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Next Stop Worcester Nov. 8th
Then Springfield July 29 to 31

It was a perfect Reunion

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Reunion has added another chapter to the Association’s history and what a wonderful chapter it is. “Old Reliables” from all parts of the country flocked to New York and had a grand old time celebrating the Association’s twenty-fifth birthday. The reunion committee made certain that this birthday party would be one that would be remembered for a long, long time. They provided all the ingredients that were necessary for a swinging time and the members provided the spirit and enthusiasm that added life to the party. Reminiscing was the order of the day and Lindsey Nelson was the Officer of the Day.

Lindsey caught the spirit of the reunion and his words were a magic carpet that carried his listeners back to the past years of 1946-1945. His stories of three eventful days were replete with the serious and the comic. He told of the occasion when General Eddy and his distinguished guests dined on beef that had been procured from the sacred bull of Africa. The beef in its living channels. The beef in its living state had been the sacred bull of the serious and the comic. He told of the occasion when Lindsey Nelson spoke of the brave men we left behind on the battlefields of the Far East and his words were...
HARRY O'S REPORT

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The Memorial Services were concluded with the playing of taps.

IN SICK BAY

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NEW YORK
REUNION

They look like a couple of "old song and dance men" but they are (bending over) Mr. Joseph Lynch, Mr. Michael McInerney (Gold Star Parents) and Father Connors. Looking over their shoulders is big George Brown of A Company 47th.

THE UNITED NATIONS TOUR

After MEMORIAL SERVICES we went on a U. N. tour. Our U. N. guide was very informational, interesting and articulate. Her presentation of the branches of the U. N., their functions, seating arrangements, the problems that are discussed, the composition of the U. N., the languages that are spoken, and how they are interpreted, which nations contributed the pictures and tapestry were adequately explained as we went from room to room.

REUNION SOUVENIR

Everyone who attended the reunion banquet received a pennant that will be a wonderful souvenir of the Twenty-Fifth Annual Reunion. The pennants will be hanging in the homes of many "Old Reliables" for years to come. The pennants were the brainchild of Bill Muldoon, he had them made up and donated them to the New York Chapter for distribution at the reunion.

TIRED BUT HAPPY

On the Sunday morning after the reunion Frank Fazio, Emil Langer and Ralph Witzken were three tired fellows. For many months they had worked on the reunion plans but their hard work didn't really begin until the members started to arrive at the Commodore. For three days and nights they were constantly on the go taking care of all the details that go into making a reunion a success. Because of their hard work and careful planning the Silver Anniversary was a huge success.

Ralph Witzken offers prayers for our Jewish members. Mgr. DeLaure is also shown as he offered prayers before Ralph.

With heads held high the troops march to the Memorial Services.

Remember
The Dates
1971 Reunion
Springfield
July 29-31

Father Jerry Rowan chats with the younger generation.

The Ladies Auxiliary were in the line of march with the men.
A group in front of the Eiffel Tower.

Winchester Cathedral is the background for Bill Green, Max Umansky, Nick Rusnick, Jack Scully, Dan Quinn and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips.

The Mayor of Dinant, Belgium greets Mr. Joseph Lynch God Star Parent. Mrs. Hetty Bullock is at the right.

Quinn and Jack Scully view the scene in Monschau from the same angle that appears in "8 Stars to Victory". (page 278)
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MAIL CALL

This year everyone got a vacation except the mailman when the Fourth of July Parade came through. But if we don't put in a few heavy loads that the mailman drops off at the "Octofoil."

Winston Taylor 47th Inf. Stop C Long Hills, Cal 93268

Wilton writes that he enjoyed attending the 30th Annual Reunion and the trip to Europe created great interest among our members and many letters pertaining to these events were added to the usual heavy load that the mailman drops off at the "Octofoil."

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Richard Schuer

Section No. 1 Dom.
V. A. Center
Martinsburg, W. Va. 25401

Dick joined G Co 39th Inf at Bataan Point in May 1942. He and I disagreed during December, 1943. He agreed with the company until 1945 when he was given a lift thanks to these people.

At the present time as he is hospitalizing in the V.A. Center in Martinsburg, W. Va. for quite some time, he was a radio announcer for Station WBNR in Martinsburg. Dick is anxious to hear from every one of us and will appreciate any comments.

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Henry Greuel

A.T. Co.
242 S. 35th
Lehigh Boro, Pa. 18235

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"My son and I want to thank you for making the tour such a very nice one. I don't think anyone can forget the amount of extra time that must have been saved by the tour possible. As far as we are concerned, the accommodations, food, etc. were far better than we had hoped to have such a beautiful weather."

Burton L. Forbush & Se Bates
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J. J. Gately

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Pennsylvania, N. J. 08110

Dear Dan,

I was just hearing that this year reunion we sent an old fellow that we never saw since coming from the Sicilian campaign. Bill Nelson came through Bloomsburg, Pa., and got us together for the Reunion and the first time all our men who had reached New Jersey was called to get together. They got together for the Reunion and talked about the old days they had when we were in the Co. They would sure like to meet someone who had been at the camps at these dates.

Ted Runowski
K Co

39th Yonkers, N. Y. 10701

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