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Boston Is Ready — Are You?

General Craig Main Speaker - Reunion Plans Completed

by Vic Campisi

General (Ret.) Louis A. Craig, former wartime commander of the 9th Infantry Division, will be the main speaker at the 12th Annual Reunion of the 9th Inf. Div. Association scheduled for July 4, 5 and 6, at the Hotel Statler, in Boston, Mass.

The New England Chapter, with headquarters at 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass., is the host unit.

The acceptance by Gen. Craig nails down the final convention detail, it was announced by convention chairman John H. McLaughlin of Jamaica Plain, Mass.

"Everything now is in readiness for the men of the 9th," McLaughlin said. "No effort has been spared to make this the smoothest and most successful convention in the 12-year history of the Association."

McLaughlin lavished praise upon the heads and members of subcommittees appointed by him. Their untiring efforts and sincere support facilitated and expedited the successful completion of reunion plans, he said.

Bring Your Buddies To Boston

At the same time, in a final appeal to 9th Divisioners before the reunion takes place, McLaughlin asked that every 9th Divisioner coming to the convention "bring a buddy."

Those who have attended reunions before need little urging to come again, he said.

"Once a 9th Divisioner attends a convention, he will attend every succeeding year because he doesn't want to miss the grandest time of his life," McLaughlin explained. "The opportunity to re-live those important and unforgettable years of our lives, meeting long lost buddies, talking over old times, fighting the war again, re-discovering the camaraderie that made the 9th a topnotch outfit—these are but several of the stellar attractions and reasons compelling attendance."

McLaughlin urged an all-out campaign to insure maximum attendance. Telephone your buddies, he said, write them, buttonhole them on the streets—use every means at your disposal to spread the word and persuade them to come to the 12th annual reunion.

Wives, Children, Will Enjoy A 3-Day Holiday

Noting that each succeeding year finds more and more 9th Divisioners bringing members of the family along, McLaughlin added, "Don't forget the womenfolk and children. Attending the July reunion at Boston is a wonderful



GENERAL CRAIG

way to enjoy the annual convention and a stimulating family vacation, both at the same time."

Elsewhere on these pages will be found a description of some of the attractions of Boston which, in the parlance of the rock and roller, is the "greatest" as a convention city.

Also following is a detailed description of the convention program and activities, prices, and other information calculated to help you plan and enjoy a pleasant stay in Beantown, U.S.A. . . .

But right now, let's take a closer look at the man gracious enough to accept the invitation as main speaker — Gen. Louis A. Craig.

Gen. Craig Has Brilliant War Record With 9th Div.

A 1913 graduate of West Point, Gen. Craig was retired in 1952

after 39 years of distinguished and uninterrupted military service. At the time of his retirement, he had served in the Pentagon for 4 years as Inspector General of the Army.

Gen. Craig assumed command of the 9th Inf Div in August 1944, shortly after the murderous fighting in the French hedgerows. Under his command, the 9th moved across France, in the face of stiff Nazi resistance, and cracked the German border. Then followed the forcing of the Meuse river at Dinant, the stabilization in and near bloody Huertgen Forest, followed by a drive from Langerwehe to the Roer river near Duren. In late December 1944, the 9th formed the left shoulder of the Bulge near Monschau and later participated in the capture of the Roehr Dams. The hard-fought drive to the Rhine near Bonn, the

electrifying crossing of the Ludendorff Bridge at Remagen, the crippling action against the enemy in the Ruhr pocket and the Hartz Mountains, coupled with the union with the Russians east of the Mulde river. Finally, unconditional surrender by the Krauts—all this happened under the command of that great soldier and 9th Divisioner, Gen. Louis A. Craig.

Gen. Craig and Father Connors Twin Attraction

Gen. Craig as main speaker and Reverend Edward T. Connors as toastmaster gives the reunion banquet a one-two punch and popular appeal without parallel in Association history.

Father Connors, a beloved and highly decorated former 9th Div chaplain in WW II and now the honorary chaplain of the Association, adds to his lustre every year by celebrating an annual memorial mass at Worcester, Mass., for all faiths, in honor of the men who didn't come back. This event annually is attended by more than 500 loyal 9th Divisioners. Father Connors recently was presented the Association's highest award in grateful and humble recognition of his outstanding and unparalleled contributions to the continued success, morale, and spiritual welfare of the Association.

Gen. Craig, Father Connors, the 9th Division—let us not fail them. Saddle up and answer the roll call at the 12th annual reunion July 4, 5, and 6, at Hotel Statler, Boston.

Program and Prices Announced

On Thursday, July 4, it is expected that Boston's population will take a sudden rise as 9th Divisioners flock to Hotel Statler to register on the opening day of the 3-day convention. Those who come early will have the rest of the day to themselves to do as they please—look up old buddies, gab, rest, visit the seashore, sightsee, shopping tours, etc. But in the evening . . . the serious conventions start. . . .

Boston "Tea" Party Thursday Night, July 4

The Annual reunion will get its official 1957 baptism with a gala Boston "Tea" Party featuring an endless supply of that foamy drink purveyed, it is reported, by that septuagenarian known as Father Knickerbocker. The usual edible accessories for such an affair will be available in abundant quantities.

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Annual Reunion 2nd Battalion 47th Infantry

Hey man! Hey Gals! Here is the news you have all been waiting for. . . Well, you ask what news, why this news of course:

Once again, it's time for the annual get together of former members of the 2nd Bn. 47th Inf. However, this year something new has been planned, — it's been decided that an affair would be held which would include the whole family, i.e., a family picnic. Last year the committee was responsible for introducing and producing, a picnic for the New York Chapter of the 9th Inf. Association, a picnic long remembered. Inasmuch as a large percentage in attendance were former 47th Inf. men, it was decided to hold the affair this year in conjunction with the N.Y. Chapter. There were many factors involved in this change, — but chiefly the committee felt it afforded the members a day out with the "kids" and a good chance to meet other families. Most affairs are held in the evening, with the children left at home with a baby sitter, if you are lucky enough to get one, so this year there's no excuse.

Sunday, June 9, 1957 is the day, from morning till evening. The place, a beautiful wooded area located in the heart of the Watchung Reservation, Scotch Plains, N.J. The place is known as Seeley's Pond. There is no swimming, therefore you don't have to bring along your racing shoes, chasing after the kids.

However, there is a large ball field alongside the picnic area and special events for the children are planned. Later in the afternoon the "Old" champs will have their chance at a game of softball. Seeley's Pond is located about one mile from Route 22, just above a turn off at the Main Road at Snuffy's Steak House, Scotch Plains, N.J. Knowing Jack Scully, the Chairman, the place will be well marked with road signs so just look for the 9th Div. signs. In all, it's a 30 minute drive from New York City, taking the New Jersey Turnpike to Newark Airport and then Route 22 to Snuffy's.

The price of the tickets, \$2.50 per grown up, children free, — a guy and his frau and 10 kids could have a wonderful time for \$5.00.

THE PRICE OF THE TICKETS INCLUDES THE EATS AND DRINKS FOR THE ENT

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The Octofoil Is AWOL

By Roy Gordon

The Nation's Capitol Field Correspondent 9th Inf. Div. Ass'n

For the first time in its history, the Ninth Infantry Division has not answered a roll call — a roll call of honor. The Division is not represented by any token at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the National Cemetery at Arlington. Other Regular Army Divisions are well represented by impressive monuments and plaques, not only in the National Cemetery, but all through the District of Columbia, the Nation's Capital. The Ninth Infantry Division is conspicuous by its absence. The Octofoil is AWOL from the roll call of national heroes.

These monuments are erected only by the Divisions they represent. Some Divisions which had seen action in World War I have two monuments — one for World War I and one for World War II. Yet of these Divisions, none can present a better record than the Ninth. There are only three other Divisions in World War II which had more casualties. There are none which participated in more campaigns. Yet the members of the other Division Associations thought enough of the sacrifices they and their buddies killed in action made and the accomplishments they forged with blazing small-arms weapons, to set up tokens commemorative of those deeds. Their unit insignias are symbolically represented and mutely tell of the making of history by those Divisions. It is only the Octofoil which is AWOL.

The role of the Ninth in World War II was one which included a corporal's guard of firsts. The Ninth was, together with the First, the Varsity. It probably has more to be proud of than the First Division, yet the First has two monuments and the Octofoil is AWOL.

But the Ninth was not AWOL when it was needed. The Ninth had been "under wraps" during its African and Sicilian campaigns. After hitting the headlines with its classic, professional handling of the cutting of the Cotentin Peninsula, the Division went "underground" again, as far as the broadcasting of its accomplishments, day by day, were concerned. It emerged from its back-trail making of history at odd times to gain the recognition it deserved, and then just as quickly went back to footslogging and fire fights against forest fortifications. The higher echelons knew what the Ninth was doing — it is not known as a Division of "Old Reliabilities" without cause — but to the general public, the Octofoil was mostly AWOL.

Today there is no longer a reason for secrecy. Today is the time to add the name of the Ninth to the roster of Divisions with markers pointing their way to history, set up in the Nation's Capital. There is no longer any reason for the Octofoil to be AWOL.

Come to Boston 3, 4 and 5 July for the Association convention, and we can talk over the establishment of a

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ties. Music for your entertainment during the "Tea" party will be supplied by a three-piece combo from the Bert Edwards Orchestra. The fourth member of the three-piece combo (??) is from the distaff side, a pert miss whose perambulating figure and cascading cadenzas are designed to please both eyes and ears. (You're right, it's a female vocalist.) Individual prices for this event is only \$2.00 a person, but if you buy the strip ticket for \$12.00, you attend the Boston "Tea" Party free!

800 Predicted for Friday Night Dance, July 5

Bert Edwards and his 11 piece orchestra, plus a female vocalist, will play and sing for your dancing pleasure Friday night July 5, from 8 to 1. In 1952, when Boston last had the convention, more than 650 attended this festivity. This year, it is predicted, more than 800 will attend the gala Friday night dance.

In addition to the fine orchestra, vocalist, and acres of dancing space, there will be a private bar, and plenty of chairs and tables to accommodate those who sit, smoke, chat, and drink. Set-up prices on dance night start at \$7 and includes a bottle, glasses, and ice. A bottle of ginger or soda will cost 80¢.

Tickets for this event cost \$3 a person. What you get in return is worth far more than the price of admission.

Reunion Climaxed With Sat. Night Banquet, July 6

Saturday, July 6, will be viewed with mixed emotions. It signifies both the high point and the end of the convention. Father Edward T. Connors as toastmaster and Gen. Louis A. Craig as main speaker will combine for a popular one-two punch. Also on the docket for that evening will be presentation of merit awards to outstanding members of the Association, introduction of honored guests and Gold star parents, and introduction of new and outgoing Association officers. It is also expected that a report will be delivered by Maj General William C. Westmoreland, president of the Association and Secretary of the Army General Staff.

The banquet menu, an epicurean delight, was selected with the greatest care and includes fresh fruit cocktail, soup du jour, west-ern steer filet, new green peas, potatoes ala Delmonico, Statler ice cream bombe with claret sauce, petit fours, demi tasse, rolls and butter. Mmm mmm, good!

Following this last officially planned social activity of the reunion, there will be the usual sad goodbyes and promises to "See you next year." And when it's all over, every loyal 9th Divisioner will think with pride and a lump in his throat, "What swell bunch of fellows. How lucky was I to have served in the 9th Division!"

Admission to this function is \$9 a person.

Strip Tickets \$12.00 — No Registration Fee

Strip tickets for the three functions cost \$12 and entitles the holder to attend the Boston "Tea" Party on Thursday night, the gala dance on Friday night, and the big banquet on Saturday night. Individual prices for these festivities are \$2, \$3, and \$9, respectively, for a total of \$14. Buyers of the \$12 strip tickets save \$2. There will be no registration fee.

monument suitable to the deeds of the Ninth. As Gen. Westmoreland, our President, said, "See your buddies in Boston." If you're AWOL from Boston, then again, it may be that so will the Octofoil be AWOL. . .

More Activities on Agenda — Free Bus Tour

Also on tap for your enjoyment and pleasure, and at no cost to you, is a free two-hour bus tour of the city. This is scheduled for Friday morning, July 5, and should prove especially interesting to the women and children.

Memorial Services

And on Saturday morning, of course, there are solemn memorial services in which we pay honor to the 4,581 9th Divisioners who made the supreme sacrifice in WW II. A crack Army band will lead the way in a short march preceding the ceremony with snappy martial music designed to show the public that not only do old soldiers never die, but that 9th Divisioners never get out of step!

Meetings, Election Of Officers

And, of course, from Thursday to Saturday there will be inevitable meetings of the board of governors, committees, and the general assembly to transact important business and elect new national officers.

Hotel Statler Room Prices Announced

The convention committee is happy to announce that it has obtained bargain room rates at Hotel Statler for 9th Divisioners seeking accommodations there. Prices are \$7 single, \$11.50 double, and \$12.50 twins. Children under 14 sharing the same room as parents will not be charged. Among the outstanding features of Hotel Statler accommodations are the following: Free radio and 17-inch TV in every room, electric razor outlet, sterilized drinking glasses, circulating ice water, free morning paper, one-day laundry service, valet service at all hours, full length mirror, inner spring hair mattress, bed reading lamp, servitor, beauty salon, barber shop, house physician, governess service, ad infinitum. Man, home never was like this!

Another feature of Hotel Statler service is the special floor clerk on each guest floor who will answer your questions and provide information regarding points of interest, churches, shops, department stores, entertainment, etc. And remember, Hotel Statler, your convention headquarters, is situated in the heart of downtown Boston and is adjacent to the shopping center, theatre row, and nightclub district. How convenient can you get?

Be absolutely certain when making hotel reservations that you ask for and get their special 9th Division convention price quoted above.

Taxi and Bus Fares; Parking Facilities

Out-of-town 9th Divisioners arriving in Boston for the three-day reunion at Hotel Statler on July 4, 5, and 6, will come via plane, rail, bus, and private vehicles.

The municipal airport is 30 minutes away from Hotel Statler. Airport bus service is \$1 a person; taxi service is \$1.25, 1 to 4 persons. If you use the MTA transit system to get to the hotel, the fare is only 20¢.

Approximate taxi fares and travelling time from the three Boston railway stations are as follows: From Back Station to Hotel Statler—35¢ and 5 minutes. From South Station—50¢ and 10 minutes.

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Buffalo Chapter Reports

by ROBERT KLUMPP

We are extremely sorry to report to our friends that we have recently been advised of the death of one of our members. The Buffalo Chapter sadly announces the loss of one of our buddies; Donald McNaughton of 80 Grand Blvd., Cheektowaga, N.Y., who died a few weeks ago. We thought Don's friends in the 9th Medics and especially the men of B Company would feel the loss as strongly as we did up here in Buffalo.

We are sorry that we can only report sad news. Locally, everything is very quiet around here. There have been no additions to the families. (I guess) and everyone is just resting on their laurels.

Hank Golabiecki and myself are getting our summer homes in Canada finished up and ready to relax with visits from the gang, sitting, and drinking Canadian Ale, etc., etc.

Here tell that a few of the local lads are making the trek to Boston, and you can count me in to add to the Buffalo representation. Looking forward to seeing old faces and friends in Boston. . . Well, that's about it from Buffalo Way.

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DAY. HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, SAUSAGE, SHISH-KABOB, BEER AND SODA. You don't have to bring any food, just bring yourself and family, for a day you will long cherish.

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Take it from one who has attended these affairs, brother if you can make it, come, you won't regret it. The payoff is the kids, they are living. Speaking of living, Clams will be on the "menu de Raider". Get your tickets, send in the dough, if not just write and tell the committee your coming and you will pay later. Just let them know so they can figure out how much eats and drinks they need. It's a riot of fun it's a joy supreme. Join the throng, join the throng, join the team. . . Let's all go. . .

See You in Boston?

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Philadelphia News Letter

by JERRY NORTHMAN

Another month — another meeting. Last month's get-together turned up some old and almost forgotten souls and together with the ol' reliables, lots of chatter was heard over the frosty ones.

As far as "business" was concerned, our National Convention is fast approaching. If you peeked into your Octofoil lately, you know that it will take place in Boston on July 4, 5 and 6th. We expect to have a sizable contingent going up from our fair city, so if you plan to visit old bean-town, don't keep it a secret. The Philadelphia chapter will also have a nominee for the National Board of Governors, so spin that idea around for awhile.

For our May meeting, something different is planned. It is to be a dinner meeting at some centrally located rendezvous. This affair will of course include the little ladies. It will be held on a Wednesday evening during the month of May, and we'll have all the details at the coming meeting.

For those who want to get on the debit side of the ledger, dues are most welcome at any time.

Western Pennsylvania Chapter

by BILL PALADY

Well, it's official — the gang decided and voted en masse that the Western Pennsylvania chapter hold another picnic. This Family Picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, June 16th, 1957 at South Park. The meeting place will be the usual. All members will be gathered family and all at Bill Green's shopping center parking lot, NO LATER THAN 1 P. M.

All families are asked by the membership to supply their own rations. So bring all the food you can eat for your entire gang. But! We do have a FREE DEAL... ALL DRINKS WILL BE ON THE HOUSE.

Those men who attended last year, well remember the great ball we enjoyed in the woods. Gentlemen, we can still rough it... Even if it is for one day. Here is our invitation to joy supreme... Live...

Say, how about this... We brought a new man back, he is none other than, Gordon Colley (G-47) who lives in Donora, Pa. Many thanks to George Kovalak for bringing Gordon down to our group. Thanks also to all you men who sent in their dues and a word to those who have not... You still have time to do so... As you all know the reunion will be held in Boston on July 4th, 5th and 6th, and this reporter would like very much to see you all there. I am sure that you will run into an old buddy whom you have not seen for sometime. This gentlemen, means a good time because your friends will be attending the reunion. So, make your plans to attend. As for the wife and I, we will make the trip

A Three Star Salute

During the last two weeks, two letters have been brought to the attention of your National Headquarters which we feel deserve mention and praise. General Westmoreland, General Randle, General Smythe, General Craig, have embarked on a personal letter writing detail to bring

some of their friends back into the fold. This is truly 9th Division Spirit from the top, because these were the leaders of a great outfit. Now, what of the men who followed these brilliant leaders. We speak of two individuals in particular. Si Garber and Arthur Schmidt, fortunately both men hail from the same company. B Company, 15th Engineers. These two gentlemen with a similar viewpoint have achieved individual pinnacles of success in a true 9th Division manner. Let us rather demonstrate and reprint letters that each one sent out: First Hy Garber's note:

Hi Buddy:

This is your old friend, Si Garber, Si Garber of Company B, 15th Engineers, reminding you that on July 4, 5, and 6, all roads lead to Boston. On those dates, the 9th Infantry Division Association will celebrate its 12th annual reunion at the Hotel Statler.

The New England Chapter, 9th Inf Div Assoc, is the host unit for this annual get together which is a "must" for all loyal 9th Divisioners. This year, it is my ardent desire to set up a "reunion within a reunion" by insuring a maximum turnout of former members of B Co, 15th Engineers. I hope to accomplish this by writing to every member of B Co. Also aiding me in this plan is Art "Banana Bun" Schmidt, a member of the New York Chapter.

To insure the success of this "reunion within a reunion," I ask that you not only make every effort to come to Boston yourself, but bring along as many buddies as you can. Telephone them, write them letter, buttonhole them on the streets — use every means at your disposal to spread the word and persuade them to attend the 12th annual reunion scheduled for Hotel Statler, Boston, on July 4, 5, and 6.

Those who have attended annual reunions before need little urging to come again. Once you've come, you come every year because you don't want to miss the grandest time of your life. Meeting your long-lost buddies, talking over old times, fighting the war again, rediscovering the camaraderie that made Co B such a grand outfit to be in — these are but a few of the stellar attractions and reasons compelling attendance.

B Co always has had excellent turnouts at these affairs and at the annual Memorial Masses sponsored by Father Connors every November at Worcester, Mass. But this year, with your cooperation and ATTENDANCE, it is my fervent hope and prayer that we shall have the greatest turnout and the grandest time in the twelve year history of the Association.

And don't forget the womenfolk and children. Each succeeding year and try to stop off to see some friends in New Haven, and W. Warwick. We hope that we will meet old friends in Boston. — How about you?

finds more and more men bringing members of the family along. A wonderful way, indeed, to enjoy both an annual reunion and a stimulating vacation at the same time.

If you would like further information, please drop me a line (136 Capen St., Dorchester, Mass.) or phone me (Bluehills 8-7593). I would also appreciate receiving from you all names and addresses you may have of B Co men, so that I may add them to my mailing list.

With fond expectations of seeing you at Hotel Statler, Boston, on July 4, 5, and 6, for the 12th annual reunion of the 9th Inf Div Assoc., I remain, Your buddy, Si Garber

Now let us examine the literary efforts of Art Schmidt:

"I hope you won't mind this letter being typewritten, or a carbon copy. I am writing similar letters to several other former 9th Infantry men, and I thought this would save time. Your name and address were on a list given me by Simon Garber. Garber and myself were both in Company B, 15th Engineers. He gave me the list as a possible source of new members for the Greater New York Chapter. Since, I was recently elected the publicity man for the chapter, I have volunteered to write the men on the list and hope that I am successful in getting some new members for the chapter.

I checked the list with Dominick Miele, our chapter secretary, and found that either you have never been a member, or you have allowed your membership to lapse. If you were once a member, why not renew your membership and attend the meetings. If you have never been a member, why not become a member. In either case, I am sure that you will find the opportunity to meet your former buddies well worth your while. If you know of other men of the 9th Division, please get them to join.

We meet the first Friday of every month, next meeting is June 1st, 1957. Free refreshments, including beer are served at every meeting.

Dues are only \$4.00 a year or \$10.00 for three years. As for myself, I became a life member for \$50.00, as I believe this is an organization which should be kept alive. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact me or write to 9th Infantry Division, Greater New York Chapter, P.O. Box 1108, G.P.O., New York. You may call me during the day at my place of business, telephone PResident 4-7100, Extension 21, or at my home evenings, Hyacinth 7-3993.

While I have the space, I would also like to inform you that the 9th Infantry Division Association is holding their 12th Annual Reunion etc, etc."

Here is a demonstration of esprit de corps. These men take the time to think just a little more. Just do a simple thing like writing

Mail Bag

Stork Time U. S. A. . .

Seems to us that old long legged Doctor Stork carried an extra deal to 9th Division Association men these past few months. Well, after we finished puffing on our gift cigar from Prez Irv Feinberg (N.Y. Chapter) he tells us, "Stan, my wife Edith and I are the proud parents of Martin Feinberg born on April 13th, 1957 at the Yonkers Professional Hospital. He weighed in at a fine 6 lbs. and 3 ozs." Now, have another cigar... Pete Uhl (39th) not to be outdone tells us that he forgot to mention but never to late to brag, that his youngest Peter, was born on January 21, 1957 at the Wyckoff Heights Hospital and Pete weighed in at 6 lbs., 10 ozs. Pete tells us that Jennie, his wife is really burdened with extra details now, (but when you have three, you kind of get used to the routine... N'est Pas!) Don't look at me Pete, we are struggling with just one deduction. . .

PAR FOR THE COURSE. . . WELL, here is the story from Meredith L. Shumaker.

Today I had a wonderful experience! My wife, Ray, and I were out at a golf driving range near Oklahoma City and on my way to get a container of golf balls someone asked if I was Lee Shumaker. Well, I was, and am, and the questioner was, and is, Brownie — otherwise known as W. Holland Brown, S-4 of the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry during World War II!

Golfing came to a screeching halt and the conversation turned to days we spent together with the good old Ninth Division. We talked about Don Hawkins, now in San Antonio, Texas, and Al Bruchac, Paul Quaranta, Chick Hennen, Slick Wilson, Hardtack Hardige, Pat Foley, John Carrier, Ralph Lassen, Clyde Wright, Gen. Van Houton, Dunc Rogers, and there must have been a thousand others.

Then Brownie asked me if I belonged to the Association. I told him that I did not and I thought it had folded years ago. Did I get straightened out — in a hurry, too! So, herewith is my check for what he thought the dues are. If the amount is not correct you can charge the difference either way to an excited twosome, and send Brownie the bill, if any, which he no doubt will send on to me since he knows my address and plans to visit us in the very near future.

A detailed note to a man they think would be interested. We suppose the best way to judge any effort is by its relationship to success. Here is what we found out during the last N.Y. Chapter meeting. Two men, who did not pay their dues, who have not attended N. Y. meetings in many a moon, came down. Multiply this effort just by one for each man in the association. We certainly would have a strong and healthy group, for just five extra minutes of your time.

The National Association is grateful and humble in acknowledging the efforts of Garber and Schmidt, and Generals Westmoreland, Randle, Smythe, and Craig. This is 9th Division Spirit, the spirit that gave us the heritage of greatness.

At the present time we are living in Norman, Oklahoma (twenty-three miles from Oklahoma City) where I am associated with the R. O. T. C. of Oklahoma University. We spent three years, wonderful ones, in Frankfurt, Germany, getting back to the States last June. This tour will be over in 1959, and the usual question as to what happens as to station after that. ? ?

Would love to hear from any of the old gang and a special hello for PFC Fred Golub whom I owe much in addition to one letter.

Final Call:

Our return mail this past month informs us that we have lost two members who have received that final call.

Martin E. Flynn (47th Infantry) last known address 2418 Banger Street, Baltimore 30 Maryland.

A.W.K. Billings, Jr. (Former Lt. Col., G-5, Div. Hqs.) last known address: Gillette Safety Razor Co. 15 West First Street, Boston, Mass.

746th T.D. Bn.

Adam Dziergowski of 28 Russell Street, Brooklyn 22, N.Y., is now an active member of our group. Adam has not officially tied the knot and as a result is still singling a good time. Adam for the record is a steel worker by trade and is interested in photography. Adam claims he likes photography because it covers a wide range. Adam likes a good time and claims that he still remembers a lot of his old friends and hopes they remember him. Adam wants to be remembered to old friends of the T.D. Bn. . .

"Tichborne House"

Does that strike a familiar cord to some of our members. Well, we thank Gen. John G. Van Houten for the news item he forwarded to this office with a note: This may be of interest to some of the members of the 9th who may remember "Tichborne House". Gen. Van Houten sent us a clipping from the front page of the Washington Post describing "Winchester's Apple Blossom Queen." Her name is Anne Denise Doughty-Tichborne who was pictured on the portico of her home, "Tichborne House", in Hampshire, near Winchester, England. Anne was named Queen Shenandoah XXX to preside over the annual Apple Blossom Festival at Winchester, Va. on May 2-3. Queene Anne is 19, is the daughter of Sir Anthony and Lady Antonia Doughty-Tichborne and was educated in England, Italy and Spain. She will be crowned during the festival by Lord De La Warr of London, former British Postmaster General. Members of the AMERICAN 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION MAY REMEMBER "T I C H B O R N E HOUSE," inasmuch as it was requisitioned for military use during World War 2 and was used to Quarter some of the personnel of this division." For the record, Anne was about 6 years old when we were in this area. That's why we probably don't remember her too vividly. . .

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Boston Is Ready — Are You?

utes, and from North Station—75¢ and 12 minutes. Prices include 1 to 4 persons and hand baggage. Trunks are 50¢ additional.

Those arriving by bus can walk to the hotel inasmuch as the bus terminals are within a stone's throw of the convention headquarters.

And for those who will be driving their own cars to Boston, garage and outdoor parking facilities are located within a block of the hotel.

General Eddy to Attend Reunion

Gen. (Ret.) Manton S. Eddy, beloved father of the Association, has announced his intention to attend the Boston reunion this July, according to Paul Plunkett. Eddy, of course, will be received with open arms and a warm welcome. It is doubtful there is any person in Association history who has done so much, materially, for the organization. Eddy, by the way, is executive vice president of the Williams Lumber Co., in Columbus, Ga.

Hats Off to Reunion Committee

In case you have forgotten the names of the hard-working committeemen responsible for arranging your forthcoming July reunion in Boston, here are their names again. General chairman John H. McLaughlin of Jamaica Plain, Mass., reunion secretary-treasurer Thomas J. Boyle, Somerville, Mass., and reunion publicity director Victor A. Campisi, also of Somerville. Division chairmen are Ronald Murphy, Cambridge, Mass., Gold Star division; Simon Garber, Dorchester, Mass., hospitality division, and Mrs. Peter Cusack, Brighton, Mass., ladies auxiliary division. The reunion executive committee, headed by McLaughlin, includes Sid Levison, Boston, Fred D'Amore, East Boston, Peter Cusack, Brighton, and Stan Cohen, New Jersey. And of course, there are others doing their share as members of committees such as Eddie Shea, Frank Page, Joe McKenzie, Thomas M. Gray, George Bender, Ralph Bender, Ralph Renna, Leo Stier, Steve Budrick, and Johnny White.

Your attendance July 4, 5, and 6 at Hotel Statler, Boston, for the 12th annual reunion of the 9th Div Association is the only reward your committee wants and expects. Will you oblige.

Get Your Ads in

A reminder from convention chairman John McLaughlin that it's fast approaching deadline for submitting journal ads. Full page ads cost \$25, half-page \$15, quarter-page \$10, and one-eighth page \$5. Send all checks or money orders to convention secretary Thomas J. Boyle, 39 Hall ave, Somerville 44, Mass.

Be a Booster — Send a Buck

Booster bucks also should be sent to Tom Boyle at 39 Hall ave. All monies so received will help defray convention expenses. Members sending in booster bucks will have their names printed in special booster section of convention program. Be a booster—send a buck!



General Westmoreland Presenting Desk Set to Father Ed Stan Cohen, National Secretary Looking On

Sound-Off Hits New High

Sound-Off, your N. E. Chapter's monthly publication, hit a new circulation high this month. 1000 copies were mailed.

New England Chapter Mail Bag

Latest mail brings dues and promises of attending the 12th annual reunion from: William F. Haverty (15th Engrs), 226 Chestnut st, Jamaica Plain, Mass., Frank H. Sabadini (DIVARTY, 60th FA), 140 Derby rd, Revere 51, Mass., Constantine A. Matulis, (26th FA), 49 Mendon st, Worcester, Mass., William E. McSpirt (34th FA), General Delivery, Harley, N.Y., Adelard P. Provost (G Co., 47th Inf), PO Box 138, N. Main st., Moosup, Conn., and Carlton G. Pope, Box 14, Bennington, N. H. Carlton, in addition to paying his dues and Ladies Auxiliary fee for his charming wife, also submitted his check covering two strip ticket reservations. Who's next?

THOUGHT FOR A DAY—False friends are like autumn leaves, you find them everywhere; but true friends are like diamonds, they're precious and rare.

WESTMORELAND VISITS

BOSTON—The Boston Convention Committee was honored recently when Major General William C. Westmoreland, national Association president and secretary of the Army General Staff, attended a local meeting. "Westy," just turned 43 and the youngest 2-star general in the U.S. Army, was quite impressed by the local spirit and enthusiasm. He predicted the forthcoming reunion would be "one of the best ever." Commenting on his chain letter program designed to spread the word in the interests of promoting attendance at the convention, Gen. Westmoreland reported that a former 9th Divisioner as far away as Cambodia was participating in the program. Stan Cohen, national secretary-treasurer, also attended the special meeting.

Epicurists and Chow Hounds — Please Note!

9th Division conventioners attending the Boston reunion at Hotel Statler July 4, 5, and 6, have ahead of them one of the truly exciting experiences of a lifetime as they dine in the cosmopolitan atmosphere of the "Hub."

Dining in Boston is dining in the graceful traditions of New England combined with the cuisine

of France, Italy, Germany, Syria, Turkey, China, and, as a matter of fact, practically every other nation in the world.

It is true that Boston is famed as the home of the cod and the bean; you may choose to enjoy baked beans as they can be prepared only in their original home, or you may decide on fresh cod or halibut direct from Boston's famous fish pier. Possibly lobster or a New England boiled dinner is more to your liking, or maybe you're a Chinese food fan. Lucious ribs of roast beef and pig knuckles and sauerkraut are both famous in Boston, but no matter what your taste or the limitations on your pocketbook, you can be certain that the atmosphere and variety, the quality and preparation of your food will be unsurpassed.

With a little planning, the visitor to Boston can discover the second-floor walk-up in the market district or the luxury of soft carpets, dim lights, and music in the Back Bay. Whatever your mood and appetite, Boston has the place to dine that will satisfy the most discriminate.

Banquet Menu Epicurean Delight

But whatever your eating plans are for the 3-day reunion, please be sure to include the Saturday night convention banquet on your bill-of-fare. Following is the menu selected for you by the convention committee and expertly prepared by experienced Hotel Statler chef.

Fresh fruit cocktail, soup du jour, western steer filet, new green peas, potatoes ala Delmonico, Statler ice cream bombe with claret sauce, petit fours, demi tasse, rolls and butter. Mmm mmm, good!

Boston Hailed as "Athens of America"

Many 9th Division conventioners (and everybody in the New England Chapter) are among those millions of Americans who affectionately refer to Boston as the "Athens of America."

This enviable reputation as the seat of America's culture is as natural as beans and brown bread in Boston where the first public school in the country was founded in 1635 and where today can be found the world's greatest concentration of colleges and universities.

Tourists and conventioners from the world over make the capital of Massachusetts their ob-

jective in order that they may visit some of the oldest and most esteemed institutions of higher learning in the world. Harvard University with its traditions and magnificent settings in Cambridge is Boston's representation in the Ivy League, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, fondly called "Tech" by thousands of its graduates, are both located just a few minutes by subway from Hotel Statler, the convention site.

Boston University, Boston College, Northeastern, Simmons and Emmanuel, Suffolk University (your writer's alma mater), are all located in Boston proper as well as dozens of smaller schools.

Boston's museums are second to none in the dissemination of knowledge of the fine arts. The Museum of Fine Arts houses im-

portant collections of Egyptian, Greek, Roman and Near Eastern Art as well as priceless collections of silver, tapestry, and porcelains.

Because Boston is known as the "City of Yesterday and Tomorrow," the Museum of Science is of particular interest to visitors as they marvel at the world of science.

Other Boston attractions include the famous "Pops" Concerts of the world renowned Boston Symphony Orchestra and the summertime Esplanade Concerts in the Hatch Memorial Shell on the banks of the Charles River.

Information about these programs and of all the attractions of Boston will be available through the 9th Division convention committee at Hotel Statler July 4, 5, and 6.

We'll be there. Will you?

JOURNAL ADVERTISING CONTRACT

TOM BOYLE
39 Hall Avenue
Somerville, Mass.
Dear Tom:

Please insert our greeting (or ad) in the Souvenir Journal to be issued at the 12th Annual National Reunion at the Hotel Statler on July 4th, 5th and 6th, 1957.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Unit _____

Make your contribution this way, if you cannot attend. A dollar contribution will place your name on the booster list. Support your convention.

Ads: One full page: \$25.00 One quarter page: \$10.00
One half page: \$15.00 One eighth page: \$ 5.00
Booster: \$1.00

Note: make all checks payable to Tom Boyle

9th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Enclosed please find 1957 dues for:

Name _____ Serial No. _____

Street Address _____

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

I wish to sign up for the following:

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(Pictorial History of 9th Div. in Action)
Ladies Auxiliary Member\$1.50 ()
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Combat Route Map\$.50
60th Infantry History\$1.00

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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.

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