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# See Your Buddy in Boston

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## Only a Couple of Weeks to The 12th

### Suggestions and Proposals for Re-Emphasis Of the Ninth Infantry Division Association Public Relations Program

by Roy Gordon

1. The United States today is the leader and arsenal for the free world. The Ninth Infantry Division played a major role in creating this situation. Fighting and winning the greatest war in history, however, this was only half the campaign. Those whose arms wrested the victory now have the obligation of making sure that the United States keeps its hard-won position.

2. The membership of the Ninth Infantry Division Association is admirably suited to play a proportionately great role in this non-physical combat as they did from Africa through Germany, 1942 to 1945. Because it was a Regular Army unit, the Ninth had a high proportion of West Pointers in key positions. Because of the major roles entrusted to it in its eight all-successful campaigns, all members of the Ninth can stand as experts in many phases of ground combat — with a fairly good knowledge of the use of the other arms and services. This combination of West Pointers and combat experts can still do a great deal to insure their deeds and the lives of those killed in action will continue to purchase a better way of life.

3. As the most expert, by experience, in combat matters, Association members should give voice more often in the fields relating to combat and the problems growing out of them. We have the obligation to do so because of the part we played in winning the war and because our comrades who fell in the struggle would not want their deeds and sacrifice forgotten and their victory not fully realized. Because of our background and the continuing interest of some members in the National Guard and the Reserve, the Association can provide the Army with ideas aiding improvement.

4. In the main, this mission can be accomplished by a continuing examination of current events to see if the Association should speak up about one of these items or if the Association should do something about an event. For instance, in the matter of the Hungarian refugees recently, the Association could have taken a stand on the matter and then, having done so, could have made a more physical move. The good will engendered

for the military and the veterans would have been incalculable... This sort of activity can be augmented by definite public relations programs in the purely military field. Presentation of flags and other paraphernalia to military units, or specifically, to the Ninth Infantry Division as now constituted; participation in local and national events of military significance, such as Armed Forces Day, should also be given serious consideration. At reunions public relations plans should be made well in advance, with the aim of grabbing as many headlines for the Ninth, for the veterans, for the Army and the armed forces as possible for the entire duration of the convention.

5. In addition, the Association's public relations policy through the year should include definite things that we initiate ourselves to bring credit and glory to the institutions we represent. For instance, we might publicly state we favor a certain type of draft when we are quite sure that this topic will be in the nation's newspaper headlines. Military and veterans matters primarily concern us as a group and there are infinite patterns we can follow with profit.

6. Because of the prominent role played by each member of the Association, he has a definite obligation to his Association, his community, his country and his Army. He was a member of a crack Division. He brought high credit to the Army of the United States, of which his Division was a part. He must, therefore, see to it that the Army is continually held in high regard by the civilian population.

7. The Association should seek to have its prominent members sought after as speakers before veterans groups, before National Guard and Army Reserve activities, and in civilian community enterprises. When one of this group reaches the point when he will be given an honorary degree by a university, or a similar honor, then we will know that we are winning the struggle to improve the world we won by combat...

8. The individual Association member is, whether he wants to or not, is a representative of the Army. He has the right to take concrete steps to recruit young

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### Mail Bag

#### 60th Infantry

Deceased: Our return mail recently brought to our attention the passing of Walter Rice formerly of 10 Darby Road, Paoli, Pennsylvania.

#### A Company:

Paul S. Plunkett, President of the Columbus, Ohio chapter recently received a letter from Mrs. Pearl Breninger of Bryan, Ohio who had been trying to locate someone who knew her son 2nd Lt. R. V. Breninger. Mrs. Breninger would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew her son. Please contact her in Bryan, Ohio. ...

#### G Company:

Perry (Pop) Burnett sends us a note informing the readers of the Octofoil of the following news. Perry has just finished his new home enough to move into. His new address is Route No. 1, Kitts Hill, Ohio. Perry tells us that the house took a lot of hard work because this is an additional task to his steady U.S. mail car job. Perry is just sorry that his new home has made it impossible for him to attend the reunion but wishes to send his best to all of his old friends and hopes that they all have one heck of a wonderful time. ...

#### M Company:

Gilbert Russett, Route No. 1, Vickery, Ohio tells us that he hopes that he and the Misses will make the Boston Reunion and wants to alert all of his former friends to be on hand to greet him when he arrives in Boston on July 4th.

Miss Doris Tepper, (sister of the late Chaplain Irving Tepper) sends us a note telling us that she hasn't forgotten the last Chicago convention she attended because it gave her a chance to know Chaplain Tepper's boys. She tells us that she still treasures vividly every memory regarding the stories about her brother. Their respect (the men) and reverence for his memory gave me a oneness in spirit with them and I felt a belonging I wish never to end."

#### 47th Infantry:

G Company: Walter O. Kraft of Box 911, Kodiak, Alaska, retains the distinction of being the northernmost member of the Division Association. Waldo was a former C.O. of Co. G. ...

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## Annual Reunion

About two minutes ago we just finished talking with John McLaughlin in Boston to check on last minute details. "Stan," he says, "we are all set, as a matter of fact let them now descend in droves. . . Boston is ready, willing and able to care for them all" . . . Well, the curtain is up on stage one, and the play is about to begin. . . For the record let us re-iterate once more the program of events.

Registration begins at 10 A. M.

Thursday night: Beer Party. . .

Friday morning: Business Session

Friday afternoon: Business Session

Friday night: Dance

Saturday morning: Memorial Parade

Saturday night: Final Banquet. . .

Well, you might add, how much does this all cost: The whole deal goes for \$12.00. No charge for children except at the banquet. . . Strip tickets all the way. Individual event tickets are available if you cannot make the entire three day stay.

Other prices such as bar prices will be nominal. At the dance you can get set ups at hotel prices. Bottles start at \$7.00 including all the set ups. Ginger ale is 70c the same price for soda.

Music: Well at the Beer Party there will be a three-piece combo including a female femme fatale. . . At the Dance it will be an 11-piece orchestra plus a gal singer. . .

Individual Strip tickets will be available at the following costs to cover special events: Beer Party \$2.00

Dance \$3.00

Banquet \$9.00

For the Ladies: a two-hour bus trip around Boston at no cost. a last minute note: Boat trips around the Charles River are in the making and the cost will be a special deal of only 35c a person. Maybe less, committee working on this arrangement. . . Memorial Service: Well you will be marched behind the United States Army band. We hope to have a full color guard from Camp Carson from the Ninth Division, as we go to press final details are still being negotiated. . .

The final event — The Banquet: As you know we will have a famous pair. Our main speaker will be General Craig, former Commanding Officer of the Ninth and as Master of Ceremonies, Father Ed Connors.

Hotel Prices: Well, here they are:

Single: \$7.00 — Double: \$11.50 — Twin Beds: \$12.50

Children under 14 will not be charged.

Gold Star Parents: All Gold Star Parents are invited. The committee has arranged to see to it that you are well taken care of for the various functions. However, this does not include hotel rooms. All Gold Star parents are advised to contact Ronnie Murphy for tickets.

HATS OFF TO REUNION COMMITTEE — In case you have forgotten the names of the hard working committee men 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. The reunion executive committee in-

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men and women to take up where he left off and to constantly see to it that they are doing a good job and that they are equipped to do a good job. This also should be done in the name of the Association, to identify the deed with the reputation of the Ninth and the Army.

9. In order to coordinate this public relations policy and to encourage, entertain and aid the veteran of the Ninth, the Board of Governors should take steps to meet these needs. The Octofoil, the only communications link between the far-flung Association members, should be re-vitalized so that it will reflect this public relations policy and be the mainstay in the building and maintenance of a high esprit de corps for the Association.

10. The Association should work for the consolidation of Division Associations. In union there is strength.

11. Specific fields that the Octofoil should busy itself in to accomplishing this mission are:

A. — Publish, interestingly, reports of local chapter legislative news.

B. — Personal activities of members: marriages, births, deaths, job changes, promotions, honors won, community organization membership and officership, unusual activities, desire for information or lateral aid in connection with claims for military duty.

C. — Secretaries of chapters who now submit material for publication should be given a list of items that make good reading, and for which they can be constantly on the lookout. Additional regional reporters will have to be enlisted. In this category, in addition to the big, straight news stories, are the clever, funny sayings at meetings and social functions, as well as features on Ninth personalities in the news.

D. — Where are our Regimental and Division commanders and staff officers and what are they doing? Where are and what are

our decorated heroes doing? What do they have to say in retrospect? What do they say about military matters and other items in the current scene?

E. — The publication of anecdotes by the rank and file members of the Division about their role in the war: the interesting, the funny things, the serious events in which they played a role. (On an every-issue basis.)

F. — Surveys of the occupations now practiced by Association members, so that there may be a better spirit of comradeship, based on the business of daily living, as well as a continuing one as comrades in arms. Publication of such information in the various ways that will suggest themselves as being of interest to the Octofoil readership.

G. — Queries of membership on their Army experience, so that a growing store of information will be available for reference by Association officials and others on the current feelings of the membership. Questions such as "What did you get out of the Army training and experience you had?" may provide many ideas helpful to the Army in improving itself.

H. — Stories to help show how Association membership helped somebody: find a friend; get a service or job; get veterans' aid.

I. — Auxiliary activities. The wives of Association members can now play a very important role in the development of these new activities.

J. — Chapter activities, presented in straight news, features and in chatty columns. Bowling teams and other quasi-athletic activities reports.

K. — Activities of the Board of Governors; agenda for the next meeting. What part can the general membership play in current affairs.

L. — "Inside" information on Army activities (non-classified), which would engender pride of association and confidence in the



Smiling faces. . . Happy time. . . Why not, plenty of good food, and good fellowship.

## New York Bounces With Joy

Did you ever see so much gaiety under one roof they asked? Yes, we answered. . . It happens every time the 60th Infantry gang runs an affair.

Each time this group gets together it gets bigger and better.

How do we know, well ask the men who run the event. . . Men and gals too, we add very graciously, all acted in concert to make sure that this was one heck of a swell party. . .

Individually, well the chairman; Al and lovely Pat Bruchac, Frank and Mrs. Surm, Harry and Mrs. Haberman, Paul Quaranta, John and Mrs. Morris. These are the ladies and gentlemen who work like horses lining the group up. For the group lets just say we encountered, Steve Chmielewski of 6 3rd Avenue, Garden City Park, N.Y. Steve and his wife Kay now are the proud parents of four children, Steve Jr., Tommy, Mary Ann and Helen. Steve for the record works for the Colonial Sand and Store Company. . . Here is an interesting item, Steve tells me that one boy and girl look like him and that the other boy and girl look like his wife. . . Steve was with D Company. . . Edward Hughes Jr., also of D Company is now working for the

Post Office. . . Ed and Ann are the proud poppa and momma of Maureen, Edward, Ann and Jimmy. . . They told us about Don McNorton who recently passed away in Buffalo. . .

How about this, we were told by Tom Brumbald that he wants Henry Barkley of New Orleans, La., to sign up immediately. . . What about it Hank. . . A side-light we picked up roaming about we learned that Lou Lewandowski is a married man these days. . . Harry Haberman asked us to try and find Hall "Pop" McLain formerly of Oak Ridge, Tenn., anyone knowing the whereabouts of Hall please contact H. Haberman, 1063 Robin Road, Franklin Square, New York. . .

We have printed above a large photograph that was taken of the group just as they were sitting down to dinner. We might add that many more late comers joined this happy crowd later on in the evening.

This reporter can only add the

following. . . Each time we attend one of the 60th affairs we are practically carried home from sheer exhaustion. The dancing, well we can attest to one fact, man the band plays and plays and this group just dances and dances and dances. Why we even ran into Mike Gatto who finally made it, the Wassermans, the Niblocks, the Golubs, the Winds, the LiBretto's, the Park's, Harry Orenstein, Pete and Mrs. Castellano, Joe Crudo who by the way travelled all the way from Bristol, Pennsylvania, John Tucci and Max and Mrs. Monsorno. . . These are just a few not mentioning all of the local New York Chapter men who attended as well respecting bachelors, guys like yours truly, Danny Quinn, Frank Fazio, Vinnie Guglielmino. . . Everywhere you looked people doing one thing. . . Having a typical 60th Infantry ball.

The meal, well thanks to Al and Pat Bruchac was out of this world these two really put out time and effort to see that the affair functioned right, and all right it was. Next year, or the next time the 60th Infantry runs an affair, if you miss it — you've had it. . . And if you go, man you've had it. . . Better go. . .

## Illinois News Notes

by John Clouser

The Illinois Chapter had a very interesting and educational evening at their last meeting on May 10.

President Heller made arrangements through the Chicago Police Department for a demonstration of Judo and a talk by the Department's artist, Technician Al Valanis presented a lecture and demonstration of various ju jitsu holds. He was assisted by Officer Irving Sinulis. They gave some very good pointers on how a person can protect him or herself by the use of the hands, feet, umbrella, or a rolled up magazine. They also showed the most vulnerable spots of the human body

dards set?

T. — Exchange of personal information and materials: a swap column. What war or non-military items do members want to exchange or sell?

U. — And other regular features and special events as they suggest themselves.

If you have any further thoughts or suggestions why not bring them to the attention of the editor, or better still—attend the convention and let us know your feelings and what action we should take.

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and the measures to take to strike a person in those spots.

Following the judo demonstration Technician Valanis told of his work as the artist of the police department. He told the procedure he uses in developing a sketch of a person so that a picture may be used to help identify a person. This is used in apprehending criminals and the identification of missing people. Valanis displayed some of the pictures he drew which aided in the capture of various criminals.

After the program was over Mrs. Wanda Preston served some smelts which her husband, Ted Preston, and son caught in Lake Michigan. The monthly meetings are held in the recreation room of the Preston home at 3246 North Springfield on the second Friday of each month. This is near Milwaukee Avenue and a few blocks south of Addison.

President Heller and the Chapter officers have planned some very interesting activities for the next few meetings. If you live in Chicago or the Chicago area be sure to attend the meetings and meet your old octofoil friends.



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## A Picnic That Was A Picnic

On last Sunday, June 9th at Seeley's Pond in Scotch Plains, New Jersey, a mob decended in overflowing numbers to infiltrate a quiet woods with noise and laughter. Yes, this was the Picnic of Picnics. . .

### A Picnic That Was A Picnic

As usual credit is due the following hard working lads. . . John Scully, Frank Fazio, John Rizzo, Dan Quinn, Vince Iannucci and Vince Guglielminio. Work, man you should have seen the sweat pouring down the brows. What's more you should have seen the

stacks of food. Stacks, I should have said mounds. Hamburgers, about 100 lbs., hot dogs in boxes after boxes, somebody mentioned 75 lbs., shish-ka-bob, sodas, beer, (Well let us say that they ran out of beer about three times during the afternoon. How many were there. Well our ace, Dom

about 50 or so little girls. They had him really confused. We even nabbed John Morris and made him act as the pillow for the, "Johnny On The Poney game".... When about 50 boys are all milling and jumping about you, you have to go like the devil to keep up with them... From all the way down Baltimore way we spotted Mr. Charles Sheridan.... Incidentally we learned that some of the lads misinterpreted our report about this affair. This was an all out New York Chapter affair sponsored by the 47th gang... Gang was right, John Rizzo was Chef de resistance.... Scully was sculling back and forth with more food. Frank Fazio figured on about oh at the most 125 people. Well they came from all over the state. We spotted Bob McKibben and Carol from Morristown, N.J., The McInerney's — Phil Orlando from Plainfield and his wife, and Pat and Mrs. Higgins, Pete Uhl and family, George Apar and his family, John Trevilese, asleep most of the day but moving about when it came time to eat. Marty Gill and family from Trenton, N. J., Names, I could go on indefinitely about the gang. I checked with Dom for the list but press time does not permit waiting for the information on the whole gang.

We must admit that attending one of these affairs one gets a bit confused. Cliff Parks and Pam brought some real cool homemade sausages which Charles and Easter LiBretto helped consume. Milt Wind and Ruth had to fight with their son Warren that no fish could be caught in the pond. Kids ran over, into and around everybody. Cars were parked on the lawn, the road, the parking lot and I thought in the middle of nowhere after I started to search out my car.

The payoff was the ball game. Gentleman, war was never like this. The mortar fire had to be corrected all afternoon to get the ball over the plate. The Div. Arty group had to bring out the long range guns to get some action on the bat to make the ball move. The team well, the first time we counted there were about 35 men on each side. And believe me every time the ball was hit it was a hit. These guys couldn't reach for the ball because they had to put the beer down first. Well, after all on a picnic how can you do that. Sore, no just



Art Schmidt and the 15th Engineer gang. . .

slightly hurt in some fancy places. Edith not Edythe Feinberg.... We apologize Mrs. Feinberg... Allright so we goofed on a spelling.... We are only sorry for one thing, we came so late. We all got so busy so fast that nobody had a chance to do anything but have a good time. Here we sit pounding a typewriter when anyone of 200 could explain the good time much more in detail. Ask men like Art Schmidt who surrounded himself with the Engineers, Pete Uhl who had the men from the 39th, Dick O'Connors

who just brought his own army from the Field Art'y... No offense Dick old man.... We know that we did not catch everyone but names are just a means of identification. It's the time that counts.

That is the answer to it all.... A time.... Brother it is going to take me a month to get my muscles in shape, two weeks to get my voice back together again and it will be just in time for the convention.... Well, that's life with the Ninth Infantry Division Association.



Some familiar faces: L. to R. The Rizzo's, McInerneys, Charles Sheridan, Mrs. Putt, D. Quinn. . .

Miele, tells us that he sold about 185 tickets. This was just adults. Frank Fazio told us they bought 150 ice cream pops for the kids and when he lined all of the youngsters up, he turned away about 150. Noticed later on that Irv Feinberg and Jerry Shapirio had to get some more. People, man oh man is the 9th division

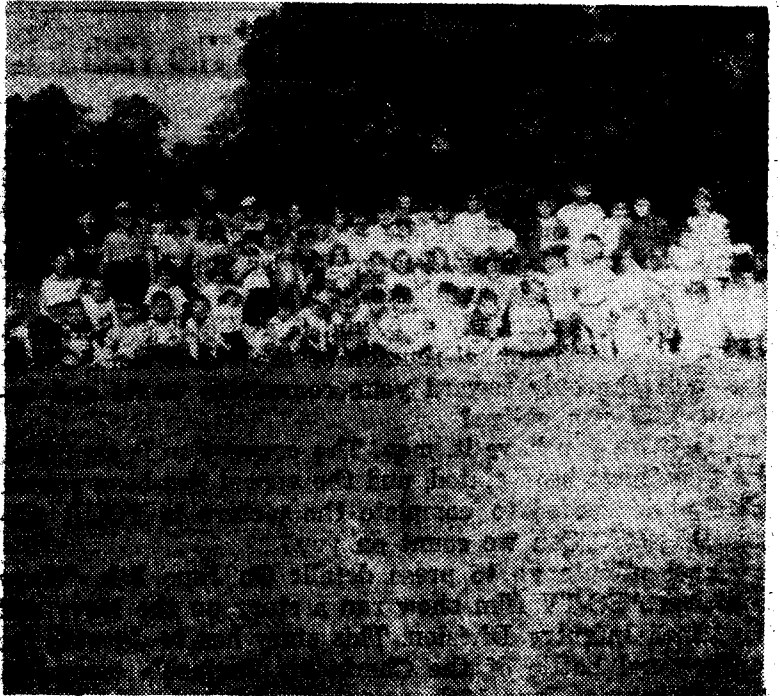
prolific. These kids were all over the lot. Our task was to keep the kids busy. Here is a slight sample of the kids. In one corner we had kids from 6 down about 50 youngsters boys and girls. In the other corner of the field we had boys from 8 up on one side and girls on the other side. This was about 150. We made the smiling fathers



Bob and Carol McKibben in the background. Charles and Ester LiBretto, M. Wind; Pam and Cliff Parks, . . . Mrs. Seslowe

and mothers participate in the games. Say, did you ever see a grown up gal about 32 playing, "London Bridges Falling down with about 50 youngsters. Well, they did it and they liked it. The men were all referring the older kids. Games and prizes. We know from Dan Quinn that about 100

prizes were handed out and we did not have enough to go around. So, we resorted to money, Barbara Parks this time won 25 cents in the Simon Says contest and Miss Becker won 25 cents for the girls one legged jumping game. Man you should have caught Harry Orenstein acting as judge to



Half of those fabulous wonderful 9th Division kids. . .

## Why You Should Attend The Boston Reunion

by Harry Orenstein

Once again you will have the opportunity to meet the "Boys" you haven't seen in twelve years from different sections of the United States.

You will recall names and places and stories that have been lying dormant in the subconscious which will come to the surface when you meet the "Boys" at the Reunion. You will remember Fort Bragg, Arica, Sicily, and Europe more vividly because of the close contacts in sharing your memories with a former buddy. You will have a chance to get a brand new approach to an old nostalgic dream of yesteryear.

Why, simple, because you will be discussing these events with the guys who shared them with you twelve years ago.

You will hear the latest stories about the civilian transitions of men who you knew by some nickname whom you remember could not or could... You can't afford to miss the Reunion because you will hear the latest news of the

association and what the future plans of the Association are.

The friendships that you formed in the army can be renewed. You may want to know if some of the "Boys" have the latest addresses of the other boys of the old company.

You will find out that the reunions are getting better and better each passing year.

In conclusion, the forecast is for a very large turnout of the old gang making the Boston trek. When the writer of this article first arrived in Fort Bragg in 1942, he met many of the originals who were transferred from the New England area when the Division was first organized in 1940.

Would like to ask all former 9th Q.M. lads to make a special effort to attend. I am, can you?

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## Mail Bag

### H Company:

Roy D. Code of 327 Ruth, Houma, Louisiana has the honor of being the southernmost member of the Division Association. Roy for the record is still single and he is a driller for an oilwell drilling contractor. He is working on a rig off Grand Isle, La. Roy tells us that he was unaware of the Association and only recently found out that we were in existence. The only 9th Division men that Roy has seen were Cliff Goodgame (H Company) and Don Loving (G Company). Both of these men live in Odessa, Texas. Roy would be glad to hear from anyone of the 9th and especially from How company 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry. Roy tells us that after he received his first copy of the Octofoil he finds it very much okay. Roy has already made his plans to attend this year's reunion and will be there with bells on. The reason why Roy holds the southernmost distinction is because his job is conducted on an offshore operation about 15 miles out in the Gulf of Mexico off Grand Isle.

**2nd Battalion:** John Keough of 620 Keith Lane Babylon recently contacted our office to find out about the coming convention.

**M Company:** Wilton Taylor from away out in Lost Hills, California tells us that he just received his issue of the Octofoil and it seems like having all of his old friends

drop in to see him. He would like to send his best to Dom Miele and all the other men in the New York vicinity. Here is a news item. A neighbor of Wiltons who is in the Air Corps has just been transferred to Nouasseur Air Depot in Morocco. It is near some of the old haunts of the 9th when they were last in Morocco. When Wilton heard this it gave him a pang of Nostalgia that was transferred from his past. . . His neighbor's name is A 1/c Conrad Noble now serving with the 557th FTR Sq., APO No. 30, N. Y.

### From Gen. George W. Smythe:

"Her royal Highness, Queen Shenadoah XXX—Miss Anne Denise Doughty-Tichborne of Winchester, England—wears the crown placed on her head yesterday afternoon during one of the highlights of the Apple Blossom Festival at Winchester, Virginia. The festival continues today. (Date of placing the Crown was May 2, 1957.)"

As you may recall the 1st Bn of the 47th Regiment was billeted at the Tichborne Estate near Alresford, England, a short distance from Winchester. Lady Tichborne was then a young, strikingly beautiful woman at that time, and she still is beautiful. Apparently Winchester, England was asked to select a queen for our annual apple Blossom festival, and Miss

Anne was selected. Both Lady Tichborne and Anne arrived in this country by PAA and stayed in the Embassy in Washington for several days, at which time Mrs. Smythe and I had a luncheon at the Mayflower and later at a cocktail party at the Embassy. We also went to Winchester, Virginia to see the Coronation and the Pageant, which I feel is a wonderful thing for all Americans to see if they have the opportunity.

I am sorry that I do not have a picture of Queen Anne, but suffice it to say that she is beautiful also, and I must say that a wise selection was made in having Anne, and also having her good looking mother accompany her.

The Tichborne Dole was a featured article in an early issue of the Octofoil—an old custom to dole out flour to all people residing within a certain distance of the Homestead in Alresford, Hants, England.

Guess this is all at this time. PS Lady Tichborne and Anne are now visiting with the parents (in Oklahoma) of Chuck (Captain) Minton who was killed in Normandy. Mrs. Minton visited the Tichbornes when she made a trip to Europe about 1948-49. Minton commanded B Co 1st Bn 47th.

### A Company:

George Morgan of 2653 4th St., Santa Monica, California sends us a copy of the Printed Circuit, a house organ of the Packard Bell Electronics Corporation of Los Angeles. The following is a reprint of the article . . . "He may not be a Michelangelo or a Da Vinci, but George Morgan of the Home Products final assembly line certainly has had a colorful artistic career. This ex-New Yorker studied at the Art Students League and as a member of the Armed Forces wrote combat tips for Stars and Stripes. Although he was in the Service for five years, he claims the distinction of coming out a PFC, by Act of Congress. He was awarded a Silver Star, three Bronze Stars and the New York State Distinguished Service Cross.

In the past years George has worked in many of the better night clubs on the East and West coasts. His specialty is drawing caricatures of patrons. Among the celebrities he has illustrated are Marlene Dietrich, Jock Whitney, Hedy Lamar, and many other motion picture and society figures.

Presently, in addition to working in, and amusing, final assembly, he is engaged in painting the murals for the Deauville Club in Santa Monica. He also does his caricature act for parties and TV, gives art lessons, and turned out all the posters for the last Packard Bell Christmas Party. This is just a small part of George's background, but enough to give evidence of his versatility and talent."

### 39th Infantry:

Edward B. Bailey former C.O. of K Company, E and G companies is still the C.O. Only difference today is the people of Demopolis, Alabama now call him Mayor. Yes Mayor Bailey still thinks about his old buddies and extends the following invitation. "I extend to every member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, a cordial invitation to visit Demopolis to enjoy the wonderful fishing. AND NO PARKING TICKETS TO ANY NINTHMAN. . .

### L Company:

Major J. L. Wheeler sends us the following note from the Far East. . . "My 41 months in the Far East is drawing to a close and I and my family expect to depart some time during late June for the United States. If our arrival is prior to 1 July, my wife and I plan to attend the annual convention. In August, I will report to CGSC, Ft Leavenworth as a student in the Regular Course 1957-58. Best wishes for a successful convention and hope to see you there. . ." Stateside address: Major J. L. Wheeler, Rustburg, Virginia.

**M Company:** The other night the telephone rang and as I answered the phone the operator asked, "Are you Mr. Cohen, Secretary of the Ninth Infantry Division Association? Yes, I answered. I have a call from Thomaston, Conn., she replied. It was then that I met up with George Carroll of 92 High

Street in Thomaston. George has been back in the Army and is now a civilian and wanted some first hand information regarding our convention. George and I talked for about five or six minutes and before we closed our conversation he remarked, Stan, I'm coming to the convention and would like to see as many former M Company men as possible. . . So here it is. . . any takers. . .

Speaking of M Company men, received a card from Everett L. Layton of RD 1 Box 317 Sebring, Florida who also asked about the convention.

### 60th Field Artillery:

Mrs. Mary Carr sent us the following regarding her son John F. Carr Jr. This is to inform you that my son John F. Carr, Jr. of 535 Careal Street Holyoke, Mass., died of a heart attack on May 5th, 1957 at Holyoke, Mass. He used to get your paper the Octofoil and he was a member of the 9th Division

## JOURNAL ADVERTISING CONTRACT

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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.

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## 9th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Stan Cohen, National Sec.-Treas.  
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Enclosed please find 1957 dues for:

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(Pictorial History of 9th Div. in Action)  
Ladies Auxiliary Member .....\$1.50 ( )  
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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.  
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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.

## Only a Couple of Weeks to The 12th Annual Reunion

cludes 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 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 Division Association is the only reward your committee wants and expects. Will you oblige?

So there you have it, men. The convention is arranged, the facts have been stated, and the appeal has been voiced. All that is needed to complete the picture is YOUR ATTENDANCE. Can we count on you?

**Last minute go to press detail:** On June 5th, "Navy Log", an ABC-TV film show ran a story on the Navy and the Ninth Infantry Division. This story has to do with the capture and battle of the Cherbourg Peninsula campaign. This afternoon, June 10th, permission was granted by the United States Rubber Company to allow the group attending the convention to see this famous film. This is the first time that the Ninth Division has ever received any post-war public accolade for a job well done. We are sure that all who see this film will be pleased to say at last, "Well, what do you know, someone remembered the Ninth." You will feel as proud as we did when you see this film.

The convention will be heralded by radio, TV, newspapers and magazines to all in the New England area. We can do everything to make it known that the Ninth Division Association is holding their 12th Annual Reunion. However, only one person can appreciate and enjoy the festivities and that person is you.

Here is our invitation to join the many. . . once again band together as a unit, and partake in the fruits of comradeship. . . We have done all we can to make certain that the efforts of the committee are firmly established in guaranteeing you a good time. Now you have the invitation to attend. Come to Boston, better still bring a friend or two or three, this is the right way to enjoy a convention.

We have spoken and written about this affair. . . Why not now make the effort to see what we are talking about. See you all in Boston on July 4th, 5th and 6th.

# See Your Buddy in Boston