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Do you like to push buttons and get into things? Go to Chicago's famous Museum of Science and Industry where there are thousands of buttons to push, wheels to turn and countless things to explore from a coal mine to a captured German submarine.

Chiago is a city of museums. This range from the Art Institute with its famous collections of oriental works and French Impressionist in the Field Museum of Natural History, Shedd Aquarium, Museum of Contemporary Art, Oriental Institute on the University of Chicago campus, Adler Planetarium to special museums which highlight Polish history, health on Chicago's past as the Historical Society.

Sports? You can watch everything from football to polo. You can fish, play soccer or tennis or golf or badminton. The choice is yours. No visit to Chicago is complete without a tour of Old Town. This unique section of the city on the near north side is the home of interesting shops and good entertainment. Coffee and jazz joints sit next to unusual shops selling everything from paper dresses to Japanese flowers to imported china and silver. If you can buy a cannon or suit of armor, penny candy or French cooking utensils.

Chicago is great shopping. Just about anything available in the world can be found on the shelves of Chicago's merchants, whether you prefer the large department stores of State Street or the smaller elegant shops and stores on North Michigan Avenue, including the new Water Tower Place. All of these are within walking distance of the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

On Sunday November 7, 1976 the members of the Association gathered at Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester to remember the deceased of the Ninth and to dedicate the Monument that was completely restored, overlooking Cold War Boulevard on the church grounds. This dedication was first dedicated in 1962. Through the years the weather had played havoc with the stone and mortar and at first it was believed a few repairs was all that would be necessary. It was later revealed that the damage was extensive and so the membership voted at the general meeting at the 31st reunion to defray the cost of this project.

The weather for the weekend was good, and the crowd was large, for the 52nd Memorial Mass and Services.

Shown examining the Memorial at Worcester are members of the Association. The Monument was restored in keeping with its original style.

Tip Of The Hat

We are grateful to the widows of Harry T. Briggs and Sylvester Byrne for their thoughtful contributions to the Memorial Fund, and we are extremely proud of the Ladies Auxiliary who donated $500.00 for the restoration of the Memorial at Worcester.

As a former Phillipsburgh, New Jersey boy and to show my appreciation for effort on behalf of widows, children and other family members, I'd like to send a small contribution.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Required Member Emeritus:

M. J. L. A. Craig (Ret.)


VETERANS HOLDING NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE (NSLI) policies, are encouraged to give consideration to converting those year-end premium insurance to a permanent-plan policy.

The NSLI program was started in 1968 to serve the insurance needs of World War II servicemen. More than 650,000 million policies were issued before the program ended in 1981.

The premium rates for permanent plans are higher than those for term policies issued at the same ages, they remain constant throughout the life of the policy. After conversion to permanent-plan insurance, veterans will continue to receive present insurance dividends, the amounts dependent on the new insurance plan selected. Policyholders who purchased paid-up additions to their term insurance will be permitted to retain them.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: ____________________________

Street Address: ____________________

City: _____________________________ State: _____________

I was a member of: __________________________

Battery: __________________________ Regiment: 9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year $10.00

Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund $10.00

THREE-YEAR MEMBER $15.00

Life Membership $50.00

OCTOFOIL Automobile License Dis. $ 5.00

Decal, 25c (5) for... $ 1.00

Ladies’ Auxiliary Member $ 5.00

Cost of Membership $ 50.00

6th Infantry History $ 50.00

Please credit the following chapter:

Philadelphia Valley $ 50.00

Greater New York $ 50.00

Illinois $ 50.00

Washington, D.C. $ 50.00

Michigan $ 50.00

Fayetteville - Fort Bragg, N.C. $ 50.00

Make out checks to Reunion Committee, Ninth Infantry Division, 412 Gregory Ave., Westerfield, New Jersey 07076.

Enclosed please find 1977 dues for:

Dan Quinn, National Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Association

To the Editor:

The secretary Dan Quinn read the minutes of the 1976 meeting held in New York City on July 30, 1976. Upon a motion made by Al Smith and seconded by John DeColli it was voted to accept the minutes as read and to instruct the secretary to place same in file.

Thomas Boyle, the Treasurer, was called upon for his report and he reported the income and expenses for the quarter ending in September. Upon a motion made by Fred Maher and seconded by Pat DeColli it was voted to accept the treasurer's report.

Emil Langer, Co-Chairman of the 1976 New York reunion was asked for his final report and Emil supplied the members with copies of the income and expenses for the reunion. He had turned over to the secretary a check for $1,163.77 the profits realized from the reunion.

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Michigan Doings

We opened the new season with the Annual Outstate Meeting on Friday, September 2nd at Alresford in Franken-

Many came early and spent a day or two, flying in for its Bavarian setting and your author's famous decor-

A very nice and cozy dinner program featured Charmer, Elizabeth Lovejoy, who then showed us from the previous New York Reunion.

NEWS-OUT

The Old Party at Fred & June Young are having a wonderful time, but thought they was a fine crowd at the Outstate in Franken-

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one week-end in Worcesters is a lot of fun. Another good turn-out from the United Postal Service Center on November 6th & 7th.

Flo & Jane Josey, Jim Franklin, Charlo, Montana

Route 1 Box 43

Got to send you and June Young and it certainly was nice to have her and Elzie at the Party, she was feeling much better now and that’s what we look for.

We thank Tom & Gerrie Maher, Mrs. Richard M. Hill, 9791 Audelia, Houston, Texas, 77042

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Traveling down road of history

HISTORY OF 47th INFANTRY - SEPTEMBER 1944

BURNED THE TOWN

One of the prisoners captured during the day was a Master Sergeant from the 88 Division, Pauli, and after a lengthy interrogation, admitted that he was a member of the battalion that had burned the town of PLOIMONT the day before. He also divulged the names of the 89. Commander and several other officers who were responsible for the atrocities.

The Field Order received for 8 Sep., directed that the regiment move rapidly, with tanks, tanks destroyers and one light field artillery bn., and move bridges across the Meuse River, with particular participation in the bridge at DINANT.

At 0600, the Ist Bn. rejoined the Regiment from its assignment to the defense of BEAUMONT, and with the arrival of the 3rd Bn. at 0800 from attachment to 3rd Armored Division the entire Regiment was assembled at FLAVION.

Upon arrival in ST GERARD, the combat team was ordered to move south immediately, to DINANT, there to be joined subsequently by the Ist and 3rd BNs. Movement was begun at 1730 and completed by 1830.

In accordance with orders in F.O. 8 Nov., 89th Division, a reconnaissance unit was made by one platoon of machine guns and light tanks at DINANT at 0800, and another by F.O. 5263 at 0900. These were to be a part of any other two Regiments of the Division, who, operations in the area were always guided by the bridges over the Meuse River.

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A floating bridgeway bridge was being constructed at BASTOGNE by 1st Army Engineers under constant in- terdiction artillery fire, and long before it was completed, the enemy was launching a counterattack. The engineers had stationed a raft of logs and oil drums and floated several pontoons to either side of the R.A. guns across.

Brought home

In passing through PLOIMONT it was a ghastly scene to rather forcibly what type of enemy we were up against. Most of the houses were mere skeletons, thoroughly gutted by burning. Skid marks indicated that a mass of Sherman-rigging rumbled. The town was in a state of profound distress from fear and grief, some standing blankly as we passed through and others weeping bitterly. The next SS troops had murdered several women and children, and then set fire to the homes with incendiary grenades. Ver Vervins has been occupied and while the temporary leadership of officer and several other officers were conferring near the town square, a German command car came racing by the occupants either unaware that the town had been captured or hoping to make their way through by a bold move. They were immediately, they fired on and after the car was pierced several times by bullets, they stopped and surrendered. One of them was an officer and the others enlisted men, apparently couriers, as they were carrying commission orders for an aircraft battalion.

Brest High Ground

On the second day, the Regiment was ordered to seize the hill south of BEAUMONT L' ABBE, and began the attack.

At 0800, the I & R platoon contacted a squad of enemy WIGNIERS who fled when fired on, and the Ist bn. occupied this town at 1100 without further resistance. The reconnaissance patrol encountered the objective, they were fired on and resisted stubbornly with arms and 20 mm fire. Several artillery concentrations were fired on and then set fire to the homes of the town, and ultimately the town had been captured or occupied and while the inhabitants either unaware that the town had been captured or hoping to make their way through by a bold move. They were immediately, they fired on and after the car was pierced several times by bullets, they stopped and surrendered. One of them was an officer and the others enlisted men, apparently couriers, as they were carrying commission orders for an aircraft battalion.

Meuse River

The 2nd Bn. was designated Division Service Bn. and ordered to send one company to ORIENPE for the purpose of guarding all road heads between there and the Meuse River.

At 0500, the lst Bn. was attacked by the 60th Armored Division at the Meuse River South of BEAUMONT, but later the same day they were ordered to the right, and then to the left, both times, they were attacked, and after a heavy fight, they were ordered to the right, and then to the left, both times, they were attacked, and after a heavy fight, they were ordered to retreat to the vicinity of the Meuse River.

The next day, the Regiment was ordered to move to PHILIPPE ROYCY and await further orders.

On the Ist bn., however, he was left at BEAUMONT in maintain defense in that area and the Ist FA. was to remain with them.

At 0800, the 2nd Bn. moved to PHILIPPE ROYCY, reaching there at 0900. Orders were immediately received that the Regiment would move by bivouac on order, the next objec- tive being ST GERARD. At 1255, the 2nd Bn. began to move toward ST. GERARD. In the vicinity of the town, a group of WIGNIERS, captured two companies of enemy infantry marching down the highway and immediately set fire to the line and then the town was destroyed.

The Germans quickly dispersed in the surrounding woods and in response to a call from the Ist FA., one company from the 2nd Bn. and several light tanks were dispatched to assist. A number of the enemy were killed and about 70 of them captured.

Theictory across the floating Meuse River at Dinant, Belgium, is very much in demand now that the bridge has been destroyed and that the attack came when the enemy was unprepared.

The bridge was captured at 1500 and priority granted to the Tanks and T.D.s of the 47th Inf. on their arrival, and then went on to establish the next objective.

Continue
The terrain very definitely reached. The fact that the enemy failed to use the com­mand post of his own at CESSY was a large number of dead left behind at the bridge across the Meuse River.

The 3rd Bn. in reserve was not to be used. The 2nd Bn. was ordered to stay in reserve. At 1900, Co. "H" was left behind at "G" and at 2000, the Regiment contacted the Combat Team and asked if the 57mm gun and carried it forward. When the German opened fire, Lt. Stewiek held the machine gun in his hands and fired, the platoon leader, Lt. Elliott E. Williams fell in the ammunition.

They formed a gun team, the gun and into the street, keeping the Germans pinned down until a light tank could be brought up. The tank opened up with its machine guns and covered the position while the lieutenant and sergeant from the 1st R moved up to support him. At 0300, the 3rd Bn. encountered a Mark V tank near CELLES, which set off its attached tanks destroyed vaporizing 3 prisoners.

At 0800 and completed by 1000. There was no resistance encountered en route and the Regiment moved into an assembly area South of LIÉGE prepared to overtake the city of LIÉGE. The 9th was to clear the city of LIÉGE of any resistance which might remain. The 1st Bn. was assigned to the Eastern sector, the 2nd Bn. to the Western sector and the 3rd Bn. to patrol in the Western sector of the city. The 3rd Bn. was to be used as a reserve and destroy any enemy contact to the 1st Bn. in the Eastern sector and the 2nd Bn. in the Western sector. LIÉGE Block was established, a guard of at least 1 platoon of infantry and 1 tank or T.D. was established at each bridge while several of our vehicles were in the immediate vicinity. In all of these attacks we suffered no losses either in personnel or vehicles, although one stack of bombs struck several buildings in the town causing numerous civilian casualties.

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THE MEMORIAL FUND OF THE 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

The Memorial Fund of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was established by the members of the association to com­memorate the memory of their comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice in battle. As a part of this fund the association established a scholarship program. Scholarships are awarded each year to relatives of men who served in The Ninth Infantry Division. Each scholarship is for one year.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

A person who wishes to apply for a scholarship must be related to a man who served with The Ninth Infantry Division. Children of former members of the division will be considered, but children of men killed in combat given first preference. Applicants who are not children of former members of the division will not be considered unless no child of a former member qualifies.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following procedures must be followed by those wishing to apply for the scholarship:

1. A letter of application, written in expiency form, to the chairman of the scholarship committee stating the following: name, address, age, and sex of the applicant; name, address, and occupation of the applicant's parents or guardians, the name and address of the secondary school the applicant will attend or has attended and graduated, the name and address of the college the applicant expects to attend, the vocational goal of the applicant, and the name and degree of relationship to a former member of the division. The unit and dates of service in the division of the former member must be included.

2. A transcript of the applicant's high school record must be included with the letter of application. The transcript must include at least the first seven semesters of the applicant's record.

3. The applicant must have a counselor or principal of the high school or he or she is writing a letter of recom­mendation to the chairman of the scholarship committee.

4. The applicant must take the PSAT which is given every October. The applicant must see that the results of the PSAT are sent to the chairman of the scholarship committee. These results may be included with the high school transcript or sent to the chairman from the College Entrance Examination Board. The SAT of the CEEB may be submitted in lieu of the PSAT.

5. The application must be sent to the chairman of the scholarship committee by March 15. Applications received after March 15 will not be considered.

6. Old applications will be held over until the Scholarship Committee as final.

7. Information to determine financial need will be requested by the Scholarship Committee after the applications have been considered.

8. Recipients of the scholarship may apply for renewal of the scholarship each year. A copy of the student's college grades, a financial statement, and a letter requesting renewal of the scholarship should be sent to the chairman of the scholarship committee. These results may be included with the high school transcript or sent to the chairman from the College Entrance Examination Board. The SAT of the CEEB may be submitted in lieu of the PSAT.

9. All applications must be sent to: John J. Clouser, Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division Association, 91 Graceland St., Des Plaines, Illinois 60018.

76 Reunion

At a first glance we thought it was the Rockeettes boots up for their number. Actually it was some of the "Gals" waiting for their better halls to show up for the New Years Eve party in July.
Les Ronan
2309 Venture Blvd.
Woodland Hills, Calif.

Just a note of the very odd
years, I finally managed to
visit the area of Eupen-
Machern, Aachen, Duren.
That area is the birthplace of
my husband. The terrain
is now developed and
Duren is now a tourist
attraction (the Eupen-
Machern area). Having had
personal reasons for this
trip I was very glad to see
our daughter, who resides
in Koln, and visits her dad
often. As my daughter now
resides in Clearwater, Fla.,
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Chicago, as I had a change
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had surgery on his stomach,
and became progressively
worse. Eddie will be missed by
the local citizens. He was a
great gentleman, and along with
his father, N.J. Hope, served a
comradeship in one of the best
ways possible.

Several days were spent in
the area of Fargo, N.D., and
another month, where our
daughter was an attendant in
the treatment of one of her
classmates.

A slight detour was made in
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