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We also remember in our prayers the men who have gone to their eternal reward.

We will also remember in our prayers the men who have answered the call to die.

We will remember in our prayers all who served wearing the Octofoil.

We will also remember in our prayers the men who have answered the call to die again.

We who call ourselves “Friends of Father Connors” will remember all of our friends and family.

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

We have reserved rooms at the Holiday Inn, Worcester. Reservations must be made by yourselves. The phone number is 1-508-852-4000. Reservations must be made by Sept. 17, 1998. Reservations for the luncheon must be made payable to “New England Chapter, Ninth Infantry Association,” at a cost of $17.00, and mailed to: 39 Hall Avenue, Somerville, MA 02144. Should you have problems, please call 1-617-625-8177.

We ask you to join us as we say a few prayers for the 4,581 men we left behind.

Friends of Father Connors

Fran Maher
Herb Olsen
Ron Murphy
Tom Boyle


Dear Mr. and Mrs. John Morris — In memory of husband, John, D Co. 60th Inf.

George Hulka
Wilma Slapinski — In memory of husband, Robert.

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B. General Frank Gunn (center back row) is shown at the Hampton Reunion with Men of E Company 39th Infantry.

Tip of the Hat

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

John Bonkowski — In memory of Tony Valerie, Jennie Alsgaard and Olive Maher.

Gerald Bryant — In memory of Lawrence Fredericks, 60th Inf., 9th M.P. and Div. Ridges.

George Connolly — In Memory of Bert Waller

Al Hasson

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Change of Command

Jack Collier newly elect President of the Association is shown presenting a Division Plaque to retiring President Tom Hatton at the Banquet Hampton Reunion.

President’s Message

I would like to thank the Board of Governors for electing me as your National President. It is a dream come true. My wife Nadine and I attended our first Reunion in 1971, Springfield, IL. and we haven’t missed one since. It did not take me long to find out that there were great men in all of the Units in the 9th Inf. Div. Coming to the Reunions and seeing all the regular attendees is wonderful and meeting new ones I always look forward to also.

Al Perma and George Brown with their wives did a great job at the Reunion in Hampton, Va. Thank you. Our 1999 Reunion will be held in Cape Cod, Massachusetts under the leadership of Herb Olsen and Tom Boyle. I am sure it will be great. If any of you Old soldiers reading this have never been to one of our Reunions and can possibly make it, do it you won’t be sorry.

I am very proud to have the honor of serving as your President for the coming year. Hope to see you in Worcester in Oct. The 9th Div. is the Old Reliables and WE ARE FAMILY. As I said at the Banquet I love you all, stay healthy.

Jack A. Collier

126 St. John Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo. 63119

A tentative Board of Governors has been called for this same weekend as the Memorial Mass and Service depends upon the replies received from the Board members. Board will meet at the Holiday Inn in Worcester at 4:00 p.m. on Sat. October 17th.

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

THE OCTOFOIL
Taps Sounded

Call out our names as the years go by—Remember us—and we will never die.

With deep remorse we announce the passing of these friends and comrades. May they rest in peace.

To their loved ones we extend our deepest sympathy.

Thomas Beers
15 Ensf.

Royal Edmark

Emmett Chandler
M Co. 60th Inf.

John Maak

John Drancitok
G Co. 39th Inf.

Angelo Ferrara
G Co. 39th Inf.

George H. Scotell
G Co. 39th Inf.

Parker Welch
Co. F 60th Inf.

John B. Evans
M Co. 47th Inf.

Richard Rausch
47th Inf. Co. H

Howard Dixon

Homer Dixon
M Co. 60th Inf.

Co. F 60th Inf.

Co. L 39th Inf.

Co. D 39th Inf.

Mrs. Homer W. Dixon
206 McSwain Dr.

Hedgeley Memorial Sch. Fund

Richard Rausch
5th Bn. 47th Inf.

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With ARTHUR SCHMIDT's prosthesis leg.

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Without his mustache HARRY doesn’t look as formidable as
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Everyone enjoying the camaraderie of the Ninth
Infantry Division Association "esprit de corps."

If you missed this 53rd Annual Reunion at Hampton,
Virginia, you missed seeing:
Past President AL PERNA being escorted from the pool
by two beautiful young ladies, his bodyguards, his grand-

daughters. It looked like a mutual admiration society.
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Dear Dan,

Sorry I wasn't able to make roll call at Hampton this past May as I happened to be just out of hospital at the time. Enclosed are dues.

I was very glad to see in the Octofoil that Jack R. Blinn, Company E, 9th Infantry also noted that many errors and inconsistencies in Stephen's audiocassette were added to the Octofoil. As I wrote to Mr. Ambrose, a copy of my letter is enclosed. Just yesterday I received a letter from Mr. Ambrose in response to my earlier letter to the Eisenhower Center. Since a copy of which is also enclosed. I was pleased to note that there was some reaction to my earlier letter, that I received a response and that "mistakes have been corrected." May I suggest that other former members of the Old Reliables drop Stephen Ambrose a line calling his attention to events that they might remember of those days. Should we set the record straight.

Best regards,

Charles W. Fisher
Originally K. Co. 60th Inf.
Later Division Special Service Officer

At Fort Bragg, before the landings in North Africa, I was originally a member of K. Company, 60th Infantry, later the 9th Division Special Service Officer and still later 9th Division Special Service Officer.

Enclosed are dues of $10.00 for one year membership.

Charles W. Fisher 0-129921
Arlington, Va. 22204

Mr. Stephen E. Ambrose
Cambridge, MA
Rockefeller Center
1230 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10020

Dear Stephen Ambrose,

I am writing regarding your new book "Citizen Soldiers," and, while I found it very interesting and in most cases informative, I was greatly disappointed by your apparent overuse of the involvement of some units and interviews with a few individual soldiers for their remembrances of the dogfights on the front lines. I was not aware that this was your intention while writing the book.

Last spring, while on leave from Greenbrier, I observed a 47th regular division convoy pass through the town of Oberkirchen and Capt. Van Dermeided quickly covered the basics — "most of the time you need to follow Van's Maness, but right now he's too busy and the town and you need to find the highest point so you can see all around that town." Then he pointed to my excellent field glasses and told me to choose the highest hill, etc. I was able to choose points on roads leading to Oberkirchen so that the kinder and more deliver fire on those pre-arrested targets when needed. After Strong and the others and I had dropped in on the convoy, dropping fire on actual targets — and actually on the traffic spots for 7 — or 2 days — then Capt. "Van" came back at night to show me how to direct fire at German artillery flashes.

I will always be grateful for the intense, detailed, and yes, inspiring direction he gave me — John "Van" from Michigan.

Of course I had long months of coaching from close friend and boss Bill Rybka... and Bill Mauser became my mentor toward the very end of the war... but that's another story.

As Mauser just wrote — we all are so grateful to you and Marie - you guys did well!

M Co. 60th Inf.
BILL ZIMMERMANN
3351 Orlando Ave.
Baltimore, Md. 21214

Enclosed my check for three months dues. Please continue my Octofoil. Really enjoy reading the news of everyone.

I have missed two years of our Co. M Co. Reunion and my wife and I went a big hello to all of them.

Regards to you and Marie.

Co. L 60 Inf.
KENNETH POWELL
SWEETWATER, Texas 79556

Phone 915-454-5678

I would like to hear from any one from Co. L 60th Inf. 3rd Pit. that served from 1944 to 1945 and who plan to go on the E.T.O. tour in Sept.'98.

C W. Fisher
Box 3542 River Road
Arlington, Virginia 22204

Dear Mr. Fisher,

On behalf of Stephen Ambrose, I would like to thank you for your letter and for your insightful comments regarding "Citizen Soldiers." It will be a tremendous addition to our archives here at the Eisenhower Center. Dr. Ambrose is currently unavailable, but he wanted to convey to you his sincerest regards and that the mistakes have been corrected.

Again, thank you for your letter and please feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Melissa L. Smith
Eisenhower Center staff.

PETER A. RADUCHO
P.O. Box 1541
Momosassa Spgr., FL 32054
Business Conducted at Reunion

32nd Annual Reunion

The 32nd Reunion Meeting of the Ninth Infantry Division Association took place at the Holiday Inn, Hampton, Va. on May 5, 1998 and at 9:30 a.m. President Tom Hatton called the meeting to order with 134 members present. Tom Hatton read the agenda. The secretary, Tom Hatton, called upon the General meeting; NY Cardinal, John Milne, to propose a budget for the ensuing fiscal year and reporting the minutes of last board meeting. The Treasurer, Tom Hatton reported the Finance Committee. Al and upon a motion made by Jack Collier and seconded by Larry McLaughlin it was voted to accept the report of the Treasurer approved this budget and voted to adopt the budget for the ensuing fiscal year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Frank Haines chairman for the Finance Committee named the following members for this committee:

- Gordon Anderson - Illinois Chapter,

The committee has responsibility to report to the membership concerning the financial effectiveness of the organization. The committee has four recommendations relating to the financial statement and public relations. The committee submitted a report to the membership for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998. The report included the financial statements of the association. President Hatton thanked the committee for their report and upon a motion made by Adolph Wadalauro and seconded by Mike Belmonte it was voted to accept the Committee's report.

Details of Estimated Revenues and Proposed Expenditures follows:

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The Committee offered the following four recommendations for consideration by the membership:

1. The Secretary, Treasurer and First Vice-President should be authorized to approve payment of any amounts needed to exceed the proposed budget revenues from any available funds adequate to pay for authorized expenditures.
2. The Treasurer is urged to clarify the language of any account which are vague or unclear.
3. The President should appoint the chairman of the Finance Committee in advance of the annual business meeting to permit the Committee to meet in advance of the annual meeting set for Tuesday, May 5, 1999 and to begin their deliberation of the finance and preparatory of the annual budget. The Treasurer is urged to make a copy of the most recent financial report available to the Chairman in advance of the date which the annual business meeting takes place.
4. The Treasurer is authorized to discuss with the Bank the availability of a portion of the funds in which we will provide increased access to the funds to the Committee.

The undersigned Frank Haines Committee Chairmen moved to adopt the Committee's report, a budget of $19,485 and four additional recommendations relating to the financial procedures.

President Hatton thanked the committee for their report and upon a motion made by Al Perna and seconded by Larry McLaughlin it was voted to accept the report and recommendation of the Committee.

ROLL CALL

As far as we know, K Co. may be down to three men and one lady. JOE, RED THOMPSON and GUY DIXON are the only ones who keep in touch. The rest are mentioned in my golf lessons. RED gives me a good laugh. HELEN said she will see BART and EDDIE at the base this weekend and that for the school reunion on the 27th of June they must get to know each other. By the way, I wish you luck for your reunion on May 5th, 1998 at the 54th Infantry Division Reunion held in Louisville, Kentucky, and upon a motion made by Joe Killen and seconded by Emil Langer it was voted to accept the report of the Veterans Awards Committee.

K Company 47th Inf.

REUNION

JOE KILLACKEY, his granddaughter, DALE, and FRANK CORVINO and his wife ELIZABETH traveled from N.J. to meet us. BILL McKINNEY from West Virginia, are the only COM- PANIONS that attend. They brought us photos of the photos published herein. Why wouldn't BILL? They are both DIGITAL SLR. I'm sure they won't record anything less than that.
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There being no further business to come before this body and upon a motion by Ernie Botella and seconded by Larry McLaughlin it was voted to close the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Daniel Quinn National Secretary

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39th Ind. PAUL CALLAHAN 716 Jackson Rd. Shavertown, Pa. 18708

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Great New York Area Chapter

The last meeting of the NY Chapter, before the summer hiatus, was held at our usual command post at the Masonic Lodge building, 71 W 23rd St., New York, on July 19. President Joe Killen and Langer, our faithful liaison from Florida, presided over the meeting, which had been chiefly by mail due to the World Cup soccer matches being played in Brazil. Minutes of the last meeting were read and business items discussed.

President Killen opened the meeting with members Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, and resident member George Apel, the Adjutant. A moment of silence was observed by the members for the 4,581 buddies who did not return from World War II.

The 3rd Reunion in Hampton, VA

A discussion followed, leading into our 3rd Reunion at Hampton, VA, May 5, 6 and 7. From what this reporter heard from friends attending, all was well and the military presence was strong. The ladies had a good time. Many of us took in the local attractions such as the war exhibits at the Air Force Base, Fort Monroe/Casemate Museum, where Confederate President Jefferson Davis was imprisoned after the war, and the Virginia War Museum with the annex of the U.S. Naval Academy and the large replica of the USS Weymouth. Some rode the free, quartz wooded "trolley car" to Hampton Harbor or visit the Norfolk Naval Station. A 30-mile ride could take you to Williamsburg.

Dining adventures took us to fine eateries like the Grate Steak where you could cook your own steak on an "open" grill, or Captain George's 2312 Eastrige Rd. Holiday Inn's landscaped walkways. Above the din of conversation at the bar or clusters of 9th and ladies visiting the reception area, shrieks of laughter would suddenly rent the air as memories brought back some funny incidents that they had experienced during wartime.

An unexpected meeting of the "Old Reliables" and the new "Young Lions" was an army finance conference of intelligent and personable men and women being held at the hotel conference center. Although these young spit-and-polish intelligent and personable men and women were dedicated to their respective agendas and presented thoughtful recommendations for the decision makers, the meeting was adjourned to present our best wishes to the "Old Reliables" for their upcoming Reunion.

The Closing Moments

We closed the meeting with the annual ballroom dance, "Stars on March 17th, 1945" - the only one I've ever attended. It's the only one I'll ever attend. It was lovely. We had about six people at the Lingy Air Force Base. They showed us Army men on base.

Our thanks to the Committee for another successful reunion this year. Each year we have fewer members in attendance but enough are present to keep the organization going. The hotel accommodations were excellent and the staff very courteous. Thanks to everyone who checked in 930 minutes before the start. All the arrangements were handled with interest and concern. We wish we had more time to more of the attractions.

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At this time we would like to congratulate the new President of the Ninth Infantry Division Association — Mr. Jack Collier. Our best wishes to you for success.

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We visited with the Baums recently in their new home in Pflaumfeld, and they are enjoying living in the more rural community. Dolores has been having some health problems and on July 26th will be having a hip replacement. She hopes all goes well and wishes her the best for a speedy recovery.

Lonne Grom (Don's widow) called me from Florida. She enjoys being there as she is near her son and family. She and wish her the best for a speedy recovery.

Back to the June 16 meeting, meeting was adjourned to present our best wishes to the "Old Reliables" for their upcoming Reunion.

ANGOLA OUTSTATE MEETING

It's not too late to register for the Mini Reunion in October, at Angola, Indiana. Michigan Chapter will host this year and we are hoping to see you and your buddies from the 9th Division and other fine restaurants around town, including the Holiday Inn's own, entitled the Palace. The annual ballroom dance, "Stars on March 17th, 1945" - the only one I've ever attended. It's the only one I'll ever attend. It was lovely. We had about six people at the Lingy Air Force Base. They showed us Army men on base.

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On July 30th we will be at a cookout at the Gaertners in Wisconsin with their Ladies Auxiliary. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again.

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Back to the June 16 meeting, meeting was adjourned to present our best wishes to the "Old Reliables" for their upcoming Reunion.
MICHIGAN NEWS

Looking back at things past:
The 53rd Annual Reunion held at Hampton, Va, a story with many familiar faces and featuring ten men from F Co. 47th Infantry.

To Alfred and his staff for running a good show and a top of the hat to George Brown for his hospitality in the E and F Co. C.P.

Next on the agenda was our chapter Annual Memorial Day Service. The year we met at the grave site of James Chilco C 47th Infantry.

A large turn-out of family and friends met in Grand Rapids, Mi to remember one of our own.

After brunch at a local restaurant (during which time it rained) we motored to the cemetery. On arrival we found the gods smiling on us for the rain stopped.

A very impressive ceremony followed. After remarks by Tom Hatten, our Past National President, a wreath was placed at the grave by Jim and Nancy, son and daughter of the honored deceased.

Following prayers Taps was sounded by Willie McVicar and friend and member of the Carl A. Johnson American Legion Post #2.

We parted with a resolve not to forget those who rest in the peace of the Lord.

Now we look to the future. The first Fall gathering is the picnic at the home of Art and Marye Zoering, 6300 Whitehouse rd. in Alto, Mi. On Aug. 8th. Bring a dish to pass. Art informs me that dinner will be ready at 100 p.m.

Then follows our Out State Meeting at Holiday Inn in Sagle, Idaho. This area has drawn the troops from Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. Mark your calendar and get ready to join in the fun. For those not on my chapter mailing list the cost per room is $40.00 plus 8% tax a night. The banquet is $11.00 per person. To get this rate call (219) 665-9471 and ask for Krista. Identify yourself as a 47th Infantry Member.

We end the year at our chapter Christmas Party/Meeting on Wednesday, December 9th at 12:00 Noon at Fishers Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth, Mi.

Price of the Family Style Christmas Dinner or your choice is $19.00.

This brings us to the end of our activities for 1996.

We hold our hopes in our hearts for a bigger and better 1999.

Roderick E. Aalgaard, Sec'y


2834 Wynee Street

Saginaw, Michigan 48602-3700

PHOTO TAKEN BY CLIFF PALTEY OF HENRY SANTOS, 15TH ENG.

Chairman of the 53rd Annual Reunion held at the GALT HOUSE in Louisville, KY (June 1997)

EVA SANTOS: in a phone conversation with Richard Baudouin, Eva said that Henry is able to walk a few steps with the aid of a walker. His speech is coming back and that he wants to go home. We continue to pray for Henry's complete recovery.

VIRGINIA DRISCOLL and her husband Jimmy had more than their share of illnesses during this year. Virginia had a heart by-pass operation in March followed by a hip operation in June. Jimmy is recovering nicely from a heart operation in early part of this year. Their daughter Loretta came down to help with the chores during their convalescence period. Virginia and Jimmy are doing quite well and looking forward to attending our meeting.

DOLORES VAN DER POEL had cataracts removed in early part of this year. Her husband Chuck had one cataract removed and is scheduled to have the other one done about the middle of July. Dolores and Chuck are in good spirits and are looking forward to hosting an enjoyable mini-reunion.

NOTE: Please consult your Membership Roster for accurate phone numbers when contacting their members.

Byr. A. 20th F.A.

Mrs. JOHN L. RABBITT

738 Berkeley Ave.

Berkeley, MA 02770-1907

No where in the Octofoil did I see an invitation or mention to your 53rd reunion in Virginia. I wonder if the widows of the men of the 10th Div. I will call us the 53rd heroes. I waited 2 1/2 years for John to come home, 1942-1945. We were married 52 years (1942-1995). We went to many reunions in Worcester host by Bob Rucker.

Lois Rabbitt

wife of John Rabbitt

Co. F, 47th Inf.

CHARLES ROCHELLE

4164 NC 68

Chapel Hill, NC 27514

We returned from the Reunion safe and sound. We really had a great time and enjoyed seeing everyone again, especially Angelo and LuAnn. We met Jack and Lavonne Blans, Bob and Pip Detlefsen and many other people, too many to name. We all enjoy meeting with John and LuAnn Hopson and he seems to be making a lot of progress. He makes it to the next reunion.

Shortly after my return home his hip surgery did not go well. He had a cataract removed (already scheduled before the operation). It went very well. As soon as I get my new glasses, I'll be able to see better than ever.

We are really looking forward to next year at Cape Cod.

P.S. Here are dues for a year.

Co. K 60th Inf.

ALPHONSE J. ZENKA

Rt. 3, box 246

Belleville, Manor, NY 11427-2118

In 1990, I fortunately discovered the New York chapter of the 9th Infantry Division Association.

Since then, I've been able to attend every Reunion and renewed acquaintances with Bob Rucker, among others, and enjoyed making new friendships. Thanks for all your diligent efforts in keeping us all in touch with one another.


9th MP

GEORGE VIX

7237 E 29th St.

Wichita, KS 67226

I am sorry for tardiness. I enjoy receiving the Octofoil. Please pass on my regards to all the MP.

If you can't think of good things to say about your friends, you have the wrong friends.
Joel Doyle, DAIRY, KY 40017

Enclosed find my check for $1999.00

Your brother

1998 Reunion

Rantoul, KS

May 23, 1998

C Ceremony of the new chapter members, I had the honor and privilege of being the primary speaker. I was tasked with introducing the guests of honor, which included the

enclosed is this year's Octofol.

This year's event was held in the beautiful town of Rantoul, Kansas.

The main attraction of the weekend was the annual reunion of the 9th Infantry Division.

The reunion included various activities such as a parade, speeches, and a reunion dinner.

I had the opportunity to meet many old friends and make new ones.

Enclosed is a picture of some of the attendees at the reunion.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Joel Doyle

Enclosed is a photo of the reunion. The photo shows the attendees of the reunion.

Enclosed is a donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Joe Biddix.

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