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THE OCTOFOIL

412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N.J. 07087

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, Volume XLXXV Number 3

May-June-July 2000

ANNUAL WORCHESTER MEMORIAL

Starting in 1945, Father Connors called us together every year to pray for our dead. We who have been privileged to know this great priest feel that his spirit is still with us. His call went to men of all faiths and beliefs. He even encouraged non-believers to join together in this expression of devotion.

We who call ourselves "Friends of Father Connors" will again join together in praying for our dead on Sunday, Oct. 22, 2000 at the ten o'clock Mass at the church of the Immaculate Conception, Grove Street, Worcester, Mass.

We will also remember in our prayers the men who wore the Octofoil, returned with us, and who have now gone on to their eternal reward. A service will follow the Mass at the memorial on the church grounds dedicated to all who served wearing the Octofoil.

We will also sponsor a luncheon at the Holiday Inn, Lincoln St. Worcester, MA. at 12:30 P.M. We guarantee that you will be on your way by 3:00 P.M.

We invite all members to join us as we pray for our dead.

We have reserved rooms at the Holiday Inn, Lincoln Worcester. Reservations must be made by yourselves. The phone number is 1-508-852-4000. Reservations must be made by September 17, 2000. Reservations for the luncheon must be made payable to "New England Chapter, Ninth Inf. Div. Assoc. at a cost of \$20.00 and mailed to Thomas J. Boyle, [REDACTED]. Should you have problems, please call [REDACTED].

We ask you to join us as we pray for the 4581 men we left behind.

Room 102 will open about 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2000.

From the friends of Father Connors
Fran Maher, Ron Murphy,
Herb Olsen, Tom Boyle

Dear friends and members in the Ninth Infantry Division Association:

Now that Matty's Monument has been placed and dedicated at the National Cemetery in Arlington it will be a remembrance for generations to come.

However, there is one more wish that we can do for him and we need your help. We intend to have Matty's grave site added to the official list of guided tours and we've been passing the word around since the dedication.

A letter has been sent to the superintendent at Arlington National Cemetery and here is his reply how we can achieve our goal:

After three months I've been anxious to find out how we were progressing in our latest effort. I've called Mr. John Metzler, superintendent, and to my surprise was informed that not a single person inquired about the grave site, although there were some nice comments about the ceremony by those who attended.

Naturally, I was disappointed about the oversight and am appealing through the Octofoil hoping that we will succeed while we still have time.

So once again, may we suggest that whenever anyone goes to the Arlington National Cemetery to visit Matty's grave site, please stop at the office to let them know and be counted. That is the only way we will be able to succeed in having Matty's grave site added to the official list of guided tours attractions. It would be a great tribute to a most deserving hero and you could be proud to help make it so.

Respectfully, 19241 Angela Crt.
John Bonkowski [REDACTED]

POTSHOTS AND OTHER OBSERVATIONS FROM THE REUNION DUGOUT

REUNION Y2K came, paused for a few days, then departed into the history books; and I hope that you were among the 266 people who partied at that 55th Annual reunion which took place at Kutsher's Country Club in Monticello, New York. Everyone seemed to be having a great time swapping stories with their buddies and long time pals. Another 33 people were forced to cancel out at the last minute.

For the trust and confidence that they placed in me to handle their reservations and funds, I would like to thank the 269 people who came under my wing. At first this chore was a personal challenge, then it became a crusade to have everything turn out as close to perfect as humanly possible. I tried to keep the complaints to a minimum so that we would not be distracted from the main business of enjoying each other's company. Al in all, it was my pleasure to be of service to the gang; if they were happy, then I was happy. Believe it or not, by acting collectively as we did and paying the tab with one huge check, we all saved ourselves a healthy chunk of change: — \$4922 in sales tax money did not leave our pockets. Thanks again to all who trusted in me. Continued on page 3

LADIES CORNER

Please don't faint, don't run for your eyeglasses — this is Ellie Taubner at last — writing a column for you. According to my records, I last sent in one in February/1998, and also wrote several but never mailed them in 1999. Well, this is the year 2000 and I am really writing to all of you who touched me in May of this year at Kutscher's Country Club with your warm, noisy and enthusiastic welcome as I walked into the meeting! Thank you all so much and I shall really try never to stop writing again. OK?

Well, guess I had better start with some family news — Still married to Joe (55 years in November) a little slower afoot and memory-wise, but the wise cracks never stop (I call him my "bad habit"). All of our children are still married to their original spouses, live all over, from Maine to 1/2 mile away from us, and their children, our beautiful 10 grandchildren, ages from 4 1/2 up to 25 are still a constant source of love, pride and joy!!! They are scattered from here in Bergenfield, NJ to Maine, Worcester, Mass., Nashville, Tenn. and Redondo Beach, California.

But enough of that. How are all of you now? Enjoyed seeing some of you in Kutscher's in May — there were 8 of us from Company B, 47th Infantry: Orion & Esther Schokley, Chuck & Joyce Munger, Bill & Ann Klauz, and Joe and me. We enjoyed the 3 days together in such a great place to have a Reunion! The Ladies at the Auxiliary Meeting were the same as always, friendly and loving: Phylis Perna, Mary McLaughlin, Lola Booth, Alice Granbury, and others. I also missed some of the old-timers I knew from when I was first elected Treasurer: Lily Krasovitz, Rosalie Painter, Wanda Preston, Ruth Lees, Mary Brasington, and Lorraine Clark, Ruth Jordan, Dvora Heller (where were you?), and of course dear, loving Marline Sanchez was there, and gave me a beautiful embroidered hankie to remember her by. How could I ever forget her? Our attendance was fairly good, about 45-50 women, and we donated about \$100.00 to suggested groups by some of the Ladies. Among them were The Women's Memorial in Arlington Virginia and a group in Davenport, Iowa, who help Veterans and their families at severe and painful times in their lives. Please write back to me, with any news you have or a joke? Well, I hope this gets in the edition due now, if not, will see you in October. Until then, take care, and I love you all!!!

Ellie Taubner [REDACTED]



HQS. C.P. TEXAS

ANNOUNCING

The 9th Infantry Division Association
56th Annual Reunion Will be in Houston, Texas
When: May 17 - May 20, 2001
Early Birds may check in May 16th
at same low daily rate
Where: Houston's Premier Suburban Hotel

- Very attractive hotel rates for our 9th Division Members and their families.
- Continental Breakfast provided each morning of the Reunion
- Free Parking close in to the Hotel.
- For those who want a change of scenery, the Adam's Mark is located within easy walking distance of scores of Cafes, Restaurants, and shops in the West Chase Shopping Area.

Reunion Programs

Will include a guided tour of the NASA Manned Spacecraft Center. Free hotel shuttles to and from Houston's World Famous Galleria. A tour of Bayou Bend - unique historic home and gardens (time permitting). A Ladies Luncheon. An evening of dancing to the 30's and 40's tunes of the big bands. A full Memorial Service and an outstanding Banquet.

Air Transportation to and from Houston

Discounted airfares will be available for our members - Please read the attached letter giving details.

Ground Transportation to Hotel from Houston's Two Airports

Coach USA provides shuttle service from both Bush Intercontinental and Hobby and have booths in each terminal near the baggage claim area and will provide discounted fares for 9th Division members and their families.

Alternative Ground Transportation

Up to four members may share Taxi at one rate to and from Reunion Hotel.

Look For Specific Announcements of the 2001 Reunion in the Fall and Winter Editions of The Octofoil

Ya'll Come and Get a taste of Texas Hospitality
Our Reunion Committee members will be pleased to answer questions concerning the 2001 Reunion in Houston.

Call: Jack Blann
Herb Stern
Dick Granbery
Ernie Botella

Change of Command



Turning over his gavel of authority to Jack Blann, newly elected President of the Association, Martin Gross (r) retiring after his year in office.

THE OCTOFOIL
Form 2579 should be sent to:
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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 memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the Division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively by means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to former members of the 9th Infantry Division.

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NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Don Quinn, National Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Assn. 412 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Enclosed please find dues for:

Name.....Serial No.....

Street Address.....

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.....

THREE-YEAR MEMBER.....\$25.00

Life Membership.....\$75.00

Ladies Auxilliary Member.....\$300

Decals.....50-each

Philly-Delaware Valley ☐ Greater New York ☐
Illinois ☐ Washington, D.C. ☐
New England ☐ Michigan ☐
Florida ☐ New Jersey ☐
Texas C or South West ☐ California Chapter ☐

Ladies Auxilliary
Ninth Infantry Division Association
Membership Application
Clara Scott, Treasurer

Enclosed please find dues for:

Name.....

Street Address.....

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

My spouse (Brother or relative)

Tip of the Hat

Remembering the Memorial Fund and their buddies who have answered their last roll call we thank the following members and friends:

Kenneth Hill - In memory of Ray White, E. Co. 39th Inf.

Sam Robinson - In memory of John W. Cattle, John Vandermeiden, Larry Gagnon, Otto Gansca and Jack Kargir.

David Garner - In memory of Wendell Reppert.

Charles McLhinney - In memory of all departed 9th Div. men.

Howard Granger

John Veraja - In memory of Joseph Gallagher, B Co. 47th Inf., Chet Weborg, Alex Thomas, Howard Brooks and Randy Brown, all from C Co. 47th Inf.

James Leopold - In memory of Boardman "Woody" Lockwood.

Russell Pugh

Larry McLaughlin - In memory of Felton Jones, F Co. 47th Inf.

James Otts - In memory of Edward Kuklewicz, Frank Rankin and James Mullen, all from B Co. 15 Engrs.

William VanRyn - In memory of his father, George Van Ryn, of G Co. 47th Inf. K.I.A.

William Arnold - In memory of Lewis Suminski

Dolores Bauman - In memory of Virginia Lucas, wife of Lucien, B. Co. 39th Inf.

Merry O'Reilly Brown - In memory of her brother, James M. O'Reilly, C Co. 47 Inf.

George Brown - In memory of Boardman "Woody" Lockwood and Frank Rankin.

Alex Balough - In memory of George Abbato, Hqss 9th Med. Bn.

A.T. Forrest - In memory of Edward Kuklewicz, Bn Hqss, B Co. 15 Engrs.

Benjamin Kovacs - In Memory of Rocco Vitale, M Co. 60 Inf.

Joseph Harvilla - In memory of Thomas Kostelac, B Co. 47 Inf.

Joseph Killen - In memory of Tony Matuza C Co. 60 Inf.

Ray Connolly - In memory of Wm. Ellis, Thomas Wargo and Wellesley Shaw, all from 9th Signal.



56th Annual Reunion
Ninth Infantry Division Association
Adam's Mark Hotel, Houston Texas
May 17-20, 2001

Hotel Reservation Form

Please Reserve the Following Accommodations:

_____ \$75 per room, per night Single Occupancy

_____ \$75.00 per room, per night Double Occupancy. These rates will apply for the day before and the day after the reunion dates. State and local taxes (17%) will be added to these rates.

Please State Your Preference for Rooms:
Smoking_____ No Smoking_____

(I) (We) Will arrive on_____ and depart on_____

Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State_____ Zip_____

Day Telephone ()_____ Today's Date_____

A deposit for one night's rate or a credit card guarantee is required for each room. Please make checks payable to the Adam's Mark Hotel, Houston. For those paying by credit card, please fill out the information below:

Credit Card Type:_____

Credit Card Number:_____

Exp. Date:_____ Signature:_____

A block of guest Rooms is being held at the Group Rate shown above until April 17, 2001. Please make reservations early to insure group rates and availability.

Call Your Reservation to
800-436-ADAM (toll free)
713-978-7400
or mail to:

Adam's Mark Hotel
2900 Briarpark Drive
Houston, TX 77042
Attn: Reservation Dept.

Adam's Mark Internet Address is www.adamsmark.com

9th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
HOUSTON, TX - ANNUAL CONVENTION
MAY 17 - MAY 20, 2001
AIR FARE DISCOUNTS

Howdy from Houston!

I am very excited to be involved in the transportation planning for the 9th Infantry Division's 56th Reunion in Houston. As the daughter of Jack Blann, president of the Texas chapter, I have a very personal interest in the event, and will work to see that all attendees get the lowest airfare possible.

First, please call me at our number below and let me know you are attending the reunion. Then, give me the dates that you would like to travel. If you desire, you can extend the trip before or after the event. I will then look for the lowest fare. We have group rates on Continental and Delta, but I will compare those to any other fares available at the time. Our contract with the airlines assures that you will get an additional discount off any published fare, so we will be able to obtain low prices for everyone. You can also extend the trip before or after the event. We are even planning a cruise from Houston after the reunion for those that are interested!

You do not need to have a minimum number of passengers from your departure city in order to get these special rates. However, if a large number of you are traveling together, please assign a leader and advise me of this.

Please feel free to call me with any questions. Also, try to book as early as possible because the best discounts will be for those reserving at least 90 days before the travel date. So, make your plans now and call us early to assure you won't miss this exciting reunion. I'll look forward to hearing from you!

Betty Prochaska
Carlson Wagonlit Travel

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Deadline next issue — Oct. 20th

POTSHOTS and OTHER OBSERVATIONS

Continued from page 1

ELMER WAGNER and JOE MAIALE were so busy rehashing events of March '45 in the 47th's Item Company that they didn't notice CHARLIE BIELEWICZ (Battery A-34th Field) speed marching around the pond in Kutsher's backyard. as CHARLIE zipped by, even "SNUFFY" GOLDSMITH had to stop talking and watch, before he resumed his subject of how VA benefits tie-in with ex-POWs so that BOB LEWIS might look - into that. DICK STOLTZ and yours truly only smiled at the scene.

ORION SHOCKLEY proved that he's a man of excellent perception and impeccable taste, with a heart of gold by issuing to every man present a beautifully designed tie imprinted with the proper colors of all of the service branches in the Division and an Octofoil in the center. Thank you, "Cap" SHOCKLEY, for a momento that will always be useful. How can anyone put on that tie and not recall how they got it, and where it came from?

I do believe that M.C. McKNIGHT was impressed with "CAP" SHOCKLEY's memory when he recalled M.C.'s first days in the 47th Cannon Co. JOE TAUBNER didn't have much to say, but he was enjoying the tales that he heard from BILL KLAUZ, CHARLIE MUNGER, and "CAP".

NICE STORY: — CHET ZARNOWSKI received a trip to the Reunion as a Christmas present from his son, and when son Alfred couldn't come to the Reunion, CHET called on his buddy, STEVE DVORSKY to share the room with him. DOMINICK FIORE from the same 376th AAA (AW) outfit was attending for the first time and didn't expect to meet any old pals; but when CHET and STEVE walked in the three became reacquainted after 55 years. They had all been in D Battery.

The only brave golfers at the Reunion were AL PERNA and HANK GEARY and they're not telling their scores to anyone. I asked the towel maven DICK BAUDOUY to rate Kutsher's towels; and he replied that they were not of taking quality. SIEGGIE REINHEIMER located his old friend HUGH WHITAKER and was happy. I wonder how J.W. BASWELL and his crew made out as they were going down to New York City to spend the day on the way home to Ole Miss.

So long 'till Houston, Stay Healthy, and Come on Down.
Joe Killen, G-47
*** GOD BLESS AMERICA ***

REMEMBERING WORLD
WAR II MONUMENT

Dear Dan:

First, enclosed please find check for \$30.00, \$25.00 for a memorial donation in memory of Virginia Lucas, wife of Lucien, B Co. 39th Inf., and the other \$5.00 toward postage for the mailing of the Octofoil. I enjoy receiving the news of the 9th Division.

Secondly, I was just a student during the war, really did not know much of what was going on in Europe except for the issuing of Ration Stamps and scrap drives at school, collecting all scrap iron for use in making of weapons used by those in service. In high school I remember rolling bandages. It wasn't until I married John did I find interest in what had taken place over in Europe and in the Pacific, although my Uncle did serve in the Seabees.

John did not talk about the war, he just wanted to forget those years. After awhile, when John had retired, children grown, we started to attend the reunions, that is where I really heard what the boys had gone through and I was then able to put faces on the buddies he had kept in touch with through the years. Guys like Joe Gravino, "Hawk" Al DiRisio, Joe Charvat, Joe Gargiulo, etc.

That brings me to the reason for writing this. I am very interested in the National World War II Memorial. It is about time that this country honors the men that fought that long war. I have donated to the cause and I wish I could give a lot more. What bothers me is that I have never seen anything written in the OCTOFOIL about the Memorial. I do think there should and would be some members out there that would be willing to help the cause. I have on my own seeked the address for giving donations. Hopefully they will have the full amount needed; \$100 million of which they have over \$85 million at this time. Plans are to break ground on Veteran's Day, 2000.

Everyone could help move the project along with his or her donation to:

World War II Memorial Fund
American Battle Monuments Commission
P.O. Box 96766
Washington, D.C. 20090-9766
Phone: 1 (800) 639-4WW2
Web Site: WWIImemorial.com

Sincerely,
Ms. Dolores Bauman
20908 W. Blossom Lane
Plainfield, IL 60544-6411

39th Inf. L Co.
EDWARD GILL

Mildred and I want to express our gratitude to Joe Killen and his wife and all who helped make our 55th a great success. The hotel people were great — the meals were great — and the drink prices were great. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Worcester, in October.

Dan we want to thank you and Marie for all you have done over the years. Keep healthy and keep us going.

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Travel Discounts
To
Houston, Texas

(9th Infantry Division Association Reunion in 2001)

Did you know that attending the 2001 - 9th Infantry Division Association Reunion, May 17 - May 20, 2001, qualifies you to receive Travel Discounts on the Airlines??

9th Infantry Division Association Members and their families qualify for special savings with Major Airlines. To take advantage of these discounts, simply make your reservations with:

Bette Prochaska
(Jack Blann's daughter)
Carlson Wagonlit Travel
Houston, Texas
Toll Free: 1-888-294-8371

- When calling, be sure to identify yourself as a 9th Division Member
- Best discounts can be had by reserving at least 90 days before travel date
- Bette will provide air-travelers with Coach USA Discount Coupons for Airport to Hotel transportation
- If you desire you can extend your trip before and after the reunion.

Request for Medals of World War II

From time to time one of our members will inquire where he may receive medals from his time with the Ninth. For those interested write to: U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Center, Attn: DARP-PAS-EAW, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63132-5200.

Your request should include your serial number, date and place of birth, of course your full name, address, then and present, the dates served in the Army and by all means a copy of your separation document (DD Form 214).

Strip Tickets
For
2001 Reunion
Adam's Mark Hotel, Houston Texas

Strip Tickets will include the following:

- ☐ A reception with light food and drinks on Thursday evening.
- ☐ A party with large dance band, buffet food tables, and drinks on Friday evening.
- ☐ A Cocktail Party and Banquet on Saturday evening.
- ☐ A Continental Breakfast on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings.

All of this food, drinks and entertainment is yours for \$125/ person. Please make your check payable to the 9th Infantry Division Reunion and send them to the following Address:

Richard G. Granbery

Name of Member _____

(Name You Liked to Be called by) _____

Address _____ Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Company _____ Battalion _____

Regiment _____ Unit _____

Wife/Guest Name _____

No. Strip Tickets _____ @ \$125= _____

Amount Enclosed _____

The Ladies Luncheon Tickets
(A delicious full Luncheon at the Adam's Mark -
Men are Welcome Too)

Please also send me the following Luncheon Tickets:

_____ Tickets @ \$18/Ticket= _____

Amount enclosed for Ladies Luncheon _____

Business Conducted at Reunion

Meeting of the National Board of Governors.

The 181st meeting of the National Board of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held at the reunion held on May 2nd at the Hotel in Kutchers in Monticello, N.Y.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by President of the Association Marty Gross attended by Tom Hatton, Jack Collier, John Miller, Elmer Wagner, Frank Haines, Richard Boudouy, Tom Boyle, Dave Heller and Richard Starr.

Jack Blann, President of the Greater Texas South West Chapter reported on the progress of th 2001 year being held in Houston, Texas on May 17-20th. President Marty Gross thanked Jack Blann for his report. The details will appear in another section of the Octofoil.

Appoint Chairman for Committee Meetings

President Gross appointed or asked Board members to serve as Chairpersons for the various committees: chairman for Financial Committee Frank Haines; for miscellaneous committee Richard Starr; Newspaper Elmer Wagner By-laws Jack Collier; Nominating Len Tommassone.

There being no other business to come before this Board and upon a motion made by John Miller, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 P.M.

The Ninth Infantry Division

Minutes of the 55th Meeting of the Ninth Infantry Division Association held at Monticello, N.Y. on May 2-5th, 2000.

The 55th annual reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association took place on May 3, 2000 at the Kutscher's Country Club Resort Hotel in Monticello, N.Y. The meeting was called to order at 10 A.M. by the president of the association, Martin Gross when he requested that the members rise for a moment of silence for the departed members of the Ninth (those we left behind and for those who have since joined their comrades.) He then asked that we join with him in the Pledge to our Flag. He then asked for a recess in order for the various committees to meet and present their business that they discussed.

After recess of 1 hour, President Gross called the meeting back to order at 11:00 A.M. President Gross then asked the secretary, Dan Quinn to read the minutes of the last meeting held in Hyannis, in 1999. Upon a motion made by Al Perna and seconded by Emil Langer it was voted to: accept the reading of the minutes and instruct the Secretary to place a copy of same on file.

President Gross then called on the Treasurer, Tom Boyle for his report. Boyle gave detailed a report on the income and spending of the Association. Upon a motion made by Anton Dietrich and seconded by Len Tommassone it was voted to: Accept the Treasurers report. Gross thanked Boyle for his report and Tommassone and his report of the Financial committee.

President Gross called on Frank Haines of the Financial Committee for their report.

Finance Committee

Proposed budget, 9th Infantry Division Association, Fiscal year ending May 31, 2000:

Spending Item	Proposed Amount
Secretary Salary	\$ 1,000
Clerical Help	1,000
Utilities	1,330
Postage	3,420
Miscellaneous	480
Supplies	720
Secretary Expense	1,000
Editor's Expense	500
Treasurer's Expense	400
Octofoil Publishing	8,700
Accountant Expense	300
Memorial Wreath	135
Bank Charges	192
12 months at \$16 per month	
Reunion Expenditures	19,177
Current Yr. - Texas Chap.	2,000
Increase - Texas Chap.	1,000(2)
Donations - Vets Hosp.	300(1)
Texas Chap.	
TOTAL	\$22,477

Footnotes:

(1) amendment by membership, Vet's Hosp. in Texas.
(2) amendment by membership, addition to anl. reunion cost for Texas chapter.

This committee consisted of Tom Hatton (Mich. chapter), Dick Boudouy (Fla. chapter), Al Perna (Philly chapter), Anton Dietrich (NY chapter), Jack Blann (Texas chapter), Michael Wengry (NJ chapter), and Tom Boyle (NE chapter) who sat in as an adviser.

Upon a motion made by Tom Hatton and seconded by Emil Langer, it was voted to: accept the financial and budget reports submitted by the committee.

President Gross thanked Frank and his committee and then called upon the Newspaper chairman Elmer Wagner who named these members who served with him on this committee: Emil DeDonato, Herb Olson, Marv Levy, Art Doring. The committee recommends that we continue with the same format for the Octofoil five copies a year and have the Ladies Auxiliary keep the Editor posted on their happenings and a big thanks to Marie Quinn for her help with the Octofoil. Upon a motion made by Al Perna and seconded by John Miller it was voted to accept the newspaper report and recommendations. President Gross thanked Emil Wagner and his committee for their report.

Pres. Gross called upon the Miscellaneous Committee and Rick Starr who served as the chairman named Bill Martin, Anton Dietrich, Rodger Alsgaard, Joe Killen, Adolph Wadalavage these members who served with him on this committee: they discussed the VA Hospital plan and urged the members to join up for benefits that may be coming including the VA's prescription plan before there are cut backs to eliminate this benefit.

It was also discussed that on future reunions more considerations be given to available public transportation facilities. This of course would mean more city type locations and cost factor. Also discussed were the Vets Awards Committee and President Gross replied he had asked George Brown to take Larry MacLaughlin's place as Larry had resigned. Adolph Wadalavage told of receiving one last minute request for a Vets award so he had to get together with George Brown and suggested that the Texas Chapters request be granted \$300.00 for that request.

Upon a motion made by Jack Collier and seconded by Mike Belmonte, it was voted to: Accept the Miscellaneous Committee report. President Gross thanked the Miscellaneous Committee for their report. President Gross called for the Nominating committee report and Len Tomassone as Chairman named the following members who served on this committee with him: Bill Klauz (NY), Mike Belmonte (Illinois), Herb Olson (NE), Everett Tapp at Large (Illinois), Charles Libretto (N.Y.). There are five members going off and they will be replaced by John Miller replaced by Jack Blann, Larry McLaughlin replaced by Herb Olson, Richard Boudouy replaced by H.F. Stansell, Richard Starr replaced by Al Perna, Jack Collier replaced by Dave Heller.

President Gross called for a vote as there were no other nominations from the floor and upon a motion made by Bob DeSandy it was voted to close the nomination and so voted.

President Gross called for the report of the By-Laws Committee and Dave Heller as Chairman of this committee named the following members who served with him on this committee: Pat DiCola, Al Zenka, John Somkowski, Henry Shimkoski, and Jack Collier. Request the Judge Advocate to make new update of our by-laws and give to (via the Octofoil to interested members. (2) Chapters should elect Alternative members. (3) at the next meeting we open discussion on a quorum of Board Members. According to By-laws a Board member is able to hold all elected offices (Pres-1 -2nd and 3rd Vice Pres. Judge Advocate and Treasurer. Upon a motion made by John Bonkowski and 2nd by Joe Kileen it was voted to: Accept the By-Laws committee report and so voted. A motion by Pete Radicchio it voted to close the meeting at 12:15 P.M.

Elections

The Board of Governors held their last meeting for year 2000 at Kutchers Hotel and Country Club on May 3, 2000 for the elections of officers for the coming year. President Marty Gross opened the meeting at 4:00 P.M. and asked the members to stand for a moment of silent prayer for our departed comrades and recite with him the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. Present at the meeting were the following members: John Miller, Jack Blann, Al Perna, Herb Olson, Dave Heller, H.F. Stansell, Joe Kileen, Bill Martin, Frank Haines, Elmer Wagner, Lenny Tomassone. President Gross called for elections of officers, the first office - the Presidency.

President of the Association Jack Blann, Greater Texas Chapter. 1st V.P. Tom Hatton, Michigan Chapter, 2nd V.P. Pat Decoli, Philly, Del. Chapter, 3rd V.P. Joe Kileen, NY Chapter, Judge Advocate Dave Heller, Illinois, Treasurer, Thomas Boyle, Secretary Daniel Quinn.

President Martin Gross immediately after the election of the new President turned the gavel of his Authority to Jack Blann of the Greater Texas Chapter and new President of the Ninth Infantry Association. Gross thanked the Board members for their cooperation for his term of office, and wished Jack Blann all the best for his term of office. Blann thanked the members for electing him to the high office of the Presidency and promises to keep the tradition of his office in high esteem.

Upon a motion by Billie Martin and seconded by Bill Doty it was voted to: Donate \$2000 to the Vets Memorial to be erected in Arlington, Va for those who served in WW2. It was originally voted to vote \$100 (upon a motion by Charles Libretto last year but somehow fell between the cracks and no action taken.)

Upon a motion by Jack Blann and seconded by Martin Gross it was voted to grant the Greater Texas Chapter the sum of \$3000. to assist if necessary the Reunion Committee for next years reunion.

In trying to keep with the tradition of planning for the reunions two years in advance and after asking from the floor for such a proposal and there being none but a suggestion from Peter Radichio to investigate a reunion to be held by the Board members in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. Radichio was asked to try to get a report back as soon as possible (and get several members from his chapter to help with this assignment). Dick Boudouy and Al Perna were named.

Upon a motion made by Adolph Wadalavage of the Awards Committee, it was voted to grant the Member of the Texas Chapter the sum of \$300.00. John Miller was the contact member involved.

There being no other business to come before the Board and upon a motion made by Jack Blann and seconded by Dick Boudouy it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Dan Quinn
National Secretary

Veterans bring their experiences to the classroom

Abby



Dear Abby:

Wow!! Was I surprised when my wife greeted me on the morning of May 19, 2000. Gracie handed me the GOOD MORNING section of the MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL which included a letter to you about a Veterans in the Classroom program.

I had just addressed a group of 53 fifth graders the previous week, May 11, 2000, recalling my experiences as an infantryman in Normandy, Northern France, and Belgium.

Coincidentally, I touched upon the topics you listed.

Abby, my visit to the McKinley Elementary School. Wauwatosa, WI made my day!!

Howard H. Gaertner



Dear Abby: I am asking that you get the word out to veterans across the country and encourage them to start a Veterans in the Classroom program in their local schools.

We started the program described below after a history teacher called for help in teaching her students what the war was really like. These are stories that cannot be found in history books.

One veteran from each branch of service, and from both the European and Pacific theaters, make up the program panel.

Before the presentation, we ask that students submit five questions that interest them most. During our presentation, we try to address as many of those questions as possible. Each vet covers the following topics:

- A brief personal history from enlistment to overseas departure.
- Arrival overseas — where, when, major battles, etc.
- A close-call story.
- A funny experience story.

• Time for questions and answers.

• Display of memorabilia that students can view and discuss with the vets, one-on-one.

The program is videotaped so that the true stories, told firsthand by the vets who experienced them, can be shown to future generations of students. Local press and TV are invited. Presentations by veterans from Korea, Vietnam and the Gulf War could follow.

Our Veterans in the Classrooms program has been well received and our wish is that other veterans will put on programs such as this in their local schools. We would be happy to serve as a resource for other veterans groups.

Thank you, Abby, for helping us encourage other vets to keep this important part of America's history alive.

— Ralph H. George,
Fountain Hills, Ariz.

M CO (47TH) CHRONICLER

Dear Compadres:

My efforts to locate those elusive fellows who have never heard of the reconstructed M Company, (or of the Association for that matter) are slowly paying off. The finding of Clayton HUGGINS and William F. SHERIDAN was reported in the last newsletter. Now, the following can be added to your roster:

BRENTON, Charles R., [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 2nd Platoon 23 Oct-24 Dec. '44.

CHANNING, James F., [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], 23 Nov.-30 Dec. '44.

Unhappily, the same effort has revealed that some of our compadres have made their last Reveille. Salutes go to:

Frederick J. FALGIANO, 1999

T.W. JACKSON, 1981

Theodore J. MOODY

Paul E. PFEIFFER, 1999

Joseph PLAGENZA, 1989

John M. POGGIO, 2000

Ira ROSENFELD, 2000

Richard D. WARWICK, 1993

Robert L. WINKELMAN, 2000

Also, the following are not responding. My letters are returned and their phones have been disconnected. It's possible that they have moved in with a relative or gone to a rest home, but I fear the worst. They will be dropped from the next roster unless I hear they're still with us.

Joseph F. BARRY, formerly of Horsehead, NY

Joe BRADLEY, formerly of N. Manchester, IN

John M. CALTON, formerly of Columbia, LA

Louis F. CASSARINO, formerly of the Bronx, NY

Glen A. DEVORE, formerly of Pocatello, ID

Benjamin J. KOVACS, formerly of Norwalk, CT

Harvey T. LEVZOW, formerly of Portage, WI

Fred MONIZ, formerly of Watertown, MA

Frank PEREIRA, formerly of Central Falls, RI

Michael J. RINALDI, formerly of Flushing, NY

Bernard SILVERMAN, formerly of Delray Beach, FL

Richard M. SKAPIK, formerly of San Francisco, CA

David W. YATES, formerly of Weirton, WV

Leo FATLAN of Braidwood, IL has been having serious health complications. A great soldier, he needs your good support. Fire off a card today or call [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]. Sam BUCHOLTZ has a new address: Daughters of Miriam Home, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] m. He's clear as a bell; "just too damned old," he says. Bill KOWALCZYK is likewise in a home but is still getting mail at his old place in Chicopee, MA; new phone: [REDACTED]. Eli KIKOEN now can be reached at [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]. Edward J. FRANCE has moved to [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] Tom MORGAN has a

Ditto for Michael A. YAMNITSKY: [REDACTED]. Correct

Norm STOLLMAN's street address to [REDACTED], in [REDACTED]. Sherman THOMAS can now be reached at P.O. [REDACTED].

Please correct Walter J. VICINELLI's name in last roster

and his phone is now [REDACTED]. Frank A. TIBBETTS'

zip in Sanborn, NH is 03269; phone [REDACTED]. Harold

H. STEELE now has an E-mail address: [REDACTED] t

and he complains that I had put him in the wrong outfit;

he was in the Glorious 1st Platoon, my old outfit. Morris

F. TAYLOR is also E-mailing from [REDACTED],

and Richard L. YATES can be reached that way at [REDACTED].

The first three chapters of Heavy Weapons 3rd ed. are off to a West Coast commercial publisher who I hope will agree to put out a paperback at a reasonable price, maybe even in time for Reunion 2001 at Houston, TX. Actually, the new book is over twice the size of the original thanks to contributions that poured in from fellows who weren't around when the first edition was distributed. Speaking of size, this letter's too darned long.

Adios amigos!

Henry G. "Red" Phillips

Amtrak Connections to Houston

Amtrak currently has direct service to Houston from Los Angeles in the west and Jacksonville in the East on the Sunset Limited. The service from Los Angeles arrives in Houston on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 10:10 A.M. The service from Jacksonville, Florida arrives in Houston at 9:38 P.M. Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Departures from Houston are about 20 minutes after the arrival time.

The Jacksonville train has connections to New York and Pennsylvania Station and also services New Orleans and Orlando.

Houston also has train-bus service connecting with the Texas Eagle Daily at Longview, Texas. This route services Chicago and the Midwest and arrives in Houston daily at 4:30 P.M. Departure time from Houston is 2:45 P.M. daily.

Amtrak has advised that they are rerouting many of their trains beginning in the Fall of 2000 or the Spring of 2001. The proposed rerouting would take the Sunset limited from Houston to Fort Worth and then west to El Paso. There would probably be many other changes, so to be sure of the routing, contact your nearest Amtrak station.

The Amtrak station in Houston is downtown and taxis meet all the trains. The distance to the Adam's Mark Hotel is about 12 miles.

55th National Reunion

It was nice to see three old members of Co. F 60th Infantry, George Arnold, Frank Dennis and John Sansone. Three members of the Texas Chapter attended, Jack Blann and Herb Stern and myself. We are fortunate to have Jack Blann elected President of the Association.

During the reunion Frank Dennis unrolled the picture of Co. F 60th Infantry taken in September 1942 just before we shipped overseas. We tried to identify the few remaining men that made the invasion of North Africa on November 8, 1942. We identified John Miller, Ed Pavlich, Lorenzo Filetti, William Nichols, Wilbert Skinn and one officer, William Voller.

Orion Shockey, 47th Infantry Regiment, was the first to enter Bizerte, Tunisia two days before the 9th Division took the city and directed our artillery fire on the enemy. He gave each member of the Association at the Reunion a special designed necktie with the Octofoil imprinted on the front. This shows his appreciation to the Association and his love and honor for all members of the 9th Division that fought so well during WWII. Many thanks to Orion, a great soldier and a loyal patriot.

Look forward to seeing you in Houston for the 56th Annual Reunion.

John Miller
Co F. 60th Inf.

47th Inf 1st Bn Med's
GORDON BINDER

Dear Dan:

Enclosed is my check for a three-year membership in the 9th Division Association. I would have joined years ago and would have attended some reunions, I think, but never knew the address of the association. Recently, Cliff Barbanell of San Francisco, who was a company commander of one of the infantry companies, sent me a copy of the "Octofoil."

I was battalion surgeon, 1st Battalion, 47th Infantry, from Normandy in July 1944 to the Battle of the Bulge in Monschau in late December, when I was evacuated with pneumonia. When I was discharged from the hospital, I was reassigned to the Collecting Company, 47th Infantry, where I served until the Remagen Bridgehead, from which I was evacuated about March 22, 1945 with infectious hepatitis.

I look forward to receiving the Octofoil and hopefully, to attending one of the reunions, but, approaching 82 years of age, do not know if that is realistic!

P.S.: Many times through the years, my 12-year-old grandson would ask me, "grandpa, what was it like during World War II?" So, two months ago, I wrote my "Memoirs of WWII, the Combat History of an Infantry Battalion Surgeon." It felt good to have written down some of the incredible experiences!

Mrs. Matt Urban

*Each one of you has been so nice
It makes it very hard
To put so much real gratitude
Into a single card.
But if each one of you will read
Between the lines, you'll know
This brings a "thank-you" more sincere
Than words could ever show.*

Dear Mr. Quinn, Members Ninth Div. Associations,
I am deeply grateful for the contributions that were made to the Matt Urban Memorial Fund from you and members of the Ninth Division Associations, their families, and friends.

Because of this generosity, the Memorial monument with Matt's accomplishments for peace and freedom properly engraved in stone exists today, and stands proudly at Matt's resting place in Arlington National Cemetery. For this Memorial, all of you have reason to be proud.

In war as in peace, Matt was a loving spirit, very caring, happy, outgoing, not power hungry, big spirited and grateful to God for extending his life. Most of all, he much cared for and loved his "Army Brothers".

Thank you again, and God Bless you each one.

Sincerely;

Mrs. Matt (Jennie) Urban

47 Inf L Co
HENRY GEARY

Hello Dan,

I think it is time I get to send in my dues for the next three years. By the way I am one who had sent info to Caen, France to try and get the medal for the Normandy Campaign. I did receive a certificate of recognition for that time.

This I guess is a replacement for the medal. It is a good looking certificate. It is in the form of a diploma.

Hope to see all in Houston, Tx next year.

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The Making of a Professional

Manton S. Eddy, USA

By Henry Gerard Phillips

Foreword by Martin Blumenson

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An examination of the life of General Manton S. Eddy, this study details his experiences in World War II as leader of the U.S. 9th Infantry Division through North Africa, Sicily and France, and subsequently, as commander of XII Corps, into the heart of Germany. While much has been written about the top military leaders of this era, there is little information about corps commanders whose missions were limited to doing battle and whose organizations were tailored exclusively for this task. Eddy's career provides a model for the Army's most ambitious officers, particularly those who, like Eddy, faced the challenge without family connections or the traditional West Point education. He devoted his life to the U.S. Army, enhancing his innate talents through the incorporation of a daily program of self-education.

Eddy had an excellent grasp of the basic principles of military tactics and strategy. He attained this art through home study and assiduous application at the Army's professional education institutions, in particular at the Command and General Staff College, where he served as an instructor for four years. He focused on people, quickly learning and applying basic skills to draw out their best efforts. He came to know what to expect from them in the chaos and under the pressure of combat. This facilitated his development of strong, mission-oriented subordinates. His personal goal was always to maximize all available power at the correct point for crushing his nation's enemies, and to this end, he was extraordinarily successful.

CONTENTS: Preface; Forward; Best Day of My Life, 26 June 1944; As the Twig is Bent, 1892-1916; Over There, 1916-1920; Georgia on My Mind, 1920-1930; Learning to Shine, 1930-1941; Starbreak, March-December 1942; Coming of Age-I, January-April 1943; Coming of Age-II, May-June 1943; Coming of Age-III, July-November 1943; In the Clover, December 1943-June 1944; Normandy, June-August 1944; Commanding XII Corps-I, 18 August-29 September 1944; Commanding XII Corps-II, 30 September 1944-20 April 1945; Now the Cold Warrior, 1945-1953; "...the torch has been passed ..." 1953-1962; Tidying up the Battlefield; Appendix; Bibliography; Index.

HENRY GERARD PHILLIPS fought overseas with the 9th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army in Africa and Europe from 1942 to 1945. After serving as an officer from 1946-1967, he retired Associate Professor of Military Studies, PMC Colleges, Chester, PA 1967-1971. Later he founded and edited a small community newspaper in California. He is the author of three previous books on battles of the 9th Infantry Division.

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NY Chapter Annual Memorial Day Service

On May 20, 2000 the NY Chapter held its annual 9th Inf Div Memorial Day Service for deceased comrades at the VA National Cemetery in Farmingdale, Long Island, NY. Due to heavy rains services were held in the VA community room. The floral Octofoil wreath acquired by Al Zenka was placed to the right of the speaker's lectern. President Anton Dietrich began the service at 10:45 A.M. with members pledge of allegiance to the flag. Because our resident chaplain Al Lipton was hospitalized Al Zenka gave the invocation and requested a moment of silent reflection for our departed comrades in war and peace. Tony Varone addressed the ensemble and spoke thoughtfully of those gone but not forgotten. Recorded Taps ended the service.

Following the service, Prez Dietrich called the meeting to order (which would have been held at our picnic after the memorial service, if the weather had cooperated).

Since Secretary Art Schmidt was also hospitalized his minutes were not available of the previous meeting. Treasurer Al Zenka read the financial report. There was no correspondence to the chapter but several members offered this information: Marv Levy said he visited Art Schmidt at the VA hospital in St. Albans, Queens and noted that Art was in good spirits while waiting for his new leg replacement. Art was sporting a shaved head and looked like a new recruit in Fort Bragg. Joe Killen reported Dan Quinn was scheduled for hip replacement surgery on May 18. Al Zenka reported that Al Lipton was in the hospital for internal bleeding. Members all signed get-well cards.

Reunion co-chairman Joe Killen gave a final statistical report on the Kutsher's reunion: 135 members attended including 92 wives, 11 widows and 28 friends and relatives — totalling 266. There were 33 cancellations — and one member left the hotel without paying. In general the membership thought the reunion was very successful.

Meeting was adjourned and we drove to a nearby diner for lunch. Attending the service, meeting and lunch were: Charlotte and Anton Dietrich, Emma and Joe Killen, Barbara and Marv Levy, Al Lubrano, Gene Magidson, Sadie and Joe Maiale, William Muldoon, Joe Rzesniowicki, Viola and Tony Varone and Genevieve and Al Zenka.

June Meeting

The last meeting of the NY Chapter until September was held in Masonic Hall, 71 W. 23rd St., NYC on June 16, 2000.

Prez Dietrich opened the meeting with the customary ceremony. Temporary chaplain Joe Killen gave the invocation.

Minutes of the previous meeting was read by Recording Secretary Marv Levy and Treasurer Al Zenka gave the financial report. There was no correspondence. A discussion of where to hold the chapter's next mini-reunion in September followed. A number of locations were suggested but the group voted to return to Friar Tuck which would have many improvements including a new elevator. The date was set for September 11-15, 2000. The chapter's first fall meeting will be at the resort.

The next Christmas party location was discussed and the majority voted for Niedersteins in Queens, NY again this year.

Not attending the June meeting were members Dan Quinn who was in the hospital recovering from hip surgery. He is now home and on the mend. Al Lipton, after a bout with internal bleeding, was going into the hospital again for knee surgery on July 10 — the second one for the same knee. Art Schmidt was still in the St. Albans VA Care Center for his leg replacement. We wish our buddies a quick recovery.

Since the June meeting Al Zenka informed us of the passing of member Anthony Matuza from a stroke on May 25. Also Joseph Mazzaresse died while in the NY State nursing home on April 12. And Oreste Russo's beloved wife, Rose, passed away on May 5. The chapter sends heartfelt condolences to the families.

By the time this column is published the summer will be half over — but we hope Ninthmen everywhere will have had a joyous and healthy July and August.

Attending, but not mentioned above: Emil Langer, Charlie LiBretto, Al Lubrano, Bill Klaus, Joe Maiale, Joe Rzesniowicki, Hermnio Suarez and Adolph Wadalavage.

SEEKING

Attention Ninthmen! Maybe someone might be able to help answer this query which was sent to me by E-mail:

"Hello, my name is Tom Huot. My father was a member of Co A, 60th from 1940 until your arrival in the U.K. when I believe he went to the division headquarters security platoon and later to an MP company. He passed away twenty years ago and didn't talk much of his experiences. Did anyone know him? I am also doing research for a book on the 60th during WWII and am seeking first person accounts of the men in the outfit. Any information from men such as you would be very helpful. Thank you. Tom Huot, 24709 Ross Street, Dearborn, Michigan 48124. Tel. 313-274-1623."

Marv Levy
Co A, 60th

COMPANY K 47th INFANTRY

Long Time No Write!

K company has never been famous for keeping in touch, the only one who checks in on a semi-regular basis is Joe Kilacky. Joe is still up and about and still weighing the pros and cons of getting his wheels fixed, he has given up on repairing his golf. To the best of my knowledge, the following are still amongst the quick (but don't bet on it): Bill Arnold, George Bastedo, Frank Corvino, Scoop Gillespie, Bill Horan, Joe Killacky, Bill McKinny, Dr. Nicklin, Red Thompson, and Helen Holmes.

The 47th Lives!

When the last remaining unit of the 47th was on the brink of evaporation last year, I was alerted by Ken Meyer, Cammand Sergeant Major of the 47th. Regiment Association. I, and other K-Men, wrote to the Commandant of Ft. Benning, begging him to name something 47th just to keep our flag out of the closet. He answered us all that he would love to have the 47th but it wasn't his call, it was the Army's Center for History that made the decisions. I inundated the ladies at the center with letters, e-mails, and Fax's extolling the 47th's record. Something worked, they named two training battalions at Ft. Benning, the second and third battalions of the 47th.

In February of this year, I received an invitation to Ft. Benning to attend the Change of Authority ceremony. Well, I have been to Benning, but I had never heard of a Change of Authority, so I decided to go, after all, I felt I should put my money where my mouth is. My wife Alice and my oldest son Doug, joined me.

Benning has changed a mite since I was there 57 years ago. I didn't recognize much except a few pines and the basic anathema. The sergeant at the information center didn't know where the ceremonial field was located, nor where the units were. A stop by the airfield got us more misinformation, but closer the area we were looking for. Eventually we found the place for the next morning to do.

Much of this affair revolved around the 47th. Infantry Assoc. I do not know what this is, who the members are, of anything else about it. Ken Meyers is in it, and so is Maness and at this time they were changing the leadership from Col. E. E. Thurman to Brig. Gen. D.S. Smith, both had served in the 47th. at some past date.

After the audience was seated, the Second and Third Battalions marched out and prepared for inspection. This was quite a fete because, other than the officers and non-coms, no one had been in the army over a week. The reviewing party arrives, there is an invocation, honors to the nation, and the reviewing party conducts inspection.

This was followed by the installation of Gen White and short speeches by 2nd. Btn Co. Lt. Col. Mike Burns and 3rd. Btn Co. Lt. Col. Edward B. Daly. These guys look as fit as a fiddle and tough as a keg of nails. Since they are not having any decent wars now-days, where they can cover their chests with color, these people have to get every badge or tab available. Ed Daly is on the demonstration team for both sky and scuba diving.

The band then played the 47th Infantry song (Ever hear it of about it?). The Infantry Song, and the Army Song. They had a squad in camouflage come out and show their various weapons. It concluded with a Bradley Fighting Vehicle (The Infantry rides to work now) making an attack of the visitors and taking them all captives.

We repaired to their building for cake and coffee and bull sessions by the attendees. They took photos by wars. Five of us in the WWII photo were Ken Meyers, the Pfc. from St. Louis, Maness, Bill Horan, and me. That makes two from "K" because Bill was in "K" in Africa. Although I had corresponded with Maness, this was my first opportunity to talk to him, face to face. I asked if he didn't feel just a little bit bad accepting a unit citation for the work of a few K-men. He said, "You should read the citation for my DSC, I never even heard of things they had me doing." I sort of thought that would be the answer. By the way, I don't know how many of you know it, but "K" got the citation also. If it is not in your bragging box, get one now.

My son purchased a "K" guideon while we were at Benning and it might be the only one in existence. The new Army doesn't have K Companies. Each battalion starts with "A", consequently, they have to have the Regt., the Bat. #, and the Company - such as "B", "3", "47th." Tacky, tacky. K's have Klass. Maybe I should contact the History Lady again.

In the evening, Mike Burns and his lovely wife Kathy had a very pleasant party at their GI home on the Benning golf course. I was able to expand their military experience as the only horse cavalryman they had ever met.

We flew back the next day. Both my wife and son were enthusiastic about the trip.

I don't mind writing these letters, just give me something to write about.

Chester H. Jordan

84th Field Artillery Battalion Members, Start Planning now for our 56th Annual Reunion in Houston

The good attendance record of 84 FA Battalion members at Division Reunions over the years took a dive at Montpelier. It was the smallest turnout many of us would recall.

Walter Ricker, Greenville, Tenn. was there with three members of his family, as was Matt Szuba of New Castle, Pa. with four of his clan. Alice and Frank Haines scanned the registration board hourly in vain for members of the old anti-tank platoon and Headquarters Battery.

We urge you to make your plans early, gang for 2001 in Texas. Pete Rice will be hosting his old friends on home territory. Best wishes for good health to all. Alice and Frank Haines

84 FA

Mr. Frank W. Haines

SEEKING

I am writing this letter to you as a result of your name being furnished to me by a Veterans of Foreign Wars magazine association located in Kansas City, MO. I was informed that you were with the 9th Infantry Division in WWII. I am trying to find out some information on the 9th Infantry Division, 60th Regiment, Company "K" which my brother PFC Anthony J. Epp from Ozone Park, Queens, N.Y. was with when he died of wounds received in action in the Hurtgen Forest near Aachen, Germany 18 October 1944.

I was wondering whether there are any living members of the 60th Regiment, Company "K" that may have known him, and could pinpoint the specific area in the forest they were fighting in at that time. Also the names of the regiment and company commanders and any other pertinent information. Since I was a young boy at the time I have no specific knowledge of his prior military service since I was informed that his military records were destroyed in the St. Louis, MO Record Center fire of 1973. My recollections are that he entered the service in 1942, was originally assigned to the Signal Corps in Troy, N.Y. He was then selected for the Army Air Cadet program somewhere in Texas and then when the Army was in need of infantry personnel was reassigned to a training division, perhaps the 78th Fighting Division.

He eventually went overseas in the summer of 44, through Scotland, France and Belgium. I suspect he might have been assigned to the 9th after my reading of the book "Citizen Soldiers" by Stephen Ambrose.

Since I am presently trying to formulate a family historical profile on my brother, I would appreciate any information you can provide me with or actions I would take to obtain this information.

Yours truly,
John P. Epp

FLORIDA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

SOMEPLACE NEW ... SOMETHING NEW! Yes, Richard Baudouy, Reunion Chairman, picked the Hilton Melbourne Airport Hotel as the Headquarters for our September 21, 22, 23 and 24 Florida Chapter Reunion. This is SOMEPLACE NEW! Then on Friday, September 22nd, we go to Port Canaveral where we will board the Sterling Casino Line from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. You will enjoy 5 hours of Las Vegas excitement and experience the luxurious feel of an elegant Casino Ship. This is SOMETHING NEW!

The hotel room rate is \$54.00 per night which is a bargain. The Hilton Melbourne Airport Hotel is very accommodating highlighted by its 240 spacious guest rooms; the San Marcos Restaurant & Grill; 24 hour room service; Health & Fitness Center ... and much more. So plan now to attend. Reserve September 21 to 24 for another chance to meet, laugh and enjoy a few days with a group of people who share the same dedication in memory of those who, for whatever reason, cannot be with us.

An Order Form together with an Information Sheet will be sent to all Chapter Members approximately 5 weeks prior to opening day. Any National Organization member wishing to join us is welcomed. Contact Emil De Donato to be included in the mailing.

FLORIDA CHAPTER MEMBERS ATTEND 55TH ANNUAL REUNION: Richard and Jean Baudouy; H.F. and Lila Stansell; Emil and Audrey De Donato; Marty and Irene Gross; Peter Radiccio and Marge Gelhausen attended the National Reunion at Kutcher's Country Club. Over 300 men, women and children from across the country enjoyed their stay at this beautiful hotel in the Catskill Mountains in New York State. Congratulations go to Joe Killen, Marty Gross, their wives and all of the other reunion committee workers for a well planned reunion. Thank you New York Chapter for another reunion well done.

ROSTER UPDATE

Ira Moser: New Member. 5064 Baux Mt. Rd., Winston Salem, N.C. 27105, Co. L 47th Infantry Regiment. Ira Moser joined the Florida Chapter while attending the 55th annual reunion. The Officers and Members welcome Ira into our Chapter and hope that he will attend our coming September reunion. Please include Ira Moser on your roster.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

LILA & H.F. STANSELL: We are happy to report that H.F. and Lila are feeling much better in health. After leaving the 55th Annual Reunion, they went to visit Lila's sister in North Georgia Mountain area. They traveled over 3,040 miles by car since leaving their Ormond Beach home in May to attend the National Reunion. Despite Lila's slight backache due to all that driving, Lila wrote saying they were happy to arrive home safe and sound.

ERIKA & LE ROY MILLER: On May 28th, Le Roy and Erika boarded a Lufthansa Chartered Airline from Orlando to Munich, Germany, for a two weeks visit with Erika's brother Walter. LeRoy met Erika in Germany towards the end of WWII, fell in love, married her, then went back to Germany after his discharge to bring Erika back to the U.S. with him. Throughout these past 50 years, members of Erika's family and the Millers would take turns in visiting one another. At present, only Erika and her brother Walter are left. LeRoy described the start of their two weeks vacation comparing it with the Army days. He said they rushed to the Orlando Airport in the wee hours of the morning only to wait for over 7 hours before they could start to board. The boarding pattern was horrendous ... no one had reservations ... no one seemed to know anything. Once inside the plane, they were packed like sardines with hardly any room to stretch their legs. This was compounded with the fact that they had inside seats. It reminded LeRoy of the 40 & 8 box cars that we rode in Africa. Despite all this discomfort, they endured the long flight and landed safely in Munich.

They spent most of their two weeks going different places with Walter. They enjoyed their visit but were happy to return to their St. Augustine home on June 11th.

LOUIS BAUSER: (In Memoriam) Any 9th Infantry Division veteran who served under Tech. Sgt. Louis Bauser of L Co. 60th Infantry Regiment starting from July 28, 1944 until he was severely wounded should be proud of him for his leadership as a Platoon Sgt. Louis joined L Co. 60th as a PFC replacement. It wasn't long after entering the fighting that he was made a Corporal, Staff Sgt. and finally a Tech Sgt. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters. On August 7, 1944, he was wounded in the lower stomach and right hand while fighting in France. On January 15, 1945 he suffered a shrapnel wound on his left side. Then on April 18, 1945, a bullet wound shattered his left knee. During one engagement with the enemy, he supervised, directed and led in combat a group of 11 men in capturing and then holding the enemy position. Lou Bauser spent 107 days recuperating at Cushing General Hospital in Framingham, Mass.

Louis Bauser passed away in 1983. His wife, Sybil, lives on [redacted]. She would appreciate hearing from any veteran who knew and served with her late husband.

Emil J. De Donato

ILLINOIS CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

We would like to thank the Committee for a beautiful Reunion at Kutshers Country Club in May. Martin Gross and Joe Killen did an excellent job in organizing everything. The nightly entertainment was very enjoyable and the food was excellent including the Cocktail Party. Again, we were few in numbers but it appeared that all present had a good time. We were impressed with the Memorial Service which was very moving. The Fallsburg H.S. Choral Group added just the right touch to the service. They were excellent. Lord willing, we are looking forward to next year at Houston. Also, congratulations to John Blann, the new President for the coming year.

Thanks and appreciation go to Orion C. Shockley who was so gracious to have ties made up with the Octofoil and given out to each man present. It was a thoughtful gesture.

The S.Y.N. Club held several meetings while in Kutshers. Jack Collier was allowed to join the group. We look forward to Houston or the next meeting and payback time for a certain party with the initials "M.J."

We are sorry to report the loss of one of our Illinois Members who has been residing in Florida for the past several years. Robert Winkelman, 47th Inf. M. Co. passed away in Florida in May. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Georgiana and family. We do not have any more details.

On June 15th David and DV Heller arranged a tour of the Botanic Gardens for the Illinois Chapter. We had a tour of the Gardens by tram and visited the new Model Train Exhibit as well as the gardens where David oversees. It was an interesting day and enjoyed by the Andersons, Hennemuths, Elmers, Belmontes, Cecil Lacie (Joe's widow) and friend Evelyn, Muriel Gray (Lew's widow), Wanda Preston, (Ted's widow) and two newcomers, Harold and Joan Walschke, 60th Inf. L Co. It was a beautiful day and the Hellers also arranged for a box lunch which was excellent. Thanks for a beautiful day, David and DV.

On July 26th the Gaertners are having a cookout at their home in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. We look forward to spending the day with them, eating, drinking and catching up on all the latest news from all present. We hope to have a good turnout and will report in the next issue.

ANGOLA OUTSTATE MEETING

On October 4 and 5, we will be holding our Outstate Meeting in Angola, Indiana. Michigan Chapter will be hosting this year. The room rate is \$62.00 plus 8% tax. Reservations are to be made directly to the Holiday Inn either by mail or phone - 219-665-9471 and mention the Ninth for the special rate. Deadline for reservations is September 19. We will have the Hospitality room as in the past. Come one - come all and join in the fun. There is an excellent golf course nearby if anyone is interested.

Till the next time - everyone stay healthy and take care.

Respectfully submitted
Mike Belmonte



Shown at the New York Reunion held at Kutcher's Country Club Resort Hotel held in May 2000 are: (left to right) back row Ruth Victor and Emil Langer. Seated Barbara Harris, friend of the Victor's, Glen Smith, son of Steve Smith, Co. A 47th Inf.



Three old timers from M Co. 47th Inf. are shown at a recent get together after 55 years — L-R Sam Drapec, Willard Norris, and "Doc" Joe Kaminski — letter appears in Mail Call.

TAPS SOUNDED

Call out our 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.

Helen Clark
Wife of Arthur Clark M Co.
39 Inf.

Michael Stanick

Edward Kuklewicz
Co. B. 15 Engrs.

Ira Rosenfeld
M Co. 47 Inf. Bn.

Erma Teachour
Widow of Gerry Teachour
F Co. 60 Inf.

Hobard D. Warwick
M. Co. 47 Inf.

Rose Russo
Wife of Oresto Russo 47
Inf. L Co.

Theodore Schmidt
26 FA

Leo R. Gully
G. Serv. Co. 60 Inf.

Earl S. Ailor
47th Inf.

John Poggio
M Co. 47 Inf.

Rocco Vitale
M Co. 60 Inf.

Joseph Mazarese
Co. K 47th Inf.

Tony Matuza
C Co. 60 Inf.

Constantine Pappas
F Co. 60 Inf.

Stanley Roberts
M - 47th Inf.

George Hurray
D Co. 9 Med.

Robert Hurst
A Co. 15th Eng.

Charles Polkoski
Serv. Co. 60 Inf.

H Co. 60 Inf.
EUGENE R. LANDIS

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I did not know the 9th Division Association existed until I ran into Bill Rybka. I am now 77 years old and it has been too many years for me to remember all the events and information from 56 years ago and I hope you can help me regain some of that memory. I think I was in the 60th regiment of Co. H. All I remember is that I was in the 9th Infantry Division. I know I was in the Battle of the Bulge, wounded in Germany and ended up in the hospital in Paris and then the hospital in South Hampton, England. Bill informed me you might be helpful in replacing the ribbons and medals that I lost many years ago. If that can be arranged, I would be eternally grateful. I am sending a check for dues. Next year I will join for a longer period of time. I am looking forward to a great relationship with my organization.

MAIL CALL

47th Inf. G. Co.
MORRIS E. HARRISON

Enclosed is my check to subscribe to the Octofoil paper. I was assigned to the 47th Inf. G Co. at St. Lo in France. Stayed with the company all the way through France, Belgium and Germany, till the end of the war. Captain Kraft was my company commander. Lt. Gold was platoon leader. When the war was over there was only 3 original private's left that joined in St. Lo. Would like to hear from any of the original G Company. Sorry I won't be able to attend the reunion mostly because of old age and other means. I hope everyone enjoys themselves and has a great time. Thanks.

Lieutenant Colonel
John W. Miller,
U.S. Army, Retired

Dear Colonel Miller:

This is in response to your letter on behalf of (then) Private Richard W. Martin, concerning an award of the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Based on the documentation provided in support of this request, award of the Combat Infantryman Badge is approved. We are enclosing the Combat Infantryman Badge. We have also forwarded this information to the National Personnel Records Center so that Mr. Martin's Official Military Personnel File can be updated.

It is an honor to issue this symbol in recognition of Mr. Martin's faithful and dedicated service to our Nation during a time of great need. Thank you for your interest in the Army's Awards Program.

Sincerely,
Bernard P. Gabriel
Lieutenant Colonel,
U.S. Army
Chief, Military Awards
Branch

MARTIN, RICHARD W., AUS,
31 286 814, Private,
Company E, 60th Infantry
Regiment, 9th Infantry
Division, European Theater
of Operations
Announcement is made of
the following award:
Award: Combat Infantryman
Badge

9th Medic C Co.
ALEX BALOUGH

I want to thank all of my buddies, and their wives for sending me cards for my 87th birthday.

I'm sorry that my friend Luceil and I missed the reunions, but she had just come home from the hospital and I didn't want to take a chance with her on the road. Hopefully we will meet again at our next reunion.

We think of all of you every day, and wish all of you the best of health, and happiness.

God Bless

SEEKING

Mr. Quinn:

I am looking for information on the history of the 9th Infantry Division, especially during the period of 21 July 1944 to 4 September 1944. My father, Clarence Grooms Herron was an infantryman in the 9th, and severely wounded at Dinant, Belgium. He died in 1977, and as I get older (63 now) I wish I had remembered more of his service. He really never talked very much about it, and perhaps that is why I don't remember more. I have found the internet site for the Center for Military History, and they have an excellent history of the period until St. Lo. But little of the period afterwards.

His information, from his discharge is:
DISCHARGE PAPER
PFC, Co. F, 39th Inf
Regiment. Serial no. 34 922
201, inducted 4 Jan. 44
entry into active service 26
Jan. 44, Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga.
MOS Rifleman 745
Wounded 4 Sept. 44
dept US 15 Jul 44, arrive
Europe 21 Jul 44
dept Europe 5 Feb 45, arrive
US 12 Feb 45
Continental Service 11 mos,
3 days
Foreign Service 6 mos, 28
days
Discharged 26 Jul 45, 1318
SCU Hospital Center, Cp
Pickett, VA

Any references or information on the 9th, the 39th Regiment, or other items relevant to my father would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Dean Herron

39 Inf K Co
ORLYN GILES

I am enclosing my check for three years dues and please send me two decals if they are still available.

Thanks for the good job you do for the association and in getting the Octofoil out to us.

I was diagnosed with prostate cancer the first of this year and am getting treatments now, so my dues are a little late.

47 Inf B Co
JOS. HARVILLA

Enclosed find dues for 2 years also a \$5 donation for the memorial fund for Thomas Kostelac of Co B 47th Inf who died last year, a very nice fellow from Fayette City, PA. Many of the old buddies will remember his humor, first meeting him at a reunion in Pittsburgh, PA way back, Lelaks, Marano, Paliga, were some of the great men, and who have already died. Thomas Kostelac left behind his widow Dorothy.

Miss the news that Ellie Taubner was great in keeping up with Co B. Hope she is doing fine, and Joe her husband.

60 Inf. K Co.
JAMES HART, JR.

Enclosed is my check for my dues. I apologize for being so late, but we were away for three months. Just got back home on 12 April.

My wife and I both enjoy the Octofoil, she was an army nurse in England during the bombing prior to D Day. She came back to the States where I met her. She was then on the hospital ship Thistle for the duration. The ship ran between Charleston, S.C. and Naples, Italy. The blind date resulted in 6 kids, 12 grandkids and 6 greats.

Again I want to thank you and Marie for the devotion you have given to the Association. Doubt if we would still be going strong without you two.

Have a great 2000.

47 Inf B Co
ALBERT FEDER

I enclose my check for regular membership.

My service with the 9th Division began when I joined B Co 47th Inf Regiment in June of 1944. I participated in five campaigns beginning with the push of Cherbourg to the final meeting with the Russians at the Mulde River.

I was wounded on July 28, 1944 and again in Feb. of 1945 on the drive to capture the Roer River Dams. If anyone wants to get in touch with me with regard to those who served and remember, please feel free to do so. Since I entered service at 18 years of age, I am almost 75 years old. Although I've undergone bypass surgery and a retina operation I still look back with pride on my service with the "Raiders". Sorry to hear about the passing of Sg. George Apar who I remember well.

My best wishes for all who served.

SEEKING

Dear Mr. Quinn:

A David Baker gave me your address and said you may be able to help me. My father Edward Dallis Godwin served in F Company 9th Div. 47th Inf. Reg. Unfortunately my father died in 1972 when I was 8, and I do not know very much about his military service. What I do know is he was in Tunisia and received the silver star, but I do not know the circumstances of the award. St. Louis has no information on him due to the fire a few years back. Any information you could give me would help. If you knew him personally then I would like to talk to you about him. I appreciate any information you could give.

Thank you,
Ed Godwin

SEEKING

Dear Mr. Quinn:

We spoke on the telephone before the holidays. I am trying to contact any Ninth Division WWII vets who may have known my late father. I was hoping that you could publish the letter below in the next issue of the "Octofoil." If you have any questions or need more info, you can contact me at the address and phone number below. Thanks so much.

I am writing "The Octofoil" in hopes of contacting someone who may remember my late father, Domenic Liberator. He was from Bellaire, Ohio, and was a rifleman/BAR man with the 60th Infantry Regiment. He was inducted in May, 1943; went through basic training at Camp Shelby, Miss.; arrived in England in June, 1944; and landed in France in July, 1944. He was a PFC and served in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, and Rhineland campaigns.

I have my dad's wartime wallet, with many names and addresses. I recall him speaking of Mike Ostrowski, Worcester, Mass.; Patrick Musto, Union City, NJ; and John Mowrey, Camden, NJ, who was killed in the last days of the war.

I would greatly appreciate it if any Association members who knew my father would contact me at the address or phone number below. Thanks for your help, and thanks so much for your wartime sacrifices.

Respectfully,
David Liberator
123 Red Apple Dr.

SEEKING

SPC Chad Sander
LRMC, CMR-402

Dear Mr. Quinn:

I am writing you today for information about my grandfather, William Arthur Sander, service number: 326-14-138. He served in the 47th from 1942-1945 and was originally from Brooklyn. He served with a Salvador "Sal" Sceppe who, I believe, was injured in Sicily. I know for a fact that he was a member of the 9th Infantry Association since my father found a letter from you dated from 1963. After the war, he moved to Lindenhurst, LI, NY and passed away in 1984, survived by my grandmother, Gladys.

I was wondering if you knew what company he was with and if there are any Veterans he served with I could contact. I never had a chance to hear his stories first hand, so talking to someone who was with him would mean a lot to my father and me. I would also like to know the easiest way to acquire his complete service record.

I am currently stationed in Germany and would like to visit some of the places that you and my grandfather helped to liberate. I appreciate your time and any information you can provide me with.

Respectfully
SPC Chad Sander

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47 Inf C Co.
JOHN VERAJA

In all the years, I attended only one reunion, and that was the one at the Concord in 1996! At that time, while there was not one man from C Company, 47 Regt. who had been at Arlesford, England (Tichborne Estate) prior to Normandy - I felt a bit like coming home!

I recall reminiscing with you about S/Sgt. Randy Brown, 1st Sgt. Howard Brooks, 1st Lt. Klaus, and others that only you knew to some degree.

Love reading the Octofoil. Now that the gallant 9th is back in the Catskills. I'm so sorry that I cannot attend. However, please apply the enclosed check in memory of some the the finest men I ever served with in this life!

Pvt. Joseph Gallagher B Co 47th, K.I.A. Normandy near Clearboug; Pvt. Chet Weborg C Co 47th, K.I.A. Normandy; Sgt. Alex Thomas C Co 47th, K.I.A. Normandy; 1st Sgt. Howard Brooks C Co 47th, All the way from Bragg; S/Sgt. Randy Brown C Co 47th, All the way from Bragg.

They're always in my thoughts! You do great work, Dan, stay well!

SEEKING

My father was killed on Oct. 17, 1944 in the Hurtgen Forest in Germany.

He was a Private in the 60th Infantry, Co. F, 9th division. He is buried in the American Cemetery in Henu Chapello, Belgium.

I am writing to ask if any of the men who served in the Army with him are still living. If so, does anyone remember my dad? Can someone tell me the circumstances of his death?

I was 3 years old when my dad was killed. I have visited his grave. I would appreciate knowing more about him. His name is:

Pasquale J. Angelina.
His nickname was Pat. He was a barber and asked my mom to send him his barber tools so he could cut the guys' hair in his group. He was 31 years old when he was killed.

Thank you very much for your interest and help.

Gratefully,
Helen M. Angelina