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War and Peace

The common factor that the 9th Infantry Division had in war and now continues to have in peace is that of being "one of the best." In war, Ernie Pyle once remarked about the 9th as being "one of our finest divisions in combat." In peace, ask any hotel manager in any of the seven cities where our reunions were held what they think about the men of the 9th. They will tell you the same thing! The 9th is just about tops in their estimation.

In war, we set significant historical dates. For example:

- June 18, 1944: Cut Cherbourg Peninsula near Barneville
- June 25, 1944: Entered Cherbourg to become one of three divisions to help take the port
- July 1, 1944: Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley announced the 9th had mopped up all remaining resistance on Cap de la Hague
- July 25, 1944: Cut the St. Lo-Periers road
- August 28, 1944: Crossed the Marne River and swept through the Chateau-Thierry area
- Sept. 2, 1944: Troops entered Belgium near Momignies; infantry regiment crossed Meuse River south of Dinant under fire
- Sept. 13, 1944: Troops moved into Germany south of Roetgen
- Sept. 14, 1944: Infantry regiment breached Siegfried line advancing through both first and second-line defenses

This then was the Ninth Infantry Division in battle. An army of men marching and forging their way ahead to new glories and reknown as the "fighting ninth."

In peace, we have also set significant historical dates in the album of the Ninth Division Association. For example:

- July, 1946: Crowds overflow Hotel New Yorker for the first 9th Division Association reunion held in New York City
- July, 1947: Columbus-Ohio reunion a terrific success. Men from all over the middle-west journey to the reunion
- July, 1948: Philadelphia has a great turnout. The "city of brotherly love" goes all out for the 9th reunion
- July, 1949: Pittsburgh attracts tads from all over the middle-west. A good time was had by all who attended
- July, 1950: Chicago rolls out the red carpet for the 9th's fifth reunion
- July, 1951: For the second time, New York City plays host to the 9th. Tremendous turnout results in a wonderful time for all 9th men and their families
- July, 1952: New England plays host to 9th reunion. Boston turnout highlighted by the many men who attended from the Engineers and Artillery
- July, 1953: Washington, D.C. — What chapter will this reunion write in our memoirs of "dates to remember"?

We have proven either in battle or peacetime pursuits that we are one of the best. The records will show that in battle we came out ahead. Thus far, our reunions have been successful because of your cooperation in attending and in joining into the fun. Let's keep this initiative moving. Let's not fail in the heritage that we have built in blood, sweat, and tears. We were primarily established to continue the spirit of friendship the years together taught us to appreciate. We alone know what we had to sacrifice to achieve this cause. We still have the same men who made the Ninth what it was years ago. We still have the same fighting spirit that made success possible. Let's use it now!!!!

The plans have been made; the talking period is just

8th Reunion Things To Do

The final plans have been made and all is in readiness for the crowd that is expected to infiltrate into Washington, D.C. on July 16-17-18, at the Statler Hotel. . . From the plans and program committee comes the following report.

The complete schedule of events is as follows:

Thursday

Registration. . . All day.
Beer Party. . . 8 PM.

Friday

Registration. . . All day.
Business meeting. . . 10:30 AM.
White House Tour. . . 2 PM.
Dance. . . 9:30 - 12:30 PM.

Saturday

Registration. . . All day.
Memorial Service. . . 10 AM.
Lunch at the Pentagon Bldg. 11:45 AM with arranged Tour.
Sightseeing from Pentagon Bldg. to Washington upon completion of lunch.
Business Meeting. . . 3 PM.
Shows to be announced.
Banquet. . . 7 PM.

NOTES ON SCHEDULE

White House Tour

Will be conducted as a group and it is expected, that tea will be served.

Memorial Service

Will be held at Arlington Cemetery. . . It is not known at this moment whether a wreath laying ceremony will be conducted. . . details will follow.

Pentagon Bldg for Lunch

Transportation will be furnished for Memorial Service. At the close of Service, transportation will be furnished to the Pentagon for lunch and an arranged tour. After lunch, those people who wish to return directly to the Hotel will be furnished with transportation. Those wishing to go sightseeing

can take the buses on their tour from the Pentagon (THE TOUR BY BUS is not furnished by the Association).

Business Meeting Times

May have to be changed at time of Re-union depends of the schedule of events.

All shows or other arrangements for Saturday afternoon will be announced in the next issue.

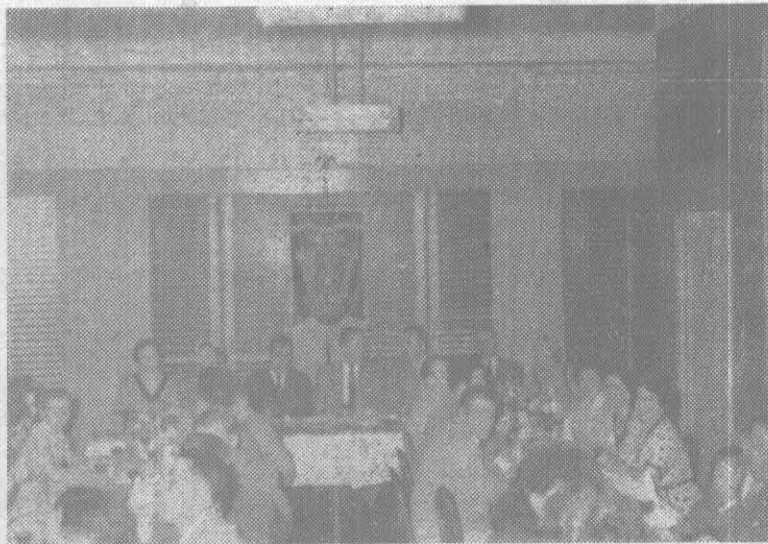
Banquet

It is expected that General Eddy will be present as guest speaker.

What Can Be Done in Washington

The visitor to the nation's capital can do a multitude of things; for example . . . visit the Houses of Congress (if they are in session at the time). Water Gates Concerts are something to listen too. . . Sightseeing is the one aspect of tourism that should not be overlooked. Washington offers more in the way of sightseeing than any other city with its open parks and lakes, malls, monuments, art galleries, government buildings. Night clubs are all within walking distance. And for the folks who like out of this world sea-food, The Wharf . . . about ten blocks from the Statler offers some of the worlds most outstanding tongue-tasting fish delicacies.

We can spout about the finerie of this town from today untill next year . . . you take us up o the entire deal . . . why not come on down Washington and let us show you what we mean. . . You'll never regret the fact that you came to the 8th annual convention.

2nd Battalion, 47th Affair
Terrific Success

Head table, left to right: Mrs. D. Quinn, Mrs. V. Guglielmino, Vince Guglielmino, Dan Quinn, Mike Gatto, Mr. Sheridan and guests. Candid shots of the crowd.

On May 2, 1953, at Repeti's Restaurant at Brandford Place in Newark, New Jersey, the 2nd Battalion of the 47th Infantry met with great success for their 2nd annual affair.

It seems that each reunion becomes better and better as the years move along. However, each reunion has its work horses; the men who do all the mailing and who make sure to contact the old familiar faces to see to it that all join together. To these men, for all of their efforts, we of the Octofoil raise our arm in salute. Such pillars of force as Vincent Guglielmino, Danny Quinn, Frank Fazio and Hugh Hattrick. These men work strictly for the joy of re-uniting their old buddies.

Music and Dancing

This time this festive affair was enhanced by having a band that

furnished dinner-music and after-dinner dancing. In addition, Mr. Sheridan, Carl V. Sheridan's (C-MH) father was present to give the affair just the right touch. The winner of a beautiful door prize, a basket of wine was won by Joe Scardilli of 122 Stevens Street, Belleville, N.J. Joe was with H. Co. of the 47th Inf.

From Near and Far

This affair was not just limited to New York or New Jersey, for they came from all over. Bob Cole-flesh came up from Pennsylvania, and Herbert Olsen came down from

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about over. The time for action is at hand. This action must come from you and you alone. Make it a point to remember; make it a date you will never forget!

July 16-17-18, 1953 — 8th Annual Reunion at the Statler Hotel, Washington, D.C.

New York Chapter Reports

On May 1, 1953, at the Southern Restaurant in New York City the N.Y. Chapter of the 9th Div. Association held a meeting with about 50 members in attendance. The reports that have filtered back to this headquarters say that it was one of the most productive meetings of the year from a standpoint of business conducted and accomplished.

The chapter now has listed the organization in the N.Y. telephone book under Harold Pepper's number. Anyone who is interested in news of the chapter, can call Sacramento 2-0749. The members announced the dinner that was going to be held by the 2nd Bn. of the 47th the following evening in Newark, N.J.

A Memorial Service is being worked out by a committee composed of Al Bruchac, Mike Gatto, John Washin, George Whitney, Stan Cohen and Al Wadalavage, they will report their decision at the next meeting. It is planned to have a small service some time in the fall of the year, and one suggestion being considered is to place a wreath at either Nelson Courts or Sheridenville.

Dom Miele wanted to donate a beautiful banner to the chapter, but in lieu of the fact that Dom is such a tremendous worker for the organization, it was decided to pay Dom back and give him a standing vote of thanks for his efforts.

The membership drive is in full swing again and each man was presented with ten cards to check or contact the delinquent members as to why he was not attending the meetings and to see to it that dues are paid for '53.

The next meeting of the N.Y. Chapter will be held on June 5, at 8 P.M. at the N.Y. headquarters, Southern Restaurant, 18th St., N. Y.C. . . Free Beer to all. It is requested that as many members as possible attend this meeting as this will be the final opportunity to get down on paper all of the feelings of the chapter regarding the running of the association. If any member has any ideas at all, they are asked to bring them in so that it can be given full consideration at the Washington Convention.

James Scannell,
Waltham Hero

The Boston Sunday Globe edition of May 10, 1953 carried the following story about Rescuer-Fireman (Ladderman) James Scannell who was a member of the 26 F.A. Medics. "Persistent Firemen Revives Boy Feared Lost Off Raft in Charles River." Quick action by a local Fireman today saved a five-year old boy fisherman from drowning in the muddy waters of the Charles River. The lad was somewhere on the muddy bottom when Ladderman James Scannell, 40, of 90 Lyman Street located him on the fourth dive. While bystanders shrugged hopelessly, Scannell hoisted the limp body of Anthony Divola, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Divola of 263 River Street, onto the raft and applied artificial respiration.

Though police and fireman could locate no pulsebeat, Scannell continued his efforts for another 30 minutes and was rewarded by a slight flicker of the boys eyelids. Anthony was rushed to Waltham Hospital where authorities pronounced him in good condition but held him overnight for further observation.

Ladderman Scannell was first on the scene and jumped into the river. "On the fourth try," he said, "my foot touched his body and I stooped down and clutched it in my arms." Hospital authorities were outspoken in their praise for Scannell and credited him with saving Anthony's life.

Further proof that the 9th men are still making headlines in peacetime pursuits. . . We salute, James Scannell.

BOSTON CHAPTER NEWS



N.E. MEN MEET WITH FATHER CONNORS. . . Seated left to right: Ralph Renna, Ed McGrath, Ronnie Murph, Ed Shea, Everett Linscott. Standing: Fred D'Amore, Sid Levinson, Tom Boyle, Father Connors and George Bender.

The Boston Chapter reports on the election of a complete new slate of officers for 1953-4. The new president will be Red Byrne, Vice-President, Jim Henley, Secretary, Everett Linscott, Treasurer, Fred D'Amore, Judge Advocate, Brad Trafford, Executive Committee: Syd Levinson, Ronnie Murphy, Jack Carger, Leo Steers, George Bender, Matt Mulholland, Ralph Renna, Ed Shea and Cy Garber.

Old Business

The last meeting was held on April 20 in Boston and was attended by 25 regular members. The regular business procedures followed and the members were informed of their financial status by the Treasurer, Fred D'Amore. The presiding officer, Syd Levinson, then opened up the nominations and the new slate of officers were elected. A member reported that Joe Nolan was sick in the hospital and Sid Levinson stated that he would visit Joe and Ton Di Pietro. A committee appointed at the last meeting headed by Cy Garger had refreshments ready and the boys nibbled away at the excellent sandwiches, crackers, cake and coffee. The next meeting was called for May 18th, 1953.

The picture above was taken at

an informal meeting with Father Connors in Worcester, Sunday April 26, 1953, eleven members of the chapter met in Brookline Village at 7:00 PM and then travelled in a group to Worcester some 40 miles away, to spend an evening with Father Connors. After about two hours of story-telling and resurrecting old tales of incidents long since forgotten by many, especially those incidents having to do mainly with the 15th Engineers and Connor's Coffee Shop, the group sat down to a delicious snack that had been prepared by the good ladies of the Parish.

On Monday, May 18, the N. E. Chapter will have their Installation of officers and Father Connors will be on hand to show pictures of the last Memorial Mass in Worcester and of the 7th 1952 Annual Reunion in Boston.

9th Signal Gathering

William Brodie and his lovely wife Fran, played host to a gathering recently of some men from the 9th Signal Company. Bill (former mail clerk of the company) opened up his home in East Orange, N. J. to let all the boys have their fling at re-hashing the good ole days with the 'Fightin' Ninth.' The ex-Ninth Signal Company members and their wives who enjoyed the

gracious hospitality of the Brodies were Tom Cathcart and his wife Stella, Edward Wargo and spouse Lena, Raymond Connolly and his boss Dolores, and Pat McGoldrick, who unfortunately had to appear solo, due to the illness of his wife. Needless to say a good time was had by all. A gathering that was a forerunner of the swell time they expect to have in Washington in July.

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Randolph, Mass., this just gives you a slight idea how men will travel just to meet with old friends.

Table Hopping

The general of the 47th Inf., Hugh Hattrick, tells us that his son will be 10 years old on July 4th. He was born while Hugh was in Africa. John Forni, of 34 Coddington Ave., Staten Island, N.Y. will have a birthday very soon. John was with F Co. . . Kenneth Yennie of 179 Hillcrest Ave., Wycoff, N.J., celebrated his 8th wed-



ding anniversary on May 5th. Ken now has three wonderful additions to his family. Besides his lovely wife Olive, there are June, Clark and Karen. . . Frank and Mrs. Fazio are hoping the next one will be a boy. So do we. . . Abe Gottfried (H-47th) is celebrating his 7th wedding anniversary. Abe is now located at 782 So. Grove Street in Newark and has two fine offsprings, Susan and Charles. Abe attended this affair with his wife Thelma. Vincent Iannucci and Jeanette announced with pride two new additions, a son, Vincent, born July 25, 1951 and a daughter named Gloria, Dec. 11, 1952. Vince is now living at 58 Ellsworth Ave. in Yonkers, N.Y. Vince was with the 2nd Bn. E. Co.

Just a few of the folks who attended: E. Company, Vincent Iannucci, 58 Ellsworth Ave., Yonkers, N.Y., Bob Coleflesh, Ellis & Lawrence Rd., Upper Darby, Pa., Maurice Hauches, 166 Lawrence Place, Paterson, N.J. B Company, Geo. Aparr, 4507-30th Ave., Astoria, L. I. F.Co., Vincent Guglielmino, 139-05 85th Drive, Jamaica, N.Y., William Gillott, 4615 218 St., Bayside, N.Y., John Forni, 34 Coddington Ave., Staten Island, N.Y., Leonard Rieco, 26 Center St., Bernardsville, N.J., John Rizzo, 2389 Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y., Tony Repetti, 164 Vermont Ave., Newark, N.J., Sol Jaker, 159 Hutton Street, Jersey City, N.J., John Tokarcheh, 3439 N. 18th St., Philadelphia, Pa., Louis Slatnick, 276 Hawthorne Ave. Newark, N.J., Warren Lane, 926 Chancellor Ave., Irvington, N.J., Stanley Putt, 76 Jackson Ave., Kearney, N.J. H-Company, John Marcogliese, 1653 Tomlinson Ave., Bronx, N.Y., Arthur Gottfried, 782 South 12 St., Newark, N.J., S. Aricla, 460 So. 14th St., Newark, N.J., Lewis Greco, 84-5th St., Wood-

ridge, N.J., Peter Imbesi, 214 Mountain Way, Lyndhurst, N.J., Frank Fazio, 2529 Matthews Ave., Bronx, N.Y. G. Company, Herbert Olsen, 389 Highland Ave., Randolph, Mass. and John O'Connor, 833 Fingerboard Road, Staten Island 5, N.Y., George Bako, 571 E. 140th Street, Bronx. F. Company, Hugh Hattrick 85-24 125th St., Richmond Hill, N. Y., Otto Knach, 2015 Pleasant Parkway, Union, N.J., Hqs. Company, Harrison Rampe, Hobart, N.Y., Nick Russick, 544 Vorhees Ave., Middlesex, N.J., Joe Scardillie, 122 Stephens St., Belleville, N.J., A. Brianyh, 98 Cottage Place, Wemend, Long Branch, N.J. Medics, Dan Quinn, 64 Hauxhurst St., Weehawken, N.J. Div. Hqs., Stan Cohen, 192 Danforth Ave., Jersey City, Harry Orenstein, 64 E. 139th St., Bronx, N.Y. Units unknown, Frank Avento, 735 East 3rd St., Brooklyn, N.Y., Bill Larsen, Old Chester Rd., Essex Falls, N.J., John Travelesco, 2904 New York Ave., Union City, N.J., Mike Gatto, Brooklyn, N.Y., Irv. Feinberg, 1342 Fteley Ave., Bronx, N.Y., Stanley Bryck, 46 Havendhal Ave., Irvington, N.J. M. Company, Dom Miele, 853 Southern Blvd., Bronx, N.Y. and honored guest Mr. Charles Sheridan, 3901 Falls River, Baltimore, Md. and from H. Company, William Rabbas, 220 North 5th St., Newark, N.J.



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A-47th Infantry

Tony Giacobbe of 245 East 80th Street in New York City, writes to tell us that on May the 16th, Company A of the 47th had a company reunion and the following folks wined . . . dined and danced. Mr. and Mrs. V. Lepore, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Agneth, Mr. and Mrs. John Drobot, Mrs. and Mr. H. Spears, Tony and Mrs. Giacobbe, Capt. Hank Churini, Capt. Larry McLaughlin, Lt. Charles Kuntz, Lt. Joe McAdams, Maj. Jim Mayall, Maj. Roy Gilbert, J. C. Neil, Gene Di Biscegh, Leonard Boggs, W. E. Conklin, Severino Galuppo, B. Marvel, Sal D'Agostino, Tony Di Rubba, Thomas Ahearn, Mike Gabrich, and George Sarkar. . . Tony informs us that in the next edition he will have pictures of the entire gang.

Booster

To the: D. C. Chapter
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9th Division Mailbag Reports

9th Signal Co.

Frank E. Heikkla of 1914 Hillcrest Drive, Lima, Ohio advises your editor that if the fellows want to encourage company and battalion reunions they are missing a good bet when they fail to notify the various veteran magazines of the time, location and date of the affair. Incidentally thanks again Frank for your efforts on our behalf. Frank informs us that he has made hotel reservations, and if things go according to plan, he shall make the Washington Convention.

60th Infantry

Victor Butswinkus sent us the following note regarding two members, Capt. C. H. Brewer who was with Co. H. and Hq. Co. 2nd Battalion of the 60th Inf is now stationed with the Hq. Serv. Company of the 1st Student Brigade in Fort Benning, Georgia. Captain Brewer recently returned from Korea where he was wounded in action. Vic also mentions the story of Don Friday who was also with Company H of the 60th Inf., Don, if some of you have forgotten, was with Co. H and was wounded one time with the 60th. After he recuperated he was sent back to the front. He was captured at St. Katherine in Germany with 21 men, and 16 of the men were from Company F and 5 men from H Company. Vic reminds us that both Brewer and Friday

would like to hear from old friends. . . Don's address is 132 15th Street, Silvis, Illinois.

15th Eng.

Leo Stier besides making the Washington convention tells us the following news story. This news concerns the men from C Company the 15th Eng. . . Leon Van Autreve formerly of C Company is now M/Sgt. Van Autreve of A Co., 54th Eng'rs., Con. Bn., Apo 46, PM, N. Y. and is stationed in Leipzig, Germany. Leon wrote Sties and told him that his wife is expecting and that he is doing just fine and dandy with his assignment.

A-T. 47th. . .

Jimmy Corcoran informs us that he is no longer a patient in the V. A. Hospital, and also add in his letter that he thought that the story about Col. Paddy Flint was a fine tribute to a man who deserved lots of credit and honor. Jimmy's home address is 222 RR Street, Girardville, Pa. . . Jimmy's sorry he can't make the convention, but hopes to make it next year.

Div. Hqs.

Roger V. Desjardins of 20 Binelli Street, Woolsocket, R. I., sends us the news that he intends to make the convention and wants some of his pals to be on hand.

A NEW REUNION PROPOSAL

Victor A. Campisi sends us the following note from Germany which seems to have a lot of merit and real vision. Vic wrote to General Eddy before the General retired and proposed the following reunion plan.

Why not have an association?

reunion in France!! Vic says that there is no doubt in his mind that we could get special rates and this could be handled in such a manner as to insure excellent national and international publicity. Vic may have a lot of merit in his ideas, but what about the rest of the association. . . Does it sound feasible? If so, let us hear your thoughts on this matter. . . Vic also sends the following story that was printed in the May 2nd edition of the Stars and Stripes. "28th Div. C. G. Meets 'Buddy.' Goppingen, May 1 (Special) while on an inspection tour of the 112th Inf. Regt., Brig. Gen. John G. Van Houten, assistant CG of the 28th Inf, met M/Sgt. Wallace B. Schwab, an old 'buddy' of World War II. Schwab who is now with the S-3 section of Hq. Co., 1st Bn. hadn't seen Van Houten since August 1945.

Schwab entered the Army in 1937 and first became acquainted with Van Houten in 1945 in Belgium when Van Houten was CO of the 60th Inf. Regiment, 9th Div. At the time Schwab was a second lieutenant and platoon leader in an anti-tank unit of the 60th.

Sent to Japan

After the war, Schwab left the Army and returned to Nashville, Ga. Two years later he rejoined the Army, with his permanent rank of sergeant. He was stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., until 1949 when he was sent to Japan. In Japan, he served with the 31st Inf. Reg't of the 7th Inf. Div. At the outbreak of the Korean conflict, Schwab was sent to Korea with his unit. After 10 months there Schwab returned to the States and was stationed at Fort Benning again until November 1952, when he was assigned to Europe and the 112th Inf. Regt.

Schwab recently received a copy of the 9th Inf. Division paper from Col. Van Houten.

Editors note: You can't beat circulation like this for any other periodical in the United States. Our newspaper is certainly a well travelled piece of literature. . . But it is this type of friendship that continues to make us grow and grow as a unit.

Thanks a lot Vic for the news and let us see how the fellows feel about the Reunion in France idea.

HOTEL RESERVATION

HOTEL STATLER
16th and K Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

1953 8th ANNUAL REUNION CONVENTION
Ninth Infantry Division Association

Name
Address
City State
Date of Arrival Time.....
Date of Departure

Type of Accommodations.....(per day)

(Please check one)
Single \$ 8.50.....\$ 9.50
Two Persons:
Double Bed\$11.00.....\$15.00
Twin Beds \$14.50.....\$19.50
Parlor and Bedroom\$29.50.....\$37.00
Mail Today. . . Do It Now. . . Right Away!

New V.A. Credit Control Action

Veterans Administration today spelled out what the recent removal of credit controls on GI loans means to the home-buying World War II or Korean veteran.

The action, effective April 25, 1953 and authorized by the Housing and Home Finance Agency, removes the last vestige of credit controls which were applied to GI loans under the Defense Production Act.

In addition, VA said it has removed restrictions on how the four per cent gratuity payment made to veterans who obtain (loans may be applied.

The gratuity payment made by VA equals four per cent of the guaranteed portion of the GI loan up to a maximum of \$160. Previously under credit controls, the gratuity had to be applied to reduce the principal amount of the loan.

Now, the lender and the veteran may also apply the gratuity in other ways, for example, to pay the first two or three installments on the loan, or to pay all or part of the first year's taxes and insurance.

The removal of credit controls means that under VA regulations it is now permissible for veterans to obtain GI loans with no down payment and with a repayment term up to 30 years.

VA emphasized, however, that since VA guaranteed loans are made by private lending institutions, the lender makes the decision as to the terms of the loans it makes.

The amount of down payment and the length of the repayment period are matters to be agreed upon between the veteran and the lending institution making the loan.

Prior to the action removing controls, veterans were required to pay at least 5 per cent down in most cases, and the maximum loan was usually restricted to 20 or 25 years.

Credit controls were first applied to GI loans in 1950 shortly after the beginning of the Korean conflict as an anti-inflationary measure.

M-47th Personnel

A special call is being issued to all former inmates of the "Mooseberg Madhouse" (Company M-47th Infantry) to those who might be a little confused. Shirts Matusik informs this newspaper that during the 8th Reunion at Washington, Head inmate Shirts Matusik asks that all former members of Company M-47th to contact him as soon as possible, so that plans can be made for such small things as plans, subsistence, liquid and-or-otherwise. . . A post card reply to this plea to T. Matusik, 2058 West 76th Street Chicago 20, Ill. is all you have to do, to gather round the madpole of merriment. While at the Statler, to be assured of the company headquarters, watch for the signs with the figure of Napoleon for the exact location of "Mooseberg Madhouse," because no lead scouts will be furnished.

Stork News

A special news release from Clement Le Blanc (Frenchy) formerly with Service Battery 26 FA announces the following happy event. Roger Clement Le Blanc arrived on Feb. 25, 1953 and weighed in at 6 lbs. and 3 1/2 ozs. I wonder what Frenchy thinks of the "Howling Barrages" in the wee hours of the morning.

Ralph Renna reports in to say that on March 17, his wife gave birth to their third boy. Although it was St. Patrick's day, Ralph was not influenced in the least. . . because they named him Anthony Joseph, the name that they had originally decided upon.

PAY YOUR '53 DUES NOW

Philadelphia Plays Host



The following men posed for this picture. John Sabato, Frank Wade, Pat De Colli, Bob Colefish, and Jack O'Shea, Dave Ingram, Frank Alice, Ray Connolly, Tony Capaldi, Marty Krasovitz Bill Solliday, Earl Walker, Victor Butswinkus, John Farson and John Murphy. . .

On May 2, 1953, the Philadelphia Chapter of the 9th Infantry Division Association played host to their National officers. President Frank Wade, and Secretary Stan Cohen visited with the Philadelphia group for one of their meetings and asked the membership at large to question the workings of the Association.

Jack O'Shea, President of the Philadelphia group shortened the business meeting to allow the men to get various questions off of their minds. Pertinent facts of the Association operation were then discussed and President Wade explained in greater detail the plans for the Washington D. C. Convention.

Stan Cohen then discussed other details from the Secretarial point of view and when the discussion period war over, one could sense a feeling of satisfaction from the congregation, that all points raised were answered completely and factually.

After a hectic conversational period the entire group then assembled to partake in some very delicious refreshments. To quote Jack O'Shea, "The visit to Philadelphia was most enlightening". . .

The Philadelphia group is embarking on the same venture that both Boston and New York are doing and that is to secure additional members for the Association through their local chapter. Lists have been sent to all of the chapter and if additional lists are required, just write to headquarters and they shall be forwarded immediately.

Korean News

Sgt. Steven Budrick who is now with the 107th Ordinance Co., APO 358-1, PM, San Francisco, Calif. writes to say that he has a 1st Lt. Whallen here in his company who was with the 709 Ordinance Company in the E.T.O. Steve, lets sign Whallen up as a member. . .

Maj. Gen. George W. Smythe recently sent this office a change of address from Hq. 3rd Inf. Div. to his new locale at 1200 N. Inglewood Street, Arlington, Va. We assume from this notice that Maj. Gen. Smythe is returning to the U.S. Nowever, this is only an assumption, based on his change of address card.

Information Wanted

Wilton Taylor (M-47th) send us the following: He hopes the men of the Association will aid with any names and addresss they can furnish. . .

Company G — 60th Infantry . . . Capt. Stan McCune would like to contact the wife of PFC Menefee, whose name is Vera and who lives in Virginia. He can give hed full particular concerning the death of her husband in the Roer River area, in January 1945, write to Capt. Stan McCune, 10731 Sunset Blvd. Hollywood 24, Calif.

Company G — 60th Infantry . . . will furnish relatives of Sgt. Manfred Whittaker with information concerning his capture and possible death at Remagen Bridgehead in March 1945. . . Capt. Stan McCune 10731 Sunset Blvd, Hollywood 24, Calif.

Editors note . . . perhapes some of you fellows can locate these people for Capt. McCune. . .

Company A — 60th Infantry. . . Like to hear from friends of my son John George Deinlein Jr., killed in Hofen Germany . . . Feb. 1, 1945. Buried in U.S. Cemetary, Henri Chapelle Belgium. Mrs. George Deinlein, Millersville, Md.

Pittsburgh Chapter News

Bob Hilton informs us that now that he is settled in his new house he is going to try to get in touch with Bob Buck and Tom Coyne to see if the Pittsburgh chapter can be revived. Bob, all we can say is that three good men are all you need to get started. This office will help all it can. If some of you Pittsburgh men want to help Bob to revive the chapter, contact him at 2849 Castlegate Avenue, Pittsburgh 26, Pa. Maybe now we can get the Pittsburgh chapter going.

Nightstick News

Charles J. Fabre, sends the following information via the SPRING 3100. A magazine published by and for the policeman of New York City. "Veterans Holding Annual Reunion . . . members of the Police Department who served with the 9th Infantry Division, U.S. Army, in World War II, are requested to contact Lieutenant Charles J. Fabre, 77th Precint, for details concerning the eight Annual reunion of the 9th Infantry Division Association. It is to be held in the Hotel Statler, Wash., D. C. on July 16-18."

Gentlemen, when the boys in blue of the great white way join the throng, you have the cream of the crop rooting for you.

Is This You. . . ?

Some Members Pay their dues,
When they are due. . .
Some members pay when they are overdue. . .
Some members never do
How do you do? ?

Chapter Box Scores

The following figures are being published to enlighten the membership at large on the progress that the individual chapters are making in securing paid up active members:

New York. . . 267
New England. . . 72
Philadelphia. . . 43
Chicago. . . 62
Washington. . . 41
Detroit. . . 28

Pittsburgh. . . 21
Buffalo. . . 12
Columbus - Ohio. . . 12
Northern Ohio. . . 13
Twin Cities. . . 6
Hartford. . . 1
Ladies Auxiliary. . . 46

Allright now, let's see what you people will do who have not paid your dues. . . Let's watch the score grow. . . You men who have not paid your dues, lets get going.