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9th Division To Invade Boston In July

Three-Day Operation Starts July 24th Peace Terms Expected By July 26th

New England Members Are All Set To Welcome Hundreds Of 9th Division Veterans To Our Seventh Reunion

The plans are complete and the final details are all formulated to assure a wonderful vacation for the many hundreds of former 9th Division men and their families who will attend the Seventh Annual Reunion of The 9th Infantry Division Association.

As a last minute reminder, the Reunion will be held on July 24th, 25th, and 26th, at The Statler Hotel. Don't forget these important dates, and make your plans now to be among those present.

Everything In Recreation

Few cities in the world offer so large a variety of opportunities for sports, recreation, entertainment and relaxation as does Boston. Outdoor activities invite the pleasure-seeker the year around. The matchless attractions of beautiful New England's countryside are virtually at Boston's doorstep. Winter sports are at hand in fullest development. Fresh and salt water fishing, sailing, bathing, an abundance of golf and country clubs, mountains, woodlands, lakes, parks, and seashore offer endless delight to the seeker of rest and recreation.

In other spheres of entertainment Boston is also unsurpassed. The world famous Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Boston Pops and the summer concerts on the Esplanade cater to what one of the nation's foremost magazines calls "the most discriminating musical taste in America."

Boston is one of the country's foremost theatrical centers. Next to New York City, more first-class theatrical productions are presented for the first time in Boston than in any other city.

Boston is one of four cities with two professional major league baseball teams.

A Real Convention City

Boston is well called the Birthplace of the American nation. It is likewise the birthplace of American conventions. The city possesses a wealth of historic places and traditions which are the heritage of all America. Space does not permit a catalogue of them all. A partial list of the historic places to see when you visit Boston include the Boston Common, the site of the Boston Tea Party, Bunker Hill Monument, the U. S. Frigate Constitution at the Charlestown Navy Yard, Faneuil Hall—the Cradle of American Liberty, the First Church and Headquarters of the Christian Science Church, Benjamin Franklin's birthplace, the Granary Burying Ground, Old North Church, Old State House, Paul Revere's House, the Old South

Meeting House, the Adams houses, Longfellow's home, Plymouth, Concord and Lexington, Salem and Marblehead, Sleepy Hollow Cemetery and Longfellow's Wayside Inn.

Registration Begins On July 24th

The Seventh Annual Reunion will get under way on THURSDAY, JULY 24th. The registration desk will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. beginning on Thursday, and the same hours will prevail for Friday and Saturday.

Arrangements have been made for sightseeing tours, starting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, the 24th, and in the evening, beginning at 8:30, the WELCOMING PARTY gets under way. Don't miss this affair. The Boston Tea Party made history but the 9th Division Welcoming Party will make additional history.

Friday's Highlights

Friday morning gets under way with the Mayor's Breakfast starting at 9 a.m., followed at 10 a.m. with the first of the business meetings.

In the afternoon, the ladies will embark on a sightseeing tour of Boston and vicinity and will be back at the Statler Hotel in plenty of time to get ready for the ANNUAL DANCE, which gets under way at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday Will Be An Eventful Day

The Annual Memorial Service will be held on Saturday morning, beginning at 10 a.m. This service will be conducted by Father CONNORS, and all members are urged to be present.

Saturday afternoon will be left open for further sightseeing, baseball games, theatres . . . bull sessions . . . or "what-have-you."

The Seventh Annual Banquet will get under way Saturday evening at 7:30 promptly, and according to the menu it will be a feast long to be remembered, served in the best tradition of the Hotel Statler cuisine.

Now Make Your Plans To Attend

This Annual Reunion of the 9th Infantry Division Association is one affair you can't afford to miss. Here's your opportunity to get together with your old friends, to renew your friendships formed on the fields of battle. Such affairs are worth-while, and help to keep alive the purposes of our organization. Here is your opportunity to combine three days of Reunion with your vacation plans, so make it a must NOW. PLAN ON BEING IN BOSTON ON JULY 24th through the 26th. YOU WON'T REGRET IT AT ALL.

There's Nothing Like Boston

By HAL CLANCY

(Reprinted, courtesy CORONET)

BOSTON, HUB OF THE UNIVERSE, imposes an indefinable stamp upon her people . . . No matter what their religious, economic, or political differences, they are all, in time, Bostonians.

This seems as natural and as right as the traditional baked beans and brown bread on Saturday night . . . as the swan boats, laden with children, paddling sedately on the lake in the Public Gardens . . . as bench sitting on Boston Common in the summer sun . . . as the ever-present east wind, knifing in from the ocean.

Like everything else in this city, the unpredictable weather is a source of grim pride to the Bostonian . . . When he says Boston's weather is the trickiest in the world, he is not complaining. He is boasting.

It is an easy place in which to get lost, if you are a stranger. The streets, laid out on old paths and cow walks, twist and turn and double back . . . But this, too, is good—for it is the best way to see Boston.

The gracious old mansions on Beacon Street . . . the quaint blue-glass windows—here it is Sunday afternoon all week long. A stone's throw away, gaudy Scollay Square with its honky-tonks and tattoo parlors, beloved liberty land of sailors, known in ports throughout the world.

A little farther up Beacon Hill to Louisburg Square . . . landfall of the Most Proper of Bostonians. Almost an autonomous island: the aristocratic families living there own the whole square outright, meet once a year to tax themselves, have virtually no responsibility to city government.

Not far away, the spires of the "Old North Church," where the lanterns were hung for Paul Revere, rise in the turbulent North End of the city. The little stores exude a spicy aroma. It is a poor district, but it abounds with bright colors and good music and superb food.

A little farther on . . . sidewalks of glazed brick and red brick and narrow streets of cobblestone—and the Charles River flows silver beneath arched bridges . . . Nearby, the Shell where the Boston Esplanade Orchestra gives its summer concerts for families from all walks of life . . . During the day, myriad bright-colored sailboats dot the Charles . . . Students from Harvard and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, across the water, sunbathe by the river's edge . . . At night, the lights of Cambridge resemble a luminous pearl necklace above the still, dark water.

Walk toward the wind and you will reach the harbor, where the boats come in with bumper loads of cod and haddock and scallops and shellfish . . . Nearby, the old wharfs—India Wharf, where clipper ships once brought exotic spices from Cathay.

Boston is a city of good living and fine restaurants . . . But Boston is, above all, an attitude—an air of contentment and quiet culture.

Welcome To The New Members

Two new members have recently joined our ranks:

BERNHARD E. DRAPE, 15 Vernon Terrace, Belle Haven, Alexandria, Virginia, formerly with G-1 Section of Division Headquarters and now taking care of the legal matters for the Quartermaster General in Washington, D. C.

IRVING L. KING of Fairport, New York, formerly with Baker Company of the 39th, who joined through the efforts of AL DIRISIO.

Brig. Gen. George B. Barth Will Address 9th Div. Members At Annual Banquet

Former 9th Div. Chief of Staff Will Bring A Most Interesting Message to All Members



The members attending the Seventh Annual Reunion of The Ninth Infantry Division Association will be most fortunate in being able to welcome their former Chief of Staff and to listen to his interesting message during the Annual Banquet.

General Barth returned from Korea in June of 1951 and since that time he has served as assistant division commander of the 5th Infantry Division at Indian-town Gap, Pennsylvania.

While serving with the 9th Division as its Chief of Staff, General Barth displayed a keen interest in the welfare of the troops and since leaving the Division after the Normandy Campaign he has always remembered the men of the "Fighting Ninth" and has been an active member of the Division Association since it was organized. The last time that the members of the Association had the pleasure of greeting General Barth was at the Pittsburgh Reunion. Since that occasion, the General has seen plenty of action over in Korea and he will have many interesting tales to tell us.

Military Career Began in 1918

George B. Barth was born at Leavenworth, Kansas, December 19, 1897. He was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, and commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry June 12, 1918.

His first station was at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In September 1918, he was transferred to Columbus, Georgia, and the following January was assigned to Camp Grant, Illinois.

From July, 1919, to April, 1923, he served in Germany with the Eighth Infantry.

He was transferred from the Infantry to the Field Artillery in August, 1923, and assigned to the Fifth Field Artillery at Camp Bragg, North Carolina.

In September, 1925, he entered the Field Artillery School and upon graduation the following June was assigned to the 13th Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In July, 1927, he became Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Alabama Polytechnic Institute and three years later, joined the 16th Field Artillery at Fort Myer, Virginia.

He entered the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in September,

1934, and upon graduation two years later was appointed an assistant instructor for the New York National Guard, with station at New York City. In October, 1940, he joined the 52nd Field Artillery Brigade, 27th Division, at Fort McClellan, and the following July became headquarters commandant and provost marshal of the Second Army at Memphis, Tennessee.

In December, 1941, he became G-3 of the 27th Division with which he served at Ontario, California, and in Hawaii. The following June he was named deputy chief of staff of the Hawaiian Department.

In October, 1942, he became deputy chief of staff of the Atlantic Base Section, with station as Casablanca, French Morocco, and in March, 1943, was appointed chief of staff of the Ninth Infantry Division, with which he served in the Tunisian, Sicilian, and Normandy campaigns. He assumed command of the 357th Infantry in the North African theater, and while serving in this capacity was wounded in action in November, 1944.

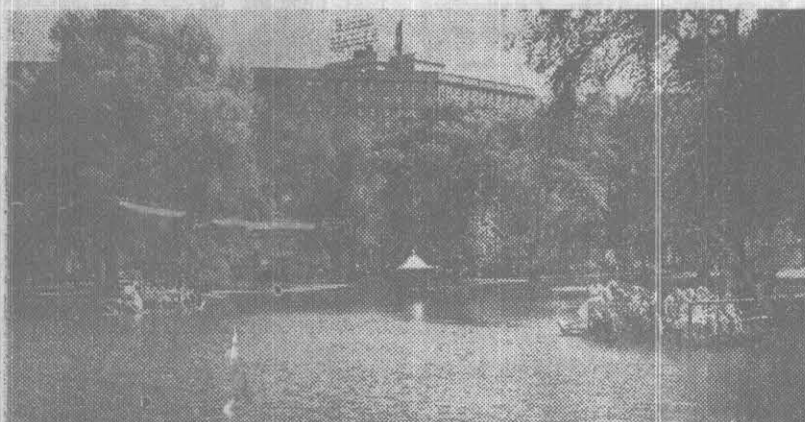
He was hospitalized until July, 1946, and a month later became Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the New York Military Academy in Cornwall. In July, 1948, he was named director of the Department of Operations and Training at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

In November, 1949, he was appointed artillery commander of the 25th Infantry Division in Japan.

Shortly after the North Korean Communists invaded South Korea in June, 1950, General Barth went to Korea with the 25th Division to fight with the United Nations forces.

General Barth returned to the United States in June, 1951, to become assistant commander of the 5th Infantry Division at Indian-town Gap, Pennsylvania.

General Barth has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, and Combat Infantry Badge. During his service in Korea, he won two Oak Leaf Clusters to the Silver Star and the Air Medal.



As Seen From The Statler Hotel
A View Of The Boston Public Gardens

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A Word From Our Prexy

If time has covered the scars of war and if years have dulled your appreciation of the 9th Infantry Division and its accomplishments, I heartily suggest that you attend the national reunion which is to take place in Boston this year on the 24th, 25th and 26th of July.

It is now only a short ten years since our Division started to make history with the invasion of Africa but I must confess that once in a while I find myself letting down in spirit and activity. However, it seems that some special attentiveness on my part to our Divisional Association helps bring the realization of the true value of the organization to me again.

Recently it was my pleasure to attend two special functions of our Division. It was at these events I discovered the antidote for lagging interest. Such affairs as these (and the annual national reunion) furnish me with an unfailing source of renewed enthusiasm. When plans were made to attend I knew not what to expect but I was requested to formally address the assemblages which would be composed of former members of our great Division who would bring their wives, families and friends. For many this would be the first opportunity to mingle with their old buddies since they last donned khaki and the "OCTOFOIL."

One of these gatherings was held in North Grafton, Massachusetts, under the direction of FATHER CONNORS for the Armistice Day memorial services. It was a group which gathered to pay respects to the men left behind in Africa, Sicily and Europe. But amazingly, over four hundred former 9th Division men and their families appeared. This annual event started seven years ago with about fifty members.

On May 3rd members of the 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry, sponsored their own get-together in Newark, New Jersey, under the guidance of two of its members, VINCENT GUGLIELMINO and DAN QUINN. For this, their first project, they expected fifty to sixty people. Over one hundred members and their ladies appeared and from all indications this will henceforth be an annual occurrence.

During both of the festivities there were solemn periods set aside in remembrance of our lost men. Our families met our buddies; there were distinguished speakers and food, songs and many old tales told and retold about the good times and the most positive testimony as to which outfit won the war.

It is interesting to note that it is not necessarily what the guest speakers have to say, or the wonderful meal and entertainment furnished but something far more important which sets these apart from any other affairs we might attend in our daily lives. These are 9th Infantry Division functions. We stop and think of the guy who didn't come home but enabled us to be at each and every one of these functions. We talk of the times in Africa, Sicily, England, France, Belgium, Germany. We discuss times that weren't so happy when we were slugging our way across Africa and Europe. We find enjoyment in having our families meet the fellows we speak of so often. We like to sit down over that "long cool one" and be together and reminisce. We get

2nd Bn., 47th Infantry Holds Highly Successful Reunion

Tony Repetti's Restaurant, "Repetti's" located at 125 Branford place in Newark, N. J., May 3, 1952, was the meeting place of many old 2nd Bn., 47th men, who hadn't seen one another in ages and ages.

The man who receives just praise for this function is none other than VINCENT GUGLIELMINO, the work horse of the New York Chapter. Here is a lad and his wonderful assistant, his wife, who gave their all to see to it that the affair was a success.

Not to be outdone, however, was his Chairman, DAN QUINN, and his lovely wife. The Co-Chairman was HUGH HATTRICK. Here was a group who really tore the house down in putting, on this shindig.

As Danny Quinn said, "This is a real 'Wing-Ding'." No truer words were ever spoken. These lads outdid themselves . . . Again in line with outdoing, as every our very humble wonder of comedy, the gentlemen who is revered by the 2nd Bn. of the 47th, Father DE LAURA presented a truly great aid in adding his wondrous witicism and spiritual blessings to assembled multitude.

TONY REPETTI himself did an outstanding job in feasting a happy-go-lucky collection of people who ate like they couldn't stop . . . The refreshments on the whole never or hardly ever ran dry due to the efforts of another work-horse of this group, Frank Zazio.

AL BRUCHAC and PAT BRUCHAC welcomed the group on behalf of the National Association. And MIKE GATTO spoke on behalf of the New York Chapter. What made life great for the new secretary was picking up many new members . . . These affairs should be run by every outfit . . .

One thing they do is pay off handsomely in enjoyment, pay off excellently in getting small gregarious groups together, and pay off in new members.

It would really be a tremendous feat by any who could gather together such a crowd . . . And the enjoyment of watching others have a good time cannot be measured. So, how about trying, some of you guys?

BOB COLFLESH, secretary from the Philly Chapter, attended the dinner and had this challenging statement to make: He claims that he was the youngest member ever to join the 9th. He was 18 years old at the time . . . Any takers?

And here is an oddity of news: Sgt. STEVEN BUDRICK, Acting 1st Sgt. of the Hq. & Hqs. Co., 60th Inf., 9th Div., Fort Dix, N. J., is the only man in the present 9th who can wear a patch on the right sleeve and a patch on the left sleeve. Incidentally, both patches are The Octofoil . . . He proved to a Board of Officers—that because he served in the 9th before, he is entitled to wear the 9th insignia on the right sleeve, and since he is currently in the 9th now, he can wear it on the left. A strange thing happened to the sarge in Hawaii, while standing in on a detail, Gen EDDY turned out to be the inspecting officer, when he spied the 9th patch on the sarge's arm he called him over and spoke about old times with the 9th . . . By the by, sarge is a 20-year man, who after 20 years intends to retire to a farm.

Just a note of encouragement to JEANETTE . . . Equity is swell, but after all, can they beat nine times? Ask MIKE GATTO to explain.



Head Table: Father De Laura, Dan and Mrs. Quinn, Vince and Mrs. Guglielmino, Al Bruchac and guests.



Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ricco, Mr. and Mrs. John Rizzo, Mr. and Mrs. John Forni, Mr. and Mrs. Eddi Lane, Joe Gallo, Ken Yennie, Stanley Putt, Mr. and Mrs. Syd Ginsberg.



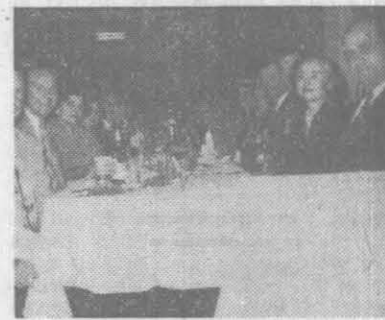
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J. Mosher, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bako, St. Budrick, Nick Russick, Frank Gonzol, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Maresca.

news of the ones who couldn't make it and those we haven't seen since we packed away that O. D. uniform (which no longer fits). We speak of our families and the peace we fought for. We try to aid those of our buddies who may need our help.

The men of the 9th are again representing us in even stranger countries. It has been my privilege to speak to a good many of our men leaving for foreign shores and battles again. It was impressive to discover that on their shoulder is still the "OCTOFOIL" we wore so proudly. In parting they always speak regrettingly that they will not be able to be counted at this year's national reunion, but they will be thinking of us.

I will be present at the meeting in Boston and it is up to you to make an honest effort to be there.

All in all we are a huge family and should have a gathering of "the clan" at least once a year.

Al Bruchac

Committee Members Selected For Our 7th Annual Reunion

Following up on the announcement made in the February issue of The Octofoil, the committee selections made to date for the Boston Reunion include the members as listed below:

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JERRY NOTHMAN,
PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER
ROGER ELMER,
CHICAGO CHAPTER
STANLEY COBAN,
BUFFALO CHAPTER
FRANK B. WADE,
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BOB LYNCH,
CLEVELAND-AKRON CHAPTER

In addition to the names listed above, the National President will appoint two additional members to each committee, representing the membership at large. Such appointments will take place during the first business meeting of the Reunion which will be held on Friday morning, July 25th at 10:00 AM.

Baby Sitters Will Be Provided At Boston

In conjunction with the Management of The Hotel Statler of Boston, the Reunion Committee announces that arrangements have been made to provide baby sitters to take care of the "small fry" during the reunion proceedings, thus allowing both Mother and Father to enjoy themselves without worry.

A registered nurse will be on duty in the nursery of the hotel and the children will be well taken care of.

INVITATIONS RECEIVED FROM GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS AND MAYOR OF BOSTON



(Fabian Bachrach Photo)

The Governor of Massachusetts Paul A. Dever

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

Mr. Charles O. Tingley,
Secretary-Treasurer,
The Ninth Infantry Division Association,
P. O. Box 1704,
Washington 13, D. C.
Dear Mr. Tingley:

As Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am happy to extend a cordial invitation to The Ninth Infantry Division Association to hold its 1952 convention in Boston.

There are many places of historic interest that are closely identified with the birth and growth of our nation in Boston and its immediate vicinity. In addition, excellent travel, hotel and entertainment facilities are available.

I feel certain that if you choose to come to Massachusetts, your stay here will be a most pleasant one.

Sincerely yours,
Paul A. Dever,
Governor.

A Special Invitation

Immaculate Conception Rectory,
47 Prescott Street,
Worcester, Massachusetts,
May 28, 1952.

DEAR FRIEND:

I have been appointed co-chairman of the National Convention of the 9th Division. This year we convene in Boston at the Hotel Statler, July 24, 25, and 26. My contribution to the success of this gathering is to try to get a large crowd. The bigger the crowd, the more the fun. To accomplish this purpose I am writing a letter to all the members of the 9th Division whose addresses I have. These addresses are comparatively few. But you spread the word to all your 9th Division friends.

Registration all day Thursday, July 24, at the Hotel Statler. In the evening beginning at 8 o'clock a general get-together in the Hotel, at which free beer will be served (never touch the stuff). Entertainment by a trio that will delight all, The Three Salesmen, and this year the entertainment will be better than at other conventions, I believe—and DECENT! This should be a great evening for the troops. On Friday—business meetings. In the afternoon there is a Big League baseball game if you wish to attend. Also, in the afternoon, a Fashion Show is being planned for the ladies. At night—dancing at the Hotel.

On Saturday—in the morning, a Memorial Service for our deceased comrades at the State House. No need to tell you of the importance of this part of our program. The grand finale—banquet in the evening at which steak will be served! At the banquet, besides the speeches and entertainment, we shall honor our Gold Star Mothers and Fathers.

However, the program is not the important thing. The important thing is being together again. That is the fun—the best part. It is

Mr. Charles O. Tingley,
Secretary-Treasurer,
The Ninth Infantry Division Assoc.,
P. O. Box 1704,
Washington 13, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tingley:

As Mayor of Boston, I wish to extend a most cordial invitation to the Ninth Infantry Division Association to hold its 1952 meeting in Boston.

I'm sure you know something of Boston's scenic and historic appeal, and our traditional hospitality. Add some of the country's finest hotels, assembly halls, theatres, restaurants and stores, and it's easy to understand Boston's present popularity as a convention city. In short, here in Boston your members can enjoy a wide variety of recreational, cultural and scenic attractions, about which they've heard and read so much.

I do hope we may have the pleasure of serving as your hosts in 1952, and you may be certain that I shall do all I can personally to help make your meeting pleasant and successful, one that your group will long remember.

Sincerely yours
J. B. Hynes,
Mayor.



(Fabian Bachrach Photo)

John B. Hynes, Mayor of Boston

From Father Connors

not our purpose at these conventions to reform the world, to make political speeches, but to enjoy one another again, and to pause during our reunion to remember our dead and to honor their bereaved.

Make your plans NOW. I am not an Army man, but I am a 9th Division man. I was proud to be associated with you men for almost three years during the war. I am proud to be with you—now and always. I thank God that it was my privilege to be a member of the 9th Division—the Army's FIRST TEAM. Come to BOSTON and keep alive the spirit of the 9th Division. Write or phone your 9th Division friends. A big crowd—and this convention will be a huge success.

It is my intention to invite the families of our deceased comrades. If you know any of these, please send me their names and addresses. These are the guests that we wish to have at our reunion—especially on Saturday at the Memorial Service, and at the banquet in the evening.

Marty Connelly, the real Chairman of this convention, wishes me to inform you to make your room reservations directly with the Hotel Statler. Marty wants you to know that the setup at the Hotel Statler is superb!

The DATE—July 24, 25, 26
The PLACE—Hotel Statler, BOSTON
The INCENTIVE—to renew REAL friendships.

Come along—bring your wives. How about it—did I make a sale? You Boston men, turn out 100 per cent. That is a direct order! God bless the 9th Division men and their families. Let us always pray for one another.

Sincerely yours,
FATHER CONNORS.

P.S. As many of you will notice, I have a new address—commanding a larger Battalion—but have not made MONSIGNOR!

Convention Tickets Available In Boston

Strip tickets covering admission to the various events to be held during the coming Boston "Tea Party" on July 24, 25, 26th will be available upon your arrival at Reunion Headquarters.

Reunion Headquarters will be established in the Mezzanine Floor of The Hotel Statler and will be open daily on the above dates from 10:00 AM 'till 10:00 PM.

The program for the Boston Reunion will include three separate evening events, beginning with the Beer Party and General Get-together on Thursday, July 24th at 8:30 PM.

Incidentally, there will be plenty of beer on hand for this Thursday evening party. Arrangements have been made to supply each table with pitchers of beer and they may be replenished or refilled from kegs which will be spotted at appropriate places in the room.

On Friday evening, starting at 8:30, the Annual Dance will get under way and FATHER CONNORS assures each of you that the entertainment this year will be the best available and—DECENT.

The Annual Banquet will get started on Saturday evening 7:30 and the menu will feature Filet Mignon and tender, too. The Hotel guarantees it.

Tickets will be sold and will include admission to all three events, as outlined above. The price, including registration fee and your admittance to all three, of the above events will amount to only \$10.00 per person. There will be no advance sale of these tickets. They will go on sale beginning Thursday morning, 10:00 AM, July 24th at the 9th Infantry Division Association Registration Booth, located on the Mezzanine Floor of The Hotel Statler.

Lt. Col. Joseph W. Banton Dies

Lt. Col. JOSEPH W. BANTON, U.S.A. Retired, died on May 19, 1952 at his home, located at 403 Park Avenue, South Charleston, West Virginia.

His death was caused by a heart attack. Burial services were held in South Charleston and his remains were buried in the family cemetery, located at Ronceverte, West Virginia.

Col. Banton served with the 9th Infantry Division as the Inspector General. After World War II, he returned to the States and reverted to his enlisted rank as Master Sergeant, being assigned to the Headquarters of the West Virginia Military District, located in South Charleston.

On October 25, 1948, he joined the ranks of the married men and a year later he retired from the Army with the rank of Lt. Colonel after serving thirty years.

Upon retiring, Col. Banton went to work for the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company at Institute, West Virginia.

Col. Banton always took a keen interest in the 9th Division Association, being an active member ever since the Association was organized. His keen ability and fine personality displayed during his assignment with the 9th Division won for himself a host of friends, and he will be missed wherever men of the 9th gather together in the future.

The Octofoil wishes to express its appreciation to ROGER MARION for his interest in advising the Association of Col. Banton's death.

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Seventh Annual Reunion Official Program

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 1952

Registration—The Hotel Statler Mezzanine	10:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M.
Sightseeing Tours	2:00 P.M.
Reunion Committee Meetings	7:30 P.M.
Official Opening of The Reunion	8:00 P.M.
Welcoming Party	8:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1952

Registration—The Hotel Statler Mezzanine	10:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M.
Mayor's Breakfast	9:00 A.M.
Business Meeting	10:00 A.M.
National Committee Meetings	11:00 A.M.
Committee Reports	2:00 P.M.
General Assembly and Elections	2:00 P.M.
Ladies Program and Sightseeing	Bulletin Board
Annual Reunion Dance and Entertainment	8:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1952

Registration—The Hotel Statler Mezzanine	10:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M.
Annual Memorial Services	10:00 A.M.
Business Meetings	11:00 A.M.
Board of Governors Meeting	2:00 P.M.
Sightseeing, Ball Game (Braves vs. Pirates)	2:00 P.M.
Reception To Guests	6:30 P.M.
Annual Reunion Banquet	7:30 P.M.

The Official Menu For The Seventh Annual Banquet

DINNER

FRESH FRUIT COCKTAIL FLORIDA

POTAGE ST. GERMAIN
CROUTONS

Hearts of Celery — Mixed Olives — Rose Radishes

GRILLED WESTERN FILET MIGNON (6 oz.)

With Mushroom Sauce

Delmonico Potatoes

Fresh String Beans, au Beurre

SULTANA ROLL, CLARET SAUCE

Petit Fours

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