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## 'OPERATION MANHATTAN' READY TO START

FROM "RAGS TO RICHES" — EVERYONE A "KING" WHILE LIVING AT STATLER



### President Wade Sez...

Note: Shortly after this issue of The Octofoil had been put to bed President Frank Wade's message for publication was received.  
Believing the Statler Hotel was anxious to cooperate the printers were asked to whack a hunk out of the hotel's page 1 art work and insert at least part of the message, which follows:

As we come to the end of our fiscal year and near the big annual event, I, as your national President, would like to take this opportunity to thank all those responsible for making this a great and successful term. It is with pride and pleasure that I read the greatly improved Octofoil, which came about by hard work and interest in the organization, due solely to the unselfishness and energy of Paul S. Plunkett. He is truly a great newspaper man and the Ninth is fortunate to have him as an active and guiding member.

The Ninth has many other talented men and with a little encouragement can be as much of an inspiration to the organization as those who have carried the burden for the past 14 years.

The New York Chapter is planning a gala reunion and it will be worth everyone's time to make sacrifices to attend and bring loved ones along. Looking forward to seeing many new faces this year, I anxiously await the annual occasion, and to those unfortunate ones who cannot attend, may I extend my best wishes. Sincerely,  
FRANK B. WADE, President.



After World War I everyone kept singing "How you gonna keep 'em down on the farm after they've seen Paree?" Now, after this 1959 9th Infantry Division Reunion in New York City and a few days living "high on the hog" at the Statler Hotel, that song may have to be rephrased. The beauty of the whole thing is that this business of living "like a king" at the Statler has been arranged by the New York Committee on such a reasonable financial level that it is within reach of the poor guy's pocketbook—which classification naturally encompasses most of the former 9th men—because, judging from most of the letters reaching The Octofoil, during recent years "the rich have been getting richer and former Ninth men have been getting children."

### Sydney Levison Bringing New Englanders To 1959 Convention in New York

Sydney Levison, 38 Waumbuck St., Boston 21, Mass., writes in part:  
It appears that the New England Chapter will be well represented at the New York Reunion. That is, if the enthusiasm shown at our last meeting is a criterion.

### COL. FRED C. FEIL HAS APO ADDRESS

Col. Frederick C. Feil, former Div. Arty., has left his residence in the Old Dominion State (Virginia), and has been assigned to the Civil Affairs Div., Hq. USAREUR, APO 403, care Postmaster, New York City. Col. Feil left the states on June 2.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—  
A pedestrian is a husband who did not think the family needed two cars.

### A. L. Smykla and A. Lamberti Make Inquiries

A. Lamberti, 215 Clinton Pl., Hackensack, N. J., and A. L. Smykla, 510 Grant St., East Rochester, N. Y., are two of the latest to be heard from former Ninth men who plan to attend the Reunion in New York on July 31-August 2.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—  
Sacks were designed for potatoes, not tomatoes.

### NEW YORKERS ANXIOUS TO WELCOME THE BOYS WHO KEPT AMERICA FROM GOOSE-STEPPING TO NAZI-ISM BECAUSE OF NINTH DIVISION COURAGE

In the following paragraphs the New York Committee submits its final report to the members on the elaborate plans they have so skillfully arranged for the pleasure of those attending the 1959 Convention. Excerpts from just a few of the many letters received that are printed elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil is conclusive evidence that this Reunion will be the greatest and biggest ever held by the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

#### THURSDAY — KICK-OFF DAY

There will be three lovely ladies from the New York Chamber of Commerce on hand to help visitors register. The usual things will prevail. Thursday is the day for the normal get-togethers. Radio and TV tickets, at no charge, will be available for those who want them. The bulletin boards will contain complete information relative to places of interests that visitors may want to visit while in New York City.

#### JONES BEACH ALLURING

Those who are interested may visit Jones Beach and see the Song of Norway. Buses can be boarded from Times Square. Tickets range from \$1.80, \$2.80, \$3.80 and \$4.80. There is a magnificent water show at the Marine Theatre at Jones Beach. For advance tickets a letter to: Marine Theatre Productions, Jones Beach, Marine Theatre, Wantagh, N. Y., will do the trick. It will be advantageous to mail reservations early. This is a complete family show; tuneful music for everyone, pretty girls for Pop, glorious costumes for Mom, and a line of ships for the kiddies. A rare treat for the entire family.

#### ROCKEFELLER CENTER

Here is one of the wonders of the world, this "City within a City." It is on the Rockefeller Center Guided Tour, which includes the Observation Roof. This is a personally escorted one-hour tour of all the main points of interest in the development. The tour begins in the comfortable "all glass" tour lounge and is excitingly climaxed by a trip to the Observation Roof 70 stories in the air above New York. The committee has special discount tickets priced at \$1.20 per person. Check at the registration desk for this special discount ticket.

#### TV UNFOLDED

Those interested in a trip through Wonderland—may see the wonderland of broadcasting and television unfolded before their own eyes.

Many have wondered how favorite programs are produced? The number of people involved, the complicated equipment required, the coordinating and planning necessary to present the entertainment heard and seen so easily at home, entails many startling and revealing operations. Here is a chance for everyone to find out what goes on behind the scenes of radio and television. The NBC one hour escorted tour of Radio City reveals the inside workings of the headquarters of America's No. 1 network. It is an experience never to be forgotten. It is New York's most popular escorted tour. The price for former 9th men and their ladies will be only 70 cents per person.

#### AHOY, YOU LANDLUBBERS

As part of the price of admission here is what the committee is giving the guests as extra on their strip

tickets: A ticket for a trip around the Island of Manhattan. This is Luxury sightseeing conducted by a highly trained lecturer-hostess. A specially trained lecturer-hostess accompanies every Day Line Cruise around Manhattan Island. She describes in detail the points of interest all along the route, giving their history and fascinating little known facts and anecdotes of interest. The gracious Day Line hostess will be delighted to answer any additional questions anyone might have to ask. She is a highly trained expert, interested in making the tour a pleasure and enriching. Here's how to reach Saling Point, Hudson River Day Line Pier 81 . . . foot of West 41st St.: One can walk the distance from the Statler in about 15 minutes or cabs are always available. Remember, those interested can go anytime desired. There is no special trip. The schedule of sailings: Start at 9:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M., 1:00 P.M., 2:00 P.M., 3:00 P.M., 4:15 P.M., 6:00 P.M.

Remember, overall strips tickets include this voyage around Manhattan. The time of making the trip is optional.

#### ROOMS AND PRICES

The New York Committee has covered the rooms and price angles expertly. There's no excuse for anyone to be fooled by convention experiences of the past. For the past several months a hotel room coupon has been published in The Octofoil. The reason has been to protect the 9th Division convention. A contract has been made with the hotel management. The price structure is definitely as follows: A single room \$8.00, and a double \$11.00. This is the price 9th guests pay for these rooms. There will be no mish-mash about the arrangement. Anyone encountering difficulty should report to the registration desk at once.

Above all, guests should definitely advise the clerk when registering they are attending the 9th Infantry Division Reunion, and the room price has been set and will be no more. The committee has gone to great lengths to insure this arrangement—so remember, in case a guest doesn't get these prices, see some one at the registration desk so they may check with management immediately.

#### AIR CONDITIONING

To those who have attended many conventions all over the country, one argument that is continually used is: What in hell has happened to the so-called air conditioning? Guests at the 1959 Reunion need have no fears on this score. The committee has made sure that everyone gets air conditioning because, "The entire hotel is air conditioned." Not only air conditioned but centrally controlled. No noise from one unit, this is silent, cool comfortable air that is going 24 hours a day and

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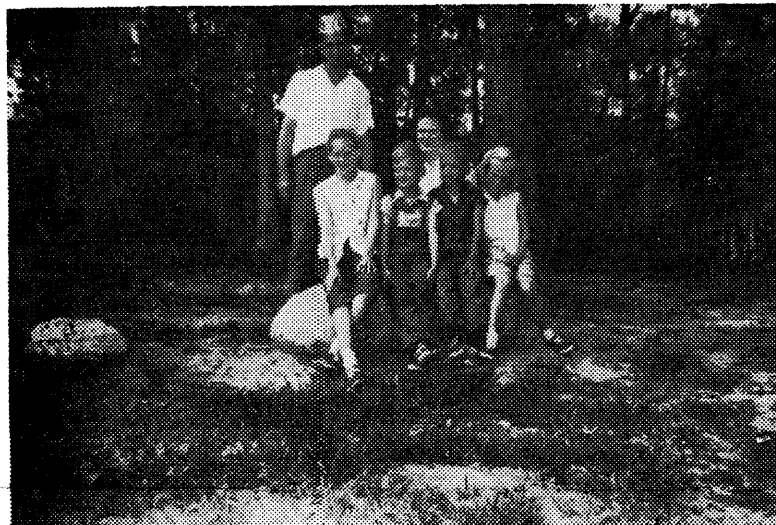
# World's Motor Capital Asking for '60 Reunion

THEY'RE READY FOR A CRAP SHOOTERS' FORMATION



Enjoying the picnic staged by former Ninth Infantry Division men and their families living in Michigan, pictured above, are from left to right: Kleber Stockford, Burt, Mich.; Jack Lonsway, Saginaw, Mich.; B. M. Phelps, Warren, Mich.; Bob Rumenapp, St. Clair Shores, Mich.; Walter Burnett, Lansing, Mich., and Joe Casey, Detroit, Mich.

HERE IS A TYPICAL NINTH DIVISION FAMILY



When former Ninth men get together in Michigan, it's a family affair—and not only are the men knitted together in real comradeship, but so are the wives and kiddies. Pictured above enjoying the Michigan picnic festivities: John Bonkowski; his lovely wife, Rose, and the four little Bonkowski.

MICHIGAN PICNIC CELEBRANTS A HAPPY GROUP



The above pictured happy group, relaxing during the Big-Time Michigan Picnic and Jamboree staged for former Ninth Infantry Division men and their families, are reading from left to right, back row: Jack Lonsway, Kleber Stockford, Bob and Betty Rumenapp. Seated: Bernice, Larry and Walter Burnett; Florence and B. M. Phelps.

## Gen. H. Dudley Ives 3rd Army Chief of Staff

Evidently Brig. Gen. H. Dudley Ives enjoys his Octofoil and keeping up with the old gang. Immediately upon being transferred from the Illinois Military District, he contacted The Octofoil and relayed his new address so as not to have the continuity of his paper interrupted.

The General is now Chief of Staff, Third U. S. Army, Fort McPherson, Georgia (Atlanta).

At one time the Association had a rather lively chapter composed of Atlanta civilians and Fort McPherson personnel functioning in that area. Maybe Gen. Ives will help get the group reactivated again soon.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

A British doctor reports that it is possible to get drunk on water. Next they'll be saying you can do it on PX beer.

## Frank Jacksha Writes From "Little Sweden"

Up in Minnesota, where all the fine Swedish culture is perpetuated and passed on to each succeeding generation, lives Frank S. Jacksha, at 639 Burr St., St. Paul 1, Minn. Frank was with the 47th, 1st Bn., Co. D, from September, 1942, until late fall of '43.

Frank has written for information about the Association with the idea of signing up right away.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

## Inquiries Still Pouring In From Engineers

Just one of the umpteen former 15th Engrs. sending in for full details relative to the 14th annual reunion was John E. Wagner, 126 Tree Road, Centereach, L. I., N. Y. John will be one of the big gang of former 15th Engr. men making an appearance at the Statler on July 31.

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

## "OCTOFOIL" REVIVES FOND MEMORIES, SAYS CARLTON C. CURTIS

Coming in just under the wire, as this issue of The Octofoil was about ready to be "put to bed" was a copy of a nice letter Carlton Curtis, 304 North Ave., Elkins, W. Va., had sent his old Co. B, 15th Engr. buddy, Art Schmidt.

Carl rushed five bucks to Schmidt as his contribution toward paying for the Engineers' space in the 1959 Reunion Journal.

Curtis has been a continuous Association member since before he left Germany in June, 1945. If there were many more like Curtis, overflowing with the old Ninth spirit—the Association would really be a most powerful association of ex-G.I.s.

The Octofoil appreciates, in particular one paragraph in the letter to Art, which read:

"Yes, Arthur, I read The Octofoil from cover to cover every issue—and the notes about you and my many other buddies kinda makes me lonesome and blue sometimes."

Carl plans being at the Statler for the 1959 Reunion, getting there early and staying late.

For the benefit of any former 9th men living in Albany, N. Y., the West Virginia lad calls attention to the fact that the superintendent of Albany schools, Dr. James Allen, is a native of Elkins and a very close, personal friend of Carl's.

—PAY 1959 DUES DUE—

## JOE LAGATTUTA ADVISES DICK PESTEL HE'LL BRING THE WHOLE PLATOON

Dick Pestel, 1467 1-2 Livingston Ave., Columbus, O., former 47th Inf. man, is in receipt of a newsy letter from his old buddy, Joe Lagattuto, 270 Madison Ave., Hasbrouck Hgts., New Jersey. Parts of the letter:

"I intend to make the reunion and if possible I'll bring along the better half. She's a real gal and you'll like her. She's loads of fun. I hope you can bring Chuck along. I always liked that boy and I'd love to see him again."

George Bastedo and I were talking about the reunion recently. I hope to bring along with me George, Larry McCabe, Pop Vetter, Joe Fasone and a few others.

We're setting pretty here in Hasbrouck Heights because we are only eight miles away from the heart of the city.

The only thing that can possibly keep me away is sickness and I'm feeling pretty damn healthy.

Looking forward with much pleasure to seeing you and many more of the old gang in New York."

—PAY 1959 DUES NOW—

## A Fine Mother Sends In Son's Dues and News

Mrs. Anna C. Wright, of Dover, Mass., mother of Francis E. Wright, 40 Stanbro St., Readville, Mass., tips the Octofoil off to the fact that Francis was married April 14, 1958, to the lovely Thelma F. Schlegge. Nuptial vows were made in St. Marys Church, Dedham, Mass.

Francis was with the 9th Med. Bn. from Fort Bragg days to the end of the war, staying with the Division through the African, Sicilian and Normandy campaigns.

Thank you, many times over, Mrs. Wright, for your thoughtfulness. Francis' many old buddies in the 9th will be happy to learn he is well and happy.

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## Leonard Kowalski Is Confined to Hospital

Leonard Kowalski, one of the well-liked Michigan members, is in the Memorial Hospital in Van Dyke, Mich., and has been for several weeks. He suffered a shattered hip, shattered ankle and a shattered heel. He has been operated on for bone grafting in the heel. Leon will be laid up for quite some time. A cheerful card from any of his old buddies will be a great morale booster. The Octofoil will be mailed to his hospital address until the lad is up and at 'em again, which won't be too far off, it is earnestly hoped by The Octofoil and his many, many former buddies.

## DETROIT BOYS AND GIRLS PROVE CONCLUSIVELY THAT "HE WHO PERSEVERETH SHALL OVERCOME" — PAPERS AND RADIOS COOPERATE IN MOVEMENT

Those Detroit spark plugs who started out with the motto: "It can be done" have proven "they know whereof they speak." The report Bob and Betty Rumenapp have submitted to The Octofoil for the July issue is soul-inspiring and should be an inspiration to former 9th boys and their ladies everywhere. It is regrettable that space limitations prevented printing many more of the picnic pictures that were sent in. Highlights of the written report on recent Michigan activities will be noted in the paragraphs that follow.

### A FAIR TURNOUT AT PICNIC

A fairly good crowd turned out for the Michigan Reunion and picnic, held at 1 P.M., June 28 at Kensington Park Okemos, east of Lansing on U. S. Route 16.

### GET RESULTS

Advance news notes relative to the picnic were sent to Michigan newspapers and to six radio stations. This medium seems to have secured better results than the individual letter method used for previous get-togethers.

The newspaper clippings furnished The Octofoil gave full details about picnic plans, asking those who were able to attend to contact Robert F. Rumenapp, 22613 Furlton, St. Clair Shores, Mich. Those unable to attend were requested to furnish their present addresses to Bob.

The news stories also gave data concerning the forthcoming 14th annual reunion in New York.

### NEWCOMERS WELCOMED

Several people who had never heard of the Association attended the event and displayed interest.

These people had heard of the picnic plans on the radio or had read about it in their newspaper and were sufficiently interested to make the trip and ascertain what it was all about. Those who had planned to attend and could not because of circumstances beyond their control, advised extra efforts will be exerted to attend the next Michigan 9th Division Association affair.

### ALL VALID EXCUSES

Among a few of those who were unable to attend were: Nick Kafkas, Jack Wilson, Gerald Kramer, Bruce Moir, Charles Alcorn and Dan Badia. These lads either had to work or were previously committed for engagements elsewhere that could not be broken.

### V.F.W. DELEGATE

John and Marie Korobko were unable to attend because John was a delegate to the V.F.W. Convention being held in Traverse City at the time of the Ninth's picnic. Marie has been very ill for quite some time. Bernie Kadykowski had to work. Just what happened that the Gronseths were absent is not known at the present time. It's a cinch bet though they were unavoidably detained.

### HONOR ROLL

Listed are the names of those attending this great outdoors event:

Joe Casey, Hq. Co., 60th. (Just as wonderful and handy as ever.)

Albert Leavitt and wife, Rt. 2, Elsie, Mich. Co "C," 60th. (New.)

Tom Harris; wife, Margaret, and the two youngsters—60th.

Jack D. Lonsway, 3290 Graham Rd., Saginaw (new address), "D" Co., 60th.

Kleber Stockford, 13581 Sheridan Rd., Burt, Mich. (New address.) "D" Company.

B. M. Phelps and wife, Florence, 2229 Emmons, Warren, Mich. (New address)—60th.

Alfred J. Yockey and wife, Ellen, and new adopted daughter, Marie (17 yrs.)—"D" Co.

William C. Andrews, wife and the three children, 5780 Alpine, N.W., Comstock Park, Mich. New address—39th Inf. and 26th F.A.

Walter Burnett, and wife, Bernice and son, 320 Brynford, Lansing. (New address.) 39th Inf.

John Bonkowski; wife, Rose, four children and nephew, 19941 Hickory, Detroit 5. Recon.

Robert DeSandy; wife, Florence, and daughter, Nancy, who was celebrating her 8th birthday. They had another couple and their two children as guests.

Charles B. Gateman, 720 N. Court, Howell, Mich.—39th. Chuck saw it in the Howell newspaper. First he knew about the Association.

Albert M. Lillifors, 515 West St., Lansing, Mich.—47th Inf.—Hospital Unit, 1945. Al paid \$10 in 1946 and had heard nothing more about the Association until he saw the notice this wide-awake Detroit group had printed in the Lansing newspapers.

Wilbur F. Sherman, and wife, Jeanne; two children, 449 N. Pleasant, Jackson, Mich., new address—formerly of Pennsylvania and the 47th Regt.

Eugene O. Reedy and wife, Phyllis and the three children—91 Richmond, Highland Park, Mich. Gene also read the notices in Highland Park papers and heard announcements on radio station WJR. 34th F.A.

Tony Valeri and wife, Beatrice, 5 children, 421 Detroit Ave., Monroe, Mich. 15th Engrs. He was sent a notice after Bob and Betty Rumenapp received their Octofoil.

And of course, Bob and Betty Rumenapp, 22613 Furlton Blvd., St. Clair Shores, Mich.

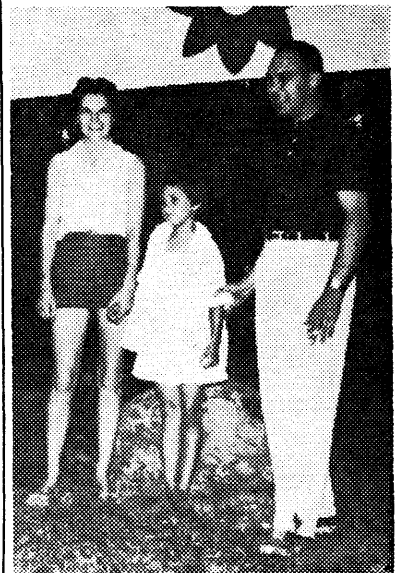
### A STANDING VOTE OF THANKS

Bob Rumenapp writes as follows: "I'd like to publicly thank Bernard and Rose Marie Kadykowski for their fine work in making the beautiful signs for the picnic. They do silk screen printing and I've never seen anything nicer. The sign is quite visible in the group pictures taken around the tables. Even though Bernie knew he wouldn't be able to attend, he printed 32 signs to be put up throughout the park after working very late Saturday night. He and Rose Marie brought them over about 10:45 P.M. Saturday. Everyone appreciates this valuable help."

### HOLD THE FORT

Orchids also to Tom Harris and his lovely wife, Margaret. Thanks is an inadequate gesture for they having arrived at the park around 8:00 A.M. to help good old Joe Casey, Bob, Betty and a few others to hold the section that had been reserved for this Ninth Division pow-wow. Park rules only allow a reservation to be held until 11 A.M. and the pic-

### A FINE MICHIGAN TRIO



Bob DeSandy; his wife, Florence, and cute little Nancy had a "ball" at the Ninth Division Picnic held in Michigan.

nic wasn't scheduled until 1:00 P.M. Their help was a necessity and they worked like Trojans.

### ATTRACTS BIG SHOTS

The newspaper publicity put out by the Michigan group attracted the attention of the Assistant Program

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Stanley Cohen, National Secretary, Ninth Infantry Division Assn.,  
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Enclosed please find 1959 dues for:

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I wish to sign up for the following:

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## Frank Perry and Wife Active In Nutmeg State

Frank Perry, Jr., Mrs. Perry and their son live at 39 Town Hill Ave., Danbury, Conn. Telephone: Danbury (Pioneer 8-3605). He'd be glad for any former 15th Engr. lads passing that way to give him a buzz.

Both Frank and Mrs. Perry are members of the Danbury Grange—and their son, Bud, will be a member before very much longer.

Frank wants to make one of the New York Chapter dances at some future date. He admits he isn't any prize package when it comes to cutting the rugs—but claims Mrs. Perry and Bud shake two pair of pretty ved hoofs.

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## "Tex" Russell Plugging Away In Lone Star State

Another Co. B, 15th Engr. lad is heard from. This time it's Buddy "Tex" Russell, Rt. 2, Box 629, Abilene, Tex.

"Tex" has had some bad breaks. His wife suffered a heart attack and was confined to a hospital for a long while. Having to do the domestic work for about six months while Mrs. Russell recuperated, "Tex" did not have time to keep in contact with his old buddies and kinda lost out. Now he'd be happy to hear from any of them and promises to answer.

"Tex" hopes to make a reunion one of these days and bring along the pictures made overseas.

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## COMPLETE CONVENTION DATA

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never stops. Now it can be said: Escape the heat in comfort and comradeship.

### FOOD — CHOW DELUXE

Here is an idea of exactly what will be served on the banquet menu: Fresh Fruit Cocktail (fresh fruits of the season), Consomme Brumoise (a special Statler delight), Roast Half Chicken and Succulent Mushroom sauce, accompanied by Rissolee Potatoes, String Beans and garnished in a Julienne Sauté (what-ever that is). But those who have sampled it, claim it is delicious. . . . La Salade De Saison (French for a plain salad with French dressing). For desert: Ah, the piece de resistance: Bome Glace Cardinal with overflowing Strawberry Sauce, (a tempting morsel of ices), a large container of coffee and table mints.

Here is truly a meal of meals—prepared by the finest chefs in the city of New York. No one can fail to enjoy this meal to the utmost.

### CHILDREN'S PRICES

Past experience has taught that many of the members want to bring their youngsters to the banquet. So the committee has arranged for the kiddies to sit with the adults. The children's meal is \$3.50.

### HEY, YOU GIRLS!

Join up with the group Friday afternoon at 2:30 for your very own deal. Here the ladies will be entertained by a very smart personality from the famous Revlon company. This lovely lass will explain the mysteries of beauty and its application. During this tete-a-tete the ladies will be served assorted finger sandwiches (a delicious taste treat in itself), French pastry and tea or coffee.

### SPECIAL TOURS

The committee has arranged to afford the girls a real deal. They may tour the new Design Center. Here will be found the latest fashions in home arrangements, details and how to plan. The Design Center is one of the most famous places in New York City for the girls to visit. It's fun and will not cost them a penny. The fellers shouldn't mind the lady of the house patronizing this event. Because here there's nothing to buy. Just look and listen—take notes and make mental dreams to the heart's content.

### WHAT ABOUT FASHION SHOW?

Maybe the ladies would like to attend a fashion show. If enough display an interest a tour will be arranged at the Charleston Garden Restaurant. Here the ladies will be served breakfast, including a lovely flower corsage for every lady and a menu consisting of fruit juices, Danish pastry muffins and butter and bacon buns. All of this costs \$1.42. There is also a hot meal available for \$1.78 per person. After the breakfast a special program will be arranged; either a fashion show or talk by a well known stylist, sometimes a millinery showing or home furnishing program with commentary by a very prominent decorator. In addition to the above there will be prizes given out by B. Altman to the guests attending this breakfast.

### FRIDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Take a look at the record: At this time the guests will be served the fine and famous New York Knickerbocker beer. They will also be entertained by some excellent Broadway talent. There will be singing, dancing, drinking, eating and good fellowship. Enlargement on this evening's entertainment is dependent on the participants. The sky's the limit—everyone will just have to let their conscience be a guide!

### RADIO AND TV TICKETS

At the present time the committee does not know what tickets they will have available but it will be in the neighborhood of about 300 various tickets to all the radio and TV performances that will be on during the convention week end.

### BANQUET DRINK LIST

Here's a sample of what one may expect to pay when ordering up the hard stuff: Scotch (Statler label), drink, 90 cents; bottle \$10.50; Old Smuggler, 95 cents, and \$12 a bottle; Rye, 85 cents to 95 cents a slug, and from \$8 to \$9.50 a bottle; Bourbon, 95 cents a drink and \$12 to \$13 for a bottle. Beer is 55 cents up to 75

cents, with cocktails from 85 cents to \$1.10.

### MEMORIAL PARADE

The units of Fort Carson Color Guard, carrying 9th Division colors, will lead off, followed by a rifle squad and the First Army band. Father Connors will preside and the group will march as follows: Start Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M. (It has to be 10:00 A.M. promptly. New York City traffic is a factor to contend with.) The marchers will hike from 32nd Street to the Eternal Light at 24th Street and Fifth Avenue. The march has been clocked at 15 minutes. Efforts will be made to march on the shady side of the street.

Above all, the committee insists that as many members as possible participate in the parade. There is no better way to show respect for those buddies left behind than to join in the Memorial Services.

An invitation is extended to all the members who live in the New York area to bring the children and entire family, and all parade . . . thereby making a tremendous impression. The committee is imbued with the spirit and have the manpower to properly supervise a successful parade if all the members can become alerted. It behooves each and every one to contact old buddies and persuade them to participate in the parade.

### BANQUET AND DANCE

Here is the round-up of a blaze of glory. The committee has the biggest room the Statler has to offer—the North Ballroom. A lot of people are expected and this room can accommodate up to 1500 people.

The committee is aiming big. They arranged for this room so everyone could stretch their feet. Not only stretch their feet but dance to a 12-piece orchestra and a vocalist. Attendants will be thrilled by the inimitable toastmaster, Father DeLaura, formerly of the 47th's 2nd Battalion. As the main speaker of the evening the committee will present Major General John Van Houten, formerly of the 60th Infantry, now commanding general of the District of Columbia military area.

### MORE ATTENTION FOR LADIES

A special treat for the ladies . . . Each lady who enters the hotel banquet will be presented an orchid corsage. Girls, now you will be decked out in the finest regalia possible. Your hubby by your side, an orchid on your gown and friends all around.

### FOR THOSE WHO DRIVE IN

From Lincoln Tunnel: On leaving the tunnel turn left on Dreyer Ave. to 40th St. Turn right and follow 40th St. to 7th Ave. Turn right on 7th Ave. and drive south seven blocks to the Statler Hilton at 33rd Street.

From George Washington Bridge: Leave the West Side Highway at south bound 46th St. exit ramp to 42nd St. Turn left (east) and follow 42nd St. to 7th Ave. Turn right at 7th Ave. and drive nine blocks to the Statler at 33rd St.

From Holland Tunnel: On leaving the tunnel follow the rotary traffic circle to Laight St. Follow Laight St. to the Avenue of the Americas (6th Ave.) Turn left on the Avenue of the Americas and proceed north to 33rd St. Turn left on 33rd St. and drive one-half block to the Statler-Hilton.

Major Deegan Expressway: Follow Expressway to 3rd Ave. bridge exit. Turn right, cross bridge and follow exit to Harlem River Drive and East River drive to 34th St. exit. Turn right on 34th St. to Second Ave. and then left on Second Avenue to 33rd St. Turn right on 33rd St. and drive seven blocks to the Statler-Hilton.

By train: Penn Station is on 32nd St. The Statler Hilton is just across the street on 33rd and 7th.

### THE COSTS

A strip ticket costs \$12.50. Normally the price would be \$14 but the price has been brought down.

This is the package: a beer party, dance, boat ride, radio and TV tickets, business sessions galore, banquet and plenty of other fun to boot. For those who can't be in New York for the full three days special prices for the breakdowns as desired are available. The committee has the tickets and right prices to

## Bill Meade Helps Keep Illinois Roads Up to Par

William H. Meade, former Co. B, 15th Engrs., now living on Rt. 1, Harvard, Ill., says:

I love to hear from any of the old gang and enjoy the Christmas cards I get from many of them. I always manage to answer them at the holiday season—or rather, my wife sees to it that they are answered.

The years are passing fast. I will soon hit that 50 mark. My family is just fine—which includes three boys.

I haven't been feeling too good in recent months. The hard winter we had—often way below zero is more of a headache to me than to others. I have charge of fifty miles of highway in these parts and it's tough on the nerves to keep school buses, milk trucks and the daily traffic of the modern age on the move. We are located 70 miles northwest of Chicago, in the heart of the Chicago milk shed and dairy district—so you can see why the roads must be kept clear. Things are different now than when I was a boy in these parts—the farms are mechanized—and people expect a lot of service—sometimes they are unreasonable.

I'd like to make it to New York, but at that time of year we are really busy—doing black topping and seal coating on the roads. But if an application blank is mailed to me I will be glad to join the Association.

Convey to all the old gang kindest regard and best wishes from Old Meade. It's been a long time since I hauled any dead Jerries in a wheel barrow. We all had our experiences and difficult times. Seems a little funny now—but at the time it was far from being funny. Would appreciate a letter from any of the old-timers from Co. B, 15th Engrs.

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## A Peek At Octofoil Influences a Decision

Abraham Strom writes from 109 Doris Ave., No. Bellmore, N. Y., and pays a nice compliment to The Octofoil. Parts of his letter follow:

I intended to join for a long time but after reading one issue of The Octofoil I was convinced I should join at once.

### SEEKING A LT. SMITH

I would like to get in touch with a Lieut. Smith of the 39th Infantry, possibly of Co. "C," who rode with me in an ambulance from Maknassy in North Africa on the night of April 3, 1943.

I was badly wounded and he comforted and aided me throughout the entire journey, which lasted about seven hours. I was under sedation and cannot recall clearly, but I believe he had a mouth infection at the time.

I was from Co. K, 60th. Any member who might have an inkling who this Lieut. Smith was or what became of him should contact Abe at the address given.

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### HEALTH COUNTS

A spinster rushed home excitedly and confided to her elder old-maid sister.

"Oh, Eletha, I'm going out tonight with a used car salesman."

"What's the difference," her sister said, "so long as he's healthy?"

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take care of any given situation.

What more can be said? Follow the crowd on July 30, 31 and August 1st to the Statler Hilton in New York.

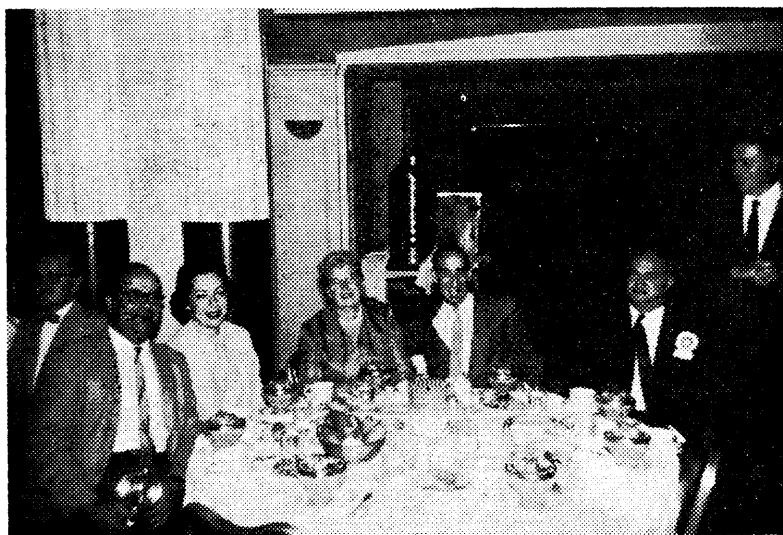
### CONTACT FRIENDS

Above all, members should contact friends and buddies and arrange to meet them in New York on the dates mentioned. This is a sure fire way to be assured of a fine time. The committee has afforded the facilities, members can cinch a wonderful time by contacting someone to pal with and personally enjoy all the events.

Call today, some old buddies and have them call others, arrange to all meet at the Statler. It is a little bit lonesome being alone when just a little effort can make the whole affair real enjoyment. Those who take time out and do this chore—get an old buddy on the ball and headed toward New York, will not be sorry!

All roads lead to New York and the Statler-Hilton Hotel.

# "SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT . . .?"



Happy scenes similar to the above will be snapped by the score at the 1959 Reunion in New York City. The above group of former 9th Division quartermaster lads and their ladies was made during the 1958 Reunion held in Columbus. Pictured from left to right: Horace Abrams, Mrs. Abrams, Mrs. Sinare, Andrew Sinare, Harry Orenstein and Gene Berasi. Picture sent in by Harry Orenstein, 640 E. 139th St., Bronx 54, I. Y.

## JOURNAL ADVERTISEMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter wish to have the following advertisement in the 1959 Ninth Infantry Division Journal:

Full Page .....	\$25.00
Half Page .....	15.00
One-fourth Page .....	7.50
One-eighth Page .....	5.00
Booster .....	1.00

Note: Please make all checks payable to the Greater New York Chapter, Box 1108, G.P.O., New York 1, N. Y. When you send in your \$1.00 for the Booster please indicate outfit.

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## REUNION FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am attending the Ninth Infantry Division Association at the Hotel Statler in New York City, N. Y., on July 30-July 31, Aug. 1, 1959, and am entitled to all the privileges of set Hotel rates. (Please present this to the registration clerk.)

## IT ISN'T TOO EARLY TO BE RESERVING A ROOM FOR JULY 30-AUG. 2, AT NEW YORK'S STATLER

Please reserve accommodations as checked (X) below:

FRONT OFFICE MANAGER  
The Statler Hotel  
7th Ave., 32nd and 33rd Streets  
New York 1, New York

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED not later than two (2) weeks prior to opening date of convention and will be held only until 6 p.m. on day of arrival unless later hour is specified.

Date Arriving .....	Hour .....	A.M.
		P.M.
Date Departing .....	Hour .....	A.M.
		P.M.
Single .....		\$8.00
Doubles or Twins (2 in a room) .....		\$5.50

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## GEORGIA CRACKER IS "JOINING UP"

Cecil E. Ingle, former 34th F.A. lad, has a new address. It is now, Rt. 2, Hartwell, Ga. Way up in North Georgia, where it's hilly and cool—not too far from those gold veins around Dahlonega, Ga.

Cecil is interested in renewing his membership in the Association, and writes Secretary Stan Cohen for full details. He also manifests an interest in the proposed insurance coverage that was being sponsored by the Association.

## MONTGOMERY'S GOOD WIFE CONTACTS THE ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Delbert Montgomery got tired of the "old man's" procrastination—his delayed action in writing to the Association, so she takes pen in hand and dashes off a few lines. Delbert and Ingeborg Montgomery live at 368 Columbia St., Leetonia, O. He is a former B Co., 15th Engr. lad. Del hopes to be able to attend the reunion. If all those Engineers barge in on New York City who plan to—other outfits will have to hustle like heck to outnumber them.

## ACTIVITY OF MICHIGAN LADS AND LASSES

(Continued from Page 3)

Director of the Detroit Convention and Tourist Bureau, H. Rolfston. He has been trying to locate a member of the Association in the Michigan area for a long time, but only had Joe Casey's name, and since Joe is not listed in the Greater Detroit telephone directory, he had not been contacted.

Mr. Rolfston attended the picnic and left the group much interesting literature about Detroit and Michigan and a lot of ideas on how they may successfully reach their goal—FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REUNION OF THE 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN DETROIT IN 1960. The Bureau is sending letters of invitation to the Board of Governors. Mayor Miriani and the Detroit Council are also sending out similar invitations.

### THANKS TO MANY

Rumenapp in closing his interesting letter to The Octofoil asks that sincere thanks with heartfelt gratitude be extended to MacKenzie, of Massachusetts, and Thornton, South Bend, Ind., for their notes with addresses. Also a big thank you to Dom Miele for his speedy answer (within five days after the Detroit letter to Dom was mailed). He enclosed a copy of the by-laws. Action will be taken on these in due time.

### STILL MISSING

The names printed below are names of former Ninth men and their last known address. Mail is being returned from these addresses. Anyone knowing the correct address of these former 9th men will render a wonderful service to the Michigan group if such information will be sent at once to Robert Rumenapp, 22613 Furton Blvd., St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

James G. Ryan, 505 Washington Blvd., Bldg. 1, care Doner, Detroit.  
Allen J. Kelley, 5045 Daily Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Joseph B. Lenard, 6809 Burnwell Ave., Detroit 10, Mich.

Robert J. Farmer, 10386 Beechdale, Detroit 4, Mich.

Ward F. Perry, 644 Charlotte, Detroit 1, Mich.

Paul Senyszyn, 5030 Jos. Campon, Detroit, Mich.

Charles L. Mitchell, 11389 Chatham, Detroit 23, Mich.

Douglas Deas, 14121 Rosemont, Detroit 23, Mich.

Willis Brewer, 11345 Forrer, Detroit 27, Mich.

Joseph Miller, 8626 Woodside Park, Detroit 27, Mich.

James C. Dawson, 20008 Joy, Detroit 28, Mich.

J. A. Bruner, 1033 E. Stanley, Mt. Morris, Mich.

Ernest J. Hudson, 724 Griswold S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Frederick M. Josey, 2402 Gold Ave., Flint 3, Mich.

Douglas Bernhardt, Box 16, Brighton, Mich.

Hiram J. Eversole, 13235 Chestnut, Wyandotte, Mich.

Elmer H. Krutzfeldt, 102 John-

son, Zilwaukee, R. 41, Saginaw, Mich.  
Wm. C. Otto, 204 N. Adams, Zilwaukee, Mich.

James F. Hixon, Rt. 2, Marshall, Mich.

Frank A. Bugola, 1227 N. 23rd, Saginaw, Mich. Pleasant 3-2900.

Robert L. Cole, 1318 Rathbone, Grand Rapids, Mich.

John R. Saylor, 2140 Morton, S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Walter McClure, Jr., 1718 Indiana, Flint, Mich.

James A. LeBar, 21793 Superior, Wyandotte, Mich.

Thomas J. Lloyd, 31765 Grand Traverse, Wayne, Mich.

Paul Lemon, 503 N. Grainger, Saginaw, Mich. Pl. 5-9044.

Donald P. Lewis, 623 W. Fisher, Saginaw, Mich. Pl. 5-7149.

Robert G. Puffer, 1440 Greenwich, Saginaw, Mich. Pl. 3-1928.

Richard A. Dunson, 222 Ransom St., N.E., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Philip Branoff, 353 Buckingham, Flint 3, Mich.

Auldin Nelson, 2007 Wolcott, Flint, Mich.

Martin P. Shelata, 1843 Lindberg Ave., Wyandotte, Mich. Av. 2-4248.

Earl H. Fellman, 3309 Lafayette Dr., Trenton, Mich.

George Bartley, 2054 Vivian Rd., Monroe, Mich.

Harry S. Bushey, 17804 Smith River, Wyandotte, Mich.

George A. Smith, 17920 Wood, Melvindale, Mich.

Frank D. Tharp, Barbor Ave., Box 222, Edwardsburg, Mich.

Robert E. Trine, Rt. 3, Delton, Mich.

John Vander Meiden, Rt. 1, Grand Haven, Mich.

James H. Rudicil, Rt. 1, Grand Haven, Mich.

Harold E. Church, Rt. 3, Three Rivers, Mich.

Joseph Saratore, 121 Parkway, Niles, Mich.

Robert B. Fein, 2413 N. 5th St., Niles, Mich.

Henry Jaeger, 314 Bessie St., Kalamazoo 53, Mich.

Benjamin F. Blandford, 929 Roger St., N.W., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Robert J. Van Pepering, 630 Prospect Ave., N.E., Grand Rapids 3, Mich.

Kenneth Baker, 340 N. Lake St., Grass Lake, Mich.

Orville J. Wakeman, 58 Maple Grove, Battle Creek, Mich.

Leonard E. Mainstone, Rt. 5, Box 293, Battle Creek, Mich.

J. H. Jennings, 163 Cherry St., Battle Creek, Mich.

Nicholas W. Mellich, 156 James, Battle Creek, Mich.

Chris K. Patterer, 227 Bedford Rd., Battle Creek, Mich.

William C. Johnston, 802 St. Joseph St., South Haven, Mich.

Henry Meyer, 229 Clardell Drive, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Kenneth E. Newland, Rt. 2, Water-vliet, Mich.

William E. Talsma, Scottville, Mich.

A. Heath, 11625 Rockford, Rockford, Mich.

## FAVORABLE RESULTS CONTINUE TO MATERIALIZE FROM NEW YORKER'S ONE-MAN DRIVE EFFORTS

The success of the 14th annual reunion in New York will not be because of the efforts of any one man. There has been team work personified. But still Art Schmidt's untiring letter writing to old buddies, enlisting them about the 1959 reunion certainly stands out like a sore thumb.

Art is a member of the National Board of Governors, a former president of the Greater New York chapter, living at 69-20 69th St., Brooklyn 27, N. Y. Highlights of recent letters from Art will be noted in the paragraphs that follow. Also scattered throughout this issue of The Octofoil are excerpts from some of the letters Art has received in answer to his campaign.

### VISIT PAPPY GRAUER

Recently Art visited Andrew (Pappy) Grauer, 17 Julian Place, Island Park, L. I., N. Y. Pappy had just returned home from a trip to the beach with his wife and three children. "Pappy" had either acquired a terrific sun burn, or was a tanned individual. He crawled down off the water wagon temporarily and

lapped up a few cans of suds while Art and he reminisced. A meeting between "Pappy" and Charles Hoffman, 91-43 81st St., Jamaica 21, N.Y., is in the offing during the Reunion. All were in Co. B, 15th Engrs.

Schmidt has sent out about 175 letters to buddies from Co. B, 15th Engrs. asking for 50 cents or \$1 toward an ad in the Journal, and-or \$1 for booster ads.

### COOPERATING WITH PUZAK

Some of the names Art has furnished Mike Puzak to contact in the Pittsburgh area in an effort to reactivate that chapter include:

Darius Ditty, Box 44, Alum Rock, Pa.; Alex T. Forrest, Homestead Park, Munhall, Pa.; James V. Garrison, 520 Chestnut St., Springdale, Pa.; Delbert D. Montgomery, 368 Columbia St., Leetonia, O. Phone: Hazel 7-6757; James Riddle, 1085 Linden Ave., Akron 10, O. Phone: Swandale 4-7946; Joseph D. Marino, Rt. 10, Box 178, New Castle, Pa. (A Co., 15th Engrs.); George Kopac, 619 Remaley Ave., Springdale, Pa. (Medic, 1st Bn., 47th.)

## BILL MARTIN HOLDS HIS OWN WITH TAR HEEL MANEUVERING

Bill Martin, Box 991, Hamlet, N. C., has been having his ups and downs in that Tar Heel state, but he's still in there pitching. Highlights of a June 18 letter received from Bill read:

I worked in '45 and '46 as store-keeper at Camp Mackall, N. C. Then a while in an Esso Service Station. Late in '46 I went to work with the Seaboard Airline Railroad, Hamlet, N. C. as a yard switchman. I worked regular until the new modern retarder yard was built. Lack of seniority got my regular job so I went into the service station business for myself. I operated the station until the railroad called me back in December, 1955. I had to give up the station or my seniority, so I thought the seniority would mean more to me. I sold the station and six weeks later was cut off again! This time only to work a day now and then.

In January, 1956, a friend and I built and founded Bill's Marine and Hobby Shop, U. S. 74 Bypass, Rockingham, N. C. We have a complete marine shop, sales and service. I still retain my seniority with Seaboard.

With the ups and downs in employment things haven't been so bad. I have a wonderful wife, a fine 9-year-old son, Billy; own our home with seven acres of land and a '53 Ford. What more could you expect in 14 years of civilian life?

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## Cas Przybylski Is a Good Recruiter

Cas Przybylski, 1042 Dewey Ave., Evanston, Ill. (39th Inf., Hq. 2nd Bn.), promoted a prospective new member while watching a Memorial Day parade in Evanston. Cas run into an old pre-war pal, Johnny Brzezinski. The two saw a lot of each other while at Fort Bragg. Johnny was captured by the Jerries in Africa and hadn't heard about the Association until Cas put him wise. After Cas finished explaining the setup to Brzezinski he is eager to join.

Cas plans to contact Johnny Romans, 745 Sherman, Evanston, and have him also sign up as a member. Both men are former 39th G.I.s, and Johnny Brzezinski's address is 600 Callan Ave., Evanston, Ill.

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## Padilla Anxious to Find Big Jim Gorham

A photo made in Sicily and sent in by Eduardo F. Padilla, Box 113, Winkelman, Ariz., will be printed in the next issue of The Octofoil.

In Ed's letter to The Octofoil he makes inquiry as to the whereabouts of Big Jim Gorham. Padilla would not only like to hear from Big Jim—he'd like to hear from any of the old gang, and hopes at some future date he can make definite plans to attend a 9th Infantry Division Association Reunion.

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## GEORGE BASTEDO IS ON THE CONVENTION BEAM

George Bastedo, 125 Terrace Ave., Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., a former 47th Iad, writes Dick Pestel in Columbus:

"Don't worry—we will have a good crowd at the New York Reunion."

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## Byron Angell Leading New England Contingent to the 14th Annual Reunion in '59

Byron Angell, 616 Smithfield Rd., Providence, R. I., former Co. B, 15th Engr. G.I., writes Art Schmidt, former Greater New York Chapter president, in part, as follows:

There are a lot of "B" Co., 15th Engr. men in and around Boston—Fred D'Amore, Henry Hill, Sid Leverson, Cy Garber, etc. It's always a great thrill to see these boys.

I am making a real effort to get to New York in July. I plan to get in touch with Fred D'Amore and see if I can meet them and go along as they do. There are many times during these busy days that I think back to the old days in "B" Co., and to the friends I had there. I will never forget those days or the friends—even though we do not see each other very often.