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A Message from Our Retiring President

By Everett Linscott

During the three days of our wonderful 11th Annual Reunion in Chicago I had the pleasure of meeting and talking to many men whom I had not seen at previous reunions, and there were many more new men whom I saw but did not have the opportunity to meet. Almost to a man, these new fellows paid their dues and became new or reinstated members of the 9th Infantry Division Association. Those I talked to stated over and over again that they were having the time of their lives — and even then they were talking about going to the next Reunion.

Through the Octofoil, I thank each and every person who attended the 11th Annual Reunion, and welcome into the Association the new and reinstated members. May each and every one of us find it possible to attend the 12th Annual Reunion in Boston, Massachusetts — that we may renew our personal friendships and enjoy the fruits of our common bonds in the Association.

To the new members, I want to say that you can play an important part in the continued growth and strength of the 9th Infantry Division Association, by contacting other former 9th men in your area and inviting them to join us. We have a National Office set up to help and serve you. Our National Secretary is at your service, to accept items for publication in the Octofoil, to help you locate friends with whom you have lost contact, to help you contact others in your area for the purpose of forming local chapters — in short, the National Secretary stands willing and ready to do everything he possibly can to further the interest of, and increase the membership in our 9th Infantry Division Association. You can help.

Sound Off

By Vic Campisi

WHAT DATE DO YOU PREFER FOR '57 CONVENTION?

Concurrent with the assignment of the '57 convention the N. E. Chapter was asked to give consideration to changing the reunion date.

If the chapter adheres to precedent and policy, the 1957 reunion will be held Thursday thru Saturday, inclusive, on July 25, 26 and 27.

However, it has been pointed out to the chapter that in 1957, July 4 falls on a Thursday, thereby making July 4, 5, and 6 ideal reunion dates.

The argument in favor of the change says a "royal week end" will not affect annual vacations; that more people will be able to attend; that the weather isn't so warm early in July, and that celebrating a national holiday and reunion at the same time will lend added emphasis and significance to the occasion.

On the other side of the ledger is the argument that transportation facilities are clogged for July 4th week ends, and that by tradition, the Association is accustomed to having the annual reunion at the end of July.

How about some letters and postcards from your readers,

wherever you may be, expressing your preference for a 1957 reunion date. It's either July 4, 5, 6, or July 25, 26, 27. What'll you have?

Send all expressions of preference to N. E. Chapter Secretary Tom Boyle, 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass.

N. E. CHAPTER THANKS BOSTON CONVENTION BUREAU

The N. E. Chapter thanks Bruce Collins of the Convention Bureau of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. The brochure he prepared with convention invitation letters signed by Mayor Hynes, Governor Herter, Ernest Henderson, president of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, and E. C. Sherry, manager of the Convention and Tourist Bureau, were of considerable assistance to successful delegate Vic Campisi.

COLUMBUS, WASHINGTON, SUBMIT COMPETING BIDS

The N.E. Chapter's bid for the 1957 reunion ran into unexpected rough waters at the last minute when the Columbus and Washington chapters submitted competing bids at Chicago.

After listening to pleas voiced

26 F. A. Notes

by Joe McKenzie

Recently I received a letter from Ross V. Kepple Veterans Administration Hospital, Ward 7, West Iowa City, Iowa. The tone of his letter was a happy one in spite of the seriousness of his condition. Ross has advanced tuberculosis. Kepp, as he was known with us, was one of those fine mechanics of Service Battery 26FA.

Bill Sacco, 1540 Mystic Valley Parkway, Medford, Mass., is another one of those good mechanics from Service 26FA who has recently had a tough bout with sickness. Last March, Bill dislocated a disc in his back. After an operation and a period of hospitalization Bill is on the way to recovery and expects to return to work next month.

Through the grape vine I heard that Mr. Dudley Garland visited New England this summer. I wish that someone of those with whom he talked would write a little story about his visit. Mr. Garland was Capt. Garland of Hqrs Battery 26FA. I know that there are many men in this area who would like to talk over old times with him. So Mr. Garland why not make it a date to attend our Memorial Mass in Worcester this year.

Many will be pleased at the announcement of the marriage of Joseph B. Albanese, 23 Nutt Lane, White River Junction, Vt. to Madeline J. Emmons, 3 High St. St. Johnsbury, Vt. Joe was with Service Battery 26FA. Joe also had a host of friends in the Ordnance where he made daily visits for trucks parts. Please accept our Best Wishes for a very Happy Marriage.

For those who did and for those who did not attend the convention in Chicago please start making plans now to be in Worcester, Mass. on or about November 11, 1956.

Mail Bag

We are indeed proud to state that our new members number the following:

Brig. Gen. Hiram D. Ives, Quarters 75, Fort Sheridan, Illinois. Gen. Ives was our main speaker at our 11th convention and to our great surprise found out that he was an x-9th Division man. (A former 60th Inf. Exec.)

G. L. Tinberg of 1115 W. Green Street, Champaign, Illinois (Anti-Tank 60th Inf.) tells us that he is the daddy of Elaine Maria (4 yrs.) and is a Machinist by trade. His favorite hobbies are Bowling and Square Dancing. Tinberg asks about the addresses of two buddies, for any other interested members the names and addresses are:

James Shirley, Box 12, Bath, Illinois; and Howark Musick, Rt. 12, Cleveland, Virginia.

Ray Connolly at his recent 9th Signal gathering signed up Lester W. Clark, Chesnut Street Extension, Franklinville, N.Y., and Arthur Wilson of 141 Sylvan Ave., Leonia, N.Y.

LeRoy Swisher of 900 East 45th Ave., Gary, Indiana is now a Patrolman in the Gary Police Department. LeRoy conducts his home traffic with his three kids, Robert, 10 Anita 8, and Judith who is 3. For spare time hobbies LeRoy flies an Aeronca Chief. He wants to be remembered to Paul Adams in Buffalo. Besides the above Le

Attention! Special! Announcement!

On Saturday, October 13th, 1956, the 9th Infantry Division Association will officially assist in welcoming the 9th Division to stateside duty.

We have contacted our former commanding officers and we are now extending an invitation to all those men in the area who wish to join with us in the welcome.

The place is the Brooklyn Army Terminal in Brooklyn, New York.

The area is Pier 4 — 1st Ave. and 58th St., Brooklyn, New York.

The time of arrival is scheduled at about 8:00 A.M. If you can make it we will be glad to see you there. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

New York Dance

On October 27, 1956 the New York Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association will hold the annual Fall Dance to begin the social season.

We have been informed by the hard working committee that no expense has been spared to once again bring the finest to the lads and lassies of the New York Chapter. You might stop and ponder at this point as to where this extravaganza will take place. So, we won't let you wait too long for this information.

The place:

UNION CITY ELKS CLUB
29th Street and Hudson Ave.
Union City, New Jersey

For those who are working, October 27th is a Saturday night so you can arrange for your baby sitters. Now — get cracking! Oh! did I hear someone mention, "OK, but what will this deal cost?" Well, that's easy. Here is what you are getting for your dough.

MEAL

Well, it is a buffet, but we are informed that this is a real deal for your money. They will have BEER, Soda, Coffee and Ham and Cheese, Roast Beef and mounds

of cold cuts. All this for the expensive sum of \$2.00 per head.

Now where can you beat a price like this. We who live in the Metropolitan area are well acquainted with prices of the average night club. In some clubs, this is just the entrance charge. Here, the New York Chapter is giving you the entire deal for a low, low cost.

You can dance, you can eat and you can have one heck of a fine time. Just for the sum of \$2.00 per head.

We can tell you one thing for sure, this kind of a deal is mighty hard to beat anywhere.

For those who live in the Jersey area it's as simple as ABC. Just take S-3 to the Lincoln Tunnel. Get off at the last exit before the tunnel. Turn left under the viaduct then one block then left again and up to the traffic light and turn left again, this puts you right in front of the Elks Club.

Coming from New York, take any bus to Union City from the Port of Authority Building (41st St. and 8th Ave.) and the bus driver will leave you off across the street from the Elks Club.

If you are driving from New York it's the second exit out of the loop then follow the highway the Lincoln Tunnel turn right at up, two blocks then make a U turn around and that will leave you in front of the Elks Club.

You can't beat the price, you can't beat the convenience, you can't beat the cost of parking because there is none. It's easy to get to. It's inexpensive to go to, and we know if you come you won't feel sorry.

We can chatter for hours about the deal, why not take us up on it and come on down. The Union City Elks Club at 29th Street and Hudson Ave. in Union City, N. J., Saturday night, October 27th, 1956. . . Will you be there? Your friends will.

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EDITORIAL —

What Happened!

We have been working with our accountant and burning the midnight oil to figure out what happened. Usually we have been able to get by until the end of the year but we are getting down to the bottom of the barrel.

We have been asking the question, "What Happened?" and the answer we find is that our membership is falling down. This is the key to our very existence, this is the only way we keep our heads above water, this is something we cannot do without.

So, we are therefore asking our membership to get behind our final drive.

Don't let us down. We need your help. Right now check your wallet, see if you are paid-up for 1956. If you are not, may we respectfully suggest that you send your dues for this year to your National office.

We know that many of our members merely delay sending in their dues and then a year rolls by and it is completely forgotten. We cannot force the issue we can only point out circumstances. Men from far flung areas depend on the Octofoil to keep them informed of the doings of their buddies. You, each and every one who reads this Octofoil has a friend that we are sure wants to know about you. Maybe not today or tomorrow or next year. Someday we will print some little story and we will re-create a lost friendship. This is our purpose, to keep this Association alive. We have tried all sorts of methods, we have tried all sorts of ways, now we are appealing to your sense of fair play.

We are sending the Octofoil to men who are delinquent in dues simply because we feel that each man deserves the privilege of reading this newspaper. We don't, if possible, want to stop this privilege and if possible we don't want this privilege abused.

We know that those who have forgotten have not purposely made this move, we know that daily life is a complex thing and little things are overlooked. We therefore ask those who have overlooked paying their 1956 dues, won't you please send us your dues.

We are sure that you will help us, we have not resorted to this measure before because we felt our members would respond. Now, we are hurting and we need your help.

Can We Count On You To Help?

Sound Off

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by N.E., Columbus, and Washington spokesmen, the national board of governors unanimously approved the local bid. Vic Campisi represented the N. E. Chapter.

The national board of governors also selected N.E. Chapter President John McLaughlin as general chairman for the 1957 reunion.

3 VICE PRESIDENTS, 6 BOARD MEMBERS, AND JUDGE ADVOCATE ALSO ELECTED

Vincent Guglielmino, N.Y. Chapter, was re-elected 1st vice president. Robert Winkelman, Illinois Chapter, replaced Mike Belmonte as 2nd vice president, and Tom Boyle, N. E. Chapter, succeeded John Murphy as 3rd vice president.

A member-at-large, Attorney Edward Johnstone of Paducah, Kentucky, succeeded Harrison Daysh of Washington as Judge Advocate General.

New members of the national board of governors are Gen. Westmoreland, Adolph Dominick of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter; George Apar, N.Y. Chapter; Frank Fazio, N.Y. Chapter, and John Clauser, Illinois Chapter.

Automatically retiring as board members after 3 years service were Mike Gatto, N.Y. Chapter; Frank Ozart, Illinois Chapter; John Sabato, Philadelphia Chapter, Major General S. Smythe and Rodger Schaeffer.

NEW PUBLICATION DATES FOR OCTOFOIL

One recommendation made by the Newspaper Committee at Chicago and adopted by the general assembly is sure to meet the approval of all Association members.

Effective immediately, Octofoil, the Association's national newspaper, is to be published and distributed so that it will be received regularly by addressees on or about the 15th of every publishing month.

This action was taken in answer to complaints that one could not anticipate when he would get his copy because of staggered and inconsistent publishing dates—an indication of how keenly anticipated is our national newspaper.

The Octofoil will continue on a 10-issue-per-year basis. January and August will be non-publishing months.

HENNEN AND JOHNSTONE BIG HITS

New faces which made a big hit at Chicago included Attorneys Robert Hennen, Twin Cities Chapter, and Edward Johnstone, Paducah, Ky.

Hennen's sharp observations pointed out financial report deficiencies on which immediate corrective action was pledged.

Johnstone, meanwhile, was endearing himself to one and all with his Kentucky drawl, his quick native wit, Southern charm, and affable personality. He served as parliamentarian during the business meetings.

CHICAGO REGISTRATION COMMITTEE ON BALL

Chicago's registration committee did a bang-up job including the wives of some committee members who made yeoman contributions. They were responsible to a large extent for Stan Cohen's success in signing up about 100 new and delinquent members.

As a matter of fact, the entire reunion was as smooth an operation as you'll ever see. No hitches, no flaws, no complaints—all an

indication that the Chicago convention committee under the general chairmanship of Frank Ozart did its job exceptionally well.

VAN HOUTEN GROUNDED BY BAD FLYING WEATHER

Bad weather grounded Gen. Van Houten who had planned on flying to Chicago Saturday morning for the 9th Div Memorial Rites and then flying back immediately to Washington, D.C. to attend to important military matters.

The memorial services were held at Grant Park, Chicago, on the last day of the convention in commemoration of the 4,581 Division soldiers killed in World War II during 8 campaigns stretching from North Africa to the River Elbe, Germany.

PUBLICIZE YOUR ASSOCIATION—BRING IN MORE MEMEBERS

Talk to buddies who have signed up new or delinquent members for the 9th Inf Div Association and you will be surprised to find out how easy it was done.

The answer is one word—PUBLICITY!

And publicity and signing up new and delinquent members is everybody's job. When's the last time you brought in a new member?

The Association is a long way from being faced with imminent and crucial membership problems, but why wait until such danger arrives?

No organization such as this can survive unless the membership, as a minimum measure, can be maintained at a reasonable level.

Do your share. Publicize the Association and sign up new and delinquent members.

How do you go about this? Easy. Wear your Octofoil lapel pin at all times; put an Octofoil windshield sticker on your car; get an Octofoil metal emblem for attachment to your car number plate; get Octofoil decals for your luggage, store windows, etc. All these items are available at little cost to you from national secretary-treasurer Stan Cohen, Box 66, Livingston, New Jersey.

You'll be surprised how many will approach you seeking information about joining the 9th when you publicly exhibit these distinctive insignia.

So how about it, fellas, write in to Stan Cohen today, and get your Octofoil insignia.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS IN WORCESTER, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Not too early to start thinking about the next annual Memorial Mass to be celebrated by Father Edward T. Connors at the Immaculate Conception Church, 47 Prescott St., Worcester, Mass., on Sunday, November 11.

It's the first such affair in this writer's memory where Sunday and November 11 fall on the same day.

A commemorative spiritual event attended by all faiths in honor of our fallen comrades who did not return, attendance is a must for all loyal 9th Divisioners who can possibly make it. A reunion dinner follows the Mass.

Last year, nearly 500 attended including veterans, wives, children, and Gold Star parents.

Father Connors, a former 9th Div chaplain, has sponsored the memorial mass every year since 1945.

Let's not forget him and our

New York Dance

Here is a chance to have a great time with a great gang. — We are sure that this will be a memorable evening and you too will be glad you came. That's Saturday, October 27, 1956. Bring your friends, bring your guests, but above all bring yourselves.

New York Chapter Report

by Irv Feinberg

With the echoes of the Chicago Convention now past history, the lads of the big city are finally settling down to serious business for 1957. Checking back into the latest doings we have the following items to report on.

A new member, Al Orletti of H Co., 47th, is back with us again. Honestly his old friends would have a tough time recognizing him. Yikes, did he put on weight. But, he is still the same wonderful guy big or small. . . Received word a few weeks ago that John Marcogliese another H Company 47th man was operated on. Hope by the time you read this note John, you are well on your way to complete recovery. . . Hey, how about this, yours truly won the Dark Horse at the September meeting. This is really news because it only happens once in a lifetime. Don't expect this to happen again for quite some time, so I am having the printed word set this down for 9th Division posterity.

Pat Higgins turned up with his accordion a couple of meetings back and really put on a fine show for the members and their guests. Old Patty is really coming on. He is really catching up on, oh what's his name, oh yea, Welk. Nothing really nothing when measured up to our Patty H.

Recently we were informed of the death of Sgt. John J. Duncan of G Company of the 47th and some of our members including, Dan Quinn, Frank Fazio, Dom Miele, Jerry Shapero attended the services on behalf of the members of the 9th Infantry Division Association.

We have been receiving a constant stream of good words from Larry Greenman that he is feeling fine and soaking up the California sunshine in Van Nuys, California. Manny Schonfield of G. Co., 47th runs about with a gleam in his eye when he talks about the new baby. Why sure it is a boy, ask Manny he will keep you busy for hours talking about the little lad. We can't blame him, it's great to be a new Pop!

For those men who have been receiving the 50-50 raffle here is what is planned by the New York Chapter. They are going to buy an addressograph and mimeograph machine to help our frustrated chapter secretary. Man, really this is a tough job. This boy Dom sends out 350 chapter letters and it's a job. Danny Quinn knocks himself out getting the letters mimeographed then rushes them to N. Y. to Dom. These guys have a very tough job and if we can get some extra shekles in from our 50-50 raffle this is where the extra dough is going. What do you say, if you haven't sent in your \$10.00, do it today.

This is old news but news nevertheless, we had a visitor stop in

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fallen comrades on Sunday, November 11, at Worcester, Mass.

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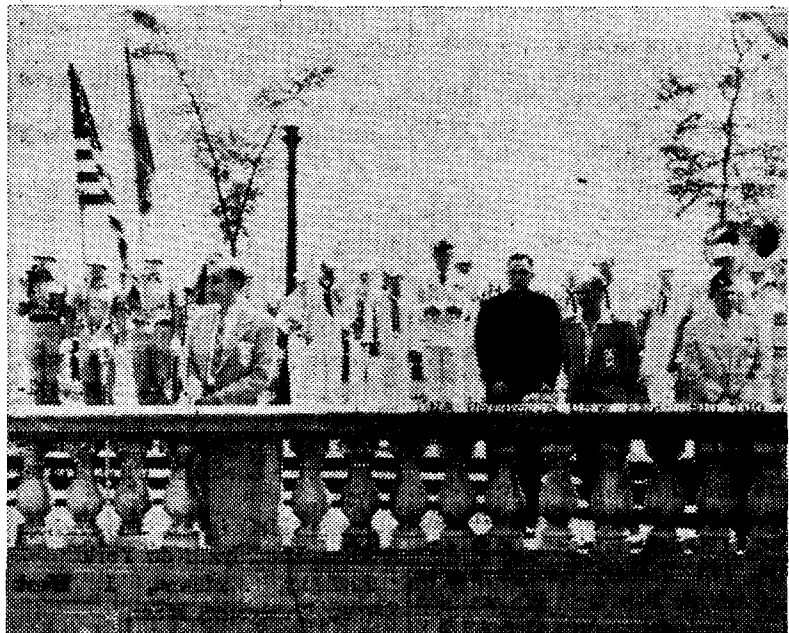
Mail Bag

Roy tells us that he is in the Storm Window business and it was the above that kept him from attending the Chicago Convention.

John Clouser writing to former Division Chaplains received the following note from Chaplain Robert J. Curtis, Hqs. 25 DivArty., APO 25, San Francisco, California. "Sorry I could not answer your letter sooner as it took a few weeks for the mail to catch up with me, for I am now in Hawaii with the 25th Division. I hope you have a

with the happenings and the doings of my old buddies."

Everett Linscott on his way back from Chicago stopped in to see Bob Huie in Mayfield, Kentucky and Ed Johnston in Princeton, Kentucky. This was the first Convention for both lads and Everett told us that they were so enthused that they are making plans for Boston in 1957. Everett also tells us that Wally Jenkins is so hepped up on getting a local chapter started down Charleston, South Caro-



very successful Convention and that all works out well. If you have a chance, say "hello" to the folks from the 39th Infantry as well as any of the rest I may have known. Col. Van Bond is here on the Island in the Training and Plans Department, Hq. USARPAC. That is a far cry from the days with the 39th. I went over to see him, after I had a chance to get settled here. There was quite a bull session for an hour or so. He asked about various members I had seen. Probably we repeated some of the same stories which will be told time and again in Chicago. I guess that happens whenever two or more of the old gang get together. (We chuckled at the P.S.) At present Divarty is on field maneuvers on the Big Island of Hawaii. We are up on a saddle between two old volcanoes Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa. This is one area not covered by the words "Beautiful Hawaii!"

Had a note from Wm. F. Kearns of Rural Route No. 3, Paris, Kentucky telling us he wanted to know some additional info on the 9th.

John Deik of 106 Hunt Ave., Hillsboro, Illinois joined our association recently and we were informed that John is an old A Co-47th Infantry man. John is currently employed as a glass worker and is married and the father of a great child.

Lawrence E. Flood wants his friends to know that he has moved and his new address is 1140 West 104th Place, Chicago 43, Illinois.

Nick Santangelo down Texas way sends us a note full of warmth and good will. "Funny thing happened about 6 months ago. I received my Octofoil and by mistake I noticed that there was another copy of the Octofoil inside of mine. This particular paper was addressed to a Mr. Schoenberger. Boy, was I surprised to find out that he only lived about 1 mile from me so I personally delivered his paper. This has since started a nice friendship. By the way, for those who are interested, I am now the daddy of an Air Force recruit. My son has been in the Air Force for about a year now and is a 2nd class airman. I enjoy reading the Octofoil as it keeps me informed

there long enough to say "Hello The scene on the podium during the Memorial Service.

lina way that the S.O.S. is out for local men to contact Wally. His address is 6 Hickory Street, The Groves, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.

Jack Brown of P.O. Box 63, Cedar Hill Texas sends us the following photo and note. Here are some 746 Tank Battalion men...

Left back row; Jack Brown, Cedar Hill, Texas now a mechanic, married and the daddy of two fine boys. Lee McMurtree of 2524 Throckmorton, Dallas, Texas. Lee is now a truck driver and we are proud to say a happily married guy. Lewis Traylor of Commerce still a Trader. Ray Eldridge of Box 52, Peniel, Texas a fireman at the McKinney Veterans Hospital. Ray is a married man these days. Fisher of Mineola Texas is the proud pop of two fine boys.



We would like to hear from any of the lads of the 746 T.D. that knew us. Why not contact Jack Brown.

Sgt. Steve Budrick sends us the following clipping from the Army Times:

Q. M. News Items

by BILL PALADY

The following Q.M.'ers attended the reunion in Chicago, Ill.: Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Dreifus, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Palady, Harry Orenstein and Gene Berasi. Needless to finish the sentence, they all had one terrific time quote-unquote...

While traveling from Pittsburgh way we stopped in Detroit and

8th Goes to Europe

9th Div. Returns From Germany

NEW YORK, Sept. 8, 1956.—The first contingent of the 9th Inf. Div. arrived at Pier 4 of the Brooklyn Army Terminal this week aboard the military transport USNS Upshur.

The 9th Div., famous for campaigns in North Africa and Europe during War II, is being relieved from the Stuttgart-Ulm-Heilbronn area of Western Germany by the 8th Inf. Div., and will be stationed at Fort Carson, Colo.

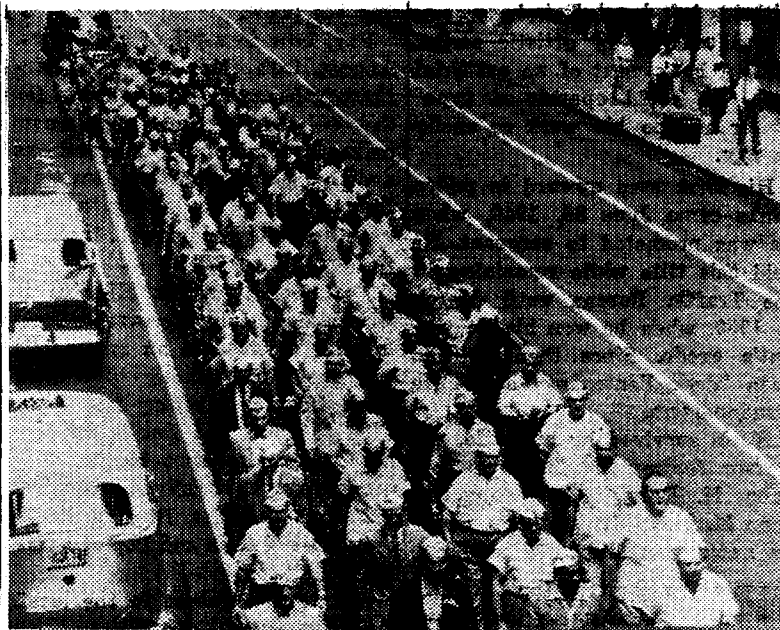
The Upshur, with the first contingent of the 8th Inf. Div., aboard, sailed from the Brooklyn Army Terminal for Bremerhaven, Germany, on Aug. 15. The entire transfer of the 8th and 9th Divs. under Operation Gyroscope, will be accomplished by transports making 12 round trips, and will involve more than 40,000 troops.

The 9th Inf. Div., presently under the command of Maj. Gen. Harry P. Storke, was first organized in July, 1918, at Camp Sheridan, Ala., and was still training in the United States when War I ended. The division was again activated in August, 1940, at Fort Bragg, N.C.

After a period of amphibious training, the division left the United States in December, 1942, to see its first combat in North Africa. The Division participated in virtually all major European campaigns—Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe.

The 9th Division then remained in Germany on occupation duty until its inactivation in January 1947. Some of the division's personnel then formed a training unit at Fort Dix, N. J. In 1953, the 28th Inf. Div. was redesignated as the 9th Inf. Div. and was again transferred to Germany.

Steve also sent us the name of an X 26th F. A. D Battery man. T-3 Charles R. Bustern who is now living at Box 27, Brownville, New York.



Man... Look at 'em — The Brave — the Bold — the Tall and Short — But above all x-GI's on the March in Chicago

talked to Frank Schepis and James DiMaggio. We learned that Frank was in the hospital and immediately rode out to see him. To say the least he was very surprised to see me and we really put in one heck of a bull session about the old days. I told Frank all about the lads I have been in contact with and man, you should have seen his eyes perk up. Just for the record, Frank is married and has two very fine children.

B Co., 15th Engineers

by Art Schmidt

I have really been making the rounds and recently have visited the following former B Connay, 15th Engineers men or spoken to them on the telephone: James V. Garrison—He is the same happy-go-lucky guy and is working as an electrician for the West Penn Power Co. in Springdale, Pa., we were enjoying a few beers and reminiscing; he's not married. James Riddle—he's an automobile salesman, is married and has one daughter and was moving on the day I got to his home in Akron, Ohio. D. D. Montgomery—has gray hair, is married and has a young son. He's operating a bulldozer on strip coal mine. Carlton Curtis—he's not well—recently had a cerebral hemorrhage—but we were shown by he and his mother who is over 80 years old but very spry. Paul Lisa—is married and has a boy and a girl—he's doing nicely as a pressman for a printer in Philadelphia. John K. Waldron—he's married—has two children of his own and is also bringing up a foster child and is temporarily taking care of his niece—has his hands full, but is doing O.K. on his job as a route man for a milk company; his own children are a boy and a girl, and the foster child is a boy. James Mullen—he's married—has two girls and is doing O.K. on his job as an inspector with U.S. Customs in Brooklyn. Fred Elmo has a fine home in Howard Beach, N. Y.—he's operating his own business as a hairdresser—has two children. Andrew Grauer—he's married—has three children—all boys, and is doing on his job as an inspector with the N. Y. Steam Co. Charles Hoffman—has some hard luck in that his wife has not been too well, but is blessed with two girls, and a good job as a T. V. Serviceman—I was able to get a 20 inch portable fan through him at a fine discount; he's still capable of being the life of any party. John Gee—he's married now and has a son who celebrated his fourth birthday on August 25th; he's not doing too badly on his job as an inspector for Sperry's in Nassau County, but he's complaining about

the high rent he's paying. Lt. Ty Gaspari is operating his own business manufacturing fancy eyeglass frames—I managed to persuade him to give me a frame in "recognition of our former days together in the Army, he has a fine home in Rye, N. Y. with plenty of wide open spaces, but I can't say whether he's married or not. I've also contacted the following over the telephone and hope to meet up with them soon: Paul Berner, now living in Bethpage, L. I., I got his address through Andy Grauer who lives nearby in Hicksville. John Sabino—he's married and has two children; he says he's just as heavy as ever—is working for the Music Corporation of America and has been putting in quite some overtime lately. Joseph Dempsey—he's a police officer on New York's Finest, has four children, the oldest being 10. Finally contacted Robert Joy—says he's not married and is anxious to have a few beers with me; has apparently made his Army experience pay off in that he's operating his own drilling business; I'll learn about this in our next meeting. It goes without saying that we indulged in a few beers in all the places visited.

I am enclosing a list of all the names and addresses and known telephone numbers of former B. Company men that I have and hope you can find some use of it. It might be a good idea for you to publish it—if you can find the space.

Yours in comradeship,
Arthur R. Schmidt,
Life Member
New York Chapter

Former B Co., 15th Engineers Battalion, 9th Inf Div Men

Robert Apel, 4861 North Green Bay Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Byron Angell, 572 Smithfield Road, North Providence, Rhode Island

Felix Abalos, Route 2, Box 890, Pueblo, Colorado

Paul J. Berner, 37 North Millpage Drive, Bethpage, L. I., N. Y., Pershing 5-9413

Barney Bianco, 279 Evergreen Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., Glenmore 2-8834

Robert Coupland, Box 283, Midway, Washington County, Pennsylvania

Carlton Curtis, 304 Worth Avenue, Elkins, West Virginia

Thomas Caulfield, 103 Hamlet Rd., Hicksville, L. I., N. Y., Hicksville 5-4363

Norton Cross, Bethel, Maine

William Davidson, 174 Larch Road, Cambridge, Mass.

Frank Dickinson, 20 Knowles Road, Worcester, Mass.

Joseph Dempsey, 88-01 Elderts Lane, Woodhaven, L. I., N. Y., Michigan 2-4828

Frances Dundon, 103 Draper St., Dorchester, Mass.

Fred Elmo, 158-51 89th Street, Howard Beach, N. Y., Virginia 3-5226

Albert Ferrante, 35 Cove Avenue, Framingham, Mass.

Ty Gaspari, 175 Locust Street, Rye, New York, Rye 7-3166

Henry Garguilo, 238 Laurel Street, East Haven, Conn., Hobart 7-4664

Andrew Grauer, 1736 Mallard Road, Hicksville, L. I., N. Y., Pennrose 1-5076

James V. Garrison, 520 Chestnut Street, Springdale, Penn., Business Phone Springdale 100

John Gee, 260-41 Langston Ave. (Continued on page 4)

TAPS

The following letter was received and we are reprinting as suggested.

Dear Sir:

I have taken the liberty of writing to you as secretary of the 9th Division Association. Enclosed you will find the obituary of my late husband, John D. Day, who served as a PFC with E Company, 60th Inf. 9th Division, during World War II. As a result of action with this company at Cherbourg, he lost his right arm on the 30th of June, 1944. He overcame this handicap and with the aid of a wonderful sense of humor, was a source of inspiration to all who knew him. This year of 1956, he was buried on the 30th of June. A strange coincidence of fate. My husband was a victim of Cancer and knew it; however his great courage sustained him to the end. If you can put his obituary in your Association paper, I would be most gratified, perhaps some of the boys with whom he served, would see it and give a passing thought to an old buddy. If possible, I would also like to have a copy of the issue, in which it appears. If it is not possible to print the obituary, will you kindly mention it in your "Taps" column. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. John D. Day

Daily Argus, Mount Vernon, N.Y.,
Thurs., June 28, 1956

John Day, 42, Veteran City Police Officer, Dies

Lt. John D. Day, a veteran member of the Mount Vernon Police Department, died yesterday afternoon at his home, 195 Hillcrest Road. He was forty-two.

The lieutenant was given sick leave early last May and underwent an operation at Lawrence Hospital, Bronxville. He had been home more than a month.

Mourning colors were draped at Police Headquarters today and Chief Inspector of Police William P. McDonald said they will remain for the traditional 30-day period. The lieutenant will be buried Saturday with departmental honors.

The son of a policeman, Lt. Day began his police career April 1, 1937. His father, the late William Day, retired as a detective in 1934.

RECEIVED COMMENDATION

A little more than a year later, in 1938, he was commended for the apprehension of a burglary suspect.

When the United States entered World War II, he was granted leave of absence and was inducted in the U.S. Army. He served approximately three years and was honorably discharged July 4, 1945.

As a soldier, he saw action in the North Africa campaign and took part in the final breakthrough on the Tunisian front. Later, in France, machine gun bullets cost him his right arm.

Shortly after his discharge, he was re-instated as a patrolman, July 16, 1945, and was assigned to the Traffic Bureau. Recalling his war experience, he remarked "I wouldn't sell my experiences for \$1,000,000 or go back through them for \$10,000,000."

MASTERED LEFT HAND

The ex-soldier did not let the

9th Signal Reunion

by RAY CONNOLLY

On Saturday, July 7th, 1956, a little pre-convention get-together was held at the home of Harold T. Stafford for some of the lads from the 9th Signal Company.

Among those who managed to attend were: our genial host and his wife, Harold and Florence Stafford, Bill and Beck Ellis, Ray and Dolores Connolly, Ed and Lena Wargo, Tom and Stell Cathcart, Tony and Marie Dalto, Art and Grace Wilson and Les and Gloriel Clark.

After much to do about back slapping and greetings from across the room, we settled down to some serious discussions with a pitcher of brew. At this time may we point out that when it comes to being a host, we are all convinced that the Staffords are away out front. Man, you should have seen this lad sweat out the hot barbecue. Par excellence, is the only way to put it when it comes to Stafford service. Believe me, Harold and Florence put up a table de hote deal fit for nothing finer than the Waldorf.

The most amazing aspect of our gatherings is the distance some

of these people travel to attend. Why, we had people come from as far as Buffalo, West Hempstead, N. Y. City and Philadelphia and these folks travelled all the way to Smyrna, Delaware. Honestly, it seems that these shin-digs get better all the time, or we are just getting mellow with each passing year. Somewhere around 1:30 A.M., we finally got a telephone call through to Frostburg, Maryland and we all spoke to Johnny Yeager. Johnny was unavoidably detained and just couldn't make our "Little 9th" meeting. He reports that all is well and will try to make the next one come heck or high water.

Well, at is must to all men the party broke up around 3 A.M. Just about that time the Philly contingent left for home in the Connolly's, "Blue Beetle".

We can't express in words the wonderful kick one gets in meeting old friends, all we can add to this thought is "YOU X-SIGNAL MEN WHO MISSED THIS" MISSED ONE REAL FABULOUS TIME. . . Why not try to make it with us next year?

New York Chapter News

one night and we were sure glad to say "Hello" to Manny Effron of 219 Atlantic Ave., Atlantic City, N.J. Manny was just in town for a visit and remembered that the N. Y. gang has their meetings on the first Friday of the month so, he stopped down to Gerdes to see what the local score was.

September 7th meeting. . . Tony Giacobbe tells us that he is a proud parent of a brand new baby girl. Lou Almassey and his family lived it up this past summer down in Long Beach, N. Y. Well, congratulations to Dick O'Connor he finally

made it, Manager of an A&P in Kearney, N. J. Dick has been sweating this out for some time and we are really pleased as punch that they gave the job to a good man at last.

Frank Fazio tells us that he received a card from Jimmy Connors who was with H Company, 47 in Africa and Sicily. Jimmy told Frank that he was flown to Paris France to help the U.S. Government dedicate an American Cemetery. Jim won the Congressional Medal of Honor with the 3rd Division. Jim also mentioned that he made a stop at the 9th Division Graves.

On or about December 16th, 1956 a tentative date at the moment, is the date for New York Chapter Christmas party. Sounds away off in the distance, but because Uncle Daniel Q has promised to bring his Santa Claus costume, we want to make sure of the date the time and the place.

Say, here is a bit of real news. August 28th, Mr. and Mrs. McInerney became grand parents for the thirteenth time. This now makes a total of eight grandsons and five granddaughters. Our Gold Star Parents are doing a real grandpa and grandma job. Our sincere congratulations.

We hear that Pat Higgins is now almost fully recovered from injuries received in an automobile accident while coming to a New York Chapter meeting last June. Glad to hear that Pat is improving, sure miss that brogue Pat, hurry up and get fully recuperated.

Barney and Mrs. English did it, they are the Mom and Pop of a fine little addition.

Not to be outdone in the least, the Feinbergs are doing their share of parental contributions. My wife tells me that we are expecting another income tax deduction about April. Ho hum. . . I knew it all the time, but it looks better in print.

Say, why not come down to Gerdes, we really have us a ball. The New York Chapter has the place, the time and the gang, Join us and help us grow. . .

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR '56 DUES?

Western Pennsylvania Chapter

by Bill Palady

Bill has written the Octofoil two notes on Chapter news and we will combine both articles now to catch up with past news.

On August 19 at South Park the Western Pennsylvania Chapter held their first chapter picnic. We received excellent results and we are certain all who attended had a very good time. Incidentally, for those members who live in our area the Western Pennsylvania Chapter holds their meeting every third Wednesday of every month at Wolf's Tavern at 10th Ave. in McKeesport.

At our July meeting we had the good fortune of meeting up with Bill Coen from Washington, Pa. Bill is a good friend of John Hanusein and we thank John for getting Bill down to join our group.

We would like to thank the lads of the Chicago Chapter for putting together a fine reunion program. We can only sound off the phrases of our members who attended and applauded the Chicago gang for a job well done. The following members and their wives were there: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Bich, Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Michler, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Palady, George Kopac and Adolph Dominick. We are also indeed proud to relate that Adolph Dominick was nominated to the Board of Governors to represent our Chapter. George Kovalak was also honored by being presented a Chapter Award, believe me, it could not happen to a nicer guy.

We are now making plans to get set for the 1957 reunion in Boston. We truthfully expected many more lads to attend especially, Art Stenzel, Nick Pallaga, Dom Meile, Ray Connolly, Bob Colflesh and many others. Incidentally, Luke Savage wants to say, "Hello" to all the boys from Company B, 47th Infantry. Luke tells us that he is going to do his best to try to make the next reunion in Boston next year.

15th Engineers

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(Pictorial History of 9th Div. in Action)

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