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# THE OCTOFOIL

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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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## Nelson has ties with both teams to go with Jacket



Lindsey Nelson

Otto Guyer, Company F, 47th sends this story that appeared in a Tennessee Newspaper regarding one of our "own" Lindsey Nelson.

The long garish line of Lindsey Nelson sports jackets would no longer outfit a national Shriner's convention. Instead, the remaining jackets fit comfortably into the closet of a man who achieved national fame for his voice, not his wardrobe.

But his jackets were louder. And in the 1960s, they fit the occasion at the Polo Grounds and Shea Stadium.

When the Mets were Amazin', how could you do play-by-play in gray? So Nelson wore sports coats as colorful as Casey Stengel's language.

You can see one of those coats in the Baseball Hall of Fame, into which Nelson was inducted in 1988. You might see another on a bum's back in New York or Knoxville.

Nelson donated more than 100 jackets to New York City goodwill. He donated scores of others to Knoxville goodwill when he returned home.

A few remain in his closet, including the one he donned Monday evening for a dinner engagement. He had left the house before he realized his error.

"I was wearing a green jacket," Nelson said. "You don't do that with Notre Dame in town. You might not get served."

Nelson will be more clothes conscious Saturday when Notre Dame plays the University of Tennessee. He won't wear green or orange.

Color him neutral.

There was nothing neutral about Nelson in the late 1940s. He bought the broadcast rights for the UT football games and peddled them to radio stations throughout the state. He became the play-by-play voice of the Vols, and the UT sports information director.

And although he only broadcast Vols games for three years, fans and friends invariably extend his UT connection. "You were doing the games when I played, weren't you?" Gene McEver once asked him.

Nelson was 9 years old when McEver played his first game for the Vols in 1928.

Twenty years later, Nelson broadcast his first UT game. "I thought I would be there the rest of my life," he said.

But after the 1950 season, he was hired by Liberty Broadcasting Company. Then NBC called. So did the Mets. And Notre Dame. and CBS.

Now retired, Nelson has a trophy case and a lock box full of honors and mementos. Take a deep breath and we'll go through the Hall of Fames that have inducted him: the Baseball Hall of Fame, Pro Football Hall of Fame, College Football Hall of Fame, American Sportscasters Association Hall of Fame, National Sports Writers and Sportscasters Hall of Fame, New York Mets Hall of Fame, Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame, and Tennessee Hall of Fame for Performing Arts.

He also has a 1979 Notre Dame national championship ring, which helps explain why Nelson's allegiance will be divided Saturday. He did Notre Dame telecasts on a delayed basis in the 1960s and '70s.

"After 13 years, I came away with the greatest admiration for Notre Dame as an institution," Nelson said. "They do everything first class."

Yet even Notre Dame's magnetism has its limits.

When the Vols played at South Bend, Ind., in 1978, then-Notre Dame coach Dan Devine asked Nelson to speak to his team Friday afternoon. UT coach Johnny Majors made the same request.

"I went to Dan, and told him I had to beg out," Nelson said. "He understood."

The requests still come from both sides.

The Notre Dame Boosters Club and the Tennessee Quarterback Club have asked Nelson to speak at their gathering Friday. He will try to oblige them.

About eight years ago, Nelson was diagnosed as having Parkinson's disease, a chronic and progressive nervous disorder. A medication approved several years ago has helped control the symptoms, but Nelson's bad days outnumber his good ones.

On the worst days, he struggles to string sentences together. And he can't predict those days.

Hopefully, Saturday will be one of his best days.

As usual, he plans to spend it in the press box at Neyland Stadium on Saturday. But this time, two teams will be tugging at his heart.

**John Adams**

Sports editor

## Latest on Directory

Now Hear This

For those interested in receiving a copy of the Directory made up by Dave Heffer and distributed at the Orlando Reunion. One of our members, a former member of Co B 47th Infantry will make up a duplicate of this booklet and mail it to you for the price of \$5.00. This includes the postage. As you know Dave had made so many of these booklets and the supply was used up at the Reunion. The Florida Chapter paid for the cost of making the booklets and they distributed them to those who attended the reunion.

If interested write to: Robert D. Moore, 207 Brydon Road, Dayton, Ohio 45419, (along with your check for \$5.00).

DEPARTMENT OF  
VETERANS AFFAIRS  
Medical Center  
800 Poly Place  
Brooklyn NY 11209

Mr. Michael Belmonte, President

Ninth Infantry Division Association  
1161 S. Lombardi  
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Dear Mr. Belmonte:

On behalf of our Medical Center Director Mr. James J. Farsetta, and the veteran, resident-patients at the VA Extended Care Center, St. Albans, New York, let me take this opportunity to thank you and the members of your organization, the Ninth Infantry Division Association, for your very generous donation of a check in the amount of \$725.00, for the benefit of our hospitalized veterans.

Your check was presented to me by Mr. Adolph Wadalavage, to be used to purchase an electric stove and a starter set of kitchen cabinets for use in our Occupational Therapy Section of the facility. The patients involved in this program will use these items to simulate the home environment, that they are now relearning how to function in. The training received using this therapy will help them to overcome their disability and will keep them home and independent of a nursing home for a long time to come. Thanks to your donation, this training will be even more comprehensive.

Again, thank you for your donation. Your care, concern and compassion for this nations hospitalized veterans is to be commended and is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,  
KEITH BUTCHER  
Assistant Chief,  
Voluntary Service

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Veterans Administration

On behalf of the patients and staff of the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in our Out-patient Clinic, please accept and convey our sincere appreciation for the \$100 donation which was made to us by your organization to be used for a telephone for visually impaired patients.

We sincerely appreciate your donation and wish your organization continued success in all your endeavors.

Sincerely,  
Martin J. Gall  
Chief, Voluntary Service

## Attractions Overview for Greater Milwaukee

view Milwaukee from Lake Michigan by taking a sight-seeing cruise. The Celebration of Milwaukee, 502 N. Harbor Drive, has two yachts to cruise the Milwaukee shoreline, as well as dockside area where you can relax prior to your cruise. Embark on a luxury voyage — complete with exquisite dining, top shelf cocktails and specialty drinks — and view Milwaukee from aboard the Edelweiss or the Edelweiss II, 1110 Old World Third Street. These excursion/dining vessels are available for charters and public cruises on the Milwaukee River and Lake Michigan Harbors. The Iroquois Boat Line, 3225 N. Shepard Avenue, shows you highlights of the city and harbor as you cruise leisurely by, enjoying a different perspective of the city, its bridges, rivers and its international shipping port. For a special treat, cruise Lake Geneva aboard any of Geneva Lake Cruise Lines five boats, Riviera Docks, Lake Geneva.

After a view from the lake, try a view from the top of the 41-story First Wisconsin Center, located at 777 E. Wisconsin Avenue. The center, at 601 feet high, is Wisconsin's tallest building. The top-floor skywalk affords a breathtaking view of the city and Lake Michigan. Visitors can look out over 40 miles of Wisconsin.

Visitors who enjoy the wonders of nature will appreciate two exceptionally fine exhibits in Whitnall Park, 5879 S. 92nd Street. The first exhibit, Boerner Botanical Gardens, offers an internationally-recognized group of formal and informal gardens. Perennials, annuals, herbs and a spectacular rose garden make Boerner a "must-see." The second exhibit at the Todd Wehr Nature Center, provides a "living laboratory" designed to foster environmental awareness.

West of Milwaukee, on Hwy 83 in North Lake, lies the Kettle Moraine Scenic Steam Train which takes visitors on an 11-mile nostalgic excursion through the beautiful kettle moraine countryside. Old World Wisconsin is also located in the glaciated Kettle Moraine area on Hwy 67, near the town of Eagle. History comes alive in this outdoor ethnic museum. Restorations of actual homes, churches, schools and civic buildings used by immigrant pioneers in the 1800's have been painstakingly moved to this rustic location.

## AIRLINE SPECIAL CONVENTION RATES TO MILWAUKEE

The Illinois Chapter has arranged for Airline Special Convention Rates to Milwaukee for the September 19-21, 1991 Reunion. The arrangements were made through the Magic Carpet Travel Agency located in the Reunion Hotel.

Members flying to the Reunion can acquire these special rates by contacting Magic Carpet Travel directly. Their toll-free number is 1-800-776-7011.

The special convention rates were secured by the Travel Agency through Northwest Airlines and US Air. Both companies will give a 5% discount off the lowest fare and waive all restrictions. If it is not possible to get the lowest rates on a particular flight, they will give a 40% discount off regular coach fares.

Members should contact Magic Carpet Travel to make reservations, determine the least expensive fare available, and purchase their tickets.

The advantage of booking flights through Magic Carpet Travel is there will be no restrictions, such as, purchasing tickets 30 days before the flight date, or change flights and dates without penalty. With the Agency's office in the Grand Milwaukee Hotel, changes can be made directly during the Reunion.

The Grand Milwaukee Hotel at 4747 South Howell Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, site of the 1991 Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, is ideal for our get-together.

The Grand Milwaukee is characterized by charm, warmth, and contemporary style. The Hotel consists of a number of buildings, all interconnected. Our group will have the four buildings of the Executive House and the six floored International House. If more rooms are needed, members will be assigned to the French Quarter. Of the 511 rooms in the Hotel, 250 have been reserved for members of the Ninth.

The Hotel guest and function rooms have recently been completely renovated, some guest rooms during 1990. Cleanliness is an outstanding feature of the Hotel. Service is impeccable, and there are bellmen and a concierge to assist guests.

Elegant Gourmet dining can be found in Harold's Restaurant, while casual dining is available in the Courtyard Restaurant.

There are many recreational opportunities at the Hotel, which includes a sports and fitness center adjacent to the Hotel. As a guest you are a complimentary member and may use the facilities and equipment without additional charge over your room fee. There are indoor and outdoor swimming pools for all guests to use.

The Grand Ballroom, our Banquet and Dance room, will seat 900 people, plenty of room for our group.

Meeting rooms for the general sessions of the Association and Auxiliary are commodious. There will be individual rooms for each committee meeting, and meetings of the Board of Governors.

Members driving to the Reunion will find lots of free parking space at the Grand Milwaukee Hotel. Many members will be able to park close to their rooms and the buildings' entrances. All entrances to the hotel guest room buildings are locked at all times, however, guests have access with their room keys.

The Hotel is less than five minutes from the terminal of Milwaukee's General Billy Mitchell International Airport. The Hotel provides free limousine service between the Airport and Hotel for all guests.

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An extract from the certificate of incorporation of the 9th Infantry Division  
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, National Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Assn. 412  
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Enclosed please find dues for:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

I was a member of:

Battery \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_ Regiment \_\_\_\_\_ 9th Div \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member per year \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 ☐

Sustaining Member \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_ ☐  
THREE-YEAR MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 ☐  
Life Membership \_\_\_\_\_ \$75.00 ☐  
Ladies Auxiliary Member \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 2.00 ☐  
Decals \_\_\_\_\_ 50- each  
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LADIES CORNER

Three ladies of our Auxiliary really are interested in our next  
meeting in September, because they have already sent in their  
\$10.00 checks to me for our planned "Vintage Fashion Show  
Breakfast." Thank you - Eleanor Falgiano, Grace Gaertner and  
Marilyn Stephens for your prompt responses. I haven't even put  
my check in yet! Will do! Will do soon! How are all you lovely  
ladies out there? 1991 treating you well? I hope so. As I promised  
you in our last column, here is the Breakfast Menu:

Choice of Fruit or Vegetable Juice  
Scrambled Eggs  
Choice of Port Links or Bacon  
Hash Brown Potatoes  
Freshly Baked Croissants  
Butter, Marmalade  
Coffee, Decaf, Tea, Milk

Sounds good, doesn't it? And we don't even have to cook it! In  
lieu of tickets to the Breakfast, I am mailing to you who have  
sent/are sending in your checks of \$10.00, Post Cards w/ Con-  
firmation numbers on them. Please save the cards and bring them  
with you in September. Thank you and I will keep you posted on  
what's happening, in the next Octofoil. Take care.

Ellie Taubner, Treasurer  
85 Smith Avenue  
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Tip of the Hat

We wish to thank the follow-  
ing members and friends for  
remembering the Memorial  
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PRE-REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Fortysixth Annual Reunion  
September 19-21, 1991

Pre-Registration for All-Event (Strip) Tickets will be a  
feature of the Fortysixth Annual Reunion to be held at the Grand  
Milwaukee Hotel, September 19-21, 1991, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The procedure to Pre-Register is as follows:

1. Fill out the Pre-Registration Form provided below.  
2. Write a check or money order to The Illinois Chapter Ninth  
Infantry Division Association for the full amount of the tickets.  
3. Mail the Pre-Registration Form and the check or money  
order to: Michael Belmonte, 1161 South Lombard Avenue, Oak  
Park, Illinois 60304.

4. Upon receiving the form and check or money order, a Con-  
firmation Card-Receipt will be mailed to the member — sender.  
5. The Confirmation Card-Receipt must be presented at the  
Reunion Pre-Registration Desk to pick up the tickets, program,  
and registration packet.

6. Cancellation of Pre-Registration will be honored for a full  
refund received before or on September 10, 1991. Cancellations  
received after September 10, will have a partial refund.

7. To cancel a Pre-Registration, contact Michael Belmonte at  
the above address, or telephone (708) 386-7865 prior to  
September 15, 1991. After September 15, call the Grand  
Milwaukee Hotel and leave a message to Mike. The Hotel  
Telephone numbers are: 1-800-558-3862 outside of Wisconsin, in  
Wisconsin call (414) 481-8000.

8. To assure a ticket for the Thursday Welcome Party, the Fri-  
day Dance, and the Saturday Banquet-Dance, PRE-REGISTER  
now.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Fortysixth Annual Reunion  
September 19-21, 1991  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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

TELEPHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT IN THE 9th \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

All-Event (Strip) Tickets: Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ at \$45.00 each, Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if you are a Gold Star Wife , or a Member's Widow



"Wisconsin's Largest Sports & Conference Center"

Name of Group **NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION**

Date(s) of Function **September 19-21, 1991**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Names of Guests Sharing Accommodations:

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

**SINGLE, DOUBLE, Please Check Type of Room**

**TRIPLE, QUAD** All prices are subject to state and local taxes.

**\$65.00** ☐ One Person - \$ ☐ Two People - \$

**\$ 7.15 Tax**

**\$72.15 Total**

Reservations must be received by cut-off date.

Reservation requests received after cut-off date are subject to space availability.

For Suite accommodations, please contact Hotel direct. Contact Hotel if confirmation is not received in ten days.

**Cut Off Date: August 21, 1991**

HOSPITALITY ROOMS (CP's)

The Grand Milwaukee Hotel has six Hospitality Rooms which  
are ideal for unit CP's.

The rooms are 20 feet by 30 feet, or 600 square feet. They can  
comfortably hold 50 people for a reception type function.

The Hospitality Rooms contain a wet bar, refrigerator, two  
couches, chairs, a full bathroom, and closet. They also have two  
single roll away beds and a 24 inch console color television. All  
the Hospitality rooms are located in the International House, ,  
one room on each floor.

The rate for the Hospitality rooms is \$100.00 per night. An ad-  
joining bedroom can be had for the Reunion special rate of \$65.00  
for a total of \$165.00 plus tax per night. The combined rooms  
make an interconnecting suite.

Arrangements for Hospitality Rooms, or Suites, should be  
made directly with the Hotel's Reservation Department.



Sal Sapienza, 26 FA supplied us with a picture of his group  
although he says he doesn't remember all the names of the men  
shown, he names the following: Kristman, Fortune, Mombour-  
quette, Milander, Como, Sigle, Levesque, McFarland and Sal.  
Joe Fortune is with the German outfit (center top side).

4747 South Howell Avenue • Milwaukee Wisconsin 53207  
• Telephone: (414) 481-8000 or Toll Free: 1-800-558-3862

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_ A.M./P.M.

**CHECK-IN TIME — 2:00 P.M.**  
**CHECK-OUT TIME — 12:00 NOON**

To reserve accommodations, a **full** deposit for 1st  
night or a major credit card number (invalid unless  
expiration date is included) is required.

Guaranteed By: ☐ Credit Card ☐ Check

Deposit \$ **72.15 Single, Double, Triple, Quad**

Type of Card \_\_\_\_\_

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE DON'T BE A NO SHOW!

We require 24 hours notice for cancellation. Obtain  
cancellation number from the Reservation Depart-  
ment if you must cancel this reservation by calling  
either number stated above. Thank You.





Al Eisen, 60th Inf, poses in the laboratory at Block Drug Co Jersey City, N.J. He was the inventor of 2000 Flushes, (not cards) the liquid toilet bowl cleaner.

### Shy inventor gets rich

The following story appeared in a local newspaper regarding one of our members Al Eisen, former member of the 60th Infantry and now a member of the New York Chapter. Always like to read about one of our members who is doing well.

**JERSEY CITY** — Within the aging brick walls of a modest building on Cornelison Avenue, the American Dream is flushed down the toilet about 2,000 times a day.

The building houses the Block Drug Co.'s product lavatory — er, laboratory, where 2,000 Flushes, a liquid toilet cleaner, is tested.

The commode cleanser has given its inventor, Al Eisen, the son of a grocer in The Bronx, a chance to "live comfortably, send my daughters to college and enjoy life."

Eisen is a believer in the American Dream.

"This is still a country where a guy with a good idea and the ability to work hard — and I have worked very hard — can do well for himself," Eisen said from his apartment on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

At Block Drug's laboratory here, a team of chemists under Eisen's watch constantly tests the cleaner to ensure it indeed lasts for 2,000 flushes.

Their method is straightforward: the product is poured into the tanks of 76 permanently installed toilets, which are flushed, and flushed and flushed...

"The only way to test a toilet bowl product is in a toilet bowl," said Ernest Bernarducci, a director of research and development at Block Drug.

Eisen, who never went to college, says he got the idea for the product years ago while swimming in a pool. It was then he realized the lavatorial applications of chlorine, the base ingredient of 2,000 Flushes.

After his 1977 discovery, Eisen's next step was a natural for any dreamer: he quit his job at Everlast Sports and began pounding the pavement full-time, pitching his product to distributors coast to coast.

I guess you could say I had a lot of nerve to do what I did, but I really believed in the product, did I mention that? To make it,

you have to believe in what you are doing," he said. "At first, a lot of doors slammed in my face, but I kept believing, and eventually doors began opening."

Block Drug, which also makes Dentu-Creme and Tegrin Medicated Shampoo, bought Eisen's product and the company he built around it, Flush Co., in 1983, and retained the avuncular 72-year-old as a consultant.

Eisen's conviction — he says he hates cleaning toilets — made him a natural for the television commercials that eventually beamed his elfish grin to millions of homes across the country.

"At first, I thought the marketing people were crazy — what do I know about television? — but they said my belief in the product really comes through," he said. "I guess they were right."

The TV spots made Eisen a small celebrity, and he says he is often approached by autograph seekers. "My wife, Claire, can't believe that toilets made me famous."

Despite his years, the ebullient septuagenarian is not resting on his accomplishments.

"I'm working on a couple of new products that I can't tell you about," he said.

But he was forthcoming about the latest plans for 2,000 Flushes: Block is priming it for export. For this, the product must be adapted for foreign flushing.

"Toilet tanks are smaller in Britain, so we had to downsize a little bit," Eisen said.

And French-Canadians will soon hear of the wonders of the liquid toilet cleaner, as a new ad campaign is planned for Quebec. Rather than lose his effusive pitch to a voice-over, Eisen is learning to "parlez-vous Francais" — sort of.

"I never spoke a word of French in my life, so I had a bit of preparing to do for the commercials," he said. "Then again, I only had to learn 72 words."

Eisen has no plans for retirement.

#### 9th MEDICAL BN REUNION

The annual mini reunion for the 9th Medical Bn. will be May 3 and 4 at the Holiday Inn - West in Asheville, NC

For more information contact: John Lewis, 211 Midland Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160 - 615-684-2496.

#### 39th Inf. L Co.

FLORYAN B. OSZUSCIK  
1813 Ridgemoor Drive., L.B.  
Michigan City, Indiana 46360

Enclosed find check for three years dues. Certainly like to receive the Octofoil.

Have a good year.

#### OCALA, FLORIDA PICKED FOR NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

The Florida Chapter 1991 Spring Meeting will be held at the Ocala Days Inn Paddock Park Hotel located on SR 200 in Ocala Fl. on April 19 and 20 and departing on April 21.

The Florida Chapter Meetings are enjoyable "mini-reunions." Sure, there is the Business Meeting on Saturday morning but there is lots of time for fun and enjoyment. For example: The Hospitality Room will be well stocked with drinks and goodies. Here's an opportunity to meet the old and make new friends. An "all you can eat" buffet dinner is planned for 6 p.m. Friday night at the Holiday House followed by going to see a comedy show "Social Security" at the new Ocala Civic Theatre. This comedy deals with a married couple whose domestic tranquility is shattered upon the arrival of the wife's mother. Days Inn will provide a snack after the show also a Continental Breakfast each morning free. The regular Business Meeting will be held on Saturday morning. A brief tour of Ocala is being considered for those who wish to take part. If a tour is not feasible, then members are free to visit points of interest such as: The Appellton Museum of Art; Silver Springs Attraction; Don Garlitis Museum of Drag Racing; Ocala Civic Theatre; Horse Farms, Disney World Welcome Station; Shopping Malls; Central Florida Community College and many historic sites scattered around Ocala. Literature and directions will be furnished.

A sit-down Dinner/Banquet is planned for Saturday night. Mr. Bill Whorf, who fought with the First Marine Division, will be the Speaker. You will find Bill Whorf very interesting, informative and entertaining.

Video Tapes of the 1989 National Reunion held at The Pines in the Catskills and the 1990 Memorial Services held at the Orlando, Fl. National Reunion will be played either in the Hospitality Room or the big Meeting Room at the Days Inn.

Dues paying members of the Florida Chapter will receive a complete information kit consisting of a Newsletter, Order Form, Reply Card, etc. in plenty of time before the meeting. If any member does not receive this mailing before March 1, 1991 please contact Secretary De Donato. Members-at-large or any W.W. II veteran of the 9th Infantry Division who is living in Florida is urged to attend. Members of other Chapters of the 9th Infantry Division Association are cordially welcomed to attend. Contact Emil J. De Donato for details. ... the costs are the same.

Emil J. De Donato,  
Secretary

Fl. Chapt. 9th Inf. Div. Assn.  
3650 S. W. Mosswood Street  
Dunnellen, FL 32630  
Phone: 904/489-4070

#### NOW HEAR THIS M COMPANY 47th INFANTRY

As you may have noticed, I have volunteered to handle the funds for our Command Post at the Reunion this year at Milwaukee. Also note that I was not APPOINTED by "RED" PHILLIPS! My address is as follows:

W. H. HORAN  
386 Victoria Drive  
Columbus, Georgia 31907

I have the unpleasant duty to inform you that MARY DE SEPIO has passed away. Our prayers go out to her family.

#### ILLINOIS CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

At this writing we are almost having a touch of Spring. It's hard to believe it's the beginning of February. Our Florida Snowbirds have nothing on us.

We had a small meeting in January with the Hellers and Andersons about the reunion. Irma Koskie joined us and we adjourned to the Anderson's home after lunch.

We heard from Roger Elmer and he informs us his son, Richard, is now in Saudi Arabia with the Coast Guard. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and all our service people for a quick end to this War and their safe return home to their loved ones.

The reservations are coming in for the Strip tickets and are being acknowledged as received. We are looking forward to a large number of pre-registrations so that there will be less confusion at the reunion in Milwaukee in September.

The Illinois Chapter is planning to meet in Madison, Wisconsin on May 3, 4, and 5th. We invite all Midwest members to attend our Annual Mini Reunion at the Ramada Inn. Please make your reservations direct to the Ramada Inn. The toll free number to call is 1-800-356-7476. Rates will be \$40.00 for one person, \$45.00 for two persons, plus tax. As usual, Mike Carpenter will be the host.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Belmonte  
1161 S. Lombard  
Oak Park, IL. 60304

#### NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

The New Jersey Chapter has put off monthly meetings for these winter months as a show of the respect we have for Father Winter and his treacherous tactics. We will resume in early spring, possibly with a dinner meeting to which we will bring our ladies.

In a recent edition of *The Octofoil* I had published a notification of the demise of one of our members, Jack Curley. I am pleased to be able to notify you that the report was in error, and that Jack is still with us, though still in the hospital undergoing physical therapy after suffering a debilitating stroke. Mrs. Curley graciously called me to inform me of my error and to ask me to make a correction. Any of you Company A - Thirty-ninth Infantry men who would like to send Jack a cheerful note can send it to him at 15 Circle Lane, Little Silver, New Jersey 07739.

Another one of our members who has been on sick call for a long time as the result of a stroke is Clarence Burke of the 376th AA. Clarence has been engaged in the physical therapy program at Robert Wood Johnson Rehabilitation Center, which is the facility to which I owe a debt of gratitude for my recent recovery. Clarence can be reached at 120 Burns Street, Somerset, NJ 08873.

Lucy and I were saddened last week to learn of the death of Bette Finnigan, wife of Jack. Lou and Marion Slatnick joined Lucy and me in paying our respects at the viewing.

I'll be getting out a letter to the members in the near future to get their thoughts on having a dinner meeting as soon as the weather is more promising. In the meantime, check your membership cards, and if you owe dues for 1991, send me a check now. Make it out for three years; that way you won't have to worry about it for a while.

I regret that my letter is so full of sad news.

Ed Hopkins, President  
110 Hollywood Ave.  
Metuchen, NJ 08840

#### NEW YORK AREA CHAPTER REPORT

The Greater New York Area Chapter met at its regular monthly Friday evening command post at the Masonic Hall, 71 West 23rd Street, N.Y.C. on January 18, 1991.

The Installation of Officers for 1991 was the main order of business. Your reporter of this column found himself elected President of the Chapter this year, for which I express my gratitude to the membership. With our newly elected staff of capable and devoted officers and support of the membership, we will strive for a successful year. My compliments to outgoing President Lou Almassy and his staff for a job well done. Lou should be justifiably proud of the Octofoil plaque presented to him on behalf of the membership's appreciation by our "resident chaplain" George Apar.

This year's staff officers are: President - (Me); 1st Vice President - Anthony DeRobertis; 2nd Vice President - Anthony Varone; Secretary - Arthur R. Schmidt; Treasurer - Anton Dietrich; Chaplain - George Apar; Sgt-at-Arms - Charles LiBretto; Judge Advocate - Daniel Quinn. Chapter Board of Governors: Representing the 47th Regt. - Daniel Quinn; 39th Regt. - Frank Russo; 60th Regt. - Charles LiBretto; Special Troops - Adolph Wadalavage; Divarty - James Haroutounian.

After the general meeting we adjourned for cold cuts, beer and soda which Secretary Art Schmidt provided. Other members attending, not mentioned above, were: Emil Langer, Joe Rzesniowicki and Herminio Suarez.

#### RAFFLE

On December 21, 1990 the N.Y. Area Chapter held its annual 50-50 Club Raffle during the regular meeting. After the meeting we had a Christmas dinner at the Free Mason Bar and Restaurant and a good time was had by all. The raffle winners were: Adolph Wadalavage, Emil Langer, Arthur Hurray, Karol Rzesniowicki, Oreste Russo, Charles Jensen, Anthony Varone, Michael Agnetti, Albert Lubrano, Erika Schramm, Benjamin Bosco, Reverend Hugh C. Whitaker, Melanie Sorbill, Elsie Suarez and Lorie Vanni.

The membership is urged to try to attend some of the meetings for camaraderie and support. If you have any ideas, suggestions or even gripes; come and let yourself be heard — of if you can't make the meeting, contact me or Secretary Schmidt. By the way Art informs me that some members still have not paid their dues for 1991. Please make our Secretary happy by sending him your dues as soon as possible with check made out to The Greater New York Area Chapter, Ninth Infantry Division Association. Address ... Arthur Schmidt, Secretary, 69-20 69th Street, Glendale, N.Y. 11385-6696. NOTE: Dues are now \$10.00 per year; \$25.00 for three years; and \$75.00 for a Life Membership.

Well, its time for this scribe to put down his word processor and pick up his gavel. The February 15 meeting is now called to order ... about which, will be reported on, in the Octofoil.

Good health and happiness to all our Ninthmen and families everywhere.

Marvin Levy  
Co. A 60th Inf.  
2044 Ellen Drive  
Merrick, N.Y. 11566  
Art Schmidt, NY Secretary  
69-20 69th St.  
Glendale, NY 11385

Deadline for next issue April 20th



## Tribute

### Landing in N. Africa

Naturally I was soaking wet as I dashed across the open beach with rifle shots around us, as our landing craft dropped us off in approximately five feet of salty sea water right in the center of the shore of Safi French Morocco.

Half stunned with wobbly legs, I climbed the high cliff there. Many men were around me but there was much confusion and I recognized very few as I was a new man in the unit.

Finally atop the cliff and trying to locate the wadi, we were supposed to follow into and through town to a hill on the far side.

At this moment I realized a corporal at my side that appeared to be real active in this strange and remote area. We were together for a period of time but I am not sure for how long. During this anxious period we thought there were some of our enemy in a building just above the wadi.

I had by now learned that my friend was Joe. I clearly remember him saying "Shall we throw a grenade in?" Joe certainly had a lot of courage.

Joe and I were in different parts of A Co. and I saw him from time to time and as I remember I always had fond and warm feelings toward Joe.

As the war moved further and further into North Africa, we had traveled from Morocco into Algeria, from Algeria into Tunisia.

### El Guettar

In the early morning of March 28, 1943, A and E Companies were to lead a Frontal Attack in what I would call the most daring and dangerous attack of World War Two — yes, and it turned out to be just that.

Climbing a hill occupied by the enemy resulted as an almost impossible situation. I think if I remember correctly that only about half of A Co. reached the top. The fire upon us from the enemy was almost beyond tolerance but we did not yield.

Joe was the leader of a mortar squad and I can still remember his firm order — "ACTION THERE." This meant that at that particular moment, Joe was challenging an enemy that outnumbered us about a good 10-1 in favor of the enemy. Joe certainly proved himself as a firm and dedicated American soldier.

E Co. lost 100 percent of its men. They were all wounded, captured or killed. We had no E Co. for several days.

A certain Lt. Bill Larson was taken from our company to form a new E Co. Bill was a good officer and in this I think our regimental commander made the best of choice.

Now Lt. Bill Larson knew he had quite a job ahead of him so he took Joe with him to help do the job.

I did not see Joe so much now, but history has proven that he was all that I believed he was.

He later received a battlefield commission, he remained in the army for many years and retired as a Lt. Colonel. He went on to school on the advice of his good friend Bill Larson and in time he received the degree of doctor in the field of education.

Joe married a wonderful southern girl. They have one son and one daughter. They are a wonderful family.

I give thanks to the Supreme Being that we have men like Joe Williams.

Co A-47th  
WARREN D. EVANS  
251 - W 6th St.  
Grafton, N.D. 58237

## BTRY. "A" 60th F.A. BN NEWSLETTER

Like every Christmas since 1946, I get cards and letters. Not as many as of years ago, but still a likely number. As usual the widows of Barhight, Bish, Elliott, Goff, Davis, Torhan, Possy and Wenshionis have kept on sending me their Christmas cards.

Ed Wardzala sent me some photos taken in "A" Btry. area in Ft. Bragg. You can see First Sgt. Ted Healy taking the morning roll call. Also a group picture of him and Donald Williams and two others I don't recognize enjoying themselves at Myrtle Beach.

Had a phone call from DeNaro. He's ailing but still as jolly as ever. Also talked to Pat Passarello and his charming wife. Al checks in with me every year.

His cards from Auth, Colanello, DeNaro, DeRosa, Fruend, Friedlmier, Jaggi, Lasalandra, Liggero, Lovell, McKee, Pandolphi, Patrick, Prince, Quigley, Stebbins, Wardzala and Donald Williams.

I don't recall the day or time, but in January, 1991, on television, there was a story of a snafu that happened on a beach in Slapton, England. Some 749 GI's were killed. It caught my attention because Frank Lovell sent me a copy of the story that appeared in the Boston Herald, November 15, 1987. It seems I do recall that incident, we were on maneuvers at that time. Funny, I can remember that far back, but can't remember two or three weeks ago, the program or time that it was shown.

Also had a call from Lonnie Greco. Her husband, Dom Greco, who suffers from Alzheimer Disease for the past three years, still shows no sign of improving.

Would like to thank all those who sent me congratulatory cards. I sure would like to see more of you at the reunion. As I always say — it's later than you think — Make that next reunion. God Bless. Take care.

Mike and Ann Belmonte  
1161 S. Lombard Ave.  
Oak Park, IL 60304

## 9th SIGNAL 4th ANNUAL REUNION

The 9th Signal Company will hold its 4th Annual Reunion on August 27, 28, and 29th, 1991, and this time the C.P. will be in Reading, Penna.

A great time is planned for all, especially the ladies, as there are numerous Factory Outlet stores in the immediate area. There will be, of course, the banquet, The Happy Hour, great conversation and wonderful friends for over 45 years.

More info and reservation forms will be sent as per our present list. The room rates are lower than those of Hazelton. So, all you signalmen, make your plans to attend. It will make you feel younger to look back on old times, with "Old Buddies." In case anyone has not attended one of our reunions, the following information is supplied.

Write to: Co-Chairmen:  
Wm. A. Miller  
507 Eskridge Drive  
Wilmington, DE 19809  
Richard A. Craig  
10 Whitney Street  
White Plains, NY 10606

There is an old adage that "Time and Tide wait for no man," so let us all get together before both time and the tide run out.

## 1991 Reunion Milwaukee Sept 19-21

## M Company Chronicler (47th)

It will be history by the time this is read but some M-ers will gather in Nazareth PA. on March 30th to congratulate Johnny Davis on his induction as a Distinguished Member of the 47th Infantry Regiment. I have been asked to represent the Army and take the Mountain to Mohammed, so to speak. Our man in Tamaqua, Ed Little, found us a VFW hall in which to meet and word has been passed to all the M-ers in western PA, NJ and southern NY to be there. I'm looking forward to seeing some of you.

My first complete draft of "El Guettar- Crucible of Leadership" is being passed about for criticism. If anyone has had some brilliant recall that ought to be in there, it's not yet too late. But it's getting there. So don't delay another day. Write me please!

We've postponed the trip back to the battlefield of El Guettar. The natives are too restless about our treatment of their Iraqi brethren so it looks like discretion time. That place has had its chance at these old bones and it won't get another out of my carelessness. And it isn't as if Djebel Berda is going anywhere. It will just sit there, deepening its wadis, waiting to see what happens next, as it has for the past million years.

Harold Werner wrote from Copperas Cove TX to comment on the Atkinson-Rackstraw switch of command of the 2nd Platoon. He remembers that the troops referred to Dave as "Billy the Kid" in those days because of his youthful appearance and the way he tore into things like callisthenics and the inspection of arms:

"One time as we counted off front to rear, Cecil Palmatier, the sixth man in the third squad, counted off his number in a way that displeased the lieutenant. Palmatier was told to step out of ranks and stand to the side and call out 'six' until told to stop. As we proceeded with the exercise, he started calling out stop. As we proceeded with the exercise, he started calling out his number. Every man was laughing to himself as Atkinson counted the exercise: 'Hut, Toop, thrup, four' with Palmatier chiming in with 'six.' Finally, we broke out laughing. Atkinson, still trying to be serious, told Palmatier to return to his place in the squad and the next time, count in the proper manner. Long after

Atkinson was transferred out of the company, anytime he was seen by the platoon, someone would yell 'Six!' Speaking for the platoon as a whole, I would say that 'Billy the Kid' was all right."

I hope to see Bernie Bennick in DC next month for a bit of plotting on how to get around the Siegfried Line that the VA has put up to deny us gratis access to their files. I will call on my Senator (if he has not yet been crucified for his Keating connections), who is chairman of the Senate VA Committee, but I don't expect much help there. What VA wants to charge to look up those 225 files (\$450) doesn't seem like much money to those bureaucrats and politicians, but it's more than my last raise in Social Security. If nothing else, it will be good to see Colonel Ben again. He'll probably stuff me full of pierogies.

Speaking of lost M-ers, Joe Ksenaitis has turned up a couple, but I can't get them to answer my letters, and they haven't a phone or don't answer. May be one of you guys who lives nearby will drop by and explain why we want them in the club.

Clause E. Fields (once a 2nd Lt. Mortar Section Leader): 602 N. E. 36th Ct., Ocala, FL 32670; (904) 629-6946.

Sidney Schwartz (once a brigadier general of the Italian Army): 31 Lockwood Ave., New Rochelle, NY 10801 (no phone listed so maybe he's living with a relative.)

Incidentally, when I fulminate about the VA and its bureaucrats, Joe is a great exception. He's one dedicated M-er and our thanks to him for all the help he's been in running people down.

Our man in Wauwatosa, WI, Harold Gaertner is into the thick of his chapter's planning for next September's Reunion in Milwaukee. He's checked out the availability of a "CP" room for M Company and I gave you the dope on that in the previous "Octofoil." If you want a CP, send a check to Big Bill Horan.

I'm planning to be there at the Milwaukee Reunion, 19-21 September next. How about you?

Red Phillips  
14002 Hemlock Dr.  
Penn Valley, CA, 95946

## 1991 Reunion Sept 19-21 Milwaukee



Johnny Davis, M Co 47th, who rose from buck private to Company Commander in M 47th has been designated a Distinguished Member of the 47th Infantry Regiment. Davis was honored recently at a gathering of M Company Alumni at hometown's VFW in Nazareth, Pa. Photo taken by Bob Story, Harz Mts. 1945.

## COMPANY F - 47th INFANTRY

It is with a heavy heart that I must report that another of our beautiful people has passed away. Bette Finnigan left us on February 13, 1991. Lou and Marion Slatnick as well as Lucy and I attended the viewing last Friday in Union. Jack was my tent mate in Safi, and Lucy and I had become close with him and Bette since we rediscovered them some five or six years ago. Jack married Bette in England and she bore him three beautiful children. We all grieve with you, Jack. F Company has lost a dear friend.

I had a surprise call from Charles Rochelle last month. He had made his first reunion in Orlando and was so pleased with the experience that he was calling to get some details on the Milwaukee affair. We're looking forward to seeing you in Milwaukee in September, Charles.

I've been in touch with Earl Wilkey a number of times these past few months. Hugh Dunlop had sent me a rather generous contribution to our CP fund, plus the price of Earl Wilkey's book. Earl sent him the book twice, and it was returned twice with the notation "No such address." Wilkey has been trying to track Dunlop down ever since. If any of you have his address, please sent it along. I understand that Rodger Alsgaard has been having the Michigan Chapter mail returned for want of a better address also. Between Rodger and Earl, we should be able to locate him.

Ken Yennie reports that he is still being treated for the damages caused by the nasty fall he had last year when that wall he was standing on collapsed. We wish you well, Ken. Olive has been encouraging Ken to write down his memoirs. In fact, she has even suggested that my life's experience in print may have some literary merit. A niece of mine has been after me for years to write my memoirs. I wrote four or five pages a year or so ago, but I did not carry through. She was interested in it chiefly as a family history contribution. Maybe I'll get on with it. When she reads it, she may be sorry she asked.

Paul Giarraputo reports that he is doing quite well these days, but that his Anne has seen better days. Paul sounded great on the phone.

I am in touch with Slats, Finnigan and Gonzol all the time. Slats remains healthy though Marion has been doing some doctoring.

I was on the phone with Marie Tokarchek around Christmas, and I am pleased to report that she is holding her own. The medical reports that kept her from the Orlando reunion proved to be false. It was a relief to learn the good news.

We have our confirmed reservations for the Milwaukee reunion, and the facilities seem ideal. The description of the hospitality room is in the last issue of *The Octofoil*. Milwaukee is a fun town, a town of which I have fond memories, even though I won't be performing some of the feats I did while there in the early fifties. I'll never be performing any of those feats any more. Churchill put it nicely when he said, "Man has three basic vices: I gave one up; one gave me up; and I still smoke." I often think of that quote, and I don't even smoke any more.

I'll have a letter out shortly with a complete account of the financial state of our CP fund.

Ed Hopkins  
110 Hollywood Ave.  
Metuchen, N.J. 08840

## "Old Reliables" of Texas' Organize

### Preliminary

**Organizational Meeting #2**  
Preliminary organizational meeting #2 was held on 12 January 1991 in Waco, Texas.

The meeting was convened by Acting President John Miller at 1300 hours with the following personnel present.

John Miller, Acting President, (Arlington, Tx.)

Bob Burky, Acting Vice-President, (Fort Worth, Tx.)

Ken Meyer, Acting Secretary, (Belton, Tx.)

Bob Rucker, Acting Public Relations, (Bryan, Tx.)

Ernest Botella, Acting Public Relations, (San Antonio, Tx.)

Items discussed at this meeting were:

A. Review of all that has occurred since preliminary organizational meeting #1 held in Orlando, Florida on Saturday - 06 October 1990.

B. Review, update & discussion of roster containing names of all personnel eligible for membership in this new Chapter of the 9th Infantry Division Association.

C. Review of personnel who returned signed petitions necessary to form a new Chapter.

D. Membership will be open to all World War 2 men\* residing in the States of ARKANSAS, COLORADO, LOUISIANA, OKLAHOMA AND TEXAS.

E. Ernie Botella, Bob Rucker, and Ken Meyer each submitted a draft paper on what each felt should be the necessary information to be forwarded to all prospective members of this new Chapter. It was decided, due to the time element, that all three (3) draft copies would be given to Bob Rucker, who would use all the draft copies to compose one (1) information letter.

F. Upon completion of the information letter, Bob Rucker would forward the information letter to all eligible personnel in the State of Texas. In addition, Bob Rucker would send to Ken Meyer approximately twenty (20) copies of the information and Ken Meyer would notify all eligible personnel in the States of ARKANSAS, COLORADO, LOUISIANA & OKLAHOMA.

President Miller also noted that after this new Chapter was organized (organizational meeting to be held in Belton, Texas on 09 March 1991) that the National Constitution and By-Laws require a minimum of one (1) meeting per year. Tentative date was set for the end of August 1991, place TBA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Acting President John Miller at 1450 hours on 12 January 1991.

Ken Meyer  
Secretary Pro-Tem

APPROVED:  
John Miller  
President-Pro-Tem

26th F.A.  
LOUIS PERGIOVANNI  
30 Davis Rd.  
E. Hartford, CT 06118

I keep in touch with "Father" Joe McKenzie and as you probably know he has had a few obstacles but has overcome them in the past year. He always comes thru with flying colors. I look forward to receiving the Octofoil and agree that it was time to raise the dues. Keep up the good work and many thanks for all you and your staff do to keep us together and informed.

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.

47th Inf. G Co. &  
Fin. Sec. Div. Hq. Trg.  
MARTIN J. GILL  
2401 Pennington Road  
Trenton, NJ 08638

Perhaps it was nine or ten years ago that Peg and I stopped at the historic Temperance House in Newtown, PA for lunch. The Temperance House, at the time, had recently reopened after a devastating fire perhaps a year before. I had parked around the corner in front of a small store-front insurance office. After lunch, as we had just pulled away from the curb, a clean cut looking fellow in a neat looking business suit crossed the street from the opposite side and waved me down. With some hesitation, I stopped. He quickly introduced himself as John Merrick, an independent insurance agent, in front of whose office I had parked and on which car he had noticed the 9th Division Association decal on the rear window. He had come out of his office, crossed the street and waited for us to return to the car. John was an Association member and was in the 60th during World War II. I have since forgotten the company with which he served.

In subsequent years, on two or three occasions, we stopped for lunch in Newtown at the Brick Hotel which was directly across the street from John's office. Needless to say, on each such occasion, I stopped to see John and either had a brief chat or left a message.

Last December we were again in Newtown for the first time in about two years. As we stopped at the Brick Hotel, the first thing I noticed was that there was a different occupant in the store that had been John's place of business. Optimistically, I assumed that John had retired but "checked it out." The proprietor of an adjoining store told me that John had sold his business, planned on retiring to Florida but became ill and died quite some time ago — "over a year ago" he told me. I last saw John at the Camp Hill Reunion.

I don't recall having seen John's name in the "Taps Sounded" column of the Octofoil and for that reason, have gone through the rather lengthy recital above so that you would know how I knew of his death. Unfortunately, I was not acquainted with other members of John's family. Otherwise, I could have access to more specific information.

From Peg and myself, I send best wishes to you and to Marie for a most healthy and enjoyable new year. God bless and stay well.

709 Ord.  
JOHN KOWALSKI  
112 N. Bridge St.  
Somerville, N.J. 08876

Our Christmas card from Joy Spencer was a sad one. She informed us her husband, Robert, passed away on his birthday while in the hospital, this past Nov. He will be very much missed as our friendship started at Ft. Bragg. I'm sorry to read the situation the association is in. My thoughts are that the men of the 9th that can afford it, should send a donation for the cause as Henry Santos suggested and I like his idea in regard to those that cannot afford it. Enclosed find donation in memory of Robert Spencer.

### TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Petition to correct the error you made when you left the Disabled Veterans off the Cola List.

First; You have been elected to your office by the people to represent them at the National Government Level. That means that you are supposed to pass legislature for everybody's benefit not the favored few, such as, Congress and the Senate for the second time in two years. This time for 27,000 per year. All this is done without the constituents having any say as to whether you deserve it or not.

Second; You approved a 2.5 billion tax break for the oil industry who already have fleeced John Q Public from day one of the take-over of Kuwait by Iraq.

Three; Provided 10 billion more for the savings and loan problems.

Four; Provided a \$500,000 grant to the town of Strasburg, North Dakota to build a museum to honor Lawrence Welk.

Put a new face on the House Beauty parlor at a cost of \$375,000.

Study the best placement of television lighting on the senate floor at a cost of \$250.00.

Five; The Congress then failed to give the 5.4 Cola to the Disabled Veterans. That for sure is not showing any respect for the men that gave some of their life and parts of their body's to try and give America and her allies the opportunity to live without oppression, when all of the other agency's received their cola's.

We the people are very unhappy with your priorities. Because Congress is so free with our money that we are going broke taking care of the world and our citizens are not getting what they need to exist.

The signee would like to see that the priorities are put back in their proper places and that the Cola for the Disabled Veteran be restored along with the rest of the medical and other benefits you have taken away from the veterans:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_



Al Bravin 3rd Bn 47th Inf sends this photo of members of Co L 47 kitchen group. The only man he identifies is Sgt. Combs, - left standing - mess sgt. The time is believed to be early Sept. or Oct. 1944 inside of Germany.

### REMAGEN PLAQUE

In October the 99th Infantry Division Association placed their bronze plaque on the west tower of the former Remagen Ludendorf Bridge site. The 99th Division plaque was mounted next to the 9th Armored Division and 78th Division plaques.

I personally would like to encourage the 9th Division Association to contact the Memorial Monument Committee for a possible 9th Division bronze plaque to be placed along side the other three plaques on one of the remaining west bank towers. I am sending along a "suggested" plaque format for possible consideration. It is only an idea for a possible future plaque outline as to the wording.

The 99th Infantry Division plaque states ... "The 99th Infantry Division was the first complete infantry division troops across the bridge." In all respect to the 99th Division Association this statement is debatable. The 99th Division 394th Infantry Regiment crossed over as their leading regiment the evening of March 10. A large portion of the 9th Division was over and in the bridgehead by this late date. Enough said towards controversy!

The 9th Division should be represented in bronze at Remagen. They did their fair share of the fighting and then some. I think it would be a grand thing to see the "Old Reliables" plaque on that stone tower.

Best Wishes  
Eddie Webber  
333 Lariat  
Frisco, TX. 75034

15th Engineers A Co.  
CHARLES "HOSS" JOHNSON  
100 Rambler Road  
Cambridge, MD 21613

My wife, Kathryn, and I really enjoyed the 45th Reunion in Orlando, FL last October. It was the first one we have attended. I am aware that I have missed much by not attending sooner, as many of my comrades that fought the fight and kept the Faith have gone to their reward.

I was so pleased to meet for the first time in 45 years, Col. Alex Forrest, and to see again our company command Maj. Emmons, who I think was one of the best; also I saw S. Sgt. Carroll D. and Henry Santos.

The big surprise of course was "magNOSE," Pete Magnonelli, who gave me another surprise as his nose is now straight! There were others there whose names I don't recall.

Kathryn enjoyed finally meeting some of the comrades I have told her about over the years, and she especially enjoyed meeting their lovely wives.

All in all, it was a rewarding trip! To me, the 15th A Co. was among the best in the whole army.

God Bless you all.

9th Med Bn  
PETE RADICHO  
3889 S Springbreeze Way  
Homosassa Springs, FL 32646

Still involved with the troops in Bay Pines Hospital. I work or volunteer my service to Module B which handles about 8 or 9 clinics. I generally go in when the work load is heavy, just like the nurses and doctors. I just love it. I don't have a dull moment and our veterans get the best for the amount of help we have. Little disappointed that the Ninth forgot Bay Pines Med Center. I don't need the glory but we do take care of a lot of 9th men. Let us not forget them. We do need volunteers all over the counter so let's do our part. We have 172 Centers and there's lots of room for the guys that don't have anything else to do.

Enclosed you will find a letter, please print in the Octofoil and have the Ninth members mail it out to their Congressman, and Senators. We got to be heard by one and all. God Bless! You all have a good year.

84th F.A., A Btry  
SALVATORE SAPIENZA  
21 Sampson Place  
Lindenhurst, NY 11757

I'm enclosing my dues, I must say it's really a pleasure receiving the Octofoil and reading all about our experiences and years we spent together overseas in Africa, Sicily, England, and Europe. I was with the 84th Field Artillery "A" Battery.

After the fighting was over in Sicily, I was able to visit relatives that I had never seen that resided in a town of Palermo. I'll never forget the wonderful time I spent with them.

Seomthing that's been bothering me when I look at my Discharge Paper, they have me with the 103 Division. I guess I have myself to blame. After the fighting was over and the 9th was in Germany, we were offered passes to visit Paris. I was one of those that chose to go, and boy did I have some time.

Fortunately in Paris I had an accident and wound up in the hospital with stitches in my hand. While in the hospital I was issued passes and boy I had some time there. It was worth it. While in Paris, I met up with fellows from my outfit that were on their way back to the States. I had to go all the way back to Germany and was shipped out with another outfit, 103 Division. Well, as long as they have me listed in the back of the Discharge Paper with my Purple Heart and eight campaigns, but I sure wish I had the 9th Division in front.

I'm enclosing two pictures of some of the guy's from the Eighty Fourth and one of Father Connors. I wrote some of the names in back of the pictures.

Sorry you haven't heard from me sooner. I'll never forget you all. God Bless.

60th Inf. M Co.  
MERTON BEEBE  
176 East Robbins Ave.  
CT 06111

In view of the rising costs of economy I am sending a contribution of \$10. I am sorry that I am late in paying my dues as I have been hospitalized for my war wounds that are still bothering me. It also has restricted me in being unable to attend any of your meetings. As one grows older so does his activities. The present war conditions remind me of my services in the war areas.

The best of wishes to you and the 9th Division.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT**

**ISSUE APRIL 20th**



## To "B" (47th) or not to "B"

Greetings once again from Chambersburg, Pa. in beautiful scenic Cumberland Valley. We have had spring-like weather here for several weeks — it has been so mild! Why go to Florida when you can enjoy our weather!

Well "B" co-buddies, families, and friends — it's time again to start making plans for our upcoming 46th Annual Reunion of the 9th Inf. Division Association which will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 19 thru 21st, 1991. This is a good time of the year for a Mid-West Reunion. Regardless of your mode of travel, (in the air or on the ground), we feel that everyone who travels to Wisconsin for the Reunion will find it to be quite comfortable this time of the year. I sincerely hope that our group from "B" Co., will regain leadership as being the best attended group at this Reunion. I'm happy that the 47th Reg't. usually wins the laurels for having the best attendance at most of our Reunions. As a reminder, please make your room reservations before August 21, 1991. Please make a note of this date. This is important since all of us "B" Co. members would like to be together — as we usually are, attending reunions.

This column is written on behalf of all our "B" Co. Buddies. The information received is given out to one and all. Whether you send a note, a card, or a letter, this column is for you to tell our "B" Co. Buddies, what your Reunion plans are, or the state of your health, or just to reminisce about Ft. Bragg Days, or getting in touch with buddies you haven't heard from since leaving for overseas, or since returning from overseas duty.

Mail Received: "B" Co. Buddy Ed Sarnocinski sends us a nice letter, together with family photos, telling us that Helen is doing fine (90%) "and the rest restrictions." They enjoyed their Florida visit with Ed Jr. and wife Karen and their Grandchild Mathew (who is now 17 months old) "one great bundle of happiness whoever comes in contact with him." Ed Tells us that he has already made his reservations for the Reunion in Milwaukee as well as for the strip-tickets. As Ed says "The Lord Willing" they hope to see all of us at the Reunion.

We also received a nice Christmas card together with a note from "B" Co. Buddy George Bentley and his wife Jane. They hope to visit relatives in Verona, PA. (which is outside Pittsburgh, Pa.) sometime in the spring. George walks 2 miles about 4 or 5 times a week. He is still making Peg Boards plus another wooden game which he has been sending to 5 soldiers in "Operation Desert Storm." Jane writes the

letters and George makes the puzzles. They do all these wonderful things — also for the local VA hospital. Their son George III, loves to help them in all phases of these projects.

Our "B" Co. Buddy George and his family are to be commended for their most charitable efforts on behalf of all our hospitalized veterans. We received a nice holiday card together with a photo taken at the Florida Reunion from "B" Co. Buddy Joe Harvilla and his wife Rose. Also received a nice letter from "B" Co. Buddy John Morgan who plans to attend the Milwaukee Reunion. He was a replacement officer in Africa after El Guettar, was wounded in Cherbourg, July 16, 1944, rejoined "B" Co. July 25, 1944, and went to Remagen before being captured, and then returned to the states. Morgan is seeking Arnold Hagen's address. Hagen was Executive Officer with Capt. Minton. Since "B" Co. Buddy Morgan hasn't heard anything about Hagen, he would also like to know if Hagen had a family. If any of you "B" Co. Buddies reading this column can help "B" Co. Buddy Morgan please write to: John W. Morgan, 1554 Hubbard St., Pittsburgh, Pa 15212.

As a matter of information: "B" Co. Buddy Orion Shockley and Etsie plan to go back to Australia in March, and will spend the summer in Alaska. They are relocating to the Denver area in the near future. Their Denver address will be: 3351 S. Monoco Pkwy, Denver, Colorado 80237. Phone 303-750-8842. We obtained this information from "B" Co. Buddy Morgan who received it from "Red" Phillips - "M" Co. 47th Reg't.

Our "B" Co. Buddy Art Stenzel would like to thank all of you "B" Co. Buddies and friends who sent him holiday greetings. Art is hoping that he will be able to be with us at the Milwaukee Reunion. If possible, Art would like to have a copy of our "Directory of the Ninth Division Association" compiled by David Heller, Oct. 1990. This would help him update his address listing.

Well "B" Co. Buddies and friends, we have come to the end of another column. We hope and pray that the war in the Gulf Area will be over soon. We also pray that it will not be long for our brave fighting men to come home safely to their families and loved ones. Keep well and have a great spring season. Happy Easter to all! Enjoy yourselves to the fullest each and every day!

Pat J. Morano  
2208 Lincoln Way East  
Chambersburg, Pa. 17201  
Phone: 717-352-3650

#### VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE N.J. CHAPTER P.O. BOX 191 AMVETS NUTLEY, N.J. 07110

There are now some 300 members from Jersey that belong to the National V.B.O.B. that are eligible for the New Jersey Chapter. We are positive that most of them will join our Chapter and become active members.

Anthony W. Andriola, President

Maurice Wolfson, Exec. Vice President

Paul Pulitzer, Sect. Treasurer.  
John C. Simpson was appointed by the newly elected officers as J.A.

National is providing us with a V.B.O.B. flag with N.J. Chapter on it, but the flag pole and a stand will cost somewhere in the area of \$125.00. We should consider running some sort of 50/50 to help raise money for this type of expense. With your permission, I hope to display the flag in our Amvet Hall and also use it in our Memorial Day parade.

The newly elected officers would like to express their thanks for the confidence you have placed in them by electing them as your Chapter Officers.

Also at this meeting, it was decided by a majority vote that the name of our Chapter will be called - Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, New Jersey Chapter.

Dues will be \$5.00 annually.

## Tribute

Enclosed find my check for (3) years dues plus a contribution to the Memorial Fund in memory of Sgt. Vic Gemelli, Co. A 15th Engrs Bn. K.I.A., in Germany, 1944.

Vic was one of the original "Selectees" who reported to the 15th Engrs. in February 1941, all largely from the New England States. I reported in a day or two later and was assigned to the 3rd Platoon "A" Co. with Staff Sgt. Howard Granger as platoon Sgt. It was a dreary, rainy day and the recruits were learning knots and lashings in their barracks. As I looked out this window at the rain a little fellow of uncertain age came up to me and said "It's a helluva day, ain't it, Lieutenant." It was Gemelli. When he heard that I was from the Pittsburgh area he informed me that he had boxed there quite often, and from his knowledge of the area Pittsburgh Boxers, I knew that he was speaking the truth. Vic was one of the "Over 28's" due to be discharged the day after Pearl Harbor. They never were. In 1942 I was transferred from the command of "A" Co. to Bn. HQ as S-3 so lost close contact with him.

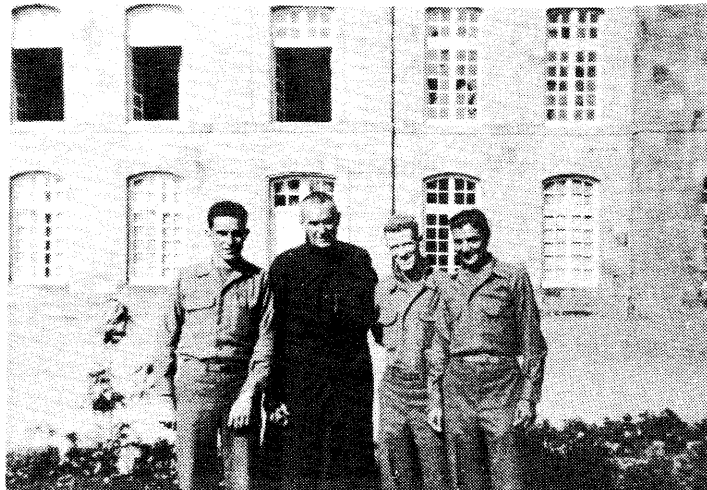
In North Africa he achieved some measure of notoriety when a press photographer caught him laughing and walking down the street in Bizerte with a female mannequin under his arm. His picture appeared in many service and stateside papers under the heading "Yanks capture Gertie from Bizerte."

In England during the late spring of 1944 he was hit by a bad case of pneumonia. I visited him in the hospital and told him that the doctors planned to send him home in view of his age and health. With tears in his eyes he pleaded that he be permitted to accompany his unit to France. His wishes prevailed.

I last saw Vic when I visited his squad which was pulling mines on a route along which a corduroy Road was being built. I cautioned him to not get careless and to make sure that he used a long length of rope in pulling the mines inasmuch as they were often booby-trapped. He assured me that he would. I drove off and had covered about 100 yards when a loud explosion occurred. Vic's rope had not been long enough.

His love of his unit and fellow soldiers and his outstanding Esprit De Corps was typical of all of the 15th Engrs. And the 9th Inf. Div. that spirit still prevails as evidenced by the strong Association, its Annual Reunions and many mini-reunions.

15th Engrs. A. Co.  
A.T. FORREST  
Zion Summit  
241 North Vine Street  
Apartment 702W  
Salt Lake City, UT 84103



Sal Sapienza 26th FA, now of 21 Sampson Pl., Lindenhurst, NY supplied the photo of his unit with Father Connors shown with (right to left) Sal, F. McLaughlin, Father Connors and Joe Cirello.

## Taps Sounded

*Farewell to you and the  
youth I have spent with you  
It was but yesterday we  
met in a dream,  
You have sung to me in  
my aloneness, and I of  
your longings have  
built a tower in the sky.*

*But now our sleep has  
fled and our dream is  
over, and it is no longer dawn.  
The noontide is upon us  
and our half waking  
has turned to a fuller  
day, and we must part.*

*If in the twilight of  
memory we should  
meet once more, we  
shall speak again to  
gether and you shall  
sing to me a deeper song.*

*And if our hands should  
meet in another dream  
we shall build another  
tower in the sky.*  
Kahlil Gibran "The Profit"

William Galvin  
A Btry 26th F.A.

John Gimlin  
M Co. 60th Inf.

Maurice Lambert  
M Co. 39th Inf.

George Bundza  
A Co. 15th Engrs:

John Merrick  
60th Inf.

Al Orletti  
H Co. 47th Inf.

David Thompson  
47th Inf.

Harry Hammer  
B Btry. 60th F.A.

Edward Hauschildt  
L Co. 47th Inf.

Mrs. Walter McAlduff  
Wife of Walter, M Co. 60th  
Inf.

Mary DeSepio  
Wife of John (Deceased)

Virginia McGrath  
Wife of Edward, 15th Engrs.

Betty Finnegan  
Wife of Jack, F & Serv. Co.  
47th Inf.

Theresa Alice  
Wife of Frank, A Co. 15th  
Engrs.

May they rest in peace.  
To their families and loved ones  
we extend our sympathy.

## SINCERE THANKS

Dennis E. Canedy  
117 Rocky Hill Avenue  
New Britain, Ct. 06051

Dear Dennis:

Once again I would like to give you my most sincere thanks for all the information you sent me in reference to my brother Pfc. Bernardo L. Fierro, 38580586, 1st Platoon, 47th Infantry Regiment, who was KIA 19 March 1945 while serving in the European Theater during World War II.

So please make it known to the members of the 1st Platoon, Company "B", 47th Infantry Regiment, 9th Division that I feel proud that my brother PFC Fierro was a member of the unit.

Take care Dennis and I will be keeping in touch with you.

Very truly,  
Rafael Fierro  
3108-A Voss Drive  
El Paso, Texas 79936  
Phone 915 593-3970

60th F.A. Btry B.  
MRS. MILDRED HAMMER  
5124 Ave. I  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11234

Sorry to inform you of the passing away on Jan. 3, 1991 of my cherished husband, Harry. Am enclosing a check in his memory for the Memorial Fund. I want you to know he always looked forward to receiving the Octofoil, and reminiscing about his World War II days and the many good friends he made. Good wishes to all of you always.

C Co. 15th Engrs.  
MRS. EVELYN CRANE  
68 Mill St.

Port Republic, N.J. 08241

Enclosed is a check for the 9th Div. Assn., a memorial tribute to Capt. Crane who served with the Division when it was a tent city until he was wounded Nov. 10th while crossing the bridge at Remagen. Capt. Crane passed away in 1970.

M Co. 47th Inf.  
MRS. CATHERINE  
(ALBERT) PALLEY  
519 Main St., S.  
Zelionaple, Pa. 16063

Enclosed is a donation for the Octofoil. I enjoy receiving the paper even though my poor husband is deceased. Thank you for thinking of me.

The members of the N.E. Chapter wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Edward McGrath and his family on the death of his wife Virginia.

Ron Murphy,  
44 Strawberry Lane  
Scituate, Ma. 02066

60th Inf. M Co.  
CURTIS BUCHANAN  
2914 Alexander St.  
Florence, Ala. 35630

We have another that has entered into rest. This hurt me very much. I have seen him three times since our discharge; one time was with Brum, when he came down to Mississippi to buy a new Oldsmobile from me. We met him in Little Rock, Arkansas. John A. Gimlin was married to Pat, resided in Carnegie, Oklahoma where he was principal of the high school until his retirement; he had three sons; born March 11, 1917, and passed away October 20, 1990.

He was a real soldier with Company "M" 60th Inf. and was all the way through with us; Africa, Sicily, England and France.

Thanks a lot for printing this in the Octofoil.

39th Inf. B Co.

ALVIN BECKER  
410 Berkshire Road  
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

I would like to remind all Company 'B', 39th Regiment members that our Mini Reunion will be held at Canandaigua, New York this coming June 20, 21 and 22. It's a great get together and all members and wives interested in attending should contact Joe Gravino (our First Sergeant 46 years ago). His address is 10 Center Street, Macedon, New York 14502 or better yet, call him at 1-315-986-7872. Rooms at the Sheraton are going fast so hurry with reservations. Don't miss out on a good thing. Joe has received, as a result of an AD in the American Legion Magazine, several responses from 9th Division members who served in Viet Nam.

I have just retired from full time work and am going through a period of adjustment. The wife says that retirement gets better and better????

Best wishes to wife, Marie, and yourself and all the great men of the Ninth.

47th Inf. Co. E

CHARLES McLHINNEY  
208 N. Washington Street  
Havre De Grace, MD 21078

I would like to thank you all for keeping such a fine organization going for all these years. I have never met such fine wonderful people in all my life. I feel very honored to be among them. I'm sorry it took me so long to meet you all, I intended to do so many times since I came home from Korea, more than 35 years ago, but it seems I was always too busy to go.

The memorial service at Worcester was certainly inspiring. I almost couldn't take it without breaking down. My first thought was, "I'm not coming back here again," tears in my eyes and a lump in my throat. I only lost one and so many of you have lost so many, many more.

Thank you again Dan and Marie for doing such a wonderful job helping to keep the men and women together. I'm sure it's a lot of work and worry, but the people really enjoy it all. I hope this finds you well. Mary is fine, I couldn't operate without her love and help she gives me, in everything I do. I sure wish she would hit the lottery, so we could take two weekends in a row off from work.

Editor's note: Charles is the brother of Walter, KIA while serving with Company E 47th, April 3, 1945.

39th Inf. I Co.

JOHN H. ROWELL  
Box 295  
Brunswick, GA 31520

I am writing a few lines regarding one of our old friends also of I Co. Aught L. Barie. He was captured in 1944 in Germany and held prisoner for 10 months before returning home. He just underwent surgery for cancer. Let's all pray for a speedy recovery. Here is his address in case some of you would like to write to him.

F.T.S. Route 35A, Princeton, W. VA 24740.

I am enclosing my dues for 3 more years.

Would like to hear from the fellows from I Co. or D Co. I was transferred from I Co. to D Co. in Sicily so there should be some from both that remember me.

Looking forward to going to the next reunion. Thank you.

**1991 Reunion  
Sept 19-21  
Milwaukee**

60th Inf. F Co.

JAMES HART  
7 Nenagh Drive  
Wilmington, DE 19803

Enclosed is my check for the annual dues. Had to make sure this was in the mail before my wife and I join the rest of the snowbirds in the trek south. We are leaving on Tues., 15 Jan., and will return in March.

I would like to make a comment and a request. Here it is: Please in the next issue of the Dialogue make a strong plea to all our members. Keep praying constantly for the wonderful men and women that represent all of us in the Middle East, and include all the leaders of the world. A plea for peace is urgently needed. Viewing Bob Hope program and the tremendous impact it gave me the inspiration to write this to the Association.

A bit of background — my wife, an Army nurse in WWII, spent some time in England as part of a surgical team prior to D. Day. She returned to the States and was posted to the Hospital Ship Thistle. The ship ran between Charleston, S.C. and Naples, Italy. She participated in raids along the Italian Coast and stood off Southern France receiving casualties directly from the beach. She was awarded 3 battle stars. I was platoon leader in Co. F 60th Inf. and was awarded 4 battle stars, unit Bronze Star and Purple Heart with cluster. All this to tell you we were there and how strongly we feel for the wonderful people in Desert Shield. I am not ashamed to say in viewing the Hope program that tears came to my eyes as the camera panned over the cream of the crop.

Our best to you, Marie and the family. Hope 1991 proves to be better at the end than it is beginning.

Co. G 47th Inf.

HERMON RAHN  
5599 New Hendersonville Hwy.  
Pisgah Forest, NC 28768

I have been slipping up on writing to the Octofoil. It has been a long time because I just kept putting it off until it was too late.

I have heard from some of the old G. Company buddies and it is always good to hear from them.

It was sad to hear that our buddy, George Bako and his lovely wife Paula were not getting along too good. I know that we all hope and pray that they will be better soon.

I have spent most of the winter trying to keep from getting pneumonia. With the help of my doctor and the Good Lord so far I have not got it.

I want to say hello to Eddie Maher, George and Paula Bako, Mac Mc Daniel and Marty Gill, Robert Mathis, Mike and Martine Sanchez, Louis Rullan, James and Beatrice Johnson, Edwin and Millie Brewer, Ed Combs and Frank Crapanzano. Also I send my best wishes to all the men of the 9th Infantry Division.

I am sending a check for my dues and also some to the Memorial Fund in memory of Jerry Shapiro, Grady Perry and General Randle. My best wishes also to Anne Shapiro and you, Dan and Marie.

Co. E 47th Inf.

JOE W. HASENFUS  
3570 A Union Ave.  
Pennsauken, N.J. 08109

Enclosed check for dues. Trust you and yours will have a Healthy and Happy & Peaceful 1991" year as well as our Country, when the job will be done. "Toot Sweet" in Mideast. Am saying hello to all the guys.

47th Inf. F Co.

RAY SCHMADER  
3757 Northview Ave. N.W.  
Canton, OH. 44709

I'm taking a few minutes away from the "Boob Tube" watching the war in the Gulf to forward my dues, which are now due. Enclosed is a check for two (2) years dues plus a little something for the Memorial Fund. I'd buy a life membership, but then I'd have no reason to write you an occasional note.

We did have an unusually good reunion in Orlando didn't we? The Florida boys deserve our thanks and praise for a job very well done! My bunkmate and I are looking forward to next year at Milwaukee. It should be a lot of fun.

I do hope the Quinn family is enjoying good health as are Dorothe and Ray.

Stay well folks and I'm sure you and all my former comrades will remember our boys in the Middle East in our prayers.

Best Always.

47th Inf. B Co.

JOSEPH S. PODANY  
2956 NE Benjamin St.  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Enclosed is my check for \$10.00 for 1991 dues. Due to illness, haven't been able to attend any of the conventions recently. Hope I can make it to Milwaukee. Miss all my buddies- am still at the above address. Would like to hear from them.

Happy New Year to you and all the other Ninth men!

Co. G. 39th Inf.

GARLAND B. GLOVIER  
ROUTE 3 Box 341  
LEBANON, VIRGINIA

My wife and I went to Winchester, Virginia in June 1990 for the G. Co. 39th mini reunion. At this time I found out about the 9th. Division Association. So I sent my dues and joined. Certainly have enjoyed reading the Octofoil. Hope this gets in, in time for the next issue. My wife and I have been married for 44 yrs. We have 4 children, 7 grandchildren. One of our grandsons is presently training in the U.S. Marine Corps, at Camp Lejune, N.C. The Lord has greatly blessed us in raising our family.

I joined the 9th Div. at Camp Barton Stacy in England. Made the invasion in Normandy. As you know the 39th. Regiment participated.

I was wounded the 16th. day of July, was flown back to England to the hospital. Rejoined my Co. in France, probably sometime in August. Went on through Belgium and the Hurtgen Forest. I am also a charter member of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, Life Member of the D.A.V. I was also a recipient of the Purple Heart.

I left my Co. the 13th. Jan. 45. Was taken back to England, and hospitalized for frozen feet. Was on my way back to join my outfit, got as far as Paris, when it came over the radio that the war was over in Europe. I had enough points to come back to the states.

Would love to hear from any of my buddies that I was with. I know that many of them were not blessed as we were.

God Bless all and God Bless our service men and women serving in the Persian Gulf.

60th FA

YOLANDA GRECO  
(for Dominick)

403 Highland St.  
Tiltonsville, Oh 43963

Here is Dominicks dues for three years. Dom is about the same. We like to read the Octofoil. Best regards to all.

ED's note: Dom was stricken a few years ago with a stroke but I know he would like to hear from the Ole gang. Come on fellas let us not forget em.

39th Inf. E Co.

KENNETH HILL  
3210 Maxwell  
Midland, Tx. 79705

TRIBUTE

I read with sadness of the passing of John Shenney, "E" "Co" 39th. I started late going to the reunions but have been to the last four and will be there in Milwaukee. Each time I hoped to see John Shenney and then hoped that he would be at the next one. So I am sad that I never got to see him again during these 46 years.

I joined "E" Co as a replacement "shavetail" platoon leader at Bizerte, two days after that city was taken. John Shenney was my platoon sergeant. It was very gratifying to have a battle tested man as steady as John to rely on during the battles that followed; Hill 1209, Hill 1022 before Troina, Cadillac Hill at Randazo, and later, Normandy. Ed Rigsby came in as a replacement at the same time I did and fell in love with the B.A.R. I have seen him at three out of four of the last reunions.

There are so many other men that I remember, from time to time, and wish I could be in touch. We went through a lot together and established bonds that only one who was there could understand. I feel compelled to submit the enclosed check to go into the memorial fund in memory of John Shenney.

60th Inf. M Co.

ROBERT BOVANIZER  
14 Sabre Park  
Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14304

We received word over the Holidays of the death of John Gimlin from Carnegie, Okla. One of the original members of M Co., 60th Infantry at Fort Bragg. He kept in touch with Will Thornton ever since the end of WW II. We also received word from Walter McAlduff that his wife had died. She had cancer. Hope your Holidays were great. We will see you in Milwaukee in September.

B Co. 60th Inf

LLOYD A. ROBERTS  
200 Main Street  
Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326

Enclosed is check for 1991 dues. Read the Octofoil from front to back but haven't noticed anyone from Co. B.

Hear from about 5 or 6 but only at Christmas time via cards.

Joined the association 37 years ago, but joined the 9th in Fort Bragg in 1941 and was discharged from Dix in 1945.

D Co. 47th Inf.

IRWIN J. DUPUY  
12233 N. Yorkdale Dr.  
Baton Rouge, La. 70811

I am sending a check to insure my keeping alive my subscription to the "OCTOFOIL."

In the last issue, that showed the Remagen Bridge, brought back memories of being the first infantry regiment to cross.

Also, I remember very little about El Guettar except I believe that is where I got my purple heart and I have been trying to remember that Colonel that was standing by us and looking out over the terrain. I do believe he drew fire on us and a German Mortar shell got me. The name Randle I saw in the paper is the guy. They said he was tough. Anyway, I believe my purple number was around 9002. It's in my safety deposit box.

C Btry 60th FA

LARRY GOULD  
1 Atlantic Hs Ct #7  
Hull, Ma. 02045

I am a Life member of the association, but with the high cost of living, I think I better re-enlist in the association. Say hello to the boys of Bty C 60th Field.

60th Inf G Co.

SIEGFRIED REINHEIMER  
2572 Wilson Ave.  
Bronx, N.Y. 10469

It is that time of year again to send in your dues and to wish everyone A Happy and Healthy New Year. I was going through some old pictures and I found some from the old army days. I am sending you two of them and maybe you can publish one of them in the Octofoil. The picture with the two soldiers, was taken in Halle where we met the Russians. The names of the two are on the back of the picture, the other one was taken in Manching in Bavaria at a bombed out airport. I remember the officer on the left is Lt. Carrol who was our company commander. Two fellows without the shirts were cooks and so is the one leaning against the building. I don't know the names anymore, it is such a long time ago. Have to close now as I want to get this letter off to you. All the best and hope to hear from some of the old buddies.

60th F.A. Btry A

JOSEPH RYAN  
846 Brick Mill Run D-1  
Westlake, Oh. 44145

Enclosed please find my application for membership in the 9th Infantry Division Association. I was assigned to the 60th F.A. after being drafted in Mass., in February, 1941. Many friends and acquaintances served with me while I served with the 60th F.A. until I was sent to Officer Candidate School at Ft. Sill in May, 1942.

My overseas assignment was serving as a forward observer with the 36th Infantry Division and the 133rd Field Artillery. The 36th Division was the Texas National Guard division. I am active in that division right now and serve as secretary/treasurer of the Midwest Chapter.

I learned about the 9th Division Association through a newspaper article concerning American POW's in the Iraqi campaign. The writer had interviewed a couple of WW II POW's who were identified as having served with the 9th Division. I phoned one of those fellows, Ed Brandtner from the 39th Infantry, who promptly sent me the enclosed application.

47th Inf. I & L Co.

ROBERT HULSLANDER  
6000 San Jose Blvd. 7-C  
Jacksonville, FL 32217

Would you please check your 9th Division Association roster of members and send me the address of Robert McCulley who lives in the Richmond, Va. area, as I recall. Bob was 2nd platoon Sgt. of L Company, 47th Infantry for as long as I commanded the Co. and for some time after. Bob and his nice wife, Marge, and my wife Helen (Babe), had a great time together at the last reunion in Orlando, Florida. He sent me some snapshots of our visit and I want to thank him for same. Discovered I lost his address and your help is appreciated. You can put this in the Octofoil if you wish, so the guys will know what happened to my memory when I turned 70 last December.

Thanks for your great work through the years.

39th Inf.

FRANCIS J. RUSSO  
8305 Bergenline Ave.  
North Bergen, NJ 07047

Anita Russo writes for Frank as he awaits an operation for a bladder condition. He suffered heart failure while getting ready for the operation and he had to postpone the operation.

ED's note: I phone Frank from time to time - he's hanging in there.



# MAIL CALL

K & Hqs. Cos., 3rd Bn  
60th Inf  
JOSEPH RAPPAZINI  
24001 Sherman  
Oak Park, MI 48237  
Dear Marie and Dan,

Though the weather outside is frightful (not really), writing to you is delightful - the fruits of your efforts, which bring so much contentment and warmth, are the pages which appear in "The Octofoil." From the many comments that are read, each of us who await the newspaper must share the same feelings.

Many thanks. Warm regards,  
Joe R.

## Sound Recall

Sure, legs get weary and eyes grow dim,  
But there linger in the heart within  
Countless memories of army days gone by,  
That refresh the soul and make one sigh.  
Numerous faces that we all knew;  
Stirring events, and there were more than a few;  
Pictures galore that our minds recreate;  
Fill in the moments when one meditates.  
Trade them for diamonds, renown, or gold?  
They are much too precious to be sold!

39th Inf. HQ Co.  
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INFORMATION - ANSWER TO INQUIRY KENNETH KUNZ Octofil Nov-Dec '90  
A. THE BATTLE OF THE HUERTGEN FOREST  
Charles B. MacDonald  
available from:  
Q.M. Dabney & Co., Inc.  
Box 42026  
Washington, D.C. 20015  
Catalogue #371-Military History  
item #364  
\$38. (\$35.00 + \$3.00 Ship. & Hand.)  
B. Available from:  
RANDOM HOUSE, INC.  
400 Hahn Road  
Westminster, MD 21157  
THE BATTLE OF HUERTGEN FOREST  
Charles Whiting (1989)  
identifying # ISBN 0-517-56675-3  
\$24.95 (\$22.95 + \$2.00 Ship. & Hand.)  
\*INTERESTING - "AS IT WAS REALLY" - for the "Poor Bloody Infantry!"  
(of course, I was not there. Nor were the often "casual" references realistic (God forbid!)...  
Other books which 9th Div. Veterans might want to read:  
Charles Whiting KAS-SERINE, First Blood  
available from Edward R. Hamilton  
Falls Village, CONN 6031-5000  
#260088 - \$6.95 + \$3.00 (Ship. & Hand.) = cost \$9.95  
David Irving WAR BETWEEN THE GENERALS (pub. 1981) INSIDE THE ALLIED HIGH COMMAND  
Personal comment on ABOVE "What a lot of famous men (heroes) with CLAY FEET."  
Best greetings to all!

26th F.A.  
MRS. JULIA MISCHLER  
264 Frank St.  
Whitaker, Pa. 15120  
Hope this small donation will help tide the Octofoil. Have not been to a reunion since the death of Chesley and miss seeing all the old friends. I think of you all and pray God will be good to us in our aging years.

15th Engrs. A Co.  
FRANCIS MAHER

14 Davenport Street  
Worcester, MA 01610

Sorry to be the bearer of bad news but another 9th Div. member has been called to his eternal reward. The member is George Bundza, Co. A 15th Engrs. and a lifelong resident of Worcester. George died on Jan. 28th of this year. We were drafted and left the same day and were happy that we both were assigned to the 9th. His wife resides at 138 Beaverbrook Pkwy. in Worcester, 01600.

The last reunion some of the members asked me about the Fr. Connors scholarship fund and the last figure that I had was \$32,000.00 dollars; the final goal of the fund will be \$150,000. Anyone wishing to contribute should make checks out to the Father Connors Scholarship Fund, Holy Cross College, Worcester, MA 01610.

Hope all is well with you and the family and I will be sending you a check for dues.

A Co. 15th Engrs.  
CHARLES T. CUTTER  
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Keyser, W. VA 26726

Just sitting here reading the Octofoil. Didn't make the last reunion in Orlando, Fla. In fact I've only been to one reunion and my wife Mildred and I came to the one in Orlando, Fla., I think in 1985. She really enjoyed it and we planned to start making the reunions. But the Good Lord had other plans, and she died in Sept. 1986 all of a sudden. I still miss her very much, and I plan on making the coming reunion.

I am hoping to see if Henry Santos remembers Joe Swartz or Jowerk, I think he was from Milwaukee, Wis. I remember the kitchen moved up closer to us to give us a hot meal, and Joe and I sat in the middle of a big field on a log eating steak. And there were dead horses all around us. And the civilians had taken all the meat off the bones. All that was left was the skeletons. I have a picture of Joe and I sitting on that log eating and dead horses everywhere. I think it was in Germany. If anyone else knows anything about Joe please let me know. See you all in Milwaukee.

9th QM  
ANGELO SINARE  
716 E. 162nd Street  
Cleveland, OH 44110

It's been a long time since I last wrote a letter to the Octofoil. I sent out ten Christmas cards to my former QM pals and I got back ten, that's real good. I don't see or read anything about the QM. I was a jeep and truck driver from Africa to the Elbe River. I was jeep driver for Lt. John R. Saylor, in Sicily. I could go on and on about my events that happened over there. The QM drivers did just about everything. We did not do any KP duty. So much for now Dan! Will write more next time. Keep up the good work. Will try and make the next reunion in Milwaukee in September.



60th Inf. G Co.  
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Your November-December 1990 issue of the Octofoil demands an acknowledgement. I say 'yours,' Dan, as we all know who is responsible for putting out the greatest newspaper of any American veterans association. Perhaps one day that too will be duly recognized in some permanent manner.

Some comment on the more interesting bits of news. That Association is finally raising the dues is commendable. O'KEEFE's rationale is pointed, factual and will illuminate all as to the long overdue need. Perhaps my enclosed contribution will at least be payment for the air mailing of my issue for a number of years to come. Thank you too, Dan, for that courtesy.

Regarding Red PHILLIPS search for former 39th officers: For John Thomas KEELEY he might try 741 Via del Monte, Palos Verdes, CA 90274 (or the phone book). If John is still there - ? He would celebrate his 92nd birthday this November! As for the others (or any other), if important, he can always write to them c/o Veterans Administration, which would in turn forward (if on their roles).

As to Pat MORANO'S COMMENT on the Worcester Memorial Service attendance, We've all aged a bit since Father CONNORS left us. Nor do I, today, attend much, even if right around the corner, regardless of who might be there to greet me. I might make the ole bones do a special effort, however, if it were St. PETER!

Oh yes, I missed mentioning PHILLIPS comment on the Privacy Act. Perhaps a loner, but I subscribe to it 100% and have over the years made a large number of contacts for my historical research through the Veterans Administration media.

As to the Association's (or the Board of Governors?) thoughts about a Ninth Division plaque between the west bank abutments of the former Ludendorff railroad bridge. Here, Dan, is one dissenting vote. I visit that site at least twice each year. I have researched its history from birth to death. My wife gave Hans-Peter KURTEN, the REMAGEN mayor, the initial idea for chips of stone in plastic to raise funds for projects which never materialized. The museum, if you wish to call it such, leaves much to be desired. (More on that issue if you wish.) It is a 9th Armored Division 'bridge' like DINANT, Belgium is a Ninth Division 'town'! We have our division memorial at BARNEVILLE-sur-Mer, France (thanks to me, if all recall the story). Perhaps neither the 78th or the 99th had any other appropriate place to display their accomplishments, I don't know, Dan.

Keep the faith, Dan, and take care of one another and let's have solicitation of the membership for the proposed REMAGEN plaque. P.S. In our record, Dan, we have reared a monument more enduring than a bronze plaque. Maybe, these being 50th anniversary years, we should excerpt from it in editions of The Octofoil.

39th Inf. 3rd Bn. Hdqtrs Co.  
JAMES LACKMAN  
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Enclosed find check for my dues. Since retiring from the business world, I read the Octofoil, word for word. You do a fine job.

Co A 60th Inf  
OWEN W. NAROSKY  
413 Maple Manor Dr.  
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Enclosed find donation to help your funds. I am so glad I found out about the association. Receiving the paper brings back so many memories from Ft. Bragg to Africa, Sicily, England and Europe and back home. You often wonder how you made it. I am enclosing a few pictures from Company A taken in the last town we took, on a river deep in Germany. Wishing all a good 1991.

Editor's note: The river was probably the Elbe and we are sorry to write that we could not use the photos, time had taken its toll.

## DUES REMINDER

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

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

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

60th Inf. F Co.  
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2295 Strong Road  
Pahoa, Wis. 54554

Just a few lines for the Octofoil. I just read the book, "The Battle of Huertgen Forest" written by Charles Whiting, 1989-1990.

I consider the book most interesting for someone who had gone thru these times from early Sept. 1944 to late Feb. 1945. It does bring out the life of the combat soldier during this period.

I don't necessarily agree with him in lots of things he writes, as I figure hindsight is always easy after the job is done.

All in all, I enjoyed reading the book. Anyone wanting the book can get a copy for \$4.95 plus \$.75 postage. Book no. is 68636, send to Simon and Schuster mail order Dept. MNF, 200 Old Tappan Road, Old Tappan, NJ 07675.

Anyone having addresses of books on the Huertgen Forest which I know were written by Chas. MacDonald also one written by P. Boesch, "Road to the Huertgen Forest in Hell" (Houston: Gulf Pub. 1962). Also, one written by M/Sgt. Pogue, "Battle of Huertgen Forest" (Privately printed, 1945).

Let's hear from some of the fellows. Give Dan something for the Octofoil.

With God's help we will see you in Milwaukee for the Reunion.

G Co. 47th Inf.  
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I have no idea where I stand on my subscription to the Octofoil. I'm sending the money for a few more years. I heard from some of the old "G" Co. men Christmas time. Most seem to be getting along pretty good. I read where Bob Seifert needed a new pair of legs. He probably lost his legs on plank road like I lost my feet. Only kidding. I have sugar and old age in my ole feet. Best of luck to all the old gang.

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Think my dues are about due and don't want to get a red one so better get this off.

A long way from Mariposa, CA to Milwaukee but I'm planning to make this years reunion. Not getting younger so better make it when I can. Hope I'm lucky enough to run into some old buddies this time, didn't at the other reunions.

47th Inf. I Co & Serv. Co.  
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Enclosed please find check for the next 3 years:

I was a member of Co I 47th Infantry and also Service Co 47th Infantry.

Wonder if you or anyone has the address of Col. Lawrence L. Labbitt who was the Co of Co I 47th Inf. I was his runner when he commanded CO I 47th Inf. Believe he lives in Montana. Would be nice to say hello to him.

Enjoying retirement after 37 years in the Post Office in Cresskill NJ. Keep in touch with the boys from Personnel 47th Inf at Christmas time. Missed the Christmas party in Weehawken this year. My prayers are with the boys in Saudi Arabia. Reminds me of our campaigns in Morocco and Tunisia and I know how they feel. Regards to all.

Editor's Note: Col. Labbitt passed away in 1960.

F Co 47th Inf.  
CHARLES ROCHELLE  
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Here's my dues for three years. Many good years I enjoyed the Octofoil. Would like to hear from any men in F Co. 47th from March 1945 through the Occupation. See you all in Milwaukee in Sept. Will write later.

**1991 Reunion  
Sept 19-21**