Frank L. Gunn was born in Crawfordville, Georgia, on 21 March 1930. He was graduat-
ed from the University of Georgia in 1951 and received a bachelor of science degree in plant pathology and an ROTC commission as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry.

His first assignment, in June 1961, was as a Platoon Leader with the 39th Infantry Regiment of the 9th Infantry Division of Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Shortly thereafter, the 9th Division was deployed to the European Theater of Operations, where he served the 39th Infantry as Platoon Leader, Company Commander, Battalion Executive Officer, Battalion Commander, and in the Herzen Forest, as Regimental Commander.

He participated in eight campaigns in Africa, Sicily and Europe, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He earned one Silver Star for action in Africa, one in Sicily and a third Silver Star in Normandy when his battalion captured over 800 prisoners at Cherbourg. Among the officers captured were Lieutenant Colonel von Schleges and Rear Admiral Heannick, the first General and Flag officers captured in World War II on the European Continent.

Shortly afterwards, General Gunn's battalion was one of the lead units in the famous Remagen Bridge crossing of the Rhine River that spearheaded the Allied drive into the German heartland.

After World War II, he returned to the United States and reported for duty as a Battalion Commander at the US Army Infantry Replacement Training Center, Fort McClellan, Alabama. His next duty station was Okinawa, where he reported in December 1950 as Chief of the Command's Management Division.

From February to July 1955 he attended the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia. Following graduation, he served in Washington, D.C.

In August 1961 General Gunn assumed the duties of the Chief of Staff of the Ist Cavalry Division in Korea. Upon his return to the United States in August 1962, he became Chief of the Strategic Studies Group of the US Army Combat Developments Command's Institute of Advanced Studies at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

In October 1968 he was designated Assistant Division Commander of the 9th Infantry Division in Vietnam. Thus, after an absence of 26 years, he returned to the unit in which he first served as a second lieutenant. He remained with the 9th Division until the end of August 1969. In September, he was assigned to Headquarters, US Military Assistant Commander for Military Assistance. Upon his departure, he was awarded a second Distinguished Service Medal.

He returned to the United States in May 1970 and reported to Headquarters, United States Continental Army Command at Fort Monroe, Virginia, for duty as Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence. He held this position until July 1970 when he was named to the newly created position of Deputy Chief of Staff for Force Development.

General Gunn retired from the army in April 1971 and was immediately employed by the City of Newport News where he was assigned a series of management positions culminating in 1980 when he managed eight separate city departments. He retired in 1980.

LADIES CORNER

Well, in the last October edition, I had too much to tell you, but alas, this time, nothing, except for a nice note from Clara Scott, our new treasurer, returning papers on our donations in May to the three nominees. Also a note on August 30th from Janet Brown, wife of George Brown, a member of my husband Joe's Company B, 47th Infantry, offering to put on a Mary Kay Demonstration, or a sign-up for individual facials, as part of the program for our meeting next May. I must confess that I haven't called her back yet, but I shall call her this week; my summer was just a long wait. Joe wasn't too well, so I cut down on my work and activities, but the cool fall weather (final ty) seems to be rejuvenating me! Would you be at all interested in that Program. Let me know if so! Also a suggested trip to California for a short cruise in May 1999, offered by Judy Goldsmith at our May meeting. Any interest in that? If so, please send a plain old post card to: Ellie Taubner, 85 Smith Ave., Bergenfield, NJ 07621 with just a "Yes" or "No" will do. Well I managed to get a column out of nothing, so I shall say goodbye with some family news:

Our family is fine, oldest grandson Carlos Joseph (Sawan's son), graduated from Vanderbilt University in May, just 3 weeks before our meeting. What a proud feeling it gives to grand-parents watching that we should live so long to see it! Next year, his sister, Diana is due to graduate from the same school, with Jessica (Stephen's oldest of four) following in 1999. Can't hope too much for the next six grandchildren: Sarah (17), Joseph and Vincent (15 year-old twins), Olivia (10), Ryan (5), Jake (4) ending with beautiful Emma (2), and Joe and I try. Take care, and see you next May!

Ellie Taubner
85 Smith Ave
Bergenfield, NJ 07621

53rd Memorial Mass Services

Charles McInnis and Herb Olsen presented the wreath at the Worcester Memorial Service held October 19th. Both lost brothers in the 47th Infantry. Herb's (twins) brother was killed in Normandy, Co. G 47th (both served with Company G 47th) and Charles' older brother Walter, Company H 47th, was killed Germany 1945.

Deadline for next issue Dec. 20th
Tip of the Hat

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

Lansburgh Adm. Assn. - in memory of Lawrence Goodwin

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Since my last letter I’ve been in touch with a number of F Company 47th Infantry men and we returned from California where we spent a few days meeting with Lucy’s sister in Encinitas, we found a message on our answering machine from Hugh Dunlop. Hugh the Ninty Niner with Earl Wilkey, Gene Bohanon, Pat Varlet and some seventeen other brave men. These were all men who had come overseas with us and were now being tossed out like so much trash. We found it was not a day that the army can be proud of. Hugh owns that Dairy Queen in Detroit, though he goes in only one or two times a week.

Joe Bergin called me in August from New Hampshire where he has been living in retirement. They had just returned from a trip to Switzerland. On the way home they took a little detour to France where they visited the American Cemetery and Tony Zuka’s grave. Joe then reported that they had really treated the veterans royally at the American Cemetery and it was good to hear Joe sound so upbeat and to know he’s enjoying his retirement years.

I heard a fascinating conversation with Marie Tokach back in August. She said she was going to be quite a little while visiting her daughter in Alaska and then might see us on our way home to Las Vegas. We all missed her. She was a tough guy to pin down and rarely was she always on the go.

Camping humor: I am on the horns twice a month or so. He is back in Phelp, NY where he grew up for many years and where he has many friends. His youngest daughter lives in Rochester which is less than an hour away.

I often go with Herb Hoepfner to see Dr. Paul Giarraputo, both of whom report in as being in good health except for a few minor pains. Herb plays golf a few times a week and I still walk two or three miles a day faithfully.

My son Mark came across an interesting article in a legal journal recently that featured one of our more prominent members, Ed Johnson.

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Meeting was adjourned 9 p.m. and we all partook of the dessert course. Lord have mercy, the food was heavenly. Above: George Apar, Tony Deloberto, Marty Gross, Jack Holmes, Jeff Pickel, Elmer Elsner, Greg Kocay, Mike Wadalavage, Al Lubrano and Mike Belmonte. A brighter note we were heartened by the return of presence of two earlier ailing members, Hermann Suero and Adolph Wadalavage.

Memorial Service

The 4-day get-together was organized by chapter president Al Lipton and Al Lipton’s brother, Dan Quinn, Tony Varone. Al Zenka read the names of the 9th departed comrades of World War II and those Ninthmen who passed away without you two there. As usual there was more than enough food for all and we all partied. As usual there was more than enough food for all. Of course the drinking has cut down considerably so the weather was beautiful and a good time was had by all.

Meeting Time

Twenty-four members attended a meeting called for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 17, and was presided over by Prez Lipton. After the pleasantries were exchanged, Prez Lipton introduced and conducted the meeting. He expressed that the weather was beautiful and a good time was had by all.

The Ninty Niners have always been organized by chapter president Al Lipton, and Alphonse and Genevieve Zenka, who worked diligently over the years, to get us to where we are today. Our chapter owes our mini reunion committee kudos for their effort. Nestled in the majestic New York mountains, the Friar Tuck provided excellent accommodations, various activities, of activities, relaxation and nightly entertainment.

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FRANKLIN CHAPERN NOTE: These words summed up the sentiments of all who attended the September 18, 1997 "OLD BILL" Reunion held in Kissimmee, Florida. Other complimentary remarks were "What a privilege to meet seventeen members, service and entertainment were superb,"...and other that complimented the Reunion Committee for their dedication and a job well done.

On Thursday night, Sept. 18th, the Manager of the FLOWERS ATTRACTION restaurant had a special table set-up for the group. Roast beef, Turkey and Salmon cooked American style. The restaurant was all "Old Bill" decorated and included ice cream and an assortment of fruit. Attendees enjoyed a special toast to John Miller at the beginning of a sing-along war-time songs. Video clip of various National Memorial meetings were played. Jean Baudouy made sure that there was plenty of snacks and all kinds of drinks.

Baudouy asked Peter Radichio to take a bow for return­ning to Emily J. DeDonato, 3650 S. W. Mosswood Street, Tampa, FL 33617. (Henry is now in the VA Hospital.)

The Reunion Committee worked hard during the preparation of this event. The Reunion Committee worked hard during the preparation of this event. The Reunion Committee worked hard during the preparation of this event. The Reunion Committee worked hard during the preparation of this event. The Reunion Committee worked hard during the preparation of this event.

Tapaed Sounded
Call out your names as you go by — Remember in — You will never die.
With socks right we play the passing of thru "Old Bill" at the end. Clairena Wissel 7th Inf Co. A

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We haven't had much activity this past year, main­ly due to sick call. I promise to try that to stay healthy this year... but then, I had planned to stay healthy last year. As the poet said, "The best laid plans of mice and men oft go awry."

Besides Frank, who was kind enough to visit me a couple times in the hospital, the only Ninth Division men that I have been in contact with are with whom I served in the Korean War.

When you receive your notice of the meeting, try to contact one of the Florida Chapter members and bring him in to the meeting. I'm looking forward to a fruitful meeting.

Ed Hopkins
The Ocotfoil

Toward 9th Inf. Div. Assn. Members:

For many years I have thought how great it would be to travel back to Europe and retrace, as much as possible, the route our division followed as it advanced from Utah Beach, thru France and Belgium, into the heart of Germany. Hundreds of thousands of commonly simply daydream about such a trip to turn it into a reality. This trip has finally been developed into a tour which has now been developed (exclusively for members of the 9th Infantry Division Association) for the month of September.

Tour #1, from September 11th thru 20th, 1998, will cover Belgium and Paris. In addition to seeing all of the famous sites in and around the Paris area, the tour will also be to Utah Beach, Cherbourg, St. Lo, Alençon, Tours, Etampes and Arpajon. Overnight stops, in fine first class hotels, will be for two nights in St. Lo and for one night in Rouen.

A highlight of Tour #2, from September 19th thru 28th, will be the visit to the area in which the "battle of the Bulge" was fought. This tour will provide overnight hotel stops for four nights in Cologne, three nights in Luxembourg and the final night in the beautiful city of Wesel.

Many other historic sites will be visited, including: Remagen, Wetzlar, Bastogne, Marburg and the Hurtgen Forest. This tour includes an afternoon cruise on a Rhine River steamboat and a visit to the US Cemetery and Memorial at Maginot.

Some will probably want to take in both tours. Thus a tour #3 will begin on September 12th and end on September 27th. The use on this tour will travel from Paris to Cologne, Germany by train on September 19th to join up with those beginning tour #2. The approximate six day train trip from Paris to Cologne will give travelers many closeups and varied views of the European countryside.

The following are included in the reasonable tour price: round trip airfare from a special reduced group rate) $778. Fall breakfast daily; dinner each evening; English speaking tour escort throughout; guided sightseeing with English speaking guide; round trip airfare from New York or Chicago for tours #1 and #2. Add on fares are available from all major airports.

Person prices for tours #1 and #2 vary from $1,953 to $2,053 depending on the number of paying passengers. Prices for tour #3 (which combines tours #1 and #2) range from $1,835 to $6,025 per person, depending on the number going on the tour. Per person charge for a single supplement for tours #1 and #2 is $1,452 and $1,761 for tour #3.

We want you to take these are not "off the shelf," "run-of-the-mill" packaged tours, offered to the general public. Rather, they have been carefully, continually and individually tailored for the 9th Infantry Division Association. Member credit cards will be accepted.

To receive full printed information by mail, simply call Bruce Murphy of Bruce Murphy Travel, Little Rock, Arkansas, Phone Toll Free - (1-888) 888-8994.

Of course, you are more than welcome to call me personally for more details or to answer any questions regarding these fantastic tours.

The final opportunity to become a part of this once in a lifetime opportunity! I hope that you will take advantage of this chance with your dear friends and comrades, these historic areas that are certainly indeed present in your memories.

Sincerely,

Most Sincerely,

Charley W. Hoffman
1511 Cochrane Drive
Huntersville, NC 28078
Phone: (704) 272-2773

Seeking

In conjunction with my current writing project, I am seeking contact with former Cpl. Edward W. Hoffman, 9th Div. Med. Corps. to have a photo taken of him on 17 June 1944. It would be helpful if you could locate a record of his serial No. Or old muster of MP File. If that is not a few seconds to you, that would be helpful too.

Wanting Contact with 1st Bn. 47th Vets who partici­ pated in injection campaign at Marseilles, France. I would like to contact any wounded Americans on this tour.

Red Phillips
14002 Helnock Dr.
Penn Valley, CA 95666
(916) 452-1449

X Company 47th Inf.

BASTEDO is crying about the crops in the GARDEN STATE suffering from a lack of rain. He foresees high prices and inferior quality on food imported from NY and PA. GEORGE, you wouldn't believe it, but here, in the tropical rain forest we haven't had any rain in three weeks. It's good for our crops but our lake is covered in algae you can walk on.

So they don't have twenty mile hikes anymore unless there is a lead of female recruits at the other end. When the new AMY moves it drives, floats, or flies.

RED said he saw dead horses on several lines. I wonder if we were in the same outfit? BASTEDO hadn't. RED and ETHYL are trying to ride out the heat until the suns falls and they go to Vegas to get out of the cold.

HELEN and AL had a gay old time celebrating one of AL's grade school classmate's 60th year as a nun. She is Mother Superior of a nursing home which HELEN almost enough wheel chair to push. She says the NUNS cut a mean rug. They got their drinking started for tailored for the 9th Infantry Division Cough or some other infan­ try association.

And the final night in the beautiful city of Kraut horses several times. I depending on the number of paying

We feel it is both an honor and privilege to be at your service of their country.

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American Legion Post 2150
Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

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All best,
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Co. M. 60th Inf.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

M.P. 4 47th Inf
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Benton, TX 75653-1903

In the latest issue of the Octofoil a note was received which need to be corrected. January 1997. He was instrumental in my appoint­ment to the rank of Battalion Sergeant Major of the 47th Infantry. "Chip" resigned in the summer of 1999, following medical condi­tions. He was replaced by Colonel Ray Inzer also of the 47th Infantry. Colonel Inzer also served with the 47th Infantry in the mid 1990's because of medical prob­lems. Since then the Regiment has been without an Honorary Colonel.

The 2nd Battalion of the 47th Infantry is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

I know it's been a lot of years since, but then, people don't mind; I don't know who, just won't again give me an answer.

I hope that this finds you and Marie, well. With best wishes.

ANTON C. WRATNEY
316 Daniel's Lane
Perryville, MD 21903

Re: Copy of Octofoil

Looking for any information on Tony Zook, I am seeking a copy of the Octofoil in which he did receive a DSC. I knew that Tony had been awarded a DSC. I was told that Tony was from New York and his Army serial number was 32002366 and he was RUA on June 30, 1944. I think that Tony was recommended for a Congressional Medal, how­ever he did receive a DSC.

My thought was that if you could drop a note or give a call, we might be able to find a grave and have pictures for them.

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A very nice chat with R.D. Moore of the 60th Infantry Division, who assured me that he had never met his 47th Infantry buddies. He promised to send me a copy of the Octofoil, which he did. So I clipped the appropriate section and enclosed along with $10. I hope that this finds you and Marie, well.

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Mr. Quinn - I read in the Octofoil awhile back that a P.O.W. Merle was to be issued, I've been writing to Gen. John S. Pershing, & Personnel Records without no decent answer. I don't care if I can't receive it. Now I've got my Congressional Ed Royce trying to get me on this. I don't know even why they kept the interchange paper and even my morning report of the counterattack, right after they (Germans) took me in this all happened.

As impossible as it may seem, I kept my delivery uniform with me.

Mr. Quinn - I received a copy of your Octofoil page 286 about treating a wounded German officer during the Bulge, Dec.'45.

We went from our front door to the front lines in less than a month. From home to hell in 28 days. For the next three months, we were often wounded or dead: some collections; many others. If you were with us you'd know. If you weren't you don't have to explain; and if you were you better not ask us how we got up there. If you don't understand no matter how long I explain. Yes, we deserve to belong to the 9th Infantry Division Association. It's a good time to stand up and be counted.

One of us, George Brown, had been away for a long time. Bill Crane of Ohio, is another one that I see at the reunions; but I'm not looking for them. I'm looking for guys like my buddy, fellow Allen J. Kelley, Detroit to California, Hal Klafter from Milwaukee, "Jerry Joe" (JL) Lenning, Dick Fabaltz, the Greek from Chicago, Nebraska Harley (Jim) Holwick, we made it once in F Company. When asked, "How come?" He said, "I guess we just got the guys left." And that "old times, buddy" thing will never end. Most of them are no longer with us, or living in the States.

I made a trip to see them a few years ago. We had a good time together.

One of the names I was told about was that of Anthony Sordill of Cranford, N.J. who was assigned to the 1st Battalion of the 47th Infantry. Our company was 39590361, CO. E 39th Inf. Co. E 39th Inf. Co. 39th Reg't. Mrs. Sordill was enclosing a newspaper clipping of an article about the Octofoil. I would like to see articles on Night Fighting, which was a very effective saving. Lives on all sides. I was gladd to hear that these good leaders that knew their men so well were good leaders that knew that we were good leaders who had the rest of us just followed in hopes of getting there to stay with. I don't know if I myself felt more at ease than doing it in the daytime. I know I can remember going to Widdan, out of the marshes of the town we caught a company of their trenchmen.

Good health to all and early wishes for the coming New Year.

In Eight Stars to Victory page 300 it shows going down a fire break. The snow was around knee deep. I think most of us would take all that cold and Starving, you'd guess we were in very good shape.

I can't remember just when we started to use artificial light to be around this time also.

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One of us, George Brown, had been away for a long time. Bill Crane of Ohio, is another one that I see at the reunions; but I'm not looking for them. I'm looking for guys like my buddy, fellow Allen J. Kelley, Detroit to California, Hal Klafter from Milwaukee, "Jerry Joe" (JL) Lenning, Dick Fabaltz, the Greek from Chicago, Nebraska Harley (Jim) Holwick, we made it once in F Company. When asked, "How come?" He said, "I guess we just got the guys left." And that "old times, buddy" thing will never end. Most of them are no longer with us, or living in the States.

I made a trip to see them a few years ago. We had a good time together.

One of the names I was told about was that of Anthony Sordill of Cranford, N.J. who was assigned to the 1st Battalion of the 47th Infantry. Our company was 39590361, CO. E 39th Inf. Co. E 39th Inf. Co. 39th Reg't. Mrs. Sordill was enclosing a newspaper clipping of an article about the Octofoil. I would like to see articles on Night Fighting, which was a very effective saving. Lives on all sides. I was gladd to hear that these good leaders that knew their men so well were good leaders that knew that we were good leaders who had the rest of us just followed in hopes of getting there to stay with. I don't know if I myself felt more at ease than doing it in the daytime. I know I can remember going to Widdan, out of the marshes of the town we caught a company of their trenchmen.

Good health to all and early wishes for the coming New Year.

In Eight Stars to Victory page 300 it shows going down a fire break. The snow was around knee deep. I think most of us would take all that cold and Starving, you'd guess we were in very good shape.

I can't remember just when we started to use artificial light to be around this time also.

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Ken Meier

The OCTOFOIL

Re: Copy of Octofoil

I have either misplaced or destroyed my copy of "Eight Stars to Victory." I have searched for sure that the 2nd Bn 47th Inf. Regt. was at Fort Leonard Wood, Louisana. I do know for Tree that the 2nd Bn 47th Rgt. was at Fort Leonard Wood, but I do not have a copy of the Octofoil's next issue.

Mr. Quinn - I read in the Octofoil awhile back that a P.O.W. Merle was to be issued, I've been writing to Gen. John S. Pershing, & Personnel Records without no decent answer. I don't care if I can't receive it. Now I've got my Congressional Ed Royce trying to get me on this. I don't know even why they kept the interchange paper and even my morning report of the counterattack, right after they (Germans) took me in this all happened.

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Mr. Quinn - I received a copy of your Octofoil page 286 about treating a wounded German officer during the Bulge, Dec.'45.
On February 22, 1943 the military history books say it was over. The Battle of the Bulge cleared before noon so our air force could begin to bomb the port. I saw no such support, the Luftwaffe bombed us, Stalin had ordered them not to see us. I did see a RAF plane shot down.

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M.P. PIL
JACOB NAILOR
312 Brandy Lane
Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17055

I am writing to send you the Octofoil. I have been around to see you for the last few years, and I just want to let your daughter know that I got my Octofoil last fall and will get you one next fall. It is a long time since we saw each other. We were good friends back then.

My wife, Nicki, and I had a great time at the reunion. She went to college with me at Pennsylvania State University, and we have a room next door with Georgia Tech, another M.P. from Ohio. The Committee responsible for the planning of the reunion should be highly congratulated for a job well done. We are looking forward to the one in Hampton, Va.

We had the usual M.P.'s show, with Gene Hays, Kenny Meyer, John Maloney, Father Rowan, and several others. I am sure there are others who could attend these get togethers, but I wish they would show up. They just don't show up anymore, are missing. Waladalewa is still tied up with his illness, so we are anxious to have him back in the fold.

I will be remiss if I do not thank you and Marie for the wonderful job you are doing with the Octofoil and keeping the organization running. It is an endless task and I am sure you appreciate your work.

We are looking forward to seeing you and Marie in Hampton next May. May God bless you and all the members of the 9th Inf. Div. Asa.

84th FA
SAM ROBINSON
400 Paradise Rd.
Swampscott, MA 01907

Dear Mr. Quinn:

To placement in the OCTOFOIL, seeking anyone who knew my father.

Martin Stein (60th Regt., "F"

wounded on the night of

early March 1945. He had

dug a foxhole beside a tree

in the Huertgen Forest and his

buddy (he never mentioned

his name) died that night. As

night fell, my buddy got nervous

and dug another one. A tree

burst came down on top of

them but only one got

some 45 caliber shells in his

jacket bent up. Such are the

ironies of war.

If you would kindly place

an advertisement in the

OCTOFOIL, perhaps I can get

touch with persons who knew my father during

this period. Any assistance will be much appreciated.

Thank you in advance, I am

39th Inf. Co. F

METRO KOWALCHK
606 Green Ln.
Mount Carmel, Pa. 17851

Enclosed my check for dues and donation.

I was a member of F Co. 39th Regt. V.A. Scry, Sicily

and Normandy.

I retired from the Army in June of 1951. Then worked for 30 years for the Army as a National Cemetery Superintendant. I retired from the position of Deputy Superintendent of Arlington National Cemetery in April 1979 - and have resided in my hometown area, Mt. Carmel, Pa. ever since.

I read every word of each edition of the Octofoil searching for any mention of anyone who was involved with the 39th. I also served with the 39th Inf. Regt. 3rd Div. Co. L. I am 78 years-old, in fairly good health, except for poor sight.

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I read an article that Sgt. Carlos Ward wrote in your magazine about his time with the 9th Inf. Div. He mentioned at Geisenfeld.

We are looking forward to

seeing you at the next reunion in Virginia. Till then.

84th F.A., 84th FA, "Jack Kargir 84th FA, and "get well" to John Vandermei

84th FA.

Thanks and God bless.

A.T. Co. 47th Inf.

CHARLES A. BODNAR
187 N.Y. Ave.
Beavercreek, OH 45309

My father was PFC Edward

Quinn, a member of the 9th Inf. Div. He served in the 60th Infantry Regiment, Company "F", 3rd Division, during World War Two. Is there any information you can provide in reference to unit history, battles incurred, awards, unit citations, known personal journals, orders, correspondence or any services during that period? Would you have titles for any book regarding the 9th Inf. Div., 60th Infantry Division have a web page? I see that you have a newsletter, would it be possible to obtain a copy? Do you know of any helpful Web Pages regarding census on specific units during World War Two?

I also wrote Mr. Ken Sunseri, 47th Inf. Division, 118 E. Monroe Cir. Grafton, OH 44047 on 30 July 1997 in regards to same, but with no reply. Are you affiliated in any way with this 9th Inf. Division?

The enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope is for you con

venience. A reply either way would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

William J. Sprake
346 10th Street
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

2nd Bn Med. 29th
DALE E. SMITH
12102 Crest Hill Blvd.
Junction City, KS 66441

Last week I called the VA Medical Center at Camden, S.C. to speak to Larry Goodwin, our buddy who distinguished himself as an officer in the Korean War. I was in the 2nd Bn. Aid Station in the 39 Inf. I was informed that Larry passed away on Aug 8 this year. He was one of all who knew Larry salute him for his service to G Co. and all of the 2nd Bn.

We all pray that Larry may Rest in Peace.

K and Co. 39th Inf.

CHARLES ROCHELLE
4169 NC 98
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

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