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Sheridan Armory in Baltimore, Maryland Dedicated to Pfc Carl V. Sheridan

60th Infantry Regiment Reunion

The date for OPERATION GO-DEVIL is May 8th and the "line of departure" will be crossed promptly at 8:00 P.M. All who have not made reservations are requested to do so promptly.

The Chairman, Al Bruchac, and his assistants, Fred Golub; Paul Quaranta; Milt Wind; Mike Gatto; Walt Wasserman; and Doc Sternlicht, assure one and all that details are now completed and take this opportunity to inform you of the particulars of the reunion, which we hope to make a permanent annual affair.

The reunion dinner and dance will be held at the Chamber Restaurant, in the Queens Chamber of Commerce Building, 24-16 Bridge Plaza South, Long Island City, New York, which is located at the foot of the 59th Street Bridge (lower level). The I.R.T., B.M.T. and Independent Subways (Queens Plaza Station) are located conveniently to the Chamber Restaurant. This is a private restaurant which will comfortably seat 250 people, situated on the fifth floor (elevator service is, of course, provided). Ample free parking

PROGRAM FOR THE EVENING

8:00 P.M.	Cocktails
9:00 P.M.	Dinner
	Fruit cup - Soup
	Prime Ribs of Beef
	Olives, Celery, Butter, Rolls
	Dessert - Coffee
	(Positively, a delicious meal with all the trimmings)
9:45 P.M.	Reunion report - future plans
10:00 P.M.	
2: A.M.	Dancing

(Liquor will be available and plentiful)

Tickets will cost \$6.50 per person for the complete evening—cocktails, dinner, drinks and tips. PLUS a free gift to take home. . . .

For tickets write to: Al Bruchac, 19-38 79th Street, Jackson Heights, New York; telephone AStoria 4-0580 or RAVenswood 9-5465.

Make your plans NOW and don't forget to bring friends, relatives, neighbors, etc., to make this a memorable and enjoyable evening.

2nd Bn. 47th Reunion

Final arrangements have been completed for the 3rd annual reunion dinner and dance for members of the 2nd battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment and their friends, to be held on Saturday, May 1, 1954, at 7 p.m.

This year the gathering is focused on the "Club Zuccaro" 2601 Central Ave., Union City, N.J. The club can easily be reached by car, or bus and is just four blocks south of the Tunnel Ramp.

Transportation instructions: New York City: Take local N. Y. City subways or buses to the Port of Authority Bus Terminal, 40th Street and 8th Ave. Then take the No. 4 Bus to Hudson Boulevard to 26th Street. This bus is located on Platform No. 51. Just 25 minutes from the heart of Times Square by bus. By car it is about 15 minutes from the Lincoln Tunnel. Take the ramp until the sign stating Hudson Boulevard. Right on ramp to Boulevard to 26th Street, turn right and go three blocks to Central Ave.

New Jersey ites . . . Route S-3

to Blv'd (go on Lincoln Tunnel road.) Left on Boulevard to 26th St. Then right to Central Ave.

When you get there here is what you will get for \$5.50 per person:

Manhattan Cocktail
Celery-Green and ripe Olives
Antipasto
Consomme Alphabet
Ravioli
Beer
Roast Half of Chicken
Potatoes and Green Peas
Coffee and Ice Cream
Liquor, Beer and Soda, no limit . . .

If you think that you ate and drank a lot last year for the price . . . This year will make last year look like a mere appetizer before the main course . . .

For further info contact: Vincent Guglielmino, 139-05 85th Drive Jamaica, N.Y. Tel.: AXtel 7-5957; Frank Fazio, 2529 Matthews Ave., Bronx, N.Y. Tel.: TULip 2-5605, or Dan Quinn at 64 Hauxhurst Ave., Weehawken, N.J. Tel.: UNion 7-1551.

Maj. Gen. G. W. Smythe Shown Unveiling the Sheridan Armory Plaque with Mr. C. E. Sheridan, Sr. Looking on



Baltimore, Maryland is now the home of the Sheridan Armory, dedicated to the memory of a Congressional Medal of Honor P.F.C. Carl V. Sheridan, formerly of the 47th Infantry, 9th Inf. Division.

The following is an excerpt taken from the Baltimore Sun regarding the dedication ceremonies:

Individual bravery, courage, heroism and inspiration were ascribed to Pfc. Carl Vernon Sheridan yesterday during formal dedication of the new Federal armory which bears his name.

Sheridan Armory stands at Liberty Heights avenue and Silver Hill road, in Howard Park, as a permanent memorial to the 19-year-old Baltimore soldier who lost his life during World War II in an individual assault on a moated stone castle in Germany under heavy enemy fire.

This act, resulting in capture of the fortress and the bestowal on Private Sheridan of a posthumous Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award, caused military authorities to choose the gunner as the "most worthy and deserving Baltimore man in World War II" and in consequence name the city's second Federal armory in his honor.

500 Spectators

Some 500 spectators, high-ranking officers from all branches of the military service and officials of the Federal, State and city government packed into the assembly hall for yesterday's ceremony.

From the ceiling green, white, red, yellow and blue pennants were suspended over the National

and State flags studding each corner of a platform draped in red, white and blue bunting.

The commander, color guard and a representative group from each of the thirteen reserve units to be housed in the armory flanked the walls on either side of the room.

After a concert by the 2d Army Band, from Fort Meade, Chaplain Luther M. Schulze, of the 319th Infantry Regiment and pastor of Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, opened the service with an invocation.

Maj. Gen. G. W. Smythe, deputy commander of the 2d Army, who witnessed Private Sheridan's valor November 26, 1944, told of a 47th Infantry bogged down by lagging supplies, a furious two days of hand-to-hand combat between "fanatic" German paratroopers and "determined Americans who had made up their minds to win."

Only Medal Given

By his "individual bravery Private Sheridan won the only Medal of Honor given to the 47th Regiment," the General reported, "It is my sincere hope that the men who train in this armory will look upon it as a living memorial and a constant reminder of the bravery of one of Baltimore's native sons."

Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord, Adjutant General for the State of Maryland, chose the occasion to make a plea for universal mili-

tary training "without exceptions" to train and prepare men to defend the country.

"By doing that," he suggested, "we will honor Private Sheridan, and you and I will enjoy the joy and blessing that is America."

A message from Mayor D'Alesandro, read by Walter Vanaman, declared, "This armory is our solemn promise never to forget Pfc. Carl Vernon Sheridan; it is our solemn promise of unity. We glory in his courage, and this dedication is only a slight token of the great debt of gratitude we owe him."

The service was a proud but difficult occasion for Charles E. Sheridan, Sr., father of the soldier, and the twenty members of his family who were there.

In the final address of the day, Joseph S. Ford, president of the Howard Park Civic Association, turned to the head of the family and began, "I would like to thank you, Mr. Sheridan, and God for men such as he."

Then, to Col. James R. Hamilton, chief of the Maryland Military District, he added, "We like you sir. We like your armory, and we're proud of your men. We want very much to make it an honored part of our community, and we assure you it will never be a schoolroom for students of aggression. Rather, it will be a symbol of peace and a free America."

With the speeches ended and the audience standing, Mr. Sheridan and Colonel Hamilton solemnly and silently unveiled a bronze plaque dedicating the armory to

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A Tale of Lethargy

If we could only find the witches brew that makes people react, what a wonderful world this would be... and if we could only find the proper stimulus that makes our guys dig down in their jeans and pay their dues, WHAT A WONDERFUL organization this would be.

Unfortunately we can't live on pipe dreams and so we must come down to earth and face life as it is. . . But looking life in the face is pretty rough especially when you try to make a lad part with three or four George Washington's. . . And Brother, we have them in this group. Basically speaking, our problem is centered about a goodly number of lads who are either indifferent or forgetful.

Believe it or not these indifferent lads consist of about 85% of our total drawing membership. What makes writing this type of editorial almost unbelievable is the facts themselves. But, we must face certain truths and face up to them as cold hard undisputed realisms. These are the stark naked facts as they exist today. . .

In 1945 at the close of the war we had some 10,000 men who joined the association. Give or take in the last nine years we have lost a great many through moving and not laving forwarding addresses, and we have picked up about 60% new men who never knew about the association. But for the sake of arithmetic we will stay with the 10,000 figure. Last year we had a paid up membership of about 1600, or roughly speaking about 85% of our total was unpaid. Of the 15% who paid last year we have about 1,100 paid up to date. Of this 1,100 we have about 200 new members, and we have about 300 men who paid three year and life dues and just sent in two years dues. Therefore, we have only received about 600 dues of men who paid last year, and we are still behind the eight ball with about 500 men.

THIS IS INDEED A TALE OF LETHARGY. To quote from Webster. . . Lethargy is a state of indifference.

Our \$64.00 question is why the lethargic attitude. . . We can't answer that but we are trying to remedy the cause. When we refer to a remedy let's glance at some more facts. For one thing we have local chapters, we are trying to secure a medal, (and incidentally this takes time, so please be patient) and some of the lads are holding company reunions, we have the Worcester Mass, we have individual efforts that keep battalion memoirs alive, and we hold a national reunion to try and draw the flock together. But here again we reach an impass. Geographically speaking we have certain limits that we cannot surmount. Our only hope lies in the re-awakening of the lethargy that has taken hold of about 85% of our members. How then can we do it? If you feel you have an idea that has merit, let us know, we are only too glad to listen. But above all let us in on the secret.

We know that we can lick this problem, at least we think we know we can do it, all we have to do is to find the way

We know of only one way and that is to pound and pound with correspondence.

So, to the 85% who are faulty and slightly lethargic, take heed and make speed, don't send us your old combat boots, you get no reward for sending in your dues other than

B Co. 39th Inf. Reunion

Once again, this time the third annual B company reunion will be held in Fairport, New York on Friday, June 18. Headquarters for this affair will be the Veterans of Foreign Wars Home. The guys are all to register at 'Hawks Restaurant. . . For further information contact Thomas Orband at 138 Conklin Ave Binghamton, N. Y., or Al Baccile at 916 Davis Street Elmira, or Irving King in Fairport, New York. . .

For an evening's worth of festive happiness. . . all you ex B Co. men are invited to join the throng. . . for the third annual reunion.

A Co. 47th Inf. Reunion

Just as we were going to press this news came in over the phone to remind all the Ex A-47th Inf. men of a company reunion to be held 8:30 P.M. at the Deutsche Hall at 211 E. 84th Street in N. Y. C., N.Y. The date for this affair is scheduled for May 29th 1954. . . This is going to be the 5th Reunion of the group. So far Bolos, Tony Giacobbe, Geo. Sarker, Tony Di Rubba, Charles Kuntz, Jake Laskau, Foe Farrelly, John Drabot, and Joe McAddams have said yes they will attend. . . For all those who wish additional information, write to Vincent Lepore at 502 Taylor Ave. Bronx, N.Y. or call Regent 4-1652 and ask for Tony Giacobbe.

For all of those men who have to travel to make this affair the fee is on the house. You can drink and eat and have yourself a ball with the compliments of the house. The only catch is that you must come from outside the limits of the Metropolitan area. . . Defining the Metropolitan area this means anyone travelling more than 50 miles. . .

To a treat we repeat. . . we repeat. . . Deutsche Hall at 211 East 84th Street, N. Y. C., on May 29, 1954 at 8:30 P.M. Write or phone. . . anyway, but if you were from the A Company-47th. . . be there. . . or at least try. . .

Pittsburgh Chapter

For all those who wish to re-organize the Pittsburgh chapter, will they please contact, William J. Hilton, at 2849 Castlegate Ave., Pittsburgh 26, Pa. Bill is very anxious to start this chapter going again, so what do you say you Pittsburgh lads. . . let's get going. . . AGAIN. . .

Sheridan Armory

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the memory of the Baltimore soldier and recording in full the citation which accompanied his Medal of Honor.

It was an eloquent silence, broken only by a lone and muted bugle sounding taps.

Tour Of Armory

Then followed the National Anthem and the benediction.

The assembly dispersed, filing past the arms vault, through classrooms, offices, storage units, shower and locker facilities, a kitchen, first aid room, sound and bullet proof rifle range, motor sheds and drill field of the two-floor armory which will house 1,000 men.

keeping this outfit alive and kicking.

We can make this organization live forever, but we need your help. . .

Dismiss this tale with a new ending, add the ingredients to the cauldron of success, . . . MAIL YOUR DUES IN TODAY. . . (and let's see if we can at least make our arithmetic simpler and more profitable).

A Casual Glance At New York City

Have you been to New York City? If not, you've missed one of the greatest shows on earth. No barker is required to tell you so. Seeing is believing. We remember a story of a little old lady who spent her life in the hills of Tennessee. For years she never knew what it was to have quite enough of anything, whether it was stockings or shoes or beaten biscuit and chicken hash. A neighbor boy who loved her dearly grew up and went away to New York where he made considerable money. He sent for her to come to the East. There came a day when she stood on the seashore and looked out across the Atlantic and back at the incredibly beautiful skyline of New York City. When at long last she could speak, she could only say, "At last. . . at last here's something there is enough of."

When you attend the convention of the 9th Infantry Division you will agree with the lady from Tennessee. Besides the great convention program being planned, there will be "enough" of whatever else you are interested in.

If it's history, you'll recall Henry Hudson, Peter Minuit, and the Indians who sold Manhattan for \$24. Or for history in the making — the new United Nations Buildings.

If it's astronomy, the Hayden Planetarium will spread before your eyes the heavens of yesterday, today or tomorrow.

If it's high finance, take a look at Wall Street and visit the new reception center at the New York Stock Exchange.

If it's theatre, the opportunities are unequalled as you see by strolling around between 42nd and 59th Streets — everything from grand opera down to trained flea shows.

If it's transportation, ride the subway, the elevated, the double-decker buses, or any other kind of vehicle that human ingenuity has produced. And, of course, somehow or other you will want to go over and under the Hudson via the tubes, the ferries, and the majestic George Washington Bridge.

If it's architecture, take along your favorite liniment to cure your stiff neck after you've gazed and gazed up at the tower of the Empire State Building, the canyons of lower Manhattan, or look down from the observation towers of Rockefeller Center.

If it's epicurean, there are the profusion of restaurants in every known nationality and type.

If it's natural history, there is the American Museum of Natural History.

If it's churches, there are the

Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Temple Emanuel, the Little Church Around the Corner, St. Patrick's Cathedral and others of all creeds and beliefs.

If it's open spaces, well you wouldn't go to New York to find them but as a matter of fact you can even find some fairly wide spaces. For on Manhattan Island, Central Park alone covers more than 800 acres which would make a fair-sized farm in most any section of the West.

After the convention, your wandering spirit may lead you to upper New York State with its wonderful vacation land in the Adirondack Mountains or into New England with similarly beautiful areas. Here you can golf or fish or hike or loaf to your heart's content. A trip up the Hudson by boat is always thrilling. Maybe you will visit West Point. Canada wouldn't be far away.

Good roads from every direction lead to New York City. Ask your local automobile association for maps. If you don't belong to an auto club, write to the travel bureau of one of the major fuel companies. These bureaus are equipped to send you a set of maps covering the entire trip. If you would like a free Visitors Guide to New York containing a four color map and description of New York City's sightseeing highlights write to the New York Convention and Visitors Bureau at 500 Park Avenue, New York City 22.

If you prefer to travel by train, bus or boat, no difficulty will be encountered in finding facilities. Actually, in many cases, you will find that you will be able to get to New York City faster and easier than you would traveling to other cities which might be less distant from you.

As to stopping places in the big city, hotel facilities are plentiful in all price ranges. New York City has more hotel rooms than any other city in the world.

En route to New York your plans may take you through historic Washington or Philadelphia, industrial cities such as Pittsburgh and Baltimore, or historically sacred spots like Valley Forge and Gettysburg — but to tell you all about these places would be another story in itself.

Of course, you'll have to decide for yourself how you are going to go, or how much you will spend, and where you will stay. The main thing is to go. You'll make friends with many from other states; you'll hear an outstanding convention program; and you'll see New York. Can you afford to miss it?

New York Chapter News

The March meeting of the New York Chapter was held in Gerdes Restaurant on 18th Street east of 4th Avenue and was attended by about 60 members.

The business meeting was devoted to the organization plans for the coming "Double 9" convention. Charles Fabre, President read an anonymous letter that presented the following view. . . "This member feels that the Friday night entertainment is a waste of time, money and effort. This man wants to go on record as saying that he wants no entertainment on Friday." This suggestion was discussed on the floor and the members agreed to try and delete the Friday night entertainment and devote the time

to more dancing.

The main feature of the meeting was that all the past presidents of the New York Chapter attended this meeting with the exception of Cal Plivy. Les Ronay on his way to Fort Belvoir, Va., stopped in. Les was the first New York President. Al Bruchac, George Whitney, Doc. Sternlicht, Mike Gatto rounded out the past New York presidents attending this meeting.

The Publicity committee reported that Russ Hodges will carry a publicity deal on the nearest Giant-Dodger telecast to the convention.

Jerry Shaperio donated a book entitled, "The Cop" which was won by Gatto. A couple of new faces showed up at the meeting.

Pat Morano (B-Co. 47th Inf.) now located at 65th Street and Hudson Blv'd, West New York, N.J., Pat is still a Bachelor and works for the Government. Pats only vice is being a Brooklyn Dodger fan. Peter Mastrangelo also of B. Co. 47th Inf. now living

at 2861 La Salle Ave.

The April meeting will take place on April 2, 1954. . .

Harry Kerner announces with pride that on Valentines Day, February 14, 1954, a son James Joel arrived at a howling 6 lbs. 1 oz.. His wife Viola and son James are both doing fine. . .

At the April meeting of the New York Chapter quite a few important issues were discussed. Namely, 1) There is no doubt many men in the New York metropolitan area who cannot make the Friday night meetings.

Therefore, the Octofoil will gladly act as a judge. If you who are interested in making the meeting night any other night than Friday, please write us here at National, your thoughts on the subject and we in turn will turn this information over to the New York chapter. 2) The feeling of the men who attended this meeting was that a large book should be maintained by National so that all who come to the meeting could sign in and this record would be carried from one convention to another.

Charles Febrey then called on the committees to report on the doings of the committees concerning the coming convention. Each committee reported as follows: Al Bruchac told of the plans for the price set up, which will be on a strip ticket basis. Also explained about the meal and dancing and the various beer parties. Mike then told of the doings of the Welfare Committee. Quinn spoke of the Membership committee's plans via the coming 2nd Battalion affair. Cuglielmino then discussed his report on Hospitality. Grennman detailed the publicity reports and the meeting was adjointed to watch the Bobo Olson-Gavilan fight.

Reunion Prices

Hear ye — Hear ye — Hear ye . . .

The prices for the 1954 convention have finally been set and are ready for publication. If you plan to attend the convention for 1-2 or three days, if you plan to attend just one function, a means of attendance has been devised to take care of all possible requests. This year the host chapter will have a strip ticket format.

The costs will be divided as follows: *Per person,*

Registration	\$1.00
Thursday Beer Party and Dance	2.50
Friday Night Dance	2.00
Saturday Afternoon Beer Party	2.00
Saturday Night Banquet	6.50

Now here is the way the strip ticket works out . . .

If you are going to attend all the affairs the cost to you is \$10 a person . . . **YOU ONLY PAY THE REGISTRATION DUES ONCE.** If for example you want to make the Thursday night affair and you can't make Friday or Saturday noon and you can make the Banquet your tab is \$10.00 . . . Remember you only pay the cost of registration but once.

Naturally it would pay you to get a full strip ticket. If you wish, to send your dough in piece meal, the National Headquarters will act as your bank and will credit your account.

All the facilities in the city are at your disposal. You make the effort to attend, let the host chapter make the effort to see that you have a good time. They have the place, they have the area. **DO YOU HAVE THE TIME?**

Aside to the lassies you gals have been taken into consideration for the coming festivities.

Don't think that the lads are the only ones, you too can have a great time . . . You set the date, and we are sure he will gladly say YES. That's July 29-30 and 31st, 1954 . . . at the Hotel New Yorker in New York City . . . Remember this year it's the year of the "DOUBLE 9". The 9th reunion of the 9th Infantry Division Association.

MAIL BAG

15th ENGINEERS

Each month various units have what we term good representation, but this month we have to take our hats off to the 15th Engineer Battalion 'cause as you will see

and the Homestead Works of U.S. Steel Corp. During World War 2, he served with the 15th Engineer Battalion of the Ninth Infantry Division and also as Asst. Army Engineer, Fourth



Here we see S/Sgt. Joseph A. Sukoz, Detroit, Michigan giving P. FC Kenneth H. Wood, of Evansville, Indiana, a fresh steak (Only minutes old) The meat was prepared for the kill by some very well placed shrapnel. Of course This isn't the Ritz, but for the men of Company G, the 39th Inf., in Schlicht, Germany. . . This was the only way to "puttin' on the Ritz". . . Beats spam any day. . .

below. They are real writing and writing. . .

We recently received the following publicity release.

Crucible Steel Co. of America has announced that, effective

Army, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

He is a registered Professional Engineer, a member of the Iron and Steel Engineers, Pi Tau Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi — national



Pfc Felix Zawaski of Bayonne, N. J. is in charge of beer dispensing and is shown turning the spigot for Pfc James J. Scardina of Chicago, Ill. . . Green carpeting of Pine needles with slight sprinkles of dew, fine Czechoslovakian glassware (a tin cup to the peasants) highly polished boots, (with a slight smattering of color, supplied by rain and mud) jaunty tilted hats, three day old beards, were the order of the day at this gala AAA-O beer fete. . . Editors note: can anyone supply us with the names of the men shown in the picture?

March 1, Mr. A. T. Forrest has been appointed Chief Engineer of their Park Works and Spring Works both of which are located in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Forrest is a 1935 graduate of the McKeesport public school system. He graduated in 1940 from Carnegie Institute of Technology with a B. S. in Mechanical Engineering and again in 1950 with a B. S. in Management Engineering.

Previous to joining Crucible in December, 1946, he was employed by the Westinghouse Electric Corp.

engineering and scholastic fraternities, Plant Engineers Association and other social and fraternal bodies.

Mr. Forrest is the son of Mrs. James Forrest, 514 Archer St., McKeesport, Pa. He resides at 111½ East James St., Homestead Park and is married to the former Miss Olive Palmer of Homestead Park.

Anthony San Giacomo recently sent us a note explaining all about his North African pies. . . All we can say to that . . . is brother don't hold on to them. . .

Let's print them so that all can enjoy some good old fashioned memories. . .

Arthur R. Schmidt of 669-20-69th Street Glendale 27, N. Y. sends us a really newsy letter. "I am a member of the New York Chapter, and naturally enjoy reading my copy of the Octofoil. It was a very pleasant experience to see the pictures of Jerry Kohane, Henry Garguilo, Albert Ferrante and Tony Madonno and their wives. All of them were my former buddies in Company B., 15th Eng. Battalion. (The picture and article appeared in the November-December issue story regarding the Father Connors Memorial Mass.) Art explains that he has been keeping in touch with some of his buddies including Andrew Grauer of 1736 Mallard Road, Hicksville, L. I., N. Y.; Charles Hoffman 91-43 81st Street Woodhaven, N.Y.; John Sabino 1761 Bathgate Ave., N. Y., and John K Waldron of 42 Shepard Street New Haven, Conn.; Carlton Curtis 304 North Ave., Elkins, West Virginia, and James V. Garrison of 917 Chester Street, Springdale, Pennsylvania.

All of the above men were members of B. Company, 15th Engineers, Art, says that telephone numbers are ready for requests. . . (Incidentally, on checking my files Art, . . . Grauer, Sabino, and Garrison are not even listed. . . so they are now on file here).

As you see, I still remember my former buddies in the Ninth and I have a deep regard for their friendship. Therefore I would appreciate the addresses of the following Jerry Keohane, 205 Center St., Dorchester, Mass., Henry Garguilo 238 Laurel Street, East Haven, Conn., Al Ferrante 35 Cove Ave Framington, Mass., Tony Madonna 2 Stevens Road, Worcester, Mass. (O.K. Art.)

In regard to myself, I am now employed by the State of New York Division of Employment (Unemployment Insurance) but I am still being plagued by the injuries I received in combat in Germany on September 21, 1944. At the present time I manage to crawl to work on crutches and I am using the Pontiac the Government gave me for injuries received. . .

Attention: Co. M-39th Inf.

Anthony J. Carmeci of 5824 Meadowview Ave., North Bergen, N. J., wants all former members of Company M-39th Inf., to pay heed to this message. . . "I of course am still employed at Consolidated Motor Lines in Cliffside Park, N. J.;

Andy Wolchok is with the Post Office in N. Y. City and serving his tour of postal duties somewhere in the Garment District. . . Artie Clark is with Colgates and is doing quite well. He has a beautiful home at Pachannack Lake. Charlie Becker and I recently stopped in to say "Hello" and we had a real big night rehashing past experiences. Pat Solmaine of Buffalo was down again last year for the World Series and he, I and Andy had another week together. At one of our sessions we agreed that we should try to get as many former M. Company members together at the next reunion. So I'm delegated to round them up. But of course if they read this maybe they care to drop me a line letting me know whether they can make it or not. I would like to hear from them as soon as possible so as we can pass on the news to other men who don't care to go unless someone they know will be there. I'd like to hear from such men as Davidoski, Burdek, Orifici, Campo, Godino, Cudemo, Becker, Schreck, Capo Bianco, Reynolds, and Baumeister. These men like myself have missed the last couple of conventions of our town and they are all from the Metropolitan area maybe this shindig in New York City will bring us together. I hope to contact most of them as I have their addresses. . . Here is an idea we started at our club with good results. How about sending a banquet ticket to all members especially those in the vicinity of the convention. Payable at the convention or they

may submit the fee upon receipt of ticket. We also tried that with our dues cards and had ideal results. We found the results completely admonished our fears of printing and mailing costs. (Tony has a good thought here, and you can be certain this info will be passed on to the host chapter for consideration.)

60th Infantry

A-Company, John F. Tucci of 213-27 102 Ave Queens Village, N. Y., tells us that he is a letter carrier and by George he is still walking and carrying a sack like the old days in the Infantry. . . Although John is walking in an upright position these days, his feet still holler at the close of a day. John wants to pass his regards to all of his old buddies.

F. Company. . . Bernap Wilder of 311 W. Clinton Street, Johnstown, N. Y. recently found out about the existence of the Association and sent his dues in on a real humdigger very military like order. . .

Victor Butswinkus of 6265 Dittmant St., Philadelphia, Penn., sends us the names of two old buddies from Com. F. 60th Inf., Paul E. Carey of 809 N. 16th St., Pottsville, Penn., and Tom Hencke of Williamston, N. J. (This is the follow thru system that pays off) (They were contacted).

L. Company-60th. . . Charles W. Lechak of 633 So. 29th Street, Harrisburg, Pa., informs us that since his discharge from the army, he has completed a course in a Business College and has been working for the Mechanicsburg Nava Supply Depot for approximately six years now. . . The Lechak family consists of two fine boys Charles and Stephen the finest set of twins this side of the E.T.O.. They were born on November 10, 1952 and Charles weighed in at 7 lbs 4 oz., and Stephen 6 lb 14 oz. Today however, it is just the reverse, Charles outweighs Stephen. . .

B. Co. George Curry of 38 Stillson Street, Delaware, Ohio, relates to his friends that he was married on February 7th to the former Yovone M. Swisher. Here is a bit of news that sounds good, through the Octofoil, George tells us that he met Paul Eldowney from Marion and that the two of them work at the Marion Engineering Depot, and yak it up about the 9th when ever they can. . .

Memo to those who need Fire Insurance, why not contact Anton J. Dietrich at 138-48 101st Ave., Jamaica, N. Y. or call Jamaica 6-5547 for information. . . Might as well keep it in our big family. . .

26th . . . F.A.

C. Batry. . . John J. Boden of Trudeau, N. Y., writes to tell us that he could not attend the last reunion due to being confined to a T.B. sanitarium, but John is most anxious and is determined to try and make the New York Convention. Headquarters Battery: John Brazel, Jr. of Stonestboro, Pennsylvania tells us that recently he saw our ad in the V.F.W. magazine regarding our convention and for the first time found out we had a 9th Div. Assoc. (We wrote) 39th Infantry: Cannon Company. . . John Vandenburg of Sanford Road, No. Westport Mass, sends his regards to all his old buddies of Cannon Company.

60th F. A.

Harold E. Frantz of Elkhart, Indiana (619 W. Franklin Street) tells us about an ex-9th man that he visited in January. Both Harold and his wife visited for two days and had a fine time chatting with Raymond (Bus) Johannsen, of Route 1, Eldridge, Iowa. Raymond told Harold that he would enjoy hearing from anyone that remembers him. Ray is a very successful and happy Iowa farmer. Harold also tells us that if any of his old friends wish to contact him he would be very pleased to hear from such men. Harold tells us that he is a manager of a lumber yard now and that he has two sons and a daughter and a very pretty wife. Some day if

its possible Harold is going to try and make a convention.

Roscoe W. Shields of Route No. 2, Anson, Texas, recently wrote to find out about the 9th Division and we in turn told him all about it, and he in response sent us a real newsy letter. . . Roscoe wants to know if he can make reservations for the convention. (Yes, you can, as a matter of fact all one has to do is to write to the Hotel New Yorker, 34th Street and 8th Ave., New York City, N.Y., and tell them you wish to make a reservation. They will be only too happy to fulfill your request.) Roscoe by the way was the motor sergeant of C Battery. Last summer he went on a vacation with his wife and 3 year old son and they went to Detroit, Michigan and visited with Lenord Eland and family. Len has a fine family with two swell boys to round his quartet. After spending some time there, Roscoe then went to Canton Ohio and stayed awhile with Robert Householder, better known in C. Battery as "Rough-house and Bob is doing fine these days. From there, to Stubenville, Ohio; to see August Pignelitta, better known in C. Battery as "Stud". Augie has a swell group consisting of 3 girls and a boy. . . The pic below shows Roscoe and stud and his in-laws.



An anonymous letter. . . This is in the form of a request for a new way to attract new members. . . If the 1954 Convention could be advertised on "Fort Dix Presents" a program of music on Saturday nights on Television at the present time. . . I feel a banner year may result. If quite a number of the old men could attend just one affair (Referring to men of the Ninth Division who were hit before the division association was formed or those who left the outfit for one reason or another and never did find out about the existence of this association.)

I THINK THAT WHAT HAS BEEN A FAILURE SO FAR IS WHEN AN OLD MAN ATTENDS AN FINDS NO MEN HE KNEW ATTENDING. . . HE THEN DROPS OUT ENTIRELY. . .

Note: This is very true, but if the writer would come down to any chapter meeting in New York, Washington, or Chicago, he will notice that the trend is towards new friends, one must not forget that our unit was formed from men who came from all over the U.S., our purpose is to perpetuate the Association through friendship, the only way this can be fomented is to participate now as a part of a unit, not as a single company or squad or battalion. We would have to get men from long distances to fulfill this wish. As for example, the section that the editor was in consisted of three men from the Metropolitan area and the balance of the men from all over the country. So, therefore it would be foolish to wait for all to meet at one time. The writer of this note did not sign his name, and the editor merely wishes to point out that ours is a common cause not an individual one.)

(This writer does have the right idea and this thought shall be pursued.) The best part of this letter is the last paragraph. At present I have interested ten old men of one company to attend the 1954 convention. . . and most of them are new members. (Note: this individual can do a much better job by doing just what he is doing by using the medium of all the publicity in the world can do nothing but gather the fold, but it is personal contact that holds the fold together. . .)

47th Infantry

Major Harold W. Smith of 1607 Forrest Ave., Fort Meade, Maryland, informs the Octofoil that he recently met Capt. J. S. Trumbore who is stationed in Fort Meade with the 2053 Personnel Center.

9th Med Bn.

Jack W. Wilson of Box 113, Canal Point, Florida, a real rooter of Company B., tells us that in November he visited with Andy J. Fiel at Portsmouth, Va. Andy is doing well these days, and his nice little family consists of a boy and a girl. Jack comments, "Same old Black Boy" . . . In February Jack saw George O. Schmidt who used to live in Stamford, Conn., and now makes his home in Tampa, Florida. George recently had an attack of Polio. . . Jack wants some of the old B-Co. lads to write to George at 804 Hooker Ave., Tampa, Fla. . .

M. P. Bn.

Al Wadalavage of 79-02 Woodside Ave., Elmhurst 73, N. Y., wishes to find out the whereabouts of Frank Warner who's last known address was the Crele General Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio. . . Any information would be appreciated. . .

Div. Hqs.

George T. Whitehurst tells us that he is now located in the Chicago area. His new address is 119 Forrest Blvd., Park Forest, Ill., his office is located at 30 N. La Salle Street Room 1012, Central 6-4419, and George is interested in attending the Chicago Chapter meetings. George mentions Tom Owens a former Finance Section man who was from Chicago. To all those who are interested, Tom has moved out of the City area. (Note to the Chy chapter. . . George wishes to join your unit. . .)

B Co. 47th Inf. . .

Art Stenzel's report is going strong on the gathering of the BCO flock. For example here are a few comments: Orion C. Shockley of Georgetown, Col. We have been hoping to get to the convention some year, but have a summer business out here and it is hard to get away about that time. However, send me all the info about it and perhaps this year we can come. It is good to hear from you all. This is a standing invitation to stop in for a visit if you ever get out west. Might find an old friend like some elk or venison steak. Orion mentions that Georgetown is located high in the Rockies about 8624 ft. near Bert-houd Pass. . . a note mentions that Sgt. Ted Moore, who was a transfer from the Air force to B Co., with us 5 weeks and lost his left eye at the "Chicken Farm" lives in Denver. Address 2052 S. Fillmore, Denver, Col. He is an architect in business for himself. . . Myer Taub of 493 E. 32nd Street, Paterson N. J., says, "Glad to hear from you boys. How long has this been going on?"

As for me I'm married and have 3 kids, also I'm a shoe salesman. Since I've been out of service, I haven't seen or heard from any of my buddies. I'm glad this opportunity came up to see you boys. Only thing, it comes out on Friday and Saturday. That makes it hard (as I work those days. However Thursday I think I can make it. Till then my best to all. Murphy sends along two names Bob Taylor of 16 Kittaming St., Etina, Pa., and Tom Kostelac of Rd. 1, Fayette City, Pa. . . Robert Hamilton of 23 Herman Street, Feasterville, Pa., says that he is a happy married man for almost 8 years. He has two sons, one is 6½ and the other is two years old. He recently bought a new home in Feasterville, Pa., Bob works for the Curtis Publishing Co. Ed Sarno besides sending the address of Joe Hasczak who by the way can be reached by contacting the Bank Tavern in Chester, Pa., tells all that he is real interested in attending the convention.

26 F. A. News Notes

By JOE MCKENZIE

Many months have passed since I have sent a few words to notify the membership at large and especially the fellows of the 26 F.A., of the latest info' regarding the 26 er's. So, without any further embellishments . . . "Here are the facts" . . .

During the past eight years I have always managed to send to the Octofoil a few words about the boys from Service Battery 26 Field Artillery who attended the Memorial Mass. This year or should I say last November was an exception. I made my usual amount of notes but was unable to find the time to assemble them into sensible matter. Boys from Service Battery who live great distances from Worcester and therefore unable to be present always want to know who was there. So here goes.

Fred and Mrs. Keyes were there. By the way, Fred is getting younger looking and better looking as the years go by. Elmer and Mrs. Roscoe drove up from the Nutmeg State. John P. and Mrs. Quinn are residents of Worcester so were the first ones there. Elmer and John are not like the rest of men of Service Battery. Somewhere away back both must have taken a dislike for army chow (I don't see how they could do it to Harold Huber) and carried their dislike into civilian life. Each of them weigh about 130 lbs. combat loaded. Quintino Luigi Pergiovanni and Pee Wee (Mrs. P.) drove up from Hartford. Pee Wee got her nickname because she is knee high to a fire plug. Quintino has been an exceptionally safe driver in the State of Connecticut over the past five years. For his safe driving the State has awarded him a special plate for his car. And what do you think are on these plates for the front and rear of his car? Letters P E R G are on each plate. They represent a name he was called before, during and after his army life. Lew and Mrs. Ortigari came down from the north country. There is a fellow who likes his chow! . . . Mrs. McKenzie and our son Joe Jr. were a little late but had plenty of time to say "Hello" to all the gang.

Bill Bongiorno, George Wilkinson, John Murray, Clem Le Blanc, Joe Albanese and Walter Swenson complete the Service Battery roster. Giving a quick look around the tables I saw Boyle and Matulius from "C", Hennelly and Mazioka, Ponokos from "B", Warner and White from "A" . . . I know I missed some one from other batteries for which I am sorry.

Joe Albanese was the only one from Service Battery who visited the Connors Coffee Shop the night before the Memorial Mass. From his enthusiasm I would say he had a good time. After dinner at the hotel and while the speech making and entertaining was in progress, Father Connor showed us a present he received from Harold Huber. 111 W. Henley St., Olean, New York. Men of the 26 F.A. will never forget the delicious meals served by our Harold. This gift was a pound tin of coffee Harold had the can painted RED for artillery and suitable inscription was painted in white letters in memory of this occasion. This gift will be a proud possession of Father Connors for many years to come.

Men of Service Battery missed a very good friend who had attended almost every Memorial Mass since 1946. She was Mrs. Fitzgerald, mother of our Ed. Pergi reported that she passed away last summer.

Letters were received from Isadore Blitzstein, Bernal Lareau and Joe Mosier. All expressed regrets that they could not be present and want to be remembered to the gang. At that time Blitz was expecting an addition to his family. (Which now is a very fine reality) Maxine Shelley, 9 lbs. 3 oz. arrived on December 6th. . . Lareau recently bought a new

home and is kept busy with landscaping and decorating to suit Mrs. Lareau. Joe Mosier sent a diagram of the floor plan of the new home he is building in Kankakee, Illinois.

Can anyone help me locate Dom Curro formerly of 840 Lowell St., Denver, Colorado (note: our files show Dom at Box 104, Russell, Mass.) and Kenneth Lorimer, last known address Vaccaville, California. . . During the past Christmas season I was very pleased to hear from so many of the gang with whom I lived for over four years. At Worcester we can give some a pat on the back and a big "Hello" but to those in far away places this greeting at Christmas time is their big Hello to me . . .

A Christmas card was received from Peter Greco, 294 Hamilton Ave., Trenton, N.J. Pete will be remembered as our Battery barber. Jim Lapsley and Dick Hill sent their greetings. Bob Hamilton notified us that he has another addition to his family. Lew Ortigari, George Wilkinson and Jerry Langer sent their greetings. Johnny Brazil, who now has his first child, sent a card. Paul Griffin, 133 E. Wilson Road, Indian Head, Md. is still connected with the army. Griff and work never did agree. From his card I would say that he is well on the way to having a Junior Basketball team. Cards were received from John Murray, Harold Wallace, Joe Bolow, Jim Boyle, and Everett Grigsby. Every time I write a letter, send a card or write something such as this I always think of some of the old gang. Frank Grutzius has been on my mailing list for years. Letters and cards were sent to him. No answers were received from him and no letters were returned from the post office. This past Christmas Frank sent a very nice card. It is nice to know that Frank is very much alive.

Cards were received from Paul Fribush, Ed Dral, Harry Fry, Charles Lowey, Harold Huber, Bill Andrews, Alexander Wilcopolski, Isadore Blitzstein, Carl Lucas, Elmer Roscoe, Robert La Dez, Bernal Lareau, Joe Albanese, Dan Looney, Earl Landon, John Quinn, Clement Le Blanc, Quintino Pergiovanni, Bill Bongiorno and Robert Porter.

This is a special request or suggestion or direct order to Alvin B. Meyer, 340 East 52nd Street, New York, Penthouse B to be general chairman of the New York gang to plan a get-together for the ex 26 ers who attend the convention this summer. You have the names and addresses of the boys from New York and New Jersey. You have at least 70 names and addresses whom you can invite to New York. Al the "C" rations are on you . . . I'll be there . . .

Philadelphia Chapter News

The Philadelphia Chapter somewhat belatedly, wishes to happily announce its governing body for 1954. Elected to the post of President, in a position we are certain he will serve honorably is Ray Connelly. Ray is a former 9th Signal Company man and a real old timer in the Philadelphia chapter. Ray is unquestionably a very wise choice because of his untiring efforts on behalf of the chapter in the past and the chapter's feeling of his ability for the future. As Ray's first lieutenant in the Secretary's slot is Jerry Northman. Jerry has been elevated from the treasurer level to secretary. Jerry did a very noteworthy job as treasurer and as a result of his good work he has been graduated.

Roundin gout the front echelon in the treasurers position is Bill Soliday. Bill was the Philie Secretary a few years ago, and is now back in the active fold again.

Guy McCormick as a member at large and Jack O'Shea, past president, fill out the remaining

NEW COMMITTEE SET UP FOR CONVENTION

At the Board of Governors meeting the following was established. There shall be just four operating committees.

- 1) Nominatin Committee
 - 2) Policy and Finance Committee
 - 3) Newspaper Committee
 - 4) Miscellaneous Committee
- The local chapters are notified of this change so that they can plan accordingly.

Local Chapters of the Association

New York Chapter

Sec. H. Pepper
Grand Central P.O. Box
N.Y., N.Y.

Meeting place:
Gerdes Restaurant
112 East 18th St., N.Y. 3, N.Y.
Tel.: GR 7-9817

Meeting Time:
1st Frid. of each Month

Phila. Chapter

Sec. Jack O'Shea
1049 So. 52nd St.
Phila, Pa.
SA: 7-5299
Meeting: 3d Monday every month
P.R.R. Amer. Leg. Post 204
3202-04 Chestnut St.
Phila, Pa.

Buffalo Chapter

Sec. Henry J. R. Golabiecki
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Sec: William C. Mauser
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Sec: Robert J. De Sandy
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Twin Cities Chapter

Sec: Richard W. Sims
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Meeting — New Years Eve

New England Chapter

Fred B. D'Amore
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Columbus Chapter

Sec: Glenn O. Moore
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Columbus, Ohio

Illinois Chapter

Secretary, Theodore Preston
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Phone: Juniper 8-3576

Meeting place: 3346 N. Springfield Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Second Friday of the month.

Wash. D.C. Chapter

Sec: Anthony B. Micke
7 Underwood Place, N.W.
Washington 12, D.C.

positions of the Executive council

We trust that all the members of our local chapter have by this time been notified of the change in our meeting dates. At any rate we feel it bears repeating. We now meet on the THIRD MONDAY of the month, at the American Legion Post, at 32nd Street and Chestnut at 8:30 p.m.

The attendance at the last two meetings have more than justified the arguments of the advocates of this switch from the first Friday to the 3rd Monday. We are trimming our monthly business sessions to eight per year. Thereby leaving the remaining four months at the disposal of our entertainment committee, whom we're sure will provide us with some very interesting summer outings and gay social functions in the fall and winter months.

Let's all get behind that hustling fireman Ray Connelly and his committee and see if we can't make this year the best the Philadelphia Chapter has yet enjoyed.