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9th Div. to Occupy New York City

Operation To Start On July 26th Complete Surrender By July 28th

New York Chapter Members Are Working Night and Day To Assure The Success of The Sixth Annual Reunion of The Ninth Infantry Division Association

Final arrangements have been made to assure the successful operation of our SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION which is all set to start on THURSDAY, JULY 26th at THE COMMODORE HOTEL in NEW YORK CITY. The members of The Greater New York Chapter are spending countless hours of hard work in preparing for this eventful occasion and the advance plans more than indicate that this convention will outshine any of the previous ones.

Fellowship To Be Stressed

The main purpose in planning for any convention of the Ninth Infantry Division Association is to provide our membership with the opportunity of meeting old friends, gathered together for the purpose of re-living the good times as well as the few bad times endured during our associations with each other on the field of battle. This opportunity will be afforded to everyone attending this convention. Of course, there will be entertainment—good entertainment, too, but the fact still remains in the minds of those attending the reunion that the main purpose for being there is to meet old buddies, to talk over old times and re-live the days, the months and the years which were spent in making the 9th Infantry Division the greatest fighting outfit ever to see battle.

Equally important to those attending our conventions is the privilege to pay our humble respects to those members of our Division who sacrificed their lives in order that such occasions as annual conventions or reunions may be a reality.

Registration Begins On July 26

The Sixth Annual Reunion will get under way on THURSDAY, July 26th. Registration will start at 10:00 a.m. and will continue through FRIDAY and SATURDAY, ending with the very late arrivals prior to the annual banquet scheduled for Saturday evening.

Thursday Night Entertainment

Extra special plans have been evolved in preparing for the annual beer party to be held starting at 9:00 p.m., Thursday, July

26th. Gallons and gallons of New York City's best "suds" will be supplied. The quantity will be unlimited—dependent only upon each individual's capacity. A roving accordionist will provide the musical background for the "barbershop quartets."

Highlights For Friday

Friday morning will see the start of the business sessions which will get under way at 10:00 a.m. The National President, DON CLARKE, will announce the final list of committee members at this time and then each committee will meet to discuss any matters that may come up for consideration and be prepared to present a committee report to the afternoon business meeting scheduled to start promptly at 2:00 p.m. In this manner the final business meeting is expected to consume little time in arriving at definite decisions and an early adjournment.

The annual dance will be held on Friday night, starting at 9:00 p.m. This will be a dance to end all dances. Excellent music—an equally excellent floor show—an air-conditioned ballroom (big enough to dance on, too)—plenty of tables and chairs. What a set-up and what a dance it will be. You can't afford to miss it.

Saturday Will Be An Eventful Day

The annual Memorial Services will be held on Saturday morning, being conducted by Father ANTHONY F. DeLAURA. As always, this service will be a most impressive one, a memorial service dedicated to the memories of our friends who died in the service of their Country.

Saturday afternoon will be a time for sightseeing—baseball—theatres—bull sessions—or whatever you may plan.

The annual banquet will get started Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. Again, this affair will be long remembered, featured by the best cuisine that The Commodore Hotel has to offer and highlighted by the excellent address to be delivered by LT. GENERAL WILLIS D. CRITTENBERGER, Commanding General, First Army.

Provisions Made For Your Entertainment

THE NEW YORK CHAPTER HAS GONE ALL OUT IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR YOUR EVERY WISH IN ORDER TO MAKE YOUR STAY IN NEW YORK CITY ONE TO BE LONG REMEMBERED.

Here is special information for the ladies who will be coming to the New York Convention. The New York Chapter has arranged a very special Ladies' Hospitality Committee. You lady folks will have guides that will assist you if you want to go shopping ("serious shopping" or "just plain window shoppin"—it doesn't make any difference). Guides will also be available for sightseeing trips.

This service will be provided for the ladies only, while the men folk, shall we say, are busily engaged in discussing more important matters of the past. There is no need to wait for the "old man" to take you around town. The chances are that he would get lost anyway, therefore, the New York Chapter has set up this special committee to provide guide service for groups of ladies who just want to see what is doing in the Big City. If you want to go uptown, downtown, or midtown, you'll find a pleasant guide to take you around.

Look for the signs in the lobby of The Commodore Hotel which will show the location of the Ladies Hospitality Committee. Let the "old" man go his own merry way.

Gold Stars to Receive Special Attention

The New York Chapter is making special arrangements to take care of the wants and desires of the Gold Star Mothers and Wives, including of course, the Gold Star Fathers.

Mrs. MAE SPENCER will be the chairman of this special committee and she and her assistants will do everything possible to assist you in anyway.

Mrs. Timmons & Mrs. Swenson Invited

The Association has extended invitations to Mrs. CATHERINE TIMMONS and Mrs. BERNADINE S. SWENSON to be the special guests of the members of the 9th Infantry Division Association at our Sixth Annual Reunion.

Mrs. Timmons is the wife of Sgt. BILL TIMMONS, who was killed in action in Korea last September. Bill was a member of the 60th Infantry Regiment.

Mrs. Swenson is the wife of Captain KENNETH SWENSON, former K Company, 39th CO, who was killed in action over in Korea last November 29th.

It is our sincere wish that their acceptance of our invitation may be reported in the next issue of The Octofoil.

Welcome To The New Members

The New York Chapter produced two new members during the past month. HERMAN WEINSTEIN of 221 Teneyck Walk, Brooklyn 6, New York (I Co. 60th), and CHARLES GROUP of 1405 College Avenue, Bronx 56, New York, formerly with F Company of the 60th Infantry.

Three more new members were added to our list, including MICHAEL P. AGNETTI, 48 Maspeth Avenue, Brooklyn 11, New York (A Co., 47th); FELTON JONES, Route 1, Alapaha, Georgia (F Co., 47th); and J. P. MAJORS (Capt. Hq., 39th), who is the operating manager for The Graybar Electric Co., 1529 First Avenue, No., Birmingham 3, Alabama.

Lt. Gen. Crittenberger Will Address 9th Div. Members At Annual Banquet Commanding General, First Army, Will Bring A Most Interesting Message To All Members



To locate a speaker for our annual banquet who has had a more illustrious military background than General Crittenberger would be a task difficult to accomplish. The Speakers' Committee of The New York Chapter is to be commended for making the arrangements and the Association extends a most hearty welcome to General Crittenberger for being with us upon this occasion.

Has Had A Most Interesting Career
Data received from The Department of The Army details General Crittenberger's career, a most interesting story which reads in part as follows:

WILLIS DALE CRITTENBERGER was born in Anderson, Indiana, December 2, 1890. He graduated from Anderson High School in 1907, and from the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., with appointment as a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry on June 12, 1913.

Promotions

Promoted—
To First Lieut., July 1, 1916
To Captain, May 15, 1917
To Major, June 7, 1918
To Lieut. Colonel, Aug. 1, 1935
To Colonel, June 26, 1941
To Brig. General, July 10, 1941
To Major General, Feb. 16, 1942
To Lieut. General, June 3, 1945.

Service

He first served with the 3rd Cavalry in Texas, 1913-1916. In April, 1916, he became Aide to General James Parker, Commanding all cavalry along the Mexican border. He returned to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, as an instructor,

1917-1918. In World War I he served at Camp Meade, Maryland, and at Camp Lee, Virginia. From 1919-1924, he was again an instructor at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. In 1924 he graduated from the Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas, and from the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as a distinguished graduate in 1925, following which he was returned to Fort Riley, Kansas, as an instructor at the Cavalry School.

He served in the Public Relations Branch of the War Department General Staff, Washington, D. C., 1926-1929. In 1929-1930 he attended the Army War College, Washington, D. C. Upon graduating he went to Fort Bliss, Texas, in command of the 2nd Squadron of the 8th Cavalry.

He was ordered to Headquarters of the Philippines Department in Manila, P. I., in October, 1932, and served there as Chief of the Military Intelligence for two years.

His next assignment was with the 1st Cavalry (Mechanized) at Fort Knox, Kentucky, in December, 1934, where he became associated with the early development of armor in the United States Army, which association was to continue uninterrupted for ten years until the beginning of World War II. In July, 1938, he entered the Office of the Chief of Cavalry, Washington, D. C., on duty with the development of armor. In July, 1940, he was transferred to Fort Knox, Kentucky, to become the first Chief of Staff of the newly organized 1st Armored Division.

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National President Announces Committees and Appoints Chairmen

President DONALD M. CLARKE announces the following committees and their chairmen. These committees will function during the business sessions at the New York Convention.

NEWSPAPER COMMITTEE—Mr. JOHN W. O'DONNELL, Chairman.

POLICY AND CHAPTER COMMITTEE—Dr. HAROLD C. STERNLICHT, Chairman.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE—Mr. HERBERT WAPLES, Chairman.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—Mr. JOHN SABATO, Chairman.

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE—Mr. WILLIAM MAUSER, Chairman.

Each Chapter is requested to designate one member to serve on each of the above named committees. Two non-chapter members for each committee will be named by The National President at the first business session of the Association to be held in New York on Friday morning, July 27th.

Chapters are requested to send in the names of members selected to the National Secretary, Postoffice Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.—not later than July 1, 1951.

Chapters, as well as individual members, having proposals to be presented to the New York Convention should send copies of such proposals (in duplicate) to the National Secretary, at the address as stated above. All such proposals should be received by the National Secretary not later than July 1.

Careful attention to the above outlined instructions is urged in order that the business sessions of the convention can be held with dispatch.

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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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Prospects For The Future Are They Good Or Bad??

This issue of The Octofoil is being sent to our entire mailing list—including paid as well as unpaid members.

In view of the fact that it is necessary to publicize our Sixth Annual Reunion, the contents of this issue are devoted mainly to that occasion, compelling the withholding until future issues the continuation of our policy of devoting the majority of space to news items concerning our members.

This issue is being sent to 7,500 UNPAID members, therefore it would appear proper that some reference be made to our future and the prospects towards increasing our PAID-UP membership list.

One fact remains, no matter what the results are. If your association does not have the financial support of its membership, it's continued life is very limited, dependent upon the use of our cash reserve which during the past few years has steadily decreased.

Your National Secretary, with the support and co-operation of the Board of Governors, has strived constantly to persuade the unpaid members to return to the paid or active list. Dues notices have been sent out with regularity and at considerable expense, yet in too many cases such notices have gone unanswered.

A few members have written in stating that \$3.50 is too high a figure for annual dues. Others have written to say, "Cancel my membership—I want nothing to do with your association as it is only a means of providing a soft job with a high salary." Others have dropped out because their names did not appear in the Division History or their particular unit did not receive "sufficient" recognition in the Division History. Various reasons or excuses have been stated for not continuing memberships which bears out the statement—"It takes all kinds of people to make up this world of ours."

Such reasons stem only from an individual's personal viewpoint. Such persons are not aware of the actual facts in the case.

If \$3.50 dues are too high the reason is due to the lack of paid-up members. If 10,000 individuals were paying dues, the rate could be lowered to \$1.50. If 7,500 paid dues, the rate could be lowered to \$2.00. With only 2,600 members paying \$3.50 dues during 1950, your Association did not meet expenses. The answer is your responsibility. Dues have to be based on the number of paid members and under present circumstances the rate should be increased but instead the Association is living off of its reserve cash. "United we stand, divided we fall."

As to the statements of some that the National Secretary has a soft job with a fat salary, the facts speak for themselves and such statements do not even warrant an answer.

As to the excuse for not having published the names and addresses of all individuals who were in the 9th Division, such a complete list has never been available, therefore it could not have been published. Furthermore, 50,000 names and addresses would take up space for a complete book in itself.

As to the gripe concerning lack of unit identity or recognition in the Division History, such excuses stem from a complete lack of understanding. The Division History plainly outlines the composition of the regimental combat teams and in using the terms "39th, 47th and 60th" it was invariably referred to as "combat team actions" which included all of the smaller units, as well as the infantry, which composed a regimental combat team.

In the final analysis, the very great majority of excuses for not paying annual dues indicate a lack of understanding or just plain forgetfulness.

Gen. Crittenberger

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In August, 1941, he was assigned to command of the 2nd Armored Brigade of the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Benning, Georgia. In February, 1942, he was designated Commanding General of the 2nd Armored ("Hell on Wheels") Division, Fort Benning, Georgia.

In July, 1942, he was designated Commanding General, II Armored Corps. In August, 1943, he was ordered to Camp Polk, Louisiana, there to organize and command the III Armored Corps.

In January, 1944, he took his Corps Headquarters (redesignated as the XIX Army Corps) overseas to England. In March, 1944, he was named to command the IV Corps in the Italian Campaign. This IV Corps fought continuously against the Germans for 401 days, driving them from Rome, north, all the way up the shinbone of the Italian Boot across the Arno River, through the Apennine Mountains and across the Po River until the final overwhelming defeat of the enemy in April, 1945. On April 29, 1945, General Crittenberger received the unconditional surrender of the German Ligurian Army, which marked the beginning of the German collapse in Italy.

In October, 1945, he was named Commanding General of the Caribbean Defense Command and Panama Canal Department, with headquarters at Quarry Heights, Canal Zone. As of 1 November, 1947, General Crittenberger was designated as Commander in Chief of the newly unified Caribbean Command, comprising all Army, Navy, and Air Forces in the Caribbean area, with headquarters remaining at Quarry Heights, Canal Zone.

After five consecutive years abroad, General Crittenberger returned to the United States from his unified command in the Caribbean in July, 1948, for assignment to duty as Principal Military Adviser to the United States Delegation to the United Nations with headquarters at 2 Park Avenue, New York City.

He is also Chairman of the Inter-American Defense Board, which is made up of representatives of the Chiefs of Staff, Army, Navy and Air Force of the American Republics, and maintains headquarters for these hemispheric activities in Washington.

In October, 1949, General Crittenberger was appointed Deputy Representative for the United States on the Military Committee and the Standing Group of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

General Crittenberger's military service has taken him all over the world. In peace and war he has commanded American troops not only in the United States, but also in England, Africa, Italy, Panama, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the Philippines.

His duties have also taken him to China, Japan, Hawaii, Germany, France, Austria, Belgium, Luxembourg, Mexico, Cuba, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Venezuela, Colombia, Guatemala, Costa Rica, the British, French and Dutch Guianas, Trinidad, Uruguay, Curacao, Paraguay, and elsewhere.

As Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States in the Caribbean, 1945-1948, General Crittenberger supervised all



FRONT LINE CONFAB—Lt. Gen. James A. Van Fleet (left), Allied ground commander in Korea, chats with field commanders at an advanced command post near the front lines. Listening during driving rainstorm are Brig. Gen. GEORGE BARTH (center), 25th Division artillery commander; and Gen. FRANK MILBURN (right), commander of I Corps. (APWirephoto)

of the Army and Air Missions in Central and South America, which necessitated official visits to the capitals of the Western Hemisphere, during which he conferred with Latin American leaders from Mexico south to the Magellan Straits.

Since World War II General Crittenberger has officially represented the United States in the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of the President-Elect of Uruguay, Chile, Venezuela and Colombia, in their respective capitals.

Decorations and Campaigns

Distinguished Service Medal
Oak Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Service Medal
Bronze Star Medal
Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal
Mexican Border Campaign
World War I
World War II
European Theatre Campaign
American Theatre Campaign
France—Legion of Honor, Grade of Commander
France—Croix de Guerre
Great Britain—Honorary Companion of the Military Division of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath
Brazil—Medalha de Guerra
Brazil—Orden do Merito Militar
Brazil—Medalha de Campanha
Brazil—Cruzeiro de Sul, Grand Officer
Ecuador—Star of Abdon Calderon, 1st Class
Peru—Order of Ayacucho, Grand Officer
Italy—Silver Star for Valor
Italy—Order of St. Maurice, St. Lazzaro, Grand Officer
Panama—Order of Vasco Nunez de Balboa
Guatemala—Cross of Military Merit, 1st Class
Chile—Order of Merit of Bernardo O'Higgins, Grand Officer
Argentina—Order of Liberator of

San Martin, Grand Officer.

World War II Service

Chief of Staff, 1st Armored Division. From date of organization, July, 1940, to July, 1941

Commanding General, 2nd Armored Brigade, August, 1941, to January, 1942

Commanding General, II Armored Corps, July-August, 1942

Commanding General, III Armored Corps, from date of organization, August, 1942, to November, 1943

Commanding General, XIX Corps, November, 1943, to February, 1944

Commanding General, IV Corps, March, 1944, to October, 1945.

Service Since World War II

Commanding General, Caribbean Defense Command, October, 1945, to October, 1947

Commander in Chief, Caribbean Command, 1 November, 1947, to 25 June, 1948

Chairman, Inter-American Defense Board, with headquarters in Washington

Deputy Representative for the United States on the Military Committee of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Chairman, Standing Group, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with permanent headquarters in Washington

Present Duty

Commanding General, 1st Army, Governors Island, New York

Senior Member, United States Delegation, United Nations Military Staff Committee, with headquarters at 2 Park Avenue, New York City.

Family Background

He is married to the former Josephine Woodhull of San Antonio, Texas. They have two sons, Lt. Col. Willis D. Crittenberger, assigned as Instructor, United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., and 1st Lt. Dale J. Crittenberger II, on duty as Aide-de-Camp to Major General Hobart Gay, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

A third son, Townsend Woodhull Crittenberger, was killed in action at the Remagen Bridgehead in March, 1945, while serving as a Corporal Gunner with the 745th Tank Battalion attached to the 1st Infantry Division.

Highlights of The 1946 Convention

The grand turn-out—we estimated 750 as a maximum, and well over 1,000 showed up during the two days.

The enthusiasm with which men greeted one another after a separation of about one year.

The general attitude and spirit of friendliness throughout the whole convention.

The interest displayed in the business meeting and the spirited part which many men took in the legislation acted upon.

The good looking sweethearts and wives who attended the banquet indicating that the boys of the 9th know how to "pick 'em."

Father DeLaura—a toastmaster with the touch that kept the vast assembly laughing throughout the Banquet.

The many fine compliments from Gen. Devers, Gen. Hodges and Gen. Van Fleet on the conduct of those attending the Banquet.

The grand spine-tingling ovation received by General Eddy upon his introduction to the guests.

The many fine responses of those who could not make the convention, but sent their best wishes.

1951 Dues Are Now Payable

1951 Dues Must Be Paid Now In Order To Continue To Receive Your Monthly Publication, The Octofoil.

Pay your 1951 dues—\$3.50—through your local chapter or directly to National Headquarters. The important thing to do is—PAY THEM NOW. Keep your name on the active mailing list.

If you desire to do more—become a sustaining member. Any amount over and above the sum of \$3.50 will make you a sustaining member for 1951.

Tear out the following blank form—fill in the necessary information and MAIL TODAY:

TO: 9th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION,
POST OFFICE BOX 1704,
WASHINGTON 13, D. C.

I ENCLOSE THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT AS INDICATED:
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I ALSO ENCLOSE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$ _____ FOR
A SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP FOR THE YEAR END-
ING, DECEMBER 31, 1951.

SIGNED _____

STREET OR RFD _____

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IT HAPPENED BACK IN 1946 1200 ATTEND FIRST CONVENTION



28 States Represented At First Annual Convention

Californian, Former 84th, Travels Greatest Distance

Former 9th Division men came from as far West as possible to attend the first Annual Convention of the 9th Division Association. Honors go to Gordon C. Young, formerly with the 84th Field Artillery Battalion, who came all the way from Los Angeles, California,

and who also took an active part in the business meeting held Saturday morning. The Lone Star State of Texas was represented by Lewis M. Spaulding, Oklahoma, was heard from by Lawrence E. Gherr, A lone Gopher from Minnesota showed up in Robert V. Fleckenstein.

General Eddy Relives Division Routes

The high light of the two-day Convention was the first annual banquet, held Saturday night, and the most spine tingling incident occurred midway through the proceedings when the Toastmaster introduced Major General M. E. EDDY. Hardly had his name been mentioned when every man in the banquet room jumped to his feet cheering, whistling and wildly applauding and finally brought the former Division Commander to his feet to acknowledge with hands clasped overhead this spontaneous and tumultuous evidence of sincere devotion. The context of General Eddy's speech follows: "I first want to express the great pleasure and happiness I am experiencing in once more being with my old comrades of the 9th Infantry Division. The occasion here tonight, our first reunion, is the beginning of a means by which it will be possible to renew friendships each year. To me personally, this occasion is the realization of a dream I have cherished ever since my transfer from the Division two years ago.

It makes possible a means of perpetuating the memory of 4747 comrades who died by our sides during the closing days of 1942, the spring and summer of 1943, the summer and winter of 1944 and the spring of 1945.

Our participation in this war began with the invasion of North Africa on November 8, 1942. Denied the privilege of operating as a unit by circumstances beyond the control of the high command, the three combat commands of the Division composed the major forces landing at three of the five points of the invasion. The 39th combat team landed at Algiers on the extreme left of the whole invasion front. The 60th combat team landed at Port Lyautey and the 47th combat team landed at Safi, the extreme right of the invasion front. The rapid execution and success of these landings are now history.

The next great feat was one performed by our Division Artillery which at that time was under the command of Brig. Gen. S. LeROY IRWIN. Starting on February 17th,



the three Artillery Battalions of the Division marched 777 miles of winding congested roads, through snow, slush and mud.

In Tunisia the Division showed its real metal by successfully defeating the best Germany had. At El Guettar, Maknassy and Sbeitla, in Southern Tunisia, elements of the Division successfully attacked and beat back the armored thrusts of Gen. Rommel. Later, in Northern Tunisia the Division showed its great ability for maneuvers by out flanking the strong Green and Bald Hill positions east of Sedjenane which resulted in the capture of Bizerte.

Certainly we can be proud of our accomplishments in sweeping across the Cherbourg Peninsula with the 60th and 47th Infantry; the 39th combat team's successful attack up the east coast of the peninsula to capture the Quinneville Ridge to assist our sister 4th Division. It was from this ridge that the Germans for two weeks after the invasion were still bringing fire on Utah Beach.

Also, we can point with pride to the part we played in turning back the German thrust toward Avaranches and our helping to close the Falaise Argentan Gap. The closing of the Falaise Gap marked the end of my command of the 9th Division. It was a sad occasion for me, but after leaving you I watched with the greatest

General Jacob L. Devers, Receives Warm Ovation

General Jacob L. Devers, Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, and no newcomer to the old-timers of the 9th Infantry Division was greeted with a warm and hearty welcome when introduced by the toastmaster as the principal guest of the evening. Excerpts from General Devers' speech follow:

"I would like to express my appreciation for this opportunity to renew old acquaintances. As I look around and see so many familiar faces, I recall with pleasure the days when it was my privilege to command the 9th Division at Fort Bragg. Now, as Commanding General of the Ground Forces, I want to congratulate you all on a splendid performance.

The record of your achievements is stamped in the shattered Nazi fortresses from Africa to the Hartz Mountains of Germany. In years to come, the Germans may well pause at the blasted Siegfried Line and say, "The 9th Division passed here."

Your battle record is as long as it is distinguished, a fact attested to by the seventeen Distinguished Unit Citations awarded throughout the Division. The more than 27,724 casualties testify to the ferocity of the fighting which you went through.

Perhaps this quotation from a man who knew, understood and

loved the doughboy sums up the opinion of everyone. Ernie Pyle, in speaking of your magnificent action in cutting the Cotentin Peninsula said, "The Ninth is good. Its previous battle experience paid off. Not only in the individual fighting, but in the perfect way the whole organization clicked." That statement can be applied to all your engagements.

I would like to pay tribute to one of those men who is a fine example of the determined fighting spirit of the American soldier; and my friend of long standing, the late Colonel Harry A. Flint. He commanded the 39th Infantry of the 9th Division and was known to all of us as Paddy Flint. When the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor he had served our country long and faithfully. Before the smoke of the Japanese bombs lifted from battered Pearl Harbor, Paddy Flint abandoned all thought of retirement. At an age when many men desire nothing but a chair and slippers, by a fireside, he only wanted to lead his men in combat again.

Higher authorities thought otherwise, they thought he could never stand the hardships of continued life in the field, hardships you know only too well. They refused his request. Paddy Flint persevered.

With my help he was able to get to England. From England he made his way to Africa, where he achieved his heart's desire, the command of an infantry regiment.

He was a colorful fighting man. I will always remember his favorite expression, "Hit don't make no difference." Paddy Flint died as I'm sure he would have preferred, leading his men in an attack in Normandy. He left behind an epitaph which could be fittingly inscribed on his tombstone, the motto which describes his whole philosophy of life, the motto of a fighting man, "Anywhere, Anytime, Bar Nothing."

It has been such a pleasure to work with the officers and men of the 9th that when I left to assume command of the Armored Forces, it was with regret that I severed such pleasant ties.

The 9th has had outstanding Battalion Commanders. Such men as Lt. Col. Donald C. Clayman of the 47th, who on one occasion went 1,000 yards in front of the lines to get observation for artillery; Lt. Col. Henry P. Tucker, who commanded the 1st Battalion, 39th, so ably it was twice awarded the Presidential Citation; and Lt. Col. Keene N. Wilson, who joined the Army as a recruit in 1940 to become a Battalion Commander just four days after landing in France. Such men as these were

Rev. DeLaura Rolls 'Em In The Aisles

The biggest hit of the evening was a little man, almost as wide as he is tall, with a reversed collar, Father Anthony F. DeLaura of Brooklyn, the toastmaster and former Chaplain of the 47th Infantry. His mimicry, humor and recollection of his own battle fears



kept the former GIs convulsed the whole evening.

While introducing General Devers and General Hodges and referring to their four stars, Father DeLaura recalled the only time he ever heard of four stars was when he found a bottle of "Four-Star Hennessy" while liberating a small town somewhere in Belgium.

His explanation of the present clothing shortage brought screams from the women present and was more than convincing when he pulled the lapels of his coat back and proved his point by admitting wearing only a "Bib." He kept them in the aisles with his description of the "fruit salad" and the "oat meal clusters" he was wearing upon his return to the U. S. when asked by a "lady" if he was "ever in the Army."

Rev. DeLaura, throughout the evening, paid tribute to the Chaplain's Corps recalling the names of some of the great Chaplains of the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faith who were killed in combat.

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The New York Yankees will be playing the Cleveland Indians on Thursday, July 26th.

On July 27th and 28th, the Yankees will be host to the Chicago White Sox, at Yankee Stadium. Tickets for these games may be obtained by writing to: Ticket Manager, Yankee Stadium, Bronx 51, New York.

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To "B" (47th) Or Not To "B"

Awright, youse guys, drop yer doing and start reading. Dis is it!—dis is da real ting and ta quote our "Limey" cousins: "Ya cawnt afford to miss it, Nipper."

Miss what? Why da Sixth National Convention of da great 9th Infantry Division to be held in the greatest town on earth, Noo York, July 26, 27, 28. Dis king size "Critique" will make convention history, so leave youse not forget, Boy Child!

Thank you, "Humphrey" Di-Santo—and now on behalf of all "the gang" in and around New York town we wish to extend a cordial invitation to the swell bunch of guys that made up Co. B, their charming wives, families and sweethearts, to be with us at New York's second National Convention.

Yes, Men, we plan to make this the "B" Day ("B" like in best) of all our Conventions to date, and aside from the great plans being made for you by the New York Chapter, we are taking rooms to entertain "Baker" members and their guests—a place to relax with old buddies—refresh with Old Overholt and reflect among the "remember whens" from the sands of Ft. Bragg and barren hills of El Guettar to the hedgerows and bunkers of Europe—and on the lighter side recall the disadvantage of throwing hand-grenades into slit trenches to the advantages of knowing the whereabouts of the "Lemon Queen."

On hand to greet you will be your genial 1st Sgt. Larry (what do you mean I'm getting fat!) Krogbin. "Big Nick" Palega of Mazagan Fame. Gagster John (Ripples) Reilly, your "make a funny for the Raider." "Shoot me in the leg again, Jack DiSanto. "An' babies make three" Joe Taubner. "Limey" (Piccadilly, anyone?) Faulconbridge. Cassidy and Crotteau the "Pubsie" twins. Art (Paris Museums) Stenzel. George (Hosiery for Mama) Apar, and many others.

Coming on from Pennsylvania points we expect the "O'Donnells," John and Ann. Steve and Wanda Lelak. Luke Savage. Joe Metzavage. Bob and Ora Brogan. "Chuck" and Frances Knaub. And from other points we hope to see Stan Adowski and his bride. Joe and Edith Podany of Minneapolis. Harry Brown of "Grits Anonymous" and we have had word from Joanne Wilcox, wife of the late Lt. Leon Wilcox, who gave his life while commanding Co. "B." She will be our banquet guest if it is at all possible for her to come to New York from Georgia at that time.

We want you all to have yourselves a "real time" while in New York—thus if we can be of service to you in procuring hotel reservations, theatre tickets, baseball tickets, banquet seating arrangements or perform any other service, please contact us by mail.

So start saving that "two bits" or more each day and plan to be with us. Y'no, any New York college basketball player will tell you that money isn't everything, so let's spend some of it to be amongst "battle tested" friends—your return in laughs and happy memories will be priceless.

Remember, "B" there!

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Send \$1.00 and get yourself in the souvenir journal—include full name, service rank, platoon and your present address. If it isn't possible for you to make the Convention, we will forward the journal to you.

Local Chap. News

Northern Ohio Chapter

The Cleveland-Akron Chapter announces that it has officially changed its name and shall be known as The Northern Ohio Chapter. ROGER SCHAEFER is the Chapter president and BILL MAUSER has taken on the duties as Secretary-Treasurer. Bill, incidentally, was recently appointed to co-ordinate his county's civil defense warning systems. As the assistant to the defense information director, Bill will map the plan by which Greater Cleveland's entire eight-zone defense layout will be alerted against enemy attack.

At the March meeting of the Chapter it was reported that PETE GANS, one of the Chapter's staunchest supporters, was confined out at the Crile Veteran's Hospital suffering from diabetes. Here's wishing Pete a speedy recovery.

The April meeting of the Chapter, held at Howard Johnson's,

16201 Kinsman Road, Cleveland, showed a financial statement with a cash balance of \$178.76. Bill Mauser and his wife, Dot, represented the Chapter at the wedding of JOHN MCCLAREN to EILEEN FRAWLEY, last April 7th.

Tentative plans for the summer season will get under way at the May meeting by holding the gathering of the clan at one of the picnic parks on the outskirts of Cleveland.

Illinois Chapter

The "Police Action" in Korea is making inroads on the Illinois Chapter. Among the latest to leave Chapter ranks is Capt. BOB HARPER (9th Signal), our popular judge advocate, who recently departed for regions "unknown." Bob was attached to the ORC Section in Chicago.

Another Chapter member made news lately, during the Kefauver investigations in Chicago—OTTO KERNER, Jr., the very excellent toastmaster at the Chicago Convention. Otto should now be referred to as GENERAL KERNER, as he recently received his assignment as Assistant Division Commander of the 23rd Infantry Division, Illinois's National Guard. Congratulations.

Old timers will be interested concerning the recent news about General WILLIAM WILBUR, who commanded the 60th Infantry back in Fort Bragg days. General Wilbur was appointed as warden at the Cook County (Chicago) Prison. While serving with the Western Task Force during the African Campaign, General Wilbur was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Reunion fever is running high in the Illinois Chapter. Among those making plans to attend are: HERB WAPLES, Chapter President (60th Inf.); BOB WINKELMAN (47th); GEORGE WAITE (60th Inf.); SHIRTS MATUSIK (47); "Money Bags" BILL CONLEY (60th Inf.); TED PRESTON, and ROGER ELMER. The wives will attend in force, with the exception of Matusik, who is not married as yet. He will make himself known by his quiet type shirts, having imported a few from Hawaii just for the occasion.

Mrs. Winkelman is returning from England in time to make the convention.

Greater New York Chapter

At the last meeting of the Chapter, RALPH ALESIE won two tickets for the "King and I." Now that HERMAN WEINSTEIN is a member of the Association, he hopes to hear from you fellows out of I Company, 60th Infantry. His present address—221 Teneyck Walk in Brooklyn. HAROLD STAFFU was heard from recently. (I Co., 39th). Hal is living at 322 East 85th Street in Manhattan and is connected with the Veterans Administration.

Here's the story of a guy who found his way across the wadies and unknown trails of Africa and Sicily, but became lost in the underground of New York City. Major NEAL C. GALLOWAY called up his old friend, CAL POLIVY, having just arrived in town from the FA School out Oklahoma way. So naturally, Cal invited him over to his home. On the way over, Neal happened to bump into Brother ROCKWOOD and they talked over a few, then Neal started up again to wend his way to Cal's place but unfortunately he got waylaid somewhere between 59th and 57th, so he finally hailed a cab for the remainder of the trip. Neal was formerly the Recon officer for the 84th FA BN.

The convention dates coincide with the 6th wedding anniversary of JOE CUELLI, and his Mrs. Looks like they will have a double celebration.

A recent note from Miss DORIS TEPPER, sister of Chaplain TEPPER, who was killed in action, advises all of us that she will be in New York for the Convention.

Here's a note to remember *** FOR THE BEST TIME, FOR THE BEST YET *** MAKE IT THE NEW YORK CONVENTION IN JULY *** THE GUYS ARE WORKING THEMSELVES TO DEATH AND ARE REALLY GOING MAD IN SETTING UP THE BEST AND ONLY THE BEST *** AFTER ALL, THERE IS NOTHING FINER THAN THE 9th DIVISION ASSOCIATION *** SO JOIN US AND PROVE IT FOR YOURSELVES.

Philadelphia Chapter

The April meeting found the Philly group taking up residence at it's new quarters, Pennsylvania Railroad American Legion Post, located at 3202-04 Chestnut Street. We mention the address, primarily, to inform those members who weren't present at this initial gathering; because by virtue of the unanimous vote of those in attendance, the Legion Post has been accepted as our permanent meeting place. We were more than

Convention Tickets Available Now

The program for the New York Convention will include three separate evening events, beginning on Thursday night, July 26, with a beer party and general get-together. On Friday night there will be a gala dance and entertainment with a splendid orchestra and an all-star floor show. Saturday night, July 28, will be devoted to the annual banquet. The menu for this occasion will feature the best in the Commodore Hotel cuisine.

The registration fee, as in the past, will be two dollars for the men, and one dollar for the ladies. TICKETS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ADMITTANCE EACH EVENING.

The schedule is as follows:

	Men	Ladies
Registration - - - -	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00
Beer Party - - - - -	1.50	1.50
Dance - - - - -	2.00	2.00
Banquet - - - - -	6.50	6.50

Total - - - - - \$12.00 \$11.00

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Obviously it is cheapest to buy a book of tickets since there is a saving of three dollars.

By purchasing the complete book of tickets, it is the equivalent of attending the Beer Party and Dance free of charge. Such an arrangement allows for the placing of individual charges for those who do not wish to go to all events.

Any man who attends only on Saturday, July 28th, will be charged \$8.50. Any lady attending only on Saturday will be charged \$7.50.

The registration fees cover the administrative costs of the convention. Compared to the convention charges in the past, the only actual difference in the charges for the 1951 convention over previous years is reflected in the increase cost of the banquet and this increase is readily understandable due to the increase in the cost of food items.

Secure your book of tickets now. Mail your remittance to:
NATIONAL SECRETARY,
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POST OFFICE BOX 1704,
WASHINGTON 13, D. C.

pleased with the turnout this month, nevertheless we must admit to a fond hope for greater showings in the immediate future. In any event, you can be assured, that our newly found home is an answer to those of you who favored a place with recreational facilities, which would take up the slack once the business was dispensed with. Take the word of your reporter, if that's what you were looking for, look no further; come out to our next meeting, and be convinced.

Our elected prexy, JOHN CHRISTIAN, has deserted us, to pursue a brighter future out Chicago way. We take this opportunity, John, to wish you, in the name of the entire Philly faction, every possible success in your field of endeavor, out there in the Windy City; and, also to thank you for a well-guided, though short term at the head of our scrappy combine.

As a result of this move, Vice President, JOHN SABATO, advanced to the chair of President, and conducted the aforementioned meeting at the Legion Post. Numbered among his first duties were the formation of several committees, which he feels will help to make our monthly sessions, shorter on the business, and longer on the merriment. The appointees to these various commissions accepted their tasks most graciously, and promise to discharge their duties to the complete satisfaction of all interested parties.

As already reported we lost a very diligent member in John Christian, but to compensate this reduction in our ranks; we are happy to welcome back to the fold, BOB COLFLESH. Bob has just returned from sunny California, having worked out there since the middle of last summer. He dropped in unexpectedly at our last meeting, and walked off with the shuffle bowling laurels of the evening. I guess those coast bistros found Bob decorating the strikes and spare corner quite often; because the lad is really skillful at the tenpin game. While we're handing out bouquets, we might make mention of the fact, that JERRY NOTHMAN is quite the lad when it comes to snapping those souvenir pictures we like to reminisce over now and then. He showed up at a recent meeting with tripod, camera, etc.; and the finished products were a thing to behold. We know from whence we speak, because as a shutter and lens man, yours truly is strictly from hunger. Let's have more of the same, Jerry, any time you feel like packing the excess baggage in the general direction of the PRR American Legion, come the first Friday of any given month.