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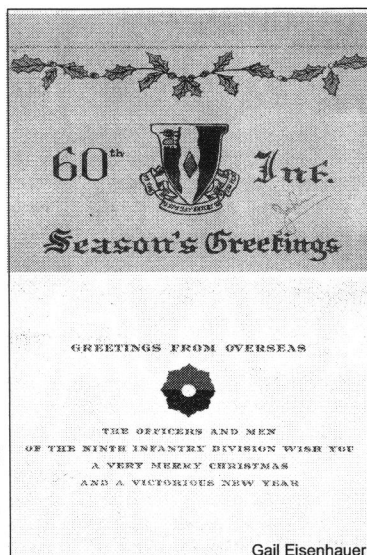
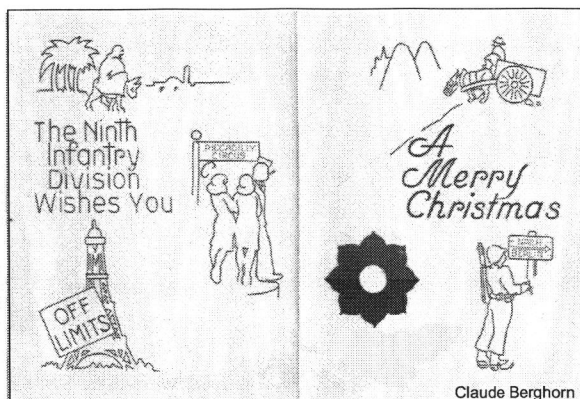
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President's Message

Although the holiday season has passed I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy new year. As you can see I have included a couple of our Christmas cards as a remembrance of a time when we missed our families deeply. Once again there are young men and women serving our country overseas and they too miss their families deeply. We wish them well in this new year and pray they will be home soon.

Claude Berghorn, son of Emery "Hank" Berghorn, Hq Bty, 26th FA Bn provided the Ninth Infantry Division card. Claude tells me that his father sent this home from Sourbrodt, Belgium in November 1944. The second card comes from Gail Eisenhower, daughter of John Eisenhower, Co. K, 60th Inf. Gail said that her father sent this card to his brother Allen in November 1943 serving aboard the U.S.S. Iowa.



Reunion Chairman, Bill Robey has been working very hard planning our next reunion. His report concerning the latest developments can be found in this issue. The financial report for the 62nd Reunion is also included and I am happy to report that we made a profit.

Also in this issue is a request for all members, widows, descendants and others receiving *The Octofoil* to complete the enclosed Membership Update Form and return it to Bill Robey. This will help us greatly in updating our membership/ mailing lists. *The Octofoil* continues to be the single largest expense the Association has and the update of our records will help us better manage our expenses and maintain a positive bank balance. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Orlando, FL in August for our 63rd Annual Reunion. Once again we can gather to remember and bring our latest family news to share with one another in the "Old Reliable" spirit.

Emil Langer, President
The Ninth Infantry Division Association

Secretary-Treasurer Report By William Robey

As most of you know we have been trying to bring our membership/ mailing lists up to date and have reached the point where we need the cooperation of everyone who receives *The Octofoil*. Please look on page 17 and you will find a form to be filled out by everyone and returned to the Secretary-Treasurer. The form is self explanatory, but I will go into detail here for your benefit.

First — We are mailing out approximately 1,200 copies of *The Octofoil* every three months. This is a large expense, and when the addresses are not up to date, the Post Office returns them to us. We have to look for a new address and then pay extra postage to re-mail *The Octofoil*. Please make sure when you fill out the form that you put your correct address, telephone number, both home and work, and cell phone if you have all of these. Also, please

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OUR MISSION

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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list the unit of the 9th Division that you served in. We would like to have your e-mail addresses also. Check your membership cards, and list your card number and the date your dues are paid to. Life Members and widows do not need dates, but we need to know that you are a Life Member or a widow.

Second — *The Octofoil* is submitted to the printer in color and the printer converts it to black and white for us. We have been considering sending *The Octofoil* to those who want to receive it by e-mail and in color. If you would like to see how this works be sure we have your e-mail address and be sure that you have a color printer in case you want to print the copy we send you.

Third — For all of the widows, descendants, and others who receive *The Octofoil*, we also need your information. Please include your husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother, unit identification (company, battalion, regiment, etc.) and full name.

Fourth — We have found a few names where the first and last names were reversed. Please make sure we have the proper name and the proper spelling.

Fifth — If you move to another part of the country for part of the year, please make sure we have both of your addresses and the dates you intend to be at each address. This will eliminate one of the Post Office problems with returning mail to us marked "Temporarily Away Return To Sender." When we receive one marked like this, we do not know how long to hold it before we mail it again, and even then we may get it back again.

Sixth — Beginning with the issue of *The Octofoil* that will come out in April 2008, we will not re-mail *The Octofoil* that is returned by the Post Office. If you do not receive your copy after April 1, 2008, then it will be up to you to notify *The Octofoil* Editor and the Secretary-Treasurer so that we can resume mailing to you.

Seventh — When you check your membership card and your dues have expired, and you do not bring them up to date, then we must stop mailing *The Octofoil*. If your dues expired in 2007, that means, 30 June 2007 as we operate on a fiscal year and not a calendar year. Therefore, you would owe dues for 2008 and into the future. If your membership card shows that your dues expired before that date, then you owe the Association for back dues for whatever number of years that show on your card, unless you can prove that your dues were paid.

Eighth — We went over this in the last issue of *The Octofoil* but are still running into the same problems. We DO NOT have bank accounts in the name of *The Octofoil*, or in the name of the Memorial Fund. Whenever you send money for either of those, the checks should be made out to The Ninth Infantry Division Association and mailed to the Secretary-Treasurer. If you are sending something to be published in *The Octofoil*, then it is OK to send that with the check and the article will be forwarded to the editor. When making payments for dues, make checks out the same way, The Ninth Infantry Division Association. Elsewhere in this issue there are instructions about how to make out your checks to make your reservations for the 63rd Reunion in Orlando, Florida.

Please fill out the form and mail it to the Secretary-Treasurer so we can bring our membership and mailing lists up to date. You do not have to destroy your Octofoil by cutting out the page the forms are on. Make copies of the page or pages and keep your Octofoil intact.

**Submission of copy for the
next issue must be received by
March 20, 2008**

FINAL REPORT ON 62ND REUNION

INCOME:	
Reservations	\$54,983.00
Less Refunds	<u>4,004.00</u>
Total Income	\$50,979.00
EXPENSES:	
Hotel	\$38,734.00
Ford Museum (Donation & Dinner)	5,299.79
Reunion Costs (Program Books, Door Prizes, Buses, Flowers, Color Guard, Tote Bags, Bag Piper, etc.)	3,848.79
Misc. Reunion Comm. Expenses (Sept.06-Oct.07)	<u>2,133.78</u>
Total Expenses	\$50,016.36
SURPLUS (Transferred to National)	962.64

Respectfully submitted,
William Robey, 62nd Reunion Chairman

UPDATE FOR 2008 REUNION ORLANDO, FLORIDA AUGUST 22, 23, 24, 2008

Now is the time to start making your reservations for the reunion. When you fill out the Membership Update Form on page 19 you might as well fill out the reservation form for the reunion and send them both at the same time. If you are sending money with either form, make sure the checks are made out to the proper accounts. Any money sent with the Membership Update Form should be made out to The Ninth Infantry Division Association. Any money sent for deposits and payments for the reunion should be made out to 63rd Reunion 2008.

There have been only some minor changes in the arrangements for the reunion and none of them have any financial bearing on the cost. The hotel has sent us a list of the names of the rooms we will be using on various days, and there are still a couple of them that are not on the list as yet. We will publish a list of these rooms in the next Octofoil, and also, as we always do, it will be listed on the inside back cover of the program book.

We have located two companies that will rent wheelchairs, both motorized or portable types. They are:

1.) AA Tourist Rentals, 1-800-941-4662
(Local numbers 407-382-7681 & 407-909-0876)

2.) ScootAround, 1-888-441-7575

Both of these companies are recommended by the hotel, and the hotel people said that they have dealt with both of them and they are reliable. They will deliver and pick up at the hotel if you make prior arrangements.

Check the reservation form in this issue and make a copy of it instead of tearing up your Octofoil. Costs are still the

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same as on the reservation form. Pay attention to the deadlines for deposits and final payments.

If there are any changes made later they will be covered in the next Octofoil which will be mailed about the first week in April 2008.

For those of you in the Florida Chapter, there is going to be a Hospitality room for your use if you want to, but you might as well make use of the main Hospitality room with all the rest of us. Emil DeDonato said that he will be able to have your Florida Chapter meetings in our Hospitality room and not interfere with the scheduled events of the reunion. If any of you in the Florida Chapter live in the Orlando area and want to attend some of the main events, please get in touch with me and I will let you know individual costs for events. These costs will all be listed in the next Octofoil. We must have reservations for these events so that we can let the hotel know how many people will attend each one.

Anyone arriving at Orlando Airport, remember that the hotels in the Orlando area do not provide van or bus service between the hotels and the airport. This is done by contract between the Airport and Mears Transportation, a local bus line. Mears Transportation can be reached by phone at 407-839-1570 or on their web site at www.MearsTransportation.com. If you make your airline reservation online, then you can purchase your bus ticket at the same time by using Mears web site. If not, when you arrive at the airport you can purchase your ticket at the Mears booth in the baggage claim areas. Cost is \$26.00 round trip from airport to our hotel and back to the airport.

Also, the hotel has said that children up to age 12 staying in the same room with parents will be free, and therefore the parents only have to pay for a double room. Children's meal cost will be a little bit less than the adult costs, but we won't know these amounts until later in January.

The Saturday night dinner show will be at the Orlando attraction known as Medieval Times and again children's costs will be slightly less than the adults. More on this dinner and show in the next report.

To repeat something that I have said every year, "More later and see you in Orlando."

Bill Robey, 15th Engrs
National Secretary-Treasurer
Reunion Chairman

The Fighting Hubans

It was April of 1943. A service flag with eight blue stars in a white center finished with a red border and gold fringe hung in the window of the modest home on Moffit Street in Monessen, Pennsylvania.

Earlier, the flag - a gift of the Federated Russian Orthodox Clubs of America - had been blessed by the pastor of St. John the Divine Russian Orthodox Church and presented to Charles and Sofia Hubans, the only Russian parents in the United States who had eight sons serving concurrently in WW II.

The flag remained in the window until all eight Hubans brothers returned from the European and Pacific theaters.

Five of the eight - Michael, John, Charles, Milton and Frank - were recently enrolled in the National Army Museum's Registry of the American Soldier. Their records of service and sacrifice are remarkable yet typical of all soldiers - ordinary men and women who in peace and war have done extraordinary things

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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.

Note: Please make checks payable to:
The Ninth Infantry Division Association

Send to: William G. Robey, Secretary-Treasurer

Jack A. Collier in memory of Frank L. Gunn, George L. Nicklen, Daniel Quinn, Orion C. Shockley, Elmer R. Wagner

Andrew Kopach Sustaining Member Donation

Carroll F. Devoid in memory of William R. Confer and Edward Gowen

Stanley Kazdoy in memory of Dan Quinn

Arthur G. Lindquist in memory of his wife Margaret Lindquist

Lola T. Booth in memory of her husband George W. Booth and Burleigh Brewer and William Doty

Claude Berghorn in memory of his father Emery W. Berghorn

Virginia Perez in memory of her husband William Y. Perez

John Losnes in memory of Edward V. Gill

Walter J. Labaj Sustaining Member Donation

Jess Wheeler in memory of Victor A. Larson and Edward V. Gill

Donald and Cynthia Hyde in memory of Chalmus Cochran

William H. Nelson in memory of Burleigh Brewer

Col. John Wessmiller in memory of Hall Foss, Col. Buck Buchanan, Dave Brogner

(The Fighting Hubans continued)

to protect our freedoms and to advance our nation.

Sergeant Frank Hubans began his Army service at Fort Meade, Maryland in September 1942 as a infantryman. He eventually served in Europe as a squad leader with E Company, 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division.

Frank Hubans landed at Normandy on Utah Beach on D-Day plus 4 and fought with his unit through France and into Germany,

where he was wounded on 10 March 1945 after crossing the Rhine. He earned the Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman Badge. Other decorations and awards include the Presidential Unit Citation; American Theater Campaign Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with campaign stars for Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe; Good Conduct Medal; and WW II Victory Medal.

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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.

Ninth Infantry Division Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients

S/Sgt. Herschel F. Briles, Co. C, 899th TD Bn; Near Scherpenseel, Germany; 20 November 1944
2nd Lieutenant John E. Butts*, Co. E, 60th Infantry; Normandy, France; 14, 16, 23 June 1944
T/Sgt. Peter J. Dalessandro, Co. E, 39th Infantry; Near Kalterherberg, Germany; 22 December 1944
Sgt. William J. Nelson*, Co. H, 60th Infantry; Djegel Dardys, NW of Sedjenane, Tunisia; 24 April 1943
PFC Carl V. Sheridan*, Co. K, 47th Infantry; Frenzerberg Castle, Germany; 26 November 1944
Captain Matt L. Urban, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry; Renouf, France; 14 June to 3 September, 1944
* indicates posthumously awarded

Source: U.S. Army Center of Military History

William F. Bongiorno	Dr. Robert Hart	Clifford Asa McClane Painter	Walter E. Ricker
		Co. F, 60th Inf. Regt.	Hq Btry, 84th FA Bn
Burleigh Brewer	Cecil Lee Jenkins	Weido G. Poveroni	Rev. Gerald F. Rowan
Co. K, 39th Inf. Regt.	Co. I, 39th Inf. Regt.		9th MP Platoon
Chalmus Cochran	Chester H. Jordan	John C. Quinlan	William H. Ward
Co. C, 39th Inf. Regt.	Co. K, 47th Inf. Regt.	39th Inf. Regt.	Co. E, 47th Inf. Regt.
William F. Crain	Sam N. Ledford	Dan Quinn	
Co. B, 47th Inf. Regt.	Co. K, 39th Inf. Regt.	47th Inf. Regt.	
Edward V. Gill	Charles McLhinney	Charles (Dick) Randall	
Co. L, 39th Inf. Regt.		Co. M, 47th Inf. Regt.	

TAPS LETTERS

William F. Bongiorno 1918-2007

Past President of 9th Inf. Div. Association

William (Billy) Bongiorno passed away Saturday, November 10, 2007. He had the comfort of his wife, Ellie, of 65 years, his daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren with him in his final hours. It is my honor to write to you as I have been to National, and State reunions, even stuffed envelopes on more than one occasion, with my father-in-law over the past forty years. Second only to his family was the respect, love of country and comradeship that he shared with all of you. He would often quiz people of the significance of November 8, 1942. If they didn't know the right answer they soon learned. Ever proud of each battle star and spearhead people often got a history lesson. Being able to speak Italian made him very popular with his comrades in arms as they made their way through Africa and Europe. Bill was a continuous member of the American Legion for 55 years and past Commander of the VFW in Lexington, MA. A resident of Florida for the past 20 plus years he had shared 65 of them with the love of his life, Elna who he met while at Fort Bragg and were married prior to shipping out. His flag will continue to fly every day. Bill was buried with military honors at the new veterans memorial cemetery in Lake Worth, Florida. As a Vietnam era veteran I salute you all, it is because of men like you and my father-in-law we have enjoyed the liberties that every American enjoys. The sacrifices of the men and women of your generation will never be equaled, and I salute you all. I know that Pops is in heaven and has met a lot of his old friends. I don't think anyone will ask him what happened on November 8, 1942.

Kevin M. Looney
Jupiter, FL

Burleigh Brewer Co. K, 39th Infantry Regiment

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of a great friend on October 17, 2007. I received a call from Burleigh Brewer's son-in-law that Burleigh had passed away.

We had been friends from September 1940 at Fort Bragg and through North Africa and Sicily.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his wife Lois and family.

Sincerely,
Bill Nelson, Co. K, 39th Inf.

William F. Crain Co. B, 47th Infantry Regiment

Please notify the proper interested parties that: William F. Crain, 81 years old, formerly of Company B-47th Infantry, (and a fellow traveler on the S.S. Louis Pasteur) failed to answer the Morning Call on Saturday, October 6, 2007. His wife went to wake him and he did not respond.

He had been extremely ill for the past month and a half in a hospital with heart problems and other ills. He had returned home to be under the hospice care.

His granddaughter called me this evening with this sad news.

May he rest in peace.
Please notify whoever puts this news in the Octofoil.
Joe Killen

PS: My wife Emma has been hospitalized since September 14th. My time is spent there and traveling back & forth. JPK

TAPS LETTERS

Edward Vincent Gill Co. L, 39th Infantry Regiment

It is with great sorrow that I write this letter to inform you of my father's death, Edward Vincent Gill, on October 8, 2007. He was a member of Company L, 39th Regiment, 9th Division.

He was very proud of his service in World War II, often wearing his hat that he bought at the 60th Reunion in Washington, DC. He couldn't go anywhere without someone commenting on his service. Sometimes it was just a knowing nod; other times it was a handshake. Once when we were together a young man saluted him bringing me to tears. The friends he made during the war remained his friends his entire life. I'm honored to have met some of them in Washington for the 60th.

My sister and I are members of the Sons and Daughters of the Ninth Infantry. We receive the online newsletter, but I would like to continue to receive the Octofoil at the above address. My mother is in a nursing home and she has always enjoyed reading it as much as the rest of us. If there are dues or cost involved please let me know at the above address or by email at mgill54@msn.com. My plans are still tentative, but I am hoping to come to Orlando for this year's reunion.

Attached is a copy of my father's obituary for your records and the Octofoil's next issue.

Sincerely,
Marianne Gill
Somers Point, NJ

Cecil Lee Jenkins Co. I, 39th Infantry Regiment

Cecil Lee Jenkins passed away May 4, 2007 at home, having cancer for eight months. Born August 18, 1924 to the late Granville and Stella Jenkins of Waynesburg, KY.

He was a deacon, faithful Christian and served his church, family, friends, and wherever he was needed. He worked for Corning Glass Works in Danville, KY for thirty-one and a half years retiring at the age of fifty-nine when the plant was sold.

He served in the American Legion, Caswell Saufley Post Eighteen honor guard of Stanford, KY for a number of years. He went on mission trips and served as a gaffer at Corning and spent three months in China in 1987 to help start a plant for Corning Glass Works.

Serving proudly with Co. I, 39th Inf., he received 2 Purple Hearts, 4 Bronze Stars and Bronze Star medal. He was a Sgt. in the Army in World War II, was a KY Colonel and had a lot of other medals given to him that he cherished. He also played the guitar for several bands (Blue Grass) and religious music.

He entered the Army at Fort Thomas, KY, March 23, 1943, basic training at Camp Wheeler, GA for thirteen weeks, also at Fort Benning, GA. On May 19, 1944 he was transferred to Fort George Meade, MD. On June 2, 1944 he went to New York, NY. He served in England, France, Germany, was in the D-Day landing, wounded in Sicily and in the hospital in England. He returned to active duty and met the Russians on the Rhine River and after the war was over received an honorable discharge as he served proudly for his country at Fort Knox, KY on January 14, 1946.

He was married to Louise Reed Jenkins for 63 and one half years. He was a devoted husband and our lives were united because of our faith in Jesus Christ. Cecil was humble, quiet and a very good manager and had a world of friends. He had one sister and two brothers. We will cherish his memory and miss him as long as we live. A great man and loved his country, home and church.

He enjoyed the Octofoil very much. Thank you.
Louise Jenkins
Stanford, KY

Charles McLhinney

I just wanted to let you know my grandfather, Charles McLhinney, of Harve de Grace, MD passed away yesterday (December 14, 2007) after a long illness. He always spoke fondly of the friends that he made in the 9th Infantry and the wonderful trips he enjoyed as a member. His brother, Francis, was KIA as a member of the 9th Infantry.

Regards,
Frances Bowman, sdbowman@verzion.net

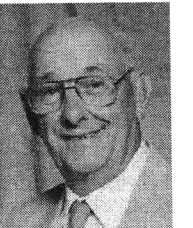
John C. Quinlan 39th Infantry Regiment

I regret to tell you my husband, John C. Quinlan, passed away on April 17, 2007. He went in the hospital on October 12, 2006 with a heart attack and was in the hospital until the end of January 2007, then transferred to a nursing home but never made it back home.

John and I have enjoyed coming to the reunions up till Branson, he was not able to travel that far. Hope to continue to receive The Octofoil.

John was in the 9th Division, 39th Infantry. He was drafted January 1941 and discharged September 1945.

As ever,
Thelma Quinlan
Hilton, NY



Rev. Gerald F. Rowan 9th MP Platoon

I saw the attached death notice in the Chicago Tribune, Saturday, December 1, 2007-too late to attend the funeral.

Jerry was an MP in the Ninth K Co. crossed the Ludendorff Bridge the first day after it was captured. A couple of days I got a 3 day pass to Paris. When I got back to the bridge we had to wait for hours the get across as traffic was just going one way. I got to the other side and met Rowan standing guard.

Next time I saw him he was a priest in Springfield, IL at the 9th reunion in honor of Gov. Otto Kerner.

Joe Killacky

William Hampton Ward Co. E, 47th Infantry Regiment

The Ninth Infantry Division Association lost a fine member on September 22, 2007 when William Hampton Ward died in Cuthbert, Georgia. Hamp was the first man that I met in E Company 47th Infantry on a cold misty day in February of 1945. E Company was dug in on the back side of the big hill at Schmidt, Germany and Hamp took me out to join his squad of the third platoon. Hamp looked after his men like a mother hen and we all felt very close to him. Hamp got us across the wide turnip patch and trenches in front of Geich, Germany where several in E Company were hit by mortars. Later that day (March 2, 1945) in Geich, I was hit by one of the mortar shells and Hamp took me to find a medic. I can still hear Hamp call "Saddle Up Boys" when he got us out of the fox-holes to move out that night before the battle. Hamp was wounded also at Remagen and I missed him when I came back from the hospital.

Jack Blann, E Company 47th



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Rose Grosse, Widow of Kenneth T. Grosse

Just a note to inform you of the passing of Rose Grosse wife of deceased member Kenneth T. Grosse. Rose died in April after a 2 week hospital stay. She had been in good health up to that time. She was 85. I'd like to mention that Rose and Ken greatly enjoyed the reunions in Worcester, MA since Ken was a driver for Father Connors during the war. Ken and Rose married in 1953 and Ken died in 1973.

I, Rose's niece have looked after her since Ken's passing. Thank you for the sharing and caring publication, The Octofoil. Please discontinue future mailings. Thank you and warmest regards,
Barbara Bochnak, Irvington, NY

TAPS OBITUARIES

Edward Vincent Gill, Jr. 1926-2007

Edward Vincent Gill, Jr., who grew up in Philadelphia and resided in Somers Point, Cape May, Newfield, and Clayton, died on October 8, 2007. He was born on February 18, 1926. Ed, who was known as "Doc" to some, and "Gill" to others, was a retired Postmaster from Newfield, New Jersey. He was Fourth Degree Knight in the St. Joseph Council of the Knights of Columbus. He graduated from North Catholic High School in Philadelphia in 1944. He proudly served in the Rhineland of Central Europe in World War II as a member of the Army's Company L, 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th Division. He received the Bronze Star, as well as the Combat Infantryman Badge, the European Theater Ribbon, the Army Occupation Medal, and the WW II Victory Ribbon.

His parent, Edward and Katherine (McGovern) Gill, his brother Jack, and his sisters, Catherine, Peggy and Ann Dolores, predeceased him. He is survived by his loving wife of fifty-nine years, Mildred, his daughters, Marianne Gill and Susann (Arthur) Riley, two grandchildren, Colleen Elizabeth Riley and Timothy Edward Riley, his sisters Edna Schmidt and Marcella Petrucco, his brother, Gerald Dennis Gill, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated by his Godson and Nephew, Father Gerald Dennis Gill, Jr. at St. Joseph's R.C. Church on Shore Road in Somers Point. Burial followed at the Atlantic County Veteran's Cemetery.



Dr. Robert N. Hart 1922-2007

Dr. Robert N. Hart died of natural causes on October 15, 2007. He was born on November 28, 1922, in Missouri Valley, Iowa. He relocated with his family to Oxnard and then to Santa Barbara, California. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Ninth Infantry Division. Dr. Hart received a B.A. from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1947, an M.A. from the Claremont Graduate School, and an Ed. D. from the University of Southern California. He married his high school sweetheart, Erma Lambrecht, in Santa Barbara in 1946. Bob and Erma moved to Long Beach in 1949, built their house in Park Estates, and resided there for over 57 years. Dr. Hart served for 41 years in California public schools, including 39 years in the Long Beach Unified School District. He served as a teacher and principal at several elementary schools, including Mark Twain, Signal Hill, Holmes and Whittier. In 1965, he was promoted to supervisor and transferred to the district headquarters of LBUSD to head the new ESEA program for disadvantaged students. From 1973 until his retirement in 1988, Dr. Hart served as the Director of Special Projects for LBUSD. During his retirement, Dr. Hart served many roles including Chairperson of the California Governor's ESEA Chapter 2 Advisory Committee, Chairperson of the Long Beach Education Foundation, and on the Scholarship committee of the Long Beach Division of the California Retired Teachers Association. Dr. Hart was pre-deceased by his wife Erma Hart; his parents, Morris and Ivy Hart; and his brother, Jack (Evelyn, surviving). His is survived by his three children, David (Janice) Hart, Diane (Martin) Small, and Douglas (Margaret) Hart.



Chester H. Jordan 1922-2007

A resident of Baton Rouge and a native of Dallas, he passed away on Wednesday, October 31, 2007, at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center. He was 85. He was a retired architect and urban planner, and was a professor of architecture at LSU for 25 years.

He was veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in the European Theater during World War II. He began his formal education at Texas A&M University, moving on in 1950 to Princeton University, then earning his master's degree in urban design at Harvard University in 1961. He served Baton Rouge on the Planning and Zoning Committee for five years, and was instrumental in keeping the Prince Murat House from becoming a hotel. He was delegate to the Recreation and Parks Commission and helped in founding the Baton Rouge Zoo. He served as president of the Baton Rouge Chapter of the AIA. He is survived by his wife, Alice West Jordan; and his three sons, Douglas Bradford Jordan, of Alexandria, VA, and Dirk Matthew Jordan and Daniel William Jordan, both of Austin, Texas. Preceded in death by his parents, Chester A. and Pearl Jordan; and his sister, Clara Flint.



Clifford Asa McClane Painter 1922-2007

Clifford Asa McClane Painter, 85, of Washington, formerly of Independence, died at 1:05 a.m., Sunday, September 16, 2007, in Donnell House, Washington.

He was born July 27, 1922, in Independence, a son of Asa Manchester and Mamie Brierly Painter.

Mr. Painter was a graduate of Trinity High School and a graduate of Penn State University.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe and Ardennes. He was awarded a Silver Star, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, a Purple Heart with three oak leaf clusters and Distinguished Unit Badge. At the time of his retirement from the U.S. Army, he held the rank of Colonel.

Mr. Painter was an agricultural educator/consultant for Pennsylvania until his retirement.

He was a member of Church of the Covenant, Ninth Division of the Veterans Association and Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

He loved to read.

On July 4, 1944, he married Rosalie Edds, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, William (Joan) Painter of Pittsburgh and John Patrick Painter of Dallas, Texas; two daughters, Jaclyne (Harvey) Shor of San Pedro, CA, and Roslyn (Ernie) Goffi of Strongsville, OH; a brother, Eugene (Rita) Painter of Washington; eight grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

TAPS OBITUARIES



Weido G. Poveroni 1920-2007

Weido G. Poveroni passed away on Thursday, July 5, 2007. He was born October 1, 1920. He was the beloved husband of Rose (nee Riboloni); loving father of Robert J., Pamela Poveroni-Conrad (Joseph) and Michele Sigal (Robert); cherished grandfather of Candice Marzullo (Dan), JoAnn Barchant (Peter), Ryan, Erika and Anthony; loving great-grandfather of five; dear brother of Beatrice Trolano, Josephine Poveroni, Sadie Merian (Robert), Frances Poveroni and Joseph Poveroni (Alice); dear uncle to many.

U.S. Army veteran of World War II who served in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Central Europe, Ardennes, Rhineland, Germany, Normandy and Tunisia. Bronze Star recipient.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman and gardener.

Rev. Gerald F. Rowan 1924-2007

Rev. Gerald F. Rowan, 83, died November 25, 2007. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a Bronze Star recipient. He was the loving brother of William (Donna), James (Susan) Rowan, Shirley (Tom) Schultz, the late Thomas (the late Virginia) and the late Robert (the late Lurline) Rowan; dear uncle and great uncle of many nieces and nephews.



Daniel Quinn A Farewell To Our Past National Secretary

One of our most stalwart members of our Ninth Infantry Division Association has departed this earth for a better place. On August 6, 2007, after an extended illness, Dan went on to his eternal reward.

During the war Dan served honorably as a medic in the 47th Infantry Regiment throughout all eight campaigns.

He was the thread that held the Association together for many years with his Irish humor and dedicated work. He served as our National Secretary for over forty-five years and as co-editor of *The Octofoil* for almost as many years.

We were extremely fortunate and blessed to have Dan working on our behalf for as long as he did. Dan, to quote you, we offer you the empty envelope. Farewell old buddy, you will not be forgotten in our lifetime. May you rest in peace as you join our many other Ninth Division comrades.

Bob DeSandy, Past National President

Dan Quinn

For all your years and labor and love,
Surely, you'll be blessed by The Lord Above.

So many hearts have you warmed in time,
As memories you've rekindled and made sublime-
With thoughts of faces and places one known,
And a fighting Division that is to each his own.

Miraculous it is-the memories that last,
Though so many years have rapidly passed,
Still, there remain in the mind and in the heart
A spirit that was born at the very start!
The NINTH! "The OCTOFOIL", and all those we knew
Remain as treasured memories, mainly, because of you!
GOD BLESS YOU.

(The Noble Ninth by Joseph L. Rappazini)

William J. Muldoon, Co. L, 47th Inf. writes, "...Danny was a backbone and keeping the Association for many, many years awhile back, helped with many reunions, and all back rounds of the Association. He is a very great man"...



Charles "Dick" Randall 1922-2007

Charles "Dick" Randall died December 17, 2007 at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital. He was 85.

Mr. Randall was born August 27, 1922 in Detroit, Michigan to P.L. and Grace Randall. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in Ypsilanti, Michigan. He entered the U.S. Army in 1943 and participated in the Normandy landing at Utah Beach in 1944, (*M Company, 47th Inf.*) for which he received numerous medals including the Bronze Star.

Mr. Randall married Jacqueline Hicks in 1946 and moved to Santa Cruz in 1964. He worked for DuBois Chemical Company until his retirement in 1984. He lived in Coarsegold at Yosemite Lakes until moving to Penn Valley in 2002 to be close to family.

He was a life-long avid golfer and a member of the Niners Golf Club at Lake Wildwood. He recorded his second hole-in-one when he was 83.

Mr. Randall is survived by his wife, Jacqueline Randall of Penn Valley; sister, Vera Flick of Lambertville, MI; 3 daughters and sons-in-law; 3 sons and daughters-in-law; 16 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

TAPS TRIBUTES

38th Annual Reunion July 22, 1983

Westin Hotel, Detroit, Michigan

Roger E. Alsgaard, Michigan Chapter Secretary, writes the following about a special event: "Close to five hundred members and guests met in the Banquet Hall on Friday night to enjoy a meal that was truly delicious. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of gifts to Dan and Marie Quinn. They were honored for twenty-five years of dedicated service to the Association. They were pleased when they received their engraved watches. Marie was happy with the tray presented to her but she cried when she looked into the envelope attached to the bottom of the tray. It contained a most generous sum of money in lieu of a trip. This was contributed by the membership in love and thanksgiving for a job well done".



The surprised recipients of gifts from the membership of the Association. Left to right: Dan Quinn, President Emil Langer, Marie Quinn

In his Secretary's Message, Dan Quinn sends this note of thanks: "The Secretary and the Secretary's secretary wish to thank the membership for the most generous gift which was quite a surprise! You could have knocked the ole guy over with a feather when the presentation was made. Thanks again to each and everyone who made this gift possible. A special thanks to the committee who made it all possible without letting the secretary know".

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**FLORIDA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER**

Two Reunions in One: All Florida Chapter members are urged to make reservations to attend the National and the Florida Chapter reunions on August 22, 23 and 24 at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, FL. National Secretary-Treasurer Bill Robey and his reunion committee are working very

hard coordinating the reservations, the entertainment, the food, the Memorial Services and all the other chores that go into making a successful reunion. The Florida Chapter will have their own Hospitality Room where they will hold the Men's Business and the Women's Auxiliary meetings and also socialize in between the activities planned by the National Reunion Committee. All Florida Chapter members who live in the area close to the Command Post hotel and wish to attend only the different functions of your choice, please contact Bill Robey, toll free at 1-866-229-2377, pin #3322 or e-mail at billrobey@aol.com

News From Our Members

Wally Richardson: Wally is making good use of his cell phone by his frequent phone calls to members of the Florida Chapter. In his latest call to me, he stated that he had some health problems which caused him to be away from his home. However, Wally is feeling better and has returned to his home at 1065 Fairlane Ct., Franklin, IN, 46131. Wally has attended many Florida Chapter reunions but due to the long driving distance from Franklin, IN to Orlando, FL he was unable to attend our past reunion. Hopefully he will make the 2008 Two-in-One reunions.

H.F. & Lila Stansell: Good and bad news was included in the Stansell's Christmas card. The good news was that they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 12, 2007. Congratulations and many more happy years together. The bad news was that H.F. & Lila had a freak accident on August 10th while using an escalator in a shopping mall. H.F. suffered a broken bone in his foot while Lila hurt her back. More good news...H.F. is back doing outside and inside chores while Lila reports that she is feeling much better. Depending on health conditions, they will make the next reunion.

Cletus & Lula Winningham: Ill health has prevented Lula and Cletus from attending the past two Chapter reunions. In a phone conversation, Lula stated that her husband's health condition has worsened to a degree that he has difficulty in walking and in recognizing people. After a stay in a nursing home, Lula decided to bring him home so that she can take care of him with the help of one of her nephews. They do have a visiting nurse service that comes several times a week. Lula says she is feeling fine after her illness of last year.

Arnold & Louise Tomanek: Congratulations! July 2008 will mark their 67th wedding anniversary. May the Good Lord protect them and grant them many more anniversaries. They are very active in the yearly October Fest in Cape Coral, FL. You don't have to be German to enjoy this festival. Louise is an active participant in making this event a success. Due to some medical problems, they had to cancel out on our 2007 Chapter reunion.

Sam N. Ledford dies: In his correspondences with me, Sam said that he suffered 4 heart attacks during the past two years. He spent his recovering time at his nephew's home in Braselton, GA. Sam never married. On October 20, 2007, his nephew, Samuel Taylor sent a note stating that his uncle passed away on October 16, 2007. Sam was 83 years old and served in Co. K, 39th Infantry. He is survived by several nephew's and nieces.

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E-mail Address Wanted: Please send an e-mail address to [redacted] to be included in the Florida Chapter computer file and also in the next Membership Roster. Send news via e-mail.

Remember to pray for our sick members. A note or card will lighten their pain.

Emil J. De Donato, [redacted]

TEXAS & THE GREATER SOUTHWEST CHAPTER
November 8-9, 2007

Sons & Daughters who have given the Association a shot in the arm at the National level, gave us a new perspective at the Chapter level meeting. Mary Blann Cooper, a sparkplug at the National meetings, was joined by Charles & Sharon Stern, Nancy & Richard Rutner, the respective children of the Blanns' and the Sterns'.

Jack Blann had assembled a poster board with maps depicting the landings in North Africa, November 8, 1942. He also showed films taken at the actual landings and which portrayed some of the political negotiations that were undertaken to gain support of the French in North Africa.

Prior to dinner, the ladies, coordinated by Jean Miller, had assembled a hors d'oeuvres table, which was a feast for the eyes as well as the palate.



Following a catered Prime Rib dinner, two of our members, John Miller and Herb Stern, were asked to recount their memories of the D-Day landing in North Africa. John, a Mess Sgt. was told on shipboard prior to landing, he was to lead a Bangalore Torpedo Platoon, in the first wave. Their mission was to blow holes in the barb wire. There was no wire and initially, the platoon suffered no casualties. That changed when John's baker, was killed by a sniper. Herb, with the Division Medics recounted going over the side into landing craft and onto the beach. There were a number of cabanas on the beach and he noted there were a number of dead soldiers place there.

On November 9, 2007, a catered continental breakfast was served.

Jack Blann called the meeting to order and formally introduced Charles (G Company, 60th) & Barbara Illisley. They had driven up from Corpus Christi, returning in the summer to their home in Grand Lake, CO.

Those in attendance were M/M Jack Blann, Sam Burns and Anita Biver, M/M John Miller, M/M Herb Stern, and Gordon Schneider.

Red Phillips had written a letter to the organization, bringing up the question of having a plaque place at Remagen noting the 9th Division involvement.

Our next meeting will again be at Summers Mill, early in April, 2008.

Gordon A. Schneider

GREATER NEW YORK AREA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

The NY Area Chapter met at the Lantern Diner in W. Hempstead, Long Island, NY on Friday, December 14, 2007 at 12 noon for its annual holiday party. In the past the party was held in the Franklin Square Library, where we met every month. We usually invited the library staff but found we were buying more food to accommodate them than what we could consume. Members agreed to try a restaurant this year. We checked out the restaurants nearest the library and chose the Lantern.

We had a good turnout (16 out of 20) and we lucked out with the weather which was moderate and crystal clear. Current president (me) joined with the group for a moment of silence to honor our deceased buddies in WW II and those comrades who have since passed on. We also introduced the 2008 officers of the NY chapter headed by newly elected President Joe Charvat, 1st VP Ed Harris, and 2nd VP Anton Dietrich. The rest of the 2007 board remained in place. I passed the imaginary gavel to Joe and he presented me with an Octofoil service plaque.

We selected our luncheon from the menu and exchanged pleasantries and news. Everyone seemed pleased with the food and service. We also were happy to have Al Lipton with us whom we hadn't seen in some time, but unfortunately, Al lost his right eye due to a recent fall. Emma Killen came in a wheel chair negotiated by husband Joe. After improving her health in these many months, Emma fell and broke her right shoulder recently. Adolph Wadalavage could not attend due to leg problems. Al Zenka's wife, Genevieve, was not up to joining us. William Muldoon could not attend because of doctor appointments. Domer and Norma Miller were unable to join us. We wish a better year for our ill comrades and friends.

Those who attended not mentioned above were: Betty Charvat, Charlotte Dietrich, Barbara Levy, Joe & Sadie Maiale, John Tschupp, Tony, Viola and Michele Varone. Barbara distributed 9th Div. holiday souvenirs to all attending. Luncheon concluded around 2:30 p.m. Since we would not be meeting in January and February we decided to have our last business meeting of 2007 on Friday, December 21st.

To Ninth men everywhere - Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and a Happy New Year from the Greater New York Area Chapter!

NY Chapter reminder - don't forget to pay up your dues for 2008: \$15.00 for one year, \$35.00 for 3 years, and \$75.00 for Life Membership. Make checks payable to: The NY Area Chapter, 9th Inf. Div. Assn. and mail to Treasurer Joseph Maiale, [redacted]

Marv Levy, Recording Secretary

LADIES CORNER

As I write this column in December 2007, the year is ending. I wonder what new and interesting things are in store for us in 2008? May our senior years shine golden for all. Just rub away all that is tarnished.

Our family celebrated the birth of our fourth great grandchild, Jackson Ezra, on October 30th in New York. This coming week we probably will be greeting another great granddaughter here in California. As I said, only all golden moments are expected.

I hope that you have marked the dates of our 2008 reunion on your new calendar. Orlando, Florida, August 22, 23, 24 at the Rosen Centre Hotel. I am sure there will be more details in this issue from the reunion committee. It's not too early to send in your deposit.

I was happy to receive an e-mail from Debbie Lees who is the daughter-in-law of our "afghan lady", Ruth Lees. It is very possible that her lovely afghans will once again have a place on our raffle items table in 2008. I am sure we all send Ruth our thanks and best wishes. We need many items donated in order to keep sending monies to the 9th Division Association and Veterans Hospitals. You must be a member of the auxiliary and attend our yearly meeting in order for us to consider your motion to certain VA Hospitals. So please join us in Orlando.

After many years, we finally felt the need to raise the dues to \$5.00 for membership. If you are unable to attend the reunion, you send your dues to Jean Geary, our Treasurer.

More news on the reunion will be forthcoming in my next column. So until then, a very Happy Holiday to you and your family.

Sincerely,
 Judy Goldsmith, President
 Ladies Auxiliary of the Ninth Infantry Division Association

Editor's Note

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who sent Christmas cards, letters, e-mails, and those who called with encouragement as well as constructive criticism for The Octofoil. Your feedback is important to maintaining the publication and I hope you will keep those comments and suggestions coming.

Since August 1946 when the first issue of "Hitler's Nemesis-Old Reliables-Notorious Ninth", predecessor of The Octofoil, was published for the membership it has been a source of communication and education for its readers. If you have first person stories and want to share them, please send them to me. Also, if you are aware of other stories concerning the 9th Division's actions from other sources that can be reprinted, please let me know.

May you and your families enjoy a Happy New Year.

Respectfully,
 William Sauers

James R. Camp, 9th MP Platoon

Thank you to Mrs. Helen Camp for sending the listing of last names for the 4 unidentified men of the Traunstein Detachment in Germany. Picture originally printed in the Jul.-Aug.-Sept., 2007, Vol. LXII, No. 3 issue.



Front left to right: Irwin Zelman, Edmund Wurst
Standing left to right: Asa Waller, Viers, Harold Ladouceur, Ward, Everitt Hyde, J. Russell Camp, Julius Richburg, Patrick Wood, Wainwright

Col. John Wessmiller

I am writing to thank you and others, "all" officers of *The Octofoil* for keeping the faith and all of us in contact. The new form is great and easy to file. I'm enclosing a check for dues and memorial. To Hal Foss, Col. Buck Buchanan, and Dave Brogner. I am former member of A Company, 60th Inf., enlisted and Division Hq's as an officer from 1940 - 1944.

I have hopes you can identify two 9th Division members whom I wish to write. A Larry Fredricks, 9th MP Platoon, address unknown but a passenger with me in the ambulance in Normandy, June 18th and a man with the initials "J.B." who I believe lives in NY on Long Island in Valley Stream. I would be grateful for any information.

Thank you.

Allen B. Sperling

Just received our newsletter from Ft. Monmouth and thought that this article would be of interest to our remaining comrades. Stay well. Former member of APO section, 9th Inf. Div.



VETERANS MAY SALUTE: Section 9 of Title 4, United States Code is amended by striking "all persons present" and all that follows through the end and inserting "those present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces and Veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes." Help spread the word to announcers at baseball games, parades, and all appropriate public events to bring to attention that those who have served, but not in uniform, should NOW be saluting proudly. "We believe this is an appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veterans in the United States who have served in the military and remain as role models to others citizens. Those who are serving or have served in the military earned this right, and their recognition will be an inspiration to others." Per: US Senator Jim Inhofe(R-Ok) sponsor of legislation.

Seeking Information

Warren A. Robinson

I was in Company B, 47th Infantry during World War II. After the war ended and I was preparing to come home, a Paul A. Bridges gave me his New Testament on my departure. Do you have him in your 9th Infantry Association membership files? I believe he was from North Carolina. I would like to return his New Testament after all these years.

Thank you.

We do not have a Mr. Bridges on file.

Walter J. Labaj, Med. Detach, 1st Bn, 60th Inf.
720 St. Andrews Ln., Unit 2
Crystal Lake, IL 60014



Taken on a farm in Belgium or Germany, 1945
Ready to cross the Rhine River

Seeking Information

George S. Remaley

I want to know how many Silver Stars did Anti-Tank Co., 47th Inf. get. I was at Remagen and Sgt. Finidy never put me in for the Silver Star and never turned it in and he went of Houston, Texas and he took the Silver Star. I was put in for a Silver Star by some Lt. and I never got it. He is taking it for himself. I had the Silver Star and he maybe saying it was his. Good luck and see if he told you he has a Silver Star which is mine.

I hope you can get to the bottom of this.

Arthur G. Lindquist

I am unable to see because of macular degeneration so I am having someone write this for me. I am sorry I am late with the dues but I truly forgot.

Enclosing a check for dues and a Memorial Fund donation in memory of my wife, Margaret Lindquist.



BY-LAWS THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

As Adopted by the Annual Meeting 8 May 2002
Corrected and Amended 19 October 2002
Corrected and Amended 18 August 2007



ARTICLE I INTRODUCTION

Section 1 — The Ninth Infantry Division Association is registered as a Corporation under the laws of the State of Illinois.

This Association is formed by the officers and men of the Ninth 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 the everlasting world peace exclusively by means of educational activities, and to serve as an information bureau to former members of the Ninth Infantry Division.

Section 2 — The Resident agent of the Corporation is to be a resident of the State of Illinois. The principle office shall be in the Village of Oak Park, County of Cook, State of Illinois. The principal office of the Corporation can also be at such place as the Board of Governors shall designate without further amending these By-Laws.

Section 3 — The Corporate Seal of the Corporation shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Corporation, and the words "Corporate Seal, Illinois, 1957. Said seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or affixed or otherwise reproduced.

Section 4 — The National Association shall be the sole authority for establishing the official emblem of the Ninth Infantry Division Association and for controlling the issuance, manufacture and distribution of such emblems and insignias.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

Section 1 — Any individual who wore the Octofoil from 7 December 1941 to 7 May 1945, and served honorably in the Ninth Infantry Division is eligible for membership in the Association. Veterans who served with the following units which were assigned or attached to the Ninth Infantry Division during the same wartime period are eligible for membership under the same conditions as other veterans of the Division. The 70th Tank Battalion; 746th Tank Battalion; 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion; and the 376th Anti-Aircraft (AW) Battalion. The wife or widow of any veteran who is or was eligible for membership, shall be eligible for membership in the Ladies Auxiliary of the Association.

Section 2 — No person who has ever been dishonorably discharged from the service of the United States of America shall be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE III MEETINGS

Section 1 — There shall be an Annual Meeting of the membership for the purpose of electing the Board of Governors, and for the transaction of any other lawful business. This meeting shall be held at such date and place as may be fixed by the Board of Governors. At least thirty (30) days notice of the time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be given to all members. Each member in good standing and present at the meeting shall be entitled to one vote. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

Section 2 — The presence in person one (1) hour before the first business meeting of at least 25% of the members registered at the Annual Meeting will constitute a quorum for the duration of the Reunion. This 25% number shall constitute a quorum at all meeting of the members for the transaction of business except as otherwise provided by law, by the certificate of incorporation, or these By-Laws.

Section 3 — If this 25% number shall not be present at any meeting of the Association, the members present in person shall have the power to adjourn the meeting from time to time to without notice, other than an announcement in the meeting, until the requisite number of members shall be present. At such adjourned meeting at which the requisite number of members shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified. All elections and all question shall be decided by plurality vote.

Section 4 — Special meetings of the members, for any purposes, unless prohibited by statute, may be called by the President.

Section 5 — The meeting of the Corporation will be conducted in such a manner that the present or past rank of the members will have no bearing upon the right to participate, right of discussion, or of holding office in this Association.

Section 6 — In conjunction with each Annual Meeting of the membership, various function may be held, as distinct from the business sessions of the Association. Such functions to be known collectively as the Annual Reunion. At each annual membership meeting, the Board of Governors shall name a person to be General Chairman for the next reunion.

ARTICLE IV DUES, CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Section 1 — The membership of the Association shall be divided into: Regular Annual Members, Three-year Members, Associate Members, Sustaining Members, and Life Members. Any person eligible for membership in the Association may become a member by paying the appropriate dues and applying to the Secretary-Treasurer who will issue such applicant a card, according to the design and style decided upon by the Board of Governors, bearing a facsimile signature of the Secretary-Treasurer, indicating the type of membership to which the applicant has been admitted.

Section 2 — The dues of regular members shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per year payable to the Association, (except as otherwise provided below in Section 8), and upon payment of such dues the regular member, from July 1st of the current year to June 30th of the following year following the year, shall be entitled to rights and privileges of membership, such as receiving the "The Octofoil," the official publication of the Association.

Section 3 — The dues of Three-Year Members shall be Thirty-five (\$35.00) per year payable to the Association, (except as otherwise provided below in Section 8), and upon payment of such dues the three-year member, from July 1st of the current year to June 30th of the third year following the year in which payment is received, shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of membership in the Association.

Section 4 — The dues of sustaining members shall be any sum in excess of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) which the member may elect, payable to the Association, (except as otherwise provided below in Section 8). The rights and privileges of sustaining members shall be the same as those of regular members.

Section 5 — Upon payment of the sum of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, (except as otherwise provided below in Section 9), any member or individual eligible for membership, shall become a Life Member of the Association, and thereafter shall for the rest of his life be entitled to all rights and privileges of membership in the Association.

Section 6 — The members of the Ladies Auxiliary and the Sons & Daughters Auxiliary shall be considered honorary members of the Association. Honorary members shall not have the right to vote at the annual meetings of the Association, and shall not have any interest in the property of the Association.

Section 7 — A card shall be issued to Regular, Three-Year, Sustaining Members and Associate Members upon payment of the prescribed dues. Each membership card shall indicate the length of time it is valid, and shall be signed and countersigned as herein provided. A membership card in distinctive form shall be issued to Life Members.

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Section 8 —Duly recognized local chapters are authorized to collect dues in the amounts set forth above in Section 2 through 6, and are further authorized to deduct the following sums from each member's dues so collected; the balance in each case is to be remitted to the National Secretary-Treasurer who will issue the appropriated membership card.

Regular Members	\$2.00
Three-Year Members	\$5.00
Sustaining Members	\$2.00 plus one-third of any amount received in excess of \$10.00
Life Members	per member \$15.00

Section 9 — Any member in default of dues on June 30th of any year shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the members nor to receive any of the benefits of the Association. Each member in default of dues shall be notified of such default by the Secretary-Treasurer. Any member in default shall be reinstated in good standing upon payment of his current years' dues.

Section 10 — Any member may at any time resign by notification to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 11 — Associate Members may be accepted for limited membership, to consist solely of a subscription to "The Octofoil". Associate Members shall have no vote or voice in the operation of the Association. Dues for Associate Members shall be \$25.00 for 3 years to offset the cost of producing and mailing "The Octofoil".

ARTICLE V BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Section 1a — The members of the Association at the Annual Meeting shall elect by plurality vote sufficient members of the Board of Governors so that it will consist of a total of eleven (11) members, this goal shall be reached by attrition, and not by removing any members for the purpose of reduction of numbers. A quorum shall consist of six (6) members of the Board. All Board members shall be elected at large, and not from each chapter. Each member of the Board shall serve three years or until his successor is chosen and qualified. No more than three (3) members from any one chapter may serve on the Board at any one time. Members of the Board may not succeed themselves. Any service beyond this first term shall be only after one year of non-serving on the Board has passed. Members-elect of the Board of Governors shall take office immediately following their election at the Annual Meeting.

Section 1b — The Board of Governors shall manage the affairs of the Association with full power to perform all lawful actions to carry out the purposes of the Association, but may not perform any actions which by statute, or by certificate of incorporation, or by these By-Laws are directed or required to be performed by the members.

Section 1c — The members of the Association at the Annual Meeting shall also elect by plurality vote, an alternate for each member elected to the Board of Governors. In the absence of the regular Board Member at any meeting of the Board of Governors, said alternate member shall serve with full powers to act in his place, and shall be eligible for election to the next full term.

Section 2 — Past Presidents of the Association and past members of the Board of Governors become associate members of the Board. Associate Members of the Board may attend Board meetings and may take part in the discussions by may not vote. Associate membership on the Board shall not prevent the future election of such associate as a regular member of the Board.

Section 3 — The Board of Governors may hold their meetings and keep the books of the Association outside of the State of Illinois at such other places as they may from time to time determine.

Section 4 — If the office of any Governor or Governors becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office, or otherwise; a majority of the remaining Governors, though less than a quorum, shall choose a successor or successors, who shall hold office for the unexpired term in respect to which such vacancy occurred.

Section 5 — The Board of Governors shall have power to fix the compensation, if any, of all officers and employees of the Association.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

Section 1 — The Board of Governors may, by resolution passed by a majority of the whole Board, designated tow or more of their number to constitute an executive committee, which, to the extent provided in said resolution or in the By-Laws of the Association, shall have and exercise the powers of the Board of Governors in the management of the business and affairs of the Association, and may have power to authorize the seal of the Association to be affixed to all papers that require it. The Board may from time to time appoint other committees which shall consist of such membership, have such powers and duties, and be known by such name as the Board of Governors shall by resolution designate.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Section 1 — Meetings of the Board of Governors shall be held at such place within or without the State of Illinois as shall be fixed by the members, or if no such place if fixed, then at a place which the Board of Governors may fix by waiver of notice, provided a majority of the whole Board shall be present. Special meeting of the Board may be called by the President on ten (10) days notice to each Governor, either personally, or by mail or telegram.

ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS

Section 1 — The officers of the Corporation shall be chosen by the Board of Governors and shall consist of a President; First, Second, and Third Vice-Presidents; a Judge Advocate; and a Secretary-Treasurer. The President shall be elected from among the members of the Board of Governors for a one year term, and shall not be eligible to succeed himself. None of the other officers need be a member of the Board of Governors.

Section 2 — The Board of Governors may also appoint such other officers and agents as it shall deem necessary and who shall hold office for such terms and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be assigned from time to time by the Board. Any officer elected or appointed by the Board may be removed for cause at any time by the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the whole Board of Governors. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Board.

Section 3 — Such honorary officers as the Board of Governors may desire, may be selected, and these persons may be assigned such duties as are deemed necessary and desirable. Each Commanding General of the Ninth Infantry Division who served as such during the from 7 December 1941 to 24 August 1945, shall be an honorary President of the Association.

ARTICLE IX PRESIDENT

Section 1 — The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Board of Governors and shall assist in the formation of all policies of the Association. The President shall also meet and confer with other associations and agencies with a view to accomplishing the purpose for which this Association is formed. The President shall have all of the other usual duties of the office of President as well as such additional powers and duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Governors. The President shall not be eligible to succeed himself.

ARTICLE X VICE-PRESIDENTS

Section 1 — In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-Presidents, in order from the First to the Third, shall assume the duties of the President. They shall also have such other powers and duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President, or by the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE XI SECRETARY-TREASURER

Section 1 — The Secretary-Treasurer shall perform all of the duties necessary to carry out the purposes and policies set forth by the Association. He shall be responsible for maintaining the main office and any branch offices of the Association. He shall maintain a record for every member of the Association, and insofar as possible, he shall keep a like record for every person eligible to become a member of the Association. He shall be responsible for the preparation of the meeting places of the members and the program for such meetings. He shall also be responsible for keeping the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Governors and of the annual meetings of the members.

Section 2 — The Secretary-Treasurer shall collect the membership dues from every member of the Association except those dues collected through the chapters of the Association, and shall issue a membership card to the member. The Secretary-Treasurer shall deposit in a designated bank all moneys of the Association.

Section 3 — The Secretary-Treasurer shall have charge of the books and accounts of the Association and shall enter thereon all receipts and disbursements. These books shall be kept current at all times and open to inspection at any time by any member of the Board of Governors. The Secretary-Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the Association and shall have the authority to make disbursements there from, subject to the following restrictions:

General Fund: The General Fund of the Association shall be maintained as a separate account which shall contain the deposits of all receipts of the Association. Disbursements from the General Fund shall be only as directed by the Board of Governors, except that the Secretary-Treasurer may expend in any one month for corporate purposes an amount not in excess of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) without prior approval by the Board of Governors.

Section 4 — The Secretary-Treasurer shall submit at each annual meeting of the Association, a statement of receipts and disbursements of the Association and of the financial condition of the Association and shall likewise submit a similar statement to the Board of Governors at each of their meetings and whenever called for by the Board of Governors.

Section 5 — A blanket position bond to cover all funds shall be obtained and charged to the General Fund.

Section 6 — All checks or demands for funds and notes of the Association shall be signed by any two of the following three officers: President, 1st Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Appropriate signature records shall be submitted to the Corporate Bank whenever there is a change in either of these officer positions.

ARTICLE XII LOCAL CHAPTERS

Section 1 — Local chapters of the Ninth Infantry Division Association may be established by the presentation to the National Association of a petition for a local chapter. Such petitions must be signed by at least Twenty-Five (25) members in good standing in the National Association and who are not already members of recognized chapter, and the National Association my thereupon notify said chapter that it has been duly recognized. In localities where the potential membership is less than Twenty-Five (25), a petition signed by less than twenty-five members in good standing may be accepted.

Section 2 — Each local chapter shall hold an election of officers at least once every Twenty-Four (24) months and shall duly notify the National Secretary-Treasurer of the results of the election. Any chapter failing to hold an election of officers within a Twenty-Four (24) month period shall be considered as being inactive. All monies and property of an inactive chapter shall be transmitted to the National Association. This is the responsibility, in order of seniority, of any former officer ore member of an inactive chapter.

Section 3 — Membership in local chapters is dependent on the member first being a member of the National Association. No member of a local chapter shall be allowed to participated in the business of a local chapter if that person is not a member of the National Association. It is the responsibility of the President and/or the Secretary of the local chapters to make sure that all memberships are current and so notify the National Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE XIII NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Section 1 — Whenever under the provisions of these by-laws notice is required to be given to any Governor or member, such notice may be given, in writing by mail, that is, depositing the same in the post office or letter box, in a prepaid sealed wrapper, addressed to such Governor or member at the address which appears on the books of the Association, or, in default of other address, by publication in The Octofoil and such notice shall be deemed to be given at the time when it shall be thus mailed.

Section 2 — Any notice required to be given under these by-laws may be waived in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to said notice, whether before or after the time stated therein.

ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS

Section 1 — These by-laws may be amended, changed, or repealed by the affirmative vote of a majority of those members present at any annual or special meeting of the members, provided notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given in a notice of the meeting. Alternatively, they may be amended, changed or repealed by a vote of the Board of Governors at any meeting of the Board provided notice of the proposed change shall have been given in the notice of the meeting.

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On 1 September 1942, Hopkinson was transferred to the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, OK for training and promoted to corporal. He graduated and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant of artillery in late November 1942. His next assign-ment was to the 26th Infantry Division, 102nd Field Artillery Battal-ion based at Atlantic Beach, FL. His first duty was as the battal-ion's motor officer. After Pearl Harbor, the division's mission was to guard the nation's entire Atlantic coast.

In April 1943, the 26th Infantry Division was ordered to assemble at Camp Gordon near Augusta, GA where Lt. Hopkin-son and other division officers became replacements to be shipped to Europe. In New York City, with many other soldiers, they boarded the British liner Queen Elizabeth I which, in Decem-ber 1943, sailed for Great Britain. Here, Hopkinson rejoined the now combat experienced 9th Infantry Division with which, at Fort Bragg, he had had basic training. He was assigned to Headquar-ters Battery, Ninth Divarty, at this time stationed at Barton Stacy, Hants, England.

Hopkinson's stay in England was marked by arduous training including artillery firing, and visits of Prime Minster Winston Churchill, British Field Marshal Montgomery, and various U.S. Army generals. He still had time to visit relations of his British parents and to travel about the country. This ended 16 June 1944 when Headquarters Divarty came ashore on Utah Beach in Nor-mandy. Soon after this, Hopkinson was transferred to A Battery, 60th Field Artillery Battalion, as a forward observer. This meant manning observation posts in view of any enemy, or accompany-ing infantry elements on the move, a decidedly deadly occupation in either event. Particularly useful to the reader will be his descrip-tion of the hedgerows and their impact on firing and mobility.

Hopkinson worked closely with 60th Infantry units throughout the breakout of hedgerow country, the rapid liberation of Central France and Belgium, crossing the Meuse river, and fighting in the Siegfried Line and in the Hürtgen Forest. Once while under enemy fire he received a slight leg wound but was never treated by the medics or received the Purple Heart Medal. In November 1944, he was promoted to 1st Lt. and became A Battery's executive officer responsible for firing its 105mm howit-zers. The battery crossed the Roer river and the Rhine, and wit-nessed the final defeat of the German Army. U.S. Army of Occu-pation duty followed with the 9th Infantry Division spread out around Ingolstadt, Bavaria. While there, Hopkinson traveled to Austria, visited Paris, and finally qualified for return to the U.S. and discharge in late 1945, with promotion to Captain.

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Lavender was a youngster in Iowa with a year of college before the draft took him in 1943. During basic training at Fort McClellan, AL he applied for pilot training in the Army Air Corps and was selected, a move that took him to Miami Beach, FL. Pilot training required a minimum of two years college so those with less were sent away to get it, in Lavender's case to a state teach-ers' college at Oswego, NY.

By March 1944, all bets were off. An apologetic letter from Headquarters Army Air Corps announced that with casualties in the infantry at an all-time high, the Luftwaffe pretty well elimi-nated, the Air Corps was cutting back and trainees from the infan-try were being sent back to it immediately. Forthcoming orders assigned Lavender to Camp Pickett, VA and the 78th Infantry Division then training there. In late August Lavender with others filled a draft for overseas replacement and were sent to Fort Meade, MD, and soon thereafter sent on to Camp Shanks, NY. On 8 September 1944, they boarded the Ile de France, a fast ocean liner that, with 10,000 GI passengers aboard, set sail the next day for Great Britain. They landed in northern Scotland where part of the troops were put aboard a train which ran through the night to South Hampton, England. There the replacements were hustled aboard a small British ship for an overnight sail across the English Channel to Omaha Beach in Normandy, France. They were trucked to Carenton, France and there loaded on another train, this time 40 et 8s, to LeMans for a short stay at a replacement depot. Here, they were issued M1 rifles with ammuni-tion, and introduced to Stars and Stripes for news of the war. Then, back onto trucks for the rest of their journey to join the war.

In about a month of fighting, the 9th Infantry Division lost 3,806 men killed, wounded and missing, the 28th Division, follow-ing the 9th, lost 3,611, and the 4th coming next lost 5,260. This totaled over 12,500 from mid-September to the first week in De-cember 1944. The slaughter taxed the Army's replacement sys-tem, and caused a change in Allied strategy. On the other hand, Germany's losses led to the American breakthrough at Remagen and victory as early as it came in May 1945

HISTORY ROAD

ON PATROL

By Paul Schumacher
3rd Platoon, Co. C, 39th Inf. Regt.

On page 262 of our Division's history, *Eight Stars To Victory* is a photo that is dear to my heart. It shows the platoon I was assigned to in action on a patrol during the Battle of the Bulge. It was on a patrol similar to this one, on 24 December 1944, that something profoundly extraordinary happened.



We were in the hills and woods above Monschau, Germany, protecting the northern flank in the Battle of the Bulge.

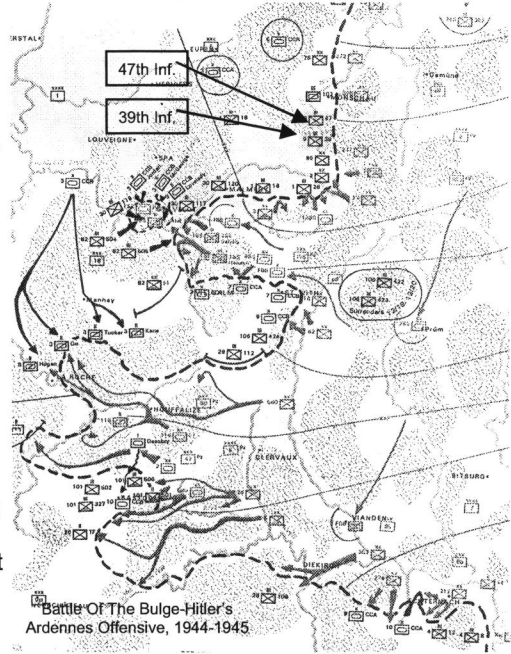
To set the scene of events between 17 and 25 December 1944, the situation looked something like this: The 9th Division (39th and 47th Infantry Regiments) were a couple of miles south-west of Monschau, Germany.

Twice each day, about mid-morning and again about mid-afternoon, we would send out a patrol of 4 to 6 members scouting for enemy activity to the east, in front of, and around us.

Nothing much occurred until the fifth day. The ditch along the edge of the dirt and gravel road contained lots of snow and layers of tree limbs and tops of pine trees that had been knocked down by artillery. We say nothing unusual; nothing was out of place enough to attract our attention during our scouting out and back. But what we were soon to encounter was so unusual and was not expected by any one of us.

On the return leg of our patrol on day, after we had passed a position by 20 or so feet, we heard a voice, barely audible, call out softly, "Are you American troops?" Startled by the strange and invisible noise, some of the patrol members jumped into the ditch; some drew their weapons and crouched; all of us were surprised to hear the question.

As I in "first scout" fashion moved nearer, a person came out of the snow and brush in the ditch and said that he was a



Private and an infantryman from the 106th Division. For six days he had changed position each night and had spent the daylight hours in a ditch covering himself with brush and snow to conceal his location.

He told us that he had seen us and had heard us talking quietly among ourselves each day. He didn't recognize us as fellow American troops because the Germans that overran the 106th Infantry Division and captured two battalions of their forces east of St. Vith, Belgium on 19 December 1944 were speaking English and were wearing either American uniforms or white camouflage suits and were carrying American weapons.

By my estimation at the time, our new-found fellow soldier had moved at night some 16 miles northward before we liberated him on that fateful day. More than 7000 of his fellow soldiers in the 106th Infantry Division had surrendered to the Germans on 19 December 1944 just 16 miles south of our positions. Post notes: a—How he survived those cold and tedious days and nights is likely a significant reflection on his skills as a camper, or a Boy Scout, or as a farm youth from a northern state. b.—The 106th Infantry Division were new arrivals; unaccustomed to the rigors of combat. An observation: They were sent to Hell! c— The map is from the book, "Battle Of The Bulge-Hitler's Ardennes Offensive, 1944-1945" by Danny S. Parker.

OPERATION COBRA REVISTED

By Dr. Martin Gross
Medical Detachment, 15th Engineers
and Janet Schnall

My husband, Bill, and I, accompanied my dad and his wife, Marty and Roz Gross, to Normandy in September. It was a spur of the moment trip, occurring after Bill asked my dad that since he was now 90, did he want to finally go back and see Normandy where he was wounded? He said maybe yes, so we all jumped on the opportunity, and in one day got reservations for the plane, a boat trip down the Seine from Paris to LeHarve, and then 3 days driving in Normandy. It was a wonderful trip. My dad was treated like royalty, receiving 2 gold medals from the Utah Beach museum and one other museum, signed the gold book in 2 museums reserved for those landing in Normandy, signed the wall above the bar in Le Roosevelt cafe across the street from Utah Beach (and were also taken down below the cafe to an original German bunker), and was greeted on the beaches by people from France, Belgium, Holland and England wanting to take his picture and shake his hand (he was wearing his 9th Division hat so was easily recognized).



9th Infantry Division Memorial
Barneville, Normandy

Marty adds the following details about that fateful day in July: "I was wounded July 25, 1944 during Operation Cobra. Our own planes' bombs were short and demolished the battalion headquarters. The location was between St. Lo and Periers, just north of the road. There were 90 men there, 30 wounded and 30 killed, including the 2 men I was standing with watching the planes overhead. Three of us went into the air, the other 2 came down dead, and I landed on my shoulder and fractured it. Our aid station had a direct hit and was completely demolished. Our doctor, Dr. Sidney Tamse, was severely wounded with a sucking wound of the chest and I did not think he was going to make it. He was one of the first ones I loaded onto the jeep and sent over to the clearing station. We had a 6 ton truck on the other side of the hedgerow with about 5 tons of Bangalore torpedoes and mines.

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The truck was burning, but not exploding yet. The wounded men were all over the place and we got them away from the burning truck. Then I transported myself to the clearing station and was evacuated by plane to England. When I was discharged about 6 weeks later, I fought my way back to the 9th Division from one replacement depot to another, finally arriving in September in time for the Hürtgen Forest".

A CHANCE MEETING

By George H. Brown

August 20, 2007

As we were preparing to depart the hotel at Grand Rapids, a gentleman approached me and said he had read about the Reunion of the 9th Infantry Division from WW II. He wanted to pay his respects and thank us for our service in WW II. He said he was Korean War Veteran and served in a MASH hospital near Chunchon, Korea and supported the 45th Infantry Division and adjacent units.

The 45th was my division. During our conversation, we discovered we both served in Korea at the same time in the same area and his MASH unit treated our casualties and wounded.

For those who still remember the TV series "MASH": the
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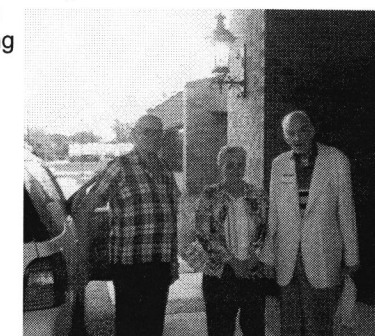
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series depicted a MASH unit caring for battle casualties and was an authentic production of a MASH unit during the fighting in Korea.

Ray Andzack's address is:



l to r: George Brown, Janet Casanave,
Ray Andzack

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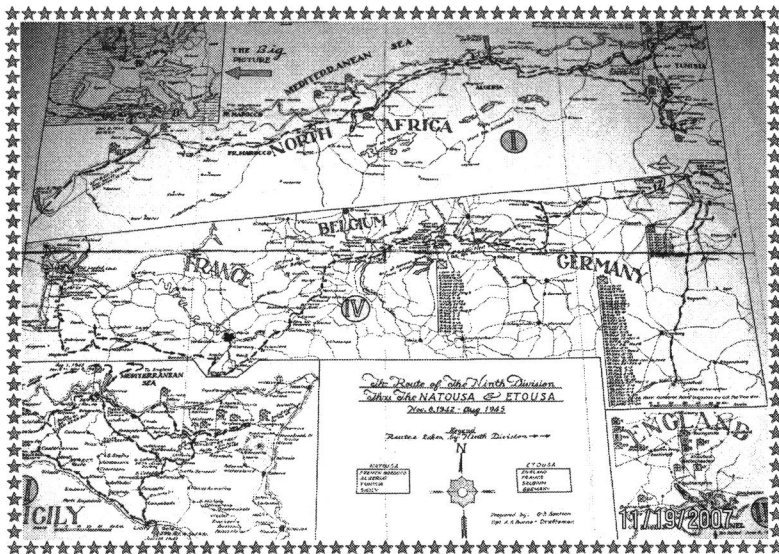
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