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New Attendance Record Established at Sixth Annual Memorial Mass on Nov. 12

Paying solemn tribute to the memory of nearly 5,000 men of the Fighting Ninth who were killed in action during World War II, over four hundred former members of The Ninth Infantry Division, and their families, gathered in the quiet, little New England village of North Grafton, Massachusetts, to attend the Sixth Annual Memorial Mass, celebrated by Father EDWARD T. CONNORS.

If there ever was an occasion for anyone to learn the true meaning of the frequently used phrase—"ESPRIT DE CORPS"—the opportunity was never better displayed than it was upon this occasion. The true meaning existed from the time one entered beautiful ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

Words are hard to find that would do justice to the occasion. To fully realize the significance of the occasion, one would have to attend. This is probably one of the many reasons why the attendance this year has set a new high. The word is being spread around that this affair is something that is really worthwhile, something that is worth going hundreds of miles to attend. Here is an opportunity for men of the Ninth to get together—not only for a good time—that is important—but to gather together in a spirit of fellowship and pray for our departed friends, as well as for the future peace of this world.

The guiding light behind these Memorial Masses is our beloved Father CONNORS. This year the services were held in his new church, St. Mary's, located about five miles south of Worcester in the little town of North Grafton.

The church was beautifully decorated with autumn flowers for this occasion. Over half of the church was reserved for the men of the Ninth, and their families and friends. Even so, some of the late-comers were forced to stand.

After Mass, the scene changed to the Parish Hall, which, for this occasion was turned into a giant "CONNORS' COFFEE SHOPPE." The room was completely filled with long tables and before long space was at a premium, necessitating the use of the stage where more tables were set up and quickly filled. It wasn't long before everyone was busily engaged in the enjoyment of a typical New England style, home-cooked turkey dinner. Needless to say, the food was delicious, the service was excellent and afterwards Father Connors called all of the charming ladies of the Parish on to the stage to receive a resounding round of thanks from the "overstuffed" assemblage.

During the dinner, Father Connors turned the job of Master of Ceremony over to the capable hands of DON AMATO, who was very ably assisted by a two-piece orchestra, consisting of a pianist and violinist.

Many Gold Star Mothers, Fathers, Sisters and Brothers attended and it was a privilege and a pleasure for your National Secretary to meet with them and talk to them.

The gathering broke up, quite reluctantly, late in the afternoon, all present being unanimous in their opinion that this Memorial Mass and Get-Together had been the most impressive ever.

Xmas Message

I should like to extend my sincere best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

As each of the years pass by we can count the favors we have received from our daily toil. The Success of business, the acquiring of a home and the blessings of a family.

All these things should make us humbly thankful as we approach this joyful season of peace and goodwill to all men.

DONALD M. CLARKE,
National President

K Co., 47th Inf. Annual Reunion

The Fourth Annual Reunion of the former members of Company "K," 47th Infantry was held last October 20th at The Colonial Bar and Grill, 2118 Bergenline Avenue, Union City, New Jersey.

This reunion, as well as the three preceding ones, was made possible through the untiring efforts and ability of two of K Company's former top-kicks—former first sergeants GEORGE BASTEDO and JOE LAGATUTTA. Both of these men hail from Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Thirty K Company men were present at the affair, mostly coming from the Greater New York area. Every one had a very enjoyable time, meeting old friends and reminiscing over the good old days spent in Fort Bragg, Africa, Sicily, England and Europe.

Beaucoup refreshments, liquid and otherwise, were available to insure that no one went thirsty or hungry. The bar was gallily decorated with posters and signs recalling Army life and customs, thus adding a pleasant touch to the ornamentations.

Plans were made to hold the Fifth Annual Reunion, sometime in October of 1951. The exact date and place have not as yet been decided upon, however, any former K Company men who desire full information on this affair should write to GEORGE BASTEDO, 101 Terrace Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey. George will put your name on his mailing list.

Many thanks are due to GEO. E. KLINGER and BOB NEDWELL for informing your National Secretary of this important event. A complete list of members attending has been received and those men who are not members of the National Association are being contacted with an invitation to join. The complete roster was sent in by GEORGE BASTEDO, who incidentally was not a member of the Association, however, he included his membership fee along with the roster and now is a member.

These K Company men have stuck together remarkably well since the end of World War II. It is further proof of the undying friendships formed during battle.

Lt. General Eddy Now Wears Two Hats . . .

A recent announcement from The Department of The Army tells of the organization in Europe of the American 7th Army.

Commanding this new Army is Lt. General Manton S. Eddy, the number two man in Europe. The number one man, so we are told, is General T. T. Handy, Commander in Chief, EUCOM.

Besides being the CG of the newly formed 7th Army, the Department of The Army informs us that General Eddy still holds his title as Commanding General, United States Army in Europe.

High Enthusiasm Voiced by all Members Attending First Southeastern Reunion

For those members attending the first Southeastern Reunion, held in Birmingham, Alabama, last November 18th, it was an occasion which afforded the opportunity of meeting old friends and reliving the memories stemming from 9th Division days of World War II.

About sixty members attended, representing most of the units of the Fighting Ninth, and although the attendance wasn't up to expectations, it can be reported that everyone had a most enjoyable time.

It was the unanimous expression of everyone that such an affair be planned for next year, thus affording to the membership of the 8-state area the opportunity of meeting together.

As originally announced, this reunion was planned on a very informal basis. Registration facilities were provided by the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, starting at 10:00 a.m. in the lobby of The Tutwiler Hotel.

During the afternoon, the 9th Division combat films were shown, followed in the evening at 7:00 p.m. by an informal banquet.

Many thanks go to Chester Braune for his assistance in helping work out the details in planning this affair. It was through his efforts that we were able to obtain Brig. Gen. JOHN D. HIGGINS as the speaker of the evening. General Higgins presently commands the 87th (Acorn) Infantry Division (Reserve). During the last War, he served as G-1 on General Collins' 7th Corps Staff, consequently he was very familiar with the actions of the 9th and his remarks brought back many memories. When the 9th arrived in England, General Higgins was instrumental in making arrangements for the housing of the Division and his remarks concerning Winchester and the surrounding area were very apropos.

After everyone had their fill of roast beef, etc., the tables were cleared away, the orchestra took its place and the dance began. Arrangements were made with the South Highland General Hospital to provide several very charming nurses as dancing partners. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the nurses were very well chaperoned and when 12 o'clock rolled around and the music stopped, it was necessary that they return to their nursing home.

Telegrams, expressing regrets due to inability to attend, were received from Lt. General Eddy, Lt. General Hodge (CG Third Army), Maj. General Craig and Ed. Bailey. A very nice letter was received from Mrs. J. F. Niven of Albermarle, North Carolina. Mrs. Niven is the Mother of Captain Jesse Niven (D Co., 47th), who was killed in action. Her letter is so significant of the times that it is printed in full, as follows:

"Greetings and best wishes to The Ninth Infantry Division Association. Time and distance prevents me from attending meeting of Southeastern Reunion. As you are privileged to meet again, may this meeting be a challenge to each one present to elect yourselves as statesmen and leaders to combat the fight against our freedom and existence—and that the Fighting Ninth may again in words, thoughts and deeds be an instrument for the attainment of World Peace. I would be glad to hear from any of my Son's friends.—Captain Jesse Franklin Niven's Mother."

Listed below are the names of those members who attended, by unit designation.

39th Infantry

DONALD M. CLARKE, S. W. GAYDON, ORLIN D. GILES, JAMES P. MAJORS, JAMES T. PARKINSON, N. R. ROBERTS.

47th Infantry

WILLIAM J. BOSHELL, S. J. CALHOUN, JOE CHERRY, JULIUS E. CLARK, H. E. CLARY, JR., SIDNEY E. ELLIS, HENRY GARRARD, JAMES H. MOORE, WILLIAM L. MCWATERS, WILLIAM H. MOOTY, JACK N. SHINN, JOHN M. SIMMONS, RAY G. TEDDER, WILLIAM H. WARD.

60th Infantry

A. J. SMITH, WILLIAM S. BECKER, WILLIE W. BOGGAN, CARL K. BRADY, SIDNEY O. CADDINS, GEORGE T. CAMPBELL, MILTON CORDRAY, MARSHALL G. GILBERT, JESSE J. HAMPTON, TROY E. HANNER, THOMAS J. INGLE, ROBERT LEWIS, CARLTON J. P. PATTERSON, AUBREY W. PHILLIPS, GIRLIE J. RAGAN, ROBERT ROBERTSON, COL. HENRY E. ROYALL, BERNARD SEROTA, HOWARD SHARP, GORDON TAYLOR, EDWARD VANDUYNE, WALTER J. VICTOR, KEENE N. WILSON.

Division Headquarters

CHESTER BRAUNE, JR., PAUL JONES, MILTON STUCKEY ALBERT WERNER.

Division Artillery

FLORIAN LUKE (Div. Arty), CHARLIE WEBSTER (26th), ALBERT J. WILLINGHAM (34th), OTHER HILLEY (60th), CHAS. B. WITT (84th).

Special Troops

HUBERT DURHAM (9th Sig.), WILLIAM T. LOWE (9th Med.), JAMES F. CARLTON (9th Med.), WILLARD M. JOHNSON (9th QM), J. C. SULLIVAN, CHARLES TINGLEY (9th QM).

A letter from CHARLES B. WITT, Benton, Tennessee, hits the nail on the head as far as the success of this reunion is concerned. Charlie writes as follows: "Just a note to tell you how much I enjoyed meeting and talking with you at our Southeastern Reunion."

"Although I regret the fact that the attendance wasn't quite as large as I had hoped, I felt that what we lacked in numbers, the 'Esprit de Corps' was there, which more than made up the difference, and I felt proud that I could be there to represent the 84th F.A. Bn."

"I hope that this can be made an annual affair, and will be glad to co-operate in any way possible to make the next one as successful as the one past."

Your National Secretary is making plans to promote a second Southeastern Reunion and all members living within the area will be contacted as to their thoughts on the subject. In the meantime, each and every member in the Southeastern area is urged to show his interest by keeping your membership up to date. In this way, it will be possible to offset the deficit incurred by the lack of attendance on November 18th.

Octofoil Editor Still Pleads for N-E-W-S

The last three issues of The Octofoil contained pleas to you fellows asking you to send in some items for publication in the paper.

Several responses were received—thanks to all concerned, however, the need still exists and will continue to exist.

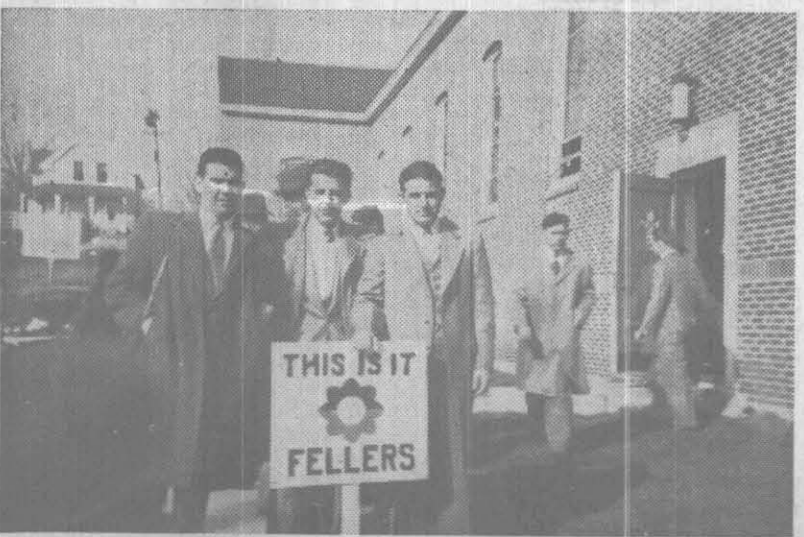
Help us to make this an interesting paper. It won't take but just a very short interval for you—and you—and you to sit down and send us a letter, telling all about yourself since the time you were in a fox hole. It will make interesting reading for your many friends.

Grab a pen or pencil and do it now. Send it to: National Secretary, P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C. Thanks a million.

Interior of Father Connors' New Church



Chow Hounds Attend Memorial Mass



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Extract from the certificate of incorporation of the Ninth Infantry Division Association: "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 an everlasting world peace exclusively by means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to members and former members of the Division."

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is the right of a person to share in the honor, to take part in the functions, to help in the work and to uphold the dignity of the club, the organization or the association in which he has been accepted. Membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association is indeed an honor. It is an honor to be proud of even to the point of boastfulness. The men of the Ninth fought their way into membership and they will continue to fight to maintain their association.

When an organization proffers a bid to a member-elect it generally follows a similar pattern of selection. The candidate is an upright citizen of his community, conscious of his civic duties and able to aid the purpose of the organization. He is noted by a member of the organization, brought to the attention of the membership committee by his sponsor and either voted in or not accepted. Due to the fact that weekly meetings are usually held, the members become quite friendly and look forward to each meeting. Generally it is found necessary to place a limit on the number of members the organization can accept, because every adult person in the community could be a future member.

In the formation of the Ninth Infantry Division Association there was none of this procedure. The men of the Division had joined together on common ground. They had lived together, fought together and had become wonderful friends during the long months they were overseas. They simply wanted to perpetuate the friendship they had found. By maintaining an active membership in the Association they are doing just that.

Unfortunately the weekly meetings and a large community potential of members is not the lot of many organizations. Namely, the Ninth Division Association, whose members have been scattered over the length and breadth of the country.

When the Association was first formed, all its members were living practically around the corner from each other and could be contacted quite readily. This was done and the initial group was quite large. However, this occurred in the summer of 1945 and since that time literally thousands of the original members have moved and left no forwarding address. Needless to say, this has made it impossible to contact these members concerning the Association. What is even worse to consider is the fact that there are probably thousands of original members of the Division who at this date do not know that an Association is in existence. Efforts to contact these members through existing Army records have been practically nil.

These people can be contacted however, by the active members of the Association. Many of the members correspond with other members in one form or another. There will be thousands of Christmas cards mailed during the coming weeks. On those cards to former friends of the Division; ask if they are current members. Have them contact friends they know in turn. It may create a round robin with new addresses and new members coming in to the National Secretary.

This Association needs everyone of its members in support in order to carry out the purpose of its formation. A little help from a lot of people goes a long way in the direction we are heading; to make our Association better and more successful each year.

DO YOUR SHARE — PAY YOUR 1951 DUES NOW

News of Members—Here, There and Everywhere

News from the 39th Infantry

STANLEY R. MILLS (1st Lt.), Box 23, Garfield, Washington, has been ordered to active duty, effective 1 November. His letter did not state where he was headed for, however he did express his thanks for the last convention in Chicago, and the everlasting remembrances it afforded him.

A nice letter from EARL DUNCAN (D Co. Aid Man.) Earl is back down in Humboldt, Tennessee, Route No. 1, after leaving the 9th in September, 1945. Since returning home, Earl married and they now have a four-year old daughter—"Olga Dianne." Farming takes up most of his time, raising cotton, corn and hogs, however, he did find some spare time to build a new home for his family and has recently purchased a new tractor and truck and has added a few head of cows. Sounds like he is really a busy man these days.

SILAS W. GAYDON (T/Sgt.) attended the SE Reunion, also came up with his 1951 dues. His address is Clarkdale, Ga., and he wants to hear from some of his former cohorts.

KARL F. BALLWANZ, JR., (D Washington Street, Plaquemine, La., recently sent in for a map. Cy was one of the many who served all the way with the 39th.

KARL F. BALLWANZ, JR. (D Co.), sent in his 1950-1951 dues. Karl recently moved to a new address—1228 William Street, Baltimore 30, Md., and in the process misplaced the address of his old friend, George Roberts, also of D Co.

TED C. WISNIEWSKI (K Co.), 366 Ashburton Avenue, Yonkers 2, N. Y., would like very much to hear from any members of K Co., who served with him between January 22, 1941, and August 3, 1943. How about it—drop him a line.

HOWARD M. COLEN (T/5, Hq. Co., 3rd Bn.), 2921 West 33rd Street, Brooklyn 24, N. Y., believes in the old saying—it pays to advertise. He recently sent in for another license emblem and windshield stickers—a paid up member, also.

A very nice letter from RAYMOND C. STROWS, 3242 South 23rd Street, Milwaukee 15, Wisconsin, expressing appreciation to our Association for sending a copy of Eight Stars To Victory to his Mother, Mrs. J. Zelek. Mr. Strows is the brother of 1st Sgt. WALTER C. STROWS, who was killed in action during the Sicilian Campaign in 1943.

Here's a few changes of addresses concerning former 39th men:

MRS. HELEN GLOZICK (Mother of RAYMOND A. GLOZICK, Killed in action) is now living at 4338 So. Western Avenue, Chicago 9, Illinois.

ROSS B. MANLEY (1st Lt. A, B & F Cos.), 2664 Cherry Road, Denver, Colo.

WARD PAYNE, JR., 2435 Blaisdell, Minneapolis 5, Minn.

JOHN F. SOUTHWORTH (Capt.), 3217 Waynoka, Memphis, Tenn.

JACK F. JEWELL (1st Lt.), 1316 B Street, Lawton, Okla.

M. L. MARTIN (Maj.), Diana Apt. T-1, Radium Springs, Albany, Georgia.

RALPH C. CARCI (Sgt. Hq. Co., 2nd Bn.), 1904 Constitution Avenue, N.E., Washington, D. C.

SAMUEL B. FARRAUTO (Pfc.), 352 South Olden Avenue, Trenton 9, N. J.

RAY C. BOONE Sgt.), 828 Xenia S.E., Washington 20, D.C.

RAY INZER (47th), sent in a report on Lt. Col. DICK KENT (39th), who is now stationed in Houston, Texas, where he is PMS&T for the Houston High School ROTC units. Dick has seven schools under his jurisdiction and is doing a bang-up job. It was Ray's pleasure recently to be detailed as the inspecting officer of Dick's activity and of course, the inspection tour ended up with a long discourse on old times with the 9th.

47th Raiders

WILLIAM H. MACDONALD (F Co.), is in business for himself, located at 310 Dixie Highway, Dixie View Trailer Court, Erlanger, Kentucky. Bill joined the 47th somewhere in France, after the invasion, and stuck with it through France, Belgium, and the first part of Germany, where he was wounded by an "88" near the Siegfried Line. He was discharged on July 10, 1945, and became a married man on Christmas Day, five months later. As yet they have no children as his wife has continued to hold onto her job with the Victor Electric Co. Bill and his wife live in a house trailer and expect to continue for years to come as that is his business, doing service work and moving and selling trailers. They are located at the junction of routes

254 and 42 and anyone on their way to Florida should make it a point to stop by and at least say "hello." He is especially desirous of hearing from any of the former F company gang.

RAY L. INZER (Lt. Col.), sent in a very newsy letter in response to our appeal. Ray has a new address—c/o H. V. Kocher, Porters Falls, West Virginia—until further notice. At present he is located in Austin, Texas, as training officer, Headquarters, Texas Military District, however, he is leaving there around the 15th of December to spend the Christmas holidays in Michigan and West Virginia. On January 5th he reports to Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, to start the short course after which he will report in at his new assignment — Headquarters, 4th Army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Ray recently received word that Mr. PAUL FOWLER died in Switzer, South Carolina, on October 31. He was the father of Lt. THOMAS O. FOWLER, who was killed in action in France during the latter part of July, 1944. Lt. Fowler spent most of his time with the 47th, as a member of H Co., but at the time of his death was in command of G Co. He was killed at the time of the breakthrough in the St. Lo Sector. Mr. Fowler is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter, all of whom live in Switzer, S. C. JIM LEO POLD, of the Formfit Corset Co. (Boy, what a job), formerly of 2nd Bn. 47th, recently paid Ray a visit while in Austin, Texas. Jim was out on a business trip ostensibly to promote the sale of corsets so the two of them got together over a steak dinner and a few short drinks and had a long winded "gab-fest" and re-hashed most of the actions of the 47th. Jim is looking mighty well—he hasn't developed the post-war spread which seems to be so common among most of us—Ray included. PERRY KAY (known to former members of the 47th—H Co. to be exact—as PERRY KUN- IANSKY) is in the exterminating business. Until recently he was manager of the Forth Worth branch of the Orkin Exterminating Company but has now been transferred to the office in Atlanta, Georgia. During his stay in Texas Perry and Ray were able to get together on several occasions. Incidentally, Perry is all married up now and has one youngster in the family.

BILL MULDOON (L Co.), joins with his wife, Joan, in extending the best of the Season's Greetings to all of his former friends. Bill's home is located at 60-14 69 Lane, Maspeth, New York, and has recently written to the National Secretary regarding the possibilities of obtaining a posthumous decoration for S/Sgt. MIKE SHORT, who was killed on the outskirts of Kothen, Germany, about April, 1945. (Editor's note: I am working on this matter and hope to have something to report before too long.)

JOHN W. WATSON (Sgt.), Box 84, Roxton, Texas, recently sent in his 1950-1951 dues. About the same time the same was also received from ORTWIN LEO KOLLANDER (S/Sgt., F Co.) of Brewster, Minn.

HARRY DAINES (Pfc.), of Pickstown, South Dakota, came through with his 1951 dues.

Here's a few address changes for men of the 47th:

JOHN McADAMS (T/5), 628 Main Street, Hingham, Mass.

NICHOLAS CASELLA, JR. (1st Sgt.), 1057 Frances Drive, Valley Stream, N. Y.

CAPT. RICHARD S. DOUGHERTY (Capt. A Co.), Woodland Terrace Apts., Apt. 14-B, Columbia, South Carolina.

WILLIAM S. SULLIVAN (Pvt.), Park Plaza Apt. C 111, 881 Parkside Avenue, Trenton, N. J.

JOSEPH D'ANTONIO (Cpl.), 373 Midwood Street, Brooklyn 25, New York.

GEORGE BERDAY (Sgt., Serv. Co.), 338 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, Pa.

WILTON M. TAYLOR (Pfc. M Co.), Stop 6, Lost Hills, California.

HORACE E. CLARY, JR. (Capt. 2nd Bn.), 760 Dixie Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

ROBERT ANDRE (A Co.), RD, No. 7, Butler, Pa.

AMOS H. DAVIS (Corp. Hq. Co.), is now back in the army but not as a corporal. It's Lt. Davis now, being stationed with the 313 Engineer Utility Detachment at Camp Carson, Colorado.

15th Engineers

MARTIN D. CONNELLY (T/5) has a new address: 90 Nonantum st., Brighton, Mass. Marty was up in North Grafton for Father Connors Memorial Mass.

Go-Devil Activities

M/Sgt VERNON MUGER-DITCHIAN (1st Sgt., G Co.) is now stationed in the Far East, according to word received from his wife. His present address is Company D, 15th Infantry Regiment, APO 468, Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. Vern would sure like to hear from the former gang.

An unsigned letter was received informing us of the present address of CLEO H. BREWER (Lt. Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., & F Co.). Brewer was wounded while serving with the 7th Infantry Division, in the vicinity of Seoul, Korea. His present address is as follows: M/Sgt C. H. Brewer, F Company, 17th Infantry, APO No. 7, PM San Francisco, California.

WILLIAM H. PETERSON (H Co.) married three years ago and last August 16 the stork arrived with a very fine baby girl—Marjorie Doris, weighing in at seven pounds, 14 ounces — present weight 16 pounds. Bill is farming in Minnesota and there is plenty of cold weather out thataway right now. About the only person he hears from of the old gang is GERALD KIPLINGER, 1440 Peach st., Lincoln, Nebraska. How about you other fellows — drop a line to Bill at R. No. 1, Box 195, Little Falls, Minnesota. (Incidentally Bill, Jerry Kiplinger hasn't paid his dues for sometime, how about dropping a hint to him?)

JOSEPH L. RAPPAZINI (1st Lt. Hq. Co., 3rd Bn.) is now living at 6355 Pilgrim, Detroit 21, Michigan. Joe sends his best "hello" to all of his friends, especially of the 3rd Bn.

MAJOR JACK W. COULTER (L Co.) is now stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. as S-4 for Col. John G. VanHouten, commanding officer of The Ranger Training Center.

A very nice letter from MRS. McELDUFF tells us about her son, PVT. WALTER M. McELDUFF (L & M Co.). After leaving the army five years ago, Walt joined the reserves and last month he received his orders—back in the army and overseas. During his civilian years, Walt worked for The Atlantic Coast Railroad, for over two years as a flagman. After receiving his orders to report back into uniform, he tried to get assigned to the 9th Division at Fort Dix but that couldn't be arranged. After a short time at Hood, Texas he headed for the far east. His present address: Pvt. Walter M. McElduff, ER 34706090, Prov. Co. 98, APO 613, PM, San Francisco, California. Sit down and write him a letter, things are not too well over there and a word or two from his friends will help to ease the load.

Two former 9th men have regained their former rank, only this time in a different colored uniform. FRED J. BICKING, JR., a former 1st Sgt. with the 60th Infantry Medics, was recently promoted to Sergeant in the Endicott, New York, Police Department. DELBERT E. PEMBRIDGE, a former 1st Lt. in M Co., 60th Infantry, was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, likewise in the Endicott Police Force. Fred left the lines in December 1944 because of combat fatigue. He spent the next seven months in various hospitals in Germany, Belgium, France and the States, being discharged in June, 1945. He was then appointed to the police department the following September. Del left the outfit in July, 1945, was discharged in November and was appointed to the police department in December. He received his promotion to Sergeant in November, 1947. Fred and Del both took the same Civil Service Examination for patrolman in February, 1938, but were not appointed when their names were reached because they were in the military service, Del being inducted in October, 1940 and Fred in January, 1941. Any former Ninth men passing through or near Endicott, New York are cordially invited to stop for a visit—and not in the hoosegow either. If they haven't a bottle in the house they'll get one in short order. The Pembridges recently moved into their new home at 500 Barnes Ave., Union New York. The Bickings are now building a new home at 600 Barnes Avenue and hope to move in about the 1st of February. In the meantime, the Bickings' old address remains at 608 North st., Endicott, N. Y.

AYERIE COMFORT, JR. (G Co.) sends in the name of another former G Company man as a prospective member — FRANK FILIPEK, Prospect st., Hatfield, Mass. He is being contacted relative to becoming a member. Com-

fort would sure like to hear from any of his former friends of G Co., drop him a line to Box 28, Breesport, N. Y.

In paying his 1951 dues, SGT. FRANKLIN W. GUNTER (Pfc) advises us of his new address: 9951 TSU SGO, Percy Jones Army Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan.

LT. WILLIAM P. POWIERS (1st Lt.) is now stationed in Europe with the 1st Division. His address is: Hq. Co., 16th Infantry Reg't., APO 696, PM, New York, N. Y.

Here's a few additional address changes for men of the 60th:

CHARLES B. ALCORN (Capt. 1st Bn) 17419 Omira st., Detroit 3, Mich.

HERBERT BUTZ (1st Sgt. A Co.) 4745 Perry st., Denver 12, Colorado.

ALPHONSE B. SANDERS (Pfc) 2827 Sycamore dr., Baton Rouge, La.

OTIS R. EVERAGE (Pfc) Rt. 2, Box 248, Cut Off, La.

GLEN R. TAFF (1st Lt.) Rt. 4, Brevard rd., Hendersonville, North Carolina.

CARL A. McQUEENEY (Pfc, Hq. Co., 3rd Bn) 2105 Queens Chapel rd., Washington, D. C.

JAMES MILLER (Sgt., I Co.) Round Hill, Ky.

JOHN J. ARMITAGE (Pfc) 363 West Division st., Ishpeming, Mich.—also included payment of his 1951 dues.

376th AAA

CHARLES L. HODGE (Pfc) is now residing at 216 Hedgepath st. in good old Fayetteville, N. C.

A very nice letter from EARL CALDWELL (D Btry), who, as previously reported, is now in the Vet's Hospital, Dearborn, Michigan, being treated for tuberculosis. Earl has received some very newsy letters from some of the 376th men and he is looking forward to receiving many more of them. Joe Casey was down to see him from the Detroit Chapter and told him all about the recent picnic which the Chapter held. Earl sent in a picture of himself, taken atop a statue in front of the University in Wurzburg, Germany back in July, 1945



when the 376th was using some of the University buildings as barracks. He reminds all of you former 376th men to write a letter to The Octofoil and reminds each of you that you weren't in your holes that far back in 1945 when the 376th shot down eight planes out of 11 on New Years Day between Eupen and Monchau.

BOB JACKSON (376th AAA D Btry., Sgt) sent in some information about the re-election of Hugh Addonizio (60th Inf.). Bob belongs to Local No. 843, Brewery Workers AFL and works for Pabst Blue Ribbon in Newark. Their Local numbers over 3,000 men and they were 100% for Hugh. Bob mentions that he recently received another letter from Earl Caldwell and strongly urges you 376th fellows to drop Earl a letter—also, Bob, himself would like to hear from any of you—his address 104 Cherry st., West Orange, N. J.

709th Ordnance

MRS. LESLIE H. BRADLEY writes in for her husband, former T/5 Les Bradley. They have recently moved into their new home at 700 South Henderson st., Fort Worth, Texas. It seems that Les doesn't do much these days except to sleep and work, having a night job which sort of makes it difficult to keep caught up on his sleep.

It's now Lt. Col. WILLIAM H. WAIKART. Congratulations. Bill is still living at 251 10th st., n.w., Apt. 6, Bldg. 1, Atlanta, Ga. (Incidentally, his promotion was old news to the Association by the time Bill heard of it himself. We have a pretty good G-2 system around Washington.)

DAVID E. WARN recently moved to Choteau, Montana, not Chateau, either.

9th Quartermaster

EUGENE B. JESS (Sgt) has himself a new address: 226 Westminster st., Hartford, Conn.

MARK E. ADLERSTEIN (1st Lt.) according to the postoffice department, has moved to 509 Beach 131 st., Belle Harbor, N. Y.

Here's a picture of WILLARD M. JOHNSON (Sgt) which was taken while resting in his hotel room during the recent Southeastern Reunion. Bill and Charlie



Tingley really had a long and enjoyable bull session during their visit in Birmingham. They tried to get old Sgt. ROBERT L. RICHARDSON on the telephone to try to get him to come on down from his home in Jasper, Alabama, but he was busy that particular day with some sort of exams for his masters degree. Bob is teaching school there. They talked with his wife and she really has a southern accent. Bill Johnson is working in Albany, Ga., having charge of several warehouses for a large cotton milling outfit. He has about 20 men doing the work for him—just like he did when in the QM. He is presently sweating out the Korean episode, having a reserve assignment. His full address is 1318 Whitney ave., Albany, Ga. where he lives with his wife and one daughter.

Lt. Col. Frank R. Hinkley is presently assigned as Chief of the Supply Division, Office of the Quartermaster, Hq. U. S. Army, Caribbean, Fort Clayton, Canal Zone.

MAJOR JOE WILLIS is presently doing duty with the Philadelphia QM Depot but expects to be transferred around the first of the year.

Division Artillery

DAVID E. WHITEHEAD (1st Lt. Hq. Div. Arty.) has moved to 165 West 83rd st., New York 24, N. Y. — also recently paid his 1950 dues via the New York Chapter.

FLORIAN A. LUKE (T/5 Div. Arty) recently paid his 1950-51 dues and is now living at 2519 Mazant st., New Orleans 17, La.

JOHN R. DOYLE (Cpl. 26th) has moved to Box 1813, Vinton, La.

DONALD R. CRANE (T/5 26th, A Btry.) is living at 900 Caulfield, S. W., Grand Rapids 9, Michigan.

FRED PRATHER (Cpl. 34th) recently sent in for a map and also a donation for the Memorial Fund—Thanks. Fred and his wife wanted to make the convention in Chicago this year but the arrival of a baby daughter last November, 1949 made it impossible for them to make the trip. Fred and his family are now living at 3116 South 9½ st., Terre Haute, Ind.

LOUIS N. BLUCHER (Pfc. 84th) is now stationed at Camp Carson, Colorado, being assigned to Btry B, 176th F. A. Bn.

A note from HARRY HAMMER (B Btry, 60th)—"Just a line to let you and all my former buddies of Battery B, 60th FA know that I am now a married man. The bride is the former Mildred Reinfield and the wedding took place on July 23, 1950 at Bill Glucksterns, NYC. I'm still with the Navy in Brooklyn and things are really jumping now." Harry's address is 1563 55th st., Brooklyn, New York.

JOE McKENZIE (S/Sgt., 26th) has come through again with a lot of news about you fellows of the Field Artillery. Incidentally, Joe has a new job, being now a member of the great fraternity of Post Office Employees—and therefore cannot write his letters on company time as in the past. Joe is still at 108 Lowell st., Waltham 54, Mass. and of course he was one of the many FA fellows who attended the Memorial Mass on November 12th. Excerpts from his letter reveal the following: "Last September Lewis Orticari

came down from the wilds of South Royalton, Vermont to see the Boston Red Sox. During the same week he had an opportunity to watch the Boston Braves and between the two he didn't have a very enjoyable baseball week. Lew is still employed by the Vermont State Highway Department and during the spring of this year he was a patient at the Veterans Hospital in White River Junction where he underwent two gall bladder operations. While confined there, he was well taken care of by JOE ALBANESE (Cpl. Sv. Btry., 26th) who is the big noise at the hospital. Seen in the North Country by Lew have been GUARINO and BLANCHARD of the 84th. Alphonse Guarino is one of the gendarmes in White River and likewise has made several visits to the hospital. GEORGE F. "JUG" ROBERTS (C Btry., 26th) is operating a gas station in White River. Further North, BERNARD "BUN" CAMPBELL (Hq. Btry, 26th) is a prosperous farmer in Bethel, Vt. A letter was recently received from HAROLD HUBER (S/Sgt., 26th) 118½ North 15th st., Olean, N. Y. telling all about his long vacation last summer to Arizona to visit his sister. He was accompanied on the trip by his wife and son. A recent rumor has it that PAUL GRIFFIN (1st Sgt., 26th) 29 Bank st., Smethport, Pa. has re-enlisted and is somewhere near Washington."

Division M P's

WILLIAM F. BATEMAN (S/Sgt) sends in a new address: 2404 South 13th ave., Maywood, Illinois.

WILLIAM C. KARANTJIEFF (Pvt) 17410 East Warren, Detroit, Michigan has paid his 1950 dues three times, a real sustaining member.

ELTON J. DUHON (Pvt) recently moved to Route 3, Box 185 A, Lake Charles, La.

9th Signal

RAYMOND M. CONNOLLY, JR. (Pfc) reports a new location: Krewston Road above Walsh Road, Philadelphia 15, Pa.

EDWARD J. WARGO (T/5) is living on Warren Street, Edgewater Park, N. J.

JOHN A. MILLER, SR. (T/Sgt) has changed his place of abode: 2101 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Division Headquarters

KEITH S. WITHAM (1st Lt. Hq. Sp. Trps) has a new address: 3393 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland 18, Ohio.

ROBERT W. ROBB (Lt. Col. G-1) is now connected with the firm of Calkins and Holden, 247 Park Avenue, New York 17, N.Y. Bob's home address is still the same: 450 California Avenue, Bronxville, N. Y.

KARL G. MALMSTROM (T/4 Band) has moved to 628 North Street, Box 807, East Longmeadow, Mass.

ROBERT BAIERL (Hq., Sp. Trps) is located on Route No. 6, Butler, Pa.

9th Medics

Plenty of news concerning B Company men, thanks to MRS. DONALD HYDE, secretary and wife to DONALD HYDE, 19 North Clinton st., Dansville, New York. Her letter tells about LESTER GUILFORD who is married and living in Defiance, Ohio. They have two children and Les was best man at the recent wedding of JIM HORN, another B Co. man whose home is in Topeka, Indiana. DONALD HYDE, the husband, is fully occupied in driving a truck for "Shay." The Hydies have one son, a year old. JOHN LAUBACH, B Co., Medic is married, has one son and now lives and works in Bloomsburg, Pa. A new address for a "lost member" — HARVEY B. HADDEN is now located at 7 Second st., Geneseo, New York. Incidentally, Mrs. Hyde is the Deputy Clerk of the Livingston County Clerk's Office, Geneseo, New York.

Philadelphia Chapter Memorial Donation

Last September the National Secretary received the sum of \$19.30 from The Philadelphia Chapter representing a donation to our Memorial Fund.

Due to an oversight this was not mentioned in The Octofoil until this time.

The Chapter has adopted a very excellent policy which provides that ten per cent of the profits of any Chapter venture shall be turned over to the Memorial Fund.

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Father Edward T. Connors—And a Story About Religion, Sports and War

(The following article was written by JACK TUBERT, whose column, "SPORT STREET," appears in the WORCESTER DAILY TELEGRAM — dateline Saturday, November 11, 1950).

ARMISTICE DAY. Old soldiers march. Time-worn uniforms come out of the attic and are covered with time-tarnished medals.

This is the tale of a military medal that lies tucked away now, perhaps, in a bureau drawer in the rectory at St. Philip's Church in Grafton. A gleaming Silver Star with oak-leaf cluster that never sees the light of day.

This is the moment to throw the spotlight on a man who prefers to walk in the shadows, but who belongs in the front row, whether it be war, sports or religion—Rev. Edward T. Connors, pastor of St. Philip's Church in Grafton and St. Mary's Church in North Grafton.

Served in North Africa and Europe

First as an athlete in Whitinsville and at Holy Cross and then, as athletic moderator at St. Bernard's in Fitchburg and here at St. Peter's, Big Ed made life-long friends. It was only natural that GI's would feel the same about Ed Connors, the athlete, the man and the chaplain as he marched with them in North Africa, Europe and back stateside.

Always one to brush aside personal achievement in sports, it follows he would be the same concerning the military medals he earned on the battlefields of World War II with the Field Artillery of the famous Ninth Infantry Division.

Catholic Chaplain Connors returned ranked a captain. He had served; for him that was enough. The quiet courage of the man amid the destruction of combat has been passed by word of mouth by men who were there—Silver Stars came high; oakleaf clusters on Silver Stars are rare.

Ninth Division Memorial Mass Tomorrow Morning

Some of those men will be back with Father Ed. tomorrow when the annual Ninth Infantry Memorial Mass is celebrated at one of Father Connors' churches. Men from all over the country and relatives of the deceased will gather at St. Mary's Church in North Grafton tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

He'll wring my neck for this. But it is a story that should be told. It came back to these shores from the lips of Lt. Gen. Manton Eddy, once Father Connors' "boss" with the Ninth; now the No. 2 U. S. General in Europe. It was brought back by Buster Sheary, Holy Cross basketball coach, and Red Freedman of Olympic Sports, who met General

Hon. Hugh Addonizio Reelected to Congress

The Octofoil is pleased to learn that one of our members, The Honorable Hugh J. Addonizio (Serv. Co., 60th Inf—Capt.) has been reelected for another term to The House of Representatives from the 11th District of New Jersey.

Congressman Addonizio was elected for the first time two years ago—to the 81st Congress of The United States and his reelection speaks in excellent fashion to the work which he has done during the past two years.

Especially interested and active has he been in the matters of Veterans affairs, assisting thousands of New Jersey veterans in their rehabilitation efforts.

Being a member of the Banking and Currency Committee, he was able to give vital aid in pushing through a housing act which calls for the building of 650,000 new dwellings in the Nation. He has been a strong supporter in the fight to continue rent controls and has given his support towards increasing social security benefits.

Measures to solidify the National Defenses and aid for the United Nations in the fight for world peace and freedom drew his vote on every occasion. Every move to assist in new projects for the benefit of New Jersey met with his approval and he conducted a three-month hearing to assist in legislating for clearance of his state's slum areas.

Rep. Addonizio is married to the former DORIS GOODHEART and they reside at 9 Cliff Street, in Newark's Vailsburg section together with their three children, Carol, Lois and Frank. He maintains three offices for the benefit of his constituents, in Washington, Orange and Newark.

Eddy while on a tour of U. S. Army Occupation bases in Germany.

General Eddy told it this way:

One night, somewhere in World War II, Father Connors was making his nightly rounds with the 15th Engineer Battalion attached to the Ninth. He missed two faces and asked, "Where are the twins?"

"One of the kids got it, Father, and the brother refused to leave," offered one of the crew that had spent the day clearing enemy mines from in front of the advancing Joes. "They are still out there in the mine field. We had to clear out . . . it was getting dark."

Father Connors Heads For No Man's Land

Father Connors pleaded that the boy couldn't be left in no man's land all night. "But it is too dangerous to go back now, Father," said a grim-faced Engineer, "we'll try at daybreak."

"At daybreak," countered Father Connors, "the German snipers will pick the boy off like a sitting duck!"

Directions came fast. Big Ed lumbered toward the edge of the clearing. Stopped by the field officer, the straight-shouldered Chaplain's last words before disappearing into the night were, "I take orders from the Bishop."

Out there, Father Connors finally found what he was risking life and limb for . . .

A boy sobbing on the ground, holding the hand of his brother, who had been killed stepping one a mine. Out of his mind, the youngster refused to leave his brother's body.

Brings Boy Back From Mine Field

Father Connors spent precious minutes soothing the lad, who finally consented to go back, if Connors would bring his brother's body back, too.

The good priest's life hung by a thread as he gambled everything to move about the mine-infested area gathering together the body. Then he lifted his grim bundle and the grief stricken brother in his arms and trudged back over the ground, planted with death to the battalion area just as daylight started to tear rents in the lining of night.

A few hours later the other men, who had waited for Father Connors' return, started out with their mine sweepers. After clearing a maze of mines they reached the spot where Father Connors had rescued the trapped boy.

General Eddy said they came back and reported: "It was impossible."

"Never could have happened."

"It must have been an act of God."

Welcome to the New Members

The NEW YORK CHAPTER rounded up one new member last month:

JOHN SHARPLES (Unit unknown), 522 70th Street, Guttenberg, N. J.

Two new members signed up during the Southeastern Reunion. MILTON CORDRAY was instrumental in getting SIDNEY O. CADDIN (Pfc. D Co., 60th Inf.) to join. Sid lives in Ravenels, South Carolina.

WILLIAM T. LOWE (Pfc. B Co. 9th Medics) 1402 Woodlawn Street, Laurel, Mississippi, is the other new member attending the S. E. affair.

Other new members include the following:

EDWARD J. COLONELLO (Pfc. A Btry, 60th FA) R. D. No. 1, Valencia, Penna.

EARL F. LINGREN (Pfc. K Co., 47th) RFD No. 2, Ogden, Iowa.

GEORGE BASTEDO (1st Sgt. K Co., 47th) 101 Terrace Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.

Total for the month—7.

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Local Chap. News

Philadelphia Chapter

The December meeting will find the annual election of officers for the new year holding down first place on the business agenda. We have fond hopes that this will be the best attended meeting of recent months, so as to afford everyone coming out to The Essex Hotel, ample opportunity to vote to office a governing body which will enjoy greater success than the fine job done by the present regime.

Incidentally, a fellow named John is a cinch for the job of president. Those nominated for the office of president are: JOHN CALLAHAN (Hq. 39th), the present proxy; JOHN SABATO (2nd Bn. 39th); JOHN CHRISTIAN (47th); and JOHN O'SHEA (3rd Bn. 39th). Speak for yourself, JOHN.

BILL SOLLIDAY (39th) has declined renomination to the post of Secretary, which he has ably filled for the past fifteen months. Thanks, Bill, for a job well done and may your successor be equally as efficient.

RAY CONNOLLY (9th Sig) seems to like the feel of a uniform, as evidenced by his pursuing the career of City Fireman since discarding the O.D.

VIC BUTSWINKUS (60th Inf) is graduating from the ranks of apartment house dwellers to home owner, with the purchase of a spanking new home in fashionable N. E. Philly. Don't forget to let us in on the housewarming, Vic.

Recent graduate of University of Drake, JERRY NOTHMAN (39th) is back in the fold once again, having pulled up stakes in Des Moines, Iowa.

Ex-Treasurer BOB COLFLESH (47th) has temporarily deserted us, to further his business career among the warm climate of sunny California.

J. GUY McCORMICK (Major, 9th QM) has been recalled to service by you know who. Best of luck, Guy, our thoughts and prayers are with you, wherever you are.

Our big construction exec. JOHN MURPHY (I Co., 39th) hasn't been with us the past few months, which prompts us to say "Business must be better than good, eh John."

Those fellow travelers from Fort Dix, N. J. whom we are always happy to have come around, like PETE CASEY, MANNY MONTIJO, JOE SANTONE, W. HORAN, DON WEAVER and JOHN MINGEN, together with ED GERMAN of Haddonfield, N. J. are to be commended for their attendance at our monthly chatter-swaps. Thanks a million, fellows.

Believe it or not—the Philly boys had a dry meeting. This unmentionable occasion took place at our last clam bake. Due to negligence on the part of the hotel, the amber fluid was among the missing. Be assured, fellow guzzlers, before we'd allow such a thing to happen again, we'd pipe it in direct from Schmidt's Brewery.

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING.

JACK O'SHEA, Treasurer.

New England Chapter News

Boston is definitely in the race for the '52 national convention site. Many Association members feel it's about time.

N. E. Chapter's proposed Halloween party was cancelled so as not to interfere with REV. EDWARD T. CONNORS Sixth Memorial Mass on Sunday, Nov. 12. It was felt that some members couldn't afford both, and it was agreed that the annual Mass and reunion was the more important.

Treasurer Fred D'Amore has issued a warning to Association members not to pay their dues in cash through the mails. Use checks, money orders or postal notes, he says. Cash lost through the mails can't be traced.

Did you know that when you pay your dues through your Chapter, they are allowed to keep \$1.00 of the \$3.50 you submit? But when you pay your dues directly to the national office, your Chapter receives no financial credit.

Calling HENRY HANDELMAN: Look at the last issue of the Octofoil. Tingley wants your new address.

DANNY O'ROURKE, formerly of Company A, 15th Engineers, became a father recently. Parents and baby are doing fine. Danny is employed as a bartender in Central Square, Cambridge.

Former Chapter President JIM HENNELLY also was a father recently for the second time. On

September 22, his wife presented him with a baby boy which they named John Mark Hennelly. Jim has one other child, a three year old girl.

Vice President JOHN McADAMS and wife recently lost their twins shortly after birth. The Chapter extends its condolences to them in their bereavement.

Effervescent CARL LECHENTENBURG had his name changed legally to CHARLES LEWIS.

Faces we haven't seen in a long time department: At the last meeting, JIM HENNELLY and JIM EDMUNDS.

Whatever happened to COL. RICHARD STOREY, presently a member of the Board of Governors. Reliable sources say he hasn't attended a Chapter meeting or function for over two years. Tsk, tsk, tsk.

Plans are underway for a gala presentation of the Division history, Eight Stars to Victory, to the Boston Public Library.

Some members are complaining that there's too much talk and not enough action in the N.E. Chapter.

A shrinking Chapter treasury has forced a limited circulation for the Chapter's monthly news sheet, Sound Off.

The Chapter's Director of Publicity, VIC CAMPISI, has passed a U. S. Civil Service exam for Information and Editorial Clerk, Writing, with a rating in the 90's. Now he wonders how many years he'll have to wait for an appointment.

The N. E. Chapter approves of the new style, lower cost Octofoil.

Don't forget the next meeting at the YD Club, Huntington ave., Boston, near the corner of Mass. ave.

Greater New York Chapter

AFTER THE BALL

By STAN COHEN

The sophisticated Colonial Room of the George Washington Hotel in New York City on November 11th was transformed into an "Octofoil Madcap." The lusty throats of the ex-9th men once again were heard voicing the merits of A and B and C Company at Hill 609 or Palermo or other battle places that were part of the unforgettable past. Many battles were re-fought, re-drunk, and in general were re-stated with added vigor. This time the once tough and renown infantry joes fought harder to remember and stay on their feet but never the less a wonderful time was had by all.

The big surprise of the evening was highlighted by the winning of the TV set by R. C. HICKEY of 552 South Plymouth ave., Rochester, New York. Yup—they come from all over when the New York Chapter gives a dance.

The turnout was really something to shout about, and this they did. Long about the wee hours of the morning, the walls reverberated with some real solid senders. In all probabilities these solid senders were still reverberating the next morning. But we all had a very great time.

JOHN R. CONNOLLY's wife, Mary (John was with C Co., 47th) came home with two tickets to "Kiss Me Kate." By the way it was Happy Birthday for John—Age ????. With the Connollys were ERNEST SEDIG and DOLORES HOLZMANN, CLARA ROSENSTEIN of Philly, LOUIS ZACKIANO's guest (D Co., 9th Medics) took with her as a prize a very fine tray with The Octofoil insignia.

Table hopping, we ran across HERB STORBECK (Lt. CIC) and LUCILLE GRADY who by the way won a handsome cig lighter. They were seated with WILLIAM GRADY and DOT DORGIN. MRS. ELEANOR TAUBNER, the very pretty wife of JOE TAUBNER (B Co., 47th) very proudly told me of the arrival on June 30th of Bruce Robert, a whopping eight pounds, nine ounce bundle. Also at home is Steven, age 3 and Susan, age 2. VINCE GUGLI-ELMINO brought along his Dad, SALVATOR and Mr. and Mrs. J. GAILLO, ANNA GANDOLFO, BEATRICE PRINCE, NANCY DE GREIRO, ROSE TRUMBARELO, and PAULINE TOTOLLO. In another corner CARL CLEARY and Miss GLORIA GOULD REGGIO were spotted, together with GEORGE WHITNEY. This time I was told that AL BRUCHAC and the Mrs. are not expecting. BILL KELLEHER told me that FRED BEHRENS of the 60th was responsible for his being assigned to the 9th. FRED had his sister, RONNIE, HOWARD and CLARA with him. Also in chatting with TERRY SETTE, I was told that

she and FRED will tie the knot in June.

Mr. and Mrs. HERBERT TORRE (60th Serv.) wants the 9th to march up Broadway. He says that everyone else does, so why can't the 9th. MIKE DER-RISH of the 60th, with Mr. and Mrs. EMIL PLANER (A, 47th) with Mr. and Mrs. EARL P. ZWICKE of Hyde Park, L. I. spotted the charming FEINBERGS with RUTH looking as swell as ever — and what do you know, our Sgt.-at-Arms ERNIE SIEGEL is still honeymooning after five years, it was celebrated this past November 4th.

From the 9th Recon came MILTON BLITZ and RITA RETSER with Mr. and Mrs. SOL BERGER accompanied by FRANCIS HELEN and DAVID LEONARD. Also FIL and Mrs. ORTOF.

FRANK FIDLER of the 1st Bn., 39th and Miss CONNIE ALLING were a bit down hearted not to see more of his buddies from the 1st Bn. Wha' happened. JOHN and CHRISTINE MERCOGLISE of H Co., 47th were having a fine time, likewise FRANK FAZIO and his wife VITA with FRANK AVVENTO and ANGELA JERY. HOWIE BOEHM (Can Co., 60th), PETER PASCIULO and ROSE — GRALZO, NICK ANDROVITCH, and JOE SINISI were singing, and really kicking up a storm with FREDDIE and MRS. GOLUB, WALLY and HEATHER WAS-SERMAN who also want it to be known that on Aug. 6th they introduced PAUL MICHAEL into society. JEAN and PAT FOLEY completed this gay group.

Said hello to ALMASSY, LOUIS and his wife, MINNIE of the 39th. GEORGE BRUSH (A Co., 60th) had his Mom and Dad and sister Alice and Joan with him. JOE SCHELOTINO (C Co., 60th) was joined with ELEANOR ENGLER and Mr. and Mrs. AL CONSTINE.

The B Co. table of the 47th had JOHN and MARY REILLY, Mr. and Mrs. DANNY QUINN (the pride of Hudson County) LARRY and GRIER KROGBIN (1st Sgt), ARTIE and MARIE STENZEO, JACK DISANTO and JOE and ELEANOR TAUBNER. At still another table were MICHAEL PARISI, ED BULMAN, M Co., 47th, Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPHINE GLO-RIA (44th Div. guest) and MR. and MRS. VARRICHIO. Miss LOUISE CASEY and MR. and MRS. RANDAZZO, FRANK J. FORIGARNO. GEORGE BAKO (G Co., 47th) was seated with VICTOR and OLGA FARKA and PAULA NEHRKORN. ABE TRAININ, EILEEN McDONNOL and Mrs. W. DOTY and Mrs. E. McDONNOL made a fine group. ESTELLE and PAUL MOONEY (26th FA) who is now a transportation engineer. SYDNEY HIM-MEL and RAYE (60th, 2nd Bn.) announces that LESLIE is now 20 months old.

Overseeing the group like a couple of mother hens were HAR-OLD PEPPER and GETZY SCHIFF. Seated in a corner quietly were Mr. and Mrs. HEN-RY J. CALDARO — and proud as heck were PRES. and MRS. DOC. STERNLICHT. Also Mr. and Mrs. SPENCER and their guests, including their very attractive daughter were present and having a good time.

Well, this is only a few of the many that I ran across. Many, many more were there and I am sure that they all had a good time.

Music was once again supplied by that man who plays music to meet the mood — that ex-9th musician BOB WARSK.

As the lights dimmed and the music faded into the background, another memorable event was tucked away into the memories of the men of the 9th as part of the wonderful program attached to the 9th Infantry Division Association.

Cleveland - Akron Chapter

BILL MAUSER reports for the Cleveland-Akron gang and announces that the annual election of officers will take place at the next meeting on December 10th— notices are in the mails. The chapter meetings are still being held monthly, the latest method is to have them on a Sunday evening with "fraus" or "girl friends" (not both) for dinner and a short meeting afterwards. Six to nine couples show up and a pleasant few hours are had together.

The Chapter is making a special effort to collect dues this year, using a self-addressed, postage paid envelope to make things easier for you. Give the Chapter your support and send in your dues pronto. (Editors note: Many thanks for your expression on the Octofoil.)

Detroit Chapter

Here's a letter that ought to make you fellows out Detroit way feel mighty good. It's from FRANCIS J. FERRISE (Cpl., 60th Inf.) who now lives at 1042 Louisa Street, Elizabeth 4, New Jersey.

"Recently, I moved to New Jersey from Detroit. While a member of the Detroit Chapter I met many boys from the 9th Division. I want to thank in particular JOE CASEY, HAL PERRY, BOB DeSANDY, BARNEY TOBACCO and others for the fine and friendly spirit they showed me while I lived in Detroit. Considering the fact that when I moved there I was a stranger, these boys made it much easier for me with their help and cooperation.

I was impressed with the way these lads worked to try and keep the Detroit Chapter a success, they were typical 9th Division men in their work, and the efficiency in which they conducted the Detroit Chapter made me wonder why there aren't more men like them in the organization.

I was happy in my association with them. The spirit of comradeship prevailed wherever we met and their friendliness left an impression that will long be remembered. I know that as long as we have members like them in the 9th Division organization, we'll never lose the meaning for which it was organized.

I want to wish them greater and happy success in all their future doings and hope they receive the backing and help from their fellow members to enable them to continue.

Thanking them again,

Sincerely,
FRANCIS J. FERRISE."

Awards-Decorations

Your National Secretary has recently received several letters from members concerning Awards and Decorations.

For the benefit of all concerned, a brief summary of pertinent information is published as follows: Individuals who were awarded The Combat Infantryman's Badge or The Combat Medical Badge for service prior to 2 September, 1945, are also authorized and entitled to receive The Bronze Star Medal.

The World War II Victory Medal is authorized to all individuals who received an honorable discharge, or in the case of an officer, a record of separation.

The Germany Occupation Medal is authorized to those individuals who served a period of at least 30 days occupation duty in Germany beginning as of 9 May, 1945.

The Ninth Infantry Division, including its attached units, was awarded The Belgian Fourragere 1940. The award is broken down into two citations, covering two distinct periods of action, namely from the 3rd to the 13th September, 1944, and from the 20th of December, 1944, until the 26th of January, 1945. In order to be able to wear The Belgian Fourragere as a permanent part of the uniform, an individual must have been present for duty during both periods cited, as mentioned above.

Individuals who are entitled to wear The Belgian Fourragere and who have not already obtained same may purchase this decoration at most Military Supply Stores. If unable to locate the award in your area then address a letter to The National Secretary, Postoffice Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., enclosing the sum of Two Dollars to cover the purchase and mailing cost.

For complete information on all Awards and Decorations, individuals may write to the following address:

The Adjutant General's Office,
Department of The Army,
AGPO-AD,
Washington 25, D. C.

Be sure to give your full name, rank, army serial number, unit designation, dates of service and any other pertinent information you think necessary.

News From The Stork

A recent announcement from West Newton, Massachusetts tells about a new son arriving at the home of MR. and MRS. JOSEPH C. MILEWSKI (Hq., 26th FA) of 258 Cherry st., West Newton.

November 5th was a big day for MR. and MRS. RAYMOND CONNOLLY with the arrival of Lynne Dolores, weighing in at seven pounds, four ounces. Ray was with 9th Signal.

CAPTAIN and MRS. W. H. HORAN furnish specifications on their new model, Karen Louise, arriving on November 6th at the

Memorial Musings

(Thanks to JIM HENNELLY AND JOE MCKENZIE)

Once again our Memorial Mass has passed. Again, as in the past, many old faces appeared for the first time. Many have attended for the sixth time. It was a fitting example of the love, respect and devotion men of the Ninth have for one another whether he be living or dead.

To keep traffic from becoming congested it was necessary to have four police officers on duty.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH is part of FATHER CONNORS "I Corps." It's \$90,000 first mortgage is the least of his worries.

The Parish Hall was gaily decorated with red, white and blue Octofoils in a setting of numerous red and blue streamers.

KENNY GROSS and BILL BRAUN came up to Grafton early, to mooch a night's lodging and a couple of meals, but you know Father Connors. He had them on detail, shifting furniture, two hours after they arrived.

MRS. McCLATCHEY, mother of JIM (who was killed with the 84th) came up from Pittsburgh with her daughter to attend and evidently enjoyed the affair immensely.

Paul Lynch's father, MR. J. C. LYNCH, came up from New York. His inability to attend the Chicago Convention last July was due to his business trip to California. He expects to be in New York for the convention next year — 20 mule team or no.

JOHNNY EDMUNDS wandered into the kitchen (looking for a hand-out) and was immediately put to work. An hour later, John wobbled back to his seat vowing darkly never to eat sherbet again.

FRED KEYES' Mother and sister attended Mass, but Fearless couldn't make it, being in the throes of moving to Hartford, Conn. He severed connections with the OLD FULE STOAR and plans to make his pile selling wooden nutmegs to the Blackstone Valley joshkins.

The New England Chapter gang strongly urges the Association to hold its 1952 convention in good old Beantown. Sounds like a swell idea, in fact it is a swell idea.

Again this year, Service Battery of the 26th led with the greatest number of men in attendance. Present from Service were GEORGE WILKINSON, JOE ALBAN-ESE, LEW ORTICARI, ELMER ROSCOE, RED TRUSCELLO, BILL BONGIORNO, JIM NEWTON, CLEM LeBLANC, QUINTO PERGIOVANNI, WALT SWENSON and JOE MCKENZIE.

B Btry, 26th had ROBERT O'CALLAGHAN, JOHN WHITE, JOHN MEEGAN, HENRY CAP-ELLA and EVANGELOS PARNO-KAS.

It has been suggested that FRED TALERICO (84th), ANGUS GIL-LIS (34th), MARTY CONNOLLY (15th Eng.), BILL MCGONAGLE (60th), be all set for next year to turn in lists of men attending from their respective outfits.

Just prior to the conclusion of the festivities, Father Connors passed slips of paper out among the attending horde and thus was able to obtain the name and addresses of everyone attending. As soon as he is able to have these slips typed up in list form, he is sending them on to the National Secretary in Washington who will check against the membership records for the names of non-members (and there are many, too).

EDWARD P. SULLIVAN met up with the strong arm of the Massachusetts State Police on his return trip to New Haven, Conn. It seems that he made the grave mistake of crossing a white line, however, he was able to talk his way out of a ticket.

GEORGE E. SWANSON (709th Ord) attended, together with his very nice wife.

All of the middle Atlantic states, as well as New England, were represented, with Charlie Tingley and his family making the trip up from Washington to attend.

Father Connors reports that the people of the parish and the town were deeply impressed. They thought that it was the finest thing that every happened in Grafton.

Movies were taken of the Mass and the dinner which turned out very good and Father Connors plans on showing them at the next meeting of the New England gang.

U. S. Army Hospital, Fort Dix, N. J. Weight seven pounds, 12½ ounces. Bill was formerly with the 47th and is now on duty with Hq., 1st Bn., 39th Infantry at Fort Dix.