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July 28, 29 and 30th Are the Dates The Bellevue-Stratford in Phila. Is the Place

Do You Know This Man?



We have received correspondence concerning Captain Arthur J. Abramson who was with the Medical Detachment, 3rd Battalion 60th Infantry Regiment. Doctor Abramson passed away last year and his widow Mrs. Emily Abramson is trying to locate someone who knew the Doctor. Mrs. Abramson is trying to establish a claim for service connected injury and needs help. If you knew Captain Abramson please contact Mrs. Emily Abramson, 290 32nd Ave., San Francisco, California.

The Magic Draw

This past week we heard of an incident that really deserves mentioning. Mike Gatto, former Company Commander of "I" Company, 60th Infantry decided to take a trip. His trip took him through the deep south where he made it a point to stop and visit as many of his old boys as possible. We have been trying for many days to have Mike write us about his exploits. We hope to have him compile this info for us by the next issue.

2,000 E. A. M. E. Medals

In the course of correspondence with many of our members we have received complaints that many medals or ribbons have not been received.

We have attempted to rectify this situation and we have some medals on hand to distribute. Because of the limited amount on hand we are going to distribute the medals to our active members first. By active, if you are a paid up member for 1955, and served in the European-African-Middle Eastern area then you are entitled to receive one of these medals.

Simply send us your serial number and state that you served in the area and we shall mail you

60th Infantry Personnel

Bob Higgins of 1799 Mignon, Memphis, Tenn., tells us that each second year the 60th Personnel gang get together for a reunion.

Since the end of the war they have met in Columbus, Chicago, Cincinnati, Akron and on Labor Day, in 1956 the meeting is scheduled for Memphis, Tenn.

Anybody is invited and it's all free. . . A very big party is being planned for this meeting and from what Bob reports the entire group is really going to put on a big feed.

If you can make this shin-dig you will be just in time for the Cotton Carnival. The Carnival is highlighted by spectacular events that include an arrival of the king and queen on a brilliantly lighted barge on the River, four huge parades with floats, and pretty girls, and masked revelers who dance in the streets.

So come on down and join in a double celebration. For further information why not contact Bob Higgins at the above address.

Something To Think About

This past month brought the following letter from the 9th Infantry Division stationed in Europe.

"Gentlemen: Since we have become the 9th Infantry Division, there has been increasing interest in matters concerning esprit de corps. In view of this trend, we would like to be able to actively participate in that portion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association's program that is open to us.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could give us a general outline of your activities in the (Continued on page 2)

All the rooms will be completely air-conditioned and all events where possible will be centered on one floor

The last Board of Governors meeting brought to light some very good news concerning the coming 9th Infantry Division Convention.

The most important item was, "will it be cool enough to enjoy"? and the answer was yes, yes, yes but yes it will be cool. This year the entire hotel was re-conditioned to accommodate air-conditioning. All the bedrooms and public areas of the hotel will be kept cool. So, this most important worry you can store in your forget file.

Prices. . .

Everyone is interested in how much. So we will attempt to settle this question first. The rooms will cost, and this we learned is a flat rate, \$5.00 for a single, and \$10.00 for a double. (daily rates).

The tab at the door has been worked out as follows:

You may buy one ticket for the three days at a flat rate of \$10.00 per, or you may split your purchase up in the following manner. Thursday. . . Beer Party and informal session. . . \$2.00 Friday. . . Dance \$2.00, Saturday banquet will be \$6.50 per. If you register for any single event you will be charged \$2.00 for registration. Total the entire strip up and it comes to \$14.00. Buy the entire strip ticket and it only costs you \$10.00. So, a word to the wise, but a strip ticket and save \$4.00.

What To See in Philadelphia

A step outside the door of the Bellevue-Stratford puts you right in the middle of all the most entertaining social, cultural, theatrical, and sporting activities in Philadelphia.

Theaters featuring and previewing Broadway plays and musicals. Sporting activities; league baseball. Nationally known department stores for the ladies and for shopping excursions. Night clubs and cabarets in the near vicinity. It's easy to reach nearly everything of importance from the Bellevue-Stratford. Most activities are within walking distance from the front entrance.

For example; You can see: Franklin Field: The University of Pennsylvania's famous stadium, scene of some of the most thrilling football games of the season. Direct transportation from the hotel. Franklin Institute: One of the finest scientific museums in the country including the Fels Planetarium, an elaborate array of experiments and demonstrations which the visitor can operate with push-buttons, and an extensive library.

Garden State Race Track: Fast, easy, bus and rail connections to one of New Jersey's famous tracks. Robin Hood Dell: Here are held the famous Robin Hood Dell Concerts, immensely popular summer evening occasions. It is easy to reach Robin Hood Dell from the Bellevue-Stratford. Municipal

Stadium only a short ride from the hotel. Shibe Park. Used by both the Phillies and the Athletics, a major league baseball game is played on this diamond almost every day of the season. Accessible from the hotel. Chestnut Street: Philadelphia's famous "Quality Street," only two short blocks from the door of the Bellevue-Stratford. Here are some of the best department stores of the country, including Wanamaker's, The Blum Store, Bonwit Teller, and many others. Walnut Street: Lining this street, which passes the door of the hotel, are hundreds of smart, exclusive shops catering to the most discriminating customers.

Points of Interest: Betsy Ross House, the Philadelphia Zoo, the Philadelphia Art Museum, Independence Hall, the Aquarium, Ben Franklin's Grave. All of these points of interest can be reached from the door of the Bellevue-Stratford.

Transportation

Arrival by plane, the airport

limousine service is headquarters only a short taxi trip from the hotel. By Train: You all the railroad stations servicing Philadelphia.

By car: Any and all roads lead to Philadelphia in grand easy style.

Futures. . .

If you wish to make an advance reservation, then write to the Bellevue-Stratford, Broad and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia 2, Pa., and tell the man you want to reserve a room for the 10th annual re-union of the 9th Infantry Division Association. We are sure and certain that you will be handled with kid gloves.

What else to expect. . .

We can tell you this much after listening to the advance details as worked out by the committee. They are all working very hard and diligent and they are anticipating a very large turnout.

We do not have all the affairs worked out to a finish, but you can be sure that as we receive the final notice we shall publish said information.

60th Reunion

From all parts of these United States they expect former 60th men to congregate, at least that is what I am told. Well, Al Bruchac, Frank Surm, Harry Haberman and Paul Quaranta have gone all out to insure the type of gathering that have made the 60th party's a real great success. If you are not on their mailing list then here is a copy of what was written to former 60th men.

"The Second annual reunion of the 60th Infantry Regiment will take place on Saturday night, May 14, 1955, for all members of the 60th Infantry Regiment and their friends.

Considerable time has elapsed since many of the "Go-Devil Regiment" have been together — to rehash good times, bad times, and the rigorous "campaigns" we lived through and also to pause and remember the unfortunate lost friends who are unable to be with us.

The reunion dinner and dance will be held at the Chamber Restaurant, in the Queen Chamber of Commerce Building, 24-16 Bridge Plaza South, Long Island City, New York, which is located at the foot of the 59th Street Bridge

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47th 2dBn. Affair

We have just been advised that the time has come. Yes, the time has come when all the good men of the 2nd Battalion of the 47th meet for their annual round up of merriment.

This year as always the lead is being taken by a few who want to gather many. . . The place is Zaccaro's, this is getting to be called the New Jersey, 9th Division headquarters. Zaccaro's is located at 26th Street and Central Avenue in Union City, N. J.

For information regarding this gala affair contact Dan Quinn at 64 Hauxhurst Drive in Weehawken, N. J.

Frank Fazio of 2529 Mathews Ave., Bronx, N.Y.

Did some one ask "What do I get for my Dough"? Well, you sure got a right to know. . .

The total tab is \$5.00 per head. And here is what you get for it. There will be a jigger on each table for four, all the brew you want and last but not least there will be dancing until the wee hours.

If you are concerned with parking, don't be. There is ample room in the surrounding area to take care of all who care to park. (Continued on page 4)

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To the Members of The Ninth Div. Assoc.

Nine years ago Division Headquarters in Germany had the foresight to make plans and lay the foundation of the 9th Infantry Division Association.

Approximately 10,000 men then active in the Division became charter members and paid a fee of \$10.00.

This fee was to cover the organization of an Association, the initial dues, and pay the cost of a Division History to be furnished at a later date.

The Division Association was duly organized and all the agreements and the purposes for which it was organized have been fulfilled. (See extract from Certificate of Incorporation above).

The 9th Division Association has been one of the most active Combat Associations in the country, but the trend in recent years has been downward.

The Association has dwindled from a total active membership of 10,000 to 1498 in nine years—the present active members cannot let our membership go any lower.

Every man who fought with the "9th" is proud of that fact and is proud of the outstanding record the Division made in combat.

In the same sense, every former member of the Division should be as proud to be a continuing member of the Division Association.

It is obvious that we can do a better job in the future than we have done in the past.

It is recommended that each active member who is willing to contribute a small amount of his time and effort, make a special attempt to secure 3 new members for the Association. It is further recommended, in view of the 9th Division now being an active Combat Division in Germany, that we consider lengthening our life line with new blood, and that we take positive action on this proposal at our next annual convention.

The Society of the 1st Division has an average paid membership from the Division in Europe of 6000, and each year returns five outstanding soldiers of the Division to the annual convention.

Lets go! 9th Division Association Members.

Major General George Smythe, President

26 P. A. NEWS NOTES

by Joe McKenzie

Many months have passed since I have written a few words for the columns of our OCTOFOIL. It has not been for the want of something to write but just a matter of time. I must apologize for being so tardy.

At the New York convention I was honored by the receipt of a Certificate from the Officers of our Association in recognition of my service to our Association. For this I want to again say Thanks. Former members of 26FA with their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fribush, Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Blitzstein, Mrs. McKenzie and my Father, Manny Effron, Joseph Pacer, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Mischler, Tomas Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. Schrapia and John Meegan were at the banquet at the time of this presentation.

Bill Sacco, Jerry Langer and Arthur visited the New Yorker during the convention to say Hello.

The turn-out for the parade to the Memorial Services was good but I think the parade and Memorial Services in Philadelphia and Boston share top honors. The old boys have not forgotten how to march.

While on the subject of conventions I would like to say a few words about places and things. For hotel accommodations nothing could beat the Shoreham in Washington D.C. The hottest place on this earth was the Ben Franklin in Philadelphia. For a chow hound like myself who never refused C. K. or D. rations I believe that the best meal was served by the Wm. Penn in Pittsburgh. The New Yorker should get out of the banquet business. They serve better meals for one buck in their grill room than they did at our banquet.

Two more Ninth men have been found:

Andrew LaLime, Spring Hill Road, Wayland, Mass., was with the 47th at Ft. Bragg and the 60th overseas.

Clement Russo, 27 Pine St. Arlington, Mass., was with "A" Co. 47th inf from England to Cologne.

Last October I received a letter from Lew Orticari explaining that he would not be able to attend our Memorial Mass and wished to be remembered to all the boys. Last summer Lew again travelled to Indiana to see Bernal Lareau. Both of them visited Louie England at Georgetown, Ill., and had a nice visit with him and his family. Then they went to Chicago to visit Ed Karl. Ed was attending a wedding so they did not see him. On Saturday afternoon they visited the home of

Alexander Wilcopolski but Al was not at home. His English war bride was very much pleased to have a visit from Bernal and Lew. After many phone calls and over two hours of waiting the boys went back to Indiana. Two O'clock on Monday morning the phone rang in the Lareau home. You guessed it. Al was calling from Chicago.

Our Tenth Memorial Mass is now a memory. We remember why we were there. We will remember to attend again this year. We remember how happy we were to share our prayers with others for those who are gone. We remember Harold Huber, Walter Swenson, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Roscoe, Mr. and Mrs. Quintino Pergiovanni, John Murray, Mr. and Mrs. William Bongiorno, Fred Keyes, Joseph Albanese, George Wilkinson, Manny Effron, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McKenzie sitting at a big dinner table in the Hotel Sheraton talking about their families and of our friends who were not there.

Arnold Leach of Service 26FA has moved to his new home at 70 Diamond St. St. Albans, Vermont.

Harold Wallace has gone farther west in search of fame and fortune. He is now living at 4510 Pine St., Bellaire, Texas. One of his fellow workers is a brother of Edwin Theek, formerly a cook with Service 26FA. Before moving to Texas Harold lived in Dayton, Ohio. In his letter he mentions a visit he had from Bobby Farmer of Detroit who was a member of Service 26FA and was transferred to the 84th back at Bragg. Bobby is interested in boat racing. Also in Dayton he saw Gene Ruppel of Hdqtrs. 26FA. Gene has a bus run from Cincinnati to Newport, Kentucky.

Again this year I was the recipient of many grateful remembrances at Christmas time from many of the old gang. Thanks fellows. Look at these names. It reads almost like a complete battery roster. Paul Fribush, Charles Lowey, Peter Greco, Clement Le Blanc, Isadore Blitzstein, Joseph Bolow, Edward Kral, Jerome Langer, John Murray, William Andrews, William Bongiorno, Arthur Sheffler, Lew Orticari, Bernal Lareau, George Wilkinson, Quintino Pergiovanni, Louie England, Arnold Leach, Elmer Roscoe, Harold Wallace, Robert Porter, James Boyle, Harry Fry, Carl Lucas, Raymond Weaver, Earl Landon, Robert Hamilton, Paul Griffin, John Brazil and Frank Grutzius were the ones who sent "Merry Christmas" greeting to me.

In the months to come I shall try to be more prompt with my article I might have for our OCTOFOIL.

New England Chapter

by Vic Campisi

The New England Chapter, 9th Infantry Division Association, made an auspicious debut into the New Year with a big turn-out for its initial meeting of 1955 held January 10 at the YD Club, Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass.

Vice President Tom Boyle, presided over the short business meeting in the absence of President Matty Mulholland.

Plans were made to hold the next meeting on Monday, February 21, at 47 Prescott Street, Worcester, Mass. This address actually is the rectory of a former 9th Div. chaplain, Reverend E.T. Connors, and is better known as "Father Connors' Coffee Shop."

An exceptionally large attendance is anticipated for the Worcester meeting inasmuch as Father Connors and his famed "Coffee Shop" provide a dual and un-

surpassed attraction for so many 9th Divisioners.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served by committee chairman Si Garber assisted by Ronnie Murphy and Sid Levinson.

201 File: — Charles "Chick" Lewis (had his name legally changed from Lechtenburg) came into the meeting with a cane and a limp. He recently underwent a serious operation for a back condition.... Lloyd White, formerly of the 15th Engineers, was greeted into the organization as a new member.... Everett Linscott, formerly 34th FA, has been transferred by his employer to Atlanta, Ga., where he will open up a new office. Linscott, a tireless worker who devoted considerable time and energy to the N.E. Chapter, will be sorely missed by the organization.... John McLaughlin, one of Boston's best "Boys in Blue", recently became the father of another boy, William M. His oldest son, Tommy, is three years old.... By the time you are reading this, Si Garber will be relax-

Something To Think About

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USA. In addition, we would like to know about the possibility of forming a chapter of the Association here in Germany. If there is such a possibility, we would welcome any ideas or suggestions you would care to offer on how to organize such a chapter.

We are also interested in knowing whether the Association publishes any kind of periodical. If it does, we would like to know what we must do to obtain it.

We are looking forward to hearing from you on the above or any other information that you feel we should have. Your attention to these matters will be greatly appreciated." Cordially, Captain Paul R. Adams.

This letter is being published so that our members may be aware of the willingness of this group to join our Association. Any thought you may have on this subject should be brought up on the floor of the convention. If you cannot attend the convention and you wish to express any idea on the above subject, then send your letters to this office and we shall present them to the Board of Governors.

60th Reunion

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(lower level). The I.R.T., B.M.T., and Independent Subways (Queens Plaza Station) are located conveniently to the Chamber Restaurant. This is a private restaurant situated on the fifth floor. Ample free parking is available.

Program for the Evening

7:30 PM Cocktails
8:30 PM Dinner
9:30 PM Reunion Report
10:00 PM Dancing to 2 AM
Tickets will be available for \$6.50 per person for the complete evening — cocktails, dinner and tips.

This is your invitation to join us and welcome the second reunion in grand style. If you wish any further information or advice then please contact Al Bruchac, 190-06 35th Ave., Flushing, N.Y.; Frank Surm, 195 6th Street, Hicksville, N.Y.; Harry Haberman, 1063 Robin Road, Franklin Square, N.Y.; Paul Quaranta, 22 King Street, New York 14, N.Y.

When mailing checks or money orders, please make them payable to one of the above."

The only concluding thought to this invitation is join the throng. Take it from one who attended the first reunion. And, if the second is as good as the first, you will be glad you came. . . If you don't, then truthfully, you'll be sorry.

ing on the warm sands of Miami Beach, Florida, where he will be spending his annual 3-week vacation. Si plans on stopping for a few hours in the 9th's old stamping grounds, Fayetteville, N.C.. A personal, unofficial, and informal survey made by this reporter reveals considerable dissatisfaction among local Chapter members over the bi-monthly publication policy of The Octofoil. Chief complaint is that the bi-monthly publication weakens contacts and thereby weakens the organization, both national and local. Another complaint is that the bi-monthly publication considerably detracts from the value of The Octofoil as a publicity media for Chapter activities.... Vic Campisi, 60th Inf., has been re-appointed deputy tax collector for Somerville, Mass.

What Are They Doing Now

The last dues notice that was sent to the membership, we enclosed a questionnaire. Now these questionnaires are coming back to this office and we have compiled what we consider a vast storehouse of good information. So, we are therefore going to run a series of articles on, "What Are They Doing Now..."

39th Infantry: Reg't Hqs.

RONALD SHELBY of 129 Richard Street, Shreveport, La., Ronald has two children, Sandra age 7, and Ronald age 1. Ron is a Tile Contractor and likes Baseball and hunting. Incidentally, we lost Homer Greens address and Ron found it for us, Homer is at 2912 Mertis Ave., Shreveport, La.

PAUL POTTS of 2302-29th Street, Bedford, Indiana tells us that he has himself a fine home and is now working for the General Motors Corp. Paul sends his best to all former Ret't. Headquarter Joes.

Med. Det.

WILLIAM W. KELLER of Mech-

anishburg, Ohio has two little ones, Tom who is 6 and Patty who is 3. William, is manufacturing package medicens for a living and still gets a great kick out of this favorite hobby, golf.

Hqs. 1st Bn.

MARION O. BROOKS, Sr. of 1148 Myrtle Drive, Rock Hill, S.C., has a fine off spring named Marion O. Jr., (Manny) You can find Marion any day at the Brooks Jewelers in Rock Hill, or helping out in the National Guard of S. C. . . . We are told that JOE WISE former Personnel Adj of the 39th is the Postmaster of Rock Hill. Lt. Co. O. H. Billingsley formerly of Div. Hqs. met Marion in Rock Hill and they had a grand gab fest about the old days. By the way if anyone can locate Elmo J.

Friesenhahn tell him to contact Marion Brooks. If any of the lads of the Battalion supply section need any jewelry contact Marion.

CHARLES SCHEFFEL of Box 2608, 820 N. W. 91st St., Oklahoma City, 14, Okla., has three little ones, Susan Ann age 9, Mary Elaine age 7, and Charles Lee, age 1. All of the Scheffels are comfortably housed in a fine home. Charles is now a General Insurance agent. To any and all of the 1st Bn., a "Hello" from Charles Scheffel.

Anti-Tank Co.

FREDERICK J. VILLANOVA of 262 Van Buren Street, Lyndhurst, New Jersey is the proud pop of Frederick Jr. (7) and Thomas (3). Freddy owns his own Trucking outfit and passes along the following info. "Being in the Trucking business I have the occasion to meet up with quite a few of the boys. However, I would like the boys to know that my truck runs under the name of "Nova's Express Inc. The trucks are painted gray and the cab is a light blue with a big "?" on the

back door. If some of the boys see the trucks I would appreciate it if they would give the driver his name and address and phone number." Be sure and oblige Fred, because we can say at this safe distance if Fred spots you on the street he sometimes brings that big truck up on the sidewalk to shake your hand. . . . We speak from experience. . . .

Cannon Co.

PHILLIP T. LONES of 458 Diehl Ave., San Leandro, Calif., has two fine offspring, Stephen (8) and Gary (5). Phil these days can be found in the office marked "Assistant Superintendent of Schools in San Leandro." Phil would like to hear from some of the cannoneers and would be glad to exchange some pictures. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Curtis E. Dodson please have him contact Phil.

Service Co.

HERBERT BLAKER of 101-N. Black Horse Pike, Bellmawr, N.J. is now happily married and is a roofing contractor by trade. Herb tells us that he has met up with

Marty Krasnowitz, Williard Bisburg, Mickey Wagmid, David, Oliver John Calottan, and Al Cuprys. Herb sends his best to Major (Pinky) Wade, Johnnie Anderson, John Furlong, Bill Stegle, Henry Vogtel, and Dick Miller. Incidentally you can find Frank Wade in Port Tobacco, Maryland, any day of the week. Russell P. Cooper Jr., of Keokee, Virginia tells us he is the proud dad of Susan age 4 and Phillip age 7. Rus is now a merchant in keokee. Rus wants to say Hello to Dor Arion, Frank Wade, George Pedrick and Martin Bree and other x Service Co. lads. Rus finds it hard to make conventions but one of these days he is going to make one.

A. Company

BILL MORRISON of New Market N.J. is trying to locate former T/Sgt. Flash Sadler, the last address we had was 335 West Street, Truman, Ark., but unfortunately John has moved. So, anyone knowing his whereabouts contact Bill.

C. Company

Leland A. Ellis of 1385 W. Exposition, Denver, Col. has two swell kids, Carole (6) and Jennie Lee (1½). Leland is the owner of the Ellis Jewelry Company located at 1040 So. Raritan in Denver, Leland tells us that in addition to having some of the old C Company gang stop in he wants to go on record spouting about his favorite hobby fishing. Leland says, "Did you ever hook a good Colorado Rainbow trout? Well, if you haven't, the thrill is something that is difficult to describe. Why not come on out here and try it. P.S. Sounds real interesting to an old Jersey Cityite. . . .

D. Company

Walter L. Burnett of 320 Brynford Street, Lansing 17, Mich., is today a happily married man working in a factory and has no complaints. Walter would like to say hello to Capt. William L. Thomas his old C.O. By the way Walter tells us that he recently met Miles who was with D Company and worked on a 50 Caliber.

HAROLD J. KRESSLER of 408 Center Street, Fort Lee, N.J., proudly relates about his two boys Leon (8) and Robert (1). Harold by the way is the contracting biz these days, and strange as it may seem Harold's beef is not meeting any 9th boys. Need we say more than this. . . . Harold, come on down to a N.Y. affair, there's many a 9th man around.

E. Company

KEITH W. LAUER of 116 N. Main St., Leominster, Mass., is now a sales manager with the Barker-Davis Machine Co., and is still collecting guns and souvenirs. Keith has made a hobby of guns. To grace the Lauer family with smiles and laughter are Carolyn Kim age 2 and Davis Warren age 5. Keith sends his best to Dan Maloney, Frank Light, Roger Dade, Pete Delassandro and George Delp.

DONALD S. Mackerer, 1015 Cherokee St., Marietta, Ga., is a mighty busy man, besides his two children, Arnold age 7 and Donald age 5, Don is a vice-president in charge of sales for his company, and is keeping his spare time filled these days tinkering with sports cars and boats. Don sends his best to Ward O' Payne, and Ken Hill.

RAYMOND J. NICHOLS of West Road, Orleans, Mass., has recently had an addition to the family named Sally Kenrick age 7 months. Ray is a fuel oil dealer and is self employed. Ray sends his best to E. Co. men.

F. Company

LAZAR KAY of 2556 Green Vale Road, Cleveland 21, Ohio has a real fine brood consisting of Deborah Jo, Jonathan and Lauren Beth. Lazar is a Sales manager with the Plasti-Kote Corp. and tells us his favorite hobby is "Re-

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN . . .

We have been saving the following pictures for a long time now and we have decided to run these shots in this issue.

By way of introduction to the lads and lassies who are shown in these pictures, they all hail from the 2nd Battalion of the 47th Infantry.

We want all those who plan to attend the 2nd Battalion

C.P. in Philadelphia to take a good look at these lads because we are certain that this convention within a convention is a gathering that all of the 2nd Battalion men will want to make.

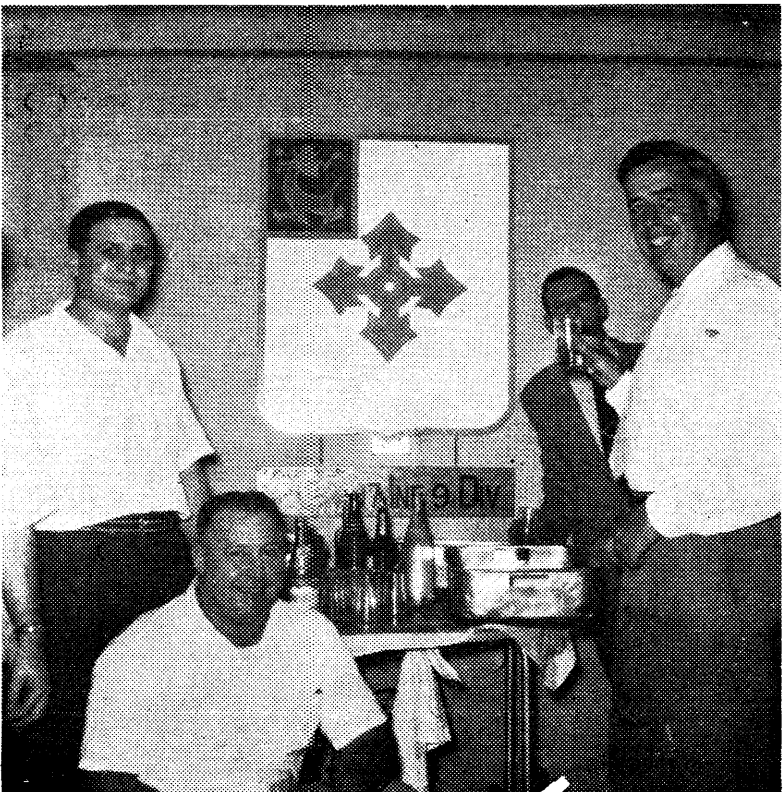
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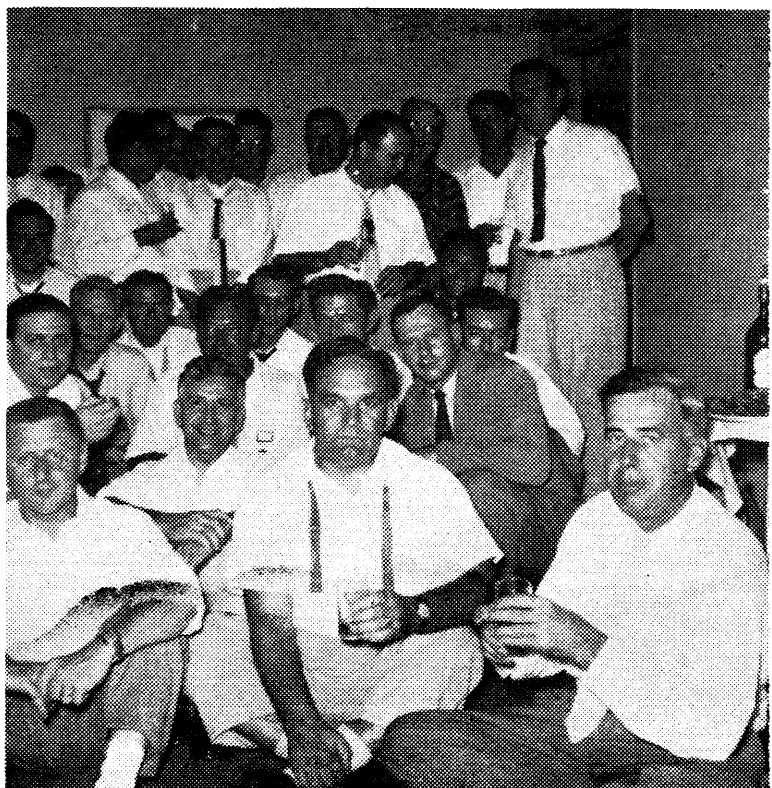
From left to right: Mrs. F. Fazio, Mrs. Doc Richell, Doc Richell and Frank Fazio.



From left to right (front row): Mrs. D. Baka, Mrs. Von Aachen, Mrs. V. Iannucci, (rear row) John Trevelise, Joe Van Aachen, Dot Trevelise and V. Iannucci.



From left to right: Frank Fazio, Jack Scully and Ed Eagan.



The entire gang assembled

laxing". . . Key sends his best to Milton B. Holliday.

JOHN E. ZALESKI of 837 Capitol Ave., Hartford, 6, Conn., is the dad of a mighty fine group, John, Robert and Gerald. From John's occupational status he must have things under control up Hartford way, oh-John is a member of the Police department and is serving with the National Guard.

HQS. 3rd. Bn.

DR. JAMES L. BROOKS of Locust Ave., Mt. Morris, Pa., in addition to cattle raising and farming, has raised three fine youngsters, James L., (10), Daniel Edward (8) and William John age 2. Doc. Brooks sends his best to Father Connors.

K. Company

ED BAILEY of Box 343, Demopolis, Alabama is the daddy of Melissa age 8, Ed. Jr. age 5, Nancy age 3 and Daniel age 1. Ed is a wholesale tobacco jobber and finds his escape in boating. Ed tells us that the only man he has met so far from the Ninth, was PFC Young of C. Co., 39th Infantry. Ed's complaint is that Ninthmen are far and few between in this section of Uncle Samuel.

L. Company

HAROLD R. MINNICH of RD No. 1, Bethlehem, Pa., is still single and is driving a truck for a lumber and coal company. His frustrations are stilled by making his own furniture and doing mechanical work.

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WILBRA J. LE CLAIR, 1932-81st street, Jackson Heights, L.I., N.Y., now boasts about his two young ones William age 9 and little Lori-Ann who is 8 months old. Wilbra is an Aviation Assembler and likes his work. During the last few months Wilbra has met and talked to Gus Suppan, and wants to say "Hello" to Joe Maiers.

39th Inf. Units Unknown

Robert M. Schneider of 2615 Rose Road, Westlake, Ohio, has two sons, David and Mark. Bob is a Teletype Repairman and delves in Photography and Auto Mechanics for his spare time activities. Bob has met Bill Corcoran of the 9th Signal on his rounds and wishes to say hello to Earl E. Wells, the X 1st Sgt. of Hy. Co. 3rd Bn.

Military Police:

NATHAN EHLMER of 1634 Meribroow Road, Philadelphia 31, Pa., wants all his former M.P. buddies to know that in 1950 he married a local Brooklyn girl. Nat and his wife Renee are going on a 5 month trip to North Africa and Europe beginning February, 1956. This is Nat's first sabbatical leave and he is going to try to re-visit many towns that he saw on his first tour.

WALTER S. WOLFSON has informed us that on March 27th at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City he is going to throw his hat into the matrimonial ring and join hands with Ellen Black. His three week honeymoon will take him to the sun-kissed shores of the Virgin Islands. Walter will be then moving about from the Hotel Sheraton in Springfield, Mass and to the Hotel Theresa in New York City, which will be taking up his time as Manager and Director of both hotels.

Medical Detachment:

Special Troops:

DOC. RALPH P. BALDINI of 117 E. Seneca Street, Ithaca, N.Y., now calls his six children in this order, Diane, Ralph, Jo Anne and Joseph (Twins) and youn Michael. Doc. sends his best to all from the Med. Det., Sp. Troops.

15th Engineers:

Hqs. Co.

ALEX T. FORREST of 111½ E. James Street, Munhall, Pa., besides being a very happily married man is now the Chief Engineer of a Steel Plant, and still maintains his army connections as Lt. Co. 2073 ARASU, Pgt. ORC School. Co. Forrest tells us that not since the New York Reunion has he met an X 9th man. Only then did he hear from Bill Emmons of Co. A. The Col. wishes to send his best to all of the 15th Engineers.

B. Co.

ERNEST NEWHART, Jr. of Ferry Street, New Hope, Pennsylvania, tells us that he is kept pretty busy these days, what with, Linda an dDavid and Stephen and his job as a printer he doesn't have too much time for anything else. Ernest says "Hello" to all former B Co. men. Here is a good tip on conventions. Ernest says, "Enjoyed N.Y. reunion very much last summer and he is looking forward to Philadelphia this year."

BYRON A. ANGELL, Jr. of 572 Smithfield Road, No. Providence, 4, R.I. is still single but being a machinist and being self employed he is kept real busy. He did meet up with Nate Wiener, who lives in Providence now and runs his own milk business. He often sees Fred D'Amore, Henry Hill and Sid Leveson.

CLEMENT H. ABBOT of 105 Evans Ave., Ingram, Pgh, 5.Pa/ uses up his hobby of home movies to take pictures of his gang. That's David Wade (4½) and Diane Lynee (11 mos.) Clement is a Stereotyper by trade.

9th Med. Bn.

Co. A

CHARLES W. KIRBY of 319 No. 7th Street, St. Peter, Minn.

has two fine youngsters John who is 5 and Kathleen who is three. Charles is a partner in the Wetergrew Dairy. Charles sends his best to all the men of the 9th Med. Bn.

Co. C.

PHILIP ST. J. MOORE, JR., P.O. Box 6, Foley, Florida, is today an Engineer by Profession and he works for the Buckeye Cellulose Corporation. Philip is the proud dad of Phil, Billy and Mary Ellen.

Co. D.

EDWARD W. MACHOWSKI of 1822 W. Haddon Ave., Chicago 22, Ill., really talks up a storm about his two Roberta Ann age 2½ and Tommy age 1½. Ed is a Salesman who really enjoy traveling and fishing. Ed sends his best to Francis E. Wright and Westernman of Co. D. "Ed comments," only too sorry to miss the conventions in the past two years."

LEONARD F. KAWALSKI, 25845 Beasonsfield, Roseville, Mich., besides his job as an Inspector has a job with his two little ones, Leonard Jr. and Cynthia.

DOCTOR J. OTTO LOTTES of 16 Hampton Village Plaza, St., Louis 9, Mo., is an Orthopedic Surgeon in St. Louis and calls Photography his hobby. The Doc is busy with his youngster George A. age 4, but still sticks to his hobby because it is useful in his work. Doc sends his best to all the officers of the 9th Me. Bn.

ANTHONY W. ANDRIOLA of 36 Holmes Street, Nutley 10, N.Y., has a fine family consisting of Patty and Billy. Tony is a General Contractor by trade.

47th Infantry:

Hqs. Co.

EMIL J. DE DONATO of 61 Claremont Ave., Totowa Boro, New Jersey, is expecting a third addition to his fine group. Ralph age 3 and Robert age 2. Emil is working for an advertising art studio. Emil can be found on the golf courses almost every week-end pursuing his favorite sport. Emil has recently met up with Eric Templeton and Hertz of the Med. Det. Emil wants Richard Manfredi of Sanger, Calif. to write. . . .

JEROME B. BALLING of 604 West Hillcrest Blvd., Monrovia, Calif.; has enlarged his family with a recent addition in a feminine form named Kathryn Elayne age 16 months. Jerome is the owner of the Balling Baby Shop in Monrovia, and is still active in the 6302 Artillery Div. and also is; Vice Chairman of the Red Cross Chapter in Monrovia, is a member of the Rotary Club, President of the San Gabriel Chapter ROA. Jerome sends his best to General Smythe.

AMOS H. DAVIS of 1213 Norwood Ave., Peorai, Illinois is a married man and is busily engaged as a construction Engineer.

JOSEPH F. TROUT, Lincoln University Rd., Pa.; has three J'S. Jane-10, Joe. Jr. age 8 and Joyce age 6. Joe is a Saw Mill Owner and Operator, and in his spare time putters around with woodworking. Joe is building a new house and that is taking all his energy and spare time these days. We are also informed that Ernest Plastino a former 60th Infantry man has married his wife's sister. The 9th is really a big part of this family.

Sv. Co.

ALBERT A. MICOLUCCI of 1614 Lynwood, Drive, Manoa, Pa., has two tax deductions in the forms of Eugene who is 8 and Rosemary who is four. Al does Brick work for a living and plays golf and pinochle. Al says he met Gaumer, Bob Schramm, Harold and Emil Langer all former 47th men and wishes to say "Hello" to

Hqs. 1st Bn.

TIMOTHY J. SULLIVAN of 102 Topland Road, White Plains, N.Y. has a fine family quartet consisting of Nancy, Laurie, Timothy and Steven. Tim a former first sgt., is today a fine attorney.

HAROLD V. SCHRAMM of 497 Boulevard, New Milford, N.J. Has a fine lad in Douglas Richard age 4½ and little Mindy Linor age 4 weeks. Harold is a building material salesman. Harold met Emil Langer, Bob Gaumer and Mike Miccoluci.

Anti-Tank

LARRY O'KEEFE of 2468 Walnut Grove Ave., San Jose 26, Calif., and his trio Mike and Bill and Colleen are living in a very fine home these days. Larry is an Insurance Special Agent who claims that he is not eligible for any reserve because "He Is Just To Fat."

Cannon Co.

C. R. DICK SHASBERGER of 10226 Kilkenny Place, Dallas 28, Texas tells of his two youngsters, Ricky and Lisa. Dick is the District Mgr., of the Clava-Vall Co. Dick tells us that John Snyder formerly of Cannon Co., 47th is now living in Dallas. Dick also sends his best to Leon Sieminski, and R. J. Foreman.

A. Co.

ELWOOD CYPHER, Jr., 603-5th Street, New Kensington, Penna, has not re-upped in the field of matrimony and is still carry a solo torch. Elwood likes to say "HY" to Gordon Herwig and Loman Taylor.

BILL CALIHAN, JR. of Roxana, Kentucky informs us he too, is a solo man.

C. Company:

SAMUEL J. CONFALONE of 1008 E. Spruce Street, Vineland, N.J., is a Gas Worker and he and Anthony and Cecilia Marie who is only 1½ months old are doing great.

D. Company:

Ronald E. Frank, Box 122 D, RD No. 1, Leechburg, Penn. and his two fine children, Ronald Al-

Clifford Lemmons and Al Lolyd, len age 3, and Elaine age 10 months. Ronald is a steel worker.

E. Company

HOWARD J. CIRKL of 3685 Regent Lane, Levittown, L.I. supports his two children, Patricia age 4 and Susane age 1½ selling insurance. Howard likes to play golf and go bowling. Howard would like to hear from anyone who served with him in the Mortar Section of Co. E. 47th from 8/44 to 3/45. Howard's biggest gripe is that he can't attend any of the reunions.

F. Company

SAM E. BUEMI of 11913 Cromwell Ave., Cleveland 20, Ohio, really boasts about young Billy and Bobby. Sam is a Plastering Contractor in Cleveland. The hobby that Sam is really interested in is Collecting \$s. Sam sends his best to Rita Marento and Maryln Moroe. . . . We are sorry that we don't have these addresses in our files.

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47th 2dBn. Affair

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take in the festivities.

We learned at the last minute before press time, that the meal is going to Chicken and a 7 course dinner at that. Well there it is, a good meal, lots of liquid refreshments, a fine orchestra, entertainment, what more can you ask for, the price of all this is just \$5.00 per.

We urge all who would like to attend to make your reservations early, from advance sales a record turnout is expected. Don't worry about being taken care of, there is plenty of room for all.

A Gold Star Salute

Mr. and Mrs. John I. Eldridge, Chillicothe Road of Aurora, Ohio, parents of 2nd Lt. W. J. Eldridge of the 84th F.A. Bn. who was K.I.A. at St. Lo. in France, sent us a very nice note in which they said: We want to be members of the Association because we are actually members in our sons memory.

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