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## 3 Months More to Convention Time

### *Movies, Refreshments Highlight Meeting*

By Vic Campisi

Long lost 9th Division, attracted by free refreshments and spectacular color movies of their division in World War II action, flocked to a recent meeting of the New England Chapter, 9th Inf Div Association, held Saturday night, Feb 25, at the YD Club, Boston.

In the business meeting that followed the social program, it was decided to hold the March meeting in Boston on March 26 and, circumstances permitting, to hold the April meeting in Worcester.

Originally, it had been planned to hold the March meeting in Worcester, but it was decided that a meeting there would be an imposition upon Father Connors who is extremely busy during the Easter season; hence the decision to postpone the Worcester meeting to April.

#### Annual Chapter Elections In May

Members are reminded that President Vic Campisi will appoint a nominating committee at the April meeting and that the annual election of officers will follow at the May meeting. Campisi has announced he is not a candidate for re-election.

#### Open House Policy A Success

Chapter officers were delighted with the turnout at the Feb meeting and pointed to the "Open House" policy as one of the big reasons. Members were invited to bring along their friends — and they did. Some brought their wives; others brought interested children, and others came with business associates and friends interested in veterans activities.

#### Combat Movies the Big Attraction

Despite the attractiveness of the "Open House" policy and the free refreshments, opinion was unanimous that the hour-long sound and color movies of the 9th Div. in action was the big feature that packed them in.

#### Movies to Be Shown Again at Worcester April Meeting

Indeed, the movies were so enthusiastically enjoyed that it was voted to show them again at the April meeting in Worcester. Members who have yet to see them have a big treat in store. And those who have seen the combat movies claim they get better with each successive showing.

#### Chicago Next Stop On Movie Circuit

Following the April show, the film will be rushed to Chicago for use by the Windy City Chapter in response to a request from J. J. Clauser, 1641 Thacker, Des

Plains, Illinois.

#### N. E. Chapter Personnel Notes

"Long time no see" greetings were extended at the last meeting to the following named members most of whom travelled long distances to attend this big meeting. They were:

Sgt. Steven Budrick, formerly G Co, 47th Inf. Steve, now with 86th Ord Co at Fort Devens, Mass., plans on retiring in 2½ years when he hits the 20-year mark.

Anthony DiPietro, formerly B Co, 15th Engrs, now of Little Point, Swampscott, Mass.

Gil Pernokos, 176 Salem St., Woburn, Mass., formerly 26th Field.

George Waldron, 2 Washington Ave., Stoneham, formerly B Btry, 26th Field.

Johnny White, Rockland, Mass., also formerly B Btry, 26th Field.

Nick Yarosz, 33 Hano St., Allston, Mass., formerly B Co, 15th Engrs.

Lloyd White, 12 Lakecrest Park, Weymouth, Mass., formerly C Co, 15th Engrs. Lloyd's two sons, Joseph 8, and Edward 6, also enjoyed the show.

Larry and Mrs. McLaughlin, 82 Gould St., Wakefield, Mass. Larry was with A Co, 47th Inf, and later with Div Hq.

Edward Abbruzzese, 31 Avon St., Everett, Mass., formerly C Co, 15th Engrs.

Alfred Ferrante, 35 Cove St., Framingham, Mass.

Joe Gurliaccio, 183 London St., East Boston, Mass., formerly Sv Btry, 34th Field.

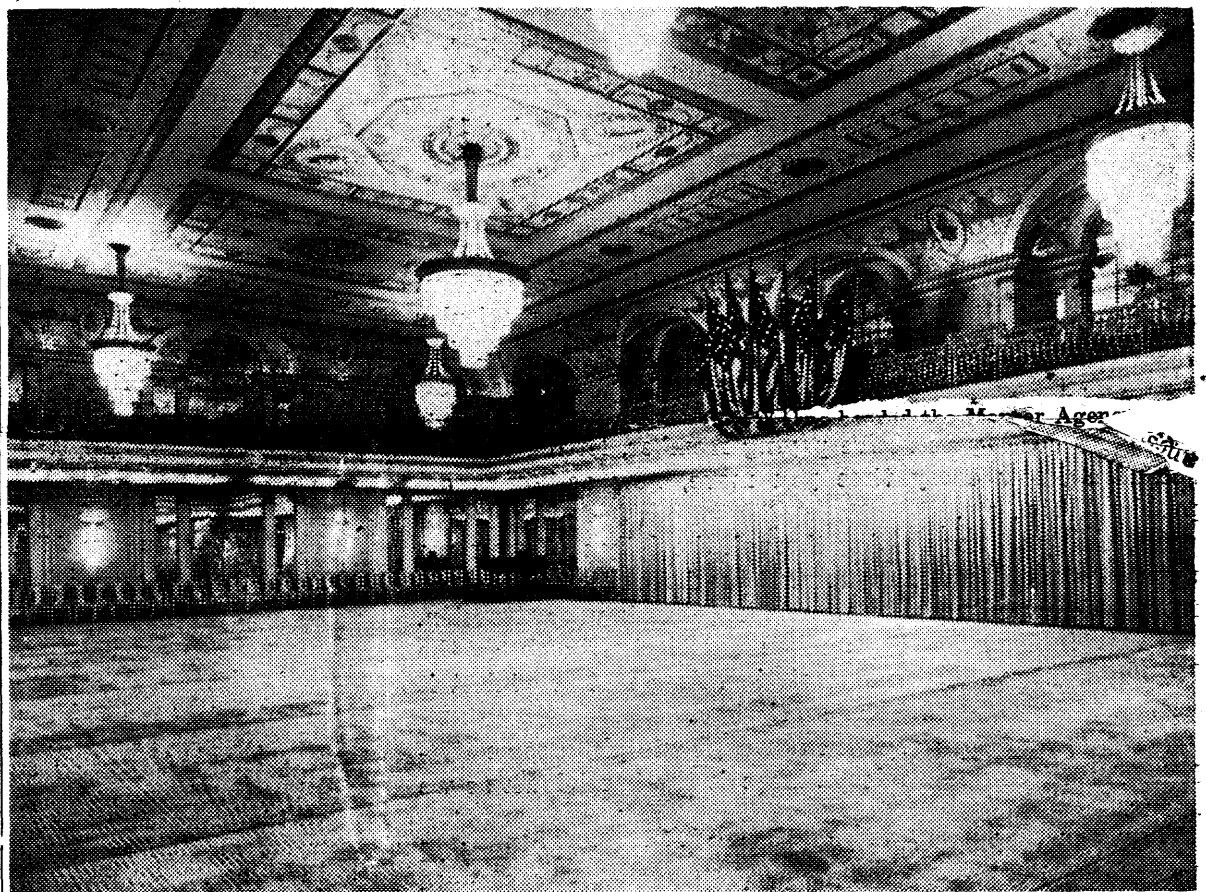
Frank Lovell, 81 Bennett St., Brighton, Mass., formerly 60th F. A.

And there were others, but this busy reporter was unable to interview all who attended. In addition there were such familiar faces present as Sec Tom Boyle who, incidentally, was movie projectionist for the evening and did a splendid job; Treasurer Fred D'Amore, Leo Stier, Ralph Renna, Sid Levi-son, Joe McKenzie, Ed Shea, Red Byrnes, and others.

#### 47th Inf. Chaplain Located

Johnny White of Rockland, Mass. reports that his 11-year search for a former 47th Inf Regiment Chaplain has ended with success. He finally located the Rev. Father Hilary Tardif, O.F.M., at 1417 Valley Way, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. White says Father Tardif hopes to build a new church (Continued on page 3)

Printed below is a photograph of the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Morrison where to quote from the hotel brochure, "The HOTEL MORRISON a hotel DEDICATED TO GRACIOUS LIVING".... To use an ad man's speel! Girls, Men, Buddies... this is it, this is truly gracious living. You too can live graciously for three days in Chicago during the 1956 Convention... But, we don't have to sell you on the idea of coming to Chicago we don't have to tell you what you can do and what you will see all we want to do is to elaborate on some fine details. Let's pick up where But Reemer says:



A Beautiful Picture, Can You See Yourself In It?

#### COME TO CHICAGO

We don't want to sound like our fine Texas friends but we must face facts, Chicago, is one of the best convention towns in the country in July. All we ask is your kind indulgence to a few details that will prove what we say is true and gospel.

We know that must of you would like to come if only to meet your buddies again in a little more congenial and safer surroundings than we had in some spots in Africa, Sicily etc.; etc. What we would like to do is to bring up a few points of interest other than the personal angle, just in case you are having a little trouble convincing the little woman, or maybe now the children, that it would be worthwhile for them to give up their precious vacation time to come to Chicago. Whatever they wish for is here. To prove this point we have grouped the various interests so that you will have no trouble.

#### AMUSEMENTES...

Movies... All the latest first run movies and plays are available at popular prices within a stones throw of the hotel.

An abundance of nite clubs with varying degrees of elegance, entertainment and prices.

Eating places of all types from the world famous Ireland's Oyster House, to the fancy and economical Porterhouse Room at the Sherman. (a few doors away from the Morrison).

Major League baseball. White Sox, Cubs, or even Milwaukee (an hour and a half drive over a super highway).

Boat Rides across the Lake or along the Lake Front.

Swimming, five minutes from your hotel, at the Country's finest sand beaches and in the fresh clear waters of Lake Michigan. There are many public pools throughout the city and suburbs, most of which have facilities for picnic lunches and ample free parking.

There is the famous Lincoln Park which extends for miles along the Lake front and comprises playgrounds; a big Zoo, bird sanctuary, Aquarium train and pony rides, Botanical Gardens, Lagoons with boat rides, eating places and refreshment stands with plenty peanuts and popcorn to feed the elephants, birds and bears.

Golf courses: Chicago has hundreds of golf courses of different types from flat easy ones to Championship caliber, hilly ones. During the week there are plenty courses to be had without waiting or having to get up in the middle of the nite to get off readily.

Bowling Alleys: For those of you that keep up with your bowling during the summer months, air-conditioned championship lanes are available. Chicago is the hottest bowling town in the country.

Television shows: Write our genial Secretary Ted Matusik for tickets to any of the many T.V. shows originating in Chicago.

On the cultural side you could spend months visiting the many, free or nearly free educational spots in Chicago.

Museums: Marshall Field has built and endowed a huge museum, devoted to the social progress of men in the various races, colors, and ages, that defies comparison any place in the world.

Julius Rosenwald has spent millions renovating a famous Gothic Structure on Chicago's South Side and filling it with all aspects of man's physical progress, from a

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## Plain Facts

Every once in a while an editor finds a blank space when it comes to writing an editorial. Editorials are a particular problem because they should deal with a message of importance.

~~Northern Ohio Chapter~~ ~~to stress the importance of becoming an active paying member, letting this association know every time you move, new activities, old problems, etc., etc.~~

Recently while perusing through the daily mail we came upon one very interesting press release from the War Department which we thought we would like to call to your attention.

This information deals other associations such as the Ninth Infantry Division Association. As a matter of fact it deals with a total of 106 Associations.

We decided for our own information to glean some statistics from this press release. Here is the breakdown as we see it.

Of 106 various types of associations we were surprised to note that only 48 have active conventions, and 64 publish periodicals such as the Octofoil. However one interesting fact noted was that only about 20% publish a bi-monthly periodical. 6% publish once or twice a year and the balance publish monthly, quarterly and semi-annually.

What does this mean to us, well, let's analyze these facts.

The Ninth Infantry Division Association can be considered as among the most active of the entire 106 associations. We hold a convention once a year and we are able to publish a periodical at least bi-monthly. This means that we are healthy and strong and active.

We have been able to do this because some of us take time out once in a while to show some degree of interest. For example, take this issue of the Octofoil, we are publishing information about our annual convention, and three special re-unions. These reunions are the inherent ingredients that make our association strong and active.

We talk about chapter meetings and the doings of a few men of the Association. In short, it is a contention of the group that we can stay alive and healthy because we have the inclination and we have the spirit.

We here at National are very gratified at the dues response but to those who have not done their part for 1956, may we ask your cooperation.

We are in the top group, because of the 1500 men who continue to support our daily cause, may we then remind the others who might have forgotten, assist us now so that we may continue to be among the top group of division associations.

complete coal mine exhibit to a captured Jerry submarine.

Art: Chicago's famous Art Institute houses millions of dollars worth of all types of paintings and sculpture. Of especial interest is a collection of miniature rooms, replicas of famous rooms in America's history.

Natural History: In Lincoln Park a complete display of America's animals, past and present, shown in their natural habitat, is housed in a huge building.

For Camera and Botanical enthusiasts, Chicago has several conservatories with species of all the world's flower and fauna. For a more spacious and elaborate botanical display, one could visit the beautiful Morton Arboretum with miles of roads and paths lined with the cultivation of America's rare trees and bushes.

Shedd Aquarium: For those who live inland, this huge collection of the world's rare fish are shown with live in thick glassed enclosures that only look one way so that the fish will not know you are watching them and will appear as natural as possible.

Adler Planetarium: With all the hullabuloo about space satellites and rockets to the moon one could get a visual education of outer space by visiting Chicago's Planetarium. It's out of this world, but adjacent to your hotel.

Veterans Hospitals: For those among you that have any apprehension that the war's aftermath is not over for you the Veteran's Administration has several multi-storied Hospitals and research centers that you could acquaint yourself with during your stay in Chicago. I have a friend who I induced to go to a V.A. Hospital last year instead of a private one, and he saved about fifteen thousand dollars in medical bills alone, and now is back gainfully employed with a government pension to supplement his income.

Schools: Many of you have children that will be of college age shortly. Chicago's Universities rank with the worlds best in legal, medical and technical branches. If you fall in this category either for your children or yourself, you would have a wonderful opportunity to absorb a smattering of what is best in this field.

Churches: All denominations of churches are accessible and available. Two or three huge new Churches of all faiths have been completed in the loop area that especially invite out of towners.

Stock Yards: While I hesitate to group the Stock Yards in a cultural section, I realize that to many of us a visit here would be more than amusement. The efficient handling of livestock, and the constantly new uses being found for the by-products make this place a facet of business that, while not glamorous, is really exciting.

Dance Places: Chicago has a score or more places that cater to dance lovers of all ages which are filled nightly by happy, friendly people. More than half of these places are for folks exclusively over thirty, so if you have a yen to catch up on your dancing, you cannot find better places anywhere.

On the more practical side, if you are looking to stretch your budget, Chicago has a great array of giant department stores, within minutes walking distance of the hotel, that have anything you want at the lowest prices you can find anywhere in U.S.

Still on the practical side, but in a slightly different vein, perhaps you could come with the idea of bettering yourself. If you are unhappy with your present

## Mail Bag

The following is a digest of "Mail Bag" information that has been received by this office during the past couple of weeks.

### 39th INFANTRY

Anthony Benenati of 11006 Chelsea, Detroit 13, Mich., tells us that he wants to locate two former buddies of his from Company C of the 39th. Both lads were with Anthony in the E.T.O. Mario O'sallani from Pennsylvania and the other lad a boy by the name of Powell from Dallas, Texas. (Editors Note: Many former 9th men never knew about the 9th Division Association and we have lost track of others through bad addresses and other miscellaneous causes. Anyone who can help Anthony, please contact him at the above address. We are sorry but our files don't carry either one of the above).

Levi Anderson a former 39th Infantry man we learned passed away on January 23, 1954. A recent note from his mother Mrs. Gussie Mae Anderson of P.O. Box 7, Meldrim, Ga., informed us of this sad news.

Michael A. Baldi of 108 South 8th Street, Newark, N. J. is a

setup and long for a change, come with the idea of looking into what we have to offer as a place to live and work. We welcome anybody that has anything to offer in the way of skill, brains or physical help, and pay the highest wages anywhere. If you are decent, law abiding and enthusiastic, you will have no trouble finding a niche here. Any form of geographical prejudice is unheard of in Chicago.

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Frank Ozart, Chairman of the Chicago Reunion Committee, has selected John Huffman, Emil Radic, and our Chapter President Bob Winkleman, to handle the program book. These three, after casing several printing houses, have come up with a good deal on the printing. At a meeting of the committee on Tuesday Feb. 21, at Frank's house, it was decided to change the price of advertising in the program to twenty dollars a page with fractions at that rate. Boosters will still be a dollar a name. It is the earnest hope of this committee, that our eastern and middlewestern friends will contract to advertise in this book as generously as they have in the past. We are trying to do as well as we can financially, as well as socially, with this reunion without trying to raise the registration price or individual function price, and support of this program could help a great deal. Send ads to either John Huffman at 2907 So. Court, Rolling Meadows Arlington Heights, Illinois. Telephone: Howa, CI 3-1343. —Bus. WA 2-9207, Ext 144.

or  
Emil Radic  
1843 So. Carpenter  
Chicago, Illinois.  
Telephone: CH 3-9109.

Personal: All the members of Illinois Chapter were sorry to hear about our Board of Governors' representative and Reunion Chairman Frank Ozart's broken ankle. He will be laid up for six or seven weeks giving him a good chance to sum up his various committees work to date and to batch up a few new ideas of his own. We join with all those lassies be takes dancing on the South Side in wishing for a speedy recovery.

newcomer to our organization and wants to hear from some of the lads who served with him in Regimental Headquarters Company and from some of the gang in particular who were with Mike in the 39th Infantry Regimental Band. Mike sends a big, "Hello" to all his former friends.

Joe Sirois of 5 Russell Street, Waterville, Maine a former E Company Man of the fighting "Falcons" recently joined our group and he too sends his best to all his old buddies.

Company A men of the 39th ATTENTION. . . Glancing thru the American Legion mag we saw the following article: "On a night patrol near Merode, Germany, on the Rohr River, December 7, 1944. REED PALMER injured his back when he stepped off a roadside bank. He reported the incident to his medic, but stayed with the outfit because an attack was planned for the next morning. In Feb. '45, Palmer was injured in a mine explosion and on February 26 he was wounded during a night attack along the Rohr River. On the patrol with Palmer were: Bernard Kramer (from or near Chicago) Lawrence Numalli (Calif.) Sgt. Hubert Bains (Va.). Also ni his outfit and acquainted with the incident and Palmer's subsequent disability were: George Solnitsky (Minneapolis) Lt. Stratton (Idaho) Frank Mathia (N. Mex.) and Jesse James Rose (Va.). In order to establish claim, he needs to hear from someone who recalls these incidents or who knows the

## Western Pennsylvania Chapter

William Palady, the Western Pennsylvania Chapter Secretary tells us that the last meeting of the Chapter on February 15th was a real deal. Bill tells us that they had a very fine turn out. New members seem to be coming in from all directions, here for example are a few who turned out, George Zima of 938 Morton Ave., Port Vue Bois, Pa. (former F 4qth), Carmine Botti, 305 Caldwell Ave., Wilmerding, Pa., and John T. McLean of RD 1 Lovedale Hollow Road, Elizabeth, Pa.

The W. Pa. Chapter intend to hold a big affair sometime in April. The place and the date will be announced at the next meeting. So all you local fellows and gals here is a chance to bring your wives or girl friends as the case may be, to this big blow out. Who can tell, here might be a chance to meet some lads you have not seen in many a moon. . . We recently received a card from William Collinger of Pittsburgh and he told us that due to his working on a four to 12 shift he just can't attend our meetings. We were sorry to hear about his job conditions but we were glad to hear from Bill.

A real big thanks from all of us to Jay Dennison for the assist in getting the W. Pa. chapter publicity in the local papers and the radio. Many thanks.

### JOURNAL ADS FOR THE 1956 CONVENTION

John Huffman of 2907 South Court, Arlington Heights, Illinois sends the Octofoil the following information regarding ads for the Chicago 1956 Convention.

One Page ad \$20.00  
One-half Page 10.00  
One-quarter Page 5.00  
Booster Names 1.00

Send all checks or money orders to: John Huffman, 2907 South Court, Arlington Heights, Illinois.



whereabouts of some of the men listed above. Write Lou Babb, Adj't The Amercian Legion Dep't of Montana, Box 82, Capital Station, Helena, Montana.

#### B COMPANY REUNION

The HAWK has written to the Octofoil and expressed an enthusiastic support for the men of B Company. To wit: "B" Company, 39th Infantry Regiment of the 9th Infantry Division will hold their 5th Annual Reunion at the VFW Home in Fairport, New York on June 15, 16, and 17, 1956. For any old BECO 39th man who want more information why not contact THE HAWK, FAIRPORT, N.Y.. DiRisio asks us to reprint the names of his roster so that BECO men can catch up on old and new addresses.

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Brooklyn, N.Y.  
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1528 Berger St.  
Brooklyn, N.Y.  
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238 State St.  
Brookport, N.Y.  
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2932 8th Ave.  
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79 Capen Blvd.  
Buffalo, N.Y.  
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Buffalo, N.Y.  
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Binghamton, N.Y.  
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Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Joe DiOrto  
422 1/2 West 65th St.  
Los Angeles, Cal.

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#### 60th PERSONNEL REUNION

Robert Higgins of 1799 Mignon, Memphis, Tenn., tells us that the 60th Personnel Section will have their next reunion in Memphis, Tennessee this coming Labor Day. The following men are going to attend: Harvey Warner, 156 Westview Ave., Wodsworth, Ohio, R.V. Bamber 7 S.E. 23rd Street, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Lawrence Brokamp 1265 Victor Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, John Frielund, 414 N. Elm Street, Itasca, Illinois, Carl Fidler, Rt. 3, Batavia, Ohio, Raymond Jarris, 1706 Rays Ave., Elkhart, Indiana, and Joseph Torchia of 19 Congress, Pillsburg, Pa.

Bob tells us that this is not a closed affair by any manner or means, any one in the local area is invited. This by the way is the 5th reunion the gang is going to have, they have met in such places as, Columbus, Ohio in '48, in Akron, Ohio in '50, in Chicago in '52 and Cincinnati in '54. This year 1956 will be Memphis. Remember this is an open invitation to all.

A former Sergeant of L Company, T. Smyricki of 22 Kay Dr., Islip Terrace, N. Y. has recently joined the Association.

Lee W. Chatfield, 1st Bn. 60th Inf.) writes us the followign: "I enjoy the Octofoil even though my stay with the 9th Division was relatively short and my acquaintances were pretty well limited to the 1st Battalion of the 60th Infantry and the few others who wandered into our area while we were being shot at. Lee tells us that he landed in France on August 15, 1944 as a replacement officer and he assumed command of the 1st Battalion 60th Infantry at Aprivale, Belgium on September 9th or 10th. He picked up his 3rd purple heart on January 9th and was shipped home and retired. Lee tells us that he now has a daughter who is a freshman at the University of Nebraska. Lee by the way is still in the reserve he is a Lt. Col. USAR, Ret'd).

#### 47th INFANTRY

Wilton M. Taylor (m co) sends us a very interesting thought: Wilton would like to see a pictorial History of the 9th. Wilton claims that many of the fellows have lots of photos that they took overseas and if we could compile all of these into one great big book we would have something. (Editor's note... Those interested in this thought please contact this office, this idea has a lot of merit all we need is your cooperation).

M-Sgt. C.R. Ford now serving with the 7330th Pilot Training Group, MDAP, Box 172 APO 208, N.Y., sends us an interesting note of his doings. Ford was with the Anti-Tank Co.

I am back in the country where the Division made History. In fact, I am only a few miles from our last bivouac before returning to the US in 45. There has been lots of changes since we left here. The country has really built back, and I think it is an improvement. There is very little of the rubble

and ruin that was here when we left.

And the other changes is a big surprise to me as well as it has been to others. That is: the new German Army is back into being, as well as the new Air Force. Here at Furstenfeldbruck, we received the first German Air Force Officers who have commenced taking pilot training. These Officers are attached to my Sqdn. Some of you may have seen pictures showing these people in their new office. There seems to be no hard feelings against us, and I hope all will go well with the US backing these people. Also in this Sqdn. we have students from Yugoslavia, Greece, Italy, Norway, Denmark, Iran, Pakistan, Turkey, Spain, Portugal, Great Britain, The Netherlands and Belgium. They all get along well and they are all good pilots. At least they are when they leave here.

I would like to hear from any or all of the boys who were in the Anti-Tank Co, 47th Inf. By the way, the 9th Div. is not too far from this station, although I have seen none of the old bunch. I did run into Raymond Smith who went to the 88th Div in 42. He is now a CWO in the Air Force, stationed at Sembach Air Base, Germany.

#### 60th FIELD ARTILLERY

A. Battery. Our comments can only be expressed in the following manner, a reprint of the letter we received from Mrs. Rose Deneau of 9375 Meridoto, Detroit 4, Mich.: "Received your letter addressed to my son Donald F. Deneau, former Sergeant of the 9th Division. Don, went back into the army again in 1948. He was stationed for 3 years in Fort Dix and for 2 years at Camp Kilmer and then was transferred to Korea. He was sent to Kogee and arrived there in May of '53. He was assigned to the Personnel section until the war ended. He was then sent to South Korea and came back to the United States on June 1st, 1954. He was discharged at Fort Sheridan and got home just one day late, you see his father who was ill at the time died before Don came home. Don was married the following September and after just 8 short months of happy times he passed away on August 10th from a heart attack. Don had a lot of friends that he corresponded with from the 9th Division and we would appreciate your publishing this account of his death so that some of his friends will know of his early death in Civilian life, after such an active military life. Yours in sorrow, Mrs. Rose Deneau..."

#### FROM HERE AND THERE

How about this, Henry M. Crane of 243 London Ave., Egg Harbor City, New Jersey tells us that he became a grandfather to a little girl born on February 10, 1956. Colonel Jefferson D. Childs will be home on or about May 30th for his son's graduation from West Point, June 5th. Incidentally, Colonel Childs is still in Seoul, Korea.

William C. Mauser sends us a release that was published in the local newspapers in Cleveland, O. Bill tells us that between business and babies, he can't seem to find much time for the Association but he extends his best to all. . . Bill's comment is, here is one way to get the esteemed 9th Division into the local newspapers. . .

"Bob Feller, the greatest pitcher in Cleveland Indians' history, will aim some of his fast balls in the insurance league in the years ahead, it was announced at a luncheon today.

Although he is, as yet, not signed to a 1956 contract, it was expected

## Movies, Refreshments

there and would like to hear from his 9th Division comrades. Father Tardif was with the 9th from May 1941 to Sept. 1942, according to White, and then was transferred to the Air Corps.

#### Paging 60th F. A. Bn.

Eugene E. Skoczylas, 55 Lilac St., Pawtucket, R. I., sent in his '56 dues recently and wrote that he enjoys reading Sound-Off but is disappointed in not seeing any familiar names mentioned from 60th F.A. Bn. So how about it, you men, if you have any news for publication, send it along to Editor Vic Campisi, 10 Lesley Ave., Somerville 44, Mass., and we'll gladly publish it. And if you haven't any news, just send in your name, address, and former outfit. (Continued on page 4)

no effect on the continuation of his brilliant baseball career.

At a noon press confereense at the Cleveland Athletic Club, the all-time pitching great revealed that he and two associates would join the present owner, Louis O. Hermann, in the incorporation of the city's oldest insurance firm, Geo. H. Olmsted & Co. It was founded in 1848.

Under present plans, the name of this Keith Bldg. firm would remain the same with Feller serving as president; Herman, a veteran of nearly half a century in the insurance field as vice-president; William C. Mauser, treasurer; and James F. Slattery Jr., secretary.

Mauser, a former president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, has headed the Mauser Agency the past seven years. Prior to 1923 time he graduated from East High School, attended Adelbert College and Ohio State University and served five years in the Armed Forces, finishing as a major in the 9th Infantry Division. His home is at 17616 East Park Drive.

Slattery, another experienced insurance man, has operated the Boehnlein and Slattery agency for the past three years. He is a graduate of St. Ignatius High School and John Carroll University and attended Western Reserve Law School for one year before entering the Navy. He was previously with the Geo. H. Olmsted Co. for two years. His home is at 1155 Croydon Rd. Lyndhurst.

Both Slattery and Mauser have represented the Travelers Insurance Companies of Hartford, Conn. in their respective agencies.

Feller, who is a resident of Gates Mills, expects to take an active part in this new venture while continuing his pitching career in the summer. At the close of the season he is planning to attend the famous Travelers Agents School in Hartford.

Feller and his associates will represent some thirteen companies including the following: The Travelers Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn., The Travelers Indemnity Co. of Hartford, Conn., The Travelers Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn., Insurance Co. of No. America of Philadelphia, Penn., Indemnity Co. of North America of Philadelphia, Penn., Glens Falls Insurance Co. of Glens Falls, N.Y., Glens Falls Indemnity Co. of Glens Falls, N.Y., Fidelity-Phenix of New York, N.Y., Niagara Fire Insurance Co. of New York, N.Y., Transcontinental Insurance Co. of New York, N.Y., Atlas Assurance Co., Ltd., Metropolitan Casualty of New York, N.Y., American Surety of New York, N.Y.

## Movies, Refreshments

You'd be surprised how many buddies are interested in learning your new address so they can write to you.

### ODDS 'N ENDS FROM N. E. CHAPTER

#### Husband-Wife Debate 9th Dues

Connie Matulis, 40 Mendon St., Worcester, Mass., writes in that he and his wife were in disagreement as to the amount of the yearly dues. One maintained it was \$1.00 and the other said \$4.50. The answer, of course, is \$4.00. We

## Local Chapters of the Association

### New York Chapter

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Meeting Time:  
1st Frid. of each Month

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hope this doesn't disturb the domestic tranquility of the Matulis household.

### Campisi Meets Campisi

Victor A. Campisi recently met Victor A. Campisi — and it wasn't done with mirrors.

One Victor A. Campisi is president of the N.E. Chapter and lives in Somerville, Mass. The other Campisi is a trucker from Tampa, Florida.

The latter was in Boston this month where he delivered a load of Florida produce. Thumbing through a local telephone directory, he discovered his Somerville name-sake and promptly made a phone call to ascertain if they were related. On the basis of information exchanged, no relationship was established.

With tongue in cheek, the Northern Campisi said of the incident: "It's the first time I've ever heard myself talk with a Southern accent."

### Thought for the Day

The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up. (J.M. Power).

### 60th Inf. Men, Achtung!

May 19th is a red letter day for the Go Devils of the 60th Infantry. On that date, a 60th reunion will be held at the Chamber Restaurant, Long Island City, N. Y. Further details will be announced by the N.Y. boys in a subsequent issue of The Octofoil. This writer attended a 60th reunion two years ago and had a wonderful time. This year he's planning on having a better time — he's bringing his wife.

### "New Look" in Army Reserve Program

Many 9th Div Association members are proud fathers of near-draft age sons. To such fathers, the "New Look" in the Army Reserve Program as embodied in the Reserve Forces Act of 1955, should be of considerable interest. It is hoped that the information which follows will aid such fathers and their sons in reaching an intelligent decision regarding military training.

The material for this subject was sent to Sound-Off by Lt Col Frederick P. Magers, Chief of Organizations Branch, PID, Office of Information and Education, Dept of the Army, Washington, D. C.

Eligible youngsters between 17 and 18½ are offered five distinct advantages if they participate in the 8-year enlistment program of the U.S. Army Reserve.

By volunteering for the Army Reserve BEFORE reaching draft age, the following advantages are gained:

1 — Short active duty training period: — Only 6 months of active duty for basic training.

2 — Enlistee can finish high school: — Enlistee not called for 6-month active duty until he finishes high school or reaches 20 years of age, whichever occurs first.

3 — Draft deferment: — Draft exempt so long as enlistee satisfactorily executes obligations of 8-year reserve program.

4 — Choice of unit: — Enlistee picks the hometown unit he wants to join, and often is able to choose specific assignment he wants within the unit.

5 — Train at home: — This is the big attraction for most youngsters and parents. After basic training, the enlistee returns home to civilian life where he may enter the business world or continue his education. But one night a week for 48 weeks of the year, he attends drills with his friends and neighbors at his local Army

This is the eleventh in a series of articles on the history of the 9th Infantry Division and their exploits during World War II, eleven years ago this week. The 9th Division remains in reserve while the 47th CT starts its assault on the fortified Castle of Frenzenberg.

Dec. 1944.

Company F mounted tanks and soon the woods had been left behind, with the clearing of terrain came strong anti-tank fire from the right flank. Since Company K was moving well along on its route, Col. Smythe withdrew the 2nd Battalion and had it follow Company K, with the idea of hitting at the objective from the north. Thus Company K became the assault company.

Just after noon Company K reached Frenzenberg and began a one-thousand yard advance under fire to reach its objective, during which Staff Sergeant James W. Searles singlehandedly fought 50 enemy paratroopers, killing two and forcing 40 to surrender! The doughs succeeded in capturing two buildings which were outside the castle courtyard, although they were down to a company strength of only thirty-five men of the 150 who began the drive. A Company of German paratroopers was defending the fortification and they opened a stiff fight with the remnants of Company K.

The approaches to the interior of the castle controlled by a gate house and over seventy paratroopers were barricaded at this position. It was a solid stone construction and was surrounded by a deep, 20-foot-wide moat filled with water. A typical middle-aged drawbridge led over the moat to a barricaded oaken door... the only entrance to the castle itself.

### Congressional Medal of Honor

Pfc. Carl V. Sheridan... was eighteen years old when he joined the Army on May 1, 1944, and he

Reserve Training Center.

An annual summer encampment of 2-weeks completes the picture. The enlistee, by the way, gets a full day's pay for every night drill.

In addition to providing military training, the program develops specialized skills and qualities of leadership all calculated to make the enlistee a better man.

### For Women Only

"Be careful, Vel," warned Fab. "If you go into the Surf, the Tide might get you and Dash you on the rocks — you might even Dreet out to sea."

"Oh, Sweetheart," she exclaimed, "I did want to Rinso my body and look Spic 'n Span just for you."

"My little Ivory Flakes, your desire Cheers me — it makes me feel so Chipso."

"It Duz?"

"For Pete's sake, don't you know what I'm getting at? Is there no Joy for me at All?"

"Not now. Let the Breeze cool you off."

"Oh, well, better Lux next time."

Where this might have ended, we don't know because P&G came along just then with news that the weatherman was predicting Ivory Snow for the night.

### MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 26

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday night, March 26, at YD Club, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston. Date and plans for the April meeting in Worcester will be discussed. Tentative plans call for making the Worcester meeting a family affair which means either a Saturday or a Sunday meeting. Attend the next meeting March 26 at the YD Club and make known your preference in this matter. See you there.

## Pushing Back the Years

thick walls of Frenzenberg Castle during the 27th, despite a steady hammering of artillery and the resultant fires begun within his position area. The German commander was allowed a short truce to evacuate his wounded, although he refused to surrender. Just after 9 A.M. on the 28th, Company G stormed the castle covered by Company F. One and a half hours later the enemy was either wiped out or captured and fortified Frenzenberg Castle took its place among the heroic battles of 47th Infantry history.

As the battle at Frenzenberg commenced the 1st Battalion was able to reduce the stronghold to the northwest of Langerwehe. By nightfall of the 26th the battalion was positioned firmly astride the road.

One hundred and forty-five days of continuous tactical employment were at an end for the men of the 47th C.T. with the fall of Frenzenberg. During the 29th and 30th the regiment was relieved on the line and made its way toward the Camp Elsenborn area... for a greatly deserved period of rest and recuperation. Against strong resistance and in miserable weather the 47th had done its job well.

The first day of December found the 60th C.T. (reinforced with tanks and T.D.s following out a V Corps directive which ordered the team to the Lammersdorf-Muetzenich area to deepen the defense of the Corps sector. The Go-Devils dug in, sighted guns, registered mortars and artillery, and laid lines of communications, remaining in these positions until relieved by the 1st Division's 16th Infantry on December 5-6.

December 4th was a clear day with occasional snow flurries, and it was the day on which the Ninth received orders to depart for the vicinity of Eschweiler to relieve the 1st Infantry Division along the edge of the Huertgen Forest and take up the drive to the Roer.

## 9th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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(Pictorial History of 9th Div. in Action)

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Combat Route Map .....	\$ .50
60th Infantry History .....	\$1.00

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