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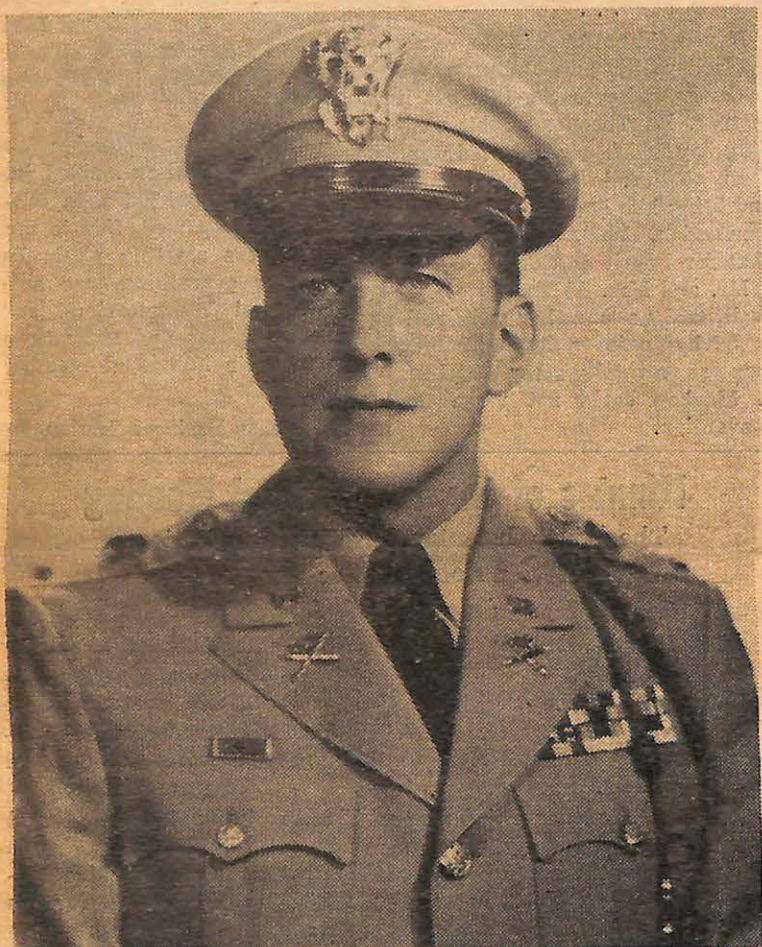
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## A Very Good Time Was Had by All At the 12th Annual Reunion

John Clouser



### 10th Nat'l President

John Clouser, the 10th National President of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was born in April, 1923 in West Milton, Pennsylvania. John lived in West Milton until the age of twelve, and after the death of his father, he went to Mooseheart, Illinois.

In Mooseheart, John attended the school maintained by the Loyal Order of the Moose, and graduated from that school in 1941. Upon which time he returned to Pennsylvania.

In April, 1942, John took his basic training at the I.R.T.C. in Camp Wheeler, Georgia. He was then shipped overseas as a replacement in Oct., 1942. It was on this date that brought John to the Ninth Infantry Division. John was assigned to the 26th Field Artillery Battalion, Headquarters Battery as a computer. After becoming qualified in his assignment, John then joined the Battalion F.D.C. He then stayed with the 26th F.A. until July, 1945 when the old timers were being relieved and sent back to go home. The road home was as usual via many different outfits. John was finally discharged in September, 1945 as a Sergeant.

He then became an assistant

R.D.T.C. Instructor at Mooseheart from 1945 to 1947. During this period he attended Illinois College and graduated with an A.B. degree. He then was recalled to active duty in October, 1950 and was sent to Korea. In December, 1950 he joined the 37th Field Artillery Battalion of the 2nd Infantry Division. He received his commission while in Korea. As a 1st Lieutenant he received the Silver Star for action on Heartbreak Ridge. Injured and hospitalized, he then returned to the United States in December, 1951. John was then assigned to the A.A.A. and G.M. Center at Fort Bliss, Texas. As a Battery Commander in the A.A.A., R.T.C., he attended the Guided Missile Unit Officers Course. He was then assigned to the 246th F.A. Battalion which by the way was the First Corporal Battalion organized. He served as the Assistant S-3, Battery Executive officer and Battery Commander. John returned to an inactive status in June, 1954. He then enrolled at Northwestern University Graduate School and received his M.A. degree in Aug., 1955.

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### Boston Is Rocked From Stem to Stern by the 9th Div. Ass'n Group

On July 4th, 5th, and 6th, at the Hotel Statler in Boston, Massachusetts, the men, women and children, all now commonly known as veterans of the Ninth Infantry Division met for their 12th Annual Reunion. One might ask, how does one get started describing

the events, the situations, the times, etc., and all that take place at a convention. . . Well, the only feasible answer might be, well — let's take it day by day and event by event. . . Say that is certainly a sound way. So then, without any further ado! — let's start off that way. . .

#### Thursday Morning Welcome

The scene of our opening day is the mezzanine of the Hotel Statler, around 9 A.M. In the lobby of any big hotel, the only movement are the bellhops and the working people of a reunion. From the rear of the balcony, a bellhop and a porter are carting in a huge dolly loaded to the brim with all types of gear. This gentleman, is just the National Secretary arriving on the stage. The electricians are busy rigging spot lights, the porter's are moving tables into position, and a few lads start hanging a great big sign which reads, "WELCOME NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION."

As soon as the sign is swung into position, from nowhere the group starts to assemble. The first contingent on the line are the working gang of the New England chapter. . . Syd Levison is dragging cartoons, Sy Garber is running around always hanging on to his camera, Tom Boyle brings in the books, and John McLaughlin harried and worn arrives to get things moving. The gals from the Chamber of Commerce are sitting in a corner waiting for instructions. Vic Campisi runs in with books and publicity information. The questions start off with a bang. . . Well what's the agenda where will we place this, say—let go of that and bring it over here—someone got a piece of chalk, better write this event on the board. . . And so on ad-infinitum. . .

What seems chaos to some, is merely the beginning of a convention to others.

Very quickly everything falls into line. The first man starts to pay for his tickets and the group lines up to get their tickets. The questions start at once, the answers, right, wrong or indifferent start flowing out. . . Suddenly, a cry is overheard from the rear. OH! We are on television, let's go.

#### Louise Morgan Show. . .

Five stalwarts gather together and drive over to WNAC-TV. Major General William C. Westmoreland, John McLaughlin, Stan Cohen and Milton Wind. O.K. lads in a few minutes you are on the air. General, here is a script, Vic here is a book, John here is a hat, gentlemen this is Louise Morgan. The producer-director and our little group sit down to a short rehearsal and in a few moments the director from the monitor booth starts talking into the mike, four-three-to-one-camera, o.k. Louise—Well, here we are today. . . (Small talk and local chatter) and the camera with this introduction is focused on General Westmoreland, John McLaughlin and Victor Campisi. The action and discussion naturally, all about the 12th annual reunion. About eight minutes later as a commercial is brought on camera, our little group departs back to the Statler. Hustle and bustle start to reign forth. As usual the group that lives the farthest from the convention city are always the first to arrive on the scene. From all parts they came, we saw cards with names from as far south as Robertson, Texas, Minn., Minn.; Chicago, Ill., Philadelphia, Pa., Miami, Florida etc., the usual gang was on time. . .

#### More T.V.

Talking to some of the 9th QM boys, we were suddenly confronted with another bit of delightful news. Say, the roving photographer from Westinghouse is here and he wants to take some shots for the news program. O.K. we are on camera again. Let's use this shot. Grab a couple of people and line them up as follows; the first shot let's see, oh there is Bill Palady and Mr. and Mrs. Nick Penardo. . . yes, set it up this way. Bill and your misses start registering, and suddenly you see Nick. . . Go through the act of greeting a long lost cousin deal. . . Man oh man, talk about actors after this merry go round the lads and lassies from this outfit will have to carry Equity cards or get permission from AFRA to go before the camera. Oh yes, here is another shot, General Westmoreland, General and Mrs. Randle, Col. Heikkila, Walter Millstine, how about just an old fashioned gabbing shot. . . O.K. shot it. . . Well, we are on our way. . . We have had T.V., we had radio, we

had newspaper and just about all the possible news coverage one could get to build up for the convention. The crowd is still rolling in. . . Here is the first in a series of Board meetings. We grab John White, Steve Budrick, Don Miele, hey how about a hand manning the National booth while we go into a Board meeting. . . Alright, go ahead.

Breaking out of the Board meeting we find that we are just in time for the beginning of the beer party. . .

#### Suds Ahoy

Knickerbocker Beer (happen to mention it) and all the extra rations that belong are spread about. Entering this emporium of merriment we are just in time for the picture. Here is the deal. The last issue of the Octofoil we mentioned that we were lucky enough to have the film called "Navy Log" on hand that told the story of the Ninth Division at Cherbourg. . . Sure enough we were watching the past roll before our eyes. They happen to talk about the 39th, 47th and 60th Infantry regiments and for the sake of the movie they called him Colonel Pappy Flynn. . . (Patty Flint) he is the old man and sure enough his actions are real close to Col. Flint. Just to make sure that this is on the level, we would like to mention in passing that this film was edited by a lad called Allan Sloan, who just happened to be in the 47th during the time the 9th was committed to the Cherbourg campaign. Thanks to the New England chapter for supplying two professional's to run the show. Of course courtesy of the United States Army, we had a couple of Tech Sergeants running the camera. Rather different than the old days, when the screen was hanging on the back of a truck and the camera was a 1918 vintage. Well, c'est la vive, 'cause now thank God, it is no more la guerre. . .

The committee is anxiously watching the door, but no fear, the crowd filled all the available tables and we might add consumed 45 cases of liquid refreshment which in the trade is quite a thirst for a group. Well, the old saying goes, when the Ninth does something they really go 'all the way. . .

The party broke up in the neighborhood of about, someone said it was 1 A.M., or 2 depends who you talked to and how full

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## Introductory Remarks

by John Clouser

The enthusiasm displayed at the annual reunion and the constructive measures taken by the association seem to guarantee a fine year ahead for the Ninth Infantry Division Association, and a period when it will be a great pleasure to serve as your national president.

The problems facing the association, which were discussed in the committee sessions and on the floor of the meeting, seemingly have a common solution, manpower. The necessity of enlarging our membership, to carry on our many purposes and to insure a sound financial operation, was very evident to those of us attending the reunion in Boston. To solve these problems the association authorized the creation of a membership committee.

To carry out the desires of the membership in this respect the Board of Governors asked General Craig to assume the position of national membership chairman. Fortunately, the General accepted the position as National Chairman.

General Craig and his committee are working out the details for a membership drive at the present time. They will need the help of every member of the association to make this campaign a success.

An important part of our membership drive will center about the overwhelming recommendation of the members at the annual meeting that the membership in the association include those men serving in the peacetime Ninth Division. The injection of younger blood should increase the enthusiasm of the other members. The group meeting with us at Boston were certainly a fine example of the type of soldiers found in the present Ninth.

With the enthusiastic support of all members of the organization we should make this a year to be remembered in the history of the Ninth Division Association.

The Boston reunion was a huge success for those people who attended. As every year, we were disappointed at not seeing some of the people we know live in the relatively close proximity of the reunion city. Next year make a special effort to attend the reunion in Columbus.

Those who were at Columbus in 1947 will remember the fine time we had in that city. The boys at Columbus promise to show us an even better time in 1958. If you miss a reunion you will probably miss someone you haven't seen since you left the Ninth Division. Plan for the trip to Columbus now, don't wait until next summer.

Throughout the coming year I hope to keep you periodically posted on the progress of the association. I hope all of you will help to make these reports favorable and encouraging.

# The 12th Annual Reunion

the table was that determined the exact time. The groups then departed to the various C.P.'s scattered all around the hotel.

### Table Hopping

Before the gang broke up your roving reported tarried at a few tables and gathered some choice morsels; for example:

John and Betty Rizzio spent a real fine day with the Olsons. . . Kenny Grosse tells us that he now has two parakeets. . . (So) Julius Janotti is really got a bun on these days. "Stan," he says, "why don't the lads in Conn., get together and have a local chapter?" Say, this is not such a bad question. We do have many men from the Conn. area on our books, all you have to do is to contact your National Secretary tell us the area that you want to work on, and we will send you all the names and addresses we have. We will even send you the postcards with the meeting notice and all you have to do is to mail it. Well, we will try if you give us a chance.

Talked to Matt Wall and he tells us that he has fully recovered from his last siege. . . Great Matt, that's the kind of news we like to print. Henry Bokina was in attendance and wants to hear from Iron located in Montana. . . Check your records we were told that John Maule has a new address it is 124 Bearlake Road, Muskegon, Michigan. . . While jumping about we met Frank Wyand of 1423 E. Elm Street and Steve Dobringo of Chicago, Illinois. Jack Abbott tells us when in Boston visit the Switch Cafe. . . Eddie Boyle and his wife inform us that the next time you get into ARLINGTON, MASS., visit Eddie's at 1037 Mass. Ave., in Arlington. . . Carlton Pope and wife inform us that they are having a great time at the convention and would like to see any of his old buddies on Pope's Peak at any time in Bennington, New Hampshire. Hey, how about this, we heard that John Maule is now courting his wife, it is different cause the last time we met with John it was his fiancée. Lots of luck you two. . .

Checking one table we met up with Gen. Heikkla, Walter Millstine, Col. Fred Feil, Mrs. Millstine, Mrs. Agnes Randle, Col. and Mrs. Tom Grey. . .

At a table not far away we were greeted by a New England southern drawl. Yup you guessed it. The Linscotts, our transplanted Yankees have really done up a fine case of hominy grits. Seriously, Everett and Leona tell us that they are just crazy about the land of peaches and they are all having a great time in Georgia. Seated at the same table we met Elizabeth Bich, Jay Smith, Mrs. Lovell, Jane Torrey who told us about her son Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Moleca and Mike Bich who by the way celebrated his 70 birthday. Oh yes, Mike said he was old enough. . .

### B Company, 47th Infantry

How else do you describe this bunch without going into names, well let's put it this way, Pat Morano, Larry and Ruth Walsh, Mrs. Kay Phelan and R. E. Phelan, Len Radochia who by the way makes his homestead at 197 Spring Street, in Medford Mass., and his lovely wife Edna all were living it up. . . and they send this message to Art Stenzel. . . Len calls you a foul ball, Larry Krobin your a first class so and so, both of you lads missed a deal that had two dozen lobsters and all the works and you lads did not show up to take advantage.

### Even the Bell Hops

This Ninth Division gang is all over, can you imagine that even a local Bell Hop of the Statler was a former Ninth man. His name is Walter Newhook of 196 Paris Street and he lives in East Boston. . . Walter for the record served in K Company of the 47th and B Company in the 39th. . .

Another table we found, Pete Cusack, Mr. and Mrs. John McLaughlin, O'Donnell who tells us that he is shortly celebrating his 20th wedding anniversary. (Man, now I am really feeling old), Herta and Frank Buznoski who tell us that on the 3rd of July they celebrated their 4th wedding anniversary; Mrs. Rose D'Amore, Mrs. Cusack. . .

Joe Borucki and Jimmy Love want to say hello to the old Div Arty gang guys like Tony Loscalzo and Walter Tondetter. . . Incidentally Joe and Jimmy have a pet gripe, what happened to that guy away back in Sidi-Bel-Abbis who stole the dice. . . Now they want to know. . .

If you did not hear it you would not believe it, incidentally we had to listen twice to the tale but it is true. Ed Theayer on his wedding day which was July 3rd went down to N.Y. to pick up a buddy and bring him and his wife to the convention. Well, try and beat that for Esprit de Corps!!

Mr. and Mrs. Al Yockey of Detroit, told us that they were really having quite a ball and that they are truthfully sorry that Len. J. Mayhan could not make the convention.

While buzzing around we found out that Chester Meitlowski of 253 Rother Ave now stationed in Buffalo, N.Y., recently found out about the Association and wants to sign up. Man Chester, by the time you read this we hope you are an active member.

### Friday Morning

We dragged ourselves down the lobby and found a few early birds waiting around for the events of the day to begin. Well, we found out that three bus loads of people were all set up for the tour of Boston. When you figure that it took about 180 people they really did allright for an early hour. The committee was going nuts. It seemed certain people were waiting in the front of the hotel, and the buses were in the back of the hotel. Joe McKenzie was running from one end of the hotel to the other, the New England group was trying to figure it all out, and suddenly the buses and the people got together. See, it is easy, just put people and convention together and you get the usual thing. Lots and lots of confusion, then all of a sudden . . . POOF, it all works out allright.

### Morning Business Session

What a group, they ambled in, sat down, some did not talk, others did not stop well, this is the usual business meeting pitch. In short order everything was settled. General Westmoreland set up the committee and away they went to their individual meeting rooms.

### Afternoon Business Session

## Minutes of the 12th Annual Meeting

The Ninth Infantry Division Association

Hotel Statler

July 6th, 1957

At 2:25 P.M., Major General William C. Westmoreland called the meeting to order.

There were sixty-two (62) members present which constituted an official quorum.

The President, then called upon the National Secretary, Stanley Cohen to read the minutes of the 11th Annual Reunion. After a motion duly made by Glen Moore and seconded by Dominick Miele, it was:

**VOTED TO:** Accept the minutes of the 11th Annual reunion as read and to place the same on file.

The President then called upon the National Secretary to report the financial condition of the Association.

After a motion duly made by Frank Wade and seconded by John Rizzio it was:

**VOTED TO:** Accept the financial report as read and to place same on file.

The President, Major General Westmoreland, then called upon the Chairman of the MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE for his report:

Chairman Fred Feil reported that the following men comprised his committee:

Western Penna.	Bill Palady
New York	Dom Miele
	Harry Orenstein
New England	F. B. D'Amore
Columbus	Glen Moore

Chairman Fred Feil reported on the following matters:



Left to right: Seated Julius Jannotti, Henry Bokina, Ken Grosse, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wall, Mrs. Grosse. Background: Joe McKenzie and Everett Linscott.



- Affiliation with the 9th Infantry Division Association. Recommended that Association have representatives go out and have an informal meeting with the 9th Division at Fort Carson, Colorado. Suggested this matter be taken up by the Membership Committee to explore.
- Today's difficulties point up the need for a change in the official quorum. The Miscellaneous Committee recommends that the membership consider a change of rules to have 25% of the number registered for the convention when the books are closed for a count one hour before the time of the stated meeting.
- Memorial Plaque. Mention has been made of the fact that the 9th Infantry Division has no plaque in the Trophy Room at the Arlington Cemetery. The fact is that only World War I Divisions are limited to place plaques. However, when the Unknown Soldier of World War II is buried there in 1958, the Trophy Room will be offered to World War II Divisions Plaques. Therefore Miscellaneous Committee recommends consideration of adoption of memorial plaque for this Trophy Room.

#### Friday Morning General Meeting:

The necessity for the appointment of Committees is obvious, however, in view of the recurrent difficulties in getting a quorum at 10 AM, it is suggested that, if the general meeting serves no other worthwhile purpose, that it be dispensed with and that the committees meet as directed.

#### Insurance Plan:

A tie up of a membership and insurance plan. Basically it is a plan which if 20 members of our association purchase a combined total of \$50,000.00 of insurance they get standard insurance rate. Therefore the Miscellaneous committee recommends that the Secretary take steps to see that appropriate literature and applications are sent to the membership and that if sufficient members evidence interest, that the plan be adopted.

#### Board of Governors By Laws

The Miscellaneous committee recommends that the immediate past president of the Association, if not scheduled to continue on the Board of Governors, be appointed to serve a minimum of one year so that his valuable experience may not be lost to the Association.

The President, then thanked the committee chairman and called for discussion.

Major General Louis A. Craig mentioned that Article 42 of the By Laws, could handle By Law changes. The President then informed the group that a technicality exists and the entire Board has to be notified before it can take action on the By Laws.

#### Recommendation:

A committee visit with the Ninth Division in Fort Carson and explore the possibilities of combining both organizations into the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Upon motion duly made by Dick Storey and seconded by Vincent Guglielminio it was,

**VOTED TO** Amend the By-Laws to read:

"To permit any individual who has ever served honorably in the Ninth Infantry Division be eligible for membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association."

Upon motion duly made by Dick Storey and seconded by Vincent Guglielminio it was:



**CEREMONY COMMEMORATING WAR DEAD** — Wreath being laid at the Hall of Flags in the State House, Boston, Mass. Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. McInerney, Gold Star Parents; Gen. Louis A. Craig (Ret'd) former Commanding General, Mrs. Brundage, Dorchester, Mass., Mrs. Young, Milton, Mass., Gold Star Mother; Mr. J. Lynch, Allendale, N.J., Gold Star father, Maj. General William C. Westmoreland, Rear behind Mrs. Brundage is Father Edward T. Connors of Worcester, Mass.

**VOTED TO** insert the following: (Who wore the Octofoil) the motion therefore reads:

"To permit any individual who wore the Octofoil or who has ever served honorably in the Ninth Infantry Division be eligible for membership in the 9th Infantry Division Association."

Upon motion duly made by Dick Storey and seconded by Glen Moore that all remaining points of the recommendations of the Miscellaneous Committee be passed on the Board of Governors for their action.

The President, Major General William C. Westmoreland then called upon the Chairman of the Membership Committee Brigadier General Randle to report on the Committee recommendations.

Brig. Gen. Randle reported that the following men served on his committee: Messrs: Frank Heikla, William Millstine, John Clouser, Frank Wade, Dann Quinn, John McLaughlin, and Vincent Guglielminio.

General Randle stressed the need for a permanent membership committee chairman and the need for: personal contact, chain contact, chapter activity, and an organization to carry this membership drive through. The association has suffered a 61% loss of membership and if it is to survive it needs greater action.

Upon motion duly made by Pat Morano and seconded by George Whitney, it was

**VOTED TO** Accept the membership committee report as advisory to the Board of Governors.

The President Major General William C. Westmoreland, then called upon the Chairman of the Financial and Budget Committee, George Apar to report the findings of his committee.

Mr. George Apar thanked the following members of his committee for their endeavors: Herb Olson, George King, Victor Butswinkus, and Frank Mortelliti.

Mr. Apar complimented the Secretary for coming in under the Budget of 1956-57, but stressed the fact that further reductions in expenditures were necessary.

The following Budget is submitted:

Octofoil	1,700.00
Salary	3,000.00
Postage & Exp.	450.00
Office Supplies and	
Clerical Help	250.00

Telephone	120.00
Corp. Filing Fee	55.00
Employees	
Expense Allowance	200.00
Depreciation	261.19
(Hold at Inventory Val.)	
Payroll Taxes	90.00
Total	\$5,865.00

Upon motion duly made by Jack O'Shea and seconded by Dom Miele it was

**VOTED TO** Accept the budget as read.

The President, Major General William C. Westmoreland then called upon the Chairman of the Newspaper committee to report the findings of his committee.

Chairman Paul Plunkett then read the following report:

Your newspaper committee met in Parlor E, at 10:30 A.M. on July 5th, 1957 in the Statler Hotel in Boston, Mass., Directives of previous Newspaper Committees regarding the number of copies of the Octofoil and frequency dates of publication were reviewed and concurred in, namely approximately 2,700 copies for nine issues and approximately 8,000 copies for the month preceding each annual reunion. Your committee recommends that at least three competitive bids from competent printers be secured for the printing of the Octofoil. Although this next recommendation could rightfully be considered a problem to be disposed of by either the Finance Committee or the Board of Governors, your Committee recommends that receipted bills be kept intact that pertain in any way to the publishing or the mailing of the Octofoil and be made available to both the Newspaper committee and the Finance Committee at any and all future 9th Infantry Division Association reunions.

An article written by Roy Gordon, appearing in the last issue of the Octofoil contains some worthwhile suggestion that merit serious consideration on the part of both the officers and members. Many of these suggestions if adhered to, will in the opinion of your newspaper Committee result in again arousing the enthusiasm of many former 9th Infantry Division men. Your committee feels that not only each chapter but each member or potential member must be made to feel that he is an integral part of this association. The Octofoil is the only medium through which this most desirable condition to be made to exist again.

By dramatizing events taking place within local chapters, giving full recognition to personal news items pertaining to individual members and potential members as well as their families in the Octofoil columns will no doubt be a means of stimulating interest among many whose interest in the association seems to be lagging. We must remember that an item sent in may seem unimportant to the editor but to the member who sends in the item that particular article is the most important feature of any that might appear.

Respectfully submitted: Paul S. Plunkett Chairman, Anthony Capaldi, Gilbert Timber, Paul D. Clark, Victor A. Campisi.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was:

**VOTED TO** Place this report in the record.

The president, then called upon the Chairman of the Nominating Committee to report the findings of his committee.

Chairman Everett Linscott reported as follows:

The nominating committee convened at 11:00 A.M. on July 5th, 1957 and members present were: Dan Quinn, Fred B. D'Amore, Frank Ozart, Jack O'Shea, Frank Fazio. The Committee unanimously nominated the following five men for the election to the Board of Governors.

Art Schmidt N. Y. Chapter  
Glen Moore Columbus Chapter

Frank Wade Capital Chapter  
Tom Boyle

New England Chapter  
Vincent Iannucci N. Y. Chapter

Upon motion duly made by Al Bruchac and seconded by Dan Quinn it was:

**VOTED TO** Close the Nominations.

Upon motion duly made by George Apar and seconded by Everett Linscott it was:

**VOTED TO** Instruct the secretary to cast one ballot in favor of the slate as recommended by the Nominating committee.

The President then called for new business:

Mr. Dan Quinn suggested that the next hotel selected for the 13th Annual Reunion be air conditioned and be sure that they have much better accommodations.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, and upon motion duly made by Dick Storey and seconded by Jack O'Shea, it was

**VOTED TO** Adjoin at 3:50 P.M.

#### Friday Night

Get your dancing slippers on mother, the old man is going to turn you around the floor a few times. A few times, yikes it looked like a parade ground at the start and a butt police detail at the end. They danced, tangoed, palked, and jitterbugged. Good, man they were terrific. The band was excellent and the company was good, so why not have a good time. Here again it is hard to describe an affair of this type except to say that these old men are not! They still do themselves proud on the dance floor.

#### After Hours

Ole Hodge from Minneapolis way, our transplanted southerner did his Blue Suede shoes in style, and he hasn't changed in a year. As a matter of fact the shinier his dome got, the better his vocal chords. John Rizzio again regaled the crowd with his local Arab bit, and even George Apar got into the act with his lame newspaper bit. Here it is the after hours joints. This time it was the 47th C. P. with their hosts, Dan Quinn, Frank Fazio, John Scully, Ed Eagan, Vince Guglielmino, and if we missed a few we apologize. These lads really go all out at every convention. They sleep about fourteen in a room for six, but when you rotate the beds around day shift and night it really works out quite well. Everyone gets a chance to sleep. Except the Arabs! N'cest pas Messrs.: Wade, Crandell, Wind and Libroto. . .



Left to right: Frank and Mrs. Wyand, Steve Dobringo, Jack Abbott, Eddie and Mrs. Boyle, Carlton and Mrs. Pope, John and Mrs. Maule.



# ...The 12th Annual Reunion

## Saturday

What is there about a band. To use the old hacked phrase, I love a military band seems to carry more and more weight. Especially when it's a real great band. The usual rat race precedes the event. Yipe, here we are a little late. And still a good many of our group are still sacking away like mad. Get the bugler to play something, say how about a telephone squad. The local Boston police are all ready to escort the band. Then all of a sudden they start to pour out of the hotel. Little ones, big ones, fat ones and the slimmer type. Only difference this time is that some are dragging the young ones with them. Well why not, here put this Ninth Division hat on him, now he is part of the gang. Suddenly the group is beginning to step out. The only difference is that I happen to meet up with two old Army men. Steve Budrick and this Captain from Camp Carson set a pace that is Murder! John McLaughlin checks me to find out if he is still moving or is it his feet that are standing still. I accept the challenge and remark that we are both dragging. Yup, this old civilian life sure ain't up to army marching. But, it don't make no difference, we march across the commons on the outer edge and face a long climb up a short hill. The band swings out and suddenly the veterans of the Ninth find that extra something. What it is we don't know but the last few steps are kicking out. By this time the dads are carrying the youngsters and the line assumes a military bearing. This gang still has pep. There ain't nothing that stops them when they get started. Well we will now tell you why. The Ninth Division flags are up in front of us again. All the way from Camp Carson they came with a group of men that are as fine a bunch of men that you can find anywhere. Why, because these men symbolize the Ninth Infantry Division. So, with men like this, with flags like these, with Generals Craig, Westmoreland, and Father Connors leading the way how can anyone hold back. Away we march and we don't stop until we get to the State House. Here in the quiet room, as we listen to words of Father Connors and General Westmoreland, bowed heads and stilled breathing, join hands for a moment with the comrades are left behind. Here our ranks are joined by the approximately 5000 men who did not come home. After the bugler sounded taps the group dispersed quietly and made their way back to the hotel.

## Saturday Afternoon

This is the time of day that all of the attending people take a breather. The wives start to iron the banquet dress and the old men disappear. Why, because they learned that the Ninth Division film was being shown all over again, and the old man is chasing down a fast brew or catching up with a few more details that he left out of the last two days battles.

## Some New Faces and Changes

We finally relocated Reverend Gerald Rowan. Reverend Rowan is now living at 1406 North Erie in Wichita, Kansas. Reverend Rowan is a former M.P.

## 26th F.A.

We met up with two old timers who have re-upped: Russel E. Maurer of 226 Wilmet Street in Camden, N.J. and Pat Talerico of 11 Pocano Av in Oceanport, N.J.

## 9th Q.M.

Nick Penardo of 2 Anderson Ave, West Warwick, R.I., by the way we recall an incident with Nick. During the campaign Nick caught up with an old top hat and over the insistence of his superiors, Nick wore this battered old hat for quite some time. If memory serves me correctly, some National magazine picked this costume up and printed his picture. So, we remembered Nick. . . Joseph Urciuolo of 52 Hall Street Mass., is also a new recruit for our group.

## 15th Engineers

Sitting in the lobby one afternoon, Art Schmidt and his lads were gassing it up and we joined the throng and came out with two new men; Albert Praind, of 933 No. 5th Street, Allentown, Pa., and all the way from, Robstown, Texas came Carroll Leake whose Post Office Box is 88. Carroll in no uncertain terms told me that "He flew up special to be with his boys."

## American Red Cross

Some of you lads remember or have you ever forgotten some real honest to goodness gals. We mean those coffee and doughnut hostesses with the rolling coffee shops. Well, we bunked into Mrs. Sally Stearns Brown. Sally, well that's the name we knew her by stopped in to see some of her old friends and was delighted to learn so many of the men remembered her. Well, Sally, like the rest was part and parcel of our big gang. By the way, Sally's picture is in "Eight Stars To Victory." Guess what, yup—she is pictured, you guessed it—SERVING DOUGH-NUTS.

## 39th Infantry

We are proud to say that Herbert E. Russell of 50 Jason Street, Arlington, Mass., is also a new face, and from the 2d Battalion, we now have Frank Buzanoski of RD 3 from Erie, Pa., included in this list is Tony Salton of 4320 S. California Ave, Chicago, Illinois, Samuel Noon of 10 Appin Way, Cambridge, Mass., Anthony Tullio of 113 Wheatfield Street, of No. Tonowanda, N.Y. (QM), and from M Company of the 47th, we have William Koumanelis of 236 Lincoln Street.

## The Banquet

Well, here it is the time for the finale. . . The tables are all set trim and proper. At a signal, the officers and guests file in, everybody holds fast, the order is given, please be seated.

At the head table were: Father Ed Connors, Maj. Gen. Westmoreland, Mrs. Cohen, Father Rowan,

Mrs. Helen McLaughlin, Mr. McInerney, Mrs. Campisi, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Linscott, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boyle, General Craig, General and Mrs. Randle, Stan Cohen, Mrs. McInerney, John McLaughlin, John Clouser, Vic Campisi and Brig. Gen. Crawford of the Ninth Division.

## Banquet Highlights

General Westmoreland then informed the gang of a special treat. From Fort Carson, the seated crowd listened to the tape recordings of choral group singing and special marching scores of the units of the Ninth. For example we heard the song of the 39th, The Fighting Falcons, and their Marching song. The Forty-Seventh Regimental Hymn, the Raider's March, The Song of the "Go Devils." We might add that one gets quite a thrill out of hearing the exploits of yesteryear in song. . . Gentlemen, these new Ninth Division lads rave a real goal to hang their nats onto. You would be proud to hear this song fest, as we who were who listened to them.

## Telegrams

General Westmoreland then read congratulatory telegrams from Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, Maj. Gen. George W. Smythe, Maj. Gen. H. P. Storke, Brig. Gen. J. Van Houten, Gen. Birks, all wishing the Ninth Division well on its 12th anniversary.

## Battle of Wits

In one corner of the battle sat Father Ed Connors, in the other Gen. Westmoreland. It all began with the honorary appointment as "MAJOR" in the 9th Div. Assoc., and the pinning of green major leaves to the lapel of Father Connors. Then the rebuttle started. It was nip and tuck all the way, and in the end, we are certain that the audience loved every minute of this vocal meandering. After completing this enjoyable banter, Father Connors introduced Brigadier General J. B. Crawford, the Assistant Division Commander of the Ninth Division stationed in Fort Carson, Colorado. Gen. Crawford told the group that he was proud to be a member of our team and brought the good wishes of the Ninth Division for a successful convention. The group was informed that since the Ninth has been stationed stateside they have trained some 36,000 men. One interesting highlight was mentioned that local towns in Colorado have adopted the Division. Such as Pueblo with the 60th Infantry, and Colorado Springs adopting the 39th. The one impressive keynote of General Crowfords address was the fact that in his opinion the Ninth Infantry Division is just as capable as when we were a part of it.

## General Craig

The main speaker of the evening was our former commanding general, Louis A. Craig. General Craig informed the group: "Our presence here marks the value we place on one of our country's greatest fighting organizations—it marks our pride in association with it, it marks esteem for friendships established in camp, campaign and in battle." The group was told that perhaps eighty or more thousand men were at one time members of the division. But the fighting edge of the Division lay in the rifle companies; General Craig resteped campaigns in Cherbourg, St. Lo the German retreat through France, the defensive actions in

the Huertgen area. During his speech General Craig told of the impressions he had regarding the Ninth. "The earliest and lasting impressions of the Division were the competence, down through the echelons. The confidence of men and officers, the chain of command mutual understanding, the combat wise soldiers, backed by a devoted and efficient service support. General Patton, General Eddy, and the legendary Col. Patty Flint were discussed. Men who earned a total of 7,973 battle decorations and countless non-battle honors. General Craig reminded his listeners of the gradual decline in attendance and concluded his remarks as follows: "So, we come to the end for this year. The future of our comradeship lies in the hands of those who made the Division what it was, everybody. . ."

## Chapter Certificate of Award

General Westmoreland then announced the following Chapter awards:

### Philadelphia:

Raymond M. Connolly Jr.  
9th Signal Co.

Service: Member of the Bd. of Gov., Past Chapter Pres., Vice-Pres., and Secretary.  
Chicago:

Theodore Preston  
Hq. Co. 60th Inf.

Service: Sec.  
Western Pennsylvania:

Bill Paladay  
9th Q. M.

### Service:

New York:  
W. Pa. Secretary —

Dominick Miele  
M. Co. 47th Inf.

Service: Secretary of New York Chapter for 3 years.

### New England:

Victor A. Campisi  
60th Infantry

Service: For his excellent work as publisher and editor of "Sound Off," chapter news letter  
Arthur Schmidt  
15th Eng.

As a reward for his untiring efforts as a contributor in fostering the 9th Div. Assoc. as a field reporter and field representative  
Wilton M. Taylor

M Co.47th  
Home address: Lost Hills, California

As a reward for his loyal devotion as an Octofoil field contributor for the past five years.

## John Clouser

General Westmoreland then introduced John Clouser who in turn introduced the new Board of Governors. After John presented General Westmoreland with his gift as National President General Westmoreland that announced the creation of a new board member emeritus, Major General Louis A. Craig.

## Closing Hours

Sunday morning after the three day affair is something. There is a certain stillness that can only be explained one way. Everybody was really tired. Then bedlam, reigned supreme. Bags had to be packed, kids had to be gathered, cars to be brought around to the loading entrance and the secretary was following a porter and a bellhop with a large dolly that was as loaded as when it first arrived on the scene. After all cars were jammed to the hilt, and the last goodbyes, echoed from the commons, and the New England chapter starting to count up the profit and loss, the curtain descended.

From the highways of Massachusetts, to the skies overhead, the last strains of convention chatter reverberated as a shadow across the clouds. Boston is now another memory. Columbus, is just around the corner. . .

## Colorado Men

## Attention!

9th Inf. Div. Anniversary  
Fort Carson, Colorado  
August 31, 1957  
— All Invited —

## 9th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Stan Cohen, National Sec.-Treas.  
Post Office Box 66  
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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 ( )
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THREE YEAR MEMBER .....	\$10.00 ( )
Life Membership .....	\$50.00 ( )
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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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Non-Chapter member all payment of dues to Nat'l.  
Chapter Member: \$1.00 for chapter, \$3.00 to Nat'l.  
Ladies Auxiliary \$5.00 to chapter, \$1.00 to Nat'l.  
Three Year: \$3.00 to chapter, \$7.00 to Nat'l.  
Life Member: \$12.50 to chapter, \$37.50 to Nat'l.  
Sustaining Member: Chapter to receive 1/3 of amount over \$3.50, balance to National.

## 10th Nat'l President

At the present time, John Clouser is Dean of Sophomore Boys at Maine Township High School, in Des Plaines, Park Ridge, Illinois.

For the record, John was one of the original organizers of the Illinois Chapter and served as

their First President. John has been a 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and a member of the Board of Governors for one term before assuming the post of President.

Gentlemen, this is your 10th National President. . .