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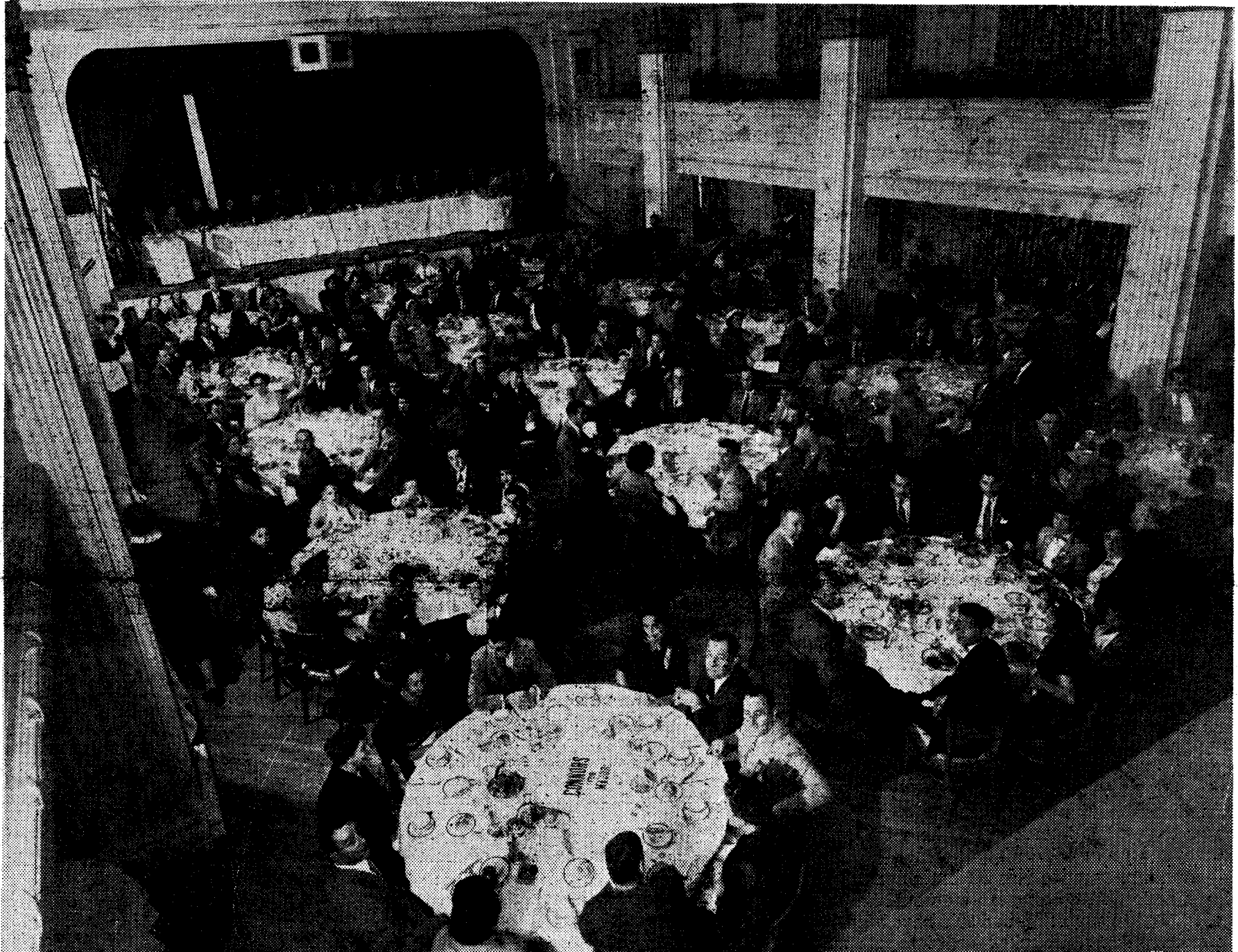
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10th MEMORIAL MASS BEST YET



Over 800 Turn Out To Honor Their Fallen Comrades

Once again the very portals of Worcester rang with the echo's of days gone by as the men of the 9th returned to honor their buddies. They came as usual from near and far, and from the joyous greetings that rang out, this was the best yet. Because this was the 10th meeting sponsored by Father Connors for his boys of the 9th Division.

Once again the parish joined with Father Ed to insure a successful weekend. And from all points of the compass they came to the Church of the Immaculate Conception to help Father Ed as they have done for the past nine years.

Saturday Night

The Saturday night Connor's Coffee Shop gathering had about 350 people singing and chatting merrily far into the night. For example we met, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Madonna of 2 Stevens Road, Worcester, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gargiulo of 238 Laurel Street, East Haven, Conn., Albert Ferrante of 35 Cove Ave., Framingham, Mass.; Danny Mazelka of 31 Peacedale Ave., Worcester, Mass.; informs us that on October 3, his wife brought little Danny Jr. into the world. . . F. Maher, P. Maher, Mr. and Mrs. R. Reinhold, C. Maher and T.

Bundza sat at one table. At another table were: Jim Dulong and from the 60th F.A.Bn. Frank Pofsiadlo, Fred Sargis, Joe Baun, C. W. Buckley, Tom Belmore, Tom F. Green, Bill Braun, J. Iannotti, and George Keefe. Incidentally all at this table wish to say "Hello" to Ernest Irion. Mr. and Mrs. Francis McLaughlin sat with all of the Grahams, John F. Daniel, Veronica, Robert, and John who by the way are part of the brood, there are 7 kids in this fine family. Young John served as an alter boy for Father Connor's mass the following morning. Sitting with Brig. Gen. Westmoreland were: John Lannon, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lange, Mrs. Lannon. The group that sat in a corner just chatting like mad consisted of: Emil Baugartner (D-47) who now has 2 boys and one girl; Charles Troccoli (E. 47th) the proud dad

of 2 boys and 3 girls; Ed Matlock (D-47) has a progeny of 3 boys and one girl; Phil Freund (C-47th) boasts of his 3 boys and 3 girls; Walter Kane of Hartford, Conn., yawked about his boy and girl while Ray Ledwith (C Co. 9th Med.) spoke of his 2 and 1/2. Troccoli, Matlock and Freund are living in Woodbury, New Jersey. Father Robert Curtis told us the news about some former chaplains; Father Andrusiak is now stationed in Fort Meade, Maryland; Father Francis Sullivan is in Siena, College in Lortonville, N.Y., and Father Curtis is now stationed in Fort Bliss, Texas. Dominick Marrone celebrated his 11th Anniversary. Dom is now living at 40 Puritan St., in Worcester. A real highlight of the evening were the films shown by Father Connors of past reunions which provoked many laughs.

Sunday Morning

The Sunday morning mass was truly celebrated by all, and was indeed befitting because the green tab with the letter 9 was practically everywhere in the church. As Father Connors explained he took exception in this case to green this year, as he was partial to that color. The group then had coffee, and in the Coffee Shop, at times it was difficult to find the windows and doors because of the overflowing contingent. Many new faces were observed, and many old friends were reunited.

Sunday Dinner

At about 1:30 in the afternoon in the Hotel Sheraton, approximately 800 men, women and children gathered to spend what was going to be a very joyful reunion. After a truly delicious meal, Father Connors then introduced the speakers on the dias; Bishop Wright, Father Curtis and Brig. Gen. Westmoreland. Joe Braun of Brooklyn, N.Y. was the recipient of beautiful door prize. The entertain-

ment was supplied by the choir from the Church of the Immaculate Conception; Mickey Bruno played his vibrophones and a general song fest filled in the afternoon. During the course of the afternoon Father Connors explained that he had hoped that by next year the Mass would be held in the new church. This Church is to be located on Gold Star Boulevard. It is planned to have a Memorial Alter built nearby in memory of all those who gave their lives during the wars. It was at this point that Fred B. D'Amore and Syd Levison on behalf of the men of the 9th Division presented Father Connors with a check of \$1000, for the Memorial Fund.

We are not sure whether or not you were able to see the signs on each table in the above picture which read, "Connors for Major." Though Father Ed tried, it seems that he is destined to be a Captain. We are sure that the 10th Memorial Mass was a very definite success and if you can possibly make it next year, we are certain you

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Fifty Cents

Some people can buy two extra packs of cigarettes with it; another could go to the show with it, and yet to others it can make the difference between a successful and a non-successful operation.

Fifty cents may seem to be a very insignificant sum, but in our case it is a very vital segment in the economic health of your association.

The best way to amplify this statement is to backtrack and talk of past figures. Let us be very realistic and therefore just analyze one figure, last year's budget. This is the budget that was tailored down to its virtual breaking point.

We worked on the assumption of a paid-up membership of 1500 members. Our net income from dues amounted to \$3765.47. (old members) From new members we received \$248.50. Our total income considering miscellaneous amounted to \$6158.12. Our total Expense was \$6229.12. Our net loss therefore was \$70.

Simple as that, what turned out to be a tailored down budget still showed up as a \$70.00 loss.

Now — let us re-examine this 50 cents increase. If we had this increase in action last year we would have gained a gross of \$750.00 then our net gain would have been \$680.00.

Simple arithmetic, had we asked for it last year we would have gained, but instead we lost money.

This year we don't want to lose out, so we are asking you for an extra stipend. Perhaps it is that extra pack of cigs, or the price of a show, but as we just showed you this is a big fifty cents.

We have done about everything imaginable to stimulate interest we are still trying to find solutions. But, in the course of our investigation, we are not recouping our losses.

To prove our point by one more step let's look at membership lists. We consistently lose one hundred and fifty names with each mailing. Names that are lost. We pick up about 100 from other sources, but in the long run we are always losing.

Therefore, since our loss is not replacable, and our group seems to have a pattern. We must therefore learn to embroider this pattern with an effective design, so as not to lose out in the face of competition.

This has been a problem that has stimulated long discussions and argument, with the never ending question being thrown back, what else can we do?

We have reached a turning point. . . . We need an active measure that will show immediate returns. The only effective stimulus is increasing dues.

So, when you receive your dues notice, don't think in terms of an extra fifty cents, think in terms of your association.

Think in terms of \$680.00 on the black side of the ledger.

For that is what this fifty cents is worth to the 9th Division Association.

9th Infantry Div.
Combat Data

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18. The 47th Inf. Regt. is credited with participation in assault landings at Safi, North Africa, from 8 to 10 November, 1942.

19. The 47th Inf. Regt. was awarded a French Croix deGuerre with palm per French Decision No. 267, 22 July 1946 for action from 20 June to 1 July 1944 at Cherbourg and outer defenses. However, this is an organizational award and does not entitle the individual members to the decoration.

20. The 47th Inf. Regt., 9th Inf. Div., was awarded the Belgian fourragers per Belgian Decree No. 1391, 20 November 1945, for action from 3 to 13 September 1944 along the southwest border of Belgium to the Siegfried Line and for action from 20 December 1944 to 26 January 1945 in the Ardennes. Personnel who served with the division during both periods for which unit was cited are entitled to wear the fourragers as a permanent part of the uniform. Individuals who served with the unit subsequent to these periods may wear the decoration only on special occasions while assigned to that organization.

21. The 2nd Battalion, 47th Inf. Regt. was awarded a French Croix de guerre with palms per French Decision No. 267, 22 July 1946 for action from 24 to 28 November 1944 in the region of the Roer. However, this is an organizational award and does not entitle the individual members to the decoration.

22. The Medical Detachment, 60th Inf. Regt. was awarded a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque in General Orders 182, Headquarters, 9th Inf. Div., 6 December 1945 for meritorious service from 1 October 1944 to 31 March 1945.

23. The Service Co., 60th Inf. Regt. was awarded a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque in General Orders 53, Headquarters, 9th Inf. Div. for meritorious service from 1 January to 30 June 1944.

24. Company B, 60th Inf. Regt. was awarded a Distinguished Unit Citation in War Dept. General Orders 55, 1945, for action on 12 December 1944, Germany.

25. The 2nd Battalion, 60th Inf. Regt. was awarded three Distinguished Unit Citations, as follows:

Cited in War Dept. General Orders 90, 1944, for action on 16 June, 1944, St. Colombe, France.

Cited in War Dept. General Orders 1, 1944, for action on 23 and 24 April 1943, Djebel Mrata Sedjenane Valley.

Cited in War Dept. General Orders 68, 1945 for action on 9 and 10 February 1945, Germany.

26. The Medical Detachment, 3rd Battalion, 60th Inf. Regt. was awarded a Distinguished Unit Citation in War Dept. General Orders 12, 1945 for action on 6 September 1944, Blaimont, Belgium.

27. The 60th Inf. Regt., 9th Inf. Division, was awarded the Belgian fourragers per Belgian Decree No. 1391, 20 November 1945, for action from 3 to 13 September 1944 along the southwest border of Belgium to the Siegfried Line and for action from 20 December 1944 to 26 January 1945 in the Ardennes. Personnel who served with the division during both periods for which unit was cited are entitled to wear the fourragers as a permanent part of the uniform. Individuals who served

9th Division Round-Up
From September 23
To October 23

TRAINING

A 9th Division Sergeant showed the way to the rest of the Seventh Army crack shots, in a recent competition held at the Grafenwohr training area. Sgt. Walter Hemenway, of the Division's 709th Ordnance Battalion blasted 194 points out of a possible 200 in the Carbine event.

Another "Old Reliables" trooper, Master Sergeant Laverne Gunderschwagen, placed second in the M-1 rifle contest. His 191 points out of a possible 210, was just 2 points off the top score.

The Division held its first full scale maneuvers in September and several new innovations were brought into play. Helicopters were first time. The "egg beaters" were used to their full capacity for the utilized for troop movements, wounded evacuation and aerial supply.

At Hohenfels, Seventh Corps battalion tests kept most of the 9th Division battalions on the move. The latest to take the 96 hour gruelling test was the 47th Infantry's 3rd Battalion. Under the command of Lt. Col. Corson L. Hilton, the Raiders made sweeping attacks on their initial objectives bringing up constant support from the rear. Motoring the battalion enabled the raiders to move faster — thus keeping the aggressors on the run.

While at Heilbronn, home of the 60th Infantry Regiment, Pvt. Glenn E. Schmidt became the answer to a OMI team's prayer. Schmidt racked up a perfect p't test score of 500—the first to do so in two cycles in the Regiment. Schmidt must have inspired the rest of company C, for they ended up with the highest overall average in the Regiment.

Once again, in October, the Division took to the field in all out maneuvers. This time the occasion was the Seventh Corps maneuvers "West Wind." The big headache facing both commanders and troops on this one was to gain further knowledge of withdrawals and counterattacks.

ed with the unit subsequent to these periods may wear the decoration only on special occasions while assigned to that organization.

28. The 60th Inf. Regt. was awarded the French Croix de guerre with palm per French Decision No. 267, 22 July 1946 for action from 11 to 18 June 1944 in Cotentin. However, this is an organizational award and does not entitle the individual members to the decoration.

29. The 9th Recon. Troop is credited with participation in assault landings at Algiers, North Africa, from 8 to 10 November 1942.

30. Co. A, 15th Engineer Combat Battalion is credited with participation in assault landings at Algiers, North Africa from 8 to 10 November 1942.

31. The 15th Engineer Combat Battalion was awarded a Distinguished Unit Citation in War Department General Orders 67, 1945 for action from 14 September to 23 October 1944, Germany.

32. Company B, 15th Engineer Combat Battalion was awarded a Distinguished Unit Citation in War Dept. General Orders 65, 1946, for action from 8 to 10 March 1945, Germany.

33. The 9th Medical Battalion was awarded a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque by Headquarters, 9th Inf. Div., for meritorious service from 1 July 1944 to 31 December 1944.

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60th Field Report

By Charles J. Fabre

Now that the Octofoil is coming out every two months, we figured we had plenty of time to get our article in. As most of you know we have mailed out a list of names and addresses which have been promised for a long time. If you haven't received one as yet it will be forthcoming within the next couple of weeks. Seems like we ran out of page 5 and 6. The response to the address list has been very gratifying to date and we have in front of us a few letters; from George A. Fleck, 96 Brill St., Newark, N.J.; Glen Glotfelty with a corrected address — 208 Perry St., Connellsville, Pa. (Hq.) Sent a card with best regards from the Mrs. and the three children, or was it four, Glen? A brief note from Sam Di Renzo, (A) also with a change of address — 2814 Knorr St., Philadelphia 49, Pa. And greetings to all his buddies in the 60th; A letter from Mrs. Clarence Nordner (Hq) with a change of address — 214 Riverside St., Janesville, Wis., Shirley says they now have four children and that Clarence is so busy these days he does not have time to write letters. We sure wish you folks could make the reunion next July in Philadelphia; Also a letter from Lionel M. Beardet, (Hq) also with a change of address — 598 Prospect Avenue, Rumford, Maine. Lionel inquires about the address of James Duncan of Hq. Btry who was from Texas. I do not have the address in my files but will check with the National Secretary. If any one has the address sure would appreciate it if you would send it along to us. We will forward it to Lionel. By the way, Lionel, the history of the 9th Inf. Div. (Eight Stars to Victory) is being shipped to you C.O.D. from the National Secretary; A card from Arthur P. Hinaman who says we can put one star after his name now. He also sends along the name of Harold M. Grady, 58 East 56th St., Savannah, Ga., and Robert Lord, 426 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. He is right in our back yard and we mean to see him right after the holidays. Thanks for the names, Art. Arthur, Barbara and daughter Sue send greetings to all of the former 9th Men. Also a card from Lew Gray (Hq) with a family portrait, showing the Mrs., the three boys and the newest female addition to the Gray family. The oldest one is the picture of Lew himself. A card from Mrs. M. Heffer, 6721 Ditman St., Philadelphia, Pa., the mother of the Hq. Btry man who was K.I.A. She would appreciate any pictures of him that you may have. Please send them to me or to her direct. Also cards from the following Essie and William Spruill, Mr. & Mrs. Zigmund Barszewski, Mike Belmonte; Sgt. & Mrs. Roy Burrows; and Lt. Col. and Mrs. Ralph I. Williams who has a new address for the now — 16 Heintzman Ct. Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. We hope we haven't left any one out and as the cards keep coming in we will add them to the next issue. Also we will try to send out sheets of address changes when we get a page full.

Since the Worcester Memorial Services, which were a very successful affair, several of the fellows have been talking of a 60th Field dinner. As it now stands, we thought that some time in the early spring would be about right and the location would depend upon the response we get to the idea. It has been suggested that we hold it on Sunday afternoon, but that is open to change depending upon the majority opinion. Let's hear your views so we can get an idea of what you would like.

We had inquires about Edward J. Tarasiewicz, 15 Adams St., Easthampton, Mass., and we replied that we receive Christmas cards from him but have not seen him at any of the reunions or at Worcester. Perhaps a visit from some of

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MAIL BAG

709th Ordinance: Wilbur Sherwin, Kempt Street, West Groton, Mass. We met Wilbur in Worcester, Mass., and learned that he is now married and has two youngsters, Eddie who is 7 and Kathie who is 4. Wilbur is with the Kent Cigarette company. This was the first 9th affair Wilbur has ever attended and he was certainly glad he showed up.

Division Headquarters: Harrison Paysh informs us that William Peverill is now permanently located in Wilmington, Delaware, with the Hercules Powder company. His address is Wawaset Apartment (C-5) 7th and Greenhill. Lt. Col. Clair H. Thurston is now back in the U.S. and is located at 2337 11th St., North, Arlington, Va. Col. Thurston was with the M.P.'s. Col. Fred Feil has also been returned to the United States and is living at 1005 Ellison Drive, Falls Church, Va.

39th Infantry: Virgil C. Langlotz of 1203 Sante Fe Trail, Rt. 3, Boonville, Mo., is now a married man and this past July 2, a brand new baby girl was put on his company roster. Virgil's wife tells us that they have just finished building their new home and they are now a very happy little family. Harry B. Odom, Co. A. informs us that he is now out of the hospital and feels as good as new again. Harry is back at his old homestead at Monhegan Island, in Maine.

Russell Johnston of Cameron, Mo. writes to us and tells us: "I am always pleased to get the Octofoil, which is about the only communication we flat land foreigners have with the old times. I had a mighty fine visit with Hilliard Reddick, who led a squad in Company G., of the 39th, this fall. Hilliard's a doctor now in Quincy, Florida. Not many people out here ever heard of the Ninth Division. We keep the welcome mat at our little Abstract office dusted off for any member who might wander this far."

9th Signal: Kendall W. Guilford of 23 Omar Terrace, Newtonville, Mass. has a beef. He tells us that during this past year he has only received eight issues of the Octofoil. Ken wants to know if this is true of the other lads in the Association. . . Editor's Note One thing we cannot control is the delivery of the Octofoil. We know we ship it out of Jersey City, with your name on the paper, where it goes from there we don't know. All we can say is be patient, if you don't get the paper let us know. We have enough copies on hand to take care of you. Kendall encloses the latest address of Melvin McDougall — 909 W. Garden Coeur D'Alene, Idaho; Melvin was a radio operator with the 9th Signal Co from Fort Bragg days throughout the entire campaign.

Div. Art'y, 84th F.A. Calvin Polivy has just moved his law offices to Suite 1808, 225 West 34th Street, New York 1, N.Y. Incidentally Cal and his family are now suburbanites out Cedarhurst, Long Island way.

60th F.A.Bn. Clair R. McKee explains to us that he has been working the 3rd Shift in a plastic fabrication factory in Findlay, Ohio and in addition farming his 160 acres keeps him rather occupied.

47th Infantry: M. Company . . . Wilton Taylor of Lost Hills, California sends us a long detailed note regarding the doings of the M. Company gang . . . Unfortunately the cards that were sent along of Basingstoke, England cannot be printed. But just for the credit line. Thanks to Mr. J. T. Golden of Basingstoke. "Wilton, wishes each and every member of the Association the best of all to come in the Christmas and the New Year including the new men who are now wearing the Octofoil in the E.T.O. Including Past and Present Commanders, General Ed-

dy, General Randall, General Smythe and all the Staff. The following is a brief on what has happened in the Mid-West and West . . .

Lloyd Wofford of Company B., 15th Engineers, is now a driver for the Gen. Pet. Corp, Stop 6, Lost Hills, Calif. W.D. Waldron of Co. E 60th is at Young Lease, Gen. Pet. Corp, Bakersfield, Calif. Harold Russie, Co. D. 39th is a salesman for the Standard Coffee Co., Taft, California. Russie is a real gone Boogie Piano player. He likes to play for the crowd, and believe me I think that the crowd really goes for his kind of jazz. One really never knows just what the other fellow did during the last war for example. J. D. Lathon a foreman out here with my company is an x-Navy salvage man who helped during the war emergency with the Thomas Stone when she was hit in the Med. in November of '43. Another lad here by the name of Steve Smith is an x-sea-bee who helped set off the big "Sea Mine" at Bizerte. Wilton tells us that he has received Xmas cards from General Smythe, Louis Novak (Rt. 1, Seymour Texas) Louis was with Co. H. of the 47th. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rockstraw of Palo Alto, Calif., (M-47th). Mr. and Mrs. William Havolik of 1st Pl. Co., M-47th—parents of Sgt. Harold Havolik who was hit at El Guettar, Tunisia on March 29th '43. Looking for addresses of Gerald Wheelock, Bob Winkleman, Choma, Rayberger all of M Co. 47th. Domineck Miele has sent me the names of quite a few of M men. Saw Lester Schweir (Co. I-47) at his Tipton, Indiana farm last July. Lester looks good and has recently acquired a real stock quota of cattle to give his farm a bib big look. Wilton has a log after he left the Ninth of all the Ninth men whom he met while going back through the hospitals in France and Germany and England. The only complaint Taylor has, is that he would like to attend a Convention and suggests that perhaps it could be centered in the mid west area some place around Denver. His feeling is that he would like a place where us Westerners can meet you Easterners half way across because after all we were with you too and we'd love to have you see the West half of the Mississippi.

Special Announcement. On October 18, 1954, at the Bryn Mawr Hospital at 7:47 a.m. a real life drama called "The Bundle From Heaven," starred Dorothy Ann Colflesh, her co-stars were Bernice Colflesh (a patient mother) and Bob Colflesh (a distracted father). Comments, our star, though a newcomer weighing only 7 lbs., shows great talent for keeping the center on the stage. This little star is capable of a boisterous as well as a very appealing performance and has already won lifetime fans. The happy part of mother is played quite convincingly and the supporting role of father is enthusiastically portrayed by a well known member of "E" Co. of the 47th . . .

Sgt. Steve Budrick has now been returned from Korea and is really resting at the 11th Ordinance Company at Fort Dix, N.J.

Jack White of 96 Bret Road, Rochester, New York sends us a real news filled note . . . "I just received a copy of the Octofoil and once again feel very guilty about failing to join the Association. However, I made up my mind to sit down and do something about it and hope that again I'll be considered as an active member. I first joined the Division in Africa and was assigned to Company G. 60th Infantry. I was injured just after the St. LO. breakthrough in France and spent about 6 months in various hospitals before discharge. After that I married a girl in Cortland, New York

and we now have a lovely daughter of 8 years of age. Being a theater manager before enetering the Army, I went back to that work only to have Television and a few other things force me to make a change. I am now employed by General Motors in Rochester, New York.

I have often sat back and wondered about the old "Gang" in G

Company but never have been able to locate any of them. I did see Sgt. Hodges who looked me up when he was in Rochester shortly after the war. I would like very much to locate Sgt. Hodges, Sgt. Parambo, Sgt. Jarackie or Cpl. Sage, or for that matter anyone who served with me. I am enclosing a couple of snapshots which were taken in France.

G CO — 47th Infantry



Reading from left to right — a kid we used to call Brooklyn, Cpl. Sage, Sgt. Hodges; the next two fellows names I've forgotten



That's me in the middle, but again I've forgotten the names of the fellows besides me.



A group of most of the company taken in Sicily. Many of these fine boys were killed in France.

Photo memoirs by John White

"I hope you can use these but mostly I hope they will be the instrument to get some of these guys to write me." My address is John E. White—96 Brett Road, Rochester 9, N.Y. Would also like to hear from a Sgt. Younce or Terpasso, would so much like to hear from my old boddie Jarackie from Chicago. P.S. If there is anything I can do to help the membership drive in Rochester let me know . . . I'll be honored. Also anyone from G. Company passing through Rochester, my home is open, they can save a hotel bill and eat some of the best cooking in town.

Winifred Thornton of 515 E. Dufail Ave., South Bend 14, Ind. . . Held "M" 47th reunion . . . On or about the weekend beginning Saturday, August 22 through Monday noon, a reunion took place in South Bend, those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Newell and son of Columbiana, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Siebert Aicars of Nicklesville, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Har-

old Billington and their three children from Armington, Illinois; Mr. Phil Gilbert of Reddick, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ros of Chicago, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Singleton and their two daughters from Wernamac, Ind. The Thornton's the hosts of this gathering know that they had a good time because their guests had a wonderful time.

Sgt. Franklin Gunter tells us that he is once more ready to rotate to the land of the big P.X. (U.S.A.) and tells us that his new address is the 8th Field Hospital, Fort Lewis, Washington. That will be his new assignment. Sgt. Gunter states that in many ways there has been lots of fun being overseas in the land where he had spent some time during the war. Of course he says there are many changes from the bomb gutted Munich that we were all so familiar with them to what it is now—but, in lots of ways it is still the same. Especially the very good

German beer we knew. With the return of the division to Europe, Gunter has seen and met several young men wearing the Octofoil on their left sleeve and he never misses a chance to boast. Because he is wearing the same insignia on his right sleeve. Of course he tells us that the young fellows always ask. "Well Sergeant were you always a Medic," and, "When I say No, I was once a rifleman in the 'Go Devils' they find it sort of hard to follow. However they all are proud of the division and seem to be trying to live up to the great tradition we passed on to them after the war. We all hope they will never earn any more battle streamers for our colors but if we should be forced to fight again, I think that we could count on the "Octofoil" being in the thick of it earning as many glories as we handed to them. My best regards to all my friends from Love Company of the 60th Infantry . . .

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9th Infantry Division...

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34. Company B, 9th Medical Battalion was awarded a Distinguished Unit Citation in War Department Orders 65, 1946, for action from 8 to 19 March 1945, Germany.

35. The 9th Med. Battalion is credited with participation in assault landings at Algiers, North Africa from 8 to 10 November, 1942.

36. The 26th Field Artillery Battalion is credited with participation in assault landings at Algiers, North Africa, from 8 to 10 November 1942.

37. The 9th Reconnaissance Troop, 15th Engineer Combat Battalion; 9th Medical Battalion and 26th Field Artillery Battalion 9th Inf. Div., were awarded the Belgian fourragere per Belgian Decree No. 1391, 20 November 1945, for action from 3 to 13 September 1944 along the southwest border of Belgium to the Siegfried Line and for action from 20 December 1944 to 26 January 1945 in the Ardennes. Personnel who served with the division during both periods for which unit was cited are entitled to wear the fourragere as a permanent part of the uniform. Individuals who served with the unit subsequent to these periods may wear the decoration only on special occasions while assigned to that organization.

WALTER T. BERRETT, Capt.
AGD, Decorations and
Awards Branch.

Comings and Goings

At Ulm, the reins of the 47th Infantry's third battalion changed hands as Lt. Col. Corson L. Hilton, became the new C.O. Hilton served as battalion executive officer in the 26th Infantry during World War II and was awarded the bronze star, the Purple Heart and the combat Infantryman's badge.

Lt. Col. Gerald Robbins, who was succeeded by Col. Hilton, became temporarily the 47th Infantry's executive officer and then assigned to the post of Division Chemical officer.

Further changes in the Raider Regiment command saw Lt. Col. Jack B. Matthews take over the Raider's Regiment's second Battalion from Lt. Col. William C. Bryan. Bryan is returning to the ZI for airborne training.

At Division headquarters in Goeppingen, Lt. Col. William F. Schmidt was named new Division Adjutant General.

MAIL BAG



From the 212th Medical Detachment in Seoul, Korea comes the following picture. The above shows M/Sgt. Forrest F. Barefoot a member of the 9th Infantry Division Association receiving a Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant. The award was for outstanding service with the 212th Medical Detachment during the

period 16 December '53 to 27 January 1954. The presentation ceremonies were held near Seoul, Korea, on 1 October 1954. The enclosed photograph shows Sgt. Barefoot being congratulated by the Detachment Commander, Major Robert L. Christensen. While Lt. O.V. Greene looks on.

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From Japan: A note from M/Sgt. Forrest F. Barefoot, who by the way has just been transferred to: 8059th A.U. (T.A.H.) APO 500,

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San Francisco, Calif. Forrest writes: "Received a pleasant surprise when I came through the Central Command Headquarters and had the opportunity to visit with Colonel Walter O. Beets former 84th F.A. Bn. Commander and now Judge Advocate Officer of the Central Command. It made me feel at home from the start here in Japan. Am looking forward to having the family come over in January or February of next year . . . That's it from Tokyo Army Hospital . . .

15th Engineers: Headquarters Company: Ed Craton of 959-22nd Ave., Longview, Washington decided to kill his dues for three years at one clip and makes the following comment, I enjoy reading the Octofoil, and in case some of my old buddies are interested, I am married and have two children Pamela age 4½ and Michael age 15 months. I am working for the Continental Grain Company.

Ernest Irion of 3608-5th Ave., No. Great Falls, Mont sends us a real newsy 60th Field Artillery note . . . Have gotten Christmas cards from the following lads. Dr. Henry Sukala, James Haroutunian, Michael Belmonte, Frank Podsiadlo, Julius L. Iannotti, S.M. Byrne, Duane Holdy, Richard Hauser, B.J. Sultenfuss and D. David L. Francis. I did send a batch of cards to other lads, but as of this date I have not heard from too many of them. I sure would like to know if they are still around. One thing that makes a fellow feel good is to hear from that old gang. I received the mail list that Charles J. Fabre sent out of the 60th F.A. group last month and I hope to drop a line to some of the boys and see if I can get an answer from them. Have had real nice weather out here so far, but it is beginning to look like we might get some snow. Was about 36 degrees above here today. We have a fairly large Air Force base in the neighborhood and if any of the old 9th Division lads are stationed there I wish they would get in touch for me. One of these days I hope to make a reunion, I keep telling myself.

Here is a list of some names that have not been hear of in a long, long time: Charles H. Brock, 817 Mayer Drive, Wantagh, N.Y., former Co. D. 60th Infantry . . . Joseph Daylidas of 203-35 Foot-hill Ave., Holliswood, N.J., former 34th F.A. Bn. C Btry, has just reupped in the Association. Harry Winger of 803 9th Ave., N.Y. 19, N.Y., is a new face. Another new man in the group is John J. Mazzocchi of 44 Downing Street, N.Y. 14, N.Y., another 60th

New York Chapter

The December meeting of the New York Chapter was devoted to the election of a new slate of officers. After much discussion and the usual wrangling the following men were elected: Charles Fabre will be the 1955 President, Vincent Iannucci, 1st Vice President; and Don Miele will be the Secretary. The Board of Governors of the New York Chapter will consist of: 47th Infantry: Art. Stenzel, Frank Fazio; 39th Infantry: Pat Higgins and George Stegner; 60th Inf.: Sik Kobren and Harry Weinstein; Special Troops: Harry Orenstein and Ernie Siegel and from Div. Art'y Dick O'Connor and Lou Pandolfi.

After the elections which incidentally were guided under the capable hands of George Apar the next point of business was a discussion of pictures for the Convention year book; men were invited to send pictures to Charles Fabre. This is the start of a very fine idea and pictures are needed to keep this idea alive.

George Whitney reported on the coming Installation dinner and dance to be held at the Club Zuccaro on January 22, 1954, in Union City, N.J.

The January Meeting: A highlight of the January meeting was a discussion of G.I. Insurance by Jim Bruno. Many men were enlightened for the first time of the various phases of insurance they had not thought about. On the same subject of insurance a plan was discussed of embarking on a group insurance project for the entire association. The group thought that the idea had merit and this will be further investigated and additional information will be forthcoming. The last item of business that was discussed was the subject of lengthy debate. A proposal for a permanent building for the N.Y. Chapter. Finally, a committee was chosen to bring to the next meeting a report on just what can be had and at what price so that the chapter can plan itself accordingly. . . A highlight of the evening occurred after Jerry Shapero

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you up that way can bring us some information. Also about John Hyland (Sv.) last address Attleboro, Mass. and we have not been able to contact him. Also would appreciate an yinformation about Thomas Gaffney (Capt. Hq) and William O. Rockwood (Capt. Hq.). Gaffneys last address was Danvers, Mass. where we visited him several years ago. Also Wilbur A. Sanders, last address 1270 Latham St., Memphis, Tenn. Any information about them would be appreciated. Also Rolland (POP) Gates moved from 30 Cross Street, Jamestown, N.Y. and left no forwarding address.

Last week we had visitors from Manchester, Conn. in the persons of Alice and Austin Briggs. We tried to sho wthem the town but I guess that they knew it as well as we do, if not better. They have two boys up to now and Alice is hoping for a girl. Sorry that you did not bring the boys along, Austin. While they were there we called Louis Pandolphi and he and the Mrs. (Marge) stopped over to say hello. Sure wish more of you would drop in when you are in New York. That reminds me that I am running out of space and had better sign off for now. Let's hear from all of you and our sincere best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and properous New Year.

Infantry boy . . .

From Jamaica, Long Island we have received word that on or about November 25th a baby girl was born to our 1st vice president's wife Myrtle. Vincent has a right to smoke extra long cigars today in favor of little Francine...

New York Installation Dinner and Dance

On January 22, 1955, at the Club Zuccaro, 2601 Central Avenue in Union City, N. J. the New York Chapter will hold the first 1955 function, the Chapter Officer installation affair.

The meal that will be served will be as follows: Antipasto, Minestrone soup, ravioli, a half of chicken with potato and carrots and peas; and coffee and ice cream. The plus factors to this gala affair will be all the brew you wish and a very fine dance orchestra. To go along with all of these fine doings is the price. The sum total of \$3.50 per person. This is truly a buy of the year. When you figure the cost of an evening's entertainment anywhere else, this is a real deal for the dough.

You can take busses from the New York Terminal Port of Authority building or you can come by car. It's simple, it only takes about 20 minutes from New York. By car it's the Lincoln Tunnel to the Hudson Boulevard then turn left to 26th Street then left to Central Ave. There is no worry about parking, plenty of room in New Jersey and you don't have any parking fees to worry about.

Make it a date, make it a must, on January 22, 1955, come on down to Zuccaro's and join in the festivities. We are sure of a big turnout and the bigger the better for all concerned.

If you want to make a reservation call Union 7-9673 and they will hold a table for you. This party is not limited to just the 9th Div. Association members, we are throwing the affair wide open. Bring your friends and their friends, at the price of \$3.50 per. You can't beat it, and we are certain you're in for a fine evening.

donated a book for the raffle and Patsy Morano won the raffle, donated the book right back to the chapter, with the comment "that this book be the start of the building fund." The name of this book "THE HEART OF A MAN" . . . This is indeed a truly auspicious beginning to a worthy project.

It Could Happen...

The Army psychiatrist wanted to be sure that the newly enlisted rookie was perfectly normal. Suspiciously he said:

"What do you do for your social life?" "Oh," the man blushed, "I just sit around mostly."

"Hm m m— never go out with girls?"

"Nope."

"Don't you even want to?"

The man was uneasy. "Well, yes, sort of."

"Then, why don't you?"

"My wife won't let me, Sir."

The Medal and Waiting Section

We want to inform those who have been patiently waiting along with many other people, that as of this date we have not heard a single word from the French Government regarding the Medal of Liberated France. All of the discharges have been forwarded back to this office. If any one desires to have their discharge returned, please notify this office.

FLASH!!

HYLAND FOUND

Dec. 21, 1954. Manchester, Conn. At the Worcester Memorial service the name of John Hyland came up and several of the men asked me if I could find his address. We passed the word out to the gang and sure enough up comes Austin (Scoop) Briggs with the info. John Hyland (Sv. Btry) has just moved into his new house at 622 No. Main St., Attleboro, Mass. That kind of team-work is S.O.P. with the 60th Field.

C.J.F.

Over 800 Turn Out...

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will never regret your trip. The proof of the foregoing statement is answerable by those who are steady attenders. If you can, make sure it's Worcester in '55.

The picture shown of the gathered group in the dining room of the Hotel Sheraton can be purchased for the sum of \$1.50. Enclose a check or money order to Sheraton Studio, 13 Herbert Road, Worcester 2, Mass.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Name Serial No.

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City Zone State

I was a (Battery member of (Company Regiment 9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

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THREE YEAR MEMBER	\$10.00 ()
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Eight Stars to Victory	\$ 3.50 ()

(Pictorial History of 9th Div. in Action)

Ladies Auxiliary Member	\$1.50 ()
Decals	\$.25 apiece — 5 for \$1.00
Combat Route Map	\$.50
60th Infantry History	\$1.00

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Twin Cities ()		

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Chapter Member: \$1.00 for chapter, \$2.50 to Nat'l.
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Three Year: \$3.00 to chapter, \$7.00 to Nat'l.
Life Member: \$12.50 to chapter, \$37.50 to Nat'l.
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