The 38th Annual Memorial Mass and Service Nov. 7th

To all who arranged our convention: Bragg, Fayetteville, congratulations. A great time, a happy time and as always with all the fun, a spirit of reverence and a very large crowd. Fort Bragg day was upbeat well-organized and well timed and a very impressive demonstration by the Special Forces. It was a great event for me to be with my family-the men of the 8th Infantry Division. Many of the membership must have made significant contributions to this very successful reunion. As always you were in your important position as our secretary and happy warrior. And so many of us noted the tremendous contribution and it should not go unnoticed of your lovely wife, Marie God bless her.

Every Grace to you Dan and Thomas and love to both of you. And I wish you all the blessing and congratulations to all who contributed to the success of our exceptionally fine reunion. God bless and say a prayer for old man Connors. Didn't Lindy do a fine job.

REV. EDWARD T. CONNORS
85 Park Ave.
Worcester, Mass. 01608

Secretary Dan Quinn introduces Father Connors at the Reunion Banquet.

Make Reservations Early

The room rates at the Marriott will be $35.50 for a double or single, it has indoor and outdoor pool, Whirlpoos, Sauna and exercise room. There will be parking free of charge and off limits of the Worcester Experimento and Ramsey.

Franzy Hannes has reserved 100 rooms in his name and would be very happy to make reservations for those who want to stay at the Marriott. Franzy requests that members make their reservations as soon as possible as they have a cut-off date of October 12th and after that date we may lose what rooms that are reserved because of the Holy Cross College weekend. Remember the cut-off date is October 12th.

When ordering your room you may state your arrival and departure date, if you want a double or single and how many persons in a room if it’s a double bed if you want a double bed or twin beds, and the Hotel will take care of everything before 1:00 P.M. and the check-out time is 1:00 P.M.

Plan to send Franzy Hannes your early reservations.

Lindsey Nelson’s speech captured mood of reunion

Lindsey Nelson’s speech at the banquet provided a fitting climax for a wonderful reunion. Lindsey captured perfectly the mood of our nation at this time for nostalgia. The “Old Reliables” were in the mood for one last hurrah at Bragg. They turned out in force and they did not disappoint us. For three days they had a great time removing old friendships and reminiscing about those halcyon days when the Army kicked its gear trying to make soldiers out of civilians who had a thing against being a soldier and all worked out eventually. The Army finally realized that the citizen soldier could not be made in the factory and the civilians reluctantly accepted that the Army knew a little bit better. It was an enjoyable and lighthearted war. That’s what Lindsey’s speech is all about. At first glance it might seem to be just a humorous tale, but for the old soldiers, but in reality it is a statement which says World War II was so long ago of ordinary guys who day after day kept plugging until they got the job done. They were the offensive line of a pro football team they ate the dirt, got the bruises and the flashy quarterback got the glory. Apparently the “Old Reliables” got the message because if you were speaking, doors of them requested a copy of the speech.

Field Training

Je suis Le Captain Nelson de Bragg, Fayetteville, congratulations. I wish you all the best. Captain Nelson of the Ninth Division—I speak Frattata French, New Yorke, Ten­ nessee, and that Fayetteville, I have had field training in Light Scott, fourteen, four days, and that was impressed by the demonstration of our Army. Bless, God, that I have witnessed this weekend.

We have so many great old men here tonight of men who really excelled and to whom we owe so much. I am here as a representative of the rest of the U.S.A. soldiers like me. We were never as lucky as you don’t owe a dam man.

But look at it this way—if it weren’t for soldiers like me, the rest of you wouldn’t know what you’re saying a lot better.

Fourty Years Ago...

I was the happiest fellow to have this privilege to be in this battalion here taught of the hardships of the life of the men who have served in the great 9th Infantry Division of the United States Army. It was forty years ago... the fall of 1942... that many of us left Fort Bragg for North Africa and the years that lay ahead. For those who have once pined away, we keep them in loving memory always. But here at this banquet tonight we could recurant other days in other years when we all were younger... especially me and we will remember those of the men who had the same experiences... some of our acts of camaraderie and for this brief moment, we will all wipe our recollections of the awful misery of some dreadful times in combat.

First Taste of Combat

I was a member of the 9th Infantry Division in the peace-time days of August 1942 until July of 1942 when the war had ended in Europe. I got my first taste of combat that Town and Brassiere here downtown Fayetteville, North Carolina. By the time I arrived at that station I was a veteran, however, I had been through minor skirmish at the Brooklyn Stappers House and the Brown Restaurant and I had spent dangerous and adventurous nights in the Lafayette Hotel.

The Town Pump was an elaborate bar that had been constructed to take advantage of the outdoor air. There were leather banquets... or at worst imitation leather, it did however have a bar that was curved bars and a lot of frothy beer. The Ninth Division was getting ready for overseas and had moved out of the field. Their unit was on the move to overseas. The Ninth Division was getting ready for overseas. They had moved out of the field. Their unit was on the move to overseas.

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It would be unwise to leave out a description of the activities delightfully. He was a real soldier, and his leadership of the troops are aware of his natural skill. Writing and speaking aren’t the only skills that he sharpened at Fort Bragg. At McFayden he demonstrated skills that are legend in those parts. I remember them well.

I only wish Saturday’s vote on the membership issue was a pleasant surprise. Can you believe that I was not able to do this publication on the 20th. We had a pleasant surprise to those at the CPo. We must keep the espirit de corps of the division, to assist of the best equipped beside our. It was great to see him. Neither as it was to be installed beside his. It was moved by our phone call. There would be no more to those at the CPo. We must keep the espirit de corps of the division, to assist of the best equipped beside our.
Matty Urban and Lindsey Nelson are shown at the Wedding Reception at the Bardstown Motor Inn. Lindsey was the speaker at The Banquet held on Saturday night.

But on this night, the G-1 was suddenly evacuated to a hospital. And the same night, we got a new Chief of Staff. Colonel Edward F. Eddy, an old soldier, had been stationed at the 19th Division. The new General was a corporal. There was no TWOP in the Public Relations Section, but somebody had discovered that in our Past/Camp and Station Setup, the lieutenant was down. Its a first, but he didn't get it because General Eddy has a separiste's stripe.

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Photos of Reunion

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

The there was no "Boogie-Woogie bugler from Co B" to sound reveille - come half past breakfast time our ladies, organized and monetarily-prepared for action "unboxed" Fayetteville's attractive mail country with co-ordinated attacks on three fronts - Sears, Belks, and J.C. Penney.

Meanwhile back at "Fort Bordeaux" Beco's battle plans were discussed, from the merits of Miller's Light vs. Budweiser to the unknown qualities of Stroh's. "Replacements" soon arrived from our outposts at "7-11" and "L'il General" and as the critique continued plans were made to re-take Coyle Conch and then onward to Bonnie Doone.

Morning Report

Beco's morning report showed the following present -- Ed and Helen Sarnocinski, John and Catherine Compagnone, Ernie and Nina Crusader, Pat and Ann Morano, George and Jane Bentley, Bob and Ann Edie, Joe and Rose Harvilla, Olga Palega, Joe Metcavage, Steve and Wanda Leblanc, Norm and Alice Caswell, Art and Grace Stenzel. The following can consider themselves on report - The DiSanto's, Adowski's, Cichocki's, Podany's, Shockley's, Taubner's, Conger's and Klauz's.

Note: DiSanto, your laundry is still laying in front of the supply room. Be careful about that.

Three "1st Timers"

It was a real pleasure to welcome our three "1st timers" the George Bentley's, Bob Edie's and Norm Casell's. Norm represented B-47th. over at Personnel Hdqt's. Also renewed the acquaintance of Earl Ailor, a former platoon leader in the early combat day's of Beco-47th. history. Earl, now a counselor-at-law in Tennessee, related a visit by Bob McConnell, an able squad leader, whose married daughter lives close by Earl and his family. If you read this, Robert, let's hear from you!

Our day out on the Post was most enlightening and enjoyable, we witnessed what a difference 14,600 day's can make (40 year's) -- we all liked the part about the $1300. per month for single buck sergeants!

After lunching at the huge and attractive N.C.O. club our afternoon was highlighted by the very impressive dedication ceremony.

General William C. Westmoreland as he spoke at dedication of the Memorial Marker.

Snafu

- Ironically, our letter to the banquet chairman prior to this event, suggesting the upgrading of our Re-union banquets was not acknowledged. Obviously, our closing words that "this could be the banquet we speak of glowingly, in 1983" will have to be another time and another place.

- Treat one and all have had a wonderful summer season and let's hear from you!

Walter Victor supplied the Octofon with pictures of the reunion. The members and their families are shown above at the Memorial Service and Dedication of the Marker on Friday at Fort Bragg. The Monument is located on the Main Post's Parade Ground and is not in the old Ninth Division area.

The 82nd Airborne Division's band that supplied the music for the dedication ceremony.

- and you thought we forgot, Ed? - a great big "Thank You" to Ed and Helen Sarnocinski, our gracious C.P.'s, hosts do The job so superbly!

Pat J. Morano
2208 - Lincoln Way East.
Chambersburg, Pa. 17201

Art J. Stenzel
1815 Mariner Drive,
Tarpon Springs, Fla. 33589.

Members of the 82nd Airborne Division as they entertained the members before the Dedication of the Memorial Marker.

Members of the Anti-Tank Company of the 47th Infantry are shown as they gathered at the 37th reunion.

William Martin, Chairman of the Marker Committee and Daniel Quinn secretary of the association, unveil Memorial Marker.
The 142nd Meeting National Board of Governors

The 142nd meeting of the National Board of Governors for the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held at the Bordeaux Motor Inn/Convention Center in Traverse City, Michigan, on May 31, 1983. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by President Clouser. Among the topics discussed were: 1. Continue with six (6) issues. 2. Accept the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. 3. Any future convention sites should include transportation to and from airports and also inform our members of this committee. 4. That future reunions have a suggested trip and a question-and-answer period. 5. Have C.P. rooms available for Chapters requesting same. 6. Upon a motion duly made by Oscar Richards and seconded by Robert DeSandy it was voted to: Accept the report of the Scholarship Committee. 7. The proposed trip to the City of Worcester not too far from the Sheraton Lincoln Inn was accepted. 8. Upon a motion duly made by Robert DeSandy and seconded by Art MacDougall it was voted to: Approve the minutes. 9. The committee recommends the following:

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Nominating Committee named
Mike Belmonte it was voted to:
Hopkins it was voted to: Close
nominated Adolph Wadalavage.
Nominating Committee.
nominations from the floor:
the election of the Board of
Governs and the following
years: Thoms Boyle, David
Heller, Al Perna and Henry
called upon for his report and
Wagner, and Harrison Daysh.
the following:
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2. Limit debate to 30 minutes. 15
tofoil.
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4. Recommend to the editors of
December 7, 1941 to May 7, 1945
who wore the Octofoil from
1972 (Regular Army Combat
(Vietnam), and after May 26,
World War II shall be eligible
Battalion who served with these
Thomas Boyle
Upon a motion duly made by
Henry Santos
Bob DeSandy, Chairman of
The committee recommends
any individual who was eligible
decease shall be eligible for
membership in the Ladies Aux­
and after May 26, 1972 (Regular
Division) .

THE OCTOFOIL
Continued from page 5
4. Continue with Mail Call.
6. Extra meeting held in the Oцtofoil for Change of By­

7. Recommend to the members that the By-laws be
be debated for the Oцtofoil.
Upon a motion duly made by
Carleton Black who was seconded
Henry Santos it was voted to:
Vice President for the
Newspaper Committee.

The motion was then carried
Frank Maker and his committee
Nominating Committee changed
named the following committee
the Nominating Committee.
The President asked for
news of the Nominating Committee.
Dick O'Connor nominated Bill
Mauzerall and Frank Schreiber
and Adolph Wadalavage.

Upon a motion duly made by
Henry Santos it was voted to:
Close the Oцtofoil.

A paper ballot was used for
the election of the
Governing Board and the following
years: Thoms Boyle, Daniel Quinn
and Henry Santos.

The By-Laws Committee
Bob DeSandy, Chairman of the By-laws committee was
charged by the Board of
Governors and the following
years: Thoms Boyle, David
Heller, Al Perna and Henry
Wagner, and Harrison Daysh.
The committee recommends that:
1. Act on the Proposed By-law changes as published in the Oc­

2. Limit debate to 20 minutes. 15

3. Paper ballot be used for vote.
4. Recommend to the editors of the
Oцtofoil to publish
"Deception" General William C.
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Michigan Chapter look forward to fall. All
of you in Mich., Ill., Ohio, Ind.
and those near by mark your calendars for October 22 and 23
and make your effort to be in
Angola, Indiana, the Michigan
State reunion.

Rodger E. Alsgaard
Secretary
26 Wynn Street
Saginaw, Michigan
48602

MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS
HONORING THOSE
The Ladies Auxiliary
Service was held on May 23rd.
This event was very special.
and guests were on hand for Branch
No. 50, Ladies Auxiliary.
met in Detroit. Tom and Carol
Saunderman, husband and wife,
person for the event and all
present agreed on the food and
service was A1.

After the Brunch we drove to
the Oцtofoil for the Memorial Service.
On the way out of the church,
other faithful waiting and they
joined us in honoring those of our
chapter who have passed away.
Pastor of St. Paul's was the
best. We were greeted by his
remarks the Golden Roll Call
was read by Rodger E. Alsgaard,
Secretary. The Ab­
appeared were made by Don
Lewis, Adjutant. This year's
Gold Roll Call listed Thirty

After the playing of Taps
a prayer was given by President
Billie Martin and the Prayer for the
Deceased was given by the
Pastor of St. Paul's.

SADLY
How short the days of bad
news? Though there is much
sobes in the world it is
emotional. We report the loss of one of our
members as to the expenses he
made every effort to be in
our chapter has passed away. Then news came
from Bill Andrews that a
family member of his mother.

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A new slate of officers was elected by the Philadelphia
Chapter Members at their Spring meeting.
President: Richard Starr Vice President: Al DeRosa
Secretary: Richard Wilson Treasurer: John Sabato

Ladies Auxiliary
The Ladies Auxiliary presented a $200.00 towards
the Scholarship fund at the banquet in
Philadelphia.

They will send to $300.00 to the
family of the late Rev. Andrew Alfred of the
Church of Wurcester, Massachusetts in Honor of all
members of the Ninth Infantry Division.

47th Inf. Co.
FERMIN MARTINEZ
Box 44
Aguate, P.R. 00609
Expo 61 for dues for year. If you cannot
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47th like the originals which
Also send my special

Michigan Chapter (in memory of Mrs. Frances Dennis)
Mother of Robert DeSandy)
Robert Gibson in memory of her husband Elmore)
Nettie Edwards (in memory of her husband Elmore)
Betty Racombold (in memory of her husband John Eino)
Anton Dietrich (in memory of her husband Walter)
Samuel Masso (in memory of Mr. DeSandy)

SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Following is a list of those members having contributed to
the Michigan Chapter:
George C. Heirs
Edna Lasher (in memory of Anton Jiruses)
Julia J. Clark
Chester J. Hodlik
Glen Edson Rondie
Roy C. Schenck
Paud Wagner

MOTHERS OF VETERANS

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Mail continued

9th Medics
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It was nice to hear the good spirit. Santos and I, from the Florida Chapter, came with our trailers for the reunion. It was a great trip. I want to congratulate the men who put together such a fine program. This show at Bragg was SUPER! The golf tournament was good, too. I think Rankin, a job well done! The banquet was great considering the amount of people we had to in the space available. I was glad the reunion was in Fayetteville as I met so many people from the Medics that I haven’t seen since the war ended. Guys like Haas, Stett, Doc Miles, Doc Floyd, Milo Olson, Kline. Of course I hope these medics will join ranks with our worthy troops such as Splinter, Cooke, Cooks, Johnstone, the rest of the gang and their wives. Just great and hope to see all of you again next year, but not least my friend CO Doc Buller and his beautiful wife, in Detroit! After the reunion I pulled into an area in Cheyenne, N.C. A truck-up truck followed me up the hill to a clearing site. He was from the 39th (never gave us his name or organization). We spent most of the next 2 days together and his name is John Hutchinson from H Co and lives in Charlotte, N.C. Believe me the sign behind my trailer brought a lot of attention. I traveled 2,000 miles with my camper and enjoyed it very much. The trip was better than I expected, but I will as a veteran Country Roads see you all in Detroit.

ANNUAL REUNION LOCATION AND TIME QUESTIONNAIRE

At the last Board of Governors’ meeting it was decided to make a survey of the membership in aid of the planning of future reunions. The survey is in the form of a questionnaire. Please do not hold back the following questions. We need as much information as possible to be able to plan for future gatherings.

A. Where, in general, would you like the reunions to be held?
   (Check one or more locations)
   1. Large cities (Examples: New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, Denver, Phoenix, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Phoenix, Miami, Atlanta, New Orleans, L.A.)
   2. Other Cites (Examples: Columbus, Ohio; Springfield, Ill.; Harrisburg, Pa.)
   3. Medium size cities (Examples: Honolulu, Hawaii; Puerto Rico; San Francisco, Calif.; Toronto, Canada; Nashville, Tenn. (Opryland) and others (Please list))
   4. Small towns (Examples: Tacoma and Port Lewis, Wash.; Afton, W. Va.; Waltham, Ma. 02154)

B. When, in general, would you like the reunions to be held?
   (Check one choice)
   1. June 2
   2. July 3
   3. August 4
   4. September 5
   5. Australia 6
   6. Any of the above 7
   7. Other - Specify
   C. When, if held at a resort, would you like reunions to be held? (Check one choice)
   1. High Season (Rates are highest)
   2. Near High Season (Rates usually are moderate)
   3. Off Season (Rates lowest, if resort is open)
   4. Would you like a reunion in - (Check YES OR NO for all locations)
   A. YES
   1. Las Vegas, Nev.
   2. Honolulu, Hawaii
   3. Puerto Rico
   B. NO
   1. Naples, Fla.
   2. San Francisco, Calif.
   3. Toronto
   4. Nashville, Tenn. (Opryland)
   C. Other

D. Would you like a reunion in - (Check YES OR NO for all locations)
   A. YES
   1. Los Angeles, Ca.
   2. San Francisco, Calif.
   3. Toronto
   B. NO
   1. Memphis, Tenn.
   2. Nashville, Tenn.
   C. Other

E. Home of the 9th Meds: (Ins. Div.

F. Your Name:

G. Your Address:

H. The above questionnaire will be given to members of the reunion in Fayetteville. Members not attending the reunion may complete this copy and send to J.J. Closer, P.O. Box 268, Wewenmore, Md. 21866 by September 30, 1982.

Deadline for next issue of the Octofoil will be Oct. 20th.
This was the largest turnout that the 9th Medical Battalion has ever had. It was a real high spot.

On behalf of all, let me express our heartfelt thanks to you both, and to all the committee that worked so hard to make our reunion such a great success.

Sincerely

EVELYN E. SCOTT

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Charlotte, N.C.

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