Ninth Infantry Division
Association Archives

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Collection Name (Title): Ninth Infantry Division Association Archives

Dates of Material: 1942-Present

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Arrangement: Alphabetically by Collection

Restrictions: None

Related Material: See also: Rev. Edward T. Connors Alumni File for Biographical information on Rev. Connors

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Biography/History:

The 9th Infantry Division was among the first U.S. combat units to engage in offensive ground operations during World War II. It saw its first combat on 8 November 1942, when its elements landed at Algiers, Safi, and Port Lawtey in North Africa.

With the collapse of French resistance on 11 November 1942, the division patrolled the Spanish Moroccan border. The 9th returned to Tunisia in February and engaged in small defensive actions and patrol activity. On 28 March 1943 it launched an attack in southern Tunisia and fought its way north into Bizerte. In August, the 9th landed at Palermo, Sicily, and took part in the capture of Messina. After returning to England for further training, the division landed on Utah Beach on 10 June 1944, and drove on to Cherbourg.

The division took part in the St. Lo break-through and helped close the Falaise Gap. The 9th crossed the Marne, 28 August, swept through Saarlautern, and in November and December held defensive positions. Moving north to Bergrath, Germany, it attacked toward the Roer River. From mid-December through January 1945, the division held defensive positions. It drove across

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the Roer and to the Rhine, crossing at Remagen. The 9th assisted in the sealing and clearing of
the Ruhr Pocket, then moved east and attacked in the Harz Mountains. On 21 April the Division
relieved the 3d Armored Division along the Mulde River, near Dessau, and held that line until
VE-day.

Following the war the Division performed occupational duties until January 1947, when it was
inactivated. The 9th Infantry Division was reactivated again later in 1947 and served as a part of
the NATO Forces in Germany from 1954 to 1956.

The 9th Division was reactivated for the Vietnam conflict on 1 February 1966. The division's
units often served with the Mobile Riverine Force and other US Navy units that made up the
Brown Water Navy. Its area of operations was in the rivers and canals of the Mekong Delta from
1967 to 1972. Following the Vietnam War the division was stationed at Fort Lewis Washington
until its inactivation in 1992

Scope and Content Note:

This archive consists of collections assembled by the Ninth Infantry Division Association to
honor the men of the division and to preserve its history. Some of the items have been used to
write or illustrate histories of the division. The archive is arranged alphabetically by author or
donor and also contains records of the Association, including its newspaper/newsletter, “The
Octofoil” and reunion literature.

The individual collections were gathered to write and preserve the record of the Ninth Infantry
Division. The individual collections contain records created during the Second World War
including correspondence, rosters, reports, personal items, photographs, booklets, etc. There are a
variety of post war records including memoirs, reminiscences, correspondence, reunion records
and photos of reunions.

The collection was deposited in the College Archives in 2015 by William Sauers on behalf of the
Association. The division was connected to Holy Cross and Worcester through Rev. Edward T.
Connors (HC class of 1927) a chaplain in the 9th and later pastor of the Immaculate Conception
parish in Worcester. Connors was a legend in the division and later held annual memorial
services at his parish and had a memorial constructed on the grounds of the church.

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Box and Folder List:

The Jack Blann Collection
Folder 3: Photos
Folder 4: Records, 1940s
Folder 5: Misc. Items
Folder 6: Military History - Pete Rice, Jr. Folder 7:
Effective Army Writings, 1964 Folder 8: History
of the 47th Rest. Infantry Folder 9: Reunion
Records, 1981-2008

The George Brown Collection Box 1

The George Brown Collection Box 2
Video of the “Old Reliables” photos, baseball cap, paper reunion hats, stickers

The Bill Buemi Collection Oversize Box 1 (See also misc. collections)
Folder 1: Scrapbook, 1942, 2009

The Bill Buemi Collection Oversize Box 2 (See also misc. collections)
Folder 1: “Fort Bragg Report,” July-Sept. 1942
Folder 2: “Army Times,” Sept. 1942
Folder 3: “Stars and Stripes,” 1944-1945

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The Lester Cook Collection Box 1
Folder 3: Postcards, c. 1940s
Folder 4: Newspaper Clippings, 1940s, 1990, 1992, 1993
Folder 5: Booklets, 1937
Folder 6: Misc. Items: Photos; Armband; Christmas Card, 1943/44; Community Program, 1942
Folder 7: Pocket Prayer Book, 1941
Folder 8: Booklets – Soldiers Guides, c. 1940s
Folder 9: 9th Inf. Division Association History, Constitution Bylaws, c. 1940s
Folder 10: Photographs 1, c. 1940s
Folder 11: Photographs 2, c. 1940s

The Lester Cook Collection Box 2

The George Cyphers Collection Box 1
Folder 1: Souvenirs, Medal, Money, c. 1940s
Folder 3: Military Booklets, 1942-1945
Folder 4: Post War Photos, dates unknown
Folder 5: Photo Negatives, c. 1940s
Folder 6: Photos 2, c. 1940s, 1945
Folder 7: Photography 1, c. 1940s
Folder 8: Post War Articles and Copies, 1993, 1994, and dates unknown
Folder 9: Misc. Wartime Material, c. 1940s

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The George Cyphers Collection Box 2

Reunion hat; photograph, c. 1940s

The Lisa Froug-Hirano Collection

Folder 1: “Mission Accomplished” 7th Corps History, 1945
Folder 2: “The War Illustrated” No. 194, 1944
Folder 3: Collection Info, 2008
Oversize Folder 1: “Yank”; “Life” Magazines
Oversize Folder 2: “Saturday Evening Post”

The Carl Hull Collection Box 1

Folder 1: Photos & copies of Photos, Europe, 1944-1945 Folder
2: Misc. Info, 2009-2010
Folder 3: Photos, Fort Bragg? c. 1940s
Folder 4: Rosters, 1944-1945
Folder 5: List of Soldiers Killed, 2010
Folder 6: List of Medals, 1944-1945 Folder
7-8: Two oversize photos

The Carl Hall Collection Box 2

Folder 1: Journal 5, June 1944 – 19 June 1944
Folder 2: “Stars and Stripes,” July 16, 1945
Folder 3: Post-War Clippings and Obituaries, 1970s-2000s
Folder 4: Post War Correspondence, 1980, 1990, 2009
Folder 5: Unit Histories, 1942-1944
Folder 6: Rosters, 1944-1945
Folder 7: Personnel Records, 1940-1942
Folder 8: “Round Robin” Newsletter, Aug-Sept 1945
Folder 9: Memos, Orders, etc., 1941-1946
Folder 10: Notebook “2nd Btn. HQ Co. Roster, C.1940 Folder
Folder 11: Notebook & Roster, undated
Folder 12: Diary, Africa & Sicily 1943
Folder 13: Diary Aug. 1944-45; List of Personnel

The Richard Martin Collection
Folder 1: Newspaper Clippings, Regimental Songs, 1952-1957

The Bill Mooty Collection Reunion Records and Historical Notes
Folder 1: Battle of Huertgen Forest Historical Notes Folder 2:
Rosters 39th Infantry, copies
Folder 3: Reunion Records, 1987-1992
Folder 5: Reunion Records, 1995
Folder 6: Reunion Photos, 1990; 1994
Folder 7: Misc. Undated items

The Charles Munger Collection
Folder 1: Scrapbook Pages, 1944-1945
Folder 2: Photographs, 1943-1945
Folder 3: Misc. Items, 1992, 2003 Folder 4:
Misc. Material 1940’s
Folder 5: Photocopies of documents, 1940’s Folder 6:
6: Inventories & notes on material

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The “Red” Philips Collection
Folder 1: Photographs, 1945, 1991, 1992 Folder 2:
Rosters and Lists of Personnel, 1945 Folder 3:
Newspaper Clippings, 1980s – 1990s
Folder 6: Misc. Items, Correspondence, etc., 1940s, 1950s, 1995, 2008 Folder 7: “Heavy Weapons: An Account …M Company, 47th Infantry,” 1942

The Herbert Stern Collection Box 1
Folder 1: War Date Newspaper Clippings, c. 1940s Folder 2:
Newspapers, 1941-1948
Folder 3: Military Rewards, 1945
Folder 4: Manuscript Diary, June 6, 1944-April 20, 1945, and “Notes about my Service in the U.S. Army”
Folder 5: Booklets, c. 1940’s
Folder 6: Maps Souvenirs, Pamphlets, Currency, 1940’s
Folder 7: Scrapbook pages of photos, 1940’s

The Herbert Stern Collection Box 2
Folder 1: Scrapbook Material, c. 1940s, dates unknown
Folder 4: Records of the Texas and Southwest Chapter, 1992-2012 Folder 5: Reunion Records, 1940s-2000s
Folder 6: “The 9th Infantry Division in World War II as Told by the Men” Vol. 2, 1993
Folder 8: “History of the 712th Tank Battalion,” c. 1940s Folder 9: John Jackson Memoir, dates unknown

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Folder 10: A.J. Liebling Article “Quest for Mollie,” date unknown
Folder 11: Correspondence with Herb “Red’ Philips, c. 1990s Folder
12: Misc. Correspondence and Histories, 1997 – 2007

The Herbert Stern Collection Box 3 Photos
Folder 1: Photos, 1943 - 1944
Folder 2: Photos, c. 1940s Folder
3: Photos, 1943 Folder 4: Photos, c. 1940s Folder 5: Photos, 1941-
1944 Folder 6: Photos, c. 1940s
Folder 7: Photos, 1941-1945

The Herbert Stern Collection Box 4 Reunion Photos
Folders 1-10: Reunion photos, undated, 1984-1986; 1989-2012
Folder 11: Photo of Rev. Connors at the 35th reunion with (Leonard Kowalski?)

Misc. Collections Box 1 A-G
Folder 1: Terry R. Barnhart Collection – “3 April 1945 Der Kampf um Oberkirchen” (German Language), 2014
Folder 2: Bill Buemi Collection -Misc. Pamphlets, Menus and Notes c. 1940s, 2008-2009
Folder 3: William Butler “The Cage, Memoirs of a Medical Officer with the 39th Infantry Regiment in World War II,” February 1996
Folder 4: Donald Clayman Collection – Biographical Materials, 2011 Folder 5:
Folder 7: Earl Cook – “History of the 9th Reconnaissance Troop 9th Infantry Division,” 1940-1945, and June 1945
Folder 8: Donald Cress Collection- Memoirs collected by Cress, 1990’s

Folder 10: Emile DeDonato Collection – Photos, and Photocopies, 1940’s; 2011

Folder 11: Dominick A. Fiore, Jr. Collection – After Action Reports 376th Battalion, photocopies, 1944-1945

Folder 12: Michael Fraticelli Collection, National Archives Reference cards, Information on the ship, Thomas Stone, 1940s, 1980’s

Folder 13: Patricia Grayem Collection – Photocopies of images, clippings and CD of Lt. Orion C. Shockley, 2009

**Misc. Collections Box 2 H-L**

Folder 1: Frank Haines Collection – Orders, Memos, Letters, etc. 1941-1945  Folder 2:
Frank Haines Collection – Booklets, Manuals, 1943; 1944

Folder 3: Frank Haines Collection – Obituaries, Newspaper Clippings, Letters, 1940s-2000s

Folder 4: Thomas W. Hatton Collection – History of the 60th Infantry (photocopy)


Folder 7: Kenneth W. Hill? – “E Company 39th Infantry Regiment” Booklet, date unknown


Folder 11: Donald Lavender Collection, “Nudge Blue: A 9th Infantry Division Rifleman’s Memoir of World War II,” 2006

Folder 12: Al and Tina Lee Collection, Newspaper clippings, 1942


**Misc. Collections Box 3 P-Z**


Folder 2: Pete Rice, Jr. Collection – Memoirs, 1943-1945


Folder 5: Halton Charles Saum Collection, “Life Story” incomplete Typescript, no date

Folder 6: Fred Schroeder Collection – ‘History of the 9th Reconnaissance Troops 9th Infantry Division in WWII’ by Cpl. Earl F. Cook – 2 June 1945, Photocopy

Folder 7: Wilfred Thornton Collection – Memoirs, Typescript, undated


**Unknown Authors Unidentified Donors**

Folder 1: Unknown Author, “Adventures by Men of the 60th Infantry Regiment in WWII” Unpublished history, 1993

Folder 2: Unidentified Author – Incomplete Memoirs, no date


Folder 5: Unknown Donor – *War Experiences from the Hearts of America’s Heroes by Members of the Military Order of the Purple Heat Chapter #690*, 2002

Folder 6: Unknown Donor - “The 9th Infantry Division in World War II as Told by the Men” Vol. 2, Incomplete copy

Folder 7: Unknown Donor - 84th Field Artillery Btn. Fort Dix, 1942?

**Records from the National Archives**


Folder 2: National Archives Records – USS Thomas Stone, Torpedoing and Salvage, c. 1940s

Folder 3: National Archives Records – 9th Infantry Division, Southern Tunisia, 26 March – 8 April 1943

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**Unassigned Photos**

Folder 1: Photos removed from scrapbook, North Africa, 1940’s

Folder 2: Misc. Photos and Copies, 1940’s and later

Folder 3: Identified and Unidentified photos, 1940’s

Folder 4: Copies of photos identified and unidentified, 1940’s

Folder 5: Copies of photos, unidentified, 1940’s

Folder 6: Copies of photos from the National Archives: North Africa, Ireland, Training, etc.

Folder 7: “Photos of veterans participating in the documentary” Larry Faulkner, Joe Barnett, John Sabato and others

Folder 8: Photocopies of 1940’s photos

Folder 9: Copies of photos of the “USS Stone”

Folder 10: World War II Reenactment photos, 1980’s- 1990’s

Folder 11: Portraits and reunion photos, 1980’s-

Folder 12: Trip to Tunisia, 1993

Folder 13: Misc. Negatives

**Oversize Photos**

Item 1: Co. C 68th Training Btn, Fanning TX, undated

Item 2: Service Co. 6o Infantry, Fort Bragg, NC, Feb, 1942

Items 3-5: John Losnes Photos

3: Third Annual Convention, 1948
4: Ninth Annual Reunion – Memorial Service 5: 11th Annual Convention, 1956
CDROMs and DVDs

Folder 1 Robert Fraley and Ernst Breitenberger Interviews

Folder 2: “Julius Garcia talks about Oakes”; Walker Oakes photos, data

Folder 3: Interview excerpts with George Pedrick Jr., November 11, 2004

Folder 4: Richard Yates, “A Journey” 2010

Folder 5: Survivors’ Stories North Africa 1942-1943 – 5 discs

Folder 6: 9th Infantry Trip to Tunisia May 1993

Folder 7: Veteran’s Day Show, 2004

Folder 8: NARA - The salvage of the “Thomas Stone”: 9th Division after action reports; NARA photos and newsreel footage - 5 discs

Folder 9: 29th Regimental Combat Team – Adjutant General’s Office records

Folder 10: 29th Regimental Combat Team – NARA records: North Africa maps

Folder 11: Battle maps of North Africa

Folder 12: “World War II in our words” Charles Scheffel KIRN studios, April 2007

Books

Hello Everybody, I’m Lindsey Nelson by Lindsey Nelson

Brave Men by Ernie Pyle

Miss You by Barbara Woodall Taylor and Charles E. Taylor

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen: A Collection of Christmas Stories by Herbert Clark Colonel USAR, Ret.

War Stories: World War II Reminiscences by George L. Nicklin, M.D., 2005;


The Battle for Khe Sanh, no author
Oversize Maps

Folder 1: U.S. Army map of Sicily, 1943
Folder 2: Maps of World War II battlefields from newspapers
Folder 3: Maps of the 39th Regt. Campaigns, 1945
Folder 4: Photocopies of maps relating to the campaigns of the 9th Division
Folder 5: Three maps of England, 1940’s

“Octofoils” Box 1

“Octofoils” Box 2

“Octofoils” Box 3 “Octofoils”

Duplicates