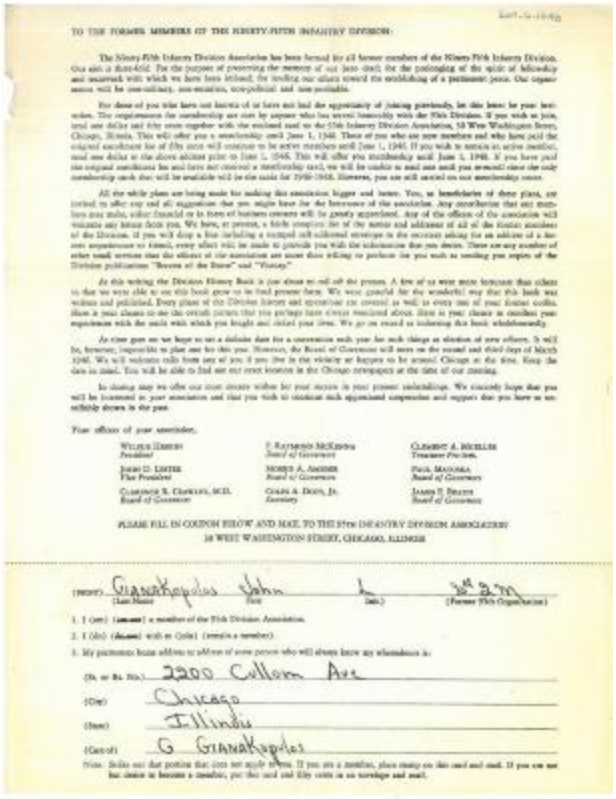


TO THE FORMER MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION:

The Ninety-Fifth Infantry Division Association has been formed for all former members of the Ninety-Fifth Infantry Division. Our aim is three-fold. For the purpose of preserving the memory of our hero dead; for the cultivating of the spirit of fellowship and unanimity with which we have been imbued; for inviting our efforts toward the establishing of a permanent peace. Our organization will be non-military, non-sectarian, non-political and non-partisan.

For those of you who have not known of or have not had the opportunity of joining previously, let this letter be your invitation. The requirements for membership are met by anyone who has served honorably with the 95th Division. If you wish to join, send one dollar and fifty cents together with the enclosed card to the 95th Infantry Division Association, 53 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois. This will offer you a membership until June 1, 1946. Those of you who are now members and who have paid the original enrollment fee of fifty cents will continue to be active members until June 1, 1946. If you wish to remain an active member, send one dollar to the above address prior to June 1, 1946. This will offer you membership until June 1, 1948. If you have paid the original enrollment fee and have not received a membership card, we will be unable to assist you personally since the card membership cards does will be available will be for the years for 1945-1946. However, you are still entitled to our membership rights.

All the while plans are being made for making this association bigger and better. You, as beneficiaries of these plans, are invited to offer any and all suggestions that you might have for the betterment of the association. Any contribution that any members may make, either financial or in form of business contacts will be greatly appreciated. Any of the officers of the association will welcome any letters from you. We have, at present, a fairly complete list of the names and addresses of all of the former members of the Division. If you will drop a line including a stamped self-addressed envelope to the necessary address for an address of a former acquaintance or friend, every effort will be made to provide you with the information that you desire. There are any number of other small services that the officers of the association are more than willing to perform for you such as sending you copies of the Division publications "Heaven at the Front" and "Victory."

At this writing the Division History Book is just about to roll off the presses. A few of us were more fortunate than others in that we were able to see this book grow to its final present form. We were grateful for the wonderful way that this book was written and published. Every phase of the Division history and operations are covered as well as every one of your former units. Here is your chance to see the overall picture that you perhaps have always wondered about. Here is your chance to combine your experiences with the units with which you fought and relive your lives. We go on record as endorsing this book wholeheartedly.

At time goes on we hope to set a definite date for a convention with your list such things as election of new officers. It will be, however, impossible to plan one for this year. However, the Board of Governors will meet on the second and third days of March 1946. We will welcome calls from any of you. If you live in the vicinity or happen to be across Chicago at the time. Keep the date in mind. You will be able to find our exact location in the Chicago newspapers at the time of our meeting.

In closing may we offer our most sincere wishes for your success in your present undertakings. We sincerely hope that you will be interested in your association and that you wish to continue such appreciated cooperation and support that you have so unselfishly shown in the past.

Your officers of your association,

WILLIS HEBERD, President — J. RAYMOND MCKENNA, Board of Governors — CLEMENT A. MUELLER, Treasurer Pro-Tem.

JOHN D. LESTER, Vice President — MORRIS A. ASCHER, Board of Governors — PAUL MATUSKA, Board of Governors

CLARENCE R. CHARLES, M.D., Board of Governors — COLIN A. DIXON, JR., Secretary — JAMES T. BRADY, Board of Governors

PLEASE FILL IN COUPON BELOW AND MAIL TO THE 95th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
53 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

(NAME) Gianakopulos (Last Name) John (First) L (Init.) 3-8-77 (Date) (Former 95th Organization)

1. I (am) (am not) a member of the 95th Division Association.
2. I (do) (do not) wish to (join) (remain a member).
3. My permanent home address or address of some person who will always know my whereabouts is:

(No. or Rt. No.) 2200 Cullom Ave
(City) Chicago
(State) Illinois
(Given) G Gianakopulos

Note: Strike out that portion that does not apply above. If you are a member, place stamp on this card and mail. If you are not but desire to become a member, put this card and fifty cents in an envelope and mail.

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OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A document from the officers of the 95th Infantry Division to the former members of the 95th Infantry Division. They are asking those who want to stay in or join the division to send one dollar and fifty cents to the Association. On the bottom there is the information to fill out and send back in, which John Gianakopulos filled out with his information.

ORIGIN

The donors grandfather, Gus Gianakopulos, came to America with 200 youths from the Sparta area around the time of 1881. Mr.Chaconas was in charge of the trip and when they arrived in Chicago all 200 of them were put in one room together and bought each one of them a push wagon. The group of people would sell one product a day using their push wagons. In 1893 the Gus became a US citizen and was working in the fruit and vegetable wholesale business. He later went back to Greece to visit but called the US his country. In 1900 a few men went back to Greece to get married and on their way back they brought the donors grandmother, Georgia, to Chicago, where her father and brother were. Gus and Georgia got married in December 1901 at the Holy Trinity Church and they invited all Greeks and the story is that there were 98 carriages that attended the reception. They had several children, first a boy then a girl named dasiy, then the donor's mother Pauline, next were two sisters, Virgina and Eleanor, and last was John. The Spartans in the area started a church in a building on South Water Street, but the priest had decided to go back to Greece. In 1908-1909 they built what is now the Annunciation Cathedral on LaSalle Street and in 1910 the church was completed. This church is where the whole family was baptized, married, and burried. The family lived on the north side of Chicago so any Greek schools were too far away for them to attend so a greek teacher came in Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for 25 years. The donors mother, Pauline went to Forest Academy to studied dress design and not much after that she met her husband and moved to Minneapolis in 1929. The two worked and helped out the church they were members of quite a bit. They traveled a lot and often

went to Greece but in 1970 he passed away. They had two children, George and Elena and after her husband passed away Pauline and Elena went on many different trips around the world.

CITATION

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