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FOUR WEEKS TO GO!



The Terrace Room of The Morrison

The Big Move Is On To Chicago!

Men Behind the Convention

Every convention has its workers and the Chicago Chapter is no different so for the record let's spell out the task masters and the work they have accomplished to date.

If you have any beefs, any praise or any questions here is how you can find out who is responsible for the show.

THURSDAY

All day Thursday has been set up for registration, so this is no problem. All you have to do is come down and register. But for those who are going to attend on Thursday evening here is how it is going to set up.

BEER PARTY

We are told that this beer party is going to be the end of all beer parties. The initial order is going out for twenty five hundred glasses of Michelob beer.

We are told that this is the highest priced draft beer in the country. Naturally, nothing is too good for the men of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. This is as we are told, the answer to the question that the Illinois boys are concentrating on the quality angle. We are not only getting the best beer, but we are going to supply the best in entertainment. A couple of issues ago we printed the snapshot of

the lovely ladies who are going to entertain. These girls are really a grand gang of kids and we are certain that you will really enjoy the brand of entertainment that they have in store for you. Say, you want more for your money, well listen to this. . . There is more. . . Yes, more entertainment in the form of a lad by the name of Charley Koski who we are told is going to take the five minute break periods and develop all the old throat boxes into glorious harmony. Charley is an old hand at making people sing and have themselves a ball. Not only is Charley a great guy, but we in the Illinois Chapter can vouch for his grand job. Charley by the way, was the leading light of the Illinois Chapter Christmas Party. Not only does Charles do a great job on

the vocal chords but we are also told that it was our boy who did a grand job as the leading ad gatherer for the convention journal. We don't say stop here boys, (you've had it) we do say, that we feel that one night at this affair is truly worth the price of admission. All we of the committee want is a chance to prove what we say is true.

The Thursday Night Committee: Bud Remer, John Huffman, Emil Radic and Roger Elmer are the lads in charge. Special note of warning to the men of the 60th Field. . . Gordon, "OLE" Olson, that chubby Hq. radio and liason man has even promised to come out of hiding and attend his first convention and help only as he can.

FRIDAY. . . (LADIES)

On Friday afternoon, Mrs. Ted Preston and Mrs. Bob Winkelman will assist the ladies have a good time of their own via a very nice luncheon and sightseeing tour. More of this in a story by itself.

FRIDAY EVENING

Friday night is the big "CABARET" night. This function will be guided via the capable hand of the congenial master of conventions, our own Mike Belmonte. Mike is a perennial convention goer and he is combing all of his latent talents to make this a wow of a night. Mike and some of his gumba's or otherwise known as men about the town, Ed Coyle and Charley Koski together are the generals and army of the gen-

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READY -

"Ready on the right — Ready on the left — Ready on the firing line — Lock and Load."

Remember this command — This was the chatter of the firing officer on the rifle range.

These were yesterdays' command but are certainly applicable today — For example:

Ready on the right?

Yes Sir is the reply — the date: July 26-27-28, 1956 has been selected as the meeting dates for the 11th annual reunion.

Ready on the left:

Yes Sir, is the reply — the place the Morrison Hotel on Clark and Madison is to be the host hotel for this convention.

Ready on the firing line?

Yes Sir, here is the firing order for the convention:

THURSDAY —

9:00 A.M. — Registration

2:30 P.M. — National Board Meeting (Closed)

8:30 P.M. — Beer Party

FRIDAY —

10:30 A.M. — Open Business Meeting

11:00 A.M. — Ladies Tour and Luncheon

1:30 P.M. — Open Business Meeting

8:30 P.M. — Cabaret Dance

SATURDAY —

10:30 A.M. — Memorial Service

2:00 P.M. — Pre-Banquet Party

2:30 P.M. — Closed National Board Meeting

7:00 P.M. — Final Banquet

Lock and Load?

Yes Sir, final arrangements have been made. The committees have buttoned up all of the loose ends and they are awaiting the first arrivals.

Fire — when ready?

Yes Sir, all of our members have been alerted and they will be on their way very shortly — will you be there?

Hog Butchers of the World

In response to many requests made to us personally at previous reunions the Chicago Reunion Committee has decided upon a meat course at this year's banquet. Top sirloin round has been selected after a number of menus were tried by the Committee. (This is the way to live, try it then recommend it.)

This fine steak topped with a full course dinner from soup to the Morrison's specialty desert will satisfy the most finicky epicurian taste buds. May we add for the record that we went over our budget for the dinner merely to satisfy all who will attend. You will not only be satisfied you will be delighted because you will be served the best. And, as they say, the best is none too good for the men of the famous Ninth Infantry Division Association.

New York Picnic

The day of the picnic, my wife turned to me and said, "After all that rain last night I don't think anybody will show up at the picnic." I thought to myself for a moment then replied, "If, I know the lads and lassies of the New York Chapter they are like the Post Office motto: . . . Neither snow nor sleet nor hail. . . " Well, let me tell you something, I was right.

Sunday morning was cloudy, overcast and it threatened rain all day. But, this was only the morning. We knew that John Scully and Frank Fazio and Vince Guglielmo were all laboring over the hot dogs and shish-ka-bob and soda and what have you. Danny Quinn probably was worrying how to pay the bills and the rest of the gang was probably assembling the kids to start on the long haul. Well, not to be outdone, I packed my frau and the little one in the old heap and started to travel. While we rode, the sun shone brighter and a nd brighter. Lo and behold on Route 29, 1956, we spot a sign that says, "9th Div. C.P." Yipes, can

you imagine that sign — still tinges of the old C.P. Well, this must be it. . . Then what do you know we ride, and we ride, still more signs and arrows, the only thing missing was the M.P. stationed at the cross-roads. We were in a forest and not a sign of life. I turned to my frau and remarked, "Honey this is just like the old days. We have passed real fine looking picnic grounds but the 9th is probably stashed away in a swamp hole. Well, we arrived and we were really surprised. Not a little but a whole lot. For, lo and behold there they were. The men and women and children of the New York Chapter all gathered around the food baskets truly living it up.

Dominick Miele as usual was gathering in the cash as you entered the area designated, "Notorious". The boys were in one corner and the women tending the new flock were in another. Well, we pitched in immediately. Grabbed a hot-dog a bottle of cold brew, made sure the kids were taken care of (passed them off to the old lady) and joined the gang.

Since the kids were all over the place, the best thing to do was to gather them all together and make them work. Work they did, we had them running, climbing, singing and trying out a new obstacle course with the old men. Finally, the men got tired and the kids won out. After they gorged themselves on more food and soda, the men decided to have a ball game.

Let me now go on record. Have you ever seen the Our Gang comedy, the Ritz brothers at the Circus, the film called, "Dancing On A Dime" (for the tenth time), believe it or not this assemblage that turned out and called themselves ball players was something. Vinnie Guglielmo insisted he could only bat with his cigar. Scully was laughing so hard every time Dan Quinn got up he split his pants. Speaking of Dan Quinn, you should see this guy go after a ball with his hand on his hat. Why, natch, the hat might fall off, so you have to take it easy chasing a ball. However, the home runs were best of all. Any ball, and I mean any kind of a hit ball was a home run. The infield, the outfield and the kibiziers on the side lines had brew in one hand, hot dogs in another and kids hanging on to both feet. When a ball was hit, you first had to put down the brew, then chase the kids away and then have somebody hold your cigar, only then did you try to go after the ball. The score, oh yes, with fourteen men on one side, twenty-four on the other, the final ran something like 112 to 110. The only reason the game ended was because Cliff Parks insisted on hitting home runs, Dan Quinn not to be outdone did the same, and the kids just yelled for the old man to hit even though he could not see the side of a barn. But, they all tried. Well, when we packed up (Charlie horses-sprained muscles) and the one beat up bat and ball, (that's a poor excuse) we went back to help one another across the ball field. While this was going on the women hand themselves one heck of a time gabbing. The kids who were not on the ball field were in the pond fishing and swimming. Some with bathing suits some without. But they all had a great ball, and they all had a good time. John Rizzio cooked, Charles Li-

Our Toastmaster

Judge Otto Kerner, County Judge of Cook County and a member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, will serve as the Toastmaster of the annual reunion banquet on July 28.

Kerner served as the Toastmaster of the banquet at the convention held in Chicago in 1950.

During the early days of World War II Judge Kerner served in the 34th F.A. Bn. He was the Executive Officer of the battalion at the time of his transfer to the United States where he stayed for a short time and was then sent to the Southwest Pacific area. Upon his release from active duty Kerner became active in the 33rd Division (Illinois National Guard). Judge Kerner served as the Division Artillery Executive Officer, Division Artillery Commanding Officer, and as the Commanding General of the Division. Otto retired from military service as a Major General.

While pursuing his avocation of military service Kerner continued to distinguish himself in his profession of law. He served as United States District Attorney for Illinois for nine years. In 1954 Kerner was elected to the office of County Judge of Cook County.

Kerner is one of the founders of the Illinois Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. During the organizing period, the chapter benefited greatly from his experience in other organizations. With all of his many, and varied duties Otto has always found time to help the Ninth Division Association.

bretto ate, Harry Orenstein looked around, Trevelises they just had a ball. George Apar and all the Apars had a time of it. George complained about standing up too long so he sat a while. Jerry Shaperio missed out with a ride and hoofed it in. The Shaperios looked beat but quickly came around. Harry Wax and wife and kids lounged. The Feinbergs with the little bundle kept chasing her all afternoon. Say, here is a ball, John and Mrs. Gerdes who are the hosts at the New York Chapter's regular meeting did themselves up proud. During the course of the afternoon suddenly all the kids were eating ice cream. What do you know, on investigation we learned that the Gerdes went out and bought ice cream for all the kids. Art Schmidt and his mother enjoyed the hilarities, while poor Frank Fazio and the gang had to leave early because of another engagement. Al and Pat Bruchac and the kids, Salvatore and Mrs. Giunta, Hans and Mrs. Schoenman, The Wilsons, Ed Egan the perineal bachelor, Steve Budishin, man we lost count they were all there.

Special thanks to all the gang who pitched in and did such a terrific job. Thanks to Cliff Parks for the raffle donations. Just for kicks on the raffles: Hans Schoenman won a case of beer and Picnic Bags, (Courtesy of Pepsi-Cola) (Commercial) were won by Stan Cohen, Ed Egan, Mrs. Mary Twill and Santoro.

It seems that just when you start to have a good time you have to call it quits. So, as it must to all men, when the sun in the heavens started to set, the gang started to move out. They had long trips home, but they had a lot to laugh about while driving back. This was the first experiment of its kind and from the response we can be assured that this won't be the last.

Program Committee A Big Success

John Huffman, Emil Radic and Bob Winkleman have worked long and hard to insure the big success of their particular job the program book. This is truly a thankless task when tackled even by the best of men. We are proud to state that under the leadership of John Huffman, these lads really did themselves proud on digging out subscribers to our journal. All of the ads received were really great especially from the men of the Pittsburgh unit. This outfit is just getting started and they deserve a heck of a lot of credit for the fine strides they are making. Included in our journal will be various division unit ads, we hope that various C.P. set ups will find it in their hearts to assist in the cost. We know we can count on the C.P.'s.

Places to Visit

The Chicago Reunion Committee intends to see to it that every guest of the 11th Reunion will be fully acquainted with all the best spots to go and what to do when you are in Chicago. A complete listing will be posted on a bulletin board with the prices that should be charged in and around the area. Chicago has everything good and bad so we ask please consult us and try to keep away from being taken. We speak from past experience and we don't want to see our friends go by the boards. If you don't see it on the board ask us, we will try our best to answer your particular needs or problems.

Matusik at the Same Old Stand

If you see a loud informal type of shirt — don't holler or run for cover, this is our boy, 'Shirts' Matusik at the registration desk. Ted is going to assume the same old stand that he took on in 1950. Ted is the ideal choice for this job, as he knows from old time experience that no matter what the trouble there is an answer, and Ted is the boy who will find the answer to your problem. To assist Ted will be professional help that has lots of convention experience.

John Rizzio cooked, Charles Li-

MAIL BAG

(Continued from last issue)

Confronted with what the team had found the "library" to be in reality, the Baron "spilled the beans." He gave a detailed account of all the material stored at the chateaux in which he lived and of additional material stored at two further nearby hiding places—the chateaux in Meisdorf and castle Falkenstein. He further disclosed that he was an official of the German Foreign Ministry and in charge of several more custodians taking care of the archives located in the two above mentioned places. He then produced a message he had received only the day before from Berlin ordering him to destroy a certain part of the archives. For personal idealistic reasons he had not carried out the order, but instead had burned some newspapers to give the impression

Ladies Attention Please!

In keeping with our aim to make the Chicago Reunion the best so far we are offering to the ladies, at a great expense, we might add, a gala afternoon. There will be joyriding along beautiful Lake Michigan on one of the most wonderful lake shore drives in the country. A visit to the very famous Chicago Chinatown plus a very delicious seven course dinner.

Mrs. Ted Preston has really outshone herself in exploiting the various ideas and culling the best that is available for your ladies. This is a package deal that is going to be exciting and we are sure that each and every gal who attends will have herself a very grand time.

The busses will pick the ladies up at the hotel and after the tour will bring them back to the hotel. Arrangements have been completed for eighty gals. This affair is free to all our feminine counterparts. All one has to do is to register, check in with Mrs. Ted Preston when you get into the hotel and she will take care of the rest.

RESERVATION REMINDER

We have done our best to see to it that we selected the finest hotel available, but now it is up to you to take advantage of this hospitality. We ask you to make your reservations early. We have about 200 rooms set aside for the convention men and women of the Association. We would also like to add, that each and every one of these two hundred rooms are all air-conditioned.

PRICES:

The singles will be \$7.00. The doubles will be \$12. All meeting and function rooms will be air-conditioned. Room service prices have been checked and are very reasonable.

Be sure to mention on registering that you are attending the Ninth Infantry Division Reunion. All of these rooms are going to be in one area.

For special groups that desire C.P. rooms, there are some large special rooms or dens that have washrooms with ice water taps but are non-sleeping for \$15.00 per night. Suites that sleep two or four with two rooms are available from \$28.50. You may contact me Bud Remer for help if you need it to assist you in archaic call RA 8-6394 in the Chicago area, or write Bud Remer, 4935 North Hamilton Avenue, Chicago 25, Illinois and I'll be glad to help you.

that he had complied.

Since the Regiment remained in that sector only short time, it is not known what occurred once the team had left the chateaux, except that strong guard details were posted at the three locations. Later on it was stated that 12th Army Group had intended to dispatch 40 C-47 transports to evacuate the archives, but that due to inaccessibility of the area by air was forced to accomplish the task by means of several hundred trucks.

Now for some personal news...

Was married to the former Jeanette Schneider in November 1954, and we now have a son, Marc, born last January. Am still active in the Reserve here as Director of the MI-USAR School. Again this year I'll be at Ft. Bragg for Summer training during the convention, and this dismays me so much more since it will be about as near to Memphis as it will ever come. Well, there is always next year.

My very best regards to all who made the 9th such a wonderful and memorable outfit.

Howard Brooks of Hopewell Jct., New York, former 1st Sgt of C Company checks in as follows: Last Christmas seems like an awfully long time ago but it takes me several months to get around to answering the notes that usually are included on the cards I receive. I heard from some of my old group that I have kept in contact with including Orion Shockley, Craig Larimer and others.

The pity of it all is that the only time we seem to think about keeping in touch is at Christmas time. But I guess we shouldn't be critical rather be thankful that we have that much contact. It looks like the convention and I will be in separate worlds again this year. I shall be in Maine at that time and have to admit that the pull and attraction of Maine is more potent than a convention. Perhaps when it is in Boston, I'll be there. I think that Wilton Taylor of "M" Co. has a good idea in having a pictorial record of the 47th made. Most of us have snapshots that we think are good enough to share. I wonder what other views are on the subject.

Here is a favor I would like to ask any of the original members of the 9th Recon. to do for me. Here at the laboratory we have the father of one of the boys of that outfit. He was killed in Africa sometime around April 10th, 1942. His name was Pvt. Charles P. Bacon, Serial Number 32341060. 1st. Platoon, 9th Recon Troop. If anyone of that original group remembers him or has any snapshots or information that they could send along I know Charles Bacon's father would appreciate it. They could send them to me or write him directly if they care to do so. His name is Lewis M. Bacon, Hopewell Junction, New York. I know any information would please his father very much. If the son was anything like the father I know that he must have been a very swell guy. Editor's Note:—Howard wants to know about the 47th history. Sorry we have no knowledge of such a history...

9th Quartermaster Co.

Fred S. Sechoviez of 214 K. Street, So. Boston, Mass., recently wrote to us and complained about the fact that he never received a copy of "Eight Stars To Victory." At least, we have finally caught up with Fred and now he is part of our team. Fred tells us that he spent four and one-half years with the Q.M. and he adds that he was also part of the first group that was discharged from

the 9th.

Former Ninth Q.M. Member Fires a 298 Single Game

George Kovalak missed bowling a perfect game at the Donora Bowling Alleys on Monday, April 9th, 1956 by just two pins while competing with the Chick Norelli team in the Donora Mill League.

George fired 11 straight strikes missing his "300" on the last thrust for 298. The bowlers and spectators were kept on their toes, screaming, shouting words of encouragement and buzzing all during the entire match.

His score topped the previous Mill League record of 280. He also snapped the three-game total with 298 - 176 - 231 for a neat series of 705, eclipsing the former Mill loop mark of 689 by 16 pins.

Previously Kovalak's best mark was 289 bowled last year with the American Rusin P & B Club bowling team in the City league. In this game, George fired 10 straight strikes missing the charm circle on the next thrust. His 289 was the highest game rolled in league competition last year and his three-game total was second best with games of 257 - 289 - 148 totaling a near 694.

At the present time George holds the three-game high in the City League with games of 152 - 225 - 257 for a 634 series.

George is the former dispatcher for the Quartermaster Company and is now an active member of the Western Penna. Chapter.

39th Infantry

Leo Mankoski of 1207 Minn. Ave., So. Milwaukee, Wisc., sends a note telling us that he recently met a former 9th Division man who was with the 39th Cannon Company and his name and address are: Lawrence J. Utke of 3344 So. 60th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

26th F. A.

Red Byrne sent us the name of an X 26 man. Dr. Burton L. Forbes of 327 Monroe Street, Denver, Colorado.

A new member to our association from the 26th Field Artillery is Sergiv J. Cardosi of 28 Ruth Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

34th Field Artillery

Wallace C. Stine of Portland, Pa., tells that he regrets that he will be unable to attend the convention in Chicago this year. He enjoyed last year's convention in Philadelphia but was rather disappointed in finding only two members of his former battalion present. Namely, Gen. Westmoreland and Col. Lucas with whom he enjoyed meeting again. Wallace is employed as a foreman in an aerosol Manufacturing plant in Portland and he enjoys the work. We are told that a former Lt. Robert M. Krause (Hqs. Bat. 34th F. A.) is a salesman for a chemical company who sells to the concern he works for. Bob usually gets in to see him about every 6 months or so and at that time they generally chew the rag a bit about the old days. Wallace tells us that he also sees Harry White (Hqs. 34th F. A.) a couple of times during the year.

Suggestion!

Walter Pastel of 4 Bay Street, Dorchester 25, Mass., has submitted the following suggestion: Why not have a Certificate of Membership issued to 9th Division Members... What do you think of the idea... ???

William Allen, DAF, CIV. Hq. CAMRE, Mat. Control Div., APO 10, N.Y. a former member of Company G, was introduced to the Association by James Florence and is now an active member. Bill by the way tells us that his is just one of four men who was with the company for more

than two years at the time he left the 60th.

L. Company:

Col. Ed Brewer writes and says, "This year I expect to be in Chicago for the reunion and hope to see some of my old buddies. Joe Flores, an L Co. man also hopes to come along with me. I see him every now and then and he's a family man now. His first child a little girl is about 8 months old now."

M. Company:

Floyd E. Hutcherson of the First National Bank Building in Rockwood, Tennessee is an old member of M Co of the 60th. Floyd read about our convention and wrote in to obtain some info on the convention.

Robert Huie, of Mayfield Kentucky an x 60th Infantry man picked up our notice about the convention and hopes to see some of his old friends in Chicago, Illinois.

376th A.A.A.

Mrs. I. Levinson of 4823 N. Fairfield Ave., Chicago, Ill., tells us the following sad news. Received your paper the Octofoil and I am sorry to say that Berthal J. Levinson passed away on June 21st, 1955. Mrs. Levinson asked us to publish this information so that Berthal's friends could be notified.

15th ENGINEERS

Arthur Schmidt of 69-20 69th Street, Brooklyn 27, N.Y., has assembled a great deal of data concerning the doings of the 15th Engineers. So, not to waste any more space we shall report:

In the February issue of the Octofoil various names and addresses and telephone numbers of former Engineers were published, however since that date we have noted that there are quite a few changes so here goes.

Ernest Newhart of New Hope, Pennsylvania; Paul Lisa, 3006 North 24th Street, Philadelphia 32, Pa.; David J. Mahoney of 113 Hamlet Road, Levittown, L.I., Lt. Robert Mandle, 61 White Oak, New Rochelle, N.Y., John K. Waldron, 110 Avon Street, New Haven, Conn., Lt. Joseph Gaspari, of 175 Locust Ave., Rye, N. Y.

Now for some choice bits of gossip: Last May 5th, I visited Ernest Newhart with my mother and niece. Ernest and his wife really showed us a wonderful time. The dinner and the fixings were first class and the entire evening was spent re-hashing old times. Later on, Ernie drove us around the town and showed us the high school, community recreation center, the site on the Delaware River where Washington crossed, a church that had a picture of the crossing, the Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope, the Lambertville, New Jersey Circus tent, the shopping center of New Hope, and the home of the Huffnagle Press. After we visited the surrounding sights, Ernie showed us some movies of the Philadelphia Convention. This was really something to see and enjoy all over again. While chatting, Ernie told me that Paul Lisa lived in Philadelphia and I decided to look him up when I visited Philadelphia next. After bidding a fond goodbye to Ernie and his great family, we headed for Philadelphia. Arriving there, I then looked up Paul. Well, was I surprised. Paul is doing nicely as a pressman and owns a fine home and has a very nice wife and two children, a boy and a girl. My visit with Paul was necessarily curtailed as he and his wife had some other plans that they could not break.

On May 9th, I visited with David J. Mahoney and Lt. Gaspari at their respective places of business. Mahoney works for the Du Boyes, Inc. (They make some fine costume jewelry) David is located at 14 East 38th Street in New York City. David by the way is the office manager of the firm. Next we stopped in to say hello to Gaspari. Gaspari works for the J. Gaspari & Co. of 136 West 52nd Street, N.Y.C., and his firm manufactures fancy jeweled eyeglass frames. Unfortunately I missed Lt. Robert Mandle, who works for the Capri Wholesale Costume Jewelry Co. of 392 5th Avenue, Robert was away at a Jewelry Manufacturers Convention.

Incidentally, David Mahoney told me that he makes it a must to attend Father Connor's Memorial Mass every year. Dave usually meets up with Al Ferrante and Mulholland and George Bender, Sid Levenson and Si Garber.

Well, that about covers my safari in tracking down some Engineers...

A. COMPANY

Welcome to a new addition to the Association, he is John M. Maule of 124 Bear Lake Road, Muskegon, Michigan. John still writes to us sending along his serial number. (Note: This is not the army -- all we want is your friendship.)

A. COMPANY

Another new man is Tony J. Valeri of 821 Detroit Ave., Monroe, Michigan. Tony tells us that he is now a Boiler Engineer by trade and indulges in a bit of hunting and fishing when he has the time. Tony by the way is the proud father of four children; Marilyn who is 9 years old, Julius who is 7 years old, Edward who is 5 years old; and Gerald who is two. Tony would like to send his best regards to Edward Rickert.

FROM OUR MAIL INQUIRIES:

Our ads in the current magazines for veterans have pulled in the following men requesting information:

39th Infantry: — Stephen Hart of 26 Mt. Tom Road, New Rochelle, N.Y. "The other day I was thumbing through the American Legion Magazine and I came across the listing of the 9th Infantry Division Association. I was with F Company, 39th Infantry Regiment in North Africa, Sicily and in England. Like to find out all about the Association. (We sent Stephen all the poop.)"

60th Infantry: — Anti-Tank Co. . . G. L. Tinberg of 1115 West Green Street, Champaign, Illinois asked us all about the convention. We wrote to Tinberg and he specifically asked that he would like to meet some men from his outfit in his general area.

Units unknown: — Mr. Clarence G. Martens of 1724 East Broadway, Denison, Iowa writes: "As I live out in Iowa it has been hard for me to travel to the eastern states where most of the previous reunions have been held. But this year I have planned my vacation during the month of July in the hope that this time I will be able to attend the reunion in Chicago..."

M. D. McLean of the Caterpillar Tractor Co., Decatur, Illinois: "As a former member of the 9th Infantry Division I am most interested in any information regarding the Association." (We sent him the poop.)

Fred J. Elmo of 158-51 89th Street, Howard Beach, Queens, N.Y., sent in a note requesting information about the convention. (To be continued in next issue)

Four Weeks To Go!

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eral Convention Committee. They have left no stone unturned to assure you that this is going to be a real first class social success.

MUSIC

Ladies and gentlemen: Not one band but two. Yes, this is really living cause all night you won't stop dancing. The music will start at 9 PM and won't stop until 12:30 AM and if you want, just say the word, if you're strong enough and the music will go on and on.

PRICES

We checked with the management and have been assured that nominal hotel prices will be charged for service at the tables. Just for the record, your committee will be on hand to see that these prices are in effect the entire night: \$7.50 for Seagram's 7 plus .75 for quarts of ginger and free ice. Prices are similar in other brands.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday morning function will be handled by John Clouser. John by the way is one of the original members of our organization and we are certain that John has everything set up to move smoothly and expeditiously. For the record, John has recently returned to the fold after a stint in Korea. We are told that John has been active in obtaining the permits for the parade and contacted various parade bands so that you can be assured that this solemn function is receiving top consideration.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Well, this is that time of the day when everything seems to come to a stand still, well, we are taking this opportunity to inform you that things will not stand still. No, as a matter of fact they are going to go stronger than ever. Here is the reason why. We have planned what we call

our Pre banquet get-together. This affair will be held together by Ted Preston. For the record, Ted is the lad who supplies us with our meeting place in his really spacious rumpus room. While we are talking about Ted, just a real fast thanks to Ted's wife for all the fine Pizzas and snacks that she serves at some really late hours. To assist Ted in this chore, Dave Heller is going to be the right hand man. Oh, yes, didn't we mention, sorry, this is a definitely going to be a first class affair because of this next guy. Al Sebeck, better known as the 60th's own will be there to see that both boys do right for Al's friends. They better do right. Just would like to mention that Al was on the boxing team and his friends, well just shake their hands, then take it back real fast. Then check your fingers. Strong these boys, no just rugged. . . . So, we guess this party is going to be right.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Wait a minute, we can't go on record in describing an affair like this and miss out the high point. This ladies and gentlemen is the key to the entire three days. The final banquet.

To describe the room where this affair will be held is trying to do the impossible. But, if you will excuse our feeble attempt we will do our best. Here is a room that is cool, terraced, with beautiful and serene lighting that invites good atmosphere and conviviality. This is the fabulous room that years ago cost a week's salary just to get near. Just in passing, for those who might be interested. We are going to have a large bar set up right in the banquet room with all the ingredients and may we say at the right prices.

THE MENU

We sat down and made sure that this meal was really going

to be the piece de resistance. Well, may we add that we think it will be for we are going to have a SIRLOIN STEAK DINNER. Yup, no chicken, but real honest, to goodness Mid-west steak as only the Morrison can serve. (Editor's note: We can vouch for the steaks, we have had them in this hotel and for a meal that you will rave on and on this is the hotel that can do it).

SPEAKERS

This year we will be honored by the presence of Brigadier General Hiram D. Ives of the Chicago

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Gerdes Restaurant
112 East 18th St., N.Y. 3, N.Y.
Tel.: GR 7-9817

Meeting Time:
1st Frid. of each Month

Phila. Chapter
Ray Connolly
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Phila., Pa.
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Second Friday of the month.

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Pushing Back the Years

This is the Twelfth in a series of articles on the history of the 9th Infantry Division and their exploits during World War II. Eleven years ago this week, the break was over and the 9th began its final offensive of 1944n Dec. 9, 1944.

Northward movement of the 9th to relieve its old friend and partner, the 1st Infantry Division, began at 8 A.M. on cloudy December 5th. At the same time the Division command post moved to Bergrath, Germany. By nightfall of December 7th the Ninth was positioned in an area west of Konzen-dorf, Echtz, Schlich and Mero-de. Although most of the 47 Infantry remained at Elsenborn, the regiment's 1st Battalion was attached to the 80th Infantry which had arrived on line near Langer-wehe and Luchem. This sector was fairly quiet during the change-over, although small-arms, machine-gun and mortar fire fell sporadically on positions during mid-afternoon. With the assumption of the sector by the Ninth, dough boys dug in on the muddy line; Volkenrath-Werth-Hamich-Langerwehe-Luchem; and those who knew what date it was did some woolgathering. It was the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor;

go area. Also listed are Gen. Manton S. Eddy and other honored guests. The toastmaster of this night will be Otto Kerner. Otto is one of the county judges of the Cook County area.

Those of you that attended the Chicago reunion in 1950 remember the fine time that was had by all, well this convention is going to make you all sit back and say, "Boy, this is a convention of convention. Why, well we are quite sure because of the lads who are heading this affair and the generals who are doing the work. Frank Ozart, Ted Matusik, Mike Belmonte, Bob Windleman (Illinois Chapter President), John Clouser and Joe Lacek.

CHILDREN

A special Children's fee is being offered this year at the banquet. A special menu has been set up so that the little ones will be well taken care of and the price is one to fit the pocket.

EXTRAS

Have you had enough yet? Well, as a special feature this year the host chapter is setting up a general hospitality suite where all of attending flock are invited to make this their second headquarters. We don't care if you do have a separate C.P., you're all invited at any and all hours. Two wonderful people will be your host and hostess, Bob Windleman and his lively bride have agreed to act as a committee of two.

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