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May 10th Memorial Plaque Ceremony

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60TH INFANTRY

Captain Hugh Addonizio, now Representative Hugh Addonizio was recently honored by the United States Army. We fortunately found the following story that we thought would interest our readers and former members of the 60th Infantry. "ADDONIZIO IS BURSTING WITH PRIDE... AND AT SEAMS... dateline: Washington, D.C., An Army honor for Representative Hugh Addonizio of Newark has caused a "tight" problem for the Congressman. Addonizio who is entitled to wear eight campaign stars with his decorations, has been named to the Hall of Fame of the Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia where he was commissioned in 1941. Naturally, the Army wanted a picture of Addonizio in uniform. Like many a veteran, Addonizio found that the passing years had done some strange things to his World War 2 uniform. "It was too tight," he said. What did he do? "I finally sent them a picture in a regular suit," Addonizio said. . . .

Major Norbert (Chick) Hansen of 4130 Washburn Avenue, Minneapolis 12, Minnesota tells us. "Your Octofoil story on the 9th Infantry Division at Carson being reorganized under ROCID reminds me that Colonel Otto R. Koch, who waded ashore with the 60th Infantry at Port Lyautey should again be found in the active duty roster of the new Ninth. When I last heard from him at Christmas time he was expecting assignment shortly.

My own regiment—411th Infantry, 103d Infantry Division (Reserve), is anticipating the chargeover to ROCID organization sometime after 1958 AUT. . .

Major John Miller is a new title (John was the 1st Sgt. of F Company, 60th Infantry) and has recently received his leaves of gold. Major Miller has a new address it is USA ELM MAAG VIETNAM, SAIGON. We are told that in late March, while attending the Command and General Staff College in Fort Lavenworth, Kansas he noticed one of the instructors wearing the 9th Division patch. Upon talking to him he turned out to be Lt. Col. Douglas C. France, who was assigned to the 60th Field Artillery Battalion throughout the war. Lt. Col. France mentioned another officer on the post, Major H. C. Payne, formerly Company G 60th Infantry who caught a piece of shrap-

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Reverend Edward F. Jocham



With pride we announce the following. Father Edward F. Jocham will have his forthcoming ordination in the Holy Priesthood. Father Edward served with Charlie Company of the 39th Infantry Regiment from September 1944 to April, 1946. On December 11, 1944, he was wounded approaching Merode, Germany. After the war he served as an artist for the AAA-O News. Father Ed graduated from Parson School of Design in New York in 1949, and did Post-graduate art study work in Paris and the major Italian cities.

Father Edward began his studies for the priesthood in September, 1950 at Seton Hall University; entered the Seminary in July 1952. A.B. degree June '54; will be ordained May 31, 1958. First Solemn Mass June 8, 1958, Our Lady of Victories Church at 11:30 A.M., Jersey City, N. J. Reception at home; 2 Stegman Place, Jersey City from 5 o'clock. Any Ninth Men are welcome to stop in for his first Priestly Blessing . . .

New 9th Division Commander

A 13-gun salute shattered the clear, crisp air in front of Fort Carson's Post Headquarters Monday, March 17, thundering a welcome to Maj. Gen. Martin J. Morin, new commander of Carson and the 9th Infantry Division.

Multi-colored flags and guidons of division and garrison units fluttered in the breeze as Brig. Gen. Joseph B. Crawford, former commander of the 9th, greeted the new general with a backdrop

of snow-shrouded Cheyenne Mountain.

Gen. Morin, after accepting the salute of Battery E, 2nd Battalion, 4th Artillery, inspected the honor guard with General Crawford and Capt. Arthur S. Jackson, commander of the troops.

Following the ceremonies, General Morin greeted Martin J. Murphy, Colorado Springs attorney, in his office. Murphy, the Springs' professional Irishman

who passes out thousands of shamrocks every year on St. Patrick's Day, presented one of his tri-leafed goodluck charms to the general and extended to him best wishes in the assumption of his new command.

The new Carson commander then met the Headquarters and division staff at an informal party where he cut a cake baked in his honor. The general rounded

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Here are the final plans and arrangements for our Memorial Plaque Ceremony to be held in Washington, D.C. on May 10th, 1958 at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Major General Van Houten will be the host for the 9th Division Association Plaque Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at 11:50 A.M., May 10th 1958.

At 11:35 hours General Van Houten will meet the plaque party in the Trophy Room where he will conduct a briefing of the ceremony. The spectators will form on the steps. At 11:50 hours, General Van Houten will escort the party onto the Plaza, through the Honor Guard, to a point near the tomb. When the party has halted the band will play the National Anthem. At the completion of the music, the plaque bearer and bugler will move from the left flank. The bugler will take his post and the plaque bearer will hand the plaque to Mr. Clouser. If Mr. Clouser desire to make a brief statement he may do so at this time. After the statement, Mr. Clouser will step forward and place the plaque on the stand.

General Van Houten will accept the plaque in the name of the people of the United States. After the acceptance, the drummer will play four (4) ruffles and the bugler will sound TAPS. At the completion of TAPS General Van Houten will escort the party back to the Trophy room completing the ceremony.

The plaque will remain at the Tomb until sundown at which time it will be moved to its permanent place in the Trophy Room.

For all those who plan to attend, please, if you can, try to be at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C. at 11:15 A.M. We know this will be a very memorable ceremony and all who can attend are invited. The Ninth Infantry Division Association plaque will be placed in the name of our Association to commemorate the memory of the men who fought with the Ninth during World War 2.

Request for Information

We recently received a note from the Research Department of the Reader's Digest requesting some first hand information. If any of our members or readers know any one who can help, have them contact Frances Ward, The Reader's Digest Research Department, 230 Park Avenue, New York 17, New York. Following is the letter we received:

"This letter comes by way of introduction to a large research project in which we hope to have your good will and, if possible, your help. I am writing for Mr. Cornelius Ryan who is working on a book about D-Day, 6 June 1944. The book will be published on the fifteenth anniversary of the Normandy invasion, in June of 1959.

Mr. Ryan does not propose to write a strategic history, or to paint a panorama. He wants to deal with the 24 hours of D-Day as individual lived them. Thus, although we are presently trying to master the strategic histories which set the stage, we are also very eager to find the individuals who will be the characters. The official reports which we have used so far leave us uncertain as on 6 June. But certainly, if they did, we wish to find as many of them as possible.

We hope that you will be able to help us locate these people, or to direct us to someone who can. We have thought of placing advertisements in Division publications, and of haunting the Division convention, if one is forthcoming. But, especially since time is already of the essence, we await your advice. We will be most grateful for any comments and suggestions which you are willing to offer.

I have thought it best to describe the project to you in a letter but should you prefer to reply by telephone, I shall be happy to receive a collect call from you at Murray Hill 4-7000, ext. 237, in New York City. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you so very much for your help.

Sincerely yours,
Frances Ward
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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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Frankly Speaking

By VIC CAMPISI

The New York Chapter is fortunate indeed in that it has such a large concentration of 9th Divisioners in its immediate area.

But to backsliding chapters who cast envious eyes upon this happy circumstances, please be reminded that other factors enter into the success of this thriving and energetic N. Y. unit.

Foremost among the reasons for the N.Y. Chapter's success is their outstanding social program. Well planned and well attended, their wholesome activities appeal to their members and their families.

One fact some members are prone to forget or ignore is that with increasing age, our family responsibilities increase. Organizational activities beamed exclusively at the male membership are less likely to achieve success as those activities to which the "old man" can take his wife or, better still, his family. This has been proven time and again.

However, some of our chapter members continue to think strictly in term of activities for male members only. It is hard for them to understand that married members (and they are in the majority, you know) enjoy bringing their wives and families to functions at nominal cost.

Our national constitution and by-laws preclude the Association from being a dynamic organization in that it cannot participate in politics; it cannot voice officially and publicly its views on vital issue of the day; it cannot act as a spokesman on behalf and for the best interests of the combat veterans organized as the 9th Inf. Div. Association. Perhaps it would be better if these prohibitions were removed. The organization then would become current, revitalized, vigorous, and full of spirit.

But that is beside our editorial point—or is it? In any event, what we're trying to emphasize here is that in the absence of such dynamic activities which are normal in "live wire" veterans groups such as the American Legion, VFW, and DAV, and which, incidentally, have many social activities of a family nature, we are relegated to the status of veterans organized for reasons of camaraderie and fraternity.

Such camaraderie and fraternity, perforce, must be extended to family members; if not, the ties between the member and the Association weaken and eventually break.

It defies common sense to plan functions of limited appeal. The conclusion is obvious that restrictive activities do not promote maximum interest and attendance. Logic and events prove this point.

In the light of these facts and truisms, it is hoped that

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nel at Djebel Darjes in Africa. He visted with Payne and they had quite a chat about the old 9th Division. Payne also mentioned seeing Black Mike Kaufman a couple of years ago while inspecting National Guard units in the 6th Army area. John signs his letter with this postscript: I used to be the 1st Sg't under Urbanowitz during 1942 and 1943, and was called the Whip by Urban. John still says that Company F of the 60th Infantry is and was the greatest Regiment in the United States Army. . . .

39TH INFANTRY (F Company)

Lt. Harold F. Nelson, a new member of our organization tells us how he discovered the 9th Division Association. During a Westinghouse Corporation sales meeting he had the pleasure of meeting General Frank Heikkila and discovered they had something in common; being both ex-members of the 9th Division. General Heikkila gave Harold a copy of the Octofoil and he joined up. Harold tells us that he landed in France on July 17th, 1944 and after fighting the battle of replacement depots he was assigned to the 9th Division. He managed to cross the Remagen Bridge but was wounded two days later on March 12th, 1945. Harold Nelson is now living at 4024 Rosemont Ave., Drexel Hill, Pa., and is anxious to contact local Philadelphia men. Any other men in this area interested in the Philadelphia Chapter contact Jerry Nothman at 1339 E. Weaver Street, Philadelphia 50, Penn. 9th Military Police Battalion.

Thadius Papuga of 23428 Melville Street, Hazel Park, Michigan is now a new member of our group. Thadius tells us that he served with the 9th from Fort Bragg to Munich, Germany . . .

9th QUARTERMASTER CO.:pany9th Quartermaster Company:

Ambrose F. Hakey of 129 W. Woodlawn Ave., Fort Wayne 6, Indiana wants to hear from some of the old timers of the QM Company 34th F. A. Battalion:

Forrest F. Barefoot now at 911 Columbia, Lawton, Oklahoma tells us, "Am here at the Redstone Arsenal learning about the Redstone Missile after working with the Corporal Missile for a year and a half. When we are finished here I will returned to Fort Sill. Just finished reading, "The Bridge at Remagen", by Lt. Col. Ken Hechler, an army historian, who was nearby when the bridge was captured and got first hand information on the particulars. It is primarily about the work of the 9th Armored Division in capturing the bridge and the chain of events on the German side that made the capture possible. It does tell of the fast work of the 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry in reinforcing the bridgehead and later of the arrival of all of the 9th Division. I was very interested in the details that made the capture possible and imagine

members will see the situation clearer and pledge their fullest cooperation to the proposed "family program."

We believe that in emulating the N.Y. Chapter, in scheduling social activities of a family nature, interest and membership will thrive.

Will you help by supporting your chapter's "Family Program"?

many other 9th Divisioners are also. It is reviewed in the February 1958 Army magazine and is published by Ballantine Books. I was very happy to run into Major Arnold here, formerly of the 9th Division Signal Company. He was attending a brief refresher course and returned to his assignment at the Signal School"

15th Engineers:

Al Friend of 933 North 5th Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania tells us that because of his duties as a Fireman in Allentown, Pa., he has a rough time trying to make conventions. But he enjoyed his last trip to Worcester. . . .

Paul Bolduc of 25 Steer Ave., Centerdale, Rhode Island tells us that just about 15 years ago we were just finishing up the African Campaign . . .

Frank Alice of 2911 S. Carlisle Street, Philadelphia 45, Pennsylvania informs us that after 11 years guess what! They finally made it . . . his son Frank, Jr. arrived on January 9, 1958. Frank wants to make sure that all the guys in A Company know about the happy event . . .

Some new names and faces...

A COMPANY 39th INF.

A note from Marlin R. Matzen of West Washington Street, Blair, Nebraska asked about the Association.

746. T.D. Clarence R. Day tells us that he read about our reunion in the DAV and wants to sign up again. Clarence lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma . . . SFC Carl C. Contreal Co. D., 2nd Bat'l Gp. 4th Inf., 3rd Div., Fort Benning, Ga. is also anxious to join our association.

John E. Knapp of Box 45 Melwood, Wisconsin writes us about information regarding our reunion. We sent it to him real pronto.

SOME NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to: Samuel Berman of 1146 56 Street, Brooklyn 19, N.Y., Hamul was with Company L of the 60th Infantry Regiment.

William A. Zweill of 81 Thomas Ave., Maywood, N.Y. Bill was with Cannon Company of the 47th Infantry Regiment.

47th Infantry News:

George H. King of 44 Park Street, Phelps, New York, tells us that between the blizzards they had up state being a rural mail carrier doesn't give him much time for writing letters. But he sends his best to all his friends via the Octofoil

Harold G. Schafer of 213 E. Lowell Ave., Mishawaka, Illinois writes to us inquiring about the reunion. By the way, Harold was with Company L of the 47th Infantry Regiment. All the pertinent information will be found in this copy of the Octofoil. We may also suggest that all men attending the reunion make there reservations early, at the hotel . . .

Eward B. McCullion of 28 East Hazard Street, Summit Hill, Pennsylvania sends us a note tell-

ing that after the war he lost all contact with former buddies. He was wounded on July 18th, 1944 about 6 miles south of St. Lo. in France . . . he would like to hear from old friends.

Emil J. De Donato tells us of a very happy reunion that took place in New Jersey recently and he writes, "I am enclosing some highlights of a recent get-together we had over in East Paterson, New Jersey. I would appreciate it if you would include it in the next issue of the Octofoil. Although these reunions are on a Company level (Headquarters Company 47th Infantry) we welcome any member of the Ninth Division along with their relatives and friends. As this is quite an "Esprit de Corps" story I thought that the Octofoil would be happy to print it. Who know, it might set a pattern in other parts of the country."

Here then is that story . . .

47TH BOYS DO IT AGAIN!

When Frank Capelli received word that Harold Knight was coming East during the Easter Week, he immediately thought of a wonderful idea. Why not round up as many of the boys who knew Harold and give him a SURPRISE welcome. With the speed of a FOX, Capelli's Army nickname) Frank contacted Bill O'Shea and Emil De Donato to help in the chores of locating as many of the boys in and around the 100 miles radius to attend.

On Thursday night April 10th, Harold Knight and his lovely wife, Trudy received a life-long surprise when they walked into the Knight's of Columbus Hall in East Paterson, New Jersey to see over 25 of his ex-buddies gathered there. Lonnie Maffucci came from Connecticut, "Doc" Shavell from Kingston, New York, Andy Zaino from the other side of Staten Island, while most of the other boys were from in and around the northern part of New Jersey. The "Dead-End" Kids from Brooklyn were well represented with Mike Bacola, Al De Crenzo and Jackie Della Porte with his brother Louie. While most of the boys brought their wives, others reported that they were unable to come because of baby sitter problems, sickness, etc.

Within matters of minutes, and with the help of a few drinks, the party was in full swing. Laughing, joking, reminicing, (drinking of course), dancing (Hi-Fi recordings) were the order of the night. Bill O'Shea was responsible for the food and what a wonderful job that was. He had a catering outfit come in to supply enough food for a company of men. Expenses for the party were shared by everyone including the "Honored Guest and his wife".

If anyone is interested in attending future get-togethers of this kind, kindly contact Bill O'Shea at 693 River Drive, East Paterson, N. J. or Frank Capelli at 34 Hillman Drive, East Paterson, N. J. You would be most welcome and sure to have a Good Time for very little money. Next one planned for this coming Fall.

Harold Knight was Radio Communication Sgt. of the Third Battalion 47th Infantry and during the battle at El Guetar was wounded. He spent a number of years convalescing and so was out of touch with his buddies.

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13th ANNUAL REUNION — COLUMBUS,

A Story From the Past

Who Was Mollie — What Was He

(Continued from previous issue)
"but he always got on good with the frogs. It's funny where those big field glasses went, though. He used to always have them around his neck, but somebody must have figured they were no more good to him after he was dead, so they sucked them up. He used to always say that he was a big-shot gambler and that he used to watch the horse races with those glasses."

By now the four wounded men had been loaded into the ambulance. It moved off. Obviously, there was a good story in Mollie, but he was not available for an interview. The driver of the truck behind our jeep was giving us the horn, so I pulled Boyle toward the jeep. He got in, still looking back at Mollie, who said nothing to keep him, and we drove away. When we had gone a little way, at our customary slow pace, a tall lieutenant signalled to us from the roadside that he wanted a hitch and we stopped and indicated that he should hop aboard. He told us his name was Carl Ruff. He was from New York and thought I might know his wife, an advertising woman, but I didn't. Ruff was dog-tired from scrambling through the bush. I said something about Mollie, and Ruff said that he had not known him alive but had been the first American to see his body, on Good Friday morning. The French had led him to it. "He was on the slope of a hill," Ruff said, "and slugs from an automatic rifle had hit him in the right eye and chest. He must have been working his way up the hill, crouching, when the German opened on him and hit him in the chest, and then as he fell, the other bullet probably got him in the eye. He couldn't have lived a minute."

It was a month later, aboard the United States War Shipping Administration steamer Monterey, a luxury liner that had been converted to war service without any needless suppression of comfort, that I next heard of Molotov, the Mayor of Broadway. The Monterey was on her way from Casablanca to New York. On the passenger list were four correspondents besides myself, a thousand German prisoners, five hundred wounded Americans, all of whom would need long hospitalization, and a couple of hundred officers and men who were being transferred or were on various errands. It was one of the advantages of being a correspondent that one could go to America without being a German or wounded, or without being phenomenally lucky which the unwounded soldiers on our boat considered that they were. The crossing had almost a holiday atmosphere. We were homeward bound after a great victory in the North African campaign, the first the Allies had scored over Germany in a war nearly four years old. The weather was perfect and the Monterey, which was not overcrowded and had wide decks and comfortable lounges, had the aspect and feeling of a cruise ship. The wounded were glad, in their sad way, to be going home. The prisoners were

in good spirits, too; they seemed to regard the journey as a Nazi Strength through Joy excursion. They organized vaudeville shows, boxing matches, and art exhibitions, with the energetic cooperation of the ship's chaplain, who found much to admire in the Christian cheerfulness with which they endured their increased rations. A couple of anti-Nazi prisoners had announced themselves on the first day out, but the German noncoms had knocked them about and set them to cleaning latrines, so order had soon been restored. "That's an army where they really have some discipline!" one of the American officers on board told me enviously. The prisoners had to put up with some hardships, of course. They complained one evening when ice cream was served to the wounded but not to them, and another time they didn't think the transport surgeon, a Jew, was "sympathetic" enough to a German officer with a stomach ache.

The hospital orderlies would wheel the legless wounded out on the promenade deck in wheelchairs to see the German boxing bouts, and the other wounded would follow them, some swinging along on crutches or hopping on one foot, some with their arms in slings or casts, some with their broken necks held stiffly in casts and harnesses. They had mixed reactions to the bouts. An arm case named Sanderson, a private who wore the Ninth Division shoulder patch, told me one day that he wished he could be turned loose on the prisoners with a tommygun, because he didn't like to see them jumping about in front of his legless pals. Another arm case, named Shapiro, from the same division, always got a lot of amusement out of the show. Shapiro was a rugged-looking boy from the Brownsville part of Brooklyn. He explained how he felt one day after two Afrika Korps heavyweights had gone through a couple of rounds of grunting, posturing, and slapping. "Every time I see them box, I know we can't lose the war," he said. "The Master Race — phooey! Any kid off the street could of took the both of them."

Shapiro and Sanderson, I learned during one ringside conversation with them, had both been in the Sixtieth Infantry, Molotov's old regiment. They had been wounded in the fighting around Maknassy, in southern Tunisia, early in April, the first serious action the regiment had been in. Molotov had been killed late in April, during the drive on Bizerte, and until I told them, the boys hadn't heard he was dead. I asked them if they had known him.

"How could you help it?" Shapiro said. "There will never be anybody in the division as well known as him. In the first place, you couldn't help noticing him on account of his clothes. He looked like a soldier out of some other army, always wearing them twenty-dollar green tailor-made officers' shirts and sometimes riding boots, with a French beret with a long rooster feather that he got off an Italian prisoner's hat, and a long black-and-red cape that he

got off another prisoner for a can of C ration."

"And the officers let him get away with it?" I asked.

"Not in the rear areas, they didn't," Shapiro said. "But in combat, Mollie was an asset. Major Kauffman, his battalion commander, knew it, so he would kind of go along with him. But he would never have him made even a pfc. Mollie couldn't of stood the responsibility. He was the greatest natural-born foul-up in the Army," Shapiro added reverently. "He was court-martialled twenty or thirty times, but the Major always got him out of it. He had the biggest blanket roll in the Ninth Division, with a wall tent inside it and some Arabian carpets and bronze lamps and a folding washstand and about five changes of uniform, none of them regulation, and he would always manage to get it on a truck when we moved. When he pitched his tent, it looked like a concession at Coney Island. I was with him when he got his first issue of clothing at Camp Dix in 1941. 'I've threw better stuff than this away,' he said. He never liked to wear issue. He was up for court-martial for deserting his post when he was on guard duty at Fort Bragg, but the regiment sailed for Morocco before they could try him, and he did so good in the landing at Port Lyautay that they kind of forgave him. Then he went over the hill again when he was guarding a dock at Oran in the winter, but they moved us up into the combat zone before they could try him then, so he beat that rap, too. He was a very lucky fellow. I can hardly think of him being dead."

"Well, what was so good about him?" I asked.

Sanderson, who was a thin, sharp-faced boy from Michigan, answered me with the embarrassed frankness of a modern mother explaining the facts of life to her offspring. "Sir," he said, "it may not sound nice to say it, and I don't want to knock anyone, but in battle almost everybody is frightened, especially the first couple of times. Once in a while you find a fellow who isn't frightened at all. He goes forward and the other fellows go along with him. So he is very important. Probably he is a popoff, and he kids the other guys, and they all feel better. Mostly those quiet, determined fellows crack up before the popoffs. Mollie was the biggest popoff and the biggest screwball and the biggest foul-up I ever saw, and he wasn't afraid of nothing. Some fellows get brave with experience, I guess but Mollie never had any fear to begin with. Like one time on the road to Maknassy, the battalion was trying to take some hills and we were getting no place. They were just Italians in front of us, but they had plenty of stuff and they were in cover and we were in the open. Mollie and the beret with the feather, stands right up, wearing the cape and he says, 'I bet those Italians would surrender if somebody asked them to. What the hell do they want to fight for?' he says. So he walks across the minefield and

up the hill to the Italians, waving his arms and making funny motions, and they shoot at him for a while and then stop, thinking he is crazy. He goes up there yelling 'Veni qua!', which he says afterward is New York Italian for 'Come here!', and 'Feeneesh la guerre!', which is French, and when he gets to the Italians he finds a soldier who was a barber in Astoria but went home on a visit and got drafted in the Italian Army, so the barber translates for him and the Italians say sure, they would like to surrender, and Mollie comes back to the lines with five hundred and sixty-eight prisoners. He had about ten Italian automatics strapped to his belt and fifteen field glasses hung over his shoulder.

ders. So instead of being stopped, we took the position and cleaned up on the enemy. That was good for the morale of the battalion. The next time we got in a fight, we said to ourselves, 'Those guys are just looking for an easy out,' so we got up and chased them the hell away from there. A disciplined soldier would never have did what Mollie done. He was a very unusual guy. He gave the battalion confidence and the battalion gave the regiment confidence, because the other battalions said, 'If the Second can take all those prisoners, we can, too.' And the Thirty-ninth and the Forty-seventh Regiments probably said to themselves, 'If the Sixtieth is winning all them fights, we can also.' So you might say that Mollie made the whole division." I found out afterward that Sanderson had oversimplified the story, but it was essentially true and the tradition endures in the Ninth Division.

(To be continued)

General Storke Helping Columbus Chapter Get Some Fine Action Films

Officers of the Columbus Chapter recently contacted Maj. Gen. H. P. Storke on information as to where and how to proceed in securing some action films that had some Ninth Division shots. The general answered promptly.

In due time a nice letter was received from Captain Charles V. Roll, with the Second United States Army Central Film and Equipment Exchange, Fort George Meade. Capt. Roll advised there was a TV film "Battlefield of Yesterday" being released very shortly by the Radio-TV Branch, Public Information Division, Department of the Army, and as soon as it was received by the Army a copy would be sent here for preview, then the Chapter could decide if they wanted to apply for a loan of the film to be used during the convention.

He also listed three other combat films that could be secured at Fort Hayes in Columbus. He suggested also that these should be borrowed for a short loan for chapter meetings for them to decide which would be more appropriate for the Convention.

The local chapter has arranged with the Jack Bilt Corporation, Kansas City firm, for a supply of beautiful and unique Easy-Stick-On badges. No pins are necessary. The Economy Novelty & Printing Co., New York City, are supplying the caps.

Dick Macomber, the entertainment chairman, has shopped around and secured the services of an outstanding 9-piece union orchestra for music at the dance, along with petite accordion players to stroll through the revelers at the beer party, etc.

Columbus like the rest of the nation has been suffered almost unbearable weather and meetings were far-between and poorly attended. A meeting is scheduled before the next issue of The Octofoil, after which it is quite possible there will be some interesting items sent in.

1958 Reunion Program Is Being Put Together

Members wishing to have their names on the "Booster" page of the 1958 Reunion Program should send their names, present address and outfit with while in the Ninth Infantry Division to Glenn O. Moore, care Ohio Federal Savings & Loan Co., 22-24 E. Gay St., Columbus, Ohio. Enclose check or money order for \$2. Make payable to Columbus Chapter, 9th Inf. Div. Assn.

Heretofore host chapters have charged \$1 for the insertion of a member's name only. This has proven unsatisfactory in that members receiving the Programs who did not attend the Reunion still unable to contact old buddies because only the names have been printed. The additional space necessary to print the names and addresses necessitates the additional charge over last year's fee. However, the Columbus Committee feels as though the members will receive much more value for the expenditure of \$2 this year. Please attend to this at once. The on the scene in Columbus for some advertising solicitors have been time now and are rapidly "whipping" the 1958 Program into shape. The page size this year will be approximately 9x12; about twice the size of previous programs.

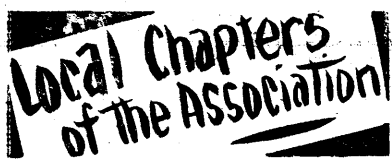
Local chapters are urgently requested to get copy in at once with their checks for the amount they feel able to subscribe. The regular established inch rates prevail with the chapters. Conquered to local concerns will not siderable leeway will be granted to as to present outstanding typography, good position, etc., for chapter ads and other ads that come to us from old-time friends and supporters of the Association.

Mail Bag

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With the end of the war Harold Knight settled down in Newport, Kentucky, where he now lives with his lovely wife, Trudy, and three children.

26th Field Artillery:

Once again we are reminded that things are happening with the men of the 26th F. A. by Joe McKenzie. "Another Ninth man has been found. He is James F. Daniels of 3523 Perlita Ave., Los Angeles California. James was formerly with the Service Battery of the 26th. Jim is another one of those rebels who sang the praise of the great state of North Carolina to us Yankees. From morning until night it was nothing but one long commercial about great Tar Heel State. Now look where he is??? Jim has been in California for ten years and once during that time did he visit his old home town. He is planning to make the trip again



New York Chapter

Sec. Dom. Miele
Grand Central P.O. Box
N.Y., N.Y.
Meeting place:
Gerdes Restaurant
112 East 18th St., N.Y. 3, N.Y.
Tel.: GR 7-9817

Meeting Time:
1st Frid. of each Month

Phila. Chapter

Ray Connolly
Krewstown, above Walsh Rd.
Phila., Pa.

Meeting: 3d Monday every month
P.R.R. Amer. Leg. Post 204
3202-04 Chestnut St.
Phila., Pa.

Buffalo Chapter

Sec. Henry J. R. Golabiecki
265 Cambridge Ave.
Buffalo, N.Y.

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Sec: William C. Mauser
6632 Bliss Ave.
Cleveland 3, Ohio
Endicott 1-1007

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Sec: Robert J. De Sandy
1685 Faircourt
Gross Pointe Woods 30, Mich.

Twin Cities Chapter

Sec: Richard W. Sims
3932 Brunswick
St. Louis Park, Minn.
Phone Wh 3311
Meeting — New Years Eve

New England Chapter

Sec. T. J. Boyle
39 Hall Avenue
Somerville, Mass.
Meeting: Y.D. Club
200 Huntington Avenue
Boston, Mass.

Columbus Chapter

Sec: Glenn O. Moore
22 East Gay St.
Columbus Ohio

Illinois Chapter

Ted Matusik
2058 W. 76 Street
Chicago, Ill.
Meeting place: 3346 N. Springfield
Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Second Friday of the month.

Capital Chapter

Sec: Anthony B. Mickle
7 Underwood Place, N.W.
Washington 12, D.C.

Pittsburgh Chapter

Sec. William Palady
322-31st Street
McKeesport, Pa.

men living not too far from Jim, this year. If there are any Ninth why not drop in for a visit and talk over Fayetteville, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina days

A later note from Joe enclosed a clipping about Jim Scannell.

J. B. SCANNELL FIRE DEPT. LIEUTENANT

James B. Scannell has been promoted to lieutenant on the Waltham Fire Department and will be assigned to Engine 2 in his new rank, beginning Saturday.

Fire Chief John F. Steede today announced the retirement Friday of Lt. Thomas F. Concannon.

Reassignment announced by the chief will transfer Lt. Francis A. Fair from Engine 2 to Engine 6 and Lt. Paul J. Mooney from Engine 6 to Engine 1. Lt. Scannell is being transferred from Ladder 1.

He was appointed a provisional firefighter August 7, 1947 and became a permanent member of the department Feb. 7, 1948.

Lt. Concannon was appointed a call man Dec. 1, 1925, became a permanent firefighter Feb. 1, 1926, and was appointed a lieutenant June 13, 1948.

He was named acting captain April 23, 1950, and returned to lieutenant March 10, 1951. He was again named acting captain June 21, 1953, and returned to lieutenant Feb. 26, 1954.

Recently Joe tells us that he received a letter from Joe Mosier formerly of Service Battery now of 330 So. Wail Street Kankakee, Illinois. For the past few years Joe lived in Harvey, Illinois. Last July, a terrific flood enveloped this area and he lost everything. Like all of us he waited and hoped that the water would subside. When he decided to move out the water had filled his cellar, floated five rooms of furniture and furnishings and had just started to reach the seat cushions of his car. Lucky for him he got his car started and was able to move his wife and three children to high ground. Joe plans to build a new home if he is able. Would there be any ex-Ninth men in the Kankakee area who would give Joe any assistance of any kind. Why not visit him. Joe has a back ailment that examinations and X Rays have failed to find . . .

60th Field Artillery Battalion:

A note from Manuel R. Silva of 3612 South 24th Street, Milwaukee 15, Wisconsin who tells us that he wants to re-up with the Division Association. Manuel was a First Sergeant of "B" Battery . . .

Welcome Doctor Bruce I. Ryder: Doc Ryder of PO Box J, Henry, Illinois is now a new member of

NEW 9th DIVISION COMMANDER

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out his first day on the post with a luncheon at the Officers Club with members of the staff and a sedan tour of post installations.

The new commander of the Old Reliables comes to Carson from the XX U. S. Army Corps (Reserve), Fort Hayes, Ohio, which he commanded from Sept. 20, 1957. Prior to that time, he served as Chief of the U. S. Army Military District, Ohio, from Feb. 1, 1956.

He is a 1923 graduate of the Military Academy at West Point and is a native of Pittsburgh, Penn.

Request for Advertising Space In 1958 Program

Mr. Glenn O. Moore, General Chairman
1958 9th Inf. Div. Convention
Care Ohio Federal Savings & Loan Co.
22-24 E. Gay Street
Columbus, Ohio

Enclosed is (\$), for the insertion of the following ad to appear in the 1958 Ninth Infantry Division Convention Program:
Prepare copy on a separate sheet if preferable.

Name of Chapter

City

Zone State

President

Secretary

MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION NOW! Send this form today. Be sure of a hotel room in Columbus.

The Deshler Hilton Columbus

9TH INFANTRY

PLEASE RESERVE Rooms I Will Arrive at M
With () Double Bed and bath And Depart at M
With () Twin Beds and bath Remarks
For () One Person at \$.....per Day Name
For () Two Persons at \$.....per Day Address

If a room is not available at rate requested, reservation will be made at the next available rate.

OUTSIDE COURT ROOMS

Single \$ 5.50 to \$ 8.00
Double 10.50 to 13.00
Twin 11.00 to 13.50
Suite 15.00 to 28.00

FRONT ROOMS

\$ 9.00 to \$13.00
13.50 to 16.00
14.00 to 18.50
32.00 to 40.00

LARGE CAPACITY ROOMS

Accommodating 4 to 10 — from \$3.50 up per person, depending on number of occupants per room.

our group. Doctor Ryder served with Clearing Company, 9th Division Medics during 1944 and was the Surgeon with the 15th Engineer Battalion during 1944 and '45. Doctor Ryder has a fine son, who is following his Dads footsteps. Captain Robert George Ryder tells us that he is just a country doctor whose hobby is working and reading. But he prefers reading because he has always had a weakness for history especially that relating to the Civil War. Doctor Ryder wants to say hello to Colonel John G. Schermerhorn and Major John Grey.

HELP WANTED

From the files of the American Legion we noticed:

Company K, 60th Infantry Regiment:

Need to hear from anyone who served with this outfit, especially during the Battle of the Bulge and the crossing of the Roer and Rhine Rivers. Particularly recall Captain Barvenel. Write me, Hubert A. Elsmen, RD 1, Newark, Ohio . . .

Company K, 60th Infantry:

Welcome to a new member, Clyde W. Benton, RFD 1 Box 191, Temperance, Michigan . . .

NOW IS THE TIME
TO PAY YOUR
'58 DUES

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

City Zone State

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

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member \$4.00 per year ()
Sustaining Member ()
THREE YEAR MEMBER \$11.00 ()
Life Membership \$50.00 ()
Octofoil Auto License Disc \$ 1.00 ()
Eight Stars to Victory \$ 3.50 ()
(Pictorial History of 9th Div. in Action)
Ladies Auxiliary Member \$1.50 ()
Decals \$.25 apiece — 5 for \$1.00
Combat Route Map \$.50
60th Infantry History \$1.00

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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.
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Sustaining Member: Chapter to receive 1/3 of amount over \$25.00, balance to National.