

RANGER
BATTALION
ASSOCIATION

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FIRST REUNION

at the

HOTEL HOLLENDEN

August 12, 13 & 14, 1949

CLEVELAND, OHIO

WELCOME RANGERS—to the first Reunion and Organizing Convention of the Ranger Battalion Association. Men from six fighting Battalions with a common tradition, we come to the City of Cleveland from all points of the compass, over long and devious routes, bringing remembrances of times and places past, of many bloody way stations. We are the Rangers who made safe for tourists a long, long list of quaint sounding places like Dieppe, El Guettar, Gela, Anzio, Cisterna, Omaha Beach, Brest, L' Hopital, Southern France, the Philippines, Cabantuan, Hill 105, Oberleuken, Zerf and oh how blue was the Danube! We come together out of a common need and desire: to renew friendships, to recall experiences and share memories, to memorialize our brothers whose lives ended, as they were beginning, on a thousand battle-grounds the world over. And we are here to establish a Ranger Association, a civilian association in the Ranger tradition, dedicated to democracy and Peace as we were once dedicated to War. Let us volunteer for Peace as we volunteered for War and build a strong, permanent organization of which we can be as proud as we were of our Ranger Battalions. First in War, now first in Peace — Lead the way Rangers! Let us make this first general Reunion a rousing success on which we can build even bigger Reunions in the future. Bottoms Up!

Michael Gargas,
General Chairman.

RANGER BATTALION ASSOCIATION

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PROGRAM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12th

All-day registration — Lobby

9:00 A. M. Parlor F.
Committee meeting.
2:00 P. M. Grand Ballroom.
Reunion Ceremonies.
2:30 P. M. Grand Ballroom.
Business Meeting.
8:00 P. M. Grand Ballroom.
Films - San Pietro - "Eve of Battle" -
"True Glory"

PROGRAM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13th

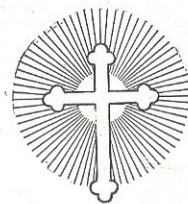
All-day registration — Lobby

- 11:00 A. M. Parlor F.
Committee meeting.
- 12:00 Noon Grand Ballroom.
RANGERS luncheon.
Welcome Address by
His Honor, Mayor Thomas A. Burke
- 2:00 P. M. Grand Ballroom.
Business meeting, adoption of By-Laws
and election of officers.
- 7:30 P. M. Grand Ballroom.
Banquet.
Toastmaster — Thomas J. Ruggiero
Speakers — James E. Rudder
Brigadier General Robert W. Chamberlin
Richard P. Sullivan
Stan Askin

PROGRAM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14th

- 11:00 A. M. Memorial Services.
St. John's Cathedral, Corner of Superior Ave.
and E. 19th St., Cleveland, Ohio.
Rev. Casper A. Heimann
- 1:00 P. M. "Tribute to Lost Comrades"



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CAMPAIGNS

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| ★ Algeria—French Morocco | ★ Leyte |
| ★ Tunisia | ★ Normandy |
| ★ Sicily | ★ Northern France |
| ★ Naples—Foggia | ★ Rhineland |
| ★ Rome—Arno | ★ Central Europe |
| ★ New Guinea | ★ Bulge |
| ★ Luzon Philippine Islands | |

Whatever destiny may be held in store for our great country and however long that country's military history may continue, readers in the future will search long before finding a chapter more brilliant than that written by the quill that was dipped in the blood of The RANGERS.

INVASIONS

North Africa	Salerno	Sicily
Philippine Islands		Normandy

RAIDS

Dieppe	Aparri	Cabanatuan
Sened Station	Cabaruan Hills	Homohon