June 21st was a gala night in Worcester as over 200 men and their families gathered to honor Rev. Edward Connors on his 70th Birthday. They came from all over to celebrate the night with the former Chaplain. While most of the people came from the Massachusetts area, there were others from the Pennsylvania New Jersey New York areas and the President of the Association Richard Wilson was there to offer his congratulations.

Ron Murphy was the Toastmaster at the dinner and he read the following Ode that he had written to the "good Padre":

Rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief is a game that children play.
Rich man, poor man, beggar man, priest is the man we honor today.
It has been said that if you have one friend, that's tried and true
No one in the world is wealthier than you.
It has been said to be a friend, you must be.
He has been a friend to all, a friend he will always be.

Father Edward Connors

Father is a rich man, beyond compare. His wealth is not in money, in gold or jewels rare. Yes, Father is a rich man, his fortune has no end. For every day that passes he makes another friend. Father is a poor man, he has no worldly wealth, he has his clothes, his room and his bed.
He also has his health. But this we know of Father Should a fortune come his way Everyone would get a share, It wouldn't last a day.
The word "beggar" brings to mind a night that's end to see With hands outstretched, clothed in rags, and Crying, "Pity me".
Yes Father is a beggar, He begs upon his knees, "Lord, forgive your children! Have mercy on them, please."

Priest to the people he's served through the years, Sharing their joys, their sorrows and fears.
Priest and friend, to the men of the 9th in the war, Priest and friend, to them still, wherever they are.

The site for the Memorial Services to be held on Saturday morning, July 26th in Detroit. Opened in 1969 as the first unit of Detroit's new riverfront Civic Center, the Veterans Memorial Building serves as a memorial to the city's war dead and a center for veterans, civic, social and convention activities.


FREE PARKING FOR GUESTS IMPORTANT TO MENTION THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION IN MAKING THE RESERVATIONS AND AT THE REGISTRATION DESK AT THE HERITAGE HOTEL (FORMERLY, THE DETROIT HILTON). FREE ICE AT THE REFRESHMENT HOSPITALITY CENTERS.

TAPS
Sounded

It is indeed our sad duty to report the demise of the following "Old Reliables":
James A. Craft - Co I 60th Inf; Lester Erdely - Hq's 3 Bn 39th Inf; Victor Goldfarb - Co M 47th Inf; Clyde O. Christensen - Bty B 60th FA

To their bereaved we extend our deepest sympathy. May they rest in peace.

The Heritage Hotel, (formerly, the Detroit Hilton) our Reunion Headquarters has offered these special rates which will prevail three days before and three days after the convention:

- Single: $17.00
- Double: $23.00
- Twin: $23.00
- Two Bedroom Luxurious Suite: $75.00 (only a few available)

GOOD SHOPPING, THEATERS AND SIGHT-SEEING IN THE AREA.

Father Edward Connors
The Detroit Reunion Committee hasn't forgotten you. We have just finished another grand arrangement for all the "Old Rebellions" who want to show off their talents as golfers. Members of the Association who want to shoot a round of golf will be able to do so at the Arrowhead Golf Club located on the 1/2 mile west of Detroit. Chairman Fred Jony had worked on the details of the golf outing and he tells us that members should be ready to leave the hotel at 9:30 a.m. for the trip to the course. Plans have been made to accommodate the ladies if they care to take on their better halves in a game of golf. The course is a 17 hole layout and clubs and shoes can be rented from the pro.

SHOPPER’S PARADISE

Those who seek more than functional suburban shopping centers and stores and shops offering practically every conceivable item at prices to suit all pocketbooks. The central shopping area extends a few blocks to each side of Woodward and merges with the financial district.

Shoppers in downtown Detroit can browse through some of the finest merchant centers, like the J.L. Hudson Company, world’s tallest department store, to small, exclusive specialty shops.

For a change of pace, some of the nation’s finest modern, tall buildings offer a chance to divide a Chateaubriand or savor the mahogany and red velvet of the restaurants offer a chance to taste the finest dishes to be had.

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Traveling down road of history

Part 2 and conclusion of history "Penetration of the German defenses by the 48th Infantry Regiment."

During the time the enemy had been caught between two fires, and laid on KEWREINKEL all day, capturing 17 casualties, own 41m mortars fired 200 rounds from the 84 FARD 2000 rounds and the cannon Co 2 plus 2-0's from the 791 Tank Bn attached the 2-0's were sent in at DOPENLINCHEN and the woods NE plus the woods W of the BEWENSKEM the cannon Co was an observer in KEWREINKEL and the "results were excellent." The fire of the Bn's was by the limit of the range of ammunition.

WIDE OPEN
About 100 hrs 1000 hrs from the 3d AD moved from MAURACH up the wide open draw toward GRESINSCHEN. An enemy ambush outside DOPENLINCHEN was observed getting into position and almost immediately exploded out of 2 of our tanks which burned. The game was now on. The 3d AD was on KEWREINKEL and upon their arrival additional enemy artillery heavy machine guns and additional artillery heavy machine guns of 150mm or larger were shot up. The 791 Tank Bn put on a counter attack from the vicinity of BEWENSKEM and was well received in the woods. The 84 m mortars fired 756 rounds in addition to artillery fire and the counter attack was stopped. About 0800 an enemy patrol of 30 men was caught on the woods NE and a friendly patrol allowed the point man to pass through, then kept a sharp lookout. These 2 men were picked up on the remainder with an PAR causing numerous casualties. The next morning they found the equipment of about 10 men.

GRAVE SITUATION
The Bn Co reported the 84 m mortars firing situation look quite grave when in reality it was quite accetable. According to the company officer of the 3d AD Co, the Bn was ordered to withdraw which it did before the enemy was moving into positions in the woods S of KEWREINKEL. The next morning the 1st Lt. and Capt. Allgood took command.

The 1st Co moved quickly. Bn Co MG Relational Section were ordered to take GRESINSCHEN. About 0900 hrs they reached the edge of the woods in the vicinity of 094100 and halted. On observation they found GRESINSCHEN well defended as had the 3d Bn. The regimental CO was contacted and it was agreed that the situation ordered both the 1st AD Bn and the 3d AD Bn to go into defensive positions. (See overlay).

About 1400 an enemy patrol moved S into the woods, where they were ambushed, killing 5 and dead and 3k wounded. About a 2 man patrol came into the position attached and were captured without firing a shot.

About 1930 hrs 903 hrs, just before light a company of enemy consisting of 100 men, moved NE along the road just in front of them. They did not fire because of the presence of the 791 Tank Bn. They were in their tanks and TD's could not see them. About a 2 man patrol came into their area and were captured without firing a shot.

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Mail Call

Mr. Richard Wilson,
President
Ninth Infantry Division Association
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Woonsocket, R.I. 02895

Dear President Wilson,

It was my privilege to attend the 58th Annual Dinner of the Officers of the 39th Division held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Saturday, April 19, 1975, and I could not help but be impressed by the number of officers currently on active duty with this famous Division who attended as well as veterans of the wars and engagements in which it participated.

Many of those present were veterans of the Vietnam conflict which causes me to wonder if the effort we have made to open our Association to the valiant and deserving men who carried the Octofoil to that distant battleground. I feel very strongly that those who have served in combat with the 9th Division “hard core” who were members and that the traditions of Old Reliable should not be allowed to fade away with passing of those of us who served in World War II.

Respectfully,

Boardman P. Lockwood
(Veteran 47th Infantry)

Dear Dan:

Enclosed is my check for a year’s dues. It seems that only twice during his lifetime has time come around or maybe time just flies faster now. Included in the check is $10.00 for a ¾ page ad, the copy is enclosed. If recently received, it is a 44 page booklet that I feel a lot of our members will enjoy reading while they are in Detroit.

Sincerely,

Dr. Fabian S. Reinhart

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