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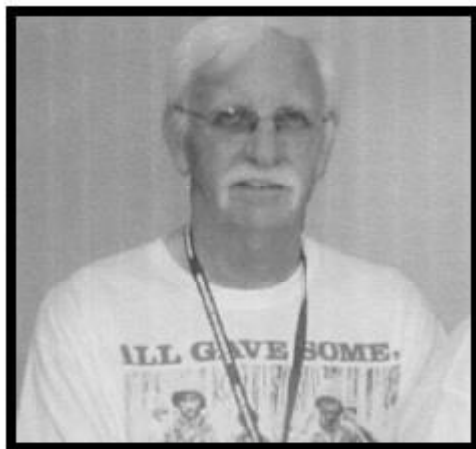


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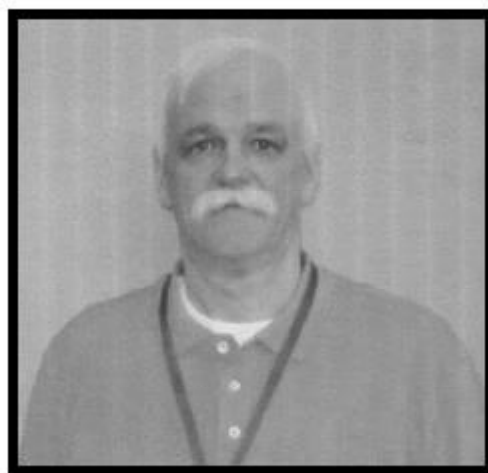


To My Fellow Manchus,

Just want to say hello to all of my Manchu Brothers and Sisters. We are past or present members of one of the greatest fighting units of the Army. Be proud of your time with the unit. This year's reunion has come and gone. I was not able to attend because of health reasons. I want to thank Larry, our secretary, for filling in for me. Hopefully I will be able to attend next year's reunion. Some of the younger members should think of becoming active. One way is to consider filling one of the officer slots. I have been your President for a number of years, but I feel it is time to step down. Keep this in mind for next year. Hope you we can get some of our active soldiers involved with the unit.

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COMMENTS AND UPDATES FROM THE SECRETARY



Hello,

Well another reunion has come and vanished. It was a pleasure to meet with the Manchus again. We had some new people show up which was nice to see, and some old familiar faces too. We did our business and then talked about our individual experiences with the Ninth, which spanned from the fifties up to the nineties. It was a great time.

Tucson was a very nice place to visit. While I was there, I had the pleasure of meeting a very special person of whom I had been corresponding with over the past year. This Lady has the distinction of her father as one of the survivors of the infamous Company C that was involved at the battle of Balangiga in the Phillipine Insurrection. She has been instrumental in all aspects of Balangiga and has written many articles on the subject, having first hand knowledge of this battle.

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MANCHU DEVOTIONAL

As we get closer to Veterans Day 2019, let's give thanks and prayers for our men and women who are still in danger in our overseas conflicts. With God's blessing, let us remember what a great day it is and show reverence for those who gave it all. November 11th, the 11th day, the 11th month and the 11th hour, bow our heads, hand over our hearts and give thanks. Remember Manchu's - ***keep up the faith and keep up the fire.*** Keep our proud tradition going. Chaplain James "Obie" O'Brien (*my prayers are with you and may God be with you*).

MANCHU MISSION STATEMENT

We members of the 9th Inf. Regt. (Manchu) Assoc. United States Army, pledge to preserve the history and name of the 9th Regiment, and to support the Constitution of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; to support our Active Ninth Infantry Regiment (Manchu) soldiers and the United States Army Regimental system. We shall promote comradeship and esprit de corps among our members; set examples of unselfish patriotism, and memorialize the patriotic deeds of the members of the 9th Inf. Regt. (Manchu).

SPECIAL INVITATION FOR ALL MANCHUS
From Commander Lt. Col. Kevin Hadley

It is my honor to announce that on Tuesday, November 19th, we will honor the Regiment as we formally accept a replica Bell of Balangiga in a formal ceremony at Fort Carson. Also, that day we will commission General Vincent Brooks, Retired, as the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment.

Current Manchus are rolling out the red carpet for our Manchu Veterans. In addition to the ceremony, we will have a big dinner for our Veterans, a combat demonstration, and lots of opportunities to ride a Stryker, shoot some of our weapons, and re-experience the Soldier life.

Many of you are familiar with the history of the Bells. In 1901, when the Regiment was on duty in the Philippines, the church bells in the little town of Balangiga were used by insurgents as a signal to initiate a massacre that left 28 soldiers from C Company dead. U.S. Army forces subsequently secured the Bells, eventually returning them to the United States where they served as a reminder of the sacrifices of the 9th Infantry. Over the past century, the status of the Bells has been a sore spot in relations between the United States and the Philippines. Ultimately, then Secretary of Defense, James Mattis, was able to intervene and arrange for the Bells' repatriation to the Philippines in 2018.

However, the Regiment is not left without a memento of this important period of honorable service and sacrifice. A private donor arranged for the forging of exact replicas of the Bells, one of which arrived at your Regiment in August. This is the Bell that we will accept in November.

Many of you were able to join us as we accepted the Liscum Bowl, and this will be another great opportunity to connect with friends, old and new, as we honor our Regiment's historic service.

KEEP UP THE FIRE !

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How rewarding to serve. Fifty years ago I served on the DMZ in Korea with 2/9 Charlie Company. It seems like yesterday. Great time! Hope you all have a good rest of the year.

Keep Up The Fire!

Roger Dyson, President

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It was a great pleasure to meet with her and her husband. Also, in this issue, is an invite to all Manchus to attend a formal ceremony at Fort Carson (found above) in November from the new commander: Lt. Col. KKevin Hadley.

I hope to see you there as always

Keep Up The Fire!

Larry R.

“ADOLPH GAMLIN”

- Company C, 9th Infantry



Photo from Private Collection

★ Company H, 9th U.S. Infantry Regiment - Camp Reilly, Peking, China -1901 ★

A photo of Company H, 9th U.S. Infantry Regiment taken outside their garrison building in the American Section of Peking, China after the regiment had marched and fought to relieve the International Garrison trapped in the city during the Boxer Rebellion. During this operation, the Company was commanded by Captain Mark L. Hershey (No.1) and assisted by both 1st Lieutenant Hugh D. Wise (No.2) and 1st Sergeant Wesley Bickhart (No.3). Company H and I were quartered together in the American Section where they conducted Provost Guard duties. Later in 1901 they returned to the Philippine Islands and operated at Oras, Samar until the middle of 1902 ↵



A. GAMLIN IN UNIFORM (left)

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International Troops - Boxer Rebellion - China, 1900

A photo of enlisted men from the multi-national force which broke the siege of Peking and saved the garrison. Key to the photo is as follows: A= American soldiers from the 9th Infantry Regiment wearing their dark blue tunics and campaign hats. GA= German Imperial Army which had a mixture of infantry and artillery units. The man standing on the left with rifle is a German Non-commissioned officer assigned to the East Asian Brigade. He wears a standard German pikehelme helmet and marksmanship lanyard. GM= German Marine from the III See Battalion stationed in Tsingtau, China. J= Japanese cavalry unit sporting husar style tunics, sabers and riding boots. F = French troops from a variety of regiments to include the 1st Bn. 11th Marine Infantry from Saigon, 12th Battery Indo-China Artillery and tirailleurs light infantry. R= Russian Cossack regiment wearing white hats, typical Russian tunics and curved sabers. BA= British Army cavalrymen from the 1st Bengal Lancers, Indian Colonial Army, outfitted with their characteristic turbans and bamboo, steel tipped lances

A. GAMLIN IN UNIFORM (right)

But it would be the men at the regimental and company level who paid a far greater price in blood and lives, sacrificed with little or no recognition of their deeds, to carry out their new role as the "Keepers of the Empire."

In time, the services found their own means of paying tribute to the men of C Company, 9th Infantry, and to their brother soldiers and Marines who followed them to that singular hell of duty on that isolated and forbidden island on the Eastern extremes of the Philippines. For it became the practice that whenever a veteran of that campaign would enter a strange mess, the senior officer present would stand to attention and call out,

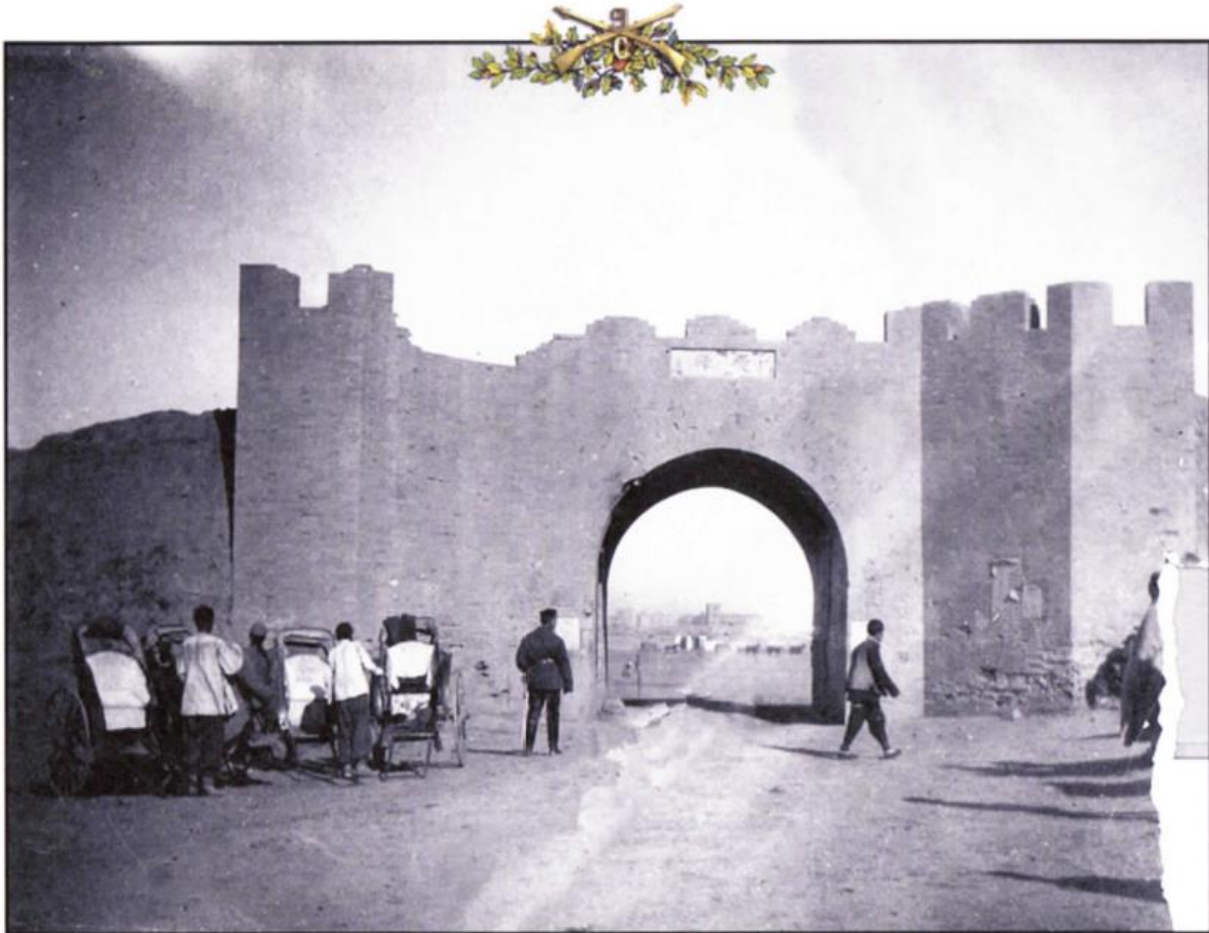
*"Rise, gentlemen;
this man served on Samar."*



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- Company C, 9th Infantry



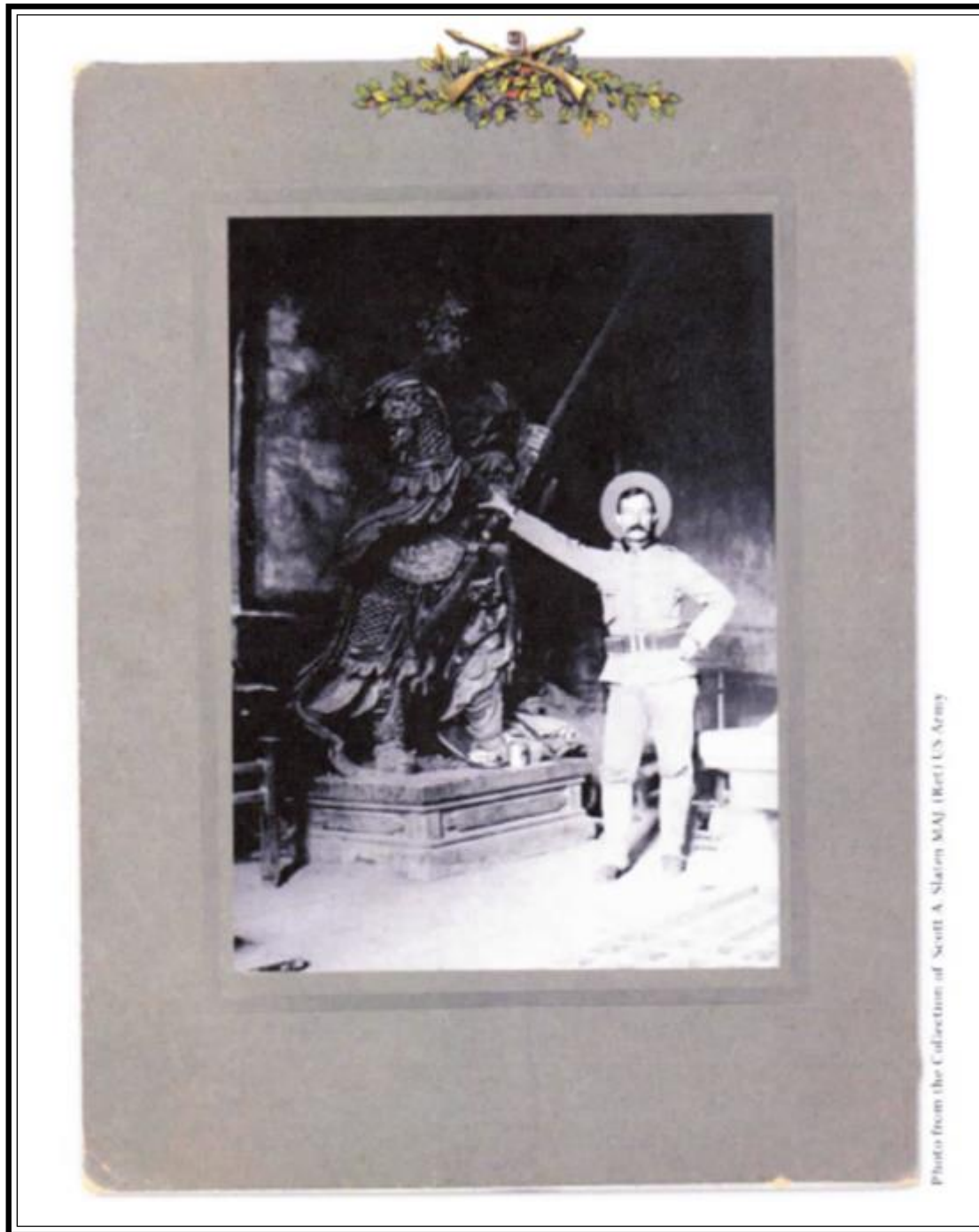
“Chinese Gate”, 9th U.S. Infantry Regiment - China, 1900

A photo of a Chinese city gate likely outside of Tientsin taken by Private Gustave Schnizler assigned as a cook in Company C, 9th Infantry who fought with the regiment during the Boxer Rebellion in China. Pvt Schnizler was later killed in action by bolomen at the Battle of Balangiga, Samar on September 27, 1901. The photo was saved by his good friend Private Ernest U. Ralston who was wounded in the action during the same fight but managed to escape with a handful of survivors.

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★ **Private 9th Infantry Regiment - Forbidden City, Peking, China - 1900** ★

A photo of a 9th Infantry Regiment Soldier taken shortly after the regiments arrival in Peking where they liberated the besieged garrison and international community from Boxers and Imperial Chinese troops. The Soldier is standing in a Chinese temple next to the carved figure of one of the Chinese Gods. He is wearing a Model 1885 Campaign Hat and has the collar of his Model 1883 blue Campaign shirt over the top of his Khaki tropical tunic. Around his waist is a 100 round blue webbing, Krag-Jorgenson ammunition belt with bayonet. After defeating the Boxers and Imperial Chinese troops, the regiment was returned to Manila before sailing to the Island of Samar where they were assigned to the 6th Separate Brigade. They served on Samar until the middle of 1902 when they returned to their garrison in New York State. 85

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"Liscum Barracks", 9th U.S. Infantry Regiment - China, 1900

A photo of the "Liscum Barracks" taken by Private Gustave Schnitzler assigned as a cook in Company C, 9th Infantry who fought with the regiment during the Boxer Rebellion in China. The barracks was named in honor of the regimental commander, Colonel E. Liscum who was killed in action at the battle of Tienstin, China. Pvt Schnitzler was later killed in action by bolomen at the Battle of Balangiga, Samar on September 27, 1901. The photo was saved by his good friend Private Ernest U. Ralston who was wounded in the action but managed to escape with a handful of survivors.



A. GAMLIN LATE IN LIFE (left)

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WHAT'S LEFT OF COMPANY 'C'!



Survivors of Dalangga. The bell was rung as signal for the attack.

Company 'C' 9th U.S. Inf. Robert I. Brown "C" Company AT Madison BRs Oct 7, 1894 -
 Home Station: Madison Barracks - Sackets Harbor, N.Y. (whiskers on right) APRIL 23, 1905
 10 Box 127 Sackets Harbor NY 13085

John
 Sgt. White - Color Bearer - Right of Flag - (white whiskers) Retired
 From the Army, Resided at Sackets Harbor, NY - Tombstone - Color Sgt 9th Inf
 1854-1931

SGT. JOHN WHITE COLOR BEARER
 RIGHT OF FLAG - WHITE WHISKERS
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KEEP UP THE FIRE !