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MEMORIAL SERVICES SET FOR NOV. 11th

Seventh Annual Memorial Mass To Be Held At North Grafton, Massachusetts

Father Connors Extends A Most Cordial Invitation For Everyone To Join With Him In Paying Honor To Our War Dead

The Seventh Annual Memorial Mass to the memory of nearly 5,000 men of the Ninth Infantry Division who were killed in action during World War II, will be held on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, at ST. MARY'S CHURCH, located in NORTH GRAFTON, MASS.

As in the past, the services this year will be celebrated by FATHER EDWARD T. CONNORS, and it is his sincere desire that as many former Ninth Division men, together with their families and friends, attend these services as possible.

North Grafton is located about ten miles southeast of Worcester, Mass. It is about forty miles from Boston and one hundred eighty miles from New York City.

Record Attendance Expected

The attendance this year is expected to exceed the record mark of over four hundred which was set at last year's Memorial Services. Many members are expected to come up from New York and vicinity.

The early morning trip from New York City through the beautiful, frost-covered countryside of Connecticut and into the State of Massachusetts, can easily be accomplished in time to reach North Grafton in time for the Memorial Mass which is scheduled to start promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Dinner Will Be Served

As in the past, the Memorial Mass will start at 10:00, after which a delicious New England style, home-cooked dinner will be served in the Parish Hall.

To those of you who have attended in the past, no further word of encouragement is necessary to persuade your attendance this year. Likewise, to those of you who will attend this year for the first time, it will not be necessary to use persuasive measures to assure your future attendance. This is an occasion that stays in one's mind from year to year. It is an inspiring occasion and truly befits the purpose.

No matter what your religious belief may be, your presence will honor the occasion, an occasion which in reality should be more frequent in order that we might pay our respects and offer our prayers to those men who so gallantly sacrificed their lives so that we may attempt to live in peace.

Plan To Attend Now

Make your plans now to attend and advise Father Connors as soon as possible, so that proper plans may be made to accommodate everyone.

Please fill out the form which appears on the back page of this issue and mail it as soon as possible to Father Connors.

A Personal Invitation From Father Connors

Dear Friends:

Our Seventh Annual Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, November 11th, at St. Mary's Church, located in North Grafton, Mass.

The Mass will start at 10:00 a.m., to be followed by our annual dinner in the Parish Hall.

A most cordial invitation to attend is extended to everyone. No matter what your religious belief may be, your presence will honor the occasion—and will honor me.

If some do not wish to attend the Mass—or are unable—you may wish to attend the dinner which is scheduled to start at noontide.

If you intend to come, I would appreciate your filling out the questionnaire form appearing on the last page of this issue of The Octofoil and sending it to me in order that we may make proper arrangements to accommodate everyone.

As you know, we had over 300 at the dinner last year. Many more attended the Mass—but were unable to attend the dinner. Usually we have 30 guests—or more—who are members of families of some of our deceased. If you know of any more of these families who might wish to attend, would you be kind enough to send their names and addresses . . . that I might have the privilege of inviting them.

My sincere thanks to all of you for your interest in this Memorial Mass—and get-together. For me personally each year it is the high light of my life.

Thanks again—and every blessing to yourself and to your family.

Sincerely yours,
EDWARD T. CONNORS.

Welcome To The New Members

Twenty-four new members have been added to our list of active members since the last report was made in the June issue of The Octofoil.

The New York Chapter signed up the following new members during the recent Sixth Annual Convention:

MORTIMER L. ELIN,
(1st Lt., M Co., 39th),
8 Alfred Road West,
Merrick, L. I., New York.
WILLIAM M. KREYE,
S/Sgt., 1st Bn. Hq. Co., 39th),
337 20th Street,
Brooklyn 15, New York.
HERMAN J. WILLERT,
T/5, L Co., 39th),
2138 31st Street,
Astoria, Long Island 5, N. Y.
MATTHEW B. FRIEDMAN,
(F Co., 39th),
14 Kenmore Road,
Washington Park,
Nixon, New Jersey.
ALBERT J. KUNZ,
(T/Sgt., C Co., 39th),
193 Richmond Street,
Brooklyn 8, New York.
CARME S. VITALE,
(Reg't. Hq. Co., 60th Inf.),
Box 90,
Hancock, New York.
MICHAEL G. AMATO,
(B Co., 60th Inf.),
754 North Jordan Street,
Allentown, Penna.
ISADORE REEMAN,
(I Co., 60th Inf.),
178 Orchard Street,
New York 2, New York.
ISADORE GREENBERG,
(1st Bn. Hq. Co., 60th Inf.),
75 Summit Avenue,
Newark 8, New Jersey.
ALBERT STRAUSS,
(I Co., 47th Inf.),
227 Delaware Avenue,
Albany 2, New York.
DONALD HARNIK,
(Cpl., 47th Inf.),
800 Avenue H,
Brooklyn 30, New York.
JOHN P. HYNES,
(Sgt., E Co., 47th),
600 Jackson Avenue,
Bronx, New York.
VINCENT BENOIT,
(Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 47th Inf.),
6015 69th Street,
Maspeth, Long Island, N. Y.
NELSON E. QUALE,
(1st Sgt., A Co., 47th Inf.),
1227 East Dayton Street,
Madison 3, Wisconsin.
FRANCIS J. DUFFY,
(Pfc., Regt. Hq., 47th Inf.),
9514 78th Street,
Ozone Park 17, New York.
Sgt. ROBERT F. FRANTZEN,
(Cpl., 34th FA),
Hq. & Hq. Co., 39th Inf., Regt.,
Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Three new members were added through the fine work of CHARLIE J. FABRE (Hq. Btry., 60th FA Bn.), and these men were likewise signed up while attending the New York Convention:

MICHAEL LASALANDRA,
(S/Sgt., Hq. Btry., 60th FA Bn.),
217 Hope Street,
Glenbrook, Conn.
ZOLTAN FODOR,
(Serv. Btry., 60th FA Bn.),
35 John Street,
Helmets, New Jersey.
EDWARD BEDISHIAN,
(S/Sgt., Hq. Btry., 60th FA Bn.),
635 East 228 Street,
Bronx, New York.

The Twin Cities Chapter came through with one new member, greatly helped by the persuasive sales talk from CHICK HENNEN: WYETT H. COLCLASURE,
(Capt. H Co., 60th Inf.),
Route No. 3,
Kimmund, Illinois.

Four new members signed up directly through National Headquarters, as follows:
ROBERT L. MILLER,
(Pfc. E Co., 60th Inf.),
514 South 2nd Street,
Clearfield, Penna.

Sgt. Andy Book, Former 9th Q.M. Man Killed In Action In Korean Fighting

Sergeant First Class ANDREW G. BOOK, former Supply Sergeant with the 9th Quartermaster, was killed in action in Korea on September 3, 1950.

Sgt. Book is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen J. Book, and two daughters, Helen, age two and a half, and Mary, one year old.

The body of Sergeant Book was returned to the United States last July 5th.

Silver Star Awarded

A Silver Star Medal, awarded posthumously, was presented to Mrs. Book at her home at 202 South 16th Avenue, Hopewell, Virginia.

The medal was awarded Sgt. Book for "gallantry in action" while leading a counter-attack near Chingdon-ni, Korea, on September 3, 1950.

The citation accompanying the

award said: "On 3 September, 1950, while leading a counter-attack on enemy positions in the vicinity of Chingdon-ni, Korea, Sergeant First Class Book observed that a comrade was seriously wounded and was unable to move from an exposed position. Braving the intense enemy machine gun fire, he made his way to the wounded soldier and administered emergency medical aid. He himself was mortally wounded while attempting to carry the wounded man to safety. Sergeant First Class Book's outstanding courage and selfless devotion to his wounded comrade reflect the highest credit upon himself and are in keeping with the noblest traditions of the American Soldier."

Sergeant Book entered the military service from Virginia and was with Company G, 5th Infantry, at the time of his death. His original home was in Brownsville, Penna.

A Co., 47th To Hold October Reunion

As reported in the last issue of The Octofoil, members of A Company, 47th Infantry, will get together sometime during the coming month of October.

For complete details write to:
EMIL LANGER,
2627 92nd Street,
Jackson Heights, L. I., N. Y.

Al Bruchac Visits Secretary's Office

ALBERT E. BRUCHAC, National President of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, visited the office of the National Secretary in Washington, D. C., on Sept. 13th.

Al was accompanied by Mike Gatto, New York Chapter's strongest advocate for bachelorhood.

During Al's visit with the National Secretary, future plans and policy of the Association were discussed in detail, including the printing of The Octofoil.

St. Mary's Church in North Grafton



Eagles Have Returned To Col. Westmoreland

During a Labor Day weekend trip through Pennsylvania, your Octofoil editor stopped off at Carlisle Barracks for a short visit with Col. Westmoreland.

Col. Westmoreland looks as fine as he ever did, even more so perhaps, now that he has re-attained the rank of full colonel.

Besides his very charming wife, the Westmoreland family can very justifiably boast about their two and a half year-old daughter.

Col. Westmoreland is a member of the Staff and Faculty of The Army War College, located at Carlisle Barracks.

Captain JACK L. BIVINS,
AUS, Ret.,
(1st Lt. A Co., 39th Inf.),
324-B Sinclair Avenue,
Glendale 6, California.
JOSEPH O. BONNELLY,
(T/4, Med. Det., 39th Inf.),
285 Long Hill Road,
Wallingford, Conn.
FRANK HOFFMAN,
(T/5, A Co., 9th Med. Bn.),
190-18 Nashville Avenue,
Springfield, New York.

Chaplain MacLeod Is Located In Ohio

The July 14th issue of The Cleveland Press carried an article concerning one of the 9th Division's wartime Chaplains—WILLIAM J. MACLEOD.

Dr. MacLeod has been appointed as head of the Baldwin-Wallace College philosophy department, assuming his new position after having been on the faculty for three years as an associate professor.

During the last war, Dr. MacLeod served as Chaplain for the 3rd Battalion of the 60th Infantry. His present home address is as follows:

141 Jacobs Street, Berea, Ohio.

Southeast'n Reunion To Be Held In Spring

Plans will be made to hold the Second Southeastern Reunion in the spring of 1952.

The National Secretary is working on the plans at the present time and complete details will be publicized in future issues of The Octofoil in plenty of time for the members to make their plans to attend.

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"THE YEAR AHEAD"

Our yearly convention has passed and those who attended will agree that a grand time was had by all. But it brings to mind our first convention, which was held in New York City in 1946. It was a memorable and successful reunion, and one to be long remembered. Five years later the sixth annual gathering was again staged in New York City, and considering world conditions today it was an even more eventful assemblage. A cycle has been completed with many modifications having taken place in the early growth of our association. Our problems were numerous and varied and many of necessity were bypassed. But now it is time to tie the loose ends that we have left drifting. We are faced with the necessity of making improvements which are vital to our further development as a progressive organization.

It is the intention of the officers and the Board of Governors, with your individual help, to plan prudently, so that more members can take an active part and interest in the functioning of our association. This year it is contemplated to pass on to the membership at large, detailed information on all our essential problems with the hope that new and improved ideas shall be forthcoming.

Our principle problems are twofold—**membership** and **finances**. Actually these two must be combined as the solution to the active paid membership question would automatically take care of our financial difficulties. In the past two years we have done a tremendous job in decreasing our operational expenses. Our task, therefore, becomes obvious and we shall plan and work accordingly. But your assistance will be required.

The "OCTOFOIL" is our most valuable medium of contact and of necessity must be our main instrument in our agenda for the year ahead. It is planned that the "OCTOFOIL" will have additional aid of various skilled members with editorials on the most important obstacles confronting us. We will, of course, welcome any constructive material that a member may care to send us for publication. It is hoped that these contributing members will not only give us a more varied and interesting outlook but will also come through with some beneficial suggestions.

We have set forth our problems and program for the coming year and difficult as the road ahead may appear, we feel quite confident that advancement will be ours. In the past, under perplexities of war, we accomplished our missions and took our objectives. It is not conceivable that we should fail in this task that is so imminent and dear to those of us who wore the "OCTOFOIL" not so long ago.

Can you say with justifiable pride—"I helped put the show on the road. I belong." IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES FOR 1951—PAY THEM TODAY. Send in \$3.50 and get your name back on the right list.

News of Members—Here There and Everywhere

60th Infantry

JOSEPH (ANDY) ANDERSON (B Co.), sends in a very interesting letter from out Chicago way, where he lives at 1702½ Juneway Terrace, Chicago 26, Illinois. Andy is very proud of being a member of the Association and the memory of all of his wartime experiences, and the fellows with whom he served, are still vivid in his memory. Andy was one of those who joined the 9th late and separated early, the powers-that-be deciding to send him to the States for additional training prior to his re-shipment to the invasion of Japan. However, while on the high seas, en route to the States, Japan capitulated due to the use of the atom bomb, and he was sent to Camp Polk to sweat out a discharge after his 45 days recuperating leave. He finally received his discharge at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, on February 1, 1946, and fifteen days later was back at his old love, fighting fires on the Chicago Fire Department. Quoting directly from Andy's letter gives one an inside view on the thoughts of a big city fireman: "Personal history of this fascinating job of mine allows me to brag just a little on having taken a promotional examination, and out of a field of 1642 men with whom I competed, my name showed up number 12 on the Civil Service list. So at this writing, I'm a full-fledged lieutenant, with fifteen years seniority. I suppose that the thrill, excitement and danger is what holds all of us in the job that is anything but enviable, and certainly never dull. Quite as a matter of fact, a lot of the boys in this line of endeavor, have given up important positions in commerce and industry, paying much more, I'm sure, giving a lot more prestige, just to partake of the narcotic of crackling flames and the hissing of water through the nozzles. The smell of smoke is an hypnotic incense that draws us irresistibly. Sadly, though, it sometimes draws them to violent death, as was witnessed by events during a big fire last January, in which five firemen were crushed under falling walls, a sacrifice to the demon god, Fire. The newspapers had a full coverage of at least one of these fires, and the names also of those that have answered their last alarm.

"These fallen comrades were also friends of mine and I can't help but think that, 'But for the Grace of God, there lay I.' But we who have existed these many years so close to the same thing, are aware that our chance of having the same thing happen to us is not at all remote. We just shrug our shoulders and hope for the best. After all, there are a lot of us who live to take our pension.

"Contrary to a lot of public opinion, we are specialists in the art of protecting life and property. It is so ordained that only a comparative few of us, citizens all, are privileged to belong to this tight and hardy group of specialists in the protection of life and property. An the citizenry of this city really appreciates the protection afforded by this group of highly specialized, highly trained, ever-ready and eager men. This is not an easy job, nor is it a safe one, and to belong to we merry fools, love of danger is a prerequisite.

"It is only for a few of us to be privileged to ride the screaming red monsters of engines and hook and ladders, as they hurl themselves down the dark streets of this great and sleeping city. Only a few of us are privileged to see the manhood that lays under a careless exterior. Only we who are a part and parcel of this organization are aware of the teamwork of the men who work with such quick efficiency in a maelstrom of confusion, while a conflagration lights the dark sky and crimson the faces, strained in muscular activity, of the men handling the writhing hoses, throwing thousands of gallons of water from foaming nozzles, or swinging axes or pike poles to gain access to the base of the fire, or to provide ventilation for the pipe men caught in spots so smoky as to have excluded almost all oxygen.

"I realize that this is almost a treatise, or maybe an essay on the gallant fire-fighter, all too often an unsung hero, and an essay that I certainly never intended to write, but something that flowed out of the typewriter almost without any help from the fingers that typed the letters.

"Actually, it was only to be touched upon as a forerunner to the excuse I am to offer for not supporting the Association. AND THIS IS IT: We firemen work in shifts of twenty-fours each, alternating with a like time off. This figures, after our day off which occurs every tenth day, to about seventy hours a week. Couple this with the fact that we are so underpaid as to have to

seek employment on our day off. This will add another eight hours to a long week, and believe me, I am in not too healthy a mood to attend meetings of any sort when weariness sets so heavily on my shoulders. I belong to The Illinois Chapter, but as yet have not found it convenient to attend one of the meetings and I hope that my explanation contained herein will provide a good and valid reason for this seeming neglect.

"For awhile, after my discharge, I kept in contact with one ROY T. ROGERS, and one of the Red Cross Field Directors by the name of HOWARD JOHNSTON. We three managed to get together at least once a month, but with the passing of time and the moving of the other two to remote places in Illinois, we gradually drew apart." (How about addresses for the above two men — they are not members of the Association. Send their addresses in and we will contact them about joining up).

FRANK J. PRIHODA has moved his family to San Antonio, Texas—1139 West Harding Boulevard, where he has taken a job with the William K. Holt Company, a caterpillar tractor outfit. Frank's family now includes two daughters, Barbara Ann, who is three and a half years old, and Patsy Jean, who is one and a half years old. Thanks to Mrs. Prihoda for this bit of news.

Major LEO C. WILLIAMSON writes in from Vienna, Austria, and says that he will be a paying member of the Division Association at infinitum. Leo has been the S-3 of the Vienna Military Post for the past one and a half years and finds the job to be very interesting and in some cases productive, though not quite as good a job as commanding the first Battalion of the 60th Infantry, nor not nearly so good as commanding K Company of the same Regiment. His spare time is taken up with his fine family which has now grown to include three children, Pat, Dan, and Mike. Mike, incidentally, was born over in Vienna. You fellows can write to Leo, using the following address: 7690 Headquarters, Vienna Military Post, Office of the S-3, APO 777, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York. (Send it Air Mail. The boats take about three months).

A. M. VAIANI (Capt. 1st Bn. Hq.), sends in his dues from 314 22nd Street, Galveston, Texas, together with a request for a list of members living in Texas. (Such a list is on the list of projects and will be sent to you as soon as possible).

JOHN R. SELLS (Cannon Co.), is living at West 14th Street, Falls City, Nebraska, and a 1951 dues paying member also.

WAYNE J. LUCIA (AT Co.), sends in his dues from 1417 North 5th Street, Superior, Wisconsin. Wayne would like very much to hear from you fellows. He was partially disabled and spent nine months in the Veterans Hospital as a result of a stroke. He is not working at the present time but hopes to be able to resume within a year. Drop him a line you guys.

LESTER O. HARRIS is another dues paying member from out in Oregon. Les was with A Company, and now lives in Lafayette, Oregon.

GERALD R. BELL (Sgt. F Co.), writes in from the Oneida County Veteran's Service Agency, located at 110 East Garden Street, Rome, New York, asking for information concerning the 60th Infantry History, a copy of which was sent him, together with a letter outlining the membership information for the Association. To date no reply. (Maybe some of you fellows up around Rome, New York, can get in touch with Gerald and sign up a new member).

GORDON TAYLOR (D & C Cos.), advises us of his new address. Gordon has moved on down the street into a new home and enjoying the additional elbow room at 135 Wedgewood Drive, Greenville, South Carolina. The Taylors are expecting their third bundle from Heaven before long. They will be delighted to see any of the old Octofoil warriors that happen to be down their way. Gordon attended that Southeastern Reunion last November in Birmingham, and was disappointed at the attendance. He hopes that another one will be planned for this Fall and that more will attend. He also suggests that we do not plan on a dance but use the money for other arrangements to afford better facilities for getting together the good old fashioned bull sessions.

ROBERT L. DAVIS (L Co.), does general hauling for the Davis Coal Company. His home is located at 20 Church Street, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.

Here are some latest address changes for men of the 60th:

CHARLES B. WALTHER, 204 Autumn Avenue, Brooklyn 8, New York.

WILLIAM S. GREENFIELD (Hqs. Co., 1st Bn.), 2708 Filbert Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

CARL H. HULL (1st Sgt.), 390 North Hull Street, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

RICHARD NETZEL (D Co.), RFD, Box 103, New Salem Road, Kingston 2, New York.

ROBERT A. HERZOG (Capt.), 8514 S. E. Garden Home Road, Portland, Oregon.

T/5 JOHN R. SHAFFER, 16 Clinton Street, Rossiter, Penna.

JAMES KENNER (S/Sgt.), 515 West South Street, Winchester, Indiana.

EDWARD KENNARD (Capt. Hq., 2nd Bn.), 99 Marble Avenue, New York 63, New York.

SIDNEY LINZER, 364 South First Street, Williamsburg, Brooklyn 11, New York.

MAURICE H. WESTRICH, 4906 Cleves Pike, Cincinnati 38, Ohio.

SAM KAPLAN (A Co.), 186 East Skidmore Drive, Jamaica Bay Houses, Brooklyn 36, New York.

A couple of pictures sent in by JACOB M. GRIT (C Co.)

EDWARD E. CLARK, Jr., 3318 Fulton Street, Laureldale, Penna.

RALPH L. HOPP, RFD 2, Box 509, Arvada, Colorado.

GIRLIE J. RAGAN (S/Sgt.), Fork's Service Station, Callahan, Florida.

DAVID S. CLARKE (H Co.), 1081 Fort Stockton, Texas.

ROBERT DARHANOFF (1st Sgt. M Co.), 721 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York. (Not a new address, just got filed in the wrong place). Paid his 1951 dues, anyway).

ALLEN D. BABCOCK, 820 West Leafland, Decatur, Illinois.

Sgt. FRANKLIN W. GUNTER, Hq. Det., 2131 ASU, MRTC, Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland.

EDWARD WALLSCHLEAGER, 824 Ridge Road, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Captain EDWARD N. VAN DUYN, III, 205 South Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia.

Rev. DAVID O. HOWELL, 8718 Compton Street, Houston 16, Texas.

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PAUL FREED (S/Sgt.), Route 1, Box 68, Walsh, Colorado.

BERNARD CUNNINGHAM, 2618 West Elm Street, Springfield, Missouri.

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RANSOM E. WOODWARD (E & PO Box 105, Rome, New York.

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JAY C. HUSTON (I Co.), 1311 Maple Avenue, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

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HUBERT G. BRYANT, Route 2, Mauk, Georgia.

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HARRY M. RHORER, 3814 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland 2, California.

WALTER J. LABAJ, 509 Park Avenue, Linden, New Jersey.

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JOHN PRZYBLA, 5338 35th St., Long Island City, New York.

JOHN F. HIGGINS, Jr. (1st Lt.), General Delivery, Wrightstown, New Jersey.

WILLIAM ZONITCH, Box 261 B, RFD 1, Albany, New York.

JOHN TORCIVIA, 389 South Main Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

WALTER R. F. VAIL (D Co. & 15th Eng.), 317 West 77th Street, New York, N. Y.

RUBEN H. STROTHMANN, Rte. 1, Niagara Falls, New York.

Major JOHN S. ANDREWS (Hq. Co., 3rd Bn.), 421 North Geneva Street, Ithaca, New York.

BALSEY R. LOUCKS, Downs-ville, New York.

T/Sgt. R. MacARTHUR HIRST, Apt. 2, 2248 Jefferson Avenue, Ogden, Utah.

RICHARD H. MILLION (S/Sgt., H Co.), 1110 Main Street, Blissfield, Michigan.

FRED J. BICKING (Med. Det.), 600 Barnes Avenue, Endicott, New York.

GEORGE H. HURLEY, III, 218 Ruby, Redondo Beach, California.

MATTY L. URBAN (Formerly Lt. Col. URBANOWITZ), 131 Grant Street, Monroe, Michigan.

JOSEPH GUARDINO, 151 Mott Street, New York 13, N. Y.

LEROY LANGLAND (K Co.), 2726 Eagle Drive, Dallas, Texas.

Sgt. GEORGE T. BRANDON (S/Sgt.), 538th Engineer Maint. Co., APO 660, San Francisco, Calif.

RAYMOND A. JARVIS (F Co.), 1061 19th Avenue, Longview, Wash.

ARNOLD C. SHAW (1st Lt. A Co.), 703 Haden, Tyler, Texas.

WILLIAM DROSKY, 3511 Avenue K, Brooklyn, New York.

REED J. VASSAR (S/Sgt.), Rte. 2, c/o Grey, Newport, Tennessee.

MORRIS APPEL (Cpl.), 9201 Avenue A, Brooklyn 12, New York.

LYNDON M. GRAY, Box 26, Folsom, New Mexico.

GEORGE HAWRAN, 1843 West 5th Street, Dunellen, New Jersey.

GEORGE H. BARKER, 5811 Hudson Avenue, West New York, New Jersey.

Former Lt. Col. J. B. SHINBERGER has completed his studies for the ministry, and is now located in Purcellville, Virginia, changing his title from Lt. Col. to Reverend.

A couple of more snapshots sent in by JAKE GRITS are shown as follows: The picture below shows Staff Sgt. RAY BENEFIELD at a full-field inspection held at Camp Williams, Germany in July, 1945.



The following picture was taken near Koenigsfeld, Germany, in July, 1945, and shows from left to right: Pfc. CHARLES OTT, Pfc. SIMON ROEBUCK, Sgt. JAMES WOLF, and Pfc. LEE TARRANT, all men out of the 4th Platoon of C Company, 60th Infantry.



9th Recon. Troop

DON I. PORTER (S/Sgt.) is kept busy running his ranch, located at Pinon, New Mexico. Don was the Recon Personnel Clerk from 1945 until June of '46, at which time he received his discharge. Prior to that time he was one of the jeep drivers. He would like to hear from some of you Recon guys, especially from CLAYTON E. MAUSER, DONALD D. FOGELSON, MERRILL M. BROWN, CLAYTON ROBERTS, NAKAYAMA (The Postal Clerk) and RICHARD BERLEUE, who was Personnel Clerk for the 9th Signal Company. Don wanted to get to New York for the Convention but was unable to leave his ranch unattended. If any of you Recon fellows who were at the convention managed to get any pictures of the Recon gang in attendance, Don would like very much to get a copy of such pictures.

Military Gvt. Reunion

The following picture was taken a few months ago at the home of Lt. Col. RHETT TABER, at 719 La Bella Walk, Jefferson Village Apartments, Falls Church, Virginia.

On the left is JOHN S. CARRIER. RHETT TABER relaxes in the middle and CHARLIE TINGLEY's "bald head" brightens up the right side of the group.



Rhett is stationed at The Pentagon in the office which assigns field grade officers to various places of duty around the world.

John is living in Summerville, Pennsylvania, and much of his time is spent in his office handing out rent receipts and selling lumber as it comes from the Carrier Lumber Company saw mill.

Charlie Tingley and his family spent a very enjoyable Labor Day weekend with the Carrier family. Romaine, John's wife, can really cook, and the Tingley family can really eat, so much so that John was planning on making application for admittance to the Jefferson County Poorhouse if they had stayed much longer.

9th Medical Bn.

CLYDE S. CRIPE, 7 Dixie Drive, Anderson, Indiana is heard from through his very nice wife, June, who informs us of the arrival of the latest addition to their family. Gary Lane was born last January 14th, a welcome playmate for their daughter, Connie Sue, who celebrated her third birthday awhile back. During the past summer the Cripes visited with JAMES and MARY CHEATAM, who are living in Uniontown, Kentucky. (How about getting Jim to join the Association?)

HERBERT STERN (Sgt., D Co.) has moved into a new home, located at 4628 Cedar Oaks Lane, Bellaire, Texas. Herb is working for The David J. Joseph Company, whose main office is located in Houston, Texas.

CHARLES MAZZELLA (B Co.) has a new address: c/o O'Feiro, 72 Dean Street, Stamford, Conn.

Dr. LEO F. GOWEN (Capt.) is now living at 337 West Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves 19, Missouri.

Dr. JAMES G. WOMBLE (Capt.) has also moved to 2373 Franklin Street, Fleming Heights, Augusta, Georgia.

part of the reunion, but was unable to attend the banquet. **BILL BRATHUHN** and his wife were unable to attend due to other conflicting engagements. However, Roy and his wife went out to visit the Brathuhns at their home on Long Island.

Roy made one justifiable complaint in that there were not more men from the Quartermaster outfit at the reunion. Many former QM men live close to New York and their absence remains a mystery.

After leaving the outfit, Roy spent seven months in various hospitals in England, Scotland, Long Island and Atlantic City before he received his discharge. Since that time he has been working hard every day to make enough money for vacation so that he can attend the Association's Reunions, no matter where they might be held. Having missed the first reunion because he was not aware of it, Roy has made a point of being present at all of the others. Who else can say as much??

Roy would like to hear from you fellows. Write to him at 3322 Greenmount Avenue, Baltimore 18, Maryland.

A couple of new addresses for former QM men:

Sergeant First Class GEORGE KOHUT is with the Senior Unit Instructor's Office, ORC, PO Box 1591, Steubenville, Ohio.

Col. ALVIN A. GLAFKA is now living at 710 South Pitt Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

15th Engineer Bn.

A report has been received that **Lt. Col. THOMAS MERCHANT GRAY** has returned to active duty with the Engineer Corps and is serving in Iceland.

The following picture shows **JAMES E. BLAKE** and **EDWARD E. RICKERT** and son, Gary Rickert. Last May 14th, Jim arrived in Chicago to spend a few days with his former buddy, Ed Rick-



ert, both out of A Company, 3rd platoon, 2nd Squad. A lot of time was spent recalling various and sundry war experiences and some of the time was spent in visiting various places of interest in and around good old Chicago. Jim was on a two-month vacation after having spent two years in Caracas, Venezuela with the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company. Ed is a signal maintenance man on the Chicago & Western Indiana Railroad and is married and makes his home at 4121 Blanchon Avenue in Congress Park, Illinois. His two children are Gary, three years old, and Diane, one year old.

A change of address for **FRANK I. WYANDT**, who now lives at 605 Burke Street in Dunmore, Pa.

47th Infantry

ALFRED J. KONGSLIE (D Co.), has only one complaint to make and that is that there isn't enough news in The Octofoil about former D Company men. Al lives out on Route 1, Upham, North Dakota, and has family now includes a very fine boy, about a year old. Al has lost track of a few of his old buddies and your help is requested in order that the addresses may be secured. He wants to know where **WALTER PYLE**, **FRANK L'ABBATE** and former **Lt. INGHAM** are now located. (Our records show that Walter Pyle still lives at Pontanica Stable, Tarrytown, New York. The other two are not members of the Association. If any one knows of their present whereabouts, please sound off.)

S. FRANK DENNY (E & H Cos.), is back in the Army once again. This time as Pfc. Denny, Co. I, 8th Cavalry Regiment, APO 201, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California. Frank wrote in for the address of **JOHN W. "ANDY" ANDERSON**, also of E & H Cos., and Andy was found to be living out at 1408 Oak Street, Brainerd, Minnesota. (Haven't been able to get Andy to join the Association as yet). Frank spent most of his time with H Company as mail clerk. He left the outfit in May of 1946, and entered the reserves and returned to his home in Stillwater, Oklahoma, where he attended Oklahoma A & M College for two and a half years, majoring in accounting. Last September

Chaplain Promoted

Chaplain **CECIL L. PROPST** has been promoted to full colonel and now is the only colonel in the Air Force to command a wing chaplaincy, located at Lackland AFB, Texas.

He became the 11th chaplain to be elevated to the rank of colonel in this branch of the service.

Graduating from the University of Maryland with a reserve commission as a second lieutenant, he later gave up his bars to serve in the chaplaincy. The rank was reinstated shortly after his transfer from the reserve.

Joining the 9th Division in August of 1940, Chaplain Propst became one of the few who remained with the Division during the entire period of World War II. Leaving the 9th in August, 1945 he returned to the States and was assigned as Post Chaplain at Fort Meyer, Virginia. In September, 1946, he went to the chaplain school at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and while there transferred to the Air Force.

His first assignment after joining the Air Force was at Robbins AFB, Georgia, as base and area chaplain. From Robbins he was ordered to Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, where he received an appointment as a regular Air Force chaplain.

It was while at Wright-Patterson that he was promoted to the permanent rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. His last assignment before coming to Lackland AFB, Texas, was deputy air chaplain of Continental Air Command at Mitchell AFB, Long Island, New York.

At present, Chaplain and Mrs. Propst are residing in Billy Mitchell Village. They have a 14-year-old son, who is now attending school in the East.

General Barth Has Returned from Korea

The good news was recently received through Colonel Westmoreland that Brig. General **GEORGE B. BARTH** has returned from Korea.

General Barth is now stationed at The Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, and is serving with the Fifth Infantry Division.

During his tour of duty in Korea, General Barth commanded the Division Artillery with the 25th Infantry Division.

Attention, M Co. 60th

EDWIN PRICE has written in to the Association asking for some help in locating anyone who might be able to help with his claim for disability now pending before the Veterans Administration.

During the time Ed was with Company M, 60th Infantry, he was treated for broken arches, however, his medical records do not show such treatment.

If anyone can help Ed establish proof of such treatment, please contact him at Box 297, Monticello, New York.

Local Chap. News

Illinois Chapter

The following report was received from **SHIRTS MATUSIK**, too late for the last issue of The Octofoil, but still of interest for this issue:

"Now that the 6th Annual Reunion is among the memories, it's 'ON TO BOSTON IN '52.'"

Among the outfits making a good showing in men present was the best Heavy Weapon Company in the 9th—Company M of the 47th. Assorted characters attending included such personalities as "Bing" PAROWSKI, DOMMIE ("I'm The Man") MIEHLE, DANNY BRASO, DAVE BUCKLEY, the ex-supply sergeant, who could quote your size in any GI issue item; GERRY SUL-LIVAN, CARL ZINGALE, TED FRANCE, JOE SANTONE, NORM STOLMAN, MORRIS GOLDBLATT.

Mooseberg Madhouse will re-open in Boston, so you fellows from M Co., 47th, had better get your plans made to attend.

HERB WAPLES (AT Co., 60th Inf.), and the missus made a grand tour of Washington, D. C., enroute to the reunion in New York.

HARRY VEENEMAN, one of the founders and spark plugs of the

he was recalled back into the Army and was sent to Korea where he has been dodging bullets ever since last November. How about you fellows writing to Frank? He would enjoy hearing from you.

MARK E. SOPER (S/Sgt.), is another former 47th man who is now over in Korea. His full address: Cpl. Mark E. Soper, 35th Station Hospital, Annex B, APO 9, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

early days of the Illinois Chapter was present—the question is, "What Happened to the Warden?"

Many thanks to the Greater New York Chapter and the National Association for their efforts in making for a successful reunion. Much interest was displayed by the members towards the Regimental Colors, many seeing them at close hand for the first time.

The Illinois Chapter will hold election of officers for the new year. A tentative slate has been drawn up and it is rumored that a character who wears the quiet type of shirt will be in the driver's seat.

If present plans jell, the Illinois Chapter will lose two of their very active members. The Chapter's popular treasurer, **BILL CONLEY** (60th Inf.) and **MIKE BELMONTE** (84th FA), are heading Horace Greeley's advice and "heading West" around the first part of next year.

Special News Item

You fellows who were in Moosberg, Germany, may recall Capt. **DOBRIVOJE**, who was the senior Yugoslav officer at Internment Camp No. 6. The Captain is now living in Chicago at 2300 South Ridgeway and would like very much to hear from his friends.

The Illinois Chapter welcomes **ANTHONY C. CORATE** (F Co., 60th Inf.), a newly signed-up member, who lives at 2926 South Wallace Street in Chicago.

Many thanks to Doc STERN-LICHT of the New York Chapter for the way the Memorial Services were conducted. His remarks were most appropriate—"God in His merciful way today sheds tears for the men of the 9th who made the supreme sacrifice."

Many thanks also to the New York Chapter for the fine way the reunion was run and a deep bow to Master **BILLIE TIMMONS**, the Star of the Reunion. "May you, WILLIAM TIMMONS, JR., carry on in the footsteps of your dad, a fine soldier and a man's man."

A closing suggestion: Wouldn't it be more fitting to refer to our annual get-togethers as reunions instead of conventions. (So be it.)

Northern Ohio Chapter

The September meeting of The Northern Ohio Chapter was held on the 9th at the home of its prexy, **ROGER SCHAEFFER**.

Plans were made to hold the next meeting on October 20th. The site will be a country club, and will include free refreshments and dancing for all paid-up members. It will be a Halloween affair, so make your plans now to set the 20th of October aside for a good time.

Details will be sent to all members, announcing the exact location and other information.

BILL MAUSER expresses his regrets at not being able to make the New York Reunion. **ROGER SCHAEFFER** reported that it was a grand affair.

Philadelphia Chapter

The Philadelphia Chapter wishes to thank all the association members who graciously purchased raffle tickets from us during the reunion in New York. When all returns were in and counted, we are very happy to announce: the venture proved to be a very successful one, financially. We wish to take this opportunity to publish the names of the five winners of our Savings Bond Awards:

1st Prize—**JOHN J. VERSACCI**, Det. No. 1262 ASU, Fort Dix, N.J. Stub No. 4570.

2nd Prize—**J. J. NEWCOMB**, 5538 Oakland St., Philadelphia, Pa. Stub No. 338.

3rd Prize—**MARTY KRASOVETZ**, 159 So. Lakeview Drive, Gibbstown, N. J. Stub No. 3178.

4th Prize—**Mrs. L. DEARDORFF**, 56 Upland Avenue, Upland, Pa. Stub No. 2762.

5th Prize—**TOM DINEEN**, 31 Linden Avenue, Lansdowne, Pa. Stub No. 2039.

A special vote of thanks from our entire local membership is hereby extended to our raffle committee chairman, **VIC BUTTS**, who did a really magnificent job.

In the same vein, although a different matter entirely, your reporter, in behalf of all the members and their wives who attended; wish to extend a very belated thanks in an expression of gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. **SAMUEL COLFLESH**, who unselfishly gave of their free time and untiring labors, coupled with those of their son, Bob, to provide us with a most enjoyable day's fun during a summer outing we staged on the grounds of their beautiful home in Suburban Philly. Perhaps we should have entitled this a thanksgiving message because here we are about to do more of the same, but, in line with the old adage—give credit where credit is due—

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Charlie Fabre Reports On The 60th F.A. Bn.

What this Association needs is more men like Charlie Fabre. While at the New York Reunion, he signed up three new members and there is a possibility that we will pick up at least five more new members as a result of his efforts.

As if it wasn't enough interest shown in getting the new members, Charlie took time to write the following article which contains some very interesting news concerning former members of the 60th Field.

"Well, fellows, the 6th Annual Reunion is over and the 60th Field did itself up proud. Some of the spots I can't remember very well but here are some of the names that I do remember:

I managed to get ten bucks from EDWARD BEDISHIAN, 635 East 228th Street, Bronx, N. Y., for membership. You all remember the "Arab," who went to the Air Corps in Sicily.

Then there was MICHAEL LAS-ALANDRA, 217 Hope Street, Glenbrook, Conn. (Hq. Btry.), who was in fine form, but took it easy on the Vito after the third bottle. FRANK ARMSTRONG, 150 Midland Ave., Kearny, N. J., showed up Saturday and had a swell time if the gleam in his eyes meant anything. JERRY FATSHER, 16 Nickolas Sq., New Milford, Conn. (Hq.), was present with his ever-ready dry wit, but what was the idea of leaving so early, Jerry? Ch, now I remember, your two-day pass was up.

That genial Cook from Service Battery, SAVINO DEROSE, 21 Clark Street, Garfield, N. J., was present. Many of you remember him and what do you think he is doing? He is Chief Chef in a swell night spot in New Jersey.

Of course, the perennial MICHAEL BELMONTE (A Btry.), 803 South Kilbourne Street, Chicago, Ill., was there. It will be a sad day for the Association when Mike does not show up at a reunion, but fellows, he loves company, so how about making the next one.

AUSTIN BRIGGS (Hq.), 91 "B" Drive, Manchester, Conn., the one with the friendly smile for everyone, was on hand and the first question he asked me was "what happened to Helen?" I had to tell him she finally married someone else. Austin has two children now, and Alice sends all the boys greetings. A swell couple. You can meet them in Boston in 1952.

Most of you remember Captain LOU PRINCE (A), RFD 2, Loveland, Ohio, who showed up in time for the banquet and kept us enlisted men interested with his behind the scenes stories which can now be told. A regular guy.

MICHAEL BISH (Hq.), 19 Campbell Circle, Duquesne, Pa., came early and called me Wednesday. He was unable to bring the family this year due to the arrival of a baby boy about three months ago. That makes a girl and a boy for him and he says he intends to have a Battery of his own, no baseball teams for him. He will be at Boston next year, also.

ALOYSIUS FRIEDLMEIER (A), 1605 Nelson Ave., Bronx 52, N. Y., showed up Sunday morning and rehearsed the war in four hours flat, but we sure enjoyed listening to him. He has a style of his own in telling them. NUNZIO PASSARELLO (A), called Saturday night and was coming to the hotel, but I guess that Staten Island Ferry got lost. ED NUNZY, his address is 404 Hurberton Ave.,

Port Richmond 2, Staten Island, New York.

LOUIS PANDOLPHI (B), 35 Hay Ave., Nutley, N. J., called and tried to get a pass to come in but his CO said, "What, and leave me home with the kids." Anyhow, he will try to make the next one. CHARLES AHRENS (Sv. Btry.), showed up with the Mrs. They sure make a nice couple. His address in Brooklyn is 397 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn 17, N. Y., but I failed to get his address at home. He lives near Jones Beach, fellows, so if you are in the neighborhood, look him up in the phone book.

BUD REMER (Hq.), missed the plane from Chicago and waited four hours to get another one but was unable to get a seat. We talked to him by phone and he is still not married, but if anybody needs a good plumber, see Bud.

EUGENE SKOCZYLAS (A Btry., Personnel), 55 Lilac Street, Pawtucket, R. I., was present and believe it or not, he has changed very little, still the same smiling face. ZOLTON FODOR (Sv. Btry.), 35 John Street, Helmetta, N. J., was in for the three days. He says, "You know that I don't drink, boys, but just to be sociable I'll have a short one." He did. "A" Battery was also represented by BOHDAN BANIT, 9 Archibald St., Watervliet, N. Y. A swell Joe CHARLES NAGEY (Hq.), 41 3rd Ave., New York, N. Y., showed up Saturday evening, but due to a previous engagement he could not stay. We promised to see him at the New York Chapter meetings.

HARRY HAMMER (Hq.), 1563 11th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., also wishes to be remembered to all the fellows. Yours truly is now a sergeant on the New York City police force, and bucking for lieutenant and as of now still single.

That's about all for now, but I sure wish you fellows would drop me a card with your present address. If by chance you are looking for any of the fellows, ask me, I have a lot of addresses."

CHARLES J. FABRE, 288 Maple St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Lost But Not Found

During the recent Sixth Annual Reunion, Shirts Matusik lost a small key container with five keys and a GI dog tag.

If any of you fellows happened to find it, please return it to Shirts at 2058 West 76th Street, Chicago 20, Illinois.

Stan Cohen Reports On Convention

WHAT I AM NOW DOING --- MARCUS SCIARAPPA (26th FBN), 1303 11th Avenue, Neptune, N. J., said: At present I am connected with Government Civil Service as an Investigator. I am also attended a Mechanical Dentistry School graduated in 1950, and have been practicing in this field in my spare time.

ISADORE REIMAN (Co. I, 60th Inf.), 178 Orchard St., New York 2, N. Y. He with the powerful singing lungs has recently become a member of the betrothed and is currently engaged in newspaper circulation work.

NICHOLA COLOMBO (Hq. 47th Inf.), 436 White Plains Rd., Tuckahoe, N. Y. His wife and his little boy are getting along famously. Nick writes after getting out of Army, I made ten round trips across the Atlantic as a Chief Store Keeper on an Army transport. Traveled to Germany, France,

England, Italy, and then finally quit, and he is now working as a book keeper in Tuckahoe, N.Y.

WALTER WOLFSON (MP's), definitely not married says Walt. Still single and so far have not succumbed to the 29,000 blind dates. Since discharge in July, '45, in Coffee Roasting business, and now Vice-President. Part of a syndicate owning three hotels in Conn., Md., and Maine. Walt can be found at the Empire Coffee Mills on 42nd Street in New York City.

MICHAEL ROS (Co. M, 60th Inf.), 1829 W. 19th Street, Chicago, Ill. All Mike can think of is going to division conventions and just having one heck of a time. Can't say that that isn't a good idea.

HARRY KERNER (Can. Co., 47th Inf.), 1751 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. Very happily married and the proud pop of a very fine baby boy. All Harry wants to find is some of the old guys from Cannon Company of the 47th.

VINCENT D'ADDONA (9th Recon), 1064 Ward Ave., N. Y., and the chesing parent of Larry, five years, and Marie, two years. Vince is currently working as a lithographer.

DOMINICK MIELE (M 47th), 853 South Blvd., Bronx 59, N. Y. Dom answer to the question of marriage, "Not yet." And children, "definitely not yet." You will find Dom employed in the New York Post Office as a regular Clerk.

JAMES L. RICHARDSON (Co. L, 39th), now living with his happy family and lovely little daughter in Barnwell, S. C.

MYRON R. KALISH (M Co., 60th), 494 Russell Road, Mainsfield, Ohio. All Myron wants to continue doing is coming to every division convention.

JOSEPH LIPKA (60th Med. Det.), 1723 W. 18th Place, Chicago 8, Ill. Married? Heck yes, Joe's message is great. Working, traveling, having fun and going to conventions.

RUDY S. WALZER (9th Med. Bn. Co. D), 1360 48th St., Brooklyn 19, N. Y. Rudy and his happy family plus his charming daughter, are busy keeping warm. Rudy is in the fur business.

CALVIN POLIVY (84th FBN), 36 West 44th St., N. Y., and Bernice and their charming bit of femininity are staying well fed with Cal's law practice. Here is a man who is definitely, but then you read it.

Sgt. STEVEN BUDRICK (Hq. & Hq. Co. 60th Inf.), Fort Dix, New Jersey. Married, yes. Steve re-enlisted back in the Army and went to Hawaii in 1946 and stayed till 1949. Then he re-enlisted and went back to Fort Dix. Steve has 14½ years in this man's Army. Do you think I should quit with six more to go, for 21 years. Steve, I don't blame you.

ANTONIO GIACOBBE (Co. A, 47th Inf.), 3234 Paulding Avenue, Bronx 69, N.Y. Tony is married and has two boys and a little girl, and is in business running a package retail store. But don't go way. Tony would like to get in touch with the following men:

JOHN H. MILER, Jr., (A-47th), RFD 1, Dover, Del.

JOHN DREBOT (A-47th), 42 E. 98th Street, New York, N. Y.

JOSEPH McADAMS (A-47th), 401 East 71st Street, New York.

BOB FAHLMAN (A-47th), 44 Hubert Street, Beacon, N. Y.

GEORGE SARKER (A-47th), 25-11 Crescent Street, Astoria, Long Island.

Tony would like you lads to join the 9th Division Association, as would we all.

JOHN E. KNIGHTLY, 54 Scott Street, Springfield, Mass. Married and still driving a truck for National Biscuit Co. in Springfield, Mass.

WILLIAM F. SCHANK (Co. C-47th), 96 Kraft Street, Berea, Ohio. Married and working at the same job. Foreman for a die casting firm.

CHESLEY F. MISCHLER (26 FBN). Married and has a wee bit of a lad, Chesley Mark, age one and a half. Chesley is busily climbing ladders while working for a neon sign company.

GEORGE ARMAWIACO (9th Recon.), 451 Pearl Street, New York City. Married and has one little boy.

Credit Lines

The success of any convention can be traced back to the men who worked in the background. At this time it is indeed a pleasure to bring forth the group that deserves the credit lines for their wonderful work.

Every group must have a leader to oversee the workers and see to it that the work is carried out. This man did such a magnificent job that the association at large chose him to lead the entire membership as President:

AL BRUCHAC, a fellow who gave his all, in time, money, and effort. He hounded, cajoled, begged, borrowed and what have you. But the most important thing was that he had the group to work with.

Such men as DOM MIELE, he may be big, but he puts forth all of his poundage in work.

Doc STERNLICHT, the man with the golden tongue. A guy who during the two weeks before the convention had to have his patients just wait until he got the permit for the parade (which did not come off because of rain). But Doc tried and he does deserve all the credit in the world.

Doc SES LOWE . . . He ran himself ragged doing things, but he got them done.

VINCE GUGLIELMINO, with the ever present cigar in his mouth, but with an ever present urge to see things through.

AL WADALAVAGE, a big boy in stature, and a bigger boy in seeing that everything went according to Hoyle with the women folk.

Speaking of women, gentlemen, "Hats Off" to the ladies . . . Mrs. MAE SPENCER, Mrs. STAN COHEN, Mrs. JUDY BARBAGELLO, Mrs. VINCE GUGLIELMINO, Mrs. BRUCHAC, and the rest of the female charmers who walked their feet off showing New York to the lady visitors.

JOHN SPENCER, for his wonderful gift and the equally wonderful way in which he handled his own advertising campaign.

DICK STOREY, a lad who did the convention proud with his fine speaker lineups.

FREDDY GOLUB, for the great way in which he had the guys shell out at the dance.

BOB WARSK, for a great music job well done . . . BOBBY BARBAGELLO, a small guy who worked like a demon, day and night . . . GETZY SCHIFF, the host in any Swedish Ratskeller . . . GEORGE WHITNEY, ABE FEDDER, and his excellent assist in Publicity . . . JIM BRUNO, for his fine work at the banquet table . . . CAL POLIVY, the fine host at the New York Chapter party . . . IRVING FEINBERG, HAROLD PEPPER, the diligent lad who handled all the dirty wash in registration and made a real clean finish that does us proud.

MIKE GATTO, the lad with the job that meant hours and hours of work and real hustling around. He was the man who we can turn to and say, Mike was the Journal Chairman . . . SAM DADZOY, ED EAGAN, HENRY CALDARO, a lad who is always around when there is work to be done, and who sees that it is done correctly.

A fellow named JAMES G. RYAN, who did a great assist with the ED SULLIVAN Show . . . PETE DALASSANDRO, for the fine way he joined up in helping the ED SULLIVAN Show stand out as one of the finest of the year.

To one ED SULLIVAN, a million, million thanks for the very magnificent way he treated the old 9th over a nation-wide hook-up. To L. GREENMAN, in seeing to it that BARRY GRAY plugged the 9th Convention on his late show.

To STEVE ALLAN and his afternoon TV show, and to the ladies who wore their convention hats during the show, that made possible this added publicity . . . To DAGMAR, a real BIG help in any boy's show . . . To GLORIA SWANSON for her plug on her show . . . To the ASSOCIATED PRESS, the NEW YORK TIMES, JERSEY OBSERVER, WORLD TELEGRAPH, JOURNAL, NEWS, MIRROR . . . To the NEW YORK CONVENTION COMMITTEE for the fine and able assist with everything.

To such men that can be counted on every time for a fine assist, Father CONNORS and Father De LAURA . . . To CHARLES TINGLEY, for fine cooperation . . . To Gen. EDDY, for a fine recording . . . To the 1st ARMY BAND and the men from the 9th DIVISION, who brought the colors to the Convention . . . To JACK ROSEN, for his wonderful 180 sketches . . . To The HOTEL COMMODORE . . . To the overworked and great helpers, the BANQUET STAFF . . . To the BARTENDERS, who incidentally, still remember the guzzlers and their capacity (as of Aug. 7, 1951).

To all those who gave and asked nothing in return and to the over 900 guys and gals who made this all possible. . . . We say to you all . . . THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

Ed Sullivan Helps Publicize The Ninth

Much of the credit for the excellent publicity which the Sixth Annual Reunion received is due to ED SULLIVAN, star of the TOAST OF THE TOWN Television show sponsored by the Lincoln-Mercury Dealers.

On his program of Sunday night, July 22nd, Ed devoted more than five minutes towards publicizing our reunion and the results were wonderful. Many former Ninth men who were not members of the Association and who did not know of the reunion got in touch with The Commodore Hotel for the details.

In Ed Sullivan's column—"Little Old New York"—appearing in the Sunday News of New York, dated July 29th appeared the following items:

"On these hot Summer nights, when all of the 'name' restaurants of New York shutter over the week ends, the town wends its way to East 45th Street, to an amazing place run by a former Golden Gloves champ, Danny Stradella. The restaurant is called Danny's Hideaway, a misnomer because the little place that merited that title years ago now has outgrown the tag, mushrooming into a series of rooms. Danny comes from a restaurant family, his Dad and mother having originated Pen and Pencil. In those days, his mother did all the cooking . . . Stradella, not much bigger now than when he fought in the 118-pound class, was particularly busy during the reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division. He was in Co. E, 39th Regt., during World War II.

Co. E, 39th Regt., is quite a special outfit in the history of the Ninth, because it produced one of the four division winners of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Sgt. Peter J. Dalessandro won the Medal of Honor and lived to receive it as the White House, although he had literally asked for death, to save his company.

It was during the Battle of The Bulge. Hard-hitting Nazi infantry had moved up under a cloak of snow and launched a surprise attack. Dalessandro rallied his men, crawled forward to an exposed observation post and, over the field phones, directed the mortar fire against the Germans. Finally overrun, Dalessandro's last command to the mortars was this: "Okay, mortars, pinpoint your fire on me."

Dalessandro lived through the inferno that he'd invited and was captured. At the end of the war, he was freed and was decorated by President Truman.

Today, the Medal of Honor hero is a New York State Senator, and a legend in his home town of Watervliet.

When the Ninth Division reassembled in New York City, the men had plenty about which to reminisce, because this outfit won eight battle stars, starting in the African landings under Patton, continuing through Sicily and the cross-channel invasion of France.

They talked about Paris, in the terms of Capt. Joseph B. Mittleman, who penned the division history. On my desk is a copy of the fascinating book, autographed to the writer by the men of the Ninth.

Mittleman's vivid recollections of Paris should be re-read in 1951."

(Editor's note—Ed Sullivan's column continued for three more paragraphs, quoting directly from "Eight Stars To Victory," page 397, in which Capt. Mittleman reports on the changes in the way of life in Paris.)

It is far too seldom that the Ninth Infantry Division receives any publicity and whenever such publicity is received the results are very gratifying. There are always some few individuals who hear about the Association and get in touch with us. Ed Sullivan's kind remarks were no exception.

Many, many thanks to you, Ed, for giving us a helping hand.

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We feel obligated to do just that, once more before we close out. This time, from all of us, who availed ourselves of the opportunity to partake of your gracious hospitality over there in that Garden Spot of America, Haddonfield, N. J.; our sincere thanks to ED and ELEANORE GERMAN. Even though the weather wasn't anything to rave about, everything else was; and in particular, we thought the 'roast corn' was just about out of this world, Eleanor.

Now that summer vacations are stowed away for another ten months or thereabouts we look for bigger and better turnouts at our monthly gabfests. So, keep in the know about the local doings of the old 'Ninth' by getting out to the Legion Post the First Friday of every month.

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