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THE OCTOFOIL

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61st REUNION 2006 BRANSON, MISSOURI

Well, here we are on the eve of the final payment date for our 61st Reunion. This is the last issue of the Octofoil before the reunion, so there are some last minute items that are listed below. Those of you who are flying in, should fly to Springfield, MO., and then rent cars or use the shuttle vans that are available from the airport to Branson. Springfield is only about 30 miles from Branson; St. Louis is about 4 hours drive from Branson, and Little Rock, AR is about 3 hours from Branson if you can find more convenient flights to those airports.

Five airlines, Delta, American, North West, United and Allegiant, all fly into Springfield. You will have to find out if there is a flight from your city. Once in Springfield Airport, all of the major car rental companies, Alamo, Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz, National and Thrifty, have facilities in the terminal building, and all have toll free 800 numbers. You can also arrange for transportation by shuttle to Branson after arriving at the airport. Gray Line of Branson runs a regularly scheduled shuttle 4 times a day. The first one is 9:30 am every day. Check at the airport for the rest of the schedule.

As of June 12, we have 93 rooms reserved at the hotel. The total number of people will most likely be about 160 to 170. I realize that there will be some last minute reservations, and possibly some last minute cancellations as well. I am hoping we have 100 rooms when all reservations are in.

If you decide to attend the reunion at the last minute, please contact me to find out if we still have rooms available. I can be reached at my toll free number, 1-866-229-2377, Pin #3322.

Remember, the dead line for final payment is August 15, 2006. Please make sure that you mail in your checks so that I will have the final payment by that date.

For those of you who served in the 60th Infantry Regiment, there will be something for you to read at the reunion. I received in the mail a history of the 60th for service from 1917-1919 in World War I. It makes interesting reading. Tom Hatton is going to make a couple of extra copies of it so it will be available to read at the reunion.

We are having difficulty finding busses with wheelchair lifts for our trip to the Branson Belle on Saturday the 7th. If any of you are using motorized wheelchairs I need to know right away so we can make the necessary arrangements. It seems that with all the visitors to Branson, the bus companies have not seen fit to live up to the American Disabilities Act in being able to offer buses for the handicapped passengers. We can get vans with wheelchair lifts, but not buses. Let me know what you need in this respect and I will try to accommodate everyone.

See you all in Branson.

Bill Robey, 15th Engrs

Gen Chmn 61st Reunion

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION WORCESTER MEMORIAL SERVICE October 22, 2006

"Lest We Forget"

Please join us on Sunday, October 22, 2006 at the 10:00 AM Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Grove Street, Worcester, MA. We will be remembering in our prayers all of the men that wore the Octofoil; both the 4,581 who fell on the field of battle and those who returned home with us and have since gone to their eternal reward.

A service will follow the Mass at our memorial on the church grounds.

We will sponsor a luncheon at the Holiday Inn,
500 Lincoln Street, Worcester, MA.

As our late friend Tom Boyle had always stated,
"We will have you on your way home by 3:00PM."

Reservations for luncheon must be made payable to the Ninth Infantry Division Association at a "per person cost of \$20.00 and mailed to Herbert E. Olsen, P.O. Box 845, Marstons Mills, MA 02648

We have reserved rooms at the Holiday Inn, Worcester, MA.

Room reservations must be made by yourselves.

The phone number is 1 - 508 - 852 - 4000

The CP room will be opened about 4PM on Saturday for your enjoyment

"Friends of Father Connors"

NINTH RECON

The last Octofoil arrived in May. Although it seemed a little strange reading about Christmas when Easter had already passed us by, Those were special Holidays and the memories will linger on. With only four issues of the Octofoil a year, we'll have to get used to that slightly longer interval between publications. the Association is in good hands and is doing the best it can within its means. We are losing many good members as the Taps Sounded column tells us. This is no time for any disruptions; we must stay close together as the "hour" is getting late.

For some reason, the last few days of the War sixty-one years ago keep coming back to me. The Recon suffered its last casualty, which never should have happened. On April 26, 1945 we were occupying a bombed out airfield near Kothen, Germany. The Commanding General, Louis A. Craig ordered the Recon, minus one platoon to cross the Mulde river and reconnoiter towards Wittenberg and Coswig on the Elbe, possibly contacting the Russians.

The 1st Platoon was given a rest and designated to remain behind. A good buddy, Stan Serafin from Wilkes-Barre, PA and I were assigned to keep radio contact with the 2nd and 3rd Platoons who were leaving on this mission. Our Communication S/Sgt. John B. Lunney, a fine a person you'd ever want to meet, insisted on going along with our recon Troop Commander, Phil Ortof. It was really shaping up to be a Historical Mission; meeting the Russians!

The 2nd Platoon headed for Coswig and captured over a thousand POWs. then it ran into a lot of resistance just short of the Elbe River. The 3rd Platoon proceeded toward Wittenberg and became involved in a heavy firefight about 10 kilometers from the Elbe River. Three armored cars (M-8's) and Captain Ortof's jeep were knocked out by two Panther (Mark V) tanks. S/Sgt. John Lunney was killed, the only casualty while most of the major portion of the 3rd Platoon withdrew. However, seven men were captured including 3rd Platoon Commander Lt. James Harner, and our close buddy Gordon Anderson.

Those seven captives were released the next day and made their way back across the Mulde River, a distance of about 20 kilometers, before meeting any friendly troops. That's where we picked them up. In the meantime, other units of the Ninth Infantry Division made contact with the Russian forces.

Our second chance came on the 30th of April. Polish being a Slavic language, and knowing a few Russian words, I was able to converse with them. It surprised me to see so many very young soldiers in their ranks. Also, the beat-up condition of their weapons. There was a friendly atmosphere, but it was a bittersweet celebration because of the recent loss of S/Sgt. Lunney.

Years later I learned from Father Connors that S/Sgt. John Lunney's mother was one of his parishioners. She was grateful that Father knew someone that remembered her son. When Mrs. Lunney became ill, Father Connors brought her Holy communion every week until the Good Lord called her Home to Eternal Rest.

After the War, Stan Serafin got married and moved to Plymouth, PA. We kept in touch through the years with our Christmas cards and notes, until he passed away on December 12, 1994 due to that painful liver cancer. Stan left behind his loving wife Albina, and son Adam.

Most of the Recon is no longer with us, including Capt. Phil Ortof and Lt. James Harner. Same with our 1st Platoon Commander Bob Lynch, who was awarded a well-deserved Battlefield Promotion. Rose and I enjoyed many Conventions with Bob and his wife Henrietta. Now they are both gone. We are grateful for all of our friends that are still with us.

Recently we enjoyed another nice chat with Marie Quinn. Danny is doing as well as can be expected in a nursing home. God's Blessing to both of them..

As you all know, May and June is a busy time with graduations. so it was for two of our grandsons. Andrew Sewick graduated from Michigan State University, and Alex Bonkowski from Fraser High School. We are proud of them.

Just as this article was being completed, a phone call from Marilyn Martin informed us that Everett Tapp passed away. This was a great shock to us as it will be for anyone who knew him. He will be missed.

Respectfully,
John Bonkowski



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An extract from the certificate of incorporation of the Ninth Infantry Division Association reads: "This Association is formed by the officers and men of the 9th Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the Division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world piece 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**

Make checks payable to: Ninth Infantry Division Association, Inc.
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I was a member of:	
Battery	Company Regiment Other 9 th Unit
I wish to sign up for the following: (New dues rates in effect as of July 1, 2006)	
Life Membership	a one time fee of \$80.00
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Ninth Infantry Division Assn Decals	Two for \$1.00

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"I have my Contractor's helmet on with my Gold painted spud wrench clinched in my teeth of which I got with my 50 year pin 8 years ago." Picture taken June 2004

EVERETT N. TAPP

Everett N. Tapp was hard-working member of the Michigan Chapter of our Association who seemed to enjoy going the extra mile for his fellow members and his vast array of friends and family, no matter what the task. During 2005, Everett had it in mind to made a proposal to host the reunion to be held after the reunion that was currently being held at that time in Washington, DC. He had investigated and selected the host city; he spoke with various business people in that city to determine just what he would need to hold a reunion there. He figured that he was all set.

Someone at the Washington, DC reunion convinced Everett to down play his offering in favor of holding the 2006 reunion in Branson, Missouri. Everett agreed to shelve his proposal until it could be presented at the Branson reunion. He would have more time to fine-tune his bid and re-examine, just in case some little detail required more attention. That was highly unlikely as Everett was an experienced Structural Iron Project Manager. He had overseen the erection of numerous buildings of all sizes and shapes during his construction lifetime and he knew how to bring in a job on time and under the estimated costs. Handling a reunion would be a piece of cake in comparison.

The unexpected happened to Everett as it does to us all, when we least expect it to happen. Everett was at one of his daughter's homes to lend a helping hand on some project that he had in mind when he was cut down in mid-step by a stroke on Wednesday, 24 May.

Although he was rushed to the University of Michigan Hospital, the prolonged efforts made to revive him were unsuccessful and the Good Lord called Everett to accompany Him on Thursday, 25 May, the 40th day after Easter, the feast of the Ascension.

Words like kind, gentle, thoughtful, caring, pleasant and helpful can be used to describe Everett N. Tapp; and yet, they will seem so woefully inadequate to anyone who has spent some time in his presence. He was our reigning 2nd Vice President, and I believe he was to be put forth for a higher position for the coming year. His loss has been felt throughout our organization already, and we offer our condolences to his many friends and extended family as we share their sorrow.



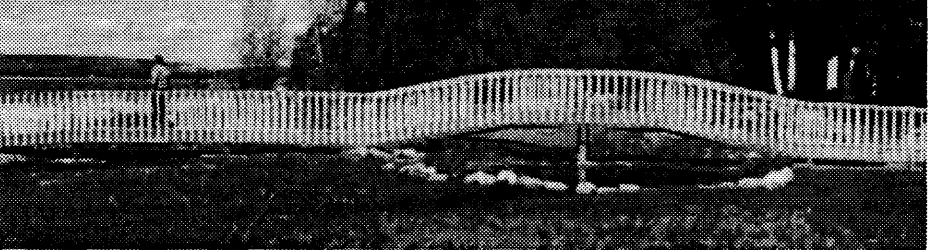
Everett N. Tapp, age 83, died Thursday, May 25, 2006 at University of Michigan Hospital. He was born on July 27, 1922 in Dawson Springs, Kentucky, the son of Rum & Annie Mae (Morris) Tapp.

Everett was WWII veteran, Ninth Infentry Division Association. Everett was a member of the Reinforced Iron Workers Association Local 426. He retired from Hanna Zabriskie and Daron after 40 years. He attended Ganson Street Baptist Church in Jackson, MI.

In February, 1971, he married Irene Primmer in Marion, Ohio, and she preceded him in death on December 14, 1993. Survivors include three daughters, one son, two step-sons, 17 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and a brother, Lucien Tapp.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ninth Infantry Division Association.

THE EVERETT N. TAPP MEMORIAL BRIDGE
Erected June 2004



The old bridge builder of yester year designed and built this 64 foot long bridge across a wetland area between summer home and beach area of Lake Charlevoix, MI at 80 years young with the help of daughter Sue and son-in-law Brian Henriksen.

TIP OF THE HAT

We thank the following members and friends for remembering the Memorial Fund and our buddies who have answered their last Roll Call.

Patricia Callahan Kobane in fond memory of her beloved father, **Everett N. Tapp.**

Mrs. Ethel C. Scardilli in fond memory of her beloved husband, **Joseph Scardilli.**

Mrs. Lorette Konkol in fond memory of her beloved husband, **Raymond A. Konkol.**

Mrs. Rosemarie Werkman in fond memory of her beloved husband, **Henry T. Werkman.**

Mrs. Esther Kateley in fond memory of her beloved husband, **Lawson M. Kateley.**

Mrs. Iris Huggins in fond memory of her husband, **Boyd Clayton Huggins of Co. M - 47th Inf.**

Preston W. Stillings in fond memory of his beloved wife, **Marcia T. Stillings.**

Gail Eisenhower remembering her beloved father, **2nd Lt. John C. Eisenhower of Co. K - 60th Inf.** reported MIA, changed to KIA 27 September 1944.

John Bonkowski remembering **Father Edward T. Connors** and **Everett N. Tapp.**

Albert T. Farese remembering **Waldo Kraft, Ron Murphy and Tony San Giacomo**

Charles E. Hoffmann remembering the good men of **Company B - 15th Engineers.**

Herbert U. Stern in memory of our long time **Judge Advocate, Dave Heller.**

Casimir Pakisz in memory of **William Hennemuth.**

George H. Brown in memory of **Joe Scardilli, Bill Hennemuth and Paul Giarraputo.**

Frank Meanor in memory of **Col. George Connolly and Stanley Szerwint, 34th F. A. Bn.**

Lawrence P. Vinci in memory of **Lt. Berend Albers and PFC Sloan, Co. B - 47th Inf.**

Howard H. Gaertner in memory of all his **friends and companions who were in the Division.**

Marilyn L. Martin in memory of **Everett N. Tapp.**

Trevor and May Jones in memory of a **QM buddy, Everett N. Tapp**

Harold LaDouceur in memory of **Everett N. Tapp.**

Only R. Rishel in memory of **Everett N. Tapp, David Heller and William Hennemuth.**

Mrs. Dolores Bauman in memory of **John A. Bauman, David Heller and Bill Hennemuth.**

Burleigh Brewer in memory of **George Booth, Bill Doty and Lorna Michelson, wife of Tom Michelson.**

John Bonkowski in memory of **John B. Lunney, Stanley Serafin, Philmore Ortof, James Harner and Robert J. Lynch, all of the Ninth Recon Troop.**

Allie Ferrante in memory of **William Gerald "Jerry" Shea and Richard "Dick" McGrath.**

Ernie Micka in memory of brother **15th Engineers, "Jerry" Shea and "Dick" McGrath**

The ABSOLUTE deadline for the submission of copy for the next issue is DECEMBER 20th, 2006, without exceptions for anyone.

LADIES CORNER

Ladies Auxiliary of the Ninth,
I sent a letter to you ladies about a show in Branson. The response was not too good. Out of 30 letters sent, only 11 replied, and none of those were able to get here on Friday afternoon. Sooo, it's back to a luncheon for the meeting along with a Pollyanna gift to be chanced off at the meeting. Also don't forget your membership card if you will be paying dues at the meeting. Your card gets marked for the dues year paid. It saves us the cost of getting printed and giving a new card each year.
The cost of the luncheon is \$ 11.95 and will include a 1/2 sandwich, a cup of soup and something to drink. If you will be attending please send a check to be received by me no later than September 27th. All checks must be made payable to Jean Geary .

Also, if you know of a Veterans' Hospital that is in need of help, or any part of said if that is your wish, please write the name and address down and bring it to the meeting. We have been donating \$200 to the hospitals for whatever the needs of our veterans may be. We will be holding election of new officers for the 2006-2007 year. Don't be afraid to volunteer your services. It's your Auxiliary and we need to keep it going.

If this is your first trip to Branson you should plan on a few extra days to take in some of the great shows there. Also about an hour from Branson in Eureka Springs, Ark. is the great passion play. Eureka Springs is right on the Missouri and Arkansas border. There is plenty to see and do in Branson.

I know it seems like I'm always asking you to donate one thing or another, but in order for the Auxiliary to keep giving to our men and the Veterans Hospitals we will be needing items for the table to be chanced off at the banquet. This past year we had a few new people donating items, which were greatly appreciated. Please keep these items coming. Our men fought for us, now it's the wives and family's time to work and support them in their needs. this is the Ladies Auxiliary's way of doing just this.

While attending the Reunion, perhaps you could find an hour or so to help out at the table selling chances. This would give all workers a chance to get out and see something and perhaps do a little shopping. Thanks.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Branson in October. Keep active and healthy till then.

Jean Geary, Ladies Auxiliary President



POTSHOTS AND OTHER OBERVATIONS FROM THE DUGOUT

Good Morning World,
Yep, we've been gone for quite a spell since you've last heard from us. The old world seems to be spinning faster and faster lately. The time seems to fly by quicker than ever before. I have it on good authority that it is still the same speed as it always was. Perhaps, I'm slowing down a mite and that's what makes me feel the difference.

A few years ago, Chester H. Jordan sent in his Company K newsletter adorned with two Bill Mauldin cartoons that we printed. One was about K Co. solving their replacement problem, The other was about frightened Jerries hugging a guard outside of a CP because they had heard that K Co. was in the town. Of course, Jordan altered Mauldin's tag-line on that one to fit his need. I recalled them both from long ago as being in the Stars & Stripes, and I enjoyed them both again. I thought that everyone would enjoy "a blast from the past", and that was the reason that they were printed in our Octofoil.

Around that same time, more or less, Sam Bruno sent word up from Florida that the Octofoil needed to be pepped-up a little. Besides hearing about what all of the men are up to Sam would also like to see more letters and notes from his Go-Devil buddies. To quote Sam, "Let's get this little newspaper of ours to come out of the gloom and put some laughter out and smiles on our faces." Bull's-eye!! Sam had hit the nail right on the head.

Chester H. Jordan had broken the ice, Sam Bruno wanted something to smile about, and I'm a big Mauldin fan from long ago so I figured why not put in a different Mauldin cartoon in every issue for all of us to enjoy. The first was the Infantry telling the Combat Engineer that he was lucky to be learning a trade. Next was a passing Infantry Joe telling a woman standing with her hands on her hips in front of a ruined house that he didn't do it. Last, we had the Infantry dis-taining the use of a tank's armor in favor of a foxhole.

When I inquired about the cartoons and the effect that they had, the response was from lukewarm down to tepid. Responses ranged from, "Yeah, they're ok." and "I don't know". The worst was when I heard, "I don't get it. What kind of humor is that!!". These were all face to face responses, none of our readers have sent in a comment one way or the other by mail. It looks like I get a big fat "Goose-egg" on that cartoon score.

Sorry to disappoint any other Bill Mauldin fans out there, but I have to cur-tail my use of Bill Mauldin's fine efforts before a "friendly fire" incoming round from a "do-gooder" damages the outfit and wrecks the hole. If you need me, I'll be down at the bottom of the hole, smiling as I browse thru my copy of Mauldin cartoons, recalling when I first saw them. Lord, have pity on those who do not understand the humor of Bill Mauldin. JPK

TAPS SOUNDED

*The muffled drum's sad roll has beat the soldier's last tattoo;
No more on life's parade shall meet that brave and fallen few.
On Fame's eternal camping-ground their silent tents are spread,
And Glory guards, with solemn round, the bivouac of the dead.*

TAPS SOUNDED

Paul Giarraputo
Co. F - 47th Inf.

Robert G. Barnhart
Co. E - 47th Inf.

Gerald Levinson
Service Co. - 39th Inf.

Lawson M. Kateley
Co. C - 39th Inf.

Everett N. Tapp
9th Q. M. Co.

Jacob J. Yuran, Jr.
Co. H - 60th Inf.

Louise Rochelle
wife of Charles Rochelle
Co. F - 47th Inf.

Marcia T. Stilings
wife of Preston W. Stillings
9th Military Police Platoon

Nancy E. Kent
wife of Col. Richard F. Kent

Col. Richard F. Kent
Bn. C. O. - 60th Inf.

Raymond A. Konkol
60th Infantry Regt.

Richard F. Wolf
Anti Tank Co. - 60th Inf.

Col. George Connolly
Battery A - 34th F. A. Bn.

Stanley Szerwint
Battery A - 34th F. A. Bn.

Robert R. Bovanizer
Co. M - 60th Inf.

Max Dach
Co. A - 47th Inf.

Richard C. "Dick" McGrath
Co. B - 15th Engineers

William G. "Jerry" Shea
Co. B - 15th Engineers

John Sabato, Past Nat'l Pres.
Co. E - 39th Inf.

Company E - 47th Inf.
Mrs. Robert G. Barnhart

[Redacted]

It is with deep regret the passing of my husband, Robert G. Barnhart, on March 13, 2006. It is ironic that he passed on the 61st anniversary of his injury in Germany for which he received the Purple Heart Medal. My husband had just turned 80 years of age and I'm sure he was one of the younger ones from WW II.

What a coincidence that you and he had such a significant March 13 occurrence. I'm sorry that you were not able to communicate with one another. Gene never discussed his experiences in the war, except the grandchild took the Purple Heart to school for "show & tell". Our sons, Terry & Tim have been quite interested but could not really get him to talk about it. In fact, we traveled to Germany a few years ago and Terry wanted to follow his dad's footsteps in the war. We visited the Remagen Bridge and it did bring back memories but he still did not relate to the injury, only the fun good things. When Hospice came just before his death he told that he was injured in the fox hole when a shell went off and damaged his helmet and back pack and pieces fell between his legs. How fortunate and we all think we were lucky to have him all these years.

Gene and I, as I always knew him until he entered the service and the first name is used, had grown up together in the same church and married March 4, 1948. We have two sons, five grandchildren and a great grandson born April 25, after Gene's death. He would have been so proud and Jaxson Robert is a namesake.

Thank you for your kind message and sorry you and Robert missed one another.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Robert G. Barnhart

Company B - 15th Eng. Bn.
Allie Ferrante

[Redacted]

Enclosed is a donation in memory of William Gerald Shea. He served with Company B - 15th Combat Engineer Bn. from 1941 to 1945.

I am sadden to inform you that Jerry recently passed away. He and his wife Pat attended many of the Reunion gatherings and were also yearly faithfuls at Father Connors Memorial Services. We will miss his companionship.

Sincerely,
Allie Ferrante

Company M - 60th Infantry
Mrs. Marjorie Bovanizer

[Redacted]

Would you please put this in the "TAPS" Column. My husband, Robert R. Bovanizer, passed away June 9, 2006 after a long illness. He served with the 9th Infantry Division in North Africa, Sicily, France and Belgium as a Staff Sergeant in Company M of the 60th Infantry Regiment. He was awarded a Purple Heart Medal, a Bronze Star Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the E.A.M.E. Campaign Medal, the WW II Victory Medal, a Combat Infantryman's Badge and a Normandy Medal for service from 1942 until 1946.

Robert was a life member of Chapter 120 of the Disabled American Veterans, BPOE #346, the 9th Infantry Division Association, M Company of the 60th Infantry Association, and Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church. He was a past member of the American Legion Post #1451 and the Buff Social Club.

Robert R. Bovanizer, 85, formerly of Sabre Park, is survived by his wife of 61 years, Marjorie (Forbes) Bovanizer; two daughters, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; a sister and several nieces and nephews.

Thank you,
Marjorie F. Bovanizer

Company F - 47th Infantry
Paul Giarraputo

[Redacted]

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of my father, Paul Giarraputo on Easter Sunday, April 16th of this year. As my father's health declined, he agreed to relocate back to Long Island to be closer to his family and friends. In January, he left Toms River, New Jersey, and moved into an assisted living facility in Lynbrook, New York.

He was always proud to have been a member of your Association and spoke fondly of the many reunions that he had attended. He had served in F company of the 47th Regiment during the War, and we feel fortunate to have him for all of these years since.

Sincerely,
Bernard Giarraputo

Company E - 39th Infantry
John Sabato

[Redacted]

Not sure if you have heard, but sadly my dad passed away on July 21st of this year a few days after his 87th birthday. Even though my personal hero is gone, I intend to honor his service and the service of his friends to our country, by continuing to attend the reunions in the future and helping out with whatever I can.

(Ed note: At the 1961 Reunion held at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel in Detroit, MI that year, John Sabato was selected to serve a term as Ninth Infantry Division Association National President, a post he was proud to fill.)

God bless you and yours,
John Sabato



"Taking Five". Co. C - 39th Infantry, Fort Bragg, No. Carolina. 1941

The U.S. Postal Employee delivered the following package to my home on June 3, 2006.
It contained this letter and a 24 page booklet entitled "The Octofoil"
The Letter :

TO: All Officers and Board of Governors Members

FROM : Bill Robey, Chmn 2006 Reunion and member of Board of Governors

SUBJECT: Upgrading and Modernizing the Octofoil

As most of you should know by now, our newsletter, The Octofoil, has been published and printed for many years on newsprint paper. In order to upgrade and modernize the Octofoil, a couple of members of our Sons and Daughters Auxiliary got together and came up with a proposal. John Sabato, son of John Sabato of C Co 39th and Bill Sauers, son of Bill Sauers of 60th, have come up with what I think is a great idea for our Octofoil

Included with this letter is a "PROPOSED" format for a new Octofoil. They took the first issue advertising our 60th reunion and rearranged it to fit the new format and a copy of that is enclosed for you to look over. Any change in the Octofoil, naturally would have to be approved by the Board and by a vote of the General Membership at the next reunion in Branson, MO.

The biggest advantage to this format is the large amount of money we could save by publishing in this form. The enclosed booklet is 24 pages, which I think is rather large for us, but the price quotes below cover 3 different sizes-16, 20 and 24 pages. These estimated costs are based on 1200 copies per issue with 4 issues per year.

1. 16 page booklet, black ink on white paper
\$1,130 per issue + postage @ .63 equals \$ 1,886.00 Per issue \$7,544.00 per year
2. 20 page booklet, black ink on white paper
\$ 1,255.00 per issue + postage @ .63 Equals \$2,011.00 per issue \$8, 044.00 per year
3. 24 page booklet, black ink on white paper
\$ 1,375.00 per issue + postage @ .87 Equals \$2,419.00 per issue \$9, 676.00 per year
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Remember, the enclosed proposal is just that, not an accomplished fact. This is just one of, and the least expensive of, various proposals we have had from several printing companies. Look this over and if you have any questions, call me on my toll free number 1-866-229-2377 Pin # 3322.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Bill Robey
(Typed) W. G. Robey
15th Engrs



Michigan Chapter Summer Picnic & Memorial Service at Mary Doering's Alto, MI home 2005.

Left to Right: Everett N. Tapp, Clyde LaBrenz, Elmer Wagner, Gus Heise, Lynn Bowers, Tom Hatton and Rodger Alsgaard seated in golf cart.

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL WHO READ THE OCTOFOIL

FROM:

Joe Killen, National Secretary and Treasurer, and Editor of The OCTOFOIL

SUBJECT: The Octofoil

When the Postman delivered the copy for the Texas & Greater Southwest Chapter newsletter on 30 May 2006, I called Gordon Schneider to verify the statement accredited to Jack Blann on April 21st at their meeting. Gordon could not say who "the National" mentioned was. I attempted to contact Jack Blann, who was out of touch at that time.

When I received the package with Robey's letter on June 3, 2006, I called THREE members of the Board of Governors immediately to find when they had received their package with the sample and the letter. Each denied any knowledge of the letter. If indeed Robey did send the package to ALL of the Board Members, then their packages must be somewhere in the Postal System because they still have not received them yet. Finally, I called an Officer of our organization and yes, he received the package about the same time as I did. I also took the booklet to my local Postal authorities to inquire about the charges for sending it through the United States Mail. As presented, the booklet is UNACCEPTABLE without further work. It will require a Mailing Label and a method of fastening, both of which will not be free of charges. Also the 5 copies regularly sent outside of the Continental United States will require "Special Handling".

HISTORY LESSON: Some years before I was asked to edit and handle "The Octofoil" in its present format, a motion was made and passed at a General Membership meeting that "Our newsletter, The Octofoil, shall remain in TABLOID form from this day forward IN PERPETUITY." If I am any judge of our language, that means keep the paper as it is until The Ninth Infantry Division Association, Inc. ceases to exist. That is the course that I have been following. However, if the membership is displeased with the way that I am handling the paper then I shall comply with their wishes.

Robey mentions "The Large Amount of money we could save". His prices quoted are not the final costs of handling and shipping. Plus which, at present, I have not sent out only four issues for a year yet. Every issue has no set price for printing, due to the different number of photographs printed in each issue. The costs per issue vary accordingly.

My suggestion to those two members of the Sons and Daughters Auxiliary, who are mentioned in Robey's letter, is that they produce their own newsletter for their own organization in the format that they wish to impose upon our members, and as they are a newly accepted adjunct to our Association, they should strive to improve their own organization before they look to impose their will upon our Association and tinker with our long-standing method of communication, "The Octofoil".

For these past three years that I have been in these offices, I have tried to follow the words of the late Tom Boyle. When asked why he was doing what he was doing for the Association, he replied, "I'm only doing what I can to keep this Association together for a few more years." My thoughts exactly. In the past three years that I have been in office, when compared to the previous three years, we have retained \$ 23,625.00 in our funds.

The road that we travel to our destiny has not been without pitfalls and hazards to overcome. I question the motives of anyone who seems to be intent upon sabotaging our fine Association as it now stands. This present attack upon one of our institutions, our Octofoil, is not his first attempt to undermine this organization as we know it. Cooler heads prevailed in thwarting his efforts at the last General Membership meeting. I pray that that they will once again be successful.

Sincerely,
Joe Killen, G-47th Inf.

National Secretary, National Treasurer, and Editor of "The OCTOFOIL".



Co. C - 39th Infantry on a 20 Mile Hike in Fort Bragg North Carolina, 1941.

CHAPTER NEWS

FLORIDA CHAPTER

RED CARPET TREATMENT : That's what the Florida Chapter members, their wives and guests received during their four day May reunion in Titusville, FL. We thank the sales director and the banquet manager for the outstanding job in the accommodations and service throughout our stay.

Emil & Audrey De Donato arrived a day early to set up the Hospitality Room. They were met at the hotel by Marty & Rosalyn Gross, Ira & Faye Moser, Col. Ralph Williams, and Wally Richardson, with his guest, Esther Peavey. With all their help the Hospitality Room was quickly set up. By 4:00 PM opening day, May 1st, all 29 attendees were settled in their rooms. At 4:45 PM, Mr. Gary Dahlhe, of the Kennedy Space Center, gave an informative and interesting slide presentation of the NASA Space Program. It prepared the group thoroughly for the tour of the Kennedy Space Center the following day. Following the presentation, members of the Women's Auxiliary served a big salad in addition to the 7 delivered pizza pies to go along with the other food, drinks and snacks.

On Tuesday, May 2nd, the Reunion Committee of Norris Gray, Col. Ralph Williams and Marty Gross had arrangements for a NASA bus to pick the group up at the hotel and transport us to Cape Kennedy. Member Norris Gray, who worked on the Space Program since 1950, and Mr. Charles Parker, a co-worker conducted the all day tour of both Cape Kennedy and the NASA facilities. Norris Gray pointed out the first site where he witnessed the firing of the 1950 rocket. Our group was grateful for the access to the activities not normally seen by other tourist tour groups. We visited inside the hanger where the workers were installing tiles on the body of the orbiter. Throughout the tour, our guides pointed out the precision work that goes into the Space Program before a missile is sent up.

At 4:00 PM the group was ushered into the IMAX Movie theatre to see "Magnificent Desolation" an interesting film in 3D. After all of the courtesies extended to our group, the NASA bus returned us to our hotel.

On Wednesday, May 3rd, at 10:00 AM the Men of the Chapter and the Women's Auxiliary held separate business meetings. Chapter President Marty Gross spoke about the 2006 National Organization Reunion to be held in Branson, MO October 6, 7, & 8, 2006. Nominations were opened for new Florida Chapter officers. A motion was made to retain all existing officers. A vote was taken and it was confirmed to stay with the same slate. The site of the 2007 Florida Chapter Reunion was discussed. Some of the recommended cities were: St. Augustine, Orlando, Daytona Beach and Fort Lauderdale. Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Highlights of the Women's Auxiliary meeting were : (1) Same slate of officers remain in office. Lila Stansill, Pres., Audrey De Donato, Sec/Treas. (2) The Women's Auxiliary voted to pay for the pizzas that were delivered for the Monday Night Pizza Party. (3) Get-well cards to be sent to sick members. (4) Lila Stansill thanked the members for the fruit basket she received during her convalescent period. (5) Pollyanna gifts were exchanged. Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

At 1:00 PM the group convoyed to the American Police Hall of Fame Museum, located approximately 3 miles from the hotel. A guide led the group on a 90 minute tour of the different exhibits. After all the walking that the group went through the past two days, they were glad to return to the hotel for a few hours of rest and comaraderie back at the Hospitality Room or at poolside.

At 6:30 PM a banquet dinner was served. The tables were arranged to form a large square with seating only on the outside so that all of the diners could view each other. We were honored to have Colby Sinclair and his son Robert attend our reunion for their first time. Robert informed us that his Dad wasn't in very good health but will try to attend the next reunion . . . God willing. Emil De Donato gave a talk on the "History of the Florida Chapter" from its formation in 1981 to the present day. He stressed the good fortune that the Florida Chapter was blessed in having good officers who through their leadership kept the Florida Chapter vibrant and financially sound.

CORRESPONDENCES

Louise & Arnold Tomanek : Arnold suffered a slight seizure two days prior to the opening day of our reunion which caused their cancellation. In a recent phone call update, Arnold is doing real well and plans to make our 2007 reunion.

Dolores Van Der Poel : Due to his wife's surgery prior to our Chapter Reunion, Chuck phoned saying that they were unable to attend.

Rose & Milton Hyman : A note from Milton stated that both he and his wife were unable to attend the reunion because of health problems. He sent his best wishes for a successful meeting.

Rosalyn & Clifford Painter : A letter from Cliff explained that they were at their summer home in Washington, PA and would not be returning to their Florida home in time for the reunion. He promised to make the next one providing it is held in the Fall.

To the members who didn't attend the 2006 Florida Chapter Reunion but could have if they made a little effort . . . we leave you with a final word : "Enjoy yourself, . . . it's later than you think." Try to make the next one.

Emil J. De Donato

GREATER N.Y. CHAPTER

Beginning at 10:30 AM on Saturday, May 20, 2006, fourteen intrepid Ninth men and spouses of the Greater NY Area Chapter began assembling in the parking lot of the VA's Long Island National Cemetery in Farmingdale, NY. We were meeting for our Annual Memorial service to honor our 4581 comrades who had died in WW II and also those who have since left our ranks.

The weather was overcast as we jumped off at 11:00 AM to begin our short march to the Memorial Service area. The ladies rode down to the location. As our guidon standard bearer and two flanking Octofoil wreath carriers led the way down the Boulevard of Flags one became aware of the "walking wounded" in our midst - - Chapter President Tony Varone just recently having cataract surgery and wife Viola still recovering from a second breast operation; Al Zenka who had suffered a blackout episode recently and wife Genevieve recovering from more eye surgery; John Tschupp had open heart surgery some months earlier; stoic Adolph Wadalavage pressing on with faltering legs; Ed Harris also stepping along with neuropathy in his feet; Joe Maiale favoring an injured shoulder from a fall; yours truly, Marv Levy with an ankle ulcer and wife Barbara who also injured her shoulder in a recent fall. Joe Charvat was there with his wife Betty who is wheel-chair bound. Joe Killen was able to attend after arranging for his daughter to be with his wife Emma, who suffered a debilitating stroke nine days before.

These young-in-heart, proud men of the Falcons, Go-Devils and Raiders finally arrived at the Memorial Service area where the VA cemetery staff had accommodated us with chairs, rostrum, speaking system and newly installed overhead panels to protect from sun and rain. Chapter President Varone led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chaplain Killen gave a short convocation and expressed his thoughts of our lost comrades. Varone spoke of the bravery and loss of buddies in combat. This scribe noted how blessed we were that none of the "80 - year plus" Ninth men, here today, had the misfortune to become another number to be added to the 4581, but instead had lived the full life. The Memorial Service concluded with the playing of recorded Taps. We thanked the cemetery staff and headed for the community room where we held a short business meeting..

The reading of the minutes and Financial reports were suspended. there was a discussion regarding the next National Reunion in 2007. We also learned that Bill Muldoon was to undergo hip replacement surgery. The meeting was adjourned around 1:00 PM and we convoyed to the village of Farmingdale for lunch at "The Inn on Main", thus concluding our Greater New York Chapter Memorial Service on Armed Forces Day.

P. S. Long ailing Gerald Levinson, Service Company - 39th Inf. passed away June 1st. Al Zenka and I represented the Chapter at his funeral. Sincerest condolences to wife Reisha and other members of Gerald's family.

Marv Levy, Co A - 60th Inf.

(NEW ADDRESS)

TEXAS & GREATER SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

In the twilight hours of 20 April 2006, following a Happy Hour coordinated by Jean Miller and the ladies, we adjourned for a catered dinner at Summer's Mill, Texas. Midway through the dinner a fierce wind started to blow and rain beat against the building along with hail rapping on the windows. The lights went out. Flashlights and candles were brought in for the brief period we were without electricity. By the end of dinner the rain had stopped as we drove back to our bungalow.

Following a buffet breakfast in our quarters on 21 April 2006, Chapter president Jack Blann called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer preceded the reading of the Minutes and the Financial Report by Secretary/ Treasurer Herb Stern. Jack Blann issued an updated roster of 25 Ninth veterans and two widows whose addresses have been confirmed.

Jack reported the National is considering a new format for the OCTOFOIL, which should reduce the printing cost without cutting the content.

Sam Burns has agreed to again host one of his famous barbecues in Burleson, TX, probably 2 November 2006. Sam's talent was recognized by his M.O.P.H. Chapter when they presented him with a beautiful case of barbecue tools.

Those in attendance at Summer's Mill were : M/M Jack Blann, Sam Burns and Anita Biver, M/M Ernie Botella, M/M John Miller, M/M Willard Norris, M/M Herb Stern, and Gordon Schneider.

Two of our members have published their autobiographies and copies are available by mail. The price for each of their books is \$15, which includes shipping and handling.

THE ECHOES THAT REMAIN, A Memoir by Willard Norris, Senior Warrant Officer (Ret.) 504 East Kerr, Burnet, TX 78611. In 1936, a year under age, he enlisted in the Army. His CO convinced him to take a discharge and return to complete his high school. One advantage of growing up on a farm is accepting responsibility at an early age. That resolve helped him as he again became an Infantryman, this time with Co. H, 47th Inf. as a Platoon Sgt. of a machine gun platoon, he survived the Huertgen Forest debacle. after WW II, he was the 1st Sgt. of a newly formed NG unit. Sent to Japan as a Warrant Officer, his unit was sent to Korea at the outbreak of the invasion by the North Koreans. Willard remained in the Army for 27 years.

CLOSE CALLS by John W. Miller, Lt Col (Ret.) 1511 Cochise Drive, Arlington, TX 76012. From Fort Bragg as a Private, to Mess Sgt., landing at Port Lyautey, Morocco. Promoted to 1st Sgt. Company F, 60th Inf., John was awarded the Silver Star Medal for knocking out a German machine gun and then turning the gun on the Germans. In Sicily he elected to rotate home in lieu of a battlefield commission. While assigned to the 106th Inf. Div. in the states, he still received the commission. When the 106th surrendered during the Battle of the Bulge, John became a POW. Escaping from the POW camp, he was recaptured four days later. He later had assignments in Germany and Vietnam.

Both Willard and John were supported by strong, resolute wives through extended absences knowing their husbands were in combat.

Gordon A. Schneider

MAIL CALL

Company M - 47th Inf.
Henry G. "Red" Phillips

[Redacted]

I read (in the last Octofoil I think) another complaint about how little is known generally about the 9th Inf. Div. and its exploits. This person blamed the media and is partially correct but our leader, General Eddy, was at fault too, as I point out in the biography of the man. He was a bit old-fashioned and did not trust reporters. This is a problem today in our Middle East undertakings.

I've tried with my battle books and the Eddy biography to counter our negative reputation. Others have tried to do the same. Following is a list of 9th veterans and their efforts who have anted-up.

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If I've missed anyone I'd like to hear of it.
Red Phillips

Company K - 47th Inf.
John W. Arnold

[Redacted]

I was in Schevenhutte, Huertgen Forest, Frenzenberg Castle, Battle of the Bulge, Remagen Bridge (wounded there), then later rejoined K Co. in Germany. After the war ended we went to Moosburg and guarded war criminals in Stalag 6A and 7A, shipped back to the States from there to be discharged. Would like to hear from anyone who was there at that time, at this time. Phone number is [Redacted]

Regards to all,
J. W. Arnold

DIDJA KNOW DEPT.

That Roy G. Hudnall, Jr., formerly of Company B - 60th Infantry, now of Charlotte, NC was serving as the 2004 - 2005 North Carolina State Commander of the American Ex-Prisoners of War.

Last August, Lou LaCivita, formerly of Company M - 47th Infantry, now living in McKees Rocks, PA was elected National Commander of the Italian American War Veterans of the United States.

We congratulate both men on their achievements and wish them continued good health as they perform their duties.

Company M - 60th Inf.
Edward A. Tyszka

[Redacted]

Enclosed please find dues for three years. Have moved to Retirement Home. New address above, please note.

My wife Ann is in a nursing home for the last three years. She had two Strokes , lost her left leg due to Diabetes.

Myself, I'm recovering now from three back surgeries in the last four months; getting to walk again, slow but steady.

"Hi" to all my "M" Company buddies.

Ed Tyszka

Company A - 15th Engineers
Carroll "Deal" DeVoid

[Redacted]

Guess it's dues time again so here goes for three more years. At Ninety it's kind of "Iffy", but what the heck. I miss going to the Reunions. Too much traveling and too many not around any more. Keep the old Ninth going as long as you can.

Company K - 60th Inf.
Joe & Shirley Rappazini

[Redacted]

The Octofoil arrived today and Joe has read it cover to cover at least five times. He has had Alzheimer's Disease for 15 years and it's amazing. He can still read and that the Octofoil still means so much to him. Our five daughters and I took him to Washington, DC for the Reunion and we enjoyed it immensely.

Joe does not write any of his beautiful poems any more. We did not receive the Oct.-Nov.-Dec. issue of the Octofoil so wonder if you could send it to us. (Ed note: Mailed the next day after this was received.)

Sincerely,
Shirley Rappazini

9th M. P. Platoon
Preston W. Stillings

[Redacted]

Enclosed for the Memorial Fund as a Memory of my wife, Marcia T. Stillings. She passed away May 9th. She suffered from Dementia and Strokes a long time. She was 90 years of age on Easter Sunday.

I have a new address effective the 19th of June as given above. Moving is not fun, especially that now I am alone.

Sincerely,
Preston Stillings, M. P. Platoon

Company L - 47th Inf.
Richard L. Stoltz

[Redacted]

Hi Old Timers,

I can't remember if I owe dues or not, so I will send a check for 3 more years. Even though I'm getting very forgetful, my age 81 means nothing to me. I'm old enough to know my limitations, and I'm young enough to exceed them. I hope to be at the 61st reunion in Branson. We have been there 3 times over the years and we love it there. Be sure and take the Duck ride to the outback and see some of the old rusted out WW 2 equipment and going nose dive into the lake, which is a thrill, then riding on the lake, before ending the trip. I am starting to write my life into a book, hope I live long enough to get it done.

We hope to see you in October, Take Care and God Bless,
Richard L. Stoltz

MAIL CALL

Company B - 47th Inf.
Al Feder

Please note my enclosed check for covering dues for the next three years. I want to congratulate you for the outstanding job of keeping the history and achievements of the Ninth Infantry Division alive.

I joined B Company, 47th Regiment in Normandy as a replacement on the push to Cherbourg. I was just 18 years old and owe my life to the wisdom and courage of men like Bob Hamilton and Ben Rienzi. I managed to survive five campaigns and remember how lucky one can get after places like the Huertgen Forest, The Bulge and the Roer River Dams.

I keep in touch with my good buddy Larry Vinci, a former Bronx boy who now lives in Arizona. He is a cherished friend who went thru the Bulge with me. Let us hope our children and grandchildren will see the day when war is not visited upon us again. If anyone remembers me please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Be well and keep up the good work

Company M - 47th Inf.
Mrs. B. Clayton Huggins

I wish to notify you of my new address (see Above). My late husband B. Clayton Huggins served in World War II in the Huertgen Forest of Germany with the Ninth Infantry Division. He suffered from frost bite due to the severe cold, but was fortunate to survive the battles. He returned home in 1945 and we were married in 1949.

He resumed his occupation as farmer, husband and father of four. He provided well for his family and was loyal to the country and government throughout his life. He was taken from us on April 24, 2002; but memories of him will always be strong. He picked up the rope of life and held strong.

He shared very little of his service life with the family until the 40th anniversary of D-Day, thanks to TV and news which revealed much of World War II. He related so much to most of it and was able to share many of his experiences.

He is only with us in memories but I want to keep up those memories of his sacrifice. He was not fortunate enough to attend any reunion conventions of the Ninth because of sickness. He regretted it very much.

Please accept my contribution as a tribute to him and other heroes.

Mrs. Iris Huggins

CALLING ALL NINTH MEN THE "AAA-O" IN PARTICULAR

There is a new book out in Border's Book Store for our pride and enjoyment, with an easy one-word title, simply "Paddy", the colorful story of Colonel Harry A. Flint.

Written by Robert A. Anderson, it has a forward by Gen. Frank L. Gunn. It is a soft cover book with lots of pictures in it of Colonel "Paddy" Flint's life and places.

It is dedicated to the Ninth Infantry Division Association in general, and the "AAA-O" men who served in "Paddy's gang", in particular. It would be worth your while to check it out.

Company G - 39th Inf.
Lawrence E. Bickel

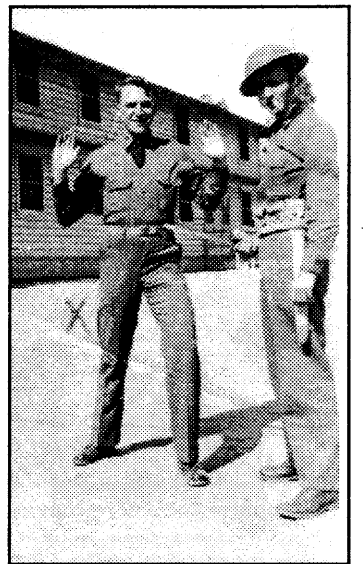
About the Ninth Infantry Division Association membership - No, I never heard of the organization until now; but I wish that I had heard.

I helped to organize the Ninth Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina in 1940. As you know, the Ninth was disbanded after the First World War. All of the Selective Service men that we got were from New York and New Jersey; but I was a regular Army man. I had a hardbound book, which was black with gold letters, about the 39th Infantry but can't find it at the moment. I helped to make the invasions of North Africa and Sicily, Italy. About half way through Sicily is where I got hit.

I'm sending you an old photo of me with one of my buddies, Dale Ferguson, which was taken in the Company G street in 1941. I've put an X beside me. Please take care of the photo for it is the only one I have. If you would, could you show it to Anton Dietrich - maybe he'll remember something.

My wife is writing this letter for me as I'm not too good at it anymore. I'm 82 now. (10/6/23) If you can find out anything about those books would you please let me know.

Again, Thanks
 Lawrence E. Bickel



Some men of Co C, 39th Inf Reg lined up for chow in June 1945. Most of these soldiers were in Lt. Pierce's platoon. The two on the far left are SSgt Scarlet (back to the camera) and SSgt DiNicola (wearing the combat jacket).

Some of the 'Home States' of these soldiers: New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Arkansas, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Ohio, Vermont, West Virginia.

A fellow from Tarboro, North Carolina (He's in this photo), once said that all he was going to do when he got home was sit in a rocking chair on his mother's front porch and rock. Perhaps he is still rocking today.

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