



Ninth Infantry Division
Association Archives

College of the Holy Cross

College Archives

1 College Street
Worcester, MA 01610

**College of the Holy Cross
Archives and Special Collections
Collection Inventory**

Accession Number: **2015.100**

Collection Name (Title): **Ninth Infantry Division Association Archives**

Dates of Material: **1942-Present**

Size of Collection: **38 Boxes**

Arrangement: **Alphabetically by Collection**

Restrictions: **None**

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

Preferred Citation: **Ninth Infantry Division Association Archives**

Processed on: **2015-2016**

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

College of the Holy Cross Archives & Special Collections

P.O. Box 3A, Worcester, MA 01610-2395

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.

Box and Folder List:

The Jack Blann Collection

Folder 1: "The Bulge Bugle," 1989-1993

Folder 2: "The Bulge Bugle," 1994-1998

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

Reunion Programs, 1965, 1967 – 1992, 1995 – 1998, 2000 – 2002, 2009

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

Folder 2; Misc. Publications, 1942, 1944, 1946, 1968

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

The Lester Cook Collection Box 1

Folder 1: Misc. Items: Postcards, 1940s; Photo, 1992/93; Letter, 2012. Folder 2:

Reunion Materials, 1986-1992; 2003; undated

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

60th Infantry, 9th Division Yearbook, 1941; *Eight Stars to Victory: A History of the Veteran Ninth U.S. Infantry Division*, 1948; *Adventures by Men of the 60th Infantry Regiment in WWII: The Ninth Infantry Division*, 1993.

The George Cyphers Collection Box 1

Folder 1: Souvenirs, Medal, Money, c. 1940s

Folder 2: Reunion Records, 1949, 1955, 1957, 1989, 2011

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

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

College of the Holy Cross Archives & Special Collections
P.O. Box 3A, Worcester, MA 01610-2395

Folder 9: Memos, Orders, etc., 1941-1946

Folder 10: Notebook "2nd Btn. HQ Co. Roster, C.1940 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

Reunion Programs: 1947, 1948, 1949, 1952, 1953, 1957, 1961, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1973, 1974, 1981, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1992, 2005

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 4: Reunion Records, 1993-1994

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: Inventories & notes on material

College of the Holy Cross Archives & Special Collections
P.O. Box 3A, Worcester, MA 01610-2395

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 4: “M Company Chronicler” including Proof Sheets, 1980s – 1990s Folder

5: “The Wildwood Independent,” 1985

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 2: Miscellaneous Information, 1944, 1989, 1997, 1998, 2003 Folder

3: Post War Newspaper Clippings, 1946-2007

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 7: Letters to William Sauers, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2015

Folder 8: “History of the 712th Tank Battalion,” c. 1940s Folder 9:

John Jackson Memoir, dates unknown

College of the Holy Cross Archives & Special Collections

P.O. Box 3A, Worcester, MA 01610-2395

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:

John Clouser Collection – Reunion Records, 1980, 2010, 2011 Folder 6: John

Clouser Collection – Photos and Pamphlets, c. 1940s

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

College of the Holy Cross Archives & Special Collections

P.O. Box 3A, Worcester, MA 01610-2395

Folder 9: Jack Rhodes Dauner, PhD – “Dear Mom and Dad,” book of letters home, 1943- 1945 copyright 2000

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 5: Thomas W. Hatton Collection – Reunion Records, 1970-2006

Folder 6: Charles J. Hennesen Collection- 39th Infantry Co. G Reminiscences-“Daily Diary 1944” copy and Biographical notes.

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

Folder 8: Kenneth Jenks Collection - Army Observation Aircraft Information, 1943, 2009 Folder

9: Joseph P. Killen Collection – Reminiscences, undated

Folder 10: Chester H. Jordan Collection – “Bull Sessions...Company K 47th Inf., 9th. Div. from Normandy to Remagen,” 1986

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

Folder 13: Charles Libretto Collection – Second Bttn. 60th Infantry history, 1943 – 1944 Folder

14: George Nicklin Collection – Reminisces, 1990s - 2000

Misc. Collections Box 3 P-Z

Folder 1: Louis M. Prince Collection – Reminiscences and Book entitled, “1939-1945 en *Hague-Sud*” (French Language) 2008

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

College of the Holy Cross Archives & Special Collections

P.O. Box 3A, Worcester, MA 01610-2395

Folder 3: Warren A. Robinson Collection – ‘My Tour of Duty World War II’, Reminiscences no date

Folder 4: Gordon J. Ryder Collection – Memoir, “Battle of the Bulge” Typescript & CD, 1985

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

Folder 8: Morton Wolk Collection, Notes, 2007, 2009 Newspaper about D-Day, 2004, Folder 9:

Richard Yates Collection, Handwritten Notes 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 3: Unidentified Author – “Diary Notes, Typescript, pp.12-29, 1945-1947”

Folder 4: Unidentified Donor – *Our Men of the Mountains - Stories of Men from Grand Lakes, Colorado*, Avis Gray, editor, 2008

Folder 5: Unknown Donor – *War Experiences from the Hearts of America’s Heroes by Members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart 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 1: National Archives Records – 39th Infantry after Action Report “Torch” Operation, 1942

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

College of the Holy Cross Archives & Special Collections

P.O. Box 3A, Worcester, MA 01610-2395

Folder 4: National Archives Records – Report of the 47th Infantry Combat Team, 1 Sept 1944 – 30 Nov 1944

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. 60 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;

Good News for the Old Reliables, 1976.

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