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11th Memorial Mass, Nov. 6, 1955

10th President



EVERETT W. LINSOTT

Everett W. Linscott was born on December 27, 1916 in Hingham, Massachusetts. Everett spent his boyhood days in Hingham and graduated from Hingham High School in 1934. On February 15, 1941, Everett volunteered for the U. S. Army and two weeks later he was assigned to Service Battery, 60th Field Artillery Battalion 9th Infantry Division. Everett joined the 9th in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Everett attained the rank of Sergeant with the 60th F.A. Bn. and served throughout each and every campaign the 9th Division was committed to for three long years.

On December 25th, 1941, Everett married Leona and shortly thereafter was sent overseas with the Ninth. While serving in Africa, his first son, Everett Junior was born on December 30, 1942. From 1941 to June 24, 1945, Everett was separated from his little family. On December 24, 1946 Allan G. joined this happy group.

In December of 1954, Everett left Hingham, Mass. to go to Atlanta, Georgia and on March 1st, 1955 brought his family down South to live.

Everett is now the Southeastern Regional Claims Manager for the Boston Insurance Company and the Old Colony Insurance Company.

Atlanta Area Attention

Everett is very anxious to start an Atlanta, Georgia chapter and would like to have the local Atlanta men con-

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Big Day For New York

On October 29th, 1955 at the Chamber of Commerce building in Long Island City, the men of the New York Chapter will gather together for the first social function of the season.

This is the affair that is the kick off for the 1955 festivities. The main purpose of this dance is to gather the flock with their gals under one roof, to have themselves ope great big ball. New York can be indeed grateful that they not only have a wonderful place to gather in but they have the gang that can really do a job.

This is not a closed function by any matter or means. This is an open invitation that is extended to one and all. The price of admission is low, the fair of music and liquid refreshments are high and the group that gathers is fabulous.

To gain admittance all one has to do is to put your 1955 dues on the line. . . \$4.00. This gets you in to the hall. For this amount you can dance, you can get free beer and really live it up.

The additional free deal is that after you pay your dues, you also get a free ticket of admission. On the other hand, let us say that you don't have the 4 geans — that you can gain admittance for the sum of \$2.00. That's all it costs and you get all the fun for free.

To get to the Chamber of Commerce building use almost any subway, by car cross the 59th Street bridge and you're practically on top of the building when you reach the other end of the bridge in Long Island City.

Additional information can be found by reading the New York Chapter report. Don't hesitate, don't wait. . . For unadulterated fun, for genuine enjoyment, make it a date, make it on October 29th at the Chamber of Commerce building in Long Island City, New York.

For quick information call Al E. Bruchac at Ravenswood 9-4565, he's the Chairman of this affair and knows all the answers.

Last Minute Press Items

A last minute telephone call from Danny Quinn, supplied the Octofoil with the following information:

MARITAL BLESSINGS. . .

Barney English, formerly of I Company of the 47th Infantry has at last joined the ranks of matrimony. On Wednesday, October 12, Barney married Margaret Murray. . . Congratulations Barney.

K. COMPANY 47th. . .

We have learned that some of the men of K Company of the 47th Inf are having a little get-together on October 21, 1955. More information regarding this get-together will be published in the next issue of the Octofoil.

Once Again the Call Is To Worcester, Massachusetts

Every year since the end of World War II, Father Edward T. Connors has brought together his boys to pray for those who did not make it back. Each year brings an increasing number of men to the parish in Worcester.

It has been our pleasure to attend the last four meetings and we can boast that each one has been better than the last. If you can possibly make the trip we are certain you won't regret the effort.

Immaculate Conception Rectory

Worcester, Massachusetts
October 6, 1955

Dear Friend,

On Sunday, November 6, 1955, I shall celebrate the 11th Memorial Mass for our beloved dead of the 9th Division. Again I write you and your family to participate in this Memorial Service.

I am aware that you need no urging of mine to prompt you to come — all you need is a reminder. Ninth Division men and their families, and the bereaved look forward to this Memorial Mass with as much of a thrill as I. Each year I am amazed and thrilled that the gang keeps coming. The motive is no mere get-together, although that is certainly part of it, but the first and deepest motive is to gather and pray for our dead, to honor and console the bereaved.

The years go on, and thank God, the men of the 9th Division still remember. At least 500 attended the Mass. The last few years 350 have stayed for the dinner. From Boston they come — from New York, from Philadelphia, Washington, and Pittsburgh — Infantrymen, Artillerymen, Medics, Engineers, special troops, officers, and men — as we come to pray for our dead — and stay to enjoy the friendship of the living.

Although I have 800 names on my mailing list, there may be many more who would wish to receive this notice. If you know of any of these, send me their names and addresses. Especially am I interested in the names and addresses of the bereaved. Come yourself, bring members of your family, invite others. This is an ORDER, Soldier!

If you come on Saturday, Connors' Coffee Shop (the parish hall) will be open for business — coffee, sandwiches, cakes. All are welcome — and as you know, the chow is free. If you wish to reserve a hotel room, let me know; or write directly to the Hotel Bancroft (formerly known as the Sheraton).

Program

The following is a reprint of the letter that Father Connors sent out to his mailing list:

SATURDAY EVENING — November 5 — Immaculate
Conception Hall (Connors' Coffee Shop)

SUNDAY — 10 A.M. — November 6 — Memorial Mass
Immaculate Conception Church

(After Mass, coffee and rolls in Connors' Coffee Shop)

SUNDAY — Noon — Dinner — Hotel Bancroft (Sheraton)

God bless you and your loved ones. Say your prayers.

Sincerely in Christ.

(Rev.) E. T. CONNORS

P. S. Catholic men, wherever you are — receive Holy Communion November 6.

Now here is a chance to take a trip through New England. At the end of the trail is Worcester. . . We are certain that your wife will enjoy this ceremony, so why not bring her along. — Don't forget the kids. Make it the winter family holiday. Make it Worcester on November 6th. . .

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The Local Chapter

All organizations big or small depend upon smaller groups to carry the larger groups. We, in the Ninth Infantry Division Association, are no different in this respect than other organizations.

Establishing our group was an easy venture compared to making it grow or compared to the task of keeping it alive. In order to aid organizations such as our the United States Army has created a special section complete with personnel to assist veterans organizations.

We are now receiving information sheets from the Office of the Chief of Information and Education who start their daily news letter as follows, "Published in the interests of Division and similar type associations by the Organizations Branch, Public Information Division, Office of the Chief of Information and Education, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D.C." These information sheets supply association secretaries with varied information about the army and veterans functions.

We know now that the United States Army recognizes the value of organizations such as ours, and we can be proud of the fact that our association is homogeneous and worthy of mention among the lists of veterans organizations.

We men fought to come back. We have a united bond; a heritage common to men who have lived and fought and survived together. Our prime virtues are the superb caliber of men we are proud to number among the associations membership.

So many men give unthinkingly of their time and their effort to further the worthwhile work of our group. To them we say, "Thanks, so much for you are the backbone of the organization.

We can all help by active participation in our work. JOIN a chapter if there is one in your vicinity. A chapter though small can be active and helpful in maintaining the life of the National Association. You'll meet men like Henry Golibecki from Buffalo, Bill Palady and Mike Bish in Pittsburgh, Rodger Schaeffer from Northern Ohio, Everett Linscott from Atlanta. These working members are just a few who know the value of local chapter organizations and are doing something about it. They are trying and doing work in their areas. If you can contact these men, help them rally round the cause of good comradeship. We have a wonderful heritage to keep alive.

Nourish the tree of life of our Ninth Infantry Division Association. Join its strongest limbs! JOIN your local chapter. WATCH it grow!

Chicago Report

by BUD REMER

The Illinois Chapter wishes to thank, formally, the National Board of Governors for accepting its bid for the Eleventh Annual Reunion site. As the main body of our members reside in Chicago, coupled with the fact that Chicago has the world's best facilities for holding a reunion, we feel that we have no alternative but to hold it in Chicago, recognizing of course that Illinois and our section of the country has many other sites capable of handling the general attendance of our organization. We, here in Chicago, fully realize that the greater majority of our active members reside in the East, so, we have dedicated ourselves to making this coming Reunion doubly successful and interesting to make up for those extra miles some of you must make to get to Chicago. With the amount of turnpike construction scheduled for completion you who want to drive should be only two easy days away. So come on ahead.

On Friday, August 12th, the Illinois Chapter held its regularly scheduled meeting and immediately plunged into the Reunion planning. Reunion chairman, Frank Ozart, appointed the perennial convention goer, Ted Matusik, to act as Secretary-Treasurer. Ted was quite active in the success of Chicago's first National Reunion as well as two or three midwest reunions held here in Chicago, so he should be well experienced and qualified to do a first rate job in this important post. Frank also appointed our popular and hardworking secretary, John Huffman, to handle arrangements for the Program Book, and yours truly to try to work out some publicity. Our most important consideration of course was the hotel site so we confined our talk to this problem. The various members registered their likes and complaints. The many qualifications in a hotel that we require to satisfy our members were discussed and enumerated so that we would have something to go on in our rounds of the various hotels. John Huffman had notified the Chicago Convention Bureau that we were in the market for a hotel site so was able to produce a bulk of literature on many of the hotels available. Before we concluded our meeting a committee was formed to meet early the following Saturday morning to begin our search for the most acceptable hotel.

On Saturday, August 20th, a committee consisting of Frank Ozart, Roger Elmer, John Huffman, Bud Remer and Mike Belmonte met at the Congress Hotel for breakfast. Frank had secured appointments with the Conrad Hilton and the Palmer House managements. We started at the Hilton which is very sumptuous and considered the world's largest hotel. Banquet halls, committee rooms, suites, and the many facilities that go to make up a large hotel were inspected. We ended up in the catering office with a lengthy discussion of food, liquor and room prices. The same procedure was followed at the elegant and famous Palmer House. Notes were taken to be compared with other sites. We broke up at about 2:30 p.m. realizing how little we had done in almost five hours time with a faint glimmer of what those friends of ours were talking about when they admonished us in Philadelphia that we had undertaken a big job.

You will be an

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(eager) (beaver)

By Paying Your
1956 Dues
NOW!!

New England Report

By Vic Campisi

N.E. CHAPTER HOLDS FIRST FALL MEETING

Gifts galore for all who attended highlighted the first fall meeting of the New England Chapter, 9th Infantry Division Association, held Monday, September 26 at the YD Club, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

On the business side, a report on the 10th national convention held last July at Philadelphia, Pa., constituted the principal item on the agenda. This subject was thoroughly covered, from a N.E. standpoint, in the last issue of Sound-Off and will not be repeated herein.

The gifts, incidentally, were high quality children toys left over from the Family Picnic Day sponsored by your N.E. Chapter last August at Weston, Mass.

Although all children at the picnic were loaded with prizes, an over-estimate by the picnic committee resulted in the surplus stock. Hence, the decision to distribute the surplus at the meeting.

John McLaughlin did a fine job for the picnic committee in obtaining gifts and prizes worth several times the budget allotted him.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, AT YD Club — FREE REFRESHMENTS

The next regular meeting of the N.E. Chapter will be held at 8:30 p.m., Monday, October 24, at the YD Club, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston. The meeting will feature free beer, peanuts and potato chips.

REV. CONNORS 11th ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS NEXT MONTH

Announcement due any day now from Rev. Edward T. Connors regarding the annual memorial mass and reunion early in November at Worcester, Mass.

The brainchild and pet project of Rev. Connors, a former 9th Inf Div chaplain, the commemorative affair is a magnetic attraction for 9th Divisioners of all faiths from 48 states and draws close to 500 annually.

This year's affair will be the 11th in a series Rev. Connors initiated in 1945. It is significant to note that in recent years, attendance has been increasing as the affair takes on more of a family atmosphere with 9th Divisioners bringing wives and families with them.

It is expected the "Connors Coffee Shop" will be open for business, as usual, and that the reunion banquet after the memorial mass will, as always, exceed fondest expectations.

Rev. Connors will announce the time, date, place, and other particulars in his invitation which he will send to all on his mailing list. Don't miss this annual event. It's a must for all loyal 9th Divisioners.

ODDS AND ENDS

New Faces Dept.: — Well, his face isn't exactly new, but it hasn't been around for a long time. Lloyd White, 12 Lakecrest park, Weymouth, Mass., showed up at the September meeting after an absence of six months. Lloyd explained he works nights, so he doesn't have many opportunities to attend meetings.

Chicago, Please Note: — N.E. Chapter still burning over deceptive convention publicity in Octofoil which falsely asserted "All the rooms will be completely air conditioned." It is hoped that Chicago and the Octofoil will not duplicate this faux pas in veracity and public relations.

Chapter Member Hospitalized: — George Bender, a charter member and for years one of the more ac-

tive members of the N.E. Chapter has been hospitalized for several months at the V.A. Hospital, 150 South Huntington Ave., Boston. A visit or a card would do lots to cheer him.

Philly, Achtung! — N.E. Chapter was too late to appear in your ad book, but it's still sending a \$15.00 contribution to help defray expenses of July convention. You should have it by the time you read this.

VETERANS' QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Address all queries to Victor A. Campisi, Editor, Sound-Off, 10 Lesley Ave., Somerville 44, Mass.

Q — I'm a disabled vet drawing a monthly 10% disability check. Am I entitled to exemption or abatement of Mass. excise tax? J.W.S., Newtonville, Mass.

A — Applicable laws too long to quote, but in general, to qualify for exemption or abatement, you must, 1 — Be a Vet of World War I, II, or Korea, and, 2 — Have a service connected disability which resulted in loss, or permanent loss of use, of either one or both feet or hands, or have vision rated 20-200 or less in the better eye with corrective glasses.

Q — I've moved around quite a bit since my discharge in 1945, and as a result, I've never received certain medals to which I'm entitled. How do I get them? J.R., Providence, R.I.

A — Write to the Adjutant General's Office, Dept. of the Army, Wash. 25, D.C.

Q — As a Purple Heart vet, am I entitled to a real estate tax exemption, and if the answer is in the affirmative, how do I get it? L.L.N., Lowell, Mass.

A — In general, pursuant to provisions of Section 5, Chapter 59, of the General Laws of Mass., qualified Purple Heart vets are entitled to a \$3000 real estate tax exemption, and disabled vets drawing 10% or more are entitled to a \$2000 exemption. For complete information and assistance, see the Board of Assessors in the town or city which assessed the tax.

Auf Wiedersehen

Pittsburgh Chapter

by BILL PALADY

The Smokey City reports that the Pittsburgh Chapter is going great guns in re-organizing. The first meeting of the year was on September 15, 1955 and efforts to reorganize were met with enthusiasm by all those present.

The following men were elected to office: Michael Bish, President; Ercole Di Pasqua, Vice-President; Bill Palady, Secretary-Treasurer.

The boys who attended this gala function and participated in the elections were: Jay Dennison, Elmer Graham, Henry Gault, Paul Wolf, Carmine Botti, John Compel, Adolf Dominick, Steve Bindus and Chesley Michler.

The group has decided to hold meetings one a month. All men who live in or near the Pittsburgh area are invited to attend. If you are interested then contact Bill Palady, 322-31st Street, McKeesport, Pa., or phone Orchard 8-4051.

The Pittsburgh men feel that they have the nucleus to a real fine loyal group of men and they are all anxious and willing to make this a real great chapter.

If you are willing to have a good time, if you are able to attend, if you want to join a real spirited group, then call me at Orchard 8-4051 in McKeesport and I'll be glad to give you all the information about the Pittsburgh Chapter.

Veteran Needs Help

Paul Plunkett of 52 E. Lynn Street, Columbus, Ohio sends the following request to the Octofoil. If anyone can help please contact Paul. Grover Carrier needs assist-

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New York Chapter Report

by DOM MIELE

Dom Miele, the New York Chapter Secretary sends us a full minutes report of the September meeting.

Meeting was called to order by President Charles Fabre at 9:15 P.M. There were 45 members present. After a reading of the minutes, a financial report was made. Because the records were being revised for tax purposes and also to help establish the Building Fund, the item of finances was tabled

until the next meeting.

The following committees reported:

Welfare: Jerry Shapiro the committee chairman informed the group that Larry Greenman is finally on the road back to good health. Jerry told of the recent death of John Rizzo's father. The Committee sent two cards, "Get Well and Sympathy cards."

Hospitality: Vince Iannucci had no report.

Publicity: Report tabled due to the absence of the Chairman.

Membership: Al Bruchac: To enable the chapter to secure new members the Membership Drive Dance will be held on October 29, 1955. The locale of this affair will be the Chamber of Commerce bldg. in Long Island City. This building is located just off of the 59th St. Bridge. This is a private restaurant and has a seating capacity of 300. The following plan was outlined: All dues, that is 1956 dues, paid from August to October 29th are given a free ticket as an added booster. This ticket will entitle one to free admittance to the dance and all the beer you can drink. Liquor will be available at \$7.00 to \$8.00 a bottle plus all the set ups. There will be no charge for ice and soda. If dinner is desired, a platter that will very comfortably feed 10 people can be purchased for \$5.00 a platter. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$2.00 each.

Q.M. Highlights

Bill Palady of 322-31st Street, McKeesport, Pa., sends us a real cheery note about the Q.M. "The wife and I were pleasantly surprised by a very welcomed visit with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Abrams, Bill has received letters from LeRoy Dreifus and George Kovalak. Both of them are doing fine. Bill tells us about the blessed event at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brathune from N. J."

Biss is trying to get the Q.M. lads together and starts right off by issuing a report on the lads at our recent Philadelphia convention. "Attending the reunion and renewing acquaintances were the following men and their wives: Mr. and Mrs. Guy McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Palady, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Dreifus, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Abrams, Harry Orenstein, Gene Berasi and Charles Tingley. To the many Q.M. men who did not attend the above mentioned hope that you will all try to make it at the next reunion in Chicago in 1956."

LeRoy, Horace Harry and Gene and myself are planning to make the next reunion — how about the rest of you Q.M.'ers?

ATTENTION!

James R. Briggs of Cox's Creek, Kentucky (Route 1) who served with the Headquarters Detachment of the 9th Medical Battalion needs to substitute his claim with the Veterans Administration. We have sent the names of a few men whom we have on our lists. But if any of you Medico's can help James, please drop him a line. James needs to prove that he had a nervous condition and the V.A. is looking for qualifying information. So, Medico's your help is needed.

Pittsburgh Chapter

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ance, and we hope one of our members might remember the incident.

COMRADE IN NEED

Recently Columbus papers printed an article about Grover Carrier, 437 Stanley Ave., Columbus, who is totally disabled and is in destitute circumstances, with a wife and two children. His creditors have foreclosed on his washing machine, refrigerator, furniture, etc. He is a veteran of three years with the 101st Airborne and 2nd Armored Division, participating in the Normandy invasion.

He feels that the blow he received on his head, about the time we contacted Russian troops on the Elbe, is the cause of his inability to hold a job now. He hopes that someone will come forward who saw him when he suffered this fall and certify to that fact.

The VA advises him that is the only way he can get his claim allowed. I have written the 9th Infantry Journal. I likewise was of the opinion that if you'd run a notice in The News, maybe some of the News readers might have been in that vicinity and would remember the incident.

Yours in Comradship

Paul S. Plunkett

MAIL BAG

From: Maj. Gen. G. W. Smythe, Hq. MAAG, Formosa, APO 63, San Francisco, Calif. . . "I am glad to learn that the reunion went off very smoothly, I am pleased that the Colors and the plaques were received with acclamation. I am sure they were helpful in making the reunion more colorful. Hope General Dalquist gave you a good talk and that the old reliable, General Eddy was present. I will be looking forward to receive the gavel, even though I did not have the opportunity to bang it several times. I trust many of the activities assisted in producing more members. Have run into several former 9th Division people. . . . Colonel Charlie Eastburn is one of my MAAG advisors, as is Lt. Col. Moore (formerly F Co. 47th Inf.) and Sergeant Morosky (F Co. 47th Inf.) Don Clayman came through Taipei about three weeks ago on the MDA Program. . . "

Albert C. Geist of 1240 W. 31st Street, Chicago 8, Illinois: "At the recent convention, I met a man in my company who was a prisoner of war from September 29th, 1944 to the end of the war. During a heavy counter attack near Lammersdorf, Germany, he was the only man taken prisoner with at least six other wounded men, and just a few made it back to our lines. We are both very interested in trying to get in touch with one of these men who was with the company on July 5th, 1945. Can you help me, the man's name was Jack Victorino, Co. H 39th Inf. . . Editor's Note: We do not have Jack Victorino's current address in our files. Is it possible that one of our readers might be able to help Albert. If you can either contact Albert or the National Secretary."

Frank J. Vaglia of 26 Myrtle Street, Waltham, Mass., now is the Commander of the Federal Employees Veterans Association Post at Murphy Army Hosp. He will be registration chairman of the organization's national convention at Boston, Sept. 30 and October 1 and 2. Frank will lead a large group of hospital employees at the convention. Frank by the way was with the Division Artillery, and then served the balance of his service with APO 9.

Adolph Wadalavage of 94-30 96th Street, Ozone Park 16, L. I. can be reached at Vi 6-6443. . . Adolph wants all former M.P.'s to note that the OFF Limits signs has been taken down from his old abode, and they can find him at his new house in Ozone Park.

Henry Nissen of 401 Wallingford Terrace, Union, New Jersey tells us that he and his wife Florence had a brand new little gal and her name is Yvonne Marie Caslin Nissen. Hank by the way was with Service Co., 39th Inf. . .

Ted Matusik from out Chicago way tells us that John Clauser, one of the founders of the Illinois Chapter has come back into the folds of the Chicago Chapter. John assigned to duty with an RPTC is still in the Army and has been unit at Maine Township High School in Des Plaines, Illinois. . .

Jimmy Corcoran of 602 Mahantoga St., Pottsville, Pa. tells us that he really enjoys his old C.O.'s endeavors in writing up the doings of the 47th Anti-Tankers. Jimmy tells us that he hopes to get across the Rockies and look at the blue Pacific in the very near future. Jimmy hopes that some of the old lads will cooperate with Larry in the news column to help make the Anti-Tank News letter a real good item.

Wilton M. Taylor of Stop 6, Star Route, Lost Hills, Calif. tells us that some of his buddies sent their best regards to all the gang who attended the 10th annual reunion.

The Invasion of Africa

by Mrs. George Caton, Sr.

Nov. 8th, 1942

When I think of the Great Invasion
Of eight hundred and fifty ships
There were many whose hearts
were heavy
With many a prayer on their lips.

A Mighty Hand guided the Armada
Near edge of invading shore
Where angry waves lashed the
life boats
And an angrier sea did roar.

Out sprang the men with their armor
To fight the invaded foe
For some the attempt was final
But other heard the command go!

Go! and with God's might conquer
Those who would subdue the world
So continued the brave and
valiant
'Til their enemy's flag was furled.

Adeline E. Caton

"I dedicate this in loving memory of my son, George L. Caton, Jr. and his gallant comrades of the 9th Division, who fought this bitter engagement.

Mrs. George Caton Sr.
414-14th Street
Port Huron, Mich.

The following poem was sent to The Octofoil by Carl H. Hull. Carl told us that Mrs. Caton visited his home recently and Carl asked her if it was alright to print the poem, and she replied: "Would like for the men of the 9th, to know that she appreciates all that they did during World War II. They seem especially close to her, because the son she lost was one of them."

Mrs. Caton's son was George Caton a message center driver for the 2nd. Bn. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 60th Inf. George served with the 9th from Fort Bragg until he was injured in Germany in 1945. George died in 1951 from his war injuries in Port Huron, Michigan.

Pushing Back the Years

The date: September 23, 1945. . . Here is a transcript from records of what you who served with the 9th Division were doing on this day:

Due to the rapid dash to the German border by the Allied Armies, our lines of communication were at the breaking point. Only in the VII Corps sector had a deep penetration into Germany been accomplished, and this in a forested mountain zone which was not favorable for large scale armor drives, such as were necessary for victory in 1944.

The supply of fuel and ammunition already was rationed, and until sufficient port facilities were organized, the situation would not change.

Due to this supply problem, General Eisenhower decided to hold in the south and attack to the north and east, outflanking the Siegfried Line and opening up the road to Berlin.

This swift change of events forced the Ninth Division, which had been spearheading the drive into Germany, into regrouping its forces and consolidating its positions. With the holdup came a build up of German defenses and a stiffening of resistance. The going would be tougher now.

Rufus McCollum (M-47th), Wilton Taylor (M-47th), W.D. Waldron (E-60th), Harold J. Russle (D-OCTOFOIL-5

39th) and Lloyd Wofford (C-15th Eng.). . . All of these lads work with Wilton in the General Petroleum in California. Wilton throws a plug for Mobile Gas and Oil, for this is the end result of all of their labors. We were told that there are quite a few men in the West Coast area for example. Former Lt. Phillips (M-47th) was stationed in Fort Lewis, Washington. . . Wallace of M Co. 47th, was at Long Beach, California and Capt. Leonard Rochstrow of Palo Alto, California. For your information Sgt. 1/class R.L. Kinkennon, formerly of M-47th, is now in the E.T.O.

John Sharpless had an experience at the last New York meeting which proved to be quite a shock. As John walked into the meeting room, he spots Doc Seslowe. This is not unusual, but the situation was. It seems that the last time that John Sharpless saw Doc Seslowe, the good Doctor had a tiger hold on John. The action took place in Telemson, North Africa in 1942. John was having a tooth extracted and the good Doctor was pulling. John to this day claims that it was the best and quickest extraction he ever had. After he woke up.

The rest of this week in 1944 was characterized by small unit actions against row after row of German pillboxes and fortifications, and by defense against destructive counterattacks thrown by the Germans against the positions held by the Old Reliables.

It was in this inch contesting struggle of the pillboxes that the magnificent work of the Engineers became apparent. Throughout the attack against the Siegfried, the 15th Engineer Combat Battalion performed an amazing job in the destruction of fortifications. With dynamite strapped to their backs, engineers frequently were in the thick of the fight. Time after time they used flame throwers to compel early surrender of emplacements — thus saving the lives of countless infantrymen.

Over mine fields, where every step might mean certain death, the 15th lost its men clearing the way for others. Although not authorized the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the men of the engineer battalion knew that their buddies with the crossed rifles felt mighty happy to have them as fighting partners.

The Army Has Changed

Remember when the best deal in Fort Bragg was a brew at the Town Pump. . . In North Africa, oh — for a couple of weeks in Casablanca. In Sicily it was Palermo, in England it was London and so on. . . But listen you xGI's you lived, here for example is what the 9th Division GI in Germany can do on a pass:

Sea Cruises Offered To Service Personnel

Nuernberg — A Red sea cruise aboard a sailing vessel combined with an undersea adventure in spearfishing and photography is the newest travel thrill offered to Arnold Forces personnel through the facilities of the Special Services leave activities section.

Or if submarine sightseeing dampens your spirit, you can take a saddle trip through the hinterlands of the Austrian Alps.

And if you're neither a deep sea enthusiast nor an equestrian, there is a whale of a collection of standard tour excursions corralled in the September issue of "Tours Round-Up," a monthly calendar listing the packaged tours currently offered by various travel agencies in conjunction with Special Services. The latest "Round-Up" is now available in all USAREUR Special Services tours offices, service clubs and libraries which are not located in Service clubs.

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tact him either at his home, EXchange 0515 or at his office ELgin 0705. Or drop him a card or letter at 4138 Ashford Road, Brookhaven 19, Georgia.

The Atlanta Chapter at one time, was a very active organization, we are certain that with Everett Linscott at the helm men like Jim Bailey and others can indeed create a fine local chapter.

Atlanta has the manpower and the men, let's go Atlanta!

60th Field Report 60th Field Report

By Charles J. Fabre

New York, N.Y., October 10th, 1955. Once again we are back to making the monthly deadline of the Octofoil and as usual we are late. On October 1st we were in Pittsburgh, Penna. for two days and met and spoke to several of the 60th Field men. Dave Ellway, send his greetings to all of you and told me that he has been very busy in the construction line but one of these days hopes to get to New York. . . Jim Connolly was scheduled to see us, but a last minute date prevented him from coming. Jim says he sure was sorry that he missed Philadelphia. We wanted to say hello to Bill Skibinski in Canadensis but our time was limited. We were wondering how Bill made out in the Big Storm. By the way, Bill, we got the kitchen cabinets. A letter from Austin Briggs tells us that they came through the Storm in fine fashion but that it was quite a job getting to and from work for a while. We were wondering if any of our readers ever came across Wilmer Cunningham at 231 Maple Street, Slippery Rock, Penna. We sure would like to hear from him. Also wondering what happened to Ben Gunciale, 328 Fruit Avenue, Farrell, Penna. While in the smokey city many names came up. Can some one help us locate George Obeldobel, John Vestowick, 3122 Ward St. Pittsburgh; Eli Walnoha, Bridgeville, Penna.; Ed Colonello, 7709 Bennett St., Pittsburgh; Paul Dougher, N. 11th St., Lehighton, Pa.; Steve Pamula, 1013 E. 10th St., Erie, Pa.; Tony Wisniewski, 701 Lincoln St., Dickson City, Pa.; Clifford Carlisle, 6950 Kelly St., Pittsburgh; Nick Amendola, Pittsburgh; Thomas Davis, Bellwood Road, Homestead, Pa.; and many others. With our new member of the Board of Governors, Mike Bish getting the Pittsburgh Chapter started once again we hope that some of these men will come forward to give Mike a hand.

We received a call from Fred L. Murray a couple of weeks ago on one of his frequent trips to N.Y. but due to his schedule he was unable to get to the house. Fred now owns his own diesel semi-trailer and is looking forward to buying another one. Good luck, Fred.

Also another letter from Pete Thurtell telling us that he arrived home in good condition and that he had the time of his life at the reunion.

A letter from Everett Linscott, our National President, telling us that he had spoken to Col. Adams and that they were contemplating starting the Atlanta Chapter in the near future. Knowing these two men, their qualifications and willingness to work, we are assured of another successful Chapter, we look forward to the day when the reunion will be held in Atlanta. We always have wanted to see the town.

We would like to remind the New York Area men that the Annual Fall dance will be held on October 29th, 1955 in the Chambers Restaurant Chamber of Commerce Building, 24-16 Bridge Plaza South, (foot of the lower level of the 59th St. Bridge) Long Island

City, Queens. All subway lines go there and we look forward to seeing the 60th Field well represented, how about it Harry Hammer? Ridzi? Cohen? Bedishian? Boulter? Cappizzi? Feinstein? Harry Hartjen? Charles Nagey? Mike Patrick? Pandolfi? De Rose? Friedumeier? Kowalski? Ahrens? Cholmeley/Jones? Galfo? We will have a couple of tables reserved and if you pay your 1956 dues you get one free ticket, the other ticket for your wife will be only \$2.00 including all the beer you can drink.

The Worcester memorial will be on November 6th and we hope to be there, WILL YOU BE THERE? We would like to see the 60th Field men from Mass. turn out in force. How about Francis Frigon? We will look forward to seeing you. If you cannot make it, please go to your own church that Sunday and offer your prayers for our dead. We will be praying with you. Till next month, then, we will say so long from Brooklyn.

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Second Friday of the month.

Pushing Back the Years

We have found some information that we thought would interest our readers. We will from time to time publish this material. This is background information of what happened many years ago. . . For example: On September 9, 1945 the 9th was committed to the following action:

In order to prevent the fleeing German Army from reinforcing his weakly held Sigfried Line, the Ninth Division was given the mission of driving with all speed to the Meuse River and seizing bridgeheads over what was the last obstacle before Germany.

Driving forward from the Belgian border, spearheads from the 39th and 60th Combat Teams smashed through hastily organized German delaying positions and reached the Meuse in the area around the city of Dinant on Sept. 4th, 1944. Here they were met by massed fires of such intensity that it was obvious that a daylight crossing would be impossible.

The peaceful appearing Meuse had proved to be a military stumbling block for centuries. Few armies, ancient or modern had been able to storm eastward across it, and none had crossed it in Belgium since the time of Napoleon. Sheer rises line both banks throughout most of the area in Belgium and the Germans had taken full advantage of their superior tactical position, making their last stand before Germany on the heights east of the river. Well emplaced machine guns, mortars and flame throwers, faced the men of the Ninth as they poised for the assault.

At one minute after midnight of the 5th, elements of the 60th Infantry stormed across in the vicinity of Hermeton-sur-Meuse, gaining footholds on the east bank. And only a foothold was the extent of the bridgehead for several days. Casualties assumed great proportions and gains were measured by inches and feet.

At 0300, after a long delay due to poor crossing sites, troops of the Fighting Falcons stormed across in assault boats, only to be met by the withering fire of massed German weapons. Only twenty men and the Commanding Officer of Company A reached the far shore and they were no match for the enemy on the heights above. After waging a gallant fight and expending all their ammunition, the entire group was wiped out—killed, wounded or captured.

Then occurred a stroke of luck similar to the later capture of the Remagen Bridge. Doughboys of the 3d Battalion discovered a catwalk across the river near Anhee that the Germans had failed to destroy. Storming across, they secured the bridgehead that their buddies had died for. Later that day, the 2d Battalion crossed over the catwalk and joined their beleaguered mates on the far side. Here they stayed throughout the night, supplied only by men who braved death time and time again to cross back and forth across the catwalk with needed ammunition.

Then, as darkness fell, a welcome sound was heard — Task Force King from the 3d Armored Division which had crossed further to the north, came roaring into their position. The war-weary

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troops of the 39th climbed aboard, and with the support of the Task Force made a successful assault on the Citadel of Dinant.

Dawn of the 7th of September.

What Are They Doing Now

E. Company: 60 Inf.

JOSEPH FILIPUTTE of 2635 Hudson Blvd., North Bergen, N.J., tells us that he has his own body and fender business at 2314 Hudson Blvd. in Union City, N.J.

GEORGE T. BRANDON is with the Hq and Hq. Service Company 237th Eng'r Bn. APO 225, PM. N.Y. George tells us that he is real proud of Alice Jayne and Robert Gage.

CLARENCE NARCOTT of 64 Logan Street, Springfield, Mass., has a real busy job these days as a supervisory warehouseman. Clarence sends his best to all the lads he knew in Germany.

JOSEPH J. PERELLA of 400 S. East Ave., Vineland, New Jersey; has a fine time of it, he not only takes care of little Joe who is 12 and Rose who is 7, but takes care of "EL ROSA" a fine bar and package goods store located at North Delsea drive near the circle in Vineland. Joe sends his best to Norman Dean and Gino Fellicelli.

ARTHUR EULER of Rt. 1, Box 299, Bowling Green, Ohio, has all his time taken up with farming. However Art sees Bob Vollmar, Glen Schroeder, and Ed Micaelis all of Bowling Green. Art wants to know if at Conventions we have local platoon reunions. Editor's Note: All we can say to that is you get the guys and we will arrange for the space . . .

BEN BOSCO of 1561 Hendrickson Street, Brooklyn N.Y. is a real happy boy he is married to a swell gal and has a great job. Ben sends his best to all of Co. E. Ben also tells us that he has met up with Mike Filippelli.

CHARLES E. COMMINS of 2639 Central Ave. Memphis, Tennessee is busy being a cotton tech-

1944, saw the fighting elements of the Ninth secure on the east bank, accomplishing in two days a military feat, oft considered impossible. Bridges were put into place followed up their successful crossing and the men of the Ninth swiftly ing with a smashing pursuit of the broken defenders of the Meuse.

nologist and pursuing his favorite hobby golf. Charles has a complaint he would like to have a Memphis chapter. We can oblige this area. If you are interested with a list of 14 men in the Memphis area, let us know.

ANTHONY F. CASTELLANO of 17 Stirrup Lane, Levittown, N. I., tells us all about his favorite, Christine who is two years old. Anthony is kept quite busy these days in his own hardware business. Anthony sends his best to all the lads of Co. E.

F. Company:

CHARLES L. MITCHELL of 11389 Chatham, Detroit 39, Michigan besides owning his own home is a sub-foreman for the Burroughs Adding Machine Corp. Charles sends his best to any of the fellows who were with him in the Muse River crossing and those who were in the Prison Compound 7A and 21A in Germany.

JOSEPH A. WILHELM of 911 Penn. Street, Brackenridge, Pa., is currently working in a steel mill.

FREDERICK A. HERRIN of 10 Elm Drive West, Levittown, New York lives with his wife in his own home in Levittown. Fred is an assistant master mechanic.

RIENHOLD W. PUVAL of Bear Hills Road, Newtown, Conn., is kept busy at his job as traffic manager and very busy keeping tabs on Carol Joan and Janet Ann.

G. Company:

WARREN H. DRIEZ of 626 State Street, Lemoyne Penn.; really has his hands full these days taking care of young Warren. Warren Sr. keeps the chow on the table with an assist from the Civil Service.

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