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Entertainment and Orchestra Hired for 1956 Chicago Convention – Special Cabaret Night Planned

47th Infantry Reunion

The date has been set, the place has been secured and the gang is all prepared to attend the 5th Annual Reunion of the 47th Infantry.

PLACE

As usual, and at great expense (but not passed on) the 47th lads have secured the Club Zuccaro at 26th Street and Central Ave. in Union City, New Jersey.

Some of you New York lads might complain that, what New Jersey! Never make it and I'll never find it. Well, we have news for you it's as easy as pie to reach and extremely convenient. For example, if you are traveling by car from New York City. Come across the Lincoln Tunnel (three minutes) up the ramp to Hudson County Boulevard, turn left to Central Avenue, down Central to 26th Street. All in all about 10 minutes from the exist of the Lincoln Tunnel on the Jersey side. If you have to come by bus, just as easy. Take the Union City bus to 26th Street and Hudson Boulevard and walk one block to Central Avenue.

If you are a Jerseyite take Route S-3 to Hudson Boulevard, turn right to Central to 26th St.

COST . . .

We have spoken with the group that are in charge and we have been informed that the management has gone all out to insure a good and substantial Roast Beef dinner plus all the trimmings. You will have cocktails, beer and soda free all night. . . When the meal has been digested you will be entertained by a great little orchestra. You can Polka, Mamba or Waltz, you name it they will play it.

Yes, all of the above for just \$5.25.

The past four years have proved that each dinner and dance has only been surpassed by the year before. If you want to have a good time and don't want to be worried about extra's. Here is the chance to spend an entire evening having a good time and not worrying about the little extras. For further information or reservations contact the following:

Dan Quinn, 64 Hauxhurst Ave., Weehawken, Union 6-8195

Frank Fazio, 2529 Mathews Ave., Bronx, N.Y., Tulip 2-5605
Vince Guglielmino, 139-05 85th Drive, Jamaica, L.I., Axtel 7-5957.

Dan Quinn told us, "Stan, you tell all those 47th lads that we have done our all to make sure they have a good time. We have the place, the food and the band,

The last Board of Governors meeting in New York City, Ted Matusik, a co-chairman of the Chicago Convention committee reported that his boys were almost ready. For example here is what they have to offer:

PROGRAM

Thursday, July 26 1956

Registration will begin about 9 A.M. for those who can make it this early, and we were told that one can register any time during the day or night.

Thursday Night: Now, here is the place where you start to let your hair down. This is the night to dance. We were informed that you will be helped in your dancing through the strains of beautiful music supplied by three charming ladies.

Friday night: C A B A R E T NIGHT. . . Tables will be set around the Constitution Room in cabaret style and in addition to dancing to a 12-piece orchestra you will also be entertained by the three lovely charmers who will assist the orchestra in music interpretations.

Saturday morning: The memorial parade. As yet final plans are still being drawn together. We hope to have more information to print in the next issue of the Octofoil.

Saturday night: Final Banquet. In addition to a wonderful meal you will be entertained during the evening by an organist.

HOTEL COST:

We have received many letters inquiring about the prices of rooms at the Hotel Morrison. The following were prices quoted: \$7. for a single room and \$12. for a double room. We were also told that there will be no charge for children under 12. In short, children under 12 are Free. Dad take notice, Mom start making your plans. Dad can't claim the extra hotel burden now.

Details such as the main speaker will be announced. However, we do know that the style of tickets to be used at the Chicago

to do a job. "Right you 47th lads, let's get on the ball! This is an order!"

Why not take Dan's advice, join Dan and the rest of the 47th gang on May 12, at the Club Zuccaro in Union City. This is a Saturday night so line up baby sitters and make it a date.

You don't have parking problems here in Jersey, cause there is plenty of it all around the Club.

Remember this is not only for the 47th gang. Any of our Jersey or New York group that want a good time — why not come on over and join our party.

In short — come one — come all.

Convention will be the same as were used in New York and Philadelphia. Strip tickets which enable you to attend one or more or all of the affairs.

SIDELIGHTS

We are sorry to report that the Publicity chairman of the convention, Bud Remer has been temporarily laid up in the hospital. Bud fell off a ladder recently and hurt his back. Frank Ozart the Chairman of the Convention sends us the following news items

On Friday, July 27, arrangements have been made to have continuous music all night long for dancing. The music will be supplied by Phil Levant. Phil is a well known band leader and a well known musician throughout the country. We are told that this band has played in many of the better spots around the country.

We have spoken of the entertainment, we have spoken about the facilities, we have spoken about what Chicago has to offer. The only thing that we have not spoken about is what kind of time can you expect to have? This question can only be answered by you. You attend one and we are sure that you won't regret it. Why not take us up on our proposal and come to Chicago on July 26, 27 and 28, 1956. The big sign will be up in front of the Hotel Morrison announcing, The Annual Reunion of the 9th Infantry Division Association.

P.S. — Why not check your vacation schedule to make sure you can make it — Remember the hotel is Air Conditioned and you can enjoy swimming during the day at the nearby lake.

Perfect — Not quite, but it sure is close to it!

60th Infantry Reunion

On Saturday night, May 19, 1956 the 60th Infantry will hold their third annual reunion. This is not just a reunion but this is an affair of affairs.

One might say, "Well, how do you know?" and we would answer, "We have been to the first two, and if the third is anything like the first two!! Where does one park the body!"

WHERE

As usual this affair will be held at the Chambers Restaurant in the Queens Chamber of Commerce Building, 24-16 Bridge Plaba South, Long Island City, New York. The Chambers Building is located at the foot of the 59th Street Bridge (lower level). The IRT and BMT and the Independent subway lines (Queens Plaza Station) are located conveniently close to the Chamber Restaurant. As a matter of fact it's just across the street.

PARKING

The never ending problem of parking is a thing of the past when you are dinning and dancing in Long Island City. There is ample free parking all around the neighborhood. No worries about tickets or tips for attendants. Just park your car step out and you are in front of the building. It's as simple as that. Travelling by car is convenient for those who must. The restaurant is located on the Long Island side of the Queensboro Bridge. Just over the bridge and you are there. . .

COSTS . . .

All this and heaven too! No, not quite but darn close to it. For example for \$6.50 per person here is what you get for your dough.

7:30 P.M. Cocktails (All you can drink)
8:30 P.M. Dinner (Quality and Quantity)
9:30 P.M. Reunion Report (Short and Sweet)
10:00 P.M. to 2 A.M. Dancing.
Well there you are, for \$6.50 per person you get a complete evening of Cocktails, Dinner, Drinks and tips (which by the way are included in the gross price).

HOW TO GET TICKETS

A number of choices are available to the interested party. You can call, write or send a telegram to the following. (No later than May 15, 1956)

Al Bruchac, 190-06 35th Ave.,

Flushing, N.Y., In 1-2712
Frank Surm, 195 Sixth St., Hicksville, N.Y., We 5-0285
Harry Haberman, 1063 Robin Road, Franklin Square, L.I. Lo 1 0407

Paul Quaranta, 22 King Street, New York 46, N.Y.

John Morris, 83 Duffy Ave., Hicksville, N.Y., We 5-3595.

When mailing checks please make them payable to any one of the above.

Well, we have given you all the details involved. What more can one say all one can add is, "If you attend you won't forget it, if you don't you have something you have missed. A wonderful party, a gala time, and a wonderful group.

New York Chapter

by IRV FEINBERG

From the Island known as New York comes the following news of some of its inhabitants.

"Al Bruchac passed an interesting remark that was overheard by the entire New York Chapter. "Say, did you hear about Mike Gatto?" Is he really engaged?" Next issue the \$100,000.00 question will be answered.

Ray Murray, Arnold Tomaneck and Fred Shacor would like to have more fellows of the 39th Infantry attend the meetings of the New York Chapter.

Sorry to learn about the recent death of Sal Grosso's father. Sal is now living at 231 Hopkins St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Hey, how about Louis Escobar. He donated a pair of 14 kt. earrings as a Dark Horse for the Building Fund. . . O.K. Louie.

Every time you talk to a 60th man you are bombarded with, don't forget to mention the 60th Infantry affair on May 20th at the Chamber of Commerce Building in Long Island City, L.I.

Then you hit the 47th guy who tells you, wait a minute bud, you better mention the 47th affair on May 12th at the Club Zuccaro on 26th St. and Central Avenue, Union City.

O.K. men. I mentioned both affairs now let me up off of the floor. . .

Side issue that just came into mind, What ever happened to the 39th Infantry roster of the men who attended the Philadelphia Convention. (Answer: Why not ask the National Secretary, he has it).

Now to get a little sporty. This is news for the lazy man. Or shall I say for any x9th GI. Are you interested in driving a golf ball?

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LARGE SPACE

REMINDER

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EDITORIAL—

The other day we happened to be reviewing an old issue of the Octofoil dated, "May, 1947." After reading the paper and the editorial we felt that this same message is as important today as it was in 1947.

"Our Possibilities Unlimited"

The above quoted remark was made by General M. S. Eddy at one of the first meetings held by the Board of Governors.

The truthfulness of that statement becomes more apparent each day. It is difficult to realize the countless thousands of men who served with the Ninth Infantry Division who have never heard of our Association. During the past month one lady wrote to a newspaper editor asking if there was a Ninth Infantry Division civilian organization. She mentioned to this editor the fact her brother and husband both served with the Ninth until wounded and were sent home, and they were desirous of establishing contact with their old buddies.

These boys were sent home before the Association was organized and there are many thousands similarly situated in various parts of the United States. They must be contacted.

Just to pay our dues and think we have fulfilled our duty to the Association is the wrong attitude. Through your local newspaper you can certainly obtain some publicity about our Association's activities. Why not give your hometown editor your copy of The Octofoil when you have finished reading it? Right near you there probably lives someone who served in the Ninth who is earning for the companionship of his old buddies but doesn't know we are trying to perfect an organization that will afford a medium of companionship and contact between each and every man now alive who served with the Ninth Infantry Division.

Let your VFW and Legion Posts know there is a militant Ninth Infantry Division Association. You'll probably discover many belonging to your own Post who know nothing about our Association who have served with the Ninth Infantry Division.

Another letter received during the past month was from a former captain who was wounded early in the African campaign. A friend of this former captain noticed an inquiry in The Octofoil as to his whereabouts. This friend made a trip to personally present The Octofoil to him that had printed the inquiry. Immediately the Association received his application for membership and the explanation he didn't know we were organized and how happy he was to read about so many old friends.

Self-appoint yourself as a committee of one to see that everyone in your community, whether former service men

New York Chapter

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— then — waiting a minute, then driving another one from the same spot. Or are you the putting type? No matter which you are if you are a golf enthusiast why not look up Bill O'Shea. We hear that Bill has a golf paradise on 693 River Drive in East Paterson, N. J. Bill by the way was with Headquarters Company of the 47th Infantry.

Our hats off to the next item... Hans Schwawtzkopf, formerly of 2nd Battalion Headquarters of the 47th Infantry have a new baby boy named David. . . How about that!

Al Orletti formerly of H Company of the 47th Infantry is recuperating from an operation. Get well soon Al. . .

Not to boast but the 47th meeting night at the last New York Chapter meeting was something. Thanks to Pan American Airways we enjoyed a fantastically beautiful film on the last winter Olympics.

COMING MEETINGS

As usual the New York Chapter OCTOFOIL—3

is keeping with its past set up has the 39th Infantry up for the meeting in May. We have learned via the scuttlebutt that a film of the Giants in action will be the main feature. Sure they may be the Giants of old to the Dodger fans (oops, dirty word) and me a Giant rooster, but the Giants were World Champs and we are going to have the film to prove it. And Pat Higgins bring the accordine.

JUNE MEETING

John Scully has been going like crazy all over Jersey hollering at the top of his lungs. Clear all the paths, these paths are going to be taken over by the New York Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association in June. Well, while John is yelling we will tell you just what he is yelling about. Some time in June, the official date will be announced in later issues of the Octofoil the New York Chapter will hold a real wing ding of a picnic. Yes, you can bring the wives and kiddies. We intend to have everything from soup to nuts. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Soda and Beer, Soft ball, hard ball and poker. You name it. You take your chances. More of this event to follow. If somebody sees John in the hills, tell him that Scotch Plains, New Jersey is o.k. with all of us. How about you?

Say did you hear about Dick Tees "D" Company, 39th Infantry. Well if you haven't, Dick has started in his own commercial fishing venture down in Cape May, N. J. All the best Dick. . .

Carl D. Eggerbrecht attended our last couple of meetings for the first time and all the lads of the 60th were glad to see him. Carl by the way wants to seem some of the lads from "K" Company or from the 60th Personnel.

Anthony Klimasz (1st Bn. Hq. Co. 60th Infantry) announces the birth of a new son, Thomas Klimanz. Tony is now living at 224 Arcadia Ave. in Uniondale, Long Island. From the same company Jerome Meyers tells us that he

or not, are told about the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Only through such individual cooperation will the Association reach the height of effectiveness that we all desire. Only after the present membership becomes duty-conscious and helps deliver our message on every corner of the country will we have made the slightest dent in those "unlimited possibilities" for serving and helping each and every man who served with the Ninth Infantry Division.

FINAL CALL

The following men have answered roll call for the last time

39th INFANTRY

Cpl. William H. T. O'Brien
Ida Grove, Iowa

Staff Sg't Theodore Pomeroy
2017 Crawford Street, Terre Haute, Indiana

47th INFANTRY

Gus L. Landgren
Ward, South Dakota

60th INFANTRY

John B. Colley
Box 55, Monroe City, Texas

QUARTER MASTER

Lavern R. Perry
Scottsville, New York

39th INFANTRY SERVICE CO.

John Anderson
Died March 3, 1956

Western Pennsylvania Chapter

by BILL PALADY

From out Western Pennsylvania way they are sure doing a great job of gathering in the flock. Why only the last meeting we noticed new faces, among them being George Stacer, Thomas Pitzer and Hank Garde.

Just to prove that we are honest, here below is a picture of the group at our last meeting:



Seated left to right are: John T. McLean, Mike Bish, George Zima, Ercole DiPasqua, Dolly Dominick and Carmine Botti.

Standing: Left to right are: John Hanucisin, Ray Kennedy, Bill Palady, Paul Wolf, Henry Gault, Jay Dennison and John Gompel.

CHAPTER DOINGS

The Western Pennsylvania Chapter is going to have a great big shin-dig this coming April 21. We are going to contact all the local lads and hope to have a fine turnout.

We would like to thank George Kovalak for bringing Hank and Tom down to our meetings. It is this type of cooperation that we feel is going to make the Western Pennsylvania the chapter to watch in the future. . . Look out New York!

is managing a Esso Service Station at 184-33 Jamaica Ave. in Hollis, Long Island. Need any gas why not stop off at the Penita Ave. Service station and ask for Jerry. . . Jerry by the way lives at 234 Milford Street in Brooklyn 8, New York. (This was the first meeting in two years for these boys and they said they will not stay away that long any more.)

From all of us up here to former Captain Vianni who is now a liquor salesman in Galveston, Texas, A great big "Hello".

Well, so much from the sidewalks of New York, guess I'll duck into a subway and go home.

Company A 4th Reunion

Just received a note from the Committee of Company A-47th Infantry, that the big day is sure approaching fast and furious. To quote, "Well, if we didn't tell you as yet here it is: THE 7th REUNION IS COMING UP. . . Yup, here it is again — before you can turn around the 7th Reunion.

If you think our last one was fun, listen to this!! We are going to have a Barbeque Shenanigan! We are told that the place is ideal for this type of a diggings. The neighborhood is rather predominantly English, that is English people and rolling hills all around the place and a Pub on the corner to boot.

WHERE

Vincent Lepore's: 443 Theriot Ave., Bronx 71, New York City

WHEN

June 23, 1956 and the joint is (Continued on page 4)

MAIL BAG

39th INFANTRY

E. Company: Dave G. S. Halleran of RFD No. 1, North Country Road, Saint James, L. I., New York writes us some news: I receive cards from the New York Chapter and sorry I can't make a meeting. I don't know many of the New York City lads as most of my buddies were rebs from below the Mason Dixon line or Ohionians and points west. However I get the N. Y. notices — And keep them coming. For some news: I am now a Signal Maintainer on the Long Island Railroad working out of Hicksville and Mineola. I've been with the line pretty near ten years now. I am still trying to finish building my home, perhaps with a couple of more loans and paychecks I'll be ready to move in. Dave asks for Al Barnes' address. Sorry, we don't have any known address.

M Company: The last issue of the Octofoil asked about Leo F. Burdek. Here is his answer: "I am writing in request to my whereabouts per the February issue of the Octofoil. Would appreciate hearing from some of the M Company men. I was one of the original 'M' company men of the 39th Inf. I joined M Co. on January 16, 1941. I lost no time in combat participated in every move with M Company up until the crossing of the Rhine. I was wounded seriously at Remagen Bridge on March 13, 1945. That was my last day with the outfit. Surely miss my buddies and often think of them both in the days of combat and in civilian life. I would like to take time out to say 'Hello' to each and every one of you 9th Division men. Really a great combat outfit. An outfit I am always ready to fight for in any way or means. I am now a married man and a father of 'twin girls' who are now 7 years old. My deepest regrets for not having joined the 9th Division sooner. After I was wounded and was bounced from one hospital to another I lost track of everything. The other day a member of the 9th Division Medics, Jerome Cosenza, who is also working with me at the Esso Standard Oil Company, gave me a copy of the Octofoil. This is the same way he used to throw a handful of last month's Elizabeth Daily Journal at me from his ambulance throughout the eight campaigns. A great guy Jerry. Still the same boy. Now he hits me with the 'Octofoil' which he manages to get over to me every once in a while. Jerry has been after me to join and I wouldn't want to disappoint a 9th Division Buddy." All we can say Leo, is "Welcome to the folds."

Received a note from Dr. Raymond J. Brugger's wife. The Doc is now living at 2812 West 49th Terrace in Kansas City 3, Kansas. Doc was with the 39th overseas and as a civilian he is now a veterinarian practicing in Kansas City. Doc is married and has one daughter age 4. We are told that Doc likes to read all about others but thinks nobody would be interested in him. This item proves that Doc's original contention is not quite correct!

Welcome to a new member, a former 39th Frank Hughes, of 409 Tanner Road, College Park Georgia.

B Co. Tom Orband tells us that he now has a new address, it is 29 Delmar Street, Binghamton, New York. Tom is still in the wholesale banana business and

tells us that things are still going good. Tom still hears from the McInerneys and wants to say "Hello" to Don Clark.

Service Co. Frank Wade of Port Tobacco, Maryland tells us that he recently attended a parade at Fort Meade, Maryland in honor of Colonel J. Trimble Browns' retirement. While in Fort Meade, Frank saw Colonel Rosenfeld, formerly of the 39th who is stationed there. General Westmoreland had planned to attend but because of last minute details, was not able to go. (We have contacted the post and we will probably have the story for the next issue of Octofoil) Frank tells us that Warren Bouden and his wife Blanch stopped in to visit with Frank on their way back from Florida. Warren by the way was with the 15th Engineers.

47th INFANTRY

Last month we published an article about Nazi Files that were found in Chateaux in Harz Mountains by First Army. Here is an answer that speaks for itself:

Re: Story, Page 3, Vol. 10, Number 9, "Nazi Files Found in Chateaux in Harz Mountains by First Army".

Attention: Shepard Stone. May I compliment you on a most interesting story. Often, I have wondered if these papers were really valuable, and, now, 12 years later I read in your paper the worth of the find.

As I led Company E, 47th Infantry, 9th Div., First Army, we were the men that captured the files you speak of. To us, at the time of our find, this was a big pile of junk. So, what did we care about junk, especially when there was a Baroness around.

The night of this capture is one that will stand out in memory for a long time, because we were in the comparative lap of luxury. Tired, dirty, and "in the infantry", we were treated to a chance to sleep in clean beds for a change. It was luxury to clean up and sleep comfortably.

And, then I remember this as one of those nights that Captain Petty offered to stand everybody's guard duty, even though the Baroness was the only object to be guarded.

Thank you for printing this very delightful story.

Very truly yours,
FRANK BERTOLAMI
Ex-Staff Sergeant Frank Bertolami, First Army, 9th Division, Co. E 47th Inf.

Anti-Tank Co. William A. Coen of 1140 Overland Drive, Washington, Pennsylvania was recently located and we are very happy to announce that he is a new member of the Association.

Service Co. Anthony Andriola of 36 Holmes Street, Nutley, N. J. sends us the following sad news item: "I would appreciate it if you mention in the next issue of the Octofoil the death of a former member of Service Co, 47th Infantry, John J. Riccardi."

I believe John was a Supply Sergeant and I know that he had many friends in the First Battalion of the 47th Infantry. Myself and a few other 9th Division men paid our last respects to John and we all know that we lost a great friend and comrade.

John J. Riccardi last lived at 83 Washington Avenue in Rutherford, New Jersey. John died last Wednesday night, February 22, 1956. John underwent an operation and never recovered. He

The Charmers



From left to right: Jo, Betty and Nora. . . A trio of talented tunestresses . . . An eye-appealing, three dimensional portrait combining feminine charm and adept instrumentation. . . A tonic for tired eyes and ears. . . THE CHARMERS . . . Three lovely and versatile scene-stealers. . . to set the keynote of tantalizing tempo. . . any where. Merely for the record the Charmers recently appeared with Ed Sullivan which is certainly evidence enough of their quality showmanship. . . The girls will be at the convention on Thursday and Friday night. . . Will you?

leaves a boy age 10 and a girl age 8 and his wife Josephine.

L Company. Vestal R. Lester of 956 Dewey Circle, Biloxi, Mississippi is a new comer to our Association but certainly not a new comer to the men of L Company. Vestal for the record now supports 6 children, Clifford, Eddie, Sandra, Vesta, Eudora and Susan. Vestal is now a Radar Instructor at the Keesler A.F.B. in Mississippi. Vestal has maintained his hobbies these long years, Radio, eating and sleeping. The following addresses were requested by Vestal: Capt. R. E. Husslander and Col. Donald C. Clayman, unfortunately neither man is listed on our records. Each moved some time ago and we never received any forwarding addresses. Can any one help Vestal?

M 47th Infantry. Here is a hint to those sisters or wives who want to follow an example: Madge W. Watson makes it a practice now to send the dues for the 9th Division Association as a gift to her brother John W. Watson of Box 84, Roxton, Texas. . . How about it girls!

47th Infantry. John D. Gregory of Route 1, Franklin, Kentucky recently wrote for information regarding our association and we are happy to say is now one of us. . .

746 TANK BATTALION

Ralph E. Ludington now a Captain with Hq. and Service Co., 73rd Tank Battalion, APO 7, San Francisco, Cal., in addition to his other many duties is now a new member of our association.

Former Staff Sergeant Richard E. Ecker of the 746 Tank Battalion who was attached to B Company of the 60th Infantry and has recently joined our group. Richard's address is Payne Shoemaker Building, Harrisburg, Pa.

Q. M.

Welcome to Thomas Pitzer of 836 Thompson Ave., Donora, Pa.,

now a real active member of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter.

60th INFANTRY

B Co. Alfred De Domenico of 709 Lafayette Ave., Hawthorne, New Jersey not only decided to join our organization but purchased books and one of almost anything we have connected with the 9th Division. Glad to have you aboard.

G CO — 60th INFANTRY

STEVE SALVI of 1871-29th Ave., San Francisco, Cal. has three debits, Anne (5½), Stephen (4½) and Vincent (3). Oh yes, Steve is an insurance correspondent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Steve finds a very rewarding way to augment his normal income by supplementing it with his favorite hobby leading a dance orchestra. Steve says he likes it because it enables him to meet very interesting people. Steve wants to be remembered to all those of G. Co.

ALBERT E. REESE JR., of 105 Urban Drive, Lancaster, Pa., owns a very fine home in the country and derives his livelihood as a recreation director.

GILBERT W. TILTON of Box 11, Buckfield, Maine, in addition to being a store keeper has his shelves upset by Virgil (4) but Gil has no real complaints because he finds his outlet in antique automobiles.

FRANCIS J. FERRISE of 28 Concord Road, Westbury Park, Iselin, N.J.; keeps in his house little Michael (5) and Rosemarie (3). Francis is kept real busy these days as a sandblaster in maintenance and construction for the Esso Standard Oil Company, (Bayway Refinery). Francis partakes in politics and golf on the side, but he says, "Golf is his favorite because it helps to control the nerves and is a challenge on skill in trying to beat the scorecard. Francis tells us that he sees Jerry Cosenza and Jim Driscoll almost every day. Francis would like to see some sort of Memorial Fund or Scholarship fund. (Editors note: Such funds are an active part of this association.)

H. Company:

JOHN A. KOCAY, of 151 S. 12th Ave., Manville, New Jersey, besides his duties as a Civil Service agent has a fine time with his four children Sophia (1), Kenneth (9), Jonathan (5) and Eric (4). John wants to say "hello" to Thomas Hexery, Joseph Maher, Alfred Seeley, Ted Koller, Lawrence Cutler and Bob Case.

EDGAR M. GOODBRAKE of 16359½ Winnetauka Beach Rt. 3, Fenton, Mich., is a solid citizen these days, he's married and a plumber by trade.

DAVID S. CLARKE of Box 1081, Fort Stockton, Texas; has two very fine offspring, Phillip (17) come May the 4th and Kay who was 14 last December 14th. David is a Junior office assistant for the Texas Highway Department.

GERALD R. KIPLINGER, we are sorry to relate passed away on November 11, 1954 and was buried with full Military Honors in "Le Soldiers Circle" in Nyuka Cemetery in Lincoln, Nebraska. Mrs. Gerald Kiplinger wrote to us telling us that Gerald was very proud of the 9th Division, and that Gerald always had a high regard for his buddies.

JONATHAN E. HUNTINGTON of 34 Elmorf Ave., Rochester 11, N.Y., keeps occupied these days with his very pretty wife and as an inspector in charge of the Switch-Board Department of the Stromberg-Carlson Co. Jonathan spends all of his free time partaking of his favorite hobby namely photography, because, it enables him to attend his camera club which assists Jonathan with many fine meetings and outings. Jonathan sends his best regards to everyone in H Company.

ALVIN F. JANKOWSKA of 3020 S. Kedvale Ave., Chicago 23, Ill., has a time of it these days taking care of Michael age 3 and working as an assistant manager of a mail order department. Alvin tells us that his number one hobby has not changed in many a year and that is "Golf."

Headquarters 3rd Bn.

C. S. WILSHER of 320 1stth (Continued on page 4)

Mail Bag

Street of Windom, Minnesota, keeps his lines busy taking care of Janelle Kay (8) and working as a telephone man. C. S. really knocks himself out with his hobbies wood-working and fishing. And wants to say "Hello" to all the old members of Hq. Co. 3rd Bn. especially to Al Bruchac and Mike Fazio.

JOSEPH RAPPAINI of 24001 Sherman, Oak Park 37, Michigan, has his classes filled day and night what with Tommy who is 5½ and Rosanne who is 4 and Judy who is 2½ and Carol who is 1 and a class full of kids during his normal daytime pursuits. Oh yes, Joseph is a school teacher. Joe wishes to say "Hello" to Mike Gatto

I Company:

WILLIAM K. EHLING of Floyd Iowa, tells us that he now has two fine children Kenneth who is 12 and Dean who is 8. Bill spends his daily effort as a coremaker. Bill would like to say "hello" to Joe Hollingsworth and Nick Iannocito.

MYLES F. BARTUSEK of New Prague, Minnesota, is still a bachelor and works for the Ford Mercury Company as a mechanic. However all is not lost cause Myles spends his off duty time hunting and fishing. Myles tells us that he likes the outdoor activity because he enjoys getting outside and drinking in the fresh air. Myles tells us that he met Angelo Danzi and family who visited with him a couple of years ago, and he wishes to say "Hello" to Csotes and Clyde De Long. Myles would like to contact Arenzener and Mike Gatto. Myles sends us a very interesting postscript. "I think that all former 9th men should join this great organization. We fought together in war let's fight together in peace time."

ORVILLE A. STANGL of Java, South Dakota, retains his original status of being single these days. Orville is a farmer who finds his enjoyment in hunting and fishing and photography. Orville has met up with Jerome Stevens former 1st Sgt. of the 3rd Platoon Item Co. Jerome is a farmer near Underwood, North Dakota. Orville tells us that he feels that the \$4.00 dues is a little too much for this organization. Orville incidentally has a truly fine service record he has just completed his tour of duty with the 7th Division and served in Korea from August 1951 to January 1952 and was discharged in 1953. If anyone can help Orville with the following he would appreciate it. Around March 18th a Pfc. Wiener was awarded a Silver Star for succeeding in disabling a Nazi tank in the Remagen Bridgehead area and was then very seriously wounded by shell fragments while they were attacking through a wooded area in the vicinity. Unfortunately we do not have any records regarding Pfc. Wiener. Can anyone help Orville contact Pfc. Wiener?

JAMES A. CRAFT of 3422 Yardley Drive, Baltimore 22, Maryland, has two fine children, James Albert Jr. and Constance Ann. James is now a transitman field engineer with the Bethlehem Steel Co. James wishes to greet the entire gang of I Co. during its stay in England from Jan. 1944 to Engolstadt, Germany in 1945.

JEROME S. STEVENS of Underwood, North Dakota, tells us that he's farming for a living and partaking in his favorite hobbies fishing and hunting and photography. Jerome tells us that he only meets Stangl these days as they are really out in the woods.

SIDNEY KOBREN of 642 Watkins Street of Brooklyn 12, N.Y., makes his daily bread as a salesman selling every day commodities to the weary public.

CLYDE E. DE LONG of 1884 Glantz Road Grove City Ohio has three additions to his herd; Sharon

Remember When?

Date Line: February 5, 1942

Rout of Rommel at Kasserine Pass Denied in Reports By Alexander

British Field Marshal Declares German Withdrew Methodically After Having Put U.S. Forces

In a Grave Position (Special to The N.Y. Times) London, Feb. 5 — Field Marshal Erwin Rommel was not driven back through the Kasserine Pass by Allied counter-attacks, but withdrew methodically, leaving only nine tanks behind after having created an "exceedingly grave" situation by his setback of United States troops in the Kasserine area.

The legend of the furious Allied counter-attacks at Kasserine was demolished by the then Field Marshal Sir Harold R.L.G. Alexander in his dispatches on the El Alamein and Tunisian campaigns published as a supplement to The London Gazette.

Marshal Alexander had been designated commander in chief of the Eighteenth Army group at the Casablanca conference after having commanded British forces in the Middle East from the battle of Alam el Halfa in August, 1942, to the fall of Tripoli in January, 1943. His new command, which included United States forces in Tunisia and the British First and Eighth Armies, was to be assumed on Feb. 20, but conditions forced him to assume command before the official date.

Heavy United States Losses Cited

These conditions arose from a

who is 8 Carol Sue who is 6 and Linda Alice who is two. Clyde by the way is a dairyman out Ohio Way. Clyde tells us that he has met Paul Freed of Walsh, Colorado, Andrew Croitos of Toledo, Ohio and Eddie Deibel of Rittman, Ohio.

M Company. G. J. Russett of Route 1, Vickery, Ohio recently sent us a membership application that he had from away back.

60th FIELD ARTILLERY

We recently received communications from former Major James Edmonds of P.O. Box 433, Walsenburg, Colorado. Major Edmonds is currently writing an article about the Division Artillery. Any one that can give the Major any additional information other than we published some time back please contact Major Edmonds.

15 ENGINEERS

Arthur R. Schmidt recently sent us a note full of information, for example: "I have recently heard from Carlton Curtis of 304 Worth Avenue, Elkins, West Virginia. The poor fellow is lonely and asked me to send him all the names and addresses I have of our old 9th Division Buddies. Art asked us to publish this so if any of Carlton's friends wanted to contact him you now have his address. Art also contacted Ernest Newhart of B Company. Ernest can be reached in New Hope, Pennsylvania. Art tells us that when he was in New Hope he asked the local townspeople how to locate Ernest. No trouble — because Ernest is known as the "Printer" and everyone knows where he lives. Art also gives us a few names and addresses: URIE F. MANDLE, 411 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C.; and J. GASPERI of 136 West 52nd Street, New York City, N.Y.

series of setbacks suffered by the United States Second Corps after Marshal Rommel's attack, in which United States losses in material amounted to eighty-six medium tanks and thirty field guns in three days.

When on Feb. 18 and 19, Marshal Alexander visited the United States sector he said he had found the position "even more critical" than he had expected.

"There was no coordinated plan of defense and definite uncertainty as to command," he wrote.

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"At the first pass I visited, the Darnaia Pass, I had to nominate on the spot the senior American officer as the responsible commander of the sector and ordered him to hold his ground to the last. * * *

The dispatches said that the decisive engagement in which the Germans had been halted in their attempt to turn the Allies' right flank had been fought by a British armored brigade group, a British infantry battalion and two field artillery battalions of the United States Ninth Division.

The battle ended when Marshal Rommel appreciated this "casualties were increasing at a disproportionate rate and that the opportunity's for further exploitation had passed."

Commenting on the United States Second Corps' part in the battle, Marshal Alexander remarked that it had been "unfortunate in that their first major battle they had been against such experienced troops and so dashing an enemy commander * * *."

U. S. Improvement Noted

After that the United States "improvement was indeed continuous and outstanding throughout the campaign * * *," he declared.

Dealing with the Second Corps' operations a month later in the Gafsa-Maknassy area Marshal Alexander gave the corps, then under the command of the late Gen. George S. Patton Jr., credit for having kept in play the whole of the Tenth Panzer Division "while the decisive battle (Mareth line) was being fought and won by the Eighth Army * * *," and making "a solid contribution to the success of the operation in southern Tunisia."

During the Allies' offensive toward Kairawan, Marshal Alexander reported the "failure" of the United States Thirty-fourth Division to take the heights south of a defile and mentioned a subsequent "gallant" attack by the British Sixth Armored Division, which took the pass despite guns on the southern heights.

Fullest credit was given to the second corps for its part in the taking of Bizerte and Tunis during the final phase of the campaign and the dispatches included warm praise of General Patton.

General Patton, said Marshal Alexander, produced "a transformation in the troops of the Second Corps."

Marshal Rommel, the Allies' principal antagonist in North Africa, was in Marshal Alexander's eyes "a tactician of greatest ability" with strategic weaknesses. Field Marshal Gen. Albert Kesselring, Marshal Alexander's opponent in Italy, was "greatly superior in all elements of generalship to Rommel."

Calls Alam el Halfa Vital

The dispatches focused attention on the battle Alam el Halfa, "the last throw of German forces in Africa" when Marshal Rommel tried to turn the Eighth Army's flank as one of the most important battles of the campaign.

It not only paved the way for victory of El Alamein but "marked the first westward ebb of the tide which had carried the Axis armies so far to east."

It is clear that Marshal Alexander had more to do with the victories at Alam el Halfa and El Alamein and the 1,800-mile advance across Africa by the Eighth Army than has been publicly stated.

Although he was sparing in his use of the personal pronouns in his dispatches, it is obvious that he decided on the plan to be used at El Alamein, that the deception plan that led Marshal Rommel to believe the main assault would come in the south rather than in the north was his work, as was the feint at Sidi Abd el Rahman, halfway through the battle.

Marshal Alexander also refuted the legend that Marshal Rommel planned to trap the British in the center of front by deliberately weakening this sector to invite a British offensive that would be crushed by armored attacks from the north and south. The center was not weakened. Marshal Alexander said, but "on the contrary it was specially strengthened by the reinforcement of three German parachute battalions."

Company A 4th Reunion

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called Camp Tichbourne ('cause the environment is so similar) Say, if you get stuck and want some more information why not contact me: Tony Giacobbee at 245 East 80th Street in New York City, N.Y. Be glad to help you out!

AFTERTHOUGHT

If you can't make the affair why not drop us a line and let us know what you think of the idea. If we can get some news we would like to spread the gospel to all who gather on the night of June 23, 1956 at Vincent Lopez's. . .

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