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Major General Smythe Retires

Sound Off

by VIC CAMPSI

Father Connors Accepts Convention Toastmaster Assignment

BOSTON, Mass. — Rev. Edward T. Connors will be the toastmaster for the 9th Infantry Division Association's 12th annual reunion to be held at Hotel Statler, Boston, on July 4, 5 and 6, it has been announced by John McLaughlin, chairman of the convention committee.

Father Connors, a decorated former 9th Div. chaplain in WW II and now the honorary chaplain of the Association, is the pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Worcester, Mass.

Overseas with the 9th from the sands of North Africa to the River Elbe in Germany, Father Connors gained the love, admiration, and respect of all he served and of all with whom he was associated.

The end of the war did not bring an end to the camaraderie nurtured by sacrifice and sweat, blood and tears, and the prayerful ministrations of his calling.

Every year since 1945, Father Connors has held a memorial mass in November at Worcester so that "this gang," the men of the 9th, may pray together, irrespective of religious differences, in commemoration of those who did not return.

And every year, 9th Div men and their families from all over the nation make the annual pilgrimage to Worcester where more than 500 convocate.

In grateful and humble recognition of his outstanding and unparalleled contributions to the continued success, morale, and spiritual welfare of the Association, Father Connors recently was bestowed twin honors by Major General William C. Westmoreland, president of the Association. He presented Father Connors with the Association's highest award and simultaneously announced he had been selected as the first honorary chaplain of the organization.

It is doubtful there is any man in the Association more popular, better loved, or more deserving of honors bestowed upon him.

The 9th Div Association is proud, indeed, to have among its members such a man as Father Connors. And the convention committee is honored, indeed, to have the acceptance of Father Connors as toastmaster for the Boston reunion next July.

Boston Ideal Convention City

As a convention city, Boston has everything. In addition to Father Connors, it numbers amongst its attributes and attractions a colorful history, superb entertainment, outstanding sports, and the exhilarating seashore, all within easy reach of Hotel Statler, the convention site.

Boston, easily reached by air, rail, or super-highways, is the world renowned center of education and medicine, the home of the world famed Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Boston Pops, and the Summertime Esplanade Concerts.

Boston is the home of baked beans, Fenway Park and the Boston Red Sox; the home of Freedom Trail and other historical sites without peer.

Come to Boston as a convention-tioneer and enjoy all this plus other attractions which include the July 4 cabaret night, July 5 dance, and July 6 memorial services, free bus tour, and evening banquet.

You'll like Boston and Boston will like you.

"DOC" SIMMONS BUYS FIRST TICKET: — Hats off to the purchaser of the first strip-ticket. Manuel B. Simmons, 249 State st, New Bedford, Mass., sent in \$12.00 and will get strip-ticket No. 1 which will entitle him to attend all convention festivities.

Others wishing to buy tickets in advance are requested to send check or money order (no cash) to reunion Sec-Treas Thomas J. Boyle, 39 Hall ave, Somerville, Mass.

JOHN P. RYAN REPORTS FOR CONVENTION DUTY: — From the reunion committee, thanks and a tip of the hat to John P. Ryan, president of the Bankers Credit Service, Inc., 19

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Major General George W. Smythe, (left), is being congratulated by Lt. Gen. Charles E. Hart, Commanding General 2d US Army

On February 26th, 1957, Retiring ceremonies were held at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland for Major General George W. Smythe.

General Smythe was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1924. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese attack on that installation and he was subsequently assigned to North Africa to take part in that campaign as commanding officer of the 47th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division. While under his command the 47th had a distinguished combat record.

The Regiment was the first to cut the Cherbourg peninsula from St. Sauveur to La Haye du Puits in June 1944. On December 17, 1944 the Regiment was moved to Monschau to plug and hold the northern shoulder in the Battle of the Bulge. In March the 47th moved to Remagen and was the first to cross the bridge and establish a spearhead on the other side of the Rhine.

General Smythe also served as Commander of the 3rd Infantry Division in Korea. He holds many combat decorations from the United States as well as from foreign countries.

While at West Point in 1922, he was selected as a member of Walter Camp's All-American football team.

Among the honored guests attending the ceremonies were: Lt. General Charles E. Hart, Commanding General 2nd U.S. Army and Mr. and Mrs. Hollington K. Tong, Mr. Tong is the Nationalist China Ambassador to the United States.

Major General Smythe was one of the three original founders of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. General Smythe was the first National President of the Division Association and the seventh President of the Association.

It's Here... Again Bigger Than Ever

Yes, the deal of deals is about to get underway. . . What is it. . . Why Its the 60th Inf. Regiment Fourth Rehasher. . . Get-To-Gether Reunion - Shindig — well, you name it and brother this is it. . .

How do you start to tell about a good time. We think you don't tell it, you say — Mac! If you don't show! (well we are not about to make you volunteer) Let us end it this way; before the evening is half over, you wonder why you didn't enlist for twenty-five years. Because time flies while you re-tell yester years memories.

The committee sent out a letter telling the lads that this is he fourth time you are given an opportunity to "REHASH ABOUT THE 60th INFANTRY from BRAGG TO DISCHARGE". . . They don't make much of a profit at these affairs because all the money is used up just having one heck of a ball. Gentlemen, this is the way to live it up. . .

Now for some details:

The date: May 4th, 1957

The time: 7:00 PM for cocktails after this. . . EATING

DRINKING
DANCING

All of this till 2:00 AM.

The Place: Chambers Restaurant (Queens Chambers of Commerce)

The price: \$6.50 per person (for the complete evening).

So, get your sitters and come out for a gay old time with your old friends. There are so many special arrangements to be made that he would appreciate receiving your checks by April 26th. You can secure your tickets by writing or calling:

Al Bruchac, 190-06 35th Ave., Flushing, N.Y. In 1-2712

Frank Surm, 195 Sixth Ave., Hicksville, N.Y. WE 5-0285

Harry Haberman, 1063 Robin Road, Franklin Square, New York LO 1-0307.

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

John Morris, 83 Duffy Avenue, Hicksville, N.Y. WE 5-3595.

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Extract from the certificate of incorporation of the Ninth Infantry Division Association: This Association is formed by the officers and men of the Ninth Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the division, to assist in promoting an ever lasting world peace exclusively by means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to members and former members of the Division.

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Help!

We are now in the 4th month of 1957. Our total paid-up membership to date is 825. In order to cover our initial expenses we need an additional 800 members. We ask those men who are receiving our Octofoil to check and see if they have paid their dues for 1957. If you have not, we ask you to please help us out. We ask for this assistance based on the following report.

This is our Statement of Income and Expenses for 1956

Income:

Dues from: Renewal members	\$3625	
New Members	214	
Total		\$3839.00

Sale of: Eight Stars to Victory	89.90	
Maps	19.50	
Car Tags	53.00	
Emblems	21.75	
Miscellaneous Income	34.60	
Income from Investments	1140.72	1359.47
Total Income		5198.87

Expenses: General and Administrative:

Net deficit before depreciation:	2164.47
Depreciation	230.52
Net Deficit for the period:	\$2394.99

Gentlemen: Here it is, we lost \$2400 last year and this is not hay. . . We must hold our heads above water and the only way that this can be accomplished is to have our membership cooperate with us.

Very honestly at the rate we are going we will be out of business in about 10 years. We are sure that many of our supporters do not wish this to happen. We are trying to make every effort to stave this retreat as long as we can. Last year we had 1199 members. That is why we suffered such a loss. The book is open, the dye is set, only our membership can bring us back. . .

We therefore remind our membership who have not paid their dues. . . Help us, pay your dues. . . We need at least another 800 men to keep us in the black.

Souped Up

In restaurants where soup is sold, From Maine to Alabammy, Clam chowder's very often cold, But very seldom clammy.
— Richard Armour

That's a Fact

Don't marry a girl because she looks sensible, because a sensible girl has more sense than to look sensible.
— F. G. Kernan

Sound Off

Deerfield st, Boston. John offers his free services in interests of successful convention and "in spirit of comradeship initiated during war." A former 60th Inf Captain, John's spirit is symbolic of the camaraderie that will always keep the Association alive and cohesive.

DEL PROVOST PHONES FROM CONN: — Calling from long distance recently was Adelard "Del" Provost, operator of the Dragon Hotel, PO Box 138, Moosup, Conn. Del asked reunion Sec-Treas Tom Boyle if he could bring two friends along to the convention. The answer, of course, is "Yes." The convention is NOT RESTRICTED to members of the 9th. Del also inquired about the whereabouts of Irving Feinberg. Anyone having his address is requested to drop Del a line or phone him at Logan (Conn.) 4-8047.

FREE CIGARS DEPT. — It's a quartet now for Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill, 511 Essex st, Weymouth, Mass. Hill's latest tax deduction was born February 15 and weighed in at 8 pounds 5 ounces. He was named David Earl and balances Hill's growing family at 2 boys and 2 girls. Hill's outfit was B Co, 15th Engineers.

MAILING LIST GROWING: — Karl G. Malmstrom, 82 Chapel st, Holden, Mass., has asked the New England Chapter, 9th Inf Div Assoc, to include him in their mailing list. No sooner said than done, Karl.

PAYS DUES THRU N.E. CHAPTER AND GET SOUND-OFF REGULARLY: — Readers are reminded that the regular mailing list for Sound Off is restricted to two categories: those who pay their dues thru the N.E. Chapter, and those who pay directly to national hq but designate membership credit to the N.E. Chapter. Circulation of Sound Off temporarily has been increased, but will revert to the regular mailing list after the Boston convention. Remember, if you wish to continue receiving this publication, pay your dues. And you'll get on Sound Off's regular mailing list months faster if you send your \$4.00 dues directly to Sec Thomas J. Boyle, N.E. Chapter, 9th Inf Div Assoc, 399 Hall ave, Somerville, Mass.

MAIL CALL: — And speaking of dues, latest mail shows more returns coming in. Included are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Howe, Sr., PO Box 305, Palmer, Mass. In addition to paying his '57 dues, Kenneth sends in \$1.50 for his charming wife's membership in Ladies Auxiliary, and 25¢ for the auto decal recently sent out by national hq.

More dues returns from William F. Leany, 143 Norwood terrace, Holyoke, Mass., formerly 60th Inf; Walter P. Swenson, 17 Porter st, Everett 49, Mass., Serv Btry, 26th FA; Robert Joy, 1526 Hone ave, Bronx 61, N.Y., and Walter A. Paster, 4 Bay st, Dorchester 25, Mass., 3rd Bn, 39th Inf.

Also Sylvan Rose, 125 State rd, North Dartmouth, Mass., formerly of Inf and Ord.; Frank P. Baker, 359 Locust st, Swansea, Mass., 84th FA Bn; Francis T. Torino, 295 Columbus ave, New Haven, Conn., Co K, 39th Inf; Frank Lovell, 81 Bennett st, Brighton 35, Mass., 60th FA Bn, and Ed McGrath, 37 Jefferson pk, Cambridge, Mass., Co B, 15th Engrs.

GEORGE A. MORGAN NEEDS DISABILITY AFFIDAVITS: — An appeal for assistance has been received from George A. Morgan, 2653 4th st, Santa Monica, California. A former member of Co A, 47th Inf, Morgan needs affidavits from former buddies at-

testing to back injury sustained in combat to substantiate disability claim filed with VA. Morgan would appreciate affidavits from any former A Co man having knowledge of his injury, and particularly from Marty Roach, Capt Taber, Sgt Ballard, Bill Larson, and Bill Myers. Morgan wrote to convention chairman John McLaughlin thinking he was the same McLaughlin he knew overseas, but it was a case of mistaken identity. It is hoped readers in a position to help Morgan will do so.

BUDRICK FINDS WHITNEY: — Sgt Steven Budrick, the N.E. Chapter's official mascot and regular army correspondent, has located another prospect for Association membership. He is Harry P. Whitney, 22 Groton & Harvard rd, Ayer, Mass. Whitney is a former 1st Lt of the 34th FA Bn.

BE A BOOSTER — SEND A BUCK: — Members are reminded that the convention committee is continuing the practice of accepting convention boosters at \$1.00 per name. This income will help defray convention expenses. All contributors will have their names printed in special booster pages of convention program. Send all booster donations to Sec-Treas Thomas J. Boyle, 39 Hall ave, Somerville, Mass. (Phone Monument 6-1275).

GEN. SMYTHE RETIRES: — Recently retired from the Army after 32 years of illustrious service was Major General George W. Smythe, past president of the 9th Inf Div Assoc. A wartime commander of the 47th Inf in North Africa, Gen. Smythe was graduated in 1924 from West Point where he was a football star and a member of Walter Camp's All American dream team.

GARBER, D'AMORE, LEVISON, & BENDER CELEBRATE 16TH ANNIVERSARY: — Recent-

ly celebrating the 16th anniversary of their induction into the Army were Si Garber, Fred D'Amore, Sid Levison, and George Bender. The quartet donned khakis together, doffed khakis together, and celebrated the anniversary together.

NEXT MEETING SATURDAY, APRIL 13, AT HOTEL STATLER: — Next meeting of New England Chapter, 9th Inf Div Assoc, and the 12th annual reunion committee scheduled for 8 pm, Saturday, April 13, at Hotel Statler, Boston. All 9th Divisioners cordially invited.

9TH DIVISION WORLD WAR II COMBAT RECORD: — Did you know that in WW II, two-thirds of U.S. casualties were suffered by Infantry and that Infantry comprised only one-third of U.S. Forces overseas?

That the 9th Division suffered 22,292 casualties in 8 campaigns including Algeria-French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe?

That 750 were reported missing, 16,961 wounded, and 4,581 killed?

That 9th Division men received 4 Medals of Honor, 66 Distinguished Service Crosses, 17 Legion of Merit awards, 1 Distinguished Flying Cross, 1855 Silver Stars, 6047 Bronze Stars, and 126 Air Medals?

That the 9th Division captured approximately 130,000 enemy personnel?

Little wonder that Association members are so proud of their Division. And contrary to the General who made a name for himself in the Pacific theatre, these old soldiers will neither die nor fade away. Their memory and deeds will live forever. This is immortality!

THOUGHTS FOR A 9TH DIVISIONER: — Support your chapter. Perpetuate your Association. Continue your contacts with wartime buddies. Remember the men who didn't come back. PAY YOUR DUES — TODAY!

26 Field Artillery News

by Joe McKenzie

Spring Time Gossip

I am sorry to have let you down. In the past a letter such as this was on its way to you very early in the year. Now with the winter season over and the trees about ready to bloom, I am writing to you about all of the nice cards I received last Christmas from that great gang from Service Battery 26 FA.

Harold Huber, Paul Griffin, Joseph Mosier and Bernal Lareau have all added one more name to their Christmas cards. Congratulations boys. May these new youngsters bring many years of happiness to you.

The past year was a very hard one for Joe Mosier. He lost considerable time from work due to an injury received in the job. Then he was transferred to Harvey, Ill., where he lives at 13407 Loomis St. Shortly after Christmas his father-in-law and sister-in-law both became sick and both died within twenty days of each other. Our sincere sympathies are extended to you Joe.

New Addresses

Richard M. Hill, 2215 Wishon, Fresno, Calif., and William C. Andrews, 2032 Leonard NE, Grand Rapids, Mich., had these new addresses on their Christmas Cards.

Christmas Cheers

Other Christmas cards were received from Bob Hamilton, Pergi, Blitz, Paul Fribush, Bill Bongiorno, Bob LaDez, George Wilkinson, Peter Greco, Jim Lapsley, Harold Wallace, Joe Albanese, Louie England, John Quinn, Lew

Orticari, Everett Grigsby, Charlie Zablow, Frenchy LeBlanc, Raymond Weaver, Capt. Bob Porter, Frank Grutzius, John Murray, Earl Landon, Warren Estep, Jerry Langer, Elmer Roscoe, Harry Fry, Jim Boyle, Punchy Wilcopolski, Arnold Leach and Carl Lucas.

Ted Schmidt and Chesley Mischler of Hdqtrs 26FA whom I met at conventions also sent very nice Christmas greetings.

Kepple Now in Iowa

About one year ago I received a very unpleasant letter from Ross Kepple. In this letter he told me that he had become a victim of tuberculosis and would have an indefinite stay in the hospital. From a state hospital in Illinois to a VA Hospital in Iowa where he was to be for some time. Shortly after Christmas I received a letter from Ross from Brimson, Missouri where he is living with a sister Mrs. Luella Carty. I would guess that doctors decided that wide open spaces would be good for his health so he was released.

Convention Notice

The Boston Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association is busy making plans for the convention to be held in Boston during the Fourth of July weekend. If you would like to see some long lost buddy and do not know his address do not wait until you get to Boston to look him up. Write to me, or Tom Boyle, 38 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass. or John McLaughlin, 6 Goodrich Rd., Jamaica Plains, Mass. and we will do our best to make the contact.

See Your Buddy in Boston

Mail Bag

47th Infantry:

Hubert Lawrence, has recently moved out of the city to the wide open spaces and is now located on Route No. 1, Ector, Texas. . . Just for the record we were informed that Hubert is now raising white faced cattle.

Company C:

Daniel J. Doule of 1921 Brouse Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., tells us that he hopes to make the Boston Convention. Incidentally, 1921 Brouse Ave. is a new address, so take notice you C Company lads . . . Dan would appreciate hearing from some of his old friends.

60th Infantry:

Anti-Tank Co: Edward Thayer of So. Windham, Maine tells us that he is looking forward to the 1957 Boston Convention. Ed has never made a convention. Ed wants to alert some of his old friends to plan on attending the Boston convention because he expects to have a good time and wants company. Can he count on some of the old A.T. men showing? . . .

9th Signal:

H. Temple Stafford of S. Del. Street, Smyrna, Delaware, mentions in his letter that his wife and he took a trip up to Franklinville, N.Y. (near Buffalo) last week and spent a few days with Lester Clark and his wife Gloria. Clarksie is a fellow 9th Signalman. Said Stafford, "We had a wonderful visit with them. Lester, for the record, is a member of the Association and was down in Delaware during our last 9th Signal reunion."

39th Infantry:

B Company Men Attention: His honor, THE HAWK tells us that another B Company reunion is about to take place. So make note of the date, it will be June 14th, 15th, and 16th in the V.F.W. Home in Fairport, N.Y. This will be the 6th Annual reunion of the men of B. Company. . . If you want any further information, please contact Al (The Hawk) Di Risio, 13 N. Main Street, Fairport, N.Y.

Grooms Herron of South Side Court Square, Dresden, Tennessee informs us that from July 1944 to September 4, 1944 he was in a squad with Philip Hurlock of Box 68, 104 Linden Ave., Hampton, Virginia; Carl D. Smith of Nashville, Arkansas, Tex Harden and James Leather. We were able to secure two out of four names. Can some of our members help out with Harden and Leather's addresses? Grooms tell us; "I have seen all of the above boys since my return to the states and that at one time I had all of their addresses. However in 1951, I entered Law School and going to school together with holding down my regular job kept me very busy and I have lost contact with all of the above boys. I still live in Dresden, Tennessee, where I am now practicing law on the South Side Court Square, and receive Christmas cards from most of them. However, they do not give their addresses when sending said cards. I would therefore appreciate whatever help that can be forwarded regarding getting

my former buddies addresses.

D Company:

Dick Tees, of Cape May, N.J., drops us a note saying: "Just a line to let you all know that dear old Cape May is still near and only three hours and 45 minutes on the Garden State Parkway from N.Y.C. Pat Higgins and his wife George Stegner and his family all came down here last summer. They went home, we are proud to say happy and contented. You see we stuffed them all full of fish, claims and shrimps. I am enclosing a recent newspaper story concerning one of our former members of the 9th Division.

"E Company's Harry Collins died on February 24th at the Veteran's Hospital in East Orange, N. J."

Harry J. Collins, 38, formerly of West Cape May, who resided in Washington, N. J., died Feb. 24 at the Veterans' Hospital in East Orange.

Services were held in Hampton, N. J. Interment was in Musconetcong Valley Cemetery, Hampton.

He is survived by his wife, the former Harriet Winter, of Hampton; his father, John E. Collins, West Cape May; a sister, Pearl Collins, West Cape May; another sister, Mary Collins, St. Petersburg, Fla., and a brother, William, Bridgeton.

A veteran of World War II, he was a member of the Harry Snyder Post No. 193, American Legion, Cape May. He had also been a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit No. 35 during the war.

Melvin A. Kaczmarek, 819 S. Luzerne Ave., Baltimore 24, Maryland we are sorry to inform our readers passed away to the great beyond.

A Company:

Major Ralph G. Edgar of Box 33, Fort Meade, Maryland spent a long time away from his old friends. For example here is what Major Edgar says: "Although I am about twelve years late, my application for membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association is enclosed. I have in front of me this time a copy of the April and May, 1952 issue of the Octofoil which you forwarded to me at the request of Captain Charles Scheffel. In June, 1955, I submitted my enrollment application to the Washington office with no forwarding address. At my request Lt. Jack L. Bivins recently furnished me your current address, so please accept my apologies and sign me up.

Yesterday was my birthday, (March 24th) and I can vividly recall that on that date twelve years ago, I probably received the most satisfying birthday present any one could ever receive. Col. Thompson, C. O. 1st Battalion, informed me that I was going home on R & R. Major Edgar asked about the address of William Thomas, for the benefit of our readers, it is, Wm. S. Thomas, c/o J. P. Heming, 22 Park Road, Short Hills, N. J., Major Edgar would like to hear from some A Company boys.

F Company: 47th Inf.

George H. King of 44 Park St.,

Phelps, N.Y. writes us an interesting letter and enclosed dues for Edward Byrnes of 5 Oakridge Road, Bloomfield, N.J. with the following comment. "Ed is a former F Company man and would make a darn good member for the association. I find that by signing a buddy up for a year does more good than a million letters — that I know I wouldn't write" . . .

Service Company: 60th Inf.

Fred Golub of Monsey, N.Y. informs us that between his regular job and weekend jobs he is so busy he just hasn't got time to do anything else. We were sorry to learn of the death of Freddie's Father. Our deepest sympathies Fred on your loss. . .

746th Tank Battalion:

Adam Dziergowski of 28 Russell Street, Brooklyn 22, N.Y. tells us that he recently learned of our existence and wants to re-up in the association. Adam joined the association in 1945, but unfortunately we never had a street address for Adam, but now we are all squared away and we are glad to say, "Welcome aboard."

84th Field Artillery

M. E. Griffins of 400 South Adams Street, Mt. Pleasant St., Iowa tells us that the above is his new address. He would like to have his old buddies change their Christmas lists accordingly.

9th Division M.P.

From the Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri we received the following: Reverend Gerald Francis Roman, formerly of the Ninth Division M.P.'s was ordained a priest in Saint Louis, Missouri on the sixth of April, 1957. He said his first Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church, Chicago, Illinois on Sunday, the seventh of April. He joined the division in Winchester, England in December of 1943 and he remained with them until the end of World War I. He won the bronze star for superior duty at the Remagen bridge and the purple heart. We would like to quote from a card received at this office: "Every Priest is taken from among men. . . And Ordained for men in the things that pertain to God." We are sure that all of Reverend Rowan's old friends wish him all the success and happiness in his new chosen field. . .

47th Infantry:

From Brigadier General Edwin H. Randle of 503 Althea Road, Belleair Clearwater, Fla., "Dear General Westmoreland, I'll be there, at the Boston reunion. Mrs. Randle and I have taken a house for the summer at Rockport, Mass., and it'll be no trick to run in to Boston. Had planned my summer partly with that in view, not having been able to attend a reunion since the one at Columbus in 1947" . . .

New Members:

15th Engineers:

Jack Abbott, 891 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

B Co. 47th Inf.

Dan Forte, 50 Meacham Street, Belleville, N.J.

Unit Unknown:

Ralph Sainsbury, Box 405, Hebron, Ohio. . .

Gentlemen: We are glad to have you with us.

Philadelphia Chapter News

Jerry Northman, the new scribe for the Philly Chapter sends us this news of the Philly Chapter. This is the way the boys of the City of Brotherly love contact their members:

It looks as if the letter written last month by our Secretary, Ray Connolly, was taken to heart by more than just a few. Although we didn't need the riot squad to control the crowds, the turnout for our last meeting was most gratifying.

As you probably know, (or maybe you don't), our officers are elected for a term of two years. The end of 1956 concluded such a period for our last group of officers. Therefore, our main accomplishment at the last meeting were the elections for the years 1957 and 1958. Here are the results:

President: Bob Colflesh
481 Barker Road
Springfield, (Del. Co.), Pa.
Kingswood 3-9082
Vice-President: Al Cupreys
1124 W. Kings Highway
Mt. Ephraim, N.J.
Yellowstone 1-0192
Secretary and Treasurer:
Jerry A. Northman
1339 E. Weaver Street
Philadelphia 50, Pa.
Livingstone 8-2087

If you wish any information about anything connected with our organization, contact any one of the above; if we don't know the answer, we'll surely get it for you.

A new year brings new officers and — ah yes! you guessed it — the privilege (?) of paying dues. Those of you who attended the last meeting will find their membership card enclosed. As for all the rest, and that includes those who sort of "forgot" for the last year or two, the fee is a picture of Abe Lincoln, a fin, or just plain five bucks. In case you are not familiar with the breakdown of this amount, it is as follows: Four

Letter of Inquiry:

Frank W. Reese of 935 E. Philadelphia Ave., Youngstown, Ohio. Frank recently wrote to us asking about joining the association. Frank for the records was discharged on August 31, 1945, from the Fletcher General Hospital, Cambridge, Ohio.

News About Some of Our Members

Did you know that! Major General John Van Houten was the U.S. Army representative who planned Armed Services participation for President Eisenhower's Inaugural Parade. . .

Lindsey Nelson won the "LOOK AWARD" for the best Sports Announcer for 1956. . .

15th Engineers

Art Schmidt the B Company correspondent informs the readers of the Octofoil of the following news items: John "The Gunner" Gee is going to be a Daddy soon. His wife is expecting about August. John for the record is the father of a fine boy who is 4½ years old. John is now working for the Sperry Company in Nassau County, Long Island, New York. John is now living at 260-41 Langston Ave., Glen Oakes, New York.

dollars goes to National of which our local chapter gets a dollar "kick-back". The other dollar is strictly our own chapter dues and it shouldn't take much explaining how this piddling amount is spread over the entire year. So, regardless when you last paid your dues, a check for \$5.00 made out to either Jerry A. Northman or the Ninth Division Association will put you in the good graces of our Philadelphia Chapter the National Association for the year to come. Of course, you will also receive your Octofoil regularly during this time.

It is an old, and very trite saying, that an organization is no better than its members. But no matter which way you look at it, it is the simple basic truth. Our organization is handicapped by the fact that its eligibility is limited and our potential membership can never increase. Therefore, our only hope for continued existence is to keep the members we have, and to bring those back into the fold who have gone astray. We now meet eight times per year. Our meetings are not business sessions in the sense, although we do have to discuss, agree and vote on our problems and policies, but nice casual get-togethers. Small banquets, dinners and picnics over the past few years have brought a change of pace to this routine. While we're on this subject, come to our next meeting.

As usual, the beer will be on the house, and we'll have some movies to show. Be on time, because we all have to work the next day too. If you can't make it this time send your check as a stand-in.

Fraternally yours,
Jerry A. Northman
Secretary

New York Chapter News

After much debate and hassle, the New York Chapter reached a decision regarding their Fall Dance. The committee consisting of Irv Feinberg and Stan Cohen reported on the availabilities for a Fall Dance. A list of 10 hotels were presented for review. After considering all angles the membership decided to accept the bid of the Hotel Victoria.

The Hotel Victoria is located on 7th Avenue and 51st Street. The dance will be held on October 26th. This is a Saturday night, so make your plans accordingly. The New York Chapter wishes to alert its membership at this early date, so they can set up their social calendar well in advance.

The balance of the evening was devoted to a world series film between the Dodgers and the New York Giants.

The advance social activities being planned by the Chapter is well along. They are as follows: A repeat of the successful picnic to be held on June 9, 1956, and other activities to be announced. Congratulations to Dan and Marie Quinn and their new addition.

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310th Logistical Unit Honors General Westmoreland

General Westmoreland garnered another award in March. He was named "Man of the Month" by the 310th Logistical Command of Alexandria, Va. Here's the story:

The winning of an award and the meeting of an old buddy from the Ninth was the setting at which Maj. Gen. William C. Westmoreland, Association President, chose to laud Major Frederick Sorrell, former Communications Officer of the 34th Field Artillery.

service as commander of the 34th Field Artillery Battalion from April 1942 to March 1944; the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit for service as chief of staff of the Ninth Infantry Division from October 1944 to May 1945; the Bronze Star Medal and the Air Medal for service with the Ninth Infantry Division. The French Government awarded him the Legion of Honor for his service with the Ninth Infantry

promoted to first lieutenant June 12, 1939 and to captain September 9, 1940.

C.O. of 34th F.A.

The Association President assumed command of the 34th in April 1942 as a major. He had been promoted February 1, 1942. The following December he moved with it to Morocco, North Africa, commanded it in combat in Tunisia and Sicily and then moved with it to England. He commanded it overseas as a lieutenant-colonel, having been promoted September 25, 1942. In March 1944, he was named executive officer of the Ninth Infantry Division Artillery, served in combat in France, Belgium and Germany. In October 1944, three months after becoming a full Colonel, became Chief of Staff, serving in that capacity in continuous combat from the German border to the Elbe River. He then assumed command of the 60th; joined the 71st Infantry Division in 1946 and took over command there.

Air Borne

Back home with two theaters in one war under his belt, the athletic West Pointer took parachute and airborne training at the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Ga., and received his parachute and glider badges. He then assumed command of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment at Ft. Bragg, and in August 1947, became Chief of Staff of the 82nd Airborne Division, serving in that capacity for the next three years.

He was named an instructor at the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1950 and later that year was designated an instructor at the Army War College at Leavenworth. He continued to serve as instructor after the Army War College moved to Carlisle Barracks, Pa., until 1952.

Korea

On August 1, 1952, he assumed command of the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team in Korea. While under his command the unit was twice committed to combat and during the interim was deployed in Japan. In August 1953, he was awarded the Master Parachute Badge.

Current Duties

In his present post as Secretary to the Army General Staff, he tackles his job with characteristic zeal, looking on each day as one in which much must be accomplished. Much is accomplished, his colleagues state. After the war, the Army was cut down and officers reverted to lower rank. In 1947 he reverted to Lt. Col., but was promoted to colonel General November 7, 1952.

"In addition to his other duties," General Westmoreland joined the Pentagon Army officers club and athletic association. He is now president of the athletic association and manages to crowd at least an hour's strenuous play in daily. He holds to his tradition and that of the Ninth on the athletic field — he can't be beat.

Family

The General and his wife, Mrs.

Katherine Van Deusen Westmoreland, have two daughters, Katherine and Margaret and one son, James Ripley.

Re: Association

The General is most anxious to have as many members who can travel and sit upright attend the Ninth Infantry Division Association convention in Boston over the July 4 weekend, July 4, 5, 6.

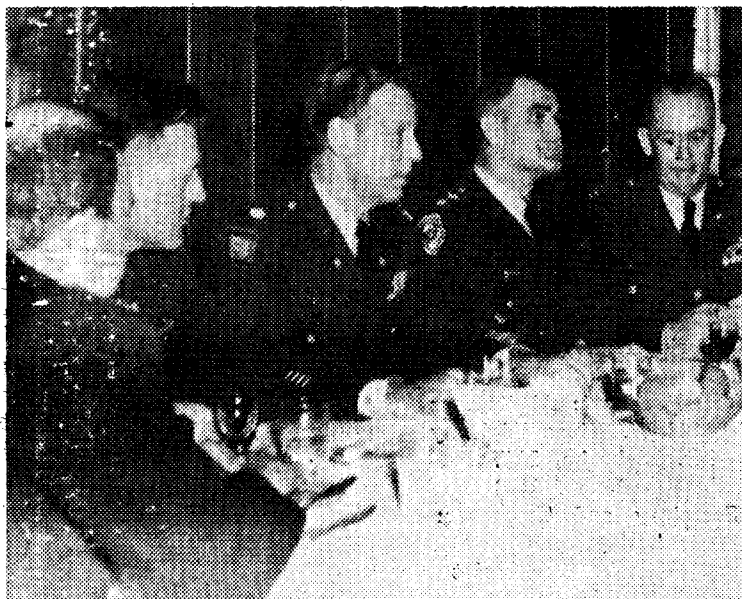
He stated: "The campaign theme for this bivouac is 'See your buddies in Boston.' The bivouac will be set up in the Statler Hotel. . . John McLaughlin and his committee of the Boston Chapter have already begun to work out the details of the program. It is hoped that there will be a record attendance. I am confident that this will be the case if all of us make positive efforts to get the word around and to encourage veterans of the Division — members of the Association and others — to start making plans to attend this affair and 'See your buddies in Boston.'

Chain Letter Campaign

"The thought occurs to me that an effective way of building up interest in the reunion and spreading the word as a favor to fellow Division veterans, would be the initiation of chain letters to our Ninth Division friends who perhaps do not receive the Octofoil. I, for one, am planning on writing Ninth Division veteran in each of the major units of the Division to urge them to plan on attending themselves, and, in addition, to write a minimum of three letters to wartime buddies encouraging them to do likewise. A rough mathematical calculation reveals that if as few as 100 readers. . . could write a minimum of three letters to men who may not be planning to attend the convention and encourage them to also write letters, no less than 12,000 veterans of the Division would be encouraged to 'See your buddies in Boston.'

"How about joining this Division effort and helping to spread word. The objective of the 12th reunion is a record turnout.

"See you in Boston."



General Westmoreland; Major Frederick Sorrell, (left) and General Roberts (right).

Major Sorrell, now Communications Officer of the 310th Logistical Command of Alexandria, Va., won promotions and additional responsibilities while he served under General Westmoreland in the 34th.

"Man of the Month"

The occasion was the award to General Westmoreland of the 310th Logistical Command's "Man of the Month" award, which had previously been won by the Assistant Secretary of the Army. With characteristic selflessness, the General, in speaking briefly to the 310th "off the record," paid glowing tribute to Major Sorrell. He pointed out how the Major had performed so well under difficult conditions, and continually referred to Major Sorrell as "Red." The General noted, "Red never failed me."

General Westmoreland was presented with a swagger stick by Brigadier General Roberts, commanding general of the 310th. General Westmoreland later presided at presentation of awards for efficiency for enlisted men of the 310th and military accomplishment honors for the unit.

Military History, Record

General Westmoreland holds the distinction of having fought in three theaters of operation: North Africa, Sicily; Europe and Korea.

At present he is Secretary of the Army General Staff, Washington, D.C., a post he has held since July 1955. He was promoted to major general December 1, 1956. In November 1953, he became Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, GI, for Manpower Control at Army Headquarters, Washington. In 1954, he attended the Advance Management Program of Harvard Business School, Boston.

Decorations

During World War II he was awarded the Legion of Merit for

Division in France. In October 1953, he was awarded a second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit for his accomplishments in Korea and Japan while commanding the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team.

His unit, the 34th Field Artillery Battalion, was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for action in Thala, Tunisia in February 1943. The 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team was awarded during his period of command, the Republic of Korea Unit Citation.

Other Commands

The Association President held other combat command posts. He was in command of the 60th Infantry Regiment of the Ninth and, as a Colonel, commanded the 71st Infantry Division when it returned to the United States after World War II.

General Westmoreland seemed to be slated for high posts since he first entered school. He was a star pupil and athlete at Spartanburg, South Carolina and then entered the Citadel, Charleston, S. C. for a year before entering the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He graduated with the Class of 1936 as Cadet First Captain and Regimental Commander, the highest honor awarded a cadet.

A New Lieutenant

As a brand-new shavetail in Field Artillery, he was a battery officer with the 18th Field Artillery at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. In 1939 he joined the Eighth Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. There he served as a battery officer, battalion staff officer and battery commander. In May 1941, he was assigned to the Ninth Infantry Division at Ft. Bragg, N.C., as operations officer of the 34th Field Artillery Battalion (155mm Howitzer). He was then a captain. He had been

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From a reportorial viewpoint, we may add that we have had the pleasure of being a participant for three consecutive years. We may add, that one is entitled to three hash marks extending all the way up the arm. This is truly a real blow. . . If it's fun you want, if it's entertainment you desire, if it's just a real old fashion hay down. . . Gentlemen, This is the place to let your hair down (If you still have any left).

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