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THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
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TUESDAY, JUNE 19TH
MARKS 45TH ANNIVERSARY
Cherbourg Octville Museum to be Presented
9th Infantry Division Standard

Once again an "Old Reliable" stood up to be counted, when Harry C. Herman observed the lack of a Plaque or Division Colors at the Museum in Cherbourg, France, he took upon himself to make sure this oversight would be corrected. After a few letters back and forth to our secretary, and at his own expense, Harry ordered a 9th Division Flag that will be placed alongside of the other great Divisions that fought at Cherbourg, the 14th, 40th, etc. Harry and his family plan to sail on the QE II on August 26th and arrive in Cherbourg on the 25th, and, hopefully, present the Standard to Mayor of Cherbourg for the Octville Museum.

Harry Herman started out with the 61st Infantry Company H back in our days at Cherbourg Octville Museum. He is now a professional Accountant.

Strip Tickets
The strip tickets will sell for $2.00 each and will include the Thursday night welcoming party, with free beer and soda pop, the Friday night dance and the Saturday night banquet and dance. The orchestra will be with us for the three nights.

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On Friday the General Business meeting and the Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be held. While the men are busy with their own business the Ladies Auxiliary will enjoy a social meeting.

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This will be the last issue of the Octfoil before the 1978 reunion in Philadelphia and a last reminder to send in your reservation to the Philadelphia Sheraton Hotel. A list for this can be found on page 2. "Everything nice is in readiness for the men of the 9th and their families" reports Al Persico President and Co-Chairman of the reunion. The Committees through their untiring efforts and sincere support facilitated and expedited the successful completion of reunion plans, he said. Persico asked that every 9th Divisioner coming to the reunion "bring a buddy".

The 3rd Reunion will begin on Saturday July 21st at the Philadelphia Sheraton Hotel and will be opened all day for the three days of the Reunion beginning at 9:00 A.M.

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Memorial Services
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Banquet and Dance
On Saturday evening the banquet will be held at 6:00 P.M. with short speeches, so that we will have more time to trip the lights fantastic. We'll see the old gang with the "Saturday Night Fever".

We salute
Thank you Harry for coming out. It would have been years before we would have thought of presenting the Standard.

Friends and admirers from people from all walks of life and from all parts of the country. This fact was more than proven by the large number of people who joined the Chaplain in celebrating his 45th anniversary. A good number of the pew associates at Blessed Sacrament Church were occupied by former members of the Ninth Infantry Division, men who had been Magr DeLaura's parishioners during World War II. Many of them had journeyed from out of state to be with their former chaplain on this happy occasion.

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We salute you men and a special thanks to Mrs. Stephanie Ingelli who always remembers the men of the 9th Infantry.

Tip of the Hat
The association is grateful to these members who rememb the Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Anthony Forte Paul Giarraputo
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**RIP**

There is no death!

The stars go down
And we never, though unseen.

The dear immortal spirits rest.

For all the boundless universe
Is life there are no dead!

Military Officers

Albert Perina, President
1725 John F. Kennedy Blvd.
New York, N.Y.

John Bonkowski, 1st V.P.
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412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N.J.

Sal Trapani, Business Manager
60th Infantry Historical Association, Drawer D.
New York, N.Y.

Maj. John D. Keller, Military Advisor
412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N.J.

**Board of Governors**

- President Albert Perina
- 1st V.P. John Bonkowski
- 2nd V.P. Vincent Guglielmino
- 3rd V.P. John S. Carrier
- Secretary Sal Trapani
- Treasurer John D. Keller

**Meetings**

The 137th meeting of the National Board of Governors was held in Pittsburgh, Pa., at the Hotel Pittsburgh on April 29, 1979, there being a quorum present the meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by President Al Perina. Attending were Francis Murphy, Past DeCalli, Charles Koskie, Frank Ozart, John Bonkowski, Paul Keller, Elmer Wagner, Sal Trapani, and Vincent Guglielmino.

The administrative office was established in the Marriott Motel on April 29, 1979, and attended by the 1979 reunion committee.

The committee grants five new applicants and four renewals, for the sum of $1,000.00. These students will be notified by the Scholarship Committee and their names will be announced at the reunion. Since the scholarship program was started the association has awarded the sum of $21,425.00.

A motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Robert L. Weekley was voted to: Accept the report and recommendations of the Scholarship Committee.

**Ninth Infantry Division Association**

The secretary reported on his trip to Florida to secure a site for the 1979 reunion. He informed the members of meeting with Max Usamanya a resident of Florida. Max had done all the real work looking over possible hotel sites and together they had selected the Gulf Ocean Mile Hotel. A beautiful hotel located on the ocean in a great area with all the facilities for needs at a reunion. Upon a motion duly made by Charles Koskie and seconded by Paul Keller it was voted to: Accept the Secretary's report and recommendations for the 1979 site.

A motion duly made by Sal Trapani and seconded by Paul Keller it was voted to: Reimburse the secretary the sum of $125.00 for expenses incurred.

President Al Perina opened a discussion on the Viet Nam membership question that the general membership had voted against at the 1978 Chicago reunion.

Sal Trapani speaking for the Washington, D.C., chapter reported that the D.C. Chapter be considered. Fran Haver asked that the Boston or New England chapter be considered.

John Bonkowski requested that his chapter the Michigan group will submit a bid.

The site for the 1980 reunion will be decided at the last Board of Governors meeting at the 1981 reunion in Phi.

The President asked for reports from the Chapters and any other business or new business. There being no further business and upon a motion duly made by Vincent Guglielmino and seconded by Sal Trapani it was voted to close the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

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**Ninth Infantry Division Association**

- **President** Al Perna
- **Secretary** Sal Trapani
- **Treasurer** John D. Keller
- **Assistant Treasurer** Paul Keller
- **Historian** Vincent Guglielmino
- **Recording Secretary** Thomas Boone

**Membership Application**

- **Address** 442 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N.J.
- **Enclosed please find dues is:

**Please reserve ... room(s) at ....... personal(s):**

- **Name**
- **Address**
- **City**
- **State**
- **ZIP**

**Deadline:**

- **Regular Member**, per year $50.00
- **Four-Year Member** $100.00
- **Life Membership** $500.00
- **Auxiliary Member** $25.00
- **Memorial Scholarship Fund** $50.00
- **Octofoil Automobile License Disc** $25.00
- **Combat Route Map** $5.00
- **National Cemetery No Charge for Grave**

- **Volunteer**

- **Please give credit to the following Chapter:**

**Philadelphia Valley**
- Greater New York
- Illinois
- Michigan
- Pennsylvania
- West Virginia

- **Fayetteville Fort Bragg, N.C.:**

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**Obituary**

John S. Carrier

John was wounded on the Remagen Bridge at which time he was serving as the Military Government Officer attached to the 8th Infantry. Previously he was C.O. of Co. G, 40th Infantry. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Romaine Carrier, of Summerville, a son William England, of Weehawken, N.J., a daughter, Mrs. James Gold, of Star Wars Parent May we offer our condolences on behalf of the membership and pray they rest in peace.

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Clarence Tinsley writes: "I sometimes wonder how many of our old time members-Colonel John S. Carrier who passed away on Sunday May 21, at the Brookville Hospital in Pennsylvania. John was wounded on the Remagen Bridge at which time he was serving as the Military Government Officer attached to the 8th Infantry. Previously he was C.O. of Co. G, 40th Infantry. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Romaine Carrier, of Summerville, a son William of Las Vegas, Nevada and five grandchildren. After retiring from the Army he served as Postmaster in Summerville, Pa. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

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- **Walter P. Sweetman's brother**

Armed "We are sorry to tell you my brother Walter passed away on October 10, 1977." It was Mr. Carrier's wish to return his remains to Summerville, where he was born and raised. He was a proud and happy to have been a member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association."
Historic Philadelphia
Cradle of History – The Nation's first capital and admixture of few urban parks, but it has one of Philadelphia's Independence National Historical Park because Center City is a crossroads of American history. From the visionary design of its streets, to the following are a but a few of the historic shrines within walking distance: Independence Hall (Fifth and Chestnut), where the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, the Liberty Bell, now on display across from the Hall, the Hall of Fame (Seventh and Market), where Jefferson wrote the Declaration, and Congress Hall (Sixth and Chestnut), where Congress adopted the Bill of Rights. While Philadelphia was capital of the infant country from 1790 to 1800.

In the area: the Old City Hall (Fifth and Chestnut), built in the 18th century, is where Betsy Ross is said to have made the first American flag. Across the street for a day long reunion. The other Bookbinder’s does as the Board of Veterans Appeal because once a claim for a claim was rejected. New VA Regional Office where the case is closed. This is the opinion that once a claim for

Restaurant fare

Dining

DINING – Restaurant fare has come a long way in Philadelphia since the only known to tourists was Bookbinder’s, Bookbinder’s, of course, is still here. In fact, there are two Bookbinders’, the 112-year-old original seafood house at 125 Walnut (215-WA-7000) and Bookbinder’s Seafood House at 215 South 15th (215-KI 5-1212). Over the years, the original Bookbinder’s became so acclaimed for its seafood that it grew to a vast establishment with seating capacity for 1,000 diners, which parking space across the street for 500 cars. Serving prices range from $9.25 to $12.50 for three- pound five lobsters you select from a tank. The restaurant is open from 11:30 each week, 12 Saturdays and 1 Sundays. The other Bookbinder’s does as well with a similar menu for fish. Entrees from $9.00, open from noon to 10 each day from 6 to 10 P.M. and

TRAVEL TIPS

FROM NORTHERN & WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA VIA PA TURNPIKE

exit at No. 4, Shady Grove. Turn left onto Route 36, take Route 38 West into town. The hotel is less than five minutes from the AMTRAK terminal.

PARKING:
Free self parking for registered guests.

SPRUING UP FOR REUNION?
It was an ideal day on the road with a great combination of weather and the thrill of being on the road. A great day. Bud retired to his home on Sunday, February 21.

The graves were attended by the Chapter for Billie Martin, who made the Supreme Sacrifice. The flag bearer and the prayers of the Servants were led by John Clouser. Chuck and Doris over from Brandford, Martha Watts, who passed away last year, also made reference to the veterans of the war, which was appreciated.

The Youngs and the "gang" were attending the Picnic. It was a well spent time with the Chapter for Bill & Lyda. There were many tests to be undergone at the Ann Arbor V.A. Hospital. Vice Pres. Bill DeSandy made his closing remarks and expressed our thanks, always.

The holder of the 4,581 Comrades and a great spiritual leader. We are all approaching our death. We've waited a long time to answer the call with an "Amen" reply. The first view of a beautiful floral piece with the original design was a joy on the grave lot.

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mail call

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Chairman, Sections

Co. G - 47th Inf.
Robert Griffin
Drive Des Moines, Ia. 50312

I am enclosing my check for a Life Membership. This should stop my name appearing in red for the rest of my days, but you and the others while in the Army I had a place in your hearts. I imagine the enjoyment I got out of talking to old George B. for over thirty years. I hope all well in the "Philly Reunion" as we are planning to visit Scotland and England this month, making up for the places we missed while there.

Be sure to give our regards to all, and thanks for being so gracious while the Convention was in Chicago.

We hope the Philly Reunion is a smashing success!

Our thoughts will be with the "47th"

Co. H 60th Inf.
Carlin "Buck" McChesney
1411 Columbia Ave.
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33304

Enclosed is my check in the amount of $13.00 for a three year membership in the association.

Carlin came by Mobile Alabama called me a couple of weeks ago to join and I suggested he and his wife, and I just drive through Philadelphia each year for the reunion in July 1941, so definitely will be there in '46.

We have not seen each other since the Detroit got together but have seen each other twice or three times since our discharge in 1945. He slept on top and I on the bottom on the S.S. Anthony going over and the same thing on the US West Point, a hospital ship coming back.

We both failed to make the Chicago reunion but will see you July 27 - 29.

Best to all.

Dir. Hq., APO
Harold Perry 3400 Gulf Ocean Drive
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314

Last year we stepped out again and I am enclosing my dues for a three year membership. It's difficult to realize these three years have passed. We both are also hard to realize that 33 years this June have gone by since I first sign up for membership in that little Bavarian fortress taken on the Danube by Ingolstadt.

My brother Henry who was in the 360th F. Bn. and later in the A.G. Section at APO gave me last December that Ann's mother was seriously ill so that we were unable to visit our parents.

I will miss her terribly. We hope all goes well down in these last few days in the local town of Altona, Pa. - we were there for three years back when she kidded me about the old Dodgers and what happened. For this reason I am enclosing my check for $7.00 very much, but I have never had the chance to really get in touch with a few of them (Pat and his wife), but with your kindness that was the very first memorial mass and vacation plans can include attending the Philadelphia reunion in July.

If I remember correctly, I attended the "Memorial" Mass in the old Mass Mo. and I have never attended an outdoor Mass, but I have never been in Calif. since 1963. We hope our reunion plans can include attending the Philadelphia reunion in July.
Dear Co. C. 15th Engs.

JAMES BENANE
3801 Soquel Drive

Cal. for three years with you. Look forward to hearing from you. Best wishes to all.

JAMES BENANE
3801 Soquel Drive

ENCLOSED find letter from Jack Fernandez. I saw his plea dropped him a line three weeks ago in the 9th Assoc. paper and also wrote a letter to our Cal. Co. C. 9th Med. Det. in Washington, D.C. I had a photostat made of the article in case you don’t get a copy of the 9th Med. Det. newsletter. I hope I will be able to make personal contact this summer in Philadelphia.

Helen and I always stop and see Gen. and Mrs. Craig, when we are in or near Philadelphia. Hope to see old friends - and I do see them from time to time. I see Bill Andrews' name in the 9th Med. Det. newsletter a few weeks ago.

RETURN TO THE OCTOFOIL

Join us in the next one. We are going to have a full reunion in July. But would like to have everyone on VJ day. Although he was not a member of our company commander or any other man in Co. I 47th Inf. Reg. who had some articles of interest and I am sure those who read this will be interested.

CLARENCE ELLENSBERG

The usual - take care and good health.

I've sent in your name as a possible contact for assistance-at least try you looking for people in the unit might get to someone who could propose a buddy if you're not a member. My wife probably could get the information for you who'd let you check and see how things are in the unit. Hopefully you have to respect the other side for having suffered the same problems.

This next one. We are going to have a full reunion in July. But would like to have everyone on VJ day. Although he was not a member of our company commander or any other man in Co. I 47th Inf. Reg. who had some articles of interest and I am sure those who read this will be interested.