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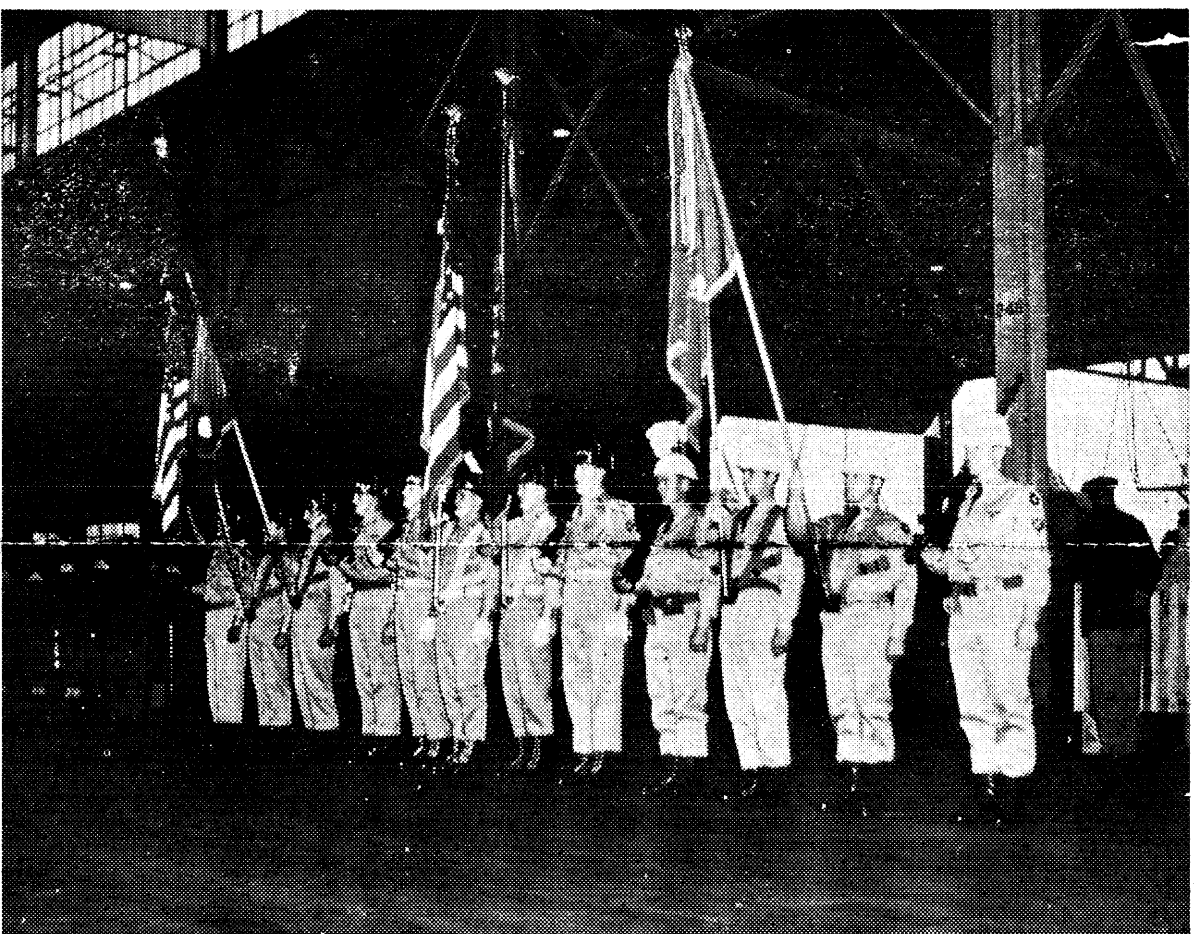
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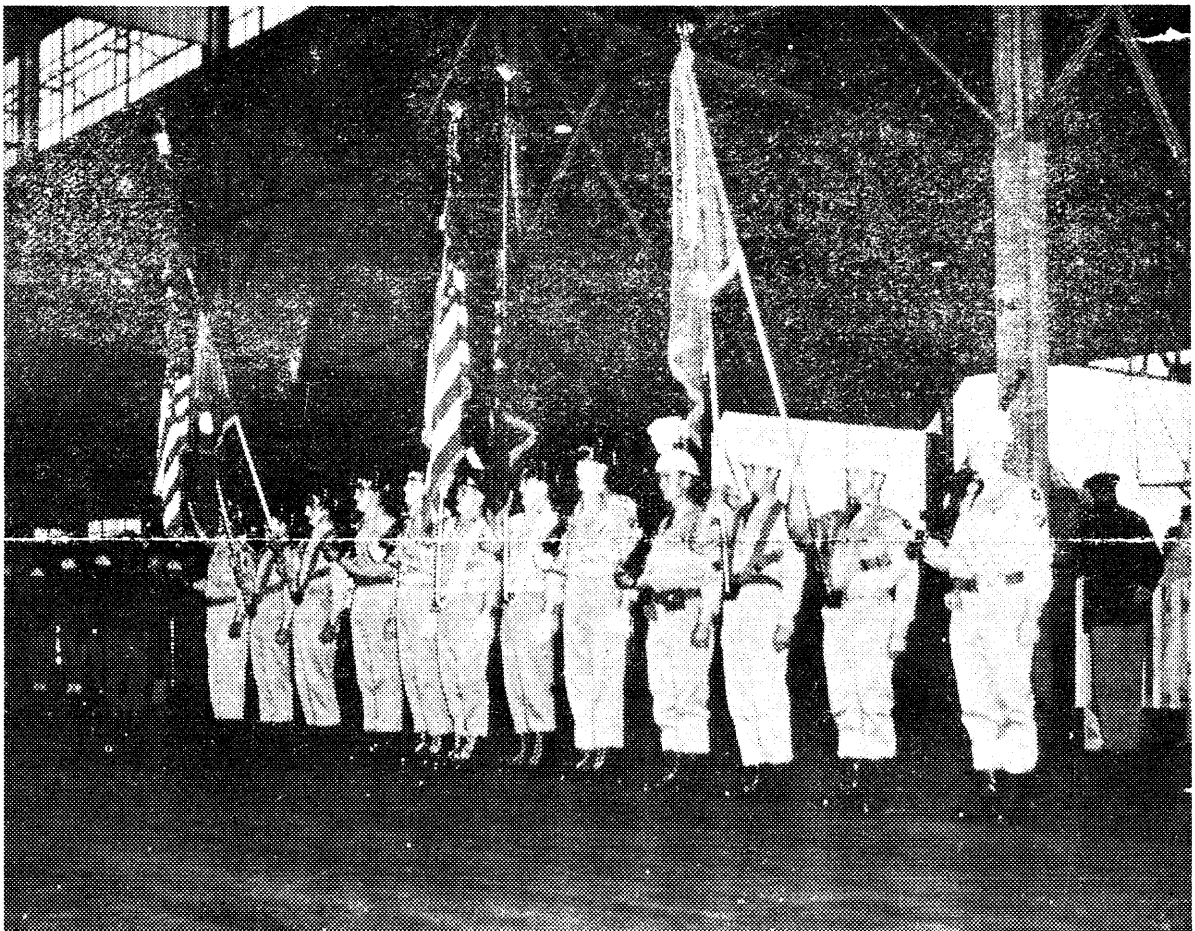
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Welcome Home

She was known as the U.S.S. Butner but we who were there felt she was more than an ordinary troopship. Yes, she was a beautiful huge grey ship, trim in every detail. Her masts were gayly decorated with multi-colored banners but in her bosom she carried the pride of the army, the men and the flags of the 9th Infantry Division.

On her side she displayed one of the reasons why—a large sign which read: "Triple A-Bar-Nothing — 39th Infantry Regiment."

From private to general all were glad to be home again. In addition to the troops, aboard was a former general who learned to know the Ninth the hard way, General Joseph Collins. Greeting her were men who helped create the legend of "Notorious."

Yes, this was a ship that was magnificent in size, but became more grandiose in stature as one watched the Division and Regimental flags unfurl. Flags that have followed the men of the Ninth. Flags that now carry pennants that symbolize the Ninth for what it was and what it is today.

As the band played the Ninth Division March, you could feel the pride grow and grow and finally seem to overwhelm each and every person present. From the eyes of the veteran to the eyes of the newly adopted sons of the regiment, they were all proud of the Ninth Infantry Division.

To carry on a description is merely a detail, so with your permission we would like to quote one remark that we were fortunate to contribute to this ceremony which we feel speaks for itself.

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particular case and I shall try to do better the next time."

From Mr. Charles E. Sheridan (Gold Star Parent): Sorry I can't be with you for the welcome Party but due to illness and a recent operation have to beg off. You know I would be there if I could."

No one can describe the feeling

but everyone can tell you about it, however, we are glad of one very vital fact. We are sure happy to see the Octofoil back in the United States.

We are certain that all who attended these ceremonies were glad they came. This was a real thrill even for us Veterans.

47th Anti-Tank News Letter

By Larry O'Keefe

Dear Gang:

Once again it takes almost a whole year to get this letter written but I hope you'll agree that better late than never.

It has been a busy year for me and I hope also for all of you. I have been traveling more and have taken on additional territory which takes me about 300 miles from San Jose. The new territory includes the town of Laton, home of Eddie Brown, and I expect to be dropping in on him before too long.

Last spring Pat called me at the office and said some guy had just arrived in a taxi with his suitcase. She said he was from Long Island and I knew immediately it must be Jonny Capek. Sure enough, John was on his vacation and had been to Mexico and as long as he was on this side of the country he decided to see San Francisco and visit the O'Keefes. We had a wonderful visit, consumed a quantity of buttermilk (?) and rehashed the war years. We had breakfast together at the S. F. airport and that night he was in New York trying to call Santorelli.

Another visitor we have had is Joe Corcoran, brother of Jimmy. Joe is in the Navy and whenever he hits San Francisco he comes down to see us.

Last May Pat and I went to Las Vegas for a few days and while there were treated royally by Harold O'Hara, whom most of you will remember as a W/O in Service Co., and who now is managing the Royal Nevada Hotel.

A card from Lorena Adams said Captain Dan was due back from Korea about Feb. 1st with orders for Fort McPherson in Atlanta. Dan also wrote that he would phone me on the way through San Francisco but I never heard from him. Another case of "the second thing I'll do is take off my pack." Some pictures he sent from Korea show him to look just about the same as he did in 1942.

Gilbert Cook has his wife write for him. He is still laying brick and helping the wife take care of the four boys. The triplets are almost seven now. Gil is in the National Guard as Co. Commander of Co. A in the 49th Armored Division.

Edel Clark was attending Command and General School in Fort Leavenworth when I heard last. Sent a nice picture of their two children — Harriette and Julius Edel III, who was born in July, 1955.

William Barker has a family of four and was expecting another. . . Cliff Bennett sold his restaurant and is now working in a factory but expects to be working for Delco-Remy soon. . . Henry Cassata hasn't been feeling too well. . . Billy Pitt still raving about his boy and the same old life on the farm.

Walt Cottingham planned and built a summer cabin at Camp Pinnacle, Hendersonville, N.C. where he works three months each summer. He is now head of Physical Ed Dept., teaching classes, coaching basketball and baseball and officiating on the side.

Peter Cusack flew to Ireland to spend Christmas and a month with his mother and father, 2 sisters and 2 brothers after being away twenty years. Mae wrote two nice letters while Pete was gone and

Pete sent me a card from Ireland saying he was having a wonderful time but wished a few of us were there to help him liven up the town.

Clyde Ford is now stationed in Furstenfeldbruck, Germany. Many of you should recognize the name as Ford is stationed only 10 miles from the bivouac area where we were at the end of the war. Son Charles, who is now 18, is going to High School in Munich. Clyde is 1st Sgt. of a student Squadron. He has only one Airman and she is a WAF S/Sgt. Most all the cities have been rebuilt and there are no fox holes anywhere. A short while back, Ford was driving into Munich when he had to pass a convoy which turned out to be the 47th Inf. on the way to an airbase to load onto C-119s and be flown somewhere on maneuver. While chowing up in Heidelberg he ran into Raymond Smith, who was in A. T. Motor Maintenance at Fort Bragg. He is now CWO but Clyde didn't say what he was doing. He told Ford he had seen Cook in Dallas. Too bad Cook couldn't have taken time to write me that instead of having to have it come the long way around. Clyde says that Smith is the first one he has run into still in the service since he saw Wilson in Denver in 1947. That's the first I have heard of Wilson since he left us in Sicily. How about bringing us up to date on that old redhead, Clyde?

Had a note from Al Gerard which is the first word from him since 1952. He is now City freight agent and unofficial livestock agent (whatever that is) for Southern Pacific R.R. Has two daughters and is building a new home.

Just a card from Doc Glidden but he sent me a snapshot of Irene and me taken when she was in San Jose last year. . . Roger Gartland still teaching school and presumably still single. . . Goins has a new home in Tulsa and saw Teets recently. . . Ray Milka still single and working at Electric Auto-Lite.

No word at all from Armour, Atkinson, Bajor, Bakos, Bamber, Beaver, Blood, Bodnar, Boom, Brewer, Brown, Bubloni, Cella, Chique or Cocco.

Earl Heinemann is now His Honor the Mayor of the City of Toronto, Kansas, and owns a grocery store. Was in St. Louis recently and talked to Kolker.

Lee Kolker wrote on Christmas Day and said he was thinking of Xmas Day in 1944 when the 2nd platoon was at crossroads on outskirts of Monschau and together with some engineer troops they caught some Nazi paratroopers. Lee is still C. O. of a rifle company in the reserves.

Tony Lello says he hears occasionally from Jon Gaspar who is in Baltimore, married with a son and daughter and doing well. Tony doesn't give Gaspar's address which I would love to have for this is the first I have heard of him since he was wounded and left us at El Guettar.

Also no word at all from Chud-zicki, Cipiriano, Collingwood, Cvetzar, Einbinder, Gagnon, Gallen, Jim Hayes, Paul Heinemann, Kowski, Lasser, LeBlanc, Maguire, Marquardt, Michalko or Miller.

Howard Palmer is now clerking in the Post Office and has one daughter who is a doll. In 1950 he had another bad attack with his back and after many tests by specialists found that he had a rup-

New York Chapter News

by Irv Feinberg

The October meeting of the New York Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held in the same place, Gerde's on East 17th Street in New York City, N. Y., before some old faces and some new friends.

Among the friends who attended were:

Major George Thigpen, Liaison Officer of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Major Thigpen served with the 39th in Germany and was then assigned to work out the arrival details of the 9th Division. Major Thigpen was a guest of Stan Cohen. After being introduced to the men of the chapter, Major Thigpen then discussed the activities of the Ninth in Germany and the plans for the Ninth in the United States.

Steve Budishin is a new member in our midst. Steve attended for the first time and told us that he is very enthused about this group and has let his enthusiasm go so far as paying up on his Life Membership dues.

We are sorry to hear of the (Continued on page 4)

tured disk, which had undoubtedly been the source of all his trouble in the army.

Nice letter from Squirrel Russell who is married and has two girls. Says Steve Kovalick is married and living in Maryland but didn't give me Steve's address. Steve is another one I'd like to hear from but I can't reach him without an address.

Joe Suarez is driving a truck and hears from Elmer Hunt who is teaching in North Carolina. Another address I don't have. How about it, Joe?

Still more I haven't heard from who are on the mailing list—McCabe, Reed, Resko, Riley, Roth, Salerno, Siegle, Slavin, Smalling, Sorokata, Stike, Teets, Torres, Torrisi, Unglert, Wilday, Wolrich, Yednak and Zeke Zemenesik. How about it, boys?

Ben Smith's wife, Margie, sends in a nice long letter which mainly brags about what a good man Ben is. She says that although he lost his leg above the knee he does more on an artificial leg than an average three men. He is an accountant for Hycalog, Inc., a well-logging, corebarrel service and diamond bit company. I don't know what that is but it sounds like a lot of work. Margie is working for an advertising agency and they have three boys, Herb 14, Dennis 12, and Stuart 7.

Received Xmas cards but no news from Andrasi, Oliver Carter, Casella, Corcoran, Davids, Hartman, Lencowitz, Lewis, Meola, Morey, Nascenta, Myrtle Newman, Poole, Rhodes, Santorelli (unusual for him), J. J. Smith, Van Bramer and Vanni.

Had my last letter returned with no forwarding address from John Russo, Howard Ellis, Harry Cohen and Vernon Devall. If any of you know the addresses of these or any others I would appreciate it if you would send them on to me.

It would be wonderful to see any of you who should be out this way on vacation or otherwise but if you do come out, try to let me know ahead of time and not show up unexpectedly as did Johnny Capek. We were lucky that time that I happened to be in town as I could easily have been away all week.

So much for this time—keep the letters coming and especially from some of you who haven't written yet.

Mail Bag

A note from Paul Plunkett that is self explanatory:

Just returned from a 3-week sojourn out West. And better than one week of that was taken up attending sessions of the 90th International Typographical Union Convention, some session that extended until 7 P.M., which necessitated good behavior until it was all over. Then I left Colorado Springs and put in much time visiting many points of interest as well as all the VFW and Cootie Clubs in the neighborhood of Denver.

But this is what prompts me to write and make a suggestion: The first thing that greeted me upon entering the Antlers Hotel in Colorado Springs, was a huge banner reading "Welcome Ninth Division," with a great big Octofoil printed on the banner. Every drug store, bank or tavern I entered for the following week I observed the same signs. One evening when we got out of session a little early I visited the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce where I noticed the Division had a liaison officer stationed. I introduced myself to a young captain, "Capt. John W. Clare, Hq. 9th Inf. Div., Fort Carson, Colo." He then informed me one regiment and attached units of the 9th were stationed at Fort Carson. The remainder being slated to arrive the latter part of November. I learned it was due to this GI's activity the city was plastered with the banners welcoming the 9th Division back stateside. He advised me he had a breakfast date with Brig. Gen. W. W. Quinn, Assistant Division Commander, the following morning and invited me to join. I certainly would have liked to have accepted his kind invitation but the convention schedule made it impossible. I explained to him that for several years I was on the Board of Governors of the 9th Infantry Division Association and likewise was the first editor of the Association's paper, promising the captain that I would pass on to you the data I had picked up in Colorado and how the citizens were going all out to welcome the boys when they returned, believing you would give it a play in the next issue of the paper. I also advised him of the history we had printed. He was very much interested. I promised upon my return to Columbus I would send him a copy. He was very anxious to get it in order to familiarize the new 9th boys on the Division's background as well as to get data for the Colorado papers before all the boys get back. I have my personal copy and thought I would be able to locate an extra copy here upon my return but so far have been unsuccessful. I know that Charlie Tingey, when he was secretary-treasurer had quite a number of extra copies. I thought maybe some of those copies would be in your possession and you could send a copy immediately to Capt. Clare. If such is not the case please advise me at once and as badly as I hate to part with mine I'll send it out there because I think it will serve a worthwhile purpose. Because, unsolicitedly Capt. Clare advised as soon as he was given a bit more data he'd certainly try and get a chapter started. P.S. Your secretary took care of this item pronto.

Robert Klumpp of 72 Montanna Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. (47) sends us

this note along with a picture of a group of the lads from his home town. "I thought I'd drop you a line or two and let you know that we are still around. It's a pretty rough deal trying to get all the lads together but we are trying. A few weeks ago we had a little going away party for George Simon who decided that California would be a better place to sit on a bar stool and hang his hat other than Buffalo. Of course, since he is still single (the lucky boy?) we have a few comments but he has no commitments and so with a Post Office transfer for Pasadena he took off. To say the least we all hated to see him go, but we couldn't hold him. Enclosed you will find a photo taken at the get-together.



George Simon of 977 Northand Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. (39th Inf.) writes us a short note and tells us that DONALD McNAUGHTON is under the Doc's care at the Rosewell Memorial Hospital in Buffalo. Any of you lads from B Company of the 9th Medics please drop him a card, or better still you men from around the Buffalo area how about stopping in and say "Hello" to Don from all of us. . .

James R. Hardern, Jr. of 2nd Bn 39th is now located at Rt. 4 in Marshall, Texas. James would like to hear from his old buddies in Headquarters Co. or F Company 2nd Battalion of the 39th. Incidentally James is a new man in our group.

Harold W. Smith writes us and tells us that he now has a new assignment and he feels naked about not wearing his infantry insignia. Harold is located with Hq. AFPE/8A in Japan. Harold was recently appointed to the General Staff w/troops. Harold was with the 60th Infantry.

L. R. Dreifus (QM) of 3322 Greenmount Ave., Baltimore, Md. has the following comment to make regarding the new convention dates. . . "Just received the September issue of the Octofoil and reading through I find the resolution to hold the Reunions around July 4th. Did the person who proposed this realize that by taking a holiday on vacation that most of us lose a day? Furthermore the summer has just begun and it is a long time to another holiday. Practically the whole month of July and all of August before a break in the heat. As most of us in poorer class use our vacation around the Reunion time, by the 4th of July the weather up North has not had a chance to become warm. Consequently vacations up North are not acceptable. Having been informed of the association through a former friend, I missed the first reunion but have attended all the rest. Now, if it is to be held through a holiday period, I must drop out as I can't see losing a day on a long deserved vacation. Travelling over our busy highways is made much harder by a holiday, and in most cases prices go up for the vacationer. Has any of this been taken into consideration?" Editor's note: Le Roy has a valid suggestion, however this was passed on the floor of the business session and given over to the convention committee to decide. If there is any further comment regarding this date please contact this office and we will pass your suggestions on to the Convention Committee. . .

Clippings About The 9th Division

Our on the job reporter Sgt. Steve Budrick sends us the following News clippings about the return of the Ninth Division. Here are the results of his spottings:

Date line: September 15, 1956 . . .

Recruits Return To Carson

FORT CARSON, Colo. — Fort Carson's Trainee Processing Center was reopened recently to prepare for the resumption of basic

combat and advanced individual infantry training at Carson this month.

The center, now known as the 9th Inf. Div. TPC, was closed early last May when the 8th Inf. Div. TPC finished the task of processing 38,457 new soldiers since December, 1954.

Lt. Col. Eugene E. Miller, formerly 8th Div. adjutant general, heads the new TPC.

A total of 800 basic combat trainees are expected to arrive at Carson this week and begin their training Sept. 20. An additional 800 are to check into Carson the following week and begin their eight-week training cycle Sept. 27.

By the end of 1956, some 7500 soldiers will have been trained at Carson as the sprawling post resumes its training program after a six-month lapse.

Thereafter it is expected the trainee population will be approximately 10,000.

The 8th is currently switching places with the 9th, now stationed in Germany, under Operation Gyroscope.

A massive processing job confronts the 9th TPC.

Objectives of the center will be to receive all 9th Div. trainees, relieve the training units of most record-keeping and administration, and separate trainee administration from the normal type.

More Gyro Units Rear Forl Carson

FORT CARSON, Colo. — Operation Gyroscope, the Army's unit rotation plan, entered its second phase this week in the exchange of stations between the 8th and 9th Inf. Divs.

Setting off this second increment, the 56th FA Bn. and the 5th Inf. Regiment's 1st Bn. boarded troop trains at Carson in the first lap of the 6000-mile trip to the 8th's new station in southern Germany.

The units met about half of their personnel on leave when they arrived at Brooklyn Army Terminal this weekend.

By November, all troops of the 9th Div. will be moved from their stations in Germany and established at Carson, and the 8th's troops will be in Seventh Army in Germany.

So far, the 13th Inf. Regt., 43d FA Bn., headquarters and medical units of the 8th Div. Arty., 8th QM Co., 12th Engineer Bn., 41st Tank Bn., and 23d AAA Bn., have left Carson for new homes in Germany.

Seven ships are involved in the trans-Atlantic exchange.

Dateline: October 6, 1956 . . .

THE COMMANDING GENERAL of the 9th Inf Div Art'y was welcomed to Carson last week with a full-scale honor guard ceremony.

THE 60TH Inf. Regt. of the incoming 9 Inf. Div. recently mapped plans to adopt the entire state of Colorado under a unique public relations program called "Operation Get Acquainted." Previously the 9th's two other regiments, the 39th and 47th, adopted Colorado Springs and Canon City, Colo.

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HAVE YOU PAID
YOUR '56
DUES?

The Welcoming Committee



Front row: l to r: Frank Fazio, Max Umansky, Dom Miele, Gen. Craig, Vincent Guglielmino and Stan Cohen. Back row, l to r: Steve Bushin, Dan Quinn, Howard Boeh, and Jack Scully.

Western Pennsylvania Chapter

Bill Palady, chapter secretary, sends us some local news about the Western Pennsylvania Chapter.

On August 19th, the W. Pa. Chapter had a family picnic in South Park. The crowd was not a large one, but what it lacked in size it made in spirit and good cheer. The activities were held to emphasize good solid enjoyment such as eating and drinking, horse-shoe playing and a softball game that we would just like to mention in passing. A great many snapshots were taken but as usual only a few turned out good enough to send to the Octofoil. Pictorial thanks to Jay Dennison and to Paul Wolf our heartiest thanks for supplying the beer and the soda. The chapter would also like to mention that we hope many more of our members make it their business to attend our next family picnic, 'cause this is something that should not be missed.

We guess the proof is in the pudding because on September 19th the fellows decided to hold another shin-dig and the date is November 17th. Remember all you Western Pennsylvania area lads, November 17th. A committee of three consisting of Jay Denison, Adolph Dominick and Bill Palady has been appointed to investigate the area and they will report to the next meeting set for October 17th as to the place, the time, and other details.

The chapter wishes to thank the following men who paid their dues national: Charles Rimmey, of the Hall Pa., Robert F. Porter of Warren, Pa., Dominick Greco of Titonville, Ohio., Ronald E. Frank of Leeburg, Pa., John Gronsky, David A. Elway, Joseph C. Woznicki, George Long, John P. Friel, and Edward J. Colonello. Those men wishing to pay their dues to the local chapter direct are

39th 'Falcons' Arrive in N. Y. From Europe

BROOKLYN.—The famed 39th Inf. "Fighting Falcon" Regt. of the 9th Inf. Div., active in Wars I and II, returned to the United States this week after a successful tour of duty along the Iron Curtain in Germany.

It earned the nickname of "NATO's Best."

The military transport USNS Patch debarked members of the 1st Bn., 39th Inf. Regt. at Brooklyn Army Terminal.

Proudly displayed from the ship's rails were colorful banners with the inscriptions, "NATO's Best Goes West" and "Have No Fear, 'Always First' Is Here." "Always First" is the slogan of the 1st Bn.

The Patch, which sailed from Bremerhaven, is the first ship of four which will return the entire Regiment. She carried more than 1000 enlisted men and officers and their dependents, including members of the 26th FA Bn. (with Medic. Det.).

The regiment will be stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., as part of the 9th Inf. Div., which is being replaced in Germany by the 8th Inf. Div.

We would like to add that Steve has become one of the most active boosters of the Association. He has taken it upon himself to act as a committee of one to recruit new members in the Fort Devers area. All we can add to the membership forms we sent to Steve, is Good Luck.

invited to send them to Bill Palady of 322-31st Street, Mc Keesport, Pa.,

The Octofoil always carries pictures of the men folk and very rarely pays any heed to the women. Let's be honest men without the cooperation of the gals, we men could not attend these affairs. So hat's off to our little women.



Standing back row: Mrs. A. Dominick, Mrs. C. Mischler, Mrs. B. Palady, Mrs. E. Colonello and Mrs. M. Bish. Front row: Mrs. J. Dennison, Mrs. T. Pitzer, Mrs. J. Hamiscin and Mrs. H. Gault.

TAPS

In the latter part of September we received the following letter from a Mr. B. Sawyer, Executive Secretary of St. Andrews School in West Barrington, Rhode Island. "A copy of the 'Octofoil' addressed to Jenkins, G. St. Andrews School, West Barrington, Rhode Island was received at the school today.

"This to advise you that Mr. Jenkins died on August 13th."

For your information, Mr. Jenkins was Captain Jenkins, of G Company of the 47th Infantry.

A \$12.00 Donation

While at the New York Chapter dance we were handed a check for \$12.00 from Al Bruchac. This is a rather an unusual donation and with your permission we would like to give you the background of this particular donation. During the convention (this we remember) one night as we are roaming we call on the Bruchacs. Well, after socializing and the usual complaining, Al and Pat started discussing their bed. At this time, Doc Weinberg and Chick Hennen and Pat and Al decided to raffle off their bed since the Bruchacs were not satisfied. So, as each guest arrived he was greeted by Mrs. Weinberg and Mrs. Hennen and asked for a donation for a new bed. We, like every one else donated. Well, lo and behold—we now have a \$12.00 donation—on behalf of the Bruchacs bed. To all who wandered by, thank you, to all who are wondering what happened to their money—it's in our bank. They say most anything happens at a convention, they are right—it does.

New York Chapter

death of the father of John Marcogliese.

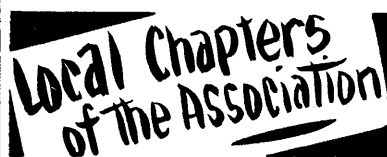
Say here is a live one: Herminio Suarez is now back in the music biz. Herminio has glued together his horn and is blowing his heart out with a Cuban orchestra called, "Oriental Cubana."

Dan Quinn and Frank Fazio getting things charged up in a big way. They both are doing their darndest to et things going for the Xmas party and they have plenty of good ideas lined up and working.

Oh well what is it—when you have money? Vince Iennucci, is really confused, don't know where to settle in N.Y., N.J. or Westchester. Seriously, anywhere you choose Vince you will be welcomed. Sorry, that's all for now. . . .

New England Chapter News

FATHER CONNORS makes the news again. Remember that famous No. 10 can that was used overseas in "Connors' Coffe Shop" for such diverse but practical purposes as washing dirty socks to making coffee? Many charter members of that coffee shop have often wondered what happened to that irresistible, fascinating can that was never empty—always had something in it. Well, now it can be told. Father Connors recently confessed he was forced to leave it at the Staging Area at Marseille, France, before returning to the States. If he had his life to live over, he added, that can would be in Worcester right now. (Editorial note: —and fumigating companies in Worcester would be



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112 East 18th St., N.Y. 3, N.Y.
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Meeting Time:
1st Frid. of each Month
Phila. Chapter
Ray Connolly
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Phila., Pa.
Meeting: 3d Monday every month
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Meeting — New Years Eve

New England Chapter
Sec. T. J. Boyle
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Meeting: Y.D. Club
200 Huntington Avenue
Boston, Mass.

Columbus Chapter
Sec: Glenn O. Moore
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Columbus Ohio

Illinois Chapter
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Second Friday of the month.

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Sec. William Palady
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McKeesport, Pa.

LAST CALL

FOR

'56 DUES!

News Notes of the 26 F. A.

by Joe McKenzie

SUNDAY, November 11, 1956
Ten o'clock in the morning
Immaculate Conception Church
47 Prescott Street
Worcester, Massachusetts
Chowder and Marching Club
meets at 12:30 p.m. in the main
dining room of the Hotel Bancroft.

SEND YOUR RESERVATION

out of business.)

GEORGE KOPAC, 619 Remaley ave, Springdale, Pa., was at the Chicago convention and asked greetings be returned to his friends in the N.E. Chapter, particularly George Bender, Si Garber, Sid Levison, and Fred D'Amore. Kopac said he'd be in Boston in '57 to deliver personal greetings.

'56 DUES PAID YET?

If you have not yet paid your 1956 dues, please send check or money order to Sec Tom Boyle, 39 Hall ave, Somerville, Mass. Remember, payment of your dues support your chapter and your association and makes possible publication of Sound-Off, Octofoil, and other activities.

TEN BIG MONTHS AHEAD FOR N.E. CHAPTER — JOIN THE TEAM

Ten big months are ahead for the N.E. Chapter — YOUR chapter. At the end of these 12 months is the 1957 annual reunion which will be sponsored by your N.E. chapter in Boston.

Considerable and detailed committee work is involved which will require the services of loyal and conscientious workers.

Now, more than ever, your support and attendance at chapter meetings is solicited.

Attend chapter meetings — become a leader — assume responsibility. By doing this, you will help guarantee the success of the 1957 12th annual national reunion at Boston, Mass.

Can we expect to see you at the next meeting to be announced at a later date?

TO REV. EDWARD T. CONNORS

How many times throughout the year do you think of the old gang from the 9th? How often do you think of those who have gone? How often do you send or receive a letter from someone with whom you served?

For the past twelve years Fr. Connors has kept alive much of the spirit we had in 1941 through 1945. Through his untiring efforts men of all faiths from all parts of the 9th meet once a year in Worcester to pay their respects to those who have gone. Your presence at this Memorial Mass will be an inspiring demonstration of that spirit. If you cannot be in Worcester on November 11th, then when you go to your own church, say a prayer for those who have gone.

Change your records to read: Richard M. Hill, Jr., 1619 South 14th St., Las Vegas, Nevada
Clement S. LeBlanc, 20 West St., Beverly Farms, Mass.

Joseph D. Mosier, Box 349, Aroma Park, Illinois

Warren G. Estep, Box 503, Route 4, Elizabethton, Tenn.

John E. Brazil, 5275 Red Windery Rd., Guperville, Calif.

Robert LaDez, Box 494, Ionia, Michigan

Ross V. Kepple, VA Hospital, Ward 7, West, Iowa City, Iowa.

Last summer Harold Wallace left the Lone Star State for a short vacation back in them thar hills where he found Travis Seymour. What a time those two had! Elbert Turner is still wearing the khaki in the U.S. Army. WHERE ARE MY PICTURES?

On August 25th, Joe Albanese married Madeline J. Emmons at St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Congratulations, Joe! They are living at 23 Nutt Lane, White River, Vt.

Bill Sacco has been on the sick list for six months. Ross Kepple is a very sick boy. A few words of encouragement would be greatly appreciated. Another ex-26'er at Fort Bragg has been found. He is Maj. Carlo Natalini.

9th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Stan Cohen, National Sec.-Treas.
Post Office Box 66
Livingston, New Jersey

Enclosed please find 1956 dues for:

Name Serial No.

Street Address

City Zone State

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

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member	\$4.00 per year ()
Sustaining Member	()
THREE YEAR MEMBER	\$10.00 ()
Life Membership	\$50.00 ()
Octofoil Auto License Disc	\$ 1.00 ()
Eight Stars to Victory	\$ 3.50 ()

(Pictorial History of 9th Div. in Action)

Ladies Auxiliary Member	\$1.50 ()
Decals	\$.25 apiece — 5 for \$1.00
Combat Route Map	\$.50
60th Infantry History	\$1.00

Please credit the following chapter:

Philadelphia ()	Illinois ()	EUCOM ()
Buffalo ()	Columbus ()	Greater N. Y. ()
Columbus ()	Western, Penn. ()	Wash., D.C. ()
New England ()	Northern Ohio ()	Detroit ()
Twin Cities ()		

Explanation of Dues:

Non-Chapter member all payment of dues to Nat'l.
Chapter Member: \$1.00 for chapter, \$3.00 to Nat'l.
Ladies Auxiliary \$5.00 to chapter, \$1.00 to Nat'l.
Three Year: \$3.00 to chapter, \$7.00 to Nat'l.
Life Member: \$12.50 to chapter, \$37.50 to Nat'l.
Sustaining Member: Chapter to receive 1/3 of amount over \$3.50, balance to National.