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Ninth Division Leaves Fort Dix, New Jersey New Home of the 9th to Be Germany...

New England Chapter

Letter received from New England Chapter which explains the following: "Calling all 9th Divisioners! Calling all 9th Divisioners! Now hear this! Saturday, May 8th, is the date we've been all waiting for. At the YD Club, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, the New England Chapter, of the 9th Inf. Div. Association, will hold its annual dance and installation of officers. So mark that date.

This is that annual get-together that joins long-lost comrades from all over the New England States. That old buddy and his wife whom you haven't seen for ages will be there. Father Connors, whom we all know and love, will be there. In fact, all loyal 9th Divisioners will be there.

There will be dancing until midnight, so be sure to bring the wife. She'll love you all over again for a night out on the town. And don't worry about working up an appetite on the dance floor. Plenty of free deluxe and varied sandwiches and refreshments for all.

Another attraction is the YD Club bar, one of the best in town. Give yourself and the wife a break and make it a date for Saturday. The tariff is only \$1.50 a head, May 8th.

\$3.00 per couple. You may send the check to Fred B. D'Amore, 75 Webster Street, Boston.

The date — May 8th

The time — 8 P.M.

The place — YD Club

200 Huntington Ave., Boston, near Mass Ave.

The price: \$1.50 per —
\$3.00 per couple.

You are also reminded that the annual election of officers takes place at the YD Club at a chapter meeting scheduled for 8 P.M., Apr. 26th, the last Monday in April. Make it a point to be there and lend your voice and vote to the Chapters Activities. . . Let's go, you N.E. Chapter men — show up at our meetings and our affairs if you really want a swell time.

New York Chapter

April 2nd meeting of the Greater New York Chapter was held at Gerdes Restaurant, 17th Street and 4th Ave., N.Y.C., N.Y. President C. Fabrey reported on the prices of the tickets for the convention and how different colors were going to be used for the strip tickets to be sold at the door. This move was decided on because many fellows can't make all the functions, and can only make one or two of them. So the price will be cut accordingly to accommodate the late comers.

The Gold Star Mothers Committee reported on their activities. The Memorial Service Committee reported that arrangements were now being finalized for the services. Three Chaplains were invited to be at the Reunion and letters were mailed to invite them.

During the course of the discussion a motion was made to have a bulletin board at the convention. Al Wadalavage volunteered to make one.

Suggestion was brought up on the floor to have a permanent record book for each Convention and that the National Association be responsible for maintaining this book.

Hospitality Committee reported that arrangements are being made so that each woman attending the Banquet at the Reunion was to receive a free Orchid Corsage.

Regular business was then discussed including a plan to arrange meetings on another night than Friday, motion voted on to table discussion.

Membership Committee reported they are gunning for 75 new members.

Welfare Committee reported that they are progressing favorably.

Publicity Committee reported that chairman is working closely with Convention Committee in getting out news releases. . . and that among other publicity deals that Russ Hodges will be given a plaque on a TV Baseball program prior to the Convention date.

Hospitality Committee suggested

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Final Retreat Parade of the Colors at Fort Dix, N. J., Next stop overseas



The above scene is the final retreat parade of the changing of the colors which took place at Fort Dix, N. J., on May 3, 1954. As the banner of the 9th Infantry Division left the flag of the 69th Infantry Division was called out of retirement to replace it at Fort Dix. Shown in the above photo are, Major General C. E. Ryan, Commanding General and Brigadier General John W. Harmony, Assistant Division Commander and the staff saluting the colors before they are shipped overseas.

News Arrives Early

The very first indication that this office had pertaining to this move came from Fort Dix, N. J. We first learned of the intended move from Capt. H. H. Lapham the Public Information Officer of the Ninth Division now in Fort Dix, who mentioned the move in the course of our daily correspondence.

We quote from a recent letter that told us of this relocation move, "It appears evident that the 28th Division in Europe will be assuming the name and honors of the 9th Infantry Division in the near future, and I have sent them such information as I have available. However, I am sure they would like a copy of 'Eight Stars To Victory'. This request was immediately taken care of by this office, and 14 days later we received another letter this time it carried the following heading: . . . Public Information Office, Headquarters, 28th Infantry Division,

FOLLOW UP

This time the following information was requested, and we quote, "In my present capacity of Public Information Officer for the 28th Infantry Division I recently made a visit to General John G. Van Houtan in order to obtain information on the 9th Division. As you know the 28th is soon to be redesignated as the 9th Infantry Division.

On asking for data as to whom I should contact for further information and photos relating to the 9th, General Van Houtan suggested that you, as Association Secretary, were the person to communicate with on this matter.

We find it necessary to have for our own use and for publication, photographs of former 9th Division Commanders as many photos as are obtainable (no more than 25 of the combat highlights of the 9th during World War I and World War 2, prints of all unit crest and insignia, and copies of division and unit sheet music and mottoes.

I would appreciate receiving from you as much of the above mentioned material as is possible in order that we may incorporate the same in our addition of the

division paper which will feature the resignation.

The issue that will contain this material will be printed May 25th, and it would be necessary that we have the material described at least a week in advance of this date. A record will be kept of everything you are able to send to this office and will be returned to you immediately following the May 25th issue of our unit paper. Signed by: Frank R. Babish, Capt. Inf."

All of the above requests were immediately taken care of, and the material was dispatched to the 28th Division.

Most of our readers are probably wondering whether or not this is a move of physical stature or not, so to comply with lapses that may occur, we were informed that this is a paper transfer involving no personnel. On the same date that the Ninth is transferred to Germany, the present 9th in Fort Dix will become the 69th Infantry Division.

Our readers can be assured that as soon as material is released to us that we in turn will transmit such information to you via the next edition of the Octofoil.

FINAL CALL

This month our mail brought us the following sad news.

Thomas E. Dobyns
Rt. 2 Box 37
Cairo, Mo.
(Division Hqs. Co.)

James Colwell
Perce, Okla.
(60th Infantry)

Herbert E. Cook
Box 223
Jamestown, Ky.
(Div. Hqs. Co.)

John J. Yeager
74 Green Street
Cumberland, Md.
(9th Signal Co.)

Milton H. Dearing
906 E. Hillsboro St.
El Dorado, Ark.
(899th, T.D.)

Issac R. Fisher
Box 132
Port Washington, Ohio
(39th Infantry)

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A Flag Unfurled

On August 1, 1940, in the sand hills of Fort Bragg, North Carolina a division flag was recalled to active duty. Composed of a red-white-and blue Octofoil, she symbolized the United States in color and in spirit. Under her mighty banner, once again were to march the best of men, the bravest of hearts, the mightiest in the field of battle.

She was borne through the sands of the North African beaches, seen by F.D.R. in Casablanca, saluted by Gen. De. Gaulle in Bizerte, hauled by mules through the hills of Tunisia, and driven by truck through the sands of the desert. Resting for a while in Sidi-bel-Abbes, she was off again to ride the crest of the waves to the Island of Sicily. Here she was challenged by the best the German Army could produce. Troina, Randazzo, never once did falter, never once did she stray.

The brave men who carried her safely across the seas to England watched with pride as she was decorated and saluted by such men as, General Eisenhower, General Patton, General Bradley, General Collins, Sir Winston Churchill, and many other men famous for their exploits in the game of war and men.

Across the choppy channel to Utah Beach then through France, Belgium, and Germany. Never once did she tarry in her travels, never did she need to hesitate. She knew the kind of men who were caring for her safety. She knew that others respected her experience, revered her stateliness, and were humble in her presence.

In late 1946, she was on her way to obscurity after completing a long and arduous campaign that saw her fitted with a neckless of unit and division citations. Her heart bled for the 5000 that fell, but she was proud of the thousands that helped give her a sanctuary of peace.

On July 15, 1947, she was recalled to active duty, this time her station was Fort Dix New Jersey. She watched over 350,000 young men who paraded behind her and drew from her the kind of courage and experience that moulds boys into men. These men carried her heritage to the four corners of the globe.

On May 3, 1954 she was led out of cadre duty for her final stateside color retreat parade. Her glorious past was heralded before young faces, for once again the Red-white-and blue Octofoil was to assume her rightful position.

She belonged in the front line of defense where she had made her mark in two world conflicts. She had gained respect from friend-and foe-and was held in the highest esteem by her superiors.

Now, as before, for the fourth time she was detailed for active duty. She was given a job to perform. To lead, and flutter proudly in front of a front line outfit.

Behind her is the story of courage, written into the course of military history via Remagen, Thala, Gela, Bizerte, and Cherbourg.

She belongs in front, that is why on May 25th, 1954, she is going overseas once more to be unfurled as a front line outfit.

47th Anti-Tank News Letter

Once again Larry O'Keefe reports on the doings of his old gang — and does it up in grand style — we quote:

One of the nice things about keeping together through correspondence is that when someone needs help we're in a position to do something about it. One of the replies I received from my last Christmas letter was from Rosie Newman's wife, Myrtle. She said that Rosie passed away July 4, '53 and that she and the two boys, Weldon Eddy, 6, and Link, 2, had moved to Mineral Wells, Texas. Then a few days ago I received a letter from Dusty Rhodes, written from Korea in which he enclosed a letter from Mrs. Newman. I'll quote the pertinent parts:

"Edgar died with a disease, carcinoma of the colon, which he had while in the army. I have applied for a service-connected pension and need some help in proving that this thing was continuous until his death. I have over 50 letters in which he told me about his right side hurting and about being in the hospital while in Africa and in England. He wasn't bothered too much through France and Belgium but while in Germany he wrote that his side was hurting again and he was weak and had the same thing. I give you these dates, hoping they might help you recall something about his condition.

"When he was in the hospital in England they diagnosed it as a chronic appendix but one doctor told him it was not appendicitis. When they operated they found this malignant condition. They told me he had a healthy appendix. Our doctor says there is not a doubt in his mind that it was service-connected. Just anything you can remember about his condition or what he said about himself might help. If you could remember the month and year in which he had trouble that would help. Do you have the address of Myers, who lived near Snyder, Texas? Edgar and he went to London together on a leave and Edgar became ill at that time."

There you are, fellows. With Rosie being such a popular guy, surely there must be several of you that may remember some details that will help Rosie's wife. Does anyone know the address of Myers? Please send any information you may have to Mrs. Edgar L. Newman, 2100 North Oak Ave., Mineral Wells, Texas, or send to me and I'll forward it to her.

Dusty has been in Korea since May, 1953, and expects to be back in the States in June or July of this year. . . . A short note from Walt Cottingham tells of visiting with General Eddy, who is now retired, and of seeing Edel Clark and wife and daughter on their way to Camp Rucker, Ala. . . . A nice note from Norma Morey (Jim has forgotten how to write). They saw Brewer in Kentucky while on their honeymoon in 1946. Just missed seeing Collingwood a couple of years ago when he visited town while they were moving. Jim is now working on a drill press for Allis Chalmers. . . . A short note from Pete Cusack enclosing a picture of the two of us taken Sunday morning last year at his place after we had spent Saturday night talking over old times. What a couple of sad sacks! . . . A long one from Anna May Goins (J.R. can't write, either). J.R. has quit the farm and is now working as a carpenter's helper in Tulsa. She says that Orville Eeets had bought a farm near Miami, Okla. Last address I had for Teets was in W. Va. so I hope I get his new one. James Meola is in business for himself as a roofing contractor. He says he isn't getting rich but does manage to get to Florida each winter for three to five weeks. That's probably because he's still single.

A card from the Brewers from their new home in Dade City, Fla., but Arthur didn't give any news other than he would write "later"

. . . A long letter from Corcoran — good news that he has been home since Easter, 1953. However, he is able to do only light work. In spite of all his troubles, he's still as cheerful and full of wisecracks as ever. . . . Roger Gartland is evidently a confirmed bachelor and still teaching school.

That's all the news I've received since Christmas. There were several cards, as usual, with no news of the sender.

A few address changes: The following were returned to me with the notation "Moved — No Forwarding Address:" Aubrey O. Bar-

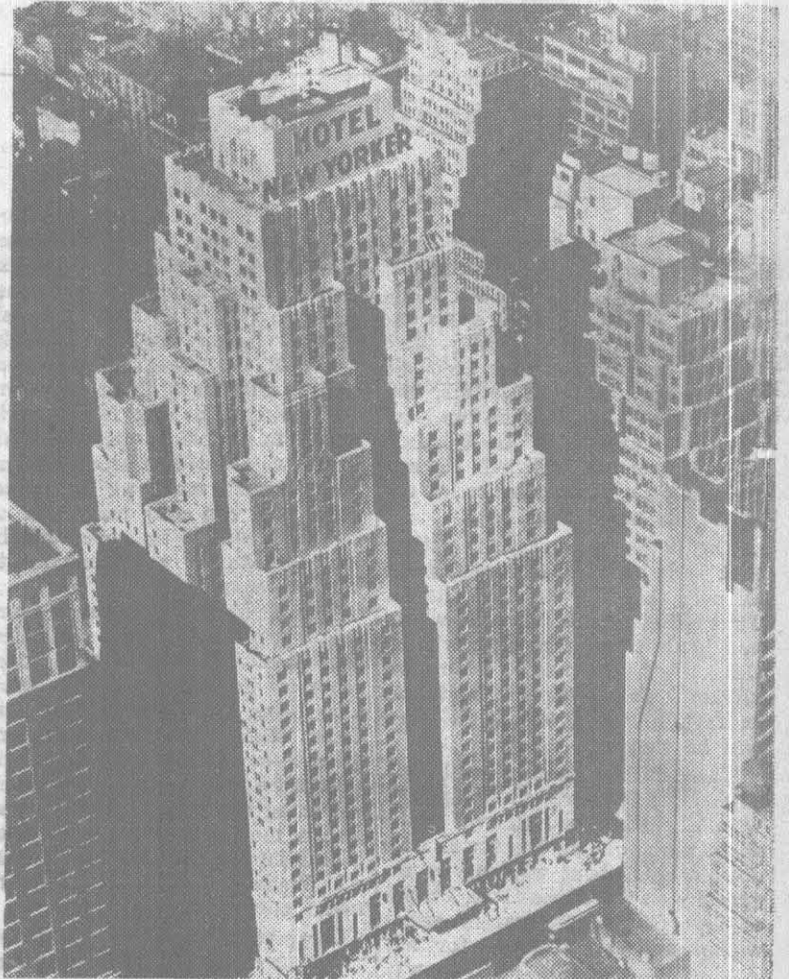
ker; Donald J. Carter; Vernon Devall; Shirley Hammond; Paul Heinemann; Claude McKay; Mike Sorokata; Jos. Wiczorek; and John Wojciechowski. So you can scratch their names off the roster until we get a new one.

Brewer's new address: 509 Davis Avenue, Dade City, Fla. Cella now at 608 W. 140th St., New York, N.Y.

Maj. J. E. Clark, jr., at 106 Alabama Street, Enterprise, Ala. Corcoran moved to 33 St. John St., Schuylkill Haven, Pa.

Ford moved to 42nd Arm. & (Continued on Page 4)

The Home of the 9th Reunion...



The Hotel New Yorker has been called by many, "A Vertical Village". The reason behind this statement can be found in analyzing the vast structure that houses 2500 rooms, towering 43 stories, employing 1700, the Hotel New Yorker is truly a small city in itself.

We learned that every room is outside, with private bath and servitor, full-length mirror, circulating ice water, bed-head and floor lamps for comfortable reading and a four-network radio. All of the four great restaurants housed in this "Tower of Luxury" are all air conditioned and perfectly appointed, providing a variety of "atmosphere" to suit any taste.

Challenging some of those statements are the facts. . . . Some 20,000,000 guests have registered at the Hotel New Yorker since its doors first opened that alone satisfied your committee that this hotel just could not be beat for value and for location and for, well for just everything that your hosts tried to secure for the men and women who will attend the 9th reunion in New York City.

If You wish to make a reservation in advance why not decide what room rate you desire and send in your reservation.

Start in early, so that you won't be late. . . .

Send this information to the Sales Department, Hotel New Yorker, 34th Street and Eight Ave., New York 1, New York.

The following rates are available

ROOM AND BATH FOR ONE PER DAY			
\$ 5.00 ()	\$ 8.00 ()		
\$ 6.00 ()	\$ 9.00 ()		
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\$12.00 ()	\$14.00 ()		
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SUITE (Parlor, bedroom and bath) INCLUDING TELEVISION FOR ONE OR TWO — PER DAY			
\$17.00 ()	\$25.00 ()		
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2nd. Bn. 47th Affair

The Club Zaccarro at 26th Street and Central Avenue, in Union City, New Jersey was certainly alive and jumping the night of May 1, 1954. . . It goes without saying, that all those who made the trek into the heights of New Jersey out that the old bunch can still really get around.

THE COMMITTEE

The highlight of the evenings festivities were many and varied. This fact can be born out by all of those who attended. To men like Danny Quinn, Vince Guglielmino, Frank Fazio, John Trevelise, and not to forget for a moment the wives of these men who assisted very nobly in making sure the affair ran off in grand style.

We learned for example that Frank Fazio was so excited about the plaque he had made for the occasion, that he insisted upon mounting the plaque in his living room, and if his wife hadn't insisted he take it down or else — it would have dominated the entire wall. Vince and Myrtle Guglielmino personally wrote over 250 letters inviting men from far and near to attend. And ole Danny Quinn found out that affairs of this kind are frustrating watching the door receipts in the beginning, but in the end, it's truly rewarding.

Guests

The invited guests were the Sheridans, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sheridan, Gold Star parents of Carl Sheridan, C.M.H. man of the 47th, who came all the way in from Baltimore to attend this function.



One of the many highlights of the evening was a speech of welcome by Mayor Harry Thurot, Mayor of Union City, (who reminded us that he was a former 1st Sgt. of Co. C., 303rd Eng. Bn. of the 78th Div. during the first World War) Mayor Thurot applauded the efforts of the men and their wives for sticking together in keeping the old bunch together.

To the men who didn't attend we can only say that you missed a great time, and we were politely informed to bawl the daylight out of the guys who didn't come, and to remind them that the old gang certainly missed them.

For you should have seen guys like Joe Von Achen, former 1st Sgt. of E. Co., and the Mrs. do the Lindy Hop. . . And by the way, it was Mrs. Von Achen who romped home with the door prize, a beautiful basket of fine pick me ups on cold nights. . . John Rizzo and his wife still have enough of the old spirit to really make things pop whenever they attend any of these affairs. The following is a partial list of those who attended:



WE MET

Anti-Tank Co. Micke Yednak, 43 Delaware Ave., Metuchen, N. J.; Mike Yuhase, Box 204 A, RFD 1, Bound Brook, N.J.; E. Co. V. Iannucci, 58 Ellsworth, Yonkers, N.Y.; Frank Avvento, 735 E. 3rd St., Bklyn.; John Trevelise, 2904 N.Y. Ave., Union City, N.J.; Joe Von Achen, 247 Fawley Drive, New Milford, N.J. FCo.; Stanley Putt of 76 Johnston Ave., Kearney, N.J.; John J. Rizzo of 2410 Kings Highway, Bklyn.; Ken Yennie Hillcrest Ave., Wycoff, N.J.; Thomas J. O'Rourke, 130 W. 228 St., N.Y.; Phil Maresca, Elm St., Sterling, N.J.; and H Company Hans Schoenman of 28 Willard St., Morristown, N.J.; Harry Meltzer, 1129 St. Lawrence Ave., Bronx, N.Y.; Anthony G. Sito, 85 Bender Ave., Iselin, N.J.; Louis Greco, 84 5th Street, Woodridge, N.J., also present were: J. De Lalla, 1925 Haight Ave., Bronx, N.Y.; Edward Longo, 1929 Haight Ave., Bronx; John Marrozzie, 1653 Tomlinson Ave., Bronx, Jack Scully, 4 Irving Place, Summit, N.J.; Maurice Houckes of 166 Lawrence Pl., Paterson, N.J.; Amideo F. Iannucci of 49-11 Broadway, Woodside, N.Y.; Leonard P. Ricco, 26 Center Street,



Bernardsville, N.J.; Mr. and Mrs. Vitolo, 23-34 25th St., Astoria, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. A. Brianyk of 98 Cottage Place, Long Branch, N.J.; George Bako, 571 E. 140th St., N.Y.C.; Joe Kaska of 1091 Broad St., Newark, N.J.; Santo Avila, 460 So. 14th St., Newark, N.J.; George Gaynor, 1700 N. Y. Ave., Union City, N.J.; Ray Kelley, 41 Berdun St., Rochelle Park, N. J.; Larry Incate, 204 North St., Jersey City, N.J.; George Whitney, 469 4th Ave., N.Y.C.; Harry Orenstein, 640 East 139th St., Bronx 54, N.Y.; Stela Twito, 342 E. 62 St., N.Y.C.; Freddie Gross, 735 Lorraine St., Bklyn.; Rose Lanzino, 302 St. Anns Ave., Bklyn.; Fatso McGinnes, 749 Union Street, Bklyn.; Duke Snider, 4102 St. Anns Ave., Bklyn.; Harry Brenner, 95 Thayer Street, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Sol Jaker, Jersey City. Mr. and Mrs. Irving Feinberg, 30 West 181 St., Bronx, N.Y.

TABLE CHATTER

While table hopping we were informed that Mr. and Mrs. V. Iannucci just celebrated their 6th wedding anniversary on April 10 . . . And we suppose at every affair one attends you pick up quips that make interesting reading.

For example Tony Sito tells us that away back in 1941 he joined the 2nd Battalion in Fort Bragg, then after 13 years of being shifted around the army from here and gone, including a tour of duty in Korea, where do you suppose he gets assigned, "Why of course, once more it's back to the 47th and the second battalion, but this time not as a pfc but as a 1st Lt. . . And match being stationed in Fort Dix, Tony is now living in Iselin, N.J.

Did they all have a good time — well let's look at the facts. It started at 7 P.M. and broke up 3 A.M. If that isn't significant of fun — well if you want to find out — then join them next year.

Mail Bag

47th INFANTRY

From away out California way, to be exact in Colton, news comes in from Anthony Damato of C. Co., that his third baby was born on Feb. 9th, 1954, and they named her Jodie Leigh. . . Jodie was welcomed by her two sisters, Georgia Kay and Toni Renee, Tony is now located at 524 Mill Street in Colton, . . .

Mrs. L. P. Connors tells us that Larry Connors who was with the 47th from Fort Bragg to Sicily, (where he was wounded and returned to the states) is in Korea and has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action on "Outpost Harry" in June of 1953. Major Connors hopes to be back in the States sometime in August, to join his wife and three sons who are now living in Bergenfield, New Jersey.

Frederick Scheel who was with Battalion Headquarters and was with the 9th from Chicken Road till the Elbe river, and then as he tells us, was one of the lucky ones to come home on rotation. . . tells us that he has just finished building a new home. The Scheels have moved in very recently and are very proud of their latest endeavor. . .

Harold E. Hendricks . . . of Co., C., tells us that he is a manager of the Skelgas bottling plant in Esterville, Iowa; has three fine children, and would really like to hear from some of the lads who were in C. Co. with him. Harold explains that one of these days he is going to attend one of the reunions, but unfortunately he can't make it this year.

39th Infantry

John Francisco who recently found out about the association from B. Brown of Benton, Arkansas, tells us that up until now he did not realize we have this outfit going. So, he is now a new member. John was with the outfit during the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns.

We received a card telling us that Herbert Taff was recently elected Commander of the Lt. Robert P. Grover Post in Jersey City, N.J.

James A. Bailey tells us that he has a note of apology to forward, he is sorry that he is a way down in Georgia where the ranks are thin and not much possibility of a successful group being activated.

Jimmy does say that the former "Fighting Falcons" of the 39th Infantry that he comes in contact with, all live on Sisson Avenue in Atlanta. Jim because of business contacts reports on the doings of Louis "Judge" Driskell, formerly of the Court Martial Board; Leonard Cofield, a lineman of Headquarters Company and the Third Battalion, have their own CP meeting every once in a while. Jim in the old days was in the P.R. section and had many opportunities to meet quite a few men. Jim can still recall the days in Fort Bragg when he was attached to the "Falcon" and he mentions that in his position he had his finger on the pulse of the 39th Infantry. That experience has made many friends of life time standing. Jim also comments that every once in a while he finds himself thinking that he would like to make a trip and meet some of his old friends up east and relive some of those wonderful experiences again. Jim reads the Octofoil very avidly and every time he sees names like Mike Batelli, Andy Macera, Joe Garner (Garguilo), Ken Bunney, Eddie Green and others that he served with in the Personnel Section he gets some real nostalgic moments. Jim exchanges Christmas cards with quite a few of the lads and he gets a real kick each year he does it.

Reverend Mr. John G. Pohori

THIS WAS WAR...

Once again we proudly display some of our finest in some of their worst or pleasant moments, (you make the decision) . . .



Here is a shot of an unknown Yank Infantryman who is getting a well-earned nap in Marigny, France, while the ruined Town is still being shelled by German Tanks and Artillery. Please note the fine condition of the open air shops, this air conditioning was probably supplied by some finely placed 88's. . . The soft (?) Sealy mattress (?) was provided by fatigue, you will note the delicate air of casualness. . . Just drop every thing and flop. . . Oh - for those days. . .



You will note by looking carefully at this picture that the problem of keeping food forever cold was supplied by mother nature. There is nothing like having a plate of hot chow go very cold, on the fender of a 2 1/2 Ton bathed in snow, in a matter of seconds. The 1/5 in the foreground as you can see is deeply engaged in enjoying his meal, and probably saying to himself. . . "Home was never like this."? May we go on record as stating that the above scene only happened in the winter time. Yes, every winter . . . and all through the winter. . .

lak has recently told us that very shortly he is reaching a very happy point in his life, namely, 'Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood, and he is anxious to share this glorious fact with his former friends.

60th Infantry

Nick Santangelo recently moved from Brooklyn to Texas and is anxious to locate some Texas-9th men. Nick was with Cannon Company. . . Nick you tell us the area you would be interested in, and we here at National would be only too glad to furnish a list of Texas men.

Larry O'Keefe tells us that he ran into Daniel F. Gray of 2705 California St., San Francisco, California who was with the 60th in France. Dan wanted to find out about the Association and we sure told him quick.

Norbert J. (Chick) Henne of 3455 Irving Ave., North, Minn. 12, Minn. sends his best to Al Bruchac & "Go Devil" reunion on May 8th, and remarks that it's too many kilometers to traverse, however he would like to relive

those days again with Al when, Al was his "Adjutant in Oran."

Gordon Taylor tells us that he recently ran into Arnold Kellner of 3601 Duncan, Columbia, S.C.

9th Hqs.

Received a note from Walter Wolfson that he is now the Director of the Hotel Theresa at 7th Avenue and 125th Street. Wally must be enjoying his tour of duty because he now has the opportunity to meet such celebs as: Rex Ingram, Ralph Bunche, Pear Bailey, King Cole, Sugar Ray, Henry Armstrong and Joe Louis.

Wilton Taylor of Lost Hills, California tells us that he recently read that France is going to conduct special Memorial Services on D Day, and they are sponsoring all types of battle field tours as well as a Memorial Service in Paris to celebrate this day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Kothe formerly announce that they have moved from 2500 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Washington 7, D.C. to 5510 Henderson Road, Washington 22, D.C.

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Editorial Suggestions

In the February issue of the Octofoil, your editor published an editorial regarding some constructive ideas for future articles. We have received the following ideas up to this point.

From Chaplain Cecil Loy Propst: A special column entitled "Where Are They Now?" or a similar title. Give perhaps, ten names each month of well known, or fairly well known leaders, officers and enlisted personnel, noting the unit then and where, and what they are doing now: Example, JOHNSON, John C., Major, 60th Infantry, Baltimore, Maryland, District Sales Manager, Sherwood Oil Products.

Each month review one battle participated during that month of the year, just a brief resume nothing participating units.

Offer for sale for members a complete roster of Association members, revised yearly, at small profit to the Association.

A Memorial tribute 1 column wide and two inches deep each month, black bracketed, to the comrades who fell during that month—no names mentioned but to their memory. A very brief tribute written for this space by the Chaplains who served with the 9th Infantry Division.

From Irving Gordon: "The Old Days" anything pertaining to the old days as picture series, anniversaries of important events etc; **Honors**, extending the honor department to incorporate more of the Winchester Cathedral story; A column called **Inside Dope**, a comprehensive report on the doing of the men behind the association and what goes on in detail at various Board of Governors meetings. **Obituaries:** A fuller explanation of buddies who pass away giving a greater statistical background of the men. . . **Men Of The Ninth:** Delve into the background of men of the Ninth who have made a mark in the world today.

Inquiring Photog: Send out questions to chapters to have them partake in question and answer series. All questions to come out of the chapters. **Personality Sketches:** Who are the men who run this organization. . . **KIDS PICTURES:** A kiddie contest, pop is always ready to send this in for a prize. . . **Vets News:** Only that news that effects the 9th men. **Big Brass:** A message from the Brass on overall policies that would interest X-Service men. . . **Our Regulars:** Statements from regulars that can be printed. . . **Vacations:** Stories on who saw who and when and where. . . **Unit Section Reports:** An article from the smaller units as Signal and Ordinance guys. . . **Men in Service Today:** Let them write in their experiences with the new army.

The above have been submitted for additional news columns for the Octofoil. If you wish to amplify these thoughts with some of your own, let's hear from you. . . Who knows you may win yourself a \$10.00 prize.

Or if you wish to judge the above submissions with corrections or additions, let us know. . .

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A New Way

We have been asked to do things in various different manners but the past week has brought what we thought a brand new query.

David E. Boyd of Parkersburg, W. Virginia is a real anxious guy when it comes to finding out information regarding the coming convention. He does it the fast way. We opened the door one day and lo' and behold here is a telegram with the following question:

"Please advise date and place of annual convention."

We answered Dave, and we hope he shows up, by the way Dave is a former member of G. Co., 60th Infantry. . . A real fast moving bunch.

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New York...

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through its Chairman that each member should personally write a letter to a former buddy inviting him to the reunion.

Journal Committee: reports progress.

A book donated by Shapiro was won by Roger Vulleumier at the monthly raffle.

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Elec. Sqdn., Limestone Air Force Base, Maine

Goins moved to 1220 W. 22nd. Apt. 4A, Tulsa, Okla.

Benj. N. Smith now at 2704 E. Cavett Drive, Shreveport, La.

Dusty's new address till May:

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No word at all from the following (and such a long list is disappointing):

Armour, Atkinson, Bajor, John Barber, William Barker, Beaver, Blood, Bodnar, Boom, Ed Brown, Bubloni, Cella, Chique, Chudzicki, Cipirano, Cocco, Collingwood, Cook, Cvetzar, Davids, Ellis, Gagnon, Galleg, Gerard, Glidden, Hayes, Kasza, Kowski, Kelly, Kolker, Lasser, LeBlanc, Madia, Maguire, Marquardt, Michalko, Miller, McCabe, Poole, Riley, Roth, Russell, Russo, Salerna, Santorelli, Sereico, Siegle, Slavin, Stike, Teets, Torres, Torrisi, Unglert, Wilday, Wolbrich, Yednak, and Zemencsik.

Let's hope that by the time we get the next letter out I'll have heard from enough of those to be able to put out some news.

OK, gang, rack your memories and see if you can dig up any info that will help Myrtle Newman. If you can remember anything at all — please write Mrs. Newman, or send to me for forwarding.

See you next Christmas. Let's hear from you before then.

LARRY O'KEEFE

P.S. — Don't forget to send your 1954 dues of \$3.50 to the 9th Inf. Div. Association secre-

A Place of Honor

In the very near future the flags and colors and the guidons with the attached honor pennants will be placed in the museums at Cherbourg and Arromanches, France, in commemoration of the Normandy Campaign of 1944. The French officials have asked "PAR-TICULARLY" for a flag of the 9th Infantry Division.

As soon as additional information is forthcoming regarding this honored ceremony, we will pass such information on to our readers.

We here at national thought that the mere mention of this item would please the men and members of this association.

Mail Bag

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Seen during some recent travels: Larry Heil, formerly of 9th Signal Company walking along Lexington Ave. in New York City; while in Cincinnati stopped in and had a very nice chat with Major Ross H. Wilson, formerly of Division Headquarters. Major Wilson is still in the advertising business and is now in command of the Ohio National Guard in the Cincinnati area.

Chaplain Cecil Loy Propst sends us a note explaining that he has received orders reassigning him as Staff Chaplain, Far East Air Force and that he will be stationed in Japan and that he will have supervisory responsibility for the Chaplain Services of the Air Force in the Far East Area. Chaplain Propst sends his regrets that he has to miss the New York reunion because he had hoped to make this 9th reunion.

Chaplain R. J. Curtis, former chaplain of the 39th Infantry is now stationed with Hq. and Headquarters Battery, A.A.A., R.T.C., Fort Bliss, Texas.

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