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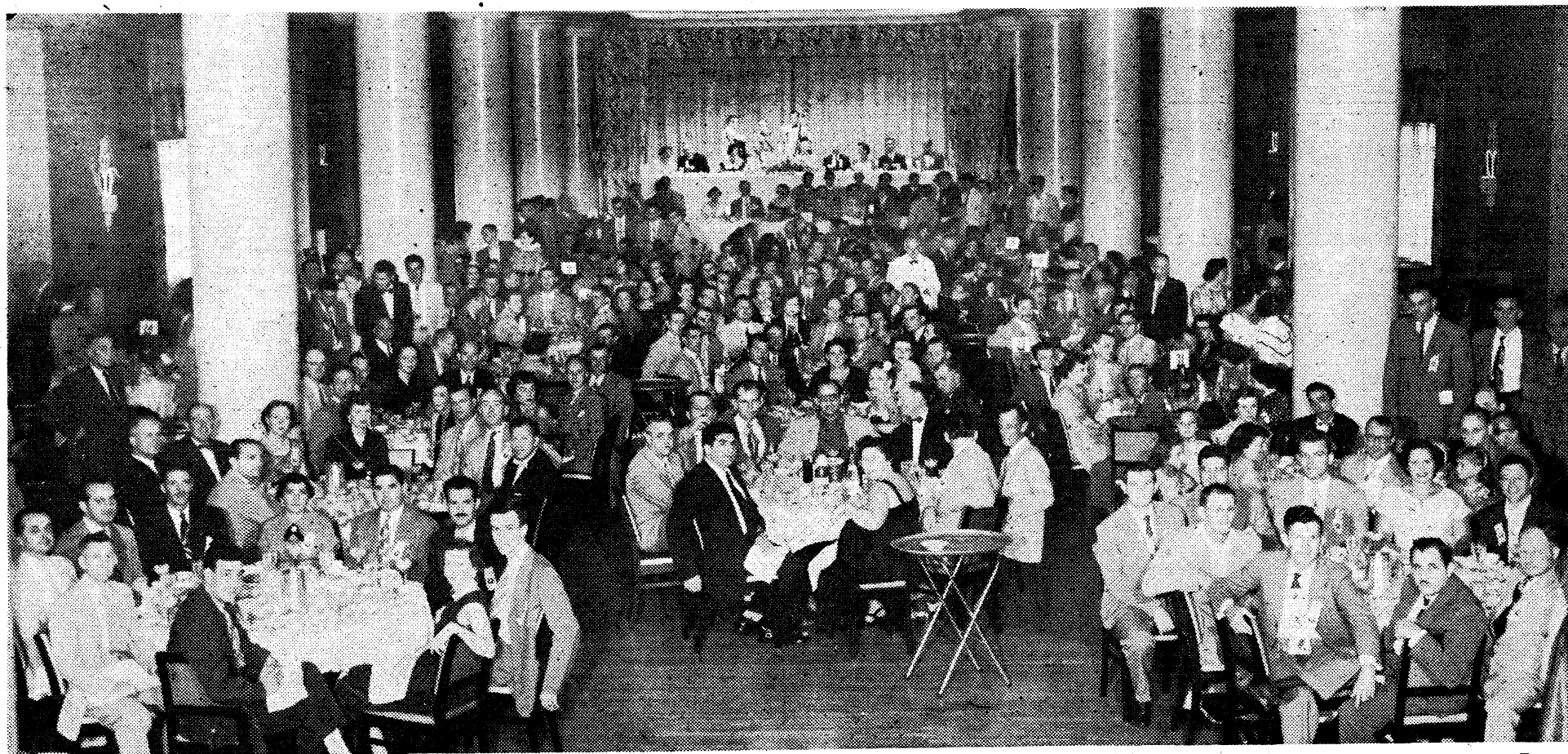
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Convention Time

"There is nothing — no nothing that can compare with a division reunion."

We honestly believe in this statement and we know we can find many many endorsements to this phrase — for example — General Eddy in response to correspondence has said, "I never expect to miss another 9th Infantry Division reunion as long as I live." — From a former 9th man who lives in Puerto Rico, Corp. B. Eteva, "Looking forward to be at the convention."

There must be something to all of this.

That something is "Nostalgia and good comradeship." The stilled embers of memories are truly kindled when a man attends a convention. Yes, we can only repeat what we hear and what we read from daily correspondence.

There must be something to all of this." This something, for some reason is a very indescribable feeling that can only come to the forefront if a man attends a reunion.

The host Chapter, New York, has literally driven themselves into a state of exhaustion trying to set up all the little things that count. No man of the Chapter has sat back with the feeling — "Let Joe do it," on the contrary — each man has worked — and each man is going to work that much harder during the actual convention.

There is only one goal — and that is success. But, all the planning in the world can only guarantee a prescription of success. To create this success — you and you and you should try to attend this affair.

For after all, each host Chapter is working to get as much as possible. But it must be digested in order to work.

If you have the time — the money and the feeling of participation — then by all means try to make this reunion.

Go one step farther, notify your buddy that you would like to meet him in New York at the Convention.

Try to arrange a group meeting of your friends. This is the basis of our conventions. Look up your old Christmas cards and get in touch with former buddies.

You are the one who makes a Convention,

You are the one who keeps us going —

You are the one who should make sure you are going to have a good time.

You are the Convention.

So — Let's all go to New York City in July!

New York Chapter Report

The June 4th meeting was held at Gerdes Restaurant on 17th Street and 4th Avenue in New York City. After a reading of the minutes. President Charles Fabre called for a report of the Convention.

The following convention committees were appointed:

Executive: Richard C. Storey (Chairman); Charles Fabre, Al Bruchac, and Mike Gatto (Co-Chairman).

Information and History: Dr. Hyman Seslowe (Chairman) Niblock, Sidney Kobren and Mr. McInerney.

Comptroller: Vincent Iannucci (Chairman) Herminio Suarez, Finance: Stan Cohen (Chairman) Vincent Guglielmo, Vincent Iannucci.

Hospitality Committee: Vincent Guglielmo (Chairman) Frank Fazio, Daniel Quinn, Mr. Flynn.

Publicity: Larry Greenman (Chairman) Irving Feinber, Jerome Shapiro.

Registration: Dom Miele (Chairman), Harold Pepper, Harry Wax, Chairman of Events: Thursday, Milton Wind; Friday, Mike Gatto; Saturday afternoon, Herminio Suarez; Saturday night, Ernie Siegel.

The Information and History Committee will have a desk set up on the registration floor conducted by Doc. Seslowe with a new idea called the Registration Book. This book will be for the members of the association attending the convention to sign and will be passed to each succeeding convention as a momento registration book. Members are invited to bring pictures of themselves, or pics taken at past reunions, or during the army days (Continued on Page 4)

National Capital Chapter

We have just been advised of the plans of the National Capital Chapter (Washington, D.C.) regarding the coming reunion. The following association members from in around the D.C. area are planning to attend the 1954 reunion.

Louis Becker, Charles Tingley, Frank Wade, William Robey, Donald Clarke. General Wm. C. Westmoreland, Harrison Daysh, Tony Chocanas, Ralph Carci, Lt. Col. W. Schmidt, Waikart, Lt. Col. Bryant and John W. O'Donnell.

The National Capital Chapter is making every effort to substantially enlarge this delegation. The following are tentative committee assignments for the Washington representation on the various convention committees. Newspaper Committee: Tony Chocanas, John O'Donnell; Nominating Committee: Donald Clark, Charles Tingley, and Frank Wade; Policy and Financial Committee: General Wm. C. Westmoreland and Wm. G. Robey; Miscellaneous Committee: Ralph Carci and Harrison Daysh.

Medal Enthusiasts

We have just been advised by the Department of the Army, Office of the Adjutant General. . . Individuals desiring their United States awards should make application by letter. Since records of personnel separated from the service are maintained in St. Louis, the applications for awards should be addressed to the Commanding Officer, Military Personnel Records Center, 4700 Goodfellow Boulevard, St. Louis 20, Missouri.

So, those men who have lost or never did receive any medals or would like to have them, just write to the above address, and you will get whatever medals or ribbons or cords are due you.

The Tower Of Happiness...

Yes, this will truly be a tower of happiness come July 29, 30 and 31, 1954 for this is the meeting place of the 9th annual reunion, in the tower known as the Hotel New Yorker. . .

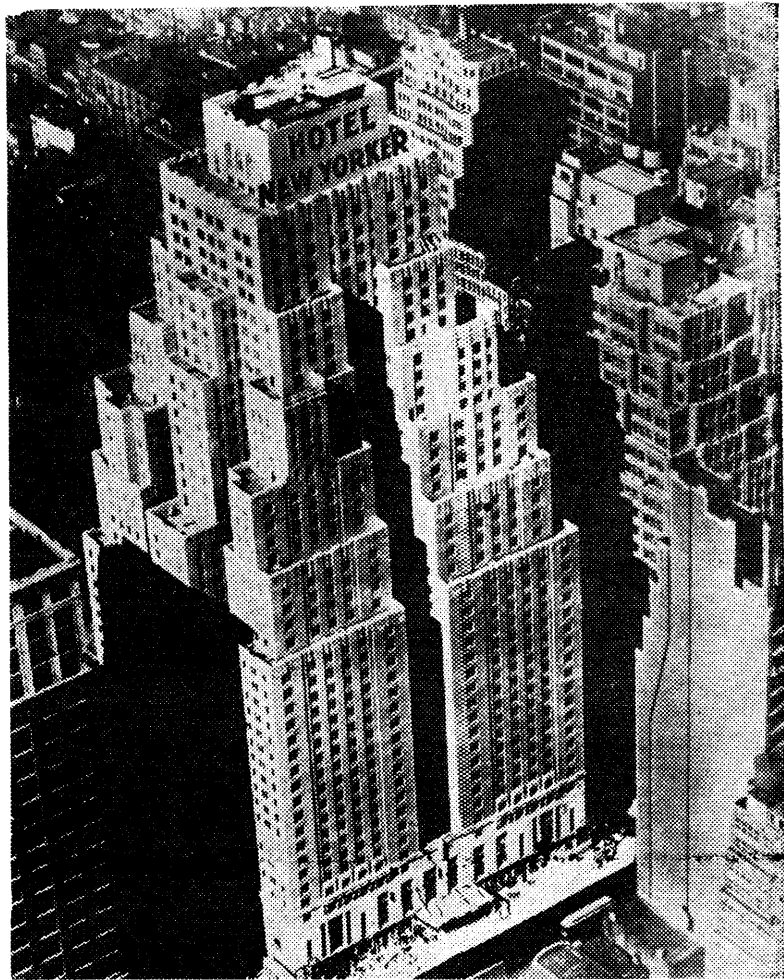
Just before going to press we learned of the following bit of news that we thought might interest the ladies who plan to attend this affair. We are in the midst of arranging a potential shin dig called a "FASHION SHOW" to be held at B. Altman in New York City. Before going to press we learned that this will be a combination breakfast and fashion show combined. The devotees of fashion will meet Fri-

these tickets in block form or in strip form. In block form the entire tab will set you back a packaged price of \$10.00.

Or you can buy this in strip form, for just one or two or three events.

Our pleasure is to serve you the ingredients of happiness, you just make up your own concoction and mix it your own way.

Once again to remind you that the Assistant Secretary of State Mr. Henry A. Byroade, will be the main speaker at our convention. We are also anticipating some other speakers of reknown. We are not at liberty to mention names at this point. But we are



day A.M. and then indulge in some real gal style chatter — we know you gals will certainly want to attend. In addition we know that we are getting beaucoup (MUCH-MANNY) radio and TV tickets. So, please, don't worry about what to do gals while the old man is yaking away. We have all the plans lined up. . . Just make sure the old man brings you. . .

If you haven't forgotten about the break up in prices here they are once again to make sure you know what's what. . .

Costs: Per Person. . .	Registration	\$1.00
Thursday Night Beer Party	and Dance	\$2.50
Friday Night Dance		\$2.00
Saturday Afternoon Beer Party		\$2.00
Saturday Night Banquet		\$6.50

If you wish you can purchase

certain that you will be very surprised and pleased.

In addition to all that we have mentioned we are advised that you will be well taken care of in the hospitality department. The New York Chamber of Commerce will have for all those attending special lists of restaurants to dine at that will have courtesy arrangements with the Convention. We will have special passes and if you have any question at all we have the answers or make it our business to find out for you.

If you wish to stay around New York City we will have special guide books on hand that will point out "Places to visit in New York" or you can take a UN Tour for .75 per person, or Boat Trips around Manhattan Island — or you can see Radio City on a Tour de luxe. The places to go are many — the things to do are fun — All we say "Join us in July."

New York City Festival Time

Come to New York and Enjoy the Summer Festival activities along with the 9th annual reunion. . . We are pleased to announce the following travel attractions if you plan to come to N.Y.C. this summer.

With all New York working to convince the traveler that this city is the greatest vacation value spot on earth, here is a breakdown of plans in a few vital areas:

Airlines — Package tours including hotel accommodations and entertainment are more attractive than ever. There will be more mid-week family plan flights providing half fare for children under 12 and for mother.

Buses — Thirty percent round-trip fare reduction has been set by Greyhound for three or more

persons traveling together east of St. Louis and Chicago to New York. Travelers need not be members of same family. Plan not good in New England. Theater discount tickets also available.

Railroads — Nine lines serving New York offer family plan roundtrip reduction of some 30 percent. Available outside of 100-mile radius from city. Theater discount tickets also obtainable.

Hotels — More package tours offered than ever before, from weekends to two and three weeks. Hotels also plan to decorate more extensively and provide more extensive tourist services and information.

Restaurants — Several have promised a daily festival special at a cut rate.

There's Truly Enough Of Everything In New York

Ask a New Yorker. "What's new in 'The Big Town'?", and you'll find there isn't time to tell it all — not in one session. There are always more new things in the city O'Henry called "Bagdad-on-the-Subway" than any guide, or two guides, can recall offhand.

In visiting most cities, the traveler, who has never been there before, inquires rather casually, "What are the points of interest?" New York City is in itself a liberal education, a trip around the world, a World's Fair 365 days of the year, a fascinating, friendly home for all friendly peoples.

The City the New World built is a new world. The upward soaring aspirations of a liberty-loving people, as they have been expressed in home and workroom, have made New York the magnificent city.

Your hotel home possibilities surpass those in any city on the globe. The guest may spend for a place to 'lay his head' as much or as little as he wishes, and is offered greater dollar value than any city in America. Food prices compare favorably at all times with cities where the cost of living is moderate. And what food!

If a slogan were to be written for New York City, it could well be this — "the city where there's truly enough of everything."

Within the confines of Manhattan are all known nationalities, each with its own array of tempting restaurants, many with special amusements to charm the visitor. After dark New York City is a veritable Arabian nights entertainment where the romance-hungry may dine, dance and dream high above the city in some sky-top restaurant or mount a stool in a sub-cavern seafood bar or roar with the rest in a Bavarian wein stube, or . . . and so on ad infinitum.

There are priceless galleries filled with art treasures, high vaulted churches whose cool naves soothe the wayfarer and give him strength and contentment. Endless miles of fascinating shops whose wares constitute the daily offering of an always new, ever present World's Fair. Here are points of historical interest without number that set up a flutter in American hearts, a glamorous waterfront into which sleek ocean carriers bring their groups of international commuters and the shy amateurs of travel. World history in the making at

Whatever it is New York City the new United Nations. has it, whether it's a medical center that challenges your interest or a graveyard for Revolutionary heroes, the most perfect of all crowds of high-kicking choristers or a flower show of breathless beauty.

Here is a world center in education, an aggregation of great universities and colleges whose degree holders are in every civilized hamlet, and some less civilized. Or here . . . but you name it, New York has it.

To list all points of interest in New York City and to describe them would take more space than possible here to devote to the subject. However, for those who demand it here is a list, necessarily restricted, but complete enough to give some idea of what can be found, and where, in the most interesting spot on the face of the globe, the twenty square miles of Manhattan.

LOWER NEW YORK

Bowery — From Chatham Square north to East Fourth Street. "Street of Lost Souls".

Bowling Green — The oldest city park. At the foot of Broadway. Brooklyn Bridge — Connecting City Hall Park and Brooklyn. The first bridge between Man-

hattan and Brooklyn. Opened 1883.

Chamber of Commerce, State of New York — 65 Liberty Street. Chinatown — Mott, Pell and Doy-er Streets. The Oriental quarter of New York.

City Hall — City Hall Park. Between Chambers and Barclay Streets.

Criminal Courts Building — Center and Pearl Streets. General Sessions and Supreme Courts here.

American Stock Exchange — 78 Trinity Place. Exchange for securities not listed in the regular Stock Exchange.

Custom House — At foot of Broadway.

Ellis Island — Near Statue of Liberty. United States Immigration Station.

Fraunces Tavern — Broad and Pearl Streets. Contains Museum. Built in 1719. Where General Washington bade farewell to his officers Dec. 4, 1783. Holland Tunnel — Hudson Street. Manhattan to 14th Street, Jersey City.

Manhattan Bridge — Connects Canal St. with Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn. Completed 1909. Municipal Building — Park Row, facing City Hall Park.

Old John Street Church — 14 John Street. First built in 1769. Contains many relics of early Methodism including clock from John Wesley.

Police Headquarters — Broome, Grand and Center Streets. Main entrance 240 Center Street. Museum and Rogues Gallery.

Seamen's Church Institute of New York — 25 South Street. Largest shore home in the world for merchant seamen. Visitors welcome 9 to 5 daily. Many maritime relics. Original marine paintings. Joseph Conrad Memorial Library. A unique view of New York Harbor from its Titanic Memorial Tower.

St. Paul's Chapel — Broadway between Fulton and Vesey Sts. Oldest American church now standing. Built 1754-56. The pews of George Washington and Governor Clinton are marked here.

Statue of Liberty — Bedloe's Island. Boats leave the Battery every hour on the hour. Fare 60 cents.

Singer Building — Liberty Street and Broadway. 41 stories. One of the first skyscrapers built without wood.

Stock Exchange — 8-18 Broad Street. Visitors' Balcony, open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Governor's Island — Reached by ferry from the Battery. Passes upon application to the sergeant in charge, Manhattan side. Governor's Island ferry.

MIDTOWN NEW YORK

Bellevue Hospital — First Ave. and 26th Street. The largest hospital in N.Y.C.

Carnegie Hall — Seventh Avenue and 57th Street. Musical events take place here.

Chrysler Building — Lexington Avenue and 42nd St. 77 floors. 1046 feet high.

Church of the Ascension (Episcopal) — Fifth Ave. and Tenth St. The large mural painting of the Ascension is by John La Farge.

Cooper Union — Cooper Square. Third and Fourth Aves. at 8th St. The Art School is one of the oldest in the city.

Empire State Building — Fifth Ave. and 34th St. The tallest structure in the world. 102 stories, 1248 feet high. Observation terraces on 86th and 102d floors. Open 9:45 to midnight daily. Admission \$1.20.

Grace Church — Broadway and Tenth St. The stone urn in the garden was excavated in Rome. Belongs to the age of Nero.

Grand Central Terminal — Park

Ave. and 42nd St. Largest and most costly terminal in the world. 79 acres over all. Art schools and gallery on upper floors.

Greenwich Village — West of Washington Square and north to 14th St. Center of artists and writers. "Bohemian Section".

Madison Square Garden — 50th St. and Eighth Ave.

Metropolitan Opera House — Broadway, 39th to 40th Sts.

Morgan Library — 33 East 36th Street.

Pennsylvania Station — Seventh Ave. to Eighth Ave., 31st to 33rd Sts.

Post Office (Central) — Eighth Ave., 31st to 33rd Sts.

Public Library — Fifth Avenue, 40th to 42nd Sts. Architecturally one of the city's noblest buildings. Second in size to Congressional Library in Washington.

Port of New York Authority Bus Terminal — Eighth Ave., Bet. 40th and 41st Sts.

Rockefeller Center — 48th to 51st Sts., between Fifth and Sixth Avenues. World's greatest private undertaking. The tall RCA Building has the largest floor area of any existing skyscraper. In the north block is the Radio City Music Hall, one of the world's largest theatres, seating 6,100.

St. Patrick's Cathedral — Fifth Avenue between 50th and 51st Sts. Completed in 1879.

Temple Emanu-El — Fifth Ave. and 65th Street.

United Nations — World history in the making. Six blocks from 42nd to 48th Sts. and from First Ave. to the East River.

Washington Square — Foot of Fifth Ave. The site of Washington Arch designed by Stanford White, erected 1883. On the east of the Square is Washington Square College of New York University and on the South is the Law Center.

UPPER NEW YORK

American Numismatic Society — Broadway, 155th and 156th Sts. Museum open 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Monday.

American Museum of Natural History — 77th St. and Columbus Ave. Open week days 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays and holidays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Bronx Park and Zoological Garden Post Road. Contains 719 dens — East 180th St. and Bos-acres. Open daily 10 a.m. to dusk.

Cathedral of St. John the Divine — Amsterdam Ave. and 112th St. Open to visitors from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Central Park — 59th to 110th Sts., Fifth Ave. to Eighth Ave. 832 acres. 2½ miles long, ½ mile wide. The zoo for animals, birds, and reptiles is on the southeast corner at 64th St.

Columbus Circle — Intersection of Broadway and Eighth Ave. at 59th St. The Maine and Columbus monuments located here.

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College of the City of New York — 139th St. and Amsterdam Avenue.

Columbia University — Broadway, 116th to 120th Sts. 28 acres of ground.

Fordham University — Park Ave. at Fordham Road, Bronx. George Washington Bridge — Crosses the Hudson River to Fort Lee, N.J. at 179th St. 4700 feet long. Distance between towers is 3300 feet. Completed 1931.

Grant's Tomb — Riverside Drive and 123rd St. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Hayden Planetarium — 81st St.

and Central Park West, where the Drama of the Heavens is unfolded on an artificial sky-6 showings daily.

Hispanic Society of America — Broadway at 156th St. Spanish Art. Daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission free. Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Jumel Mansion — Edgecombe Ave. at 160th St. Built about 1766. Entire Colonial rooms are preserved intact.

Medical Center — Broadway, Riverside Drive and 168th St. Fifth Ave. between 80th and

Metropolitan Museum of Art — 84th Sts. Finest and largest art museum in America.

Museum of the City of New York — 103rd St. and Fifth Ave. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays. Closed Mondays.

New York Historical Society — 170 Central Park West. Founded 1804. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily except Christmas. New Years, Thanksgiving and July 4th, other holidays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

New York University — Univer-

sity Ave. and 181st St. Its campus is dominated by the Colonnade of the Hall of Fame for Great Americans. Numerous colleges throughout the city.

Poe Cottage — Kingsbridge Rd. and Grand Concourse.

Riverside Drive — Extends along the edge of the Hudson from 72nd to Dyckman Sts., nearly 7 miles.

Riverside Church — Riverside Dr., 122nd St. The tower houses the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Memorial Carillon of 72 bells and is open daily 1 to 5 p.m. except Sunday.

Van Cortlandt Mansion and Park — 242nd St. and Broadway.

Van Cortlandt Mansion — Now a museum. Built in 1748 by Frederick Van Cortlandt. Contains furniture of the Colonial Period. Open to the public.

Polo Grounds — Home of the New York Giants, 155th St. and Eighth Ave. Seating capacity 45,000.

Yankee Stadium — Home of the New York American League Baseball Team, 161st and River Avenue. Seating capacity, 60,000.

THIS WAS WAR

Our picture file of this issue seems quite appropo so we thought we would use them to help to set a scene of comparisons.



Pfc Robert L. Birdsong, Blue Mountain, Mississippi of Company I, 60th Infantry, takes a well deserved rest in his foxhole near Hargarten, Germany.

Bob here has the right idea, but let us now go on record as saying we are certain that the Hotel New Yorker has told us that they have softer pillows than knapsacks and more comfortable mattresses than mother earth, and believe me, I saw the rooms and the decor is a little finer and more inviting than this foxhole.



You can be sure that the dinning rooms at the Hotel New Yorker have been warned in advance that the 9th Division is having a meeting. So, if any of our members think that just because the old outfit is having a reunion they have to wear their M. I.'s to chow they are in for a sad surprise. And we have it in the strictest of confidences that the method of serving will be more to the style you are now accustomed to. The utensils have a brighter look about them than the old crusted mess kit. This time if you have any complaints about the food you don't have to go to the Mess Sgt., just see the Matre-de. . . P.S. — you don't have to wash your kit in hot soapy ash cans, they have waiters now who pick up after you . . . because this is the 9th Annual reunion

Notes On The Reunion

By CHARLES J. FABRE

I have just spoken to Stan Cohen on the telephone and he suggested that I write up a few remarks on the plans and arrangements we have made so far. First of all let me take up the matter most important to the members, namely finances. We believe that you can attend this reunion at a cost considerably lower than the previous reunions. In addition to the combination ticket which will cost \$10.00, including registration, you will be able to purchase tickets to the separate events. That should eliminate a source of complaints we have received in the past. Today I spoke to the assistant manager of the Hotel New Yorker and here are some of the prices you can expect for rooms. Single from: \$5.00 up and Double from \$9.00 up.

In addition to that we will have available dormitory type rooms which will be even lower than the single rooms. We had lunch in the "Coffee House," that is on the basement level of the hotel, and some of the typical prices are as follows: Baked sugar cured ham, Madeira sauce, roast potatoes, buttered beets — \$1.20; Hungarian Veal Goulash with bittered noodles and Green peas — \$1.10; Broiled Halibut steak with butter sauce and vegetables — \$1.00; Grilled Hamburger Steak Sandwich 80 cents. From there we went upstairs to the "Manhattan Room," an air con-

"A" Co.-47th Reunion

The men of the famous "A" Co. are still carrying the ball in civilian life. The reason for that can be attributed to the successful outcomes that they get for each and every reunion. They just had the 5th reunion and they are sure that they get better and longer each time they are held. We were informed that this one started at 8 o'clock in the P.M. and did not think about breaking up until the wee-wee hours of the A.M. Food and liquors were abundant and dancing to a very popular band helped to make the evening go still faster.

Men came from near and far to attend this affair. For example they came from New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Washington, D. C. All in all roughly about forty people attended this function. To name a few: L.M. McLaughlin, Gene Hinski, Hank Horvath, Cyrus Dillacroce, Joe McAdams, Emil Langer, John Drebót, George Sarker, Charles Kuntz, Martin "Rosy" Cambal, Sal D'Agostino, Tony Di Rubba, A. Giascobbe, Gene Di Bisciglie, Red Ahearn, Conklin, Mawel, Galluppo, Jake Laskan, Leonard "Jockey" Boggs, Vince Lepore, Mickey Spear and many wives and girl friends.

Next year one of the boys (Tony Di Rubba) who has a beautiful restaurant in Westchester County has volunteered to donate his restaurant for the next reunion. We were informed that this is a real show place. The fellows intend to put on a show. (More or less a skit on "A" Co.) We have many characters in our group now, but when they entertain — they all become headline acts.

So "A" Co. boys, let's hear from you. In this way we can put you on our mailing list. P.S. The rackets are very economical.

Gold Star Committee

Mr. J. M. McInerny of 505 E. 87th Street, New York City, has been delegated to take charge of all the Gold Star Folks who are planning to attend the 9th Annual Convention. All plans are being drawn up to take care of our Gold Star friends.

ditioned bar on the street floor and found that the Drinks are about the same price as your good neighborhood bar. For instance an ounce and one quarter drink with Seagrams 7 crown was 65 cents, and scotches and bonded drinks ran up to 85 and 90 cents. Of course there are more plush accommodations available for those that seek them. By the way, the North Ballroom and the Grand Ball Room have been entirely air conditioned so that the men will be able to dress up in their jackets for the dance and banquet. Speaking of dressing bring up the question of what to wear. All of the events will be informal, but we would recommend that the men bring along light summer jackets because many of the hotels require them, particularly in the evenings. Not that you will have much time to run around if you take in all the events that we have lined up for you. I spoke to the manager about Rooms for the individual C.P.'s that will be set up and he informs me that they have available what might be termed party rooms for as little as \$8.00 per night. This same room with two cots set up would cost about \$16.00, with three cots \$18.50 and four cots \$21.00. The size of the room is about 14x20 feet. Send your reservations in to the Hotel direct. Hazel just walked in and looking over my shoulder she suggests that I tell you about the three or four Cafeterias on Eighth Avenue, between 34th and 37th Streets, on the block with the hotel, that serve meals at popular prices. Since she is a chow hound she would think of that. As you have probably heard the parking situation around New York is not too good, but I stopped in to a new garage on 31st street, between 7th and 8th Avenues and I will try to get a reduced price for the outfit. We will have a sign at the registration desk if we make the contact. Watch the no Parking signs during the day. If you arrive by train, taxi fare from Pennsylvania Station should be about 35 cents and from Grand Central Station about 70 cents. The Greyhound bus Terminal is just down the block from the hotel. We have sent out contract forms for the Souvenir-Journal to all the Chapters and we hope that you will make an effort to secure at least an ad for us. In that way we will be able to say that this is the NATIONAL reunion. Just a last note for those who have had the same experience as I had at previous reunions with bottled beer. We will have draught beer and all you can drink, both Thursday and Saturday Afternoon. Hope to see you all in July.

60th Field Report

By CHARLES J. FABRE

We do not blame you for wondering what became of the column and our only excuse is that we have been so busy these past six months that we did not have time. Among other things we have acquired a wife, which will explain much of the time. Many of you have met Hazel at the Washington reunion and Worcester and she will be my hostess this year in New York, so if you attend, many of the questions will answer themselves. We were married April 20th in St. Vincent's Church in Brooklyn by Father Connors who came down from Worcester for the ceremony.

As you have probably read, we have also been elected as president of the New York Chapter and as part of that job it is necessary for us to coordinate the arrangements for the reunion. As of the present moment things are taking shape rapidly and we can promise you the best reunion to date. No efforts are being spared by the reunion committee and the New York Chapter to make your stay enjoyable. We hope that the 60th Field will maintain its reputation of being the best represented outfit at the National reunions. As usual we plan on having the C.P. set up for the members, so look for the 60th Field Sign at the registration desk.

After the last reunion we gave you a financial breakdown, among which was an item of \$18.00 we had collected for the 60th Field Memorial page in the journal and which we were unable to place. To make up for this we are taking a full page in this year's journal and making up the difference ourselves.

We are mailing out post cards to each member we have in our file, so if you do not receive a card please let us know. We have the stencils cut for that list of addresses we promised you and if you will send in your names and addresses we can still include it on the list. We hope that each one of you try to make the reunion and we promise you it will be one long to be remembered. Any questions about the Hotel, rates, rooms, will be gladly answered, and reservations made. Hope to see you all in July.

Since our marriage we have moved to larger quarters and the new address is

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39th Infantry

Harold H. Coleman of 3922 Woodruff Ave., Louisville, Kentucky, former Company "M" saw our notice in the V.F.W. magazine and is anxious to get in touch with men of "M" company.

Attention: Calling men from "A" Company. . . We recently received a letter from Paul Des Jardins of Felton, Minnesota, "Read notice of your annual reunion in the American Legion Magazine. My brother, Pfc Marcel Des Jardine was killed in Normandy on July 11, 1941. We have never heard any details about his death other than a book published by the 9th Division. We never knew what part of the division he was with as he was a replacement. I would be most grateful if you or any of the boys at the next meeting who possibly knew him would write to me. We have a small Legion post here in Felton, Minnesota which is named after him. The Marcel Des Jardins Post No. 568 Department of Minnesota. According to telegrams received he was wounded on July 11 and died on July 12, 1944. The 9th Division book told of heavy fighting near St. Lo, at that time and possible that is where he was killed. We never had his body shipped home and he is buried at the Military cemetery just above Omaha Beach. I have been trying for years to get some information, but never read of your reunion until now. I sincerely hope you will give this some consideration and contact some of the men who might have known my brother.

Editor's note: We traced our records and found out that Marcel was with "A" Company. So if any of our readers from "A" Company remember Marcel we would appreciate it if you will contact Paul.

Another newcomer to the folds is Lester J. Seyffart of 49-02 93 St., Elmhurst, L.I., who also contacted us about some info on the reunion. Lester was with the 39th.

60th Infantry

Samuel Carlick of Paducah, Kentucky, a former member of the 60th was recently advised by the V.F.W. magazine about our reunion and wrote to ask about the Association. We told him. . . and he tells us he is going to try to make the reunion.

Clifton Piteer of Corbettsville, N.Y. formerly with H Company, 2nd Battalion Headquarters, told us that he found out about the Division Association through the American Legion Magazine and is anxious to attend the reunion.

47th Infantry

A recent letter from Robert M. Burry, Jr. who was a staff sergeant with "A" Co. 47th from March 19, 1945 to June 1945 telling us that he is now a Captain on active duty, and is living at Warwick, Virginia, Route 1, Box 243 A.

Roland E. Pope of Roseburg, Oregon, writes: I have come in contact with a few of the former 9th Division men out here in the west, but most of them are like myself late comers to the 9th joining her in the years of 44 and 45 so we never had a chance to make many acquaintances during our stay with the Division, but everyone I have talked to seems to be proud to be able to say that they had the honor to have been able to serve with such a famous Division as the 9th.

While stationed in Germany and France during the year 1953 I had the opportunity to visit the Remagen Bridge on the Rhine River and I climber to the top of Erpel Ley and looked out over the Rhine and the area where so many of the 9th were wounded and killed; I received my injuries in this area or I should say just back of the Ley on March the 17th, 1945 and while I was stationed in France, Orleans, France

To The Gold Star Folks

By J. M. McINERNY

New York City's First Summer Festival will be in full swing until Labor Day.

Everything — or practically everything — which may interest visitors to the city will be made available, often at bargain rates, during the entire period of the celebration. One of the aims of those who have planned the festival is to correct the impression that New York is intolerably hot, humid and expensive. The average temperature for New York in July is only 74.5. Plenty of good beaches for bathing are available, if you want to cool off in the ocean.

New York City is the greatest vacation bargain spot on earth. Railroads will provide family budget excursion rates. Bus and airlines will cooperate. New York's great stores and shops will hold dramatic daily sales of choice sporting events and cultural merchandise. Outdoor pageants, exhibitions will be provided "for free" to visitors.

It looks like a gay time in "Little Old New York" this summer, so why not join us at the Hotel New Yorker for the Ninth Annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Ass'n, Inc., to be held on July 29th, 30th and 31st, 1954.

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either in the states or overseas.

The Chapter President has invited 3 Gold Star Parents as his personal guests to attend the convention.

For all the ladies who plan to attend this convention Orchids will be distributed on Friday night.

Three Chaplains of 3 faiths have been invited to attend this reunion.

Memorial Services will be held on the Post Office Steps. This is the Post Office that is across the street from the Hotel New Yorker (as of this date final approval has not been given but it can be assumed that the arrangements will be finalized before the reunion). If rain should fall, alternate plans are arranged for.

At the end of the meeting, a cigarette case was raffled off and the winner was Mr. Niblock.

The next meeting is scheduled for the 9th of July at Gerdes Restaurant.

First Army Band to Play at Memorial Service

This office is in receipt of the following letter from Headquarters First Army, Governors Island. "We have your letter of 19th June with reference to Army participation in the Memorial Services of the 9th Annual Reunion of Your Association.

It is a pleasure to inform you that the First Army Band, Color Guard and colors will be able to take part in the ceremony. The units have been asked to report to you at 9:45 A.M. Saturday, 31 July at the General Post Office, 8th Avenue and 3rd Street."

When the bugle sounds off at 10:00 A.M., we will march about 500 feet and then assemble for the Memorial Service.

that is, I had a light motorcycle and had the chance to ride it from Orleans to Caen, Rouen and the full length to the Cherbourg Peninsula. I visited both Omaha and Utah beaches. I would like very much to attend a reunion of the 9th, but this year will be impossible. . . perhaps next year.

"A" Co. 47. . . Emil P. Langer informs us that on May 27th at the Physicians Hospital in Jackson Heights, at 12:21 P.M. his son Laurence Peter Langer was born. He weighed in at 5 pounds and 14 ozs. And is Emil and Amelia proud of this news item.

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