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THE OCTOFOIL

412 Gregory Ave. Weehawken, N. J. 07087

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Volume XLIX. Number 4

Aug., Sept., Oct., 1994

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Ninth Infantry Division "Old Reliables"

It has been five months since I was selected to serve as your President for the 94-95 year. When I assumed this honor in June 1994, I promised to do all in my power to keep this organization a vibrant and viable organization. I must say that with the help of all the Officers and the Board of Governors it has been easy. This group of dedicated members have been most helpful in answering my many questions. I have also received many letters of encouragement from many of you. All this encouragement has made this job a pleasure.

I have said many times to my friends, who are amazed, that this organization has stayed together this many years. We can all be proud of the comradeship that is shown by our members when we attend our annual meetings. If you notice when you walk into a hotel, or walk in a corridor there is always that smile and a cheerful greeting, be it in the morning, afternoon or evening. We are a unique group of people of which I am proud to be associated with.

Our next meeting will be in New Orleans May 25th-May 28th 1995. The committee for this meeting have put in many hours preparing for this our 50th Anniversary. I am sure all who attend this gala affair will be more than pleased.

We have some very important business to discuss and vote on at our business meeting to be held on Friday May 26, 1995. We will be voting on and discussing the following proposed change to our By-Laws, Article XV Amendments, Section 52.

1. Is a proposal to increase the number of members of the Board of Governors from 15 members to 17 members.

2. Is a proposal to increase the number of members of the Board required for a Quorum from 8 to 9.

3. Is a proposal to provide for the election of alternate members of the Board of Governors. Under the present By-Laws, if a member of the Board is absent from a meeting no one else can take his place. Just recently a meeting was called but not enough of the Governors were present to constitute a quorum. The meeting mentioned was at our meeting in Lake Placid. This change would provide a remedy.

The above proposed changes shall be published as required by Article XV Amendment Section 52.

In closing Katherine and I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a Happy Chanukkah, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

John J. O'Grady
7912 NW 10th Street
Plantation, FL. 33322-5148

Department of Veterans Affairs
Medical Center
Lyons NJ 07939

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION:

Please express my thanks to the members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association for their recent donation of \$1010.00 to the Lyons V.A. Medical Center.

The check has been deposited in the General Post Fund to be used for purchasing TV's to be placed in a patient area in the hospital. As many of patients have been hospitalized for some time, entertainment plays an important role in their daily lives.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness in remembering our veterans and thank you for your interest and support of our medical center.

Sincerely,
A. PAUL KIDD
Medical Center Director

MEMBERS OF THE NINTH

As you know, last year in June the doctors discovered I had rectal cancer. After a successful operation by a great surgeon in Houston, I went on chemotherapy for one year and what a year, sick half the time.

On August 23rd the doctor gave me a clean bill of health. Of course, they will be checking me periodically. For anyone having health problems I would highly recommend a second opinion.

I want to thank all those who phoned me during my surgery and prayed and sent encouraging messages during my illness. I do thank you for your concern. This is VC day for the Millers, victory over cancer.

They say you're rich if you have good friends and Jean and I consider ourselves extremely rich.

Thank you for your prayers
John W. Miller
Co F 60th Inf
Past President

1511 Cochise Drive
Arlington, Texas 76012

LADIES CORNER

Well, it's 5 months to another reunion, this time in New Orleans, and the details of which are in another section of this paper — so I haven't much to say (a rarity for me — no?). I received some lovely thank-you notes for our donations of last year in June. From the West Virginia Veterans Home in Barboursville — "We thank you very much for the generous donation of \$300.00 from Mrs. Ruth Jordan, of your organization. Our recent financial problems are a matter of public record and your assistance during these troubled times is sincerely appreciated. From Bonnie Simmons of Waynetown, Indiana Unit #445, American Legion Auxiliary — "At our meeting in July, Lorraine Clark presented a \$300.00 check to Veterans' Home Service Chairman. On behalf of our Unit I express our thanks and gratitude to the Ladies of your Auxiliary. Our Lafayette Indiana Soldiers and Sailors' Home has been helped by our Unit for the past 40 years. We take good used clothing, reading material, and make lap robes for the men and women. As our Unit is small and a lot of us are getting older, our funds have been diminishing. This check will help so much."

Lastly, from the Huntington West Virginia Medical Center — "On behalf of the hospitalized veterans at the Huntington VA Medical Center thank you for the generous \$300.00 donation for our patients, as presented so graciously by Mrs. Ruth Jordan. It will be used to purchase personal care items, such as shave cream, razors, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste and shampoo. Often our veteran patients come to the hospital unprepared to be admitted, or they have no funds with which to purchase the items necessary for personal hygiene. Your generous donation will enable us to continue to provide this extra service to our veterans."

Here is a reminder for all of you to think about a nomination for our donations to Veterans next May. Send it to either President Carol Saunders at P.O. Box 1584, Greeneville, Tenn. 37744, or to me, Ellie Taubner, 85 Smith Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ 07621. A second reminder about our elections next May. Think carefully if you have choices for the office of: Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer for the 1995-1997 term. The position of President is automatically filled by the sitting Vice-President, if she accepts. In this case, the very capable Mary McCormick.

Well, I think that is all for business; Joe and I are preparing to go to Worcester, Mass. on Saturday, October 22nd for the 9th Division Annual Memorial Mass. We haven't gone in years, and are looking forward to visiting Immaculate Conception Church and seeing old friends.

Ellie Taubner
85 Smith Avenue
Bergenfield, NJ 07621

The Ninth Division Sounds Reveille in New Orleans May 25-28, 1995



OLYMPIA BRASS BAND - ILLUSTRATION BY JOSEPH A. ARRIGO - COURTESY OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS TOURIST & CONVENTION COMMISSION.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION

50th Reunion New Orleans • May 25-28, 1995

Wake up to the sights and sounds of New Orleans... one of America's oldest and most interesting cities. There is so much to see. Walk up and down Bourbon Street where you will hear jazz being played throughout the day and night. Enjoy Southern cooking at the many fine restaurants. Choose your own reveille time...then make the most of your days in New Orleans.

For those who don't wish to roam away too far from the hotel, there will be plenty of activity at the Command Post located on the second floor. Just take the elevator located in the lobby. The Florida Welcome Center Table will be located in the spacious hallways on the second floor away from the hotel lobby. Follow the signs to the Mimosa Hospitality Room, the Tulane (meeting room) and the Main Ball Room.

The Clarion Hotel operates the LaSalle cafeteria-style restaurant which is open 24 hours and the Praline Room Restaurant where you can enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner. Both restaurants are on the ground floor. **ATTENTION ALL WOMEN:** There will be a cooking school/demonstration/luncheon/meeting on Friday May, 26th. The cost is \$16.00 per person. You need not be a member of the auxiliary to attend. Spread the word... bring a guest or two...form a group...we need at least 100 attendees. Audrey M. DeDonato is the secretary/treasurer. Complete details are printed elsewhere in the article titled "Woman's Auxiliary to Sponsor Cooking Demonstration." Please send in your reservations immediately.

STRIP TICKETS TO BE USED:

The Florida Chapter will use the strip ticket system. Thursday night will be "The Welcome Night" in the Tulane Room. Entertainment will be provided for Friday night. The banquet is scheduled for Saturday night. Please see the second page of the OCTOFOIL for complete information under the caption, "New Orleans - 50TH REUNION" for room reservations and costs.

MASS: A Catholic Mass is being planned for 4:00PM Saturday. Room location will be posted at the Florida Chapter hospitality desk located on the second floor.

GOLF: Please see the second page of the OCTOFOIL for complete information under the caption, "New Orleans - 50TH REUNION"

Worcester Memorial

As we go to press the annual Worcester Memorial will be taking place. The New England Chapter members who are continuing with the Services,

begun in 1945, by the late Rev. Father Connors, are expecting about 200 people to attend on Sunday October 2nd, 1995.

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tographs and art material from members will be appreciated. Every
effort will be made to return photographs and art work in good condi-
tion.

An extract from the certificate of incorporation of the 9th Infantry
Division Association read: "This Association is formed by the officers
and men of the 9th Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the mem-
ory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the
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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

60th Hist..... \$ 2.50 (incl. post.)

Please credit the following chapter:

Philly-Delaware Valley ☐ Greater New York ☐
Illinois ☐ Washington, D.C. ☐
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Ladies Auxiliary
Ninth Infantry Division Association
Membership Application

Ellie Taubner, Treasurer, Ladies Auxiliary
Ninth Infantry Division Association
85 Smith Avenue, Bergenfield, N.J. 07621

Enclosed please find dues for:

Name.....

Street Address.....

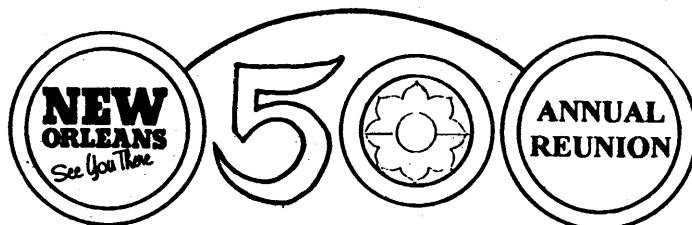
City..... State..... Zip.....

My spouse (Brother or relative)

Served with.....

One year..... \$2.00

Credit Chapter.....



MAY 25 - 28, 1995 - CLARION HOTEL, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

CLARION HOTEL™
NEW ORLEANS

Room Reservations

Name.....
Branch or Service.....
Street Address.....
City..... State..... Zip.....
Will arrive on..... Will depart by 12 noon on.....
Phone Number..... DATE..... DATE.....
I will guarantee payment Credit Card..... #..... EXPIRATION DATE.....

CHECK OUT TIME: 12 NOON • CHECK IN TIME 3 PM

50th REUNION ANNIVERSARY • HOSTED BY THE FLORIDA CHAPTER

Please check any special request:

Smoking..... Non-Smoking..... Handicapped.....

NAME(S) OF ADDITIONAL
PERSON(S) SHARING ROOM

		No. of Persons	No. of Persons
Single	\$75.00		
Double	\$75.00		
Triple	\$95.00		
Quad	\$105.00		
All prices subject to sales tax(s)			

Reservations must be accompanied by \$100.00 deposit. Personal
Check or Credit Card with expiration date acceptable. Reservations
must be received by April 25, 1995. All cancellations must be
received 72 hours prior.

THE 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION
ASSOCIATION.
MAY 25-28, 1995

SEND FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS NOW!

Fill out this Reservation Card...be sure to include \$100.00
deposit or print your credit card number. Send it to the CLARI-
ON HOTEL, 1500 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112-
9990, Attention Reservations.

OR...

You may obtain a RESERVATION CARD, IMPORTANT INFOR-
MATION SHEETS, etc. by writing to Emil J. De Donato, 3650 S. W.
Mosswood St., Dunnellon, FL 34431 (Phone: (904) 489-4070).
Please include a 29 cent self-addressed envelope with your
request.

OTHER HELPFUL HINTS

The hotel will honor the same daily room rate to our group
for anyone wishing to arrive 3 days before or remain 3 days
after May 28, 1995.

Be sure to state your choice of Smoking or Non-Smoking
Room.

The Clarion Hotel will send you a confirmation of your room
reservation.

Suites and C.P. Hospitality Rooms can be ordered on an indi-
vidual basis. Contact Ms. Stacey Vigee, Sales Dept. CLARION
HOTEL 1500 Canal St., New Orleans, LA 70112 or phone
1/800/627-4500.

Any cancellation must be received by the CLARION HOTEL
not later than 3 days prior to May 25, 1995.

ORDER STRIP TICKETS IMMEDIATELY

Strip tickets for Thursday, Friday nights and Saturday
Banquet will be used. The cost of the Strip Tickets are as fol-
lows:

Thursday Night.....\$17.50 per person
Friday Night..... 17.50 per person
Saturday Night Banquet... 30.00 per person
(\$65.00 per person or \$130 per couple)

Make your check for the Strip Ticket payable to the FL CHAPT
9th INF DIV ASSN. and send it to Philip Berman, 322 Bucknell
Drive, Daytona Beach, FL 32118. You will receive a numbered
confirmation card soon after receipt of your order. This care
must be presented at the Florida Chapter Registration Desk
located on the second floor.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Arrangements have been made to hold
the golf tournament at the Bayou Barriers Golf Course located in
Belle Chase, LA. The course has 27 holes and is approximately
15 minutes from downtown New Orleans.

The tournament will be held on Thursday, May 25, 1995. Meet
at the Florida Chapter Registration desk located on the second
floor at 8:30 A.M. for tee off time at 9:00 A.M. The green fees will
be \$20.00 per golfer plus the cost of the cart. Rental golf clubs
are available at \$15.00 per set. Prizes will be awarded for the
longest drive; closest to the pin; most honest golfer; first, sec-
ond and third place winners using their handicap.

All Golfers wishing to participate in this tournament are urged
to send in their names immediately to John O'Grady, 7912 N. W.
10th Street, Plantation, FL 33322 or phone (315) 474-2791.
Players will have to provide own transportation to and from the
golf course.

CATHOLIC MASS is being planned for 4:00 P.M. on Saturday,
May 27th. Please check the Bulletin Board at the Florida Chapter
Registration Desk for Room location.

If you have any questions or wish further information, please
contact either Emil De Donato, 3650 S. W. Mosswood St.,
Dunnellon, FL 34431 (904) 489-4070 or Philip Berman, 322
Bucknell Drive, Daytona Beach, FL 32118 (904) 677-7292.

Tip of the Hat

*The association is ever
grateful to the members and
friends who remembered the
Memorial Fund. We salute you.*

George Grossman — In memory
of Morris Olender, 60th Inf.

Lorraine Aceto — In memory of
Husband, Paul

Richard McGrath — In memory
of Sgt. Tom Stack, 9th Div.
(Vietnam)

Mrs. Margaret Lamorgese — In
memory of Husband, Frank, A
Co. 47th Inf.
Al Napadano.

Samuel Robinson — In memory
of Father Connors

Henry Santos — In memory of
James Tomaso, A Co. 15th
Engrs.

Jack Tague — On behalf of Gen.
& Mrs. J. W. Stoll (C.O. 84th F.A.
Bn. 10 Div. Arty.)

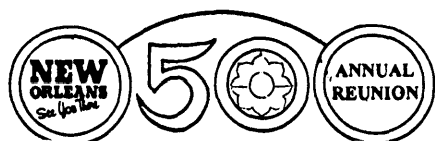
Joe Russo & Harold Hokanson
— In memory of Marge Palady
(wife of Bill, 9th Q.M.)

BOOKS FOR SALE

The Pawns Of War
by: William Kreye

Bill Kreye (now deceased) of
the 39th Inf. tells his engrossing
personal story while interweav-
ing the historical account of
WWII with the 9th Infantry Di-
vision from Ft. Bragg to Ger-
many. Only 100 hardcover
books left. Send \$10.95 (+ \$3.00
for mailing). Make checks pay-
able to the Greater NY Area
Chapter, 9th Inf. Div. Assoc.
Note "for Pawns of War" on
check. Send to

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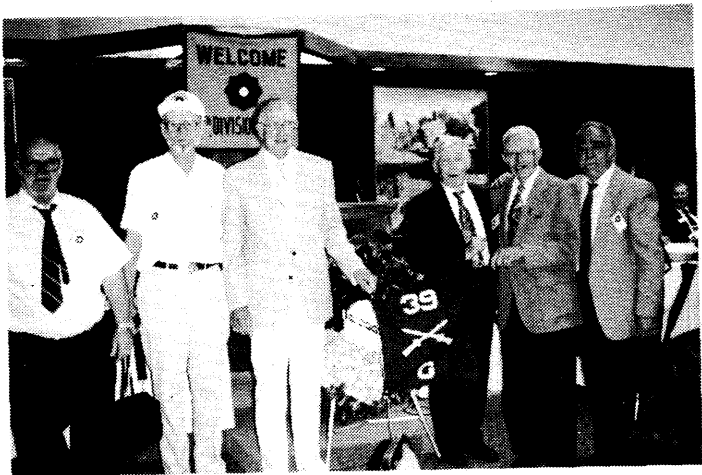


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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TO SPONSOR COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Barbara Berman, Chairperson, has made arrangements with the New Orleans School of Cooking to demonstrate Cajun cooking at the Jackson Brewery. The cost is \$16.00 per person. Everyone is welcome to attend whether you are an Auxiliary member or not. We need at least 100 to sign up before April 15, 1995. The women will meet at 8:45 a.m. on Friday, May 26th, at the La Salle entrance in the lobby. Buses will be there to transport the group to the school located at the Jackson Brewery. There will be a short meeting at 9:30...the cooking demonstration will begin at 10...the luncheon will be served at 11:30...after which the Polyana gifts which have been donated by the women of the Auxiliary, will be raffled off. When the function is over, browse through the many shops in the Brewery and the vicinity. When you are ready to return to the hotel, just wait outside the Jackson Brewery. A Clarion Hotel bus, which leaves the hotel every hour on the hour, will pick you up and return you to the hotel. Or you may choose to walk back in about 20 minutes or so. Please send your \$16.00 check, payable to Fla. Chapt. 9th Inf. Div. Assn., to Audrey De Donato, 3650 SW Mosswood St., Dunnellon FL 34431. You will receive a confirmation card which must be presented for entrance. Be sure to bring this card with you. We must fill this quota as it is a guaranteed figure. This will be a treat and fun time for all of us. If there are any questions or you would like further information quickly, phone me at 1-904-489-4070, or just drop me a note. I look forward to seeing all of you in New Orleans.

Audrey M. De Donato
Sec.-Treas. FL Chapter



Shown at Lake Placid Reunion members of Company G 39th Infantry proudly display their original Company Gudian which somehow came into their possession. Left to right Duane Blomberg, Lawrence Kaufman, Bill Canary, John Fasel, Anton Dietrich and Olido Starro. These members are regulars at the Reunions.

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11. I certify that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.

Daniel Quinn

Taps Sounded

Call out or names
as the years go by-
Remember us-
and we will never die

With deep remorse we announce the passing of these friends and comrades.
May they rest in peace.
To their loved ones we extend our deepest sympathy.

Morris Olender
60th Inf.

Harold Segal
Hq. 1st Bn. 47th Inf.

Marge Orletti
Husband Al (Deceased)
H Co. 47th Inf.

Harry Browne
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Co. A 9th Med. Bn.

Jordan Zwicker
Co. C. 47th Inf.

Ferdinand Elmo
Co. B. 15th Eng.

I thought you would like to know, my husband Charles R. Harvey passed away Monday June 27th. The funeral was Thurs. June 30th, which was military. I was very impressed with it.

WW II ORPHANS

Hi to All, recently I received a call from a young lady that had seen my letter to the editor to try to find some new members for the Assoc.

Her name is Ms. JAMIE SMITH, 1737 Pheasant LN, FERNINDI-NA BEACH, JACKSONVILLE FL. 32034-4447. She told me that her father was killed in action at ACHEN and that he was with "F" Co. 16th Inf., 1st Div.

Also that she belonged to a group called The American WW II ORPHANS NETWORK, P.O. Box 4369, Bellingham WA 98227, Tel No. 206-733-1678. Which was formed for the children of fathers that never returned either MIA or KIA.

They also formed a unit called, "NO GREATER LOVE", (of which Omar Bradley was the 1st honorary Chariman) they dedicated a tree and placed a Memorial Stone at Arlington Cemetery it was placed just to the right of Gen. Omar Bradley's grave on Dec. 8th, 1991.

The Marker is engraved as follows:

So Proudly We hail

The 405, 399 Americans who gave their lives
for freedom during WWII
You Live Forever In Our Hearts

DEDICATED BY
AND THE
FAMILIES OF THESE GALLANT AMERICANS

Perhaps some of you know of others that are looking for such an Association, it is non-profit.

She says she also wrote to the Mortuary Affairs and Casualty Support Div and asked for a complete copy of her fathers individual deceased personnel file. She said they sent her in depth details of his death and also copies of personal correspondence with family members at this time and she warns that some may not want to know all the details that they give.

The Address for this is
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US TOTAL ARMY PERSONNEL COMMAND
ATT, TAPC-PED+F
2461 Eisenhower Avenue
ALEXANDER, VA 2231-0482

Att. John F. Manning

When you request this information you must submit his name and all the information that you have on his military service. It takes several weeks for a reply.

If this helps one person then I feel happy for them.

With any luck I'll see you in May?

Leroy Miller
"B", Btry. 26th FA
St. Augustine FL 32084
Tel 1-904-471 0842

60th F. A. Btry C.
MRS. LARRY MURRAY
1515 L St.
La Porte, IN 46350

Just a note to let you know that my wonderful husband of 53 years passed away on Oct. 2, 1994. He was so very proud of "his" 9th Div. 60th F.A. Btln. Getty C., He served from (Jan.) 1942 and 1945 (Remegan Bridge) - all the battles from Port Lyutey and (almost) Berlin!!

If possible, I would like to continue receiving The Octofoil. Don't know duration of Larry's subscription. We were planning to make the New Orleans reunion on our way north from Florida. He was a member of the Florida Chapter. We enjoyed Reunion in Orlando and San Antonio.

It is with heavy heart that I write this letter to inform you of the death of my beloved Husband Leonard M. DeBell on Sept. 11th, 1994.

He developed Gilliemb Berre Syndrome and succumbed after 6 weeks on a ventilator.

Leonard was a proud member of the "Ninth" and always looked forward to each convention.

May he and all the buddies he rejoined rest in peace.

Mrs. Loretta DeBell
6233 Pleasant
E. China, Mi.
48054

We are going to miss him very much.

Sincerely
Lorene Harvey and family
7807 Huntridge Rd.
Cincinnati, Oh.
45231

Co G 39th Inf
Ms. Florence M. Sulham
RR 3 Box 57
Wells, ME 04090

I have been receiving copies of the Octofoil ever since the death of my husband, Woodland J. Sulham, in 1987 as he was a subscriber to it.

After his death I continued to receive it on a regular basis and feeling guilty would contribute in his memory.

I am enclosing a check in the amount of \$25.00 in his memory - Lt. Woodland J. Sulham, Co. G. 39th Inf. Div. 9th Division.

He served throughout the war from Port Oran (Africa) through Sicily into Scotland, England, and was in D-Day + (I believe) at Utah Beach. He was wounded in St. Lo - Normandy - in July and sent back to England for recuperation. Strangely enough - Fr. Connors talked with him while waiting to be evacuated from St. Lo. and he told Fr. Connors (who was my parish priest in Worcester) that when he returned to the states he would marry me which he did in June 1945.

I don't mean to bore you with these facts but I know how important those years were to him and the comrades with whom he served. So - I look forward to receiving the paper - if it is still being printed.





Charlie LiBretto who made the trip to Normandy (and to the reunion at Lake Placid) is shown with his grandson Charles at Barneville, France. LiBretto (60th Inf) had the opportunity to visit France for the D Day Celebration with his son John who is with NBC Television. He spent time traveling to Utah Beach where the Ninth liberated the town on June 18, 1944.

MINI REUNION CO M 60TH INF

60th Inf. M Company
W.C. Hornady
3432 Dresden Drive
Montgomery, AL 36111

It is always a pleasure to communicate through the Octofoil of an event or a get together of some several couples or friends from "M" Company 60th Infantry. This event or get together was in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. and those attending were: Curtis & Carolyn Buchanan, Tipp & Margaret Gilbert, Walter Frasure & Friend Mary Anne, W.C. & Nell Hornady, Floyd Hutcherson & wife Melba, Bob & Reva Singleton, and Carolyn Buchanan's sister and brother-in-law Ret. Colonel David Bethea and wife Janet. The host for the occasion was W.C. Hornady who did a wonderful job, and looking forward to the one next year.

Must close for now but best regards to you and Marie.

All the usual,
CURTIS BUCHANAN
Co. "M" 60th

Co I 39th Inf Mini Reunion



Another group that holds Mini Reunions and supplies this office with a copy of a photo taken at their reunion held in August. Left to right - Joe Charvat, Ralph Elkins, Trent Palmer, Cecil Jenkins, Nick Chipura, Ralph Burris, Paul Callahan, Jack Radabaugh and Don Lavender, Company I 39th Infantry.

Members of I Company, 39th held their annual mini-reunion at Lexington, Kentucky on August 9 and 10. Nine members and six wives attended.

The group toured the city of Lexington visiting several famous horse farms, Keenland raceway, the Horse Park and saw several industrial sites.

During the meeting, it was reported from the official record that I company, 39th had 78 men killed during the period from the landing on D plus 4 to the end of the war. In that same period, 310 were wounded, captured or missing, making a total of 388 casualties. This represents a 200% turnover. A list of the combat deceased was reviewed.

50th Annual Reunion
May 25-28, 1995
New Orleans

A video on Remagen was viewed. Reports were received from several who were not able to attend and possible sites for 1995 were considered without conclusion.

Those in attendance included: Nick Chipura, Ralph Elkins, Don Lavender, Alonzo Trent Palmer and his wife, Paul Callahan and his wife, Cecil Jenkins and his wife, Jack Radabaugh and his wife, Joe Charvat, his wife and granddaughter, and Ralph Burris and his wife. Burris was a new member attending for the first time.

Callahan provides those in attendance with a memento each year. This year, it was a license plate with the 9th emblem and the combat Infantry badge. In the past, he has provided T-shirts and caps with insignia. He owns a silk screening business.

TRIBUTE

60th Inf. F Co.
TOM SAUNDERS
P.O. Box 1584
Greenville, TN. 37744

Just a small tribute to two fine men who passed away this year.

I was under Maj. Gen. Michael B. Kauffman's command when he was a Lt. Colonel. Being a private I had very little contact with him, however, I admired him and later found he had a great deal of compassion for his men. My first encounter with the then Colonel, was a recruit in Sicily. After smartly saluting him he stopped and talked to me for a short time. I was surprised and pleased he took the time.

At Christmas time in England he played Santa Claus for all the kids in the surrounding area of the Bushfield Barracks. Later, we had a dance with girls brought in from the same area. Where he found all the peanuts and candy during those war years, I'll never know. The girls tucked away as many as they could in their handkerchiefs to take home to loved ones or to eat later.

My major encounter was just outside of Cherbourg when I was wounded and managed to find my way back to the road and break through the brush right where he was standing. He swung around reaching for his 45 [thinking I was a German]. The medic jeep was just pulling away with the wounded draped all over it. After several commands over his radio and to several officers standing nearby, he motioned for his jeep driver to take me back rather than have me wait for the medical jeep to return.

My platoon sergeant, Joe Skirtish, was greatly admired by all of us in his platoon and elsewhere. He was very pleasant and his smile was well known, however, when he gave an order we knew he meant it. During combat his first concern was for the men directly under him. I saw him do many things over and above the call of duty. While in the hospital in England, I heard that Joe had been killed trying to take a machine gun nest, however, some 40 years later, we once again met at one of our great reunions. It was truly one of the most exciting times of my life. What had really happened is that he had surrendered to the Germans because they were holding their guns on 3 wounded Americans and threatened to kill them if they did not surrender.

God Bless these much admired men.

Seeking

Saul Boyarsky, M.D., J.D.
45 Portland Place
Saint Louis, Missouri 63108-1203
314-361-7780

I have your name from Major Rigsbee in Arlington, Virginia in reference to the reunion of the 9th Infantry Division.

Captain Myer Boyarsky, my cousin who was as close as a brother, was killed in April 1945.

I am writing to see if there is any way to learn of the existence of some veterans who may have known him.

Thank you.
Sincerely yours,
Saul Boyarsky, M.D., J.D.

BRIDGE OF REMAGEN REUNION COMMITTEE

P.O. Box 8573
South Charleston, WV 25303

On March 7, 1995, the 50th anniversary of the capture of The Bridge at Remagen, Germany will occur. Your outfit may or may not have participated in that historic event. The Rhine River was last crossed militarily by Napoleon in 1805.

Those of us who crossed the Bridge that day or shortly thereafter until its demise, or those who served in any support unit and that includes the entire armed forces in Europe will join with the people of Remagen and its long time Mayor, Hans Peter Kurten, in a Memorial Service at 11:00 A.M. on that date. On March 7, 1980 the Mayor opened his Peace Museum in one of The Bridge Towers.

Our intention is to get all of those who care to go, there and back, in the safest, most comfortable, and least expensive manner. Collecting the names and addresses of those who care to go will continue until December 31st. Writing us for full information obligates no one. We will simply mail them a trip questionnaire for planning purposes.

This trip will be headed by Mr. Ken Hechler, Author of "The Bridge of Remagen," from which the movie was made. I have nothing to do with the tourist business, but was with Co. D - 47th Inf., 9th Division and arrived there about 4:00 A.M. on March 8th, 1945

Arrangements will be made with the airlines to honor a return ticket for 30 days after this event from any airport, the airline serves in Europe. Even if you did not participate in the Bridge battle you may wish to visit England, France, or Germany or wherever you were. We do not believe from the cost angle, you will ever find a better price. Call or write us now.

Elvin F. Martin, Chairman

MINI REUNION 9TH SIGNAL

The 9th Signal Company's 7th Annual Reunion was held on Sept. 7, 8th & 9th at St. Clairsville, Ohio, in the beautiful Ohio Valley.

The attending members and their wives were treated to three days of fun, sight-seeing and just plain good comradeship

On one of the days, the ladies had a day long outing to "OGLE-BAY," in Wheeling, West VA and visited the "Fostoria" Glen outlet. They also enjoyed the landscaped grounds of "OGLEBAY PARK," a truly magnificent area.

The entire group went on a dinner cruise via a Paddle Wheel Boat from Wheeling, up to the 1st Dam on the Ohio, and both the food and the boat ride was just great. We had three beautiful days weatherwise, and of course, each evening, a "Strategy Lesson" was held at the "Hole-in-the-Wall" for the men. The ladies had their own meeting rooms and used it, to great results.

On our last evening, we held our dinner banquet and the invocation asked for God's help, as well as remembering all our departed buddies, and of course their families. We asked our Father in Heaven to ease the pains of our comrades, who would have liked to attend, and to grant all of us, eternal peace.

Kudo's go to Bill and Evelyn Miller, plus Dick and Mary Craig. This foursome did another great job.

We are looking forward to #8 in 1995, so till then, May God Bless us all.

Raymond M. Connolly Jr.
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Southampton, NJ 08088

Department of the Army
Office of the Secretary of the Army
Washington, DC 203410-0107

Dear Veterans,

The World War II Commemoration Committee, in conjunction with the United States European Command, will host a ceremony on 16 December 1994 at Bastogne, Belgium to commemorate the Battle of the Bulge.

If your or your unit association is planning a trip to Europe to attend this commemorative events, please complete the enclosed form and return it to us.

If you have any recommendations as to how we might be of further assistance, please call Major Thomas Rigsbee at (703) 604-0821 or 0827. Thank You.

Very respectfully,
John K. Sullivan
Colonel, US Army
Director of Operations



Bill Nesta, 5 Elm Court, East Haven, Ct. (06512) sends this photo of Bty. A 84th FA taken in Africa in 1942 left to right, *McHugh, Gregor, Arthurs, Feder, Peque, Milkis, Hickey, Nest and Witt.

THE OCTOFOIL

FLORIDA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

FLORIDA CHAPTER MEETING: On October 4, 1994 Chairman Philip Berman sent a letter and an order form to all Chapter members stating that the next Chapter Meeting will be held on November 11th & 12th at the Ramada Resort Hotel in Daytona Beach.

If this issue of the OCTOFOIL reaches you before November 10th and you haven't already made plans to attend, you still have time to come. Just get behind the wheel of your car and drive to Daytona Beach. You wouldn't want to miss the entertainment of the "Italian Sophie Tucker" scheduled for Saturday evening.

SEE YOU IN NEW ORLEANS As you already have been informed, the Florida Chapter is hosting the 1995 National Reunion. On the front page of this OCTOFOIL is the second article of a series telling you about New Orleans. We urge the members of the Florida Chapter to send in your room reservations as soon as possible. On page 2 of this issue you will find a Reservation Blank and other information. If you don't wish to destroy your copy of the OCTOFOIL just make a copy of the form...or write to me: Emil J. De Donato, 3650 S. W. Mosswood St., Dunnellon, FL 34431 and I'll send you an information packet which includes a Reservation Card. Be sure to include a loose 29 cent stamp with your request.

CHAPTER OFFICERS MEET The Florida Chapter Officers met on Saturday, September 10th to discuss and to lay out plans for both the Chapter Fall Meeting and the 1995 National Reunion. Those attending were: Pres. John O'Grady; H. F. Stansell, V. P.; Bill Fleming, Sec.; Philip Berman, Treas.; and Emil De Donato, Pub. Rel. Officer. The wives of the Officers were asked to join in the discussions. The meeting was held at Phil & Barbara's home in Daytona Beach. After the first hour of talks, an intermission was called. Barbara Berman prepared a special New Orleans recipe Gumbo dish that was enjoyed by all. The meeting continued for several hours after lunch. Although much of the planning has been accomplished to date, there is still a great deal of work to be done. We need help...please volunteer.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER CHANGES: The Florida Chapter continues to recruit new members. The following have joined our ranks since the last OCTOFOIL issue:

Leonard Florio, 3584 Cartwright, Bonita Springs, FL 33923
Ernest Newhart, 4626 N W 21st St., Gainesville, FL 32605
Nicholas L. Pizzolato, 3092 Grant Quarters Way,
Marietta, GA 30068

Colby Sinclair, 1810 Lee Road, Orlando, FL 32810

We welcome these new members into our Chapter. We invite any veteran who served in the 9th Infantry Division during WWII who lives in Florida or any of the nearby states such as: Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee, Georgia, North and South Carolina to be joined by our fine group. Just write to me Emil De Donato, 3650 S W Mosswood St. Dunnellon, FL 34431 and I will send you an application form. Dues for the Florida Chapter are \$5.00 for one year and \$13.00 for 3 years. National dues are \$10.00 for one year and \$25.00 for 3 years.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS: Barbara Berman, Chairperson of the Women's functions for the National Reunion in New Orleans, has been busy buying things and making arrangements for the 50th Reunion. She has contracted the 'NEW ORLEANS SCHOOL OF COOKING' to give a demonstration and luncheon for all the women attending that function in New Orleans. The cost is \$16.00 per person. She has also engaged an orchestra, Singer, Dancers to entertain the group during the Thursday and Friday night festivities at the 50th Annual Reunion. Barbara's helpers are: Audrey De Donato, Lila Stansell, Katherine O'Grady and Virginia Driscoll. Audrey De Donato, Sec/Treas. FL Chapter, will be handling reservation for the 'COOKING SCHOOL DEMONSTRATION.' Look for her column in this issue of the OCTOFOIL for costs and details regarding this function.

RIDE/SHARE TO NEW ORLEANS Michael Deresh and his wife Nina would like to share the car ride and expenses with anyone willing to go by auto. Contact Mike at 9212 40th Way N. Pinellas Park, FL 34666 (Phone: 813/577-5222.)

9TH DIVISION CAPS, PINS, EMBLEMS FOR SALE: Order a Blue & White or an All-White Cap to replace that "beat-up" one you have or one for your grandchildren. Send \$10.00 to Emil De Donato, specify the color wanted and your order will be on the way promptly. For information concerning cost and availability on Regimental Pins, Artillery Battalions, Engineers and 9th Division lapel button pins, contact Emil De Donato, 3650 S W Mosswood St. Dunnellon, FL 34431.

SPACE SHUTTLE (STS-68/ENDEAVOR) Norris Gray, a Florida Chapter member, who is employed by NASA, sent in a full color reproduction of the Space Shuttle Endeavor Shield. In April of 1994 the Endeavor made its seventh spaceflight...commanded by Michael A. Baker. Norris Gray has been attending many Florida Chapter Meetings as well as a number of the National Reunions. Ask to meet Norris...he may even arrange a free bus tour of the Cape should you wish to go there.

Emile J. De Donato
FL Chapt Pub Rel Officer

Co. B 15th Engrs.

ANNE MARIE LYNCH
22 Spencer Lane
Warren, New Jersey 07059

Please be aware that my father Ferdinand J. Elmo, a 9th Infantry Division Association member died on June 14th, 1994 at the Veterans Hospital in Lyons, N.Y. Please remove his name from your mailing list. Best of luck with your organization. Fred did love you all so much!

16 F.A.

WILLIAM BONGIORNO
108 S. Hampton Dr.
Jupiter, FL 33458

Sorry that my wife and I were not able to make this years Reunion in Lake Placid. Enclosed is my check for a three year membership renewal to our association. Hoping to see the gang at the next Reunion.

My new address is: 108 South Hampton Drive, Jupiter, FL 33458.

COMPANY E, 47TH INFANTRY

BILL MOOTY

2023 Williamsburg Way
Birmingham, Alabama 35223

We missed a lot of our Company E group at the Lake Placid reunion but we will be looking for all of them in New Orleans in May of '95.

At the Lake Placid reunion I was asked to get the CP lined up for Companies "E" and "F" since I live a little closer to New Orleans than some others. I might mention here that back at the Hyannis reunion "E" and "F" Companies decided to join forces on the CP. We want to extend a welcome to all of the 2nd Battalion to join us.

I talked to the people at the Clarion in New Orleans and they were real helpful but I told them I wanted to visit and see what was available for the CP. Saturday I went down and the rooms available for the CP seem very adequate, it has a wet bar and a bathroom adjoining. We can bring in refreshments. The reservation is made for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. I will be there rather early on the 24th to get it opened up.

The Clarion is on Canal, just 2 or 3 blocks off I-10. If you are familiar with New Orleans it is about 4 blocks north of the Fairmont (old Roosevelt). The hotel seems to have enough bars and restaurants. It does have hotel parking but it is \$12.00 per day if you park or \$15.00 for valet parking - but in the next block North (back toward I-10 there is all day parking for \$4.00 and just across the street all day parking for \$2.75.

If you have ever been there I don't have to tell you that it is going to be hot in New Orleans in May.

You "E" company fellows get those reservations in, we have got to hold up our ranks.

God bless all of you and I hope to see you in New Orleans.

9th M.P.

JACOB NAILOR
312 Brandy Lane
Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17055

I am writing to let you know that another of our good 9th. Division has passed. His name is Harry F. Browne. He was with "B" Company of the "47th" all the way. I talked with his wife at his viewing and told her I would write you so you could put it in the Octofoil. I am enclosing the notice from the paper and the funeral home.

My wife and I had a great time at Lake Placid. The New England chapter did a terrific job. We saw a lot of old friends and met a lot of new ones. Father Rowan, Ken Meyer, John Maloney and I were the only M.P. there. Bertie Blockley, Pops widows and Kate Brady, Joe's widow, were also present. We missed Wadalavage and Gerry Bryant. I hope we can all meet again in New Orleans and add some of those guys who live in the south. Joe Mowery, Preston Stillings and Red Harbin to name a few. I have my reservations mailed and will buddie up with Bryant as my wife says it might be too hot for her at that time of year.

My hip and knee replacements are doing great. I need the other side done but they are not too bad now and I hope to hold off till after the Reunion.



ILLINOIS CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Just returned from our Angola Outstate Meeting with the Michigan Chapter. Our thanks and appreciation to Elmer Wagner and Tom and Jerry Hatton for a successful weekend. Everything was beautiful along with the georgous weather. It was a perfect Fall weekend and we had a total of 51 members and guests for our Saturday night banquet. Instead of the usual raffle, the Michigan Chapter passed out tickets at dinner and we adjourned to the CP Room for distribution of prizes such as bottles, clocks and a huge number of pumpkins, decorative corn and bags of apples. There will be a lot of pumpkin decorating done shortly. We missed Roger Alsgaard of the Michigan Chapter who was to be Co-Chairman. We understand Jenny was not up to par and unable to attend. In as much as the Hotel in Angola was booked for the whole month of October next year, we made arrangements for a mid-week gathering. It will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 17th and 18th next year. Mark your calendars and come join the fun. We spend many hours talking, eating, shopping and enjoying each others company. Illinois will host the next reunion. The DeBruyne's, Gaertner's and Gray's were unable to attend this weekend due to health problems.

Our day with the Gaertner's in July was a success. We had 27 members and guests present. Howard and Grace furnished the meat cooked by Howard and Gordon Anderson. The rest of the group furnished all the side dishes and desserts. A good time was had by all and the weather cooperated enabling us to enjoy the day.

A discussion was held at the Gaertner's home regarding the May Outstate Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin to be held the first weekend in May next year. Since the National Reunion will be held the last weekend in May, we have decided to hold our Memorial Services in Wisconsin in conjunction with our Outstate Meeting. Mike Carpenter will handle the arrangements for the hotel and Memorial Services. More details later.

Our Holiday Party will be held on December 10, 1994 at the Grand Milwaukee Hotel in Milwaukee (Site of our 1991 Reunion). All are invited to attend. If you wish to stay overnight, arrangements have been made with the Hotel. Please contact them directly at 1-800-558-3862. Rates are \$69.00 per night single or double plus tax and mention the Ninth to get these rates. We will have our usual White Elephant game and food refreshments to pass the time of day.

Happy Holidays to all our fellow members and their families. We are looking forward to seeing many of them at the National Reunion in May in New Orleans next year.

TEXAS & THE GREATER SOUTHWEST NEWSLETTER

From the desk of Publicity Chairman Bob Burky.

John Miller, former National President of the Association and Founder of our chapter. Returned from Cancer Center with a favorable progress report. While in Houston, Tx., stopped by to see Bob Rucker. Bob is doing much better. Bob's attitude is an inspiration to all who know him, in light of laying on a hillside in Tunisia, N. Africa for 23 hours before the medics could get to him.

Peter Rice our current Chapter President, has underwent cancer surgery and has bounced back. Pete and his bride left for Paris, France, for 50th Anniversary, only to come back and to lose his grandson, 17 years old, it really hurts. Pete thanks everyone for flowers and cards.

Also John Miller will be going into the Arlington Memorial Hospital on Oct. 12 for left knee replacement. He will be laid up for about six weeks, he will not make the planning meeting to be held Oct. 15, 1994, time 1300 hours **lunch** and meeting at Stagecoach Inn, Salado, Tx.

Proposed slate officers for 1995 T & GSW Chapter 9th Division Association:

President Willard Norris
1st Vice President & Chief of Staff Ken Meyer
2nd Vice President & Secretary-Treasurer Richard Grandberry
3rd Vice President Clyde Wilfong
Publicity & Program Burky & Schneider
Chaplain W. M. Lynch

We will ask nomination from the floor. Bring photos of 50th Anniversary European trip or others that our chapter would enjoy. We will then decide which ones to make slides.

Galveston Chapter Meeting March 25, 1995, will be planned at our Planning Meeting.

I regret to inform all members of T & G.S.W. Chapter 9th Infantry Division, that (Capt.) Robert S. Marshall, formerly of Fulton, Tx. passed away on Dec. 9, 1993.

TO: The Infantry Associations of the 1st Div, 2nd Div, 8th Div, 9th Div, 69th Div, 78th Div, 99th Div, 104th Div, 12th & 14th Armored Divs.

FROM: Jay C. Wade, Reunion Chairman
The "2221" Negro Volunteers for Infantry-WWII
J. CAMERON WADE & CO., INC.
P. O. Box 167725, Irving, TX 75016-7725
214-255-5719

The "2221" represent the number of Negro soldiers who responded to the 'call' for volunteers to join white Infantry Companies at a time of need for replacements to fight shoulder to shoulder against the Germans, during the Battle of the Bulge. Yes, we were the first to integrate the Infantry. (see attached Stars and Stripes)

The remaining members of that group will have its first reunion during the week of December 26, 1994, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Those volunteers who have **not** been contacted, please send your name, address, and phone number to the address above.

Also, we are inviting those white soldiers who fought shoulder to shoulder with us to join us shoulder to shoulder at this reunion. Please contact me at the above address and provide name, address, and phone number; even if you cannot make it.

CO. K 47TH. INF. NEWSLETTER

TOP-KICK FROM THE TOUR!

CHARLES A. KARNACK, who was K top-kick at Schevenhutte, has recently gotten in touch with BASTEDO, "RED PHILLIPS, and ME. He joined K at its inception at Ft. Bragg and left at Schevenhutte. I didn't know him, but many of you must have. His address is: 234 Broadway Dr., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15236 (412) 653-1569.

He retired as Master sergeant of Artillery in the 60's, evidently having spent most of his time playing golf. At 75, he shoots 76, he used to shoot 68, BILL McKINNEY had better hope he doesn't come to SIN CITY, OR, if he does, sign up for ping-pong.

FRENZERBURG REVISITED

My exhortation for the exercise of literary skills by O K'ers, in the delineation of the battle for Frenzerburg Castle has been about as much success as a call for volunteers for a night patrol. Fortunately, the oldest man in the world, "RED THOMPSON has stepped up and hit a homer. He has been able to trace HIS and URBAN'S movements during that battle and nailed down a critical time that was in contention. I am now willing to believe the German counter attack occurred at dusk - 4:29 p.m. on the 26th. of November.

This, of course, leaves me with my ass hanging out because I tried to tie it in with the German tank attack that came in the early hours of the 27th. It must have been about the time the KRAUT hosed down my hog pens with a Schmisser and sent me into the feed bin. If I hadn't had my head up my ass, I would have remembered McWATER'S brief visit to the Castle, sometime around mid-night of the 26th, which took place in the cellar where the prisoners had been held. Our guard and the KRAUT, I shot that afternoon, were laying there at the time. The counter attack had to be earlier.

My German historian has found the Parachute Commander LUDWIG HAVIGHORST, still kicking in Germany. He will be 80 in December, which makes him 4 years younger than "RED." He was not a pilot, but a navigator, and an auto wreck' rather than fuel shortages grounded him. I liked the other story better. He flew 427 missions, 54 over England in He-111's. He had a stroke a couple of years ago and admits his memory is not the best.

He did bring another character to the party. He says the 89th. people he was relieving were led by a CAPTAIN RIPKE who remained silent while he was negotiating with EWALD.

I have had a couple of phone conversations with the XO of the 3rd. Armored Btn. that was at the Castle. OLIN BREWSTER was in a tank on the RR tracks north of the Castle and said they shot the hell out of the main buildings. They had tanks on the south side of the barns, and he doesn't rule out their being the ones who tried to burn us out. The only thing that makes it seem unlikely is the time. He said they didn't mind shooting Americans but they just didn't like doing it in the dark.

The thing that has me waffling on the tanks is that no one on the German side has mentioned armor at all, if they were German, and in contact with KARAUTS in the Castle, why didn't they drive into the courtyard and blow us out?

I have sent a postcard to every WILLIAM EWALD in the US, who has a phone, but so far I haven't heard from anyone who even knew him.

The Artillery Battery Commander, BILL MAUSER, is trying to locate my FORWARD, Forward Observer.

With all the Germans, tankers, artillery men, and US Mail doing everything they can to shed light on the BATTLE at FRENZERBURG CASTLE, why don't you contribute your two cents worth?

SIN CITY, '95

RED PHILLIPS, distinguished author, soldier, patriot and raconteur has suggested that "K" join "M" in a CP at the SIN CITY REUNION. I am not clear what this entails, but I am sure money is involved. I was in M's in Milwaukee and did not contribute one cent, so I am overdue. Let me hear from the ONES who are interested and I'll find out more about it from the ORACLE.

If you need a warm-up drink on your way down or back, my bar is just 70 miles north and a whole lot safer.

39th Inf. K Co.
VINCENT MARSH
22138 Hartley Ave.
Alliance, OH 44601

I guess the time has gone by and it is time to pay my dues again for three years.

I got a leg injury in Germany and finally ended up having to have a new knee put in Nov. 19th. I'm getting along fine with it.

I couldn't make it to the Reunion last year. But if its possible I hope to make it this year.

We met a nice couple from Illinois at the Mass. Reunion by the name of Bill and Fern Wrenn. We would love to hear from them. We enjoyed spending our time with them.



Charles A. Karnack a real old timer from Company K 47th Infantry is shown at a recent ceremony where he and several other veterans were honored at a Special Festival held in Deer Creek Park, Westmoreland County, Pa. Karnack became 1st Sgt. of Company in September 1944 when Joe Laguatta was wounded in the town of Schevenhutte, Germany. Karnack was also wounded shortly after and he too was evacuated, leaving the 1st. Sgt's job. to George Bastedo. Karnack caught up with the Association after all these years and joined the group.

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

I hate to start off with bad news but when Ellie and I returned from Maine in August, I received a letter from Jake Nailor, a 9th Division MP, telling me that one of our buddies, Harry Browne died from congestive heart failure on August 17, 1994. He was a cook in our outfit from the beginning in Fort Bragg, and if you want to send a card to his wife, her name and address are: Dorothy S. Browne, 1909 So. York Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. I am sure that she would like to hear from those of you who remember Harry. I also received a note from Neil Conger who was with us (as a 16 year old) from September, 1940, until after the Sicily Campaign, and was in the 1st Platoon, 1st Squad, with Sgt. Hill as the squad leader.

After Sicily, he was sent to the 3rd Division Company, 15th Infantry, and wound up alongside Audie Murphy until the end of the war. He wanted a copy of Sgt. Birkes' B Company roster of March, 1943. Neil lives 20 miles from buddy George Grieve, and sometimes hears from Roland Whitehorse, and was going to send them copies of the roster. If he can persuade his girlfriend to come with him, he will go to the New Orleans reunion.

If you want to write to him, his address is: 110 S. Keel Ridge, Hermitage, PA 16148. Ellie and I have to pack now for the trip to Worcester, Mass. for the Memorial Mass they hold every year. It has been a long time since we were there, and since she is feeling better now, we thought it was time to get away for a while. I have also been doing a lot of work around the house, so it is time for a break. We will get to see Dennis Canedy again, who will be attending it as he does every year. Dennis can't get to attend our Annual Reunions, because his wife's condition makes it impossible to leave her for long. That's all for now, hope to see you in New Orleans.

Joe Taubner
85 Smith Avenue
Bergenfield, N.J. 07621

84th F.A. Btry B
SAMUEL ROBINSON
400 Paradise Rd. Madrid ID
Swampscott, MA 01907

Enclosed is check for 3 years dues and balance towards Memorium Fund. I'm going to Worcester in October (without Belle). After the hip operation, she came down with a virus, (GBS) which set her back a few months!! So, Jack Kdogir and I are making it once more.

I had hopes of attending the Memorial (June '44) in Caen, France, but illness put a crimp in our plans.

I have two "Certificates" sent to me by the "Battle of Normandy Foundation", one for me and one for Chaplain Irving Tepper. I wrote to George Grossman (60th Inf.) to see if he knew of the Chaplain's address. He sent me the enclosed article about his death in Normandy.

I'm still waiting more information from anyone of our readers.

I'll see you in Worcester. We would like to make the New Orleans reunion but - let's see how things turn out!!

Best to all
In friendship!!

Continued from/ May-June-July

Pete Rice of the 84th FA was fortunate to make the trip to Europe this past Spring. Here's his account of the trip

SUMMARY OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY TRIP
France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany

May 31: Visited the main sights of the Battle of AACHEN — amazing how the buildings have been restored using, where possible, the old stones, bricks, etc. THEN the drive to REMAGEN, a complete contrast to the rainy, cold, miserable night of 7 March, 1945, when our 47th CT lead the way for our 9th. Infantry to take over the bridgehead from the 9th Armored. My driver and Britza's replacement had spent 5 nights sleeping in the R.R. tunnel and 6 days racing out on the LUDENDORFF bridge trying to keep in place our telephone lines. A very modest museum in the 2 western towers, where I pointed to a Signal Corps picture showing me and my 2 guys on our "reserved" sitting/standing — with our Infantry protectors on the other side. John asked for the VMI Certification that it was us and I replied "I certify that I think it has to be us." He squinted and said it did look like I did 50 years ago!

We strolled around a rebuilt REMAGEN and Shirley, Patricia, John and I enjoyed a sunny, lovely walk to and from the Rhine River. Wish we could go back someday and see the East side and the route our 47th CT took on and on to the Elbe River.

We did follow a beautiful route to WURZBURG, Germany.

June 1: After a nice evening in a small hotel, we spent the morning seeing the sights in old historic Wurzburg and then drove the Autobahn to Berlin. When our Director announced we were almost to DESSAU I yelled "Slow Down" ... and I told my wife that I had spent the last 3 combat days here with 3rd Armored Div., who had run short of artillery officers. Even saw a grain silo on the Elbe River that I think was the one we used the last day, when I ended up directing fire toward Russians!

Very interesting drive into BERLIN and the nice Hilton Hotel.

June 2: Extensive tour of Berlin ... BRADENBURG GATE, CHARLOTTENBURG PALACE, the KURFURSTENDAMM, and the REICHSTAG building. Also visited the (not so great) CHECKPOINT CHARLEY museum and some remaining sections of the Berlin WALL and German Resistance Memorial and Cemetery ... very dignified and again somber — The statues of German Mother mourning, the WW II soldiers kneeling in prayer, etc. At Pat's suggestion, on our own we four visited the famous PERGAMON MUSEUM and marveled at this restoration of parts of this ancient Greek city. Was really great, except trying to get back to hotel during rush hour traffic! **Wonderful Farewell Dinner at the Hilton.**

June 3: Long flight back to good ole DFW.

15th Engrs. A Co.

JERRY FASANO
1879 Ringing Rocks Rd.
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I have the sad news to report of the death of James Tomaso, A Co. 15th Engineers.

He passed away on Sept. 11, 1994.

Jimmy was one of the group of New Englanders who arrived at Fort Bragg in early 1941.

MRS. LORRAINE ACETO
718 SE 46th Terr.
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Please add the enclosed to the Memorial Fund in memory of my husband Paul P. Aceto.

We came from Connecticut but since Paul died I have recently moved to Florida to be near my daughter. Needless to say I will be unable to attend the Memorial Mass in Worcester that was always a pleasure.

May God keep you all healthy and happy.

Thank you.

SEEKING

Walter Lee Mizwa
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Monongahela, PA 15063

I have been trying to gather some information on the 9th Division for the past few years. My mother was married to Lieutenant Marshall J. Dallo. He was killed in action 20 June 1944, in France. He was a second lieutenant in Company G, 47th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division. How can I get a copy of the Octofoil. I am trying to locate some of the other men in his unit. My mother saved all of Marshall Dallo's personal letters and war ribbons, etc. I can use any information you could forward.

Thank you
Walter L. Mizwa

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A-T 47TH INF.

Julius E. Clark
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Camden, S.C. 29020

Enclosed is my check for three years dues.

Should any of our old gang see the movie "Forrest Gump" they will recognize the Octofoil and the 47th Inf. Crest in the Vietnam scene. I recommend this show highly. The plot is good and acting super.

I hate to report that Howard Waldman is not doing too good. His son called me and told me that Howard has Alzheimer's and that he was trying to get into a Nursing Facility.

Caroline and I are still hanging in there-had a ruptured appendix in January which almost put me across the river.

I hope Bill Horan is out of the woods by now-he has never shown aging, wonder what his secret is, real fin warrior. Hope to make it in New Orleans in May 1995.

A-T 47th Inf.

GEORGE REMALEY
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Received the Octofoil and was sorry to learn that James J. Corcoran passed away. He was some Irishman, we will miss him. Like to pass some information if anyone is interested to get a poster of Normandy (June 1944). My son got me one and thought some others may want a copy - it is \$25.00. Write to Spot Image Corporation, 1897 Preston White Drive, Reston, Va 22091 (tel. 709-715-3100).

M COMPANY (47TH) CHRONICLER

Dear compadres:

We've been home for several days from our trip to Europe and I'm still too pooped to go through the mail. This was our last travel-by-the-seat-of-your-pants junket. I'm getting too far over the hill to be racing around lost half the time, worrying about money changing and lugging bags up three flights of stairs. We're switching over to they-do-it-all tours and cruises or we're staying home from now on.

Remagen

I did get to Remagen and got a good impression of what those who fought there were up against. That terrain on the east side was really something... steep! None of those manicured forests of the Huertgen variety, but with thick tangles of undergrowth. As someone said: "If you had been fighting the same Germans that you met in Normandy, you never would have made it." Well, I don't know about **that**. After all, we did prevail in Normandy. But certainly, it would have taken to do the job in Remagen.

It surprised me that the river itself was not as impressive as I had thought it would be. It's fully the 1,200 ft. that's advertised but I was expecting something more like our "Big Muddy" at flood tide. All of the villages, Bruchhausen, Ohlenbergt, Kalenborn, Hargarten, Vettelschoss etc., are today probably twice the size they were then. Everything is trim, spruced up like the big inspection's coming tomorrow. There is no trace of the war remaining. Every building has been restored or replaced. All of that bullet holes are patched. Nothing remains but the old bridge towers and these might be relics of an earlier conflict. There's that same ghostly atmosphere that I felt at EL Guettar and wrote about here — a presence of those 254 that gave their all here. It's especially noticeable in the woods. I could not live in this place.

I saw enough in a couple of days and when we were off for Eastern Europe. We drove out through Leipzig to Kracow in southern Poland. The former is awful; the latter is a gem. Leipzig was flattened during the war and the replacement building are all sterile, grey blocks. Kracow was somehow unaffected by the passing of many armies which have been that way. None bothered to raze it. Therefore, when you want to comprehend Middle Age life in the city, go to Kracow.

From Kracow we went on to Budapest, then back to Prague and Frankfurt to close the circle if we missed a museum, palace of cathedral along the way. Some digs were pretty grim while others were out of this world. The food was generally so-so. The Great Chefs of Europe are all out here in California trying our New Age cuisines on the suckers.

Sad News

I have some sad news to report now. We've lost another couple of old original M-ers. Joe Smith of Neopit, Wisconsin, died July 22nd. Joe was a full-blood Menominee Indian whose athletic abilities won him a college education. He had a career as a steel fabricator in high-rise construction all over the world. When he retired, Joe returned to the reservation and devoted himself to keeping the Indian heritage alive for the youngsters. I visited Joe in Neopit a few years ago. I've never forgotten his gentleness and concern when he helped me down off the hill at El Guettar. He was a fine sergeant and I was happy to be leaving the 1st Platoon in his capable hands.

Another Firstie has left us — Adam A. Bienick died August 19th at his home in Naticoke, Pennsylvania. Adam was a machinegunner all the way. He could make one of those things sing and held every enlisted job in the platoon. He went the full yardage from Safi to the Elbe River and wore the Silver Star and Purple Heart. He was one of those tough coal miners with whom M was blessed but Adam seldom raised his voice. He was a gentle man and will be missed by all who knew him.

Harold Steele, another rat-a-tatter, wrote from Aiken, South Carolina, last August that Bovenberg Farm had brushed by him again. Harold's reference is to that black day. November 21st, 1944, when 3/47 took its worst licking of the war. It's Harold's way of saying that he again had come close to making the obit department due to a heart-cancer combo that makes me shiver just to think about it. He was remembering Billy Why who got it at Schevenhutte. I hope you're feeling chipper now, old buddy.

Enough of this morbidity!

Frank A. Tibbetts reports a new address: he can be reached now at 763 New Hampton Rd., Sanbornton, New Hampshire, 03269. Lou LaCivita of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, sent me a nice collection of congratulatory letters, news clips, etc., all concerning of WWII exploits. I'm delighted to have these, Lou, and thank you very much.

Howard H. Gertner of Wauwautosa, Wisconsin, wrote about his connection with the 78th Infantry Division (also at Remagen). Howie and others trained with the 78th in the States and then just before D Day, all the Privates and PFC's were shipped off as individual replacements. Howie and Art Graeving ended up joining M/47 in Normandy. Art was KIA in the St Lo bombing but Howie made it through to the end. He's big in the Association's Michigan Chapter and is a past member of the board of Governors.

SEEKING

Maj Ralph C. Johnson, C.O.
Capt. Edward Kennard SI
Capt. Lloyd G. Huggins S3
I/Lt. David R. Parker Co. E (to 15 Mar.)
I/Lt. Norman Furman Co. E (from 16 Mar.)
Capt. Jack V.N. Co. G.
Capt. Hiram S. Tye Co. H.

I'm desperately trying to locate any of the above because I have a great void of information on the 2nd Bn G 60th. "Hardback" Hardage is all anyone wants to talk about and recently I've learned that he was on R & R and nowhere near Remagen. Please include a notice in next Octofoil that anyone with information as to the whereabouts of the above should get in touch with me soon. Thanks.

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

B. Co. 15th Engr.

RICHARD C. MCGRATH
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Enjoyed very much reading all the good reports about the 49th annual reunion at Lake Placid.

Congratulations to the New England Chapter, especially to Fran Maker, Ron Murphy, and all the committee that put together another successful event. Also it sounds like Dan Quinn put on another of his specialties in keeping the gang in a happy mood. I was sorry to miss the gala affair as I recall how beautiful Lake Placid was in 1984. Hope to make the 50th reunion of the Worcester Memorial. Ron Murphy wrote a very interesting letter about this, as all his letters are welcome and it should bring a large gathering.

I would like to tell all the "Old Reliabilities of WWII" about Sgt. Tom Stack a decorated Vietnam War veteran and organizer of the 1986 Vietnam Welcome Home Parade in Chicago. He was a very special man who was not only a hero in the 39th Inf. Reg't of the Ninth Infantry Division during the Vietnam War, but spent his time helping all veterans. My wife and I went to his funeral Mass, as he died April 16, 1994, at which there was an overflow of dignitaries including the Mayor. It had to be one of the largest funerals the City of Chicago ever had.

It was believed that Tom died of cancer brought on by Agent Orange. Yesterday we also attended a very moving dedication ceremony where a plaque was placed at the campus of the Richard J. Daley College where Tom Stack had worked as a professor teaching criminal justice.

Mr. Stack came from an outstanding family and my wife and I were privileged to have been involved with them for many years. Tom had six brothers and they were all star athletes at Leo High School which traditionally turned out championship teams. I am proud to note that Leo H.S. also turned out our own Father Jerry Rowan 9th M.P.'s and Joe Killacky K.C. 47th Reg't.

General Westmoreland sent a card of condolence to the Stack family. It's difficult to say goodbye to anyone, and especially one, Tom Stack, who did so much good in his short time on this earth.

Enclosed is donation to our Memorial Fund to the memory of Sgt. Tom Stack 9th Inf. Div. Vietnam.

Again I would like, via our Octofoil, to thank Dennis Canedy H.Q. & B. Co. 47th Inf. R.C.T. for helping me locate the 76th Inf. Div. Assoc. in my quest for information about my brother who was K.I.A. when assaulting the Siegfried Lene on Feb. 7, 1945. The 76th Assn. is much like ours in helping veterans. I was overwhelmed with many letters I received and one phone call.

Like Dan Quinn the Secretary-Treasurer of the 76th is Brig. Gen. (Ret.) E. C. Cutler Jr. and he was very kind with his information.

F. Co. 47th Inf.
CHARLES ROCHELLE
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Got back from the reunion safe and sound. I enjoyed this one better than any. Keep up the good work. I hope to see everybody in New Orleans 1995. Already making plans to be there.

GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER REPORT

NY Area Chapter Meets After Summer Hiatus

On Friday, September 16, 1994, at 7:30 PM, the first fall meeting of the NY Area Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, 71 W 23rd Street, NYC. Members were called to order by chapter president Al Zenka. Pledge of allegiance to the flag was made and invocation was given by resident chaplain George Apar.

First order of business began with temporary recording secretary, yours truly, reading minutes of the previous June meeting. Absent Treasurer Charlie Vandermark's financial report was given by Prez Zenka. Sitting at his old post, as recording secretary, we welcomed back venerable Art Schmidt after a year-long bout with his leg and hip injury.

Correspondence was read from Hyman Smith. Plans for the NY Chapter get-together week at the Concord Resort Hotel in October was presented by chairman Marty Gross. The Worcester Memorial Pilgrimage in October was also discussed. Aaron Lubin made a recommendation that a 9th Inf. Div. museum be established at Fort Bragg. He would continue to check it out further. After some other business discussion meeting was adjourned and members partook of refreshments provided by Al Zenka and Tony DeRobertis and engaged in lively conversation.

Attending, not mentioned above were: Vincent Guglielmino, Bill Klaus, Emil Langer, Mary Levy, Charlie LiBretto, Al Lipton, Al Lubrano, Gene Magidson, Dan Quinn, Joe Rzesniowicki, Herminio Suarez and Edwin Winsch.

October Meeting

Members met again on October 21, 1994 at the same NY Chapter command post in Masonic Hall, NYC. Prez Zenka opened with the usual ceremonies and proceeded with business at hand.

Secretary Art Schmidt ably performed his duties with the reading of minutes that he had taken of the previous meeting—in spite of his injured right arm. He sustained it in another fall—this time at the recent Concord Hotel get-together. Prez Zenka read correspondence sadly informing members of the deaths of 9thmen Ferdinand J. Elmo on June 14, and Humphrey Rini on Aug. 16. Our heartfelt sympathy go out to their families.

The financial report was made by Treasurer Charlie Vandermark with a reminder to all to send in their contributions for the annual 50-50 Christmas Raffle books received earlier in the mail.

Marty Gross, Concord Resort Hotel reunion chairman, reported on the Fun Week mini get-together at the hotel, October 3-7, noting a good time was had by the few members who attended. Marty also stated that contracts were signed with the Concord committing the NY Chapter 9th Inf. Div. Ass'n to holding its National Convention in the New York Catskills in 1996. Until then we look forward to Florida's New Orleans National Convention in 1995.

Prez Zenka informed us that member Al Lipton was suddenly hospitalized. We wish him well. Also, on sick call, was my wife, Barbara, with a fractured heel which is on the mend. Last minute details on the Worcester Memorial Pilgrimage were discussed for October 22-23 weekend. With a final reminder for 1995 Officers Nominations at the next meeting on November 18, this meeting was adjourned and members enjoyed the repast provided by our able hospitality staff Zenka and DeRobertis.

Also attending the meeting was visiting farflung member Walter O'Keeffe now residing in San Francisco. Others attending were: George Apar, Emil Langer, Marv Levy, Charlie LiBretto, Al Lubrano, Dan Quinn, Joe Rzesniowicki and Herminio Suarez.

Remember to pay your NY Chapter dues—\$10 for one year, \$25.00 for 3 years, and \$75.00 for Lifetime Membership. Make checks payable to "Greater NY Chapter, 9th Inf. Div. Ass'n." Send checks to Charles Vanermark, 38 Miller Avenue, Floral Park, NY 11001-3325. (Tel. 516-352-7360)

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Hgs Bty 84th FA
NEWTON FIELDS
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Enclosed find dues for membership. Enjoy the Lake Placid Reunion and meeting again with the members of the Ninth. Memories were rekindled of the 1984 Lake Placid reunion. God bless you all.

60th Inf B Co.
GEORGE W. CYPHERS
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I am enclosing a check for three years dues.

Due to failing vision and declining health, my husband is unable to write. I am sure he would be pleased to hear from any of his WW II army buddies.

MAIL CALL

84th F.A.
AARON LUBIN
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I had the experience of attending our 49th annual convention and offer my sympathy to all who did share this event perhaps the fact that 48 years have passed since I attended our first convention made the event even more poignant. To see for the first time in almost fifty years people who shared those happenings of long ago is something we should all be part of.

Can we explore the possibility of arranging budget trip - Charter Flights, Busses from larger cities - lower price hotels and motel to aid those members whose ability to attend is limited by financial problems.

1995 in New Orleans is our 50th from then on its downhill for all of us.

The question of opening up membership to 9th Vets of Viet Nam is once again on the agenda.

There is another way to preserve the memory of the ninth division. The first division has a museum at Fort Riley, Kansas. The 82nd at St. Mere Eglise, why not the 9th at Fort Bragg.

This could be a repository for war souvenirs books written by and about 9th members, our video histories preserved on tape, photographs etc.

Here we can, with pride bring our families, our grandchildren and grandchildren. Here we can honor our dead and wounded. Here we can say, this is what we did & now you can share it with us. They may keep us out of the history books, but they can't erase our history.

I think that the time left to us and the funds available in our treasury would be well used toward this end.

Serv. Co. 60th Inf.
GEORGE GROSSMAN
374 Country Club Ln,
Pomona, NY 10970

On Sat. July 30, 1994 I received a phone call from Howard Olender that his Father Morris Olender passed away. Morrie was a member of the 60th Inf. and was an assistant to the late Chaplain Tepper who was killed in France.

I met Morrie at Ft. Bragg and we became very good friends. We never lost touch. Edith and I visited the Olenders in Amsterdam, NY on many occasions and took vacations together, at times they would visit us. My wife and I attended the wedding of Howard to Ellen. He was very active in Veterans Affairs and a member every veterans organization in Amsterdam and Albany, NY. Enclosed is a donation in his memory. We will miss him dearly. On a lighter note: Edith and I are leaving for London in August for a vacation. Hope to visit Winchester and Bournemouth.

May all stay in good health.

60th Inf. F Co.
CHARLES FUSNER
6700 Marcos Ave.
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Enclosed is my dues for 1994-95-96. I'm sorry for being late. I just realized that I was not paid up to date.

Could you please send me a copy of the The 60th History? The blance can be placed in The Memorial Fund.

A Co. 39th Inf.
WILBUR HAVEY
103 Cedar Knob
Rehabath Beach, DE 19971

It has been a long time since I wrote to the Octofoil. Call it, procrastination or what you will. The wish to remain in the hearts of those whom we didn't know, but came to enjoy their company to the point of killing for them and encompassing them as one's own. Knowing the innermost thoughts. Offering a shoulder in time of need and most of all, bosom buddies to have and to hold as long as one can live.

Just came out of Hospital for the third time in less than a year. Maybe next time (or after) will be the last. Fifty years ago we were in England, getting ready for who knows what, I only lasted until many others were gone, by then, some few saw the whole thing until the end. Being in the right place at the right time, along with help from above. Remember, "there are no atheists in the front line". One woman took prayer out of school, but a million women could not take it away from the boys up front.

I was discharged in Oct. '44 with 60% disability. Five months later, that was taken away. When we were sworn in, we were told that the army record would always be there. A year ago, I re-applied, not for monetary gain, but to clarify some of the records. I have a copy of the finding of C & P. No record of being transferred from Oxford, England to Deshon in Butner, PA. No compensation for five months after separation. The question, in my mind, is where are these records, if they exist why should they be overlooked in review.

To those of you who knew me, God be with you and the same to all the rest who served.

Life has been a ball. For the most part. Your old buddy, Wilbur Harvey. Tell Duncan that I remember him too.

Co. E 60th Inf.
JOE BLACK
175 S. Anza 513
El, Capon, CA 92020

I'm a member of the 9th Division Association, I joined the 9th Division, E Co. 60th Reg on Dec. 29th, 1944, as a replacement at that time. I realize that we were at war and because of the time and place no records were kept as far as I know and my name was not on the roll of the 9th Division. I was wounded on March 9th, 1945. I went to a hospital in Reims, France. I went back to the 9th the last of April and ended the war with them. My discharge did not list the 9th Division that I fought in, it did list Ardennel, Reineland, and Central Europe, but no Division: it said, purple heart, but authorization unknown by that, I can't even prove I was there. One man that I remember in my outfit was a man named Cantre, he is deceased. Is it possible to get the names of the men in the E Co. 60th Reg. 9th Division. It's hard to find any one from the 9th Division. I saw only three guys from the 9th at the '93 Convention. Where are the men from E Co. 60th? Can you send me phone numbers?

Can there ever be a 9th Division reunion in San Diego or close by? Please, could you send me names, phone numbers of E Co. 60th Reg. men.

Co 847th Inf
GEORGE W. BENTLEY
P.O. Box 206
Conyers, Ga 30207

Let me explain. My name is George Bentley III. I live in Conyers, Rockdale County, Georgia.

Five years ago I created the Rockdale Vietnam Memorial honoring my five friends killed in Vietnam.

The RVM furnishes 2 scholarships a year, at the high school. Also, the top 2 athletic awards, 4 JROTC Leadership awards. We are a top sponsor of a dozen youth activities, at the school and in the community.

Our favorite program is Little League Baseball. We have had 15 ball teams over the last 5 years. We have enjoyed a lot of success, but now all of a sudden there is a "new kid" on the block, sort of speak. A matter of fact, he's an old goat. The kids on his team call him "Coach Pop." He's kind of cramping my style because he's teaching his kids the same thing that I'm teaching mine. Makes it hard to develop a strategy, against him.

I don't know when the big show down is going to be, but it will happen and it will be war. Then we'll see who will be leaving town, either the Rockdale Vietnam Memorial Braves or the 9th Infantry Div. Padres.

As you see, this is a one horse town and the other horse is one of yours. A matter of fact, he's one of mine also. His name is George "Coach Pop" Bentley Jr., my Dad!

Hey, love you guys, hope you enjoyed the letter. Ha!

60th Inf F Co.
BEN BANAS
3240 N.W. 36 Ct.
Lauderdale Lakes, Fl. 33309

I was a replacement for the 9th coming from first the 82nd Division and then the 13th Division. I was airborne for almost three years.

Fought with a bunch of rugged soldiers and I was beside Lt. Col. Matt Urban when he was wounded in the chest. He stayed with us, shouting "keep firing you so and so's," until he dropped. What a soldier. I only wished we had him with us when we were captured in Sept. of 44.

So much for now.

Co. I 39th Inf
J.C. DAWSON
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Decatur, Tx 76234

Enclosed find my check for '94 dues. I look forward to each Octofoil.

Enjoy reading the Mail Call. Always looking for another Co. I man.

Thanks to Nick Chipura and Charles and Millie Holsapple, I went to my first Co. I reunion in 1991.

Hope to see everyone again this year at the reunion. Keep the news coming.

9th Med. C. Co.
HERBERT STERN
12427 Old Oaks Dr.
Houston, TX 77024

Sorry to be so late with my 1994 dues payment. Balance toward the Memorial Fund in memory of my friend Angelo Rinchivso Co. C. 9th Med. Bn.

Sorry that I will not be able to attend the Lake Placid meeting - other commitments prevent my attendance.

Best regards.

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84th F.A. B Btry
RICHARD O'CONNOR
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Here is my dues for a few years. Sorry I'll miss the reunion. We want to help one of our kids buy a home.

I'll be in Loughton, Ver. next month, if I hit the jackpot perhaps things will change.

Everyone here is well, two of our sons bought homes this year, hope the third son can get one.

I'm writing this on a bench at work.

Love and good health to you and Marie.

66th Inf K Co
EDWARD STOKAN
4747 PLUMMER ST.
PITTSBURGH, PA. 15201

I hope you and the wife are in good health. I guess it's dues time again, so here are my dues for three years and a contribution to the Memorial Fund.

I am making my contribution to the Memorial Fund in the name of Slick Wilson, a great soldier from the Ninth Division, K-Company.

I sure would like to hear from any of the guys from the Weapons Platoon, K-Company, 60th. I used to go to all the reunions, but my health is not up to par. So that lets me out.

I'm looking forward to the day the Ninth holds a reunion here in Pittsburgh. We'd love to have you and would show you a really great time!

Best of health and my regards to everyone.

39th Inf. G Co
CHARLES HENNESEN
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Since 1954 I have been trying to update my service records, and to trace personnel who served with me in Europe. I have been unsuccessful in my own case because I am told by many of the government and Army units I have contacted that the records were apparently destroyed in the fire in St. Louis in 1970.

I also recommended a Silver Star award for gallantry for Lt. Wolbrink who joined the 39th in July 1944 in France, and who was seriously (possibly fatally) wounded August 9, 1944 at Mortain, France. I have been trying to trace Lt. Wolbrink since then with no success. I have attempted to obtain a roster of the 39th, but am told that personnel rosters for the years 1944, 1945, 1946 were destroyed in accordance with the General Records schedule. I do have partial rosters from August 1940 through December 1943, but these do not help me with the activities and personnel from the invasion of France through the end of the war in Europe - the period of most interest to me.

I have exhausted people and agencies to whom to write. The latest has been: U.S. Army Center of Military History, Attention: Organizational History Branch, 1099 14th St., NW, Washington, DC 20005-3402 who gave me your name and address.

I would gratefully appreciate any direction or information that you may be able to provide.

Thank you.

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Looking through my scrap books I came upon a picture of three GIs and myself from D. Co. 1st Bn. 47th Reg. 9th Division at the breakthrough, forming the Bulge, we were at Duran, Germany. We were pulled out of Duran, moved to Malmady. While there word came the German's captured 100 99th GIs and machine gunned them. We then were moved from Malmady to Monchau where we held the line against the Germans. At Monchau in the woods we dug a hut into the side of the hill for cover. This is where this picture was taken. In the picture is Ronald Frank, Emerson Gross, Perry, a GI from, I think, Maine, who had a saying, "Watch the Stuff", and Owens. I say Hi guys. I would also like to say Hi to Frank Brusic, a top kick, Fred Levine, in N.Y., Al Kongslee, Walt Pyle, naming a few. I would like to hear from all of the D. Co. fellows. That would be nice.

I have not been to a reunion since Harrisburg, Pa. My health has not been too good. I had a heart operation 13 years ago, come November. Also a mini stroke 1993-1994, although I am still active in Purple Heart Chapter #190 in Allentown, Pa. and the VA Clinic. I will, God willing, attend another reunion. I will bring a fellow veteran who was a member of the 60th Reg. and a Purple Heart who was captured soon after D-Day and has not yet been to a reunion.

Thank you, Dan. Keep up the good work and good health.

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I am sorry I am late paying my dues. I appreciate you sending me the Octofoil anyway. Enclosed are my dues for three more years. I haven't been to a reunion yet because I used my life savings to travel. I was born and raised in Va. I took my training at Fort Lure Va. I sailed to N. Africa from Newport News, Va. I sailed from France after the war back to Newport News, Va. I said if I lived to retire and could raise the money I was going to visit every state. Thank God I have been in them all. I spent my life savings but I am proud of it. I haven't heard from anyone in the 2nd Bn. but Ralph Carci. We send each other a card and letter every Xmas. Ralph is one man I met in service who I always thought was a gentleman as well as a soldier.