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GREEN LIGHT GIVEN BY D.C. CHAPTER REGARDING EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

YOUR HELP WANTED

The publication of a convention souvenir program over the years has become an annual feature of our reunions and, as those of you who have attended past reunions are aware, these programs have served to list the various activities scheduled and to act as a lasting memento of the occasion. However, many of you are probably unaware of another important aspect of such publication, namely, its use in helping to defray the expenses of both the sponsoring chapter and of the Association by sale to local merchants and others.

Despite rising prices during the past three years and the fact that Washington, D.C. is noted for its high cost of living, the D.C. Chapter is striving to not only insure a successful convention second to none, but also to maintain the cost of registration at the same amount as was established at the 6th Annual Convention held in New York. This goal will be most difficult to realize, for example, one cost fac-

tor which must be met by the D.C. Chapter and which has never been absorbed out of past registrations is the necessity of chartering special buses to provide transportation of the members and their wives from the Hotel Statler in downtown Washington to the site of our memorial service in Arlington National Cemetery at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Thus, in addition to selling as much advertising space as possible to local advertisers in the Washington area, it is imperative that as many individuals and units of the Ninth be represented in the souvenir program as possible. The format of the space purchased may be in accordance with the individual or units desires along lines such as the printing of the regimental symbol, plus a few words such as "In memory of a buddy." The D.C. Chapter is requesting each individual contributing as a sponsor to indicate his former unit and in the event there are sufficient sponsors from such unit, to then print either a full, half or quarter page under such unit designation. In the event there are not sufficient sponsors from a particular unit to justify the printing of at least a quarter page, such sponsors will appear by name on pages devoted solely to such sponsors.

Let's get those checks and money orders flowing to the Chairman of the Program Committee, John W. O'Donnell, apartment 1, 116 Wayne Place S.E., Washington 20, D.C.

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Some Members Pay their dues,

When they are due. . .

Some members pay when they are overdue. . .

Some members never do

How do you do? ?

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for Souvenir Program of
The Ninth Infantry Division Association's
8th Annual National Convention
July 16, 17, 18, 1953

Hotel Statler, 16th and K Streets, Washington, D.C.

John W. O'Donnell, Chairman
Program Committee, Apartment 1,
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You are hereby authorized to insert my (our) attached advertisement in your Souvenir Program to occupy space..... page, for which I (we) agree to pay..... dollars.

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Now Is the Time That You Should Make Your Hotel Reservations -- Don't Wait Until It Is Too Late

The Convention Committee of the Washington, D.C. Chapter wishes to inform the OCTOFOIL and its readers that all of the arrangements have been completed for the 8th Annual Convention to be held in the nation's capital on July 16-17 and 18, at the Hotel Statler. The following information has been made available to the members of the Ass'n.

Only the Best

Yes, only the best accommodations have been arranged for you and your family. The management of the Statler have assembled all of their finest resources, and they want to go on record as saying, "That the royal carpet has been spread for the members and their guests of the Ninth Infantry Division Association" who will gather together for their 8th Annual Convention. . .

Air Conditioned Environment

The Statler Hotel, for those who wish to enjoy cool comfortable living, is completely air-conditioned. This is the hotel's contribution to help the assemblage enjoy themselves in comfort. Now, you mean-derers of the continent can discuss the heat of the desert, the cold of the forests, and the dews of certain parts of Sicily in real fine fashion.

Time Is on Your Side

Those men who wish to share rooms with former buddies are advised to act right away. Contact the Statler and get your reservations in early. The Committee has talked the Hotel management into reserving an entire block of rooms to especially accommodate the members of the 9th. In short, you never had it so good. Imagine, in only eight years they arrange blocks of rooms, instead of blocks of forest floors for your convenience. Why not, for now you are members of a great organization and only the best is at your disposal.

Centrally Located

The out-of-towners can be sure that when they leave the Hotel, they won't be too far from the main tourist points of interest. The Statler is located in the downtown Washington section, at the corner of 16th and K Streets, N. W.; within walking distance of any of the beautiful buildings and shrines that are housed in the very heart of town.

Evening Functions. . .

The line up for the main events will be patterned in the following fashion: Thursday—BEER PARTY, a la Ninth Delight. . . Friday Night: Dance and Entertainment . . . (more of this will be announced in the coming issues of the Octofoil). Saturday afternoon: Memorial Service in Arlington National Park — and the evening highlight will be the annual banquet.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. The World's Greatest Nat'l Capital



The next few issues of the OCTOFOIL will feature points of interest about Washington, D.C. Your editor feels this information may be helpful to the membership at large in assisting them to know the best places to visit while in the nation's capital. . .

It would be somewhat paradoxical to speak of Washington, the Capital of the United States, as "coming into the public eye." Washington as the Capital of the Nation, has, of course, been in the public eye for more than a century, but it is nevertheless true that as prominent as its position has been as an American city, it is now looked upon as the world's most important city.

This somewhat strange regeneration of a great Capital has been brought about in two ways: First, the material improvements in the city in the last few years have been vast; and second, legislatively and administratively effecting the entire world, activities have grown to mammoth proportions.

But aside from these developments, Washington is peculiarly circumstanced to be a popular city — the city built in a forest. It has been developed over a period of many years as the Capital of a great nation and it is unlike any other city in the United States; indeed perhaps, any other city in the world. It has countless thousands of trees; more than 750 parks and open places, some of them in the heart of the business district, hundreds of millions of dollars

worth of ornate and monumental government buildings and more than a hundred outdoor memorials and shrines.

The climate of Washington is one that is conducive to varied and luxuriant vegetation. Throughout the entire year there are flowers and flowering trees of many kinds in great abundance. More than four million persons visit Washington each year.

A careful tour of the scenic and historic places is highly educational. A visitor in Washington can, by properly planning his itinerary, see a great many of the interesting places in a very short time and return home with a fund of valuable information obtainable nowhere else. Washington is the world's greatest storehouse of knowledge.

One of the most interesting places in Washington is the National Capitol. It stands on spacious ground, 120 acres in extent, beautifully landscaped.

Near by is the United States Supreme Court Building, one of the newer structures, and magnificent in its architecture.

Adjacent to the Supreme Court Building is the huge granite struc-

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Extract from the certificate of incorporation of the Ninth Infantry Division Association: This Association is formed by the officers and men of the Ninth Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the division, to assist in promoting an ever lasting world peace exclusively by means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to members and former members of the Division.

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The Power of Three Minutes and a 3c Stamp...

You don't have to be an Ernie Pyle or an Ernest Hemingway to write a letter. . . all you have to do is to find the time and the inclination to do the job we ask.

Your national association can only stretch its influence to those men whom we have on our active mailing lists; but, we cannot possibly reach those men whom for some reason or other are not on our lists. The only way this can be done is with YOUR COOPERATION. . . Yes, you are the sole power that can lick these adversaries of ours; lack of interest, wrong addresses, and the feeling that "no one they know will be at the reunion."

Here is what we ask you to do. Write to your friends — write to the men who served with you and tell them about the convention to be held in Washington, D.C. Write to them and ask them if they will attend. We ask you to do this because we must use all of the possible resources at our disposal. We must put all of our efforts to work. We must because as time grows on the only source of strength left in our organization will be the POWER OF PERSONAL friendship.

This power can only be strengthened by your efforts. When we write to a member the reaction is, "Oh yes! the outfit is getting together again," then comes a moment of thought, "I wonder if so an so will be there?" It is at this moment that you enter the picture. National reunions are just a group of local personal reunions, and without this, you know that a reunion would be a total flop. Most men always question who will be there from the old outfit. . . and it is just this question that may very shortly tell if we are to exist as a unit or not.

This is how you who read this editorial can assist your association. Today, right now. . . write to your old buddies. Tell them about the convention and ask them if they are going. . . tell them who you think will be going to Washington. . . tell them of some news of the old squad or company. Stir up some personal enthusiasm at the prospect of meeting again. . . This is just the type of reaction we need and we need it desperately. . . Meeting old friends and renewing old acquaintanceships are the sole factors that will keep a group like ours together.

We, at headquarters, send out letter after letter, but it still seems like a directive. We don't want the idea of reunions to become a series of directives. We want it to be a personal invitation from you to your friends. We can't possibly pass this personal feeling on to your friends; you have to do that for us. Only the men who have actually participated in our reunions can understand the wonderful feeling of belonging that one gets at our national reunions.

Here then is what we of national suggest. Write to your friends and personally invite them to the reunion. Make up a group or even a pair of fellows, but arrange to get together at the convention. Tell them how very welcome their wives

WASHINGTON, D. C. The World's Greatest Nat'l Capital

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ture of the Library of Congress. It is the largest and best equipped institution of its kind in the world, having more than 9,000,000 volumes and pamphlets, and thousands of maps and charts, and music compositions.

Along Pennsylvania Avenue, between the Capitol and the White House, is the greatest showplace in the world. It is the Federal Building Triangle, containing more than \$200,000,000 worth of fine new structures. The base of the Triangle is the building of the Department of Commerce, one of the largest buildings of its kind in the world.

Other buildings in this Triangle house the Interstate Commerce Commission, Post Office Department, Department of Labor, Internal Revenue Department, and the Department of Justice.

All of these places are of supreme interest to the visitor in Washington. Much is known throughout the country about the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Scotland Yard of the United States, but too little is known of the building that is the headquarters for the F.B.I. This building cost \$9,000,000. On the seventh floor where Uncle Sam, with his large staff, keeps tab on the criminal population of the United States, much can be found to engross the visitor. Here, for example are the scientifically-arranged rooms for the files upon files of millions of finger-prints. Here are the finest crime laboratories in the world.

The new Post Office Building has the finest postal station in the world. It is the most elaborate headquarters for a government department in the United States. The reception room of the Postmaster General is one hundred feet long.

It would be impractical here to go into a detailed description of these buildings in the Federal Triangle, but the visitor in Washington can see for himself because tours of these Triangle buildings, including the Department of Justice, are easily arranged.



Not far from the White House, on a mound in the center of 60-acre park of sylvan beauty, is the towering marble shaft of the Washington Monument. It is the tallest masonry structure in the world, rising to a height of more than 550 feet.

Nearby is the stately temple-like Lincoln Memorial. It is perhaps the most impressive of the monuments in Washington. There is a notable statue of Lincoln. This realistic figure is of crystalline Georgia marble construction of twenty blocks, interlocked so perfectly that it seems to be one huge monolith. In front of the Memorial is the Reflecting Pool which gains dignity and distinction from the broad grassy terraces around it. It is a vista of water almost 2,000 feet long.

are, and of the many activities planned just for the women-folk.

If you need any help in locating your old friends, write to us and we will try and help you with any available addresses. We, here at home plate, will help you with approximately 9000 OCTOFOIL invitations in May, but they don't mean a thing, unless it is a personal invitation from you in there pitching-for us.

Invest three minutes of your time and a three cent stamp. Help make our 8th convention something wonderful to talk about in years to come.

Standing at the Lincoln Memorial, the visitor can look toward the Capitol and view the whole beauty of the tract that is known as the Mall, a great park flanked on one side by Constitution Avenue and the National Museum and on the other by the Smithsonian Institution and the great Department of Agriculture buildings. Toward the Capitol is the new Conservatory of the Botanic Gardens, where the visitor may lose himself in a tropical forest.

Memorial Service to be Held in Arlington

Across the Potomac over the ten million dollar Arlington Memorial Bridge, is the Arlington National Cemetery where hundreds of the nation's famous dead rest. From there also may be seen the Arlington Amphitheater and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with a silent sentinel pacing back and forth through the entire twenty-four hours of the day. Here also is the Lee Mansion, the old home of General Robert E. Lee. And not far away may be seen the tower of the four million-dollar George Washington Masonic Memorial.

One of the most interesting diversions for the visitor in Washington is the trip to Mount Vernon. After leaving Arlington, the highway is routed through historic Alexandria. The Mount Vernon Memorial Boulevard follows the winding Potomac practically throughout its entire length. It is a marvelous highway, the finest in the United States and certainly the most historic. All along the way it is bordered by forests and flowers and is wonderfully landscaped with park places. It leads direct to the old home of George Washington, which is fifteen miles south of Washington.

Mount Vernon probably has a more universal appeal than any other American shrine. It recaptures the leisurely charm and courtly decorum of an eighteenth-century estate. In such veneration is held the resting place of George and Martha Washington that on every ship of the United States Navy, while passing the spot, the flag is lowered to half mast, the bell tolled, and the crew drawn to attention.

Of necessity in this article, many of the wonders of the National Capital have been untouched. Its wonderful park system, miles and miles of beautiful trees, its 1700 acre Rock Creek Park in downtown Washington, containing notable zoological gardens, its large and modern shopping district, where a major percentage of the shops are air conditioned, are only a few of the other wonders Washington holds for every visitor.

8th Annual Convent'n (Continued from page 1)

Gen. Eddy — Main Speaker

The convention committee has assured your editor that General Eddy will be back in D. C., in time to attend the Convention and in addition he will serve as the main speaker the night of the annual banquet. General Stroh, will also be on the dias with Gen. Eddy.

Hotel reservation forms will be found on Page four. . . Act today and be glad tomorrow. . .

D. C. Highlights

The Library of Congress

The Library of Congress consists of nearly thirty six acres of floor space. Within this vast area can be found, as nowhere else, the printed story of the progress of education and culture of this country from its earliest days. But its store of knowledge far surpasses the confines of the United States — long since has it become international — for among its volumes lining the two hundred and fifty miles of steel shelving, is the largest collection of Chinese books outside China and Japan, and probably the greatest number of Russian books outside the Soviet Union. From the four corners of the world people come to study within the portals of this great institution which stands just across the park from the United States Capitol.

The Library of Congress, with its more than nine million volumes and pamphlets, in addition to its other collections, stands undisputed as the largest bookery in the world, for its complete collections total well over thirty million. All this surrounded by elegance as the interior decorations are said by many to be the most beautiful of any building in the country.

The mecca of all visitors coming to the Library is the "Shrine of Liberty" where the original parchments of both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution rest permanently on exhibit. In the main exhibition hall are many other priceless exhibits, including one of the three surviving complete copies of the Gutenberg Bible on Vellum, and the first and second drafts, in Lincoln's handwriting, of the famous Gettysburg Address.

The collection of books on music is perhaps the most comprehensive in the world; the annual concert season at the Library is regarded as unsurpassed in its class and takes place in the Coolidge Auditorium for Chamber Music, presented by Mrs. Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge in 1925. Often the musicians perform on the quintet of Stradivari stringed instruments presented to the Library by Mrs. Gertrude Clarke Whittall.

The two hundred nine study tables and the two hundred twenty-five individual study rooms for research workers are constantly filled with students taking advantage of the Library's world-famous collection. Preeminent in this collection, and encyclopedic in nature, are the volumes on United States history, American politics, bibliography and library science, publications of learned societies, public documents — Federal — State — municipal — foreign — and about two million maps, charts and atlases. Also outstanding are the collections on law, economics, political science, technology, Sonetics, religion and the sciences.

The number of manuscripts within the Library has grown beyond twelve millions, and among them are papers of nearly all the presidents and of many statesmen. The collection has been greatly enriched with reproductions of manuscripts from European archives.

Founded in 1800 by Act of Congress, the Library remained in the Capitol until 1897 when the present building housing the collection was completed. Of the Italian Renaissance order of architecture, three stories high, it has a black copper and gold-leaf paneled dome. The beautiful new annex was opened in 1938.

Ill-luck followed the beginning of the Library of Congress which was destroyed in 1814 when the Capitol was burned. The Library of Thomas Jefferson formed the nucleus of the new collection, and Jefferson's books, in which the Library of Congress' first book-

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Veterans Information

The following data on Veteran Housing was recently received from the Veterans Information Service regarding Veteran Housing. . . If this information can be applied in your specific case, then contact your nearest Veterans Administration Officer for fuller clarification of the issues as stated in this news release.

Q — My daughter and I are receiving VA compensation payments because of the death of my husband, a World War I veteran. My daughter is past 18 years of age, but she is attending a school approved by VA. Will the compensation payments go on during her summer vacation? She intends to continue school in the fall.

A — Yes, the payments may continue throughout the summer, so long as your daughter resumes her studies after the vacation period has ended.

Q — My wife and I are both World War II veterans. Is it possible for us to combine our GI loan benefits to buy a house?

A — Yes. However, the total amount that VA will guarantee is 60 percent of the loan. Also, the maximum guaranty may not exceed \$15,000 — which represents the combined maximum guarantees you and your wife would be entitled to individually.

Q — I am a paralyzed veteran eligible for a \$10,000 VA grant for the construction of a "wheelchair home." Do I have to buy plans and specifications for the house?

A — No. These may be furnished without cost to veterans eligible for the VA grant, but they must meet the approval of VA.

Q — I am a disabled World War II veteran, training under Public Law 16. I suffered an injury in training that has aggravated the disability for which I draw VA compensation. Is it possible to have my compensation rate increased because of it?

A — Yes, but VA, of course, would have to adjudicate your new claim for increased compensation.

Q — I am a disabled veteran taking training under Public Law 16. After I finish my course, will VA find me a job?

A — Under the law, VA's primary responsibility is to restore your ability to earn a living, in spite of your handicap. When you are ready, VA will refer you to State or Federal employment agency which will help you find a job.

Q — I want to buy a house with a GI loan. Can you tell me why it's necessary to have the house appraised by VA?

A — The law requires that the purchase price of your house must not be more than the reasonable value, as determined by proper appraisal made by an appraiser designated by VA.

Q — I am a World War II veteran in training under the GI Bill but I am now in a hospital with a broken leg. Even though the cut-off date has passed, will I be permitted to resume my studies after I get out of the hospital?

A — Yes. But you must resume your training within a reasonable time after you recover from your injury. You should check with your VA regional office as soon as you can, to learn what would be considered a "reasonable time," in your case.

Q — Is it possible to pay National Service Life Insurance premiums on any other basis than every month? I find it quite a bother to make out a check each month.

A — Yes. Premiums may be paid annually, semi-annually or quarterly. In fact, it's cheaper that way. Your VA insurance office will be glad to supply all details.

N.Y. Chapter Meeting

The N.Y. Chapter will hold its May meeting at the Southern Restaurant, 17th St. and 4th Ave., May 1st (Friday night).

Entertainment and refreshments will be the main feature of the evening.

D.C. Highlights

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plates are pasted, are among the most valued items in the huge collection today. Unfortunately, about two-thirds of Jefferson's original collection was destroyed by another fire in 1851.

Lack of space prohibits a description of the superb art work within the Library of Congress. Books have been written about its murals and its exquisite sculpture, but one has to visit the great institution to get an idea of the efficiency of its system which has been a model for libraries the world over, and to appreciate the beauty of the building itself.

Stork News

From the Public Information Office, Bremerhaven, Port of Embarkation, APO 69 c/o PM, N.Y., N.Y. FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Bremerhaven, Germany — Mr. Stork delivered Victor Arnold Campisi II on February 18 to the Port U.S. Army Hospital here where he was received by his parents, and Mrs. Victor A. Campisi. The first addition to the Campisi family tipped the scales at six lbs. 13 ozs. Mr. Campisi is the civilian assistant public information officer at Bremerhaven Port of Embarkation where he has been stationed since July 1951. During World War II, he served in the ETO with Co. E, 60th Infantry, 9th Division, and until his present assignment, he served as director of publicity for the New England Chapter, 9th Infantry Division Association, Boston, Mass. . . .

The CARLYN KEM model . . . a companion model to the Davis Warren. Second offering by one of America's small producers of quality infants since "1950" . . . Now on display at Leominster Hospital beginning 5:05 AM, March 19, 1953 . . . This model is the result of nine months of research and development . . . Designed and engineered by Thena and Keit Lauer . . . In close coordination with Production Chief Dr. Charles A. W. Wheeler. Specifications of this new model . . . 18 inches in height . . . 6 lbs. 2 oz. in weight . . . Baby Pink in color . . . one piece frame . . . equipped with conventional three cornered pants . . . bottle fed with automatic cooling system . . . "bawl bearing" rugged construction . . . (heavy base, legs & arms) Quick Change . . . more information write 116 N. Main Street, Leominster, Mass. . . .

New replacement for the former C.O. of the 709th Ordinance Co. . . . Col. J. D. Childs announces in his roster is a new little girl who joined the outfit on March 15, and weighed in at 8 lbs., named Carol Patricia . . . This young lady has taken a position in the Childs family as a replacement for Jeff Childs III who is now in his first year at West Point. . . .

Embassy Row

Embassy Row, where a fascinating segment of official Washington life, works and plays, maintains its enchanting appeal to Capital visitors with a deft disregard for conditions abroad.

While some of the gaiety normally attached to diplomatic society is subdued by a critical world situation, Embassy Row, where most of the embassies and legations of foreign powers are located, remains one of the focal points in Washington's social whirl.

Although they are not open to

Harold Pepper Night a Real Success

On April 11, 1953, at the Southern Restaurant, 17th Street and Fourth Avenue in New York City, N.Y., about 250 people turned out to fete Harold Pepper.

The usual good time was had by

all . . . Some of the faces we spotted whom we have not seen in some time were: Syd and Sadie Bernstein of 3373-12th Ave., Brooklyn. Syd was with the Anti-Tank Company of the 39th Infantry and is now serving in the Merchant Marine. That's why he tells your reporter that he doesn't attend as many meetings as he would like to, incidentally Syd has two youngsters, Carol and Stanley . . . Harold Logan of 432 Riverside Drive wants to know what has happened to all the old Div. Art'y men like, Loscalzo, Fehey, Berger, and Marteres. . . . Incidentally, Harold, the lucky boy, went home with a very large and gorgeous box of wine . . . Fred Golub, who originally won the bottle was caught in a maelstrom of noise and redonated the case for another contestant . . . The one note of lost faces was mentioned by Syd Bernstein who told about meeting up with former Warrant Officer Bob Warren (of the Blue Band) who is now working for the Bull Insular Line, 115 Broad Street in NYC . . .



The presentation of the gift to Harold Pepper, (donated incidentally by Harry Kerner) was a real sight to behold . . . For all of his fine efforts Harold was presented with a beautiful set of silver cigarette service. After the presentation, Harold was asked to say a few words, and as usual, all he could say was, "Thanks, but how about you guys paying up your '53 dues . . ." Truly, here is one boy who does not for a minute forget



Paul Mooney and his Mrs. attended with Tom Leonard and Miss Mildred Dotey . . . By the way, Paul wants all the New England lads to know that he is shortly moving up to Danbury, Conn. and wants to see the New England Chapter active again . . .

Walter Cederberg and Hugh G. Capella are the proud proprietors of the Cedar-Cape Bar and Grill at 209-25 Jamaica Ave. at 210th Street at Jamaica Ave. in Bel-Aire, L. I., NY, all of you K Company 60th lads are informed to drop in and say "Hello" to Walter and Hugh . . . Irv Feinberg copped the door prize and was indeed happy to win such a delightful gift.

the general public, most of the embassies and legations are tourist attractions because they reflect the architecture of their native lands. The Cuban Embassy, 2630 Sixteenth Street, N. W., is an example of Latin American charm with its lovely tropical gardens, great marble staircase and enclosed galleries hung with rare paintings and tapestries. Two block away, on the same street, is the richly furnished Mexican Embassy with its treasured tapestries and murals highlighting galleries, which are reached by an impressive curving stairway.

Some of the finest art pieces and tapestries in the city are housed in the beautiful Spanish Embassy, also located on Sixteenth Street.

Rare French furniture and tapestries, some of which are said to have come from Napoleon's collection, give the Brazilian Embassy some of its international charm.

The British Embassy, 3100 Massachusetts Avenue, is noted for its impressive Georgian architecture and broad white marble corridors.

Because of the number of foreign countries represented in Washington, embassies and legations are scattered along many streets and avenues in the Northwest section of the city. Their staffs speak English fluently and courteously receive any legitimate inquiries directed to them.



J. Sharples and Violet of the 47th, Mr. and Mrs. Frek Sharples, Rita Reynolds, Connie Heckel.

his duties . . . Phil Imberman, Fred Golub and the Mrs., Al and Pat Bruchac, Milt and Ruth Wind, George Whitney, Walt and Heather Wasserman, Phil and Mrs. Ortoff, Larry Grenman, Dan Quinn and his wife, Vinnie and Myrtle Guglielmino, Dom Miele, Tiny Weinstein, George and Mrs. Apar, Judy and Bobby Barbagallo, and many others your reporter had no chance to catch for news items. . . The entertainment was supplied by a very fine musical aggregation, plus the usual New York good time manner of having fun whenever they meet.

Buffalo Chapter Reports

From away up north in the upper regions of New York State we received a letter, (that we must apologize for just having discovered) regarding the meanderings of the Buffalo lads. . . Hank Golabreki tells us that they recently had a meeting at his home and the following lads showed. . . Bob Klumpp, Stan Caban, Stan Adowski, Don McNaughton, George Simon and Hand. The bull session went on for quite a while and a great deal was accomplished. . . It was the decision of the group that in view of the long distances that the men had to travel to come to the meetings that they would discontinue the get-togethers until the National Convention. . .

Attention Co. K -- 60th Infantry

Al Bruchac of 1938 - 79th Street, Jackson Heights, L. I., N. Y. wants to start "Operation Co. K." all those who served in the company and who wish to partake in this Company reunion check with Al for further information.

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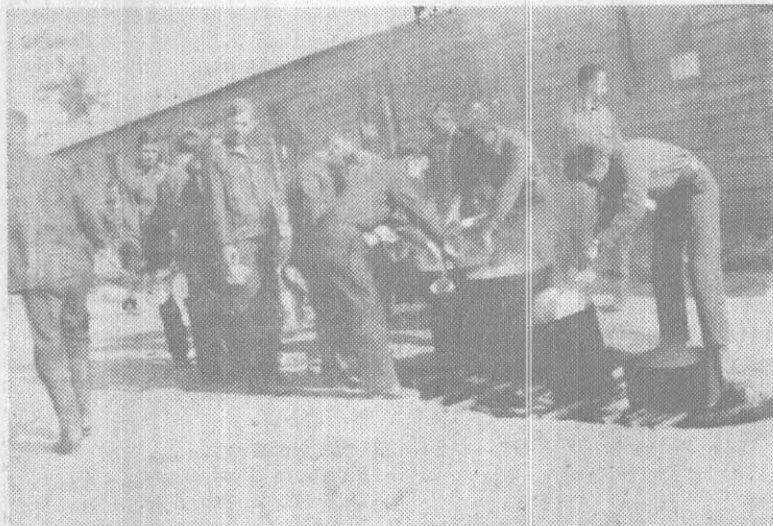
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9th Division Mailbag Reports

39th Infantry . . .

Bill Williams (Can. Co.) 8832-241 St., Bellerose, L. I., tells us about the new addition to his family Michael Thomas William now 7 months old, and Mike has taken up so much of Bill's time, that he has just lost contact with the outside world. . . Bill intends to be in Washington to attend the 8th Annual Convention . . . John L. Schumacker, (1st Bn.) says that he is sorry he cannot attend monthly meetings of his chapter because he works nights . . . But John says he hopes all the members are helping to keep the outfit going by keeping up with their dues . . . Capt. W.C. Payne Jr., (F&E Co) has just returned home from a tour of duty in Korea with the 223rd Inf. 40th Inf and has settled in East Orange, N. J. at 110 Washington St., Apt. 3G.



Ted C. Wisniewski of 366 Ashburton Avenue, Yonkers, N.Y., sends us this photo from "Mott Lake," Fort Bragg, N.C., taken in July, 1941, during one of those maneuvers? Shown here in the picture is a group of men from Co. K, cleaning up their mess gear. . . Do you remember those long lines? but yes, how could one forget such pleasant duties. . .

Capt. Andy Baker sends us a note from Japan, (On what looks like an old Japanese map) telling us that he and the family expect to be returning to the States in May of this year and then he expects to be stationed at the Proving Grounds in Aberdeen, (he hopes) and if this is the case, he will definitely attend the reunion in Wash., D.C. Bill Vanderbrook, (L-Co.) sends us some real up in the air news . . . Bill took up flying two years ago and joined the CAP Aux., and became a pilot, with a 2nd Lt. rating. He then became the squadron P.O., then several months ago he took over the duties of the Hq. Sq. C.O. Now, he is a C.O. and 1st Lt. Bill remarks, that he wishes that the Infantry promoted men that fast . . . In jest Bill says, that "I'm always proud of the fact that I was an Infantryman, but oh! the glory of the fly boys." . . . Lt. Col. Ned

H. Anderson (Med.) reports from the Letterman Gen. Hosp., in San Francisco, Calif., that he is still out on the coast and does not know what future plans are in store for him, but he hopes to make Wash., D.C.

Division Headquarters . . .

General George B. Barth, former Chief of Staff, has recently received his 2nd star and is now the Commanding General of the 5th Infantry Division located at the Indiantown Gap Military Reservation in Indiantown, Pa. To quote General Stroh, "If ever a man deserved a promotion, General Barth is that man" . . . From Chaplain Cecil L. Prospt now stationed in Randolph Field Texas comes the following note. "It is good to keep in contact with old friends in the Ninth Infantry Division. I shall

is M/Sgt. R. M. Hirst, 6156, 58th FB Wing, APO 970, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif. Scotty says, "Life here in the land of honeycarts and kimchi could become very boring were it not for an occasional sojourn into Taegu to what these "indigenous" folks call parties . . . rather quaint, with geishas instead of geshis . . . but then a marked similarity between this and Nippon . . . "It will not be too long however, 'ere Sept. will roll around and the good God granting, I'll be off to Japan for a reunion with the family and 18 mos. of duty . . . good wishes to all George Company men and regards to all former Ninth footdoggies." . . . Robert (Slim) Rumennapp, (Anti-Tank) sends his best to all the A-T gang and proposes that any St. Clair Shores 9th men to drop in and say "Hello" to Slim at the Shores Cleaners . . . S.F.C. Boyce J Bennett of Atlanta, Ga, is now attached to the Hq. Co., 2nd Bn. 35th Inf. Reg't, 35th Inf. Reg't., APO 23, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif. . . would like to hear from his old buddies. Boyce is sojourning in Korea these days . . . Shirley R. Flora (3rd Bn. Hq. Co.) Meyers Grove RT. No. 3, Jeffersonville, Ind. wants to hear from someone else in the Dry Cleaning business, but Flora claims that the old gang has stopped writing and wants to open up his correspondence again. How about giving Shirley an assist . . . The only way to make this outfit remain strong is contact with old friends David Brough, (G Co. wants to say "HY" to all his old George Co. gang . . .

47th Infantry . . .

Doc Rishel of 26 W. Bancroft St., Toledo 2, Ohio sends us some info on 2nd Bn. lads in the Toledo area . . . Jack Baker (E Co.) lives near Doc and he sees Jack rather often . . . and John Karobko (Hq. 2nd Bn.) is on the Police Force in Detroit, Mich. . . John Zukiewski, (2nd Bn. Hq.) also lives in Detroit. Art Beining (F. Co.) lives nearby and he bumps into Art quite often . . . Doc also keeps in touch with Paul Hamilton of (2nd Bn. Hq.) Larry Morgan spent a few days with Doc last fall. Larry is a former Hq. 2nd Bn. man who is now in the Air Force and stationed in Florida. Doc also saw former Lt. Jack Creme last summer. Jack lives in Pitts., Pa. Doc has a wonderful tag line in that, anyone who lives near some of the fellows who were comrades in the Ninth should make it a point to keep in contact with them, for it is going to take help from everyone to keep the outfit together . . . Ted France sends his best to all the "M" gang including in particular — Matusik, Stollman, Zingale and Evans . . . Ted says "Fellows, how about arranging a get together in D.C. in July . . .

60th Infantry . . .

SFC George T. Brandon (E Co.) is now stationed with the 118th Engr. Bn. Co. B., of the 43rd Inf. Div., APO 112, c/o PM, N.Y. and is in Munich, Ger. From Taegu, Korea . . . Scotty (G Co.) has joined the USAF and his address

Earl has heard from Ernie Smith now of Holly, Colorado, Don Kothe of Washington, D.C. and Urban Cox of Detroit . . . Earl and Doty have three children, Nancy, Betsy and Jimmy, all acquired since the 9th Div. days . . . Earl represents a chemical firm of St. Louis in the Detroit area . . . Otto R. Sirovy of 150 Jackson Street, Jackson, Minnesota has been in touch with some of the boys from C Co. and he received cards from Mizia, Cahill, Chatto, Selvaggio, Skarison, Schwindt, Brooks, Baker, Bruns, Thoreson, DiRocco, Piedescalo, Mazza, Lessof, Doyle, also from Walt Pyle of D Co. and former Captain Leopold of 2nd Bn. Otto feels that it is great to hear from old buddies . . . Otto, here are the addresses you wanted: . . . Norman Routson, 60 Balsam St., Warwick, R. I., Pete Wujcik (address unknown, (John De Freitas 2440 Gilmore Street, Elmhurst, L. I., Bill Kluz, 505 E. 79th St., NYC 21, NY, John Bell, 16 Tompkins Ave., Ossining, NY, and Sam Confalone, 1008 Spruce St., Vineland, NJ . . . Otto and Mary have five children now, three boys and two girls and are very happy . . . Otto runs an auto body and repair and paint shop and is an alderman on the city council . . . If any of Otto's buddies are up his way — drop in and say "Hello" . . .

Sgt. Steven Budrick, (G Co.) sends this note from Japan, Steve is now with the Prov. Co. 9023 APO 613, c/o PM San Francisco, California . . . While Steve was in Camp Kilmer, NJ, he ran across the following men; Pvt. Ernest I. Riggs, from Co. I of the 60th, Sgt. Dominick Erenlani who was in the 709th Ord., and Cpl. Robert Link of 110 Washington Street Hoboken. . . Steve doesn't expect to make the D.C. convention, so he asks those attending to drink a toast to all the former Ninth Men who are now doing overseas duty.

26th F.A.

Paul Fribush of 3829 Pall Mall Rd., Baltimore 15, Md. Paul reminds all you Service Battery boys to make Washington as he is going to be there. Paul is still with Berman's Loan Office and completing 14 years with the same outfit. . . Paul tells us that he hasn't forgotten his friends and hopes they all make the next convention.

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Earl W. Johanning of 23311 Cherry Hill, Dearborn, Mich. has some reports on I Company men.

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