Lou Gray who went off the
Board. Lou also received a golf
award this year for the highest
score. Congratulations to Jack
Collier who was elected to the
Board at this reunion.

The Memorial Services (once
they got started) were beautiful
as usual this year. They were
quite impressive and enhanced
by the presence of the band.
The golf course made a
beautiful background.

The banquet was elegant and
easily accommodated the 600
plus guests but unfortunately
the speaker system did not
work too well in the back of the
banquet room.

As recipients of the Scholar-
ship for our children for many
years, we would like to thank
the Association and especially
John Clouser. We appreciate
the help in putting our 3
children thru College. We were
sorry to hear the Scholarship
Fund has been cancelled as we
know how much it helped us as
well as many others. Also thank
John and his committee for all
the work in awarding scholar-
ships for the past 27 years.

The Illinois Chapter has
nothing on the agenda for the
couple of months. In October
we will have our mini reunion in
Angola with the Michigan
Chapter and include members
from Wisconsin, Indiana and
surrounding states.

Looking forward to the re-
union next year at the Pines
Resort Hotel, South Fallsburg,
New York on June 18-23. Our
reservations are going in early
this year to be assured of
accommodations at the Main
Hotel.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike and Ann Belmonte
1161 South Lombard
Oak Park, IL 60304

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 enjoy-
ment.

Tip of the Hat

The association is grateful to
these members who
remembered the Memorial
Fund.

Charles J. O'Connor

Charles B. Alcorn

William J. Burns

Phillip Emmons

In memory of Kirby Scroggs

Jerome Sypnieski

W.F. Morkill

In memory of his beloved
wife

Wayne Shelly

In memory of his wife, Sally

Raymond C. Parker

Zane Grey

Mrs. Eugene Carney

In memory of her husband
Eugene

George Hulka

Paul L. Dillon

John Lammie

Eugene Primerano

Preston Stillings

George Pedrick

In memory of Leon Weber

Howard Brooks

In memory of Philip Freund

J. Otto Lottes, M.D.

M.J. Jardin

Elmer Wagner

Vincent Marsh

P.J. Zona

We salute you.

Michigan News

So it's summer. The 43rd An-
nual Reunion is behind us and
we look forward to better and
bigger happenings.

When you read this our an-
nual picnic will be history and
our annual Out State is coming
up on October 14th and 15th.
The Michigan Chapter is
hosting the weekend at Holiday
Inn, Angola, Ind. We invite all
within driving distance to join
with us for a fun weekend. If
you want further information
drop me a line.

The chapters Annual
Memorial Day Program was
held on Sunday, May 22nd. in
Flint, Mi. Most of the thirty
eight persons in attendance met
for brunch at a popular Flint
restaurant. After brunch the
group moved to Sunset Hills
Cemetery and the grave site of
Past National President Fred
Josey of the 60th.

Jim Bruner our chapter
President chaired the program
and he arranged for an Octofoil
wreath to be placed on the
grave. Ed Valkoun and his wife
Mary of Flint, who are active
VFW members provided a
VFW wreath before the service.

Four new names were added
to our Golden Roll Call. They
are Carl Mehlberg, 60th Inf.,
Robert Salter, 47th Inf., Percy
(Doc) Rishel, 47th Inf. and Wm.
C. Otto, F Co. 47th.

The principal speaker was
the Reverend Dr. Lawrence
Kent Pastor of the First Pres-
byterian Church of Flint, Mi.

Also in attendance were Fred
Josey's widow Jane, his two
sisters with their husbands.
Also present was Fred's
nephew who served in Vietnam.
All family members expressed
their sincere thanks to our
chapter, for observing its
Memorial Service at Fred's
grave site.

So we pray for the souls of all
our departed Buddies. May
their souls rest in peace.

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

NEW YORKER'S HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICES

On Saturday, May 21, the
N.Y. Chapter held its annual
Memorial services at Long
Island National Cemetery, near
Pinelawn, New York. 280,000
war dead from all our wars are
buried here. About twenty five
members and wives marched
from the parking lot with a col-
or guard to the flag pole where
a floral wreath in the design
and colors of the 9th emblem
was placed. The floral piece
was created and donated (as he
does every year) by our divi-
sion friend George Denao.

George Apar (our resident
chapter-chaplain) opened the
ceremonies with an invocation
and a tribute to the men of the
9th who had fallen in battle, and
those who have left us since.
Chapter president Vincent
D'Addona and Dan Quinn also
addressed the assembled,
honoring our 4,581 comrades of
WWII who never came home.

Members came from N.Y. Ci-
ty, New York State, New Jersey
and Long Island to the
Memorial Services. After
visiting known grave cites,
everyone met at Beth Page
State Park for a picnic with
refreshments on the house.

A note of thanks was also
acknowledged to Veterans Ad-
ministration Asst. Director of
L.I. National Cemetery, Helen
B. Szumylo, for her kind
assistance which made our
Memorial Services all the more
meaningful.

PAST PRESIDENT'S NIGHT

The May 20th, 1988 meeting of
the N.Y. Chapter was held at
our new home in the Masonic
Lodge in N.Y.C. The annual
Past Presidents Night was at-
tended by a good turnout of
former officers: George Apar,
Emil Langer, Vincent
Guglielmino, John Morris, Dan
Quinn, Art Schmidt, Al Seely,
Herminio Suarez, Anthony
Varone, Adolf Wadalavage,
and Harry Wax. Our chapter
was very proud to honor these
dedicated comrades who are
still very active in 9th N.Y. and
National activities.

Current prez Vincent D'Ad-
dona chaired the meeting with
secretary Art Schmidt. We
were happy to see some
members who have not attend-
ed for some time: Leonard Or-
maner, George Klinger, Ed
Maher and Al Lubrano. We
were glad to hear that Norman
Caswell was out of the hospital,
while noting that Humphrey
Rini was sick at the time.

We received a letter from out-
of-towner Calvin Polivy. We
were also saddened by the news
of Winifred J. Roberts' death.

Chapter business continued
with designations of N.Y.
Chapter Board Members to the
Hyannis 9th Reunion:
Nominating Committee-Emil
Langer and Anton Dietrich; By-
Laws- Adolf Wadalavage;
Finance- Vincent Guglielmino;
Newspaper- Art Schmidt;
Miscellaneous- Harry Wax and
Marv Levy.

After discussing plans for the
annual Memorial Services on
May 21, meeting was adjourned
for refreshment and old bar-
racks talk.

Marvin Levy
2044 Ellen Drive
Merrick, N.Y. 11566
60th Infantry

26th F.A. & 84th F.A.
GRADY REESE

Rt. 3 Box 81

Hendersonville, N.C. 28739

I was with H Co. 14th Inf.
Panama Canal Zone from 1938
to 1940 and with C & B 26th F.A.
from May 1941 to July 1943. At
Sidi Belahaz I was sent to A. Bt.
84 F.A. and stayed with them
until June 1945 when I was dis-
charged. Enclosed check for 3
years dues.

Business Transacted at Reunion

The 161st Meeting of the National Board of Governors Ninth Infantry Division Association

The 161st meeting of the National Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held on June 23, 1988 at the Tara Inn, Hyannis, Massachusetts. The meeting was called to order by the President of the Association, Dave Heller, who asked the members to rise for a moment of silence for the departed men of the Ninth.

Those attending the meeting were: Lew Gray, Richard Martin, Edward Wisniewski, Len Tomassone, Pat De Coli, Oliver Carter, Emil Langer, Adolph Wadalvage and Fran Maher. Also in attendance were 1st V.P. Vincent Guglielmino, Scholarship Chairman John Clouser, Al Perna, Robert Hughes, John Bonkowski, Paul Heller, Henry Santos, Elmer Wagner, George Brown, Mike Belmonte, Jack Collier and Herb Olsen.

Secretary Dan Quinn read the minutes of the 160th meeting held in Pittsburgh, Pa., on April 23, 1988. The minutes were corrected to read "Accept and adopt the Edited (word editorialized was used) version of the By-laws. A motion was made by Len Tomassone and was seconded by Ed Wisniewski to: Accept the corrected reading of the minutes.

The Treasurer Tom Boyle was called upon for his report and Boyle gave a detailed accounting of the past nine months as the yearly report will have to be done on June 30th the end of the year for the associations fiscal reports. A motion was made by Pat DeColli and seconded by Oliver Carter to accept: The Financial report given by the Tresurer.

John Clouser Chairman of the Scholarship Committee was called for his report and he named Mike Deresh and Joe Williams as permanent members of this committee. The committee recommends the following six applicants be granted awards: Elizabeth Alsgaard, daughter of Rodger Alsgaard, Co F 47th Inf.

Brian D. Price, son of Carl Prince, Co G 60th Inf. Jennifer Urban, daughter of Matt Urban, 2nd Bn 60th Inf. Stephen J. Netta, son of Louis Netta, AT Co 60th Inf. Leslie M. Pennington, grandson of Carlos Ward Co C 39th Inf. Laurie McCallum, granddaughter of Michael Stanick Co D 47th Inf.

Upon a motion made by Lew Gray and seconded by Richard Martin. It was voted to: Accept the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee and grant the awards to the above named students. President Heller thanked John Clouser for handling the Scholarship Committee for the past 27 years and called for a standing round of applause to John and his committee.

Since the Scholarship program began in 1961 Chairman John Clouser announced, that with this years grants totaling \$4800.00, a total of \$56,355.00 has been awarded since 1961.

President Heller opened a discussion on the proposed changes of the By-laws regarding the Memorial Funds as printed in the March-April issue of the Octofoil. Heller relinquished the chair to Vice-President Guglielmino as he voiced his opinion on the subject and added that to be more specific, when a paragraph is deleted from the By-laws the corrected paragraph should be

added to read: Section 44 paragraph 1. "to provide essential and recreational equipment for use in veterans hospitals and other appropriate expenditures in hospitals and domiciles." 2. "to provide for the purchase and erections of suitable monuments and memorial plaques."

Upon a motion made by Emil Langer and seconded by Lew Gray, it was voted to: Accept the proposed changes of the By-laws that will be presented to the general membership on Saturday, June 25, 1988.

President of the Association Dave Heller has taken on the project of compiling a list of membership by unit etc., and has requested that the members mail back to him the cards given out at the reunion. The request will appear in the Octofoil for those who did not attend the reunion. This list will be put on a computer, similar to the one now used for the mailing list of the association. A future Board will decide the use and cost of this project.

A discussion on the matter of the Manual of Reunion operation was held and President Heller suggested that the manual be rewritten and Edited as many changes have occurred since the Manual was written. The matter will be acted upon at the Spring meeting of the Board of Governors.

Bob Hughes spoke on behalf of the City of Louisville, Kentucky for a reunion to be held in that city in the year of 1990. His bid will be resubmitted at the final Board meeting to be held on Saturday, June 25th.

Tom Boyle spoke for the Hyannis Committee informed the Board that some 600 members and families were in attendance and that all is going well with the reunion.

There being no other business to come before this Board and upon a motion made by Ed Wisniewski and seconded by Oliver Carter it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 7 p.m.

43rd Annual Meeting

The 43rd annual reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held in Hyannis, Massachusetts on June 25, 1988. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m., by the President of the Association Dave Heller who asked the members to rise for a moment of silence for the departed men of the Ninth. 253 members were present. President Heller appointed members to serve on the various committees and recessed the meeting till 11:30 a.m.

At 11:30 a.m., the meeting was called back to order and the Secretary Dan Quinn read the minutes of the 43rd reunion that was held in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania on July 23, 1987. A motion was made by Bob DeSandy and seconded by Ed Hopkins to: accept the reading of the minutes and instruct the secretary to place copy of same on file.

The tresasurer Tom Boyle was called upon for his report and he gave a detailed listing of the income and spendings for the three quarters ending in April. The yearly fiscal report will be completed at the end of June. Boyle stated at the end of his report "To the best of my knowledge all demands that have been made upon this association have been paid or settlements made thereof. I have no knowledge of outstanding receipts or expenses. It is my considered opinion that the Ninth Infantry Division Association is in good financial condition. Your Board of

Governors and your Officers are to be congratulated for the operation of your association on a day to day basis. They deserve your plaudits for this attention given your finances. President Heller thanked Boyle for his report.

Upon a motion duly made by George Brown and seconded by Frank Russo it was voted to: Accept the report of the Treasurer.

By Laws

Fran Maher Chairman of the By-laws committee was called upon for his report and he named the following members who served on this committee: George Brown, Pat De Colli, Adolph Wadalvage, Tom Preston, John Bonkowski and Morris Frey.

Maher reported that the committee recommended to move on the elimination of the Scholarship awards as suggested last year and notice printed in the Octofoil to change the By-laws to read: The said Article 44C 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 Infantry Division during World War 2, and also providing that no applications for any such scholarships, or renewals thereof will be accepted after 1988.

The By-laws to now read: Section 44 paragraph (1) "to provide essential and recreational equipment for use in veterans hospitals and other appropriate expenditures in hospitals and domiciles." (2) to provide for the purchase and erections of suitable monuments and memorial plaques." A motion was made by Elmer Wagner and seconded by Henry Santos to: Accept the report of the By-laws committee. President Heller thanked Fran Maher and his committee.

Newspaper

Bill Martin Chairman of the Newspaper reported that his committee consisting of Art Schmidt, Joe Williams, Mike Belmonte, and Nick Dogostino, recommends the following:

1. Encourage the members to write to the Octofoil, especially those members who have not written into the paper.
2. Write or send in any new items other than just a Death Notice from time to time.
3. Use the Octofoil for reaching out for some lost buddy who may see your name in the Mail Call section.
4. Keep the issues at the current five copies a year.

President Heller thanked Bill Martin and his committee for their report and upon a motion made by Jack Finnegan and seconded by Pat Morano it was voted to: Accept the report of the Newspaper Committee.

Finance

Henry Santos Chairman of the Finance Committee was called upon for his committee report and he named the following members who served with him on this committee: Bob DeSandy, Vince Guglielmino, Sewll Carson, Jack Collier, Harry Mansfield, William Mizell and John Sabato.

The committee submits this budget for approval:

Anticipated Income	
1. Dues	\$ 7,000.00
2. Investments	\$ 4,200.00
Total	\$11,200.00
Disbursements:	
Secretary Salary	\$1000.
Clerical Help	1000.
Utilities	1330.
Supplies	800.
Postage	3300.
Miscellaneous	510.
Secreatry Expenses	1000.
Editors Expenses	400.

Treasurer Expenses	300.
Octofoil Publication	6000.
Accountant	175.
FICA	98.
Bank Charges	30.
Dues Notice	100.
Total	\$16,043.

There will be a deficit of \$4843. and the committee recommends that the Secretary, 1st Vice-President and Treasurer jointly be authorized to transfer this amount from the Capital Fund if necessary.

Upon a motion made by Mike Deresh and seconded by Lew Gray it was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations of the Finance committee. President Heller thanked Henry Santos and his committee for their efforts.

Miscellaneous

Ed Wisniewski Chairman of the Miscellaneous Committee reported that his committee consisting of Harry Wax, Richard O'Connor, Lou Connors, and Len Tomassone recommends the following:

1. That in a future reunion an enlisted man from the new Ninth Infantry Division stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington be invited as a guest of the Association.
2. Try to hold the reunions in the off seasons or in the Fall or in the Winter if held in the South such as Florida etc.
3. Future reunions be held in one Hotel (if possible) with plenty of accommodations for the disabled and try to keep the members from being scattered all over town.

Cliff Painter made the motion to accept the report and this was seconded by Dick McGrath. President Heller thanked Ed and his committee for their report. John Edmonds added to the subject when he stated that it it not always possible to get accommodations such as used by the Associations when we need a Banquet facility for over 600 people and not too many hotels have these type of facilities. He suggested it be left up to the committee for selecting a site for the reunion.

Scholarship

The Chairman of the Scholarship Committee John Clouser was called upon for his report and he named Joe Williams and Mike Dereseh as permanent members of this committee. The committee recommends that six awards be granted this year and at their meeting held on July 23rd the Board of Governors had accepted and approved the recommendations of this committee. Chairman Clouser explained how the awards are determined, according to the academic ability and financial needs, all being related to men who served with the Ninth. This years grants totaling \$4800. will make the awards total \$56,355. since the scholarship program was begun in 1961.

President Heller thanked Clouser and his committee for their time and efforts with this committee.

Nominating

Lew Gray Chairman of the Nominating Committee named the following members who served with him on this committee: Al Perna, Eugene Reedy, Paul Clark, Emil Langer, Max Umansky and Fred D'Amore. The committee recommends that the four members leaving the Board of Governors be replaced by: Nick Dogstino of the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter Larry McLaughlin of the New England Chapter Henry Santos of the Florida Chapter Jack Collier of the Illinois Chapter

President Heller asked for any nominations from the floor there being none, Harry Wax made a motion that was seconded by Woody Lockwood to: Close the Nominations, and so carried. John Clouser made a motion to instruct the secretary to cast one ballot for an unanimous slate of officers. President Heller thanked Lew Gray and his committee for their report.

Amend By Laws

Fran Maher made a motion that was seconded by Anton Dietrich to move on the question of the proposal to Change the By-laws as printed in the Octofoil. After discussing the proposal and motions to Table the motion it was voted by the membership to: Adopt the proposal to change the By-laws regarding the Memorial Fund and the adopted paragraph will now read: Section 44 paragraph 1. "to provide essential and recreational equipment for use in Veterans hospitals and other appropriate expenditures in hospitals and domiciles." Paragraph 2. To provide for the purchase and erection of suitable monuments and memorial plaques." To be eliminated were former paragraphs (1) to provide scholarships for undergraduate studies by any individual related to a person who served with the Ninth Infantry Division during World War 2. Paragraph (2) to provide scholarship for graduate studies by any individual related to a person who served with the Ninth Infantry Division during World War 2.

Marker Fund

Upon a motion duly made by Woody Lockwood and seconded by George Brown it was voted to: Transfer the money in the Marker Fund (surplus from the erection of the Monument at Fort Bragg) into the Memorial Fund thus eliminating any question or discussion or decision as to the use of this fund.

1989 Reunion

Emil Langer Co-Chairman of the 1989 New York Reunion was called upon for a report and Emil gave a detailed summary of events that will take place next year. A different format will be used whereas the reunion will start on a Monday (afternoon) and end on Friday (afternoon). A package deal will be used providing three meals a day, with selections made from a menu. Plenty of activities, golf, swimming, tennis, on the grounds, and every night there will be dancing and a show. On Wednesday the members will travel (about 1 hour) by bus to West Point where Memorial Services will be held, after the services, lunch will be served at the Officers Mess Hall and in the afternoon a guided tour will be conducted then returning at 5 p.m. for dinner at our Headquarters — The Pines Hotel in South Fallsburg, N.Y.

Directory

Heller informed the members that he is undertaking a project of making a directory (on a computer) of the name, unit, and address and phone numbers of our members. He asked the cooperation of those in attendance in filling out the questionnaires provided at the reunion and for those others a form will appear in the Octofoil. These cards or forms will be mailed directly to Heller.

There being no other business to come before this, body and upon a motion made by Al Perna and seconded by Harry Mansfield it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

162nd Meeting of the National Board of Governors Ninth Infantry Division Association

The 162nd meeting of the National Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held on Saturday June 25, 1988 at the Tara Inn, Hyannis, Massachusetts. The meeting was called to order by the President Dave Heller, who asked the members to rise for a moment of silence in memory of the departed men of the Ninth.

Those in attendance were Nick Dogistino, Emil Langer, Adolph Wadalavage, Jack Collier, Richard Martin, Larry McLaughlin, Henry Santos, Len Tomassone, Edward Wisniewski, and Oliver Carter. Also at the meeting were the treasurer Tom Boyle, Fred D'Amore, Bob Hughes, Elmer Wagner, Fran Maher, Pat DeColli, Al Perna, Bob DeSandy, John Bonkowski, and John Clouser. President Heller called the meeting to order 3:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Len Tomassone and seconded by Larry McLaughlin. It was voted to: dispense with the reading of the previous Board meeting.

A motion was made by Emil Langer and seconded by Ed Wisniewski. It was voted to: Dispense with the Treasurers report.

John Clouser opened a discussion on the changes that were voted on regarding the By-laws and somehow never incorporated into the By-laws. Dave Heller stated that if he received the authorization from the new Board of Governors he would take it upon himself to revise the By-laws and bring them up to-date.

Heller also asked the membership for their cooperation with the directory of members that he is working on and requested the members to fill out the questionnaires that relate to name, unit, address etc., of the members. He will report back at a future meeting regarding the price of printing such a directory when the project is completed.

President Heller opened a discussion on the subject of the Reunion Manual and all agreed that it should be revised and also brought up to-date. Heller suggested that the new Board of Governors study the changes he had started and made and that a committee be appointed to act on this Manual.

Election of Officers

Election of Officers for the year was called for and the following members elected to serve till 1989:

President, Emil Langer
1st V.P., Vincent Guglielmino
2nd V.P., Elmer Wagner
3rd V.P., Fred D'Amore
Judge Advocate, Harrison Daysh

Treasurer, Thomas Boyle
Secretary, Daniel Quinn

Outgoing President Dave Heller turned over to the newly elected President of the Association, Emil Langer the gavel of authority. Emil thanked the members for the honor accorded him and promised to do his best for the association for the coming year. Heller also thanked the members for their cooperation for the past year, their attendance at the meetings and a very productive year.

Future Reunion Site

Bids for the 1990 Reunion were accepted from the Florida Chapter and from Bob Hughes who submitted a bid for the City of Louisville, Kentucky, Larry McLaughlin made a motion that was seconded by Len

Tomassone to: Accept the bid from the Florida Chapter and so moved to award the Reunion Site for 1990 to the Florida Chapter.

The next Board meeting will be held in the Spring of 1989 at a site and date decided by the President and Secretary.

There being no other business to come before the Board and upon a motion made by Nick Dogistino and seconded by Adolph Wadalavage, it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Quinn
National Secretary

Bovenberg Farm

PART TWO Continued from the Mar-April Issue

The battle for Bovenberg Farm took place in November 1944, on the way to Frenzenberg Castle where young Carl Sheridan lost his life. The casualties were heavy at that time, too heavy. Some 900 wounded men were evacuated in seven days of fierce fighting, from the Regiment. As the story continues - patrols from the 3rd Bn 47th had determined that the enemy in Bovenberg Farms were German paratroopers. A huge 170 mm German railroad gun was adding to the misery at the Farm and a self-propelled gun had come through an underpass and began to lob shells. Company L was being decimated, I Company was nearly as shattered.

HEAVY LOSS

Its unsuccessful attack at Bovenberg Farm on November 21st cost the 3rd Battalion 20 officers and 325 enlisted men in killed, wounded and missing. Typical of the units in the forefront was 1st Lieutenant Louis C. Schneider's (Louis C. Schneider now lives in Pittsburgh PA.) 1st Platoon of M Company which to back to its original positions with that officer, Lee Davis and four other men still able to function. They brought back three of their guns from the inferno; the fourth had been destroyed. M Company had 22 wounded in the Bovenberg fight, nearly all in Schneider's platoon. This Pittsburgh native had just been transferred in from L Company before the battle. "If this is the way you play it here, I want to transfer back," he could quip when it was over.

The third Battalion's failure this day was due essentially to the inability of units on either flank to offer protection. On the right, in particular, the 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry, did not attack in accordance with the prearrangements that had been made with us, leaving the 3rd Battalion completely exposed from that direction. It probably would have helped if we had used smoke to screen our flanks as L Company emerged from the woods. There was also a failure of the previous night's patrols to detect the strength of the enemy position at the Farm itself. If this had been appreciated, Clayman probably would have hit the Farm with two companies abreast and with a more extensive preparation.

M Company's mortar platoon laid a smoke screen on the farm and our flanks. This brought some relief from the enemy's direct fire weapons but his artillery and mortars continued to shred the woods about the GI's. Major William W. Tanner,

(William W. Tanner later commanded the 3rd Bn., was evacuated for wounds in the closing days of the war and now lives in the country near Union City TN), the battalion executive officer, brought up cooks, clerks and others from the rear to help out. Clayman was then able to contact the regimental commander and orders were given to bring the survivors back to the jumping-off place and into a defensive position. There would not be many to feed that night.

Before it got dark and with the concealment afforded by the 3rd Platoon's smoke, Lieutenant Bill Horan (LTC William H. Horan, USA (Ret.) now lives in Columbus GA. After this action he came Battalion S3 and commanded M Company at the end of the war) and others led stretcher bearers back into the place of death and destruction to find and return the wounded. They were hard to locate under the heaps of fallen tree boughs. Sometimes they had to be taken from German medics on the same mission.

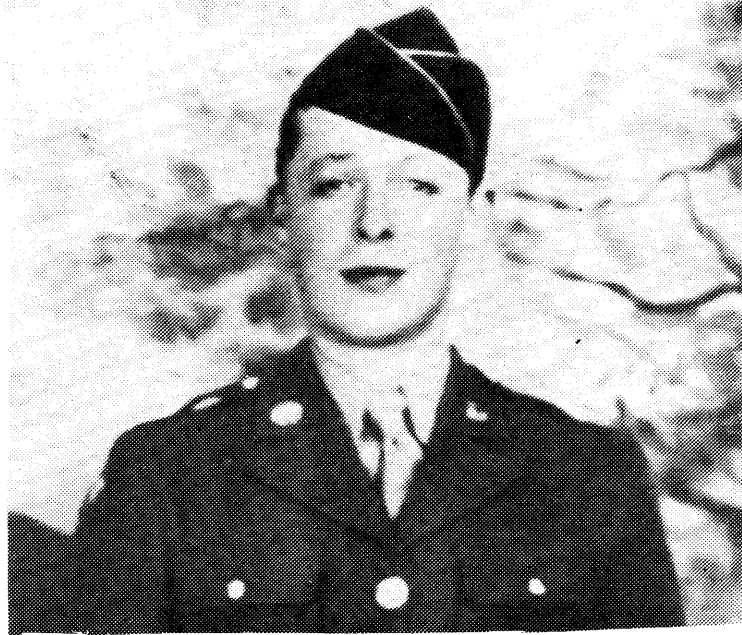
Bill Horan remembers that early on the 1st Platoon driver, PFC Rufus McCollom (current whereabouts unknown) of Wagoner, Oklahoma, got his jeep forward with a load of ammunition and rations. He did not know it but two Germans had followed his jeep through the woods. They were taken prisoner when he found the platoon position and they started to unload the jeep.

Fortunately, the 1st Battalion cleared Hill 167 that night. This made the enemy's position on the ridge to the east untenable and 1st Division troops were able to progress there.

PFC CARL V. SHERIDAN

On November 24th, K Company with M's 2nd Machine Gun Platoon (Under the leadership of 2nd Lt. John R. Davis who had been commissioned from M Company's ranks a few months earlier. He later commanded the Company and now lives in Nazareth, PA.) seized Bovenberg Farm in passing while attached to the 2nd Battalion for a continuance of the regiment's advance. After clearing the town of Hucheln, K Company's next objective was a high-walled and moated edifice dominating the open plain to the north and on the flank of the 2nd Battalion. This was Frenzenberg Castle and it was defended by the same unit of German paratroopers that had wreaked such damage back at Bovenberg Farm. They were as tenacious here and blocked every move of, first K Company, and then the entire 2nd Battalion to seize the castle. The machine gunners were witness here to the desperate act of one of K Company's bazookamen, PFC Carl V. Sheridan, who led an assault across the drawbridge of the castle's gate and won, posthumously, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Frenzenberg Castle was finally taken on November 26th. The next day a much reduced 3rd Battalion was withdrawn for three days of rest and recuperation in the center maintained for the purpose in Berviers, Belgium. At this point, Colonel Clayman was relieved to become regimental executive officer. Soon after he was given command of a regiment in another division and promoted to a full colonel. Major Bill Tanner took over the 3rd Battalion. Rosie (Ira T. Rosenfeld led M. Company's mortar platoon in this action. He later became Battalion SS and now lives in Hawlett, N.Y.) and I went to the



Private First Class Carl Vernon Sheridan

battalion staff. Rack (Capt. Leonard C. Rackstraw now deceased) had returned from the hospital and assumed command of M Company.

After the breather at Verivers, the 3rd Battalion went back to the front. It went into division reserve not far from Schevenhutte and was there, on December 16th when it was suddenly entrucked and sent hurrying south to play a part in the Battle of the Bulge.

Postscript — I returned to Bovenberg Farm in the spring of 1950. It was a bright sunny day and L Company's meadow was full of fat munching brown cows. The farms owner was still patching up his buildings but the forest had made a strong comeback. It was like a garden. Most of the trees were new but a few of the taller ones still bore the scars of that awful day. The German was rather smug as he showed me his collection of rusted pieces of US weapons that he had found. There were also a couple of pieces of ragged webbing and a few torn helmets. If he had smirked I probably would have hit him. I was almost as glad to leave Bovenberg Farm the second time as I had been the first.

Div. Hq.
DAVE SILBERBERG
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It is always interesting to read and reminisce about the exploits and accomplishments of our 47th "Raiders".

John Hill's recent account in the OCTOFOIL of the costly battle for and capture of Frenzenberg castle does indeed recall one of those episodes of extra-ordinary military achievement and heroism.

My small contribution to his account pertains to his mentioning of the sudden appearance, as if from nowhere, of "a Captain from Regimental Headquarters". This Captain was William Ewald. He and I were the two officers of the POW Interrogation Team attached to the Regiment. The day before his "sudden appearance" members of our Team were interrogating German prisoners in the vicinity of Schevenhutte. I don't recall the precise individual, rank, etc., but one of them said "he had heard" that the C.O. at the castle was wanting a "talk" with an American officer who spoke German. This information was promptly relayed to then - Major Randall ("Randy") Bryant, Regimental S-2, and at a meeting with him that evening at Regimental Headquarters at Vicht Captain Ewald volunteered to go. On his return Ewald reported that the SS Colonel in command at the castle

had arrogantly rejected any suggestion of surrender and sought a mere temporary truce for the recovery and evacuation of the wounded on both sides. However, while inside the castle, Ewald had gained valuable tactical information from visual observation which was applied to the tactics of the final assault plan. The rest is history.

I do not recall if "Randy's" article published in the November 1982 issue of "The Retired Officer" magazine about the Frenzenberg castle action has heretofore appeared in the OCTOFOIL, so, in case not, I am enclosing a copy for possible inclusion in a future issue.

Down But Not Out

I'm writing for Bill to ask you a favor. Our house was robbed twice since Bill had his strokes and is in a home. His wallet, Masonic ring with diamond, wedding ring, army discharge, money he saved, money he won bowling and many other personal things taken. Could you help me get a copy of his discharge?

Steve Matyastia of Austintown suggested I write you. He said you always were a friend of Bill's. All I know Bill was in 39th Infantry 26th Field Artillery 9th Division 4 years 1 day. He says he went in Aug. and came out in Aug. I don't know. He gets 10% disability for asthma. He has always coughed a lot and doctored.

He is doing fair. Can talk good and enjoys his visitors. Geo. Fleet, Sharon Pa., comes to see him. C.A. Matulis, Worcester Mass. writes to him all the time and I answer. Also John Price of Wakefield Mass. and Jerry Lake of Marysville, Kansas and O. Gansca of Sharon, Pa.

His notes in the Octofoil done some good. I read parts of it to him. He's proud of his outfit. Talks of 9th Div. Says he'll see you some time. One of the things he has never given up.

He makes all kinds of plans of going to a Convention one of these days.

Bless his heart, he is the most wonderful man living and I love him with all my heart. I've been sick but still manage to call friends to get a ride to him every day. Keep him in your prayers.

Thank you for anything you can do for us.

Sincerely,
Bill and Dorothy Lewis
54 Hopewell Dr.
Struthers, OH 44471

Send him a 9th Div. Insigna or one of his field artillery or Infantry. I'll put it on his bulletin board. Leave me know the cost and I'll send it. Or send me a cost list and I'll order.

Co. L - 47th Inf.
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Greetings from TEXAS. I wish to thank the many members who have sent me information, pictures, and eye witness accounts for my book about the Remagen Bridgehead. I would still like to hear from those of you who could contribute stories of a personal nature of those historic-terrible days at the bridge head. The small personal stories, no matter how trivial are what is going to make this book. Especially when blended with an accurate background of events. So if you remember little incidents or stories please let me know. You Raiders, Go-Devils and Falcons were up against some tough German Panzer and Infantry units which I have researched.

I want the reading public to get the feel of deafening exploding artillery shells every two minutes, Ack-Ack firing filling the skies raining red-hot flak down onto the troops, German fighter planes strafing the bridge and bombings by diving Stukas, not to mention German machine gun and rifle fire coming from the hills on the East Side. As 9th M.P. Adolf Wadalavage put it "the Remagen bridge wasn't no place to hang out."

I have also contacted and received great response from the 9th Armored 14th Tank Battalion Association who captured the bridge. Got a nice letter from Alex Drabik 27th Armored Infantry who was the first American soldier across. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

I wish to extend a hearty Thank You for the following Gentlemen of the 9th Division who have contributed so much towards this work.

A.J. Wadalavage, Emil J. De Donato, General Lewis E. Maness, Peter Rice, Anthony R. DeRobertis, C.B. Baker Jr. George Remaley, John Boisky. William Klauz, James E. Leopold, Charles E. Rochelle. Phillip B. Emmons, Kenneth Kinney, Thomas L. Harris and Joe Killacky.

I sure hope to hear from more of you fellows who have memories and stories to tell. Every name and story will be printed. There's a whole new generation of young readers who are keenly interested in World War II and want to know just how it was. I'm dedicating this book to my late father Ed Webber 47th Infantry Company L who crossed as a young replacement March 9. His company was almost annihilated in this bloody encounter.

Thanks again.

47th Inf. M. Co.
JOE KEARNS
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Thought I would drop a line to express my thanks to the N.E. Chapter for a job well done. The "M" Co. 47th Inf. group was the largest one for any reunion and the credit belongs to Red Phillips, not only for keeping in touch with everyone by sending an "M" Co. Chronicle letter as well as a book he wrote "Heavy Weapons" and also traveling from Penn Valley, Ca. to be with all of us at Hyannis. On my way home from the reunion, Helen and I stopped at St. Augustine, Fl. Next morning while packing the car. I heard a voice say, "I haven't seen a 9th Div. Insignia in quite a while." I gave him your address, so you may hear from him. Hope to see all "M" Co. at the reunion at the Pines, So. Fallsburg, N.Y. in 1989.

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

Here we are once again taking some time out to write to all our "B" Co. Buddies. While the temperature is hovering in the high 90's! Whew! It has really been hot here in most areas of the Keystone State of Pennsylvania the past month. However, let's talk of more pleasant things! Our trip to Cape Cod to attend the 43rd Annual Reunion of our beloved 9th Inf. Div. Association was just great! The weather was ideal and our reunion site at the Tara Hyannis Hotel was just perfect. The reunion committee and all the members of the New England Chapter of our 9th Inf. Div. association, are to be commended for a job well done. Bravo! The Reunion was attended by over 600 people (9th Dev. Members and their families and friends.) We were sorry that some of our "B" Co. members were not able to get lodgings in the main Reunion Headquarters (Tara Hyannis Hotel) and had to be sent elsewhere. Fortunately, travel wasn't too great a problem in attending the functions and activities in order to be together with our "B" Co. Group. We hoped for a greater turnout of "B" Co. folks for this wonderful reunion. Nevertheless, inspite of unforeseen events, "BECO" continued it's tradition with a good attendance at our 43rd Annual Reunion. Our "morning report" showed the following attendees: Pat and Ann Morano, Joe and Stella Cichacki, Ed and Helen Sarnedinski, Joe and Eleanor Taubner, Tony and Josephine Mangallilla (originally in "B" Co. - later transferred to Cannon Co. 47th Inf.). Tony says that "B" Co. was his first real love! John Compagnone and Alga Palega. The following "BECO" members were not able to attend our reunion due to illness: Norman, Caswell, Stan Adowski and Orion "Shock" Shockley, Our "B" Co. Buddy Art Stenzel did not feel up to making the trip to Cape Cod this time. Get well cards were sent by us to all the aforementioned.

On behalf of all our "BECO" buddies, we want to thank you "Shock" for the refreshments and tid-bits which were furnished to us in your name, with a salute and a toast from all of us to you from the beautiful "Tara" Tent refreshment Area of our Reunion Headquarters. Ann and I decided to spend an extra day (Monday) after the reunion in order to tour the entire National Seashore to the end of the Cape to Provincetown. However, we had quite a storm on Sunday which was so severe it caused a power outage throughout most of the Cape area. In Hyannis we had no electricity for 4 1/2 hours. Nevertheless, those of us remaining in Hyannis seemed to enjoy all of this. Ann thought it was simply "Romantic" to dine by candlelight! Another couple adjoining our table in the "candlelight" were Barbara and Pete Magnanelli from Bethesda, MD (Pete is from Co. A - 15th Engineers). Our drive Monday along the national Seashore to Provincetown was very scenic and most interesting. It was well worth staying over an extra day. To all our "BECO" buddies we hope you will be able to attend the 43rd Memorial Mass and Service which will be held on Sunday, November 6, 1988 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester, Mass at 10 a.m. Further information will be forthcoming in the Octofoil. In addition we strongly

advise all our "BECO" buddies to make your reservations now for our 44th Annual Reunion at the Pines Resort Hotel, June 19-23, 1989 in the Catskills of New York State. The New York Chapter is going "all out" to make this the "greatest" reunion ever! Ann and I visited this site on our way home from Cape Cod. What we saw impressed us very much. We have already made our reservations and received confirmation also. There will also be more on this reunion in coming issues of the Octofoil. 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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K Co. 39th Inf.
FRANK LORINO
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I would like to know the whereabouts of these men from K Co. — Corp. Midthorn, Pascho, Pysik, Sgt. Shaver, Sgt. Windham, Radich. I've gotten in touch with 3 of K Co. men. I visited with Blankeaship, Forte and Gamgemi. I've been writing to Gary Craviotto from California. I've been trying to get in touch thinking some day we can have a mini-reunion. I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to the Staff of the Octofoil for a job well done. God bless one and all.

60th Inf.
GERALD TEACHOUT
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Into the hospital on Nov. 12 and out the same day. Had bad black outs. Heart jumping from 70 to 160 per min. Barely made it there the first night. They called in a cardiologist and after many tests found where my wild impulses in the heart were coming from. After almost making the last roll call again. I am on a new drug. I'm on 11 different medications and need a chart to keep track. Hi! to all my friends of the 9th.

47th Inf. I Co.
ROBERT EPPERLY
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I would like to get in touch with anyone that was captured the same time I was. We pushed up the night before from the town on the hill from the Remagen Bridge around Mar. 16, 1945. Just before daylight, the guard at the door of the house we were in captured 8 Germans. A little while after daybreak the Germans surrounded the house and took us prisoners. They moved us back to a prison camp where we stayed 3 or 4 days. Then they put us in box cars and moved us out. Somewhere along the line we got strafed by our own planes. Some Rarken Sgt. took charge and had us take off our shirt and bend over to form a P.O.W. If anyone remembers please let me hear from you.

60th Inf. L Co.
ROBERT BURKY
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A big howdy to all my buddies and to all 9th family. Enclosed find dues renewal.

84th F.A.
PETE RICE
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Too much going on here for me to make the Reunion and I hate it — but hopefully next year.

Can't believe you Notary guys can't remember that Britza had nicknames — "Finstermacher" & "Mauldin" for guys at the Forward Switch.

Kalterherburg: 1. Each morning Britza would send someone next door for coal — (we'd used up the coal in our basement) and on "Mauldin's" morning he came back shaking from cold and fear — and said there was a German paratrooper in that basement. Sure 'nough we found this guy shaking just as badly as the coal in Mauldin's bucket — had the white "windbreaker" on etc.

2. Dontcha remember sending us our mail over the road along Elsenborn Ridge — Christmas cookies and all — but no food except a little coffee and C&K Rations? We were sent a guy who had been a cook before losing his stripes in another outfit... and he made great meals out of these Rations — but we had to keep the same coffee grounds on the pot belly stove for days at a time.

My wife doesn't understand why we get such laughs in such conditions.

"C" Co. 47th Infantry
HOWARD D. BROOKS
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Taps, again! I had a telephone call from Phil Freund's wife telling me that he had passed away in May. It was a good, clean, quick heart attack while he slept. The best way to go, for the person, but traumatic for the ones left to mourn.

Phil and I were very close friends and buddies, from the original Safi landings, through Sicily, and into France onward when "C" Co. lost a number of men at the Dinant/Meuse River crossing. There never was a more loyal, supporting, unselfish and thoughtful person. When I was Platoon Sergeant of the First Platoon, "C" Co. there was no question in my mind where his loyalties lay, and never any doubt that any order or instructions would be carried out to the letter, as far as our platoon was concerned. There was no need for me to check later to see, for I had full confidence in him, and he in me.

It seems our unhappy lot, to see old buddies and friends, in the fullest sense of the word, slip away as time takes its toll. The special relationship those of us who formed the ranks that left the states, for the invasion of North Africa, shared, is something those who joined our company later never experienced. It has been a treasurable legacy in my life and something I value highly. We all know war is hell, but there are priceless memories that can be won no other way, in having absolute confidence in the man on your left and right. You knew you could depend upon them to be there, no matter what the cost, just as they could depend on you. This no man can buy; it must be earned by example, and performance.

Honor is in short supply in society today. We, who survive, should consider ourselves fortunate to have known it.

Enclosed is a small token gift for the Memorial Fund, in memory of Phil. I shall miss him!

Cannon Co. 60th Inf.
MICHAEL DERESH
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Enclosed are a couple of pictures that were taken at the convention, plus a very interesting newspaper article.

It was really a great feeling to finally get to Hyannis and see my old friends, even though it took me 11 hours to get there. A short in the electrical system of the plane caused the delay and cancelled my confirmed reservations to standby all the way to Hyannis.

The music of Tommy Dorsey, conducted by Buddy Morrow brought back many fond memories of the old days, and I noticed that a few of the audience wiping their eyes when the two hours of music ended.

My return trip was a nightmare — I got up at 5 a.m. to get the first flight, encountered an electrical storm at the airport which blew out all of the lights, computers stopped operating, all stores were closed at the terminal with no flights in or out until the storm passed by. While ther I met Dave Heller and wife, Fran Millstine and some gent from South Carolina trying to get home early. We all sat out about 4 hours before leaving Hyannis to Boston — as standbys. To cut this story short — I finally got home at 10:20 p.m. (17 hours).

Until next year — all the best, keep well, regards to Marie.

47th Inf. Co.'s A & E
JOE WILLIAMS
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Enjoyed the reunion and my first visit to the Cape Cod area. It was wonderful to see more Co. E and Co. A men this time than ever before. I was especially pleased to see Jim Leopold, the first time in 44 years; he looked great!

Thanks for the personal plug you gave me concerning "Eight Stars To Victory" and "The 47th Infantry History."

All of the members of the 9th will ever be indebted to you and to Walter O'Keefe for the great job you both have done for the past 45 years in keeping the esprit-de-corp alive among us. My personal thanks to the two of you and to all responsible for our most recent get-together.

47th Inf. K Co.
MRS. HELEN HOLMES
(LAGATTUTA)
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Al and I really enjoyed the reunion at Cape Cod. It was nice to see you both once again. It was also nice to see so many old friends especially the group from "K" Co. 47th Inf.

After the Sunday morning "Blackout" on the Cape, we went to Al's relatives in West Harwiech for a few days and then on to Boston for some sightseeing.

When we returned home to New Jersey we met another 9th Div. buddy (Octofoil on rear car window), namely Louis Horowitz of Brooklyn, N.Y. "K" Co., 60th Inf. told him about the wonderful time we had at the Cape and next year at the Pines. He said he would make plans for next year.

We have already received our confirmation for next year from the Pines.

Hope you are both well and look forward to seeing you and all our friends at the next get-together.

Deadline for next issue of the Octofoil October 20th

MAIL CALL



Some of the "old timers" from Company E 47th Infantry at Hyannis, left to right: Joe Williams, Marge Leopold, Jim Leopold, Mary Louise Larson, Bill Larson, Dot Travelise, Charlie Johnson and John Travelise. (photo by Jim Leopold)



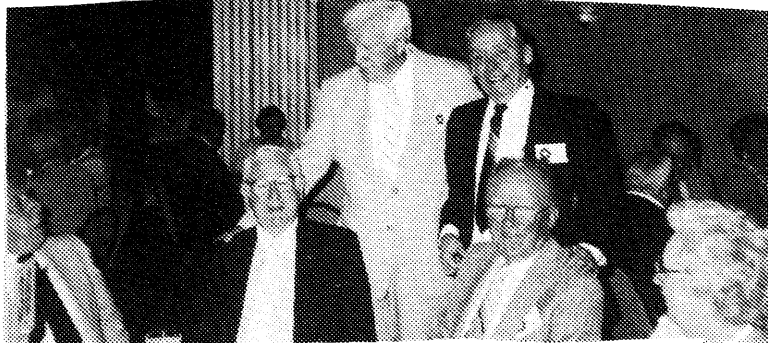
At the reunion in Hyannis, Tom Boyles as Master of Ceremonies is shown at the left as Larry MacLaughlin, assists Vince Gugliemino and Herb Olson in placing of the Wreath, at Memorial Services. (Picture sent by Jim Leopold)



The members are shown at the start of the Memorial Service, that was held on the grounds of the Hotel in Hyannis. (photo by Jim Leopold)



Mike Belmonte sends us this photo taken at the Hyannis Reunion as members of the 60th F.A. got together. Story appears in Mail Call. Shown left-right Lou Gray, Lou Prince, Norris Gray, Mike Patrick, Don Williams, Mike, Ralph Williams and Frank Lovell.



Shown at the Banquet night in Hyannis l-r: Vince Gugliemino, Ed Maher, Mr. & Mrs. Marty Gill. Standing-"himself", Dan Quinn and Mike Dresh. (photo sent by Mike Dresh)



Don Hyde, 9th Med Co B met last March with some of his old buddies and sent this picture - left to right: Jack Wilson, Dan, Roy LeBlanc, George Schmidt and Lester Guilford. His letter appears in Mail Call.

60th Inf.

FRED GOLUB
21 Lenore Ave.
Monsey, N.Y. 10952

The reunion was a delight, except for the fact that I could have swam all the way as far as New Haven! There was that much rain. Finally, at that point the sun broke thru.

Fred Golub, 74, of Monsey, garnered two gold medals in the New York State Senior Games held last weekend at Cortland State.

The Senior Games, which were open to any New York state resident age 55 or older, drew about 2,000 men and women who competed in 21 sports.

Golub, who participated in the 70-74 age bracket, won both the 100-meter and 400-meter freestyle swims in times of 1:51:25 and 8:43:60, respectively. He also took second place in the 50-meter freestyle in :47.4.

Golub also had the honor of carrying the Rockland County flag during the games' opening ceremonies.

47th Inf. F. Co.
JAMES LEOPOLD
3045 Commercial Ave.
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The affair was wonderful. The hospitality suites for "E" and "F" companies of the 47th were warm and busy and I think they will combine next year because it seems so logical. I already have my reservation form for "The Pines" and we will probably stay a week starting about June 17th. We look forward to June '89 with great anticipation.

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER?

On a number of occasions I have been approached by people who have asked me if I would be interested in starting a New Jersey Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division. Our recent reunion was one of those occasions. I was always hesitant to go forward with such a project mainly because it would attract people almost exclusively from the New York Chapter. For various reasons these men could not make the meetings in New York. I won't go into the reasons now. My own reason these past many years was that I could not get to Friday night meetings. I believe that a New Jersey unit would attract enough people who presently want to make the meetings but can't do so, that we would have a vibrant organization here in the Garden State. I am not too interested in attracting active members from the New York Chapter, rather I am after those who haven't been to a meeting in years as well as those who have fallen off the rolls or have never joined. I intend to attract this latter group by newspaper appeals.

I'd like to have an organizational meeting in the fall to see if we can attract enough men to form a chapter. This way we will activate men who have belonged but were unable to participate. Anyone interested can contact me at 110 Hollywood Ave., Metuchen, N.J. 08840, or call me at 201-549-4121. I have a number of ideas I'd like to discuss with potential members. I plan to have the organizational meeting at Tony Repetti's restaurant in Belmar, probably over lunch.

Perhaps our readers would care to offer comments; all are most welcome.

47th F Co.
ED HOPPIE HOPKINS
110 Hollywood Ave.
Metuchen, N.J. 08840

47th Inf. Co. H
MRS. PETE IMBESI
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This is to inform you that Pete suffered a stroke leaving him paralyzed on the right side and without speech. I'm sure he would have attended the reunion. He never lost his pride and love for the 9th. We have through the years listened with awe to his stories.

47th Inf. Co's B&C
WILLIAM KLAUZ
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Hope the latest reunion was a success. Hope to make it next year. I have gone back to reading and am interested and looking for information on the following publications; 1. The Siegfried Line Campaign. 2. The Huertgen Forest and the Roer River Dams by Major Henry P. Hastells. 3. The Schmidt Story in Great Detail in th Army Volume, 3 battles, Arnaville, Altuzzo and Schmidt. Washington 1952. I am asking anyone to submit any info about these publications. I know they cost some what and if -I can get and address and cost, I will have had success. I found a bookstore in the neighborhood and am buying old books of WW 2. Ernie Pyle has written 3 books and I have the second and third. In the second he mentions our "B" Co. with Shockley, Giles and many of our buddies. Am still looking for the 1st book, "Here Is Your War".

47th Inf. F Co.
R. S. HOFFMAN
1831 Whiskey Hill Rd.
Waterloo, N.Y. 13165

I hope that you haven't taken me off the mailing list yet. I know that I should pay up my dues for a few years, but then I would never have to write a letter, which I feel, I should do now and then.

Hoppy keeps us of F Company pretty well informed of what is going on, but I always read through the Octofoil in the hope that I will find some of the people that I have lost touch with for so many years.

A few of the names that I keep remembering: Al Starczk, Cobb Lamatis, Frankie Gallo, Sid Ginsburg, my old baker friend Charlie Du Bois. Probably some of them are dead now. Adam Wiesneski, pardon my spelling Adam, lived somewhere in South New Jersey, but I have never heard from him. Then there was my old buddy "Goon" Moore. I saw something in the Octofoil about a Moore from Washington, but I don't know if it was him. The last time I saw him was in an Evac Hospital in France. He loved to help on the chow line when we were serving. He never ate more than he served.

Hey! Any of you guys out there who used to know me or some of the other F Company fellows, write me or write to Hoppy. We have the largest group of any company that I know of, but we can always use a few more; replacements you know.

15 Engrs. Hqs Co.
BILL DALLAS
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Pinehurst, N.C. 28374

I had planned to make the 43rd Reunion this year, but we went west in the month of June.

I hope Alex Founest and his wife don't win all the "Loot" in Vegas before Bettye and I get there.

Had a call from my former army "Boss" Major Bill Emmons from La. and he'll be there. Haven't seen or heard from him since WW2.

Have a great meeting.

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9th Med. Bn. B Co.
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Just received a call from Pete Radichio, and he told me Vito Splendorio is going to the hospital for a triple by-pass operation.

So we would like all the Medics and men of the 9th Div. who know Vito to drop him a card to wish him well.

His address: Vito Splendorio, 240 Connecticut Ave., Bayshore, N.Y. 11706.

I know this would help to cheer him up. Thanking you Dan. You're doing a wonderful job.

39th Inf. 2nd Bn. Hq. Co.
& 60th Inf. F Co.
GEORGE PEDRICK
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I have only recently started to attend the reunions and enjoy them very much. I urge all of you to make the next reunion. The thrill of seeing your buddies of many years is indescribable! Enclosed find check in memory of Leon Weber, who passed away May 19.

14th Inf. K. Co
BILL STOKAN
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Thank you, for Forty (40) Years of Excellence, Devotion, Sincerity and just being two great and loving people.

Going to miss my old "K" Co's old buddies, such as Max Umansky, Joe Mazzerisse, Nat Valone, Red Johnston and wife, Helen and Al Holmes Bob Spencer and wife (709 Ordinance) Marie and Dan!! at Hyannis.

Certainly would like to hear from old Co. "K" buddies from Bragg, Chicken Road, the invasion of Africa (off the Destroyer Bouridune), Sicily etc. "Hello to All"

Brother Ed - "K" Co 60th also sends his regrets in missing Hyannis and sends his regards to you & all!

Know the Convention will be a "Success."

Love to hear from anyone or have you stop in at "Stokans"

9th Recon
DORIS KNAPP
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This is to inform you that Edward Knapp passed away April 23. I know he wanted to get in touch with his old buddies but never heard from them. He was in the 9th Recon TRPS.

Thank you.

47th Inf. M Co.
RAYMOND KING
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I received my 1st Octofoil and enjoyed it very much. A good buddy Jim Jamoulis was put to rest. Any M Co. 47th out there who remembers me? How about Bill Kowalczyk?

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