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## NEW YORK EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

### Members Arrive Early and Stay Late To Enjoy The Convention Festivities

#### Unusually Large Attendance Marks First Day of Convention, Climaxed By Over 677 Persons Attending The Sixth Annual Banquet Finale

The Sixth Annual Convention of The Ninth Infantry Division Association is a happy memory now to the more than 700 persons who crowded into The Commodore Hotel for the three-day festivities.

Beginning on July 26th, the members showed up in unusually large numbers, setting a new record for the first day registration. Highlighting the events for the first day was the annual beer party which got under way around 9:00 p.m. Not anticipating such a large turnout for the first day, the supply of beer on hand was quickly consumed and rush orders went out for a new supply and even that did not suffice. No one seemed to mind anyway, it was the idea of seeing so many old friends and renewing old acquaintances that was foremost in the minds of everyone and the short supply of "suds" was soon forgotten. A bunch of tired people woke up Friday morning to resume the convention activities.

July 27th started off with a meeting of the Board of Governors at 9:00 a.m., followed by the first, short, business meeting at which time the various committees were formed and instructed to get together to hash over the affairs of "state." The final business meeting got started in the afternoon around 2:00 o'clock, at which time the committee chairmen presented their reports and the convention body took their appropriate action. This meeting broke up shortly after four o'clock, followed by a meeting of the new Board of Governors.

The entertainment highlight for Friday took place in the evening when the annual dance got under way. Those that arrived at the ballroom early were the fortunate ones as it wasn't long before all of the tables were filled to capacity and people were looking for space in the rafters. As the evening wore on, more and more wearers of The Octofoil poured in and dancing soon became a difficult problem to some. It was truly a Ninth Division gathering, the majority seemingly perfectly satisfied to sit at the tables and hash over old times with their many friends.

Old man weather stepped in on Saturday morning bringing with him an abundance of rain which necessitated the cancelling of the Memorial Day Parade. However, this did not prevent the holding of the Memorial Services. The Grand Ballroom of The Commodore Hotel was available, the First Army Band moved in, together with the various Regimental Colors of the Ninth Infantry Division. The Memorial Services were conducted in the Ballroom, led by Father DELAURA, Father CONNORS, Dr. HAROLD STERNLICHT and DONALD M. CLARKE. It was a most impressive service, a simple one, yet one that afforded everyone the opportunity of devoting an altogether short moment of thoughtfulness and respect to those brave men of the Ninth who did not return with us. The services were concluded by the playing of Taps by members of the Band, after which, the Colors were marched from the Ballroom, leaving a look of retrospect in the faces of those who gathered together for this Sixth Annual Memorial Service.

Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m., the final highlight of the convention got under way—the annual

banquet. It was a truly gala event, one that left the hotel management aghast for they had not been planning on such a turnout, especially after their sad experience with another division association a short time previously. However, last minute arrangements, involving the setting up of additional tables, the preparation of more food, the hiring of more waiters and the various other details, were taken care of and everyone attending the banquet was able to be accommodated. To those who were inconvenienced, we hope that you will understand the situation and we trust that everyone had a wonderful time.

The banquet invocation was given by Father EDWARD CONNORS, after which the National President, DON CLARKE, gave out the word to pitch in and consume the groceries. The food was good, well prepared, and well served—Thanks to the capable staff of The Commodore.

After the meal and a few short announcements by DON CLARKE, a tape-recording of the talk by General EDDY was sent out over the loud-speaker system. General Eddy was talking to us from his headquarters in Germany, and he expressed his regrets at not being able to attend in person, and hoping that he would be with us in 1953, providing the "ruskies" are willing. General Eddy's talk was followed by a few words of greeting from General GEORGE SMYTHE, who likewise, spoke to us via tape-recording from his headquarters near Munich, Germany. General Smythe left the audience talking among themselves with his final remarks which are quoted as follows: "And may you find your paths leading either to the European or to the Far East Command, if you see fit to do so." The big question on the minds of all was: "Just what was General Smythe trying to say?"

Following the talks by General Eddy and General Smythe, Don Clarke introduced the Toastmaster for the evening, Father DELAURA. From that point on, Father DeLaura conducted the balance of the banquet with his own inimitable manner, interspersed with moments of his wonderful sense of humor as well as his fine moments of respect to those many fine boys whom we left on the battlefields of North Africa, Sicily and Europe.

Father DeLaura introduced Mr. JOHN SPENCER, the father of Lt. JOHN F. SPENCER, who was killed in action while serving with A Company of the 47th Infantry. Mr. Spencer presented the JOHN F. SPENCER award to DOMINICK MIELE for his outstanding work as a member of the Greater New York Chapter. This award, consisting of a diamond-studded Ninth Division Association lapel pin and accompanied by a very fine scroll, will be given annually by Mr. Spencer to the Greater New York Chapter member who has done the most outstanding work for the Chapter.

Father DeLaura next called upon General LOUIS A. CRAIG, our former Division Commander and who is now the Inspector General for the Department of The Army. The Ninth Infantry Division had every reason to be the best division ever to see battle—its men

### Banquet Memoirs

Perhaps you were wondering who sat next to you at the banquet... Well, for the sake of posterity and 1951 memories, here is the way the banquet committee sat those who attended:

Dias—  
Gen. W. D. Crittenger, Father Connors, Father De Laura, Mr and Mrs. Donald Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sternlicht, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, Charlie Tingley, Mrs. Simmons, and Mrs. Swenson and Billie.

Table 1—  
Mr. and Mrs. Langer, Mr. Macedo, F. Duffy, Mr. and Mrs. Schramm, Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel, Mr. and Mrs. McElroy.

Table 2—  
A. Giacoffe, M. Giacoffe, V. Lipore, S. D'Agostino, J. D'Agostino, M. Agnetti, P. Agnetti, G. Laskan, and J. Laskan.

Table 3—  
Dr. and Mrs. H. Cantor, Dr. and Mrs. J. Kaufman, Dr. and Mrs. H. Seslowe, Mrs. Rose and Rudy Walzer, Dr. Kaminiski, and Miss Joan Spencer.

Table 4—  
Mr. and Mrs. V. Guiglielmino, Mr. and Mrs. Gallo, Miss Guadalfio, Mr. Guglielmino, Mr. Gaudalfio, Mr. Miele, Mrs. Guglielmino, and aid to Gen. Crittenger, Major Collday.

Table 5—  
Mr. and Mrs. Stan Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Getzy Schiff, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Polivy, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Stein.

Table 6—  
G. Kortas, Mrs. Kortas, Mr. and Mrs. Damato, Mr. and Mrs. Long, Mr. and Mrs. Miliken, Lt. and Mrs. Van Leuven.

Table 7—(M-60)—  
Joe Lipka, Michael Ros, Mr. and Mrs. Thornton, Myron Kalish, Gar Breum, Robert Daransof, Henry and Mrs. David, Chas. Breum.

Table 9—(MP's)—  
Adolph and Mrs. Wadalavage, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cuprys, Eugene and Dorothy Dillman, David Gelman, Tony Brezas, Ruth Horter, Mrs. Gelman.

Table 10—(60th)—  
Given Pembbridge, Marge and Fred Bicking, Del Pembbridge, Mrs. and Mr. Leed, Mr. and Mrs. H. Pepper, Mr. and Mrs. Beebe.

Table 11—(M-47)—  
Ralph and Goldie Witzkin, Matusik, Harry and Vilm Kerner, Zingdale, France, Santone, Stollman.

Table 12—(E-47)—  
Coleflesh, Curless, Blum, Mr. and Mrs. Von Eigen, Mr. and Mrs. Travelesco, Mr. and Mrs. Leone, Combo.

Table 14—(F-39)—  
Mr. and Mrs. C. Geiser, Raymond G. Hansen, Wax, J. Mazer, Joe King, John Sabato, Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Le Claire, F. Foe.

Table 15—(B-39)—  
Mr. and Mrs. Gurney J. Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. R. Laurence, McMahon, and Cpl. Syd.

Table 16—(B-47)—  
Jack and Katherine Di Santo, Nick and Olga Palega, Joe and Eleanor Taubner, Art Stenzel, John and Mary Reilly, Joanne Wilcox.

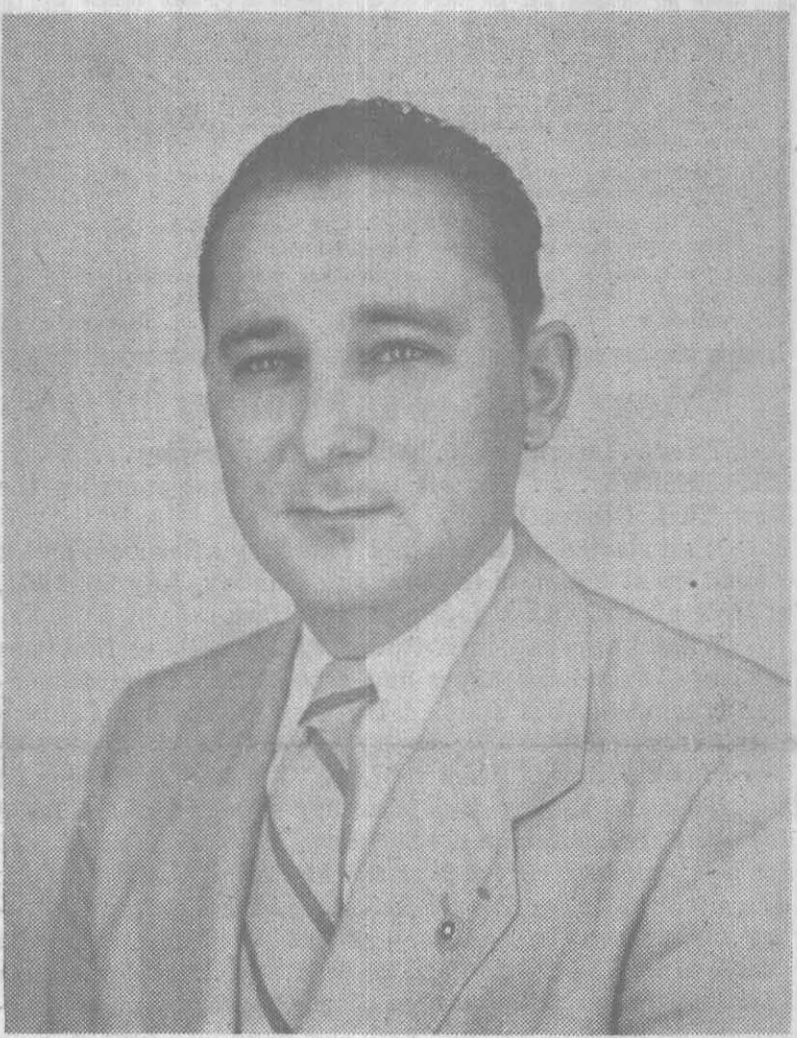
Table 17—(B-47)—  
Luke Savage, Pat Morano, Mr. Morano's escort, Larry and Greer Kroglin, George and Rose Apar, Charles, Steve and Wanda Lelak.

Table 18—(B-47)—  
Charles and Frances Knaub, Albert and Vickie Faulconbridge, Dairy Moore, Ben and Rose Reinzi, Rete and Mrs. Mastrangelo, Steve De Leoura.

Table 19—  
John Ryan and friend, Siegel, Harold and Mrs. Pepper, Jim Bruno, Milton and Ruth Wynn.

Table 20—(60)—  
Al and Mrs. Bruchac, Mr. and Mrs. Wasserman, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Foley, Harold Smith, Dick

### Albert E. Bruchac Elected President Succeeding Donald M. Clarke



The following message has been received from our new president, addressed to all members of The Ninth Infantry Division Association:

I wish it were possible to say with words what is in my heart at this time. But it seems words are too adequate to express the pride I feel because of the honor bestowed upon me by the members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. I believe you know how deeply I appreciate this honor, and how proud I am to have been chosen as your National leader.

Just as I am grateful for the faith you have shown in selecting me as your president, so I am cognizant of the obligations I assume in accepting this office. And I pledge you that, as I accept this responsibility, I shall do my utmost to meet it with the help of your continued interest and cooperation.

Sincerely,  
AL BRUCHAC.

(Editor's Note: The following is a brief outline of Al's background):

Al was born on April 8, 1917, and after graduating from the Saratoga Springs High School, he attended Louisiana State University and Siena College.

Enlisting in the Army on June 28, 1940, he attended the first Officers Candidate Class at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, and was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in September, 1941.

He was immediately assigned to the 9th Infantry Division, K Company of the 60th Infantry, later being assigned as commanding officer of K Company. Later, he was transferred to M Company of the 60th, as its commanding officer. From that position he went to Battalion as S-3, then to the 3rd Battalion as Executive Officer.

Upon leaving the Ninth, Al went to 15th Army, 12th Army Group, as Assistant G-2 and at the time he was mustered out of the service he had attained the rank of Major.

Al is married and his family includes two children, Albert, Jr., and Mary.

Taking a great interest in business and fraternal affairs, Al is a member of the Queensboro Chamber of Commerce and the Queens Rotary Club, as well as a member of the Elks, and YMCA.

Evidence of his business ability is his highly successful operation in the wholesale and retail liquor field.

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## New York Was Wonderful

Tired . . . worn out . . . bedraggled . . . happy . . .  
SUCCESSFUL . . . That is the phrase that sums up the New York Convention.

It all started on a very hot Thursday afternoon, and it wound up at 6 a.m. in the morning, Sunday, July 29, 1951, at Toffenitti's with a farewell breakfast.

What happened in between was something that was not only beyond the hopes and aspirations of the convention committee, but startled the New York City Convention Committee.

"Look fellows," they told us, "We had a division in last week and they told us that they expected about 1,000 for their dinner, and all that showed up were about 126 for the banquet." That was the basis that the New York Chapter was to work on. But, lo and behold, on Saturday night when the Chairman of this board questioned the doorman at The Commodore he was told . . . "These guys from the 9th Division are running all over the lot. Surprised, he checked further with the Banquet Captain, who by this time was wiping his brow and trying to figure out, "Where in the heck did this mob come from."

Well, here is where they came from . . . About everywhere, anywhere, and everywhere. They came by plane, by boat, by train, by subway, and some looked like they came in Rocket ships. At least most of them seemed to be carrying all the fuel with them every time you saw them. They created havoc . . . with fire alarms . . . drinking all the beer that could be mustered in the hotel . . . dancing till the wee hours of the morning . . . and seeing and talking about everything from Chicken Road to "What's new" with the family.

Did they have a good time? Ask for a financial analysis . . . Broke . . . Happy . . . Delighted, and can't wait for the next Convention in Boston!

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## BANQUET

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Storey Church and Val Ankner.

Table 21—(E-39)—

Mr. and Mrs. Grossman, Mr. and Mrs. P. Ortoff, Mr. and Mrs. F. Golub, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, Max and Evelyn Mansano.

Table 22—(60 FABN)—

C. J. Fahre, M. Bisk, Edward Colonello, Belmont, Lesandra, Briggs, Bedisher, Mischler and Mrs. Mischler and E. E. Skocyias.

Table 23—(60th)—

Mr. and Mrs. Torre, Mr. and Mrs. Keough, Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer, Mrs. and Mr. Camardella and Mr. nad Mrs. John Wabakowski.

Table 24—(60 Med.)—

V. and D. Mantera, R. Maher, F. Behrins, T. Sette, J. Waschin, R. Behrens, Mr. and Mrs. Mzalak, Augusta.

Table 25—(39-Hqs.)—

Lynch, Croto, Neungert, Bloomgarten, Mr. and Mrs. Miceli, Roach Sgt. Wells and friend.

Table 26—(K-47)—

Mr. and Mrs. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Uniansky, Mr. and Mrs. Nedwell, Jim Maley, George Roper.

Table 27—(C-47)—

Mr. and Mrs. D. McNaughtan, G. and C. Stein, A. and M. Lougher, H. Golabiecki, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lessoff, and Tomesen.

Table 28—(60)—

Mike Gatto, Mr. and Mrs. Al Muller, Mr. and Mrs. H. Caldaro, Herman Weinstien, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. Barduich.

Table 29—(H-47)—

Mr. and Mrs. Fazio, Mr. and Mrs. Al Orletti, John Marcogliese, Jack Scully, Howard Boehm, Hannuscin, Schneider, Hacker.

Table 30—(H-47)—

Rischel, Waechek, Russich, Gonzol, Wisieski, Joseph A. O'Neil, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rizzo, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ricco.

Table 31—(G-47)—

R. Griffith, G. McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Olcavage, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Mischler, Heath and Keller.

Table 33—(FABN)—

Iannotti, Byrne, Delmore, Cicoro, Fehily, Cicoro, Loscalzo, Mr. and Mrs. Grosse, DeJulius.

Table 34—(47-A)—

Mrs. R. and Mr. Dougherty, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shaw, Robbins, Louis Hillman, W. L. O'Shea, Armstrong, Sellerberg, and Mrs. Sellerberg.

Table 35—(APO)—

Mr. and Mrs. Postem, Paul Dico, Roberty Roddy, Mr. and Mrs. Meyers, Mrs. Robert Roddy, Raymond Peque.

Table 36—(84 FABN)—

Mr. and Mrs. Groendyke, Mr. and Mrs. Wiercign, A. W. Fedder, Chas. and Mrs. Gregor, Steve Yuhosz, Bill Coglin, Donald Johnson.

Table 37—(L-47)—

Clarence Ray, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kimmelle, Buddy Deemer, Mr. and Mrs. Don Iaccubucci, Egan, Mr. and Mrs. Dilbird.

Table 38—(60th)—

Florian Drabicki, Knightly, Cordary, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Knack and guests, Mr. and Mrs. More, and Brother Ryan.

Table 39—Hqs.-60)—

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Speers, Mr. and Mrs. James Russo, Conrad Vitale, Van Viancier, Mr. and Mrs. Cole, Joe Casey, Hank Bauman.

Table 40—QM)—

Mr. and Mrs. Dreifus, Maj. and Mrs. Willis, Harry Orenstein, Father, Pandolphi, Ohrens, and Kilkeny.

Table 41—(D&G-47)—

Mr. and Mrs. J. Blyth, L. Greenman and friend, John McAdams, Steve Budrick, Frantzen, W. C. Stein, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Merz.

Table 42—(FABN)—

T. Boyle, M. Sciarappa, Lape, Brown, Dulong, Logan, Matises, Berger, Di Mella, Miegian.

Table 43—(39-3rd Bn.)—

Mr. and Mrs. Metz, John O'Shea, Mr. and Mrs. Termini, Dick Cooper, Bill and Mildred Williams, Mr. and Mrs. James Richardson.

Table 45—(C-47)—

Mr. and Mrs. J. Downs, Mr. and Mrs. D. Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. F. Lenof, Schank, Forta, Kaschinski, Charles Finklestien.

Table 46—(H-47)—

E. W. Wisemewski, P. Rischeb, Mr. and Mrs. German, Ken Griffith, Dick O'Connor, Chas. Keely, Smoke Chaconas, J. Quinn, Kargir.

Table 47—(AT-39)—

Mike Russo, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Czubak, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bulla, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McAndrews, Geissel and Bonelly.

Table 48—(Div.Hq. & Sig.)—

W. Viebrock, S. Viebrock, Mr. and Mrs. Heim and Bill Steer Christake, Harold and Mrs. Schiff Bruce Troszake.

Table 49—(AT-660)—

Mr. and Mrs. Waples, Kyato, Yowiski, Mr. and Mrs. Smythe, John Halpin, Biegeleisen, Mr. and Mrs. Barker.

Table 50—(39-34 FA)—

Almassy, Odum, Shiffel, Kyhlberger, Alesci, Mr. and Mrs. Russo,

Mr. and Mrs. George Jamison.

Table 51—(F-47)—

Mr. and Mrs. Ger King, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Putt, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Yenni, Mr. E. T. Hopkins, Mr. Dan Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. Hattrick,

Table 52—(376-AAA)—

Mr. and Mrs. William Tauber, Mr. and Mrs. D. Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Linderman, F. Brown, E. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Huncke.

Table 54—(SV-39)—

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Koeppe, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Nissen, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wade, Dr. and Mrs. Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brizanoski.

Table 56—(Div. Hqs.)—

Mr. and Mrs. J. Perrilla, Mr. and Mrs. Art Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. Scebecki, V. Filicelli, Anderson.

Table 57—(Div. Hsq.)—

Mr. and Mrs. Peverill, Mr. and Mrs. B. Barbagello, George Whitney, George Whitehurst, Mr. and Mrs. Robb, Mr. and Mrs. M. Morrell.

Table 58—(60th)—

60th Infantry (Sorry, I lost the names).

Table 59—(MP's)—

Nailor, Daid Gilbert, John Mantegna, Mr. and Mrs. Casey Petraitis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Costello, Steve Gray and D. Goodman.

Table 60—(39-1st Bn.)—

Nothman, Warner, Caban, Mr. and Mrs. Androvich, Mr. and Mrs. Fidler, Bill Sollividay, H. J. Daysh, John Tschupp.

Table 61—(K-47)—

Ray Stroll and party, Albert Strauss, Bastedo, Klinger, Vitter, A. Schneider.

Table 62—(39-Sv. Co.)—

James Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. R. McCarthy, Mrs. and Mr. Martin Bree, Mariatto, Biannarcoli, Geist, Strezo.

Table 63—(9th Med.-47-C)—

Hutchins, Cortese and Mrs. Cortese, Mr. and Mrs. Zachian, Mr. and Mrs. Tomme, Cahill, Chatto, Pyle.

This is just a sample of what lists your reporter had on hand to enter. There were probably many, many names that did not appear in this column. To those who were left out, you were not forgotten, it was just that we did not have all the last minute changes.

Just to show you what happened with a surge of last minute reservations. Friday, we had arranged for 35 tables, after checking the reservations we changed the number to 40. On Saturday, the tables went to 45 at 2 p.m. then it started running back and forth with the Banquet Captain, every half hour the number jumped, even till the opening address we were still adding tables. To those who were slightly inconvenienced, we, of the banquet committee, apologize, it was just one of those days. When you start at 350 and wind up with over 668 people that is close to 70 tables. Something had to happen somewhere and it did. One person in particular was inconvenienced, and again Brother WAPLES, please charge that to an uncontrollable last minute

### Those Who Sent Notes . . .

Headquarters 9th Inf. Division, Office of the Commanding General, Fort Dix, New Jersey.  
Dear Sir:

I regret a previous commitment will prevent me from accepting your invitation to attend the 6th Annual Banquet of the 9th Infantry Division Association, to be held at the Hotel Commodore, on July 28.

I appreciate the invitation very much, and wish to convey my best wishes for the success of the banquet.

Sincerely yours,  
W. K. HARRISON,  
Major General, U. S. A.,  
Commanding.

City of New York,  
Office of the Mayor,  
New York 7, N. Y.

It is a privilege for me as Chief Executive of our city to extend an official welcome and greetings to the officers and members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association on the occasion of its Sixth Annual Convention to be held at The Hotel Commodore, July 26th through 28th, 1951.

I know that all New Yorkers will be proud to hail the members of the Ninth Infantry Division who have had such a glorious record in the service of our country.

VINCENT R. IMPELLITTERI,  
Mayor.

From the wonderful world of electronics a treat was brought forth to the men at the banquet, with two recorded speeches from abroad. One of the highlights of the evening was the speech by Lt. Gen. MANTON S. EDDY, made at his headquarters in Europe, and a speech by Brig. Gen. SMYTHE from his headquarters—also in Europe.

## CONVENTION

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were tops and its Division Commanders were tops, also.

The main speaker of the evening was Lt. General WILLIS DALE CRITTENBERGER, Commanding General of the United States First Army. His message dealt forcibly with the problems of the present day, leading to the future of our Country, as it involves the veterans of World War II. General Crittenberger pointed out the seriousness of present world conditions involving the Communist threats to our free way of life and called upon all of us to shoulder our responsibilities in meeting this great threat, just like it was our responsibility to meet and defeat the threats of Hitlerism during the last War.

One of the banquet highlights took place when DON CLARKE introduced to the members the Association's new president for the coming year, ALBERT E. BRUCHAC. Al accepted his new responsibilities with the hopes that he would be able to do just as good a job as Don has done. After which, Al presented a scroll to Don as a token of appreciation for the task he has performed during his tenure in office.

Father DeLaura introduced Dr. HAROLD STERNLICHT, president of The Greater New York Chapter, at which time Doc expressed his thanks to the members of the Chapter for the wonderful work done in preparing for the convention, also expressing his welcome to all of the members attending the convention. Dr. Sternlicht also presented the Greater New York Chapter Achievement Award to VINCE GUGLIELMINO in acknowledgment of the efforts put forth by Vince towards the betterment of the Chapter.

After the conclusion of the banquet, the members and their friends, as usual, left the banquet hall to gather in various rooms throughout the hotel and there the "tall stories" were re-told until the bright dawn of a Sunday morning brought forth the reality that the Sixth Annual Convention was over. A wonderful time was enjoyed by everyone, time went too quickly. However, another year will soon pass and BOSTON will see another reunion of the finest men in the world, those who wore The Octofoil, and who haven't forgotten their friends.

### Don Clarke Expresses His Appreciation

Having completed my third term in office as President of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, I want to take this opportunity to express my sincerest appreciation to the members of the Board of Governors and to the members of the Association as a whole for the fine spirit of cooperation extended to me during the past three years.

Upon being elected to the presidency of your Association in Philadelphia back in 1948 I had no idea that I would have the honor to hold office for such a long period of time. Upon being re-elected at the Pittsburgh Convention, I thought surely that I would not be elected again, but lo and behold, the Chicago Convention came along and a "third strike" was tossed my way.

These past three years have been very gratifying to me. I feel that the accomplishments during these years have not been the results of any one individual. On the contrary, the present position which your Association enjoys is the direct result of team work. Team work not only on the part of the Board of Governors, but also including the membership as a whole as well as the fine efforts put forth by the local chapters in various parts of the country. With this same spirit of teamwork carried on through the coming years, I know that the Ninth Infantry Division Association will always continue to go forward, and we will be able to hold future conventions in the same manner as those held in the past.

I know that the Association will go forward under the excellent leadership of your new president, AL BRUCHAC. Al has always displayed a keen sense of responsibility in the affairs of your Association and it is my conviction that his background and experience will result in greater horizons for the Association during the years to come.

Many, many thanks again to you all for your wonderful assistance given to me during my term as your president.

Most sincerely,  
Donald M. Clarke.



# A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL



SIXTH ANNUAL BANQUET, NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION



AL BRUCHAC IS INTRODUCED AS OUR NEW PRESIDENT  
LEFT TO RIGHT: MRS. CLARKE, GENERAL CRITTENBERGER, AL BRUCHAC,  
DON CLARKE, FATHER DE LAURA



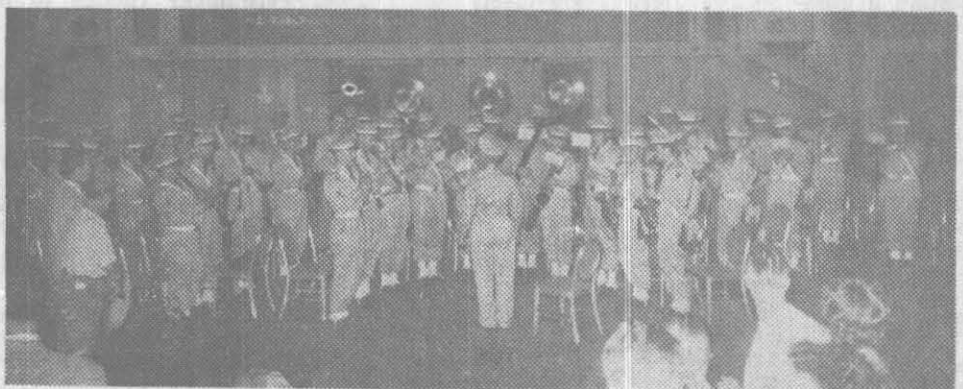
SALUTE TO COLORS DURING MEMORIAL SERVICES



DOM. MIELE RECEIVES SPENCER AWARD



"STILL BUCKING FOR MONSIGNOR"



FIRST ARMY BAND PREPARES TO PLAY



MRS. CATHERINE TIMMONS ON LEFT, WITH HER SON, BILL, JR.  
SGT. BILL TIMMONS, 60th INFANTRY, WAS KILLED IN ACTION IN KOREA.  
ON THE RIGHT IS MRS. BERNADINE S. SWENSON, WIFE OF CAPTAIN KEN-  
NETH SWENSON, K CO., 39th, WHO ALSO WAS KILLED IN ACTION  
WHILE SERVING IN KOREA



DAGMAR STRIKES A POSE WITH AL BRUCHAC, DOC STERNLICHT, AND  
MIKE GATTO



"BEWARE BOSTON, DON'T LET HAL PEPPER GET IN SUCH SHAPE NEXT YEAR"



## Report on Business Meetings Held During Sixth Annual Convention

The first business meeting of the Sixth Annual Convention was held at The Commodore Hotel on July 27, 1951. The meeting was called to order by the National President, DONALD M. CLARKE, at 10:15 a.m.

The following committees were announced and officially appointed:

### Finance and Budget Committee:

JOE CASEY, Chairman  
ROGER SCHAEFER  
HENRY GOLABIECKI  
ROBERT COLFLESH  
ALBERT E. BRUCHAC  
SYLVESTER BYRNES.

### Policy and Chapter Committee:

Dr. HAROLD STERNLICHT, Chairman

FRANK B. WADE  
DUANE OLSEN  
JAMES DULONG  
MILES F. McFARLAND.

### Newspaper Committee:

JOHN C. W. O'DONNELL, Chairman

JOHN WASCHIN  
JACK O'SHEA  
STAN COHEN  
JOHN MEEGAN  
LOUIS R. BECKER.

### Miscellaneous Committee:

MIKE GATTO, Chairman  
RICHARD O'CONNOR  
THEODORE MATUSIK  
THOMAS DELMORE  
WILLIAM McNEIL  
RICHARD NEWELL.

### Nominating Committee:

JOHN SABATO, Chairman  
ROBERT DESANDY  
HAROLD W. SMITH  
Dr. HYMAN SESLOWE  
THOMAS BOYLE  
RICHARD SCHUMANN.

The president informed the above named committees to hold their meetings in designated parlors, and to be prepared to make their committee reports and recommendations at the final business meeting of the convention to take place in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

There being no further business, the first meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

### Final Busin's Meeting in Aftern'n

The final business meeting was called to order by the National President at 2:15 p.m. on July 27, 1951.

JOE CASEY, as chairman of The Finance and Budget Committee, presented the following recommendations:

1. That the opportunity to pay Association Dues be extended to any member who so desires to permit payment of such dues on a three-year basis for \$10.00, rather than by paying \$3.50 annually. This would permit a savings of fifty cents covering the three-year period. When payment of dues is made in such a manner, and such payment is made through a local chapter, \$3.00 would be retained by the local chapter involved, and \$7.00 would go to the National Association. If such payments were made directly to the National Association, \$2.00 would be rebated to the local chapter concerned, and \$8.00 would be retained by the National Association.

It was the Committee's belief that chapter efforts in mailing correspondence relative to chapter and association activities should be acknowledged and the amount of \$2.00 should be rebated to the chapters for these efforts.

Upon a motion made by JOHN C. W. O'DONNELL, seconded by STAN COHEN and duly passed by the assembly, the above recommendations were referred to the National Board of Governors for further discussion and final action.

The second recommendation presented by JOE CASEY was as follows:

That a double-sized Octofoil be issued just after the convention to assure members who are unable to attend that the Association is very sociable and very much interested in all members (whether they attend conventions or not), and very hopeful that more members will start planning their own budgets and finances right now in order to attend future conventions. Furthermore, it was recommended that 500 extra copies should be sent to members who have become delinquent in their payment of annual dues during the past two years. This issue of The Octofoil should also contain renewal forms for payment of 1951 dues in order to encourage such delinquent members to renew their membership for the current year.

Upon motion by ALBERT E. BRUCHAC, seconded by Dr. HYMAN SESLOWE, the above recommendation for a double-sized Octofoil was changed to read a 'four page issue.' The second recommendation of the Finance and Budget Committee was adopted as changed by Mr. Bruchac's amendment.

The third and final recommendation presented by JOE CASEY on behalf of his committee was as

follows:

That another double-sized issue of The Octofoil be sent out at another time of the year, preferably the December issue, so as to encourage all members to remain active and to include in this issue many personal news-items that possibly cannot be included in a regular sized issue.

After a discussion on this last recommendation of the Finance and Budget Committee, the recommendation was withdrawn.

### Policy and Chapter Committee

The Policy and Chapter Committee report was read to the Convention meeting by its Chairman, Dr. HAROLD STERNLICHT. The first recommendation was in the form of a motion as follows:

It is moved that future dues assessment notices sent out by the National Secretary shall contain a provision whereby the individual member will indicate whether he wishes the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) to be refunded to the local chapter in his area or to the local chapter he so desires. If he so indicates he will automatically become a member of that local chapter in his area and be afforded all rights and privileges of such membership.

After a discussion on the above motion, Dr. Sternlicht changed the last sentence thereof to read as follows: If he so indicates he will be entitled to eligibility towards joining the local chapter in his area.

The motion was seconded by FRANK WADE and duly passed.

The second recommendation of the Policy and Chapter Committee was presented in the form of a motion as follows:

It is moved that since the present dues figure of three dollars fifty cents (\$3.50) is barely adequate to cover expenses, individual members are encouraged to make voluntary contributions in any amount over and above the amount of \$3.50. Such contributions will entitle the member to sustaining membership, which will be duly recognized by appropriate markings on the membership card.

Two amendments were offered to the above motion. HARRISON J. DAYSH moved to amend the motion by eliminating the directive to mark the membership cards to show any payment of sustaining contributions. However, the amendment included a provision directing the National Secretary to return a receipt to the member showing the exact amount paid. The second amendment was offered by LOUIS R. BECKER, instructing the National Secretary to publicize in The Octofoil the number of persons (not by name) paying sustaining membership.

The second motion of the Policy and Chapter Committee was duly approved as amended.

The third motion submitted by the Policy and Chapter Committee was as follows:

It is moved that when and if the Ninth Infantry Division is constituted as an organization with permanent personnel, such personnel shall have the privilege of joining the Ninth Infantry Division Association without prejudice and shall be afforded all rights and privileges of such membership.

Mr. HENRY GOLABIECKI seconded this motion.

Mr. JOHN O'DONNELL offered the following amendment: Such action shall be taken only after the Ninth Infantry Division has been reactivated and sent overseas and has been in actual combat. The amendment was seconded by Mr. CALVIN POLIVY.

Upon being put to a vote of the membership, the amendment was passed and the motion was defeated.

### Newspaper Committee Report

The report from the Newspaper Committee was presented by the Committee Chairman JOHN C. W. O'DONNELL, as follows:

The Newspaper Committee finds the cost of publishing The Octofoil for the nine months period, between September, 1949, and May 1950, inclusive, to have been \$3,702.40; that as a result of certain economies adopted at last year's convention and through the efforts of our National Secretary, the cost of publishing The Octofoil for the same nine-month period, 1950-1951, dropped to \$1,447.30, making a savings to the Association of \$2,255.10. It is therefore, recommended that the present method of publishing The Octofoil be continued and that a vote of appreciation be given to our National Secretary for his part in effecting such savings.

Mr. HAROLD W. SMITH moved that the above recommendation be adopted. Duly seconded and so ruled.

The Newspaper Committee further recommended that the pres-

ent format of The Octofoil be continued as to unit groupings, but the use of unit insignia cuts be adopted, if available, and that chapter news be contained in one section of the paper.

Mr. CALVIN POLIVY moved that the above recommendation be adopted. Duly seconded and so ruled.

Further recommendations from the Newspaper Committee entailed the following:

The Octofoil should contain a "mail bag column" in order to publish 'brick bats and bouquets' relative to the Association.

The Octofoil should inaugurate a column for the use of the Chaplains who served with the Division.

A National Publicity and Public Relations Committee should be set up under the National Board of Governors. This committee would be charged with securing publicity for the Association as well as information concerning former members of the Division.

Wherever possible, a copy of The Octofoil should be sent to any former member of the Division who is still serving with the Armed Forces overseas, regardless of the fact on whether or not such individuals are members of the Association.

The above recommendations were adopted.

### Miscellaneous Committee Report

MIKE GATTO presented to the convention the report from the Miscellaneous Committee, acting in his capacity as Chairman for this committee.

The only recommendations received were as follows:

The Committee recommended that all business meetings for any convention should be completed by the end of the second day of such conventions.

The Committee recalled the difficulty which arose at the Pittsburgh Convention with regard to the convention photographer. It was pointed out that several members paid for photographs but never received the pictures. The Committee recommended that at future conventions only reputable photographers be allowed to have access to the convention functions.

The above recommendations were adopted.

### Nominating Committee Report

Mr. JOHN SABATO, Chairman, presented the report for the Nominating Committee.

The Committee, after careful consideration, recommends the following members of the Association to fill the vacancies now existing on the National Board of Governors, all to serve a three-year term of office:

RICHARD STOREY  
Dr. HAROLD STERNLICHT  
Rev. EDWARD CONNORS  
JOHN A. CALLAHAN  
MARTIN D. CONNELLY.

After the above names were submitted, nominations were called for from the convention floor.

Mr. JOE CASEY placed in nomination FRANK B. WADE, seconded by ROBERT COLFLESH.

There being no further nominations the nominations were closed and a ballot was taken of the membership which resulted in the election of the following members to the National Board of Governors, to serve for a three-year period:

RICHARD STOREY  
Dr. HAROLD STERNLICHT  
Rev. EDWARD CONNORS  
MARTIN D. CONNELLY  
FRANK B. WADE.

Having received all of the Committee reports, the National President opened the meeting to comments and recommendations from the floor.

A discussion on ways and means of increasing revenue took place, resulting in the recommendation that suggestions be asked for through The Octofoil toward this end.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 4:20 p.m., July 27, 1951.

## A Co., 47th To Hold Reunion

A Company, 47th Infantry will hold its 3rd reunion sometime in October, 1951. For complete details concerning this affair, write to the following address and get your name on the list:

EMIL LANGER,  
2627 92nd Street,  
Jackson Heights,  
Long Island, New York.

Many of you fellows along with your wives, attended the recent New York Convention and it was really a success. Some of the A Co., 47th men who were there included MIKE GABRIELE, MIKE AGNETTI, GEORGE SARKAR, VINCENT LEPORE, JAKE LASKAU, EMIL LANGER, JAMES MACEDO, TONY DIRUBBA, SAL D'AGOSTINO, CY DELLACROSSE, Capt. DICK DOUGHERTY and TONY GIACOBBE.

Make your plans now to get together this coming October.

## Board of Governors Meets in New York

Two meetings of The National Board of Governors were held in New York City at The Commodore Hotel during the Sixth Annual Convention.

A meeting of the "old" Board of Governors was held on July 27, 1951, at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by the National President, DONALD M. CLARKE. Members of the Board attending this meeting included the following: HAROLD W. SMITH, JOE CASEY, HENRY GOLABIECKI, ALBERT BRUCHAC, RICHARD STOREY and DONALD M. CLARKE. CHARLES O. TINGLEY, the National Secretary, acted as recorder.

The first item of business dealt with the proposed change to Paragraph 21 of the By-Laws of The Association. Upon motion made by RICHARD STOREY and seconded by ALBERT BRUCHAC, it was moved to eliminate the following sentence from Paragraph 21: "Special meetings shall be called by the president or secretary in like manner and on like notice on the written request of two governors." Motion passed.

The second item of business also dealt with a proposed change to Paragraph 21 of the By-Laws of The Association. Upon motion made by RICHARD STOREY, and seconded by HAROLD W. SMITH, it was moved to increase from six (6) to eight (8) members of the Board of Governors necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Governors. During the discussion on this proposed change, ALBERT BRUCHAC pointed out the difficulty of members of the Board in attending meetings and advised against making such a change, especially considering present world conditions which might make it even more difficult for members to attend future meetings. Upon being put to a vote of the Board this proposed change was defeated.

(Paragraph 21 of the By-Laws of The Ninth Infantry Division Association reads as follows):

### MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

21. The first meeting of each newly elected board of governors shall be held at such place within or without the State of Delaware as shall be fixed by the members or if no such place is fixed, then at such places as the board of governors may fix by waiver of notice, provided a majority of the whole board shall be present. Regular meetings of the board may be held without notice at such place within or without the State of Delaware as shall be determined by the board. Special meetings of the board may be called by the president on ten (10) days' notice to each governor either personally or by mail or by telegram. At all meetings of the board of governors six (6) governors shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the act of a majority of the governors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the board of governors except as otherwise provided by the statute, or by the certificate of incorporation or by these by-laws).

There being no further business the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

### New Board Meets

The first meeting of the newly elected Board of Governors was held in New York City at The Commodore Hotel on July 27, 1951, at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the National President, DONALD M. CLARKE. Members of the Board attending this meeting included the following: HAROLD W. SMITH, RICHARD STOREY, HENRY GOLABIECKI, JOE CASEY, FRANK WADE, Dr. HAROLD STERNLICHT, Rev. EDWARD CONNORS, MARTIN CONNELLY, ALBERT E. BRUCHAC and DONALD M. CLARKE. CALVIN POLIVY, the newly elected Judge Advocate, was present. CHARLES O. TINGLEY, National Secretary, acted as recorder.

The first item of business dealt with the election of new officers. HAROLD W. SMITH nominated ALBERT E. BRUCHAC for president. HENRY GOLABIECKI seconded the nomination. FRANK WADE moved that the nominations be closed, such nomination being duly seconded and passed.

RICHARD STOREY placed in nomination the following names for the offices as indicated:

CALVIN POLIVY—Judge Advocate.  
DONALD M. CLARKE—First Vice-President.

JOHN A. CALLAHAN—Second Vice-President.

WALTER J. MAHON—Third Vice-President.

CHARLES O. TINGLEY—Secretary-Treasurer.

There being no further nomi-

## A Message From the N.Y. Chapter Prexy

The following message has been sent to all members by the President of The Greater New York Chapter, Dr. HAROLD STERNLICHT:

"Now that the 6th annual reunion is a thing of sweet memory, and we in New York can sit back a bit and tenderly review one 'helluva' convention, I would like to summon up just a little more energy to express my appreciation and the thanks of the New York Chapter to all of you everywhere who contributed to its success.

"First of all, to those who took space in the souvenir journal, we are proud and are sure that you must be too, of the magnificent piece of work that MIKE GATTO and his committee did with this particular project. A sincere WELL DONE!!!"

"To all of you who came and participated with us, please accept our humble thanks for your wonderful spirit and interest—without you there could have been nothing like what we had.

"And finally, no one can know better than myself how much is owed to the boys and girls of the New York Chapter who pitched together on a tough job, and by cooperation, willingness and self-sacrifice carried this operation through to its ultimate success, which all proves that no one should ever miss a Ninth Infantry Division Association Convention.

"SEE YOU IN BOSTON NEXT YEAR.

"Sincerely,  
"DOC STERNLICHT."

## Illinois Ch. Adds To Memorial Fund

The Illinois Chapter has again demonstrated its ability to do its part in building up the Ninth Infantry Division Association's Memorial Fund.

During the New York Convention, TED MATUSIK turned over to the National Secretary the sum of Twenty Five Dollars, representing the proceeds from collections taken during recent meetings of the Illinois group.

Sometime ago, the chapter instigated the plan of having a small container available at their meetings whereby members so desiring could drop in their contributions to the Memorial Fund. The container was brought to New York by Ted, and upon counting the contents, the fund was increased in the amount of Twenty Five Dollars.

Many thanks to you fellows.

## Doc Seslowe, the Super Salesman

To the many tasks undertaken by Doc Seslowe during the New York Convention was added the job of supervising the sales of jewelry, maps, auto emblems, Division History books, etc.

At the end of the convention, Doc turned over to the National Secretary the sum of \$114.50, covering receipts from these sales.

### Winners of Dance Drawing

At the dance on Friday night a raffle was held and the following were lucky enough to hold the winning tickets.

ALFRED A. ORLETTI (Co. H-47), 1210 Berk Ave., Bronx, N. Y., won a great big box of Whiskey. A complete assortment.

FRANK B. WADE of the SV Co., 39th, from Port Tobacco, Md., won two tickets to the ball game.

WALT WASSERMAN (60th Inf.), 575 5th Ave., NYC, won a fine set of tumblers.

Mrs. A. BAHOV of 571 E. 140th St., NYC, won a bottle of wine.

JACK LESSOFF (C-47), won a bottle of wine and took it back to 270 Linden Street, Pittsfield, Mass.

CAL POLIVY, D. GARNER (G-60th), 110-21 63rd Rd., Forest Hills, Long Island, both took home a fine bottle of wine.

GEORGE STERN (B Co.), of 3 Robert Ave., Hicksville, won a bottle of wine.

JOHN O'DONNELL, of Washington, D. C., won a bottle of wine.

nations, it was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. Motion was carried unanimously.

The final item of business brought before this meeting was the approval of expending necessary funds for the cocktail party being held prior to the Sixth Annual Banquet for the Guests of Honor, members of the Board of Governors and Chapter representatives.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:00 p.m.