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Sound Off

by VIC CAMPISI

REUNION DEFINITELY SET FOR THREE DAYS

BOSTON, Mass. — It's official. The 1957 national reunion of the 9th Infantry Division Association will be celebrated July 4, 5 and 6 at the Hotel Statler in Boston, Mass.

The announcement by JOHN McLAUGHLIN, general chairman of the 12th annual reunion committee, dispels unofficial reports that the event was to be abbreviated to a two-day affair in the interests of economy.

HCL (HIGH COST OF LIVING) JACKS PRICE

It's also official, according to the reunion committee, that the tariff for the '57 reunion will be a little higher than in previous years due to higher costs on all indispensable items.

Guided by the policy of giving the best commensurate with moderate cost, the committee is striving to complete a convention program which will satisfy the most discriminate.

At the same time, the committee is determined to "break even" on the reunion. This necessitates that in order to maintain the high caliber of previous reunions, rather than reduce or eliminate essentials, the price will have to be raised to make up the difference.

STRIP TICKETS TO SELL FOR \$12.00

At this writing, the strip ticket price for the three usual events (bear party, dance, banquet) is set at \$12.00. Complete details on prices will be published in the next issue.

COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED

Appointment of several reunion committees were announced by McLAUGHLIN. The executive committee is composed of PETER CUSACK, SID LEVISON, FRED D'AMORE, STAN COHEN and JOHN McLAUGHLIN.

TOM BOYLE will serve as reunion secretary-treasurer. SI GARBER is chairman of the hospitality committee; RONNIE MURPHY heads the Gold Star committee, and Mrs. PETER CUSACK will preside as chairlady of the Ladies Auxiliary committee. VIC CAMPISI will handle publicity.

JOIN THE TEAM

New England Chapter members are reminded that six big months lie ahead. At the end of this period is the 1957 annual national reunion being sponsored by YOUR N. E. Chapter in Boston.

Considerable and detailed committee work is involved which will require the services of loyal and conscientious workers.

Now, more than ever, your support and attendance at chapter meetings is solicited and needed.

Attend chapter meetings — become a leader — assume responsibility. By so doing, you will help guarantee the success of the 1957 12th annual national reunion at Boston, Mass.

Can we expect to see you at the next meeting?

GET ON CHAPTER MAILING LIST

Are you on the N.E. Chapter mailing list for monthly meeting notification cards and Sound-Off, the chapter's monthly newsletter? If not, drop a line to Secretary TOM BOYLE, 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass., and he will put your name on the active list.

And while you're at it, why not send him a check or money order for \$4.00 to cover your dues for the year?

WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

Got a new job? Addition to the family? Buy a new home? Taking a vacation? Seen some of the old gang? Misfortune overtaken a 9th Div buddy? Had an operation you want to talk about? Got a youngster making a name for himself in sports, college, business world, or in the military? Changed your address? Been elected or appointed to public office? Been promoted at the office or in the plant? Some one in particular you want to meet at the Boston reunion next July? Looking for a long-lost buddy?

These are samples of the type question which, if you answer "Yes," makes the details newsworthy. In addition, it's hard to write all the news to all your buddies by yourself, but drop this paper a letter and we'll tell all your buddies for you.

Send all news items to Sec. TOM BOYLE, 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass., and he will see that Editor VIC CAMPISI gets the news for publication.

N.E. CHAPTER PERSONNEL NOTES

Stork Visits the Rennas: — It's another boy for Mr. and Mrs. RALPH A. RENNA, 60 Prince Street, Boston. That makes number 4 on the Renna Hit Parade. Edward Thomas, the latest addition to the Renna clan, tipped the scales at seven pounds twelve and one-half ounces and made his debut on this planet Earth on October 31. Ralph, formerly of the 15th Engrs., is also the proud father of Ralph Jr., 8½, Gerard, 7½ and Anthony, 3½.

Garber Shows Color Slides: — Color slides were shown by Si Garber at the last N.E. Chapter meeting held Saturday, December 1, at the YD Club, Boston. Si's

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Columbus O. Chapter Riding High, Wide and Handsome Again

by PAUL PLUNKETT

Saturday night, Jan. 19, 1957, a group of former 9th Infantry Division men who had not met as a group for several years, got together at Benson Hough Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Several who had paid no dues for years looked Glenn Moore, local treasurer, up and paid their dues into the Association. Jesse Davis, from nearby Hebron, paid for three years. All who were sent cards to attend this meeting either showed up or sent letters or phone calls telling why they could not attend but would try and attend the next time.

A new member was signed up, Bill Brabson, a former platoon leader in the 60th, B Company, who was wounded early in the African campaign, was the new member. Brabson, a former hooper with various vaudeville units is now a valued member of the WLW-C Television staff of announcers. He was elected second vice-president of the Columbus Chapter and chairman of the publicity committee. The local Chapter is depending heavily on Brabson's help in arranging an entertainment program and other features for the 1958 9th Infantry Division Convention in Columbus that will make all previous Reunions or Conventions take a back seat. Paul S. Plunkett was elected president of the rejuvenated group. Richard Corbin, who has distinguished himself as an outstanding member of the detective section of the Columbus Police Department, presently attached to the Homicide Squad, was elected first vice president; Miles McFarland was elected secretary. Miles recently resigned as manager of one of the larger Columbus drug stores and opened his own apothecary at the corner of Sixth and State Sts. Although the charming Mrs. McFarland was on crutches because of a painful auto accident injury she and Mc were among the first arrivals for the meeting. Glenn Moore was re-elected Treasurer. He made a good report, showing the chapter, as inactive as it has been in recent years, had a balance of \$70.95, in the Ohio Federal Savings and Loan Co., the bank where Moore holds the responsible job of secretary-treasurer. Mabel Moore (Mrs. Glenn) was right in there pitching, helping to make a success of the meeting. She resurrected a set of the old records Dick Schumann made after the 1947 Reunion's Memorial Services which brought back old and fond memories. Schumann had motor trouble and couldn't make it, but sent in his '57 dues anyway. Since graduating from Ohio State's School of Engineering, Dick, a former 60th man, has a responsible job with

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Christmas in N. Y.

New York Chapter

by IRV FEINBERG

Under the discolored snow and slush of New York, we have uncovered bits of sunshine about the lads and lassies of our fair chapter. Without further ado here is the latest poop that we have unraveled.

Brother Ernie Siegel wants to extend to all his old buddies of the Quartermaster Corps a very delightful and prosperous 1957. Overheard at the bar: "Joe Blitz of Company 'D' wants old friends and pals to try to attend the New York meetings. Joe is anxious to contact some familiar faces. Hey, how about this— Art Schmidt is at it again! Art is giving the chapter a boost by seeing to it that his friends are signed up for 1957. Art is contributing himself to be certain his friends remain in the fold.

Pat Morano, an old Company B man, 47th Inf, is back again in the big time. Pat recently returned from Philadelphia after a year's tour of duty. . . . Congratulations and best wishes to Nick and Olga Palega upon their latest blessed event—their third bundle of joy. . .

Hear ye! Hear ye! The following is the slate that was elected by the New York Chapter for 1957— President: Irving Feinberg of Headquarters Co., 47th Infantry; Vice President: Harry Oren-

stein of the 9th Q.M.; Second Vice President: Peter Uhl, 39th Infantry.

Bits of here and there: Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. McInerney, have become the proud grandparents again. This makes their Fourteenth grandchild. This time it is a boy. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence La Russo. Say, the Mac's are really in the running now. . . . How about that! Fourteen. . . can't complain now. . .

We received word, via the beer glass, that Edgar Haiff of Spartanburg, North Carolina a B Company -15th Engineer man and Carroll Leake of Robstown, Texas have written to old friends saying that they hope to make it in Boston in 1957.

Nick Orlando, a real old time Chapter, from "I" Company of the 60th Infantry, made the January meeting. Glad to have back again Nick. Just for the record, Nick's in the printing racket and maintains a fine home at 2113 Coleman Street, Brooklyn 34, N.Y.



Panorama of the Xmas Gang

Xmas Children's Party

They do it everytime! Only this time they darn near outdid themselves. Never in the history of the New York Chapter did we ever see a turnout such as this. We can safely say that this was it. A REAL CHRISTMAS PARTY... You could not step an inch without having some little towhead hanging on your every word! They not only took over Gerdes, man they almost ran the adults behind the bar. Not that this was hard to do. But, the gang of kids that attended was fabulous. When the

original planning was discussed, the figure that was being counted on, was about 150 total. After all, this was a Sunday afternoon affair and December well, who would turn out except the permanent standby's. Well, let us tell you that this was the most underestimated figure that anyone could imagine. We didn't have 150 we had about 250 kids plus their parents. The folks that did not, have their own brought the neighbors, the nephews and the nieces and the cousins kids. We venture to

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A New Trend

It would seem to us that we are experiencing a rude awakening in our Association. Gentlemen, let's face it. . . Time is slowly changing our facade of life, we are witnessing a transformation of our initial purposes. . . we are now meeting together as a great big family. This was truly demonstrated during the New York Chapter Christmas Party. Here we witnessed the entering of a new 9th Division man.

He was not discussing the old battles, campaigns or combat experiences. He was looking out after his family. He was hovering about like a frustrated mother hen. The mode of meeting is being reassembled to accept this new challenge. It is the opinion of your secretary that this new meeting format represents a new 9th Division Association approach.

We therefore would like to pass this thought on to our chapter members. Try and plan social events that will draw the entire family. Plan such events as Christmas Parties and picnics with the basic thought in mind of the entire family. We must utilize the family now for this is the new 9th Division.

By creating family activities we are extending the progress of our Association.

We have learned from past experience that no matter what night a chapter plans to hold a meeting, that there is always someone who cannot make this particular meeting night.

By having family activities on a Sunday afternoon, the chapters are opening the door for renewed chapter interest. A Sunday afternoon enables many men to gather that are restricted during the week. Further, they can bring their families, this is getting to be a very important segment of our Association that cannot be overlooked.

Why not take advantage of this method and gain new members.

Use the family appeal and gain renewed chapter appeal.

39th INFANTRY

Alfred Gable, at 37; Was Overseas Vet

Alfred J. Gable, 37, of Helen ct., Elberon, a World War II overseas veteran and former North Hudson resident, died at Monmouth Memorial Hospital, Long Branch, of post-operative complications.

A native of Union City, Mr. Gable had resided in recent years in Eatontown and Elberon and was employed as a field agent for Colonial Life Insurance Co. Just after World War II he was a resident of North Bergen.

Mr. Gable attended Union Hill High School and Roosevelt School, Union City, and was a veteran of the Tunisian campaigning in World War II in 1942 and 1943. A member of an infantry unit, he received his Army training at Fort Bragg, N.C. He also served in the invasion of Southern France with an amphibious "duck" outfit.

He is survived by his wife, Marion, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M.S. Mitchell of North Bergen; his father, Fred Gabrielsky, of West New York; his stepmother, Mathilda; 4 children, Michael, Geoffrey, Linda and Robin, and 2 brothers, Harold and Irving Gabrielsky.

Columbus, O. Chapter

the internationally known Denison Engineering Co. He also has four little Schumanns. Shortly after V-E Day Betty Baer came over here from Ingolstadt, and immediately became Mrs. "Dick" Schumann. A sad note entered the meeting when it was reported "Dick" Pestel, former 47th man, was seriously ill in White Cross Hospital. Dick was shot up pretty bad just before V-E Day and has spent most of his civilian days in VA hospitals. Leo Hope, former 60th man, also has four youngsters and is slated to be commander of Franklin American Legion Post soon. This is one of the larger Posts of the nation. Leo had to work and sent his regrets, hoping to attend next time. Pearl Nickles was unable to get away from his work but sent a nice note. Dave Boring, now office manager at Cott Index Printing Co., Columbus, stopped in to pay his respects, but was unable to stay for the entire session. "Dick" Macomber, former 60th man, now operating the Terminal Lounge, in the Greyhound Bus Station, was an early arrival, paid his dues and contributed much to the success of the meeting by giving some wise advice relative to the 1958 Convention. Mac has had much experience in the theatrical world and will be a real ace in the hole when final plans for the 1958 Convention begin formulating.

Paul Keller, who has been in Michigan for the past several years is back "home" in Columbus for keeps this time. Paul now has the rank of Major Paul Keller. He'll be a great asset in arranging for that 1958 Reunion also. His co-operation was almost entirely responsible for the success of this meeting. He brought along his movie projection machine and showed quite a lengthy film of the 1950 9th Division Association parade in Chicago, followed by some amusing shots taken in the basement of his home before moving to Michigan, which were made while a Columbus Chapter meeting was being held. While on active duty during the past few years Major Keller made several hundred feet of color film in various sectors of the Rocky Mountain regions, near Fort Carson, where the 9th Division is at the present time. These films were thoroughly enjoyed and Keller's willingness to always help is appreciated. Mrs. Keller was on hand to help the boys "get the show" on the road. The three young Kellers, who had grown beyond recognition since any of the Columbus group had last seen them, were on hand and helpful in manning the off and on light switch detail. Paul will serve as chairman of the local group's Board of Trustees for the ensuing year. Bennie Nardone was unable to attend but sent his dues in. Bennie has recently opened an electrical supply and repair business of his own in suburban Grandview Hgts. During the 1947 Convention in Columbus, the 9th Division music sheet was lost. Everyone was frantic, then it was remembered what an excellent job Nardone had done while with the band overseas. Although Mike Puzak had enticed Nardone into taking on quite a few "snorts" before he was located, Bennie lay in a prone position on the hotel floor and from memory drew the notes out on a sheet of paper which was photographed, plates made and several hundred copies were printed. That plate is still in possession of the Columbus Chapter.

Richard McClure, sales manager

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Mail Bag

The following is a compilation of two months' mail received from our members.

47th Infantry

Headquarters Co.

Boardman F. Lockwood of the Davis-Jacobs Travel Service in Hartford, Connecticut sends us the following note: "Some of the members of the Division Association may be interested to know that I was fortunate enough to pay a visit to Belgium and Germany last month as an aftermath of a trip to the Belgian Congo with Sabena Belgian World Airlines. In company with a delightful Belgian couple whom I met the day after we liberated Liege. We drove out through Aachen to Cologne, where the beautiful Cathedral dominated this bustling rebuilt city and in which the stores with their bright Christmas decorations are bursting with the products of Western Germany."

On our return we came through Duren, Eschweiler, Stolberg, Gressenich, and into Vicht where the 47th had their CP in the schoolhouse for two and a half months, and which today is again a sleepy little village. Then we continued through Zweifall where several prosperous lumber yards are operating, past the "dragon's teeth" which still stretch along the outer fringe of the Seigfried Line to Roetgen and down into Monschau which is as picturesque as ever.

Unfortunately the weather was very poor with thick fog and drizzle so we curtailed our explorations and stopped only at the "gasthof" in Muetzenich where again we had our CP for two months following Gen. Smythe's marshalling of the forces in this area during the Battle of the Bulge.

It is a great thrill to see the places we knew so well and an even greater privilege to renew acquaintances with friends made so long ago. Our best regards to all. . . .

Albert Lechmanik of 95 E. Parkway, Hillside, N. J.

Al writes to inform us that he has started a new business. Al would like to tell all his friends about his new service. They are Franchised Dealers of Artic Travelers. They pride themselves in the knowledge that they offer first class service when it comes to Truck Refrigeration Maintenance. Any of our readers who are in the meat packing, frozen food, produce, eggs, ice cream, drugs etc., etc., could use this type of service. Al wants to inform his prospective customers that they have experience plus to offer. His men have been in this business from 10 to 15 years. They are in the heart of the trucking area on Rt. 1 in Jersey. The address is Truck Refrigeration Maintenance Corp. located at 66 Stockton Street, Newark, N.J. and the telephone number is MA 2-1566.

Alva B. Lewis of Norris City, Illinois writes: He is one heck of a hard working farmer these days. It is only in early December that Alva can take time off to go Bird hunting. They have two little Lewis's, Sharon age 10 and Kenneth age 4. Another x 9th man is Herschel Newcomb. He is the principal of both grade and high school in New Shawneetown, Illinois. He too, has two children. A little girl Brenda and a boy Philip. Alva would like to hear from some of the fellows of the 47th especially; Haig Ajamian, Bob Goumer, Emil Langer, Richard Boots, Harold Schramm, Al Floyd, Clifford Lemmons, Mike Micolue-

ci. . . How about it guys, contact Alva B. . . F Company:

George A. Morgan of 2653 4th Street, Santa Monica, California, recently tracked our Association down and we are glad to say that we were able to give him an assist with information he requested for disability claims. George is interested in finding men who can remember his being blown from his shell hole at El Guettar. George needs this information to help him substantiate his claim.

Lt. Col. James A. Moore, Army Section (Mecat) MAAG Taiwan, APO 63, San Francisco Calif. Col. Moore sent Vincent Guglielmino a very interesting letter and we felt the letter had so much information we are going to reprint some of it as it was written.

Col. Moore in his letter reminds Vincent of the memories of the past. "It was nice to hear from you as I had talked about you many times to my wife, Col. Moore also speaks of Chip Maness who he sees every year or two. He reminds Vincent that it was he and Hochreiter and Hattrick who were responsible for his initial success when he first came to the 47th Infantry Regiment. He wants to know if Hockreiter went back to the Insurance business and if Hattrick is back at Borden's."

The following is a recap of Col. Moore's activities: He tells Vincent that his first son was born the day that they landed in North Africa in November and it was a little later on that he went into the hospital in Oran for a tonsil operation. During the operation, they dropped a piece of tonsil down into his lung and a lung abscess with pneumonia developed. This bit set him back in the hospital from July, '43 to February 1944. After finally getting back to duty, he received his regular commission in 1946, went to ROTC duty, next to Europe and was assigned to the Sub Post at Berchtesgaden where the 9th Division ended its tour. From there, it was back to Fort Benning, then to the Command and Staff College at Leavenworth, then to the Second Battalion of the 9th Infantry Regiment of the 2nd Division at Fort Lewis. From there, he was assigned to MAAG in Formosa, arriving one day later than Gen. Smythe. It was nice meeting up with the General again, for it gave Col. Moore an opportunity to tell the General that it was you, that got his liquor in France. He remembers you very well of course! Gen. Smythe did an excellent job as Chief in MAAG and you've probably heard that hard work finally caught him and his heart started acting up. Col. Moore last saw Maness at Leavenworth in 1952. Maness left there and went back to Europe and was promoted to the "Eagles", came back in '55 and should be finishing Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk about now. Col. Moore also mentions Frank Smith who he last saw in Fort Benning in 1952. Frank is the same as ever and his experience as a P.W. did not leave too much of a visible effect on him. Frank is married and is extremely happy. When Col. Moore arrived in MAAG he was assigned as G-3 advisor to the Chinese Nationalist Second Field Army, which job he held until October of last year. Then he was assigned as Chief of the Matsu Defense Command Advisory Team stationed about 1000 yards

from the Chinese Mainland. Col. Moore has two boys ages 11 and 14 (Jimmy and Jeffrey and they're both located in Kaohsiung in Southern Formosa.

M. Company

Wilton Taylor of Staple Star Route, Lost Hills, California comes up with an interesting suggestion. He tells the readers of the Octofoil that he has been corresponding with a Captain John M.

Clore and that they have come up with an idea that the 9th Division hold their next convention in Fort Carson in cooperation with the present 9th Div. Wilton writes us and says that he just received a letter from S.F.C. Richard Kinnemon formerly of Company M, 47th Reg. who is stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Richard recently returned to the States after a long tour of duty in Germany.

ful of attending the Boston Convention. Franklin W. Gunter sends us his dues on December 7th and reminds us to remind you that he hopes that we shall never see another day such as today was fifteen years ago.

47th Infantry

Herschel Newcomb of Shannetown, Illinois is a new member of the Association. Herschel tells us that he is now Superintendent of Schools of S.E. Gallatin County and Shawnee Community Unit No. 2. Herschel has two children, Brenda Kay who is 14 and Phillip Lane who is 10. Herschel met Keith Phillips and wishes to send his best to all the gang of Headquarters Company 3rd Battalion. Sorry but we don't have Haig Adjami's address, can any of our readers help him?

9th Med. Bn.

Welcome to another new man; Frank Alesso, 1004 1/2 Rear Morgan Ave., Monessen, Pa...

9th Recon:

Philip Ortof, former C.O. of the 9th Recon Troop, tells us that he recently joined a new organization. Philip announces the formation of CARPET STYLES INC., handling a complete line of carpets and tiles for business, residential, professional and public interiors for the trade. Philip's showrooms are located at; Richard Draper & Co., Inc. 16 East 50th Street, New York 22, N.Y., Plaza 3-2044... If you want expert advice and tip top service, Philip is the boy who can do it when it comes to carpets and floor covering accessories.

26th F. A.

Robert La Dez of Drawer 494, Ionia; a former member of Service Company is now a new member of our Association.

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M. Company:

Leo Burdek of 20 Florida Street, Elizabeth, N.J., Leo tells that he lost his address book with the names and addresses of his old friends so he wants to use the Octofoil as a vehicle of greetings and good wishes to such men as: Andy Wolchock, Tony Carneici, Walter Swiec, Nick Asperger and to all the men in M. Company his seasons best. Incidentally, Leo is one of the original men of the Ninth from North Africa to the Rhine.

15th Engineers

Col. Thomas M. Gray former C.O. of the Engineers we are proud to relate is now a member in good standing. Col. Gray is currently living at 73 Monmouth Street, Brookline 46, Mass.

A. Company:

Recently received word from Mrs. Irene Hartzell that her son Francis R. Hartzell has been hospitalized since January 11th, 1956 and would appreciate some words of cheer from his old friends... Write to him using the following address: Francis R. Hartzell, Ward 7, U.S.V.A. Hospital, Butler, Pa. Joseph Woznicki sends us an Xmas card with his new address, 4748 Kincaid Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., Joe sends his best to all his friends.

Art Schmidt of 69-20 69th St., Brooklyn, N.Y., is one lad who takes our editorials seriously. Art is following General Westmoreland's advice and is sending out chain letters to all his friends telling them about our Association and asking them to pay their dues and to try to make it at the 1957 Boston convention.

Division Headquarters

A short note from Harold A. Ott, former W.O. of the Adj. Gen. Sect.. A short motor trip this past summer brought me to the

New York Chapter

say that nobody that even knew of a kid left him home that day. Movies were shown. Everytime a gun or a cowboy or a mickey mouse appeared, you would think it was the signing of the Armistice. Noise, not too much, but I personally remember it took me a week to get my hearing back. The ice cream and the cakes. Why John Gerdes, our benefactor, was dishing out cream that he intended to use in 1958. Never did the requests stop. It seemed like one endless line of goodies. And then in came the man of men, our very own, the man of the continuous giggle, the man who was truly Santa's emissary, our own very

own—JOHN SCULLY. This guy must be made of pure unadulterated iron. For it took a man of iron nerves to even attempt to push his way through the crowd and then sit down and pass out toys to the young in heart. Fathers dragged the kids to see Santa Claus, kids dragged Santa to see their Fathers, kids hugged Santa just a little tighter than normal because the bigger the hug the better the present. Dan Quinn, Frank Fazio, and Vinnie Guglielmino were Santa's helpers. Little girls got pistols and little boys dolls. Nobody complained because each gesture was a gift of good will.



Santa Clause John Scully and the mob

After what seemed one long endless task the group departed. We know they enjoyed themselves because we met men that we have not seen in ages. Perhaps it was Santa Claus, or perhaps it was the idea that here was a good gimmick that drew the crowd. We heard some of our cronies remark that this crowd even outdraws a Feinberg night, if this is conceivably possible. But, you had to be there to believe it. Here truthfully was a concluding farewell to 1956 that will be a lasting light in the memories of the New York chapter. We would like to conclude with a special vote of thanks to Dan Quinn and his staff who as usual give of their all to make the New York chapter the success that it is.

Truer words or deeds: "John

shores of Lake George, N.Y. Found lodging in a very fine, neat place called the Admiral Motel. After registering, much to my surprise, was called upon by the manager and proprietor, (who else but an X 9th Div. man) Walter Pfizenmayer. Walter was associated with me in the AG Section Div. Hq. and to the best of my knowledge was with the 60th Infantry prior to transfer to Div. Hq.

Walt would welcome any visitors naturally, (former 9th Div. buddies.) His motel is definitely first rate and can be highly recommended...

Special Notice

We were recently informed that the 9th Division American Red Cross is having a reunion of the "Elite Drunkards and Freeloaders" The date: February 22, 1957 at the home of Roger Marion No. 8 East 8th Street in New York. The purpose is to renew the loadings and good cheer we experienced 11 years ago... A worldly purpose...and an excellent idea.

Travelise Honored On Birthday At Party" this is the item that appeared in the Hudson Dispatch, and this is the story. John Travelise of 2904 New York Ave., Union City, was feted at a surprise Birthday party, Saturday, in Stefani's Cafe, Union City, N.J. Party was given by his wife. Buffet dinner was served to 60 guests. Among those who attended were friends and members of John's immediate family. Representatives of the Ninth Division, 47th Infantry, U.S. Army, New York Chapter of which Mr. Travelise is a member. Mr. Travelise, a native of Union City, owns a barbre shop in New York City. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Paul Travelise. There is one daughter, Miss Frances Louise Travelise."



Dan Quinn the old and Irv Feinberg

Welcome The New Slate!

January is the month of parties, that is in the New York Chapter it is the finale of one President and the beginning of a new. On January 11th, at the Elk's Club in Union City, N.J., the men and their wives and friends had

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Standing: Whalen, Rohrer, McIntyre, Crilly, Cochran, Rednovich
Sitting: Merz, Sepcinski, Finnigan, Feranti

A note and a few pictures from George Merz (The Rock" as they called him in the old days. George tells us that perhaps some of the fellows as pictured are around with the exception of George Radnovich. He was killed in France. George tells us that if any of the boys wish to write he will be glad to answer. George wishes to remind his friends that he would like them to contact him to set up a party for the Boston reunion. George now has SIX kids, three boys and three girls.

Steve Budrick our official army mascot sends us a note of good cheer and informs us that he had a very good time during the month of January. For those interested this is the official Russian Christmas and New Years. Steve met up with a lad who turned out to be, Harry P. Whitney of 22 Gro-

ton and Harvard Road, Ayer, Mass. Harry was a First Lt. with the 34th Field Artillery Battalion. Steve incidentally sends us real great article from the Army Times. "Fort Carson, Colo." Headquarters Co. of the 1st Battalion of Carson's 60th Infantry Regiment is unique. With the exception of one lonely draftee, it holds the rare distinction of being entirely composed of Regular Army men. The unit commanded by 1st Lt. Davey L. Stanley, painted its administrative building and barracks a striking blue and white, contrasted with the drab colors of most Army buildings. What's more, drapes have been added for a more "homey" atmosphere in the barracks". . . Gentlemen, we can say or add no more. But here is certainly a switch from the army we knew. . . N'est pas!



Finnigan, Merz, Sepcinski, Whaler and Rohrer

60th Infantry

Pearl and Getzy Schiff inform us that on November 29, 1956 little Debra Beth arrived to grace the Schiff home with joy everlasting.

G. Company:

Welcome to a new member: Domenic F. De Simone of 15 Cross Street, Worcester. Dom tells us that he has one child a fine boy named Roy Arthur De Simone age 13 years. Dom is a core maker by trade. Unfortunately Dom asked us for the address of Robert Fleagle but we are sorry to inform Dom that we have no known address of his former buddy. Perry Burnett has moved to 1005 So. 3rd Street, Ironton, Ohio. Perry tells us that he is building a new home and will be living at the above address until he has finished working. Boy! what a task, but all the best in your endeavor Perry.

A and D Company:

John K. Moore is headquartered at Turin Road, M.D., Rome, N.Y.. A recent note from John tells us that his place of employment has been changed. His company, after 10 years in White Plains, trans-

ferred him to Rome, N.Y., where he is now managing one of the new S.S. Kresge Company stores. The only complaint is that Rome is a nice town that has nice people in it but it is far colder than the Hurtgen Forest ever was. One of John's employees, a Mrs. Katherine Holmes is a mother of one of the old 9th Div. Boys. Claude Holmes, her son, was a long time member of Co. I, 60th Infantry and she told John that he was in the African, Sicilian, and Normandy invasions. He was also a member of the Association. Last December, Claude unfortunately met with a tragic death, leaving two young children. Mrs. Holmes asked that we print this notice so that Claudes friends will be aware of her loss... Hq. 60.

Mrs. Henry Daszynski tells us that the Daszynski's have moved and are now living at 6535 West 31st Street in Miami, Fla. We were informed that this past summer they had Stanley Solak and his wife from Chicago stop by and Norman Martin and his wife from Belleville Illinois stop in to say "Hello"... They are also hope-

Sound Off

slide show included a large number of professional quality pictures depicting events and activities at several Worcester memorial masses and annual reunions.

Father Connors Honored at Worcester: — Father EDWARD T. CONNORS, former Division chaplain, who has earned the reputation of doing so much for so many, was honored at the 12th annual memorial mass in Worcester, November 11, when the national association president, Gen. William C. Westmoreland, presented him with a beautifully engraved onyx desk set complete with two pens and a clock that shows the time, day, and date.

At the same time, Gen. Westmoreland announced Father Connors had been selected as the Association's first honorary chaplain.

The twin honors bestowed upon Father Connors by the Association is in grateful and humble recognition of his outstanding and unparalleled contributions to the continued success, morale, and spiritual welfare of the Association.

Pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, Prescott St., Worcester, Mass., Father Connors is well known and appreciated for the memorial masses he has sponsored annually since 1945 in commemoration for the living and the dead of all faiths of the 9th Division with which he served with valor as a chaplain in World War II.

More than 500 made the annual trek to Worcester.

MI Garand To Be Replaced: — After the Army spent an estimated \$12 million developing and testing a replacement weapon for the MI Garand rifle, a 46-year old hobbyist in Los Angeles named George Sullivan submitted his own brain child which gives promise of being the best yet.

Interesting to note that Sullivan's gun was developed at no cost to the taxpayer. Seems a shame that the military doesn't utilize the terrific potential of private industry and the civilian mind to a greater extent. Sullivan's contribution graphically illustrates the taxpayers' point — \$12 million against exactly nothing.

The new gun, by the way, is 6.8 pounds, fires a .308 cartridge, is fully automatic, is made of aluminum alloy and plastic, and can be mass produced on an assembly line basis.

Thoughts on Xmas: — Did you know that Christmas is NOT the birth date of Christ? . . . There is no historical record nor well founded tradition which establishes His birth. . . The Xmas date was set at December 25 in 350 AD in Rome, but Yuletide season was celebrated as early as 2000 years before Christ. . . Both the pagan Romans and heathen Britons observed yuletide — the turning time — about December 25. This marked the period after the winter solstice as their solar deity started its long trip back into summer. . . Indications are strong that Dec. 25 was picked as Christmas in 350 AD to offset the established pagan festivals of that time. . . Through process of evolution, Xmas and pagan rites were blended. . . Mistletoe was believed to have healing powers by the Druids of ancient Saxony. Early Christians adopted it to hang over doorways where they would exchange a kiss of goodwill and peace. Nice custom. . . Christ's

crown of crucifixion is symbolized by the holly wreath with the bright red berries simulating the drops of blood caused by the thorns piercing His brow. . . The Puritans, who regarded Xmas celebration sacrilegious, enacted a Massachusetts Bay Colony law in 1659 prohibiting its observance. . . Early Christmas celebrating with feasting, drinking, and cerry-making, sometimes lasted for weeks and can be traced back in origin to the orgies of the saturnalia of ancient Rome. It was this boisterous celebration which caused certain religious groups to frown upon its observance. . . Christmas did not become a legal holiday in Massachusetts until 1855. . . In any event, can anyone say Christmas is not here to stay?

MERRY CHRISTMAS —

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We conclude with Seasons Greetings, to all of you, from the New England Chapter of the 9th Infantry Division Association which wishes you all a very merry Christmas, and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. Peace be with you.

New York Chapter

a small shin-dig to toast in a new slate for the New York Chapter. After a fine meal, plenty to eat, (This is just a small exaggeration, man there was not only enough, but you took home bags full of food.) lots of good music to dance to, Al Bruchac paid tribute to Dan Quinn and his gang for a real fine job of leading the New York gang during 1956. Stan Cohen then presented Dan Quinn with a diamond studded 9th Division pin in recognition of his fine work as president of the New York Chapter. Irv Feinberg then officially took over his duties as the 1957 President.

TAPS

We are sorry to inform our readers of the following news. During the months of December and January we were notified of the following deaths:

47th INFANTRY

Augustine Y. Barra
321 1/2 Quarantina St.
Santa Barbara, Calif.
Silviano L. Madrigal
510 Central Avenue
Puente, Calif.

39th INFANTRY

Floyd A. Ward
Box 211
Hamburg, Arkansas

60th INFANTRY

Edward James Crosby
26 Campbell Avenue
Revere, Mass.

The following note was received at this office from Mrs. Edward J. Crosby. "I am writing to you in hopes you may be able to help me. In March, 1956, my husband, Edward James Crosby, passed away. I am trying to locate someone who was in the service with him for purposes of determining my widow's pension. I put two notices in two different Veterans magazines and received letters from fellows telling me to write to you.

I would appreciate any information that you may be able to give me." We would appreciate information from anyone who served in F Company of the 60th to contact Mrs. Edward J. Crosby at 26 and help her substantiate her Widow's Pension claim.

QM News

by BILL PALADY

From Far and Near:

We received a letter from Harry Orenstein telling us that he was elected Vice President of the New York Chapter. Congratulations. . . we know that you will do a good job.

From New Haven, Connecticut: We recently learned that Howard Reisfelder expects to tie the knot sometime in February. Our very best to you and your bride to be!

From West Warwick, Rhode Island: The Nick Penardo's are taking that joyful step. In the very near future they plan to adopt a child. . . we know that this move will certainly enhance their happy lives. My better half and I hope to pay the Penardo's a visit on our way to the reunion. Nick told us they are going to try to make the Boston reunion.

A Christmas Surprise: It was the night before Christmas, the telephone rang and much to our surprise the voice on the other end was Bill Alters'. . . this is the very first we have heard from Bill since 1945. . . for the record, Bill is now a family man, has two children, works as a mechanic in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and is living in Oakdale, Pennsylvania. If good fortune holds we intend to pay the Alters a visit.

Christmas Cards were received from the following:

Paul E. Mills, J. C. Stone, L. F. Dreifus, G. Kovalak, T. Pitzer, T. Cowell, B. Alters, V. Amore, J. Prehodieck, A. Sinare, S. Pitsillos, A. Webster, R. Elms, F. Mangini, J. Iovenio, S. Vinci, M. Balthaser, J. G. McCormick, J. Willis, I. Lamphaer, J. F. Culley, N. Saggio.

Change of address for your records: M. Dembitsky moved from Minersville, Pa. to Niagara Falls, New York.

Columbus, O. Chapter

of the Deshler-Hilton Hotel, addressed the group, outlining the tremendous amount of work the Hilton interests were having done to the hotel, which will make the Deshler-Hilton one of the most outstanding hotels in North America with all rooms air-conditioned before the 1958 9th Infantry Division Convention meets there.

Octofoil readers will be hearing more from time to time concerning the Columbus Chapter. The boys are slipping a little, though, whoever thought they would live to see the days when a group of former 9th Division men would adjourn a meeting and go home as long as there was any beer left on the premises. That's what happened at this Jan. 19 meeting. Quite a bit of bottled beer had to be returned to the brewery, UNUSED. Memories of 1917, days before the Noble Experiment, were brought back to many World War II vets who were in the VFW bar downstairs when the leftover cold cuts and cheese was put on their bar, making it resemble the old-time free lunch counter.

The writer was going around in circles for several days trying to get this meeting under way and for that reason appreciated the appropriate sign that made its appearance, which read: "Blessed art thou who go around in circles, for they shall be known as wheels."

Needed More

King Solomon had 1000 wives so that he could come home from a hard day at the office and find at least one in a good humor.

— P. K. Sideliner

Ohio Woman Close to Combat Action

Mary Jose, feature writer for the Columbus (O.) Sunday Star, author of the story, parts of which to appear in next issue of Octofoil, about a former 60th man, Dick Macomber, who was wounded twice during the African campaign, had some interesting combat zone experiences herself. Mary meets with the Columbus Chapter and has volunteered to serve on any committee she may be assigned if the 1958 Convention goes to Columbus.

July 1, 1944 the War Dept. called Mary as a correspondent in ETO for hometown stories, features on nurses and medical units in Field and Evacuation hospitals in combat zone. Assigned out of Gen. Bradley's headquarters to medical units supporting Infantry in major offenses in 1st (3rd and 9th armies. She was with first evacs to get casualties out of Bastogne (3rd Army), with 1st Field to cross Rhine at Remagen Bridgehead; Ludendorf Bridge captured same day (1st Army), with evacs acting as Field Hospital when 9th Army pulled the Roer River offensive.

Mary Jose was recalled a few days before V-E Day for reassignment with medics in Pacific. She went from Manila with 42nd Gen. Hosp., which was first medical unit to enter Japan, entering Yokohama harbor Aug. 28, and was allowed to go ashore Aug. 30, in search of an advance press unit, giving her the distinction of being first American woman to set foot on Japanese land after V-J Day. Advance hospital units with Mary present and accounted for, moved up to Tokyo to take over St. Luke's Hospital. From there she was sent to China to feature opening of American hospital in Shanghai. From China she went to Korea to cover public health service and join typhus teams along the 38th parallel. The Columbus girl arrived in Seoul Feb. 1, 1946, to head an All-Korean staff as editor of Korean language newspaper, under jurisdiction of the Military Government. In October, 1946, she

was reassigned to Japan as director of public relations for the military transportation unit operating the Imperial Japanese Railways. And in February, 1948, sailed for the states, coming back to her first love — feature writer for Columbus newspapers.

After extracting the above information from this Columbus girl newspaper reporter one has to conclude that not all the females who went "over there" were filing reports in the various zones of Interior.

Help Wanted

60th Inf. Reg., Co. L — Wish to contact Sgt. Foster, my squad leader during last months of war in Germany. Also others who remember me. Trying to establish disability claim. — Arvid R. Sundberg, 204 W.E. Street, Iron Mountain, Mich.

60th Inf., 9th Inf. Div., Co. F (1947-48) — Seeking to locate anyone who served with my late husband, Edward J. Crosby, formerly of Chelsea, Mass. Need help to establish widow's pension. — Mrs. Edward J. Crosby, 26 Campbell Avenue, Revere, Mass.

Cheap Fuel

Two traveling men were discussing the merits and demerits of various small-town hotels. One mentioned a hotel where the radiators could just as well have been used for refrigerators.

"That's nothing to a place I hit up in Montana one time," replied the other. "There wasn't even a radiator in the room, although the thermometer stood at 16 below zero. All I found was a small bottle of dark-looking liquid on a table near the bed.

"On a card pinned to the wall, which was evidently a duplicate of cards used in the other rooms, was this instruction: 'Take one teaspoonful of the tobacco sauce after you get in bed. If you require a great deal of heat, take two teaspoonfuls.'"

Dan Bennett

9th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Stan Cohen, National Sec.-Treas.
Post Office Box 66
Livingston, New Jersey

Enclosed please find 1957 dues for:

Name Serial No.

Street Address

City Zone State

I was a (Battery member of (Company Regiment 9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member	\$4.00 per year ()
Sustaining Member	()
THREE YEAR MEMBER	\$10.00 ()
Life Membership	\$50.00 ()
Octofoil Auto License Disc	\$ 1.00 ()
Eight Stars to Victory	\$ 3.50 ()
(Pictorial History of 9th Div. in Action)	
Ladies Auxiliary Member	\$1.50 ()
Decals	\$.25 apiece — 5 for \$1.00
Combat Route Map	\$.50
60th Infantry History	\$1.00

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Philadelphia ()	Illinois ()	EUCOM ()
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Twin Cities ()		

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Non-Chapter member all payment of dues to Nat'l.
Chapter Member: \$1.00 for chapter, \$3.00 to Nat'l.
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